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### Pet overpopulation

Petland Twelve Oaks employ ec Krista Manz talks to cus-tomers about the importance of adopting pets. - Page 10Å



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**Playing games** Marion Cowan, left, and Margret Malter begin a game of brain-stimulating Scrabble at the Novi Senior Center on a recent Friday afternoon. - 18

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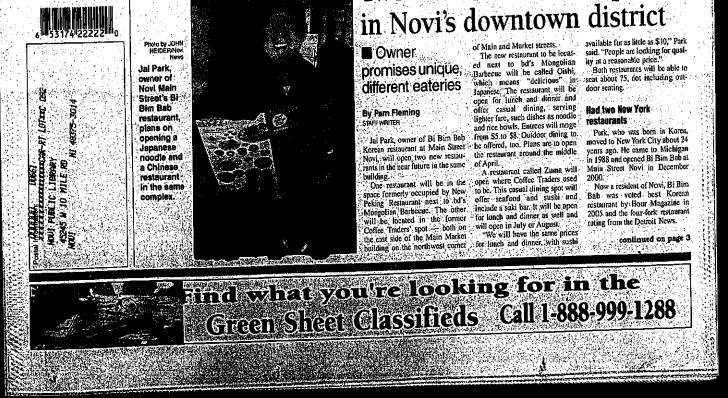
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Boo Sadikot knew he wanted something

worthwhile and that soldiers like the Ellsworths' son, Justin, are not

the Ellsworths son, Justin, are not dying in vain. The couple was part of a con-tingency at the Rock Financial Showphace in Novi on Monday. The group market the isauch of the Michigan chapter of a nationwide support group, Families United for Our Troops wit Their Mission and Their Mission.

Maj. Chuck Larson started Families United last summer through the efforts of veterans and

tell you that their tale son was a Michigan cowhoy. "He'd rather work outdoors all day than go to the mall," said his father, John Ellsworth, of Wixom. Now, John and Debbie Ellsworth are joining other family members of fallen soldiers and veterans in spreading a message. The message is that U.S. troops in Iraq are doing something inrough the errors of veterals and other supporters as an olfshoot of another organization he founded, Operation Iraqi Ilope. The main focus of Michigan Families United is to give support to the families and soldiers who



depend on us in order to complete their mission abroad," Larson

Larson was in combat with the

"Having served in the combat zone, I know it is paramount that our troops know that Americans support them and their mission," he said. U.S. Anny Reserves, 372nd Engineer Group out of Des

Couple chairs state chapter

The Ellsworths are serving as chairmen of the Michigan chapter of Families United.

John Ellsworth, a command sergeant for the Wolverine Lake Police Department, said his late son joined the Marines right out of high school.

of high school. Lance Corporal Justin Ellsworth was killed on Nov. 13, 2004, by a roadside bomb in Fallujah, Iraq. Justin Ellsworth received the Broares Ear with value for helping save the lives of 11 of his fellow soldiers. His platoon did construc-

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## Woman of the Year '06

Wixom couple

Justin Ellsworth's parents will tell you that their late son was a

assists in effort

By Pam Fleming STAFF WRITER

🔳 it's a whole new world out there for the **ABWA's Hopton** 

### By Pam Fleming

As a retired state trooper and former surgical nurse, Herta Hopton knew a lot about law enforcement and the world pf mediciae But, she felt a bit out of her fer But, she felt a bit out of her fer ment when she took a job at Perma Bond, Waterproofing in Novi two years ago. Her answer? Join the American Business Women's Association This month the Novi resident was named 2005 H. Hopton Woman of the Year by members of the Novi Oaks Charter Chapter. She ruccived a gold pin, plaque and a name tag that says Woman of the Year 2006. A luncheon is planned in March for all of the Woman of Year recipients across

Hopton was pleasantly sur-prised when she won the award. "They had to get my attention, because 1 didn't barry with the

announce my name," she said. "I was totally not expecting it. There continued on page 3

Boo Sedikot is the owner, of Novi's Fitness Together, located on Ten Mile Road.

He's building a fitness empire "I wasn't too sure in which direction to go," he suid. "Then I came across an oppor-tunity to look into franchising and personal training. I found it was exactly what I was looking for. It was great."

looking for. It was great." Sadikot currently owns Fitness Together locations in West Bloomfield and the newest one in Novi at the corner of Bock and Ten Mile roads in the Briarpointe Plaza. A native of Croydon, 'England, Sadikot has been in the United States for about eight years. Prior, he worked for Carrient Craise

has here in the United States for about eight years. Prior, he worked for Cannival Cruise Lines in the rotall department. He was in charge of making sure merchandise was up to date in gift shorps from ship to ship. It background in England was in retail man-

YOUR NOVI-Neighbors

on all the travel, there was one thing about the job Sadikot will never regret: It's where he mot his wife, Lisa.

he met his wife, Lisa. "She worked as an accountant on board one of the ships" he said. "She is originally from Garden City." The couple married eight years ago and have recently moved to a new home in Commerce Township, She's a leacher at Northville High School.





Two new restaurants opening

Sadikot owns two **Fitness Together** locations; looking to

expand in Windsor By Ramez Khurl STAFF WRITER

### TVOV Sadikot owns two Fitness Together locations, looking to expand in Windson **Boo Sadikot**

against each other."

continued from front page The Fitness Together levels. "Our concept is pretty unique

### difference

in the sense that we're not just a health club or a gym." said Sadikot. "Each of our studios From a work perspective, one of the nicest things about Sadikot's job is seeing the changes his clients are able to arc fully equipped." Clients work with fitness pro-fessionals in complete privacy.

achieve in their lives. "We have many clients come to us who are very out of shape, have very low energy levels, low self-esteem and confidence There are never any distractions or lines to wait in. It's not intimidating, and the entire focus is strictly on the client. "We're able to help our clients reach their goals a lot levels," said Sadikot, "Through engaging in a structured exercise program and going through more efficiently and effectively that way," said Sadikot. In addition, Fitness Together the various workouts we've put together, they really do see dra-matic charges. That, for me, is a very positive feeling." Sadikot said in a lot of cases

people's fives improve, their confidence levels improve, their outlook on life improves, cloth-ing fits hetter and they feel nuch better about themselves after working out. Fitness Together has been

around 15 years, and is now the largest personal training organi-zation in the world. zation in the world Internationally, Sadikot own the franchise rights in Ontario and is developing studios there. Two locations are already open in Windsor, with a third going up in Nova Scotia. Studios are also set to open in Spain and Israel. Sadikot and his staff do their and the individual:

best to appeal to individuals who don't want to be a part of a large public gym and who are serious about making a commit-

"Through engaging in a structured exercise program and going through the various workouts we've put together, they really do see dramatic changes That, for me, is a very positive feeling." Boo Sadikol Fitness Together owne

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ment to change. They work with conducts contests periodically clients from all different fitness to make it a little more interestto make it a little more interest-ing for clients. Currently, the

ing for clients. Currently, the company is running one called "the biggest winner," which started in January. "We're giving away \$300 to the client who loses the most weight by the end of March," said Sadikot, "About 60 clients at buth studier are computing

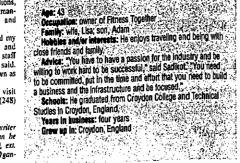
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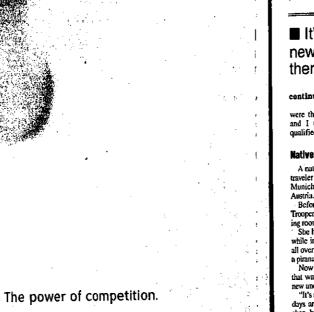
Sadikot's drive Sadikot describes himself as a self-motivated individual with a very positive attitude. With two studios here and his drive to nett.com

develop the Ontario locations, he needed to learn how to man he needed to learn how to man-age his time efficiently and effectively. "I've basically alternated my two studios by training and developing a couple of my staff to help me run them," he said. "That way I'm not tied down as much."

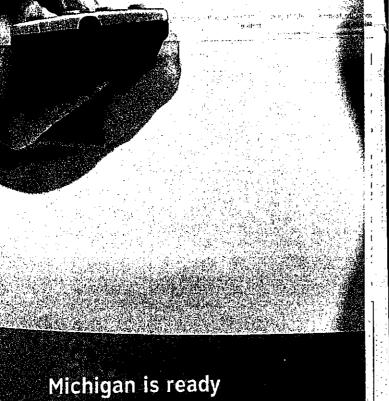
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Back where it belongs.



" ... he would get mad at what was being reported to the public. He would say, 'Dad, we are making a difference to these people."

> John Ellsworth on his late son, Lance Corporal Justin Ellsworth, killed in combat in Iraq

At Monday's news conference, he said that his son, who was 20 when he died, loved his four-wheel-drive truck, water sports and hences and placed to our his Focusing on troops' value and horses and planned to own his own excavation business someontinued from front page

day. "He was a good kid and believed in what he was doing." tion work, including building schools for Iraqi children. "In my many conversations with Justin, he would get mad at he said. Fileworth talked to his son abou the possibility of losing his life over-seas while they were on a camping what was being reported to the public," John Ellsworth said. "He would say, 'Dad, we are making a trip together in Traverse City. "He told me, 'I'm ready to give my life to my country.' He was proud of the job he had to do," Eilsworth said. difference to these people."

Now, the Ellsworths are speaking for their late son, telling citizens that U.S. troops are making a significant impact on the lives of Significant impact on the lives of the fraqi people. "I love him, and I miss him, and 105, or by e-m pfleming@gannett.com. I have to be his voice now," e-mail Ellsworth said about his son.

It's a whole Meeting March 20 new world out The next meeting of the Novi Oaks Charter Chapter there for Hopton of the American Business Women's Association will be March 20 at the continued from front page Wyndham Garden Hotel In Novi, Networking begins at were three other gals nominated, and I thought they were more qualified than me." 6:15 p.m., with dinner served at 6:45 p.m. Cost is \$16. To register, call Chris. Struwe by March 15 at Native of Austria (248) 269-2035. A native of Austria, she's a world traveler and just got back from Munich, Germany, and Linz, 7 "She immediately stepped in and starting participating in fund-raising activities and is active in the chap-ter," said chapter member Betty Before she was a Michigan State Trooper, she was a hospital operating room nurse for the U.S. Army. She had 11 different assignment Johnson. The organization raises money while in the military, so she's lived for college scholarships for women. "With so many women returning to college to seek new careers as all over the world. She even caught anah in ibe Amazon jungié Now she works for a company that waterproofs basements in both well as traditional college students, there's a need for scholarships," Johnson said. "ABWA is a network new and existing homes. "It's a fun job," she said. "No two of working women helping other

"It's a tun job, she shal. No two days are alike. It's a mom-and-pop shop, but they're so professional." She started as a clerk and is now Hopton enjoys being a member of the business women's organiza the officer manager and has been an ABWA member since October tion, "These women are smart, funny and so nice," Hopton said. "I love them. It's a great organ "I joined ABWA to learn more about the business world," Hopton ization.

working women.

uthfield and Rochester Hills. Souraneia and Koonester Huis. The restaurateur is excited about opening his two new restau-rants and having a strong presence at Main Street Novi. Two new restaurants to open in Novi's "The two new restaurants are going to be unique," he said. "I want to participate in making the downtown area Main Street area the spot to go for continued from front page dining. We welcome even more restaurants coming to the Main

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"My father enjoying going out to restaurants when I was growing up and took me with him," Park said. He noted that his father Street project." Park said Novi's new downtown area is growing, and he wants to add to the ethnic nature passed away around the time he opened his first restaurant in New of the project. "It's very unusual to have three restaurants in one center," he said. "But each restaurant will have a Park had a restaurant in Soho in

New York, as well as one on 7th Avenue near the city's Fashion District. He noted that such different character. Pain Fleming is a staff writer for the Novi News. She can be reached at (248) 349-1700, ext. celebrities as actor Richard Gere were often spotted at his New reached at (248) 349-1760, ext. Since then, he has had restau-rants in Sterling Heights, pfleming@gaunett.com.

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Ann Arbor - A new free report has recently been released that reveals how breakthrough medical, technology is

# New owners of Fountain Walk propose major design changes

Driveway to allow northsouth travel

### By Pam Fleming

Big changes are on the horizon at Fountain Walk, with the own-ers planning a new look at the shopping center at Twelve Mile and Novi roads.

The property was acquired by HIT Devco, LLC, last Junc. HIIT Devco, LLC, includes Transwestern Investment Company, a Chicago-based real estate investment firm; Arthur Hill & Co., LLC, a development and investment company in Evansion, III.; and the Hopkins Real Estate Group of Newport Beach, Calif. Local development advisors desirable area." from Chuck Miller Developme inpany in Michigan are also olved in the project. Clay Pearson, interim city Clay Pearson manager, said in a Feb. 16 mento to the mayor and city council members that the acw owners have been looking at what they consider to be deficiencies in the

current design. "They feel these deficiencies may be contributing to vacancies at the center," Pearson said, and tion." The new owners say the cur-rent design lacks architectural excitement and flair and that it's difficult for vehicles to navigate through the site, especially north they are proposing improve-Plans are to build a north-south street through the center of the complex, including sidewalks

and south. They are ready to seek approval of the first phase of changes on the south side of the site between Godaiko and the Bamboo Club restaurants and changes do rest side of Luck's. and landscaping. "We are delighted to be the new owners at Fountain Walk," said Bruce Reid, executive vice along the cast side of Lucky's. president with Arthur Hill & Co. It's a very desirable retail trad-ing area, and we think that with some revitalization and some On-street parking planned

Plans show the removal of a portion of the large pedestrian sprucing up, we can make Fountain Walk an even more

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This conceptual drawing shows what new owners have in mind for the south side of This conceptual grawing shows what new owners have in mind for the south side of Fountain Walk shopping center at 12 Mile and Novi roads. The owners, who acquired the property last June, want to construct a north-south street through the center, add sidewalks and landscaping.

area and the installation of a ter array of shops that are more appealing to customers. "There's too much hardscape and not enough handscape," Reid and not enough handscape." The new owners plan to make Fountain Walk more pedestrianand not enough landscape," Reid said, "We want to soften the color friendly. "We want to create a drive also be included. also be included. On-street packing is shown in one area plus a traffic circle for added design interest and to insure that traffic will move slowly through the center. nalette, too where people can see store-fronts," Reid said. "We're looking forward to Reid said the new owners are looking forward to seeing more traffic at the center in the near working with the city officials in Novi to complete this revitalizafuture. Other proposed improvements include a drop-off area next to the Emagine Theater and possible relocation of the theater's valet

parking. A pre-application meeting took, place last Thursday with members of the planning depart-ment. Barb McBeth, director of planning, was not available for comment. Plans are to sabmit design pro-posals for review by members of the planning commission and then city council. Reid said the new owners want to not only make the center more parking.

to not only make the center more accessible but also to offer a betpfleming@ganneti.com.

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"We're very excited about it," he said. "It's an important job for our firm. We think we're off to a our firm, we think we re out to a very positive start. We know it's going to take a sizable invest-ment, and we're going to do it in phases."

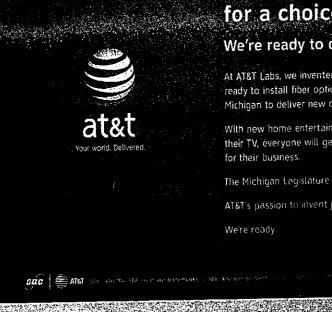
some interesting new tenants announcing they'll be coming to Fountain Walk in the coming months, according to Reid.

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# **PUBLIC SAFETY**

### Police Report

### Truck found in ditch

A 25-year-old Cloverdale, Ind. man was arrested for operating while intoxicated when he tried to drive himself out of a ditch off Haggerty Road near the parking Int of the Extended Stay America inotel at 10:12 p.m. Feb. 7. While on a unrelated traffic stop on Orchard Hill Place and and recorded. Fight Mile Road, an officer heard

squealing tires and saw smoke near the motel. After completing his traffic stop, he investigated the area and saw a large, white Ford work truck sitting in the ditch. There was fresh mud and dirt around the tires as the driver was trying to drive himself out of the ditch Another man was standing next to a silver Ford pickup attempting to pull the truck out of the ditch. Jan. 26 The driver, who was with a 20-year-old man from Cloverdale and a 26-year-old man from Plainfield, Ind., told police that he did not put the truck in the ditch, somebody else backed it in and he was just trying to help

them get the vehicle ou A breath test showed a blood alenhol level of .12 percent. Shoplifting, stolen car

Police responded to a retail fraud incident at Kohl's Department Store at West Oaks Mall at 5:47 p.m. Jan. 28 in which the suspect was seen fleeing the scene in a stolen car. The suspects were described as a male, 21-18 years old 6 feet

all, 150 pounds, with brown hair past his collar wearing a blue-and-white flannel jacket with blue jeans and a woman about the same age, 5 feet 6 inches tall, 140 pounds, with long brown hair to the middle of her back wearing a black coat and blue jeans with the

back pockets ripped ont. The two were seen fleeing the scene in a Green Ford Explorer. Dispatch ran the vehicle, and it



call hang-up. On callback, dispatch spoke to the 51-year-old Milford area. Milford police said the vehicle was stolen on Jan. 19. when who said she was involved in a verbal argument with her 18-year-old son who was Total value of the stolen items were \$1,006.95 and included a variety of clothing for adults and children, a \$149.99 Cuisinart wafintoxicated The 50-year-old husband said he had picked his son up from a friend's home around 7 p.m. because he was intoxicated and fle maker and \$69.99 Cuisinart tosster, a \$190 Showtine Reaster Oven, spice rack and hair clipdid not have a ride home. Upon arriving home, the son became upset because his mother had placed a club on his vehicle to The entire incident was captured on closed circuit television

Pods stolen at high school ened to call 911 if her son didu't Two Novi High School students had their iPads stolen recently in separate incidents. A 16-year-old Novi woman calm down but did not mean to complete the call. Officers were escorted to the son's bedroom, where he was awake and lying in bed. He was reported one such theft at 2:39 p.m. Jan. 31 that occurred arrested for minor in possession/consumption after a breath test revealed a blood alcotween 12:46 p.m. and 1:55 p.m. The woman told police she placed her iPod inside her purse and placed her purse inside a bag and placed it on a bench inside

the locker mum. She then placed her street clothes on top of her purse with her shoes, then went to her fourth block gym class. When

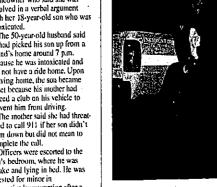
she returned from class, her iPod was missing. An 18-year-old South Lyon man reported at 5:34 p.m. Jan. 31 that his iPod, wallet with \$10, sligo in cash, driver's license and debit card were stolen from his backpack between 9:30 a.m. and 10:50 a.m. that day

came back stolen out of the

The man said the items had been stolen from an unlocked locker in the school's upper-level boy's locker room near the bas-ketball courts while he was at his weight training class.

Family dispute on Kemingway An 18-year-old Novi man was

arrested for a liquor violation fol-lowing a family disturbance that police responded to at 7:31 p.m. Jan. 31 on Hemingway near Meadowbrook and 13 Mile Road. Police were dispatched to the residence for an emergency 911



## hol level of .13 percent. The teen-ager said he had purchased the alcohol at a party slore in Detroit but would not provide the name or location of the store.

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Photo by BILL GRIMSHA Cyclist injured at Lakeshore Park Two trucks from the Novi Fire Department and an ambulance from Community I wo trucks from the Novi Fire Department and an ambulance from Community Emergency Medical Service responded to a call from an Injured cyclist at 5:45 p.m. Feb. 17 at Lakeshore Park in Novi. The 49-year-old man was hurt when he fell off his mountain blke. He made the emergency call from his cell phone and was able to direct rescue workers to his aid through the use of his phone and a whistle. CEMS workers were able to locate him and transport him to a local hospital at 7:05 p.m.

By Pum Fleming, Novi News and Stacy Jenkins, Livonia Observer



### Galaxie drives couple's passion for classic car ■ Slevin's '67 Autorama Ford Galaxie Where: Cobo Hall shown off this Location: One Washington Blvd., Detroit weekend Hours: noon-10 p.m. Friday; 10 a.m.-10 p.m. Saturday; 10 a.m.-8 p.m

By Ramez Khuri Sunday Price: \$15 for adults, \$5, Larry Slevin can thank Torn Hopkins and the Motor City Galaxie Club for the honor he's for children 6-12 and free for kids 5 and under about to receive this weekend The Novi resident's car, a Ford

Special guests: Ben Jones, Sponge Bob Squar Pants, NASCAR's Ricky Rudd, Detroit Lion Eddle Galaxie, will be representing the year 1967 in the 54th Annua Drummond and WWE Murray's Discount Auto Stores superstar Batista Detroit Autorama at Cobo Hall Friday through Sunday. The club, which Slevin belongs Web sile: www.autorama.com to, secured spots in the event this

year. Hopkins did all the work to make it happen. The idea is to dis-play a Galaxie from every year was in pretty decent shape and I didn't do a whole lot to it, but this one needed some work." the car was produced. Slevin isn't the only car lover in

"This show is quite exclusive, and I'm very excited about the Slevin isn't the only car lover in the family. His wife, Lyon, owns a 1957 Ford Fairlane, which won "Best of Show" in the non-Galaxie Ford category at the 2004 Motor City Galaxie National Event in Dearborn. The couple also purchased a 1966 Ford Fairlane GT last summer, which there working on gathing radius honor of it all," said Slevin. "It's a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity. I probably coulda't get this car in the show by myself." Slevin, who hasn't been to the Autorama as a spectator for about 25 years, said Ford produced Galaxies from 1959-72. Not all of they're working on getting ready to show off this summer. They both hope their 13-year-old daughter, Lauren, will continue those years will be represented at the Autorama, but most will. All will be lined up in order by year, and the club will have a plaque on

the family hobby in the future. display with information about the Galaxie. Love of cars started early Slevin purchased his four-speed Having had an interest in auto-mobiles his whole life, Slevin startmanual transmission Galaxie in October 2003. Before that, he

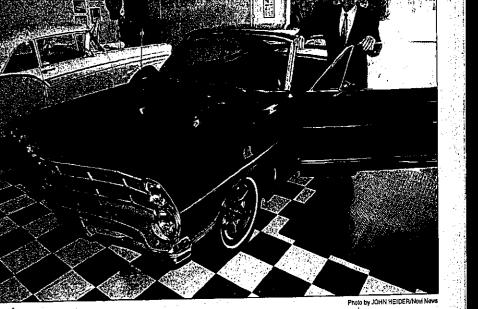
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Novi resident Larry Slevin will display his 1967 Ford Galaxie 500 at this weekend's Autorama in Detroit.

expensive to do that," said Slevin. "When the right car comes along, and it's the right time to do it, I'll

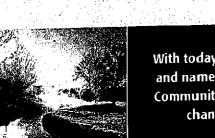
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Slevin explained that the haven't been built yet. Autorama event is not the same as The Autorama is a place to dis-Autorama event is not the same as the International Auto Show, which play classic cars and hot rods, col-lector cars and vintage vehicles of all types," said Slevin. "These are also takes place every year at Cobo very rare cars. They have an award they give out every year that's quite

you love looking at cars, it's a great event to come down and see." Ramez Khuri is a staff write. for the Novi News. He can be reached at (248) 349-1700, ext. 110 or by e-mail at rkhuri@ganous to the best of show. If nett.con

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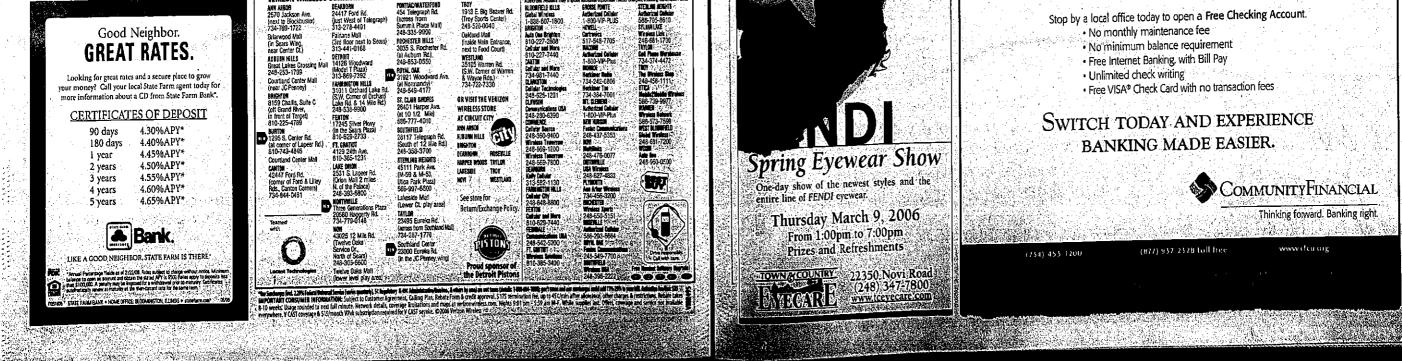
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Council debates approval of bid THESIER EQUIPMENT CO on water main extension design

Motion to award job to JCK firm fails

### By Pam Fleming TAFF WRITER

extensive knowledge of the system A discussion at the Feb. 23 city council meeting brought up an interesting question: Is the lowest bid always the best choice? meant it could perhaps do the work for les Joe Kapelezak, owner of JCK & Associates, said he made a site visit to the property on Pontiac Trail, checked out the job and felt that he had a fair bid on the project. Gathering from the outcome of the discussion, the answer is an

emphatic "No." Although the Grand Rapids-He said his numbers were lower based engineering firm of Fishbeck, Thompson, Carr & Huber won approval for the job Feb. 21, the firm did not submit because of the fact that he has design and property information in-house as opposed to having to research the project from scratch. "ICK had all the former design information plus the knowledge of the lowest bid. The firm has a local office in Farmington Hills. The firm was selected to per-

all the property in the area to pro-duce the easement documents." form design and construction engineering for the Pontiae Trail water main extension that will aid Kanelczak said. Kapelczak said, Members Terry Margolis and Andrew Mutch disagreed with Nagy's suggestion that ICK should do the work, saying there was a major difference between ICK and Fishbeck. Mayor Duvid Lander and that residents of northwest Novi.

Cost of the project was a not-to-exceed design fee of \$37,615 and a construction engineering fee equal to a fixed 6.2 percent of the tion cost, estimated to be \$32,400. The total estimated cost of the design and construction engineering for the project was \$70,015.

as the engineering division recom-mended Fishbeck, so he would approve that firm's bid. Nagy's motion to award the con-tract to ICK failed in a 2-3 vote, and Fishbeck tater won approval in the tract work for the M JCK & Associates of Novi bid the project at \$39,204 — almost half Fishbeck's bid. Rob Hayes, city engineer, said Fishteck's proposal was selected over JCK' lower bid because the engineering division believed JCK

Governments.

### **Review process marks Fishbeck**

This review dictates that the

highest ranking or most qualified firm — not the firm with the lowest

fee - receive the recommendation.

Rob Hayes, city engineer, and Brian Coburn, civil engineer, and in a member to Clay Pearson, interim city manager, that while JCK & Associates submitted the

lowest fee proposal for a water main extension project on Pontiac Trail, it received the fourth high-

were all low in comparison to the

other submitting firm," the engi-

neers stated. They explained that during con-

Mayor David Landry noted that

the planning commission as well as the engineering division recom-mended Fishbeck, so he would

### City's engineers

defend decision By Pam Fleming

STAFF WRITER

The city of Novi engineering division stood by its recent deci-sion to award a major water main extension project to Fishbeck. Thompson Carr & Huber. The city

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The Senate Appropriation Committee took up legislation I sponsored to restore funding to Michigan metroparks and other elitible authorities, which would iress the consequences of the

Includes the townships of Connerce, Highland, Holly, Lyon, Milford, Novi, Rose, West Bloomfield and White Lake; as well as the Villages of Holly, Milford sitive to and and Walverine Lake; and the cities meet the needs of Novi, Northville (the portion in Oakland County), Orchard Lake, South Lyon, Walled Lake and of both its mployees and those whom they serve. As my col Nancy Cassis league, Sen. Δ.

effort that is required to comprehen-sively engineer a project usually results in a contract rife with change

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State Senator Nancy Cassis, a

Novi Republican, represents the 15th Senate District, which

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underbid the project. Council Member Bob Gat noted that JCK provided a lower bid and that the council should select the Novi firm. Member Toni Nagy said JCK Member Toni Nagy said JCK The gops are between the dead ead unter main installed with the JOHN DEERE NOTHING BUNS LIKE A DEERET\* designed about 90 percent of the eity's water system's transmission mains and that with the firm's main installed as part of the Shoppes at the Trail strip malt at Beck and Pontiac Trail and the ON MOST JOHN DEERE water main near the intersection of EQUIPMENTI West Park Drive and Pontiac Trail near the recently constructed Wes Thesier's is having on Open House Sala Marci Ist-March 17(h) Soop in and End specials on Z Drake, Compect Unity Tractors, Geturs<sup>14</sup>, and Lown and Derdon Tractors, But hump, because supplies won't last. Park Meter Pit. The completion of the loop will provide water to several properties currently served by neighboring comaunities, such as Wixom, Walled Lake and Commerce so receive tree dativery, a front bumper, and Township. These residents pay about 1.5 times the water rate charged by those municipalities. The project will also provide water to a large apartment complex in Novi currently served by a private community well. The project was funded as part of the 2005-2006 Capital Improvement Program, and conii on struction is supposed to start this Clay Pearson, interim city mar nger, said the total project should cost about \$500,000. 3520 w/300X + Tiller LOADER'S CUSTOM-MADE FOR NEW TRACT Bids were requested from seven firms, with the city receiving five Pum Fleming is a stall writer for the Novi News, She can be reached at (248) 349-1700, est. 105, or by e-mail at pfleming @ gannett.com Michigan legislature and is endorsed by the American Public Works Association and is includ-ed in the American Bar Association's Model Procurement Code for State and Local Government in-house design tioned that JCK does not have enough in-house design resources, so the firm proposed using Mike Kalinowski of LandTech, who had not be previously qualified by the city as the firm's primary engineer to perform design work. The evaluation team was also concerned that the engineering fees proposed by JCK were unex-D208CAD THESE IDESIGNAT DURING F Irant, it received the fourth high-est staff review score out of the firms that subhinited bids. "ICK's scores for project approach, staff and schedule, and past performance on city meter pectedly lower then the other firms that submit bids. But, the



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Shoppes at the Trail's development

at Beck Road and Pontiac Trail

Traffic drives business

Hugh DeFrancesco said he

chose the Shoppes at the Trail location for his new startup

restaurant, Bigger Better Burritos, because of the high

"We're planning to open by mid summer," DeFrancesco said, "(Because of the Secretary

area traffic.

Stores in new shopping plaza open one by one

By Tracy Mishler Fawzi Tomey's goal is to make \$1 million per year at the new Shoppes at the Trail shop-ping plaza in Novi. With only two businesses cur-

rently open at the southeast cor-ner of Beck Road and Pontiac Trail, Tomey, owner of Jimmy John's, said business has been better than expected. "I did a lot of research on this area and did demographic stud-ies before I bought into the plaza," Tomey said. "Our mar-ket is youth, single and busi-nesses ... perfect for this area." Photos by JOHN KEIDE Jimmy John's employees Katie Morphew, right, and opened Feb. 22 and Tomey

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Mary Ellis work together to make a sub sandwich at currently employs 15 people. "In the first two days open, Jimmy John's we did 50 percent more busi ness than expected," he said. Shoppes at the Trail has been in the city's plan since 2003, now things are really rolling." Tomey said one major altrac-tion that led to his decision was the future opening of a Secretary of State office in the and Jenene Kozinski, owner of

she was glad to finally open "This is going to be a won-derful complex that can effer the community all they need in one fell swoop," Kozinski said. "There have been derive "There have been delays, but



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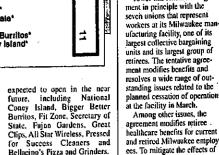
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DeFrancesco said there will be franchise opportunities soon. "Bigger Better Burritos con-cept will be no wimpy burritos," he said, "Bigger is better. We're going to offer a sit-down restau-rant with fast service ... It's going to be rocking." "Because this is a newer area," Tomey said, "we'll have Hard work pays off

to work harder to achieve the (S1 million per year) goal ... It is very reachable, especially for When construction is com-plete, Shoppes at the Trail will house more than 40 tenants surthis area. rounded by a CVS, Comerica Tracy Mishler is a staff writer

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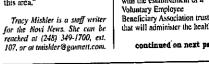
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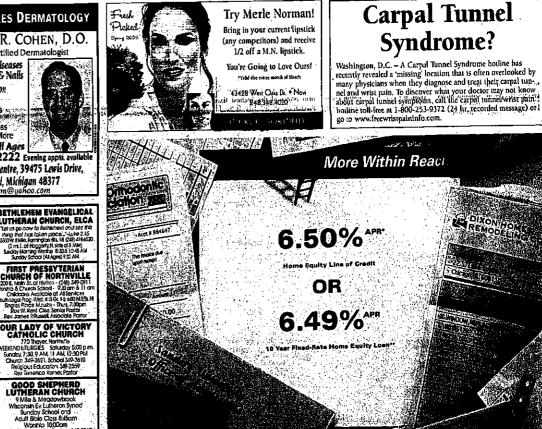
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## Preventing overpopulation

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Business helps keep pet numbers down

### By Tracy Mishler

Bub Thome believes in keeping the pet population small. As February cause to an end, so did national "Prevent a Litter month.

However, Thorne, owner of Petland in Twelve Oaks Mall. believes in educating animal lovers on the benefits of spaying and neu-tering their pets year round. "We believe part of being respon-

sible pet owners involves the spaying and neutering of pets," Thori sid. "Not only does it help control pet overpopulation, but altering an animal also has long term health and behavioral benefits

According to the Michigan Humane Society, sterilization, known as spaying for females and neutering for males, prevents antuals from being able to reproduce ind helps dogs and cats live longer healthier lives

### Responsible pet care

The Michigan Humane Society stresses responsible animal owner-ship, including making sure an ani-mal's offspring would not contribute to averpopulation problems. 'Even one unwanted litter of pup-

pies or kittens can have an exponen-tial impact on the community," said Nancy Gunnigle, Michigan " said

MARKETPLACE

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Humane Society spokesperson in a 1 dogs or cats before they are six statement. The solution to the overpopula-

tion crisis starts at home with Healthy pets

guardians making sure their dogs and cats are spayed or neutered," she added. "Not only is sterilization vital to their own animals health and safety, but it helps alleviate animal affering in our community." Perland works with local veterinarian clinics to provide customers with reasonable prices for spaying Petland has several stores across

the country and in Michigan, includ-ing Novi, Westland, Belleville and domesticate them . iterfort Thome said spaying or neutering removes sex organs and hormones, providing for a healthier pet long Petland is working to provide cer-

tificates to customers with every non-altered puppy or kitten adopted He said pets will stay young from the store. Petland Novi is the because they never get adult hor-mones and the attendant behaviors. first in Michigan to start this pro-

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long, healthy, happy, life together,' he said. "That's what it's all about."

Tracy Mishler is a staff writer for the Novi News, She can be reached at (248) 349-1700, ext. 107, or at tmishler@gannett.com. s, you truly will have a

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Making advances

Novi-based Brio Advancing has been chosen by T.M. She Products, of Troy, for brand levelopment and marketing sup port. T.M. Shea designs and manufactures patented in-store mar-keting displays for national retailers and brand marketers.

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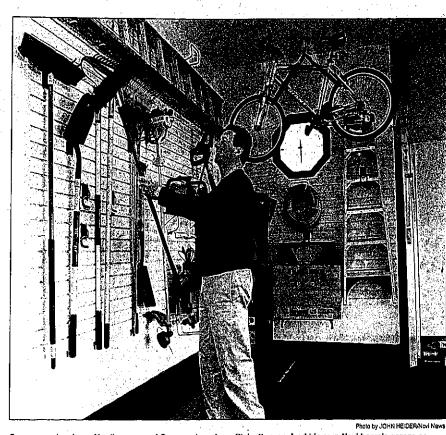
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Super organizer Larry Mueller, owner of Garage-ology, has efficiently organized his own Novi home's garage so everything (even a push broom) has a place and position.

# Novi resident's mission to turn garage from messy to marvelous

Get that garage

Those Interested in a

garage makeover or need

helo organizing another

area of their home can con

tact Larry Mueller, owner of

Garage-ology at (248) 522-

5959 or e-mail him at

he markets, visit his Web

larry@garage-ology.com.

For more information

about the types of products

I remember talking about opening

my own business," he said. His 13-year-old son, Tom,

came up with the idea of getting

checked out what the compet

"There's not a whole lot of

competition in this industry in Detroit," Mueller said. "Detroit is

was doing.

in order

### The idea is to custom design a Garage-ologist garage to fit a customer's lifestyle, wants and needs. does makeovers "It's a growing industry," Mueller said.

### By Pam Fleming STAFF WRITER Homeowners need help

Larry Mueller thinks every-Mueller believes a lot of people one's garage should be as nice as need help organizing their garage. the rest of their home which often becomes the great And, he's got what it takes to dumping ground, "Your garage is probably the

worked as a marketing manager. Today, he has operated his start-up tusiness, Garage-ology, out of his Novi home for almost could be deviated by the start of the start of the could be deviated by the start of the start of the start-up tusiness, Garage-ology, out of his Novi home for almost could be deviated by the start of the could be deviated by the start of the two years. Calling hinself "The logist," he manager ologist," he probably has the neat-est garage on the block. His put extra mud on the tape and a do-it-yourself epoxy floor. The neighbors started noticing and cover business is margarage makeover business is man- in said, 'You should do this for a liv-

itents off the floor, "I started researching wall organization products and cabi-netry," Mueller said. He devised a business plan and ng. A graduate of the University of He can provide cabinetry and Detroit with a master's degree in storage, wall organization, epoxy floors and more. Working with several different companies, he has devices to store everything business administration, the Saginaw native said he'd wanted

to venture out on his own since college. kind of lagging behind the rest of "When you're sitting around the country. Garage makeovers from ladders to skate boards to golf clubs and gardening equipthe dorm talking to your buddies, are huge in other areas. There are

Cal Stone, editor (248) 349-1700, ext. 113 c

 Faith Community Spirit on the first Monday of each Proshyterian Church invites you month. This servicen of hope is open to the Northville/Novi com to worship at either the 9 a.m. or 10:30 a.m. services. Adult Sunday munity and persons of all faiths who desire to ask God for healing school is offered at 9 a.m. Sunday school and nursery care is availin their life, or that of someone able at both services. Dr. Henderson will be teaching v hold dear A one day women's retreat will an Amos and Hosea class on be held 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Saturday, Tuesday's at 10 a.m. and, Wednesdays at 7 n m. Co

Cost for the

The church is located at 29200 Meadowbrook Road, just south of 13 Mile Road. For more information, call (248) 427-2700 Monday through Thursday from 9 a.m.-2 n.m. or www.cros ows.org.

March 25. Registration begins at 9:30 that morning. The \$20 fee includes continental breakfast and

• St. Paul Lutheran Church in Northville will be studying the best selling book "Purpose Driven

stores that sell only garage prod-

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Mueller offers a free consulta

tion for anyone considering a

room makenver. Average cost for a garage makeover is \$1,500-\$2,900, depending on what the

"I want to see the garage, take

measurements and learn about the

customer," Mueller snid, "I'll pre pare a detailed drawing of each

He can also review other areas

of the home that need help, such

Pam Fleming is a staff writer

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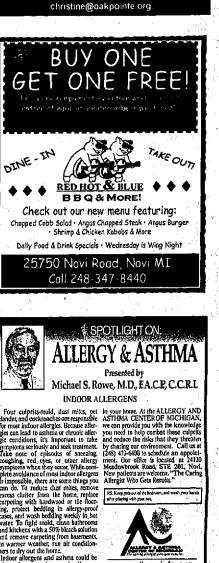
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Divorce Care Support Group

Sessions are designed to meet the needs of those who are

adjusting to the finality of a broken marriage as

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through e-mail and in-store. In addition, each month members spend \$50 or more at any Borders, Borders Express, Borders Outlet, Borders airport, or Waldenbooks, they earn a Personal Shopping Day of their choosing that entitles them to save 10 percent on most items. on an entire day of shopping at all stores. State sales up, down The Michigan Retail Index, a survey project of the Michigan Retailers Association (MRA) and Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago, found that 35.7 per-

**Borders rewards customers** 

Bonlers Rewards, a new loyalty

One feature of the Borders

Borders, Inc. launched

cent of retailers project annual sales growth of 0 to 2 percent this year. The second largest group in the survey, 19.9 percent, nredict sales declines.

also plans to construct a fire sta-tion at the site. The plans also while 14.8 percent forecast sales growth of 2-4 percent, 10.7 percall for an emergency services helipad to provide the commun cent are looking at increases of ty with quick access to Level I -6 percent and 18.9 percent see iles rising above 6 percent. Michigan retailers sales trauma services at Beaumont Royal Oak. In addition, the proj growth averaged 2.8 percent in 2005, according to the

ect will include a shared us conference room, providing facilities for training of 100 December ladex survey. It was 2.5 percent in 2004. emergency service personnel at The ludex found that 43 perone time cent of retailers increased sales

last year while 42 percent

recorded declines and 15 per-cent saw no change. The results

create a seasonally adjusted per-formance index of 54.3, up from

.7 in December. That's the

best month since 56.7 in April

2004 and the best January since

their sales will increase for March through April, while 19 percent forecast declines and 29

percent toretast declines are results create a seasonally adjusted outlook index of 62.6,

from 60.9 in December.

New health care facility

The Commerce Township

watown Development

Authority, the Commerce Township board and William

Beaumont Hospital have agreed

on the sale of 35 acres of land

Maple Road between M5 and Welch Road for construction of

facility. The project is expected

to be constructed over the next

18 months with completion in

Beaumont is planning to con-

struct a \$47 million project with 140,000 square feet. Medical

facilities will include a free-

standing entergency center, physician offices, diagnostic

imaging, laboratory services and an ambulatory surgery center. The facility will provide more

than 200 new jobs over the next

four years. Commerce Township DDA

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In addition, 51 percent believe

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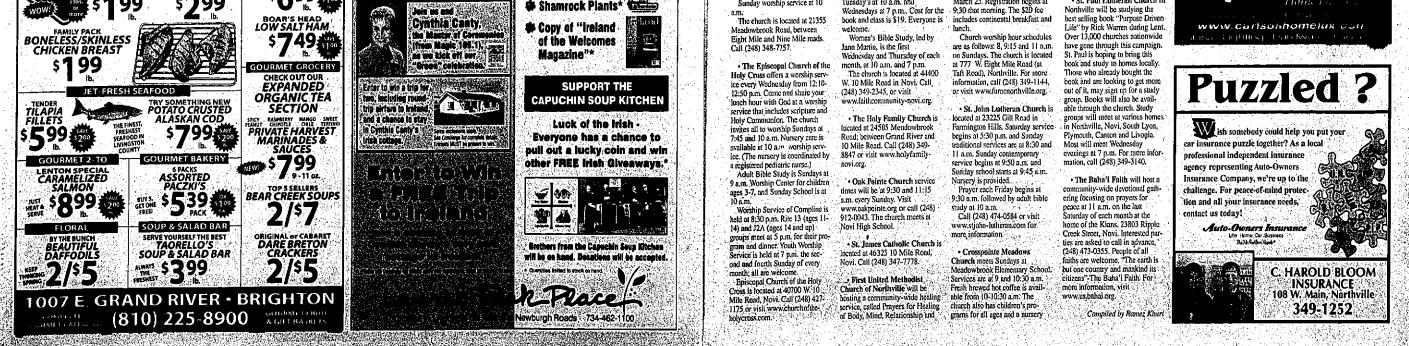
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Congregational Church will return to the video series "Questions of Faith." The video is

approximately 30 minutes long, and will be followed by discussio Each class will meet Wednesdays

Sunday worship service at 10

after at 7:30 p.m., beginning

March 8.

a.m.

# **EDUCATION**

## School board election attracts less candidates

declaring his candidacy. He said it was very difficult for him to win because of the lack of endorsements

from two major Novi entities: The Novi News and the Novi Education

"I had a lot of teachers support

me over the last couple years and liked what I stood for, but I couldn't

get the actual union leadership to support me," he said. "That hurt

because they put a lot of financial

As a district volunteer for many

years. O'Connor has seen the level

of volunteerism go down over the years. He believes that's the reason for the low number of board candi-

explain why, "I don't know if people just don't

have the time or the inclination to get involved anymore," he said, "If

you really look at it, we had a lot of candidates last year: Two won, one

moved away and two others weren't

serious candidates. It's basically the

scrious candidates. It's basically the same people interested this year." O'Connor said he's happy to con-tinue serving the school district on many levels by volunteering. Kortlandt, who has seen and been involved in many elections over the years, explained that historically wave service to do for under them

more people tend to run when there

Last year's other candidates who

spots dates this year, though he couldn't

ards the candidate

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they endorsed."

Seven ran last year, but only two on May election ballot

By Ramez Khuri

The Novi School Board way guaranteed to look different when John Streit and John Halagna decided not to run again in 2005 after

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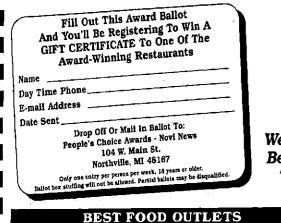
as Danioru Austin and Glubzinski . Raeon heat out five other candidates to win four-year terms



different tory. Only one D. O'Connor one, "You also probably get more canseat is available. Incombent George Kortlandt didates when there aren't incum-bents," said Korlandt, "Maybe that's part of it, but really, that's has decided to run again after 12 years on the hoard. And he only has one opportunit speculation. I'm not sure." Katie Raeon, who is running for the third time in as many years. "It was not a hard decision for me

dida't win - Paul Flavin, Marie Fundarski and Lisa Ann Smith to run again this year," said Raeon. "I realize whenever you're going up against an incumbent, you have to were not available for comment by press time. Smith has moved to France and Fundarski is rumored to work a little harder to get your mesbe living in Europe. This year's board election is sage out and get people to go to polls. But I think both candidates feel like we have good chances of Tuesday, May 2, but the deadline to register to vote is Monday, April 3. winning the election this year Ramez Khuri is a staff writer because we're not going up against so many oncore ets." for the Novi News, He can be reached at (248) 349-1700, ext. 110 or by e-mail at rkhuri@gan.

so many opponents." Dennis O'Connor, a long-time school district volunteer, decided to to run after two straight years of nett.con



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Poetic As a culminating event to a poetry unit, fourth graders at Novi Woods Elementary School had a Poetry Coffee House where students had a chance to share poetry they had written. Parents were invited to witness the event. Everyone enjoyed donuts donated by the Wixom Dunkin Donuts, and coffee and danishes donated by the Wixom Meljer. Pictured are Diana Kramer, Kendall Kramer, Mitchell Magliocco and Siva Nerusu.

### CITY OF NOVI NOTICE OF MEETING OF BOARD OF REVIEW

Notice is hereby given that the Board of Review shall convene in its rst session at 9:00 a.m. EST, Tuesday, March 7th, 2006 in the Novi ssessing Department at 45175 W. Ten Mile Road for the purpose of essing Department at 45175 W. Ien Mil ewing and correcting the assessment roll.

iowing and correcting the assessment roll. Notice is further given that the second session of the Board of Revi Notice is further gwein that the second ession of the Board of Review will meet for the purpose of heating and considering assessment appeals in the Novi City Council Chambers at 45175 W. Ten Mile Road on March 13, 14 & 15, 2006. All appearances belore the Board will be by appoint-ment only. If you or your representative want to appear in person, the appointment must be made on or before 5:00 p.m. EST, Friday, March 10, 2006. Appearances before the Board Review are imited to five (5) minutes or less. Petitions are exaible at the Assessor's Office or at www.cl.novimus. No. APPOINTMENTS WILL BE GUVEN UNTIL A PETITION IS RECEIVED BY THE ASSESSING DEPARTMENT.

re two seats available as opposed to PETITION IS RECEIVED BY THE ASSESSING DEPART MENT. Laters of protest will be accepted on or before 5:00 p.m. EST, Wednesday, March 15, 2006. Posimarks will not be considered. When submitting a letter of protest for the Board of Review consideration, you must attach a completed petition along with any supporting information. All agents protesting values on property, other than their own, MUST HAXE with authorization from each property owner they are repre-

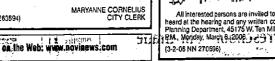
senting. Persons on fixed or limited income may be eligible for a reduction in property taxes due to poverty. Applications are available at the Assessing Department, or at www.ci.novi.mi.us.

BOARD OF REVIEW SCHEDULE Monday, March 13, 2006 - 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. Tuesday, March 14, 2006 - 1:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. Wednesday, March 15, 2006 - 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. Any questions should be directed to the Assessing Department (248) 347-0485.

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**CITY OF NOVI** 

PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN lihat the City Council for the City of Novi will hold a public hearing on Monday, March 6, 2006 at 7:00 P.M. in the Novi Civic Center, 45175 W. Ton Mile Road, Novi, MI to consider BROOKTOWN, STE PLAN NUMBER Dis24B FOR CITY COUNCIL'S APPROVAL FOR PRELIMINARY, SITE PLAN. WOODLAND PERMIT, WETLAND PERMIT, AND STORM WATER MANAGEMENT PLAN. IN THE GE. GATEWAY EAST DISTRICT WITH A SPECIAL DEVELOP-MENT OPTION. THE SVBJECT PROPERTY IS LOCATED IN SECTION 23, SOUTH OF GRAND RIVER AVENUE AND WEST OF MEADOW-BROOK ROAD, The subject property is 26.54 acres.

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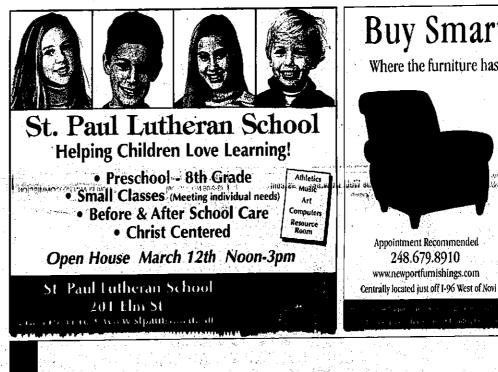
### BRIEFS

Honor society ceremony Shirvanian; Graham Smith; Rebecca Sprys; Arthi Sridar; Kaitlyn Stanford: Kathleen The 2006 National Honer Steinbock; Megan Satika; Kelly Turek; Malati Vadapalli; Brooke Society induction ceremony is 2 p.m. Sunday in the Novi High Vermilion; Colleen Wagner; Katy Wagner; Jackie Wang; Rachel Waranowicz; Joshua Wa; Lillian Xiao; Kento Yonemura; School Auditorium. Criteria for admittance includes 3.5 minimum cumulatis grade point average 40 hours of volunteer service Megan Young; Shan Zhang; Ruixiao Zuo Juniors (25): Nikki Alvarez; Chelsea Anderson; Amber Minimum of three extra cur ricular school activities · Five good character references from staff and sponsors Aschwanden: Vivek Athalye Sophomores (92): Nina Abboud; Kayla Auletto; Vidhi Bamzai; Michael Barbour; Sarah Michael Bello: Niku Budhin m Doster; Michelle Dwyer; Brad Frey: Adam Giacobbe Barton: Matt Blahunka: Alyssa Breaugh; Adam Britten; Jim Brunner; Ronak Chhaya; Amy

Kaillyn Hagan; Gabrielle Hagege; Tina Jain; Marc Michaels; Mihnea Muntean Nick Pagano; Janki Patel; Chiang; Jonathan Clarkson; Aimee Cooper; Stephanie Cripps; Julie Crist; Yalda Dastmalchi; Amanda Perelli; Ryan Peters; Megan Rao; Shrimant Saxena; Matt Skaglin; Babak Sohizad; Kalyan Sreerant; Danqing Tang Stephanie D'Cruz; Joe DeNova; Casey Denoyer; Christy Duan; Daniel Enright; Jingyan Fan; Jamie Fratto; Paul Fritschen; High school open house Madelyn Gardner: Allison Good Ryan Goodman; Ashima Goyal;

The Novi Board of Education and Novi High School are host-ing a Dedication Ceremony and Open House to celebrate the Elizabeth Gutowski: Marcia Hamelin; Amanda Harden; Bry Hong; Connie Jeng; Laura Jok; David Kemski; Sami Khan; completion of expansion and remodeling projects at the high school from 1-3 p.m., Saturday, Daniel Kiefer: Michael Kirin: Julia Kong; Caitlin Kozak; Sarvana Lakshumanan; Paula March 11. Construction began in 2001 Langley; Kelsey Laux; Pat Lee; Jonathan Lichorobiec; Brian after community members Lloyd; Kristin Lonsway; Robert Low; Joshua Lumley; Ryan Lumley; Taro Maruyama; Lauren McCloskey; Schar Minhas; Scott oved a \$37 million bond issue to cover the costs of re tion projects at the high school and technology upgrades across the district. Renovation at Novi lussbaum; Kathryn Pamula; Lauren Paquette; Erin Peruski; Monica Phillips; Amanda High focused on developing more common spaces for student learn Portuesi; Jessica Postema; Joe Pritchard; Stephanie Raymando; Chelsea Reynolds; Lauren Ricca; ing, added spaces for vocational

Merit finalists are: Monica Arun: programs, secure entrances, and keeping a small school feeling in Heather Liu; Jason Margolis; Lixing Qi; John Vandusen; and Chelsea Rozek: Veronica Salens the new larger space. Jessica Salley; Aditya Sathi; Kate Schulhoff; Jeannine Seidl; Bala Improvements to the high school include a new fine arts wing, career and technical educ Sekaran; Lauren Shelar; Narine



# tion classrooms, as well as an atrium at the main entrance of the building that is used for a variety of student and staff gatherings. Also included in the project

Farmington High alumnus selected for College Works internships

was renovation of the outdoor

athletic complex, the auditori

performance gym, pool, adminis trative offices, student services

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spaces throughout the existing high school. Architects at

known for their award winning design of educational facilities,

were contracted for this project,

as were crews from Skaaska, on

of the world's leading construc-

tion groups. In addition to a brief dedica-

tion ceremony with members of the architecture and construction

ains, the open house will fea-

rooms, as well as demonstrations

n several areas such as art and

For more information, contact

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By Ramez Khurl

cult it was to land an internship with College Works Painting. The odds of getting one are very slim. The organization only selected 130 students out of 10.000 in the nation this year.

When he and two of his friends were selected, it was almost like a dream come true. But Popescu wasn't surprised. "I think I have a lot of leadership experience, and I always try

to get the job done no matter what I'm working on," said Popescu. "I think that's what put me ahead. That and my personality." Popescu and his friends, Dean Fisher and Adam Bringardner, are Farmington High School alum-nus. All three are now freshmen at Michigan State University. They

heard about the internship when a recruiter visited one of their classs recently. They called and set up is recently. They called and set up interviews. Can get is going to help me in the long run," said Popescu, "All three of us are really happy to be es recently. They called and set up interviews focusing their efforts on Novi. "You work through your dis-trict manager and learn how to run

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selected. They're both very good friends of mine." The internship will last until the fall. Those who do well will have

your own business by marketing and passing out fliers, going doorthe opportunity to become a dis to-door and getting people inter-ested in painting their homes in the summer," said Popescu. trict manager next year and run a team of branch managers. eam of branch managers. "It's very exciting working for Buy Smart. Live Well! Where the furniture has an attitude, not the people! If you appreciate the styles of fine retailers such

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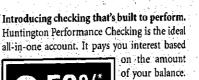
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## Michigan State students will paint the town this summer

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Michigan State freshmen Felix Popescu, Dean Fisher and Adam Bringardner have all been selected to be College Works Painting Interns in Novi this summer

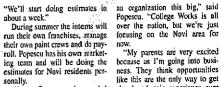
run their own franchises, manage their own paint crews and de their own paint crews and do pay-roll. Popescu has his own market-

> sonally. "I'm a finance major, and I believe any hands-on experience l

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ahead and gain experience over those who just graduated with a degree from college," he added. Novi residents interested in



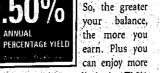
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# **OPINION**

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### Novi News

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PRESIDENT AND PUBLISHEP Our fundamental purposes are to enhance the lives

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### WHERE WE STAND

### March is Reading Month

The fact that you're reading this is good. You could be listening to the radio or watching TV to gather information about your community - but we encourage reading.

This is the month that is dedicated to generating awareness of books and literacy and the vast world they open up to young and old alike.

Think back to the stories you read as a child. Remember what an impact they had on your life? Maybe it was a sports story that inspired you to take up athletics, or an adventure novel that let you explore a totally different world.

We read because we want to know and learn, but we also read just for the sheer joy of experiencing something new. We're read to, hopefully, as babies and it develops, hopefully, into a lifelong

passion Take a break from the remote this month and grab a book. Call your local elementary school and ask if you can be a guest reader for a class. Put your son or daughter on the couch beside you and read to them each night. Go to the library and check out a book that you ve never read.

In short, discover (or rediscover) the power of the written word.

## Two who make Novi special

word.

catch her talking to a group of school kids or a local service Last Friday's Threads of Power event at Wyndham Garden was a great success once again. The annual break-fast generated racks full of organization. I'm not a political junkie,

gently-used business clothing for folks getting back into the workforce, and it's just one of the ways the Novi Chamber of Commerce is involved in this community I'm on the chamber's board



ussion, and it was mentioned that Nancy Cassis was Cal Stone at the breakfast. Someone remarked, "It wouldn't be

because it's election year, ch?" Well, knowing Nancy, it wouldn't. She's our state senator repre-

senting the 15th District, but I think she's a Novi resident committed to this community first and foremost

Yes, Nancy is up for re-elec-tion this November, but I high-ly doubt that she'll be defeated. You'd be hard pressed to find a politician, here or else-where, who goes to hat for constituents like Nancy does.

And you see her everywhere – election year or not. The Providence Hospital ground-breaking; the grand opening of

and so I'm not a big fan of politicians. Too much at well; polities, for lack of a better But I like Nancy. And it's not for the powerful position she holds. I think she's down to-earth, knows how to get things done, and truly cares about Novi. Another person whom I admire is Lee Begole, Novi's first police chief and one of the most knowledgeable gentle-men you'll ever meet.

Last night I received an email from Novi Rotary (which Lee and I both belong), indicaling Lee was taken by the Detroit Fire Department EMS to St. Johns Riverside Hospital for a serious breathing prob-lem. He spent two and half days in the emergency room

with bronchitis. If you've never met or spo-ken to Lee, you have missed out on someone who can hon-

estly be called a "pillar" of Novi, He's probably forgate more about this community (although highly doubtful) than most of as know.

than most of us know. You can mai) get-well cards to: Lee Begole, Room 3106, Bed 1, St. Johns Riverside Hospital, 7733 East Jefferson, Detroit, MI 48219. Or, you can direct phone to his bed at (313) 642-8311.

Stop the Deerfield negativity The Detroit Free Press has printed two recent articles prompted by Deerfield fami-lies who are unhapped with the Novi Board of Education's decision to redistrict Deerfield as

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a neighborhood school. In these articles, Deerfield advocates hash Orchard Hills Elementary, saying it would be a "bad thing" to have to send their children there and that to have to schul heir children inter and ma the school is "inferior" and the building is "not as nice" as Decified." This destructive commentary, echoed by many Deerfield representatives against their fellow elementary schools, has completely overshadowed any arguments they attempt to make in their favor. They have cited the necessity of maintaining "choice" in this community or families will no longer flock

to Novi schools. Certainly, the continuing negative representation of our schools by this group will do greater harm in deterring fami-lies from joining our community than the Board's decision to redistrict over could. Sue and Doug Harrington

### Reality check, Laura

"I believe that it is important that we all stay connected to reality." Ironic words com ing from former Novi City Council member Ing them to the force of the second number of the s l orenzo's comments that the community expressed few concerns during her term for an improved library, senior services and parks and recreation services is in sharp con-

As this excerpt suggests, we have quite a number options other than raising taxes. It is time to consider all of them now. For City Council past, present and future to ignore any option when deciding fiscal policy for our city means that they are not serving the trast to what I heard during my recent City Council campaign. Perhaps our city is taxpayers and residents adequately. We

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should expect that our elected officials will continually perform reality checks on their own actions and decisions.

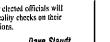
# to attack past City Councils, but rather to encourage discussion and thought about future fixed policy and planning decisions. Our city leaders suffer under powerful pres-sures to constantly seek to avoid "fiscal stress" by expanding our property tax base in hopes of maintaining low tax rates. This has resulted in opening our city to a continuous stream of commercial establishments, offere bourget and other development. This

A recent writer to the Opinion Page states that I'm a "left leaner" and that "folks on the left continue to believe that the best course of action is no action at all". If Willy Mena

out just cause since we were there because of weapons of mass destruction and there were none found. Our mistakes at Abu Ghraib have also hurt our image. These mistakes have taken away our credibility. This "left leaner," as Mr. Mena refers to me, believes goods and services provided by local govern-ment, citizens will have unsatisfied demands. Local government will attempt to satisfy these wants since elected officials want to be that before a President or country acts we should have a well thought out plan of

We expect our leaders to be wise. We expect them to be honest. We expect them to have the best interests of our country and all it's citizens in mind when they make momen-

ue without writing letters to the editor and to my elected officials about my concerns. I am an American. I want to say that proudly. I don't want to feel compelled to apologize for my country's actions. I will continue to write letters to the editor of newspapers, to the President, and to my government representa-tives. It is my duty as a citizen.



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Twin Day Novi Meadows hosted

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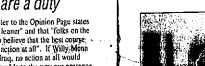
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head start on every

one else since they are actually twins. Their shirts say it all.

a Spirit Day recently, but this time it was "Twin Day." Students





tous decisions. Mr. Mena finds my letters amusing? He inds my writing negative? I would consider myself deretict in my duties as a citizen to let the state of affairs in this country continue without writing letters to the editor and to

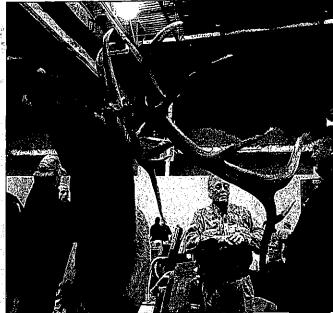
Doreen Lawton



Joe Berta holds the tail of his excited German wirehaired pointer "Misty" during a Michigan Hunting Retriever Club sponsored trial at the Outdoorama. Misty was trying to "honor" the point, or find, of another hunting dog who'd located a bird scent nearby.



Lenawee County Conservation League's Kermit Pickell looks over Allison May, 11, as she tries out some archery at last week's MUCC Outdoorama at the Rock Financial Showplace in Novi. The event, which ran from Wednesday through Sunday, featured wild animal exhibits, catchable fish, seminars on hunting and survival skills, gun safety booths, hunting dog triats, fly fish casting demonstrations and a genuine tumber jack competition including a log-rolling triat.



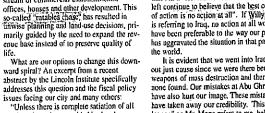
Outdoor enthusiasts had nearly a hundred lodges and guide services booths to over at last week's MUCC Outdoorama. Guides had info on hunts ranging from Michigan and Quebec to Alaska and Africa."



**JOHN HEIDER** 



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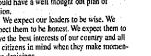
money through the tax system, raise addi-tional fees and charges, obtain additional revenues from other governments, find and eliminate "waste" in a current service provision activity thereby freeing up resources, cut back other service levels, or become innovative and entrepreneurial in providing, financing, or distributing the good or serv-

changing and she just didn't stay connected to that reality. The intent of my blog comments was not to attack past City Councils, but rather to

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# Letters are a duty

is referring to Iraq, no action at all would have been preferable to lie way our presence has aggravated the situation in that part of the world. It is evident that we went into Iraq with-



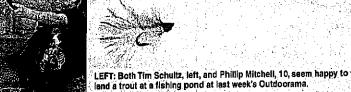
their scope of activity. In order to do so, local governments will have to do one or more of the following activities: raise more

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RIGHT: Art Mikkola, a volunteer with the Michigan Fly Fishing Club, ties a streamer fly during last week's MUCC Outdoorama at the Rock ncial Showplace.



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# CALENDAR

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DATE: Saturday, March 11

TIME: 6 p.m.-12 a.m. LOCATION: Shenadoah Country Club, West Bloomfield DETAILS: "Hollywood Nights"

will be the theme. The cost is \$50

per person. Sponsors and donation

are welcome for the silent auction

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spective on healthier living through wholeness. The cost is \$50 per per





Photo by JOHN HEIDERNov! New Marion Cowan, left, and Margret Maher begin a game of brain-stimulating Scrabble at the Novi Senior Center on a recent Friday afternoon. .

# Mind games

Local seniors exercise their brains with board games

By Tracy Mishler

### STAFF WRITER

Ann Risto remembers waiting to challenge her dad to a game of checkers as a kid. The 77 year-old Mcadowbrook Commons resident continues to play games to exercise her brain and keep active.

and keep active. "We use to make up a lot of games, street games mainly?" Risto said. "Now, I play a lot of card games ... games that help the mind, keep you active and social-

Risto is among several seniors uking part in the Novi Senior Center's monthly Game Day. Center's monthly Game Day. "We all know keeping your brain stimulated helps," said Rachel Zagaroli, senior services manager for the Novi Senior Center, "We try and offer games people have played for a long time, like yehizee, Scrabble, Skip Bo, Rack-O and Checkers," Zenereli, etid elavimin games

Zagaroli said playing games allows seniors to think and have

constant brain stimulation. "It's a time for laughing, thinking and being together," she said. "(In some games) you're thinking, using math and creative skills all at the same time ... So why not have fun stimulating your brain?"

### Exercising the brain

A According to the New England Journal of Medicine, a recent sur-vey showed a reduction in demen-

tia rates among people over age brain through activities like read-ing, playing board games, playing musical instruments and dancing.

"(Games) help you get away from the television," she said.

from the television," she said. "Scrabble is my favorite because you really have to think of the words and concentrate." Helen Brady said she plays games because she enjoys meet-ing new people. "They help build up confi-dence," said the 80-year-old Plymouth resident. "You think

AND A was," said Meadowbrook Meanuwerse Commons res-ident Lil Greka. "I love playing Scrabble We use to stay up until 2 or 3 a.m. playing with friends." Greka, 75,

Game Day once a month and sev-eral brain-stimulating activities at other times. Dora Cook said anything she can do to exer-cise her brain she finds.

"ITI have a group who wants to play (a game)," Zagaroli said, "then we'll pull the games out." Risto said despite her age, she'd

Novi Senior Center Game dates: 1 p.m. Wednesdays March 15 and And 5

Location: 25075

Meadowbrook Road ontact: (248) 347-0414

you can't do things, but you find out you can ... shows your mind is still working." Dora Cook said she'd never

"When I was young, I was at the school playing football, bas-ketball and baseball with the boys," said the 89-year-old. "Pinochle is my favorite game rout"

The Novi Senior Center offers

Price: free

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now.

try anything once. "It gives you something to do," she said. "I try to play as much as t can."

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### SENIOR CENTER CALENDAR

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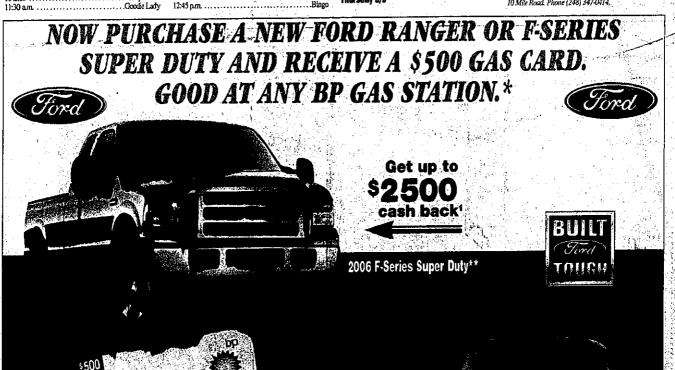
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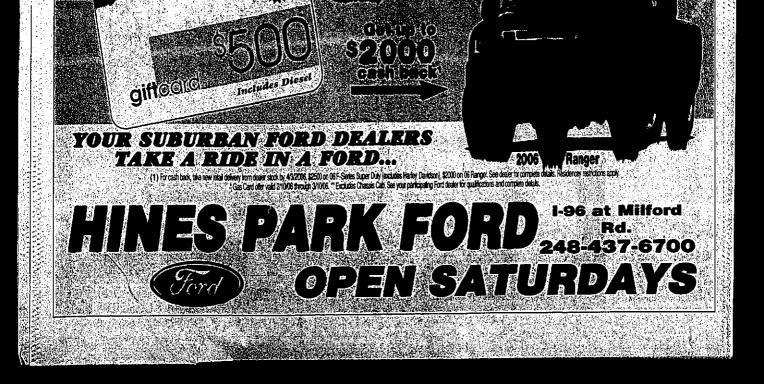
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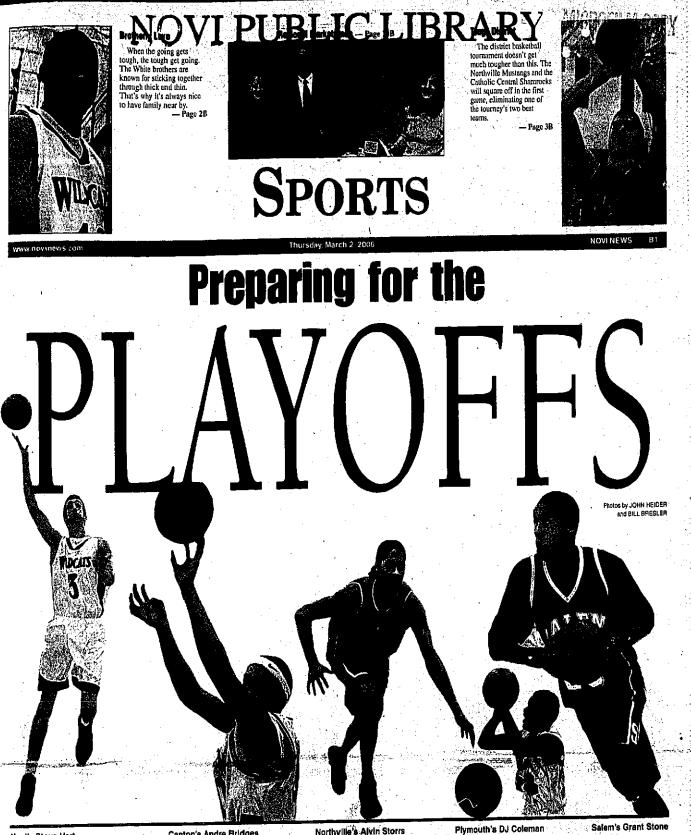
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\* Activities will be held at the Novi Civic Center, 45175 W. 10 Mile Road. Phone (248) 347-0414.







Novi's Steve Hart

### By Sam Eggleston SPORTS WRITER

A conference champion. Two confer-ence runner-ups — welcome to the dis-trict basketball tournament.

trict basketball tournament. The Northville Mustangs, Western Lakes Activities Association champi-ons, join the Catholic Central Shamrocks and the Novi Wildcats, who snamtrocks and the Novi Wildcats, who were second in their respective leagues. With them will be the Plymouth Wildcats, the Canton Chiefs and the Salem Rocks, all coming together at Novi High School next. week for the first round of the state playoffs.

playoffs. "There are a lot of good teams in this district," Novi coach Pat Schluter said. "The addition of Catholic Central is a tough one. They're a quality team that is going to be tough to beat." The tournament begins Monday at 5 p.m. with the two top touted teams squaring off, Northville (19-0) takes on Catholic Central (14-4). Following that

Catholic Central (14-4). Following that game, Novi (8-11) plays Canton (13-5) at 7 p.m.

at 7 p.m. The winner of the first game will advance to the district semifinal Wednesday at 5 p.m. against Salem (5-12) and the winner of the second game plays Plymouth (7-11) at 7 p.m. The championship game will be March 10 at 7 p.m.

**Canton's Andre Bridges** 

their season record speak for them. They know better, "It doesn't matter if you're undefeat-

ed or winless in the district," Schumacher suid. "Everyone starts over again. We're all 0-0."

### The Wildcats

The Novi Wildcats basketball team hasn't had the season people thought they'd have. An 8-11 mark is well below the expectations of many. "Right now we have to regain our

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Northville's Alvin Storrs

confidence," Schluter said. "The dis-trict is a fresh start and that's always good."

schiors to step up and take control. A.W. Stanek is the squad's leading A.W. Stanck is the squad's leading scorer, netting 6.2 points per game while Todd Janer and Steve Hait have put in nearly six per contest. Also expected to have an impact are the three interior players: Caleb Dean, Wiley Moss and Tyler Hoover. The Wildcats record is deceiving though. They finished second in the

Salem

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Kensington Vulley Conference behind state-ranked Brighton. The biggest thing the Wildcats need, is to get back on track. "I think we're going to be hangry." Schluter said. "There's going to be a fun crowd and a great almosphere. These guys are going to want to play and that's what we need."

### The Shamrocks

Finishing second in the Catholic League is a lot like finishing first in

most other leagues. The Catholic Central Shamrocks Ine Califoric Central relations to the ability to play multiple defenses to combat their opponents' strategies. Coming into the fournament, they have the second-best record but some coaches are eyeing

record out some coaches are eyeing them as a favorite. "I think they're the best team in the district," Schluter said. "They play out-standing basketball and they're very well coached."

well coached." Leading the Sharrocks is coach Rick Coratti, who has helped his team io a 14-4 record and a second-place finish behind Orchard Lake St. Mary's

nnish bening Orenary Lake St. Mary's in the Catholic League. Expected to be key players for the 'Rocks are Aras Butkunas, Antyrio Raimer and Rob Forte.

Kaimer and Rob Forte. "They're a very talented team." Schumacher said. "We'll be focusing on them. That's the game we want to win and then we'll worry about the next one after that one is done."

### The rest

The Plymouth Wildcats, the Canton Chiefs and the Salem Rocks are mixed into the district tournament and are

good." The Wildcals will look to a trio of

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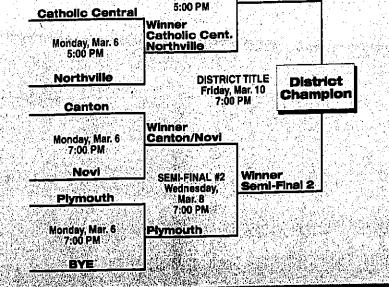
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### The Mustangs

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Carrying an undefeated record into the playoffs gives the Northville Mustangs n'large target to hang on their backs, but coach Darrel Schumacher said his team doesn't

"We don't caro if we're first, second or last when it comes to the district (ranking)," he said. "We have to go in and play our best game and, at that level, everyone is playing 10 win." The Mustangs will rely on the play of their leading scorers as they take on one of the few teams that match up with their height and speed. Leading the way for the Mustangs will be logi scorers Alvin Storrs and Chris Lorente, the team capitains. They are also the leading players in blocks assists, sitelias and rebounds." We don't care if we're first, second



looking to get some big wins. Schluter said Caaton is the third-toughest leam in the district behind Catholic Central and Northville.

"It's not going to be an casy game," he said "They're good. We have to be ready for them and get more confidence

The Chiefs are 13-5 and are coached

The Chiefs are 13-5 and are coached by Charlie Paye. Leading the way for-thern will be Andre Bridges, Ryan Waidmann and Steve Paye. The Plymouth Wilden's boast a 7-11 record and are coached by 'Tom Van Wagoner. They have a bye in the first round and are bed by Josh LeDue, 'D.J. Coleman and Jim Wilbur.

Salem has the most battered schedule Salem has the most outered schedules in the tournament with a 5-12 mark, but team leader Grant Stone and his team have an extra round to relax with an opening game bye. They will play the winner of the Northville-Catholic Central game.

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# Wildcats have tough first-round game Novi v. Canton

### By Sam Egglesion SPORTS WAITER

Pat Schluter needs his team to find themselves and the confidence it takes to win

The Wildcats have compiled a disap-

The Wildcats have compiled a disap-pointing 8-11 record this season after losing some very tight games. The tide turned part way through the season. "We were winning all the close games early on, but lately we haven't." Schluter said. "It's been different. We just haven't had guys step up and score." But they have had the defense neces-sary to win contests. The Wildcats have hern able to keep most games close, but in the waning minutes they haven't been able to control the ball well enough to win.

win. It's a weakness Schluter said his team

It's a weakness Schluter said his team needs to correct before taking on Canton at 7 p.m. Monday at Novi High School. "We've been having a bard time scoring and that's our biggest disap-pointment," said Schluter, "It's been a disappointing year for these guys and they want to start over. The district lets them do that."

### The keys to winning

The Canton Chiefs are no slouches, finishing in the upper tier of the Western Lakes Activities Association with a 13-5 record. They gave undefeated Northville

a run for their money when they two teams played earlier this year. Schluter said he's looking for one of his top seniors — A.W. Stanck, Steve Hard and Todd Janer — to step op and

hard and rought man. In the activity and a set of a man lead his ream. They are averaging just about six points each. If the seniors don't showcase their leadership ability, even the inside game of 6-foot-7-inch Caleb Dean won't he

enough to hall Canton's advance. "We just have to regain confidence and get our guys back in the game," Schluter said, "I think it will be one of our seniors who step up to score. We need them to do that if we want to win." Schluter said there's no denying Canton is a tough team, but he said his



The Novi Wildcats basketball team will host Canton in the first round of the district tournament Monday.

team has what it takes to beat them, especially on their home court. He said his team is looking forward to seeing what they can do against the

seeing Chiefs.

Chiefs. "Yeah, it's going to be tough, but it's going to be fun," he said. "Right now all the teams are 0-0 and that's how we have to think.

"We're going to be ready for Canton. We'll be watching tape and we'll be preparing for them."

### **Stopping Canton**

Offense gets the glory, but defense wins championships. The old clicke is something the Wildcats hope to prove

true when they play host to the Chiefs. With their strong defense that led them to a second-place finish in the Kensington Valley Conference this year. Wildcats will be focusing their the defense on Canton in hopes of keeping

The key to keeping the Chiefs of the hoard is stopping Andre Bridges, their leading scorer.

leading scorer. "Bridges is one heck of a player," Schluter said. "He's a very capable player and we're going to have to watch out for him. He can really score and is the key to their team." Other players on the floor to watch will be Ryan Waidmann and Steve Payer.

"Defensively, I think we can stop

them," Schluter said. "I believe we can stop anyone, but we have to put the ball in the basket. We have to pump up the tempo, hit our shots and we can't turn over the ball."

Schluter said, most importantly, the Wildcats have to stay positive. "That's what we're working hard at,"

he said. ne said. The winner of the Novi-Canton game will advance to play Plymouth (7-11) in the quarterfinals at 5 p.m. Wednesday. The finals will be played at 7 p.m. March 10. All games are at Novi High School.

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# Brothers ready for new start

### White trio happy teams begin at 0-0 in district tourney

### By Courtney Ratkowlak SPORTS INTERN

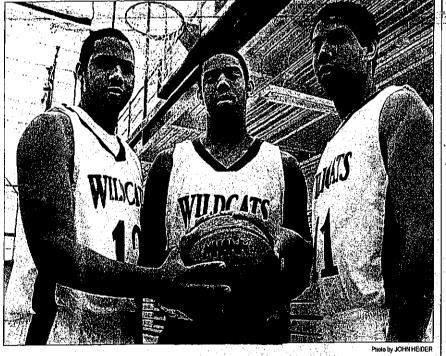
For the first time since elenentary school, Scan, Sherrick. and Cortlan White are playing for the same team. The three brothers, once

childhood soccer teammates. childhood soccer teammates, are members of the Novi High School varsity backetball team. Cortlan, a junior, made the team this season, joining Sean, a senior and two-year varsity athlete. Sherrick, as a senior, is in his first year of high school backetball. basketball.

"Last year, when I tried out, the coach told me that there was a good possibility that I could make it this year," he could make it this year," he said, "There were just a few things that I needed to work on, and if I came back and worked with him during the summer and fall, more than likely, I'd be in the right position to make the team. I just decided to do everything I could to be a part of the team this year." At the beginning of the sea-son, after learning that 15 of 16 athletes on the team would

athletes on the team would athletes on the team would dress for each game, Sherrick said that he felt pressure to compete for playing time. "For me, the biggest chal-

lenge was going into the seaand son, making the team, and then staying motivated as the 16th person," he said. "Sean was injured, so I got to dress for the first game of the year, right after the first real scrimmage. I after the first real scrimmage. already had a jersey, but it was just a matter of if I was in the top 15 or the 16th man." The White brothers agreed that the highlight of their sca-son was Senior Night, February 24, when all three had the 24, when all inree had the opportunity to dress in the same game for the first time.



(Top) White twins Sean, left, and Sherrick, right, with their brother Courtian, are hoping to get a fresh start on their season with the start of the playoffs Monday. (Bottom) Sean and Sherrick (#12 and #11) and Courtian go up for a rebound at Novi High's gym.

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Senior Night wasn't what we planned (Novi lost to Milford, 44-38), it was still a good expewarm up together," Sean said. "We sat together and cheered the team on

to was still a good experi for all of us to dress and up together," Sean said, at together and cheered mon." becoming basketball pare for Monday's district playoff vs. Canton, they feel that past challenges mean little in the posiseason. posiseason. 'Records don't matter, so we're all. 0.0 once it contes to district time." Shertick said. "I think mat, especially with the win this past Toesday, we're all feeling good about ourselves, starting to get our confidence

"It's great knowing you have back. I think that a team that's two of your hrothers on the starting to get hot right when team because you always have the playoffs start can be the someone to go to." Cortlan most dangerous team. starting to get hot right when the playoffs start can be the most dangerous team. "Knowing that I made the



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### Who doesn't like a to see a good dunk?

### By Mike Cherry GANNETT NEWS SERVICE

When it comes to durking, either you can or you can't. It's as high a percentage shot as comes in basket-

The three-inch tap-in on a golf course does not elicit the same awe and joy as a rim-rattling dunk. Near-net overheads in tennis are not shown repeatedly on television

shown repeated on the technical highlights. "Here's the thing about dunking, especially at the high school level," Rockledge (Fla.) Senior High School boys' coach David McGreal said. "One, you don't see it that often, it gets the kid excited, the team excited, the fans excited. Then there is the intimidation factor.

"If I dunk in a game, it just gets me going," said Melbourne (Fla.) High School junior Anthony Jackson, a 6-foot-4 dunk, machine. "If a player dunks, it shows you've broken down the other team's defens

Reliable dunkers in Jackson's area average perhaps two dunks every three games. But despite - and because of - the rarity, the crowds still respond. Three-pointers are nore common in high school bas-ketball dian dunks, but the dunk elic-its coolis and aaahs.

opolis and many, "I think the dunk comes into play when you have a large crowd," said Meritt Island (Fla.) coach Coleman Flaskamp, "With smaller crowds, it doesn't have the same impact as a 3-pointer). A 3 is like a dagger to the heart.

In the average high school game,

In the average high school game, no dunks is a possibility and three would be a virtual dunklest. "Being able to palm the ball and get high enough is the issue," Haskamp said. "Ithink being able to palm is the biggest." Said Adam Chirmm, at 6 feet, 7 isches and a villed dunker from

inches and a skilled durker from Titusville (Fla.) High School, "Everyone wishes they could do it." Throwing down a dunk and gain-

ing some momentum is a good thing for a team, but it doesn't always lead

When Eau Gallie High School in Mellourne, Fla, hosted Mellourne High in a game earlier this season, the game's only dunk came from Eau Gallie center Anthony Drake -and Eau Gallie still loss by 25.

and Eau Galfie still lost by 25. "Ask 10 kids what they would rather do, dunk in a game or make a free throw to win a game or make a said. "I guarance 80 percent say uley'd rather dunk in a game.", "Yet players and coaches think a successful-dunk can'boots a team's, "chances full-dunk can'boots a team's, "chances full-dunk is registered by an opmonent.

by an opponent. "No one wants to get posterized," said McGreal, referring to the phrase for when a player has an opponent dank over him, thus making it a per-fect poster shot for the dunker. Like it or not, scholastic coaches

today must live with the reality of the dunk.

the donk. "We had a player who was dunked on earlier this year in a game we won," Melbourne ceach Mickael Soliven said. "All anybody could speak about was that our player get dunked on. It was a focal point. That's unfortunate."

 Build a better dunk Mark Davis, assistant strength and conditioning coor dinator at Vanderbilt Univ arsity, Has a and dunk: A dunk is nothing more than a shot, minus the touch, has a simple explanation of a And like a shot, a dunkt, requires many of the same muscle groups. In Davis, opin Ion, all sports are played from the walst down, so the focus should be on the legs. He points out that the pri-mary muscles used in the dunk? are the quadriceps, harnstrings, and gluteal muscles, as well as the gastrochemius and soleus) of the foreleg Here are some exerci Davis recommends to improve those groups:

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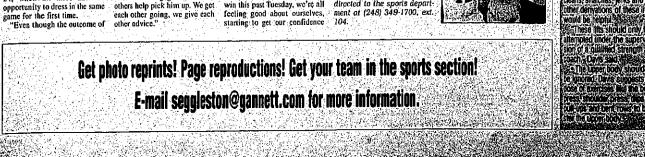
becoming basketball autes, the brothers Bγ teammates, the brothers achieved a goal that they had set at the beginning of high school.

school. "For four years, we were looking forward to playing together," Scan said. "If one of us isn' feeling good, then the others help pick him up. We get each other going, we give each other advice."

team and that I'd be playing with my brothers as a senior was the best part of the year. I got to experience what it was got to experience what it was like to be on a varsity team, and I had the chance to play with my brothers again."

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# The biggest game at the district tournament Northville v. Catholic Central

### By Sam Eggleston SPORTS WRITER

It's cliche, but it's the Northville Mustangs basketball team's motto: one game at a time.

Like a meditative chant repeated again and again, the members of Northville's basketball team continuously chime in about the importance of taking on their next opponent and not tooking ahead. Now, their next opponent is indeed the most important on the schedule.

"They like to shoot, they have size and they can run," Northville coach Darrel Schumacher said of their first-Darrel Schumacher said of their inst-round district tournament opponent, Catholic Central, "Their past history indicates they know how to play many different defenses. They do a lot of things and they do them well." Northville is known for doing a lot of good things, too. The Mustangs are 19-0 prior to their conference tournament championship, vesterfay. They, have

championship yesterday. They have scoring ability across the board, a strong defense and good size. Because of their depth, Schumacher

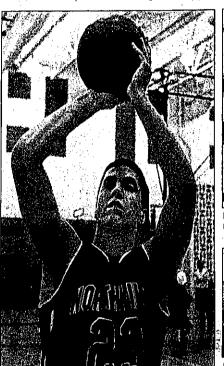
said there's really no one player to look

Since there is team, and for, "I can't say because I honestly don't know who it's going to be," he said, "It could be one of our starters or one of the guys off the bench. We have some very talented players and we wait and see who is going to be hot that night."

### The keys to victory

The keys to victory Schumacher said his team is just going to keep doing what they do best: play defense and find a way to win. "I think our kids accept challenge and meet challenges," Schumacher said, "I'm glad we have Catholic Central right away. It's a lot nicer playing a team we haven't played before." The remainder of the district are teams Northville has come against and beaten already this year. They topped Newi for the first time in seven years and added big wins over Plymouth, Salem and Canton on their way to a conference championship.

championship. But Catholic Central is no slouch. Even with a 14-4 record, they are as dangerous as they get. Leading the way



Photos by JOHN HEIDER Chris Lorente takes a shot at Northville High School's

gym.

One name kept floating to the surface, fighting through the torrent of cheers of loyal fans.

Northville senior Nick Kaldis

doesn't step out very often when the starting lineups for the undefeated basketball team

"Hustle!



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Doug Hasse snags a rebound Monday.



Brandon Barkowski shov els off a pass Monday

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Ara Butkunas, Antyrio Raimer and Rob Forte.

This season, the Shamrocks finished cond in the Catholic League behind

Orchard Lake St. Mary's. "They're tough," Novi coach Pat Schluter said. "When I rank the teams in this district, Catholic Central is first, then Northville and then Canton." The Mustangs will look to the scoring abilities of Alvin Storrs, Chris Lorente

and Doug Hasse to lead them.

### The show down

The Otrue district championship game could be considered the first game of the

could be considered the first game of the tournament. With Catholic Central and Northville squaring off at 5 p.m. Monday at Novi High School, the two powerhouses of the tourney will be narrowed to one. But it's just one more step toward the Mustangs' next goal. "The way we look at it, we want to win the first one and then we move on to the Christmas Tournament, then our division, then our conference and then

division, then our conference and then the district," Schumacher said. "It's way

down the line as far as goals for the tcam."

It's been a surprising season for the Mustangs, who were just one win away from becoming only the second team in school history to finish their regular sea-son undefeated. Is will tie the best-ever

the minds of the Mustangs with Catholic Central looming on the horizon.

The Mustangs are going to worry about the Shamrocks first and foremost.

about the Shamreeks first and foremost. "You focus on the team you're going to play, and that's Catholic Central." Schumacher said. "After that, we'll start thinking about the next one." The winner of the game between the Shamrocks and the Mustangs will play Salem at 5 p.m. Wednesday. Canton and Novi play at 7 p.m. Monday and the winner of that game will play Plymouth at 7 p.m. Wednesday. The tournament championship is March 10 at 7 p.m.

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Beyond the arc

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### By Scott Brown GANNETT NEWS SERVICE

The three-point line traces an arc from one side of the basketball court to the other, drawing in high school shooters who enjoy the thrill of catching, squaring and flicking the wrist from long range. "Something about that line makes you stop and want to shoot from behind (ii)," said Mike Gaudy, a for-mer basketball coach and now ath-' letic director at Cocca Beach (Fla.) The three-point line traces an are

e director at Cocoa Beach (Fla.) High School.

Gaudy has enjoyed an illustrious carcer. He won more than 600

carter. He won more than 600 games coaching Cocoa Beach's boys and girls teams before 1987, when the 3-point shot was allowed in area high school games. A 3-point shot can alter a team's fotunes on the court - for better or worse, Gaudy points out. "It's a momentum-gainer and a momen-tum-killer," he suid. "It's like a dutk-It gets a team cranked up." Evaldas Baniulis' ability to drain 3-point shots is perhans he biggest

Evaldas Haniulis' ability to drain 3-point shots is perhaps the biggest reason why the Florida Air Academy senior will play at the najor-college level. Baniulis, who accepted a scholar-ship to the University of South Carolina during the early-signing period in November, averaged just more than four 3-pointers in his first 12 games of the season. FAA coach Aubin Gopon actually yells at him when he doesn't shot, a reflection not only on Baniulis' skills, but doo the way the 3-point shot can help the way the 3-point shot can help change a game's final score. "By shooting the 3," Goporo said,

"you open up the game. Now you can pass it to the big man instead of everybody packing it in to protect the lane.

the tane. There is also the psychological value of the 3-point shot. Some of Baniulis' hot streaks have been most etoquently explained by body lan-

Bantois' hot streaks have been most eloquently explained by body lan-guage - specifically opposing play-ers looking at their coach with their pairs turned toward the sky as if to say, "What can I do?" Hoisting a 3-pointer doesn't require any different technique than, say, shooting a 12- or 15-foot jumper. Ideally, a player's shoutders are square to the target and his or her feet are parallel and even with the shoulders when attempting a shot. But moving into good shooting position is a constant challenge. Word about deadeye shooters spreads at the warp speed of gossip, and opponents hound them like poparazzi from the start of a game to its finish. That is not surptising to sometome like Gaudy, who has seen the impor-tance of the 3-point shot. In high school grow, though sometimes at the cost of the game.

the cost of the game. Cocoa Beach High hosts games from Arnateur Athletic Union basgames ketball tournaments every summer and it never ceases to amaze Gaudy how many 3-pointers are attempted

Now many 3-pointers are interpreted in those contests. "These 11- and 12-year-olds real-ly throw them up," said Gaudy, who retired from coaching in 2004 after leading the Cocoa Beach's boys' team to a state titlet "it's either a layup or 3-point shot. There's noth-ing in between - nothing.".

ing in between - nothing." Yet, one thing that great shooters seem to bristle about is being labeled as just a shooter.

try to rebound more, get the I try to rebound more, get the ball in the lane and score on layups," Baniulis said. "I don't want to just be considered a 3-point shooter. I want to be an all-around good player."

**Conditioning key in three-point shorting** Sam Luni, nead basketball trainer at Florida State. University said the key to being a successful long-range shooter is total body conditioning "There has to be a balarice between strength and power, cardlovascular conditioning and fexibility which is the most-foverlooked area.", Lunt said 1 Lunt said the 3-pointer, like the dunk/ requires power creat ed in the legs and the body's cles; quadriceps; hamstrings hip flexors; and abdominals; Lunt suggests call raises; hamstring; curls; leg exten; nstrings, slons, leg presses or super vised squats and abdominal strengthening exercises: For upper body strength, he recommends military press, bench press, lat pulls, deltoid raises, rotator cuff strength, ening, bloep curls and tricep extensions () Cardiovascular conditio ÷ ing is key, since as the level of faligue increases, perform ance decreases, "Lunt" roints vance decreases, cum roms out the it you are lired you can't jump as high or your shots will begin to fail short so because you aren't adding the int from your legs and core's

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are announced. But he plays as

well as any of the five who hit the hardwood for the tip-off. His nickname, Hustle, has been hard carned. He's a work-

horse who never quits. "On any team, Nick would be a starter," Northville coach



He's not one to brag. In fact,

the work. But

Roosevelt once said: Speak softly, but carry a big stick.

Mustang Bret Spencer has been a key member of Northville's basketball success this year. Northville's own 'Hustle'



simply exceptional. From steals to blocks, to rebounds and shots, Kaldis does it all. like a windmill, legs kick out The ball is tossed awkwardly in

r, but carry a big stick. Kaldis: may be a player of meets the eye. A quick glance w words, but his actions are a at him doesn't tell the store -inful

the air. Typically, it goes in, but sometimes there's a whistle instead.

"I'm usually just tooking for the foul," Kaldis said. "I prac-tice those shots, so it's not always luck when I make

them." As a member of the soccer team, Kaldis learned the value of leadership and how to handle the pressure of high expectations. He tries to use hose lessons while on the court. "Nick is amaz-"Nick is antaz-ing," junior cap-tain Alvin Storrs said. "He just keeps going and going. I'm glad he's on our team."

Darrel Schumacher said of the valuable sixth man. "On our team, he is a starter. It just happens we have eight starters on this team. We can put any of them on the floor and we know He's not one to brag. In fact, he's almost too quiet. Even as he was being inter-viewed by major media follow-ing a carcer high 14-point per-formance against Walled Lake Central, he had to be reminded to take a little more they're going to perform." Kaldis is no exception. He's

credit. "Now tell the truth," Schumacher said Nashing a smile as he interrupted Kaldis' comment about how his teammates did all

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painful reminder to Northville's opponents. They way to stop have to find a everyone on the floer, especial-ly the guy who comes off the bench and makes things hap-

Kuldis' style isn't one that can be imitated easily. He's everywhere at once. From one of the court he gets in the face of a point guard, only to follow the pass to the forward and then staps it out of the hand of the other guard. When a shot goes up, he's the first one to the boards. When, there's a fast break, he's the player dishing the assist or making the basket. of the court he gets in the face "Hustle!"

And shooting!. There's no text book with his style listed on the pages. It's flashy, unique and colorful - a Kaldiscope of basketball offense. Arms spin the player who lives inside him. He's skinny, average height and has a frequent and wide smile splashed across his face.

"Hustle!"

Inside, he's the definition of Inside, he's the detinition of what has made Northville's basketball team work this year. baskelball team work this year. He plays big, draws on hidden reserves of energy and a heart as big as it gets. "It's all about character," Schumacher said. "These kids

have it. They find ways to win." And leading the charge will be Northville's Nick Hustle. "If we come together as a team, I think we can play with anyone," he said. "I'm just glad I'm out there playing. I'm proud to be a part of this team.

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### SPORTS SHORTS

2006 pre-season baseball Prescott, Ariz., Thousand Oaks, Calif., Sterling, Colo., Bridgeport, Conn., Babson Park, Fla., Gainesville, Ga., training camp Rick Green, head coach of Park, Fla., Gainesville, Ga., Champaign, III., North Manchester, Ind., Towson, M.J., Schenectady, N.Y., lickory, N.C., Commerce, Texas, Blackshurg, Va., Lyndonville, Va. and Beloit, Wis. For more information and a free bruchure, call (704) 173.0873. the Novi High School baseball team and winner of six con-secutive KVC Championships (2000-05) is offering this fundamental camp for players ranging from 7-14 years old. Rick and his staff - Scott Combs, Mike Koceski, Paul Sabol and the 2006 Varsity Team will instruct participat-ing players in the following: 373-0873.

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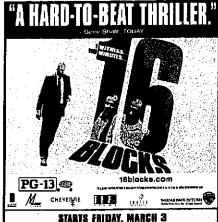
tact Jim Celeski at (248) 735-8781 or Doug Scott at (248) 371-6122. 3-on-3 basketball

youth tournament Northville Parks & Recreation will be hosting the first March Madness 3-on-3 Baskeiball Tournament March 25-26 at the Recreation Center located at Hillside Middle School on the corner of llight Mile Road and Center Street. The cost is \$85 per team with three or four players on each team. T-shirts will be given to all particpants and swards will be given to the first-place team. For more information, call (248) 349-0203 for more

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evaluation skate to form teams, and will only play against other teams made up of individuals. Requests to play together will be honored whenever possible. The Suburban Showdown Youth Science Learner scheduly. Applications are now being evaluated for The Ten Star All Youth Spring League schedule Star Summer Basketball will begin in April and end in Camp. This camp is by invitation only, floys and girls, ages 10-19, are eligible to apply. Past participants include: Michael mid June, with no games dur-ing Spring Break, Mother's Day or Memorial Day weekend. All players in the end. Att players in the Showdown will be eligible for a discount towards a Suburban Hockey Schools summer pro-grant if they register by April 30! participants include: Micha Jordan, Tim Dunean, Vince Carter, Jerry Stackhouse. Grant Hill and Antawn Jamison, Players from every state and 18 countries attend-ed the 2005 camp. College basketball scholar-

For more information, con-tact the Novi Ice Arena at (248) 347-1010 or visit ships are possible for players selected to the All-American Team. Camp locations include: Lebanon, Tenn., www.noviiceatena.com



# CC hockey team earns title

Swierszczyk took a cross-ice pass from sophomore Alex Kolpacke on a two-on-one breakawy and slide it past Orchard Lake St. Mary's goalie Nick Dries. Senior Mike Maviglia was also on the assist. There would no other scoring thewachout the first and scorod The showdown between Division I No. I ranked Catholic Central and Division I No. 2 Orchard Lake St. Mary's went all the Shamrocks way, Catholic Central Shamrocks goalie Ross Tashijan pitched his fifth shutout of the year and the Shamrocks won, 3-0, in front of throughout the first and second period. Both teams played very defensively and the game fea-tured several big hits and some brilliant saves by hoth goalies. Shameeks won, 3-0, in froat of a crowd of approximately 1,200 people at Orchard Lake's SMAC lee Arena. With the vic-tory Catholic Central won the second annual Catholic High School League Championship. The Shamrocks scored early when freshman Dave freshman Dave

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birth years) and midget (1990-91) age classifications. All teams will play 10 games plus

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he purchased at a discounted rate based on availability. Individual registrations are being accepted at the mite, squirt, pee wee and bantam age classifications. Players who competed at the A. AA. A.A. Junior Varsity or

AAA, Junior Varsity or Varsity levels are not eligible to compete. New this year is a girls division. All girls ages 7-

14 are welcome to register, regardless of ability level. Players who sign up as indi-

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Jankowski pounced on a loose puck and scored a short-handed goal to take a 2-0 tead. The Shamrocks scored another shorthanded goal when Nick goal to take a 2-0 lend. The Shamrocks scored another shorthanded goal when Nick Kroll took a pass from Wade LaFever and Tim Buttery to make the final 3-0. The Shamrocks put 26 shots against Orchard Lake S1. Mary's goalie while their oppo-nents were able to muster just 12 against the Catholie Central defensive pressure. Jankowski, Nick Kroll, and Adam McGee received All-League Division I Team honors. Robert Lowney received All-Academic Division I Team hon-

ors. The next Catholic Central game will be against Grosse lle at Compuware Arena, Saturday

In the third period Orchard defensive pressure. at Computate Arena, Saturday Lake St. Mary's got a power-play chance midway thru the news before the game when period. The Shamruck's Steve seven seniors received honors stands at 18-3-2.



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Creative bridal shower glft ideas include a "bonquet" of cooking utensils and silk flowers banded with ribbon and accented with bows. Just add a card and the needs to go and it's ready to go!

**Creative bridal** 

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Trend Spotter Offers

Tips for a Hip Bridal Shower

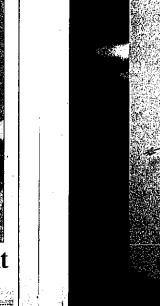
f you've been to a wedding shower recently, you've probably noticed the time-honored tradition is changing. The typical Sunday afternoon gather-ing of laties playing word games and snacking on pastel Jordan almonds has been replaced by sophisticated thermed evenings. And sometimes men are wited too!

"We monitor thends in both weddings and showers so we can incorporate the freshest and most modern themes in our eards," explains Gale Thomson, American Greetings itend spotter. "We've found wine, gournet kitchen and couples themes are the new wave. Chonges in dating and relationship etiquette and other social factors, like career women postponing marriage, have directed showers away from providing basic necessities and more toward reflecting the couple's interests." Thomson offers these tips for planning some of today's top trendy bridd shower themes themes:

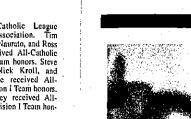
Wine tastings reflect a popular interest. The wine theme can influence the menu, party activities and gifts. Invite guests to bring two bottles of wine: one to serve at the party and a second to give the couple. Search online for menu items to com-plement each wine, and display wine-pairing notes at each food and wine station.

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Couples showers are a great way to include both the bride's and the groom's friends, and they tend to be cocktail, dinner or summer barbeque parties. Couples showers are a good option for smaller guest lists or as ora of multiple showers. A note on the invitation could suggest gifts for future entertaining. American Greetings has ducing special couples shower cards to its Target line, like one with tiny pink and blue "His" and "Hers" cloth towel icons attached to the front Kitchen showers have moved away Kitchen showers have moved away from providing basic necessities and become more sophisticated, reflecting already-established brides and gournet cooking trends. High-end stuinless steel fondue pots, blenders and food proces-sors are topping gift registries and wed-ding Website wish lists. Invire guests to bring their favorie register to show with bring their favorite recipe to share with the bride, Personal gifts, indulgences the bride would never buy for herself or honey-meon trip items are also a fashionable shower theme option for second matriages or brides who are already established in their households. Spas are a great personal shower venue, and a gift centificate for spa services presented in a pretty card makes a wonderful gift. Showers may be changing, but they are still an important part of the wed-ding tradition. If you're planning a shower and want it to be the latest and greatest, try one of these party concepts



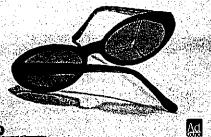
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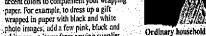
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Ordinary household items like white accent items from sewing suppli ribbon, yarn, buttons and Layer two kinds of ribbons, sheer and satin recycled greeting cards can or thick and thin, or two shades of yarn. Use hot glue to add a flower cut from a make any glft extraordinary. greeting card or a key phrase, like 'I do,' and top it with a button or two or three.

Brides treasure the thoughtfu messages in beautiful keep-sake cards, and they find creative ways to display them like this French memo board.

### Make Lasting Impressions

Every bride treasures her shower and Evedding cards. Many lovingly store Utem in a special box or binder. Some even find cmfty and creative ways feature fabric miniature allachments (a little ivory pillow carrying two tiny rings or a wedding cake made with layer of ribbon). Even more treasured are the sender's o display them. Keepsake cards today shine with satin, handwritten wishes, especially when they reflect personal relationships with the bride and groom. These words will be lace, ribbons, rhinestones, sequins and even embroidery — three rhinestone bubbles" hover over a line drawing of two remembered always.

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### FAMILY FEATURES EDITORIAL SYNDICATE

ou want it all - good nutrition and more time with your family. You, can have both when you use two simple tools from the American Heart

First, while grocery shopping, look for the association's distinctive red heart with a white check mark. This familiar tool makes it easy to quickly and reliably find healthy foods that can be part of a sensible eating

 plan.
 "With all the messages in grocery stores
 – from sales fliers to promotions on food packages - consumers are bombarded mation," says Penny Kris-Effection, R.D., Ph.D., and Distinguished Professor of Nutrition at Pennsylvania State University, "The heart-check mark from the American Heart Association makes it easy to out through the clutter and reliably find the nutritious foods consumers are looking for. And, because it's backed by science,

it's trustworthy." Developed more than 10 years ago by the American Heart Association's Food Certification Program, the heart-check mark on food packaging is your assurance the product meets association criteria for being low in saturated fut and cholesterol for healthy people over age 2. It takes the esswork out of heart-healthy shopping

individual foods and

naturally occurring nutrients: protein, vitamin A, vitamin C, calciunt, iron or dietary fiber.

Additionally: Seafood, game meat, meat and poultry, as well as whole grain products, main dishes and meals, must meet additional nutritional



**Poultry Pot Pies** The little ones at your house will dig right in with the hungry adults when you serve this updated, homestyle, one-dish meal. Serves 6; 1 cup per serving on time: 10 minute Cooking time: 28 minutes Standing time: 5 minutes Vegetable oil spray I small onion, chopped
 //2 teaspoon bottled minced garlic
 pound boneless, skinless chicken breasts or turkey breast tenderioins, all visible fat

removed 1 (12-ounce) hottle low-fat chicken or turkey gravy 1 (10-ounce) package frozen no-salt-added peas and carrot

# **Ask the Expert**

# Are artificial sweeteners such as spienda healthy? Depends on how you look at it! Artificial sweeteners are absolutely fine for the vast-migrity of the population because they have no DIRECT health effect good or had (no matter what you read on layman internet sites) in the big: picture, artificial sweeteners help people satisfy their eating urges without calories. The US population is already extremely overweight. Who knows where we'd be without artificial sweeteners!

Who knows where we'd be without artificial sweeteners! Here is what's happening: 300,000 people die, each year from weight related diseases caused by eating too many calories over their lifetime. The 'number one source of calories in the American diet is from sugared beyerages, num-ber two is from cakes and sweet-rolls all in which cares manua hous something of calories

which sugars supply huge amounts of calories.

This column was writen by Chrif Klebba, Chris owns and operates the Water, Wheel Health Club in Northville, and is a certified fit-ness trainer, regular columnist and public speaker. For more hormation-call. 248-499-7634 or go to www.wtrwheel.com.

There are no calories in artifi-

# **Community fitness** initiative Saturday

cial sweeteners so they do not contribute to weight related or, any, other, death, tolls. Those A new community fitness ini-tiative tilled "Northville's 30 days to healthy lifestyles" will kick off Sturday, March 4, 2006 at the Water Wheel Health Club from I0am to 12:00 noon. The event objective is to address the worldwide situation of obesity and helt of our end and of our situations. ure the facts so you can make, up your mind But la our opinion, if it wasn't for artifi-cial sweeteners (keep in mind artificial sweeteners undergo more scientific scrutiny than any food or drug before it can enter the marketplace) our Chris Kiebba ty faiter and unhealther. worldwide situation of opesity and lack of overall activity at a community level. This initiative will combine focus, education, health screenings, fun and food for the entire family. This collaborative effort is bested by Northville Parks and hosted by Northville Parks and Recreation, The Northville. Chamber of Commerce, the Water Wheel Health Club and St. Wheel Health Club,

The kick off is a free event that will be open to the public and includes free cholesterol and nity doing something to enhance their health," said Traci Sincock, Director of Parks and Recreation. "The activities are for all ages blood pressure screening, posture biodo pressure schedning, positic nssessments, personal iliestyle nssessments, chair massnges, healthy snacks, kids netivilies and more! The event kicks off 30 days of a variety of physical activities and educational semi-pare such as analytic cessation and abilities and take advantage of many ongoing programs," It also offers people a wide range of times and programs to attend. We hope everyone will take advantage of these activities." The 30 day calendar of events is available at all the scores r borns nars such as smoking cessation and truths and myths for true available at all the sponsor tions or send your e-mail to waterwheel@tds.net to have the calendar

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weight loss, available throughout Northville including at the Senior Center, Hillside Recreation Center, and the Water of events e-mailed directly to you. For more information call Traci Sincock at (248) 349-0203 "We think this event is an or Chris Klebba at (248) 449

Mary Mercy Hospital. aces Thing 127 E Lake (Ten Mile Rd.) South Lyon, MI 248-437-9000 Thursday Seafood Byffet 5:30-9pm RAW BAR : Öysters, Clams, Shrimp Buffet \$15.95 Adults • Seniors 10% Off • Kids \$8.95 or an additional \$7" Beer & Wine Included. Ask series for details I-You-Can-Eat Crab Legs Seafood Gumbo Crab Stuffed Whitefish Broiled Atlantic Salmon Steamed Mussels Marinara **Battered Fried Shrimp** Spicy Cajun Tilapia •Vegetable • Red Skin Potatoes Assorted Salads • Flambe' Bananas Foster Dessert CALENDAR OF EVENTS 9am-2pm Sunday Brunch

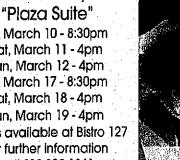
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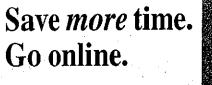
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Smart with Heart" brochure.

"Building a healthy lifestyle starts with cating the right

food like those found in the American Heart Association's Food Certification Program," says Dr. Kris-Etherton: "This, along with regular physical activity and checkups with

your doctor, can help reduce your risk of heart disease and stroke - the No. 1 and 3 killers of Americans."

To learn more about reducing the risk of heart disease

and stroke through good nutrition, visit americanheart.org or call 1-800-AHA-USA1 for your free copy of the "Shop

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2 cups re pancake mix 2/3 cup skim milk Black pepper (optional)

Preheat oven to 450°F.

Spray large soucepan with vegetable oil. Place over medium heat. Cook onion and garlie in hot saucepan about 5 minutes or until tender.

Meanwhile, rinse chicken, pat dry and cut into bitesize pieces: Add to skillet with onion mixture. Cook and stir 2 to 3 minutes or until chicken is just lender. Stir in gravy and vegetables. Heat through, about

5 minutes. Meanwhile, in medium bowl, stir together baking and pancake mix and milk until soft dough forms. Sct aside,

Transfer hot chicken or turkey filling to three 15-ounce casseroles of one 2-quart casserole. Drop dough by spoonfuls onto hot filling. Bake 15-ounce les, uncovered, 10 to 15 minutes, Bake 2-quart casser casserole, uncovered, 15 to 20 minutes. Date 2 quart be golden brown and filling should be hot. Let stand 5 minutes and season with pepper if desired.

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Not Last Forever Wream, Mich. March 2, 2006 - Now that you're given that special someone the perfect Valestine's Day gift, you sound be aware that Albitate has exposed a major myth surrounding every woman's best frind. Albitate clain adjusters, who handle thousands of claims each year, have revealed The Most Common Reasons Diamonds May Not Last Forever.

According to Allstate Agent Louis Kitby, here are some of the top reasons dia-monds are often lost forever.

Hushed Away - Left or a counter near a sink or tuilet. Just add ranning water or a flush of the tuilet and you can almost hear the sound of memories and thousands of dollars swirling down the drain.

Tossed to the Carb - Hiding valuables in your very own secret place. It's just too bad that your other family members didn't know they were throwing away trash that doubles as your secret hiding place.

Opportunity Knocks - Leaving your rings out on display. Whether you are at a hotel or at home, leaving valuables out in the open is a risky proposition, par-ticularly when others have access.

Poor Stitching - Rings go on fingers, not in pockets. Who knew it could be so expensive to stitch up a hole in your pocket?

Slippery Proposition - Resizing a ring in be a hassle. It's just a little loose. It in wait until tomorrow...or perhaps it can b can v can't,

Preventing Your Investment from Going Down the Drain

To avoid losing thousands of dollars through a hole in a pocket or a fluth of the toiler, consumers should consider insuring their valuables through Scheduled Personal Property coverage. Depending on the value of the jewelry, it may or may not be covered under their current property insurance policy.

"If you own expensive or rate items, Scheduled Itroonal Property coverage is a practical way to protect your invest-ment and achieves peace of mind." said Kirby. "The bases pare about this type of coverage is that it offers allowing protec-tion, which means customers are insured for all different types of perils, including loss of the suone, a chipm the diamond, misplacing the item and so ion. Unless the peril is specifically mentioned in the policy as being excluded, then the item as covered."

It overed." Perhaps you weren't quite at the dia-mond giving stage this Valentine's Day. Kirdy soid you still night consider insuring other big-ticker gift items. Valuables such as paris, watcher, com-eras, musical instruments. Ener art, ports equipment, stamp or coin collec-tions, tools, furs and more are just some of the items that people insue through the Scheduled Personal Property cover-age option, which covers valuables on an-actual cash value basis. A current apprisal or bill of sale is registed to insure mersonal items with Scheduled Personal Property coverage. Some other restrictions also may apply dejending on the item being coverel.

When it comes to insuring any newly required valuables, there are some important things to consider. Property policies, including renties, couldo, co-op and homeowness, include coverage of personal property. However, there is forten a \$1,000 coverage timit for jewel-ry, watches and furs.

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The idea of losing a diamond or other valuables is certainly devastating," said Kirby, "Bur by properly insuring your valuables, you can rest a little easier knowing your investment won'r go down the drain."

For more information on this and other insurance topics, contact Allstate Agent Louis Kirby at 248-669-0755.



A.G. Edwards and Sons staff Heather Agnew, left, Thomas Kerns and Karin Peters help clients make smart investment choices.

## Have a diversified portfolio in today's market

### Tom Kerns of A.G. Edwards advises clients

### **By Duane Ramsey** SPECIAL WRITER

"Diversify your portfolio of investments in today's market" is the primary advice offered to clients by Tom Kerns, Financial Consultant will A.G. Edwards &

Sons, Inc. in Northville. Whatever amount clients may have to invest, Kerns recommends his clients diversify their portfolio where they have control of their own direct investments. In addition to any real estate, pension, 401K or other investments through employers, Kerns encour-ages clients to invest their person-ally directed funds elsewhere.

New investment tools are constantly being developed to provide people with the ability to diversify peopl even with small investments," said Kerns, "Some clients don't realize the many options available to them today."

For example, exchange traded. funds (ETF) provide the small investor with the ability to invest in numerous market segments. Starting with a few thousand doliars, one can invest in several asset classes such as large or small stocks, bonds, and international investments.

"The amount of the investment determines the way to invest in a diversified portfolio," Kerns said, "Invest wisely and don't put all of your eggs in one basket as we like

to say." Kerns maintains a flexible schedule to meet with potential clients to assess each one's time frame, risk tolerance, and finan-cial goals, in an initial meeting, he follows an interview process to determine how their personal and family life affect their financial



situation and long-term goals.

"I take a consultative approach to understanding the long-term financial goals of clients and help-ing individuals and small compa-ties to invest anoracitatiu nies to invest appropriately to reach those goals," said Kerns. "I get to know my clients and help them plan for the future. It's very

rewarding." Kerns will share his approach in a series of free seminars open to the public at the Northville District Library, starting at 7 p.m. The dates and programs are: • March 9 - Building Your

Child's Education Fund • March 21 – Demystifying March 21 – Demystifying Annuities – Planning Your Financial Future

• April 13 - Fundamentals of May 9 – Nine Big Mistakes

When Saving for Retirement Call Tom at (248) 380-0331 to reserve space for each seminar. Investors unable to attend the seminars can call for alternate times/locations for the seminar of interest. "Pay yourself first by investing.

Don't just invest with what's left over," Kerns advises his clients. The earlier people start invest-ing, the better off they will be in the future. Kerns recommends making monthly investments by using automatic deductions from their bank account for people who need that structure to develop dis-

cipline.\* People in higher income brackets are concerned about laxes on their investment carn-

Kerns, A.G. Edwards & Sona financial consultant. located in Northville,

ings," said Kens. One option available to those livestors is the 529 College Savings Plan that allows invest-ments of \$12,000 per child and per parent each year. The plan grows income willout taxes on control energi to read for coulding

Kems said. He admits the U.S. market was lackluster overall in 2005 but other markets did well, including gold, natural resources and some overseas markets.

plan and implement retirement savings plans for them and their employees. Owners can reward employees by offering retirement plans with contributions by both parties

A company 529 savings plan or employee elected plans make it more accessible for employees to save and invest. The only cost for the employers with those plans is the cost of payroll administration required for them. As a consultant, with A.G.

Biwards & Sons, Kems is not limited to proprietary products but has necess to any financial prod-uct, A.G. Edwards is a national company based in St. Louis with a conservative Midwestern culture, unlike many of the large Wall Street firms in New York.

"A.G. Edwards is a firm that understands the importance of putting elients first," said Kems."I don't have any sales quotas and

can focus solely on your unique financial needs and on establishing strategies for meeting them. Kerns uses his financial knowledge to offer his clients a wide range of financial services from selecting individual investments to developing retirement plans. Anyone seeking help with their financial or investment needs is invited to call Tom and make an

initial appointment, After a 15-year carcer as a cor-porate finance executive, Kerns chose to use his financial experience in helping individual investors and companies to invest appropriately to achieve their long-term financial goals. He has led or participated in more than S2 billion of corporate bank, bond, and equity financings.

Most recently, Kerns served as corporate treasurer of Tower Automotive, Inc. He pressure chaired or served on the management pension committees for Federal-Mogul Corporation, Lear Automotive, Inc.

With a bachelor's degree in finance and an MBA, Kerns is certified as an Accredited Asset timed as all Acceleration Asset Management Specialist (AAMS). He is a licensed broker for securi-ties with the National Association of Securities Dealers and holds Series 7 and 66, and Michigan-Life, Health and Accident Dearmon Hontzer Insurance licenses

Tom and his wife Michelle have resided in Northville for more than 12 years and are restoring an 1888 farmhouse. They have two active sens enrolled in Northville. Schools.

Mutual funds, ETF's and Variable Annuilites are sold only by prospectus. You should cureful-ly consider the funds' investment objectives, risks, charges and espenses. Kerns would be happy. to provide you with a prospectus that contains this and other information. Please read the prospec-tus carefully before you invest or

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academic expenses. "Some people want to chase the latest hot trend in the market,"

Kerns works with business owners and small businesses to

