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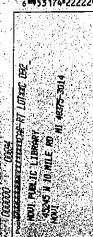
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no fence-sitter By Pam Fleming ing the death of longtime resident Isabel Collins early Sunday morning of lung cancer. Asa Smith has Asa Smill has spent most of his life living along the 640-acre Walled Lake and is currently the president of its Lake Area Homeowner's



Fox Run resident Pearl Holforty, left, and Andrea Peragine (its Community Resident lanager) will be among those helping the Novi community to collect prom dresses for high school students in New Orleans affected by hurricane Katrina.

Making dreams come true

Seniors help send Katrina victims to prom

By Tracy Mishier

Eleanor Dolenga remembers spending her prom, in the 1930s, with friends.

The Fox Run resident said although she doesn't

remember much about the evening, she does know it's an exciting time in a teenager's life:
"Prom was great," Dolenga said. "You'll

remember it for a good 30 or 40 years."

Dolenga is unong several members of the Fox-Run community asked to donate formal items to students who lost everything to Katriaa and will be attending pront in May.

Although most residents attended prom several donates and there is a vested interest in this

decades ago, there is a vested interest in this

cocaces ago, mere is a vescel interest in this year's season, supporting a dance held several hundred miles away in Louisiana.

Now through April 14, residents and staff are participating in an effort coordinated by the Miracles of Hope Network, called "Help Make.

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wage jump stirs debate

■ Feelings mixed about the Oct. increase

By Tracy Mishler

see small businesses, like his own, suffer from the minimum wage rate increase in October.

The owner of Play It Again Sports in Novi said an increase is

going to hurt; why do this now?
"I support the concept to help people who are trying to support a family," Somerville said, "but it's going to hurt the small businesses. Now is just a bad time when we can't afford it."

The current minimum wase rate is \$5.15.

By 2008, the rate will increase to \$7.40, according to state offi-

eials.
"We believe that a fair day's work should get a fair day's wage," said Liz Boyd, spokesper-son for Gov. Jennifer Granholm. "We've seen inflation increase

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over the past nine years ... We've over the past aine years ... we we seen prices and the cost of living increase ... It has not had an adverse affect on employment or the economy as a whole."

Once the bill reaches

Granholm's desk, Boyd said she will have 14 days to sign.

Tipping the scales

Along with the minimum wage rate, the tip wage rate will also

"It doesn't directly raise the tip wages, but (the bill) says if

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James Frazier, 18, serves pizza at SBarro's, located in the food court at Twelve Oaks Mall. Frazier said he anticipates the minimum wage increase in order to make more money

Isabel Collins remembered for love of people, politics, nursing

Collins even told family

Novi leader

Family and friends are mourn-ing the loss of one of Novi's community activists this week follow

much to shape Novi in its formative years in the 1970s, 1980s and 1990s

was a close



members she wanted Cassis to give her eulogy. "She had such emhus nsm." Cussis said, "She

could go forever. She read constantly and was

interested in politics, people and nursing. She was the consummate vol-Nancy Cassis (R. Isabel Collins unteer and extremely Novi).

Shortly before her death at close freind Audrey Murphy.

Angela Hospice in Livonta. Cassis said Collins was active

nity, being a very active voice but not looking for personal recogni-tion whatsoever," Cassis said. "She had a lot of friends in

town."

behind the scenes.
"She helped plan her commu-

Served as U.S. Army nurse

Born Isabel Scanlon in Somerset, Ohio, in 1919, after high school, she enrolled in the

for in Novi both in front of and Mt. Carmel School of Nursing in

Mt. Carmel School of Nursing in Columbus, Ohio.

She served in the Army Nurse Corps from 1941-1946.
Her daughter, Jeannie Lajavic- of Commerce Township, said the story goes that after griduating from nursing school, her mother and a girlfriend decided it would look need on their grames if.

look good on their resumes if they served as Army nurses for a

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Association. Here he stands yard along the eastern shore

of the lake



■ Retired ` resident would

like to see more get involved

By Ramez Khuri

Asa Smith has seen Novi grow from wheat and comi fields to what it is today — a booming cho.

City.)

But living on the north side of town for most of his life, Smith has also seen Walled Lake grow-as well.

And he'd like nothing better than to continue to improve both cities to make them the best places possible to live in. "I was raised on the shores of

Improving Novi community his passion

today, I was. always

Township,

and we shared common houndaries between the city

of Walled Lake and Novi for over 70 years."
Smith can recall watching the

city develop from when it was just a cross road and a lot of pust a cross road and a lot of apple orchards, wheat fields and corn fields into a mature city today. He said back then all the mads were dirt horse-and-buggy

trails.
Smith is known by his neighbo as a north end resident of Novi-who has all the answers. He and Walled Lake, where I still live his brother were born in Detroit, but moved to Novi at an

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age.

carly age.

They grew up as frontier kids, learning how to survive using welfands and woodlands to feed themselves. They learned about the ways of nature, how different species survived and how the fish reproduced themselves from his water. Jo themselves from big waters to streams and wetlands

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vessel for automatic annual pay raises is radical, wrong and an assault on the state's most sacred mixed about the legal document and job provider. Oct. minimum wage increase

increase.
Ginger, manager of SBarro's in Novi's Twelve Oaks Mall said any increase in pay is better than no increase. o bring them to that level," Boy aid, "then the employer would

have to make up the difference."

Nick Berisas said increasing "It's about time," she said.
"There's too many older people
that make minimum wage. You
can't live on \$5.15 on hour."

Jody Humphries said she's for
people trying make a livable wage,
but in the state of Michigan's current economy, she questions, why tipped wages is not worth it if a waitress is leaving with \$130 after only working for six or seven

Feelings

"Waitresses make good money," Island, "We can afford to pay then it's the cooks and dishwasher nitely going to be tough ... How are these small businesses going to

ee will incouse from \$265 to Andy Deloney, director of pub-

increase in minimum wage will kill Michigan jobs at a time when the state can't afford to lose more.
"Michigan's constitution was never intended to guarantee automatic annual pay raises to a select group of people," Deloney said in a statement. "Not to minimum wage workers, not to lawyers, or

Improving

community is his passion

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everything in Novi, and all the wet-lands started to disappear," said Smith. "We had to deal with all of our natural areas becoming either contaminated or overused and

abused. We had stormwater ranoffs

treated properly, and it all ended up in our main waterways."

Smith got to thinking about who was going to help stop this. That's how he got involved in the city of

end with the homeowners association for 40 years at different levels

he said. "I'm always a voice of opin ion somewhere, I always do it in a ion somewhere and positive way."

Smith belongs to Novi's Stormwater Management and Watershed Stewardship Committee.

e's president of the Lakes Area Before retiring he was in the clec-

rical construction business for over 46 years. He specialized in industri-al applications, building of auto fac-

everything to do with heavy indus-trial electricity applications from installing equipment and electrical systems, to making them function.

nies that specialized in that

Smith. "I enjoyed doing it, there were a lot of challenges and a lot of

hard work. Along with that, there were heartaches that had to be dealt

Today Smith spends most of his

others will follow in his footsteps.

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Asa Smith

electrician ()

Family: wife, Carol; son

He serves on Novi's **
Stormwater Management *
and Watershed Stewardship

Station Committee: He's

Advice: "Whatever your

should step forward and get

degrees from Henry Ford

ing a final part of our growth," said Smith. "We're not doing a modern-

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respire shown have a mina man they aren't there to be picked on or expected to be masterminds in solving problems if they join one light, it would be very hard to go They're there to voice their own aback and change it.

tent economy, she questions, why

"It's not good tinning," said the president of the Northville Chamber of Commerce, "It's defi-

cover the increase?"

Joe Hatter said raising wages

"It's not fair to people who've

been here for years," said the owner of the Great Steak and Potato Company in Twelve Oaks

Mall. "It's going to hurt small businesses ... If they have to, busi-nesses are going to fire a lot of

nearly \$2 is too much.

send Katrina victims to prom

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Not everyone is against the New Orleans High School Teens Prom Dreams Come

Andrea Peragine said Fox Run's sister community, Cedar Crest, in New Jersey, brought the event to their 'It's about time," she said. "We immediately knew it

of good in children's lives.

Along with receiving donated prom necessities, the was something we wanted to be part of," said Peragine, Fox ed prom necessities, the agency is flying in beauti-cians, make-up specialists and Run's community resources manager, "It (was) the perfect way for Fox Run to make a contribution, especially for our student dining staff, who understand the importance of a prom for high school stu-

The community is collecting prom necessities to send south, including evening dresses; tuxedos and suits; shawks and ties; gloves; jewelry; dressy shoes; handbags; unused cosmetics; male and female hair products; hair accessories, including barrettes and tiam's; and men's

people to compensate (for the increase.)" All prom items and more-tary donations will benefit nearly 600 kids expected to attend the New Orleans High

School Prom. Kathie Shaffer, publics rela-

tions manager for Fox Run, said although they aren't counting on getting too many dresses from residents, they Seniors help

hoped many of the student employees would contribute. "This is a great opportunity for them to give back," Shaffer said, "I think we'll have at

Peragine said she hopes to fill several boxes to send south when the event is complete.
"Everyone here is just

about eight dresses to donate

daughter, Maggie, 21, will "Those kids have just been through so much," she said.
"This is just a good way for people to give back without

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■ Novi leader no fence-sitter

But, then the Japanese bombed Pearl Harlor, and the next thing they

knew they were serving their coun-try in wartime.

Collins rose to the rank of lieutenant and was stationed in several southern states, including Florida,

Alabara and Georgia.

She met her lusband, William, also a first lieutenant in the Army,

also a list neutrinal in the zoniy, and they married in 1947.

"Her husband was from Detroit, and that's what brought her to Michigan," Lajavic said, "She always remarked that he never outranked her.

ranked ner."

Collins' close 'friend, Audrey Murphy said, "I don't think she was prouder of anything, aside from her family, than her military service. My husband, Ruyl called her Lt. Izzy."

Murphy added that Collins liked long hospites because of its nonearlocal politics because of its nonpar-

tisan nature. Cassis said Collins was able to stop some rezonings in the city and was active in condominium rights,

fighting for the rights of owners.

"When she had a cause, you couldn't sway her. She did her research and then formulated her oninion." Cassis said, who noted ommunity almost to the end

"To me she is my wild Irish rose friend, and I say that with the great-est of fondest," Cassis soid. Planning Commission, it was Collins who inspired Cassis to run for city council. Collins worked on former Mayor Bob Schmid's political campaign and frequently con

On Collins' 80th birthday, Oakland County Commission Board Chair Bill Bullanl and Cassis presented her with a state tribute. "She never did this for accolade but with a sincere belief that people could make a difference, and sh

Single mother of four

ty," Cassis said.

made a difference in our comm

Collin's husband died when their youngest was only 2 years old,
"She mised four children pretty much on her own." Cassis sai "She's left a wonderful legac

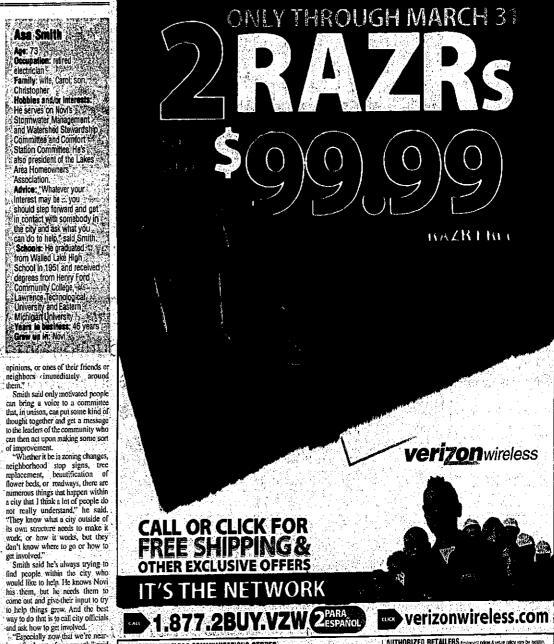
behind for her eight grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren." Cassis said Collins was a pionee in planning Novi and was never shy about discussing her concerns with

She was a real fighter. It is no unusual that she fought her diseas with vigor and faced the challenge head on."

"She was a really strong persona ity,", said Ruth O'Rear of Novi,

another close friend.
"My mother always believed you would get more done her way.

until her death and was also very involved in her church. Holy Famil



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Town Hall Lecture Series to showcase wildlife filmmakers

■ Siblings make videos, music

By Pam Fleming

game for wildlife filmmakers Rob and Laura Sams.

area residents

the Woods," Laura Sams said. "It will be a mixture of lots of stuff," she said. Their presentations include nature, art, music and

Rob Sams has a degree in zoofo-

gy and one in communications, so he can talk to the animals, or at least

try to, according to Laura Sams.

The Sams travel all over the

country to present their interactive,

The books cousins, wildlife photographers and authors Carl Sams and Jean Stoick.

speakers in the 2005-2006 Novi Town Hall Lecture Series at 11:30 a.m. at Rock Financial Showplace. Proceeds will go to the Novi Public Library Capital Campaign designed to help fund an \$18 mil-

Kuthy Crawford of Novi, one of

"Diana Canup and I were at the came upon the booth of Carl Sams,"

Their first inclination, obviously was to invite Carl Sams to speak. But he reconuncided his cousins instead, who are directors of the award-winning video, "Stranger in the Woods: The Movie," and creaiors of Sisbro Edventures, which stands for Sister/Brother Educational Adventures. Both graduated for Both graduated from Michigan State University.

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Laura Sans has a degree in zoology and parks and recreation as well
as a master's degree in natural
resources education.

The control of the circumstances and photographs, well as in Indiana, Ohio and Wisconsin, to educate and entertain

and photographs,
The two traveled to England for the Wildscreen Film Festival a few years ago to show their film, "Stranger in the Woods," which was "Stranger in the Woods," which was one of the top four children's wildlife films that year.

country to present their interactive, educational assemblies that combine nature, art, music and humor.

Carl Sams will also send a number of his autographed books to the Town Hall Lecture Series.

"We're sharing the stories behind "Stranger in the Woods' and "Lost in the Woods". Lecture send the Woods of the Woods

Almost every day, they're at a dif-

students at assemblies. This week they were in Bath,

around the state," Rob Sams said He said their involvement with their cousins was progressive.
"Laura and I wanted to help out

on the video project, and they let us book and a video that are related to Worksheet materials for students

book and the video.
"Bearly Alike," another video they produced, compares a day in the life of grisly bears with a day in the life of a young man. Ltd. to PO. Box 539, Novi, MI, 48376, or call Kathy Crawford at (248) 349-5079 and (248) 348-1822.

To be seated with friends, all registration and checks must be included in one envelope. A table can seat 10 people.

Tickets for award-winning filmmakers. Rob and Laura Sams is talk at 11:30 a.m. Wednesday at Rock Financial Showplace are \$35 for the lecture only and \$50 for the lecture and lunch.

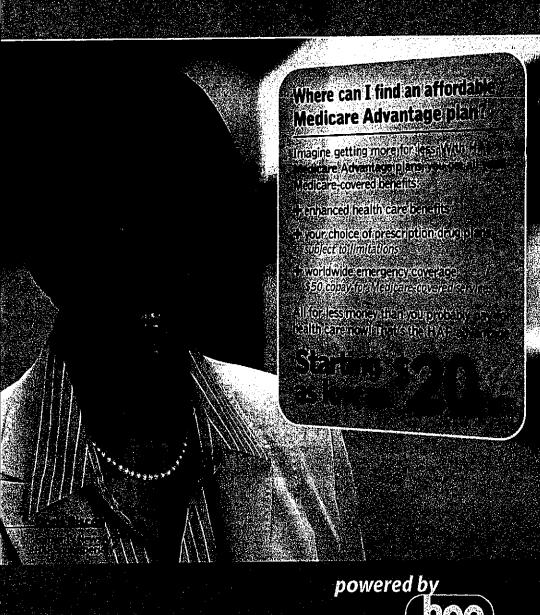
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The Sams love doing presenta- we're out in the wilderness by our-"It's a perfect blend for us with

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selves. So, it's nice to get to interact with the people we made the movies "Wildlife filmmaking is a some-

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Excess rain water then runs off

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lect excess rain water that doesn't

soak into the ground to prevent flooding and standing water prob-

developed, more impervious sur-faces are created. This leads to more runoff, causing flooding and

This water also carries soils and

pollutants, which aren't healthy

dump into.
"Only in recent times have we

been so wasteful with our storm water," said Bill Schneider of Wildtype Nursery in Mason, one

of nurseries in the state that's part of the Michigan Native Plant Producers Association.

■ Excess water to be put to use

By Pam Fleming STAFF WRITER

"Rain, Rain Go Away," is one tune members of the Novi Beautification Commission don't

That's because they know rain is a valuable commodity and are working on a new Demonstration Rain Garden near the south entrance to the Novi Civic Center One of the group's student commissioners gave a presenta-

tion on pative plant rain gardens at the March 13 meeting. A dis-play board the student created and 3D model of a rain garden will be shown in the atrium during the Natural Features Expo April 4 at Barb Greenberg, an advanced

native plants through our perenni-al exchange this spring," Greenberg said. The Spring Perennial Exchange will be from 9 a.m. to noon on May 27 outside the historic Novi hip Hall on 10 Mile Road

"This will be a nice addition," said Cindy Uglow, Neighborhood

Simple landscaping solution

Rain gardens are a simple landscaping solution that makes good use of rain water. A rain garden is a depression in the ground with plants that trap

the water and prevent it from flowing into lakes and streams. Southeast Michigan is a perfec place to construct a rain garder since the area gets an average of 33 inches of rain a year, About 20

"Historically, people preserved rain water for drinking, cooking and cleaning as well as for their horticulture and agriculture."

Center's to be

completed soon Rain water is supposed to infil-trate into the ground to recharge the ground water. But, obviously

Native plants, which are considered to be those here before Europeans settled in Michigan in the 1700s, are preferred in rain gardens because they're well adapted and tolerate extreme conditions.

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It used to take about six weeks to get a passport. Now, the process takes a little longer, so travelen should plan accord

iould plan accordingly.

*'The Novi City Clerk's office's normal hours of operation are 8 a.m.-5 p.m., Monday-Friday. Passport applications are only accepted from 9 a.m. to noon, and the office does not take passport photos. For more information, call the Novi City Clerk's office at (248) 347-0456.

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• The Northville Towns

Office, 41600 W. Six Mile Road,

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city hall.

"Actually, they're becoming quite popular," Robinson said.

Native plants, which are con-

sidered to be those here before

Europeans settled in Michigan in the 1700s, are preferred in rain

gardens because they're well

adapted and tolerate extreme

Novi Beautification Commission members Moira Robinson, left, and Barbara

Greenberg check out a 3-D display of a proposed Rain Garden to be installed on the

Rain gardens keep pollutants from streams and lakes, protect

lakes and streams from erosion

and provide valuable habitats for

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The Novi Civic Center's
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be completed this spring, accord-ing to Moira Robinson, chair, Novi Beautification

They also add to the beauty of

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■ Emagine hosts film discussion group

By Pam Fleming

If you're a film lover who likes to rehash the movie immediately afterwards, Novi has just the club

r you. Reel Talk, the monthly movie discussion group hosted by Detroit News film critic from Long, now takes place at the Emagine Theater at Fountain Walk at 12 Mile and Novi roads. The discussion group, in which movie-goers get to see films before they open to the public, used to be at the Star Theater in

Southfield. When that theater was purchased recently by AMC Theaters, the new owners didn't want to continue the discussion group "I got in contact with Emagine relationship with the management there, and I like the theater," Long said. "They were very receptive.

How to sign up for Reel Talk

For the movie, date and time for Reel Talk, members can call (313) 222-1457 or (313) 222-1458.

New members must reg ister the night of an event. call one of the numbers above or inquire at emag inepromo@hotmail.com.

Reel Talk members started meeting at the Novi theater in February, Last month, they discussed the thriller 'Freedomland starring Samuel Jackson and Juhanne Moore. Ruth Daniels, vice president,

sales and marketing, Emagine Theater, actually started the program at the Maple Theater in 1994, and it moved with her when she began working at the Star

welcome to have it return at Emagine.
"I think it's a great program,"

Daniels said, "Since I was initially involved in creating if, it was a natural progression for it to come back to me," she said, "I'm thrilled to have it."

Next movie on March 30

On March 30, the group will watch and discuss, Frake the Lead" starring Antonio Banderas. "He plays a guy who teaches inner-city kids how to ballroom dance," Long said, who added that the new release follows in the wake of the successful documen tary "Mad Hot Ballroom," independent film.

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Long said Reel Talk has 600follows the viewing.
"We talk about the movie infor-700 members and that the turnout was good for the first meeting in Novi at the Emagine, "It was packed," he said, "We matly," Long said. "It's not very

academic."
"What we generally do is talk had about 80 new people sign up." Members pay \$40 and can see 12 movies. The discussion group meets once a month on the third or cessful, why it's successful or why not and the quality of the acting. We also talk about the theme of the fourth Thursday of the month. Once you become a member, you're issued a card, and you e-

Although seating is limited since the theater is still open to other viewers, "We've never had to



"What we generally do is talk about whether the movie is successful, why it's successful or why not and the quality of the acting."

Tom Long

We also talk about the theme of the movie and try to relate it to other movies like it."

Long noted that he doesn't express his opinion during the discussion.

"I never tell people what I think," he said. "I don't want to start any arguments," he said. "I can be people to talk about the film."

Just try to get people to talk about the month what they liked or did not like about the film."

Generally, Long knows by the first of the month what that the film will be.

Long has a degree is in aesthetics studies, which is basically started and not like to people. It gives me a better sense of how audiences react to things. It's a reality check for me."

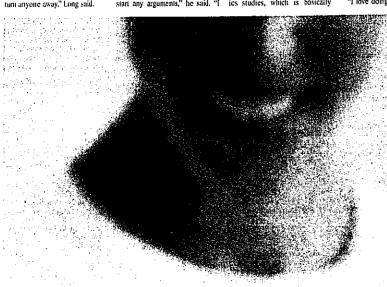
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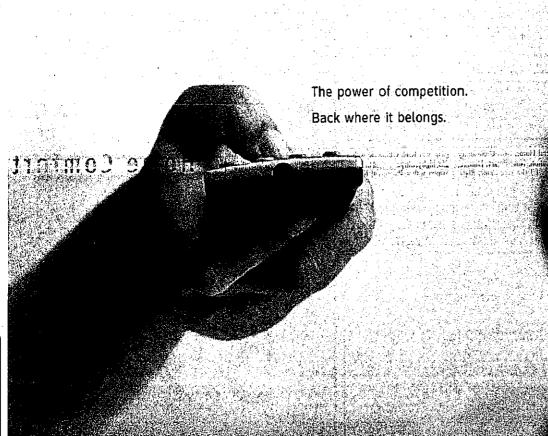
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"I love doing Red Talk," Long mail at pfleming@gannett.com."

training in criticism, from the University of California at Santa to people. It gives me a better cruz.





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'Shavees' collect over \$20k

■ St. Baldrick's Day event combats cancer

By Pam Fleming

They came, they donated, they got their heads shaved. More than 60 women and men

needed some hats Saturday aftermoon after they had their hair cut for a cause at the first annual St Baldrick's Day at the Walled Lake Fire Hall.

The event, organized by Jameson and Emily MacBeth of Walled Lake, who lost their 2year-old daughter, Paolan, to concer in 2002, raised more than

including Annette Krzyskowski of Commerce Township, volun-

be donated to Locks of Love, a nonprefit organization that pro-vides hairpieces to financially disadvantaged children age 18 and under suffering from long-term medical hair loss. The youngest "shavee" was 14-rear-old Dwayne Poole of

Wolverine Lake, a Walled Lake
Middle School student whose
mother, Carolyn, has cancer.
This was the seventh year for St. other, Carolyn, has cancer.

I just wanted to do this for er," he said.

The MacBeths lost their daugh.

The MacBeths lost their daugh. her." he said.

ter to non-Hodgkin's lymphoma, tions to have their heads shaved at nd the Walled Lake event was in er honor. Today, the fund-raisers have This was the third year Emily raised more than \$12 million and the Walled Lake event was in

Emily and Jameson MacBeth, a Walled Lake couple who lost their daughter to cancer four years ago, organized St. Baldrick's Day last Saturday at the Walled Lake Fire Hall. More than 60 people, including the MacBeths, had terred lheir time to clip the coifs of those who dared.

Hair from the fund-raiser will research. More than \$20,000 was raised at the event. their heads shaved and made contributions for cancer

> MacBeth had her head shaved on St. Baldrick's Day, The MacBeths with more than 16,000 heads have two healthy children - sons shaved. Derry, 4, and Kieran, 2, who were present at last Saturday's fund-Donations are still being raiser,
> "This is incredible," Emily

Foundation through the end of the fiscal year for those who missed www.stbaldricks.org or call (888) 899-BALD.

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■ Michigan CAT in Novi site of event

By Pam Fleming

Novi was the site of a protest last week honoring the death of a young woman who died March 16, 2003, supporting the Palestinians' right to a homeland.

A coalition of human rights, peace and justice, and religious groups sponsored two events in the area last week to mark the anniversary of the Israeli murder by bull-dozer of Rachel Corrie of Olympia,

ny violated international and state law by providing specially designed bulldozers to Israeli Defense Forces that it knew would be used to demolish homes and Corrie was 23 when she was crushed beneath a U.S. made Caterpillar while trying to protect the home of Palestinians from being destroyed.

In Detroit, a film poetry, read-ings from Corrie's letters and talk by Noura Erakat, legal advocate

from the U.S. Campaign to End the Israeli Occupation, took place at Barth Hall last Wednesday In Novi, protesters, including Hasan Newash, director of the Michigan Citizens for Palestinian Rights in Dearborn, gathered out-side Michigan CAT headquarters on Novi Road last Thursday.

Corrie, a student at Evergreen State College in Olympia, was in Palestine as a volunteer peace

activist when she was killed.

"We are exposing the actions of the Israelis against the Palestinian

the Gaza Strip and Israel and is an advocate for Palestinians' right to a "Her death has been a catalyst to in the Middle East."

it in part in Rachel's memory but also for the rights of Palestinians. What greater way to honor some-one than to keep alive the work that

they were doing,"
"As an American company Michigan CAT strongly supports the protesters exercising their First Amendment right to free speech and free assembly," said Matt

Michigan

Protesters honor young woman

killed supporting Palestinians

Lawsult filed

endanger civilians.

Illinois-based Caterpillar, Inc., last week on behalf of Corrie's parents.

The suit alleges that the compa

"Even though it's been three years since her death, she's not been forgotten," said Kristine Currie of Grosse Pointe, an

American who formerly lived in

civilian population using the Caterpillar, which should be a product for farms and producing food," Newashs aid.
"Instead, it has been transformed. into a war machine overseas. We invite Caterpillar to do something Stop Bulldozing The Center for Constitutional Palestinian Rights and partnering law firms filed a federal lawsuit against

Homes

Protesters from across the area collected outside the Novi Michigan CAT headquarters last Thursday.

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equipment.
"We do sympathize, however, with all of those affected by unrest

Currie said more than 20,000 aged in Palestine since the occupa-tion began in 1948 when Israel declared its independence and began to push 700,000 Palestinians

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Novi Youth Assistance strikes again with annual bowl-a-thon CARE and Deerfield Elementary, participated in the howl-a-thon. Darren Atiyeh with a 336 while St. John Health Providence/ Tracy Shore took high female

bowlers were entertained by Kevin O'Neil from WNIC 100.3, bowled their afternoon away, and enjoyed pizza provided by Dominos at the Novi Youth Assistance 24th annual Bowl-asor of the Bowl-Than held March 11th at the Novi

a-thon. All the bowlers received door Teams from the Novi Lions, Novi Lionesses, City of Novi, Novi Police Department, Novi Fire Department, Orchard Hills Elementary, Novi Middle School,

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series with a 562, Diane MacGregor, from the Novi

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ing turn. After the Novi Fire Department jumped out to a lead of 44 pins, the Novi Police won

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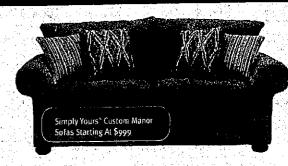
teammates were Acting Chief Jeff
Johnson, Retired Chief Art
Lenaghan, Lt. Rick Schultz, and
Fire Firefighter Larry Gambotto.
Novi Youth Assistance arised
\$15,000 in this year's event.

help fund Novi Youth Assistance prevention programs such as the Family Education, Youth
Sammer Teen Center, the Camp
Program, the Mentors Plus. vepartment. The police department, winning for the first time since the competition began, took home the coveted No. Vi pin. The PD team consisted of Lt. Keith Wuutinen, Del. Kristie Gruenwald, Officers Lowen, and Diane MacGreece.

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Novi Police mourn death of Starnes, retired captain

Funeral held in Rogers City

By Pam Fleming

Flags were flown at half mass Monday morning following the death of retired Novi Police Captain Robert Starnes Jr. on Sunday in

Starnes, who fixed in Rogers City for about 15 years, was 70. He died

Born May 7, 1935, in Detroit to Robert Starnes Sr. and Grace. Starnes was hired by Lee BeGole as commander of the Novi Police Department's General Services

He was promoted to captain the day before he retired in June 1991 Starnes was awarded the department's Pumle Heart and the firstever Medal of Honor during the department's 50th anniversary celebration en Aug. 2s. 2004.

The Purple Heart is presented to hase injured in the line of duty. The Medal of Honor is awarded for extraordinary herorsm in the face of The awards stemmed from a meident on July 30, 1968, that led to him being abducted by five

teenagers during a traffic stop, who beat him and discharged his gunseveral times by his head. The kidnapping ended in a stand in Lyon fownship, where

'He was a modest man'

Starties was eventually rescued.

Stanes is survived by six childien: Robert III, James, William. Cynthia Griffin and Katherine: 13 granderaldren; and a brother, James He was a modest man," said his on, James, an Oakland County Sheriff's deputy for 26 years.

"Growing up was difficult, because with six kids, we didn't have a for or money." he said, "But, everyone always got a card on their. pirthday, and Christmas was a big thing. Somehow he always managed to get us what we wanted." James Stames said his father taught them how to be responsible. "He was a strong man, He brought us up right, with principles, mught us family values, bonor, as

well as the importance of communi-

Grandson wore his insignia When James' son, Brett, joined

Ft. Knox, the base his grandfather

"My dad gave it to him," James Starnes said.

"He was a mentor and taught a lot of valuable lessons to all of the younger officers as well as seasoned veterans," said Novi Chief of Police David Molloy. "He was a leader and employees."

"He taught us a lot of valuable lessons about how to treat people with the respect they deserve. He taught us the importance of always being kind to individuals and treating people as you would want to be

Molley, who planned attended funeral yesterday in Rogers formed staff would be present at Starnes

funeral and a VFW military tribute would "He gave over two decades of his

Moved to Novi from Detroit

life to this enty." Molloy said.

The Stames moved to Novi from Detroit's far east side and fived on the southwest corner of 12 Mile and Novi roads in the former Sarah Flint

"He was a good administrator," Beliole said. "He was very serious and took his job seriously. I think he'll be remembered as a person who combined excellent police work with great administrative tal-

Lt. Victor Lauria said Starnes was a heutenant and commander of the Uniformed Patrol Division Commander when he was hired in

ally drove me and Det. Paul Keisling around the city to show us what Novi was all about He mentoted me and showed me what it Starnes' son, Robert III, a retired Rogers City postal worker, was special deputy with the U.S. Marshall Service and a military

police officer in the Army.

"He loved the joke, even after he lost his voice," he said, "He'd carry ittle cards with jokes on them that

Robert III said his dad was the Novi Police Department's first youth officer, was instrumental in the department's narrotics unit and

Memorials requested

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions can be given to Heartland Hospics in memory of Robert Starnes Jr.

For more information, call Beck Funeral Home in Rogers City at (989) 734-

was a member of the Novi Lions

He even escorted Dan Quayle as his honor guard when he was i Novi for the laying of a wreath at the police memorial on Memorial Day during George Bush's presidency," Robert III said. He created the Novi Police Officers Association, and was its first president. "He was a very dedicated police

officer who always took care of the people that he worked with and the copie who worked for him " Bill Charles, who retired from the Novi Police Department in 1991. worked with Starnes for about 15

"He was a very good police officer --- very dedicated and a great person to work with," Charles said. 'He was a good family man and a cated to the city."

Dick Faulkner of Novi, retired deputy chief of police, worked with Starnes for about 25 years. "He was a special friend for a lot of years." Faulkner said.

We were on the ground floor of growing community at that time. and we hung in there through thick and thin. Our families were young, and we were struggling. But, we grew with the city. It was a pleasure working with him.

His widow, Pat, said they met when she was someone else's blind date, but he danced one dance with

long time, but then our paths crossed again. We went on a date and said on that date that we'd get married some day," she said. She was only 18 and he 19 when

they fied the knot in 1954. Pat Stames said her husband enjoyed writing and as a boy liked to fish the Detroit River with his dad. 'He even collected jokes from Readers' Digest," she said.

said. "He did his best and did every-

Police seek arson charges against two Novi residents

By Dan Trudea: **GANNETT NEWS SERVICES**

South Lyon Police held a pair of South Lyon High School students on Monday in connection with arson that closed the school and caused extensive damage to the

auditorium last Thursday. After being questioned by police, the students were released to the custody of their parents. South Lyon Police Chief Lloyd Collins said. They will be peti-tioned to Oakland Probate Court, where they could face charges as

One suspect is a 16-year-old a 15-year-old male Novi resident. Both are under indefinite suspen-

sion from school. Collins said. At Monday night's meeting of South Lyon Community Schools' Board of Education, district Superintendent Bill Pearson said the two suspected students came close to offering a full con-

Six seats in the balcony were burned, spreading smoke damage (248) 437-2011 or at throughout the auditorium. A drudeau@gannett.com. Staff writer sprinkler system extinguished the Jim Mitchell and Editor Sam Black fire, causing water damage as

Water also flowed into nearby classrooms and a choir room, but was cleaned up by late Thursday. Meister said clean-up alone for the auditorium will take about 30 days and cost thousands of dollars. About 150 seats are being cleaned or refurbished.

Dan Trudeau is a reporter for the South Lyon Herald. Reach him at

POLICE BRIEFS

Juvenile pleads guilty

A juvenile pleaded guilty Monday morning is Oakland Circuit Court for assaulting a Novi teen Sept. 17, 2005, at Fountain Walk shopping

The juvenile appeared in the Oakland Circuit Court Family Division.
Det. Kevin Gilmore of the Novi Police Department was present as well as the person harged with the crime and the victim.

The incident occurred when three Novi teenagers who were walking at the shopping center responded verbally to a comment yelled from a passing car full of other young people.

Occupants of the car then exited the vehicle and assaulted two of the teenagers, one of whom suffered a broken jaw. The other teenag-

ntencing in the case will be April 25. "The juvenile who committed the assault has been ordered by the court to not visit Fountain Walk at least until he is sentenced," Gilmore

The detective said the suspect was identified by police after extensive interviews with teenagers in neighboring communities.

Victim rebbed outside Bank One

Police are searching for a man who stole \$2,300 from a Bank One patron at 43100 Grand River Avenue in Novi at about 9:15 a.m. Monday. The suspect is described as a black male in his

carry 20s, 5 foot 10 inches tall, with a thin build and full "pouty" lips.

He had no facial hair, spoke clearly and was wearing dark, baggy clothing The victim had driven from

Twelve Oaks Mall to the Bank One branch, located on Grand River Avenue near Novi Road, to make a business deposit.

As the victim began to exit the

the suspect, who was standing by the opened door of the vehicle. The suspect demanded the person's deposit and saked if the patron had any more money. The suspect left in an unknown direction; no vehicle information

Any department with a similar incident or investigative leads is encouraged to contact Det. Jerrod Har. Novi Police Department, at (248) 347-0524.



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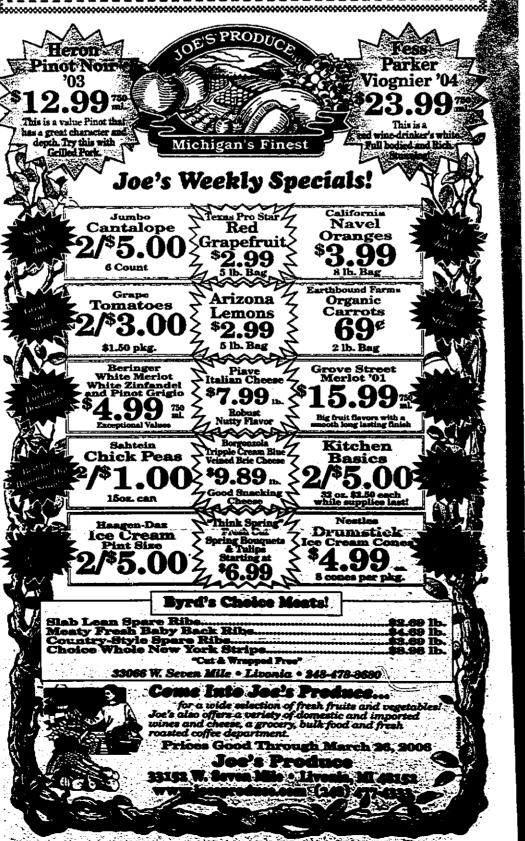
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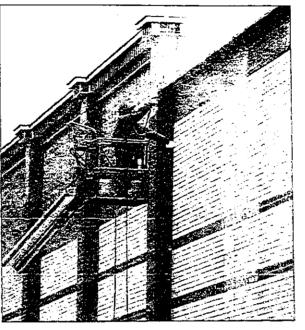


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Soon-to-be Sam's

Above, the new Sam's Club store will be located at the southeast corner of Grand River and Wixom Road. Below, a worker puts the finishing on a brick



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Students want to paint the town

■ Novi High graduate takes to the streets. seeking help

By Pam Fleming

Novi resident Mike Walker and his crew are ready to paint the town -- literally. Walker became a branch manager for Student Painters in

He has already overseen the painting of several homes in the Novi/Northville area.

A business student, Walker graduated from Novi High School in 2004 and attended Western Michigan University in Kalamazoo for one semester. He

October 2004 and was promoted

to regional manager this year.

at Henry Ford Community He plans to finish his undergraduate degree at the University of Michigan Dearborn after receiving an

associate's degree at HFCC. Originally, he was given two branch managers to oversee. But one dropped out two days before training, so he now has only one person under him -Zach Smith of West Bloomfield who attends Michigan State University and covers the West Bloomfield and Walled Lake

Want to paint?

Walker is currently seeking

The pay is \$7.50-\$10 an hour for the painters, based on experience, but no experience is necessary," Walker said. As a regional manager, Walker is

"We have a paint training program in which painters paint the exterior of a home in usually one day. A Sherwin-Williams

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Walker believes his experience as a manager during his college years will give him an edge over other graduates wher

it comes time to start his business career. "A college degree alone just isn't enough now," Walker said. 'As a student painter, you gain real-life experience. I ran

\$50,000 business last summer. This summer, he hopes to kick it up to \$75,000-\$100,000. The company offers free painting estimates plus provides liability and workman's compensation insurance.

He answers the call

Walker said he learned about Student Painters while attend Western University.

"I answered a phone call a the dorm, went on an interview. then returned to Novi enrolled they invited me back for a second interview and hired me. Walker said.

To be a manager, students have to be age 18 or older. "You can't be out of college. however, to be hired into the program," Walker said. It's a year-round business and everyone in the company

recruits and trains their own branch managers.
Walker feels that day he answered the phone in his dorm was his fucky day.
"I love it," he said, "It's the

best thing that every happened to me, I want to start my own company, and this will give me valuable experience that I can't gain just from going to college." Branch and regional managers don't actually do the painting. They obtain leads, hire painters and organize the jobs.

"We do all the marketing and job estimates, too," he said The company doesn't discriminate, and in fact, several women have signed up to be

Call for a free estimate Student Painters carry at \$1 million liability insurance policy

and full workman's compensation.

If you live in the Novi/Northville area and need a free, no obligation estimate on some exterior home painting, call Mike Walker, regional manager, at (248) 974-9278 or at the office at

For more information, visit the Web site: www.studentpainters.biz.

"I want to start my own company, and this will give me valuable experience that I can't gain just from going to

> Mike Walke. Regional manager, Student Painter.

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Wine collector Bob Cummings (second from left) of Northville donated several rare vintages to the March 10 Walsh Gala at Novi's Hotel Baronette. With him are Larry Knurek of Novi (left), Wuko Nagso (right) of Farmington Hills, and Mami Nakamura and Satsu Nakamura, both of

Walsh gala benefits the arts and student scholarships

Fine wine, food, and music complemented fine art as 250 patrons raised \$35,000 toward Watsh College student scholarships and an art endowment at the fourth annual Walsh Gala March 10 at Novi's Hotel Baronette.

Hennessey Capital of Troy was Grand Sponsor of the event, and Star Sponsors were Citizens Bank, Emagine Entertainment, Grant Thornton, La Salle Bank, Plastipak Packaging, SunGard Collegis, and Walsh College Alumni Association.

"The Gala was a tremendous ers, and friends of the college came together to share a unique evening for the arts," Walsh President Keith Pretty said, "Hecause of their efforts, Walsh andents will be able to overcome

long list of business leaders Walsh

has produced over the years."

Patrons tasted rare vintages as
Master Sommelier Madeline Triffon and Sommelier Michelle Dellayes provided expert wit commentary, compliments of the private cellars of Bob Cummings, Van Conway, Dr. Bob Bernstein and Fred and Juelle Fisher. Patrons enjoyed a strolling dinner eatered by Matt Prentice Restaurant Group, viewed the works of sculptor and painter Kegham Tazian and painter Carol Hennessey, and bid on silent auc-

College has 4,430 students enrolled in its upper-division undergraduate and graduate undergraduate and graduate degree business education pro-grams offered in Troy, Novi, and Clinton Township and online.

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Business Briefs

Staying at Twelve Oaks

Lord and Taylor at Twelve taks Mall in Novi is one of few stores remaining open while Federated Department Stores

seeks a buyer for the chain.

Federated Department Stores
which owns Lord and Taylor, said their Fairlane Mall location is an under-performing store. It is one of five across the country that will be shut down this summer. Another store, located in Philadelphia, is being converted to a Macy's.
There has been no word on

what will replace the spaces

Lord and Taylor occupied.

Federated acquired Lord and
Taylor, as well as Marshall Field's, when it merged with May Department Stores Company in 2005, The chain's remaining

include the Twelve Oaks locaion and another at Lakeside Mall in Sterling Heights.

New name

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Healthy vending machines

Dave Wallen, owner of Livonia-based Total Vending has set out to meet escalating demands for healthy options in vending machines, by offering more of them. They allow client to choose their snack and beverage menus, dedicating certain rows in the machines to healthy items, even consulting with pro-fessional dictitians on their offerings.
"Business customers ask for

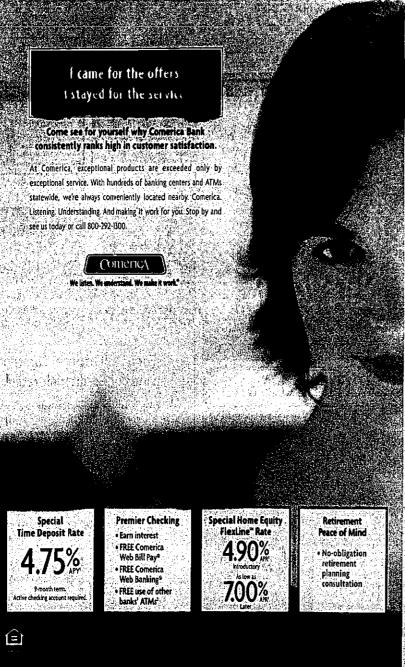
healthier foods for their employ-ees, and companies often require it in order to get the vending daily, we see what's being bought, it's not the yagurt bars." Vending machines, and those

habits is proving to be much harder than changing what's in

Compiled by Tracy Mishler



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EDUCATION

Feds add one more test

New exam in addition to MEAP test

By Ramez Khuri

If teachers and students in the Novi Community School District thought they had a lot on their plates already, they're about to

receive one more surprise.

This spring, the federal government has instructed the state of Michigan to conduct the first annual administration of the Proficiency Assessment.

The exam will be administered to all English language learners in grades kindergarten through 12th. The term English language learn-er has been adopted by the state to

English proficient.

"It's the amount of testing that's really the hard part of this," said Jane Hesse, director of K-12 curriculum and assessment for the Novi Community School District. "Will it help us fearn how to serve students beller? We hope so, but we haven't seen the results yet because it's brand new." Hesse explained that teachers in

the district will have a difficult job ahead. She said English language learner teachers are the best people to administer the test because be a lot easier than having children who don't speak English take a test with someone they don't know,
But in order for the English lancomply with regulations for fund-

these special learners."

ELPA's history

has been talking about administering a new test for now which test to go with Michigan was in a con-

sortium with five other states to see how to make it back and forth to try to find an inexpensive way to cre-ate a good product. 24

guage learner teachers to work with the students to take the test.

"They have to be giving the test. When we count up the num-bers of hours they spend away from the other students in the classroom, it becomes a pretty big number." said Hesse

Hesse said during a regular one-on-one MEAP test, 25 students can take the test together, but when a teacher has to adminbasis, it becomes very labor inten-The state also didn't fund

school districts to do it. Nancy Davis, assistant superin-"burdensome process."
"We are required under state

and federal laws to administer yet another test to our children to

classroom instruction to administer this test, but if we do not, we jeopardize valuable funds that help us meet the needs of

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regular MEAP tests in reading writing mathematics, social studwriting, mathematics, social stud-ies and science, but now must take this new test to determine their English language skills. We are more time away from classroom instruction to administer this test but if we do not, we jeopardize valuable funds that help us meet the needs of these special learn

ing, which in this case, is under Title III," said Davis. "These stu-dents, who are English language learners, not only must take the

MEAP and ELPA differences

There are many differences between the MEAP and the ELPA test. The MEAP is administered by grade level, whereas the ELPA administered by grade level "stands" – kindergarten through second grade, third through fifth, sixth through eighth and ninth through 12th.

The MEAP test is designed to

see where students' proficiencies are with regular reading at their grade level, which is very different than trying to measure a student's learning at their level of proficiency in reading, writing, listening and speaking, "The kids already took the

MEAP test, and now the ELL kids have to take another test the feder-al government is saying we have to give them," he said, "It's disap-

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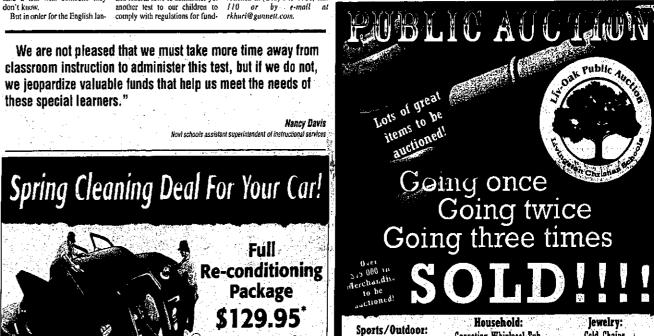
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Novi Middle School student Kylle Bielenda, left, is honored by the National



Mission Possible

Multiple Scierosis Society and Shannon Westfall during a special assembly March 7. Blelenda was noted for her generous fund-raising capabilities in the state of Michigan. Bielenda won an award for the artwork she is holding, which was chosen to be used for the 2006 Mission Possible award.



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Career Day teaches middle school students about real life

■ Making good money choices one of many lessons learned

By Ramez Khurl

Eighth graders Alli Howard, Christine Mech and Chris Slack now know exactly what their parents go through on a daily basis. The Novi Middle School stu-

Annual Career Day last week and came out with a better understanding of how to spend, or not to spend, their money. "Life is expensive," said Howard, "You really have to pay

attention to how much money you're spending. Now I'll know in the future not to spend all my money in one place. Cathy Schramm, of the Novi

Middle School's Parent Teacher Organization, said the eighth graders participated in something called the reality store, and each

speakers who represented different careers.

The reality store is a company that runs through a game with students. Students choose a career, they learn how much money they're going to make in a month, and they have 12 choices to realize how much it costs to feed and clothe and for child care."

This is the third year, the

to make regarding how they're going to spend that money. "I think the students are realizing how much everything costs," occause the brand new convertible costs \$200 more a month than a used convertible. They're realizing how the different elseis

es affect them." Each guest speaker in the sev-enth grade had a student guide who introduced them and told their biography. Students saw

four 25-minute presentations.

"Life is a lot harder than I thought it would be," said Mech.
"You would think \$2,000 is a lot,

The life lessons learned also included how much children cost. Schramm told a story about 110 or by e-mail at rkhari@gan-

speakers who represented differ- were going to say their child ran

This is the third year the Career Day went to the reality store/speaker format. Before that, students only heard speak said Schramm, "fivery child wants to come in and buy a brand new convertible, Well, four sta-dents because of how hands-on

money left after I went through Career Day, In fact, I had to take

out a loan."
Slack feels Career Day bene fits himself and his fellow students by better preparing them for what life will be like in the

Ramez Khuri is a staff writer

SCHOOL BRIEFS

St. Paul's auction

St. Paul's Lutheran School, in lowntown Northville, will be holding its annual school auction at 6 p.m. Saturday at Laurel Manor in Livonia, Proceeds from the auction will be used to cover school operating expenses. For more information contact the school office at (248) 349-3146.

Automation Alley to support RARE foundation

Automation Alley, which drives the growth and image of southeast Michigan's technology economy, encourages students to participate in this year's "Everyday Hero" student essay competition presented by the RARE foundation in partnershi with Automation Alley, Detroit Newspapers in Education and Your Child, Students in grades six through 12 have the opportunity to win savings bonds and other valuable awards by nominating their "Everyday Hero" in

a three-page essay.

Awards include \$300-\$200-\$100 savings bonds for the top stoo savings counts for the up essays in each grade level, plus the top essay in each of six cate-gories, Arts and Communication, Business and Management, Human Resources, Research and Technology, Health Services and Natural Resources will be con-sidered by RARE for its Everyday Hero Award that ncludes a \$1,000 honorarius

On Campus

Novi resident Kenneth

Brownell was among the gradu-ates of Eastern Michigan University during August 2005 s the granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Tomakowski of Novi and the daughter of the late Nancy Tomakowski

Novi resident Arlie Jirasek is on the executive board of the Northwood University 2006 Style Show. She is a sophomore pursuing a degree in entertain ment, sport and promotion mar

agentent. Adam Noble, of Novi, is a member of Western Michigan University's Integrated Supply

Elizabeth Clark, Alpha Xi Delta; Kelly Royston, Kappa Alpha Theta; Megan Lilly and Kelly Behr, Phi Mu and

Novi resident Armon Inlungo, Jr. will be listed in the 2006 edition of Who's Who

Delgreco was among the December 2005 graduates during commencement exercises at Kettering University. Novi resident Jennifer

ream that took ton honors in the

in February. Several Novi residents pledged Albion College fratemi-ties and sororities spring 2006 semester. They are Bryan Hornacek, Sigma Nu; Kelsey Collins, Alpha Chi Omega;

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Jennifer Rowe, 2005 Novi

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ing the Honors Convocation at Hill Auditorium, University of

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who maintain a 4.0 grade point average while completing at least 14 credit hours. In addition,

Rowe is on the Dean's list for

Rowe is a current University of Michigan Dearborn student,

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"Questions of Faith." The video is approximately 30 minutes long, and will be followed by discussion, ch class will meet Wednesdays a

7:30 p.m.
Meadowbrook is located at Novi. The church can be reached at 248-348-7757 or at www.mbccc.org.

Normal Sunday worship service at 10 a.m. For further information, ask for the Rev. Dr. E. Neil Hunt,

• The Episcopal Church of the Holy Cross offers a worship service every Wednesday from 12:10-12:50 p.m. Come and share your lunch hour with God at a worship service that includes scripture and Holy Communion. The church invites all to worship Sundays at 7:45 and 10 a.m. Nursery care is available at 10 a.m. worship s

 a registered pediatric nurse.)
 Adult Bible Study is Sundays at 9 a.m. Worshin Center for childre

Worship Service of Compline worstip Service of Compine is held at 8:30 p.m. Rite 13 (ages 11-14) and 12A (ages 14 and up) groups meet at 5 p.m. for their pro-gram and dinner. Youth Worship Service is held at 7 p.m. the second

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school and nursery care is available at both services.
Dr. Henderson will be teaching an Amos and Hosea class on Tuesdays at 10 a.m. and Wednesdays at 7 p.m.. Cost for the book and class is \$19. Everyone is

school is offered at 9 a.m. Sund

Women's Bible Study, led by and Thursday of each month, at 10 u.m. and 7 p.m. The church is located at 44400

W. 10 Mile Road in Novi. Call (248) 349-2345, or visit www.faith

• The Holy Family Church is located at 24505 Meadowbrook Road; between Grand River and 10 Mile Road. Call (248) 349-8847 o

· Oak Pointe Church service times will be at 9:30 and 11:15 a.m. every Sunday. Visit www.cak-pointe.urg or call (248) 912-0043. The church meets at Novi High

• St. James Catholic Church is located at 46325 10 Mile Road. Novi. Call (248) 347-7778.

Church of Northville will be service of hope is open to the Northville/Novi community and persons of all faiths who desire

• St. John Lutheran Church will hold Holy Week services: 7:30 p.m. Maundy Thursday, April 13: 7:30 p.m. Good Friday, April 14, Service of Shadows. April 16 Easter Sunday services are: 8:30 a.m. Early Service: 9:50 a.m. Praise Service; 11 a.m. Late

· First United Methodist

to ask God for healing in their life, or that of someone they hold A one day women's retreat will be held 10 a.m.-4 p.m.

Church worship hour sched-

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ervice. The church is located at 23225

hosting a community-wide heal-ing service, called Prayers for Healing of Body, Mind, Relationship and Spirit on the first Monday of each month. This

includes continental breakfast

nursery available. through Thursday from 9 a.m.-2 p.m. or www.crosspointemead-

> Life" by Rick Warren during homes locally. Those who already bought the book and are looking

Saturday. Registration begins at 9:30 that morning. The \$20 fee

ules are as follows: 8, 9:15 and 11 a.m. on Sundays. The church is located at 777 W. Eight Mile Road (at Taft Road) Northville more information, call (248) 349-1144, or visit www.fumc-

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Prayer each Friday begins at 9:30 a.m. followed by adult bible study at 10 a.m. Call (248) 474-0584 or visit

school starts at 9:45 n.m. Nursery

· Crosspointe Meadows Church meets Sundays at Meadowbrook Elementary School. Services are at 9 and 10:30 a.m. Fresh brewed hot coffee is available from 10-10:30 a.m. The church also has chil-

dren's programs for all ages and a The church is located at 29200 Meadowbrook Road, just south of 13 Mile Road. For more information, call (248) 427-2700 Monday

 St. Paul Lutherun Church in Northville will be studying the best selling book "Purpose Driven campaign. St. Paul is hoping to

FRIDAY

musical gifts and discuss the Five Languages of Love by Gary Chapman. The five stages of love

Wednesday evenings at 7 p.m. For more information, call (248) 349-

. The Baha'i Falth will host a

peace at 11 a.m. on the last Saturday of each month at the

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but one country and mankind its citizens"-The Baha'i Faith. For

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lowed by the speaker at 8 p.m. Single Place is also offering a Divorce Recovery Workshop Thursdays through May 11. There will be no workshop on April 13. Workshop topics, includ-Networking, Stages of Grief, Aspects of Divorce, Church &

Divorce, Helping Children Through Divorce, Relationships Discussion with people who hav gone through the recovery process.

The workshop meets in the Emeritus Room of First Presbyterian Church from 7:30-9:30 Thursday evenings. Child care is available through grade six. Please register for childcare

least two weeks before the Divorce Recovery Workshop hegins.
The cost of the workshop is \$35 and includes the book "Growing Through Divorce." For more information, or to register, call the First Presbyteria Church at (248) 349-0911, or visi

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Age 64, March 14, 2006. Beloved wife of the late Warren. Dear mother of Paula (Tobin) Harris, Karl (Toni of Paula (Tobin) Harris, Karl (John)
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Webelos Scouts from Cub Scout Pack 54 cross the bridge as they become Boy Scouts at a ceremony held at Novi Woods Elementary School last Thursday. The fifth graders, now students at Novi Meadows, all attended Novi Woods, and some had been Cub Scouts since first grade. They each hold a commemorative arrow symbolizing earning the Arrow of Light, the highest award in Cub Scouting, which they received earlier this month. Shown left to right are Parker Maynard Alex Lee, Joey Leone, James Alien, Blako Reynolds and Jordan Horan. Not pictured is Krishnan Maniyannan. The new Boy Scouts will continue their Scouting adventure as members of Novi's Troops 407 and 54.

Carpal Tunnel

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Maryanne Cornelius, City Clerk
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WEDDING



Mr. and Mrs. David

Leigh Kristine Hornung and David Joseph Tardella were married June 18, 2005 at Flushing Country Club, Flushing, Mich. in an outdoor ceremony. Darryl Harvey offi-ciated the ceremony. A recep-tion was held also at the

Flushing Country Club,
The groom is the sun of
Julic and Dan Tardella of
Novi. He is a 2004 graduate
of Michigan State University and is a fourth grade Teacher

and is a fourth grade Teacher in Forsyth County, Ga. The bride is the daughter of Debbie and Chuck Hornung of Flushing. She is a 2004 graduate of Grand Valley State University and is a second grade Teacher in Forsyth County, Ga. Jenni Lampson was the maid of honor. Bridesmaids were Lindsay Anan, Kelly Lynch and Christina McGuire.

The best man was Brian Trost. Serving as groomsmen were Brooks Youngblood, Joel Hornung and Andy

Hornung and Andy The couple honeymooned in Mexico and will make their

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years. He received the Walter P. Reuther Award the received the P.

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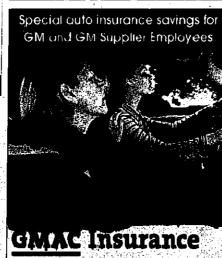
Quicken Leans has promoted Joseph Keller of Novi to directors of Mortgage Banking. Keller is a Lansing native, and graduated from Eastern High School. He received his bachelor's degree in information technology from Davenport technology from Davenport University in Lansing and has been with the company since June 2004. As director of Mortgage Banking, Keller will lead teams of 10 to 15



David and Tammi Deutsch of David M. Deutsch, Master of Photography, Commerce Township will be presenting their program, 'Getting Back to Basics," at the Montana Professional Photographers Association's annual convention. Mr. Deutsch will also be judging entries in the states print connection.

The Novi Community School District is disposing of four (4) used school buses and one (1) box truck. Individuals interested in purchasing these buses shall submit bids by 2:00 p.m. Thursdey, April 7, 2006, instructions to hidders may be obtained during normal business hours by contacting James M. Koster, Novi Community School District, 25345 Tati Radd, Novi, Michigan.

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Novi resident honored by Mott Comm. College

Flint school's longest running president served from 1970-80

By Ramez Khuri STAFFWRITER

Dr. Charles Pappas, a resident of Fox Run in Novi, was honored by Mott Community College recently when the school's Presidential Conference Center vas named in his honor.

"They contacted me over a year ago and talked about the possibilago and tanked about the possibil-ity of honoring me," said Pappas, the school's longest standing president. "We were up there and I had a nice plaque from the gov-ernor and two Congressmen were

there."
Pappas said he wasn't surprised
by receiving an honor because of
his prior knowledge of it, but he
didn't know what kind of honor it

didn't know was kind of nonor it was going to be.

"My wife and I had no idea they were going to name a building after me," he said. "We were very happy about it."

In addition to serving as Mott's president from 1970-80, Pappas was on the Mott Community.

was on the Mott Comp College School Board for six years after retiring.

In addition, Pappas has won several different awards over the

Workers. He was also was one of the first in the country to start a-weekend college.
"That allowed adults to go to college at non-traditional times."

college at non-transform times, said Pappas, "I also became the first president of community col-lege to add programs for the deaf." Pappas worked with the Michigan School for the Deaf

Photo by JOHN HEIDER/Nov honored by having a building at Mott Community College named after him.

gold eard which allowed people over 60 to go to school at no cost, a practice that is now done in most community colleges.

Most was also one of the first

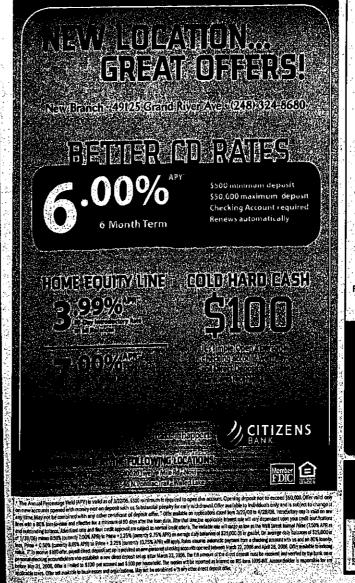
munity colleges into a force in higher education. Pappas has been happily mat-ried to his wife, Sydell, for the lastcolleges to start the open-door policy, which meant it allowed anyone to go to school whether they had a high school diploma or 61 years. They have three sons, Norman, Edward and Richard,

which was offering kindergaten initiated are now standard at most buring, his tenure at Most, the community colleges. It was his school was the first to provide: a initiated are now standard at most buring, his tenure at Most, the community colleges. It was his school was the first to provide: a innovation, drive, belief in access

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"My wife and I had no idea they were going to name a building after me. We were very happy about it."

Dr. Charles Pappas



SENIOR CENTER CALENDAR

Friday 3/24	2-2:30 p.m Mass
845 a.m. Panera Bread	Wednesday 3/29
9 a.mStretch and Strength 10 a.mBody Recall	9 a.m
100fl Lunch	10 a.mBiody Ro
12:30 p.m	11 a.m
2-2:30 p.m	noon
Monday 3/27	2-2:30 p.m
9 a.m. Stretch and Strength 10 a.m. Body Recall	Thursday 3/30
noonLunch	9 a.m Line Dan
12:30 p.m	9 a.m Medicare Part D Assistance by appointm
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WHERE WE STAND

School sports schedules: MHSAA should know when to quit

A governing body dedicated to high school sports like the Michigan High School Athletic Association should take a note from its own playbook and accept defeat

Michigan is the last state in the country to have schedules with sports like volleyball that aren't aligned with their collegiate counterparts. Yet, the MHSAA continues their battles in the court system to keep the current, and archaic, schedules in use.

Though the MHSAA claims it is doing what surveys of its member schools suggests it should do, the outcome appears to be very clear: This is a fight that is going to be futile in the end.

School districts like Novi are prepared for the change in seasons. Rulings in the court system have already indicated the current seasons have a short life expectancy, and Novi, along with most schools in Michigan, have prepared themselves.

Will there be glitches and stumbling points? Of course. No transition is without them. Concerns about the number of officials, the availability of facilities and the end to some coaches who helm multiple sports are legitimate concerns. But 49 other states have figured. out the formula and are no worse for it. Why can't

Correction:

The toll-free number for American Diabetic Supplies was listed incorrectly in last week's story "Free home delivery for diabetics," The correct number is (800) 477-6785. The business' local number is

"That's a great name for a band!"

I say that just about every time I hear a funky phrase that would make

for a unique band name.

How about Art of Accidents, Frozen Fire, Mosaic or The Establishment? Well, those really are bands, and you can hear and see all of them on the Novi Civic Center's slage from 8-11 p.m. Saturday, Cost for the "Out of the Basement" concert series, hosted by the Novi Parks. Recreation and Forestry Department, is just \$5, and it's a great opportunity for local young adult bands to crank away for friends, family and peers. "The Peers. That's a great name!" Uh, no. No it's not.

Speaking of young musicians, how would you like to be an eighth grade trombonist getting ready to play in Gennary, Denmark, Austria and France? That's

he enviable position John Denton will find himself

Stuff



in come June as part of the Blue Lake International Jazz Band, John, son of Rosemarie and Robert Denton, will begin intense rehearsals on June 9, his last day of school at Mercy High School in Farmington Hills. The band will fly out of Chicago June 16 and will return July 7, Sounds like John might have to supplement his caddy gig with some fund-raising to help foot the bill. He's not the only talented one in the family, either. His sister Mary Grace Denton is a sophomore at Mercy and was one of three female leads in the school's production of The King and I, and sang "Something Wonderful" in her role as Lady Thiang, first wife of the king. These Denton kids have some royal talent.

Any readers who have started a new business know the stress that comes when you make the final leap from working for a paycheck to working for yourself. The Walsh College Business Leadership Insti ning an affinity group that will allow members to lighten the load of the gigantic risk by learning from the experiences of others and talking through strategies and best practices. Interested? The "Emerging Entrepreneurs" will be meeting at the Novi campus from 7:30-9 a.m., although the first meeting day base! been determined yet. Call Jan Huthbard at (248) 823-1392. And stop worrying! Everything will be

night, the fourth annual kick-off celebration for the Lakes area's Relay for Life, called "Stamp Out Cancer," was held at the Walfed Lake Community Education Center. The big event is a 24-hour deal beginning at 10 a.m. or June 10 at Walfed Lake Middle School. It's a "celebration of life and concernmental". tion of life and cancer survivorship." - two things which I enjoy immens ly. Walk it or run it, but be a part of it. Call Pat Wlodarczyk (248) 624-

If you read the MPVA One Step column last week, you saw the photoof it's author, Scott Severn. He's the sports director for one of my favori-organizations, the Michigan Paralyzed Veleraus of America, which is located right here in Novi, While in the Michigan National Guard, on patrol at Camp Grayling, he was hit by lightning. That's how quick life can change, folks. Meet Scott at the MPVA's open house from 10 a.m.-3 p.m. on Thursday, April 13. Swing by 40550 Grand River Avenue and visit. And kudos to Telcom Credit Union, sponsors, for offering free membership to all MPVA members and associate members. Sweet,

Martin Van Valkenburg learned the hard way that his boss, U.S. Rep. Thad McCotter, has a zero tolerance policy on refusing third-party paid travel. The chief of staff for the Livonia politician had to reimburse \$543 to the Congressional Institute for attending a House

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LETTERS

Facetiously ours

After weeks of reading reams of newsprint tegarding the controversial "Deerfieldgate," a conclusion surfaced.

I am convinced that there is a logical and fairly equitable procedure for establishing new schools in Novi. In order to add one new school, the school board would demolish all existing "old" schools and replace them with "new" schools plus one. By lot-tery, the board would redistribute the teachers and principals, and they would rotate

monthly.

To insure equality each PTA would also cotate among the other schools so their contudents of Novi.

The students, of course, would also, in organized fashion, be compelled to spend a percentage of time in each of the competing (???) schools. This would most likely entail much bus riding but the sacrifice could be

Shall I go on?
P.S. Children are expected to be imma-

Patrick Downey

What's a libertarian?

People occasionally ask me how I can be a libertarian if I profess to be a Christian. First of all, note that I spell libertarian with a small, not capital, case letter. The title liber-larian believes in the principles of Life, Liberty, and Property espoused by the those who framed the US Constitution. These rights are Christian concepts, not those of big despotic governments, ones included. Benjamin Franklin summarized the driving force behind the drafting of the Constitu in these words: "God governs in the affairs of men." The order of priority at Creation was God, man, family and government, not the other way around. Here are just a few of the violations of the Constitutional principals of life, liberty, and property practiced by the U.S. governments today. In many ways cur-rent U.S. government is no different from

non-Democratic" governments.

Life: Abortion is not sanctioned by the true libertarian. The rights of an infant are ust as important as those of the mother. When a woman makes the decision to particprocreate, she has obligated herself to nurture the product of that decision. Freedom i

Liberty: If practices perceived to be vices, such as drinking alcohol, gambling, prostitu-tion and theft are considered areas off-limits to the citizen, then the government has no moral right to reserve these areas for its own purposes just so it can profit exclusively from them. This is a major reason why there is so much corruption in our government today. Otherwise, why would a government deprive a poor man of his property and give

it to a wealthy land developer?

Property: One could justifiably argue that government has no right to eminent domain. But its abuse today is clearly a blatant violation of the sacred right to own and control

Now you know.

Richard Reising

Had to include Deerfield

neighbors arguing like, well, children on a playground over the issues of Deerfield and redistricting. I hope you all have a chance to see yourselves on tape and read how you came across in the newspapers.

Parents on both sides failed to consider the

feelings of parents and kids on the other side. Those in favor of full redistricting didn't empathize with Deerfield parents' concern over the trauma of changing schools.

worse. Parent after parent publicly stated that Deerfield isn't better, it is just different. Really? So why did some of these same parents later tell the Detroit Free Press that they might send their kids to private schools, with one labeling Orchard Hills as "inferior?"

They talked about choice, but the existence of Deerfield as a magnet school en ed two educational classes in Novi. The Deerfield contingent did what most advan-taged groups do: They try to close the gate behind them. You see, once a child gets into Deerfield, siblings automatically qualify. This is hardly "choice" as future groups have to compete for the spots not taken up by sib-lings who didn't have to enter the lottery.

that struck me most was that the Destfield pagents seemed tone deaf to the resentment over the advantages enjoyed by their children. Why is it that every child at Deerfield gets full-day kindergarten, which the other four schools didn't even offer until



PHOTO OF THE WEEK

Quality time Hand-In-hand, Bonnie Dunnevack and her daughter Ashley, 6, take advantage of a recent open skate time at Novi ice Arena. Open Skates take place Mon.-Fri. from noon to 1:50 p.m.

dren in their school would get full-day kindergarten. I am thankful that the school board added another full-day kindergarten to each school for 2006-07.

Despite protests from Deerfield parents, Deerfield could not be exempt from a district-wide rebulancing of resources to pro-vide equity to all Novi public school chil-

Scott Harsburgh

Thanks from NYA

Novi Youth Assistance wants to thank the

ving sponsors for making the 24th I Bowl-a-thon a success. St. John Health/ Providence Brighton Hospitals, Dr. Andress, Elfring and Miller, Carrier, Blackman & Associates, P.C. Chawney Reality, LLC, Charch of the Holy Family, Dermatology Associates of Macomb-Oakland P.C., Dick's Doin's, Efficient Energy Enterprises, Flowers of Novi, Mitchell & Sheila Holly, Larson Jewelry Design, Inc., Law Firm of Cooper, Shifman, Gabe, Quinn & Seymour, Marty Feldman Chevrolet, Michigan CAT, Novi Auto Parts, Novi Rotary Club, O'Brien Family O'Brien / Sullivan Funeral Home, Orchard Hills Elementary, Parksid e Cafe of Providence Park Hospital, Provident Family Dentistry, Quality Driver Testing, Inc., Sheryl's School of Dance, Sign-A-Rama, Speaker of the House - Craig DeRoche, Spillane & Reynolds Orthodonties, Subway Novi Road, Sylvan Learning Center, Toyota Boshoku America, Twelve Oaks Mail, Ah Wok, Bamboo Club, Chy of Novi, Courtyard Marriott, Diamond Jim Brady's of Novi, Dominos Pizza, EDY's Ice Cream, Flowers of Novi, Hagopian World of Rugs, Homedics Body Basics, Joan Morris, Max Printing & Copy Center, No. VI Salon, Novi Bowl & Recreation, Novi Police Department, Novi Fire Department, Novi Police Department, Novi Fire Department, Novi Parks, Recreation and restry, Novi Reconstructive Dentistry and Protestry, NOVI Reconstructive Dentistry and Dr. Mark Waranowicz, Pretty and Sweet, Salon Agnpe, Senator Nancy Cassis, Sports, Club of Novi, Steve and Rockys, Totally Tan, WNIC Radio, Wyndham Garden Hotel, The Little Flower Shop and LaSalle Bank. A special thealth of the Cassis Series and Lasalle Bank.

for all the hard work and dedication they put in to Novi Youth Assistance. I hope to see you all next year on March 10, 2007 at the John P. O'Brien

Think tank needs to rethink

cial thank you to the Novi Seniors, all the

bowiers, NYA volunteers, and Kim Ziegler

sented and made available to the public by
"The Center for Michigan" think tank, but
after reading much of the material, I am disappointed and concerned about. The Center's

Despite words of sympathy for the people of Michigan, regarding the loss of jobs and lower family income, and a goal of working towards a "sensible center," there seems to be an overwhelming "tax and spend" theme

throughout the discussions.

It also appears that some of the information is "framed" in a certain way to try to convince taxpayers that Michigan taxes are not really high — if you are considering both state and local taxes combined. Nevertheless, when considering state taxes alone, the pre-senter notes that Michigan state taxes are well above the national average, and among the highest of the seven-state comparison That is reality, not a misperception

group. I not is reality, not a misperception.
I was impressed with another paper regarding Michigan's budget crisis; until 12 reached the conclusion, stating "It may be that the most significant problem on the spending side of the problem — health care — will only be solved by national intervention."

Perhaps The Center's good intentions should be focused on reducing State-funded health care costs, so that the State could make more effective use of our present

appoints a "Commission" of experts to make ax policy recommendations that would be binding, this would take the pressure off of

Further burdening the taxpayers/consunters in Michigan, particularly when com-bined with other factors that are contributing to a lower standard of living, could drive even more residents and businesses out of

In our great nation of taxation with repre sentation, and accountability in the voting-booth, I believe that The Center should think

Laura J. Lorenzo

Get engineering in

I am writing because of the obvious mishandling of engineering that has been going on at Novi City Hall. The musical chairs approach to engineering is obviously not working very well. The Novi Building Official Don Saven recently pleaded with City Council to step the silly rotation of conmenth and every project brings a new company to try and design something.

Mr. Stopinski wrote lust week about the

lousy job the engineers did on So Drive. You ought to take a look at the louss resurfacing job on Beck Road, just south of Nine Mile Road. Also take a look at the paving on Nine Mile Road, just west of Meadowbrook Road. The pavement is already unraveling. They just paved it last fall. Oh well send our road crews out with DPW has to fix what we just paid for, And we do not pick low bid ene them over. Makes no sense to me. Wake up

William A. Redditt

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The start of something big?

We are in a pickle. The state of Alichigan is in the midst of serious structural economic trouble, probably its worst crisis in our politicisms have covered the deficit by canlifetime. Since 2001, the state hus last onemarter of its automotive work force and is in its sixth consecutive year of jub loss, a peri-od of decline unequaled in the 50 years for which we have data."

— George Fulton University of Michigan economics professor

That dash of cold water from a nationally recognized authority was just one of many bracing moments at last week's "Where Do We Go From Here?" economic policy agenda-setting conference in Ann Arbor, Two hundred and fifty policy experts and the braches and the control of th

civic leaders gave up their entire day to take turns listening to detailed policy papers and turns listening to octained purps to discuss then huddling in small groups to discuss Michigan's situation —

which vitally concerns

The objective of the conference, co-sponsored by The Center for Michigan and the U-M's Center for Local, State and Urban Policy, was to see if a cross section of Michigan's leaders could

reach broad agreemen

on an economic policy agenda that could work — and make a major impact.

And remarkably, though it was a highly diverse group, broad agreement was reached on a number of topics. They

· The vast majority of the public woefully lacks understanding about the true nature of our state's present financial circumstances. For example: Michigan has a reputation

ror example: when gain has a reputation as a high tax state, but we actually rank below average. We were 29th in the nation in state and local taxes as a percentage of personal income for 2002, the last year for which date are examined. The 'dependent of the personal income for 2002, the last year for third date are examined. hich data are available. That's down considerably from 1972, when only a dozen guess is that we may be even lower today.
 Michigan's government is also, believe

Isn't the whole point of going on vacation to

get away?

You know it's time to head off to someplace

you can't get to in just a few hours of driving
when you start to ren into people who know

you basically everywhere you go. Dinner, the movies, shopping, walking, camping and even the Upper Peninsula — nearly every place I've

gone on vacation since I've started working for the Novi News has resulted

happening this time. So, two weeks ago my family and I took a week trip to sunny Florida. The weather

friendly and the entire time was very relaxing.
For the last night in the Kissimmee area out-side of Orlando, I decided to take my family to "Arabian Nights," a dinner show featuring

equestrian tricks and stunts. My daughter, Shaylyn, absolutely loved it. In fact, a week later, she's still talking about the show and a

met some of the actors and pet some of the

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the horses. It was probably her favorite part of the entire trip (sorry, Mickey!). After the show, Shaylyn and I went down and

in me talking with some from Northville or Novi who recognized me and

So, my wife, Christie, said she didn't want that

was nice, the people were

nibalizing rainy day funds and selling of assets. But withou and spending reform, this deficit can only get worse, according to Tom Clay, the high-ly respected budget expert of the non-parti-san Citizens Research Council.

And our leaders' actual spending patterns seem bizarrely out of whack. For example, conferces were astonished to discover that Michigan spends \$1.8 billion on our prison system in 2006 — with substantially higher ncarceration rate and operating costs than our neighboring states.
This expenditure just about equals the

total amount we spend on all our colleges and universities. We spend more to keep a prisoner behind bars each year than it would cost to send them to Harvard Law

Participants wondered if very expensively warehousing felons was more important to us than educating our young people. The conference agreed far-reaching tax

reform is necessary, beginning with the Single Business Tax (SBT). Most felt the SBT has become politically so unpopular that, as a practical matter, any serious dis-cussion of tax reform must take on the SBT, either by substantial revision or outright

However, an equally strong consensus was that any revenue loss from SBT reform or repeal must be replaced. Not doing so would be "financially irresponsible to an extreme degree," according to Michigan versity Professor Charles Ballard. A review of state-by-state economic data revealed that no evidence could be found that further tax cuts, in and of themselves, could contribute in any serious way to eco

omic growth.

The leading candidate to plug the \$1.9 billion hole left if the SBT was repealed is extending the sales tax, now levied on goods, to services while reducing the rate rom the current 6 percent. Another possibility, politically less popular, would be to make the state income tax more progres-

Novi's Florida connection

we began to shuffle put of the exit, 1 1 1 1 There we were forced to pause thanks to the quarter-size bladder of my mother-in-law.

semary, and that's when it happened: Novi

A quick motion drew my attention and it took a few moments before my eyes and my brain made the connection that the person I was

For those Wildcats fans who don't remember, Gorman was a standout football and baseball player for Novi High School who graduated in

2002. One of the most memorable spons moments since I started covering games in the area was a football game Gorman played quarture.

area was a toolong jame Contain played upde-terback in. It was against Carton and it was so cold your hands actually went numb in just a few seconds after being out from your pocket or from under your ceat. With basically no time left on the clock and Novi in position to possi-

left on the clock and Novi in position to possi-bly score and win the game, the call came in for Gorman to take the hall around the left end. He did. But then the worst thing that could of happened did hoppen. A Canton defender came up fast, putting his helmet into Gorman's ball-carrying hand. The pigskin spit loose, more from the cold than from the impact, and hit the

forf where another Canton player dove on it.

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man was upset after the game, but like a

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looking at was someone I knew.

omy and actual spending patterns in labor force skills and education. Participants agreed that it is vital for Michiganders to e to terms with the fact that the state is deep into a fundamental transition from a relatively low-skilled manufacturing base to

To that end, conferees agreed that Michigan needed to make su investments in education and knowledge infrastructure.

intrastructure. Education, ranging from very early child-hood through high school and on through community college and four-year and grad-uate universities, was regarded as suffering from years of underinvestment by the state. Lately, the lack of investment has turned into something even worse — actual budge

cuts, which threaten to cripple our future.

Many participants expressed frustration that many basic issues lying at the heart of Michigan's economic crisis have not been addressed by our state's leaders. They believed many Michigan citizens were yearning for a way to express their concern and get something practical done without political posturing or ideological diatribe.

As a co-sponsor of the conference, I ended the day by saying that "a successful conference is just the first step in a journey of structural reform that could last many miles," while pledging that our new think-and-do tank, The Center for Michigan, was the long haul.

Whether the conference turns out to be a whether the contentate turns out to be one-day flash in the pan or the star of something really big will depend on the willingness of people to step forward. As the famous comment goes, all that is neces-sary for the triumph of evil is for good men d women to do nothing.

Phil Power, the former chairman of nications Network, is a long-time observer of Michigan politics, public policy and economics. He is the founder of The Center for Michiga co-sponsored the conference in Ann Arbor. For more information on The Center, go to

smiled as I shook his hand,
"You've got a big carrer ahead of you." I told
him. "This may feel like the end of the world
now, but you're going to have a lot of football
ahead of you and a lot of memories left to be

Gorman went on to play football at Central Michigan University, I've seen him a few times since then and it's always been a nice

But the last place I thought I'd run into him

"I bet you're trying to get away from Novi," he said, smiling. His dad, Bill, and his brother, Andrew, were with him.
Yeah, I definitely was trying to get away from Novi. And Northville. And Michigan.

After we said our "see you later," shook

hands and parted ways, my wife, Christie, looked at me and sighed. I knew exactly what:

she was thinking even before she said it.
"It's official. We can't go mywhere without

Yeah, that's true — but it's not always a bad

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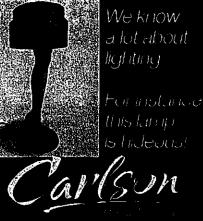
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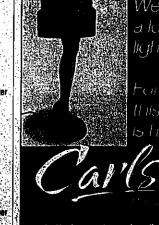
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<u>EVENTS</u>

Second City Comedy Club

TIME/DATE: 8 p.m. Wednesday, Thursday, Sunday: 8 and 10 p.m. Friday; 7 and 9 p.m.

LOCATION: 42795 Grand River

DETAILS: "Bobble Heads of State" is the theme for this month's shows. Tickets are \$15 on Wednesday, Thursday and Sunday and \$20 on Friday and Saturday. CONTACT: Visit www.ticketmaster com or call (248) 645-6666

Borders Bookstore and Music

LOCATION: 43075 Crescent Boulevard CONTACT: (248) 347-0780

Book-Signing DATE: Friday TIME: 7 p.m. DETAILS: Author Timothy Zahn will be signing his book, "Star Wass: Outbound Flight." Book-Signing DATE: Tuesday, April 18

TIME: 7 pan. DETAILS: Author Cal Ripken r, will be signing his book, Parenting Young Athletes the Rinken Way: Ensuring the Best xperience for Your Kids in Any

Motor City Brass Band

DATE: Friday LOCATION: Sheraton Detroit Hotel Novi, 21111 Haggerty Road DETAILS: Motor City Brass Band, directed by Craig Strain, will be featured as part of the American Music Therapy Association conpublic. Herb Cocking and Ray Murphy, both of Novi, are mem CONTACT: (248) 788-6618 or

Skating Club of Novi Ice

TIME/DATE: 7 p.m. Friday April 7; 1 and 6 p.m. Saturday April 8
LOCATION: Novi Ice Arena,

42400 Arena Drive DETAILS: Tickets for the 8th muaf Ice Show go on sale Marci Admission is \$7 per person; children under 4 are free. CONTACT: Skating Director Micki Freier, (248) 347-1010

Wizard of Oz Dance Performance

DATE: Saturday, April 8 LOCATION: Northville Birth School Auditorium, 45700 Six Mile Road, Northville DETAILS: Center Stage Dance per person, CONTACT: (248) 380-1666 or

email esde5678@sbeglobal.net DATE: Saturday and Sunday

Certificates of Deposit

May 6, 13, 14, 20 and 21 TIME: 9 a.m.-noon LOCATION: Oakland Schools Technical Campus "Southwest," 1000 Beck Read, Wixorn DETAILS: This sale includes annuals and perennials and is sponsored by the Agriscience Greenhouse/Landscape Class. CONTACT; (248) 668-5673

Novi Hold 'Em Casino Night DATE: Saturday, May 20

LOCATION; Lucky's Lucky for the Novi Chamber of Commerce. A variety of sponsor-ships are available, including attendance and donations. Sponsors are

CONTACT: Chamber of

Novi Youth Assistance General Citizens Meeting

DATE: Tuesday, April 4 TIME: 7 p.m. LOCATION: Novi Civic Center, J\$175 W. 10 Mile Road CONTACT: (248) 347-0410

SCHOOL/ **GOVERNMENT**

Wixom City Council

DATE: Tuesday, March 21 49045 Pontiae Trail CONTACT: (248) 624-4557

Novi City Council Meeting DATE: Monday, April 3

TIME: 7 p.m. LOCATION: Civic Center, 45175 W. 10 Mile Road CONTACT: (248) 344-0470

Novi School Board Meeting

DATE: Monday, April 6 TIME: 7:30 p.m. LOCATION: Novi High School, CONTACT: (248) 449-1200

BUSINESS

19th Annual Tycoon Tee-Off Golf Outing
DATE: Wednesday, August 9
LOCATION: Moose Ridge Golf
Course, 11801 Doane Road, South

DETAILS: This outing will

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Lakes Area Chamber of Commerce Events

CONTACT: (248) 624-2826 Business Card Exchange DATE: Wednesday, April 26 TIME: 5:30-7:30 p.m. LOCATION: Marriott, 3600

advance reservations and \$15 at the Regional Chamber of Commerce, CONTACT; (248) 335-9600

Business Affinity Group

Hursday of every month LOCATION: Walsh College,

Froy Campus DETAILS: Walsh Business Leadership Institute invites women who own, are pattiers in, or work for family businesses. Items dis-cussed will be common issues and drane solutions in a non-threatening, non-competitive, non-sales jhubbard@walshcollege.edu

CLASSES

Education Seminar

TIME: 6-10 p.m. LOCATION: Walled Lake

Trail, Walled Lake
DETAILS: The seminar costs \$199 plus \$20 for textbook and materials. Pre-registration with payment is required no later than Thursday, March 23, to Walled Lake Community Education, (248) 956-5000, 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Monday-Friday, This 16-hour seminar will give you information to help you pass the Michigan state builder's use examination. The course i homes, real estate investors and developers and building trades nee

Weekend

CONTACT: (248) 349-3743

DETAILS: Reservations required. The cost is \$20 per per-

DETAILS: The cost is \$10

Females in the Family

TIME/DATE; 8-9:30 a.m. Third

Walled Lake Community

DATE: Munday and Wednesday Middle School, 46720 W. Pontiac

Women's Empowerment

TIME/DATE: 7:30 a.m.-9:30

p.m. Friday, April 28, and 9 a.m.-6:30 p.m. Saturday, April 29 DEFAILS: This seminar is spon-

sored by Suttle Enterprises LLC

Marilyn Suttle. The cost is \$150:

\$127 if paid before Feb. 28. Class

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every arena of your life. CONTACT: To register, call Marilyn Sutic, (248) 348-1023 or

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LOCATION: Assarian Cance

Healing Arts

imited to 20 women, Marilyn

Novi Chamber of Commerce

DATE: Tuesday, April 11 TIME: 11:30 registration; noon LOCATION: Fox Run Village,

include sponsorship opportunities, prizes, networking and champi-

Center, 47601 Grand River Avenue,

CONTACT: (248) 465-5455 Colored Pencil Workshop TIME/DATE: 1-3 p.m., second luesday of every month DETAILS: This is a free class. Artist in Residence TIME/DATE: 10-11:30 a.m. first

and third Thursday of every month DETAILS: Join Artist-in-Residence May Oura Teevens and experiment with drawing, pastels, watercolor, Chinese brush painting, mixed media and collage. Beginners are welcome, there is a \$5 materials fee,

Ceramics Class TIME/DATE: 10 a.m.+3 p.m. Tuesday, Thursday and Friday; 1-5 m. Wednesday DETAILS: There is a \$10 mate-

Tel Chi Class ME/DATE: 12:15-1 p.m.

hursday DETAILS: This is an ancient Chinese exercise used to improve flexibility, balance and strength. No experience is necessary. The cost is

TIME/DATE: Various time Monday, Wednesday and Friday DETAILS: The cost is \$10 for walk-in: \$80 for 10-class card and

Line Dancing

DATT: every Monday and

Friday TIME: 6:30-7:30 p.m., beginners; 7:30-9:30 p.m., intermediate LOCATION: Novi Ice Arena, DETAILS: No partner needed

fents and for those ages 55 and up;

CONTACT: (248) 348-9116

LIBRARY <u>LINES</u>

Novi Public Library Hours LOCATION: 45245 W. 10 Mile

HOURS: 10 a.m.-9 p.m. Monday-Thursday; 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Friday and Saturday and 1-5 p.m. DETAILS: Unless noted below all programs take place at the

CONTACT: (248) 349-0720

Snack Tales

DATE: Monday TIME: 7-7:45 p.m.
DETAILS: This storytime is for students in kindergarten-third grade, Refreshments are included Showplace, 46100 Grand River

Story Time

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

Reading Buddles

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

Pageturners

DATE: Wednesday, April 5 TIME: 4:30-5:15 p.m. DETAILS: This program is for fifth and sixth grade students. No registration required. Make a book nark, and help celebrate Nationa Poetry Month, Come premined to you've written or one written by another author.) Learn about inter esting poetry books at the library, and help write a poem for the

Battle of the Books

DATE: Saturday TIME: 1 p.m. LOCATION: Novi Civic Center, invited to attend and cheer for the

School Readiness Program

DATE: Monday

TIME: 7 p.m. DETAILS: A speaker from Oakland Schools will discuss a ing what to expect from children 3-5 years of age and the ten hall-marks of children who succeed in school, as well as ways to boost your child;s confidence before the bus comes. No registration

Novi Town Hall Lecture

DATE; Wednesday TIME: 11:30 a.m. lunch, 12:30 p.m. lecture LOCATION: Rock Financial

DETAILS: This event features filmmakers Laura and Rob Sams This brother and sister team has directed three films, including "Stranger in the Woods," based on the bestselling picture book of that title. Their Town Hall appearance will feature video clips from their work, as well as live music. The cost of the luncheon and the lecture is \$50: the lecture alone is \$35. Reservation forms for the event are

Masterino the Mouse for Seniors

DATE: Thursday, April 6 TIME: 10:30-11:30 a.m. DETAILS: A self-guided online tutorial will be used to Icam and practice the basic functions of using a mouse, Registration is

Author Program

DATE: Thursday, April 6 will be discussing his book, 'The Final Season: Fathers, Sons, and One Last Season in a Classic American Ballpark." This program is sponsored by the Priends of Novi Public Library, Registration is

Library Board Meeting

DATE: Wednesday, April 19 TIME: 7 p.m. LOCATION: City Council Chambers at the Novi Civic Center bers are welcome to attend

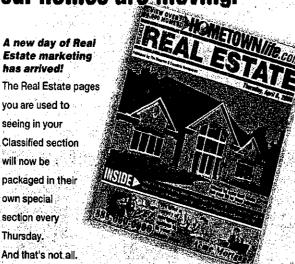
Meetings are also broadcast live on

Walled Lake Library Events LOCATION: 1499 F. West Maple Road, Walled Lake CONTACT: (248) 624-3772 Weekly Story Hours TIME/DATE: 10:30 a.m. Monday-Wednesday; 2 p.m. and 7:30 p.m., Thursday

DETAILS: Includes stories. crufts, finger plays and games. 1 Designed for ages 1-5, No registra-

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DETAILS: Using the co-op, you and your children can make friends and get what you need accomded without the little ones in CONTACT: Sue Tracz, (248)

MOMS Club of Novi

DATE: first Thursday of each

TIME: 10 a.m., LOCATION: Novi Civic Center DETAILS: The Morns Offering doms Support (MOMS) is a nonrofit support group, for mother their children, work out of their

DATES: second Thursday of

TIME: 7 p.m., LOCATION; Witch's Hat Depot, and Donathy St., South Lyon information, support and social activities for mothers of multiple Ninh children and their families around the Kensington Valley school conference are all welcome CONTACT: For more information

Women's Prayer Support

DATE: Saturday TIME: 9-10:30 a.m. Fellowship Church, 49329 Pontiac Trail, Wixom

DETAILS: Come for encouragenent, help, hope and prayer. Drop a for five minutes or longer. CONTACT: Nancy or Susan,

(248) 926-8332 or harvestfellow **Breast Cancer Support Group**

DATES: second and fourth Tuesday of each month LOCATION: Huron Valley-Simi TIME: 10-11:30 a.m.

CONTACT: (248) 937-5017

Novi Toastmasters

DATE: fifst and third Tuesday of

TIME: 7-8:45 p.m. DETAILS: Toastmasters will cation skills, voice your opinion, CONTACT: Colleen, (248) 685-

New Take Off Pounds Sensibly

(TOPS) chapter DATES: every Wednesday TIME: 11 a.m. weigh-in; 11:30

m. meeting LOCATION: Meadowbrook ions, 25075 Meadowhrook ing. New members welc CONTACT: (248) 347-0414

HEALTH

Heart Healthy Seminars DATE: Saturday TIME: 1 p.m. Heart-Smart supents; 2-4 p.m. Micro Biotic LOCATION: Better Health, 42875 Grand River Avenue, Nov

TIME/DATE: 9 a.m.-3:30 p.m. Friday, April 7 and May 5
LOCATION: Providence cel Building, 47601 Grand

liver Avenue
DETAILS: This is a day of enrichment and personal explo-nation designed to provide tools, information and a new perspective on bealthier living through whole-ness. It is open to the public. The cost is \$50 and includes lunch and naterials. Registration is required CONTACT: (248) 465-5455

DATE: today TIME: 7 p.m. LOCATION: University of Michigan Varicose Vein Clinic, 19900 Haggerty Road, Suite #105,

DETAILS: The University of Michigan Health System is spon foring this educational event at their Livonia Vein Clinic. sts will be available to dis-y varicose veins are not just

a cosmetic problem that should be Childbirth Refresher DETAILS: A one time class to

ignored. Treatment options avail-able today for varicose veins will also be discussed. Registration is contact: (734) 432-7662

Golfers Seminar

DATE: Wednesday TIME: 7 p.m. LOCATION: Oakland Physical Therapy, P.C., 47601 Grand River Avenue, Suite B124, (Providence Park Medical Center)

DETAILS: This is a seminar to flexibility and strengthening exer-cises, and prevention of common golf impuries, especially low back pain. The format will include lecture, demonstration, discussion and group participation. Reservations CONTACT: (248) 380-3550

Yoga Classes

TIME/DATE: 12:30-1:15 p.m. Monday; 6-7 p.m. Wednesday, 12:30-1:30 p.m., Friday LOCATION: Assarian Cance Center, 47601 Grand River, Nov DETAILS: The cost is \$10/walk-in; \$80/[0-class card;

Providence Medical Center

LOCATION: Providence Part Novi, 47601 Grand River

Avenue CONTACT: (888) 440-7325. onday-Friday, 8 a.m.-5 p.m. Childbirth Education DETAILS: Evening or weekend series helping you and your partner get ready for the birth of

Breastfeeding Preparation DETAILS: A one time class

eastfeeding, Baby Care Basics DETAILS: A one time class

Infant Massage DETAILS: This two session

Yoga Classes TIME/DATE: 1:30-2:30 p.m. ins or 10 class card for \$80.

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Pool and Spa Show

CONTACT: (800) 328-6550 or

TIME/DATE: 3-10 p.m. Friday; 11 a.m.-9:30 p.m. Saturday; 11 a.m.-6 p.m. Sunday DETAILS: This is a show feais \$8 for adults; \$4 for children nome and garden. CONTACT; (248) 862-1019 or

DFTAILS: This show features

ideas from the Novi Backyard, Pool & Spa Show, this week and at the Rock Financial

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TIMES: 10 a.m.-6 p.m DETAILS: This fair will have demonstrations, specialty foods

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10 steps to a safer, drug-free workplace

Most drug users are employed, and when they arrive for work, they don't leave their problems at the door. Some absences, accidents and errors are obvious. Others, such as low mombe and high illness rates, are less so, but their effects may be equally harmful. Small businesses are often burdened with these costs since they often do not have the resources to address the problem. In fact, according to the United State Department of Labor, 87 percent of full-time employed illicit drug users work for businesses with less than 500 employees. More than 40 percent work for businesses with less

than 25 employees.

To protect your business and employees, consider the following 10 reasons to establish a drug-free

workplace policy.

1. Creating a policy is easy: It can
be as simple as adding a drug-free provision to an employee handbook stating, "Employees are prohibited from unlawfully consuming, distributing, possessing, selling, or using controlled substances while on duty. In addition, employees may not be under the influence of any controlled substance, such as drugs or alcohol, while at work, on company premises or engaged in company business. Prescription or over-the-counter medicutions, taken as prescribed, are an exception to this policy. Anyone violating this policy may be subject to disciplinary action, up to and including ter-mination." All policies should be in writing and effectively communi-cated to all employees.

2. Reduce workplace injuries:

Reduce workplace injuries:
One in six workplace deaths, and
one in four workplace injuries,
involve drugs or alcohol use.
Implement clear rules and communicate the consequences of using
drugs or alcohol during work.
 Improve productivity:
Employees who frequently use
drugs or alcohol tend to miss work
or nun late more often than nonusers. Additionally, those who use
drugs are twice as likely to change

drugs are twice as likely to change lovers three or more times in a

year than non-users. A drug-free policy holds workers accountable.

4. Establish safe, healthy work environments: Show your desire and commitment to having a safe healthy work environment.

5. Decrease workers' compensaclaims: The National Institute of Drug Abuse found that substance users cost employers twice as much in workers' compensation and medexpenses as non-users. Additionally, substance abusers are five times more likely to file work ers' compensation claims.

6. Decrease workers' compensation premiums: To encourage businesses to implement drug-free workplace programs, some states, such as Florida, Georgia, Texas, Virginia and Washington, have passed laws that enable businesses to receive workers' compensation insurance premium credits of as much as 10 percent, if they employ a drug-free workplace program.

7. Educates employees about the affects of drug use on the company: A drug-free workplace programs should contain an educational company to the informs available of the contain an educational contains a contain a c ponent that informs employees on the health and safety risks drug use imposes on all employees. You should also point out to employees the costs drug use has on your com pany's bottom line, productivity and increased localth-care costs.

8. Show employees you have a vested interest in them: By providing helpful resources, such as confi-dential holline numbers or names of treatment centers, to assist employ-ces who have substance abuse problems, you show your commitment to seeing your employees get help to seeing your employees get help and improve their quality of life.

9. Overall cost savings improve

the bottom line: Benefits from implementing a drug-free work-place program include lower absenincreased productivity reduced workers' compensation fil-ings and fewer accidents. More discrete savings include improved employee morale, creativity and

emotional stability.

10. Federal: government, contracts: If your business wants to contract with the government, you contract with the government, you must have a drug-free policy in place, mandated by the Drug-Free Workplace Act of 1998. The Department of Transportation requires companies openating any commercial vehicle in interstate commerce to have a drug-free workplace policy.

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Be unique: Your Nesting Place

Unique Milford store offers friendly service, fresh design ideas

By Annette Jaworski SPECIAL WRITER

Even after 11 successful years in business, Chris Meredith is amazed to find there are still area residents who haven't checked out her popular Main Street shop. True, a faithful following has developed for Your Nesting Place. In fact, many travel from neighboring communities to explore their one-of-a-kind merexplore their one-of-a-kind mer-chandise. At this point, she does-n't want to be Milford's best kept

secret any longer.
"I want to stand on the roof and holler 'Come check us out!" said Meredith. "We're not snobbish and we're not expensive. We have expertise, quality furnish-ings and we're not going to id you?

She sees trucks from the big hux stores pass by, and wonders why people haven't checked out downtown merchants first. It's time to clear up the miscon-

You can find exactly what you're looking for and we're your neighbor," she emphasized, "We have thousands of samples for custom design, or if you're in a hurry you can purchase a sam-ple right off the floor."

Affordable style



merchandise on the cutting edge of home fashion, there's some-thing to suit everyone's taste, and great quality is guaranteed. Yes, many ideas are fresh and funky, but there are equally as many items with a more traditional

lair. Plus they're affordable.

"We're fashionable, but we're sure that what you choose will stand the test of time."

stand the test of time."
Not only do you get good quality at a fair price. Your Nesting Place offers something the big box stores can't their flair for style and personal atten-tion. Meredith and her staff protion, Mercolin and her stail, pro-vide expert advice on pulling it, all together. You won't find that personalized service, or distinc-tive style elsewhere: y

The big box stores are not going to give you their personal time and extra touches. mean, where else can you talk to the owner? I'm involved in every detail of the business. I Meredith stresses that know as a consumer that's ithough they offer the latest important to me," she said

Let's say you shop out of state and it comes in damaged, you don't have an advocate to help you out. Those who don't deal directly with Meredith at Your Merching Place are in good hands with her knowledgeable staff. Her mother "big Chris" has now joined the staff adding her unique creative falent, and "she's great for putting things together," adds her daughter.

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disappear quickly.

With a gallery of Flexsteel furwith a gattery of riessect rotation and over 2,000 samples, you can easily build the decor of a single room of an entire home. On the other hand, you can also find a unique \$10-\$20 gift. Your Nesting Place now carries their own line of custom candles; with inviting new scents. As always, when shopping here, if son thing catches your eve take thing catches your eye, take it with you. With one-of-a-kind merchandise, chances are it'll

YOUR NESTING PLACE

Store Hours:

- Monday, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Tuesday and Wednesday,
- 10 a.m.-6 p.m. • Thursday and Friday, 10
- a.m. 7 p.m. • Saturday, 10 a.m.-5 p.m.

· Closed Sunday

Mercury glass fixtures are among the many unique offerings at Your Nesting Place, located in downtown Milford.

What's New?

Just fresh in from the latest home furnishing shows, Your Nesting Place is bringing in a springy cheerful look to chase winier blahs away the Meredith's the observations? Furniture has cleaner look, with simpler more modern lines - a and tidy look. Brown, orange, and aqua are popular new colors. Look for unexpected media. For example a traditional design sideboard/bookcase in a non traditional material — like distressed stainless steel. Coral prints are hot; Your Nesting Place has a set of four in beautifully mirrored frames. Mercury glass, a hot new item in the mar-ketplace can be found through-

Your Nesting Place now fea-tures several areas where she groups like items together in lit-tic vigneties, for example gardening items, candles, etc. And

out the store

"The big box stores are not going to give you their personal.... time and extra touches ... l mean, where else can you talk to the owner?"

> Chris Meredith Owner, Your Nesting Place

for design ideas, with groupings that illustrate how to put logether a stylish decor. Unlike uppity designers, Clinis' down to earth attitude welcomes 'others to be inspired, After all, it's the highest compilinent; she could be naid.

inspired, and an in strength of the could be paid.

"I'm not afraid of copyeats because that means they slide whal they see," she explained. Floor models are currently on sale for up to 60 percent off. Check the windows for other Check the windows for other sales/specials. New merchandise is arriving continuously follow

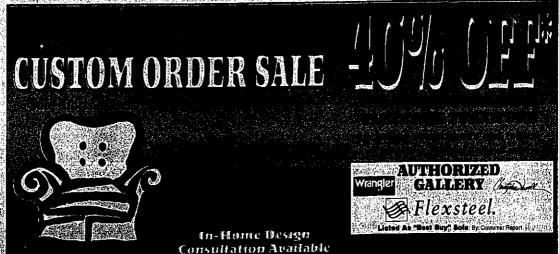
ing the design shows.

Design Associate Jeanne Imboden agrees, "The store has never looked this good!"

Explore Your Nesting Place at

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By Sam Eggleston SPORTS WRITER

🕻 hris Alberti second and 🖊 his ear. The was familiar. It was Alberty could ha

bragged about what his brother. Instead breath and told Mik He had broken his

"It wasn't as easy as I thought it would be," Alberty said. "I had wanted to do it earlier in the season, but I couldn't. I had to kick it up a notch. I was starting to get a little worried because it came down to the last few dives."

The record came in the

The record came in the Kensington Valley Conference meet as Alberty took first place, earning 454,55 points over 11 dives. The mark shattered his best and the control of t

over 11 dives. The mark shar-tered his brother's eight-year-old record of 411.65.

If wasn't a new experience for Alberty, who also broke the six-dive record of his other

six-dive record of his other brother, Steve.

"They supported me and stood behind me every step of the way," Alberty said. "They didn't want anyone else to break it. They wanted to keep the record in the family."

It wasn't the only goal Alberty earned this year, For a few years he's talked of finishing in the top five at the state finals. This year, he did it.

He came into the regional ranked 13th overall before climbing to seventh for the state finals. There, he put on one of his best performances of one of his best performances of the year and finished fifth, beating out last year's champi-on and a diver favored to win

the event.

Though it wasn't his best diving of the year, Alberry said, he was happy with his results.

"I was cestatic," he said. "I knew coming into this year I was behind because I knew other kids had dives that I did-

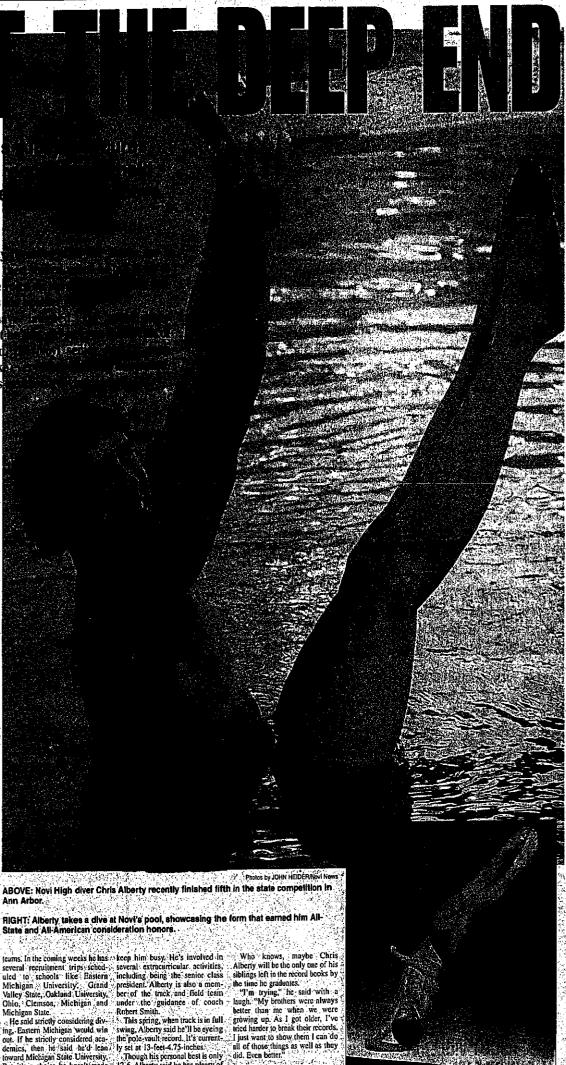
n't. I was so excited to see myself move up like that."

Alberty has constantly had the motto of just doing the best the motto of just doing inco because It's something that has helped him through some rather rough times. An injury hampered him early in his career and it took a lot of hard work, including diving on Sundays at Eastern Michigan.

University, to even get back in stride with other divers. The hard work paid off. Two records and an All-State selection aren't even the highlight of his senior year. Instead, earning All-American consideration with his dives is what he pegs

as being the most exciting. Currently he has sent in a tape of his best dive, which will be reviewed and judged again by a committee. That same committee will sort through all of the All-American considera-tion tapes sent in and the top 80 public school divers and the top 40 private school divers in the country will carn All-American

recognition.
"It's definitely exciting to even have a chance at being an All-American," Alberty said.
"If I get it, it's definitely the biggest highlight of the year."
But it's probably not the last accolate, the Wildent tanker will ever receive. He said he's considering several interested



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toward Michigan State University, But it's a choice he hasn't made yet and one he said he'll take his

Until then, Alberty has plenty to

y sea it 15-tee-1, fillings in the second best is only 12-6. Alberty said he has plenty of motivation to help him try, and break the record—It's held by his brother, Mike.

"My brothers were always better than me when we were growing

up. As I got older I've tried harder to break their records."

By Sam Eggleston SPORTS WRITER

Wrestling is one of those sports where you're either really, really good or you're not. This season was a tough one for both the Northwille Mustangs and

the Novi Wildcals, Neither team anced past the district, running into the powerhouse known as Catholic Central in the district tournament.

But that didn't mean the two teams didn't boast individual tal-ent. The area happens to be chalked full of it.

At 103 pounds, it's hard to describe anyone as "big," but Novi junior Al Vellathottam wres-tles much bigger than what he is. As an individual, Vellathottam

earned a second-place showing in the district tournament, advancing as an individual to the regional where he bowed out.

But Vellathottam has a full year left ahead of him and he has high hopes. A state finals benth. A title. Who knows what Vellathottam

will be capable of come his senior year, but odds are he'll be in the running for all his goals and, of course, another both on the All-Area wrestling team.

Bright future

Northville's wrestling team is

Northylle's wreating learn is experiencing some growing pains right now, finding itself as it builds a competitive program. One wreatler who experienced some of the pains this year but will be around for the next two is condenger, leave D'Amos.

sophomore Jonny D'Anna.

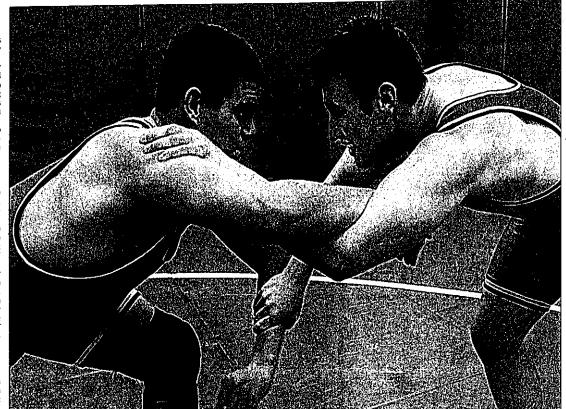
D'Anna comes from a line of Northville wrestlers who competed for titles and made names for themselves on the mat. He's continuing that tradition, nearly cam-ing a berth to the regional tourna-ment in the 119-pound division. An electrical outage during the district tournament came back on and the scorehoard indicated D'Anna was in the lead. He and his coach adjusted their strategy accordingly and when all was said and done, the official ruled against D Anna and he lost by one point and failed to make the

regional.

But D'Anna isn't deterred. He'll be hack next year and he'll be looking to make sure that's a scenario that doesn't' repeat itself

Mighty Jeremy Young

It's all about adjusting on the fly in the world of wrestling and



Northville wrestlers Tim Resnick, left, and Grant Garber spar in the team's training room. Resnick earned All-Area honors this year.

few do that as well as Novi junior Conference's finest.

Jeremy Young.
Young wrestled in the 140pound weight class this year, known for scrappy and quick grapplers, and he had plenty of success. This season he brawled his way to fourth in the district tournament, taking on some of the most talented wrestlers in the post-season event.

Young helped secure a name for himself this year and will be a factor in Novi's continued success next year.

Big name brawler

John Favorite is the kind of athlete that belongs on an All-Area

team. He's tough, agile, fast and furious when the need calls for it. Favorite wrestled this year in the 160-pound division, turning in a strong record while taking on some of the Kensington Valley

Though he didn't advance as far its year as last year, Pavorite still ear as last year, Pavorite still his mark by leaving an example for younger wrestlers to follow.

As the team's captain, he helped lead them on their path of growth and advancement, helping build the foundation for future success at Novi High School.

We're going to miss Favorite next season, as he's been a repeat member of several All-Area teams and a great athlete to follow.

Oh, Danny boy!

Setting tough goals can some-times lead to tough seasons. Novi senior Dan Sprys had high hopes this season, grappling in the 189-pound weight class. He wanted to win, to help his team and to build a reputation for himself as one of the

area's top wrestlers.

The first goal didn't come easy,

especially with some of the best athletes in the area grappling in his division. The second was difficult because of the competitive nature of the Kensington Valley Conference. The third was a success. Sprys has become known as an

athlete with determination, deter-mination and skill and he's a fine addition to the All-Area Dream

From Dubai to Northville

Northville senior Tim Resnick brings plenty to the table. He's a talented wrestler, there's no doubt about that. Grappling at the 215-pound division, Resnick picked up 31 pins and made a run for the

regional tournament.

He was a captain this year, helping, huild tradition and talent at Northville High School.

But what Resnick does is more than wrestle. His leadership style

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makes him popular because he finds ways to make all the work, weat and tears of wrestling fun. He cracks jokes, tells stories and makes friends.

Resnick moved to Northville from Dubai in the United Arab

Emirates two years ago. Their loss was Northville's and the All-Area team's gain.

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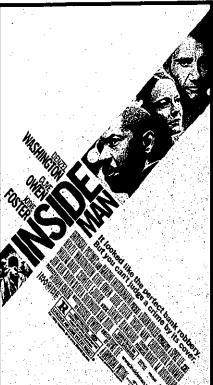
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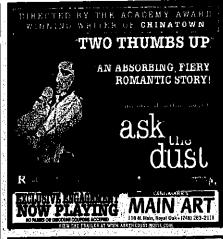
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Wildcats get three Dream Team volleyball selections

By Sam Eggleston SPORTS WRITER

In the world of high school volleyhall, its all about spikes, blocks and aces.

The squads at Northville and Novi have plenty of all three. Novi had some rough moments this year, struggling in an ever-improv-ing Kensington Valley Conference while the Northville Mustangs earned their second Western Division title and made a run at the conference and district crowns.

Talent is something that's not lacking in the area and plenty of recognition is being handed out to both programs.

Volleyball is life

Jenna Kuhn, a Novi senior, has made a career out of being one of the best around when it comes to

She's tenacious and she's furisinc's tenacious and she's furi-ous and few players bring the same level of intensity to the game like she does. A captain for the Wildcats this year, Kuhn had hoped to make her final season her best letting the same of t best. Individually she continued to stand above the crowd even as the team went through some growing

team went through some growing pains as the younger members of the squad gained experience. Though Kuhn's season didn't roll along as smoothly as many would have liked, she earned hon-ors with an All-KVC selection and another All-Area nod.

No doubt about it

Has anyone seen Northville's loanna Foss play? If not, you're missing out. She's quite the dominating player.

nating player.
Foss stepped up this year, leading the Northville Mustangs to a back-to-back Western Division title. Foss helped them push along into a run for the conference crown before making another run at the district tournament title, where the season came to a close against state-ranked Churchill.

state-ranked Churchill.
This season, Foss led her team
in several categories, earning 105
blocks, 378 kills and a 398 kill
percentage and an All-Region nod.
She's also one smart cookic; earnng an Individual Academic Ali-

Region honor, too.
With a season left ahead of her, there's no doubt Foss will be look-ing to have another impact year and perhaps even another berth to the All-Area team.

Determination

Novi is lucky enough to have one of the most determined ath-letes in the entire area in Jessica

can play with the best of them. Barndt was an easy selection to this year's All-Area team. Her ability is only matched by her intensi-ty, which is hard to believe when you meet her. She's normally all smiles and as friendly as they come, until she's competing, that

Barndt earned All-Kensington Valley Conference honors this sea-son, a tribute to how well she played despite going against some of the state's best volleyball talent.

What injury?

You'd never know it by watch ing Northville sophomore Krysta Cicala play, but she actually missed a big chunk of this season unfortunate injury bounced back.

Cicala notched some impressive numbers, including a 368 assist percentage and 71 total aces. Cicala also collected an All-Region nod despite being excluded from the All-WLAA squad. She did, however, earned an All-Western Division honor.

Western Division nonor.

Big things are expected from
Cicala in the coming years. She'll
be a leader, a factor and a role
player. Not to mention she'll probably have a couple of All-Area
Dream Team spots waiting for her.

Another notable sophomore

There's nothing wrong with having a young All-Area team, It just means the future for the team's the players represent — as we the All-Area Dream Team —

Stephanic Cripps is a sopho-ore at Novi High School and has the potential to be one of the best volleyball players the Wildeats have ever had. She's tall, talented and determined. The key to her success this year was her ability. The key to her success in the coming years is going to be experience

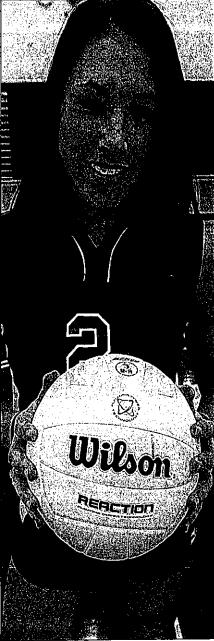


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Novi's Jenna Kuhn earned Alf-Area honors this season as one of the KVC's top players.

All-Area Volleyball First Team Player of the Year Alay Department Miliford

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mined athlete, and a smart one too. A 3.68 grade-point average placed her on the individual Academic All-Region team while her ability landed her an Honorable Mention All-Division nod and a first-team All-Region selection.

Daul also led the team with her sever percentage, collecting a .959 as one of the top servers in the entire area.

On the receiving end

When the serve is hit, there always looks to be a moment of adjustment as players move about the court to position themselves in just the right place to receive it. Northwille's Amanda Marquardt

is always in the right spot. This year the Mustangs knew she would be in the right spot at the right time What a Daul!

be in the right spot at the right time as she gathered an impressive, 837

When it comes to seniors attitude is everything. Morgan Daul, a senior at Northville, High School, as the right attitude at all the right. Ball were greatly reduced.

Thanks to her ability, teams' choice for this year's squad.

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Senior leadership

up and lead without worrying Finding a senior who can step

up and lead without working about personal gain is tough.
Northville was lucky with their three captains this year, including Kristen Ehehalt.
Ehehalt knows the game of volleyball. She plays it as well as anyone 'else on, the All-Area team but she does it with plenty of intelligence. Her 3.55 gradual atternatives was one of the ton of the feam, carning her Al-Region academic accolades.

Beyond her ability on the court and in the classroom,

Ehehalt had a genuine care for her team and the success of her teammates. Her team-work and her desire to make those around her better by being the best she can be made Ehehalt a natural choice for this year's All-Area squad. 12 77. 3

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LTC camp hosts NCAA Division I coaches

Lacrosse Training Centers brings some of the top East Coast lacrosse coaches (and staff) during their June 23-25 lacrosse camp in Brighton. Tom Mariano enters his tenth season as the

head men's lacrosse coach at Sacred Heart nead men's harrosse couch at sacred from University, Marino has helped the Pioneers evolve into a solid and competitive program as they enter their fourth season as members of the Colonial Athletic Association (CAA), arguably one of the top lacrosse conferences in the cour-

try.

Currently in his eighth season as head coach,
Tim McIntee has been at the forefront of the successful turnaround of the Manhattan men's dicrosse program. McIntee joined Manhattan after a stellar playing and coaching career on the collegiate, professional and international level. Darryl Delia is a certified US Lacrosse

Darryl Delia is a certified US Lacrosse Progression Instructor, as well as a co-director of Run and Shoot Lacrosse Camps. Delia coach-es at Fairfield University where his duties include serving as Offensive Coordinator as well as, Recruiting Director for the Stags. Register online at www.LacrosseTC.com or give (248) 788-7020.

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Novi Ice Arena will run an eight-week spring session of its Learn to Skate Program from

session of its Learn to Skate Program from March 8-May 13, 2006 (no classes April 12-23). Classes are offered Wednesdays, Fridays and Saturdays, and skate rental is available.

Learn to Skate students get a punch card for free admission to open skating at Novi tee Arena throughout the program they are enrolled in. Classes will run once per week for 30 minutes with optional 30-minute practice sessions. The following classes will be offered:

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Open registration for Learn to Skate is underway and skate rental is available. The Lead to Skate Program is very popular so call the Novi Ice Arena at (248) 347-1010 or visit www.novi-tolly to inquire about the proper icearena.com today to inquire about the proper class for your skater.

Sign up for Suberban Shewdown

Team and individual registration is underway

Team and individual registration is underway for the Suburban Showdown Youth Spring Hockey League. All West League games will take place at Suburban Ice-Farmington Hills and Novi Ice Arena, while all East League games will take place at Suburban Ice-Macomb and the Onyx-Rochester Ice Arena.

Two divisions will be offered for team registration this year - the Gold division permits up to three players who competed at the A, AA, Junior Varsity or Varsity level during the 2005-06 season, while the Silver division does not allow players from those levels to compete. Teams will only play other teams in their division at the mite (1998-99 birth years), aguirt (1997-97 birth years), pee wee (1994-95 birth years), bantam (1992-93) birth years) and midget (1990-91) age (1984-95 birth years) and midget (1990-91) age classifications. All teams will play 10 games plus playoffs and practice ice can be purchased at a discounted rate based on availability, the bary still be individual registrations are being accepted at

the mite, squirt, pee wee and bantam age classifi-cations. Players who competed at the A, AA, AAA, Junior Varsity or Varsity levels are not eli-gible to compete. New this year is a girls divi-sion. All girls ages 7-14 are welcome to register, regardless of ability level, Players who sign up as individuals will participate in an 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 Spring League schedule will begin in April and end in mid-June,

The Suburban Showdown Youth Spring League schedule will begin in April and end in mid-June, with no games during Spring Break, Mother's Day or Memorial Day weekend. All players in the Showdown will be eligible for a discount towards a Suburban Hockey Schools summer program if they register by April 30!

For more information, contact Novi Ice Arena at (248) 347-1010 or go to www.noviicenrena.com.

2006 pre-season baseball training camp

Rick Green, head coach of the Novi High School baseball team and winner of six consecu-School baseball cent and with the Arrive Arrive 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 participating players in the following:

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advance/\$55 at the door. \$5 discount for regis-tration of five or more players from the same team. Camp fee includes Novi Wildcat Baseball t-shirt. Pre-registration payment and application are due by March 15th. Each player should be prepared to workout indoors and will need to bring their own glove, bat, and batting helmet. Baseball pants/sweats, athletic shoes (cross training or running) and ath-tetic supporter/cup should be worn. For more information, contact firm Celeski at

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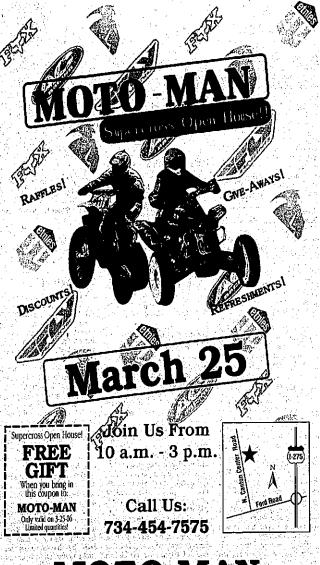
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nior Chris Keady swims the 500 meter freestyle during last Friday's MHSAA finals in Ann Arbor

Tankers are some of state's best

By Sam Eggleston SPORTS WRITER

What a year for swimming in

From a state champion to All-Americans to All-State swimmers and divers, the tankers at Northville and Novi high schools had it all. This year's All-Area Dream Team was one of the largest to date and it features the

Will the real Chris Keady

tity crisis over the past couple seasons after turning in impressive and competitive times only to fail to live up to expectations in the

But this year was different. Kendy cume into the state finals with some of the best times in the state of Michigan and he left with the best time in the state in the

of his critics at the finals this

And he's only a junior. Keady son left ahead

Swimmer

Even with all the accolades ecomplishments. Keady doesn't bother saying anything about how well he has done. He's has said he's happy with his results, proud his team and he's glad to final-

ing for is improvement. He wants to better himself through hard

All-State and potential All-American nods. His name is final-ly carved on the record books and the mark is set high enough that it will be a long time and will take a

special diver to break. in doubt when it comes to All-Area selection: Chris Alberty is a natural choice and a great athlete

Farris wheel keeps churning

Northville Mustangs are going to miss next year it's Brad Farris. The senior swimmer earned state finals cuts in the 200

freestyle and the 100 backstroke and took a fourth-place finish in both events to help secure a fourth-place finish in the state for

he Mustangs as a team.

And Farris still has plenty areer left ahead of him with an vy League spot at the University "You can't replace Brnd Farris,"

Bennetts said. "He's an outstand-ing swimmer and we're really going to miss him. It's going to take two or three guys to be able to fill in for him."

himself in the pool, but as one of

Pride of the Wildcats

Novi junior Sean Bugbee should be proud of what he's The Wildeat took second in the Kensington Valley Conference in the 200 freestyle with a time of 1:49.39 to earn a qualifying cut to the state finals. Bugbee didn't place in the finals, but he still rep-

state finals as a junior is that he has all next year to earn an even better mark, which gives the Wildcats a solid base to build on.

resented his school and his team

Novi's Sean Bugbee swims freestyle for the Wildcats Activities Western Association title, If all goes well, Team, he'll be leading his team for those

Senior Weston Laabs was more than just a senior captain who qual-ified for the state finals in the 200 individual modley and the 100

It's hard to talk about one Blickle brother without talking about the lings made the All-Area Dream

Will Blickle, a jumor, earned his

All-Area Swim & Dive Welcome back Northville's Chris Culkin should get used to being on the stand, like any true athiete, he's only looking to get better. Dive right in There are times when the All-Area Dream Team presents difficult decisions and tough choices. Other times it's as easy as piction and bell make the learn out of the available selections. This year, it was the tatter, especially with tankers like Chris Alberty around. The Novi serior had one goal his entire career: to break his brother's high school divined in the words. Those actions pretry much scream in favor of his brother's high school divined in the words. Those actions pretry much scream in favor of his brate, putting up some of his best, putting up some of his best in the state, putting up some of his best in the state, putting up some of his best in the state, putting up some of his best in her bast on the state, putting up some of his best in the state, putting up some of his best in her bast on the state, putting up some of his best in her and helped size of putting up some of his best in the fall-Area risem. Alberty finished fifth in the state, putting up some of his best in her and helped size of putting up some of his best in her and helped size of putting like actions of a back-to-back should be an another Western Division of a back-to-back should be an another Western Division of a back-to-back should be an another Western Division of a back-to-back should be an another Western Division of a back-to-back should be an another Western Division of a back-to-back should be an another western and the carned of the state putting up some of his best in the state putting up some of his best in the state in his event and an another western Division of a back-to-back should be a bettern and the putting and the putt

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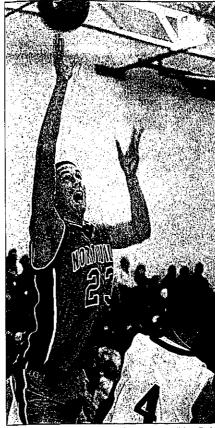
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All-Area cage team exhibits true talent



By Sam Eggleston

The Northville Mustangs were the study, going 20-0 through the regular season before bowing out in the district tournament to the Though Novi wasn't the powerhouse they've been in the past, they finished second in the Kensington Valley Conference

The once and future king

And standing tall, well above the competition? None other than orbville innior Alvin Storrs. The talent, but Storrs is a beast all his

the Year

"Alvin can do more than shoot,"

tion. Leadership.
. He's the kind of player a team and fell, but he led those willing to This year he continued

history — the first since 1962. With a year left, Storrs has a bright future. Northville is expecting plenty from him as well.
"We know Alvin is a leader and

It's tied for the best start in school

said. "He's an outstanding basket-ball player and, just like this year,

One smooth player

The fact that Novi's A.W. Stanek only picked up seven points a game doesn't even come close to eliminating him from the All-Area

A player that is quick on his feet and fast on the break; Stanek has made a name for himself as Novi's close games to finish with an 9-12

records and big scoring to draw attention. When the selection meeting for the All-Area team took place, his name was brought up first by several coaches. Why? Stanek contributes with a maturity and leadership that is hard to find in most high school cagers. He's calm, collected and he's capa bringing out his best game in the

Keep your eye on the guard

One of the most impressive attributes Northville senior Chris Lorente brings to the game of bar

As a junior, Lorente burst onto charge. This year he continued leading his troopers and brought them to a 20-1 record, going under them to a 20-1 record, going under the many continued that the series that the transfer for the series the transfer for the series that the series that

Through a maze of outstretched arms, Mustang Alvin Storrs takes a shot against the Wildcats.

most teams' defenses and the player most coaches underlined as needing to be shut down.

Throughout his senior year, Lorente wasn't able to surprise anyone. Opponents watched him Yet he still managed over 10

"Chris is a very capable basket-

does, At 6-foot-9-inches, Dean towers over much of the competi-

Novi's Dean Caleb, right; tries to get inside of Northville's Doug Hasse. Dean earned All-Area honors this year.

ball player," Schumacher said. "He doesn't like to lose, but he doesn't have to be the leading scorer to find ways to help us win."

Lorente was a key player in Northville's undefeated regular

When Novi sophomore Caleb Dean walks into the room, the first

to the varsity level this year with hopes to see him turn into a major factor. Though a rough season blinded much of Dean's personal

and shooting ability to help bring about a second-place finish in the from their inside presence...

ment. But, as a sopho-All-Area Dream Team.

Northville senior Campy Smith loves to make the tough shots.

An accomplished golfer, Smith his abilities. But Kaldis never made a name for himself on the complained, Instead he went out, links by making shots most high play schoolers would struggle with. On imp the hardwood court, Smith added in.

undefeated if it wasn't for Campy's shooting."

about himself. In fact, he's one of the first to give credit to other.

Call Northville sentor Nick Kaldis anything you want: the sixth man or an off-the-bench performer. What he's called at Northville High School is 'Northville High School is 'Hustle.'

Kaldis plays a tough role for the Northville Mustangs. As the sixth-player on the starting lineup, he always had to wait his turn to

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.come into the game and showcase hardwood. He passed the ball when he could have shot and he took the shots the team needed to complained. Instead he went out, played his hardest and made an impact on every game he played

schoolers would a surface of the hardwood court. Smith added to his reputation by natiling shots in the most difficult situations—could easily start for pretty much any other team." Schameacher said. "It's a relief to know you've through for us this year," got a player that can go into the Northville captain Alvin Storrs said. "We wouldn't (have been) your satters on the floor."

Kaldis did it all. From rebounds to steak to wacky, yet successful and high start for the work seems the start of th

undefeated if it wasa't for Campy's shooting."

Down by two and only seconds remaining on the clock; Smith was called into action twice for the complete the buckets for the victory.

Makis did it all. From rebounds to steals to wacky, yet successful shooting, the Northville guard managed to wow the fans and his opponents. His seemingly limit chree-point arc. Both times he hit the buckets for the victory.

Novi senior Steve Hart had big

Smith's shooting and teamminded play helped make him an
easy selection to this year's AllArea squad.

Novi senior Steve man nad og
shoes to fill this year as a captain
of the Wildcats varsity baskelball
team.

An inside presence, Hart had
the responsibility of picking up
some of the Kensington Valley

Conference's hest players and

The worst thing about being a defensive specialist is not having any big scores or last-second shots to brag about. The best thing about being a defensive specialist

proud of either. Northville senior Brandon Barkoski is a defensive specialist He's great at what he does. When a team comes onto the

won games off his ability alone, then Baroski is called into action. When the game's over, he's the one who's smiling,
"Brandon is our best defender,"
Schumacher said, "He can guard



Wildcats boast best player on Dream 1

By Sam Eggleston

troit has long been known as Hockeytown and the high schools in Northville and Novi

schools in Northville and Novi have done their best to become the little Hockeytowns.

Both areas beast plenty of hockey talent with the Mustangs and the Wildeats fighting their way into the post-season and as deep into the playoffs as they

This year the Northville Mustangs ran up against the eventual state champions, Brighton, in the regional finale while the Wildeans won their regional but bowed in the following round against a very tal-

town ground squad.

The two school have nothing to be ashumed of especially when it comes to this year's All-Area team. Both the Mustangs and the Wildcats are well repre-

Forget me not

You'd never guess it, but for two years straight Novi senior Steve Rousseau was omitted from the roster for the hockey

Rousseau didn't let it get to him. A simple phone call reminding people he was actual-ly on the team was all that was involved and then he went out to show why people shouldn't for-

This year he brought out his best, ending his career as the team's leading scorer with 37 goals and 11 assists. His num-hers alone propelled him to the top of the All-

list. earning him Player of the Player of

the Year Year honors.
"He's quite

the player and he really stepped up for us," Novi coach Dan Phelps said, "Steve was on fire this year and he made a big difference for our

Rousseau was a key member Rousseau was a key menior of Novi's squad as he scored goal after goal to help lift them from what looked to be a finished season with a 3-6 mark heading into the Wildeats annual game against Northville. Novi won that game and set up a winning streak that look them into the playoffs and to a recipinal the playoffs and to a regional title. Their final loss came

against Saline in the playoffs.

But Rousseau's impact isn't one that will be forgotten after graduates this year. Instead, the kind of year conches will of how a season isn't over until it's over and even the quietest player who is accidentally left off the roster can help lead his team to a regional title and the respect the Novi Wildeats describes deserve.

Repeat selection

There are few reasons why Derek Mohaesi wouldn't make the All-Area team and plenty reasons why he would.

A prolitic scorer who managed 20 goals despite missing several games this season, Mohaesi makes all the difference when he's on the ice. Not Mohaesi makes all the difference when he's on the ice. Not only does Mohaesi have the ability to score, he knows the value of dishing the puck as well. This season he picked up 25 assists to help the Mustangs make the trek to the regional final where they bowed out to eventual, state champion. eventual state champion

Brighton.
"Derek was our best offensive player," Northville coach Brad O'Neill said. "He's gifted offensively. He has great hands and can score from anywhere. He played in every type of situation

Mohacsi wrapped up a three-year varsity career this year as a captain for the Mustangs and one of the all-time leading play-ers for the program. He is the only returning first-team All-Area selection from last year.

Oh captain, my captain

In the beginning of the sea-Son, Novi senior captain Ton Ciaverilla said he hoped to become a good lender, It was a goal he reached without much trauble.

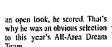
Ciaverilla has become a staple Ciaverilla has become a staple when it comes to Novi hockey. His name is brought up in nearly every conversation about the team. And why not? He's been on the squad for years, scoring goals and making hig plays for his coaches, teammates and fans. H's not uncommon to see igns in the stands cheering him

on.
Why? Because Ciaverilla is a

Why? Because Claverilla is a dam good hockey player and a great representative of Novi High School.

"We rely on Tom to be a leader for us and he doesn't let us down," Phelps said. "He's a talented hockey player who has played a big role for us." Claverilla scored 22 goals and notched 25 assists this year, showing he's more about team than personal accomplishment.

than personal accomplishment. When he was defended against, Ciaverilla passed. When he had



All-State pick

What can't Andrea Soloko do? The Northville junior defender was an assistant captain this year, one of the top defenders in the state and Northville's leading

scorer.

"Andrea is an outstanding player," Northville coach Bill Holden said. "Being selected to the All-State team was a great way for her to be recognized for her ability."

Soloko notched 11 goals and nine assists from the defensive side of the ice, leading her team throughout the season, Shorines sneed, affensive aware-

brings speed, offensive awareness and skating ability to the game and isn't afraid to feed the ick to another player for a

chance for them to score.
As a junior, Soloko has, a full season left ahead of her and she's already an All-State and a member of the All-Area Dream Team. What's next?

Defense!

Fox, a co-captain, was called for a penalty on the play.

When it comes to the defen-sive side of the puck, few players on the All-Aren team can match with Pat Uetz, a Northville

senior. Uetz carned all-league honors thanks to his presence on the ice, which helped him not eight goals and 23 assists this season.

"Pat had an outstanding year," O'Neill said, "He logged a lot of ice for us. He played physical yet provided us with a lot of offense from the blue line. Pat is a very tenacious player and was a big impact on our team this

Being a senior this year m

Uetz's are shoes the Mustangs are going to have to try and fig-ure out a way to fill. That sounds like a big job.

Oh, so Clos

Wildcat senior Ryan Fox pulls down a Highlander along the glass during the first period of a recent home game.

In the beginning of the year a Novi hockey fan asked if it was necessary to say who took the loss or earned the win as a goalie. It's a tough stat to follow because goalies, like pitchers in baseball, are one of the few players in any sport to be accountable for a loss or a victory.

Novi goalie Brad Clos took a few humas early on, helping his

few bumps early on, helping his team to just a 3-6 record to begin the year. But Clos, and his team, buckled down and went on a winning streak that included wins over Northville and South Lyon, teams that had beat them, early. When all was said and done, Clos had double-digit victories and a regional title to his

name.
"Brad knows what it takes to
play that position," Phelps said.
"It's not easy. When you get
scored on you feel like you let
people down. Brad knows how
to handle it. He doesn't let it get him down and he gets right back up and ready for the next shot."

Clos may not have had the best start as a goalie, but when the season was over he proved he could finish strong. In sports, the opening minutes never matter as much as the performance in the final ones.

First-year player

Junior Brandon Wales was quick to find a place where he WAS comfortable in Northville hockey program. As a first-year player, Wales earned playing time as a forward and quickly elimbed through the ranks as one of the team's leading scorers. He notched 16 goals and 16 assists throughout the

year.
"Offensively, Brandon is very strong around the net and has very good hands." O'Neill' said.
"He's a dangerous player when he has the puck in the offensive zone. Brandon works very hard on his game and will be a big player for is next season."
"Wales, "carned." All Westerna Division honors this year, indicating his future with Northville, is a bright one indeed."

As a sophomore and a junior, Andrea Solol Novi's Ryan Fox played a role for the Wildeats, but it wasn't as this season.

a standout. This year, as a senior, Fox dug deep and decided to leave it all on the ice.

Putting up over 20 points this year, Fox almost tripled his output from each of the last two

"Ryan really stepped up for us this year," Phelps said. "We were very happy with him and how well he played."

Weil done

Following in the footsteps of the great girls hockey players to come out of Northville these past few years is no easy task. But Anjali Saran managed to do it. A senior center for the Mustangs, Saran notched seven goals and five assists as she helped her squad along this year. A tough post-season draw ended up finding the Mustangs bowing out in the early rounds, but Saran did her part in leading the team did her part in leading the team through actions and examples.

Timid Timar?

As a sophomore, most people would expect a varsity player to be quiet and a little timid. Novi's

be quiet and a little timid. Novi's Ryan Timar must not have received the memo.

This season, Timar notched over 30 points to help lead the Wildeats to a regional championship, and a strong late-season showing. Though he's only an underclassman, Timar's ability and determination makes his future look to be a bright one indeed.

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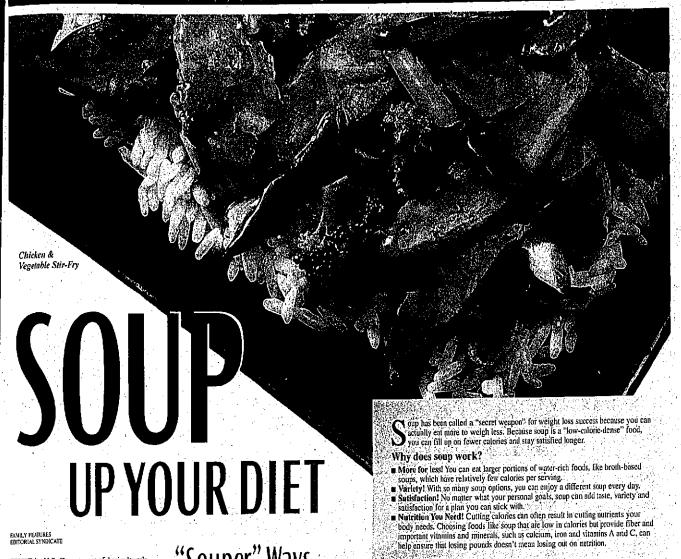
a Soloko earni All-Area First-Team honors

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With teammates and traffic near his net, Wildcat goalle Brad Clos keeps his eye on the puck

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FAMILY FEATURES

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Chicken & Vegetable Stir-Fry

Prep/Cook Time: 25 minutes Serves: 4

- 2 tablespoons cornstarch 13/4 cups Swanson Chicken Broth (Regular, Certified Organic or Natural Goodness)
 - tablespoon low-sodium
 - soy sauce pound boneless chicken
- breast, cut into strips cups cut-up vegetables (use a combination of broccoli florets, sliced carrots and green or red pepper strips) 1/4 (easpoon ground ginger

1/8 teaspoon garlic powder or 1 clove garlic, minced 4 cups hot cooked rice, cooked without salt

MIX cornstarch, broth and soy sauce.

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SPRAY nonstick skillet with vegetable cooking spray and heat
I minute. Add chicken and stir-fry until browned. Remove chicken.
ADD vegetables, ginger and garlic, and stir-fry until tender-crisp.

STIR in constarch mixture and cook until mixture boils and thickens.

Return chicken to skillet and heat through. Serve over rice.

Calculated Nutritional Values per Serving (with Swanson Chicken Broth): Catories 413, Total Fat 4g, Saturated Fat 1g, Cholesterol. 74mg, Sodium 63mg, Total Carbohydrate 59g, Dietary Fiber 4g;

riotein 33g Calculated Nutritional Values per Serving (with Swanson Certifled Organic or Natural Goodness Chicken Broth); Calories 413, Total Fat 4g; Saturated Fat 1g; Cholesterol 72mg; Sodium 469mg, Total Carbohydrate 59g; Dietary Fiber 4g; Protein 34g

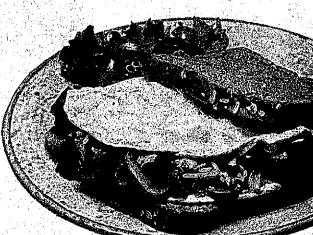
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Vegelables: 1 1/4 cups Graius: 2-ounce equivalent (Substitute whole grain brown rice for hite rice in this dish and you add 3 grants of fiber and whole ain to your meal.)

Meats & Beans: 3-ounce equivalent

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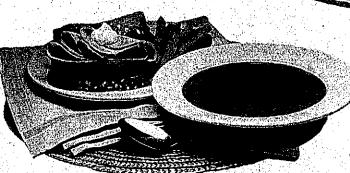


Vegetables: 2 1/2 cups

Grains: 6 ounces (make at least 3 ounces hole grains)

Dairy: 3 cups of milk or milk products Meat & Beans: 5 1/2 ounces

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Soup & Sandwich Lunch

1 serving (8 ounces prepared) Campbell's Healthy Request

Turkey Sandwich: 2 slices Pepperidge Farm 100% Whole Wheat Whole Grain Bread, 2 ounces sliced turkey breast, I teaspoon mayonnaise, 2 pieces leaf lettuce and 2 tomato slices

I cup total carrot sticks, celery slicks and red pepper strips

Calculated Notritional, Values per Serving with Campbell's Healthy Request Tomato, soup: Calories 457, Total Fat 9g, Saturated Fat 2g, Cholesterol Soling, Sodium 869mg, Total Carbohydrate 67g; Dietary Fiber 10g, Protein 29g

MyPyramid contributions (per serving) Wegetables: 111/2 cups

Breakfast Omelet Sandwiches

Prep/Cook Time: 15 minutes

- 1/2 cup chopped fresh mushrooms

- 1/4 cup chopped green pepper 1/4 cup chopped lomato 2 tablespoons finely chopped onion
- cup cholesterol-free egg substitute teaspoons freshly grated Parmesan
- 4 slices Pepperidge Farm 9 Grain Natural Whole Grain Bread

SPRAY nonstick skillet with vegetable cook-Heat skillet over med Add mushrooms, green pepper, tomato and onion. Cover and cook until softened. onion, Cover and cook Remove from skillet. Wipe out skillet with

paper towel. SPRAY nonstick skillet with vegetable cook ing spray, Heat skillet over medium heat. Add 1/4 cup egg substitute and top with half the cooked vegetables. Cook until set but still moist on top, lifting edges of omelet with spatula. Sprinkle with half the cheese and fold in half. Place on I bread slice and top with another. Repeat with remaining ingredients.

Calculated Nutritional Values per Serving: Calories 236, Total Fat 3g, Saturated Fat 0g, Cholesterol Img, Sodium 430mg, Total Carbohydrate 35g, Dietary Fiber 7g,

MyPyramid contributions (per serving)

- Vegetables: 1/2 cup
- Whole Grains: 2-ounce equivalent ■ Meats & Beans: 1-ounce equivalen

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Home Owners... Do You Know the 10 Most Common Home Maintenance Problems?

I am always amazed to find that many tam aways ansazes to find that aways homes have very similar conditions and problems. Some of the issues listed below can be related to the age of the home or the systems in the home. However it is interesting to note that many of the 10 issues listed are related to water and moisture concerns.

t. Improper Surface Grading and Drainage. By for the most frequent problem, it is responsible for the most common household aggravations, including water penetration into the basement or crawhpace. All basements will eventually leak if the water is not moved away from the foundation.

2. Improper Electrical Wiring. This includes such situations as insufficient electrical service coming into the home to meet modern day requirements, It also includes inadequate overload protection, and amateur (often dangerous)



3. Roof Damage Ranked third, leaking roofs are a frequent problem. This is caused by old or damaged shingles or improp-er flashing and drainage which has

4. Heating Systems. Defect items in a. treating Systems. Delect items in this category include broken or mal-functioning controls, blocked chimneys and exhaust, thry filters, humbilifiers which are not functioning properly, and older conventional furnaces which are operating past their useful life and are a potential for carbon manoxide in the home.

5. Poor Overall Maintenance. A common problem with all homeowners. Some of the signs of poor maintenance include ctacked, peeling or dirty paintenance of surfaces; crumbling masonry; makeshift wiring or plumbing; broken lighting fixtures and/or appliances, damage exterior trim, gutters, downsouts, and driveway/walkways in need of repair. Every home needs to have TLC in order to look nice and have proper projection from weather. proper protection from weather.

6. Structurally Related Problems. As a result of problems in one or more of these categories, damage is sustained by such structural components as foundation walls, floor joists, tafters, windows, and door headers. Having a leak, waste to penerate into the wall and create various interest as the day.

7. Plambing. Though not ranked as a number one problem, plambing defects still rank high. This includes the exis-ence of old or incompatible piping materials, as well as dripping faucest, faulty futures, and damages or clogged

8. Exteriors. Flaws in this category, such as exercior seals around windows, doors and wall surface joints, rarely have structural significance but may pose discomfort to the occupants due to water and air peneration. The most common culprita are inadequate eaulking and/or weather-stripping.

9. Poor Ventilation. In an effort to save energy, many homeowners have "over sealed" their homes, resulting in exces-sive interior moisture. Significant moissive interior moisture. Significant mois-ture can lead to decaying and failure of both the structural and ton-structural clements. This includes interior mois-ture from bathing (bath exhaust fairs), coolinglisch of having exhaust fairs), coolinglisch of having exhaust fairs, that is values month. righ in winter months.

Miscellaneous. This category includes interior components (often cosmetic in nature). Things such as cracked wall plates, broken floor moldings, holes in walls under sinks which ings, notes in waits under sinks which water pipes come through, creeked win-dow panes, and windows which have failed seals (when moisture gets between the glass and the window looks foggy). These can lead to an inefficient heating and cooling environment for the ho

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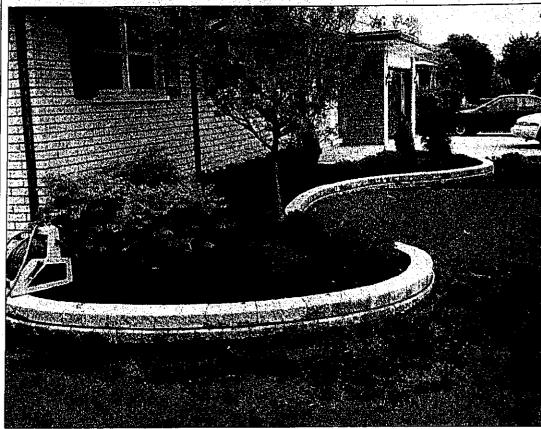
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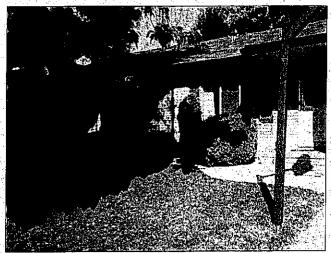
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