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Police Chief Shaeffer dead

■ Heart attack is suspected cause; friends remember 'true statesman'

By Pam Fleming

Novi Chief of Police Doug Novi Chief of Police Doug Shaeffer suffered an untimely death late Monday afternoon at age 60 — a sudden reminder that life is so fleeting. Those who knew him and worked with him reminisced about "The Chief" this week. They

talked about his professionalism, his intelligence and his positive



D. Shaeffer 1991.

helped select Shaeffer for the job deputy chief of police that

"We thought he had a natural ability to handle himself. We threw a lot of tough questions at him," BeGole said, "Not everyone can be successful with the officers, the public and the city council, He was



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BeGole said Shaeffer was a good public speaker who accom-

plished a great deal for the depart-ment and the city of Novi.

"He was the second chief, and he will be long remembered as one who continued the traditions of the Novi department.

Career began in Oklahoma

Deputy Chief David Shupe of the Oklahoma City Police Department, where Shaeffer served for 23 years, knew the Chief well.

Chief well.
"I worked for Doug when I was a lieutenant and he was the commander of the Planning and Research Unit. Doug was a very progressive person. He had a lot of really good ideas and encouraged

forward with some pretty progres sive ideas. He was very smart and deeply involved in conducting

"I always looked at Doug as a

"I always toxed at Doug as positive change agent with our police department," he said. Shaefler served the Oklahoma City force from Nov. 1, 1969. through July 21, 1991. He was an officer from 1969-1974, a detective from May 21, 1974, and was granguisted to screening a April 14. promoted to sergeant on April 14, 1978. He was assigned to headarters as a supervisor in Central

He rose to the rank of licutenant on April 9, 1982, and remained with Central Records until he was transferred to the Special Services Division as an assistant training director on May 1, 1985.

Final Farewell Visitation will be from 1 to 4 p.m. and 6 to 9 p.m. Funeral Home, 41555

Funeral Services will be at 10 a.m. on Friday, Aug. 19, at Brightmoor Christian Church, 40800 W. 13 Mile

M. Sgt. Charles Phillips, now the department's Public Information Officer, was a wide-eyed rookie when he first met Shaeffer in 1985.

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Michelle Myers, a city resident and recent graduate of Novi's 52-1 District Court Sobriety Court, is looking forward to reclaiming her driving privileges and getting off probation.

You drink, you drive, you lose

■ Novi police plan to be on the hunt for drunk drivers

By Pam Fleming

Michelle Mycrs didn't mean to drink

But, after paying the price, the Novi resident is proud to be a graduate of the 52-District Court's Sobriety Court.
She urges others to learn from her mis-

takes and not get behind the wheel after indulging in alcohol.

Starting tomorrow through Sept. 5, Novi police will join nearly 500 Michigan law ponce will join hearly 500 Michigan law enforcement agencies during a statewide "You Drink, You Drive, You Lose" cam-

paign against drunk driving.

Myers, 36, has another eight months of

Mycrs, 36, has another eight from the tent at months probation, stemming from her second drunk driving offense.

She received her first conviction on June 29, 2003, and was placed on probation for a year after making an illegal left turn at the intersection at 12 Mile and Novi roads

after leaving the Lakeview Inn.
"I didn't drink for a while after that,"

she said. "And, I wasn't going to drink and drive again. But, then a friend agreed to follow me after leaving a bar one night."

After Novi police pulled her over because she had items hanging from her vehicle's rear view mirror, Myers received a second drunk driving charge on May 30,

She wiches she had started attending

Alcoholics Anonymous after the first drunk driving offense.
"I didn't really know what an alcoholic was at that time," she said.

was at that time," she said.
"I'm really blessed today, however, and

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Life in the pits isn't always a bad thing

By Ramez Khuri STAFF WRITER

As Bill Ballinger stood in pit of the Indianapolis Motorspeedway race on Aug. 7, he couldn't help bot remember

Ballinger said. "In 1994, with the inaugural NASCAR race at Indy, my father and I watched the entire race together and about 18 months later he passed away." In the last 12 years before the elder Ballinger passed away, the father/son

Motorspeedway since, but this time he was **YOUR NOVI** father/son Neighbors his company, started a Neighbors Alistate. He was able to do

representing his company. Allstate. He aution of was able to do
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spend quality time. have done as well, like having
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Earlier this month marked the

first time Ballinger had gone Indiana



Bill Ballinger cheers on the pit crew of Evernham Motorsports' Kasey Kahne during the Alistate 400 at the Brickyard. Kahne finished second.

Bomb threat

City hall evacuated: California man faces charges

By Pam Fleming

Johnathan Michael Pendo created quite a stir at Novi city hall Aug. 4. Last Thursday afternoon, the Novi Police Department evacuated the station and the Novi Citic Center because of Novi Civic Center because of a bomb threat, allegedly initi-

ted by Pendo.

It all started about 3:30 p.m. when Pendo, who had ent several fax messages of a

sent several fax messages of a threatening nature to the police department, suddenly appeared in the lobby. He asked to speak to the investigator involved in the case, with people inside the lobby indicating that Pendo had left a couple of duffel bags behind some bushes directly outside the front door to the station, according to police.

police. At that time, Pendo was At that time, remo was taken into custody, with police deciding to evacuate the area, using police caution tape to block off the east side of the parking lot by the police station.

The department evacuated

The department evacuated that portion of the police department, including the front lobby, the second floor and city hall. Next, police set up a perimeter around the duffel bags and contacted the Michigan State Police Bomb Squad

Squad. Squad.
After the squad's robot X-rayed the duffel bags and found nothing that looked like explosive material, the emergency situation ended.
Pendo was arraigned Aug.

12 in 52-1 District Court in Novi and charged with the following offenses: one: inte

conduct of business with (police department), a misde-meanor punishable by 90-days in jail, · count two: malicious use

of a communication/common carrier device — also a misde-meanor punishable by 90-days in jail. Roth charges were issued

under Novi local ordinance. Pendo's bond was set at \$1,000 for each charge.

Pendo appeared in front of 52-1 District Court Judge Robert Bondy Aug. 15. Robert Bondy Aug. 15. Bondy ordered a forensic examination for Pendo, anticipated to be performed in November. Pendo is being held in the Oakland County

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2A NOVI NEWS-Thursdray, August 18, 2005 Shaeffer remembered as gentle, warm friend

By Ramez Khuri

When Dong Shaeffer went home for funch on Monday, little did anyone at the station now that it would be the last time they would see their

beloved leader. Shaeffer, Novi's police chief

Doug Shaeffer Cancer Charity Classic Golf Outing, a fund raiser held once a year to raise money to give back to the com-munity for everything it did for him when he developed esophageal cancer about five

Following the untimely loss of

Novi Police Chief Doug Shaeffer, Deputy Chief of Police David

Molloy will act as interim chief

until the position is filled perma-

the loss of Chief Shaeffer and all

the men and women will continue

to provide the same professional service," said Molloy.

He said as acting chief, there

inside of work," Brent Canap, Shaetter's best friend said, "He was very well organized and a very good leader of people. He was someone who took control to work things out. A very good person,"

of the Novi Rotary Club. Also, heing a wine connoisseur, he doing. Shaeffer, Novi's police chief being a wine connoisseur, he was a member of a wine tasting theart attack. Monday at his home. His wife, who came home at about 4:30 p.m. found him laying on the floor on the upper level of the house.

Shaeffer, who leaves behind many friends and relatives, was involved in organizations all around Novi. Most notably, the connection of the content of the collected marbles, your many friends and relatives, was involved in organizations all around Novi. Most notably, the collected match is the about the content of the collected matches, your and spinning tops. He also enjoyed NASCAR races and would go the Woodward wisited Daytona to watch them in preport in the content of the same and the content of the went to the same as member of a wine tasting doing.

During Shaeffer's illness, doing.

Camp stopped by daily to visit while he was at home because Shaeffer was confined to the couldn't even walk. The two friends spent a lot of time wines are content of the solution of the wont to the same and the content of the same and the

in person.

One would say the police chief had a string of bad luck years ago. oped cancer. At the time, he was "He was the same gentle person outside of work that he was survival."

was very diligent in anything he Shaeffer had been a member did. He believed that if it was worth doing, it was worth over

and he went to the Bahamas together on vacation and had a wonderful time," Canup said, "We stopped at Disney World developed a heart condition and about 10 years ago. It was great and it was a highlight of our relationship between us and our

Camp wasn't the only person
Shaeffer spent time with. Pat

Mashinske will remember her friend as a caring, giving and

"He was a great friend."

Deb Mashinske

Thomas all knew him through their work with the Nov Chamber of Commerce Thomas also chaired the Cance Charity Classic committee.

"(Shaeffer) was a great help to me when my mom was ill and dying of breast cancer," Webb said. "He was a great help to me because of his past in his experience with battling cancer. He was very supportive and very concouraging. He helped me find tough, "Mashinske of "He ware! His the helped with ware! His ware! His ware! His ware! His ware! the right doctors for my mom through the Providence Hospital network here in Novi." the Providence Mashinske will remember her

ing the 50th anniversary celebration of the department. consensus of everybody." she thoughtful person.
"When you think of a police said. "He was a good citizen, he rough and tough," Mashinske said, "He wasn't like that at all. He was a great friend." Thomas also believes she has

Novi Police Chief Doug Shaeffer, left, introduces former

New York City police commissioner Berbard Kerlk dur-

lost a great friend. would be the general

really enjoyed his civic duties and he was always willing to jump in and do whatever he needed to help people. Rame: Khuri is a staff writer

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NOVI TOWN CENTER 8 Chief's are hard shoes to fill

rocess is not the first thing on

ob as acting chief. interactions with Deputy

will be no change in the way be rved under Shaeffer.
"I'm going to continue to serve the position."

Former Police Chief Lee
BeGole said there is no real the 53,000 residents of this community, the city administration and the elected official.

The men and women of this organization are going to band together and carry on the mission. vision and values of this organizaon," Molloy said. Richard Helwig, Novi city people in the department,

BeGole served as the police hief in Novi from 1954-1991, nanager, said he is not reshing to "They could advertise national by for a new chief or they could decide who should be appointed,"

Befole said. "It's really hard to become it's really never been

the decision for the appointment

of a new police chief.

Helwig said there has not been a similar situation since he has been in his position and he is not sure what the process will be as of yet.

"I need some time to think," he said. "This is a hard time and the

my mind right now."

Novi Mayor Lou Csordas is confident Molloy will do a good

Chief Molloy have been very pos-itive, and he is a very dedicated and capable person to take over

process in choosing a new chief. We've never had to use one. he said, "I don't think it will be a hard process because there are so many qualified people, including

Helwig said.

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Novi was fortunate to have known Shaeffer

Although this is a sad week for the City of Novi and the fession of law enforcement own Chief Doug Shaeffer.

Doug passed on Monday afternoon, and he leaves behind a legacy of profession-alism, leadership, dedication and loyalty.

ed and loved Chief" short-

behind

ly after he Lou Csordas

Novi. He the private sector on the newly formed False Alarm saying, "You need to get of butt and get involved with the community. There was no doubt that Doug was a

part of our community. He was a huge part of our com-

munity. The community will miss

I remember him telling me of his life growing up in a mil-itary family. He was very well traveled at a young age and later joined the Air Force where he served until 1969. His military enlistment coincided with mine, and he teased me about the fact that during the six day Israeli war ready to respond. My ship was in Valletta. Malta at that time. While he patrolled the air around Israel, it took my ship seven days to get to a six-day war. That cracked him

We were very fortunate that Doug was chosen to succeed Novi's first and only other Police Chief, Lee BeGole. Doug was the right person at the right time. The growth of our city was accelerating, and the needs of the community stepped in and has succeeded in growing our police depart ment to what it is today: one of the best police departments

in the country. Doug was very proud of the "customer service" that his department provided, 24 hours a day and seven days a week. His quote of "Working together, we don't just solve rime, we prevent crime" was ndicative of his flerce dedica tion to his team and the peo ole that live and work here. They will miss him

Doug and his wife Loretta always represented our community with class. They met at a very young age and faced many challenges along the way. They never let their considerable health conditions stop them from attending the many events around town and contributing their time to ben efit the people around them. They have two fine sons that married and given Doug children. A couple weeks ago wife and 1 stopped by to take them to dinner and Doug had to show me the great big aircraft carrier that Loretta had bought for one of the grandkids. Doug and I played with it for a half hour.

The last time I saw Doug he was in front of a camera. had a guy bus in from California to hassie our police and placed a backpack outside the entrance to police building. There was Doug, speaking to the camera on a live feed to the TV station. He was answering the questions in a professional and dignified manner. Doug represented

The position of Chief of Police is highly political. Doug you and me very we was a Statesman. He was a great Chief. He was a dedicatd husband, father, grandfather and public servant.

Lod Coordas is the mayor of

DOUG SHAEFFER ~ 1945-2005



Novi Police Department Sergeants Bob Gatt and Tom Hesse pause a moment to chat with Chief Doug Shaeffer

Chief known for knowledge, visionary thinking

'He was just the most professional person I'd ever met, and he always had a positive antitude," Phillips said. "He was always on the cutting edge of technological advance-ments for the department." "It's a said day in Oklahoma City after

learning of Doug's death," he said.
Shaeffer was transferred to the
Investigations Bureau on April 15, 1988, and then to Planning and Research on Aug. 31, 1988. He staved there until he made captain

in July 1989 and then retired from the Okłahoma City force two years later. Shaeffer received 10 commendations during his career in Oklahoma City. "He had a lot of influence here as a cap-

Molloy was his right-hand man

Acting Chief of Police David Molloy, who most recently served as Shaeffer's right-hand nan-as-Deputy-Chief; came-to-the-Nov

Police Department in 1989. Molloy was a patrol officer when the Chief came on board in 1991, and they worked together for 14 years.
"I feel honored to have been able to work

and a real leader for not only myself but also the 97 other women and men we have in this organization," Molloy said.

As the department turned the corner on the 21st century, Molloy said Shaeffer intro-duced the force into a more technological

We made several advancements that too us above and beyond," Molloy said. "He was a visionary who was always striving to do his best. Under his leadership, we saw over eight straight years of declining crime. I think that's a testament to the plan the Chief had in

Dick Faulkner recalls the Chief

Former Novi Deputy Chief of Police Dick

Shaeffer was Faulkner's replacement after Lee BeGole retired and Faulkner decided to

The city offered a "window of opportun y" for employees who wanted an early etirement. Faulker decided to step down as Deputy Chief rather than become the new ing her time on planning commission and on city council, "I always thought that Chief senure.

"It was very alarming," Paulker said about Council. It think he an excellent job as Police Deputy Chief rather than become the new Chief, opening the door for Shaeffer's

the news of Shaeffer's death, "It was a sur prise to everybody and anybody who knew him, because he was so young," Faulkner

A historical perspective

Kathy Mutch, president of the Novi Historical Commission, said when Shaeffer came to Novi it was at a time of significant

"Novi's rapid growth meant that the police department was challenged to respond to the needs of an increasing population and to the increase in the number and types of crimes without a corresponding increase in staff or

Chief Shaeffer found ways to expand the use of technology and training within the department to better serve the whole com-

munity," she said. Mutch added that Shaeffer develope

policies and implemented practices that resulted in a department that is more profes-

resident in a opartment what is more processional, diverse and better prepared.

"His legacy is not just these accomplishments, but the corps of professional men and women who are the Novi P.D. - the officers, the dispatchers, the mechanics and the clerical staff who serve and protect our comalongside him. He's been a friend, a mentor munity every day," she said

Councilman Bob Gatt speaks

Bob Gatt, retired Novi police officer and city council member, was assigned to pick Chief Shaeffer up from the airport on one of is occasions to fly into Detroit after his hir-

It was during the 50's Festival in 1991. "After stopping at his hotel, Chief Shaeffer had me drive him to the festival. From that day forward, he liked to tell people that the city of Novi threw a big party for his arrival that day, and each year thereafter," Gatt said.

Faulkner was at a seminar in Gladwin with some current and retired police and fire chiefs from the area when he heard the news of Shaeffer's death.

Chief Shaeffer will be remembered for a

number of things, Gatt said.
"Of course, the most recent is that he over saw the dismantling of a major drug cartel. As a result of that action, the city of Novi as a result of that action, the city of Novi will enjoy millions of dellars in forfeiture money. I hope that we can build a building using those funds that will stand for years and years and name that building after Chief

Toni Nagy remembers

Council Member Toni Nagy said that dur-

Letters to the Editor

Shaeffer will be missed

As the City of Novi gathers to honor the memory of Police Chief Doug Shaeffer it is good to remember what a challenge he faced in coming to Novi intending to fill the shoes of the previous chief, Lee BeGole, a legend in his own

right.
Chief Shaeffer not only 'got the job done', he always did it with humility and

May he rest in peace.

Our loss The sudden death of our Novi Police Chief Douglas Shaeffer was a personal

Chief, and on a personal level, I felt that he was an extremely nice man. My sympathies

go out to his family," she said. Ed Kriewall helped hire him

Ed Kriewall, former city manager, helped "He was a true professional. He came to us with very good credentials. We actually sent Dick Faulkner to go down to Oklahoma to run all kinds of background checks on

him. He was clearly the most qualified appli-

cant we came across. "He had a terrific career with the city and has done a lot of great things. Novi's police department is one of the top departments in the state of Michigan, and Doug should get a community," Kriewall said. "Doug was a great chief."

Phoenix Officer comments

Dale Gross, who worked for the Novi Police Department from 1966 to 1987 and was the Patrol Division commander as a lieutenant, didn't work with the Chief but knew Shueffer, Gross now works for the Phoenix Police Department.

I worked with Doug both as a Novi City Councilman and as a member of the committee that helped to establish a "State-Of-The-Art" computer system in our Police Department. Doug's honest, direct, and sincere approach in our many

Besides being devoted to his family and the Novi Police Department, Dougwas utterly devoted to our community. Since day one of his arrival in the City of Movi. Doug Shaeffer wanted the best for the Novi Police Department and the best

for our community. In addition to losing

meetings and at various social events

signalism and excellent administrative

underscored his superb police profes-

one of Novi's finest and a personal friend, we have lost a true and honorable mem-Doug; rest in eternal peace - you have

Joseph G. Toth

"I was impressed with some of the innovative things he brought to the department and how he handled publicity and promo-

tion." Gross said, "He did an excellent job with the department's 50th anniversary. He brought radar and video cameras into the squad cars. Those things make a difference for police officers

Mayor Quinn was a friend

Local attorney and former Mayor Matt inn was a close friend of Shaeffer's.

police chief. He was a good friend and a poince enter, ne was a good network and a real race fan. We used to go to the Michigan International Speedway together and travel to the Daytona 500 every year together, he said and added Shaeffer loved old cars and had some models from the 1950s and

"A lot of people don't know that he was a collector of unusual things. He used to trav el across the United States, collect marbles, buy and sell them - all different types. You never knew what new thing you were going to learn when you went over to Doug's house," Quinn said.

Chief Douglas Shaeffer remembered as true public servant

natural causes.

He was 60.

Chief Shaeffer was the second police chief to serve the Novi community, having been with the department for 14 years.

Shaeffer began his law enforcement career with the Oklahoma City Police Department in 1969, after serve.

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ing in the United States Air technology initiative of the Novi Force.

He received a bachelor's degree in criminal justice from Oktahoma City University and a herbory and oversaw the renovation of the Police Department and additional control of the Police Department and additional control of the Police Department of the Police Department and additional control of the Police Department of the Police Departm

Oktahoma City University and a temperature of the Training Center. Investigation from the University of Oktahoma. He was also a graduate of the Northwestern University School of Police Staff and Command. During his tenure with the Oktahoma City Police. Most recently, Shaeffer participated in one of the Iraning Center. Ived ice."

He was instrumental in forming the South Oakland Narcotics Shaeffer Consortium (SONIC) and furthered the ability of the Department to conduct seem to the control of the Training Center. Ived ice."

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Most recently, Shaeffer par-Chiefs' of Police (IACP) and a member of the Michigan member of the Michigan Association of Chiefs' of Police and the U.S. Department of Justice, Drug

for more than 10 years and have always known him to be a consummate chief and a professional," said Mayor Lou Csordas. "He founded the Novi \$100.000 community that Cares Coalition and was a past president of the Oakland County Chiefs of Wife, Lorenza and for the Community that Cares and for the Community that Cares Coalition and was a past president of the Novi Shaefft wife, Lorenza and the Novi \$100.000 community that Cares Coalition and was a past president of the Novi \$100.000 community that Cares Coalition and was a past president of the Novi \$100.000 community that Cares Coalition and was a past president of the Novi \$100.000 community that Cares Coalition and was a past president of the Novi \$100.000 community that Cares Coalition and was a past president of the Novi \$100.000 community that Cares Coalition and was a past president of the Novi \$100.000 community that Cares Coalition and was a past president of the Novi \$100.000 community that Cares Coalition and was a past president of the Novi \$100.000 community that Cares Coalition and was a past president of the Novi \$100.000 community that Cares Coalition and was a past president of the Novi \$100.000 community that Cares Coalition and was a past president of the Novi \$100.000 community that Cares Coalition and was a past president of the Novi \$100.000 community that Cares Coalition and was a past president of the Novi \$100.000 community that Cares Coalition and was a past president of the Novi \$100.000 community that Cares Coalition and was a past president of the Novi \$100.000 community that Cares Coalition and was a past president of the Novi \$100.000 community that Cares Coalition and was a past president of the Novi \$100.000 community that Cares Coalition and was a past president of the Novi \$100.000 community that Cares Coalition and was a past president of the Novi \$100.000 community that Cares Coalition and was a past president of the Novi \$100.000 community that Cares Coalition and the Novi \$100.000 community that Cares Coalition and the Novi \$ always known mm to be a consummate chief and a professional," said Mayor Lou Csordas, "He
was a true statesman and exceptional leader who developed what
I believe is the top police department in the constant."

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and was a past president of the
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Matthew (Beth), seven
grandchildren, parents William
and Louise Shaeffer, and sister He was a member of the Novi

ment in the country,"

"Chief Shaeffer prided himself in building the capacity of
the Novi Police Department to
serve a fast growing community," said Rick Helwig, city manty," said Rick Helwig, city manserved on the President's Advisory Committee for Walsh

sice."
Shaeffer was a graduate of the 177th session FBI National Academy in Quantico, Va. He was a member of the International Association of Chiefs' of Police (IACP) and a member of the Michigan International Association of Chiefs of Police (IACP) and a member of the Michigan International Association of International International Association of International Inter

It is with great sadness that the city of Novi announces the passing of Police Chief Douglas F.

Shaeffer on Monday, Aug. 15, at his Novi residence. He died on attural causes.

He was 60.

The joined the Novi Police Department on July 22, 1991, as million in narcotics trafficking proceeds.

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p.m. on Wednesday, Aug. 17, and 1 to 4 p.m. and 6 to 9 p.m. on Thursday, Aug. 18, at the O'Brien Sullivan Funeral Home, 41555

Grand River Avenue. Funeral

ager. "He encouraged everyone commutes not wassi ager. The encouraged everyone commutes not wassi ager. The encouraged everyone commute ager as the foundation of the foundati on Friday, Aug. 19, at Brightmoor Christian Church,

Foundation in memory of Doug Shaeffer, 22255 W. Nine Mile

Source: City of Novi

'Survivor' participant, amputee to speak in Novi

By Pam Fleming

Chad Crittenden says life's not bad with only one foot. And the Oakland, Calif., resident will share what it's like to be an amputee Aug. 27 at the Abilities Expo slated at the Novi Expo Center in Novi.

third grade students.
"That's what I would have ended up doing forever had it Crittenden, who appeared on the CBS reality TV show "Survivor Vanuatu," will be the keynote speaker at 12:30 p.m., not been for Survivor," he

Born on a military base in Oceanside, Calif., and raised in Half Moon Bay, Calif., 20 miles south of San Francisco. Aug. 27, at the second Abilities Expo in Novi. The three-day show begins at 10 a.m. Aug. 26. It is dedi-Crittenden went to the doctor about three years ago after he cated to educating and improving the lives of people with disabilities, senior citizens, their family members and care givers. The show also has an educational component for found a a lump on the bottom of his right foot.

"I thought it was a cyst, and I finally asked the doctor to take it off because I wanted to health care and education proplay soccer in the fall. I was on men's premier soccer team. cuss his experiences on the

ninth season of "Survivor," mass was due to synovial sartake questions from the audi-ence and be available most of coma, a rare and deadly form of cancer comprising less than one percent of all cancers. He the day to sign autographs. He Freedom opted to have the foot amputated below the knee to make sure Innovations, the manufacturer of his prosthetic foot,
Besides Dallas and Detroit, all of the cancer would be

"It was pretty much a no-brainer for me to have the he'll also visit Syracuse, N.Y. Denver and San Diego this amoutation," he said.

Abilities Expo hours

10 a.m. to 5 p.m..

For more information,

A bilingual teacher for nine years in the Mexican-American community of San Jose, Calif., Crittenden has

instructed second, fourth and

www.abilitiesexpo.com.

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Saturday, Aug. 27 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.,

10 a.m. to 5 p.m., Friday,

summer.
"This August has been the Critication has not let the surgery slow him down. He still competes in triathlons. busiest month I've ever had in my life," he said in a phone interview from Dallas last entering two events in the last three months and plans to tack-te two more this year.

"I haven't found any one particular thing that I just can't do.

the luxury to be a stay-at-home dad for a while for his and

Chad Crittenden Keynote speaker Abilities Expo

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Novi hosts a worldly celebration

■ Novi Parks International Festival Saturday

Tracie Ringle remembers how successful last year's International Festival was.

It was held on a Wednesday and the thought for this year's event was, 'why not hold it on a Saturday, to make it even more accessible to community members

accessible occumantly memoristic to participate in?"

"This is the third year Parks and Recreation is putting it on and the second year we're doing it at Fountain Walk," said Ringle, Parks and Recreation event and marketing coordinator.

Three years ago, the Parks department took the event over

from Novi Middle School to be able to bring it to the community as a whole. Last year was the first year it was held outdoors as a

Novi.

The festival will return this Saturday from 2-6 p.m. at the name are digital photo graphy, where patrons can have a free digital photo taken the control of the name of Saturday from 2-6 p.m. at Fountain Walk and will welcome in different countries. Patrons will have the opportunity to visit countries represented on it.

informational booths, which will have activities or crafts to partici-

"That could be coloring the flag or in Japan, for instance, people try on kimonos and learn about traditional dress," Ringle said, "Each country has something different to

In addition, the festival will have 13 different countries repre-sented by performances, including Estonia, which is a new participan this year. The Estonia exhibit will do a traditional folk dance, called Kaerakaan. There will be a belly dancer, an Armenian band and a

International Institute of Metro Detroit and they are working to bring us a group called Children of the World," Ringle said. The International Institute does camps and programs for kids of

every ethnicity all summer long. Those kids learned to dance at the camp programs and they will be performing at the International Festival at 4:30 p.m. Each one will and to bring it to the community restorated acts of the state of the s

some traditional German cookies available as well. "We continually bring in inter-ests from different countries,"

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Irish Dancer is Elizabeth Muise, from the O'Hare School of Dance, performs at the 2004 International Festival In

"It's kind of like they traveled the world at the International Festival and they have a postcard to prove it with their photo on it,"

Ringle said.

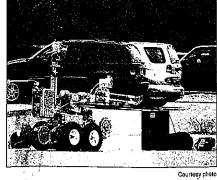
Some restaurants will be on hand with free samples, including Cold Stone Creamery and Bamboo Club, among others. The Germany exhibit is going to have

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Ringle said. "It's constantly evolv-

information booth and 99 percent

of the performers are doing it free



A bomb-squad robot investigates a suspicous package

Shaeffer said the bomb squad robot brought the duffel bags away from the building to a portable X-ray machine. The robot then took pictures of the

picious; they take other means to deal with the object," Shaeffer said.

Molloy said Pendo had been

instructed to stop sending the threatening faxes to the Novi Police Department prior to the incident. He had no connection

to Novi that police are aware of and said he obtained the num-ber involved in the fax sent to

a compact disc from a Novi music/movie producer.

possession with intent to deliver

■ Bomb threat closes city hall

On July 26, the Novi Police Department was informed via police report that a 30-year-old man from California had sent a
threatening fax to a Novi resident living on the east side of
the city, according to Deputy
Chief of Police David Molloy.

During the investigation on the complaint, Novi investiga-tors contacted Pendo via fax, Over the next couple of weeks, Pendo allegedly sent the city of Novi between 50 and 75 faxes that not only threatened harm upon Novi police officers but also a visit to Novi to blow

up the police station.

Molloy said Novi police contacted the California Sheriff's the local resident off the back of Office and had deputies from the area talk to Pendo.

"He admitted to sending the

"He admitted to sending the faxes to our organization and said that he would stop," Pendo's criminal history Molloy added.

Novi police involved the FBI

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Novi police involved the FBI Joint Terrorism Task Force in the case. Agents with the task force were in route to Novi following the incident Aug. 4 to follow up police interviews with Pendo.

Chief of Police Doug delinquency of a minor.

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■ Novi police are busy with campaign to stop drunk drivers

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have a whole new group of friends through AA. I have a positive attiude, and I'm excited about the whole program," Myers said.

Myers has two new jobs working at the Super Bowl, a bowling alley in Canton, and as a reception-

In Michigan, a driver can be higher. A drunk driving conviction arries an assortment of penaltics, crash 50 times a day," he said. including court costs and fines, last Labor Day weekend, 11 increased vehicle insurance rates, people died in crashes on

legal fees and \$2,000 in fees for the driver responsibility program.
"High police visibility can save some lives, because we know that people tend to take more effort to

avoid a ticket or arrest than to protect their own lives," said Sgt. Terry Whitfield of the Novi Police Department.
"We have all heard statistics

about drunk driving, but here is a sobering statistic that everyone should listen to: Someone in America dies in an alcohol-related

Michigan's roadways, with four of those fatalities involving alcohol. In Novi during this same holiday weekend last year, six people were arrested for drunk driving. Fortunately, none of these arrests

In Michigan, 36 percent of traffic fatalities involve alcohol and/or drugs. In 2004, alcohol and/or drugs played a role in 418 deaths

Pam Fleming is a staff writer for at (248) 349-1700, ext. 105, or by

"Someone in America dies in an alcohol-related crash 50 times a

Sgt. Terry Whittield

Northville bomb squad assists local police departments during explosive situations

By Tracy Mishler STAFF WRITER

When there's a bomb, the Michigan State

police are there.

Located on Seven Mile Road in Northville Township sits the District 2 Michigan State Police Department and the Northville crime laboratory. There are seven state police departments in Michigan and crime labs with bomb squads.

Sergeant Dan Ketvirlis, stationed at the

Northville office, said the bomb squads

military explosives, suspicious packages

exploding, including bomb suits, robots and weapons of mass destruction equip-

ment.,
Ketvirtis said all seven squads cover the ler@ht.homecomm.net.

handle just about every type explosive made.

From TNT to dynamite, Ketvirtis and other members on the squads throughout the state are trained to render safe procedures while dismantling commercial and willium, explosives, supplicious packages.

there is a lot of training involved.

"We are assigned areas to cover, but we assist each other all over the state." he said. and post blast sites.

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opportunity to be in victory lane with Tony Stewart and he was even able to do interviews on

the radio.
"I had access to the garage area." Ballinger said, "It was fun to go back and have the memories of those days here with him, which was the last race he and I got to see together after about 20 years of going to races for me."

Ballinger, a Novi resident, explained that Allstate, the largest publicly held insurance company in America, signed a multi-year sponsorship with NASCAR three months ago to become its official auto, home, life insurance and retirement sponsor. The company also created a relationship with Indianapolis Motorspeedway to sponsor the race, now called the Allstate 400 at the Brickvard, In addition, Allstate became an associate sponsor for Evernham Motorsports, which driver Kasey Kahne is signed with.

Kasey Kanne is signed with.

For the race, Albatac had a
promotion where it randomly
picked one person and a guest
to attend the speedway with all
expenses paid, and if Kahne
won, that person would win
\$400.000.

\$400,000.

"I got a chance to meet Mr.
Arnold, from St. Louis."
Ballinger said. "He was staying
in Kasey Kaline's pit along the
edge of the track with me while
Kasey leading with just 15 laps
to go, but we watched Tony
Stewart ultimately win the race
by eight tenths of a second. It
was the first time in my life that was the first time in my life that I sat with somebody that came within eight tenths of a second of winning \$400,000." Ballinger said that Arnold

had a tremendous attitude about it, as he hugged and thanked him for having the opportunity to come to the race and spend time in the pit.

time in the pil.
"He was a nice compliment to
my team." Ballinger said, "We
also did a number of events
through the week, including a
fund raiser for a children's hospital there, a large fund raiser
for Juntor Achievement in centeal balling, and we took two tral Indiana, and we took two ear hoods off of NASCAR cars. had them painted by the kids at Junior Achievement and had drivers sign them.

About Bill Ballinger

Age: 44
 Occupation: Assistant
 Field Vice President for Allstate

Insurance Company
• Family: His wife's name

Linda and they have two chil-dren, Cyle 9 and Kelsey 13. • School: Attended DeMatha High School in Maryland and Stetson University in Deland,

· Years in business: 20 years in October. He started working for Allstate in 1985. Took the job to find out what he really wanted and 20 years later, still enjoys it.

Hobbies and/or interests: Relocated to Novi a year ago last weekend from Hudson, Ohio. Prior to that, he spent 27 years as a volunteer fireman.

 Grew up: In the Washington DC area, Maryland.

 Memorable experiences: Over the course of 27 years as a fire fighter, Ballinger has delivered a baby by the name of Cathleen, who's about 6 years old now. He has also pulled somebody out of a burning apartment building He stresses the importance of not drinking and driving and

taking care of your health.
"There is good and bad that comes with the fire service. but I was fortunate to learn a lot in it " he said

Those bonds are now up for anction on www.ebay.com. The proceeds will go to Junior Achievement, which is an organization that works with young folks on developing skills around banking and insur-

"It's a perfect relationship for n's a periet relationship for us because we believe in devel-oping strong and safer commu-nities." Ballinger said. "It allows us to put the pieces together throughout the week."

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Sunday driving

Bill Springer works on his golf game last week at Novi Community Sports Park on Eight Mile Road. Springer, from Plymouth, said that he used to do some Iron work along Hines Parkway, but was told to stop after lawncare personnel there chewed up one too many golf balls with their mowers.

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"It's a countywide contest to see whether more people will come out and donate blood in recognition of the efforts of

their local police or the fire departments," she said.

The Southeastern Michigan

Blood Services Region of the American Red Cross continues to face a blood shortage. Critical blood types O and B

continue to hover at less than a three-day supply. For adequate patient care, the inventory should be at least a three-day

Blood drive slated Tuesday at Civic Center

By Pam Fleming

Joann Lindquist knows why people don't give blood in the

The American Red Cross Donor Resources Regional Representative said several fac-tors besides travel keep even regular blood donors from giv-

ing during the summer months.
Often, the heat or simply the good weather deters donors from taking the time to donate. And, in southeast Michigan, the Red Cross depends heavily on mobile donation sites sponsored by high schools and automotive factories, which are closed for either all or a portion of the

But those who do want to give the "gift of life" can do so at the annual Novi Civic Center Summer Blood Drive from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Tuesday, Aug.

The drive will once again take place in the Conference Rooms A and B on the first floor of the Civic Center on 10 Mile Road cast of Taft Road. To make an appointment, call Karen Amolsch in the city man-ager's office at (248) 347-0416.

ager's office at (246) 347(446). Lindquist noted that during this yeur's blood drives, the Red Cross staff is also trying a new promotion called "Battle of the Badges" where donors can donate blood in honor of a spe-cific police or fire department. The goal is to host a friendly petition between firefight-

"It's a countywide contest to see whether more people will come out and donate blood in recognition of the efforts of their local police or the fire departments."

> Joann Lindovist American Red Cross

ers and police to see who bring in more blood donors.

supply.

Fortunately, blood was available to help treat a 17-year-old patient with a congenital heart problem at University of Michigan Health Systems during the blood shortage this sumper. in more blood donors.

The Red Cross has issued the challenge to Oakland, Macomb, Wayne and Washtenaw county police officers and firefighters. The two groups recruit donors from community leaders, city groups, auxiliaries, libraries, residents, family members and friends.

Each donor will be given a

mer.

Because enough individuals gave blood, U of M doctors were able to begin the process of transfusing 94 units of type O-positive blood to this young man within a 48-hour period.

However, accident victims, patients receiving organ Lfa85-

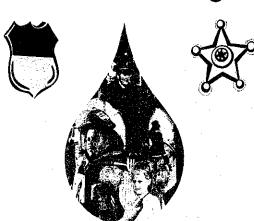
patients receiving organ trans-plants, cancer patients and those who must have emergency surgeries cannot wait for blood to be donated, tested and processed. A single unit of blood takes 24 to 36 hours before it can be used.

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"Battle of the Badges"



The American Red Cross has issued a challenge to Oakland, Macomb, Wayne, and Washtenaw county police officers and fire fighters to participate in our first ever "Battle of the Badges." The goal is to host a friendly competition between the fire fighters and police to see who can bring in more blood donors

The fire fighters and police officers recruit donors from community leaders, city workers, civic groups, auxiliaries, libraries, residents, family members and friends

Each donor will be given a chip - red for fire or blue for police - and will cast their vote when they come in to donate. The one that brings in the most donors will win the bragging rights for a year and be presented with a trophy that will be kept in the County.

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Novi's abilities Expo aims to help people with disabilities

He landed the spot on "Survivor Vannatu" about a year after his amputation. "I figured after Season Eight, they would be looking for something different, like an amputee, and I was right," he said. The cast had to deal with trying to find clean

food and water in Vanuatu, which is between the Fiji Islands and Australia in the South Pacific. "We had to deal with dehydration and lack of sleep. It was very hard," Crittenden said.

"The roots were kind of like potatoes," he said. He was on the show for 27 days before being voted off and then became the second member of the show's jury. The jury decides who the winner s once it's down to the final two people. Survivor" airs at 8 p.m. Thursdays on CBS.

"Survivor" airs at 8 p.m. Thursdays on CBS. Crittenden says he has pretty nuch a normal life despite the loss of his foot. He's been cancer-free for two years and completed a triadilon just nine months after the amputation. He believes he's almost reached his post-surgery potential.

do less effectively, like playing soccer. I just played for the second time since my surgery the other day, and there are movements that are more difficult. But it's nothing that's insurmountable,"

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Show to feature new products, services for disabled

By Pam Fleming

Dana Lupton said The Abilities Expo, which shows the latest produets to assist people with disabilities, is returning by popular demand, Lupton, group show director for Questex Media Group in New York. N.Y., the company that produces the Abilities Texpo, said the firm received requests for the show to be brought to Detroit in past years. "We had a very successful show

last year, and we're looking forward to coming back," Lupton said.
The Abilities Expo Aug. 26-28 in

Novi will feature demonstrations and information on how to improve one's quality of life with disabilities.

Highlights of the show include demonstrations by Michigan Unlimited, Oakland County Parks, C.C. Plus, and Dance for Fun and

adaptive skiing, quad rugby, tennis, goal ball for individuals with visual

compare computers, athletic equip-ment, mobility products and daily living aids. Companies with exhibits will include Daimler

Highlights of the show include demonstrations by Michigan Adaptive Sports, Michigan Sports Adaptive Sports, Michigan Sports

Demonstrations will include

impaignents, and an adaptive dance Attendees can also see, test and

Chrysler Dodge, Christopher and Dana Reeve Paralysis Center and LiftAid Transport. Michigan exhibitors that work

with those with disabilities will

Commission on Disability Concerns, Michigan Paralyzed Veterans of America, Michigan Protection & Advocacy Service, Rehabilitation Institute of Michigan and United Cerebral Palsy of Metro

> offer certificates of participation to students, education and health care him." Lupton said. "It's a big family professionals. Topics will focus on life for individuals with disabilities.
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> The show was supposed to be in WILLIAM E. (
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> WILLIAM E. (their family members and care

givers today.

The show is free and open to the ed by Hards on Concepts. Loaner wheelchairs will be made available by Permobil. For those with hearing impairments, a sign language inter-preter can assist for a reasonable length of time per person.

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keynote speaker, Chad Crittenden, an amputee on the TV show "Survivor Vanuatu," recently appeared at the Abilities Expo/New York Metro Show in Newark, N.J. Detroit. "We couldn't believe how many people — young and old alike —

the new Rock Financial Showplace, but, unfortunately, the grand open-The show is free and open to the public. Special services are complimentary wheelchair repair, providentary wheelchair repair, providentary wheelchair repair.

came out and were inspired to see

KEITH ARTHUR LAFLECHE

was preceded in death by his broth-er Joseph LaFleche. Services were WILLIAM E. CALLAN

Age 83, of Muncie, IN, previously of Novi, dled Aug. 10, 2005. Funeral Service was held Saturday at the First Baptist Church of Wxom. Arrangements entrusted to Casterline Funeral Mame Leg of South Long

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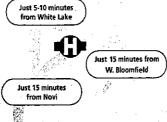


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A little bit of 'Paradise' right in Novi

New family fun park now open on Grand River

By Pam Fleming

Jeffrey Wainwright and family wanted to offer Novi residents a

taste of paradise.

The Wainwrights, of Plymouth, decided that Novi needed another place for families to go. Their dream, Paradise Park, opened on Grand River Avenue west of Tafi Road this week.

The new venue on the south side of the street across from the new Rock Financial Showplace, features an outdoor area with a miniature golf course, pee wee and family go-kart tracks, a climbing wall, the first

An indoor area features video and areade games, laser tag and

Laser tag marshal Brian Hopton, a senior at Novi High School, says this is the best part-time job a teenager can have. "We start and end the game,

show them how to play the game and make sure they're following the rules," he said. The game is com-puter-operated, with a variety of

The Sponge Bob Squarepants game has been a favorile during pre-view days. Everything is tokendriven in the areade area. Co-owner Theresa Wainwright likes the Disco

In a room lit by black lights and with their chest packs glowing with each strike, Ricky Enwright and Dan Wu, center, both 13, gang up on Logan Huachja during a game of laser tag at Novi's Paradise Park. The Grand River amusement center scheduled to open Mon. Aug. 15. same time," she said of the grand opening of the park.

"It's turned out beautiful — far

above my expectations. The Wainwrights had three "dry runs" of the game room last week to business, Secure Development make sure the fire alarm and all the games were working properly and that the spacing was right for the

The multi-million-dollar facility developed by Jeffrey Wainwright's

a place where kids of all ages can go."

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Theresa Waipwright noted that Properties in Plymouth, received final city permits this week. she has already hired 78 young peo-ple to work at the center. "I probably have another 100 applications on file, and I haven't done any form

"It's been really tough, but worth it," Wainwright said, compliment-ing Novi Building Director Don Saven and his staff. of advertisement," she said.

The entire park features wireless Internet access. The smoke-free and alcohol-free park features three gazehos with benches on the east "I'm really excited to see this open. It's

side of the park Paradise Park is a family affair,

There were so many changes within his organization. He was stressed, his health was bad, and he wasn't spending a lot of time with

2001, like many businessmen

the kids," she recalled. She joked with him about resign-

decided to leave corporate America after the terrorist attacks of Sept. 11, Lynne Paul, city council, there's not a place in Novi like

Paradise Park.
"I'm really excited to see this open. It's a place where kids of all ages can go. They can even do par-

"Then, one night when we were sitting at marshal arts class, he said, night," she said.

Andrew Bartlett of Novi even had his 11th birthday party at the "I took your advice. I resigned," slice said, "At first I was shocked, but I

Park on Tuesday.

Paradise Park's hours of opera-

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

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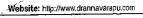
in the planning of the project.
"It was pretty much their idea,"
Theresa Wainwright said.
She shared that her husband

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Second City cast lookin' good

Tiffany Jones enjoyed a free pedicure from her employer. Shawn Handlon scheduled a

These two, part of the six cast members of the new comedy theater, The Second City, in Novi, are receiving hair, makeup and spa services under an agreement with Salöne Nadwa Salon & Day Spa in

Yono, recently approached the had a need for," she said comedy theater's producer about having east members come to the

salon on a regular basis.

Now, on a limited basis, they can

get the royal treatment at Nadwa's.

Caroline Syran Rauch, producer.

Caroline Syran Rauch, producer.

Cast says pampering is good be pampered at Salöne Nadwa.
"It's a wonderful thing to have. By Pam Fleming Every girl wants to look pretty," she

City, said cast members really enjoy getting to take advantage of the full array of spa services at Salône Nadwa in Novi a few times a year.

"We can't go every week, but we are go once or twice a quarter," unes said.

"We can't go every week, but we can go once or twice a quarter,"
Jones said.

Jones said the cast realty appreciates being able to relax, unwind and specified by the specified sets being able to relax, unwind and specified by the specified sets being able to relax, unwind and specified sets being able to relax, unwind and specified sets being able to relax, unwind and specified specified sets being able to relax, unwind and specified specifie

when the east starting rehearsing last March in Novi.
"When we moved to the area, the

when the east starting rehearsing last March in Novi.

"When we moved to the area, the salon contacted us, and said it would be really interested in providing some makeup and hair services for our staff," she said. "This is great for us to have, especially on complete which consure the shorts."

"It's something that we've really enjoyed foliop."

great for us to have, especially on opening night or any photo shoots." Rauch said finding a salon where the cast could get their hair cnjoyed doing."

The spa offers a relaxing Swedish massage; a deep tissue massage, which includes more pressure; and an aromatherapy and makeup done was already on her "to-do" list, so the salon's timing couldn't have been better.

That was already something we massage, a calming massage i which the therapist uses essential

It was Yono's idea to add the spa according to skin type, are also an services.
"They're really excited to be able option. "We have everything from facials for acne-prone skin to anti-

"It can get addictive."

She said the salon's makeup artist put more makeup on than she normally would, and she learned a

few application techniques during

The Mainstage cast celebrated its

first preview show on Aug. 3, with preview performances scheduled through Aug. 17. No changes will be made in the show after that usening the performance. The official

evening's performance. The official

opening night of the comedy, "In

across the street in Novi Town Center, it's easy for east members to take time out of their busy schedules in their quest to look their best.
"They're spending so much time

for them," Rauch said.

here in Novi, so it's so convenien

The producer noted that it's chal-Since the salon is located right lenging for hair and makeup artists to find the right look for each member of The Second City cast.

every man and every woman because they're going to play a variety of characters throughout the

show. We want the hair and make er of The Second City cast.

"You want the cast to be son of the second City cast.

"You want the cast to be son of the cast to be s that they play. They got that imme-diately at Salöne Nadwa."

Mainstage actor Handlon, who enjoyed getting his

nity has welcomed the cast mem-bers with open arms since their

were to share their grand ning event Aug. 3. up to look natural," she said.
"We don't want their look to

nembers Shawn Ĥandlon, left, and Tiffany Jones get some work done on their loes by Salone Nadwa's

Palazzolo, center, Handlon

nedicure would make him

funnier at the Grand River comedy club, Second City and Andiamo's restaurant

marketing department. I started for The Second City cast. taking classes at Second City because I thought it would be a fun Jones did standup in the past at Mark Ridley's Comedy Castle in Royal Oak and Joey's Comedy well, so the two interests sort of merged as I got older," she said. "I tried a little standup. I did that for a couple of years, and then met peo-ple who were doing improv. It's not "And, lo and behold, a few years Club in Livonia. She likes improve because she said it teaches actors that it's OK to make mistakes. I ended up in their touring compa hard to get into if you have a little ny and then in the the Mainstage

bit of a bug for it."

She feels she's been blessed to be haircut at Nadwa's, teaches improvisation and writing at The Second City Training Center. "I worked at Comerica in their able to turn her love of improvisational comedy into a career. Producer Caroline Syran Rauch

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BUSINESS

Wixom Ford plant shutting its doors?

Workers wait for official notification of assembly plant's future

By Phil Foley PECIAL TO THE NOVI NEWS

go the way of Packard and Studebaker?

While published accounts of Ford's plans last week suggest-ed the more than half-century-old plant is on the chopping UAW local 36, said, "There has been no official notification."

Berry, whose local represents 1,500 hourly employees at the local between the official notifier in the local represents 2,500 hourly employees at the local represents 1,500 hourly employees at the local represents 2,500 hourly employees at the local represents 1,500 hourly employees at the local represents 2,500 hourly employees at the local represents 3,500 hourly employees at the local represents 4,500 hourly employees at the local represents 5,500 hourly employees at the local represents 4,500 hourly employees 4,500 hourly e block, Dave Berry, president of plant, said all he's sure of is that build the Lincoln Town Car and LS Models through 2007.

economy the way it is and no official word, people are waiting," said Berry.
Earlier this year after Ford executives in Dearborn announced the Zephyr, the com-

ing," said Berry.

Earlier this year after Ford executives in Dearborn announced the Zephyr, the company's new entry-level Lincoln due in showrooms this fall as a 2006 model, and two other new models would be built in Mexico, UAW members and trim shops as well as one of streament at Earlier World. ptested at Ford's World Ford's highly touted flexible After generations of producting ford's premier luxury car, will the Wixom Assembly Plant Berry, noting the Wixom Plant

was named the third best auto plant in the country in a 2003 J.D. Power survey. Shortly after the Ford Thunderbird ended its limited production run in June, the automotive consultant named it

150 people slimmer than it was is members have a contract to uild the Lincoln Town Car and S Models through 2007. Still, Ford employees in since the Thunderbird ceased

production in June. In its glory days in the 1960s and 70s, the Wixom Assembly Plant employed more than 5,000 peo-

while Dornan said Ford officials have reassured city officials that the company has no eget the axe. plans to close the plant and are looking for product to replace current Lincoln models when they cease production in two years, he also said, "It's a real

subject of a series of closure rumors. Dornan said there was even a rumor earlier this year that Toyota was going to buy what was once called Ford's

flagship plant.
The real impact of the plant

its effect on the region. He cited a Michigan Economic Development Corp, study indi-cating that every job inside an future is that Ford executives continue to lobby Michigan Department of Transportation officials for the completion of a ibly plant generates eight o 10 jobs outside the plant. The interchange replacement at Wixom Road and 1-96. Wixom Assembly Plant currently employs a total of 1,800 peo-

other Ford facilities more likely

Ranger. Dornan noted that the

is surrounded on three sides by the Mississippi River - limiting

its potential for expansion.

Although auto analysts and replacing that interchange wa Ford executives agree that the No. 2 automaker has too much critical to the plant's future. M DOT officials put the project on hold saying they would reconsider, if more money could be A little more than two weeks

ago Congress approved \$2.4 million for the project as part of to be closed than Wixom, among them Twin Cities in Minaesota - home to the Ford a \$286 billion transportation Strangely, one factor that is not in the Wixom Assembly Plant's favor, observed Doman, plant was built in the 1920s and

is that it sets on top of hugely

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Rich Helwig

on the effect the closing of the Wixom Assembly Plant would have on his city, Novi City Manager Rich Helwig said, "A ty's boundary line doesn't blunt

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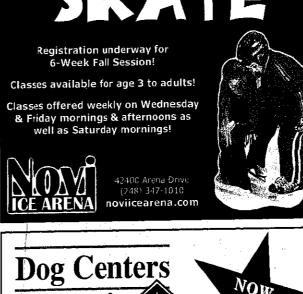
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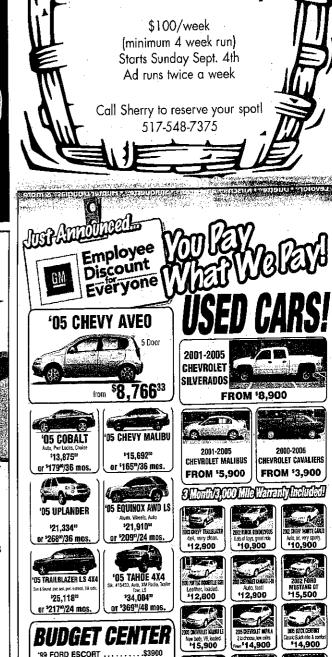
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Translator speaks language of success

Local company works with top auto management

By Ramez Khuri

With credentials such as working the 2005 Major League All Star game and translating for Michigan Governor Jennifer Granholm, Izumi Suzuki, a long-time Novi resident, has really made a name for her Novi-based company, Suzuki Myers and Associates

A company she owns with her husband, Steven Myers, Suzuki does interpreting and translating

does interpreting and translating for top management executives of Ford. Chevrolet and Dodge.

In Eact, the company is so popular, that it is the headquarters of the Michigan Translators Interpreters Network, a division the American Translators

"I went to school for this work in Japan," Suzuki said, "I was a ballet dancer with the

hear my brain cells dying every day."

Suzuki wanted to do something about that and decided to attend interpreting school — not to become an interpreter, but just so she could keep her brain cells

Suzuki

Tokyo Baller Company. The only reason 1 went to interpreter training school in the first place was because when dancing, part of the brain you use a lot; but other parts of the brain you use at all. I could almost

"You can enjoy ballet for a long time, but as a pro-fessional, your time is very limited," Suzuki said. "You have to be young and have lots of energy. I could see the end around 30 years old. Then what do you do? A you can do is teach, which was not so interesting to

Suzuki has been interpreting for about 30 years now, It's a job that entails much travel, but she doesn't mind since her two children are grown and out of the house.
This year she has been to Europe and is going to Japan.
"Usually the travel is within the states," Suzuki said.
"I was in Canada and North Carolina, Atlanta and sev-

eral other places this year already." Suzuki said there are two ways to interpret: consec ative and simultaneous. The former doesn't require any equipment. One person speaks and the interpreter translates what that person said. A meeting takes twice as long than two people speaking the same language. Simultaneous interpreting usually requires two inter-preters and a booth so that the interpreters can be closed off from the rest of the room. It's usually performed at either big seminars or speeches, where one person is

talking for a great length of time on a microphone that only the interpreters can hear. As the speaker presents, there is a five—to 10— second lapse before the interpreters begin to interpret. "When it goes up to an executive level, or high salary

people, they want to minimize the time of a meeting. Suzuki said. "Then they would use simultaneous inter-preting. That requires a lot of timing because usually

when you talk, you can't hear."

Suzuki Myers and Associates LTD has been around for 21 years. After the Sept. 11, 2001, allacks on the World Trade Center in New York City, business was slow for quite a while.

Suzuki wanted to do someding about that and decided to attend interpreting school—not to become an atterpreter, but just so she could keep her brain cells live.

While at school, she met one of her mentors, a macher who convinced her to change her career.

Sizuki said, "For a year or so they came only for very important face-to-face meetings, Now it has completely recovered and we are doing well."

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BUSINESS BRIEFS

On the grill in Royal Oak

Novi resident and founder of the spicy food chain BD's Mongolian Barbeque opened yet another restaurant in Royal Oak, Aug. 11.

The invasion of the new space on Main Street allows room for

185 hungry guests to eat, enjoy new decor and get their food quick-er from a larger grill. Mongolian also introduced new menu items, including four new appetizers and Mongolian rice bowls

BD's new digs helped pave the way to a new feature at Mongolian, Mongo to go. This feature is curb side service and allows customers to call in advance and place their order. For information on the near-est BD's Mongolian Barbeque, www.bdsmongolianbar beque,com or call (248) 398-2560.

Fall elections for city hall

Three seats are up for election this fall on the Novi City Council. Novi is fortunate to have severa quality candidates in the running for City Council this year including Terry Margolis. The 11-year Novi resident believes that essential services such and police and fire should come first and roads, and maintaining the city's infrastricture eral business update, and respond maintaining the city's infrastructure are also very important.

Laura Lorenzo announced she will not be running this time around. Kim Capello is running again, and David Landry is running for Mayor. Current Novi Mayor Lou Csordas will not seek reelection

Coney expansion heats up

Novi will soon welcome National Coney Island to its list of places to eat. The local chain, with 21 units currently in operation this year, along with plans of going online. The Roscville-based chain wants to be one step above retail and offer their chili on the web.

Vice President Tom Giftos said

every week someone asks if they can get the family chili in other places, "After years of listening, I figured if we put it out there on the market, we'll do pretty well with it." Giftos said.

Supplier's results are posted

Cooper-Standard Automotive, headquartered in Novi, held a con-

Current City Council Member ny's second quarter earnings are Web site a www.cooperstandard.com. The company is a top 40 global auto-motive supplier, specializing in the manufacture and marketing of sys-

tems and components for the glob

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Comerica Bank announced the increase of its prime rate to 4.50 percent from 6.25 percent effective Aug. 9. Comerica Bank is a subsidiary of Comerica Incorporated, a financial services company headquartered in Detroit

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will "Blitz Build" one, single-family, 3-bedroom ranch home on the grounds of the Michigan State, Fair. The house is being built on the state fair grounds by volunteers, and will be ready to move in following the close of the 2005 fair. The house will then be trans ported to a permanent location at off Seven Mile Road in Detroit, A qualified low-income family will purchase the house with zero

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Road closed Furniture store looking to expand

Art Van Furniture

Rob Haves said he assume there will be no problems with Art Van Furniture's road closure

The City Engineer said the Drive, at West Oaks shopping center in Novi, should not be a

"The hall is in the city's court right now," Hayes said.
"Assuming I have a favorable recommendation from all par-

27775 Novi Rd. (248) 348-8922 Store hours: Mon-Sat 10 a.m.-9 p.m. Sun noon-5 p.m.

"The road was never used for what it was intended to be for," Rupert said. "There are no defi-nite plans to expand right now, but we wanted to get the paperties involved, the closure should work out of the way for when

do through."

Art Van Furniture requested to close Karevich Drive in Novi location.

Novi location. The furniture is one of the largest clip of volve, intended to be a service drive for customers at the service drive for customers at the closure should be serviced to the closure should be serviced drive for customers at the closure should be serviced to the closure should be serviced drive for customers at the closure should be serviced to the close should be served to the closure should be served to the closur

ner train's new Motown show

also like to expand its current parking lots "So far, they've asked us about expansion and what would be involved with the city

to vacate the drive," said Clay Pearson, assistant city manager for the city of Novi. "We or have we been asked to at this

the city by Stephen Dearing, manager of traffic engineering for Orchard, Hiltz and

service drive for customers at West Oaks.

The city requested that Art Van perform a traffic study on the drive, and Michael Rupert, the drive, and Michael Rupert, are store, next to the current to the city to close the city to



Novi's Art Van Furniture, rear, is hoping to purchase property rights to part of Kerevich Drive, which runs along the east side of its West Oaks II mall location.

road in order to avoid the than \$460 in revenue (if expense of maintenance and Karevich Drive is vacated), it could take up to three months.

ance is the "Murder Mystery Show." Shows are run by Theater Arts Production of West

wedding.
Occasionally, on Sunday
nights, the train has a class

reunion show, also done by

Theater Arts Production.

expense of maintenance and unkeep.

"Novi expends about \$7,898 expense related to maintenance per mile on maintaining local roads," Dearing said. "So while Novi may be losing a little more of waiting for their proposal to

Tracy Mishler can be reached at (248) 349-1700, ext. 107, or vid e-mail at

Want a ride? All aboard the Motown Train

■ Walled Lake show features tribute to '60s

By Pam Fleming

Larry Coe says area residents can have a rockin' good time right in Walled Lake

Coc, president and owner of is that if your heydays were in

"What's great about the show is that if your heydays were in the '50s and '60s, it brings back memories of a more fun, relaxed time?

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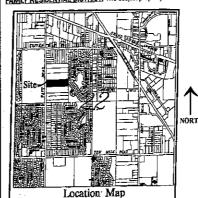
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CITY OF NOVI **PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Planning Commission for

OTICE IS REPERFORCED WHICH IN IN INCIDENT AUGUST 22,005 st 7:30 PM. In the Novi Civic Center, 45175 W. Ten Mille Road; Novi, Mille Consider TAFT KNOLLS II. STIEF PLAN NUMBER 05-94, FÖR PRELIM-INARY SITE PLAN WETLAND PERIMIT AND STORM WATER MANAGEMENT PLAN APPROVAL FOR A 14 NUNT. RESIDENTIAL, STIE AGEMENT PLAN APPHOVAL FOR A 1-8 NI 15 NEW THE SUBJECT PROPERTY. IS CONDOMINUM DEVELOPMENT. THE SUBJECT PROPERTY. IS LOCATED IN THE NORTHYWEST 1/4 OF SECTION 22. EAST OF TAFT. ROAD BETWEEN TEN AND ELEVEN MILE ROADS IN THE R-4. ONE FAMILY RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT. The subject property is 9.68 acres.



All interested persons are invited to attend. Verbal comments may be heard at the hearing and any written comments must be received by the Planning Department, 45175 W. Ten Mile Road, Novi, MI 48375 until 4:00 P.M., Wednesday, August 24, 2005.

the Michigan Star Clipper the '50s and '60s, it brings back Dinner Train in Walled Lake memories of a more fun, since August 1984, said the din-relaxed time," said Larry Coe's

has been a huge success.

"A Tribute to the '60s:
Sounds of Motown," features singer, comedian and impersonator Alturo Shelton, who imitapping their toes and dancing tates such legends as Stevie Wonder and Sammy Davis Jr. in their seats," she said. "There wasn't anybody in that car who "What's great about the show wasn't jiving. The show also includes the

Located just north of Maple on Pontiac Trail, the Michigan Star Clipper is one of Walled sounds of the Fabulous Motown Lake's biggest draws. The din-ner train brings in 20,000-30,000 people a year, including visitors from neighboring states Four from Detroit, who celeon the train on Aug. 4. The show runs every night but Monday. Passengers board at 6 p.m. for cocktails and hors d'oeuvres, with dinner served at and even Europe.

and even burgers and hors of ocurres, with dinner served at the Novi/Walled Lake area," 7 p.m. The three-hour journey includes a five-course dinner of the Novi/Walled Lake area, on Saturday nights, seven and live show. couples can spend the night as The train's mainstay perform-

FOR TEMPORARY USE PERMIT TUP 05-053

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that McShane Construction is request-ing a Temporary Use Permit to allow placement of a construction Irailer for Meadowbrook Medical Center at 25500 Meadowbrook Road from August 26, 2005 to August 26, 2006. A public hearing meeting to consider this request will be held at 10:00

A public hearing meeting to consider this request will be held at 10:00 am on Friday, August 26, 2005. The meeting is at the Novi. Civic Genter, 45175 W. Ten Mile Road, Written and signed approvals or objections will be accepted into the fills 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.

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The first time I saw the performance, I looked around, and everybody was snapping their fingers, clapping their toes and donotes tapping their toes and donotes tapping their toes and donotes to be a constant of the control of the c

the depot or patrons can order Michigan Star Clipper items online. Selections include balloons, mugs. T-shirts, denim shirts, flowers, hats and more.

and breakfast package. Chef Michael Beckham then makes them a hearty breakfast on Sunday morning.

their specialty, baked in a spe-cial onboard oven. Crab-stuffed cial onboard oven. Crab-st

Families looking for a differ rides at 1 p.m. and 2:30 p.m. every Sunday for \$10 a person. To make reservations, call (248) 960-9440 or visit www.michiganstarclipper.com.

The dinner show ride on the Michigan Star Clipper costs \$79 per person, which includes dinner and dessert, coffee and hot tea, the train ride, the live show and all taxes. Prime rib is Pam Fleming is a staff writer for the Novi News. She can be reached at (248) 349-1700, ext. 105, or by e-mail at pfleming@ht.homecomm.net.

ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

Novi Community School District is requesting bids for a Ri

Broadcasting & Production Facilities. Requirements are detailed in a request for bid (FIFB) document that is available from the District Sectionalogy consultant Innovate - 37558 Hills Febr Drive, Farmington Hills, M 48331 via email at madvis@innovatetoc.com.
Sealed proposals for all work described in the RFB will be received at the above location no later than 2:00 p.m. local time on August 30, notes.

Absolutely no bids will be accepted after this deadling 8-11/18-05 NN 232155)

FOR TEMPORARY USE PERMIT

TUP 05-054 NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Walmart Stores, Inc. is requesting

a Temporary Use Permit to allow placement of a construction traffer to Sam's Club Fueling Station at 27320 Wixom Road from September 2005 to September 1, 2006. 2005 to September 1, 2006.

A public hearing meeling to consider this request will be held at 10:15 am on Friday, August 26, 2005. The meeting is at the Novi Civic Center, 45:175 W. Ten Mile Boad. Written and signed approvals or objections will be accepted into the file if received prior to the schaduled meeting. Please address all communications to Gail U. Backus at the City of Novi Building Department 45:175 W. Ten Mile Road, Novi, Mf. 48375.

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Sealed bids will be received until 3:00 P.M. prevailing Eastern Time, Monday, August 29, 2005 at which time proposals will be opened and read. Bids shall be addressed as follows:

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

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

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AND MUST BEAR THE NAME OF THE BIDDER AND MUST BEART HE NAME OF THE DIDDER.

The City reserves the right to accept any or all alternative proposals and award the contract to other than the lowest bidder, to waive any irregularities or informalities or both; to reject any or all proposals; and in general to make the award of the contract in any manner deemed by the City, in its sole discretion, to be in the best interest of the City of Novi. Notice dated: August 15, 2006

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

WHERE WE STAND

We're gonna miss ya, Chief

Novi lost a dedicated public servant this week when its decorated Chief of Police, Douglas F. Shaeffer, died unexpectedly of an apparent heart attack at home. Shaeffer had been with the city of Novi for 14 years and seemed

comfortable overseeing a police department that celebrated its 50-year anniversary just a year ago.

He came from a much larger police force as a retired captain of the Oklahoma City Police Department, where he spent 23 years.

According to David Shupe, Deputy Chief of the OCPD, the department has 1,020 officers and about 300 patrol cars that serve about a fulfillion people in the city and a million in the metropolitan area.

Many career officers would have retired after leaving the Oklahoma City force, Instead, Chief Shaeffer and his family packed

Oktainoma City force, instead, Citel State of an unstrainty packed their bags and began a new chapter in their fife. He started his career in Novi as its Deputy Chief of Police in July 1991. He soon became acting chief and then finally chief in November 1991

In Oklahoma, and in Michigan, Shaeffer was known for his intelligence and his passion for obtaining and advocating the use of the atest technology in law enforcement.

During his 14 years with the Novi Police Department, he initiated

many improvements and saw that his officers received both the equipment and training they needed to effectively perform their Recently, the department received quite a windfall when a more

than two-year investigation ended with the breakup of a major nationwide drug cartel, producing federal forfeiture funds for law enforcement purposes. The police department has already received \$3.6 million from the Department of Treasury, with additional checks due to arrive later

how to spend the money, with the assistance of other department staff, it's too bad that he will not be around to see all the fruits of his

officers' labor.

City council has earmarked funds so far for a new computer network to assist in the financial management of the department, new

mmunications equipment, overtime pay incurred during the inves-gation, eight replacement vehicles and one new vehicle. There's been talk of an on-site firearms range for the department with estimates from architects of \$1.5 million and \$2.5 million for such a building

death. Shaeffer hinted that he would be in favor of Before his acquit, shader time to make to word be in a properly spending the lesser amount if a firearms range ever became a reality. Obviously, if such a facility ever comes to pass, there's a good:

hance it will bear his name.

Lee BeGole, Novi's first Chief of Police, who served from 1954 until his retirement in 1991, said as a new member of the U.S. Army he remembered receiving a pamphlet. On the front of the leaflet, in big red letters, it read, "Here today,

gone tomorrow. This is the Army. You get your orders, and you're on of that Army pamphlet, seeing God as the general.

As BeGole put it: "Doug was here today, and now he's gone. He



Dante Bishop takes a swing during a tennis camp sponsored by Novi Community Education.

Great job, Linda!

Last Sunday, August 14, 2005, an eraended in Novi as Linda Wickert directed a Novi Theatre production for the last time. Sunday's performance of 'Kids on was a 'selfout.' What a wonderul way for Linda to finish what started as eight major theatrical productions.

The City of Novi owes Linda a big debt of gratitude for taking her dream for a theare in Novi and making it a reality. Through some very challenging times she persevered. The outcome was nothing less than a top notch, world class organization which in a year would put our sever for

say after one of the plays directed by Linda Wickert. "As good as anything I've ever seen on

Michael Mever

Share your opinions: We welcome your letters to the editor. Please include your name, address and phone number for verification. We ask that your letters be 400 words or less. We may edit for clarity, space and content. our way.

BeGole said that after hearing about Shaelfer's death, he thought Generally, no more than one letter per month by the same author will be published. Letters must be received by noon Tuesday to be printed in the Thursday edition. Mail: Letters to the Editor, Cal Stone, Novi News, 104 W. Main St., Northville, MI 48167 E-mail: cstone@ht.homecomm.net Fax to: (248) 349-9832

The game Ticu loves brings back painful memories

Diana Tieu for so long associated tennis with her father, playing without him was a foreign

screech of tires and the erunch of metal, she doesn't have a choice.

Tien lost her father. Liviu, in a car accident

last fail after he was out drinking and crashed into a tree. then "The entire season he

was there every match," Ticu said. "And when I wasn't playing he would spend hours feeding me Ils. It was so strange Sam Eggleston

"I just kept telling myself it wasn't true," she said. "I didn't believe it."

But it was. It was a feelings bottled inside, writing only in life lost that could never

be returned. first game back, which

when he wasn't there. I just didn't want to believe it." through the summer, she couldn't lit was a Saturday morning around 2 a.m. when Livin died. When Ticu woke the when the when the when the when the when the stand the hole in her life when down and told her the dire news

where her rainer once stood.

Sitting on a bench next to the Novi High School tennis courts, Ticu forced her.

tried to surface.

"I know, it's kind of stupid," she aid. "I write things down in there. I just don't talk about it much."

But she doesn't forget either. She has visited her father's grave at Glen

prayer and she played to the best of her abilities.

Her career slid steadive downhill from there, stead of playing mmer, she couldn't the court. Tica just the hole in her was the player and she court. Tica just the hole in her was more and her would the hole in her was more and her would the hole in her was more and her would the wou Her career stid steadily downhill from there. Instead of playing through the summer, she couldn't And every time she gets on the court. Ticu just to the court. Ticu just the court is a couldn't and every time she gets on the court. Ticu knows she'll remember. Sam Eggleston court. Ticu knows she'll remember. Liviu always stood at the fence, bark-

a smile. Liviu wasn't a topic of conversation very often for her. She kept her feelings bottled inside, writing only in her diary when her innermost feelings tied to surface.

said. "I really miss him, It's going to be hard without him, but I'm going to

(248) 349-1700, ext. 104 or at seggle ston@ht.homecomm.net.

"He used to frustrate me when we practiced , he would tell me l

would thank him one day. I'd scream at him and tell him that I wouldn't.He was right though. He really helped ·me improve. I really do thank him for every-

> Diana Ticu Novi High School Tennis Plave.

Novi merchants throw party for their patrons

Peter Woolford of the Novi Pizza
Company is ready to party.
The business owner at Pine Ridge
Shopping Center on the northwest corner
of 10 Mile and Novi roads has joined

other merchants in planning a major promotion for the strip mall from Aug. 15. "We all took the

21. The reason for the celebration? The weekend party, which starts
Friday, is a way to let out a sigh of relief have good businesses



tent sale over the weekend,

to 5 p.m., Somerville

Somerville said they may have a band restaurants. for some background music, and a K-9 Unit could be on hand for the kids. The Animal Emergency Center will

the customers who stuck with us through the construction phase for the last year hit-away, which is a basebalt training tool, and a half," Somerville said, "We also want to invite people to come on back. There are some great shops and services

The customers who stuck with us through t Friday, is a way to let out a sigh of relief and issue a "welcome back" to patrons and issue a "welcome back" to patrons of commendation of construction at the nearby intersection.

"We're going to have a bit-away, which is a base-ball training tool, and a half," Somerville said. "We also want to invite people to come on back."

Pam Fleming

A moonwalk will also be provided for the kids, and the city of Golfers can also test different clubs

Novi is going to try to send over a fire truck.

Ian Somerville, owner of kids.

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Nokey sticks and golf clubs to free membership at Curvos fitness center for women and free digners at the variety.

Other participating businesses in the event include: Novi Oaks Dental, Fumi Restaurant, Ny's Thai Cafe, Sign A also have a tent, with three Pet Supply
Gift Baskets being given away.
"The whole intent is to say thanks to
"The whole intent is to say thanks to

n this whole neighborhood."

Novi News. She can be reached at (248)
Somerville said there will be more

349-1700, ext. 105, or by e-mail at pflem-

CALENDAR

Novi City Council Meeting

DATE: Mondays, Aug. 22; Sept. 12 and 26; Oct. 10 and 24;

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

CONTACT: (248) 344-0470

Novi School Board Meeting

DATE: Thursdays, Aug. 18,

LOCATION: Educationa

Services building, 25345 Taft

BUSINESS

DATE: Tuesday, Aug. 16 TIME: 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m.

Area Chamber office at 305 N.

enjoy lunch and networking while sharing thoughts, ideas, successes and even failures.

Space is limited to the first 20

registrations. Reservations are

cessary; \$10 per person

Twp. CONTACT: Please call the

Lakes ARea Chamber office at

TIME: 9 a.m.-noon

Business Technology Development Center, 301 W.

Michigan Avc., Suite 101,

DETAILS: This seminar will

include learning what is required from a lender, including how a

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CONTACT: Melinda Beattle

Nakland County Business

iplex, 1200 N. Telegraph d, Pontiac

oad, Pontiac CONTACT: (248) 858-0883

How to Write a Business

an DATE: Thursday, Aug., 11

TIME: 9 a.m.-noon DETAILS: For small business

owners who are developing a plan to serve as their road map to

TIME: 8:45 a.m.-noon DETAILS: Finance options for

DETAILS: Designed to pro-

vide women in business with tools to increase profitability and

make key decisions and will fea-

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Kenner Publisher of Crain's

Octroit Business.

CONTACT: www.co.oak-

Suite B. Walled Lake

DATE: Tucsday, Aug. 16

TIME: 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m. LOCATION: Lakes Area

er of Commerce,

Pontiac Trail, Suite B, Walled

Evening Connection DATE: Thursday, Aug. 18 TIME: 5:30-7:30 p.m.

LOCATION: Masserman

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·TIME/DATE: noon Thursdays, Sept. 8, 15: Fridays

Wildcats Football Fund-raiser

DATE: Saturday, Aug. 20 TIME: 9 a.m.-1 p.m LOCATION: Novi neighbor

DETAILS: The 2005 Novi Wildcats High School Football selling cards for \$10 each. Cards nay be used for discounts on ood through the end of the year O'Connor's, Shiro, Red, Hot and Blue, Nv s Thai Café, Novi Pizza Company, Maisano's, Steve and Rocky's, The Bamboo Club, Godaiko, Gatsby's, Athenian Coney Island, & Applebee's.

Novi High School Band sters Road Rally

DATE: Saturday Aug. 20 TIME: 5:30 p.m. check-in, 6 LOCATION: Novi High

DETAILS: \$10 a person. (Food can be purchased at final destina-

CONTACT: Lori Heinowski (248) 347-0169 or Cathy Gee (248) 344-1344

Lakes Area Alano Clab Pig Roast

DATE: Saturday, Aug. 27 TIME; ndon-1 a.m. LOCATION; 1485 Oakley Park Road, Commerce Township aloh C. Richardson Comunity Central High School

DETAILS: This is a fundraise for Alano Club building and dunk tank, moon walk, petting farm, various speakers and 9 m., dancing with a DJ.
CONTACT: (248) 366-0785 or

Animal Care Fair

DATE: Saturday, Aug. 27 and Sunday, Aug. 28 TIME: 10 a.m.-5 p.m. LOCATION: Southfield funicipal Complex, 26000

Workshop DATE: Thursday, Aug. 18 Evergreen Road DETAILS: Michigan Humano ciety's 14th annual fair, includsmall business owners. ing adoptable animals, pet products, and animal team demonstr **Oakland County Business** tions. Admission and parking are

Women's Conference CONTACT: www.michiganhu-DATE: Tuesday, Aug. 16 LOCATION: Royal Park

Walk for Diabetes

DATE: September 24 and 25 LOCATION: September 24, elle Isle and Stony Creck Kensington and Lake Eric

DETAILS: America's Walk is land,mi.us/peds/calendar an event of the American Diabetes Association. Funds raised are used toward diabetes Lakes Area Chamber of Commerce Events

LOCATION: 305 N. Pontiac CONTACT: (888) DIABETES

Borders Bookstore Events

LOCATION: 43075 Crescent CONTACT: (248)34 Ralph's World Perfo DATE: Tuesday, Sept. 20 TIME: 10 a.m.-noor DETAILS: Ralph Covert of

ta casual, free concert. Event is Photography, 8585 PGA Drive, Suite 102, Walled Lake the whole family. Book Signing DATE: Thursday, Sept. 29 Business Referrals TIME: 7 p.m. DETAILS: Children's author.

eyond the Valley of Thorns

SCHOOL/

DATE: every Wednesday LOCATION: Novi Civic Center, 45175 10 Mile Road Parrick Carmen will be signing his book, Land of Elyon #2: TIME: 7-8:30 a.m. DETAILS: Meeting of local professionals and business look

ing to increase word-of-mouth ral business. Various classifi

GOVERNMENT GOVERNMENT GOVERNMENT GOVERNMENT CONTACT: (734) 462-6460

DATE: Tuesdays, Aug. 23; ept. 13, 27; Oct. 11, 25; Nov. 9, Dec. 13 and 20 Learning about latrans TIME: 7:30 p.m.
LOCATION: Wixom City all, 49045 Pontiac Trail CONTACT: (248) 624-4557

Wixom City Council

DATE: Saturday, Aug. 13,

<u>CLASSES</u>

TIME: 10-11:30 a.m. LOCATION: Lyon Oaks Nature Center, 52221 Pontiac

LOCATION: Department of Parks & Recreation, 49015 Pontiac Trail, Wixom. DETAILS: City of Wixom Parks & Recreation in cooperaion with Oakland Builder

DATE: Tuesday and Thursday

DETAILS: Coyotes, Canis

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required no later than Friday. CONTACT: Please call (248) 624-2850 to register. Small Rusiness Association

Providence Cepter for the DATE: Tuesday, Aug. 23 Healing Arts' "Tuesdays at LOCATION: Michigan Small

DATE: Every Tuesday night Center, 47601 Grand River Ave.,

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

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LOCATION: Oakland County DATE: every Monday TIME: 6:30-7:30 p.m., beginers; 7:30-9:30 p.m., intermediate LOCATION: Novi Ice Arena, 42400 Arena Drive (activity

room, main floor) DETAILS: No partner needed for lessons in this pay-as-you-go program. Cost is \$5 for Novi residents and for those ages 55 and

Center, 45175 W. 10 Mile Road (activity room, main floor)
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per person. CONTACT: Pre-register by calling (248) 437-7345. Cost: **Library Board Meeting**

DATE: Wednesday, Aug. 24 TIME: 7 p.m. LOCATION: Activities Room,

Novi City Hall DETAILS: Community members are welcome to attend. Note This meeting was rescheduled from its original date of Aug. 17, 2005. Due to a previously scheduled Planning Cor ing in City Council Chambers (the Board's customary meeting site) that will be broadcast five or meeting will not be televised.

SUPPORT **GROUPS**

Friendship Circle

DATE: meetings second Thursday of each month
TIME: 1 p.m.
LOCATION: SI. James
Catholic Church, 46325 10 Mile Road, between Taft and Beck

roaus.
DETAILS: Social group for all widows and widowers CONTACT: Norbert Monson, (248) 851-6730, Florence Voight (248) 477-3032 or Joy Iovaldi,

MOMS Club of Novi

DATE: meetings first Thursday of each month
TIME: 10 a.m.
LOCATION: Novi Civic

DETAILS: The Moms Offering Moms Support (MOMS) is a non-profit support group, for home with their children, work out of their homes, or work part time. CONTACT: dinatallman@sbc

global.net

Kensington Valley Mothers of Multiples DATES: second Thursday of

each month
TIME: 7 p.m.
LOCATION: Witch's Ha Depot, 300 Dorothy St., South Lyon.
DETAILS: This group provides up; \$6 for non-residents. CONTACT: (248) 348-9116 information, support and social activities for mothers of multiple birth children and their families. Mothers of multiples living in and around the Kensington Valley

school conference are all wel-

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

LOCATION: Harvest

DETAILS: Come for encour

agement, help, hope and prayer

as you face life's problems, issues and frustrations. Drop in

for five minutes or longer. CONTACT: Nancy and Susan,

(248) 926-8332 or harvestfellow

Breast Cancer Support

Tuesdays of the month

TIME: 10-11:30 a.m.

of the hospital

DATES: second and fourth

LOCATION: Huron Valley-

Sinai Hospital, Commerce, Classroom C on the ground floor

Group

CONTACT: For more informa

Line Dancing Classes

DATE: every Friday TIME: 6:30-7:30 p.m., begin-ners; 7:30-9:30 p.m., intermedial LOCATION: Novi Civic Women's Prayer Support program. Cost is \$5 for Novi residents and for those ages 55 and up; \$6 for non-residents (fees are Fellowship Church, 49329 Pontiac Trail, Wixom (parking behind the church).

for the entire evening). CONTACT: (248) 348-9116 Providence Center for the Healing Arts — Artist in

ONGOING: Thursdays TIME: 1-2:30 p.m. LOCATION: Creative Arts Studio, Assarian Cancer Center. 47601 Grand River Ave. DETAILS: Artist May Tecvans instructs. Class will include

drawing, pastels, watercolor and mixed media. There is a \$5 mate-

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DATE: first and third Tuesdays

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DATES: Wednesday mornings LOCATION: Meadowbrook TIME: 11 a.m. weigh-in; 11:30

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

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STUDY: MILD ASTHMA CASES MAY NOT NEED DAILY INHALER
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Students pack halls at Catholic Central



Detroit Catholic Central principal Father Richard

Ranalletti pauses in the school's chapel in its new Novi

campus. The stained glass window, seen in back, traveled to the new school from one of its previous cam-

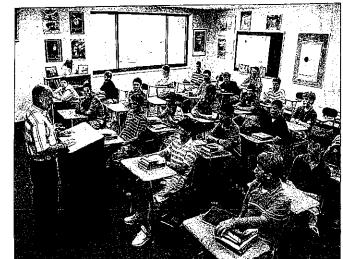
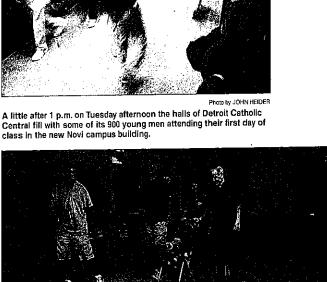


Photo by JOHN HEIDER

Catholic Central English teacher Gene Grewe introduces himself and the Fall's curriculum to his 9th grade class.



Novi. It is located off Wixom Boad south of Grand River Ave.





Passing by the school's crest, Father Marvin LaBute, far right, leads a tour of Detroit Catholic Central's new Novi

Shamrocks invade Novi



() EarthLink (10) Heby (10) Hope

With a blue shamrock painted in its endzone, the Detroit Catholic Central's football stadium awaits its first ga of the year on Friday Aug. 26.

EDUCATION

TACC has new leadership, but same goal

■ Students have ambitions of expandina outside school

By Courtney Ratkowiak

Kristin Thomas remembers giv-ing a backpack filled with toys to a he bag with excitement.

Jennifer Barlage remembers

volunteering at an event where a child said that coming to the party helped him forget that his brother

For members of Teens Aiding the Cancer Community, moments like these are worth all the hard

cancer. Backpack expenses are covered by fundraising events and donations. In its fourth year, TACC has delivered a total of 1,455 backpacks to 17 Michigan

president, said, "It's our goal to put ourselves in the patient's mindset and put things in (the backpacks) that would entertain people who may have to be alone and in a hos-pital bed. We try to make the gifts educational and uplifting, a posi-tive diversion for people who are having a difficult time in their lives."

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at their partner hospitals. In mid-luly, students worked with patients at Providence Hospital to create "cancer folders," binders that help the patient chart his or her disease. On August 2, students and patients will work on crafts at Lassing's Sparrow Hospital.

TACC advisor Andrew Krupansky, original board members and two-year president, says her and two-year president has says her and two-year president, says her and two will work on crafts at Lansing's Sparrow Hospital. The main summer fundraising event is scheduled for September

hospitals and support groups.
"We buy things for different age
groups and genders so that we'll
be able to make backpacks specific for the kids," Thomas, TACC 10 at Rebecca's Ice Cream Parlor in Northville. Local bands will provide entertainment, and in addition to receiving part of the proceeds from ice cream sales, TACC will run a raffle supported by community business donations.

Although TACC members are still participating in summer vol-unteer and fundraising events, the season has been a time for transition. After graduating all of its pre-vious executive board members,

offinitiately, Proc. would like the per branches in other southeast Michigan cities, but the new board members plan to solidify the Novi program before expanding their horizons.

Horizons the sale than the sale than the translation of the sale than the s they're still true to our goal of stu-dents helping students." Krupansky added that the tran-

horizons.

"For this year, our major goal is to get the local community and students at our school more involved," Thomas said. "We're the personalities of the members.

involved, Thomas said. Were the thomse trying to see if we can become more involved in local events because we'd like to widen our volunteer base. We want to get people from other areas involved, but before we can expand, we need to build a stronger foundation."

The thintonic "After (observing) the first meeting, I knew that the organization was in good hands. They have the most energy that I've seen from any of our previous boards. They want to be there and they're passionate."

students will help the organization succeed during the upcoming

school year.
"Being in TACC is so different

Courtney Ratkowiak will be a Novi High School senior this fall.





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Childrens Ecco

Olympics prove age is just a number By Tracy Mishler STAFF WRITER

the Novi Senior Center three days

Both Cronin and Sochacki said

the Senior Olympies is as much the friends as it is the exercise.

opponents shortcomings." Rachef Zagaroli, senior services manager at the Novi Senior

Connie Cronin and Paul Sochacki may be in their 80s, but age didn't matter when they won the gold at this year's Senior

Olympics in Kalamazoo. Cronin, 83, of Northville and Sochacki, 87, of South Lyon teamed up in 1994 for a game of tennis and have been winning partners ever since.

Both Cronin and Sochacki have been playing tennis for many years. Cronin, a retired chemist started playing when she was 45 at the Farmington Termis Club. Sochacki, a retired salesman, started playing on the varsity team at

Hantranick High when he was 15. Now, both spend their days practicing and enjoying exercise and making new friends at the

"Some of the people I've met a week.

playing tennis. I've been friends with for 25 years," Sochacki said. Both Sochacki and Cronin are nembers of the Michigan Senior Olympics. They each hold over a dozen medals and aren't ready to

When Sochacki isn't practicing on the court in South Lyon, he is coaching students at South Lyon

"I tell my students, 'I'm 87 and | don't play golf." ean't play foothall, baseball or run track, but I sure can play tennis," when you're our age in order to he said, "I enjoy teaching the kids play." Cronin said, "The older you as much as Lenjoy playing." get, you depend more on strategy.

Cronin and Sochacki met at the not speed. You react toward your

Paul Sochacki and his tennis partner of many years Connie Cronin won medals in the Senior Olympics July 16. "We play to win," Cronin said. Center, encourages other seniors "Hell him, 'Don't be polite to that little old lady on the other side."

Cronin takes exercise classes at "We always get the registration "We always get the registration."

forms, and we offer it to all the seniors," Zagaroli said. "We also offer two fitness classes, body "I try and tell my friends here to get involved," she said, "It keeps you up to date, and it's the basis of recall and stretch and strength to get the seniors out doing things." Cronin and Sochacki both agreed there isn't much time for other sports. Both of their familie support them 100 percent and Sochacki's wife, Rose Marie, tells

Cronin said playing tennis is ber husband to "go for it."

"As long as his tennis doesn't interfere with family plans," she said. "I support Paul, and I am how she stays young.
"Doctors tell you to play golf when you're our age," she said. "I

don't believe everything you feel.

Tuesday 8/23

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Young photographers share their dreams with Twelve Oaks Mall

By Tracy Mishler

Breonna C. wishes she could Kimani W. wishes for a safe

place to play.

Breonna, 10, and Kimani, 9, from Detroit, have two things in common with many other kids; they both have dreams and many eople to make sure they come

With school only a few days away, Taubman Shopping Centers and the Big Brothers and Big Sisters have teamed up for the

shopping for clothes and supplies

kids she met with, from Bellevue

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"Kids helping kids go back to school," visit

Brothers and Big Sisters program, who are unable to enjoy the excitement of back-to-school

wished most for in life. Once their nictures were developed, each choose, kids made wish lists of 10 things they wanted to go back to school

Elementary in Detroit, were wonderful and all excited about the
program. "Hayes said. "It has been so
gram," Hayes said

came back with really tugged at involved. your heart strings," Hayes said. "Kids b

Bliss at Fox Run

Program runs through

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others had big dreams for every-Twelve Oaks Mall is one of

pers to read. "Once customers view the kids

"Kids helping kids go back to

ed, prolonged illness that could deplete their savings. The fund

would takeover any financial

have. Residents enjoyed a gourmet

dinner and live entertainmen

and Kathie Shaffer, public rela-tions manager for Fox Run, said

Fox Run is a non-profit senior

campus for people over the age of 62. There are 14 similar cam-

it was just a spectacular "Residents really had a good time and it is always just a wor

Peggy Haves, marketing and

Pictures of brides and grooms from all generations lined the exhibit cases at Fox Run in

ly celebrated its second annual Gala Saturday, Aug. 6, entitled "A big fab Fox Run wedding," raising over \$100,000 for its Benevolent Care Fund. Last year's Gala raised \$132,000.

The fund is strictly funded by

four Taubman centers in Michigan and among 15 in the county that Novi's Twelve Oaks Mall marketing and sponsory that their "Kirls" Kids ages 6-16, in the Big conding Aug. 31. Each child's wish Helping Kids" display located in the mall's center court is displayed in the mall, along with a brief biography for shopweet to raid.

service desk, frage are pencils to computers — there are a wide range of things asked for."

Everything donated by customers will go to the child they choose.

Each donated wish list item will also automatically enter the Little Brother or Little Sister's name of into a drawing for a prepaid four eyear college tuition scholarship.

In the mount of the computer service desk on their own. This program is all about the kids. The date is not determined the child they want to donate to and the child the choase.

In Big Brothers and Big Sisters to give out all the donated items to give out all the don year college tuition scholarship. Shoppers can also enter their own children in the drawing. "This is such a wonderful pro-

donations so far. Haves said many people are

shopping for clothes and supplies due to their family's budget, took part in a photography exhibit with the help from celebrity photojournalist Linda Solomon.

Over 500 kids across the U.S. were sent out with a disposable camera to shoot the one thing they

Over 500 kids across the U.S. wide runge of things asked for," Everything donated by cus-

back, the Little Brothers and Little
The exhibit opened Aug. 2 and Sisters have a great back to school
Lyles said there have been several experience, Hayes said.

picking up wish lists and coming at (248) 349-1700, ext. 107, or via

"Every child in the program will mishler@ht.homecomm.net.



Fox Run resident Tim Walters and local performer Kimmie Horn shared the stage to entertain guests at the "Big Fab.





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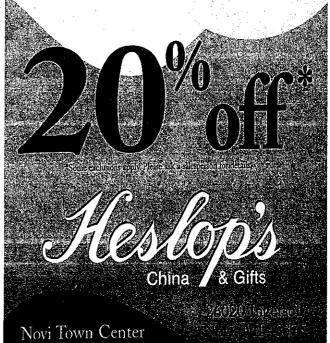
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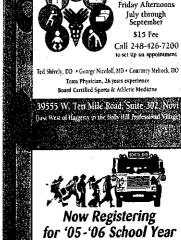
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SPORTS



Regional Marketplace

When it comes to carpeting, Tom Male, owner of The Carpet Change in South Lyon likes to think of himself as "old school."

Thursday, August 18, 2005

A sport or not?

In an age where words and ideas

are constantly redefined, what makes a sport a "sport"? When we think of sports, popu-lar games and professional leagues come to mind. Though it is easy to list activities that we consider sports, the task becomes more difthat an activity should have to be named a sport

Must it have constant media headlines, star athletes and a large fan base?



Courtney

Or must it simply be physically tax-ing, involve competition and promote teamwork?

of our high school athletic programs, one activity fully

personifies the latter. In this group, personites the latter. In this group, every student participates equally, regardless of grade level and ability. Students support up to 60 extra pounds during nine-hour summer practices while relying on hand-eye coordination and quick reflexes. The group travels across Michigan for competitions, consistently placing in the too 10 at state finals.

ing in the top 10 at state finals.

Why, then, is marching band not fully accepted as a sport?

The answer is clear while watch-

ing the stands empty at halftime of a Novi football game: people are uninformed. For spectators who might only catch a glimpse of the marching band while in line for a hadding band wine at the group has the characteristics of a sport is strongly debatable; yet, how many people have had enough true marching band exposure to make this distinction?

"I think it's easy for people who are not knowledgeable about marching band to separate it from sport because people who have not participated in this activity don't understand the amount of work and effort that goes into it," said Mark Hourigan, the director of bands at Novi High School. "We all understand the said that stand the games that we put into the category of sport, but most don't understand what goes into being in a competitive marching band — the hours of practice, the physical

exertion."

Being a two-sport varsity athlete, in addition to a marching band member, has proved to me that there is no debate. I am just as physically drained after an evening band rehearsal as I am after an after-school volleyball practice.
During the fall, my time commitment to the swirm team and murching band are equal. In comparison to these teams, marching band equals or surpasses both in terms of teamwork, discipline and intensity of competition.

However, according to athletic director Curt Ellis, the nature of certain performances is what potentially separates band from most athletics

"When you talk about sports there is competition ... an objective, playing against an opponent," Ellis said. "When you go to the competitive band festivals, there is certain ly an element of sport in it, but when you're at halftime of a game,

it's more of a performance."

Ellis stated that his opinion was the same regarding cheerleading and pom-pon, two varsity sports teams that perform during football and basketball games.

Yet, if being a "sport" solely epends on the presence of competition, athletes who attend practices but never have the opportunity to

play in contests are not playing sports, is that a fair conclusion?

But in an era where pool and poker are shown on ESPN, is the classification of sport a nonfactor?

Who knows? Maybe all that is needed, instead of a concrete definition, is a greater appreciation for the work ethic and physical stamina displayed by 176 students in the Novi marching - which is, whether it is sport or not, the largest "team" in the high school.

Courtney Ratkowiak is a sports intern for the Novi News.



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ABOVE: A Novi diver is about to make a splash on the first day of practice Monday. BELOW RIGHT: Novi senior Amanda Brandemihl fires a serve during practice at Novi High School.

First day is full of fun for 'Cats

By Sam Eggleston SPORTS WRITER

lt was once bounce, a jump, summersault and splash for Novi diver Amy Glubzinski.

In other words, it was a normal day at the office for the junior.
"Let's see how coach Chelsea has done," dive coach Larry Tehan said to a first-time diver

who had been working with

another member of the swimming and diving team staff on her performance. After the girl awk-wardly left the diving board and splashed into the water Tehan smiled. "Looks like coach Chelsea has some more work to

Glubzinski wasn't nearly as unsure of herself, knifing through the air and the water with a smooth dive to showcase

Novi hoops player Taylor Graybiel runs laps.

her hardwork over the summer. her hardwork over the summer.
There was plenty of first-day
work that needed to be done.
Basketball players were
drenched in sweat, one tennis
standout couldn't practice
because of a messed-up physical
and football players were shaking their head as their coach went
over calls.

over calls.
"What am I doing?" Novi foot-

ball coach Tab Kellepourey said, hugging his arms to his body. "Trying to stay warm?" one player asked.

player asked. Kellepourey was quiet for a moment, glancing from one play-"It's a huddle." he said. "When

Novi's sports teams were raring and ready to go. Soccer was practicing at their familiar spot at 11 Mile Road and Taft Road and the swimming team worked with coach Bill McCord on the ins and

uts of swimming. McCord had to direct traffic on one occasion to keep swimmers from crashing into each other

while doing a cool-down swim-"It's swimming lessons the first couple of days," he said with

The expected varsity basket ball team ran laps in the field house before moving on to the performance gym where they started tryouts. No one complained, instead calling out their

plained, instead calling out their lap numbers as they passed by an assistant coach with a stopwatch. Other teams, like tennis, sweated the day away as they worked on serves and returns. Doubles girls smacked the ball back and forth and expected singles players jockeyed for flight

positions.
"I think Ayano (Nakamura)
will get first," senior Diana Ticu
said of the top flight that she held
last year. "I'd like her to get it.

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She deserves it.'

Though the season just stated, Novi was already working hard. A few faces were different— such as the lack of Dave Hartman on the football field now that he's coaching at the Novi Middle School so he can see his son play football in Brighton — but most all in Brighton were the same.

And even some of the same faces had different names. Novi athletic secretary Kristy Wills is now Kristy Check and even cheerleading coach Emily Parker married this summer.

The Wildcats weren't deterred by the changes, either big or

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small. The performance and unexplainably suddenly — and unexplainably
 has air conditioning this year and the field house looks like a herd of elephants cruised across the wax and marked it up with

Yet the players kept practicing and learning.

"Athletics are an extension of the classroom," said Kellepourey. "It's our job to teach these kids, both in the classroom and out. That's our job."

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Walk for a cure

The Crohn's & Colitis Foundation of America, Michigan Chapter (CCFA) will host its Secondad Annual Heel to Heal walk on Saturday, September 10 at Maybury State Park in Northville, Proceeds will go towards research and programming to help find a cause and cure for Crohn's

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Disease and ulcerative colitis. More than a million people throughout the United States suffer from Crohn's disease and ulcerative colitis, known collectherative colitis, known collectively as IBD. Both are painful michigan@ccfa.org. You can diseases that affect the gastroin-testinal tract, causing diarrhea, abdominal cramps, bleeding, alk. and numerous complications including bowel obstruction and colon caneer. Most IBD sufferers are young when symptoms first appear, Crohn's disease primarily afflicts adolescents and holding tryouts the last weekend young adults, with an estimated 10% (some 100,00) under the

"Our annual Heel to Heal affected by Crohn's disease and ulcerative colitis to support their loved ones," said Bernard Riker, Excentive Director of CCFA, Michigan Chapter, "The event is growing each year, helping to increase awareness and fund the research of this worthy cause."

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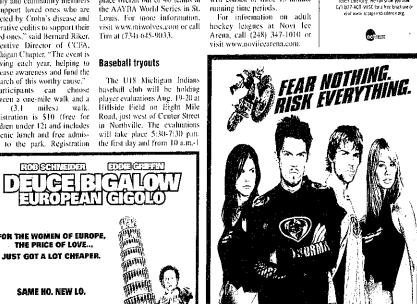
Last year more than 350 CCFA members, patients and their families faced up their walking shoes to raise more than \$66,000 for the organiza-tion's research and programming.
To register for the event, or to

call Gilda Hauser at (248) 737-0900 or e-mail also register on-line at www.cefa.kintera.org/mich/05w

Two players needed

The Michigan Wolves U14 travel baseball team will be in August. Needed are two solid players. The Michigan Wolves U13 team finished 43-6 for the 2005 season winning several walk is a great way for friends, family and community members to support loved ones who are the AAYBA World Series in St. the AAYBA World Series in St. Louis. For more information. visit www.miwolves.com or call Tim at (734) 645-9033.

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Much like the title of the haven't even stepped foot onto high school football opening day event says, Aug. 27 is going to be a big day for Northville and Novi.

The two schools will participate in the inaugural Big Day Prep Showdown, scheduled to be held at Eastern Michigan University's Rynearson Stadium, Northville will kick the day off at noon against Saline while Novi is the night cap at 7:30 p.m. against Chelsea.

"I talked to the returning kids around the time of our

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banquet and asked them if bank will be a part of the Big they'd be interested even though they'd be giving up a thome game their senior year, "Fau Zone" area. They will be said Novi héad coach Tab Kellepourey. "They were in favor of it."

Many of the current Northville and Novi — Northville — N Many of the current Northville and Novi players

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quite a few fans," Kellepourey said. "It's a pretty exciting environment." Tickets are available at all of the participating schools with advance prices at \$9 for adults. \$7 for students and free to chil-dren under age six, Tickets on "Private Club Conditions a Public Course Prices" 810.225.4498

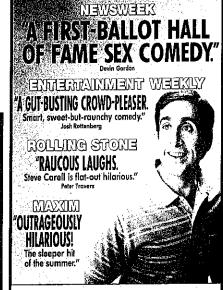
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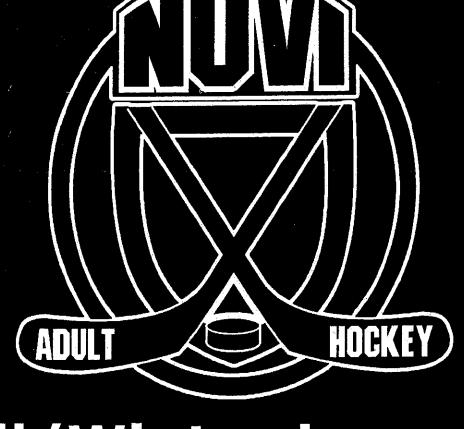


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In less than 30 days, or September 6, the United States Senate will reconvene in legisla-tive session and is scheduled to take action on the Death Tax. Which means that between now and then, those elected lawmakers who can determine the survival of small businesses are not in Washington, D.C., but are back home in their states. Small-business owners need to take this unique opportunity to meet with their senutors face-to-face to tell them to vote to repeal one of the most dangerous tax measures ever to see the light of day - the Death

Known by some as the estate tax, the Death Tax can literally mean the death of a family business. These enterprises are partie ularly vulnerable to the unfair tax because those who create small firms typically have the entire value of their business in their estate. If the owner dies, the heirs, who in a majority of cases have also contributed much of their time, energy and other resources to the building of the family business, are forced to stand back while the federal government rakes off between 45 percent and 55 percent of



Jack Faris

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family mourns the death of a loved one, the pain grows

built is threatened. The Death Tax does benefit some - mainly the accountants, lawyers or financial planners tha small-business owners have to hire for help in translating confusing and complex tax regulations, and complex tax regulations, instead of using those funds to expand and strengthen their busi-

expand and arrigated more commess and hire more employees.

Congress almost killed the
Death Tax once, but didn't quite
put small-business owners out of
their misery. It express in 2010. But unless permanently repealed, this monstrous measure is sched-uled to revive itself and come back in 2011 to haunt those who drive the nation's economy and worse, hang around to hover like the Grim Reaper over future genera-tions of owners, their heirs and

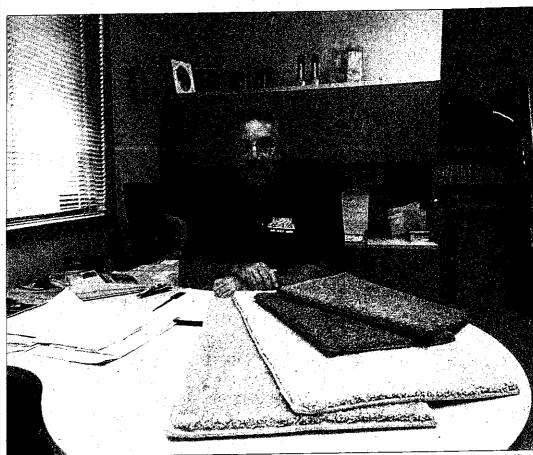
The House of Representatives, in April, voted to end the tax forever. President Bush has said he supports permanent repeal. Now it's up to the Senate, where S. 420, officially titled the Death Tax Repeal Permanency Act of 2005, is awaiting action. It already has 21 co-sponsors, so the task for smallhusiness owners before September 6 is to talk to senators who have not yet committed to repeal and tell them why it is vital that they vote to kill the Death Tax.

Chasing after a senator might mean postponing a summer vaca-tion, but by making repeal of this small-business-destroying tax a priority, American entrepreneurs will give their families something much more important and lasting. And when their hard work pays off, they can look forward to celeday in September, the Day the Death Tax Died.

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-partism organization founded non-partisan organization founded in 1943, NFIB represents the consensus views of its 600,000 mem bers in Washington, D.C., and all 50 state capitals. More informa-tion is available on-line at www.NFIB.org.

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that," he pointed out.

The personal touch is often missing when dealing with larg-er companies, but Tom Male er companies, but Tom Male feels it's essential. Dealing one on one is a big reason he prefers to operate a small business. Part of the process is getting to know

find out about their lifestyle...If they have kids, pets, even where they work, because people can bring in a lot on their shoes," he added.

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3.) Padding is a big thing, he adds. "I highly recommend going with the best pad period. It makes a big difference. It helps carpet last longer and feel better."

A.) Carpet with flecks is a great choice, its not only popular; it helps to hide dirt, wear and stains.

HANDY ADVICE FROM THE PRO

1.) Vacuum often and do a thorough job cleaning. "I always tell people when you get the vacuum out, you might as well just take the time to go over it twice.

2.) Use a quality vacuum and make sure the beater is working

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3.) Keep the garage clean. It's your first line of defense to pre-

vent dirt from tracking inside. 4.) Move the furniture around to promote even wear. "Even if

it's every six months, every three months is better."

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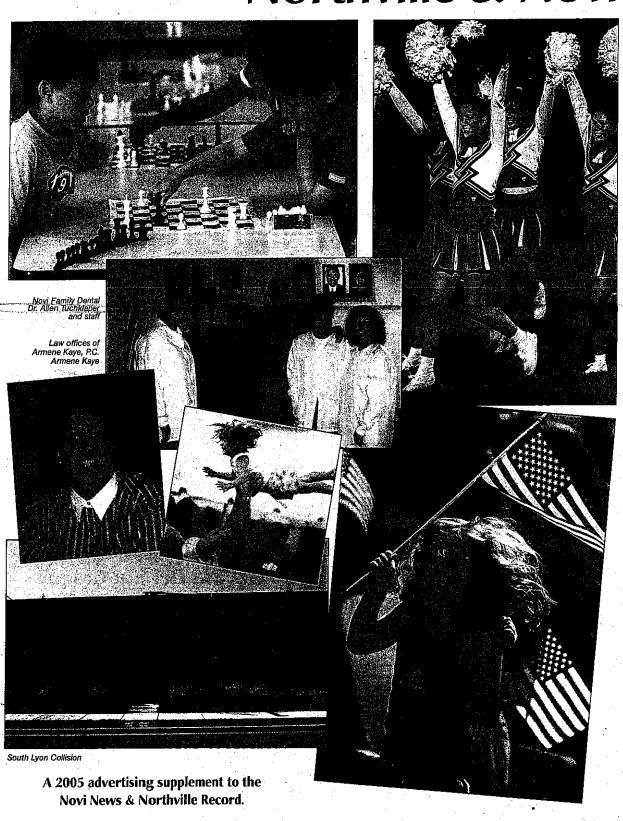
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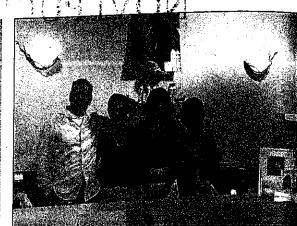


Photo by PAUL MARTI.
Salon Agape's staff includes, from left, Anthony Vitrano, Mia DiMambro, Barb
Loth and Kimberly Chenevert.

Salon Agape

(248) 735-1584 • www.salonagape.com

Salon Agape is located in the beautiful new mail on Main Street in Novi. Newly renovated and sparkling, modern and welcoming, the full-service salon is a mother-daughter ven-

Marilyn Sullins and her daughter (and coowner), Gina, started Salon Agape five years ago and they pride themselves that they only isc Aveda natural products. "Aveda is a company which uses organic, natural products which come in recyclable containers," Marilyn Sullins says. "Plus the

company is Eco-friendly,
"For instance," she continues, "the sudsing agent in their shampoo comes from a nut only found in the Amazon jungle. So as to not have that area where it grows cut down, Aveda

empowered the local people to collect these nuts and process them, making them self suffi-cient and saving the rain forest." Being an Aveda salon also gives Salon Agape staff the opportunity to attend many

advanced classes in beauty and hair care. Recently, staff member Thom Major became a Certified Great Lengths Extension Technician. Sullins says this is a unique technique to add volume, style and highlights, using 100 per-

cent real hair.

"And," she continues, "the bonds are so discreet as to be almost invisible, they don't compromise natural hair and removal is quick and painless."

and painless."

Salon Agape sports 13 designers and four spa technicians. Hair service for both men and women includes head and neck massages, hand massages and — for the ladies — makeup touch ups. The spa also provides a natural nail service.

All services are provided in a joyful, comfortable making atmosphere.

fortable, relaxing atmosphere.
For more information, stop by Salon Agape at 43155 Main St., Spite 310, in Novi, call

- By Paul Martin



Dawn Salvati, owner of La Casa Del Rio Grande, serves lunch to customers on

La Casa Del Rio Grande

(248) 446-7700 • riogrande-restaurant.com

Where can you find good food in a fun-filled family atmosphere? Look no further than Grand River Avenue in New Hudson, That's where you'll find the hugely popular La Casa
Del Rio Grande Mexican restaurant.

Not only is the food the best and freshest in the area — voted the number one Mexican food by the South Lyon Herald's People's Choice Awards - but the service and fun is unmatched, too. Owner Dawn Salvati makes it her mission to ensure that all customers, young and old, are treated to a good time as

young and told, are treated to a good arme as soon as they enter La Casa.

"We are a family restaurant where everyone is wetcome," she said.

Tuesdays and Saturdays are kid's days—kids can eat for only \$2,99. The family fun also includes monthly visits by Jannie Annie

ass includes monthly visits by ratine ranne the Clown — call the restaurant for dates.

Adults can have fun too, enjoying the daily food and drink specials. Salvati notes that there are early bird specials from 3-5 p.m. for

those who want to beat the dinnertime crowd. And speaking of crowds, she said that in order to ensure a good seat, customer can use call

ahead seating to get right in.

To enjoy the fresh food in an open-air atmosphere, Salvati recommends outdoor patio seating, something she said is very big with her customers. Indoor diners are retard to the feel of Mexico with traditional Mexican

To accompany food such as tasty Fajita Don Pedro or the Buenos Tardes Combo Platter, La Casa Del Rio Grande offers monthly beer spe

La Casa Del Rio Grande is open for lunch and dinner seven days a week. and dinner seven days a week.

For a complete listing of specials, menu items, entertainment, and a money savings online coupon, visit nogrande-restaurant.co
Then plan to start having fun!

- By John R. Hall



The staff at Kensington Motorsports, all avid riders, includes, standing Joe and Al, in front,

Kensington Motorsports (248) 446-0000 • kensingtonmotorsports.com

ensington Motorsports knows customers want to be out enjoying their motorcycle, ATV, jet ski, snowmobile, scootlowing day.

Customers who would rather visit the shower or speedboat — not

spending unnecessary time purchasing one. So, the staff at Kensington Motorsports makes purchasing vehicles as fun and easy as possible. The enjoyable experience starts with the variety of products Kensington Motorsports offers. They sell and service Yamaha, Kawasaki, Polaris, Arctic Cat and Suzuki motorcycles, dirt bikes, racting bikes, snort boats and much more

Polaris, Arctic Cat and Suzuk motorcycles, view bikes, racing bikes, sport boats and much more in their 10,000-square-foot facility.

However, customers don't have to visit the store to begin shopping. The company's Website — kensingtomotorsports.com — offers tons of information to make a decision. There were transport or print our a bruchure and comners can print out a brochure and compare vehicles side-by-side. This makes compar

ing fuel capacity, vehicle height, mechanical components and other things quick and easy.

Once the decision is made, the Web site can be used to apply for credit and delivery. Delivery can usually be arranged for the fol-

room will find the staff eager to answer any questions they make it their business to know Motorsports makes it their business to know they in the property the machine to everything there is to know about the machines they sell and service because their customers depend on them for fun. The employees are all

depend on them for furn. The emptyces are inders who are equally passionate about the sports vehicles they sell. They know how the vehicles operate and can help a customer select the one with the features they desire. The staff takes their desire to help one step further by organizing track events for customers. By learning how to drive in one of these special events, customers can safely learn these special events, customers can safely learn how to ride on the street and discover the limi-

tations of their machine.

tations of their machine.

Kensington Motorsports also offers special financing with payments starting as low as \$20 a month — even for customers who have lessthan-perfect credit,

than-perfect credit.

Once the sale is complete, customers can enjoy their new watercraft, motorcycle or dirt bike knowing they can return to Kensington Motorsports at any time for quality service whenever they need it.

The service and repair department can work on any make or model product in the four bays located in the 3,300-square-foot service department.

ment.
All of the mechanics are factory trained and And the includance of certified to care for electrical diagnostics and engine repairs. Through ongoing training and education, the mechanics have received Five

Star Yamaha Certification. And, if all of that isn't enough, Kensington Motorsports also offers longer hours than most retailers. They are open from 9 a.in. to 8 p.m.

Monday, 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. Tuesday through Friday, and 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday to make it easier for customers to visit.

By removing all of the obstacles from sales and service, Kensington Motorsports makes buying or repairing a recreational vehicle nearly as fun as riding one.

As a way of thanking the local area for the business they have given Kensington Motorsports over the years, the company gets involved with many charitable events. In fact, they recently held a bike wash with proceeds going to the Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Poundation. The event attracted 100 bikers from all over southeast Michigan.

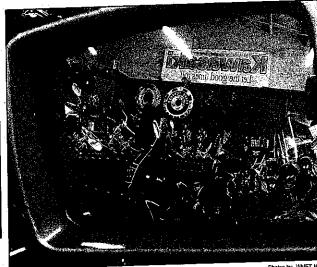
Foundation. The event address of the form all over southeast Michigan.

Kensington Motorsports is located at 56605
Pontiac Trail, just north of the Milford Road exit and 1-96 — 15 minutes from Brighton,
Wixom and Novi and 25 minutes from Wixom and Novi and 25 minutes from Farmington Hills and Northville, Stop by today.

- By Candy Spiege



At right, the reflection in a motorcycle's rearview mirror shows a small sam-pling of bikes and accessories available at Kensington Motorsports. Above, dirt bikes make up neat rows in the showroom.



Photos by JANET HALL

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Novi Fine Wines & Liquors (248) 349-9690

ho would hop in a taxi in Grand Rapids and ride across state to Novi to purchase some rare fine wines? Customers of Nov Fine Wines & Liquors who couldn't find their favorites anywhere else in Michigan, that's who. And that's why this popular

store on Ten Mile just west of Novi Road is becoming more popular with wine and liquor connoisseurs.

Owner Andy Nofar is keeping very busy

these days working the floor and helping customers choose just the right wine or liquor for their own use or for parties and celebrations. Nofar emphasizes customer service and knows many of his regulars by



Owner Andy Nofar, left, shows a special wine to a customer.

name.
"People like how they are treated here,"
he added. "We help them one-on-one
rather than just being a sales clerk."

Nofar is especially proud of his wine selections, which can start as low as \$5 a bottle and up to \$1,000 for the high-end variety. The store sells wines from all over the country and the world, including vineyards in California, Michigan, Georgia, Canada, Italy, Australia and Japan. Nofar said he has access to the higher-end wines because of the store's high sales volume,

which enhances his buying power,
"There are a lot of other stores in the
area but they don't specialize like we do," he explained

he explained.

Besides the reputation for its large variety of wines, Novi Fine Wines & Liquors is also noted for its low, competitive pricing on all of its liquor. "We seel liquor for minimum price levels allowed by the State of Michigan," Nofar said. "Profits are lower but we choose to keep prices low for our entemers."

our customers."

Nofar is still in the process of remodelwell as his Pizza Marvelous food business (see related story). He laughs when he mentions the liquor inventory right now. "I don't have room behind the counter so a tool i have room beautiful the counter so a lot of the liquor is displayed on the floor shelves," he said.

Besides the walk-in traffic, many other

customers have benefited from the store's selection and service. Nofar and his staff have supplied many weddings, graduatio parties, and company parties with wines

and liquors. He said that a lot of high-profile professional athletes stop in to visit when they are in town because they know they'll find exactly what they want. He mentioned that he keeps a lot of

empty boxes around for customers pur-chasing multiple items and added, "I will give customers case discount pricing." Besides liquor and wine, the store sells a

large selection of cigars and tobacco prod-ucts, snacks, and non-alcoholic beverages. The store is also a Michigan Lottery

agent.

And if a customer can't find what he or she wants, Nofar will be surprised, but will make every effort to find the desired produced by the surprise recognition. uct. That's probably a main reason why Novi Fine Wines & Liquors is a Novi News People Choice award winner for its

selection and service.

"I'll do my best to get what I can for my customers as long as the State of Michigan allows me to make the purchases," Nofar

added.

Nofar often attends wine tastings to keep abreast of what wines are available. Nofar is a wine connoisseur and appreciales a good Cabernet or a blended wine. He said that his customers don't show any certain preference although red wine remains the most popular. He does attend some wine

most popular. He does attend some winc and liquor shows when he can tear himself away from the store. Novi Fine Wines & Liquors, located at 43340 W. Ten Mile, is open 10 a.m. to 11 p.m. Monday through Thursday, 10 a.m. to 12 a.m. Friday and Saturday and 12 p.m. to 10 p.m. Sunday.



Pizza Marvelous (248) 348-1000





Andy Nofar takes special care to prepare and serve the freshest and best tasting food at Pizza Marvelous.

is important to begin with fresh ingredients and end with special sauces to top off the selections. In Nofar's case, he is very proud of his barbecued ribs, not only because they fall off the bone and can be eaten with a fork, but because of the sauce.

"The barbecue sauce is unbelievable," he added added.
Nofar suggested that people interested in Pizza Marvelous catering call his shop a couple of days ahead of time and let Nofar

and his staff handle the rest. They can

Marvelous.
"Customers come in and see a lot of smil-

"Customers come in and see a lot of smil-ing faces," he noted. "They can come in and watch us hand-toss the dough.
"One little girl gave our food 2,000 thumbs up, while another asked his dad to order from Pizza Marvelous the next time they planned a pizza dinner," Nofar said.
The food is masterfully prepared by Nofar and certified chef Justin Awdish, who recently returned to the U.S. after a tour of duty in and certified the Just after a four of duty in Iraq. Awdish said he plans to expand the menu soon to include specialty pizzas and

menu soon to include speciarly plazas men fish.

To honor Awdish' service to the U.S. and to all U.S. military personnel, Nofar is ask-ing customers to come in and say hello. Anyone mentioning this article will automatically receive 10 percent off their food order. Seniors and military personnel automatically get 10 percent off their bill.

get 10 percent on their bill.

Nofar will take the customer service experience one step further. He will walk a few feet into his wine and liquor department and recommend what wine goes best with the food ment items.

Food menu items.
Food delivery is available to Novi and surrounding areas. Novi residents do not pay a delivery fee. Customers can also order between the teliography with wine, liquor and pop to be delivered with their food order.

Pizza Marvelous is located at 43340 W. Ten Mile Road, in Novi. Hours of operation are 11 a.m. to 11 p.m. Monday through Thursday, 11 a.m. to midnight Friday and Saturday and noon to 10 p.m. Sunday.

- By John R. Hall







ears ago when the phone was invented you had one model to choose from, a crank (no buttons and one service provider — Alexander Graham Bell. Compare that today and your head will spin with all the options available: Motorola, Siemans, Nokia, Samsung, Verizon, T-Mobile,

Nextel Sprint.





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With a straightforward and honest approach, Jim Soghi runs Jim Soghi Renovations from New Hudson, a complete renovation business for kitchens, bathrooms, recreation rooms, addi-

tions and more.

Jim says simply there is no other way to relate with customers, his crews or suppliers "I have to be honest and up front and realistic with customers, whether the news is good or bad," Jim said, "If you get it out up front

nobody is going to be mad with you."

He is proud of the fact that his business has He is proud of the last that this bothesis that steadily grown since its start-up 16 years ago, even through a sluggish economy. During that time, Jim has grown a favorable reputation with a number of prominent community members, many who have been his customers and contin-ue to refer others — a testimony to Jim's quali-ty as a person and professional businessman.

Although he doesn't often swing a hammer on job sites, Jim does all the planning, design work, selling and organizing to get jobs done in a reasonable time frame with quality. By paying attention to all of these details he reduces mistakes and helps the business run like a well-

Jim loves the satisfaction that renovation work brings him, like transforming a space that is run down into something of value. "I enjoy the challenge of a tough job," he

said. "I have made condemned houses into sal able properties." Years of experience make Jim's work effec-

tive. He can offer options seldom considered by homeowners and he knows what kinds of design work. Jim will sit down with customers to go over their ideas, needs and lifestyle. He combines this with his own ideas and experi-ence to put together initial drawings; then works to tweak them until the customer is completely satisfied. His goal is to create designs that are the most functional, aesthetic and eco-nomical, while using all space to its maximum.

In tight spots, I'm likes getting creative to meet a customer's needs and discover solutions where the first response might have been "You want to fit what where?" His No. 1 focus is to meet a customer's needs while adding value to

their home.

"Value is huge," Jim says. "It's not what you have when wou're done." spend, but what you have when you're done. - By Scott Runyon



South Lyon Collision offers state-of-the-art facilities and people who care.

South Lyon Collision

(248) 437-6100 · www.southlyoncollision.net

Gary and Maureen Fagin, owners of South Lyon Collision, started their business in South Lyon because they love the small town atmosphere and saw great potential for growth. South Lyon didn't let them down.

Starting with 3,500 square feet, when they opened, some 20 years ago, South Lyon Collision now boasts more than 13,000 square Collision now boasts more than 13,000 square feet. The expansion has helped reduce the time a vehicle will need to be in for repairs. They also added a comfortable reception and waiting area for customers during their most recent remodeling. Because of all of their hard work, South Lyon Collision was awarded the South Lyon Chamber of Commerce Beautification Award in 2002.

"I really enjoy being here. I enjoy the poople of South Lyon and working with them one-on-one," Gary said.

Gary has help with the operation from his manger, John Phillips, with whom he works closely to provide an extraordinary level of

closely to provide an extraordinary level of

customer service. In most cases you will not need to wait for the insurance adjuster to come to inspect your vehicle and approve your

With their computerized paint matching system and their expert painters, South Lyon Collision can exactly match new paint to the original color of the car, even if it has been ided by the elements.

South Lyon Collision is a Class A facility

South Lyon Collision is a Class A facility licensed by the government, certified by the Automotive Service Council and a member of I-Car. All repairs are completed by certified technicians and backed by a written warranty. "We serve our customers with quality and promptness. It is a competitive market but if you stick with your work and put out quality workmanship, you get repeat business." Fagin said.

South Lyon Collision is located at 150 E. McHattie, between Reynolds Sweet Parkway and Ten Mile in South Lyon.



Marilyn Grech, left, and owner Karen Bartley Slack are eager to launch a Web

Traditions Ltd.

(248) 349-0199 www.traditionsstyle.com

After 18 years in two downtown Northville locations, Karen Bardey Slack, owner of Traditions Ltd., was ready for one more move—not across country or even across town, just

across the street.

"We started out there," she says, pointing directly out her front window in the heart of Northville. Now, she is gathering up her array Northwite. Now, see is gathering of his more decorating goods and gifts and moving "across and up the street" to 149 N. Center St., in Old Church Square, previously housing Memories by Stampeddler.

"With the additional space, we will be able.

to carry more upholstered furniture, rugs and other home accessories," Slack explains, "which we are really excited about."

In addition to JM Paquet upholstered furni-

ure, traditions Ltd. now carries Lee Industries lines. "Lee offers hundreds of beautiful fabrics and leathers for sofas, loveseats, sleepers, din-ing chairs, recliners and even headboards," says Slack.

The store stocks a plethorn of timeless styles, but the fall and winter holidays receive special attention. Regular customers know the shop has earned a reputation for its lovely hol-

shop has earned a reputation for its fevery business grant and the state of the sta men's tree. Traditions Ltd. is an annual participant in

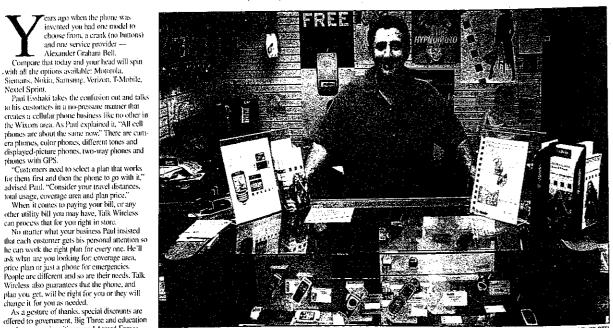
the Northville Community Foundation Home Tour and the Festival of Trees that benefits Children's Hospital of Michigan, both held in November. Traditions Ltd. is open 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Monday through Friday, 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. Thursday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday and noon to 4 p.m. Sunday.

— Ву Johnna Retti

Talk Wireless

(248) 668-0006



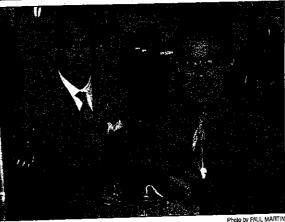
Paul Esshaki, owner of Talk Wireless in Wixom, will dial you in on a perfect plan. Talk Wireless also carries cases, power adapters, hands-free adapters and other according

walk in the door. When you visit Talk Wireless in Wixom Paul will be there to greet you. Wixom for the past 4 years Paul, the phone guy, as he's come to be called, is excited about the Phones have merged with data services, or Web-based applications, and you can get your eprogress Wixom has made and it has convinced L send instant messages and surf the Web all essential for business people on the go. Being in and welcome new customers for years to come.

Talk Wireless offers a full range of wireless phones, service plans and bill-paying service.

Years of service and personal attention are the key differentiators that separat Wixom from the other shops. rentiators that separate Talk Wireless in

Talk Wireless is located at 49130 Pontiac Trail, in Wixom. The store is open from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Monday through Friday and from 10



Barry Kahn, left, sits with partner Matteo, who is at the sewing machine

B. Michael Kahn Custom Clothier

(248) 496-0011

Barry Kahn is a fourth generation tai-lor. His great-grandfather used to travel around the countryside on horseback repairing farmer's ciothes Kahn carries on the family tradition

(by car, now) with personal, one-on-one, consultations with customers.

"For instance," Kahn said, "I just

came from a customer who is a 50-regular, which is not a tough fit, and he went to a couple of stores and could not find

I ended up finding him something, made the call and it will be delivered

made the call and it will be delivered within a week."
"I will then go back to the customer and fit him," Kahn continued. "He'll try the suit on at his home, I'll mark it and then bring it back to my partner, Matteo, who will put all the finishing touches to it."

Matteo has been a master tailor for

many years. Following a five-year apprenticeship in his home town in Sicily, he came to America and worked

Ricity, he came to Attertica and worker making suits for Hickey-Freeman.

It was 20 years ago that he settled into the seat at his sewing machine in Lathrup Village and partnership with Kahn.

"What's really made my business a set of the settle seat the seat of the seat

hit." Kahn said, "is that it is really convenient for the consumer. And I'm able to get a better understanding of their needs — going to their home or office — than if they go into a store."

"It's not rocket science," Kahn stressed. "It's just old-fashioned service."
For custom-made clothing and alter-

For custom-made clothing and alter ations created with personal attention in

a private atmosphere, Kahn can be reached at (248) 496-0011 or b.m.k@sbcglobal.net.

- By Paul Martin



John Bullington, left, Amber Young and owner Doug Lyon assist with insurance needs for your home, auto and life at C. Harold Bloom insurance in Northville.

Harold Bloom Insurance

(248) 349-1252

Community roots run strong and deep for to the story of the story and the story of t

Northville, the agency has been providing insurance services to the community since 1927. While Northville's downtown has ing times, the agency has steadfastly held to the same storefront for nearly 80 years. evolved over the years to reflect t

"We feel very strongly about this com-munity," says Doug Lyon, a fifth-generation Northville resident. "It's rewarding to be e to work among friends and neighbors.

The agency is active in the Northville Chamber of Commerce and sponsors several scholarships to Schoolcraft College where Lyon serves as an assistant coach for

C. Harold Bloom is an independent

agency offering auto, home and life insuragency orducts from various companies.

"Mainly, we work with the Auto-Owners
Insurance Group," Lyon notes.

Four agents and three customer service

representatives staff the office to provide riendly service and expert advice.

"Reviewing your policies periodically is key to knowing you have the right amount of coverage," Lyon says. "We pride our-

selves on meeting our customers' individua The agency's clients have taken notice.

Northville Record readers honored C. Harold Bloom Insurance as the People's Choice for Best Insurance Agent (Agency)

in 2004 and 2005.

C. Harold Bloom Insurance in located at 108 W. Main St., in Northville, Hours are 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday. The office is closed daily from noon to 1 p.m.

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Bistro 127

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the big news at Bistro 127 on 127 E. Lake St., South Lyon, is that there are now even more reasons to visit this restaurant.

Owners Don Waldenmayer and Mark Coffey

have expanded this popular entery by buying and remodeling the old auto parts building next door. The addition added 80 seats, effectively doubling the size of the restaurant.

Affordable, comfortable dining
The responsibility for preparing the food lies
on the shoulders of Chef John Evans. Evans

on the shoulders of Chef John Evans, Evans brings a lot of experience to Bistro 127, having spent 20 years in the Chuck Muer organization and another eight with Roman Terrace. "We don't try to be fine dining," added Evans, "We offer the best quality and freshest ingredients, which include Michigan lake fish." While the atmosphere may fit that of a fine dining establishment, the menu prices certainly don't. Bistro 127 offers 10 different menu terrs for \$10 or less Each entree includes

items for \$10 or less. Each entree includes soup, salad, appetizer, entree and dessert. Customers can select from seafood, pasta and steak entrées. This incredible deal is valid every day of the week.

Other specials a Sunday morning all-you-can-eat brunch and lunch buffet. Bistro 127 also offers a unique e-mail club.

Members can visit www.theEmailClub.com/bistrosouthlyon_to sign up for exclusive savings on meals.

Wine Shoppe

The expansion also opened the door for adding more wine selections to the menu and more scats for the weekly "Wednesday Night

Wine Tasting."

The popular event draws large crowds to Bistro 127, a fact Waldenmayer and Coffey are very proud of. For \$20 per person, wine lovers can sample four to six different wines and

can sample four to six different which am appetizes.

"We pair up the wines with food items to give our customers an idea of what tastes best with each food item." Waldenmayer said. "And what sets us apart is the quality of the food that is paired with the wines."

Suzame LaLonde, the wine consultant for

is paired with the wines."

Suzanne LaLonde, the wine consultant for the Bistro, started Wednesday Wine Tastings in January. It started with seven people and has grown to 60-70 loyal wine lovers. "We always have noom for new customers," LaLonde said." I research wines to bring customers the highest quality wines at the best prices. Through the Internet I can travel the world to find amazing wines under \$20." LaLonde said. "If there is a wine you are looking for or questions on any wine or food pairing, feel free to call the Bistro Wine Shop and ask for Suzanne."

Suzane."

And while delicious, fresh food is enough to bring in customers, it is the selection and pricing of over 100 wines that makes Waldenmayer and Coffey very boasful. Lal.onde has added a wine shop with a selection of 127 wines for \$20 or less.

These wines are rated high by wine publica-



Chef John Evans shows off Bistro 127's expanded Wine Shoppe. Bistro 127 now offers inexpensive, quality wines, as well as unique choices. Wine tasting events, guest speakers and even storage bins to hold customers' own selections are now available.

tions because of their quality. It isn't easy to find so many good bottles of wine in one place for under \$20."

nor unioer 32.0. Many of the wines served at Bistro 127 are from unique vineyards from around the world. LaLonde often invites representatives from wineries to speak with customers. Renown Napa Valley winery owner Lisa Peju recently visited Bistro 127.

Another unique feature of the restaurant is its ability to store wines for customers. Coffey said customers can use bins in the restaurant to store their wines. When they arrive for meals, they can select their own wines to accompany their food.

Catering
Waldenmayer and Coffey purchased the
Fabulous Foods catering company in Ann
Arbor so Bistro 127 can cater wedding showers, graduations, birthday parties and more out of both locations

The restaurant recently fed breakfast to the entire South Lyon High School senior class



Whether looking for an affordable family dinner or a romantic evening out, Bistro 127 is the perfect place to dine.

Submitted Photos

and sends 100 meals each day to Conway and sends 100 meats each day to Conway Transportation's training program. Corporate accounts like Domino's Farms Board of Directors and the University of Michigan count on Bistro 127 food and service.

South Lyon Theater Waldenmayer also owns the historic South Lyon Theater, which is located across the street from Bistro 127.

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Dinner and movie packages, especially those targeting families, are popular.

"Every time we run a G-rated movie the place is packed," Waldenmayer said. "Other movies don't have the same draw in this town."

The historic theater is undergoing remodeling remodeling remodeling of the original 1945.

The historic theater is undergoing remodeling, including renovation of the original 1945 marquee. The stage has been refurbished, a new retractable screen has been installed, the electrical has been upgraded and digital onscreen advertising has been added. Upcoming renovations will include a new facade, new seating, new heating, ventilation

and cooling systems.

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Waldenmayer and Coffey encourage customers to visit their award-winning renovated building soon. Bistro 127 is located at 127 Lake St., in South Lyon, The restaurant is open from I 1 a.m. to 10 p.m. Monday through Thursday, 11 a.m. to 11 p.m. Friday and Saturday, and from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Sunday. Waldenmayer noted, "The way to compete is to be unique."

Bistro 127 is definitely all that. Waldenmayer and Coffey encourage cus-



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Denny Stima stands amidst a huge showroom of medical equipment — ready to serve the health needs of Livingston County area residents.

Masters Medical Supply (517) 548-3800 • (800) 286-9989 toll free

Imagine the excitement of more than doubling your showroom and office space. That's exactly what Denny and Laurie Stima of Masters Medical Supply did when they moved last December to their new location at 6480 Grand River Ave., in Brighton—across from Bordine's Nursery

location at 4480 Grand River Ave., in Brighton — across from Bordine's Nursery. "It's amazing how much more room we have to display and demonstrate our equipment since we've moved up to 2,500 square feet," Denny said.

Denny works on the maintenance/repair end of the medical equipment business with his right. Largie Largie bandles customer.

white his wife, Laurie, handles customer service and office responsibilities.

Laurie is thrilled with her 25-foot-long service counter and the new fireplace, which provides a warm, cozy atmosphere within the store.

Scooters, hospital bcds, wheelchairs, braces, lift chairs, walkers, bathroom safety supplies, ramps, Freestyle diabetic supplies

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and more make up the huge inventory of products that Masters Medical Supply can provide to people in need of specialized equipment. Customers can also order items from catalogs — often receiving them the

next day.

Denny will often meet with customers in their homes, allowing them a chance to try out equipment in comfortable surround-

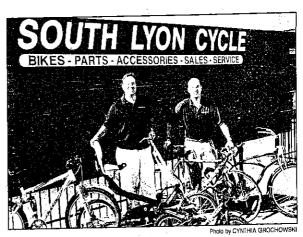
ings.
Gayle Kucharski, a certified fitter, is on staff to fit braces, supports and compres

sion hose.

"We have an excellent rapport with our senior citizens," Denny said. "It's because we truly enjoy helping them take care of their health needs

Masters Medical Supply is located at 6480 Grand River Ave., and is open from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday, or by appointment.

- By Sally Ri



Quality bikes, one-day repair service, tune-ups and more are available at South Lyon Cycle. The store is just minutes from Novi and Northville.

South Lyon Cycle

(248) 437-0500

As the owners and operators of South Lyon Cycle, the Childs brothers are

Lyon Cycle, the Childs brothers are devoted to bikes.

South Lyon Cycle stocks a large selection of bicycles at great values — including hard-to-find women's, children's and comfort models. Mountain, Comfort, Hybrid, Road, Cruiser, Recumbent, BMX, Freestyle and Juvenile bicycles from top brands including Trek, Giant, Haro, Electra and Townie are offered with expert assembly of all bikes. Bikes

Haro, Electra and Townie are offered with expert assembly of all bikes. Bikes are offered in a variety of sizes including 12-inch, 16-inch, 20-inch and 24-inch wheel bikes for children, as well as adult models. Customers are sold a bike that models. Customers are son a line that meets their needs with proper fit for comfort and safety emphasized. Helmets are recommended and correct sizing and it for safety and comfort is free. South Lyon Cycle offers an extensive parts inventory and popular accessories

— including trailers, pedal trailers, child carriers, bike carriers, and women's and men's gel comfort saddles. One-day repair service is available on all brands. Tune-ups are a specially for better performance and safety of any hike.

better performance and savey of any bike.

South Lyon Cycle sponsors two charitable bicycle events — The American Diabetes Association Tour de Cure and The Multiple Sclerosis Society MS 150.

South Lyon Cycle is located in downtown South Lyon at 209 S. Lafayette (Pontiae Trail), two blocks south of Ten Mile — minutes from Island Lake State Pagrention Area, Kensington Metropark. Recreation Area, Kensington Metropark, Maybury State Park, the Huron Valley Trail System and South Lyon's Rail

Hours are 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Monday through Friday, and 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturday.



Rachel Goss, left, and part-owner and manager Danielle Garber, right, answer Lana Portwood's bead-selection questions.

Brighton Beads and More

(810) 844-0066 • www.brightonbeadsandmore.com

If you haven't visited Brighton Beads

It you haven't visited Brighton Beads and More yet, prepare to be impressed. They offer a lot more than you might expect. Yes, they have beads in every shape and color you can imagine. They also sell supplies for cast glass, fused glass, metal smithing, precious metals, cluy, and again, more. Examples of classes are glass bead mak-

ing, wire weaving, stone setting, crocheting with beads and silver smithing. Some classes are taught by staff and others by visiting artists. These are not your run-of-the-mill cookie-cutter classes

cookie-cutter classes.
In July and Angust, Cindy Moore will
come from Arizona to teach metal smithing
and metal weaving, currently hot topics.
J. Fred Woell, an internationally known

metalsmith, will share his expertise in

The mixed media attracts a broad range of customers with different interests and

abilities. Beginners can get the direction they need and professional artists can increase their material knowledge.
Visitors will notice a comfortable atmosphere where the comfortable atmosphere wh phere where staff imparts an at home feel. It is a place meet other people, have fun

and nurture oneself.

This caring attitude extends to communities caring attitude extends to communities of years. employees have participated in the Zoo ndation, through which they offer Art

for Fun projects to hospital patients.

Explore your artistic side in new ways and head over to Brighton Beads and More, located at 9850 E. Grand River Ave., near US-23, in Brighton. Come by yourself or bring a friend. You won't be disappointed.

Store hours are 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday and Saturday, 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. Thursday, and noon to 4 p.m. Sunday.

- By Karen Wisinski



Photo by JOHNNA RETTIG

Elegant treasures abound in Elizabeth's Bridal Manor, which is nestled in a charming, historical setting in Northville.

Elizabeth's Bridal Manor

(248) 348-2783 • www.elizabethsbridal.com

The exterior blends with Northville's

The exterior blends with Northville's quaint Victorian past, but once you cross the threshold to Elizabeth's Bridal Manor, you'll find everything to suit today's modern bride and much more.

Follow the steps up a curved staircase to champagne-colored splendor. Billowing drapery and upholstery in muted tones set an opulent, dream-like scene of elegant sophistication. istication

sophistication.
"I wanted to create a beautiful fantasy from another world," says owner Elizabeth Clancy. "All brides should feel pecial. A cold, typical retail space with lots of metal and signage wasn't going to

be right." Eighteen years in the bridal business gives Clancy a wide knowledge base and a host of industry contacts to provide her brides with just the right gowns and

accessories We are the exclusive Michigan salon

for Priscilla of Boston and Jenny Lee lines," she notes. "We have many dresses that cannot be found anywhere else, locally or statewide.

ly or statewide."
Consultations are by appointment only,
"We want to be able to give a bride the
attention that she deserves," Clancy says,
"Our reputation for quality service is
well-earned and brings in customers from setzo airea and out of state.

Elizabeth's also features a vast selection of stylish gowns for bridesmaids, flower girls, and mothers of the bride and groom.

Bridal gown preservation services are so offered. Elizabeth's Bridal Manor is located at Elizabeth's Bridal Manor is located at 402 S. Main St., in Northville. Hours are 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. Monday, Wednesday and Thursday; 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday; 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saurday and an oon to 5 p.m. Sunday during the winter months.



Amy Smith is pleased to operate her own interior-design business, Amy Smith Design, LLC, in South Lyon.

Amy Smith Design, LLC

(248) 921-5234

Wondering how to choose an interior designer?
Choose one with qualifications

That's the advice Amy Smith gives as she sits in front of concept boards and she sits in front of concept boards and sample boards from a few of her residential and commercial design projects. Smith, with a degree in interior design from Eastern Michigan University, serves as both owner of her own business, Amy Smith Design, I.I.C. in Secuti Lyon, and as interior designer to Three Chairs Co., a contemporary home-furnishing store in

Ann Arbor.
"What's important for me," Smith says, "is enhancing spaces to create uniquely personalized environments for my

Smith has a four-year degree in design and experience in both residential and commercial design. She focused on com-mercial design for five years before start-

ing her own business two and a half years ago. She is concentrating mostly on residential design, but would like to take on smaller commercial jobs as well.

Smith is reveling in the variety of work coming her way. Space planning, fubric and fixible sobotions, custom furniture.

and finish selections, custom furniture, remodeling, lighting, window treatments and paint consultations are just some of the services Amy Smith Design can pro-

"I can work with clients from just a "I can work with clients from just a one-hour consultation to those interested in full-scale design services — including alt the drawings necessary." Smith says.

Currently working mostly between Ann Arbor and Birmingham, Smith would like to expand ber client base in South Lyon, as well as in Novi and Northville.

Amy Smith Design, LLC., can be contacted at (248) 921-5234 or, by e-mail, at amysmithdesign@earthfink.net.



Photo by SCOTT RUNYON

Perfect Floors offers a wide variety of flooring, including hardwood, carpet, laminate, vinyl and area rugs, as well as ceramic and porcelain tile.

Perfect Floors

(248) 437-2838

Developing relationships with his customers and winning their trust is very important to Ron Williams, owner of Perfect Floors in South Lyon.

"I try to spend quality time with custo

"I try to spend quality time with customers in the showroom so that they are comfortable," he said.

Perfect Floors is a family business run by time brothers, John, Michael and Ron Williams. They total more than 80 years of experience in the flooring business, and have also run the original Perfect Floors location in Rochester Hills since 1995. They offer a broad selection of flooring, including hardwood, carselection of flooring, including hardwood, car-pet, laminate, vinyl and area rugs, as well as ceramic and porcelain tile. Ron cares about each of his customers.

"That is just how he is," said Dawn Grabinski, who has worked with him since 2004. He is a truly generous person who is involved in the community as a sponsor for area high school and middle school sports programs as well as participating in many community events like the recent DARE golf tournament." Since purchasing the South Lyon location,

Ron has expanded the store to fill out the product lines. Recently, he added a quality line of ceramic and porcelain tile.

We do 100 percent from start to finish," he said, "from selling to installation and follow

up."
This is standard business for Ron who has his own full time crew of installers, each with

his own full time crew of installers, each with more than 10 years of experience.

Perfect Floors will match or beat any offer, guaranteed! Stop by Perfect Floors, located at 1946 Pontiac Trail, in South Lyon. The stor is open from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday, 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. Thursday, and 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday. After Labor Day, the store will be open for additional evening hours.

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of Bell's Landscape ye have to think out of the flowerbox. Bell's deliv ers more servic es, more cre-

ativity and more customer satis-faction than any other in the business. Some of the outstand-ing services you can expect from Bell's include

nearly every aspect of your home or busi-ness landscape, including landscape designs, decks, gazebos, brick-paver walks and patios, landscape lighting, retaining walls, sod, hydro-seeding, sprinklers and

much more Business owners can turn to Bell's for Business owners can turn to Bell's for those and additional services, including parking lot sweeping, tree and shrub prun-ing, spring and fall cleanups and snow removal. As their ad says, "Complete ground maintenance services." Owner Mike Bell applies his 30 years of experience and personal pride to each

experience and personal pride to each project his company is awarded. Recognizing his creativity, functionality, quality of plants and original designs over the years, the Michigan Green Industry Association has bestowed Bell's Landscape with seven plaques of com-memoration. A good reason for this is that the Bell's Landscaping crew of nearly 20 workers, not subcontractors, will go to a job site and work until it is completed using the best in class materials and plants.

Customers appreciate that consistency. Their constant referral business back to



Bell's Landscaping validates their satisfaction. "About 70 percent of our business

"About 70 percent of our business comes from our customers sending us referrals," noted Mike.

Some clients have a history of business lasting more than 25 years, Customer satisfaction and loyalty starts the moment you call the office to make an appointment with the sales staff. Bell's makes sure you are happy by offering a one-year warranty on most projects. They check

each project six months after completion and then return on the one-year anniversary to give a final walk-through.

"Your land-scaping is like the icing on a cake," Mike added, "do your homework and make a 10-year projection plan. If you don't, you will be unhappy and possibly pulling plants in a few years. A good design keeps that from happening."

few years. A good-happening."
When you get a landscape design, which acts as a blueprint for the project, you'll have the peace of mind knowing the right plants were chosen for your living conditions, the colors and blooms will act your exterior year round, the

amount of maintenance required will be

Renovations and walls, paver walks and gardens and ornate patios are just some of the things Bell's Landscape can add to your home or business.

amount of maintenance required will be explained and agreed upon and the price will never be a surprise.

As a caution Mike added, "Be careful when comparing landscape bids. Plant size and the number of plants can alter the price of a project."

The lesson here is to remember that when you compare hids and the prices.

when you compare bids and the p make sure they are exactly identical including materials, type and number of plants. As Mike put it, when the job is all done, "Did the company meet your expectations?

Bell's Landscaping will, and is counting on it, because they want your referral business. Call their office at (248) 486-0960 from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday or visit www.bellsland-scape com

— By Michael J. Pilotti



The staff at Auction-it TODAY will give your ebay listing a professional look, Pictured, from left, are Bradley Duane, Jon Bell, Evan Kaltschmidt, Kiersten Isgrigg, Dave Bryant and Scott Hoose.

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need to seat, but no intent to list it on ebay? Then take it over to Auction-it TODAY, and let them do the work of researching, writing, photographing, packaging and shipping! It takes the average person 1.9 hours to list an item on eBay. For most people, that's a lot of hassle they can do without.

Auction-it TODAY is a drop-off store where sellers take in items to be sold on eBay. Experienced staff takes it from there, working hard to get you the maximum value possible for each item sold.

The listing service benefits buyers as well as sellers. The professional ad design and inclusion of the store's phone number lends credibility to listings. Combine that with excellent cbay feedback, and buyers feed confident when purchasing from Auction-it



Jon Bell helped sell this guitar for an Auction-it TODAY customer.

Auction-it TODAY will sell just about anything, big or small. Even very large items, such as automobiles and even helicopters are

such as automobiles and even neuropiets are handled frequently and efficiently. If your item cannot be transported to the store, staff members will travel to it. Once it is sold, they will arrange for shipping without you lifting a finger. Ordinary and extraordinary items have been sold through Auction-it TODAY on Bay.

Airplane Ambulance Antiques 10 Beauty Salon Stations Bulldozer Computer routers 1972 Custom Corvette Die-cast cars Foosball Tables

Helicopter Mannequins Motorcycles

Tiffany Ring
Already the largest eBay drop-off store in
Michigan since opening in Brighton in
December 2004, Auction-it TODAY's goal is,
to be the nation's leader by January 2006.
Franchises are opening regularly from coast to coast, and international expansion is on the

to coast, and international expansion is of un-horizon in Canada and potentially Australia. In addition to providing eBay listing servic-es to the public, the business community can use Auction-it TODAY to get rid of items tak-ing up valuable space. Bulk lots, overstocks.

ing up valuable space. Bulk lots, oversitots, returns, last-season items and liquidations are processed quickly by Auction-it TODAY. Auction-it TODAY provides a new spin on fund-naising for community organizations. Everyone has stuff they can sell on ebay. Rather than asking people to buy things, organizations can ask people to donate items for ebay. Then Auction-it TODAY will handle the set of all or ston in to find out more.

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Cleaning out your garage has never been easier with Auction-it TODAY, located at 9864 E. Grand River Ave., Suite 150, two

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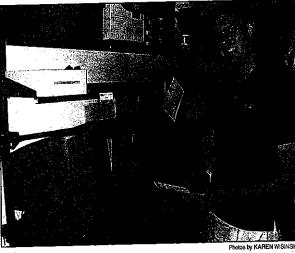
- Take your item to the store. Staff will inspect it and give you the approximate value of the item. Pick-up service is available for large items. No item is too large.
- 2. Auction-it TODAY takes professional photos of your item and designs a customized
- Once sold, Auction-it TODAY processes the payment securely, and takes out the appropriate percentage for Auction-it TODAY.
- 4. Professional packaging and shipping is included in the service.

5. You receive a check for the proceeds.

doors down from the Secretary of State in doors down from the Section of State in Brighton. The store is conveniently open from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Monday through Friday and from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday. Want to own a franchise without investing in inventory? Reach over 150 million poten-

tial buyers in over 150 countries. Auction-it TODAY offers excellent pre-opening and ongoing support. For more information, call toll free (866) 216-3666 or send an e-mail to franchise@auction-ittoday.com.

— By Karen Wisinski



Evan Kaltschmidt ships carefully packaged merchandise all over the world.

Davis Auto Care

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Davis Auto Care celebrates its 25th No. 1 in the Northville Record's People's

How it all began It all started with Jim Davis and a vision. His vision involved making auto repair as easy as possible for his customers in a ssafree retaxed environment. Today, Davis Auto Care provides customers with convenient automotive repairs and services that make his company a one-stop, auto-

In 1979, he set up shop in what was then the Boron Gasoline Station at Eight Mile and Taft roads. Since the early days back in his two-bay gas station, Jim Davis has offered a level of technical expertise and friendly customer service that have proven to be a winning combination. "Our business is repairing cars and mak-

ing them look good, but our job is solving customers' problems." Davis explained. "It is very gratifying to have so many people depending on our services." Word soon spread about the richely, old-

fashioned service that was provided and soon the parking lot was overflowing with local folks who realized that here was a businessman who provided a level of professionalism and honesty they could trust.

"When we first started out, I would go home and tell my wife that we'd had a busy day when I did a couple of oil changes and

a tire repair," he recalled. Today, expect nothing less than the same exceptional service with the development of successful business and a highly trained

Total automotive care:

three-in-one

Ultimate Image Auto Spa are the three enti-ties under one roof taking care of vehicles, inside and out. With a full-service repair garage, a quick-lube oil change facility, and professional detailing services, owner Jim Davis prides himself on upholding only the

When we just had the repair garage, cus-

tomers suggested a quick-lube shop, and we added Jim's Oil Depot. For a couple years now, customers have been asking us where they can find a cleaning and detailing shop, and we gave them Ultimate Image Auto Spa June 1 of 2000," Davis explained, "Our cus-tomers are very supportive, and we love

with superior customer relations and highly-trained technicians, Davis Auto Care, Jim's Oil Depot, and Ultimate Image Auto Spa provides quality service in a friendly environment.

Davis Auto Care

For over 25 years the full-repair garage, Davis Auto Care, has provided quality and efficient services with the latest in technology. As whicles have become more and more complicated, the company has invested in the latest diagnostic equipment and support

services.
"In a shop the size of ours, we can afford to invest in things like our ABS-Tech sys-tem and the SIMU-TECH computer system," Davis said.

Davis also said that his company recently

added "yet more sophisticated and computerized diagnostic equipment to address the vehicles on-board computers for the 21st century." The advent of on-board diagnos-tics, or OBD2, allows Davis Auto Care to easily track the problems occurring in the computer systems. This allows Davis Auto Care technicians to better understand vehicle problems, which in turn, enhances a

chiele. Davis Auto Care takes extra strides to make the service experience as conven-ient as possible. Repairs are explained in a way that lets the customer know how serious each item is, and the service staff also

whenever possible," Davis explained.
All repair work comes with a written
guarantee, and the staff sends follow-up letters inquiring about customer satisfact a problem were to occur immediately after repairs. Davis and the mechanics strive to correct the problem as conveniently as possible. The shop also maintains a computer-



Davis Auto Care Oil Depot Includes, from left, Brian Roberts, Scott Pridmore, Joe

thorough, quality car repair. Because people are so dependent on their

"It's quick and easy, in and out," Davis said. "We take care of the maintenance needs you don't have time for."

more and more time-conscious. We speed up the process without sacrificing quality." Customers receive an oil change in 10

minutes without having to leave their cars. The Oil Depot will also perform minor items such as headlight replacement and wiper blades while waiting. Tire repair,

touchless tire suspension system that avoids

"Tire rotating is an example of the type of

But it goes much farther than that. While

waiting in the comfortable area, take a look around. Jim's Oil Depot is decorated to

bridge, it seemed natural," Davis said.

informs customers if a needed repair can wait for future service. "We all work with budgets, and its our job to help people stay within those budgets whenever possible," Davis explained.

ized service history on all vehicles, making it easy for the company to answer questions about routine maintenance. With stocking

Batteries, MOOG chassis, AC Delco, Motorcraft, Bendix brakes, Gates hoses and bells, Monroe shock absorbers, Mobil lubri-Northville train depot many years ago, just a few yards from our building." cation products and General tires, customers can rest assured their vehicle is in good

Both exterior and interior are painted in a trompe l'oile technique, and once inside a house mural depicts a view through "win-dows" onto a train platform with the train ready to pull out. Further above a toy train runs up and down the wall taking a loop Jim's Oil Depot
Located right next to Davis Auto Care is
the same knowledgeable experience dedicatruns up and down the wall taking a loop around the waiting area. The theme is car-ried right down to a train whistle, which and same another state of the same and the s sounds as each car is raised into the air. What more can you say, except, "All Aboard!"

Bringing the best possible service to your vehicle are, from left, Fred Hadloff, Jim Davis, Kristy Yori, April Rice and Dave Massel.

Ultimate Image Auto Spa At Ultimate Image Auto Spa, the newest addition to the Davis Auto Care facility, customers can be assured of receiving the "Our oil changes include a 22-point inspection," Davis said. "And our customers same superior quality service that Day Auto Care customers have enjoyed for

"It was the request of many of our customers that we expanded our automotive business to include appearance enhancement and protection services." Davis said. "The able. Many of these services are performed by trained staff members using a special since we opened in June of 2000."

nance services, the finest quality products are combined with the highest level of expertise to offer a premier experience.

Visits begin in the clean, comfortable office where customers select the level of service where customers select the level of service wanted for their vehicle. From a quick hand wash to a complete interior and exterior detail with all the trimmings, specialists will customize every treatment at the spa

Experienced detail professionals work their magic on cars, light trucks, SUV's, and vans. These experts truly love what they

"After we got under way with the theme of the place, I learned that there actually was a performing their craft, is seeing your joyful oo, and me only mang they enjoy more than performing their craft, is seeing your joyful expression when you pick up your vehicle.

The caring staff takes pride in knowing they provide the "Ultimate" in detailing services.

> High-tech quality expertise Jim Davis is especially proud of his mechanical staff. The technicians are not only state certified, but also have achieved accreditation from the National Institute for Automotive Service Excellence. A number of the technicians are A.S.E.

A number of the technicians are A.S.E.

Master mechanics, as well as being certified in Automobile Advanced Engine

Performance — a new designation achieved Performance — a new designation achieved by fewer than five percent of the technicians by ACT, the organization conducting college entrance examinations.

"It separates the best of the best," Davis the best of the best, "Davis the best of the best," Davis the best of the best," Davis the best of the best, "Davis the best of the best," Davis the best of the best," Davis the best of the best, "Davis the best of the best," Davis the best of the best of

explained, "A.S.E. Certification shows that technician has dedicated himself to the highest level of professionalism." To keep up to date, mechanics regularly

attend seminars and continuing education classes. This commitment to ongoing train ing is one of the most important aspects of "Yes, we have the absolute best and latest in diagnostic equipment," Davis said. "But without the level of expertise that our tech-

nicians have, all the diagnostic computers in the world would be useless. Setting Davis' technicians above the majority is special training they receive

"Because we do so much business with the auto manufactures, they allow us to send our technicians for the specialized training only dealer mechanics receive," Davis

behavior, and parts' serial numbers are penavior, and paris' serial numbers are available for the best service possible. Davis Auto Care is especially proud of technician Ed Robertson who was a finalist in the AC Delco Technician of the Millennium II Competition. AC Delco produces parts for GM and other automobile companies, and also allows Davis Auto Care to receive fac-tory training for its technicians. As an added benefit, AC Delco hosts an annual competition. Contestants from across the nation are judged on test scores and car repairs.
Robertson had one of the best test scores in the Midwest region and went on to compete n the hands-on part of the competition in as Vegas. There, in the Fall of 2003, Robertson became one of the top eight technicians in North America.

Customer service

At Davis Auto Care, the term "customer service" encompasses many things, includor friendliness, convenience and follow-up. The customer contact staff is friendly, The customer contact staff is friendly, knowledgeable and efficient. Most impor-tantly, they care about people. Service advi-sors work together to make sure every cus-tomer who comes to Davis Auto Care walks

We get so many comments from people who say that, in coming to our facility, they had their questions answered in a clear, courteous manner for the first time," Davis explained. "Our customers feel very comfortable making decisions in that way."

To show their appreciation, in the past to show hier appreciation, in the posi-customers have not just told Davis employ-ees thanks, but expressed their gratitude by bringing gifts, such as cookies or pizza. "Having a friendly place where people do business, we really strive to do that," Davis

Another highly appreciated detail is the shuttle service, which can take customers to or from their home or business within the area. The shop can also lend cellular phones if customers are going to be hard to reach.
This way, repairs can be completed as quickly as possible. A computerized system tracks routine maintenance for each individal vehicle. Letters and postcards are sent

Photo by JOHN HEIDER

Davis Auto Care maintains an electronic

library filled with information on each and

out notifying customers of maintenance

don't have time to worry about preventative maintenance," Davis explained. "That's why we track it for them."

Customer service is more than a business goal at Davis Auto Care, it is a set standard persistently kept and constantly perfected.

Community involvement A long-time area resident, Jim Davis has ways been involved in the community. He is an active member and past president of the Northyille Chamber of Commerce. The company has been a contributor to the Northville Victorial Festival since its inception. Davis has served as State Chairman of the Board of the Automotive Service Professionals of Michigan. "I am very involved in the industry and

want to do everything I can to promote it in a positive way," he said. Davis has also appeared on local televi-

sion and radio promoting awareness of autotive maintenance and has presented semimotive mannenance and has presente serior as mars at recent job fairs. He has attained the title of Accredited Automotive Manager from the Automotive Management Institute, a designation awarded to automotive professionals who complete 120 hours of advanced management and technical class-

Davis intends to continue providing excellent and convenient auto repair service to his community.

Welcoming families
Davis Auto Care, Jim's Oil Depot, and
Ultimate Image Auto Spa is located just
outside downtown Northville at 807 Doheny

Hours for Davis Auto Care are 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. Monday and Thursday and from 7 a.m. to 6 p.m. Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday, Jim's Auto Depot is open 8 a.m. to 7:30

p.m. Monday and Thursday; 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. Tucsday, Wednesday and Friday; and 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday. Ultimate Image Auto Spa hours are 8 a.m.

to 6 p.m. Monday through Friday and 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday.

The company has a Web site where appointments can be made by e-mailing at service@davisautocare.com. For more information, call (248) 349-5115.



Harold Higgins provides customers a smooth ride when they need courtesy shuttle service from Davis Auto Care.



Sue Thallapally, owner of Novi's Slender Lady, demonstrates how weighted hula-hoops are used in their aerobic workout regime.

Slender Lady

(248) 374-9920

That's right, women have a place they can call their own.

With a membership to Slender Lady in Novi, women have unlimited visits to utilize equipment that is designed to give cardiovas-cular, conditioning, low impact and aerobic

training.

While posted hours are generally 8 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. Monday through Friday, members are allowed to request special access to the facility making it available all the time. "Variety and change of workout routines

helps climinate repetition and increases your conditioning," advised owner Sue Thallapally. As a member of Slender Lady, Sue and Tamara Taha, the manager, will coordinate routines, track progress and offer nutritional advice to complete each person's fitness pro-

And, they are offering a back-to-school special — unlimited visits for only \$19.99 per

nonen.

But, the benefits of Slender Lady go way
beyond getting fit. Slender Lady also offers a
Body Wrap of Aloe Vera — to help you lose up to 5-15 inches per visit — which helps make the skin healthier and softer, as well as detoxifying and cleansing the body of impuri-

Also available is the popular air-brush tanning which will give the body a healthier glow in just five minutes. The process is com-pletely safe and FDA approved.

Slender Lady is offering a summer special for tanning — unlimited tans for three months for only \$100.

Contact Sue or Tamara at (248) 374-9920 for details or visit them at 24049 Meadowbrook, Novi, one block south of Ten

Mile Road in the Peachtree Shopping Center. Siender Lady is open from 8 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. Monday through Friday and from 9 a.m. to noon Saturday. Because your pet is so important to you,

Briarpointe Veterinary Clinic spends
enough time with their clients and patients



Photo by MICHAEL J. PILOTTI

Bringing quality care to your pet are, from left, Bailey Schroeder, Jude Howison, Dr. Studer, Dr. Parker, Deanna Losey and Ashley Schelck, along with Scribbles.

Briarpointe Veterinary Clinic

(248) 449-7447

Briarpointe Veterinary Clinic is nearing a decade of service in Novi with a history of family pet care that dates back many more years. Doctors John Parker and Ron Studer are proud of their client relationships and animal care.

"We recommend the best for your pet "We recommend the cest to your per and work with you on tailoring an approach that gives you the appropriate information to make a decision for your pet's well being," informed Dr. Studer. Briarpointe has recently added equip-

ment, including a laparoscope and radiosur-gical unit, that allow minimally invasive procedures when compared to standard sur-

to understand their needs. Outside of caring for their patients, the team at Briarpointe also helps support animal rescue activities, Paws With a Cause, school co-ops and student mentoring pro-Birds, cats, dogs, ferrets and many other

Briarpointe for their medical care.
Briarpointe Veterinary Clinic is located at
47330 Ten Mile Road, in Novi.

Briarpointe Veterinary Clinic is open from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. Monday and Thursday, 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday and from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday.
To schedule an appointment, cali (248)
449-7447.



Mark Newton manages his Novi, iSold It franchise with pride. Business has

iSold It

(248) 449-2848

"Drop it off -- get a check. Let iSold it make money for your business. Put the 'fun' back in fund-raising. The easy way to

ager of the Novi store says his business is doing well. "It's an auction on eBay," Newton explained. "We receive merchandise in,

photograph it, write good descriptive copy for it, put it on eBay with key words and let the auction begin." Just recently, a set of cowboy spurs went

on eBay through iSold It, starting out at \$9.99, and within a few days bids had been sent in for over \$400. "It's fun to see things like that," Newton said. "The merchandise we get in is amazing. Sports action figures - still in the box, carneras, toys, musical equipment, computthe customer picks up the merchandise or may donate it to charity." Newton says the entire process is effi-

cient easy and beneficial for buyer and seller. iSold It professionally photographs each item, writes descriptive copy about the item and posts it on eBay. They hold the ning bidder, then pack and ship the item

out.
"It's important to have a high trust factor
"They's what costs us apart." with customers. That's what sets us apart," Newton said, "So far we've had 3,700 individuals give great feedback on eBay surveys about us. Potential customers read that and have confidence in what they're buying

through our business."

iSold It is open 10 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Monday through Saturday and noon to 5 p.m. Sunday. They are located at 47760

Grand River Ave., Novi.

— By Nathan Menoian

Barry Kahn, left, sits with partner Matteo, who is at the sewing machine creating a custom-made suit. **B. Michael Kahn Custom Clothier**

(248) 496-0011

Barry Kahn is a fourth generation tailor. His great-grandfather used to travel around the countryside on horseback repairing farmer's clothes

Kahn carries on the family tradition (by car, now) with personal, one-on-one, consultations with customers.
"For instance," Kahn said, "I just

came from a customer who is a 50-regular, which is not a tough fit, and he went o a couple of stores and could not find what he wanted.

I ended up finding him something, made the call and it will be delivered

"I will then go back to the customer and fit him," Kahn continued. "He'll try the suit on at his home, I'll mark it and then bring it back to my partner, Matteo, who will put all the finishing touches to

Mattee has been a master tailor for

many years. Following a five-year apprenticeship in his home town in Sicily, he came to America and worked making suits for Hickey-Freeman.

It was 20 years ago that he settled into

the seat at his sewing machine in Lathrup

Village and partnership with Kahn.
"What's really made my business a
hit," Kahn said, "is that it is really convenient for the consumer. And I'm able to get a better understanding of their

needs — going to their home or office — than if they go into a store."

"It's not rocket science," Kahn stressed. "It's just old-fashioned service." For custom-made clothing and alterations created with personal attention in

or b.m.k@sbcglobal.net.

Orin Jewelers

(734) 422-7030 • (248) 349-6940 • orinjewelers.com

Northville has hometown hospi-

Small-town, friendly and personal service are part of the allure and charm found at this well established, gem of a family

You'll be amazed with the quality and selection that comes with the brand names featured there, including Mikimoto Pearls, Nomination Charms, Swarovski Crystal, Lorenzo, Tacori, ScottKay Platinum, Hearts On Fire Diamonds, Cyma, Peter Storm, Strellman's and Art Carved Graduation Rings to name a few.

The store carries such a vast selection of items, that everyone who walks in the door



Certified, friendly, knowledgeable and ready to answer all your jewelry questions are, from left, Joshua Summers, Girna Mazzoni, Assistant Manager Carole Urban, Owner Orin Mazzoni Jr., Joanne Sorby and Manager David Beyer.

Students can select from charms, class rings and keepsakes. Anniversary shopper can pick from pearls, diamonds, watches and bracelets. Treasure seekers will find phenomenal value in the antique jewelry and one-of-a-kind works available from artisans around the country. If you don't find what you are looking for, the Orin professionals will help locate it for you.

Service is the differentiator that places this jeweler apart from the rest in the field, All repairs for store purchases, or items from outside the store, are done at Orin Jewelers in-house. Your heirlooms and fin-

ery are treated with care and respect by Orin's own craftsmen. "We built our business on repairs," com-mented Orin Jr. "We'll fix things that other

shops won't touch.' Orin Jewelers has been in business since 1933 and is currently operated by third-generation family members. Your personal attention, selection and service are the result of years of experience, continued training and certified specialists.
Certification from the American Gem Society and the Gemological Institute of America, along with annual renewals, guarantees customers of Orin Jewelers nationally recognized experts attending to

your needs.
Orin added, "To be a part of Orin Jewelry my people must be certified pro-fessionals."

As a savvy customer looking for quali-fied jewelers you need look no further.

Call or stop by today.

Orin Jewelers is located at 101 E. Main St., at the corner of Main and Center streets, in downtown Northville. The store is open from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Monday through Wednesday, from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. Thursday and Friday, and from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday.



Photos by MICHAEL PILOTT



Noted for unmatched brilliance, clariand radiance, Hearts On Fire Diamond are among the well respected designer



The office of David A. Woody, DDS is located in the Grand Oaks Centre at 39885 Grand River Ave., Suite 100, just west of Haggerty Road in Novi.

The staff at David A. Woody, DDS includes, from left, Kathy, Erin, Maureen, Brenda,

David A. Woody, DDS

(248) 476-3800

David A, Woody, DDS, and staff invite to join them at their new location in CDs, DVD movies, and nitrous oxide sedation are available upon request.

you to join them at their new location in Grand Oaks Centre, Novi. Conveniently located on the south side of Grand River, just west of Haggerty, this family-oriented local office is dedicated to

quality care and friendly service.

Every effort has been made to provide for patient comfort. The décor is attractive and

it care rooms are discreetly appointed with a relaxing view through private

The earing staff is intent on making you comfortable

Dr. Woody has invested in the latest deatal technology. Intraoral cameras and an interactive DVD system help explain treatment needs and options, a laser is used to help diagnose decay, and Air Abrasion can be used to remove decay without the need for any other and deliber. A trivial filter of the or be used to tended educy without a feet for numbing and drilling. A state-of-the-art sterilization system provides for your safety. As a general practice, the office provides

Dr. Woody has invested in the latest

a full-range of dental procedures, with an _____ new ZOOM! system, as seen on Extreme emphasis on preventive care and interest in cosmetic dentistry. Recent innovations have made it possible

for everyone to improve their smile through Procedures range from tooth-colored fillings, natural appearing crowns and bridges, and beautiful porcelain veneers that mask worn teeth, close spaces and balance

smiles without braces.
Particularly popular is tooth whitening, a simple procedure with dazzling results. The

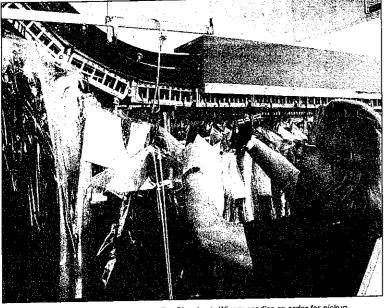
visit.
Take-home kits, with custom trays and

professional strength gels, are also available and are currently on sale.

Dr. David A. Woody is a member of the Academy of General Dentistry, Michigan Dental Association, and Oakland County

Dental Society

A graduate of the University of Michigan
Dental School, he and his family are long



Darcy Dugas, manager of A Cleaner Image Dry Cleaning in Wixom, readies an order for pickup.



Kerri Leslie performs service with a smile.

A Cleaner Image Dry Cleaning (248) 624-7522

leaner Image DRY CLEANING

they take in dirty clothing and hand out cleaned and pressed fashions at A Cleaner Image Dry Cleaning in Wixom

"We are a team," Darcy Dugas, manager, said. "We all get along and have fun while w

Dugas, along with owner Doug McDonald, Kerri Leslie, Ashley Winters, Lindsey Dugas and Jacquline Rapach, offer a host of services and Jacquiline Rapach, other a next of services with complete focus on customer care with a smile. The team takes pride in their store's efficient and accurate work. "Our expertise spans from cleaning all common types of clothing, including leather,

suede and varsity jackets and preserving very

sucde and varsity jackets and preserving very fragile and valuable garments such as wed-ding gowns," Dugas said.
"During 16 years in the business, we have learned how to effectively clean and spot-clean every type of clothing while practically eliminating the risk of running colors and damaging the garment itself." McDonald said. "Each piece of clothing is evaluated individu-ally to determine the most appropriate method of electronic."

arty to determine the inext appropriate include of cleaning.

"All orders are triple checked to minimize mistakes," said Dugas. "If something goes wrong, everything is done to take care of the problem A.S.A.P."

A Cleaner Image caters to busy people who wish to save time and money. The store is open until 8 p.m. Monday through Friday and features a 24 hour drop box. Next day service

Really busy people can take advantage of the Fluff & Fold program for all personal laundry, including towels and socks.

The Wixom store now features a FREE

pickup and delivery service for the Novi and Northville area. "With the rising cost of gas, this service will help a lot of people," McDonald said.

"The first pick up will be free with a signed commitment, a maximum value of \$75."

More details are available at the Wixom

Other cleaning services include household items such as drapes, and oversize items such as quilts and comforters. In addition to cleaning, all serviceable but-

tons are replaced free and heavy-starched, laundered shirts are guaranteed upon request.
Having cleaning done at A Cleaner Image

In Wixom, the team at A Cleaner Image Dry Cleaner is ready to help with all your Ashley Winters and manager Darcy Dugas. Jacqueline Rapach and Lindsey

can actually help the family's offspring

through college.

McDonald's dry cleaning stores belong to the 40,000 stores that participate in the UPromise program. A percentage of each cleaning bill paid with a family's credit or debit card registered with Upromise is put into the tuition account. Additionally, holders of Farmer Jack,

Kroger and AAA cards can receive 20 percent off their cleaning bill at A Cleaner Image.

The former Martinizing Dry Cleaners store will continue to honor future promotio and coupons from Martinizing including those found in the Entertainment Booklets.

A Cleaner Image Dry Cleaning, located at 1549 N. Wixom Road in Wixom, is open 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. Monday through Friday and 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday. Call (248) 624-7522 for more information.



A Cleaner image Dry Cleaning can pre-By Cynthia Grochowski serve memories for years to come.



Heidi Malzafın, co-owner of Poise Pilates, demonstrates one of the many pilates techniques used to increase flexibility and reduce lower back pain.

Poise Pilates

(248) 349-3100

Pilates (pul-lah-tees) is a method of Pritates (guit-an-tees) is a mention of strength and flexibility training focusing on the core of the body — the abdominal, glutius and lower back muscles.

Joseph Pilates developed the exercise technique in the 1920s. As a youth, Pilates

suffered from physical ailments such as asthma and rickets and dedicated his life to overcoming physical weakness through

Poise is a fully equipped Pilates studio located at 186 E. Main St., Suite 301, in downtown Northville. It is co-owned by Heidi Malzahn and Susan Steinke.

Heidi was first introduced to Pilates over nine years ago. After seeing the many posi-tive changes in her own body, such as better posture, long lean muscles, better flexibility and less lower back pain, she decided to open her career as a hairdresser and open her own Pilates studio in July 2001.
"Our goal at Poise is to educate the

Northville community about what Pilates is and how it can benefit them," Heidi explained.

The truth is, almost anyone can do Pilates. Because the exercises start at an easier level and become progressively more difficult as the body becomes stronger, people from every age group and fitness level can start exercising. The clientele at Poise is diverse: men, women, teens, seniors and dancers, from the unfit to the elite athlete.

The highly qualified instructors at Poise conduct private and small group sessions by appointment, Prices range from \$20 to \$75 an hour. The 90-minute initial private (\$60) is the best way to start.

To achieve maximum benefits, Heidi sug-

gested attending two to three sessions p

Take the first step to a stronger body and call for an appointment today at (248) 349-3100.



Barbara O'Donnell, owner of Seattle Sutton's in Novi, helps clients eat healthy, fresh, preservative-free food without the hassle of preparing it themselves.

Seattle Sutton's

(248) 349-6100 · www.meals21.com

Are you one of the many people who are

prepare a healthy meal?

Then, Seattle Sutton's is your answer for healthy eating at your home or office.

There are no contracts or long-term commitments. Both 1,200- and 2,000-calorieper-day meal plans are available. Menus are based on recommendations from the American Heart Association and other

health and nutrition experts.

A single phone call will get you started with fresh convenient meals that provide a solid foundation for weight loss, improved health and freedom from shopping, cook-

ing and caloric counting.

Seattle Sutton's provides three delicious and nutritious meals a day, seven days a week. The most unique part of this service is that the meals are fresh, not frozen, including fresh fruit and salads. With

Scattle Sutton's doing the planning, shop-ping and cooking, you'll have more time to relax and enjoy other activities. While briring a cheft may cost \$50 a day or more, Scattle Sutton's cost just \$5 a

meal for the 1,200-calorie plan.

Owner Barbara O'Donnell said that doctors have been sending their patients to Seattle Sutton's to help them if they are

pregnant, have diabetes, are recovering from a surgical procedure, or have had heart conditions.

The program and store hours are set to maximize meal freshness and customer pickups. If you can't stop in to pickup your prepared meals, arrangements can be made

base them delivered.
Scattle Sutton's is located at 24049
Meadowbrook, Novi. It is open from 3-7 p.m. Monday and Thursday, but O'Donnell asks interested persons to call anytime.



Joe Haddad, owner of Wireless Giant located at 41490 Grand River in Novi,

Wireless Giant

(248) 465-1111

Wireless Giant in Novi carries every phone for every service. Joe Haddad said his store makes it easy for customers to get what they want. There's no running around from store to store checking out equipment, prices and service. We have it all right here."

Getting up-to-date wireless technology is what it's all about at Wireless Giant. That amera/video phones. The store carrie major service carriers, and a full-line of qualiecessories, They offer a lifetime warranty

Besides having a huge selection of cell phones, they offer Dish Network and DirectTV Satellite systems and installation Plus, Wireless Giant is a bill-payment center. They can pay cell-phone bills and any other ind of payment. Their line of acce includes car and home chargers, leather cases, belt clins, conts, and Blue Tooth wireless for

"We offer free bill evaluation, for individu als and businesses, to make sure the customer is getting the best deal, minutes, and other services that are available. If not, we can find them the best deal," Haddad said.

Wireless Giant, a Michigan-based company, is in all the top cellular markets in the country, with 70 locations nationwide, By this time next year, Haddad said he expects to have a Nextel Service Center in his store

"We want people to be aware that Novi was deprived of a local store that gives such good deals and now we're here doing the communi-ty a good service," Haddad said.

He added that his Wireless Giant sales staff stays current with the best deals and willingly

finds customers up occur-types of service plans.
"I like helping people save money, and I like being able to give them the best deals pos-sible," Haddad said. "Everybody leaves here benny."

— By Natian Menoian



Are your feet happy or sad? Visit Tom Welch at Hershey's Too Comfort Shoes and he'll have your tired feet walking on cloud nine in no time.

Hershey's Too Comfort Shoes

(248) 347-7838 · hersheysshoes.com

It is no wonder that customers leave the to the store wearing their newly bought merchandise.

Once they have slipped out of their old shoes and into a perfect pair at Hershey's,

snoes and into a percer pair at relating s, they quickly come to understand the meaning of walking comfort. The original Hershey's Shoes opened in Garden city in 1946. The Novi location opened in 2002. For years owner Torn Welch and his staff have been helping people and their families find the right footwear in all special sizes, widths, as well as any orthope-dic need. They are referred by local podiatrists as a great source for beneficial footwear for their patients. Excellent customer service is another main

reason why people shop for footwear at Hershey's Too Comfort Shoes. Tom and his staff take the time to assist each customer to best determine which pair of shoes best suit their feet and lifestyle.

Tom recommends that parents bring in

their children before the school year so they can be properly fitted into a good pair of shoes.
"Children can develop back problems and

other health issues if they're wearing the wrong shoes," said Tom.
Hershey's Too Comfort Shoes carries major brands such as, SAS, New Balance,

Rockport, Stride Rite, Hush Puppies, Children's ECCO, Naturalizer, and more. They also sell shoe accessories, hand-

bags and socks.

The original store, Hershey's Shocs, is located in Garden City at 29522 Ford Road, half block west of Middlebelt. Hershey's Too Comfort Shoes is located in the West Market Square at Beck Road. The address is 47750 Grand River, Novi.

Daily hours are 9:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. They

are closed Sunday.

Make Hershey's Too Comfort Shoes your

Diamond Castle Jewelers

(248) 442-2440 • www.diamondcastlejewelers.com

en selecting a quality diamond, the savvy shopper looks for the four C's: color, cut. ctarity and carat weight. When search-ing for a top-notch jeweler, the knowing huyer seeks three other qualifications: selection, service and price. Diamond Castle Jewelers in Novi hits on clarity and carat

"We have a large inventory of loose diamonds," says Kevin Ansara, owner, "For instance, if someone comes in for a 1% carat diamond. I can show them six or seven

Customer service has been top priority for the Ansara family who has multi-generations working in the store.
"We always listen to what a customer

wants," Ansara explains, "We bring back the hottest trends from shows around the country, as well as specific items."

Diamond Castle Jewelers boasts a bestprice guarantee on its stones. "We can also obtain any watch in any

style at a discounted price," says Ansara.

The store attracts a loyal following from across metro Detroit as well as out-of-state customers. Locally, readers of the Novi News recognized the Diamond Castle Jewelers with the 2005 People's Choice Award for the Best Jewelry Store in Novi. All of the diamonds in the Diamond

Castle inventory that are a carat and larger Castle inventory that are Astarda and angular certified by the Gemological Institute of America or the European Gemological Laboratory, authorities in diamond

appraisals.
The Diamond Castle offers in-house



Ready to offer knowledgeable assistance at Diamond Castle Jewelers in Novi are, from left, Christine Ansara, Susan Schrader, Anne Dietz, Fred Ansara, George

financing for up to one year, interest free. "Any diamond bought in our store can be returned at any time for the full purchase price toward another diamond," says

Ansara.
In addition to diamonds and watches, the store features a large selection of precious gems and Bellarri designer jewelry. Watch and jewelry repairs are performed on site.

Custom designs are also available.

Ansara promises a new Web site, accessible within 60 days, that will have an exciting twist for those with creative flair.
"We will have a complete virtual showroom for at-home shopping," he explains.
"A visitor to the new site — www.dejonline.com — also will find a feature that allows them to build or design a ring," he For traditionalists who prefer brick-and-

mortar shopping, the store has convenient parking close to building entrance.

"It's a little bit confusing because our lot is behind the store," says Ansara. "But the lot opens to the front door."

Diamond Castle Jewelers is located at 39955 Grand River Ave., just west of Haggerty Road in Novi.
Store hours are 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Monday

through Wednesday, 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. Thursday, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.; Friday, and 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday.



Margene Buckhave prepares to consolidate her scrapbooking and rubber-stamping businesses, offering the best of the best in one Northville location.

Stampeddler, Plus

(248) 348-4446 • www.stampeddler.com

With 21 years in the creative arts business, Margene Buckhave has seen many scrapbooking and rubber-stamping trends

What has stayed constant are the imagwhat has stayed constant are the most native people, beginners and seasoned veterans, who relish the opportunity to make handmade greeting cards and mem-ory books with assorted art supplies. This month, Buckhave will combine

her two stores, Stampeddler, Plus and Memories by Stampeddler. The new dual-purpose store will be housed in the stamp store's present location at 145 N. Center St., in Old Church Square in

"What sets us apart is our expertise,"

she explains.
"We offer a wide range of classes to teach a variety of techniques as well as knowledgeable staff who will assist in custom-invitation design.

The consolidated business will contintional and contemporary stamping and scrapbooking supplies. Revamped displays will showcase thousands of stamps, pads and powders, handmade papers and brass stencils for stamping enthusiasts.

"Scrapbookers will still have a wonderful staff who will join the stamp loca-tion," explains Buckhave.
"We will continue to carry hundreds of

papers, pens and punches in your favorite es, which will be conveniently categories, which will be conveniently displayed to ease decision making," she says. Stampeddler, Plus is open Monday

through Friday from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., Thursday from 10 a.m. to 8:30 p.m., Saturday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Sunday from noon to 4 p.m.

— By Johnna Rettig



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The Law Offices of Armene Kaye, P.C. is agencial practice dedicated to serving all your legal needs, specializing in old-fashion legal advice you can trust.
"An ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure." In the case of estate planning, an hour of preparation beats months of court

room troubles that can significantly impact your family's financial future.

Taking the time today to plan for the safe-keeping and distribution of family assets, as

well as quality of life issues, will return benefits to your family that more than outweigh the time it takes to write them out.

If you, or your parents, have not recorded wishes for health care, quality of life and

wishes for health care, quanty of life and property distribution, how can you be sure that final arrangements will be handled the way they are supposed to be?

"Estate planning is something that I love to do and it has no negative side to it,"

On the other hand, if a small amount of planning is not done in advance, the survivors will likely have to deal with multiple losses, often at the most difficult time in

tosses, onen at the most difficult that he had heir lives.

Don't leave the fate of any gift in the hands of the judicial system. Take the time to work out your estate, health care and other very important personal matters in the office of Armene Kaye or the comfort of the curb hour if you perfor

your own home if you prefer.

If you have any questions regarding this important part your family's future, or need basistance with any area of family law, bankruptey, small business, tax law and other areas of civil litigation, please contact the Law Offices of Armene Kaye at (248) 887-5581 or via e-mail at

goodlawyer@ubanet.org.
Armene is striving to balance the scales of justice one case at a time.



Diamond Castle Jewelers received the 2005 People's Choice for Best Jewelry Store in Novi, voted by readers of the Novi News.

Bacchus Bar is a relaxing gathering place with the same great food.



Hutton Street market is an Italian deli, pizzeria and catering kitchen

Little Italy, Bacchus Bar & Hutton Street Market

(248) 348-0575 • www.littleitalynorthville.com

inle Italy, Bacchus Bar & Huiton Street Market may save you thousands of dollars and many hours of international flight if you are searching for authentic Italian foods. John Gallagher and Jeff Jepko have put together a huge slice of Italy right in our own backyard. The combined businesses of Little Italy Ristorante, Bacchus Bar and Hutton Street Market give Northville its own Italian Village that we all can enjoy.

As a patron, you'll realize that no matter what mood you are in there is a suitable dining answer for you. Are you feeling romantie? Consider Little fluly Ristorante with its "authentic regional Italian cuisine," Food is prepared from scratch with the freshest ingredients when ordered from the menu that features so many (soup), pasta fatta in casa (fresh pastas ma house) and a variety of daily chef specials from the Tuscan Grill make dining at Little Italy a new experience each time

A quaint dining area is also available outside the main restaurant on the paver walk patio.
Here guests have a sense of the sidewalk cafes

With any meal you can make a wine selection from a very exclusive selection of limited wines. The wine menu features 30 pages containing over 400 choices. If you need help selecting the ight wine to compliment your dinner a membe

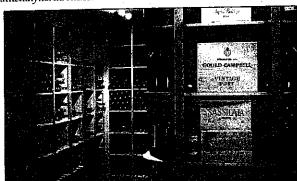
of the staff will assist you.
Little ftaly Ristorante is open from 5-9 p.m.
Sunday, 5-10 p.m. Monday through Thursday
and 5-11 p.m. Friday and Saturday.

Reservations are recommended. Reservations are recommended.

Bacchus Bar features a relaxed dining area when you can visit, unwind and laugh with friends. The beautiful mahogany woodwork and bright colors remind you that you're not at work wines, and a fully stocked bar await you and your friends.

Bacchus Bar is open from noon to 9 p.m. Sunday, 11 a.m. to 11 p.m. Monday through Thursday and 11 a.m. to midnight Friday and

Hutton Street Market is designed for the athome diner. All the quality and flavor of foods from main restaurant are ready for you to carry zas, panini, deli wraps and fresh pastas are a



Photos by MICHAEL PILOTTI

Special one-of-a-kind Italian wines are available at Little Italy in Northville.

at 227 Hutton St., one block north of South

The trio of Italian dining options are located Main Street and east of Center Street in



Dr. Allen Tuchklaper is waiting to make you smile at Novi Family Dental.

Novi Family Dental Center

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- By Michael Pilotti



Director Linda Orosz joins, from left, Sydney Mertens, Nicholas Olsen and Grace Alexandrowski at Sunny Pointe Child Care Center in Northville.

Sunny Pointe Child Care Center

(248) 347-6580 • www.sunnypointechildcare.com

A visitor to Sunny Pointe Child Care in Northville quickly feels at home, thanks to the neighborhood setting and friendly staff. A colorful, well-equipped playground and home-like interior paints an attractive scene for working parents searching for a top quality

day care provider.
"We provide a homey environment with a professionally planned program that meets the dren with capacity set at 70. In addition to developmental needs of our children," says Director Linda Orosz, "We encourage parental avolvement and offer to them evening work-

In March, the center earned certification

scation of Young Children. state licensing," Orosz explains, "It requires the entire staff to participate in on-going training." All 18 staffers also are first aid and CPR

Sunny Pointe is featured on Ford Motor Company's referral list, resulting in a multi-cultural representation of students whose parents are employed by the auto company.
"We have an international population,"

Orosz says smiling. "We also have a teacher on staff who speaks Japanese." The center currently accommodates 65 chilthe school break for children up to the second

"We take the kids on various field trips that

at 19149 Fry Road, in Northville, just west of the Seven Mile and Haggerty roads intersec-tion. The center is open Monday through Friday from 7 a.m. to 6 p.m.

— By Johnna Rettig



The staff at Kensington Motorsports, al avid riders, includes. standing Joe and Al, in front, from left, are Josh, Jeff, Pat. Brad, Russ, Gina, Jeff, Don

Kensington Motorsports

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knows customers want to be out enjoying their er or speedboat — not spending unnecessary time purchasing one. So, the staff at Kensington Motorsports makes purchasing vehicles as fun and easy as possible The enjoyable experience starts with the vari-

ety of products Kensington Motorsports offers. They sell and service Yamaha, Kawasaki, Polaris, Arctic Cat and Suzuki motorcycles, dirt bikes, racing bikes, sport boats and much more in their 10,000-square-foot facility.

However, customers don't have to visit the store to begin shopping. The company's Web site — kensingtonmotorsports.com — offers tons of information to make a decision. There customers can print out a brochure and coming fuel capacity, vehicle height, mechanical components and other things quick and easy.

Once the decision is made, the Web site can be used to apply for credit and delivery. Delivery can usually be arranged for the fol-

lowing day. Customers who would rather visit the showroom will find the staff eager to answer any questions they may have. Kensington Motorsports makes it their business to know everything there is to know about the machines they sell and service because their customers depend on them for fun. The employees are all riders who are equally passionate about the sports vehicles they sell. They know how the

vehicles operate and can help a customer select the one with the features they desire.

The stuff takes their desire to help one step

further by organizing track events for cus-tomers. By learning how to drive in one of these special events, customers can safely learn how to ride on the street and discover the limi-

tations of their machine.

Kensington Motorsports also offers special financing with payments starting as low as \$20 a month — even for customers who have less-

Once the sale is complete, customers can enjoy their new watercraft, motorcycle or dirt bike knowing they can return to Kensington Motorsports at any time for quality service whenever they need it.

The service and repair department can work

on any make or model product in the four bays located in the 3,300-square-foot service depart-

certified to care for electrical diagnostics and engine repairs. Through ongoing training and education, the mechanics have received Five

And, if all of that isn't enough, Kensington Motorsports also offers longer hours than most retailers. They are open from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. Monday, 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. Tuesday through Friday, and 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday to make it easier for customers to visit.

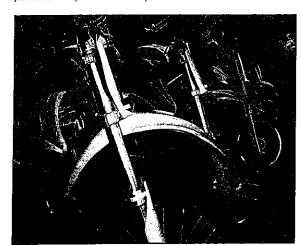
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By removing all of the obstacles from sales and service, Kensington Motorsports makes buying or repairing a recreational vehicle nearly as fun as infing one.

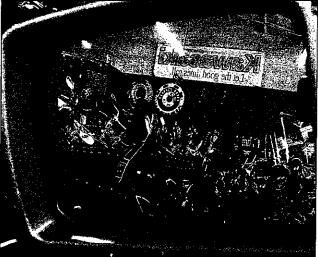
As a way of thanking the local area for the

business they have given Kensington
Motorsports over the years, the company gets
involved with many charitable events. In fact,
they recently held a bike wash with proceeds

they recently held a bike wash with proceeds going to the Susan G. Kornen Breast Cancer Foundation. The event attracted 100 bikers from all over southeast Michigan. Kensington Motorsports is located at 56605 Pontiac Trail, just north of the Milford Road exit and 1-96 — 15 minutes from Brighton, Wixom and Novi and 25 minutes from Farmington Hills and Northville. Stop by today.



At right, the reflection in a motorcycle's rearview mirror shows a small sam-pling of bikes and accessories available at Kensington Motorsports. Above, dirt bikes make up neat rows in the showroom.





Get into shape with personal trainers, from left, Lisa Ryan, Charles Lacasse, Ann Schwaller and Boo Sadikot, owner of Fitness Together

Fitness Together

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What if you could have your own certified personal trainer in a fully equipped, pri-vate training room with no lines and no distractions and a program specifically designed for you and your fitness or weight loss goals? Then add the support of a trainer to guide you in the most effective exercises with proper techniques to avoid injury and motivate you to succeed. Would you get in

shape?
That's what you'll find at Fitness Together in Novi. As a seven-year veteran of the health and fitness industry, owner Boo Sadikot has heard it all.
"Most people get frustrated when they
don't see results," says Sadikot.

"For many, the novelty of a gym membership wears off and home equipment eventually just sits," he adds. "We hold our clients accountable so they can measure their suc-cess, stay motivated, and have fun." The Fitness Together experience begins

with an assessment of the client's current fitness level, resulting in a nine-page report and training recommendations. One of seven fitness professionals is matched to the client based on goals, the duration and frechert based on goats, the duration and re-quency training, and the desired workout day and time.

Typically, a workout plan addresses four key elements: strength training, cardiovascu-lar training, flexibility and nutrition.

Unlike a typical gym or sports club, Fitness Together charges no membership fees. Appointment packages are purchased to address individualized workout programs

Sessions are typically 45 minutes of focused training that gamer results.

Fitness Together is located at 47210 W. Ten Mile Road, in the Briarpointe Plaza in Novi. Hours of operation are Monday through Friday 6 a.m. to 9 p.m., and Saturday 6 a.m. to 3 p.m.



Nancy and Brian Larson of Larson Jewelry Design discuss custom jewelry with a customer at their Novi location.

Larson Jewelry Design

(248) 347-4653

Not only do the owners of the Larson Jewelry Design believe in giving their customers the best products and service — they go one step further by giving back to the Novi community. Since 2000, owners Brian and Nancy Larson have donated almost \$30,000 to

Hance Yearson have contacted annexed 3.05,000 to the Novi community. "One percent of our total sales and repairs from Sept. 1 through May 31, excluding out-of-state sales, are donated each year," Brian of-state sales, the contact carry van, Drink Larson salid, "People support us because we support the elementary schools." Larson also supports many other local groups. "When you spend money you get a lot of it hack. Even if you don't get it back the money goes to a good cause." The explaining

good cause," he explained.

Larson, a graduate gemologist through the
Gemological Institute of America, has been in the lewelry business for 27 years. Located in Novi since 1999, Larson recently re-signed a 20-year lease, "I want to be here when downtown gets cranking," he said of the location. Larson specializes in creating custom jewel-ry and repairs. All of the work is done on-site and customers can watch Larson in his open-air workshop, something that brings piece of mind.

"Typically, people are leery about leaving their jewelry behind," he said. "In this business you have to have a lot of trust in your jeweler. I can turn a job around in as little as 10 minutes if necessary, I try to be as accommodating Larson said half of his business comes from

engagement ring sales, including the recent sale of a \$97,000 ring to an out-of-state buyer. The client, who was referred by another cus-

the then, who stretches y another tomer, flew in to purchase the ring.

Larson Jewehry Design is located at 43155
Main St., Suite 304, in Novi, just west of the lazy Lizard. Business hours are 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Saturday and 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. Thursday.

- By John R. Hall



This fountain piece will create a whimsical illusion in your garden.



The knowledgeable Gardenviews crew includes, from left, Betsy Holda, Cindy Duncan,



Elegant glassware evokes a

Gardenviews

oyalty. Trust. Longevity. These are the traits that typify the Gardenviews experience on both sides of the counter, in turn, reaping rewards for its

At point position is owner Lou Mascolo, whose infectious enthusiasm permeater appealing landscape and garden design emporium. He talks the talk and walks the walk, spreading his zest and dedication for ending to his customers to his seasoned sales

"I run this business from my heart," Mascolo said, "You have to love what you

After 10 years as a mainstay of Mascolo's affection for his work envelops his staff and branches out to reach all who enter

Gardenviews boasts a veteran team, knowledgeable and committed to serving the cus-

tomer.

"The average age of our employees is 40plus, and most have been with us from five to
eight years," Mascolo pointed out, "We are ed to be in this business." Loyal customers know Mascolo's business philosophy revolves around trust. For exa ple, unlike most retailers anywhere in the country, he doesn't ask for identification

when a customer - familiar or new -

"In all these years, I have never, ever been burned by any attempt at fraud," he said. "I believe you have to give that trust."

Gardenviews regulars know that in addi-

tion to great people, the store is chock-full of incredible, one-of-a-kind items in a wide range of styles. One can be assured of find-ing just the right piece among the many artfully arranged vignettes throughout the store, designed to encourage a thoughtful stroll.

Let your creative juices flow while walking among items originating from all parts of the globe. Take a mornent to study the ceramic,

glass, and earthen textures that abound. The numerous silk flowers and plants fool the eye for realistic permanent arrangements. presentation director Lori Jermont, are frent visitors to craft shows across the coun-

Gardeners from around the metro Detroit area find many sources of inspiration for landscapes and gardens from modest to

Interior decorators with a desire to bring the outdoors in are well satisfied by the array of merchandise, suitable for sun porches or any room of the home.

It's not only the planting season that draws

"I run this business from the heart ... you have to love what you do."

Owner, Gardenviews

shoppers. Gardenviews holds an annual

snoppers. Garden/vews notes an annual Christmas Open House decked in holiday season splendor. Gardenviews is located at 202 W. Main St., in downtown Northville, Hours are 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Friday; 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday; and noon to 5 p.m. Sunday.

Novi Jewelers

(248) 344-8226

ovi Jewelers has something that is very difficult to obtain in the business — customer trust and loyalty.

Owners Vatche and Fried Madaging want to the control of the cont everyone to know how grateful they are to the

Novi community.

"We want to thank clients for giving us their trust and loyalty," Erica said, "You can't say that about yourself, only a customer can say that," Novi Jewelers opened for business in November 1999. Previously the Nadjarians operated a jewelry business in Oak Park for 10 years. Their Novi store specializes in custom ewelry design, resetting, repairs and expert

watch service. On display are jewelry, figurines and watches, but diamonds are the language



Vatche and Erica speak the best.
Vatche, an exceptional diamond setter, is on site to consult with customers on everything from basic diamond and gern stone facts to the fine art of choosing the right diamond for the customer's purpose. His wife, Erica, has been in the jewelry business for 15 years, is an Accredited Jewelry Professional and will soon

Vatche is a second-generation jeweler who began learning the art at age 15 from his uncle. His ring, pendant and earring designs fill the

store's showcases.
"We don't copy," he explained simply.
Catalog items are available if a client prefers

a standard design.

Of all the skills Vatche acquired over the

or at the skins value acquared over the years, his expertise in setting diamonds is what he is known for.

"I love to set diamonds," he summed up. Vatche and Frica are watching their children

become the taird act watering defined in the content of the content of gernologists.

"My oldest likes school, but he wants to know the family business," Vatche said, "I am training him like my uncle taught me."

Besides diamonds and gems in unique set-tings of gold, white gold and platinum, Novi leweters Inc. is a certified carrier of authentic Jeweies He. 3a Certified earner of automote Austrian Swarowski Crystal figurines. The store displays a dazzling array of pieces. The pure 32 percent lead of Swarowski Crystal gives a high ndex of refraction and leads to a pure rainbow

spectrum.

The store also carries Movedo and Citizens watches, chains and class ring selections.

Novi lewelers is a full-service jewelry store providing expert watch and precious metal

"People come here after being disappointed shopping elsewhere." Shari Colling, a regular customer of Novi Jewelers, said. "Five of my



Novi residents Valche and Erica Nadjarian offer original jewelry, Swarovski crystal figurines, watches and friendly, expert service at their Novi Market Street store.

sets, many of my business clients and friends have come here and none of them have been disappointed."

Exceptional products are half the reason. The other half is the high quality customer service Vatche and Erica provide. Standing in their Market Street store, an observer noted the couple greeted each person entering the store by name, and the friendliness

There is no sales pressure here," Colling testified. "They ask 'what do you need?" If you say you like this but don't like that (about a product or design) Vatche says he II fix it — and he

Customers pointed out the fast turnover for designs and repair, soft pricing and genuine friendly service keep them coming back for big and little jewelry needs.

Educating the public about jewelry is important to the couple. They are happy to talk with customers about diamonds and gem stone selec-tion. Their Web site at www.novijewelers.com is very educational for those wishing to learn about choosing a diamond.

The Nadjarians are Novi residents and their children attend Novi schools. The family and critizer attent over schools. The fairly and the store are heavily involved in supporting the schools and community charities. "We donate because we want the community to be successful," Erica said. Novi Jewelers is located at 43155 Market

Street, Suite 205. Hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday; 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. Thursday; and 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday. Stop by or call (284) 344-8226.

– By Cynthia Grochowski



Ready to serve customers are, from left, Inez Young, Katherine Flower, Alex



George Dimopoulos is all smiles as he explains menu items to customers seated outside in the patio area overlooking the golf course.

Senate Coney Island Restaurant

corge Dimopoulos has a simple philosophy. The owner of the Senate Coney Island Restaurant in Northville believes "you should have good food at reasonable

prices." Obviously his customers agree.
Dimopoulos recently opened this, his
fourth restaurant, on Haggerty Road with the same enthusiasm and passion as he has for his other locations in Dearborn, Taylor and Livonia. The newest location has a little something extra that the other three do not

sometiming extra that the other times do not a golf course.

When Dimopoulos bought the former Dun Rovin Golf Course Clubhouse, he also purchased the 9-hole, par-3, Bushwood Golf Course. He worked hard to remodel the building into a modern restaurant and ban-quet facility — and it shows.

The restaurant offers seating for over 190

people and has a separate room which can accommodate up to 60 people for private par-ties, such as wedding rehearsals and birthday-dinners. If that isn't enough, Dimopoulos can even expand outside.

"We once set up a tent outside for a party of 250 people," he said. But it isn't the extra seating and golf that are a trademark of the family-owned business. It is the service and the food selection.

"Everyone who comes in knows me by name and I know many of them by name," said. "Customer service is No. I with us. There is nothing better than walking into a restaurant, sitting down and having people

take care of you right away."
And the food is great, too.
"This is an upscale Coney Island with a larger menu," he added.

larger menu, he added.
Customers can enjoy mouth-watering dinner selections such as the 1-pound pork chop, fresh lake perch, lamb chops, burbecue risa and Greek lasagna. App sizer fares include traditional Greek items like stuffed grape leaves, spinach pie, saganaki (flaming cheese), lemon rice sour and Greek salad. Desserts include rice pudding and strawberry cheesecake.

If a customer can't find an item they want on the menu, Dimopoulos can order it spe-

"I knew a customer was coming who want-ed lobster tail," he said. "So I got it for him." That dedication to customer service makes Senate Coney Island stand out from the com-

Dimopoulos and his staff of 35 employees are ready to serve up meals inside or outside under the canopy, to people who want carry-out food and even to off-site catered parties. He said that he once catered a 1,200-person party - something unusual but indicative of



Standing along the replica Statue of Liberty are, from left, George Dimopoulos,

what this popular restaurant owner can do. On a recent visit to the Senate Coney Island Restaurant, some of the customers were overheard saying, "the chicken — 1 ju couldn't get enough of it," and "I loved the

Dimopoulos has put a lot of work into creating an inviting atmosphere outside too. He spent \$50,000 to landscape the restaurant, including adding a regime of the Service. including adding a replica of the Statue of Libery, a symbol which also adorns his

nenu.
"I love the Statue of Liberty," Dimepoulos

His customers must love the atmosphere inside and outside, too. Business has been excellent since opening day, added

Dimonoulos and "it has been getting better. and better every day."

Golfers looking to play a round of golf and

can call (734) 420-3200 for more informa-

tion.
The Senate Coney Island Restaurant is located at 39430 Dun Rovin Drive, between Five and Six Mile roads off Haggerty, in Northville. The restaurant is open for breakfast, lunch and dinner from 7 a.m. to 10 p.m. Sunday through Thursday, and from 7 a.m. to 11 p.m. Friday and Saturday. It is likely that customers will see

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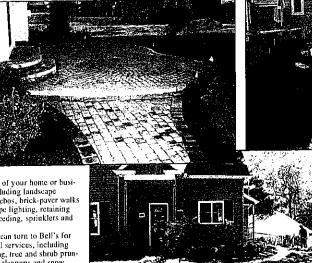
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plants.
Customers appreciate that consistency.



Beil's Landscaping validates their satis-

About 70 percent of our business comes from our customers sending us

referrals," noted Mike. -Some clients have a history of business lasting more than 25 years. Customer satisfaction and loyalty starts the moment you call the office to make an appointment with the sales staff. Bell's makes sure you are happy by offering a one-year warranty on most projects. They check



Renovations and walls, paver walks and gardens and ornate patios are just some of the things Bell's Landscape can add to your home or business.

then return on the one-year anniversary to give a final alk-through

scaping is like the icing on a cake," Mike added, "do your homework and make a 10-year projection plan. If you don't, you will be unhappy and possibly pulling plants in a few years. A good design keeps that from

happening."
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each project six amount of maintenance required will be explained and agreed upon and the price will never be a surprise.

As a caution Mike added, "Be careful

when comparing landscape bids. Plant size and the number of plants can alter the price of a project."

The lesson here is to remember that en you compare make sure they are exactly identical

including materials, type and number of plants. As Mike put it, when the job is all done, "Did the company meet your expec-Bell's Landscaping will, and is counting

on it, because they want your referral business. Call their office at (248) 486-0960 from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday or visit www.bellsland-



Waiter Michael Bradford light up the famous saganaki to the delight of the cus-

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Pance has been offering quality dance

Piazza-Esper and Gina Piazza, Piazza Dance has been offering quality dance education to Northville and the surrounding communities since 1981.

A staff of 14 teachers instruct students of all age and skill levels in Russian Method Ballet and Pointe, Jazz, Tap, Hip Hop, Polynesian, Irish-Step, Pre-school Ballet and Rhythm, Musical Thealer and Acting classes. This year they will begin offering Belly Dancing, Acro-gymnastics and Salsa classes.

Piazza Dance Company instructors are certified to teach by examination and are members of the oldest and most respected professional dance organi-

respected professional dance organization in the country — Dance Masters of America.

Recognizing differing needs of its student body, the Piazza Dance Company offers two curricula recreational and intensive,

Program is offered for such students who wish to take a casual approach to dance. "Most students of dance fun way to spend time in a weekly activity with friends," Gina said. "In fact, 85 percent to 90 percent of the student body is made up of the recre-ational student. These stu-dents include many adults fun way to

Recreational

dents include many adults enjoying the work-out they get in a dance class without the drudg-The Plazza Dance Company is proud to offer a place for the serious as well as the casual student, the very young or the senior citizen, as well as the dance student with loweries betheaster.

with learning challenges.

The other 10 percent to 15 percent of the

Piazza Dance

- Fall registration will be held from 4-7 p.m. Aug. 22-25 and Aug. 29 through Sept. 1.
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student body is enrolled in the Intensive

is one who may be considering dance as a career and spends much more time

learning the art in weekly practice," Gina explained.
"A student in the Intensive Program also has the option of partic-ipating in competitive dance, where he or she may meet and compete against students of dance from schools all over the state of Michigan and nationally."

It is this competi-

Piazza students, while small in

number, which

tends to gain the most attention.

"They are highly deco-

rated in competition and are

taking classes at the school several days per week," Gina pointed out. "People are always surprised that they rep-resent only 10 percent of the student body

as they are so visible around the school and at performance time.'

Most recently a group of Piazza Dance Company intensive students were awarded the top score and cash prize for their per-formance at a national dance contest in Branson, Mo. Their jazz routine was the overall high-scoring entry out of

more than 1,200, Other graduates of Piazza Dance Other graduates of Plazza Dance Company's Intensive Program are dancing on Broadway, cruise ships, are teaching, or are touring with professional shows. Whether a student is part of the Recreational or Intensive Program, the

same high-quality instruction taught by the same teachers is given to all students. The school also offers all-boys and men's class-

Other features which

make the school unique in the area are the profes-sional sprung floors —

resilient structures that protect against common dancing injuries.

Dance instruction is available all year

long.
Every July The Piazza Dance Company

offers a week-long intensive workshop with visiting faculty as well as a mini-workshop with permanent staff.
Fall registration will be held from 4-7 p.m. Aug. 22-25 and Aug. 29 through Sept. 1. Call the studio at (248) 348-3720 for

art the stude at (24a) 943-32 to remollment information or access their Web site at www.piazzadanceco.com.

The Piazza Dance Company is located at 42333 Seven Mile Road, in the Northville



