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Novi School District bus

drivers Kris Allor, left, Debbie Miner, and Susan Craepeau, front, all have varying levels of experience behind the wheel

getting students to and from their schools.

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INSIDE



Boy's jaw broken at Fountain Walk

By Pam Fleming

Novi parents and students were shocked and saddened about an assault on a teenag-er this month at Fountain Walk shopping center.

Det, Kevin Gilmore and other Novi Delice officers are looking for a green Chrysler 300M police believe may have been the getaway car after an assault Sept. 17 on a 13-year-old boy at the shopping

Gilmore said about 9:30 p.m., three juveniles were walking by the American Fitness store near Dick's Sporting Goods when a car drove by with three or four occupants inside.

"They yelled something at these kids who were walking," Gilmore said. The car

continued, stopped, spun around and came back. At least two teenagers got out of the car and approached the three teens who were walking. They made one of the teens get down on his target and apploacing.

his knees and apologize. "Then two of them started kicking the

kid," Gilmore said. He goi up, and as he got up, one of the teens allegedly punched him in the face, fracturing his jaw in two places. victims then took off, running The

around the corner by Putting Edge indoor miniature golf range and flagged down a patrol car in the area. In the meantime, the suspects, who

appeared to be high school students, drove off down 12 Mile Road.

Police say area well-patroled

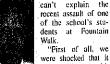
Gilmore suid such incidents do not occur all the time at the shopping center.

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Middle school principal talks to injured boy's class

By Pam Fleming STAFF WRITER

Novi Middle School Principal Milan Obrenovich said he can't explain the recent assault of one



occurred," he said. "You just don't see or hear about those Obrenovich hear

things happening in Novi. It's disturbing to say the least to have things like that go on so close to home."

Obrenovich said the school's 1,000 stu-dents in two grades are divided into four groups or teams. "We try to make it a smaller community, so kids area't insta a smaller community.

so kids aren't just a number coming through here," he said. He addressed students in the boy's team

He addressed students in the boy's team last week following the Sept. 17 assault at the local shopping center. "I went down and spoke to the class in that particular team," Obsenovich said. "I asked them how many had heard about the incident, and a majority of hands went up." He encouraged students to not repeat information about the assault they had not board first-hand. heard first-hand.

Parents have concerns

Obrenovich said parents of the teens involved in the assault are concerned about all of the questions fellow students have about the case, as well as runnors that are flying.

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Super modifies the Novi Theater on Oct. 1. code of conduct - 7A

By Ramez Khuri

Peter Dion is a stickler for com-

munication. The new Novi Community

department. First on the agenda was to revisit the athletic code of con-duct, which was recently approved by the board of educa-tion. As accessed parents discus

tion. As several parents disap-proved of its contents, Dion went to work and changed it from a

to join a sport. "Basically, I said the lines of

STAFF WRITER

handbook.

SPORTS

Thank

you, Lindal

After more than 15 years as

its director, Linda Wickert will retire from

Doggone it!

The Wildcats, despite reaching Brighton's five-yard line twice in the fourth quarter, were held scoreless as an interception and fourth-down sack sealed a 14-0

9-29	scoreless as an interception and fourth-down sack scaled a 14-0 Bulldogs win last Friday. — II
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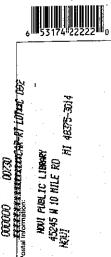
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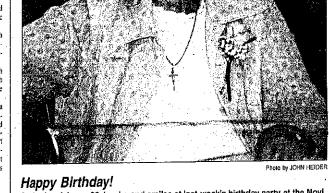
communications have been open and established," Dion said. Athletic code "There's a protocol and a chain of command for concerns, and that changes include a handbook



established soon. It will be comprised of a broad range of parents, represen-tative of the different spaceonal and gender sports and athletic boost-ers. They will meet with Curt Ellis, the district's athletic direc-tor, once a month to talk about issues in athletics and concerns the parents have

the changes to the document.

Catherine Adamo, 93, laughs and smiles at last week's birthday party at the Novi Senior Center for people 85 and older. Participants enjoyed singing "Happy Birthday", eating cake and ice cream and learning a bit about the history of their fellow attendees. Adamo was born in Detroit in 1912 and was married for 74



years. For the full story, please see page 14.

MEAP test right around the corner for Novi students

Which grades are taking which tests?

- Every grade from third through ninth will be tested on English
- and math. In addition: Third and fourth grades will be tested in language arts.

 - The fifth grade test will include science.
 The sixth grade test will include social studies.
- The seventh grade will just just be tested on English and math.
 The ninth grade will get a social studies test.
- "That's new because that test was always given to eighth

graders, but now they're bumping that social studies test up to the ninth grade," said Nancy Davis, Novis assistant superintend-ent of instructional services.

Students to take mandatory exam beginning this Monday

By Ramez Khuri

STAFF WRITER

The 2005-06 school year is about a month old, and the Novi Community School District is already talking MEAP.

Exams, which begin for grades third through ninth on Monday, third introgen limit of instaasy, are much carlier than in previous years. There will be a three-week window during which the test will be administered. This will be the first time that all of the third graders will be taking the MEAP test.

For the high school students, there is a retake time period in the fall because they get a second and third chance to take the MEAP. They take it the first time in the spring of their junior year, they can retake it in the fall their senior

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year, and they can retake it again in the spring of their senior year. "We've known about (the change) for several years now, and we've been gearing up for it," said Nancy Davis, the district's assistant superintendent of instructional services. "We're very comfortable with the shift. Teachers are ready, and the chil-dren are fresh. They're all back in school raring to go, so this may be a 'good thing for the kids to take the test now." lest now

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was clarified. Dion said an athletic advisory council, which will be inclu-sive of representatives

School District superintendent has already improved lines of communication in many areas already, including the athletic P. Dion

that parents have.

to work and changed it from a code to an all-encompassing Athletic director's reaction Not only are rules enclosed for Ellis said he wasn't surprised at behavior, but it also explains the process for what students must do

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Striving to be the best waitress

break down, she described herself

as a very talkative, energetic and fun person to be around. She's also upbeat, always smiling and

"All of the people who work here are very friendly, too," she said. "I really do like my job. This

is a really great place to work and

always see a

varm smile on

Mikkelsen's

face. Mikkelsen

friendly.

Mikkelsen's smiling face a familiar site at Guernsey Farms

By Ramez Khuri AFF WRITEF

Not only is Guernsey Farms Dairy a popular place to eat, drink and be merry, but it also boasts one of the hardest working waitin the city; Angela resses Mikkeisen.

Patrons head to the restaurant. which is located on Novi Road, just north of Eight Mile, for its great ice cream, broasted chicken,

a great place to eat." Mikkelsen explained sandwiches, meatloal, steaks and breakfasts. But as a bonus, no matter what kind of day she's hav-Guernsey makes its own milk and they

YOUR NOVI Neighbors

sile, which is unusual nowadays. Another unique trait is

that the build-ing lies right on the border of was modest while speaking about herself, preferring instead to com-pliment her co-workers and talk Novi and Northville, putting it in pliment her co-workers and talk about Guernsey. But when she did the "Noville" area.

She's not just a waitress

Mikkelsen's position extends far beyond waitressing, however. The four-year veteran of Guernsey is also in charge of training new staff, which is a

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ice cream on



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Photo by JOHN HEIDER Guernsey Farms Dairv restaurant waitress Angela Mikkelsen smiles as she talks to customer Pet Nevideon on a Thursday afternoon.



Pecautic of the small protop of peca-ple 1 was listening to. It's just in the way around it on just NOVI NEWS-Thursday, September 29, 2005 Athletic code MEAP will change to ACT test in 2008

ple I was listening to. It's just changes include common sense and good practice. Just like protocol for a chain of a handbook

continued from front page Parental reaction "Any time you have a new

The athletic handbook will be revised after a full year and after superintendent come in who has fresh ideas about things and is attentive to the community, like Mr. Dion seems to be, I think it three seasons to take a look at what works and what doesn't. It was to be expected that he would take a look at not just this policy. take a nor a nor just ons policy, but a whole lot of other ones," Ellis said. "I think the changes that were made were positive and were handbaoks. that, he addet The high school will have one handbaok. Within that, there will makes sense." Also clarif code, which will encompass ath-was the role co-ficer with b reflective of some conversationhe had with some toos, it must that the lines of communication have been opened up further, even this dow were last year." "I think Mr. Dion recognizes this dow were last year." he had with some folks. I think that parents can be part of the Dion said that as he took a look t the code, there were things that solution and aren't the problem needed to be fine tuned. "We have to do a better job at for any discipline issues that do come up," said Roger Jaussi, a parent who voiced his opinions communicating and listening," he aid. "The other thing that I about the document at many banned was the way the adhletic school board meetings. "I think changed was the way the athletic that Mr. Dion's implementations director reports to the assistant uperintendent for instruction. If the explained that the athletic perspective, those issues that superintendent for instruction. director is now going to report directly to the high school and middle school principals. "If it's sports-related, the A.D. ught to have direct communica-

on with the principal of the ailding," Dion said. "That was huilding," Dion said. not something that come up ty, there are many other extra-cur-

"I think Mr. Dion recognizes that parents can be part of the solution and aren't the problem for any discipline issues that do come up.'

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"Why are we zeroing in on just athletics?" Dion asked. "We have kids in National Honors Society. take mandatory exam beginning command is a good practice and a good way of doing things." student council and doing many other activities. Here is an opporthis Monday unity to try to resolve that, makes sense, and I don't care continued from front page you're an athlete or you're in the Davis said that the Michigan

thespian group or National Honors Society. Shouldn't you have the same behavior standards Department of Education has been considering the change of date for quite some time. It was finally decided last year that what works and what uceso to over a "I doesn't take a group or peo-will also be incorporated into the high school and middle school to a theory in the added. "You have to look that," he added. "You have to look as anyone else?" "It doesn't take a group of peothey would move the major testing window to the fall. The at the whole picture and what idea is related to the need to look at student assessment and student achievement from fall Also clarified and discussed was the role of the police liaison officer at the high school — when to fall, or from one year to the next year. They try to calculate it's appropriate for him to get adequate yearly progress on a consistent time frame, and involved, and that parents are cor tacted right away if he does get issess student achievement. involved Dion's role as superintendent Davis said that some are worried that teachers and stu-dents haven't had enough time to prepare for the MEAP since was revised as well, in regards to communication with the h school and middle school prin pals and athletic director. numication with the high the start of the school year. "When you consider the fact that the legislation is talking about moving the start day of "I think that I'm going to play a

perspective, those issues that we've had and the unpleasanness of the past year are well behind us now. We're moving forward in the right direction." One criticism that the code of for the Navi News. He can be conduct received was that it reached at (248) 349-1700, ext. focused on just athletics. In reali- 110 or by e-mail at rkhuri@gannett.com

ed and boxed up, and then shipped to the testing compaschool to after Labor Day, on that front," Davis said. that's going to give our stu-dents and teachers even less time to prepare kids for taking ny, Davis said. take the test means to prepare them physically and mentally. the MEAP test next year, if that How to prepare making sure they're rested, and Davis said that this year the district has even created a new district is encouraging teachers making sure parents know they day. They also need to have a art-time testing coordinator bisition. That person's job is to part-time testing coordinator clear head, and be comfortable nothing but help the elemen- they are academically prepared that go into feeling as little stress as possible about taking tary schools prepare for the and get the children ready to take the test. Davis explained that being a test," Davis said, MEAP test. "It takes a lot of time and effort just to sort out the book-ets, distribute them, get them all coded correctly, get all the alignment work that the district all coded correctly, get all the data lagament work that the district for the Novi News. He can be have been doing over the past reached at [248] 349-1700, ext. 110 or-by e-mail at rkhuri@gan-dled up, everything has to be sent back to the central office

Mikkelsen's smiling face a

familiar site at Guernsey Farms continued from front page

almost like a separate job in

she's an outgoing person and it's hard for her not to stay smiling, for some, it can be difficult to She said that she must know the whole menu and how every-thing is prepared. It's also her maintain that smile for the responsibility to keep an eye on everyone else and make sure

they're greeting tables properly and that they know what's going on and are clear on what they're patrons who come in are extremely friendly and happy and smiling themselves. "It makes you want to smile doing. "Training people can be difficult, but it depends on the per-son you're training," she said. "I always start with them on the that much more," she said, "For first day by going over the whole menu. I have to tell them when to go to a table, when to check on a table, when they get their food, how you offer things and suggestive sells, which can be the hardest part. I also introduce them to our computer and teach how to write shorthand for

hig orders." Mikkelsen said that most peo ple think waitressing is an easy job. There are many things to remember and a lot of things that need to be done at once hether it's getting fries, or drinks or ringing in orders. The most difficult part of the

job is when customers aren't inderstanding. "Our busiest nights are

Friday, Saturday or -Sanday nights," Mikkelsen said, "Our shifts start at 4 p.m. on the weekends, and usually it's kind of slow an hour or so before it picks up. In that time you're tak ing a deep breath for what's

ag a deep orcan in ibout to come." Guernsey has six tables per section, which are usually for about three hours on Friday

Roger Jaussi Novi paren tally challenged people come in

heing a decent waiter, you have tally chalk to block out some things. Not for lunch. "If you stop and you don't keep doing what you're doing, it's hard to get back into the swing of things. It can be pretty time having a bunch of the doing what you're doing, it's and to get back into the swing surface do things. It can be pretty tiring having a bunch of things to do and thinking about who wants a side of extra cole slaw." Mikkelsen said that although she's an outcoing provide that although the job

become your friends and you incident that happened to her talk to "It's nice to be able to meet

for some, it can be difficult to maintain that smile for the whole shift, But it's ararity for whole shift, but it's a tailing to the mast never once a tropped at their the courties easy to serve a tray, but when a girl she was them, too, because you already had day on the job. As she training dropped one, she asked know what they want," explained it, 90 percent of the Mikkelsen if she had ever done Training dropped one, she asked Mikkelsen if she had ever done that. Mikkelsen sid no, hut when she went to grab the coffee

Romer Khuri is a staff writer that, Miskelsen sau no, nur kanez smart is a sage inter-when she went to grab the coffee for the Nowi-News. Ha can, be cups, she almost dropped the reached at (248) 349-1700, ext. whole tray herself. 10 or by e-mail at rkhuri@gan-Recently, a group of 20 men- nett.com.

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Angela Mikkelsen Áge: 21 Occupation: Waitress at Guernsey Farms Dairy in Novi, where she is in charge of training new staff. Ever since she was little she

has always played "teacher." Mikkelsen teaches catechism at her church and would like to teach at a high school in the future. Family: Mother, Margaret and younger sister, Emily Pets: A 5-year-old yellow lab named Madison and a 10-week-

old yellow lab named Hunter. Hobbies and/or interests: Work and school consume most of her time. If she's not doing either of those, she enjoy's writing, watching movies at home and watching baseball. Advice: "Be as friendly as possible," Mikkelsen said. "Smile

In a related story, the MEAP test will be replaced by the ACT test starting in 2008. There has been much discussion over the last several years about replacing the high school MEAP test with a different test. Michigan Deserver the Michigan Deserver.

about replacing the high school MEAP test with a different one. The state government, the Michigan Department of Education and Gov. Jennifer Granholm have been very clear

about the need for a lest that is comparable to other states. The MEAP test is unique to Michigan, but the ACT test is

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Davis explained that many Novi High School students take

Davis explained that many Novi High School students lake the ACT or SAT tests for college entrance purposes. In Michigan, the ACT is the test that most universities look at. "After interally three years of debate, discussion and testi-mony, it was decided that the change made sense," Davis said. "We're very comfortable with that. Our high schoolers will now be able to take it to accent to the product of the sense."

"We're very comfortable with inat. Our nigh schoolers will now be able to take if at no expense to themselves or their par-ents. The state will cover the cost of it, and it will be given to every student. It may give some students a sense that they may be able to go to college, too, because they have to take the ACT Thurk's a cover there."

"We're in pretty good shape

"Getting children ready to

to have breakfast every

"All of those are logistics

Rame: Khuri is a staff writer

ACT. That's a good thing

and counted and sorted, collat- learning about

and treat people the way you would like to be treated in a restaurant or if you are a teacher."

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School: Attended Stevenson High School in Livonia. She is currently, student at Madonna University, where she's studying secondary education, with an English major, the test shift and built? equested information. equested inform. commit identity theft. raorello's

Susan Cusick of Novi, whose children were not Fountain Walk Saturday involved in the incident, said news of the Sept. 17 ssault spread quickly. "It was the talk of the middle school," she said atinued from front page last week. She said she is rethinking letting her kids hang out at Fountain Walk. "I've never had a case where this has happened." "I drop my kids off there a lot," she said. "They re said Sept. 21. We do have problems at Fountain Walk with the number of people coming out of the bars there," he and then Buffalo Wild Wings for a snack before or after the movie. ıdded Cusick said she was upset by the incident. "] explained to the parents that just the sheer "I explained to the parents that just the sales number of people coming out of bars at the same time, that it's not uncommon that we're going to "As a community, that's one of the main attrac-tions for the kids in this area," she said. "As parents, you don't feel 100 percent safe ever. But, certainly, if I'd known this was going have people having disagreements, But, I've never and an incident like this with 13-year-olds. on, I would have made a lot of different choice

Boy's jaw broken at

Residents speak out

David Molloy, acting chief of police, said that patrols have been stepped up at Fountain Walk all whether or not to allow my children the freedom of not going with an adult." She added that her kids were harassed once at animer, and they include a three-pronged approach cops in cars, on mountain bikes and on foot. "We've already increased our patrols up and and Fountain Walk this summer in which so around Fountain Walk, particularly on the weekend approached them about buying ticko pproached them about buying tickets to nights," Mulloy said. "They just walked into Emagine and got away In a Sept. 13 report to Rick Helwig, city manager, on August patrol activities for the Post Bar, Lucky's and Tequila Rain, Sgt. Victor Lauria from them "They looked to be in their early 20s," said her reported that 69 officer-initiated community polic-ing/extra patrols were performed at Fountain Walk. "You have to get out on foot out there," Molloy id, "There's no way you can stay in your car and be able to walk through there.

He added that Guardian Security has a strong esence at the center, too. have met with the young man involved several times. He may know these young men." Molloy said.

president and director of operations at Fountain Walk. by e-mail at pfleming@gannett.com.

POLICE REPORT

Fifth Third confirms fraud The officer tymed around to follow the Explorer and noticed at the Officials from Fifth Third Bank stoplight that the driver's side n Detroit warn area residents cake light was not functioning about an Internet scam involving Wh the light turned green, the driver changed lanes without sig-naling and proceeded west on unsolicited e-mail. A Novi resident notified police when he received an authentic-looking e-mail claiming to be from Grand River Avenue. After stopping the driver for the violations, the officer asked the the anti-fraud department of the woman where she was coming The e-mail states that the from, and she said, "Friday's," and then, "I mean O'Tooles." Account Review Team has identi-He then asked her if she had had fied some unusual activity on the any alcohol to drink. She replied, account and that access to the account will be limited "One beer with dinner 45 minutes It goes on to say that this is a ago." The officer noticed a strong odor fraud prevention measure meant to of intexicants coming from ensure that the account is not com-

promised. The e-mail then instructs the vehicle and that the woman's eyes were red and glassy. A breath test showed al blood reader to click on a legitimate Fifth Third Bank link and fill outform delt aneohol level in the enver of 12 הבסורים, שהמונים לי שתונסדסקיים. פרמורים, לאימולים

Anti-frand staff at the bank told Novi Det, Sgt. Matt Conquest that this is a "fishing" ploy in which Theft at Lord & Taylor A 39-year-old Lathrup Village unscrupulous users are attempting woman was arrested for retain

nyone who receives such an efraud at 8:39 p.m. Sept. 16 at Lord mail should contact their bank & Taylor denart nent store at fwelve Oaks Mall. office immediately. A store employee reported to loss prevention at the store that the Milford woman arrested man attempted to return a dress

with an incorrect sales tag sewn in. The return was declined due to the A 23-year-old Milford woman vas arrested for operating while ntoxicated at 1:51 a.m. Sept. 16 at incorrect tag. The loss prevention agent said Grand River Avenue and Taft he watched as the woman selected

an evening dress, then remove the An officer was driving south on Novi Road south of Grand River sales tag Avenue when he saw a white Ford SUV traveling north on Novi She then selected another dress and replace the sales tag with the tag from the first dress.

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back to school easier."

He suggested to students in the boy's class to welcome the injured student when he returns and not bombard him with questions. "We just want to make the student's transition

What's the school doing?

The middle school principal said that questions about how to deal with violence are discussed in

each student's enrichment class. "A lot of it is academic enrichment," he said. "But, they also deal with issues relative to conflict resolution. They look at social and personal aspects of the nodents and have discussions

The school also addresses conflict resolution in its life skills class, a 12-week elective class at the middle school.

"Right now, I don't think I'll be going there for a little while -- not at night anyway," he said. tion," the principal said. a little while — not at night anyway," he said Susan Cusick said the Novi school system a conflict resolution program that teaches kids how to deal with such incidents.

If not discovered, the transaction

"You talk to them about strangers. But, at this age, you need to talk to them about how not to get a conflict." she said.

The may know these young men. Pointy ship. "We regret the incident and are fully cooperating Pain Fleming is a staff writer for the Novi News. with the local autionities," said Kim Peterson, vice She can be reached at [248] 349-1700, ext. 105, or

reported a theft at 1:07 a.m. Sept. Fathov stolen off porch The manager told police that A resident on Shorecrest n three subjects were inside the restaurant throwing food at the wait staff and refusing to pay their Pontiac Trail and West Park Drive

reported at 1:48 p.m. Sept. 12 that his son's Fatboy bike had been The man believes the theft The subjects described as two occurred sometime after midnight Sept. 10 when his son left his bike cked on the porch

time

The manager of Denny's 1933 Restaurant at 27750 Novi Road

males and one female, were report-ed to have left the area in a blue SUV, possibly a GMC Envoy. There are no suspects at this The hill they skipped out on totaled \$34.83 and included three

The resident told police that if the bike is found, he does not want to prosecute. The light blue Fatboy 315 with four silver pegs attached to the wheels was valued at about \$300. Dine and dash at Denny's

could have resulted in a \$42 shortcrime Stolen merchandise included a age for the store. In another incident, a pair of silver Sigrid Olson carrings valued at \$24, and two pairs of gold Sigrid Olson earrings, each Farmington Hills woman was arrested for retail fraud at 2:52 valued at \$24. p.m. Sept. 18. A loss prevention agent was working the closed circuit televi Bottles stolen at Chili's sion surveillance in the store's jew-The manager of Chili's Bar & elry department when she saw a woman select three sets of ear-Grill on Haggerty Road north of Eight Mile Road reported a theft of some bottles at 11:41 a.m. Sept.

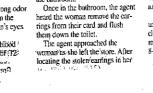
purse, the woman admitted to the

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rings, palm them, then place them in her nurse. r purse. She then went downstairs via The theft was believed to have the escalator, going directly into occurred between 12:30 a.m. and 7 the bathroom am. Sept. 18.

The manager told police that an unknown person or persons climbed over the fence of the

restlurant's storage area and took 8-10 cases of returnable bottles. There are no known suspects





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Obrenovich said teachers try to help students deal with pre-adolescent life issues. "We look at the whole child."

Why the violence?

Obrenovich said it's hard to say why teenagers become violent. "Research points to the violence in television, novies and games. The question is, 'Does this lead to aggressive behavior?'" Obrenovich asked. "This may have some major effects on our young

people," he said. The principal added that some reports have stated that repeated exposure to violence leads children to become less sensitive to the pain and

suffering of others. Then, there's the "lear factor" parents and teachers need to address. "Some kids become fearful of the world around

them after such an incident," Obrenovich said. "I think it shocked a lot of our kids. When it happens close to you, you start to feel vulnerable yo self.

"A large majority of our students do take this class, and they specifically do look at relationships and how to deal with conflict and how to diffuse a situa-bow to deal with conflict and how to diffuse a situa-

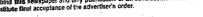
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Milan Obrenovich Principal, Novi Middle School

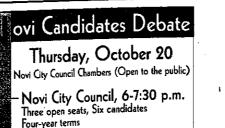


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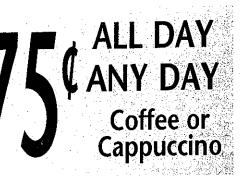
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■\$2 million the at (248) 349-0720, Ext. 140 "At the moment, we're facilitat-ing interviews with Friends of the Library and planning," Carley goal for 2006 said. "These interviews are a crit-

ical first step for any campaign." He noted that 14 interviews have been conducted, one more is By Pam Fleming Rick Smith, Novi Public scheduled and two are pending Library board president, says res-idents need to look at the big pie-

These are going to be ongoing. Advice and input are needed." Carley said a theme has also been established for the capital ure. The focus this year has obvicampaign: "Moving Forward is Growing With Our Community: A Campaign for Novi Public Librar."

ously been on matching the \$1 million donated last year by Charles and Myrtle Walker. But, the board's goal is to raise Library. Smith said the goal for 2005 is \$500,000 this year and focus on a goal of \$2 million total from the Walkers and the community by to raise more than \$50,000 from community events, with the other \$450,000 in contributions coming from businesses and individuals. ers and the community by the end of next year.

"I think that's a more realistic "We've got our plans all togethoal for this year," Smith said. er now, including elevations," Smith added. "We're using that as part of the packet that we're tak-Fund-raising firm hired

A professional fund-raising firm has been hired to help raise as much as possible before the Dec. 31 deadline on the Walkers' ing out to local businesses and le in the community. The library plans are to expand

the building from its current 27,000 square feet to 60,000 atching funds. square feet. The projected cost of the project is \$18 million-\$19 million. Starting Sept. 7, Travis Carley, executive director, Community Counseling ín Services Key businesses such as Providence Hospital are being Southfield, is in the library five days a week. He can be contacted

Town Hali Lectures Series set

Three upcoming events at the Rock Financial Showplace will

Innee upcoming events at the Nock Financial Snowplace Will benefit the Novi Public Library. • On Wednesday, Nov. 30, best-selling author Noreen Wald, also known Nora Charles, will talk about her work. • On Wednesday, Feb. 1, Channel 4 "Weather Guy" Chuck Gaidica will give a motivational lecture. • On Wednesday, March 29, 2006, internationally-known physi-cian and author fr Marianne Lecture il Keisues Author to Mariane Lecture.

cian and author Dr. Marianne Legato will discuss health issues. The series costs \$35 without lunch, \$50 for lecture and lunch or \$120 for all three lectures and lunch. Mail reservations and checks to Novi Town Hall Series, P.O. Box

539 Novi MI 48376 For more information, call Kathy Crawford at (248) 349-5079 or Diana Canup. at (248) 348-1822 or visit www.novi.lib.mi.us.

Emagine Theater to donate funds

At 10 a.m. on Saturday, Oct. 8, Emagine Theater in Novi will show "Wallace & Gromit: Curse of the Were-Rabbit," with 100 percent of the proceeds going to the Novi Public Library Capital Campaign Fund.

Tickets, which are available at the library are \$6 per person or \$20 tor marhily pack with four ickets

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the library, with funds going to the Novi Library Capital Campaign Fund. pproached, as well as area devel- fund also took place earlier this

opers, according to Smith. The board also has four large areas in the library it is marketing year. Emagine will have another showing to benefit the library on Saturday, Oct. 8. A Town Hall Lecture Series is also planned. The series includes three lectures and book signings by celebrities/authors and lunch at

for naming opportunities. "We're hoping to secure some donations around those," he said. "That's really the focus now." Several fund-raising opportunities have contributed to the build-Newcomers and Neighbors event a fund-raiser on Sunday, Nov. 13, on Sept. 21, and collection jars at

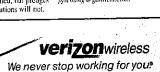
Fuerst Farm Family Day on Sept. 11 brought in \$500. The showing of a movie at Emagine Theater at Fountain paign with a goal of raising one million pennics or \$10,000. Residents are also asked to donate Emagine Theater at Fountain million pennics or \$10,000, tions, such as goods or commodi-walk shopping center with pro-ceeds going to the library building \$1 for a card shaped like a book at for future contributions will not.

the Rock Financial Showplace. Salöne Nadwa & Day Spa at the Novi Library. a fund-raiser on Sunday, Nov. 13, for the library. . The Friends of the Novi Library have organized a cam-

As far as the agreement signed by the Walkers last year, Smith said the value of in-kind dona-

Library pledged to donate at least \$10,000 at our last meeting." Smith said. The group has raised about \$4,000 so far, according to Bob Brunett, president, Friends of The Walker agreement

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





"Only money we receive this year is eligible for the match," Smith said. "I don't think we're going to make a million this year," he said. "The fund-raising professionals have said to us that regardless of

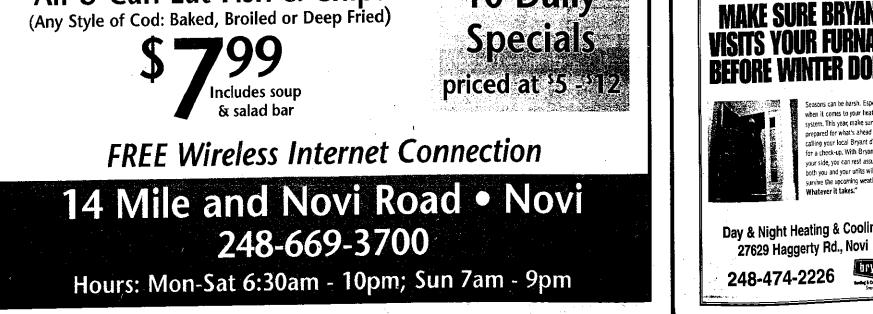
Rick Smith the timing that a million dollars is a tall order for a community." sident, Novi library board Although library board mem

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hers have not approached city council yet, they want to propos a millage to help the fibrary in the 2006 election."I think there's too much focus on the matching funds." Smith said. "The Friends of the Novi "The focus needs to be, 'What

are we doing to secure the library through some fund-rating and then a millage campaign? Just to have some extra money for doing a little bit of building work is not what this is about."

Pam Fleming is a staff write





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She'll run a bed 'n' breakfast

By Pam Fleming

A native of Boston, Wiekert said Landa Wiekert is starting a new has lived in Novi for more than 25 years, but she yearned for the ocean. "Every time we've gone home, no matter what season of the year it chapter in her life. The founder and longtime director of the Novi Theatres retires on Oct. 1 is, Ealways have to put my feet inthe water," she said.

She will remain at the Civic "It's just something I've always wanted to go back to." Center for a month as new director Sherri Sansom learns the ropes. Sansom will be assisted by direc-

tors Laura Utter and Lauren Sorrentino as well as costumer Marianne Tomasik. Pam Fleming can be reached at (238) 349-1700 ext 105 or at pfleming@gauren.com

Wickert will costume "Anne of Green Gables" in October, Her hus band, Dick, will appear in two of the three one-act plays in "A One-Act Festival" in November. Wickert founded the Theatres in

October 1991. "T'm so privileged in my life to have created something that I'm leaving that continues and that's been so successful," Wickert said, "It's just a wonderful feeling to leave that legacy." Wickert said she has always

loved the theater. "As a child I grew up in apart-ments," she said, "So whenever I would visit relatives that had garages, I'd get some kids together, and we'd put plays on for the neigh-borhood. I was always the director." Her interest in theater continued in high school.

t was a private girls school, so we had to borrow boys from anoth-er private school, she recalled.

Wieken received a bachelor's degree in performing arts from the University of Detroit and a master's degree in theater from Wayne State Iniversity

She first met her husband at U of D, but was a Dominican nun at the time. She left the convent after six years, saw him at a teachers' convention in Grand Rapids, and they've now been married 32 years. One of the most importaaspects of running a successful the ter, Wickert said, is to play to you

audience." She noted Novi isn't like a college town, where directors can take

ne chances. "We always make sure we put something on with a big name, since

we're self-funded," she said. Wickert started out producing three shows a year. The program grew to 11-12 shows a year. Today, the Theatres produce about nine

shows a year. Wickert said she will miss the people from her Novi Theatres' days as well as the theater itself. "People who try theater as peformers, there's something about

that first moment of applause." slic aid. "We had a little girl who was in 'My Fair Lady,' Her mother was in the dressing room, and the little girl came back and said, 'f don't know what it is — why I feel so special when they all started to clap.' As

hey say, it's the roar of the grease-paint and the smell of the crowd. "It's all of the trappings of becoming a character. There's nothing like live theater." Wickert and her husband, a car

salesman at the Denimer dealership for 32 years, will move at the end of November to a new home they recently purchased in Ogunquit. She will run "16 Beach Street," a

hed and breakfast from the home a

"I'm so privileged in my life to have created something that I'm leaving that continues and that's been so

that address in Ogunquit, starting next spring. He will sell real estate in an office across the street. They had been looking at the 16 Beach Street to open in 2006

Area residents who would like to book a night or more at Linda Wickert's new bed and breakfast, scheduled to open next spring in Ogunquit, Maine, can call (207) 646-1669. Brochures on the ion will also be available at the Novi Parks and Recreation Department and Holy Family Catholic Church.

Upcoming Novi Theatres shows

The Novi Theatres will present "Anne of Green Gables," at 7:30 p.m. Oct. 29 and 30 and at 3 p.m. Oct. 31. Performances of "A One-Act Festival," which includes three, one-act plays, will be at 7:30 p.m. Nov. 11 and 12 and at 3 p.m. Nov. 13, Tickets are \$10. For more information, call (248) 347-0400 or visit www.novitheatres.com.



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Local RVs house Katrina victims

offered to the federal agency. Other units have gone to families, home builders or the many insur-Units provided as temp homes ance adjusters sent to the area.

"The larger RVs can house up to 10 people," Baidas said. The RVs all have the comforts By Pam Fleming of home — stoves, refrigerators, television hookups, hot water, showers, bathrooms, heating and Loren Baidas is happy to help the victims of Hurricane Katrina. As manager of General RV

air conditioning. Baidas said General RV loca-Center in Wixom, the home office of the largest recreational vehicle operation in the country, he has tions railied to the Hurricane Katrina cause because the compa-ny was able to provide such a ently helped to put a roof over needed service to those affected the heads of hundreds of disaster

by the storm. "We're just glad that we have the type of business that coold offer The Wixom store, on 12 Mile Road south of I-96, is one of six temporary housing to those who locations in southeast Michigan that have sent recreational vehilost their homes after one of the cles to the area after the devastat-ing storm that struck the Gulf largest national disasters in the history of our country," Baidas said. The six locations have about 2,000 RVs in their inventory. Coast on Aug. 29. "The six centers have sent 200-300 RVs, and more are leaving every day," Baidas said. Other General RV Centers are in Waterford, Mount Clemens, Brownstown Township, Birch The centers have been told that Run and Grand Rapids. the RVs will be needed in the Gulf Coast area for about six months. Some have been donated, some The centers have assisted du ing other natural disasters in its 46 years in business, according to a salesman at the Wixom location. have been leased, and some have been purchased. The Associated Press requested

Baidas noted that despite the downturn in the economy that RV about 20 units. FEMA has yet to purchase any RVs from General RV, but the inventory has been sales have been good. "RVing has become a new

Neighborhood team then went door-to-door Sept. 11 and collected as many bottles and cans as possible. chips in big for and cans as possible. "The filers gave people the option to just leave the bolles in bags on their front porches," Armen said. "To my supprise, my asked if I'd heard about Lowe's bushter and I draws around early asked if I'd heard about Lowe's bushters and I draws around early asked if I'd heard about Lowe's bushters and I draws around early asked if I'd heard about Lowe's bushters and I draws around early asked if I'd heard about Lowe's bushters and I draws around early asked if I'd heard about Lowe's bushters and I draws around early asked if I'd heard about Lowe's bushters and I draws around early asked in I'd heard about Lowe's bushters and I draws around early asked in I'd heard about Lowe's bushters and I draws around early asked in I'd heard about Lowe's bushters and I draws around early asked in I'd heard about Lowe's bushters and I draws around early asked in I'd heard about Lowe's bushters and I draws around early asked in I'd heard about Lowe's bushters and I draws around early asked in I'd hearly about Lowe's bushters around a bushters around a bushters around a bushters and a bushters around a bushters around a bushters around a bushters and a bushters around a bush Katrina victims By Tracy Mishler

daughter and I drove around early that morning and there were plastic bags on tons of porches." Armen said each family was assigned to cover a section of the It started with an idea and led to wer \$14,000 in donations for Kutina victims. assigned to cover a section of the who's responsible: Island subdivision, and at the end they were in all meet back at the comwere to all meet back at the com-munity clubhouse to total every-Lakes subdivision off Wixom

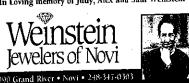
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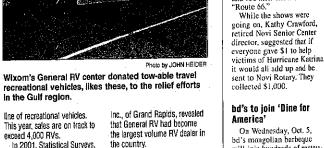
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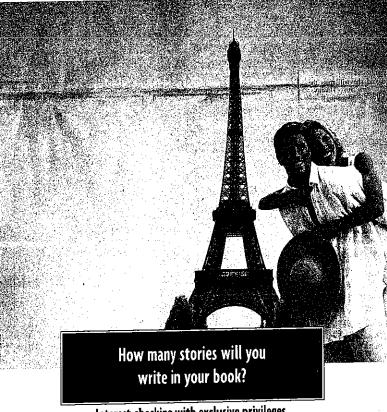


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This year, the national fund-raising effort will sup-port the American Red Cross Disaster Relief Fund to help those affected by Hurricane Katrina.

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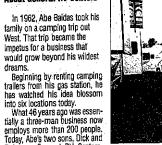
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They had been looking at the

home for several years, and, as fate would have it, it finally became

She'll run a bed 'n' breakfast

By Pam Fleming

theirs. A native of Boston, Wickert said has lived in Novi for more than 25 years, but she yearned for the ocean. "Every time we've gone home. Linda Wickert is starting a new chapter in her life. The founder and longtime direcof the Novi Theatres retires on no matter what season of the year it s, I always have to put my feet in-Oct. 1 She will remain at the Civic

the water," she said. "It's just something I've always Center for a month as new director Sherri Sansom learns the ropes. Sansom will be assisted by direc-tors. Laura. Utter, and Lauren wanted to go back to." Point Fleming can be reached at (248) 349-1700, ext. 105, or at

Sorrentino as well as costumer Marianne Tomasik. pfleming@gamett.com. Wickert will costume "Anne of Green Gables" in October. Her husband, Dick, will appear in two of the three one-act plays in "A One-Act Jestival" in November.

Wicken founded the Theatres in October 1991. "I'm so privileged in my life to lave created something that I'm leaving that continues and that's been so successful." Wickert said. "his just a wonderful feeling to

leave that legacy. Wickert said she has always loved the theater. "As a child I grew up in apart ments," she said. "So whenever I would visit relatives that had garages, 10 get some kids together. and we'd put plays on for the neigh-

borhood. I was always the director." Her interest in theater continued in high school. "It was a private girls school, so we had to horrow hoys from anoth-

er private school," she recalled. Wickert received a bachelor's degree in performing arts from the University of Detroit and a master's degree in theater from Wayne State

niversity. She first met her husband at U of D, but was a Dominican non at the time. She left the convent after six years, saw him at a teachers' con-vention in Grand Rapids, and they've now been married 32 years. One of the most important aspects of ranning a successful the-ater, Wickert said, is to "play to your audience. She noted Novi isn't like a col

lege town, where directors can take some chances. "We always make sure we put

something on with a big name, since ve re self-funded," she said. Wicken started out producing three shows a year. The program grew to 11-12 shows a year. Today, he Theatres produce about nine

shows a year. Wickert said she will miss the people from her Novi Theatres days as well as the theater itself. "Peonle who try theater as per-

formers, there's something about that first moment of applause." she "We had a little girl who was in 'My Fair Lady.' Her mother was in the dressing room, and the little girl came back and said. 'I don't know what it is --- why I feel so special

when they all started to clap. As they say, it's the roar of the grease paint and the smell of the crowd. "It's all of the trappings becoming a character. There's nothing like live theater." Wickert and her husband, a car

salesman at the Demmer dealership for 32 years, will move at the end of November to a new home they recently purchased in Ogunquit. She will run "16 Beach Street." a bed and breakfast from the home al

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that address in Ogunquit, starting next spring. He will sell real estate 16 Beach Street to open in 2006

Area residents who would like to book a night or more at Linda Wickert's new bed and breakfast, scheduled to open next spring in Ogunquit, Maine, can call (207) 646-1669. Brochures on the inn will also be available at the Novi Parks and Recreation Department and Holy Family Catholic Church.

Upcoming Novi Theatres shows

The Novi Theatres will present "Anne of Green Gables," at 7:30 p.m. Oct. 29 and 30 and at 3 p.m. Oct. 31. Performances of "A One-Act Festival," which includes three, one-act plays, will be at 7:30 p.m. Nov. 11 and 12 and at 3 p.m. Nov. 13. Tickets are \$10. For more information, call (248) 347-0400 or visit www.novitheatres.com.



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Units provided as temp homes offered to the federal agency. Other units have gone to families, home builders or the many insur-ance adjusters sent to the area. "The larger RVs can house up to 10 people," Baidas said. The RVs all have the comforts family on a camping trip out West. That trip became the By Pam Fleming Impetus for a business that of home - stoves, refrigerators would grow beyond his wildest 7 Loren Baidas is happy to help television hookups, hot water the victims of Hurricane Katrina. showers, bathrooms, heating and Beginning by renting camping trailers from his gas station, he has watched his idea biossom As manager of General RV Center in Wixom, the home office air conditioning. Baidas said General RV loca-

of the largest recreational vehicle tions rallied to the Harricane operation in the country, he has recently helped to put a roof over the heads of hundreds of disaster Katrina cause because the company was able to provide such a needed service to those affected by the storm. victims.

Road south of I-96, is one of six type of business that could offer type of business that could dict temporary housing to those who lost their homes after one of the largest national disasters in the hislocations in southeast Michigan that have sent recreational vehicles to the area after the devastatstorm that struck the Gulf tory of our country," Baidas said. Coast on Aug. 29. The six locations have about 2,000 RVs in their inventory. Other General RV Centers are in when during the six locations have about 2,000 RVs in their inventory. Other General RV Centers are in the six location of the six locati every day," Baidas said. The centers have been told that the RVs will be needed in the Gulf Waterford, Mount Clemens, Brownstown Township, Birch Run and Grand Rapids. Coast area for about six months.

Some have been donated, some years in business, according to a ave been leased, and some have salesman at the Wixom location. Baidas noted that despite the been purchased. The Associated Press requested downturn in the economy that RV about 20 units. FEMA has yet to any RVs from General sales have been good RV, but the inventory has been "RVing has become a new

team then went door-to-door Sept. and cans as possible. "The filers gave people the option to just leave the bottles in bags on their front parches,"

It started with an idea and led to over \$14,000 in donations for tic bags on tons of porches." Armen said each family was assigned to cover a section of the subdivision, and at the end they were to all meet back at the com

munity clubhouse to total every Armed with a goal, Armen and Belinda Kabodian, along with their two daughters, Ariana, 13, ind Margaux, 11, set out to get their subdivision involved in a their data data of the sub was include data of the sub was thing up. Island Lakes collected \$1,500 Armed with a goal, Armen and

awesome," he said. "I think a lot wivors. After delivering fliers to over 500 homes, with help from 15 from the federal government; we neighboring families, the bottle had to do something.⁵

Dear Dedicated Readers

We would like to thank you for your continued support and We would like to thank you lor your continued support and understanding. On Wednesday August 24, 2005 our building burned down due to an electrical fire determined by the Fire Marshall. We have secured a new location in Novi and are committed to be open with full service by the middle of October. If you have merchandise with us it is secure and unharmed. If you need to speak to someone please call 248-347-0303. If you need to mail something please send it to the address below and it will be forwarded. mail something please send it to the address below and it with be forwarded. Thank you for your patience and we look forward to serving all your jewelry needs.

"Our lives are not determined by what happens to us but how we react to what happens, not by what life brings to us, but by the attitude we bring to life. A positive attitude causes a chain reaction of positive thoughts, events and outcomes. It is cata-lyst, a spark that creates extraordinary results." Anon





About General RV Centers In 1962, Abe Baidas took his

Local RVs house Katrina victims

into six locations today. What 46 years ago was essen-tially a three-man business now employs more than 200 people. employs more than 200 people. Today, Abe's two sons, Dick and Rob, run General RV Centers. Recently, a third generation of Baidages has joined the compa-Wixom's General RV center donated tow-able travel recreational vehicles, likes these, to the relief efforts ny, Loren Baidas, a grandson, is the general manager of the newest location in Wixom.

line of recreational vehicles. After starting out with just This year, sales are on track to exceed 4,000 RVs. camping trailers, or pop-ups as they are commonly referred to, In 2001, Statistical Surveys, General RV now carries a full

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 lifestyle, especially for families sales or reatal, call General RV in and retirees," Baidas added. Wixom at (248) 349-0900 or visit and retirees, bandas added. wixon at (248) 549-0900 of visit "It's more popular than ever," www.generalry.com. The Web stid the representative from the site provides a link on how to contribute to the Hurricane Katrina pfleming@gannett.com.

n the Gulf region.

For more information about RV disaster relief.

collected \$1,500 in botmoney to the American Red Cross tles and a surprising \$2,000 in checks accompanying

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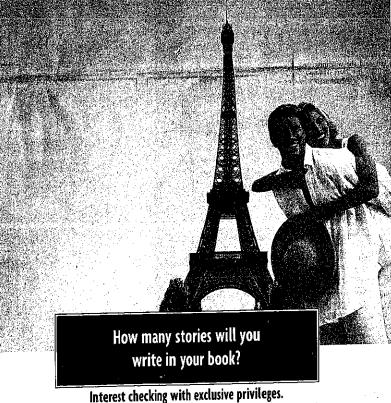
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Route 66 heads south Novi Theaters, hosted at the Novi Civic Center, puts on about six shows each

year. Recently they had attendance from all over the metropolitan area in come and see their show titled 'Route 66.' While the shows were going on, Kathy Crawford, retired Novi Senior Center

director, suggested that if everyone gave \$1 to help victims of Hurricane Katrina t would all add up and be sent to Novi Rotary. They collected \$1,000.

hd's to join 'Oine for

America' On Wednesday, Oct. 5 bd's mongolian barbeque will join hundreds of restaurants across the country in the National Restaurant Association's "Dine for America" day.

This year, the national fund-raising effort will sup-port the American Red Cross Disaster Relief Fund to help those affected by Hurricane

Katrina. Participating bd's mongolian barbeque locations, including the Novi restaurant at 43155 Main Street, Suite 200, will donate \$1 for every guest who dines at the restau rant that day, Hours of operation are 11 a.m. to 10 p.m. "Dine for America" was originally created to raise lunds for the families affected by 9/11. The group of restaurants, their employees and guests from across the country now unite to help those affected by all cata-

strophic national events. The Novi bd's Mongoliar Barbeque can be contacted by calling (248) 735-1900.



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The Wixom store, on 12 Mile "We're just glad that we have the

The centers have assisted dur-ing other natural disasters in its 46

A collective effort

Neighborhood chips in big for Katrina victims

Annen said. "To my surprise, my daughter and I drove around early that morning and there were plas-By Tracy Mishler STAFF WRITER

Katrina victims. Who's responsible: Island Lakes subdivision off Wixom Road in Novi.

In Loving memory of Judy, Alex and Sam Weinstein

es was matching dona-Low

tions, which brought Istand Lakes grand total to \$14,000. Island Lakes donated the triishter@ganneti.com.

wasn't until later that my mother saked if 'ld heard about Lowe's one's contributions added up to be Katrina pledge."

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COMMUNITY BRIEFS

Council appoints youths

Members of the new Novi Youth Council plus student representaives of several city boards and commissions were named a

We do several city obtains and committee the effect of the several meeting. Sixty-one students submitted applications, with 59 showing up for interviews before council on Sept. 10 and 15.

ror interviews before council on Sept. 10 and 15. Because so many qualified young people applied, council decided to increase the number on the Youth Council from 13 to 19. Those selected to serve on the Youth Council include Scott Czekaj, David Denyer, Benjamin Drafta, Kaitlyn Gardner, Kaitlin Gray, Gabrielle Hagege, Jeremy Hilliard, Christopher Jodoin and Pasheat Kob. Rachael Kohl

Other Youth Council members are Michelle Kohls, Nicholas Kroll, Kevin Lai, Nidhi Maley, Bindu Manyam, Shane O'Connor, Stephanie Raymundo, Brett Schwarlose, Rose Xie and Wendy Ying Students appointed to the Parks, Recreation & Forestry

Commission are Vidhi Bamzai and Scott Wagner. Members chosen for the Historical Commission are Bryan Glick and Rachel Mueller.

Those named to the Beautification Commission include Dayna

Students selected to serve on the library board include Elizabeth Schulhoff and Kunal Yechcor. Youths chosen to be on the Housing & Community Development

Committee are Steve Eroyan and Annie Song.

Committee are size rayall and value some Council Member Lynne Paul noted that students on various boards and commissions plan to meet with members of the Youth Council occasionally to discuss their activities.

Those not named to the Youth Council, a board or commi

will have an opportunity to serve on Providence Park Hospital's Youth Health Council once it is formed.

Join Cub Scouts

Novi Cub Scout Pack 239 invites first through fifth grade boys to join cub scouting. Pack 239 primarily supports the Village Oaks Elementary School neighborhood. Interested families should con-tact Cubmaster Chuck Heil at (248) 767-9926 or at cheil@icec.org.

"In iPad We Trust"

The Second City's 26 revue, "In iPod We Trust," is now playing and students across campuses in the neuro-Derroit area have the opportunity to see a Thursday night performance at a special stu-dent rate. The mainstage cast can be seen performing in their new 200-cabaret-style seated home in Novi every Wednesday-Sunday Students (high school and college) will receive a \$5 discount on tickets for every Thursday performance (8 p.m.) now through Saturday, Dec. 31. Tickets must be reserved by calling The Second City box office and availability is limited. Students should be preed to show a valid student ID when picking up tickets at the boy

Directed by Ron West and Matt Hoyde, "In iPod We Trust" finds a balance between the Novi. Detroit and national perspective while exploring political and societal elements including Karl Rove, a grieving wrestler, and a little girl with definite political and snow

The cast of "In iPod We Trust" includes Margaret Exner, Jenny The easi of an infridu we riches, the nucleos strangene example of the product results and the product of the easier of the easi

dine before or after at the newest location of Andiamo restaurants of enjoy cocktails or appetizers at Audiamo's, The Dirty Martini, Housed in the new 23,000 square foot Second City complex, the 200-seat restaurant features Andiamo's menu while the 150-seat Dirty Martini features an intimate, upscale atmosphere where guest

can unwind. Por more information, call (248) 348-4448. The Second City is located at 42705 Grand River Avenue in Novi. The weekly perform

ance schedule and ticket prices are as follows: · Wednesdays and Thursdays 8 p.m.

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Jags donate \$12,000 to parks foundation Funds for soccer facilities

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By Pam Fleming

Jeremy Holt has something to orag ahout. As vice president of the Novi Jaguar Soccer Association, he can ttest to the fact that its members are definitely team players. The Novi Parks Foundation announced last Thursday that it had received \$12,000 in donations from

members of the Novi Jaguar Soccer Association. The Jaguars raised the donations from players' families, asking par-ents to contribute to the cause when they signed their kids up for soccer following tryouts. "We had 100-percent participa-

tion." Holt said. The funds will be used to improve soccer fields and facilities in the city of Novi.

"We told them it was for the benefit of the club in general, because we're very limited in soccer facilities now, and we're growing at such a fast pace," said Brian Maturi, association treasurer. "We've already outgrown the facility for the tourna-

Lender LTD. "Plus, we're expecting a few more checks from the Jaguars," he The organization wanted to give

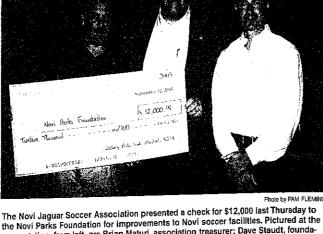
something back to the community that showed our commitment to improving the facilities we use," The association uses soccer fields in Novi parks and surrounding comsaid Doug Reid, president of the munities. "We would like to improve the

Foundation received last year from

quality and quantity of the fields in Novi to support ongoing needs," Holt said. It's all about partnerships

The Jaguars association includes "When we created the Novi Parks Foundation, part of our vision was to develop close partnerships with organizations like the 490 players of all ages from Novi or Frounding communities. Each year, the association hosts a large socier tournament. This year, the event attracted 288 teams con-Jaguars," said Dave Staudt, vice president, and a founding member of the foundation. "We are pleased that their faming of about 4,000 players. The club will host the tournament again in May 2006 and offers partlies have contributed at this substanner and sponsorship opportunities to tial level and that we are able to make timely and meaningful improvements to the soccer fields local businesses take timely and meaningtin inprovements to the succer fields ind facilities." Wendy Diviall-Angelocci, one of the founding members of the Statutt said the \$12,000 will be

and facilities. combined with the \$5,000 the 13 years ago.



the Novi Parks Foundation for improvements to Novi soccer facilities. Pictured at the presentation, from left, are Brian Maturi, association treasurer; Dave Staudt, foundation vice president; and Doug Reid, association president.

About the Foundation

The Novi Parks Foundation is a private, charitable, nonprofit corporation. The Foundation was created to support park and recreation acilities throughout the city. In conjunction with the city of Novi Park and Recreation Commission, the Foundation works to fund major capital improvements, create programs for all citizens of Novi and set new standards of excellence in park support. The Board of Directors is comprised of volunteers.

"With this donation, the Jaguars are really raising the bar for all organizations in Novi to give back to the city," said David Paul of the Foundation. For more information about the Foundation, call David Paul at (734) 542-3211 or visit www.noviparks.org.

There was a group of us who wanted to start a premier league so kids had a higher level of play," she said. The group started with 10 teams, including one stirk team. ins, including one girls team. "Now we have 37," she said. Paus Fleming is a staff writer for the Novi News, She can be reached at (248) 349-1700, ext. 105, or by e-mail at About six Jaguars were member of the team that won the high school

e championship last year. Some of them have also gone on to play pfleming@gannett.com.



Toll Brothers opens Main Street design studio

Novi store Where's the new studio?

provides Toll Brothers' new Design one-stop shop Studio is located at 43155 Main Street, Suite 305, on the north side of the street By Pam Fleming Hours are 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday, Tuesday,

Werinesday and Friday; and Joe Gallagher and his staff want 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. Thursday. to help area residents design their Weekend hours are 10 a.m And Gallagher, manager of Toll Brothers' new Design Studio in Novi, said they can do it all in one to 6 p.m. For more information, call

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mate home-buying experience for our buyers," said Keith Anderson, vice president, Toll Brothers'

mplote sound system with indoor Michigan Division, "We've creatand outdoor speakers, home secur ed a retail setting with everything under one roof with the hottest trends and the latest technology ty options and central vacuum tech nology. "Everything is designed to make the entire experience fun, time-sav-ing and user-friendly," Anderson options to shape a home to ind vidual tastes and budgets.'

What home buyers can find

The Design Studio, expected to How long does it take? service the selection process for homeowners of more than 400 Toll Brothers homes in 2006, offers The process of selecting all the bells and whistles for a new home can take three or four appointments lasting three or four hours each. home buyers examples of complete kitchens, baths and even a laundry according to Gallagher, Design udio manager. "There's a lot of selection to go Other displays include staircases; closet systems; cabinetry; trim and Sudio ma

through when choosing a new home," Gallagher said. "It depends molding; and interior and exterior on how organized home buyers are and how much they want to do." Ryan Switzer, project manager, said today's home buyers are espe-Home buyers can review samples of countertops and also select from a variety of woods and finishes for cabinet doors. They can choose appliances, firecially interested in home audio and theater options and security sysplace inserts and mantles, faucets,

sinks, door hardware, window treatterns. "This is also a marketing center ments, lighting, fans, tiles, shower enclosures and even drawer pulls, for us as well," Switzer said. "We want people who maybe haven't heard of Toll Brothers or don't exactly know what we have to Also on display is the foyer lift kit which allows a homeowner to ower the light fixture in a two-story room to allow for cleaning and light come take a look. They can see

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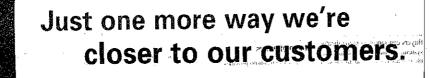


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Staff of Toll Brothers' new Design Studio on Main Street at the Sept. 22 grand opening, included, from left, Joe Gallagher, manager; Sharon Sullivan and Beth Adamus, design consultants; Renee Galley, coordinator; Ryan Switzer, project manager; and Andrea Palma, design consultant.





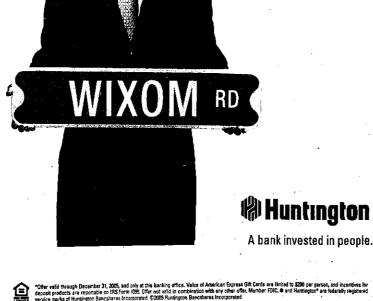
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place at the new showroom that opened Sept. 22 on Main Street, The new 8,140-square-foot studio features more than 3,000 prepriced designer options and upgrades for personalizing a "Our goal is to create the ulti-





Walking the wire

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Trends pop up in Novi

By Tracy Mishler

Kara Laramie's dreams turned into reality with the opening of her second trends and accessories High Wire Gals, sparked from

basement business and a new friendship between Laramie and business partner Lisa Groth, first opened its doors in Royal Oak in 2002. On Sept. 13, owners Laramie and Groth decided it was time to expand, and the duo opened a second store in the City Center Plaza on Novi Road. High Wire Girls is all about the latest trends and accessories, and

Laramie makes sure that every thing in the store is unique and "Style is all about attitude."

Laranie said. "There is a hig dif-ference between trend and trendy, and we are constantly doing research on the latest styles." research on the arest styles. Laramic said the manie High Wire Girls stems from something that all women can relate to. "As women," she said, "we all of the blatt with the said." we all

walk on the high wire - constantby juggling our stressful lives with the many responsibilities that come with being mothers, wives. daughters and friends. It's a per-Groth, the business head of the said. "But actually we cater to all

pair, said the expansion meant bringing their concept to a whole new group of women. "There are not that many women's boutiques in Novi."

Groth said. rom said. High Wire Girls began with a focus on jewelry and later spanned out to purses, belts, home décor, candles, clothes and cards.

"Gifts with attitude," Laramie said, "We have a fulle bit of everything for everyone," Laramie's businesses started as Live Wire Bead Company when

investment.





High Wire Girls shop owners Kara Laramie, left, and Lisa Groth recently opened their gift and decoration boutique in Novi's City Center Plaza on Novi Road near Grand River Avenue.

transformed it into styles and High Wire Girls Web site: women of any age. It doesn't mat-ter if you're 2 or 102: we have www.highwiregirls.com

Both Groth and Laramic agreed 相关 that yet another store may be in the future, but for now, they're going to focus on their current "We have been very fortunate to have such loyal customers," Groth said, "Our customers know they won't be disappointed here,

new and exciting. And that's what we're hoping for here in Novi."

p.m.

trends that keeps many women. coming back. High Wire Girls will be having Eccaled: 25875 Novi Rd. in the City Center Plaza Contact: (248) 349-2323 their grand opening Saturday, Oct 8, and they will offer hourly pro-"Most people think we are a store for younger girls," Laramic Hours: 10 a.m.-6 o.m. Mon-Sat. Noon-4 p.m. Sundays in November

something for everyone

because there is always something

Owner Moe Leon started serving on Sept. 12, and hopes to boost business with the addition of three meals on his menu. Customers can get a little bit of

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everything, including omelets, ham and eggs, French toast and eggs benidict. Leon is also offering Sunday brunch from 8 a.m.-2 p.m. for \$7.95. Customers can order breakfas from 7 a.m.-3 p.m. any day of the week, Leon plans to keep break-fast on the menu permanently. Moe's on Ten is located at

Moe's on Ten Seafood Grill,

its 23rd year, is now serving

ment rate decreases in August, with a relatively large median 39455 W. 10 Mile Rd, between Meadowbrook and Haggerty roads. The restaurant is open Monday-Sunday from 7 a.m.-10 drop of 1.4 percentage points over the month.

Tax ease Cyber extortion on the rise Representative Thaddees

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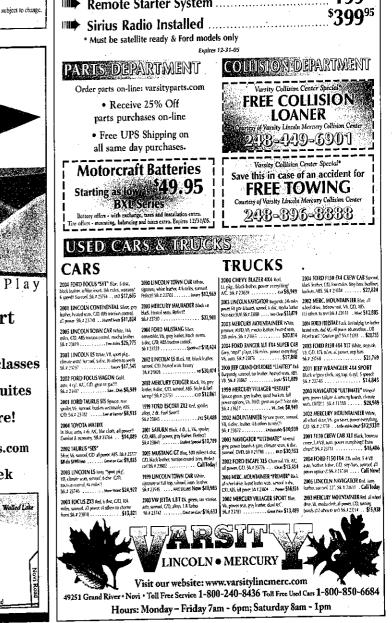


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New walk path getting used by many

By Ramez Khuri

One little girl at Village Oaks Elementary School gave up her allowance to help burricane vic-

Others have asked parents neighbors and friends for pledges so that they can walk and raise money for the same cause. At any rate, the school is doing its part to help folks affected by Hurricane Katrina and the kids are all for it.

Jayce Green, the school's phy ical education teacher, explained that about (I) years ago, Village Oaks had what was called a "Miteage Club," For every five miles walked by a student, he or she would receive a little plastic foot to place on their shoc laces. "We brought that back again,

and the kids are lowing it." Green said, "That's what we were going to do, and then the hurricane hit." Green got in touch with other Village Oaks teachers, Charlene Dibble and Kris Broderick, and together they came up with a new idea: to have the students teccive pledges for every mile they ran. They figured that was an easy task as well with the new walking path put in the back of the school this.

"The kids are running, and \$4,500 to the Red Cross.



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every 50 miles, students carn a rubber wrist band that says "mileage club." neighborhood has The enjoyed the walking path in the evenings as well." Green said. "I've heard different people say Village Oaks Elementary student Ryan Quilan runs they've brought their kids over to around the school last ride bikes, rollerblade or just to week for the school's hurwalk. We're hoping to build bealthy habits with it." ricane Katrina fundraiser. Students solicited pledges

for each mile they'd run Ramez Khuri is a staff writer around the school for a for the Novi News. He can be reached at (248) 349-1700, ext. week, logging more than 110 or by c-mail at rkhuri@gan 940 miles, and sending

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we've been having parent volu

teers come at lunch and record their progress," Green said, "Many kids are participating, more so with the third and fourth

grade. I think they understand the situation more." The walking path was funded by the district and VOICE, Village

Oaks' parent teacher organization



Village Oaks Elementary physical education teacher Joyce Green, left, hands out al idea is to help. We do that chips to students Andy Lawhorn, Jack Pinkerton and others last Thursday morning to signify one lap they've walked or run for a Katrina fundraiser. Students solicited pledges for each mile they'd run around the school for a week, logging more than 940 Every four laps around the miles, and sending \$4,500 to the Red Cross



They do it for the love

School bus drivers share ups and downs By Ramez Khuri Who in their right mind would

needs inspecting. "It's the love of children that makes us do it. If you don't love children, you're in the wrong pro-fession," said Susan Crepeau, a turn their back on 60 elementary school kids? Most would probably shudder at the idea, but there is a group of people in the Novi Community School District who do it every five-year Novi bus driver. "I tell my kids that when they get on the bus in the morning, they no longer belong day — and they're not crazy. School bus drivers have one of the most difficult jobs in the dis-trict. Not only are they responsi-ble for the transportation of hundreds of students Monday through Friday, but they are entrusted with "I love my job and I would

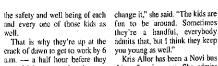
Novi's marching band places first The Novi High School Marching Band placed first in Flight I at the Blue and Gold Review 2005, hosted by South Lyon High School, Saturday. The band per-

Photo by GERALD LOPEZ

formed its marching show, Prisms. As a member of Michigan Competing Bands Association, the band gets adjudicated at the competitions to quality for state competition. It also received top honors for best marching and general effects.

A band has to compete in at least two competitions to have a chance to make finals. Schools are grouped into four "Flights," Flight 1, 2, 3, and 4, with Flight 1 being the larger schools and Flight 4 being

the smaller schools. During September and October there are only two weekends the Novi Band Is not competing. The band is under the direction of Mark Hourigan; Matt Ownby, assistant director; Lee Bonner, assistant marching director; Betsy Richards, Color Guard coach; and Amanda Swanson, assistant Color Guard coach.



driver for six years. She admits that the idea of having a full load of students is pretty intimidating for a beginner, but her key to suc-cess was getting to know the kids. start driving — so that they can check the oil in the busses. They also check steering fluid, tires, brakes and anything else they feel Allor has had full busloads the

past three years, but it's been the "The students know me, and I drive all their little brothers and sisters now too," Allor said. "Moms and dads know me, and to their parent's, they're mine." Cropeau explains to them each day that they have to stay seated while the bas is in motion because otherwise, they could set burn while the bas is in motion because otherwise, they could get hurt. "I love my job and I wouldn't to take continuing education

classes, they must be licensed by the state, they're investigated by the FBI and they have to go through many screening process-es. But she doesn't mind any of that because, like Crepean, she loves "her" kids. "I get hugs and kisses from the

kids and moms because I m a familiar face and they like that,"

annihar tace said. Debbie Miner just started her third year on the job. She explained that a difficulty that some have is getting used to that big steering wheel. "If you're used to driving a full size van, however, it's a piece of cake driving a bus," she said. "When you're driving a full size van, you're always using your mirrors and the biggest thing with driving a bus is the use of your mirrors. In a little car, you're always looking over your shoul-der through the back window. You don't use your mirrors as often." Miner had some experience working with children as a lunch lady within the district. What's hady within the district. What's hard is getting used to having dif-ferent runs each year. "Since I've only been doing it for three years, I don't get the same run every year. I have to learn the kids all over again." Miner said. "It's how you treat the kids that's key. They'll respect you and treat you the same way if you and treat you the same way i ou're nice to them."

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How does your body work? Novi Woods Elementary School students recently participated in a "Bodyworks" assembly, where they learned about the heart, liver, kidneys and how to stay healthy. Pictured from left to right are Tommy McMaster, Lexa Giragosian, Osman Zuberi, Hannah Latham, Shannon Rouston and Peter Tierney along with Dr. B.A. Bodybuddy and Hillary the Heart.



Scary crows at Novi Woods

Kindergartners at Novi Woods Elementary celebrated the first day of autumn by dressing as scarecrows, completing fall craft projects and sharing a snack. Pictured are teacher Jill Vargo along with students (from left to right) Jihoon Lee, Matthew Jill Carbin Christie Distributed Scale Anthematic and Holly Activity Williams, Faith Hamelin, Gracie Pritchard, Sasha Ashmianets and Holly Ashworth.





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Lois Teeple, 89, gets a rose pinned to her blouse by Becky Boyke during last week's birthday party at the Novi Senior Center for those 85 and older

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and stories circling the room. "We asked everyone over 85 to

inves," said Rachel Zagaroli, sen-ior services manager for the Novi

Senior Center, "We wanted to

hear the greatest accomplish-ments from their lives." Zagaroli said about 80 came to celebrate, although only those

"It is important for us to listen

to these people," Zagaroli stid, "because they can share their life

experiences with those that aren't

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there yet

over 85 were being honored.

ebration.

Tracy Mishler can be reached

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Candles still burning for elders in

their 80s By Tracy Mishler

Margaret Brenner won't let her age stop her from enjoying life. The 85-years-old Novi resident celebrated life along with 35 others at the Novi Senior Center 85th Birthday Party last can get from them is very inspira-Wednesday.

"It was great to recognize that we're still mobile and enjoying our lives." Brenner said. "You Each birthday guest received a rose, a balloon and a special booklet put together by the Novi realize that each year you get older, you deteriorate. But no matter how old you are, you can still get around and do things." Senior Center with each senior's personal history to take home.

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SENIOR CENTER CALENDAR

Friday 9/29 9;30 a.m. 10 a.n. Asian Pacific 11 a.n. Macular Degeneration, Dr. Sheldon Smith 8:45 a.m. . 9 a.m. Body Reca 10 a.m. noon 12:30 p.m. "Dreams", Kathryn Bartz, MA Ham. . .Lunch 2.2:30 p.m. . . ncon 12:30 p.m. Bingo Duplicate Bridge 12:30 p.m. Wednesday 10/5 2-2:30 p.m. Massage/Healing Touch 9 a.m.Stretch and Strength 10 a.m.Body Recall Monday 10/3Stretch and Strength [] a.m. 9 a.m. . . .Body Recall 10 aun. . . . 14:30 aun. noon Goodie Lady 12:30 p.m. Lunch 2-2:30 p.m. ... 10011.... .Pinochle* 12:30 p.m. Thursday 10/6 . Massage/Healing Touch 2.2:30 n.m. ...,Clogging 9 a.m. . 6:30 p.m.

9 a.m. Line Dance

Hoedown (advanced ticket required) Tuesday 10/4 12:15 . Panera Bread 1-2 p.m.

* Activities will be held at the Novi Civic Center, 45175 W. 10 Mile Road, Phone (248) 347-0414.

2-2:30 p.m. Massage/Healing Touch

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CHURCH CALENDAR

• Meadowbrook Congregational Church invites vone to attend a Sunday wor hip service at 10 a.m. A fall ru mage sale will take place Friday,

Oct. 14 from 9 a.m.-5 p.m. and Saturday, Oct. 15 from 9 a.m.-1 The church is located at 21355 Meadowbrook Road, between Eight Mile and Nine Mile roads. Call (248) 348-7757.

• The Episcopal Church of the Holy Cross offers a worship serv-ice every Wednesday from 12:10-12:50 p.m. Come and share your lunch hour with God at a worship service that includes scripture and Holy Communion. The church invites all to worship Sundays at 7:45 and 10 a.m. Nursery care is available at 10 a.m. worship serv ice. (The nursery is coordinated by a registered pediatric nurse.) Adult Bible Study is Sundays at 9 a.m. Worship Center for children ages 3-7, and Sunday School is at

10 a.m. Worship Service of Compline is held at 8:30 p.m. Rite 13 (ages 11-14) and J2A (ages 14 and up) groups meet at 5 p.m. for their pro-gram and dinner, Youth Worship Service is held at 7 p.m. the second and fourth Sunday of every month; all are welcome. Episcopal Church of the Holy

Cross is located at 40700 W. 10 Mile Road, Novi, Call (248) 427-1175 or visit www.churchofthe iolycross.com. · Faith Community

Presbyterian Church invites you to worship at 9 and 10:30 a.m. Sunday School for ages Pre-K through high school and pursery care is available at both serv-ices. Women's Bible study resumes today. All events can be Michigan 100 member Gospel Choir will be performing at Faith Community Presbyterian Church on Sunday, Oct. 9 at 4 p.m. registered for by contacting the There is no cost for this event, The Sue Sommer concert will but a free will offering will be

be held tomorrow night at the church. Fellowship, including taken. The church is located at 44400 appetizers, will be at 6 p.m., and the concert will be held at 7 p.m. Sommer will be inspring and entertaining the audience with W. 10 Mile Road in Novi. Call (248) 349-2345. • The Holy Family Church is located at 24505 Meadowbrook Road; between Grand River and 10 Christian music, She will also

play the guitar. World Communion is Sunday, Oct. 2, Mile Road, Call (248) 349-8847 or visit www.holyfamilynovi.org. and it will be the First Communion for several younger · Oak Pointe Church service times will be at 9:30 and 11:15 a.m The famed University of

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Cross Chords, a Christian rock band, will be performing a concert of faith and inspiration at St. John Lutheran Church, 4 p.m., Sunday, Oct. 9. Doors open at 3:30 p.m. The event is free to the public. Pictured are band members: (Front row) Monique Kokaj and Michelle Reska

9. Doors open at 3:30 p.m. The event is tree to the public. Ficultied are bank members: (Front row) monique rooka and mitchelle rooka. (Middle row) JoAnn Adams, Debby Pothoff and Eric Androvich. (Back row) Craig Riley, Laura Vendersteen, Alan Viad, Cam Kureth and Bob Hanley. Both Kureth and Vendersteen are Novi residents and Riley is a Novi High School graduate. St. John Lutheran Church is located at 23225 Gill Road in Farmington Hills. Call (248) 474-0584 for more information. school starts at 9:45 a.m. Nursery is every Sunday. Visit www.oak provided. Call (248) 474-0584 for

pointe.org or call (248) 912-0043. Church of the Holy Cross is located at 40700 W. 10 Mile Road (between Meadowbrook and · St. James Catholic Church is located at 46325 10 Mile Road, Novi. Call (248) 347-7778. Haggerty roads). Visit www.chur-choftheholycross.com for more information.

 First United Methodist Church of Northville worship hour schedules are as follows: 8:30 a.m. and 10 a.m. on Sunday. The hurch is located at 777 W. Eight Mile Road (at Taft Road), Northville, Phone (248) 349-1144,

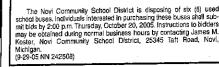
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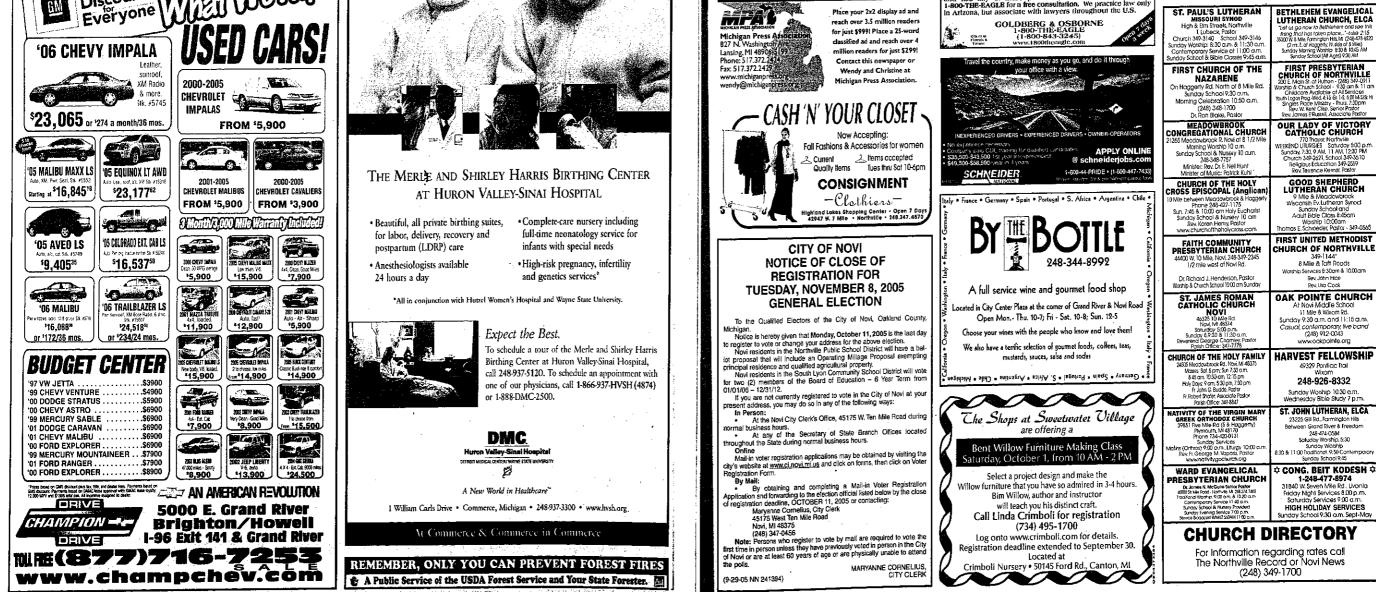


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WHERE WE STAND

Firearms range: Operating cost only part of issue

There has been a lot of discussion, both pro and con, over the past few weeks and months about a firearms range to be built next to the Novi Police Department.

Money for the range would come from federal forfeiture funds the city will receive from the takedown of a major drug eartel following a nationwide investigation that began in March 2004. At last count, about 57 million will be coming to the Novi Police Department from the U.S. Department of Justice's Drug Enforcement

In a 5-2 decision on Sept. 12, council approved \$1.2 million be set

In the decision of eq. 12 counted equipping fund debt and that saide to help any off the police department's building fund debt and that \$1 million he used to build a firearms range. One argument against building the range is that it will cost the city unwards of \$20,000 a year to operate the facility.

upwans of \$20,000 a year to operate the facility. Using a different type of bullet at the range can cut down on the need to replace expensive filters as frequently, and that it's really too carby to say exactly what those costs would be, according to councilman Kim

The question was also raised as to how the city would be able to fund the glestion was and refer as there is the first year. Federal forfeiture fund guidelines state that the funds can be used to

But, with almost \$150,000 a year being saved with the city not replacing chief operating officer Craig Klaver's position after his retire ent, that money could be used to pay for the new officers' salaries. Members of the Novi Police Department are in favor of a new

firearms tange, as some have said there are some limitations with the Currently, city connect the currently use. Currently, city connect is looking at a \$1.5 million firearms range, leaving enough funds to pay for many other requests nade by the police

denartment Even with the expense of operating a new range, it seems that the

"brick and mortar" approach to the use of not even a third of the feder al forfeiture funds is a reasonable request from the police department. It should be kept in mind, however, that an election will take place in thich a new mayor will be named and three council seats will be filled in just a few weeks

Members of the new council could vote to reappropriate the federal forfeiture funds if they so desire

The bailding of a firearms range has become a political football in this election year.

But, it's clear, at least at this point, that the police department and the current city council are in favor of moving forward with the project.

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equally grateful. • in an effort to allow the com-

munity to view first-hand the debates between Novi City Council

and mayoral candidates, the event has been moved from the SWOCC

cable studios to city hall.

event," said Walsh.

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from table to table," said Walsh. With the exception of a twohomed helmet, I ate like a Viking "We'll definitely do it like this Sunday afternoon. Let's see, I started out at Seldom If the food and drink weren't

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Blues (that ultra hip jazz club in the Ren Cen) and then hit Steve & Rocky's, Mitchell's Fish Market. Rattlesnake, Tribute, Five Lakes Grill and on and on actually

While eating some of the best dishes southeast Michigan resta rants have to offer. I sampled wine from Vine 2



losulete Wines 1 & I Wine World Cal Stone and on and on Sounds like a lot of driving, but

TTE T. E Boosters say thanks believe me, or if anyone says that they didn't

ote to fund the range ... check the minutes on ovi's web page.) Yes, the cost of operating and maintaining On behalf of the Novi High School Band On behavior of the Novi High School Baild Boosters, I would like to thank the communi-ty of Novi and Sue Mortzfield, manager of Fartuer Jack Supermarket, Novi, for your support at our bi-annual bottle drive held on Saturday, Sept. 17. city buildings rises every year. So does the cost of gasoline, heat and food. It's called the Cost · Patti Kochvan

Novi High School Band Boosten

Gun range needed

I have been very quiet lately, Parnosely, It's an election year, and I didn't want to politicize every issue. However, Mr. Burton's letter demands an answer. And, here it is, Mr. Burton, along with anyone else who sees the proposed police pistol range as something that costs the taxpayers an inordinate amount of numey, is shortsighted and misinformed. Police that nothing bad ever happens. But, I want to b prepared in case it does. I want our police officers to have the opportunity to practice, practice and practice some more with the weapon that officers carry guns for a living. It's not pretty, And, it's not television. It's real. And, they may have to use that weapon at any time, day or night, inside or outside. To save their own life, they carry on their side. As I said carlier, it may sive their life one day. It may save YOUR life o save YOUR life. Or your family member's life. And, they had better know how to use it,

e. And, they had better know how to use it, hey had better practice. And, practice. And, then, practice some more. I have been a police officer for over 30 years. Ebelieve that I am uniquely qualified to tell you that the Novi Police officers do not train with Good TV? You their weapons as often as they should. Not through their fault. But, because the range that be the judge they rent is not available often enough. Additionally, do you know that when an officer from Novi is at the pistol range, he/she is physi-cally miles outside the Novi city limits? Out of service? That they are always accompanied by at least one other officer? And most often, 3 or

other officers" Which means, that you and I, and all the tax-Sandra Day O'Connor, payers, may not count on those officers for a one period of time when they are at the range Democratic Senators on the committee – Dianne Feinstein of California, Joe Biden of Delaware n in a dire emergency? Even if your life was n danger. and Ted Kennedy of Massachusetts - and, of

As a person ages, they don't see as well as and the requires of the second acceler and of course, Judge Roberts. Of the three, I think Senator Fienstein came nearest to asking the questions most of us would have asked had they did when younger. They don't react as fast they used to react. And, they don't think as as they used to react. And, they controlling to quickly as they used to think. These aging processes can be attributed to any number of police officers at the Novi Police Department. e been given the chance. She did get a little thippy once in a while but for the most part. she treated the judge quite fairly and even gar Now, if it's possible, imagine a scenario where a Novi officer is involved in a gun battle. Maybe he's a little older than that rookie we all see him the chance to answer her questions. As she pointed out, she isn't a lawyer so I'm sure that went a long way in her treating the judge civilly and asking questions that actually made sense. driving around. And, imagine if you will, that a bullet fired from that police pistol hits, and kills, or mains, (or just scratches) an innocent bystander. Possible? You bet. Now, in this liti-Senator Biden on the other hand is a lawyer, ous society that we live in, do you even thin it possible that the family of that innocent per-

and if you don't believe me, just ask him. He was more than happy to point out on several occassions that he was asking questions that son is going to sue the Novi PD? The City of Novi? YOU AND ME AS TAXPAYERS? The "you uneducated people," meaning all of us who've never passed the bar, wouldn't unde stand so he felt obliged to speak for us. Is there no end to this man's caring and kindness? answer is yes. They will, Now, if you don't trust me on this next one,

ask any lawyer. Ask any judge. Ask anyone who works in or around a court. Will one of the questions that a lawyer asks the police officer I do have to admit that Biden is a pretty impressive guy. He loves the spoken work (especially his own) but show me a lawyer who doesn't and you've found something rarer than hen's teeth. One habit he does have that I find a revolve around training? "How often are you trained with that weapon Officer?" "How often a you go to the pistol range?" Building a range, and having our police offilittle irratating is he tends to have a sneering sort of a grin that he uses when he thinks he's just scored a big one. Come to think of, most lawyers have that trail. I'm sure it must cers practice, practice, and practice, is an insu ance policy. It's an insurance policy against the be taught in most of the better law schools, I inevitable prohability that one of our officers will become involved in a shooting, and will be sued. As in, the City of Novi will be sued. At think its safe to say that he's testing the political waters for a run for the big one in 2008 and that probably accounts for most of his showboating. \$2,000,000, it's a cheap insurance policy at that. It's a policy that protects you, and me, and everyone else in the City, And, to top it all off, By any measure though, I'm sure most people would agree that Senator Kennedy was the r of the show. I think we all knew he would it's not going to cost the taxpayers of our city one red cent. Not a dime. Nothing, It's a gift be. After all, the man never met a camera he didn't love. But I have to have to give him from the had guys. It's forfeiture money, taken from drug dealers, confiscated. With only one caveat. That money may only be spent on pofice/erime fighting items. It cannot be put into draft fove. But I have to nave to give him his due. He worked hard preparing himself for this event. He dropped some serious weight and lost at least two, and possibly three chins. He looked good and I hale to admit it, even a little with energy but whether the for him when

the general fund. It cannot pay for a firefighter. not pay for a clerk at Parks and n. It can't build a ball field. It can only be used for police department crime fighting

started going south when he tried matching wits with Judge Roberts. It quickly became obvious that he was overmatched and in over his head. that he was on had he was boundation and more than the out-he'd brought a knife to a gun light. But he never gave an inch. The Senator brought out a couple of reams of single spaced notes and seemed determined to read every last one of them. Thankfully he had to adhere to a pre-Our officers DESERVE a world class headquarters, equipment and training opportunities Our palice officers DESERVE a modern pisto range built on the grounds of the Novi Police Department, What Mr. Burton and others may not know is that 25 years ago, when our policy headquarters building was being planned, a pis-tol range was included. In the basement. arranged time limit. I think Roberts tried his hest to answer Kennedy but he did seem to have a bit of a problem trying to ferret out the ques-However, a short sighted team of decision mak-ers then saw fit to eliminate it from the plans. tions in all that political rhetoric. For the most

of Living. However, if the building does get built, you, me, and everyone reading this will be in their graves while that building still stands. The new pistol range will help train Novi Police In the account of the gray area and most of us tend to live our lives the same way. I firmly believe that the Supreme Court has to take that Officers who are not yet even born. It won't wear out. It won't nist out, it won't become outdated. The building won't fail down. The into account in any decision they render. I the the framers in their wisdom gave the court that new pistol range may help one of our fine notice officers save their own life, or maybe leeway. ven yours. It could mean the difference between a civil judgment for or against the City of Novi and its taxpayers. The cost of maintaining this new building will be miniscule as used to the benefits that it will provide. Misrepresented In my opinion, these that oppose a police pis-tol range are putting their head in the sand, hop-ing that nothing bad happens. Well, I too hope

While I appreciated that my personal letter was published in last week's issue (September 22, 2005) of the Novi News, I was troubled with its expanded title. Some person - evidentl a leftis-leaning, liberal, lunatic – decided it would be appropriate to give me a "proverbial kick in the backside" by adding the words "Could pay for Big Brother option" to my letter's title. Why the negativism to my suggestions? Was it against some latent 1984 phobia affecting the Editorial Staff? Was I "CAL-Bob Gatt Novi City Council cified" because my opinions do not agree with the Novi News' obvious bias and rejection of

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on the Constitution the way each of us think as

individuals, we'll consider him a fine justice. If he rules otherwise, we'll think he's lousy and

can't imagine how an idiot like that ever got confirmed. In other words, it will be just like its

continued, in other words, it will be paid the he always been. It all depends on whose ox gets gored. I personally hope he stays pretty much in the middle of the political spectrum. Few things

Dave Shingler

in life are either all black or all white but are

what really bothers me is why someone would be so ready to slander my suggestion for the Novi City Council and city administr to consider using the drug funds to install video For those of you who didn't catch last week's

ameras at key points and intersections within hearings on the confirmation of Judge John Roberts to become the next Chief Justice of the the city. Never mind that these cameras could provide Supreme Court, you missed some pretty good the police, fire, and other city departments (and

Supreme Court, you missed some preuv good daytime TV. Not to worry though. It's going to be rerun in a couple of months when President perhaps the Novi residents) instant access to traffic and weather conditions in those areas and Bush nominates a replacement for the retiring perhaps reduce response times in the event of The main characters were three of the encies.

Never mind that these cameras could be a crime-reducing deterrent. It is a fact that crimi nals are less likely to target business areas or steal vehicles in areas under the watchful lens of a video camera. The irony of all of this is that "Big Brother"

 wheever that may be - could easily pick up more revealing personal data from that tiny for-eign-made, video-recording, data-collecting cell datas aviding in the revenuence processing performance. eign-made, video-recording, data-collecting cell phone residing in that newspaperperson's pocket or purse.

Joseph G. Toth City of Novi Resident, Taxpayer, & Former Novi City Councile

Sprague for Council

During my time on the Novi Planning Commission I have come to realize the impor-tance of politics at the local level. Many boards and commissions can affect the way we live and do business in the City of Novi but these positions are not elected ones. They are appointed by City Council, which is an elected body, and carries with it many responsibilities such as adopting a balanced budget, rezoning properties and approving various contracts for civic related work. These decisions in turn have

an immediate and lasting impact on the quality of the neighborhoods, schools, parks and business districts. To be a member of City Council means that one must commit a great deal of time, energy and talent and should represent the concerns of the entire cross-section of the city. With these thoughts in mind and an impor tant election just around the comer, I would like to support Lowell Sprague for City Council. I've had the pleasure of serving with Lowell for three years on the Planning Commission and found him to be an informed; concerned and active citizen. Everyone on any given board, presidental. But unfortunately for him, things commission or council brings with them their specific talents. Lowell has the ability to listen effectively, absorb what is being said and then make a solid determination that tries to satisfy

all those involved. Lowell will be able to bring a balanced view point and will fully devote his energies to the position. During many Planning Commission deliberations, there were sensitive and highly emotionally charged projects that affected both the residents and the applicant. In those

instances, Lowell's demeanor to the problem or situation was not to be reactionary but to be the voice of reason.

COMMENTARY

As Michigan jobs disappear, state legislature plays a familiar tune

There are some bright spots. Michigan is

home to one out of every four automotive

workers in the U.S. and especially 186,000 skilled trades workers. McAlinden says that foreign-owned transplant plants in the South literally cannot find electricians or tool-and-

die makers of the sort we have here. Not only

Michigan is in a time of crisis. Our politial system is broken. And nobody seems to

worlds.

want proof? I spent a recent Thursday afternoon at the Lansing Center attending meetings of the Michigan Economic velopment Corporation. (Full disclosure: a the vice chair of the MEDC.) Just a cou-

ple of blocks down Michigan wenue in the state Capitol, legislative leaders and repreentatives of the Granholm Idministration were engaged in last-minute haggling ove the state's budget for fiscal 006. Talk about two different The MEDC meeting fea-

tured respected auto industry researcher, Sean McAlinden. Titled "An End to Business a Usual," McAlinden's talk detailed the apocalypse that is about to land on Michigan's economy. If you think things

are bad now, you haven't seen anything yet. Over the next three years, Michigan is likely to lose 46,000 primary jobs in auto assembly and parts plants. That's about once out of every five auto-related jobs and a marked acceleration of the hemorrhaging now aking place in our manufacturing base. • Virtually all of these jobs will come from Michigan-based companies: General Motors, Ford, Visteon and Delphi, all firms that have aken big hits to their market share from foreign-owned car companies.
Worse, there's a big "multiplier effect" as well. Primary manufacturing jobs sustain jobs

casts that 250,000 of these additional Michigan jobs lost will be lost by the end of McAlinden's conclusions are stark. "Our old business model is broken," he says. As a result, "It's time to panie --- in an orderly

Bare bellies and cleavage?

In an sige, where it's more racy to go to the mall and see

what the teenage girls are

wearing than to go to

Hooters, the administration

down.

the Novi School District has decided to put their foot

The district is currently

enforcing their dress code, which hasn't changed from

years past, more stringently

Administrators stand at the

ntrance to the school and

er up with another piece of clothing.

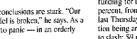
Those aren't things you'll be seeing much of any more at Novi High School, nor should you be.

group's entire membership vorld-wide.

Phil Power

Department of Labor and Economic Growth n the Granholm administration. By getting two entirely new GM assembly plants in the Lansing area. Yet none — absolutely none! — of this cut

in lots of other businesses — restaurants, retailers, various services. McAlinden fore-



A Martin

wearing. If it's inappropriate, distractions in the class they are asked to go home and change or to room and includes provocative clothes,

of what kids are Sam Eggleston

that, but Michigan is still the home for high alue-added automo research, development and engineering. The Detroit chapter of the Society of Automotive Engineers, for example, has 14,000 members, 16-per cent of the

The right (or not) to bare bellies

Students still have the freedom of choice

but with choice comes con-

equences for inappropriate-

"We've probably had to

send more people home or

ask them to get covered this year more than any other year," said John Lawrence, Novi High School's princi-

nal, "We're looking for stu-

dents to come dressed for school. We consider this a

place of business and are

ooking for students to come

ressed appropriately." That entails clothing that

doesn't create disruptions or

shirts promoting sex, violence and drugs or

distractions in the class

- uniforms just weren't the way to go -

McAlinden argues the old system of every company, competing with every other and every community com

peting with every other com-munity will have to be replaced by a series of collab orations. He points to the wildly successful effort po-neered by David Hollister, formerly the mayor of Lansing and now the Director of the Jennifer Gran

the city, the schools and community colleges the UAW and General Motors all in the same age room to see how each of them could help the other be set the wheels in motion to build

any ice down the street, where legislative leaders were squabbling with the Granholm administration over the budget. A primary focus was the continuing need

attempt to gut the non-profit, non-partisan MEDC, the state's only economic develop-ment outfit. Between 2000 and 2004, state funding for the MEDC has been cut by 41 tancing for the field of the berr over over over the percent, from \$65 million to \$38 million. In last Thursday's negotiations, the only question being argued was how much additional to slash: \$9 million or \$3 million. readers at ppower@hcimet.com.

There is something very puzzling going on here. Northwest Airlines, our largest air carri-er and employer of 9,000 people in Michigan. went into Chapter 11 bankruptcy last week The auto industry is set to lose 46,000 jobs over the next three years, with an additional 250,000 coming from other sectors of our economy. And Michigan already has the highest unemployment rate in the country. If this state needs anything, it is an outfit

whose job is to figure out how to produce new jobs. So for what possible reason could legislators want to gut the MEDC? Some ultra-libfors want to gut the MEDC? Some undatto-cratain ideologues, led by Speaker of the House Craig DeRoche, R-Novi, and Rep. Jack Brandenberg, R-Harrison Township, believe that no government money should be spent on economic development. "Let the ree market have its way," they say. For partisan reasons, other Republicans are

perfectly happy to see the economic develop-ment operation in Michigan be crippled. If the state's economy continues to slide, they reason, it's going to be easier to blame Gov. olini come election time next

I came away from Lansing with a headache. In one room, business leaders were talking about how important it is for everybody - Republicans and Democrats, mannent and labor, communities and school:

 to collaborate to help our economy. At the same time in another room, our political masters - who are supposed to be our servants were squabbling over how to stymic exactly the collaboration we so desperately

And these are the people we elect to do the best possible job for us. It can't be said often enough. Michigan is in a time of crisis. Our political system is

broken. And nobody seems to care Phil Power is a longiture observer of politics, economics and education issues in Michigan. He would be pleased to hear from

with their choice. Skirts were getting way

ly a line that has been crossed in terms o

There, we started counting just how many women and girls were dressed in a more revealing manner than the orange-and-white

The tally, taken over the course of

hour, isn't hard to remember: There were 18 women and girls showcasing short -- very

short — skirts, bellies with and without

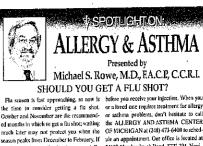
uniforms the sports bar boasts.

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. nterest on your savings, tax deferred and with no-load, then we have the plan for you with Auto-Owners Insurance anything sporting vulgar words or phrases. Hats are also not allowed in school. Novi has headed in the right direction Company, Contributions to the plan can be made when it's convenient for you. Stop in our too short and flesh was becoming way too visible. The girls and boys of Novi High School agency and see us today! Auto-Owners Insurance should be proud of their physical appear-ance, but at what point does pride become The Ab Roblem Acade flaunting? There's no call for buttoned up collars and shin-length dresses, but there's definite-what is perceived as acceptable. When the whole controversy of Hooters coming to Novi was slapping the area in the spotlight, my wife, Christie, and I decided to take a walk around Twelve Oaks Mall

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SPOTLIGHT ON: ORTHODONTIC NEWS by Donald M. Wayne, D.D.S., M.S. Orthodontic Specialist

THE BREAST-FEEDING ADVANTAGE

THE BREAST-FEEDING ADVANTAGEL Breast-feeding alfords inflaming good gav development, because it's namy health advantages, annuew when breast-field babies are less likely to have creaked leeth. The study found that have a straight reach and the study of a straight feasible and pacifiers are twice as likely to have creaked leeth. The study found that have a straight feasible and that the instaligned tech as breasted that are replaced by permanent tech. The study straight feasible and the straight feasible with the tech at histogramment tech terms teed. The study store permanent tech. The study store permanent tech. The study store permanent tech in the study store of permanent tech. The study store of permanent tech in the study store of permanent tech. The study store of permanent tech in the study store of permanent tech. The study store of permanent tech in the study store of permanent tech in the study store of permanent tech. The study store of permanent tech in the study store of the study in the study store of the study in the study store of the study store of the store of the muscles of the mostle flow and pailate.

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Jeffrey Jaghab, D.D.S.

None of the above have ever been known

sucking at the breast promotes

for being the best barometer for doing the right thing, but they aren't to blame either at least not directly. Novi schools, however, aren't asking who should have the finger pointed at them. They're saying they're not going to wel-

piercings and cleavage that would put a middle school boy in an instant sweat. Three young men were also sporting sexand alcohol-promoting T-shirts The clothing worn at the mall at that time wasn't too far from what was being worn to school and school events. "The styles that go in an out often dictate what students wear to school," Lawrence said. "Sometimes that's a good thing, some times that's a bad thing." But who's to blame? Television? Movies! Advertising agencies? Clothing lines? Paris Hilton?

Schooleraft College for their 16th annual Culinary Extravaganza. Clarenceville. About 1.000 other people took advantage of this opportunity to vine and dine while raising som where in the neighborhood of \$100,000 for the Schoolcraft Foundation.

"We're very happy with that amount," said Jack Walsh, the college's executive director of devel ment and government relations. "It's always been close to \$100,000, but every year with our economy it's become increasingly difficult to get sponsors." Many sponsors came back, and for the ones that couldn't, new ones came on board to offset those who

Also, to make that happen, that left. At a time when charitable giv date had to be changed from Fuesday, Oct. 11 to Thursday, Oct. ing is down and/or being diverted natural disasters like Hurricane The times remain the same: 6-Katrina, Walsh said he was "ecstat-ic" with this year's fund-raiser. 7:30 p.m. (council) and 8-9 p.m. (mayora). And yours truly, the "leftist-lean-ing, liberal, lunatic," will be moder-Fifty outstanding vendors prened awesome food - at no charge to Schoolcraft - and really ating. (Joe, you're batting .333 on went above and beyond the call of that description. Now you just gotta figure out which one was the hit.) duty, said Walsh. A new expan floor plan was used this year, and i was probably the single biggest factor for this being one of the best Extravaganza's yet.

Cal Stone is the editor of the Novi News. He can be reached at (748) 349-1700 ext. 113 or by e-"It allowed people to easily go mail at estone@gannett.com.

They even eliminated the basement. And, yes, we have survived. Just like a person driving Twenty percent of the Foundation's scholarships is dediaround without auto insurance survives. Just like people living in New Orleans without cated to the culinary students (400 omeowners insurance survived. Until some are registered and 200 are actively thing happens in the program). "We're very thankful to our

so, Mr. Burton, It's not pork. You, and others (Mr. Toth?) may think that you have a better idea on how to spend that money. But, the City Manager and the Acting Police Chief both support the plans to build a pistol range. These two men an experts at running municipal governments. If you don't trust my judgment, will you trust theirs? The Council Members that you mentioned in your letter as wanting the l for the financial interest of the city (insinuating that I do not) all voted YES to setting aside money for the range. If you don't trust my judgment, will you trust theirs? (if you don't of a Justice he'll make. No one does. If he rules

part I think Ted kept his cool pretty well but he did appear to get a little upset with the Judge when he couldn't recall exactly some portion of a letter or note he had written sometime in th late 80s and didn't mind telling him so. That did seem a hit of a cheap shot when you consider tor draws a complete blank on at the Sena what happened at Chappaquiddick in 196 Supposedly, he couldn't even remember any thing the following morning but it has been imored that one time in the mid 90s, he admit I the name Mary Jo Kopechne did ring a bell. All kidding aside, I thought the hearings were extremely interesting and they did show erv well on TV A lot of partisan politics on oth sides but I guess thats to be expected in front of a national audience. Judge Roberts does seem to be a very, very intelligent man with an amazing memory but I have no idea what kind

As a former plann Sprague brings with him a historical back ground and understanding of not only the master plan and the zoning ordinance but also of the city budget. Lowell was very active on many and his financial background helped many of his fellow Planning issioners understand the specifics of the capital improvement budget, the planning budg-et and the city budget, I have been very fortunate to have cro sed paths and w with some fantastic people in this city and I feel that Lowell Sprague would be an excellent City of Novi Council Member and will serve his community well.

John Avdoulos City of Novi Planning Commissioner

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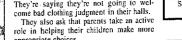
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Election letters: In order to be fair to everyone, this newspaper will not run letters to the editor the week prior (the Nov. 3 edition) to an election that open new issues. Expressions of thanks to political supporters are best made by an advertisment.

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Fernanda Adame, a Novi High School senior, talks with some friends outide the school cafeteria on a recent Monday. Most Wildcats are adhering to new, more stringent dress code.



appropriate choices. "Students don't always use the best discretion and make the best choices," Lawrence said. "If the parents could help us out with that, it would make all the difference in the world." A parent's responsibility is to know what their child is wearing and if it's appropriate before they ever head for school. There are some students who try to skirt the issue, coming in with appropriate wear

The rules are in place for a reason. Kids

uite frankly, aren't supposed to dress in provocative attire. Innocence is something

ething to slow that deterioration.

So far, this year, so good. "I will say, for the most part, I have seen

what they are wearing to school," Lawrence

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1700 ext. 104 or at seggleston@gannett.com

a marked improvement in student choices it

said

Stephanie Jaghab, D.D.S. nd then peeling off a layer or two during the day to slip into something more com-fortable. They are asked immediately to

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DATE: Saturday, Oct. 22

TIME: 7 p.m. LOCATION: Walled Lake

Western High School, DETAILS: Behind The Scenes is

rand

Daks Mall

a modern day musical about teenage life with youth cast mem-

bers including Northville and Novi

residents. Tickets are \$12 per per-

CONTACT: (248) 477-3830

Borders Bookstore Events

LOCATION: 43075 Crescen

oulevard, Novi CONTACT: (248)347-0780

Book Signing DATE: Thursday, Sept. 29

TIME: 7 p.m. DETAILS: Children's author,

Patrick Carmen will be signing his book, Land of Elyon #2: Beyond the Valley of Thoms Jim Brickman Performance

DATE: Sunday, Oct. 9

DETAILS: Classically tra

TIME: 4 p.m

Democrats of West Oakland

TIME: 47 p.m. LOCATION: UAW Local 36,

28930 Wixom Road, Wixom, 1#

DETAILS: Mark Breser,

of Wixom Road.

mile north of I-96 on the east side

DFTAILS: Mark Breser, Chairman of the Michigan Democratic Party, will be the speaker and chief chili judge and the event includes, five entertain-ment and food. The price is \$15 for

individual and \$30 for family tick-

CONTACE: (248) 624-4753 or

Comedy Club III with

comedian Dan Smith

TIME: 7 p.m.

DATE: Saturday, Oct. 15

DETAILS: Crosspointe

beverage and snack bar

Oktoberfest

LOCATION: Meadowbrook

Elementary School, 29200 Meadowbrook Road, just south of Thirteen Mile Road,

Meadows Church is sponsoring this event. Tickets are \$9, or 3 for \$25 and includes a complimentary

CONTACT: (248) 427-2700

DATE: Saturday, Oct. 8

County

EVENTS

Author Event

sponsored by Metro Detroit Farmer DATE: Thursday, Sept. 29 Jack stores, will be open through LOCATION: Parkview and October 30. Deerfield Elementaries, DETAILS: Children's author **Novi Athletics Booster Club** Patrick Carman is visiting third and fourth graders to talk about writing, Meeting reading and his new book in his LAND OF ELYON SERIES, DATE: Wednesday, Oct. 5

"Beyond the Valley of Thoms, TIME: 7 p.m. LOCATION: Community Room That evening he will be appearing at Borders in Novi to discuss his at the High School, located across series, read from his new book and from the CatRack. sign copies for faus. Lyon Oaks County Park Fun

the signs to the Corn Maze

Welcome Center

Run/Walk

(248) 624-2850

County

DATE: Saturday, Oct. 8

TIME: 10 a.m. LOCATION: 52251 Pontiac

Trail, between Old Plank and Wixom roads, Lyon Township DETAILS: Fees for the 5K Fun

Run/Walk are \$15/person, which

includes a t-shirt, lunch and free

CONTACT: City of Wixom

Archaeology in Oakland

DATE: Saturday, Oct. 8

entrance at the Maybury Farm

DETAILS: The Cont Maze

Novi Theaters Productions LOCAHON: Novi Civic Center, 45175 W. 10 Mile Road CONTACT: (248) 347-0400

Novi Concert Band

Rehearsals TIME/DATE: 7:30-9:30 p.m. fnesdays, ongoing - LOCATION; Novi High School, Taft Road

DETAILS: Open to all wind and percussion players. CONTACT: Diran Kochyan.

12481 348-5135 Maybury Farm's Second

Annual Corn Maze TIME/DATE: 5-9 p.m., Fridays

9 p.m., Saturdays and Sundays LOCATION: Maybury Farm. 50165 Fight Mile, east of Napier Road in Northville. Use the farm entrance on Eight Mile and follow around to the Maze parking lot --there is no lee if you use the

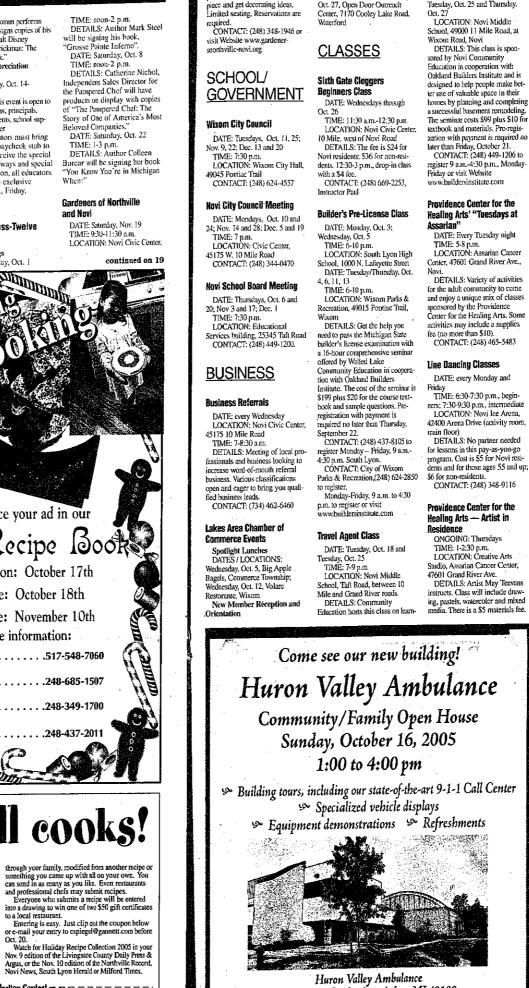
DATE: Saturday, Oct. 22 TIME 9 a.m.-noon LOCATION: Pine Grow TIME: 2-8 p.m LOCATION: Detroit Public Historical Complex, 405 Cesat elevision, Grand River at Napier Chavez Complex, Pontiac DETAILS: Third such event pre-Road, Wixom DETAILS: This event includes sented by the Oakland County Historical Commission. Event will focus on the latest in Oakland childrens' activities, food, German Band, entertainment and dancing. CONTACT: (248) 624-2850 County's archaeology. CONTACT: Kathy Mutch, Novi Historical Commission, (248) 224-4211; R.S.V.P. at (248) 370-2434. **Rebind The Scenes** Maybury Jaam parking lot. Follow

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ontinued from page 18 45175 W. Ten Mile Road DETAILS: This will be a Hands on Holiday Fresh Greens center iece workshop and decorating TIME: noon-2 p.m. DETAILS: Author Mark Steel planist, Jim Brickman perform music from and signs copies of his new CD from Walt Disney Records, "Jim Brickman: The will be signing his book. "Grosse Pointe Inferno" DATE: Saturday, Oct. 8 TIME: noon-2 p.m. DETAILS: Catherine Nichol, Disney Songbook." Educator Appreciation DATES: Friday, Oct. 14-Independent Sales Director for the Pampered Chef will have Tuesday, Oct. 18 products on display with copies of "The Pampered Chef: The DETAILS: This event is open to teachers, librarians, principals, home school parents, school sup-port staff and other Story of One of America's Mos beloved Companies." DATE: Saturday, Oct. 22 TIME: 1-3 p.m. DETAILS: Author Colleen educators. Educators must bring a school ID or paycheck stub to be eligible to receive the special Burear will be signing her book "You Know You're in Michigan discounts, giveaways and special events. In addition, all educators are invited to an exclusive When: reception 5 p.m., Friday, October 14. Gardeners of Northville and Nevi DATE: Saturday, Nov. 19 Borders Express-Twelve TIME: 9:30-11:30 a.m. LOCATION: Novi Civic Center, Book Signings DATE: Saturday, Oct. 1 continued on 19 mmmm



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ing how to become a home based wel agent. CONTACT: (248) 449-1206 Basement Remodeling Class TIME/DATE: 6-10 p.m., fuesday, Oct. 25 and Thursday. LOCATION: Novi Middle School, 49000 11 Mile Road, at Wixom Read, Novi DETAILS: This class is sponsored by Novi Community Education in cooperation with Oakland Builders Institute and is designed to help people make be ter use of valuable space in their homes by planning and complete hasement remodeli The seminar costs \$99 plus \$10 fo textbook and materials. Pro-regis nation with navment is required a later than Friday, October 21. CONTACT: (248) 449-1206 to register 9 a.m.-4:30 p.m., Monday Friday or visit Website www.buildersinstitute.com Providence Center for the

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(http://novi.lib.mi.us), and select the Drop-in or register. CONTACT: (248) 465-5455 Make a Donationî button on the nomepage LIBRARY Library Board Meeting LINES DATE: Wednesday TIME: 7 p.m. LOCATION: City Council Chambers at the Novi Civic Center **Novi Public Library Hours** DETAILS: Community mem-bers are welcome to attend. LOCATION: 45245 W. Ten Meetings are also broadcast live or Mile Road HOURS: Monday-Thursday, 10 cable channel 13. a.m.-9 p.m.; Friday-Saturday, 10 Genealogy Research on the a.m.-5 p.m.; Sunday, closed during the sum-

Net mer, Sunday hours resume September 11. DETAILS: Unless noted below, DATE: Thursday, Sep. 29 TIME: 7 p.m. DETAILS: Learn to use Family all programs take place at the Search, Cyndislist, and Rootsweb

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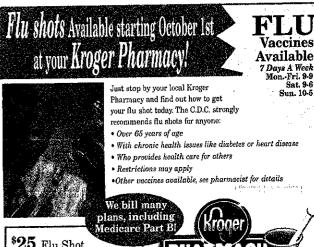
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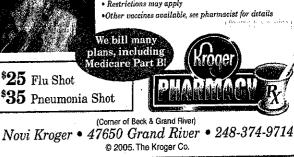
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Teen Reading Game DATES: Oct. 1-31







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with the wineries. Many have actually been to the vineyards and talked with the winemakers. New this year will be a silent auction of sever al magnums of fine wines with proceeds going to the Capuchia Ministries. Guests will be able to bid and keep an eye on the bottle that inter-

to bid and keep an eye on the bottle that inter-exts them throughout the evening. The Capuchin Ministries help support a variety of programs such as; meal programs for the poor al Capuchin Soup Kitchen, substance abuse rehabilitation, overseas ministries, and advocacy work that pro-mere coordinate assumption. motes corporate responsibility for laborers : Tickets are now available at the Custome

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Drake * Livonia Store at 6 Mile and Newburgh * Plymouth/Northville Store at Five Mile and Sheldon

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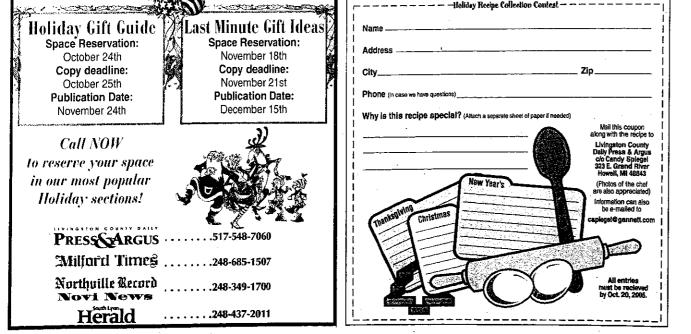
DETAILS: If you are in grade 9 and higher, stop in the Library beginning October 1 and pick up a reading game card. Complete the six activities on the card, and return it to the Library on or before October 31, Everyone who returns a completed game card will carn a book light, and all completed game cards will be entered in a drawing for \$20 in Borders Gift Cards. The drawing will be held November 1

Reading Buddles

DATE: Tuesday, Oct. 4 TIME: 4:30-5 p.m DETAILS: This drop-in Reading Buddy Program pairs older children (grades 5-12) with younger children (kindergarten-grade 4) to improve the younger child's reading skills and encourage a love of reading.

Isaiah McKinnon DATE: Wednesday, Oct. 5 TIME: 7 p.m.

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ment, help, hope and prayer as y face life's problems, issues and DATE: Tharsday, Oct. 6 frustrations. Drop in for five min-TIME: 7 p.m. DETAILS: Complete articles utes or longer. CONTACT: Nancy and Susan, from magazines are now available on the Internet through many (248) 926-8332 or harvestfellow online databases. The contents of ship@comcast.net these magazines range from current events and popular culture to fit-ness and health matters. But how Novi Toastmasters DATE: first and third Tuesdays do you search these databases effi ciently to find the information you of the month need? Take the opportunity to learn how to use two of our most popular LOCATION: Novi Civic Center cetivities Rown TIME: 7-8:45 p.m. DETAILS: Toastmasters will magazine databases like a pro li this hands-on class. Prerequisite help you improve your communi-cation skills, voice your opinion, polish your presentations and prac Internet searching experience. Benefit for NPL Walker

Building Fund

DATE: Saturday, Oct. 8 9226 TIME 10 a.m. PLACE: Emagine Theatre at Fountain Walk (TOPS) chapter DETAILS: Emagine Theatre at Foundain Walk is holding a special screening of the new finder, 'Walkace & Gromit: The Curse of the Were-Rabhit." All proceeds from ticket sales benefit the Walker Library Building Fund, Individual tickets are \$6. A family pack of four tickets is \$20. Tickets are available for ers is 520. Trekets are availa purchase at the Novi Public Library.

Adoption Playgroup Ancestors Online for Seniors

DATE: Monday, Oct. 10 TIME: 10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m DETAILS: Designed for senior who want to begin searching the Internet for information on their ancestors, this program identifies key genealogy websites and effec-tive search techniques for locating genealogy information.

Snack Tales

DATE: Monday, Oct. 10 TIME: 7-7:45 p.m. DETAILS: This is for kindergarten-grade 3 and includes a story and making an edible treat based on the story. Call the library to register. HEALTH

Starlight Story Time Community Health Programs

DATE: Tuesday, Oct. 11 TIME: 7-7:30 p.m. DETAILS: Preschoolers and their families are invited to enjoy bedtime stories. No registration.

Walled Lake Library Events

LOCATION: 1499 E. West Maple Road, Walled Lake CONTACT: (248) 624-3772 Pressed Flower Craft TIME/DATE: 4:30-5:30 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 28 DETAILS: Decorate note cards with pressed flowers, recommend

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Yoga Classes

TIME/DATES: 7 p.m.; Vednesday, Oct. 5, Tennis Elbow

Medical Surgical and Physical Therapy Management; Wednesday, Qet. 19, Fit Alter Filly LOCATION: Oakland Physical Therapy, P.C., 47601 Grand River Ave., Suite B124, Nowi, in

Providence Medical Center DETAILS: Classes are free, space is limited. Participants should

use the northeast entrance. CONTACT: RSVP, (248) 380-

ed for ages 9 and okler. Weekly Story Hours TIME/DATE: 10:30 a.m., DATES/TIMES: Mondays, 1:30 230 p.m.; Fridays, noon-1:30 p.m. DETAILS: The cost is \$10/walk-Monday-Wednesday; 2 p.m. and 7:30 p.m., Thursday DETAILS: Includes stories ins or 10 class card for \$80. If you are interested in battling fatigue, calming your nerves or reducing stress, this is the class for you. crafts, finger plays and games, Designed for ages 1-5. No registranonnined.

Providence Center for the Healing Arts-Boost Camp Day DATE: Friday, Oct. 14

TIME: 9 a.m.-3:30 p.m. LOCATION: Providence Medical Building, 47601 Grand River Ave. DETAILS: A day of enrichment

DATE: meetings first Thursday and personal exploration designed to provide valuable tools, informaof each month n and a new perspective on TIME: 10 a.m. LOCATION: Novi Civic Center DETAILS: The Mons Offering Mons Support (MOMS) is a non-

healthier living through wholeness. Open to the public. The cost is \$50 per person, which includes lunch and materials. Registration is profit support group, for mother who choose to stay at home with required. CONTACT: (248)465-5455 their children, work out of their homes, or work part-time.

Botsford General Hospital CONTACT: dinatallman@sbc Women's Event DATE: Saturday, Sept. 24 TIME: 8:30 a.m.-1 p.m. LOCATION: 39750 Grand River Women's Prayer Support

International Gem & Jewelry Ave., Novi. DETAILS: Botsford General Skow Hospital is an official event site for Fellowship Church, 49329 Pontiac Trail, Wixom (parking behind the National Women's Health and DATE: Sept. 30-Oci. 2 TIMES: noon-6 p.m. Friday; 10-6 Saturday; 11-5 Sunday DETAILS: The Largest exhibi-Fitness Week. CONTACT; (248) 473-5600, DETAILS: Come for encourage inytime. No registration required tion of gents, beads, minerals and (i) Source and the second matrix and jewelry under one roof. No strollers: will be let in for this show. Price is S6; parking is \$5. Located in C hall CONTACT: (301) 294-1640 or

Providence Center for the Healing Arts Artist in Residence

TIME/DATE: 1-2:30 p.m., ongo-ing, first and third Thursdays of

very month LOCATION: Assarian Cancer er-Art Studio, Novi DETAILS: Join Artist-in-Residence May Oura Teevens and experiment with drawing, pastels, vatercolor. Chinese brush painting tixed media & collage. Beginne are welcome, there is a \$5 materi-CONTACT: (248) 465-5455 tice leadership. CONTACT: Colleen, (248) 685-

ONGOING **Cool Car Cruise**

New Take Off Pounds Sensibly DATE: every Wednesday

rough October TIME: 5 p.m., rain or shine LOCATION: Motor City Steel, DATES: Wednesday morning LOCATION: Meadowbrook Commons Activities Room, 25075 Meadowbrook Road, Nov. 2111 Haggerty Road, Commerce TIME: 11 a.m. weigh-in; 11:30 DETAILS: All cool cars wela.m. meeting DETAILS: \$20 per annual memcome regardless of year, '50's, '60's, '70's, and '80's music by TJ bership includes handbook: SL per meeting. New members welc the DL lots of free giveaway; including 50/50 and free T-shirts to the first 75 car owners. CONTACT; (248) 668-1144

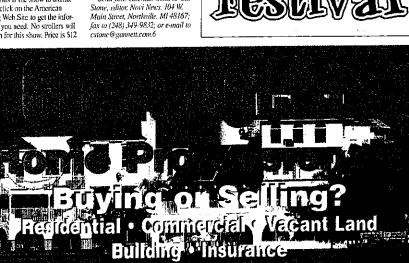
DATE: first and third Fridays of the month TIME: 10 a.m. LOCATION: Holy Family ROCK **FINANCIAL** Catholic Church (on Meadowbrook Road between 10 Mile Road and Grand River Avenue) DETAILS: A nonprofit, nonde-**SHOWPLACE**

nominational group that brings adoptive families together. Twice-a-month meetings provide opportuni-The Rock Financial Showplac is located at 43700 Expo Center Drive (southwest corner of 1-96 and Novi Road). Call (248) 348ty to play and talk CONTACT: Michelle Pergeau (248) 887-4955 or Sandra Noonan (248) 960-3257 5600 for more information.

American Sewing Expo DATE: Sept. 30-Oct. 2 TIMES: Fri: 9 a.m.-7 p.m

Website www.testing-expo.com/usa/home.html Friday; 9-6 Saturday; 9-5 Sunday DETAILS: One-of-a-kind Send your calendar items to Ca show, This is the show to attend. Please click on the American Sewing Web Site to get the infor-mation you need. No strollers will be let in for this show. Price is \$12

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parking is \$5, Located in all halls, CONTACT: (517) 349-8881 or

TIME/DATE: 9 a.m., Saturday,

DETAILS: The title of the event

is "New Hope for Autism and ADHD: Straight Talk and Simple

Truth" with the keynote speaker.

Evidence of Harm: Mercury in

Vaccines and the Autism Epidemic". The conference will

provide more information and

share choices of treatment options

vailable for individuals who have

been diagnosed as Autistic, ADD/ADHD, or have development

tal or speech delays. CONTACT: Visit Website

www.sensory/learninginfo.org or (877) 736-0710

Automotive Testing Expo

TIMES/DATES: 9 a.m.-5 p.m.

Fuesday, Oct. 25 and Wednesday,

Oct. 26; 9 a.m.-4 p.m., Thursday,

CONTACT:For more informa-tion and a list of exhibitors visit

David Kirby the author of

Michigan RV Sale

DATE: Oct. 5-9

Bad weather may have postponed Novi Parks, Recreation and Forestry's International Festival this year, but that only gave Tracie Ringle more time to make it better. The rescheduled date is Saturday from 3-7 p.m. at the Novi

The feedbalk data is building in the place at the Fountain Civic Center, it was originally going to take place at the Fountain Walk shopping center. "It was unfortunate that we had to esneel on Aug. 20, but the sil-

it was untrommate trait we had to catcel on Aug. 20, but the sur-ver lining is we have more countries represented now and more eraflers," said Ringle, event and marketing coordinator. "We've been able to move forward and offer something bigger and better." Two of the new countries are from Novi High School: The heumatiend Clebs measures in Austria near welling and and the set. International Club, representing America as a melting pot, and the French Club, representing France. The International Club plans to show how people of different countries came to America to became a part of one culture. In total, 16 countries will be represented, each with their own

nformation booth. They will have givenways, activities and crafts

to engage people in the different cultures. In addition, more entertainment will be offered, adding another three countries represented that won't have information booths.

Two of them are America and Armenia "We're doing something with the International Institute of Detroit, which is a performance called 'Children of the World," Ringle said. "They will have children representing all different countries from the Metro-Detroit area do group perfe Other countries, then come together to do one large performance." Other entertainment includes Irish dancing; a Chinese choir; Sharp Suzuki strings, which is a Japanese tradition with violins; a Polynesian dance; and a performance out of Koren called Samulnori, Japanese children will also be performing a So-ranushi Dar

bushi Dance. At the Japan booth, visitors can try on kimonos and be tem-portrily tattooed. Irish dancers will be giving away traditional hair ribbons, while teaching their dances every half hour. Tarmar will have calligraphy, where people can write their names. The China booth will be making Chinese bookmarks. "The event is free of charge," Ringle said. "There will be free food samplings throughout the day, like Irish soda bread, egg rolls,

fortune cookies and other foods along those lines. It will be an open buffet, where people can choose what they want to cat." For more information, call (248) 347-0400.

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Cranes ... One **Thousand Prayers**

Artist's Japaneseand my dear friends' son was diagnosed with feukemia," said inspired work at Teevens. "Currently a couple of my friends are bravely battling Assarian Center cancer. I keep them in my prayer

Providence Center for the and I will keep on painting cranes Healing Arts presents "One Thousand Cranes . . One Thousand Prayers" by local artist My 1,000 cranes will be in my paintings." For more information, plea and Novi resident Mayumi Oura contact Lori Taylor at (248)-465e-mail

Teevens, whose artwork is inspired by nature, Japanese sym-bolism and traditions. 5455 Lorraine.Taylor@pr The public is invited to attend stjohnhealth.org an artist's reception from 6-8 p.m.

on Wednesday, Oct. 5, at the Nancy A. Fox Art Gallery. The gallery is located in the Assarian Cancer Center, 47601 Grand River Avenue, Novi, The show will be on display through Nov. 30. The gallery is open 8 a.m. 5:30 p.m. Monday

through Friday. "One Thousand Cranes . One Thousand Prayers" is an acrylic painting depicting a large flock of cranes, the Japanese sym-bol of happiness and longevity. In Japanese tradition, "Senbazuru," 1,000 origami cranes are tied together and sent to someone as a wish for their quick recovery from an illness. Individually folding one thousand origami cranes is the Japanese way of praying for someone you

"Painting the birds has been great enjoyment for me for almost a decade," said Teevens. "Creating a rich tapestry with background of many layers of col ors, and then letting the cranes fly, dance or just stand on the canvas is wonderful therapy for me. It helps me keep my screnity It is also my prayer time while thinking about my family and friends Originally from the Kyushi, the

southern island of Japan, Tcevens came to the United States and received a bachelor's degree in fine arts from the University of Michigan, She teaches art at hom and at two Chinese schools in the area. She is currently the artist in res

idence at Providence Assarian Cancer Center where she holds class the first and third Thursday of each month. The classes are open to the wider comm en to me wher community. "This past summer 1 lost my

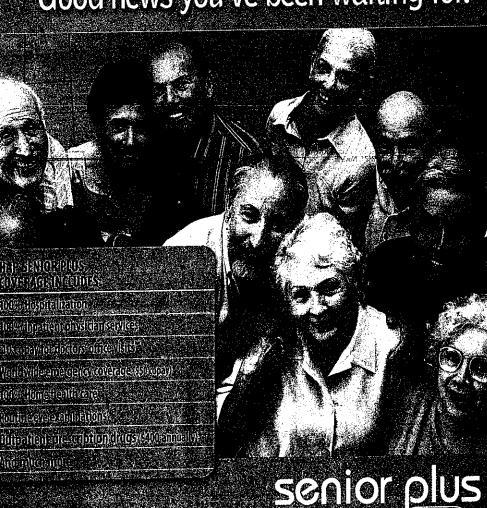
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HEALTH



Mayumi Oura Teevens artwork inspired by nature. Japanese symbolism and raditions - will be on display at the Nancy A Fox Art Gallery in the Assariar Cancer Center through Nov. 30.

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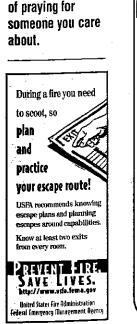
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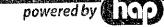
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Darn it! The Novi Wildcats football team felt the sting of a loss to the Brighton Bulldogs last Friday. It's the team's first loss of the season - Page 4B



New dias

SPORTS

The Novi Wildcats golf team has a new home at Walnut Creek Country Club, So far, it's been a good deal for both the team and the club. - Page 3B



Dayn Benson, owner and president of the local branch of My andyman, hires professional workers with years of experience al workers with years of experience to get the job done right. - Page 6B

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Quick

Defensive posture

Talk about defense finally getting the glory. Will Deighton, a 2005 grad-uate of Novi High School, earned a place on the lacrosse team at the University of Alabama. Deighton joins Sean Costello and Jeff Freers as 2005 grads who have made their collegiate squad on the defensive side of the lacrosse field.

Do the math

According the one of the most prominent newspapers in the state, Novi's loss to



where a team picks their schedule to help with bowl bids or worries about strength of schedule Secondly, the article was

wrong. Let's take a look at the

teams Novi has played so far: Howell was 2-2 heading into their game against Lakeland last week and won, thus making them 3-2 on the year (.600). Lakeland was 2-2 heading into the game and was 2-1 when they took on Novi the week prior and are now 2-

3 (.400). Chelsea, Novi's first oppo nent this year, is 3-2 (.600)

currently. Sure, Pinckney is 0-5 (.000) on the year and Northville won't be boasting a winning record by week nine when the two teams face off, but Hartland could end up 3-3 for their game against Novi in two weeks and Milford could easi-ly be 6-1 when the two teams meet in week eight

And, just for the record. And, just for the record, South Lyon will be 3-2 (.600) when they come to Novi tomorrow night at 7 p.m. Heck, there are only three teams in the KVC that don't

have winning records right now — Lakeland, Hartland and Pinckney!

So, the only team Novi played with a .500 winning percentage was Brighton? Hardly.

Handbook changes again?

The Novi Athletic Code of Conduct has officially



State finals on his mind

Novi soccer captain A.W. Stanek wants state title run

hen A.W. Stanek was just a little boy playing soccer, he always wondered why it was football getting all the attention. Now, as a senior at Novi High School, he just doesn't care.

"All the people would talk about how football players are so tough and that it takes no skill to play soccer," he said. "It hethered me when I was bothered me when I was, younger, but it doesn't bother

me now." There's a simple explanation, too. Stanck played soccer with many of the kids he attends school with at Novi. Most of them dropped out of the game. He's still around.

"In high school, people understand and they respect you for playing still," he said. "Everyone used to play soccer, but now they realize it takes a lot more skill than they ever thought."

And Stanek has skill. Considered one of the best play-ers in the Kensington Valley Conference, Stanek has earned his place with the varsity team under the guidance of coach

under the ginance of coach Brian O'Leary. He's a four-year starter for Novi. He also plays with one of the most competitive club programs in the state, the Michigan Wolves

His skill isn't the only asset that has made Stanek invaluable to his Wildcats soccer team.

"He is the first player in my 10 years of coaching varsity soccer that has started all four of his high school seasons," O'Leary said. "He brings great focus and maturity to our team. He plays hard all the time and he plays to win. Whether it is a

he plays to win. Wincher It is a big game or a scrimmage in practice, he plays to win." Stanek has four goals and six assists so far this year, but O'Leary said he brings much more to the field than just statis-tics. His experience is unparal-leled, his leadership makes him an ideal captain and he's worked

hard to become one of the strongest players on the team. "A.W. Is the strongest player on the ball I have seen in a long time," said O'Leary. "His com-bination of tremendous upper body strength and low center of gravity make him impossible to



Plan of the ball. Stanek hopes to take his game to the next level, drawing inter-est from Michigan State

been made in both procedure and wording. The good news? People are

almost done complaining about it If you don't like the new hand book, don't worry. It seems to be a lot like the weather in Michigan — just wait a few min-utes and it'll change.

Wildcat or Hell's Angel?

Novi football coach Tab Kellepourcy is a Wildcat at heart, having led his team to a playoff appearance every year since he took the program over in 2000. But have you seen him on his Honda motor cycle? He's always looked to be one cool customer as coach while pacing the s lines, but now he looks the part, too

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University, Oakland University and Xavier

He wants to cap off his senior year with a signed letter of intent to play collegiate soccer. A state championship wouldn't hurt either.

"Oh, my God," he said. "Nothing would make me happier."

And this could be Novi's year. The squad has been moved out of one of the most difficult district in the state and will now get in the hunt for a state title.

This has been something that has been building for a while, said Stanek.

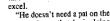
"Ever since we were fresh men we knew out senior year would have a good chance," aid. "This year is feels like he said everything is being put into

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Brian O'Learv Novi Soccer Coach

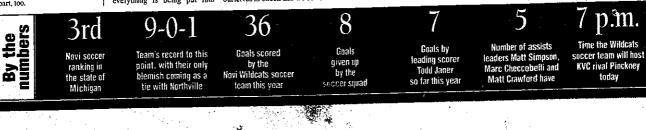
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. that needs accolades in order to "We can't mess up. I don't going to let ourselves get over-confident. We understand what place perfectly." But Novi, ranked third in the state, isn't going to count any Wildcats before they're state think we will, but we have to play every team like it's our biggest game of the year to win excel we have to do." But anything less than a state title? "I think about it every day," champs. Instead, the goal is to keep a level head and play the game they've trained to play. "We've got to play every team With a state title, an All-State t turns about it every day, he said. "If we don't go far in the playoffs, especially with being blessed with a team stacked like ours, then we don't decreue to be out there. selection is quite possible for the senior captain. Though O'Leary isn't talking the about a state title, he said Stanek isn't the kind of player like like they're Bri, Nonhville," he said. Brighton or Northville," he said. "We keep ourselves in check and we're not seggleston@gannett.com deserve to be out there.



back to know that he is doing well and to continue to motivate him," O'Leary said. "He does it all on his own."

Sam Eggleston can be reached at (248) 349-1700, ext. 104 or t



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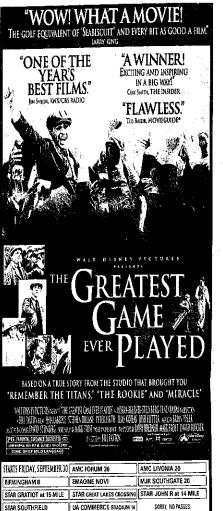




Photo by JOHN HEIDER Members of the Novi High varsity golf team at their new home: Walnut Creek Country Club. From left James Kim, Nick Prokop, Scott Czekaj, Alex Lyall, Tom Ciaverilla, Brent Neville, Adam Pvett, Casey Arrington, Matt Flegert.

Home, sweet home

work with," said general manager Jeff Glesmann. "They haven't raised any concerns with over-stepping their bounds with out members. By and large, the mem-■ Novi golfers enjoying time at Walnut Creek bership has been welcoming them and they all appear to be great kids."

By Sam Eggleston SPORTS WRITER

Though the Wildcats lost any kind of home-course advantage Home is where you hang your hat - or at least where you sink they may have had coming into this season, they are happy with their new home. your putts. The Novi Wildcats golf team, "We greatly appreciate the ted by Brad Huss, doesn't care where their hat is hanging, as long as their putts are going in. This year the squad is calling Walnut opportunity they have given us, said Huss. "Walnut Creek deal too. Country Club is a great golf "Novi Creek Country Club their new home after leaving the Links of Novi, which is scheduled to be ulate condition. They have been more than accommodating and they have been patient with us. 'I cannot thank them enough closed after this season. "This has been a huge opportu-nity for us," said Novi athletics director Curt Ellis. "We've been for their willingness to accept us. I hope they agree to continue this relationship in the future." The Wildeats are currently at uving (our course time) with the Links and we're very excited about our chance to play at Walnut Creek at little or no cost to Walnut Creek on a trial basis, but so far nothing points to them hav-ing to find a new home for next season. Golf pro John Lindeman said . Walnut Creek, located on Johns Road in South Lyon, has proved to be a good home for the everything has been swell so far. "I think everyone is adjusting accordingly," he said. "The plans

Wildcats, who have several members of their squad as members of the country club. Representatives of the club said were that if everything worked out, we would continue this relationship. I don't know of any rea-sons why we won't." having the Wildcats as their first-ever high school team has been favorable thus far. Glesmann agreed, saying the club has received Novi's golf at (248) 349-1700; ext. 104 or at "They've been excellent to team with open arms, seggleston@sonnell.com.

37 WORLD SEFIES arat Al

Well done, Heat!

The Novi Heat earned a birth in the AABC Pee Wee Reese World Series held in held in Toa Baja, Puerto Rico August 4-8. They won the North Oakland Michigan Districts and the East Central US Regional to advance along with seven other Unstructs and the East Central US neglonal to advance along with seven other teams. The Heat competed hard but dropped games to Puerto Rico, Rockford (Illinois) and Monterey Park (California). Pictured (from left to right): Bottom row: Ryan Finneran, Tom Kort, Greg Lorrain, Brendan Fitzgerald, Matt Bonnell, Zach Mohr; Second row: Colin Talbot, Brady Sheldon, Nick Regnler, Shane Daykin, Dark Denter and Talbot, Brady Sheldon, Nick Regnler, Shane Daykin,

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impson took a Crawford pass into

the corner and sent a crossing ball right onto the foot of Checcobelli,

who was cutting through the defense and scored. Seven minutes later, Stanek headed a Crawford

throw-in that found an open Dan

annual show-

down and con-ference title preview. They also upended

Beal for the early 2-0 lead.

Tennis

Wildcats take two lumps

NI COLLED

It hasn't been the kind of wee the Novi Wildcats girls basketball team thought they'd have. The squad, coached by Bill Kelp **M**SIO in his third year with the program, lost to a non-conference contest before dropping a game against Kensington Valley Conference Kensington rival Howell.

Basketbali Folino, Division

recruit, put 15 points on the board while Hope Morris added 10. Nicole Stephen

put up nine points in the losing effort while Jessie Gusiorek added

eight. Two days later, the Wildcats

landed in foul trouble and missed

their own free throws when they

Novi is now 4-3 on the year.

The Novi Wildcats golf team,

coached by Brad Huss, is almost out of their slump. The team recorded a loss in a close match to South Lyon, 164-

163, last week. Leading the way was Nick Prokop's 40 while Alex Lyall and Brent Neville shot 41s and Scott Czekaj shot a 42.

"We just aren't clicking in the

poorly on the last two holes and it cost us.

Every guy needs to cut

dual meets," said Huss. "We played

two to four shots per nine for us to

beat most of these teams and we're

very capable of doing it." The team has a better showing in

the Hartland Best Ball tournament

when they split into duos and played, Lyall and Prokop and

Czekaj and Neville shot 75s while

James Kim and Tom Ciaverilla

Novi placed third in the event.

The Novi Wildcats swimming

and diving team is well aware a tic

is as good as a win, especially when it comes to the Kensington

Valley Conference. The 'Cats tied the Howell

Highlanders last week, 93-93. First place finishes included Kerry

Golf

recorded 74.

Fit to be tied

Almost there

"It's Walnut Creek attempting to be a good neighbor to Novi High," he said. "We expect it to be

a lasting relationship. "We came into this with an

open mind and a positive point of

Novi's old home, the Links of Novi, is scheduled to be closed and the land redeveloped. That

left the Wildcats without a home

The team approached Walnut Creek and they were accepted. It could possibly be an exclusive

approach us," said Glesmann, "At this point, it looks like Novi is

going to be (the only team). Needless to say, we do not have enough facilities to accept every inquiry. My guess is one is

At Walnut Creek, the Wildcats

also have variety. With 27 holes, the team has the chance to play

several different courses through

point, isn't complaining about

"their good fortunes. "All Brad has said is good

things about Walnut Creek and the people who work there," said Ellis, "He's happy to have the

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opportunity to play out there."

The Novi links squad, at this

"Novi is the first school to

view. We expect it to contin

in the near future.

enough.

out their season.

Novi's final two tallies came in the second half as Simpson tapped in a rebound off a Janer shot and terfly in 1:05.74. Taking first in the In the first game, the Wildcats fell in a tightly contested game against Walled Lake Northern, 49-100 freestyle was Dana Hapanowicz, who finished in 58.39 Beal did the same on a Checcobel 46. Rachele shot

seconds. Also finishing first was the 200 Mary Rudzinski, Abel and Hapanowicz while the 200 freestyle relay teams of Yalda Dastmalchi, Rudzinski, Elaine Caubio and Emilie Sund and In the driver's seat The Novi Wildcars tennis team looks as though it's in the driver's seat for this year's KVC title. The squad, coached by Jim Hanson, beat Brighton, 7-1, in their Grech and Emily Stark and Chelsea Revnolds, Kristin Engelson, Courtney Ratkowiak and Lauren Paquette finished second and third, respectively. Also finishing second was Amy Glubzinski in diving. The Wildcats will be home South Lyon, 8-0, but fell to state

earned a trip to the charity stripe and fell to Howell, 43-31. today against Lakeland.

ranked Ann Arbor Pioteer, 7-1. Against Brighton, Carly Lyall, Diana Ticu, Jenn Felcher all won in Still on tep second, third and fourth singles, respectively. In doubles action, the first flight of Amanda Brandemihl The Wildcats soccer team sure isn't having mean KVC this year The squad, coached by Brian O'Leary, added two more league wins with a 5isn't having much trouble in the and Allison Yee won as did the second flight of Jackie Wang and Siwei Wang. At three doubles, Samantha Caldwell and Libby Schulte won as did the four dou-I drubbing of Soccer Milford bles team of Cassie Gordon and Monday, 5-1, after beating Hartland last week, 4-Against the Mavericks, the Wildcats out shot their foes 28-5 with the Milford goalie making 23 saves on the night "We played well for the entire 80 minutes," said O'Leary. Novi opened the scoring just

nine minutes into the game when Dan Beal kaocked in a Matt Simpson cross before the Mavericks were able to tie the invitational. game, 1-1, on a free kick. The Wildcats quickly regained the lead, taking a kickoff down the field and scoring just six seconds later as Marc Checcobelli passed to A.W. Stanck, who beat three defenders to score. Stanek added his second goal of the night on a Todd Janer cross for a 3-1 halftime lead. Just 10 minutes into the second half, Stanck earned an assist with a cross to Checeobelli, who headed it in before Janer added the final tally on a cross from Simpson.

coming down and our top seven Novi is now 9-0-1 on the year. Last week, the team earned a 4-0 shutout against Hartland with all runners change frequently" said Marsha Reid, the team's coach.

state cut in the 50 freestyle with a time $\pm 0.25,78 \pm$ while \pm Julie Schrammatook first in the 100 but

CATHOLIC CENTRAL SPORTS

- Abel with a

Strong performance The 'Rocks also picked up a victory over Divine Child last week, beating them 3-1. Leading the way up saving Styler Dury The squad shot a 283 while Auburn Hills Avondale recorded a 300, Ortonville Brandon shot a The Catholic Central cross country team competed in a three-team meet last week and the way was senior Skyler Dum, 🗕 304, Holly Cross Country with a 1-1 record. who notched two goals and an carded a 307 Golf and Walled assist in the winning effort while Northern and Oakland Christian Chris Pruitt added a goal and an assist of his own. The squad ran against De La Salle and Orchard Lake St. Mary's and shot 310 and 322, respectively. One step closer managed an 18-42 victory over St Split week The 'Rocks football team went Mary's but fell in a tightly contestone step closer to the playoffs last week as they earned a victod race to De La Salle, 25-30. Catholic Central's soccer team has seen some tough opponents so far this year as the squad has picked up a 3-5-3 overall record. The race was at Stoney Creek ry over a tough University of Detroit Jesuit Eastwood Beach. Foetball Most recently, the squad Champs! n Soccer bowed to De La Salle, 3-1, with Nick Peloon scoring goal for the The Shamrocks golf team earned the Oakland County squad, 36-21. Catholic Central is now 3-2 on Division II golf championships recently as they edged out a field of 23 other teams for the title. the season. Compiled by Sam Eggleston Sugarloaf

Bindu Manyam. The same girls won their flights against South Lyon, as did first singles standout Ayano Nakamura. Against Pioneer, it was the impressive play of Felcher that earned the only flight victory. Girls win Ambrose Last weekend, the Novi girls cross country team was the top squad around in the Ambrose Novi won with 27 points with Meghan Bannatz Cross Country leading the way with a second place finish. Andrea Kramer wasn't far behind, finishing in fourth while ; Kellic Brown, a freshman, show-cased her ability with a strong run. Novi had seven girls in the top 15 and nine girls in the top 20. "I am really excited to see what happens in October, as times are 0 shulout against Hartland with all "This is the time of year when in 25 players on the roster seeing really gets fun."

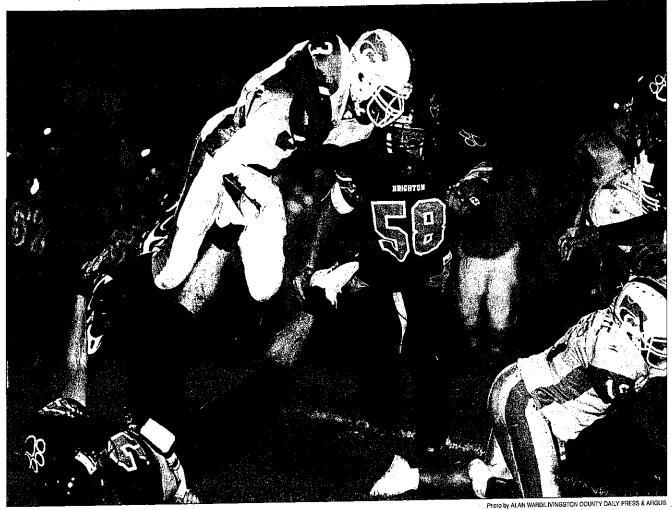
playing times 3 tones into the game. Compiled by Sam Eggleston





SPORTS SHORTS			Octobe
Travel basketball tryout A travel basketball team will be holding tryouts Oct. 9 at the Senior Center in Northville. The tryout will run from 4:30- 6:30 p.m. and is open for boys in sixth grade. Come dressed and ready to play basketball during the open tryout. Please contact Brian Pennington at (248) 348-5070 for more information.	outing help defer the cost for student wanting to play high school hockey. High school hockey is "pay to play" sport and this fundraiser helps to lessen the costs for players who otherwise might not play. There are some openings left for teams (foursomes) that wish to participate and/or for groups wishing to be hole sponsors. • For additional information, interested parties can contact Kevin Finnerty at (248) 361-	(KVBSA) is accepting applica- tions for travel baseball and softball teams for the 2006 sea- son. There are currently open- ings in all age brackets in both baseball and softball. Baseball will have divisions for U9 through U18 and softball will have divisions for U12 through U18. For more information contact Jeff David at (586) 206-7646 or e-mail at jeff.david@kvbsa.com. You can also visit the website	Roc SHOM Novi, N Exit 162 • 300 Artisc • Children's • Craft Dem • Music • Free Shop
Hackey golf auting The Novi Wildcats hockey team will be raising funds by holding the Third Annual Novi Wildcat Hockey Golf Outing at Tanglewood Golf Club on Friday, Sept. 30 at 8:30 a.m. wih registration at 7:30 a.m. The funds raised by the	7989 or KFinnerty@Sprynet.com, or Robert Eberline at (248) 390- 5664 or roberte@pobox.com Travel baseball and softball The Kensington Valley Baseball Softball Association	aiso visit the website www.kvbsa.com. Coach wanted Northville High School is in need of an assistant gymnastics coach that has experience in spotting. Please contact Bryan Masi, Athletic Director at (248) 344-8414.	• All Indoor Preview discount direction Suga





Novi's David Carnegie takes to the air to avoid tackle by Jay Jandasek (lower left) and Riley O'Neil of Brighton during loss to Brighton Friday night at Brighton High School.

DOGGONE IT!

Wildcats suffer first loss to Brighton Bulldogs

Tab Kellepourey

Novi Football Coach

SCORE BY QUARTER

Novi

LEADERS

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Rushing: David Carnegie

Passing: Steve Hart, 23-

Receiving: Bret Cocke, 8-

Sacks: Mike Kolis, 1; Ryan

Murphy, 1; John Favorite, 0.5

Courtney Ratkowiak is a sports intern for the Novi News, Comments can be directed to

the sports department at (248)

Tackles: Eric Zhao, 10:

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"We played some good football, but we

By Courtney Ratkowiak

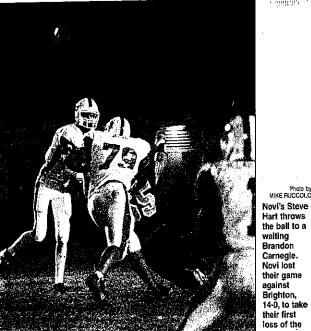
Ten yards away from overtime. The Wildeats, despite reaching Brighton's five-yard line twice in the fourth quarter, were held expect our kids to play verv intelligently out there and not have offsides or holding penalties or pass interscoreless as an interception and fourth-down sack sealed a 14-0 ference."

fourth-down sack scatter a (-4-0 Bulldogs win last Friday. The loss damaged Novi's hopes for a third straight KVC champi-onship as they dropped to 4-1 overall and 3-1 in the league, giv-ing Brighton (4-1 overall, 4-0 KVC) sole possession of first place. penalties need to be taken care of

for us to be an improved squad, and ... that's what we're going to Brighton first scored on a twoplay drive with 3:50 remaining in the first quarter. The second touch-down came on a three-yard run go back and emphasize, the men-tal part of the game." Quarterback Steve Hart added, with 10:33 remaining in the fourth definition of the second secon quarter, scaling the game as the Wildcats fell short of a comeback. "I thought our kids fought all game long to stay in the game and to work for a victory," head coach Tab Kellepourey said, "We showed some great resilience in

of times but we just couldn't put it in the end zone." Defensive leaders included senshowed some great restrictive in terms of coming back and trying to get points put up on the board before the end of the game ... we came away with no points, but the kids on defense really did a good iors Eric Zhao and John Favorite, while senior Bret Cocke led the team in receiving with 85 yards and Hart was 23-for-38 with two job rebounding each time after we had a turnover, getting the ball interceptions.

and trying it again." "It's a big Novi was held to 20 yards rush-"It's a big loss, but a good team ing and accrued eight penalties, proving to be determining factors in the defensive struggle. 1 don't think we pland proving to be determining factors in the defensive struggle. "I don't think we played our finest football." Kellepourey said. "We played some good football." Kellepourey said. "We played some good football." How the state of the struggle. "We played some good football." How the state of the struggle. "We played some good football." We played some good tootbau,
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 7 p.m., the first meeting between 349-1700, ext. 104.



Kick up the HEAT with

FOOD

ung Pao" is the name given to any dish prepared with the signature ingredients of whole, dried, charred chill peppers; garlie; ginger; soy sauce; and peanuls. The flavorlul cooking style originated in the Szechuan province of China. Whether it's chicken, shrinp or beef, the medley of juicy meat, golden peanuts and bright red oblight is hoteromism.

chilies is a harmonious ibination that makes the mouth water. Chel Andy Kao of Panda Express has been cooking Kung Pao dishes for decades. He recommends practicing with his favorite - the Szechuan classic Kung Pao Chicken. In Chinese Szechun classie kung Pao Chicken in Chinese culture, chicken symbolizes happiness and a tong, happy marriage. Pearuts signify longovity. Red, the color of the chili pepper, symbolizes fife, good fortune and happiness. Although Kung Pao Chicken is the most comunon version of the metic dish the region com homodified to of this spicy dish, the recipe can be modified to include shrimp, beef, tofu or vegetables.

Chilles play an important role when cooking this dish; Chef Kao recommends cooking therb first to ensure they are properly blackened, which enhances their flavor. "The chilles need to be cooked at a high temperature using quick movements, which will prevent them from drying out," he says. Taste Chef Kno's Kung Pao creations at

Panda Express restaurants Oct. 2–Nov. 26 during their Kung Pao Kick promotion. Visit www.pandaexpress.com for more information.

Wokking wisdom

Woks have been used in China for more than Works have been used in China to have taken 2,000 years, they're part of the tradition of preparing any Chinese meal," says Chef Kao. "Works require less oil than frying pans, and their high Perfiberatures sear in the juices of means, creating a deliciotismeal?" Chef Kaossepart: offers several ups for selecting and using a wok: Always use a carbon steel wok; it distributes heat evenly and heats up and cools down quickly. Use a flat-bottom wok at home; it absorbs more heat from a stove than a round-

bottom wok. Season a new wok before using it. Many chefs have different techniques; here is one to try at home: Coat the inside of the wok with oil and bring it to a high temperature for several minutes. After it cools, wipe the oil off with a soft cloth. Repeat at least once. Over time, as you use the wok, it will con-tinue to get seasoned.

Stir-frying is a quick cooking method, so have all ingredients cleaned, cut and measured nave an ingrements creaned, cut and measured before firing up the wok. Add aromatic ingre-dients like galic, ginger or chili peppers first. This flavors the oil in the wok for all subse-quent ingredients. Then, add ingredients that take the longest to cook, like meat, followed by ingredients that cook fister, like vogetables. To be sure the oil in your wok is hot enough to start, move the wok around after it has heated for a few moments. If the oil flows like water, it's



Kung Pao Chicken Courtesy of Panda Express Serves 2-3

1 pound of chicken breast, diced into 1/2-inch pieces, rinsed and drained (beef, shrimp or scallops

Kung Pao Shrimo

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can be substituted)
2 1/2 tablespoons vegetable oil, divided use
12 whole dry chili peppers (should be smaller than 3 inches; if longer,

cut in half) I tenspoon cooking wine 2 1/2 tablespoons Lee Kum Kee soy sauce

1/3 cup water

- 1/3 cup water
 1 tablespoon cornstarch mix (50% water and 50% cornstarch powder, combined)
 1/4 cup diced green onion (dice only the white part of the onion into
- 1/2-inch pieces)

- teaspoon ground ginger teaspoon ground garlie teaspoon crushed red chili pepper
- 1 teaspoon sesame oil 2 ounces dry roasted peanut
- Marinode
- 1/4 cup water 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1/2 egg1/4 cup cornstarch2 tablespoons vegetable oil
- 1. Mix all marinade ingredients well, add the chicken and thoroughly coat, refrigerate at

least one hour. 2. Combine wine, soy sauce and water and set

aside.
3. Heat a clean wok on high heat for 10 seconds Add 2 tablespoons of vegetable oil and heat

well. 4. Add the marinated chicken to the wok. Still quickly, separate the meat and cook for 60 seconds. Remove the chicken, drain well.
Add the chili peppers to the wok. Stir fry until they become a darker color. If the wok becomes too dry, add 1/2 tablespoon vege-table oil.

 Add the green onions, ginger, garlic and crushed red chili pepper to the wek, Stir for 5 seconds.

7. Return the cooked and drained chicken to the wok; stir soy sauce/wine mixture and add to wok; stir until sauce boils, then add com-

starch mix to thicken. 8. Add the sesame oil and peanuts. Stir and fold until the ingredients are thoroughly mixed.

Kung Pao Shrimp Variation: In place of the chicken, use 12 ounces of large shrinp. Instead of 12 whole dry chil peppers, use 8. Reduce the amount of soy sauce to 2 tablespoons, and increase the amount of cornstarch mix to 1 1/2 Kung Pao signature flavors include red chili pepper, garlic, ginger and green onion. tablespoons. In step 6 after adding green onions, ginger, garlic and crushed chill pepper, add 1/4 diced red and vellow stir for 10 seconds. Continue with step 7



The Novi defensive front fires off the ball against Brighton last Friday.

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Time for Novi's redemption

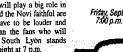
Call it redemption, on many going to be hungry for victory as evels. they still have to secure three viclevels. The Novi Wildcats, coming off

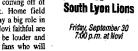
they still have to secure unce vic-tories to guarantee a berth into the state playoffs. Needless to say, this is going to be one heck of a game. The key for Novi isn't going to a loss to the Brighton Bulldogs last week that may have ended their hopes for another Kensington Valley Conference title, will be expecting to bounce be their offensive prowess or their defensive stands, but rather their back nicely. Their opponent is South Lyon, heads. Penalties have hurt the Wildcats in the past few weeks a team that knocked the Wildcats from the playoffs last year in a bit of an embarrassing showing. Although he admits that the them lose to the Brighton Bulldogs last week. So far this year, they've gathered

team has been looking forward to the game since last year's home loss, Novi coach Tab Kellepourey 31 penalties for 243 yards. Their opponents have been flagged for 19, equaling 173 yards. is hesitant to call it an opportuni-It's going to be a great gam with both squads coming off of losses last week. Home field

is hesitant to can nat opportun-ty for revenge. "I would just say that Friday night, (at) 7:00, we're going to be at our best game that we've been at all year," he sid. "Our oppo-nent happens to be South Lyon." The Wildcats (4-1 overall, 3-1 War will be an to chowrage their advantage will play a big role in this one and the Novi faithful are going to have to be louder and prouder than the fans who will KVC) will have to showcase their talent at a level they have yet to

pack the South Lyon stands tomorrow night at 7 p.m. Prediction: Novi 21, South





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Football



Pineapple Fried Rice

Pinch of salt

This dish is a good complement to any Kung Pao entrée. Courtesy of Panda Express Serves 2-4

2 ounces marinated sliced white meat chicken (pieces should be 1 inch long, 1/4 inch thick; approximately 1/2 chicken breast) 2 ounces marinated shrimp (medium sized) 2 ounces marinated scallops (medium sized) 3 tablespoons vegetable oil, divided use 1/2 cup diced fresh skinless pineapple (3/4-inch pieces) 1 egg, beaten 1 poind cooled steamed white rice 1 1/2 tablespoons Lee Kum Kee soy sauce 1/4 eup peas and carrots mix 1/4 cup chopped green onion 1 teaspoon sesame oil 1/4 cup dry roasted cashews Marinade 1 egg white 2 tablespoons water 2 tablespoons coinstarch 1 tablespoon salad oil

I. Mix the marinade ingredients well. Marinate the chicken separately from the shrimp and scallops, Refrigerate for at least 2 hours. 2. Heat a clean, non-stick wok for approximately 10 seconds over high heat and add 2 table-spoons vegetable oil. Make sure the surface of the work is well covered with the oil 3. Thoroughly cook the meat and seafood first, add the pincapple and stir for 20 seconds. Remove the meat, seafood and pincapple form the unit and in the seafood. from the wok and set aside. 4. Add 1 tablespoon of vegetable oil to the wok. Pour in the beaten egg and cook to inclum. Add the cooled steamed rice and mix with the cooked scrambled egg. Cook until hot. 5. Add the soy sauce. Stir-fry until the sauce covers the rice evenly and fully. Add peas and carrots, meat, seafood, pineapple, green onion, sesame oil and cashews. Continue stirring and folding until the ingredients are thoroughly mixed.

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Better bad news isn't good news for small businesses

After years of hearing only had news about health insurance America's small-business ow need some good news. But last week, they learned that things are still bad, just not as bad as they have been. A study released by the Kaiser

Family Foundation did contain a bit of good news – health insur-ance premiums for businesses increased an average of 9.2 percent this year.

That's good news only because the average premium costs last year were two points higher. ICs certainly a welcome change that ends four consecutive years of double-digit hikes. But the study confirmed once again that the nation's health care foundation is rapidly crumbling. The worst news, but no sur-

prise, was that the percentage of businesses offering health insurance to employees has declined steadily over the past five years, as the cost of coverage continues to outpace the growth of wages and inflation. Now, only 60 percent of the

companies provide health cover-

mainly in the

small-busi Jack Faris ness sector. Nearly all businesses that have 200 or more

employees offer health benefits. There is no greater concern among small businesses than the

rising cost of health insurance. The most recent National Federation of Independent Business "Small-Business Problems and Priorities" survey reported that two-thirds, 66 per-cent, of small-business owners again named the issue as their single most important problem up significantly from 47 percent four years earlier. Other had news in the Kaiser

survey; annual premiums for family coverage spiked to \$10,880 in 2005, surpassing the gross earnings for a full-time, minimum-wage worker. The average employee, the survey said, paid more than \$2,700 toward family health insurance premiums this year, more than one-fourth of the total bill.

Cost was cited as the primary factor discouraging businesses, the majority of which are small, from offering health benefits. Nearly three-fourths, 73 percent. blamed high premium costs for their decision. For years, small-business own-

ers have been pleading for help. They have little buying power and few affordable options; five or fewer insurers control most of the small-group market. This lack of competition is the reason small basinesses get hit with steady rate increases that directly result in more uninsured employ ees.

There is a solution

The U.S. Senate must pass legislation authorizing Small Business Health Plans to allow small firms to join together through bona fide trade and professional associations to purchase affordable health insurance. The U.S. House of Representatives is passed this legislation numer

My Handyman solves problems

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Think of all the little things you need to complete before (v) the the complete before cholidays, but never seem to get to. The fists get longer and time gets shorter. In fact, get ready to say goodhyc to your honey-do list and prepare your home for the holiday season the easy way. Why not let My Handyman help you with all your seasonal

cho Fall is the time of year when your home needs a little more attention to prepare for the cold winter weather. This is where a little prevention pays off big dividends. It makes good sense to protect your family's largest

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Handyman owner. Failing leaves nko bring one of the most dreaded chores, – cleaning the gutters. Neglecting them can wreak havec with roofs and windows leading to big headaches later. Let My Handyman keep your feet on the ground, while the professionals clean and repair gutters and

woodworking. "With our winters, freezing pushes the water inwards where it can ruin the interior framing," he added.

he added. Prevention is key here. Instead of a minor repair, you might end up replacing a win-dow or kitchen countertop if not given the proper attention. By protecting the structure of your home, you're also enhancing the casethuic anowarmane of your

home, you're also enhancing the aesthetic appearance of your home, which adds to the value of your house, explains Benson. Maintaining your home will help control energy costs. Caulking windows and doors properly can help keep the cold air out and save money. My landwing, can help keep the out Handyman can help save you additional money on energy costs with Grundfos; a new product they currently offer. Imagine turning on a faucet to instant hot water. Not only is it a convenience, like instant hot showers, it will also reduce

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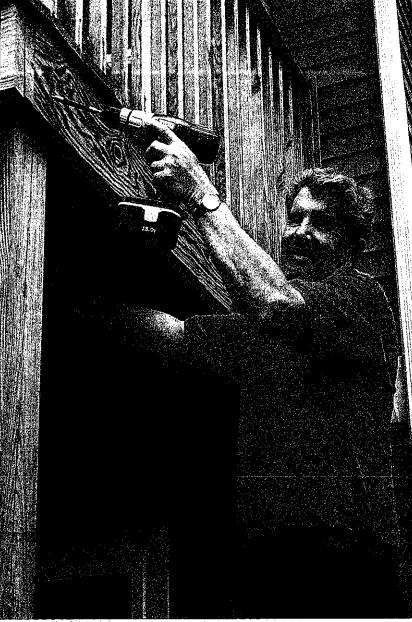
In fact, Benson likes to remind prospective customers that no job is too small. Think of all the little things you want done around the house, but haven't had time.

"Our typical appointment is usually three and a half hours and in that time we'll complete five or six tasks."

Since they're not subcontrac-tors, they aren't limited to one task "While drywall is drying in

one room, they can patch a hole in another, caulk a bathtub or clean gutters Although they're a national-

Although they re a national-ly- known company appearing on Oprah and in Academy Award gift baskets as well as ESPN Espy awards, My Handyman is locally owned and hased in Ann Arbor. The skilled professionals come from your local neirborhond with an ocal neighborhood with an average of 32 years experience per technician. Employees are licensed and in uniform.



Out of over 1,000 eligible technicians, Mike Morton is the only one to be a two-time finalist for the industry's very prestigious Handyman of the Year award.

Done Right. "When we say we're coming at the appointed time, we'll actually be there," said Benson. "Our goal is to leave the job cleaner than we found it. Whatever we do is satisfaction guaranced." Regular client Mike Bruceer

Regular client Mike Brueger of Ann Arbor says it's a relief to have someone that's skilled and trusted.

"He's got professional help that takes care of all the things I need them to do. They're the kind of people you can let in you're home, and you know when they're done, they'll clean up, lock up and they're gone,' said Brueger.

Never climb and clean again

Tired of cleaning those gut-ters? There is a solution. My Handyman now installs Gutter StuffTM, It's the best on the mar-Background checks and drug screening are performed. They follow their motto of On Time, ket, says Benson. There's a 25-



Dayn Benson, owner and president of the local branch of My Handyman, hires professional workers with years of experience to get the job done right. He also requires employee drug testing and hires pros with at least 15-20 years experience.

covering type products. "It's inserted directly into the gutter. It doesn't sit on or go on top of the gutter. You can't see it from the ground. It fills the gut-ter with a filter that keeps leaves and debris out," he explained. Pam Ufer Wood is one of many local clients that said goodbye to gutter cleaning. "I'm very happy with the Gutter StuffTM system. We

Gutter StuffTM system. We haven't had to do any cleaning since it's been installed. It's everything we anticipated," said Ufer Wood

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age to their workers, a sharp drop from 69 per-cent five years ago. The decline is centered

ous times in past congressional sessions and did so again this immer by passing H.R. 525 with bipartisan support. But the Senate has yet to act.

By creating Small-Business Health Plans, Congress could help small employers gain greater bargaining power, economies of scale and administrative efficiencies while bringing fairness to the health care arena. That would mean small-business rhat would hear sinar-business owners and their employees could enjoy the same bargaining advantages as Fortune 500 com-panies and labor unions when shopping for health insurance-and that would be good news.

Jack Faris is the president of the National Federation of Independent Business, the nation's largest small-business advocacy group. A non-profit, non-partisan organization found ed in 1943, NFIB represents the consensus views of its 600,000 constraints thew of its obvious members in Washington, D.C., and all 50 state capitals. More information is available on-line at www.NFIB.org.

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