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Photo by JOHN HEI DER/Novi News Novi resident helped to people from a plane that .... crashed into Lake Huron ast summe while on his Jet-Ski.



Meadowbrook at 10 Mile city's worst spot

By Pam Floming STAFF WRITER

City officials plan to take steps in the near future to reduce the number of vehicular crashes after learning about Nuvi's most dangerous roads and intersection Engineers from Orchard, Hiltz

& McCliment in Livonia recently received crash data from the Traffic Improvement Association of Oakland County for 2002 through 2004 for major roads and intersections in the city.

The data shows crash frequency, which is a simple total of the number of crashes that have occurred in a year. It also shows the crash rate, which requires a calculation to factor in traffic volumes on a street or approaching an intersection. The crash rate directly compares exposure and driver risk.

The top five most dangerous intersections 2004 were Meadowbrook and 10 Mile Movi and 10 Mile 28 Grand River and 12 Mile 8 Grand River and 12 Mile 8 Beck and Pombe Trail 18

■ 14 Mile and Haggerty

After performing a detailed analysis of individual locations and adding 2005 crash data, the following five intersections were selected for further study:

• Meadow brook Road and 10 Mile Pagel.

Mile Road. • Brok Road and Pontine Trail.

 Grand River Avenue and Haggerty Road, Haggerty Road and Nine

Mile Road and Grand River Avenue and Meadowbrook Road.

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## ■ City earmarks \$5,800 for review

By Pam Fleming STAFF WRITER

City council members recently approved funding for a study to assess specific needs for a firearms range and expanded training facility for the Novi Police Department.

At their March 20 meeting, council unanimously voted to accept a \$5,800 fixed fee for Wold Architects and Engineers from Troy to conduct the assessment.

The other firm being considered City council members recently

fixed fee.

Both firms have experience in designing law enforcement facili-ties, including firearms ranges. Council's action follows its \$1

Council's action follows its Simillion appropriation on Sept. 12. 2005, from federal forfeilure funds to build a firearms range and potential expansion of the current training facility.

The forfeiture funds came from a two-year investigation in which the Novi Police Department was instrumental in helping to bring down an international drug carel. The investigation began when

The investigation began when \$4.8 million of drug money was found in a Novi motel and Northville home in March 2004. As part of the analysis, Wold will conduct a needs assessment

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## Freedom ringing loudly inside Catholic Central

Joseph (Dan Bruder), center, and others rehearse a scene from Novi High's upcoming musical Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat. For the story and more photos, please see page 15A.

■ Exchange Club dedicates display to school

Simply Amazing!

By Ramez Khuri

Fither Richard Ronalletti had no idea what a Freedom Shrine was last fall.

was last lall.

That's why he was skeptical when the Exchange Club of

Livonia approached him at Detroit Catholic Central with a proposal to dedicate one to the school.

"They said it's a collection of reproductions of great historical documents of the United States," said Ranalletti, CC principal. "Everything from the Mayflower Compact, to John F. Kennedy's

inaugural address Runalletti and his staff gladly accepted the honor and found a spot in the school outside the media center in which to display it.

"It's a perfect spot," said Ranalletti, "There are 30 docu-ments frained on that wall now. We were very happy to have it." The Freedom Shrine is a collec-tion of original historic American documents. — photographically reproduced and displayed in thou-sands of locations throughout the United States.

Ranalletti described Catholic Central as a school with many symbols. He said statues outside



Father Richard Ranaletti, right, principal of Catholic Central, and the school's assistant principal, Dave Lewis, take a look at the recently-installed Freedom Shrine documents inside the Novi school.

## Novi man saved 6 in plane crash

■ Just another day at the beach turns Jamison into a hero

By Ramez Khun

ove over Superman, Batman and Aquaman

and Aquaman.

"There's a new super hero in town and for here." wn, and for his first heroic act

town, and for his first heroic act he saved six people from an air plane trash on Lake, Huron. All the six are doing fine today.

"I Mart Jamison, Novi resident for over; (wo and a half, years, was getting ready, for a tun day at the beach on Lake Huron with friends and family last? June, when he noticed a low-flying, airplane quickly losing allitude.

"I man to make the water and then the other was a huge splash."

"At that point, I thought 'Oh my cetting ready, for a tun day at the beach on Lake Huron with friends and went to see if I could help."

Tamison traveled about three.

He first heard the engines com-ng from Canada, and watched as he craft started to turn south long the shore line. At first ing from Canada, and watched as the craft (started to turn south along the shore line. At first Inmison thought the plane was to the wreck. going to land in the water, but as the sequence of events pro-gressed, it quickly became obvi-ous that was not the case.

ien were hysterica The two won

and having a hard time staying above water Jamison went over to them first and ended up pulling

ous that was not the case.

"After looking at the plane closer if didn't have any pontoons, nor was little right size to land, in the water," said Neighbors Novi much so that he water," said Neighbors knocked the Jet Ski, over, so. I

had to jump off."

After stabilizing the Jet Ski

Jamison hopped back on and took the women to shore. He left them there in good hands, as neighbors there in good hands, as neighbors came out to comfort the women before fire and police crews showed up on the scene.

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District Court Judge Brian MacKenzie about Novi adding such a facility. MacKenzie, who

Capello said is nationally knows

for his work in drug education

for his work in drug education, said local courts could use such a facility in many ways.

A recent drug education seminar at the Novi Police Department, for instance, attracted about 100 people.

Council Member Bob Gait and the green police training and the green police training.

said the current police training facility is not adequate and that now is the time to renovate. Members Andrew Mutch and

Lynne Paul were against the firearms range when it was approved but were in favor of the needs assessment study

because it will look at the entire

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symptom of a heart attack is not chest pain, but is really chest pre

The most common symptom of a heart attack is not chest pain, but is really chest pressure. The uncomfortable pressure increases with activity, like showeling snow, and decreases with resting.

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Symptoms of a heart attack in women

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If I have chest pain or pressure, should I go to the hospital? olutely. Go to a hospital, like Botsford General Hospital, with an accredited Chest Pain Center.

What is a Chest Pain Center? White a large percentage of hospitals maintain chest pain units, the definition of these centers varies by institution. If you choose to go to a hospital with an accredited chest rain center, you are partnering with physicians and nurses who have initiated care processes, which will give you the

If I am having a heart attack, can Batsford treat me? Yes, Botsford is one of the few community hospitals in Michigan where you can receive primary angioplasty treatment for a heart attack. If you have low-risk chest

What is a cardiac catheterization A cardiac cath, or angiogram, is a procedure used to take x-rays of the heart muscle and valves. It shows how well these are working, the extent of the damage after a heart attack, which coronary arteries are narrowed, and the

The procedure uses a catheter is long, thin, flexible tube) inserted through an artery (blood vessel) usually in the thigh up to the heart. A coloriess dye is injected in the catheter and vray pictures are taken of the heart and coronary arteries. This is a nonsurgical procedure and a coronary arteries. This is a nonsurgical procedure and a coronary arteries.

What is the difference between cardiac cath and angioplasty?
A cardiac cath is used to take x-rays or pictures of the heart. Once done, an angioplasty, or balloon angioplasty, may be immediately performed.

The angioplasty procedure uses a catheter, like the cardiac cath, with a deflated balloon on the tip and is inserted through an artery to the heart. When the catheter reaches the narrowed artery in the heart, the balloon is then inflated and deflated several times to open up the artery

What do stress tests show? What do stress ests show.

These tests show heart functions and malfunctions - at rest and while under stress through exercise or IV medications to simulate exercise. There are four types of medical tests two using echocardiography and two using nuclear Imaging. Botsford General Hospital was instrumental in pioneering ultrasound procedures. Testing is available seven days a week at our Chest Pain Center.

An electrocardiogram is a test used to record the electrical activity of the heart through electrodes placed on the chest, arms, and legs. It helps tell if there is a decreased supply of blood and oxygen to the heart, if there are any irregular heartbeats or rhythm and if a heart attack has urred. It also tells what part of the heart was damaged

A stress echocardiogram produces images of the beating heart made by bouncing high-frequency (ultrasound) waves off the heart. This is generally more accurate to diagnose biockage in actreis than an electrocardogram. It also helps determine if more cardiac tests and treatment are needed.

A nuclear medicine exercise treadmill stress test evaluates A nuclear medical exercise treamin stress test exhauster coronary blood flow to determine which areas of the heart are not getting enough blood and oxygen, how quickly the heart recovers after exercise, any irregular heart rhythms and if a heart attack has occurred in the pest. During this: test, electrodes are placed on the chest and an intravenous line allows the medicine to flow in the heart. A special camera to record blood flow photographs the medicine.

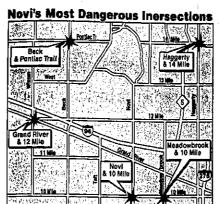
My relative has congestive heart failure and, when admitted to a hospital, stays seven or more days. admitted to a naspital, stays seven or more days. I heard Botsford has a program to reduce this stay. Yes, some patients may be treated and leave within 24 hours with excellent results in our Observational Heart Failure Program. Botsford developed this specialized program in pertnership with physicians at the Cleveland Clinic. It is one of the first of its kind in Michigan.

A lot of hospitals seem to be advertising that they give

and treatments?
The federal government has already done this for you. You can go to www.hospitalscompere.hhs.gov to compare hospitals in Michigan and review their compliance in presting heart failure and heart attacks. If you experience a heart problem, Botsford's board-certified physicians are called to excelled the treatment and earn smithly and the treatment and earn smithly lead to the conditions to conditions the treatment and earn smithly lead to the conditions are smithly and the treatment and earn smithly lead to the conditions are smithly lead to the conditions ready to provide the treatment and care you will need.

The Botsford Health Care Continuum is an integrated system of care which includes Batsford General Hospital, the Botsford Physician Network, Community. Emergency Medical Service, the Botsford Continuing Care Corporation and the Botsford Center for

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## ■ Meadowbrook at 10 Mile city's worst spot

Several intersections were excluded from analysis because of recently completed improvements, such as at Novi and 10 Mile roads,

or pending improvements, such as at 14 Mile and Haggerty roads. In 2004, Meadowbrook and 10 Mile ranked highest for the number of erashes with 4.56 per million entering vehicles. Crash informa-tion for road segments for 2004 showed 1-96 eastbound from Novi Road to Meadowhrook Road had the most crashes per mile with 240 and 2,654 crashes for every 100 million vehicle miles of travel

The prevalent problem noted at all of the various locations we

■ Exchange

Club dedicates

display to school

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ed crashes," said Stephen Dearing, manager, traffic engineering Orchard, Hiltz & McCliment. "While the city does a very good

job limiting the number and loca-tion of driveways, there are several 'hot spots' that have developed." Dearing recommends tracking these locations, modifying individ-ual driveways and placing signs prohibiting turns and/or building

traffic islands. Clay Pearson, interim city manager, said his office will follow up on the traffic study with city staff; the Road Commission for Oakland County; Orchard, Hiltz & McCliment; and the Traffic Improvement Association on shortand long-term measures to reduce

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

the school's chapel are there to remind kids of successful Christians, and there is a coat of arms on the main floor which stu-

tion to those symbols," said Ranalletti. "We're encouraging kids

to look at the sample on the wall and to go read the documents to learn more of the freedoms of our country. Those are the same freedoms we take advantage of every day."

## Joey and Zach are winners

Students were invited to write essays on freedom, and two were given awards: Zach Crawford and Joey Khalil. Khalil wrote about how his father was an immigrant from Lebanon in the 1970s. He told the story of what his father

his wife, State Senator Nancy Cassis; U.S. Representative

"It was a nice celebration," said

about but the documents will

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### Just another Matt Jamison day at the beach turns Jamison into a Family: wife, Kristen; son, Andrew 8; daughler, hero Ashley 5 Hobbies and/or inter continued from front page

ly complete, Jamison jumped back onto the Jet Ski and headed

back toward the wreckage.

"The plane was essentially under water at this point and the pilot was still holding onto it," said Jamison. "He was exhausted and disoriented, and I couldn't get him onto the Jet Ski. I held not him with one gray and held on to him with one arm and dragged him to shore. Everyone ended up being fine, even the A self-described "typical"

person who cares about his fellow man. And the folks he saved that day couldn't agree more.
"I've spoken to the father a

couple times and everyone is doing great," said Jamison. "It was just very fortunale that I happened to be out there at that time to help."

Afterwards, Jamison headed

back to his beach party to tell the

"It was a pretty wild day," he said. "It's hard to think of myself as a hero, but it sure was an interesting day to say the least. It was pretty surreal from

Guest speakers at the dedica-tion included Novi Mayor David Landry; Planning Commission Chair Victor Cassis representing "These are not just dry school book documents," he added, "Seeing them on the wall is like seeing a picture of a saint who says this is a human being who has a value you should fear. Freedom is very hard to talk nis wife, State Senator Nathy Cassis; U.S. Representative Thaddeus McCotter, Vickie Selva representing U.S. Senator Carl Levin; and Larry Wallach repre-senting -U.S. Senator Debbie Stabenow.

Ranalletti. "We offer so many classes on social studies, but we thought it would be important for the kids to see the actual docu-

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### ■ City earmarks \$5,800 for review continued from front page

of the police department's building space to examine the com-Misty Rantz, Wold's project manager, previously served as project manager during the Novi Police Department's addition and renovation in 2000.

Clients give Wold high

Novi Chief of Police David Molloy said in a memo to Clay

Pearson, interim city manager, that Wold's previous clients praised the firm for its staff's ability to stay on time and with-

in budget.
They also described the firm's

representatives as easy to work with and adept at providing

Mayor Pro Tem Kim Capello

mentioned during the March 20 meeting that he wants to explore the possibility of a drug educa-

ests: He loves to spend time with his children, and he enjoys golf and basket-

Advice: "To be in the profession you have to have a background in so est in negotiations, finan-cial modeling and evaluation," said Jamison, "You also have to have a good understanding of middle market companies." Schools: He graduater

from Port Huron Northern High School and Hillsdale College. He also earned a degree from University of

Years in business: 12

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my perspective. It made for an interesting beach party, that's for sure."

Jamison is one of several who will be recognized by the Red

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## Teen convinces school officials to seek alternative to Styrofoam

■ Schools to set date for switch

By Pam Fleming

Denise Rowe is on a one-

of the Novi Reantification Commission, the Novi High School senior has recently suc-ceeded in getting district school officials to agree to eliminate Styrofoam plates in

chimiate Styrioram praces of lunch rooms Rowe, who created the acronym T.E.S.T. (Teens Eliminating Styrofoam Trays) for her cause, has convinced material in district lunch

Rowe has a whole list of reasons why the schools, and everyone for that matter, shouldn't use Styrofoam. about her latest efforts with fel-Novi Beautification

"She feels real strongly about Styrofoam plates being used in the schools because of various harmful effects and lack of decomposition in our environment," said Moira environment," Robinson, chair. Novi

Rowe was even able to obtain signatures from more than a warter of the high school's stu-Styrofoam in Novi schools.

The environmentally-constance, producing solid waster and harmful byproducts created three months on the project with support from cnt; John Lawrence, Novi High



Photo by JOHN HEIDER/Novi News

Novi High School senior Denise Rowe is leading an effort to have the school's cafeteria replace its Styrofoam trays with a more ecologically-friendly

She met with Peter Dion, Novi Community School District Superintendent; James

January.

Clements, director, Nutrition & Food Services, on the issue in gave a PowerPoint "We kept researching how we could integrate plastic trays into the lunch room, which the senior class," Rowe said. She also gave school officials

a copy of a research paper she has written about the harmful effects of Styrofoam. "It causes depression, sleep disorders, nervous system dam-age and in certain cases can-cer," Rowe said. "I have resources that support these facts."

Plastic use may increase costs

couldn't be used at the high school, because if officials changed materials there they would have to do so at all dis triet schools, which would

nerease labor costs. "Novi Meadows doesn't even have to buy a dishwasher,

One solution was to switch to a sugar cane foam, which is 100 percent biodegradable and doesn't have any of the health risks of Styrofoam. "Our other option is to go

into a sort of partnership with Chinctle [a paper products manufacturer], serve as their spokesperson and try to get other schools to make the change from Styrofoam to a safer alternative," Rowe said. School officials have agreed

to set a date when one of the Those with ideas, comments or concerns can e-mail Rowe at denise.rowe@gmail.com.

changes because our landfills are filling up." Clements said another drawback of Styrofoam is that many recycling centers won't accept the product, reached at (248) 349-1700, ext. 105, or by e-mail at

Replacements include paper, potato starch and sugar cane

JoAnne Clements says the Novi Community School District staff is considering a couple of alternatives to the use of Styrefoam in schools, Clements, director of Nutrition and Food Services for the district, has been working with senior Denise Rowe to eliminate Styrofeam from the cafeteria.

"I just want to say how impressed we are with Denise," Clements said. Kudos to her for the effort she has put into this." Clements said one of the products

they are considering is a gray, nubby material produced by Chinette that comes from recycled products. "They're using a recycled product to create a recyclable product," she

with paper increases the cost almost 10-fold. For example, a product that every school uses is the five-compartmen tray made of Styrofoam, which usu-

ally costs about 3 cents apiece. But,

trays in the nine schools that make up the Novi district. Picture the cost

This has been a real eye opener

"We're going to investigate to see what is cost effective for the district

and healthy for the students," she

"I truly think in the future that it's

something we'll all have to pay attention to and maybe make some

for all of us," she said.

District started using it. Source Durise lines, Teens Eliabeting Styrologia Trays

Styrofoam facts

• It is nonbiodegradable

and made of petroleum, a nonrenewable source.

the body and can cause to a

depression, sleep disorders.

Parkinson's disease, weak-ness, fatigue, loss of con-

centration, nausea, liver damage and cancer.

· Styrene is made of man-

delic acid (a mutagen) and

styrene oxide (a carcinogen) • Styrene leaks into food,

McDonald's stopped

which was proven when a:

Styrofoam cup lost weight-

using Styrefoam about the same time the Novi School

found in this area is in Southfield. but people have to take the product there themselves since there is no

of that," Clements said.
"We're working with Chinette to see if they can work with us on a price for the paper trays. We're also looking into using sugar cane or potato starch trays. These are both biodegradable,"

Clements added that school offi-

"People like Denise bring awarecials have learned a lot about the detrimental effects of Styrofoam.

the use of this new tray. The next

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ence member said happened to her the day after seeing The Second City's "Bobble Heads of State" on March 22. The director said as soon as school officials have something to report about acceptable alternatives ting to discuss the next step.

State\* on Marca 22.
Written and performed by the six Detroit Mainstage actors that currently make up the Novi comedy troupe, members of the jamesty packed, opening-night audience were begging for more by the end — even if their sides did ache from all those belly laughs.

The slice-of-life skits cover the o everything that happens etween, like the war in Iraq. The cast crams an unbelievable nount of material into its 75-.

But far from being distracting,

going to do next.

The show combines fast-moving sketch comedy, songs and The Second City's famous interactive

an emergency light caught fire, setting off automatic sprinklers. Cleanup crews were on the Carlson, also directed "Immaculate Deception" on the Second City e.t.c. stage in Chicago before coming to Novi. Carlson recently went to Iraq and Kuwait to direct a U.S.O. ediately, however, and the building reopened Wednesday

David Danust, a professional actor who has appeared in

Rose Theater in Chelses, portrayed Thomas Jefferson at

Friends of the Novi Library on Feb. 7. Pictured with Daousl

are Evelyn and Norm Young of Novi. At the next program on April 7, Tom Stanton will present "The Final Season,"

chronicling that memorial time at Detroit's Tiger Stadium.

throughout the open house.

For more information about the event or other services offered, call 105, or by e-mail at

the Novi Public Library at (248) pfleming@gannett.com.

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Light refreshments will be served Pam Fle

show for the troops overseas.
"Bobble Heads of State" also producer of the Detroit theater, with John Edwartoski as musical features a healthy dose of physical conxedy, with Handlon displaying with John Cowartosh as indistant director and Amy Duffy as stage manager and set designer. Tara Nida is the show's stylist, with choreography by Dana Hicks. The six members of the comea couple of scenes.
Jenny Hagel and Quintin Hicks team up in a sketch about parents

The Second City in Novi include: Margaret Exner, who received a bachelor of fine arts degree in

Open house includes contests, prizes, food

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there.
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with prizes being awarded, baltoon creations and hands-on technology

"We're trying to let the public know about a few of the newer serv-ices we now offer at the library"

said Marcia Dominick, administra

She noted that the Novi library now offers a self-checkout system as well as the "Creation Station" at

which patrons can bring in digital

H's 'Bebble | Gloss' Bobble Heads of State The Second City's 27th

revue, opened March 22 at the comedy theater at 42705 Grand River Avenue

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this year's National Library Week, the library staff thought it would be fun to schedule an event the

Saturday before the observance

information from the library staff

about some of their unique and/or unusual pastimes and experi-

"She is creating a display for

"There will be a small display

librarians are fuddy-duddies," said Brenda Lussier, library direc-

Second City

You know a comedy show's

funny when your checks still hurt the next day from laughing so

And, that's just what one audi

six keeps it

coming

By Pam Fleming

off activities

a bachelor of fine arts degree in acting from Wayne State University and is a 10-year veteran of The Second City;
Jenny Hagel, a native of Virginia who studied improv at

virgina who studied improve and the fingrov Olympic and The Second City in Chicago;
• Shawn Handlon, who joined The Second City Detroit's mainstage in 2003;
• Quintin Hicks, a native of Flint who has more than 10 years

[Plint who has more than 10 years] member who likes to blurt out random concepts for the actors to respond to, this revue's for you, "Bobble Heads of State" is the

27th revue for The Second City, and the second at the new Novi location on Grand River Avenue of improvexperience with severa

troupes;
• Tiffany Jones, who has been

talking to their teenager, with Hicks displaying an uncanny like-ness to the late comedian Chris

Farley, former star of The Second

Whether you like to make fun

or just have fun, The Second City's "Bobble Heads of State" will no doubt give your smile

## **Natural Features** Expo exhibitors show how to benefit from environment

buff's are invited to the city's second annual Natural Features

i.30-7:30 p.m. convictive Center Atrium.

"The environment is yours to keep," said Cindy Uglow, city of Novi Neighborhood Services of the convilinator and organizer of the conviction of the convicti

Coordinator and organizer of the program. "Come learn about what you can do to help improve the quality of life in your own back yard and across the state. event available to talk to area cit-

• The Michigan Department of Environmental Quality staff vill be able to discuss statewide

avironmental issues.

• The Southeast Michigan Council of Governments Environmental Department's epresentatives will offer infor-nation about seven simple steps

for cleaner water.

• The Michigan Department of Natural Resources' repre-sentatives will provide informa-tion on recreation, camping and wildlife habitats.

. The Resource Recovery & Recycling Authority of Southwest Oukland County

about recycling and proper haz-· The Oakland County Drain Commissioner's Office staff will be available to address

storm water and sewer issues.

• The Friends of the Rouge's representatives will have facts

about frog and water life and

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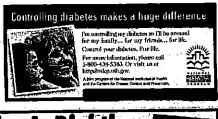
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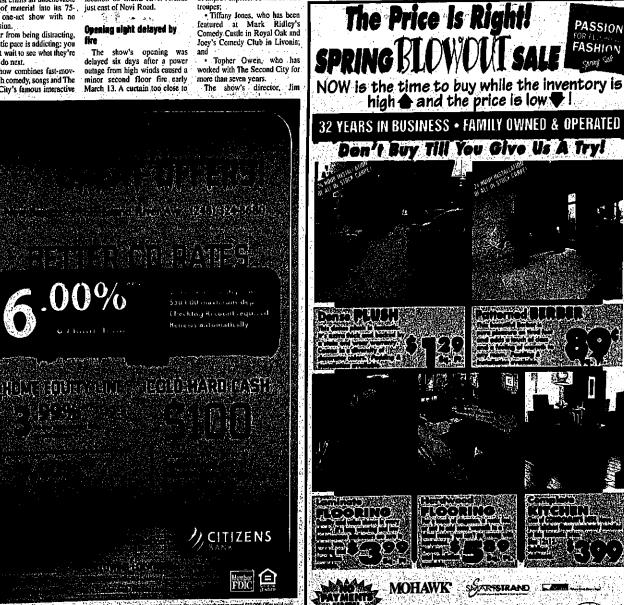
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Michigon State Tollgate year. Roy Prentice from the cen-ter will explain what's available beekeeping exhibit and will sell

honey at the expo.
"This event is designed for improving the environment around their home and their community," Uglow said. Special treats will be provided for children attending the event. For more information, call Uglow at (248) 347-0437.

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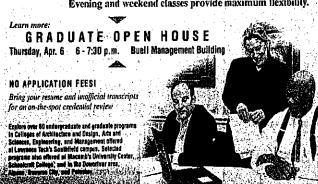


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## Senate plans to accelerate the elimination of Single

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take up legis-lation that further accel-

erates the repeal of the state's Single Business Tax. SB 1170 is the Senate's version of the SBT repeal and includes having the Governor's Council of Economic Advisors develop a plan for replacement and present it to the Legislature by Jan. 1, 2007. The bill also osures that any replacement of business taxes will not raise sales, income or property taxes.

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## Cassis adds amendments to increased graduation

The Senate approved legisla-tion that puts Michigan at the forefront of efforts to create rigorous statewide high-school young people leave school ready for the 21st century careers and Enable certain 11th- and

Senate Bill 1124 will require Algebra I and II; three of science and social studies; and one year

of an arts course as well as a.

As vice-chair of the Senate Committee on Education and a former teacher and school psyments that were made part of the legislation. The amendments

12th-grade students to complete an alternative approach to meet the Algebra II benchmarks as illined by the Department of Education if a student's math teacher and school counselor, in

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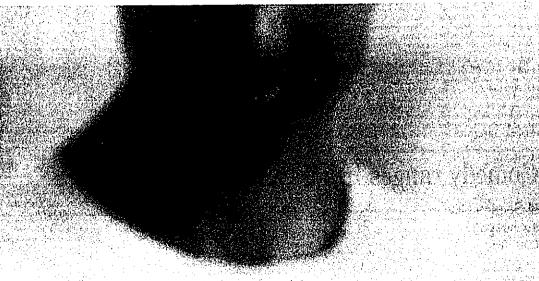
action for that student; and to have the skills to compete in a global economy. I think we all agree that education is a key component connected to cco-· Require school districts to report to the local Intermediate School District how many pupils have requested and received a modification of the Algebra II nomic growth and entrepreneut-ship (the "three Es"). My intent was to address the small number of students with a

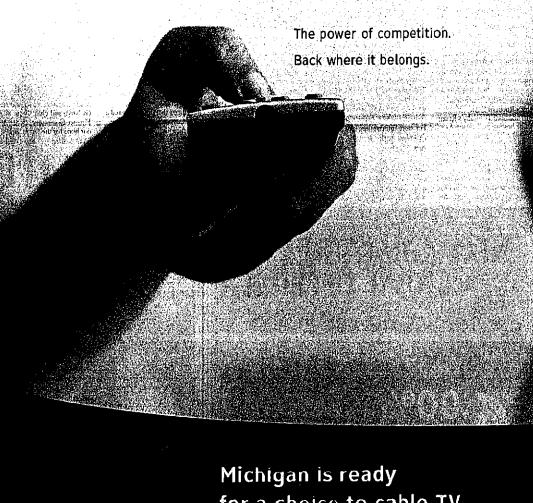
The differences between the Senate and House (HB 5606) history of being academically vulnerable and challenged in bills are in the process of being negotiated to reach consensus. mathematics; these students tend to have fragile self-esteem and

senneassis@senate.michigan.gov. or toll free at 1-888-38-NANCY.

State Senator Nancy Cassis, a

Novi Republican, represents the 15th Senate District, which includes the townships of Commerce, Highland, Holly, Lyon, Milford, Novi. Rose, West nfield and White Lake: as well as the Villages of Holly, Milford and Wolverine Lake; and the cities of Novi, Northville (the portion in Oakland County), Orchard Lake, South Lyon,





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Contractors appreciation event

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\*\*Construction, the, of Plymouth .

\*\*Best, Team Player — .

\*\*Benchmark Drywall , Inc., of ...

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Mechanical Contractor o the Year — Cinday Construction, Inc., of Pinckney 👫 Land Development, Extra Effort — The Landscape Group, Inc., of Milford Land Development, Most Inc. of Wixom

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Like others in the skilled trades. contractors rarely receive the recognition they deserve for a job

Members of the Tall Brothers Members of the Toll Brothers Design Studio staff in Novi, how-ever, are trying to change this oversight with its Contractors Appreciation Luncheon. The sec-ond annual event took place March 22 in the developer's shourcest.

More than 250 contractors from across came to the studio for a strolling luncheon and awards presentation that followed in the

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Open for business

Citizens Bank announced its

Shafer added that the new

architectural features that

Citizens Bank branch has unique

enhance the attractiveness of the

location. The exterior of the new building has a glass-enclosed atrium in which Chizens' "weather ball" logo hangs from

Visitors to the bank see an

Unique features of the new

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Toll Brothers use of the atrium for firm's first endeavors the event at no charge.
Toll Brothers also reviewed some of its current projects during

When Toll Brothers first started the design studio concept, the company had this same group in

Novi.

"It was just an empty shell," sald Joe Gallagher, design studio manager. Area contractors all worked together to greete the state of the stat worked together to create the studio's look. Last week's apprecia-tion function was the first one in the finished space.

edium-box retail up front off of Jackson Road with attached condominiums directly behind and also detached, single-family lots in Washtenaw County; Green Oaks, a new 90-lot subdivision actium of the building at Main
Street Novi. Hafeez Shaikli, the
building's new landlord, provided
parcels that will be one of the

Livingston County,
Toll Brothers is also looking
forward to developing about 150
detached single-family units on the west side of Canton, as well as

nity for active adults with an 18-hole golf course in Livingston County that will be Toll Brothers' first age-restricted project in Anyone with land they would Future projects include the Honeycreek development, an open-air lifestyle center with two of Toll Brothers Land

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> pfleming@gannett.com.

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Plymouth-based ROFIN-SINAR Technologies Inc., devel-opers and manufacturers of high-performance laser beam sources

announced that it has acquired a

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February, matching the down-wardly revised reading for January. So far in 2006, the index



tive rate small business pay from

2 percent to 1 percent for job providers with an adjusted busi-

and whose chief executives make

\$125,000 per year or less.
"This legislation will provide a
much-needed boost to our econo-

my by creating thousands of jobs across the state," Cassis said.

SB 1191 is expected to be referred to the Senate Finance

Committee, chaired by Sen.

The state Senate voted to

repeal the Single Business Tax on Dec. 31, 2007 and introduced

legislation that reduces the alter-

House Bill 5743 was amended

by the Senate to prohibit the Legislature from replacing the SBT with an increase in the rate

or base of taxes on individuals.

including the income tax, sales tax, use tax, or real estate taxes

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develop a plan by Jan. 1, 2007, to replace the SBT with business

taxes that are more conducive to

job creation, investment and eco-

hill to require the Governor's . Council of Economic Advisors to

2 percent to 1 percent.

Cassis.

Jason Rickard, right, of Toli Brothers, prese of Benchmark Drywall Inc. in Wixom with the Best Team Player award following the developer's Contractors eciation Luncheon March 22 in Novi. This was the first time many of the contractors who worked on the firm's new design studio in Novi got to see the finished

## **Business Briefs**

### Advanced technology tour

The Network on Wheels tour, a small and medium-sized business technology demo from Cisco Systems, will stop at Novi's INCAT Thursday. The four will be showcasing

hands-on demonstrations of proven integrated networking solutions, which are customizable to different business sizes and needs. The tour is from 9 a.m.-5. p.m. at INCAT, 41370 Bridge Street, consisting of eight ses-

To register for this event, call (888) 696-0696.

### Accessorizing for the baby

USA BABY, specialty retailer of infant and children's furniture and accessories, is hosting a grand reopening April 1 of the aby's Room in Novi.
"In addition, The Baby's Room

will be hosting their "Once A-Trimester Sale" from April 1 to June 4. During this sale, all furn ture, linens and other selected merchandise will be on sale at significantly reduced prices.
Emery and JoAnn Keathley have been the owners of the store since 1987, originally as inde-

The Baby's Room provides parents with all the necessities to welcome their new arrival home. The newly expanded location

also provides parents with grooming and bath time helpers, travel accessories, Avent feeding systems and books, as well as the necessary child-proofing prod-ucts like baby monitors. The store also includes a

airy, sleek building and interiors befitting a professional services ChildSpace section, which serves and teenage children. Baby's Room is located at

27782 Novi Road, Hours are 11 10 a.m. 6 p.m. Tuesday, Saturday; noon-5 p.m. Sunday.

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For more information, call (248) The new branch provides a drive-up ATM, drive-up banking, night deposit drop, and extended hours on weekdays from 9 a.m.-6 p.m. and on Saturdays from 9

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in Plymouth and Hamburg.

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2005, designs, develops, engi-neers and manufactures laser

solutions for a wide range of

Small-business tax cut

State Sen. Nancy Cassis (R-

Novi) introduced legislation that lowers the alternative rate small

businesses pay on the Single Business Tax. Senate Bill 1191

providers.
"Small businesses need tax

relief immediately," said Cassis

(R-Novi) and chair of the Senate Finance Committee. "They are our hope for the future, and they

can't afford to wait until the end

of 2007, more than 21 months,

for their tax burden to be lifted.

Sen. Cassis was referring to

repeal the Single Business Tax Dec. 31, 2007. The bill passed

House Bill 5743, which will

will ent tax rates in half for more than 35,000 Michigan job

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Compiled by Tracy Mishle



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Marsha Billes, D.O. Family Practice & Healthy Living

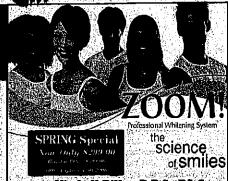
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Dennis and Marcia Owens of

Novi announce the engagement of

their daughter, Katrina Marie Owens to Jeffrey Campion Soutar, son of Jon Soutar of West

son of Jon Soutar of West Bloomfield and Nancy Soutar of

The bride-elect is a 1999 gradu-ate of Novi High School. She

earned a bachelor of accountancy

School. He earned a bachelor of

business administration in 1999

Michigan. A July 2006 wedding is

from Walsh College in 2003. The groom-elect is a 1995 grad-uate of West Bloomfield High

Waterford.

PEOPLE

Photo by JOHN HEIDER/Novi New Cynthia Rimmel, left, and Jayne Cousineau have opened ir Novi matchmaking service, Dating Made Simple.

sonal information. We don't give

Dating Made Simple doesn't allow clients to skim through

hundreds of pictures and base

"We find out what they want, what's worked in the past and what hasn't worked," Cousineau

said. "After an interview with a

client, (which includes a basic background check), we match

them with other pre-screener

Dates are set up for 30-min-

utes, depending on convenience for both clients. Dates are can set up at several

local restau

rants, including

Novi's Bone Fish Grill,

Dirty Martini,

Northville,

Sean O'Callaghan's

in Plymouth and Milford

and Volare's in Wixom. "Back 10

years ago, it wasn't as neceptable (to

seek help from a dating service) as it is now," she said.
"Our service is a little indulgence. The benefit is we're

Cousineau said both she and

"We are both married and

"Everything is about love,

local and personalized.

need for their services.

there.

that out," she added.

their choices on looks

Simple steps

match.

Looking for love?

## Love struck

## Look no further, local dating service finds your match

Jayne Consineau knows that busy people don't always have the time to get out and meet new

people.

As a means to lend a hand, members with the qualities o Cousineau, 49, and her long-time friend, Cynthia Rimmel, 48, what they're looking for."

She said clients will have their plan to open the doors to their own personal consultant that will new dating service, Dating Made Simple, Tuesday, April 4. work with them one-on-one until they find their perfect

With online dating, nothing is for sure," Cousineau said. "You can embellish who you are, say you look like something you're not, and you have to do it till

yourself." "With Dating Made Simple we do it all for

Service: Dating Made Hours: By appointment only, 10 a.m.-6 p.m. said the idea Monday through Friday: ing service, tar interview appointments. geting busy people seeking Contact: (248) 344-6630 a companion opportunity t Web site; www.datingmeet new peo-

ho have had bad luck and have been unsuccessful with online dating.
"We're hoping to attract busy

husiness people who don't have the time to go out and find dates," Rimmel said. "People who have done the bar scene; people who have tried to be fixed up is always nice, but sometimes that can be a short list.

happy now, after the trials and tribulations of single life," she said. "But we've both been Dating Made Simple's services are available for people living a Novi, Northville, Plymouth and surrounding areas.

Love songs are on the radio and in movies. Everyone is looking "When you're single, it's so time consuming to go out and find the right person," she said. "We do all the weeding for you to help find that diamond in the for someone," she added. Consineau said the bigges thing to remember when secking services from a Dating Made rough. And believe me, they're Simple is to have an open mind and faith.

Dating Made Simple offers a basic six-for-six package, six dates in six months for \$450. "Basically, it's a simple 30-

minute date or meeting," Cousineau said, "If they want to stay longer, that's completely up

"Once people go on their 30minute dates and sparks fly, it's up to them to exchange any per-

■ New salon combines beauty with

Sara Rozell brings new meaning

Oaks Mall, uses her feet to provide deep tissue massage for her cus

by owners Lynn McMullin and Michael Stein. McMullin, of Novi, said she

massages; deep tissue massages; Swedish massages; hot stone mas-sages; a vichy shower room and a quiet room.
"This is one of the few spas in

all eastern-hased tight massage "We want this to be an experi ence for our clients," McMullir

### Enjoyable experience

McMollin said the name Tricho came from one of the first spas in ancient Rome. "Our mission is excellence," she

Tricho offers 28 hair stations, seven nail stations and six spa treatment rooms. Customers can also sit back and

ists," McMullin said, "We really vant them to have a passion for what they do

employed and the business is locat-ed on the mall's lower level, between Marshall Field's and

we'll always have new clientele," McMullin said.

purchase, including products by Fresh, Bumble & Bumble, Skin

Ceuticals, Pereology, Jane Iredale and TIGI.

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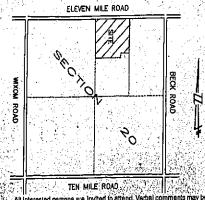
"We're not promising love," she said. "We're promising the

opportunity to meet new people, and we're looking forward to attending our first wedding."

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### CITY OF NOVI PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Planning Commission for the City of Novi will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, April 5, 2006 at 7:30 PM. In the Novi Civic Center, 45175 W. Ten Mills Road, Novi, Mi to consider OBERLIN, CONDOMINUMS, SITE PLAN NUMBER 05:28A. FOR PRELIMINARY SITE PLAN, WETLAND, PERMIT, WOODLAND PERMIT, AND STORES WATER AND STORES WETLAND. THE AND STORM WATER MANAGEMENT PLAN APPROVAL THE SUBJECT PROFERTY IS LOCATED IN SECTION 29. SOUTH OF ELEVEN MILE FOAD AND WEST OF BECK ROAD, IN THE R-1, ONE FAMILY RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT. The subject croperty is approximate by 38.66 acres and the applicant is proposing a 58 unit condeminant development, under the terms of a Planned Rezoning Overlay



All Interested persons are invited to attend. Verbal comments may be and at the hearing and any written comments must be received by the enning Department, 45175 W. Ten Mile Road, Novi, MI 48375 until 4:00.

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## It's a whole new world

relaxation

By Tracy Mishler

to 'walking all over you.'
Walt bars bolled to the aroma therapy filled rooms, Rozell, Ashiatsu massage therapist at Tricho Spa and Saion in Twelve

Tricho's opened Oct. 17, 2005, owners Lynn McMullin and

wanted to provide an environmen for people to step out of the mall setting and into a whole new world. setting and into a whole new world The 7,000-square-foot facility is split in half, with one section specifically for a spa and the other

salon. Spa amenities include Ashiatsu

Michigan offering Ashiatsu mas-sages," Rozell said, "It is described as 'the deepest, most luxurious massages in the world." Rozell added that Ashiatus is an

said, "Not just a service."

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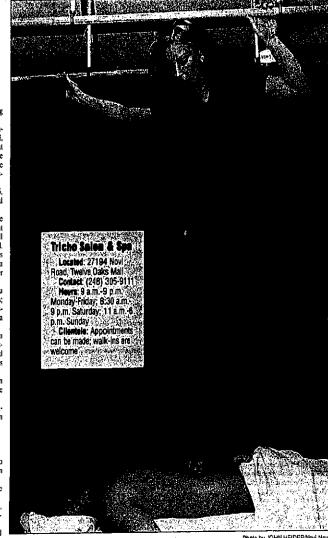


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McMullin said. "We want to prowhat they do." vide the best products available on More than 50 staff members are the market."

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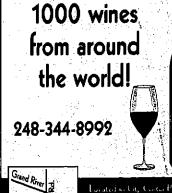
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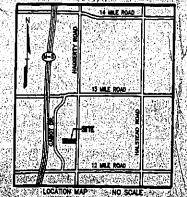
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Il Interested persons are invited to attand. Verhal commerts may be, at the hearing end any written comments must be received by the hing Department 45175 W-Ten Allie Road, Novi, MI 48375 until 4.00

## CHURCH CALENDAR

 Meadowbrook Congregational Church will return to the video series Questions of Faith" for its 2006 Lenten Program. The video is approximately 30 minutes long. and will he followed by discus Each class will meet Wednesdays

at 7/30 p.m.
Book Club News: The church's newest/selection is "Wicked" by Gregory Maquire. It's a story of the Wicked Witch of the West. USpring into Sempbooking: There will be a scrapbooking session / held tomorrow from 6 p.m.-midgroup's trip to the National

Convention in California, Cost is \$25 and includes dinner, beverages and door prizes. Experienced scrapbookers will have a valuable time to work on projects. There is a free beginners' class for new sempbookers. Call the church to

sign up.

Meadowbrook is located at 21355 Meadowbrook Road in Novi, The church can be reached at 248-348-7757 or at www.mbcce.org, Nonnal Sunday worship service

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 heads house the come and share your heads housely for the come his part of the come has been as the come and th lunch hour with God at a wors service that includes scripture and invites all to worship Sundays at 7:45 and 10 a.m. Nursery care is available at 10 a.m. worship service. (The nursery is coordinated by a registered pediatric nurse.)

Adult Bible Study is Sundays at

9 a.m. Worship Center for children ages 3-7, and Sunday School is at 10 a.m. Worship Service of Compline is held at 8:30 nm. Rite 13 (ages 11-

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Novi. Cali (248) 347-7778.
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• Faith Community

Presbyterian Church invites you
to worship at either the 9 a.m. or 10:30 a.m. services, Adult Sunda school is offered at 9 a.m. Sunday school and nursery care is available nt both services, Dr. Henderson will be teaching

all are welcome.

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 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. Women's Bible Study, led by Jann Martin, is the first Wednesday

and Thursday of each month, at 10 Late Service. n.m. and 7 p.m.
The church is located at 44400
W. 10 Mile Road in Novi. Call (248) 349-2345, or visit ww.faithcommunity-novi.org.
• The Holy Family Church

presents Theology on Tap at Gus O'Connors Irish Pub, 7:30-9:30 p.m. Monday. Topic of discussion is Spirituality and Religion — "Do I have to go to church to be a spiritual person?

Theology on Tap is a program designed for young adults but all are welcome. Crosspointe Meadows
Church meets Sundays at
Meadowbrook Elementary The church is located at 24505 Meadowhrlok Road: hety Meadowbrook Road; between Grand River and 10 Mile Road, Calt (248) 349-8847 or visit School. Services are at 9 and 10:30 a.m. Fresh brewed bot www.holyfamilynovi.org.

• Oak Pointe Church service coffee is available from 10-

10:30 a.m. The church also has a.m. every Sunday. Visit www.oak-pointe.org or call (248) 912-0043. The church meets at Novi High children's programs for all ages and a nursery available. The church is located at 29200 Meadowbrook Road, just School.
• St. James Catholic Church is located at 46325 10 Mile Road, south of 13 Mile Road. For more information, call (248) 427-2700

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les 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. groups will meet at various homes in Northville, Novi, For more information, call (248) 349-1144, or visit www.fumc-South Lyon, Plymouth, Canton and Livonia, Most will meet northville,org.

• St. John Lutheran Church will hold Holy Week services: 7:30 p.m. Maundy Thursday, April 13; 7:30 p.m. Good Friday, 349-3140.

Ripple Creek Street, Novi. Interested parties are asked to call in advance, (248) 473-0355. People of all faiths are welcome.

Baha'i Faith. For more information, visit www.us.bahai.org. · St. Paul Concert Series will host Daniel Foster and Martha Folts Violin and Harpsichord 4 p.m. Sunday, April 30 and The Music of St. Paul's, 4 p.m.

 The First Presbyterian Church tonight David Blake will showcase his musical gifts and discuss the Five Languages

wed by the speaker at 8 p.m Monday through Thursday from

pointemeadows.org.
• St. Paul Lutheran Church in Northville will be studying the best selling book "Purpose Driven Life" by Rick Warren during Lent. Over 13,000 churches nationwide have gone

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Wednesday evenings at 7 p.m. For more information, call (248) • The Baha'i Faith will host a community-wide devotional gathering focusing on prayers for peace at 11 a.m. on the last

The church is located at 23225 Gill Road in Farmington Hills. Saturday service begins at 5:30 p.m. and Sunday traditional "The earth is but one country and mankind its citizens"-The ices are at 8:30 and 11 a.m. Sunday contemporary service begins at 9:50 a.m. and Sunday school starts at 9:45 a.m.

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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 Sunday, May 21, The church is located at 201 Elm Street in lorthville. Call (248) 349-3140

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The church is located at 200 East Main Street, Northville, MI Compiled by Ramez Khuri

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## In the Service

Lt. Michael Kurtti, a 1999 graduate of Novi High School, and a 2003 graduate of the United States Military Academy at West Point, platon leader serving with the 1st squadron of the 11th Armored Cavalry Regiment which was deployed from Ft. Irwin. Calif. While deployed L1. Kurtti was awarded the Bronze Star for meritorous service. recently returned from a 12 month tour of duty in Iraq. Lt. Kurtti is a



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## Freedom from falling

Adjusting your environment could prevent serious injuries

By Tracy Mishler

Alice Johnston relies on her

resident has the ability to walk, she said she feels safer in her mobile chair.
"Throke my leg a few years ago,"
Johnston said, "I don't feel I'm

strong enough to be walking around." Johnston's daughter, Susan, said she believes her mother's depend-

ence on her wheelchair is a result of fear from falling again. "No one wants to see their parents sick or in pain," said Susan, 56, "I just want to make sure she's safe, And if the chair makes her feel com-

fonable, then so be it." fortable, then so be it."

According to the Michigan
Department of Public Health, more
than two-thirds of people who fall
will fall again in the next six

nouns.
It is also the number one reason people die of injuries, said Kay Renny, registered nurse and manager of community programs for the Visiting Nurses Association of Southeast Michigan.

Southeast Michigan.
"It's sad, but a lot of seniors fall," Remy said. "It may be as simple as tions? Are (medications) they are weating improper shoes."
"There are little things (seniors)
"Remy said muses also perform wearing improper shoes.

"There are little things (seniors) can do to prevent falling," she
the "Get Up and Go" test.

added.

The Visiting Nurses Association of Southeast Michigan offers seniors, age 65 and older living in Oakland, Macomb and Wayne counies, a no-cost falls prevention assessment to reduce the risk of full metals became.



Tony Logan supervises Fox Run resident Bertel Reis during an exercise ball session that focused on maintaining good balance.

four major areast environment, medication, vision and muscle strength," Renny said, "When was the last time they had their eyes checked? Who fills their presemp-

We ask them to sit, stand up and walk out about 10-feet, turn around

and come back and sit down," she said. "Most people can do this is about 10 seconds.

"The best way to prevent this is to get up and stay active."

each room in their client's home. "Bathnoms are the number one place where most falls occur," Remy said, "When we're done, we leave behind recommendations and 40 ways to prevent a fall."

Getting in shape

Tony Logan said the best way to avoid falling is to stay active and in shape.

"As people get older, their bones mines, a no-const falls prevention

"But this way we can see how

get britte, 'said Logan, wellness

they sit, how they turn and how they

walk. We can relay the information

back to their physicians and they

"We go into the home and do a Preventing a fail

Exercise regularly to maintain strength, floxibility, mobility and balance. Check your vision at least once à vear. Poor

chance of falling. Remove throw rugs or secure them firmly.: Clear electrical and telephone cords from

pathways.

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the too and bottom of the ■ Do not use your hallways or stainvells for storage; keep them free of

Have an electrician install light switches at the top and bottom of a . Do not climb stairs

while carrying packages that obstruct your field of Paint door sitis a different color to prevent

Fox Run and several senior com

munities in Novi and Northvilk

offer balance and strength classes to

strength.
"Health care pays between \$75

and \$100 billion a year as a result of falling," Logan said. "The best way

to prevent this is to get up and stay

"Getting up and staying active could be as little as walking up and down the street or to the mailbox," he said. "Strength in bones adapt to

the amount of pressure put on them

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

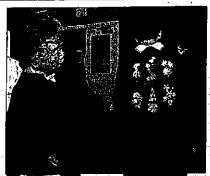
Wellness coordinator, Fox Run Senior Co

Tony Logan

five to seven days a week.

Logan recommends a solid 15 to minutes of continuous exercise

Activities will be held at the Novi Civic Center, 45175 W. 10 Mile Road.



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Thursday 4/6 9 a.m. ..... 9 a.m. Medicare Part D Assistance by appointment
10 a.m.-2 p.m. Income Taxes by appointment 

In the spirit in some good adding a make this in Florence Baptist, left, checks out the fashion south as stylings of fellow Backwards Day participant confines Margret Brenner at the Novi Senior Center last

## PUBLIC SAFETY

## Evans wins fire inspector award

■ He helps city remain safe

By Pam Fleming

In his 16 years with the city of Novi, Fire Marshal Mike Evans has obviously made a name for himself.

leagues by being selected as Fire inspector of the Year for 2005. Inspector of the Year for 2005.

He was awarded the honor by members of the Oakland County Fire Prevention Society and was recognized at the March 20 city council meeting.

Evans has been with the Novi Fire Department since 1990 and

1996. In this position, he works close-ly with staff from the building and planning departments concerning

When a new business opens in Novi, Evans schedules firefighters to conduct an annual or biannual fire inspection for the business. Evans also conducts the train-ing specifically for the fire inspec-

tors program.

Another aspect of his job is to pull information from businesses pull information from businesses regarding hazardous materials on site.

Lt. Bruce Johnson from the Southfield Fig. Pro-

Southfield Fire Department pre-sented Evans with a plaque denot-ing the honor.

"Mike is very well respected in the fire inspection field," Johnson said, mentioning that Evans initi-

also active in the Michigan Fire Inspectors Society as well as the Oakland County Fire Prevention Society,
"He's done a great job taking care of fire prevention efforts for the city and the citizens of Novi," said Jeff Johnson, acting fire

"He works well with all of the

Pam Fleming is a staff writer for the Novi News. She can be reached at (248) 349-1700, ext. 105, or by e-mail at pfleming@gamnett.com.



Mike Evans, center, of the Novi Fire Department, was selected as the 2005 Oakland County Fire Inspector of the Year by the Oakland County Fire Prevention Society, Pictures with him following a presentetion during Monday night's city council meeting is Jeffrey Johnson

## Novi Chief of Police appointed to national narcotics committee

■ Members' goal to combat crime

By Pam Fleming

Novi Police Chief David E. Molloy has been appointed to a highly prestigious and influential national committee involved in

national committee involved in the war against drugs.

Molloy is a new member of the Nircotics and Dangerous Drugs. Committee of the International Association of Chiefs of Police and the U.S. Department of Justice, Drug Enforcement Administration.

roots previous chief of police, the late Doug Shaeffer, who died of a sudden heart attack last August, was also a member of this committee.

than illegal drug activities. In the United States alone, illegal drugs cost citizens nearly \$70 billion a

Mollov soid law enforcement

sages in the media, treatment pro-grams and drug testing," Molloy added.

Molloy was nominated to the committee by Robert Corso, Special Agent in Charge, Detroit Field Division, U.S. Department

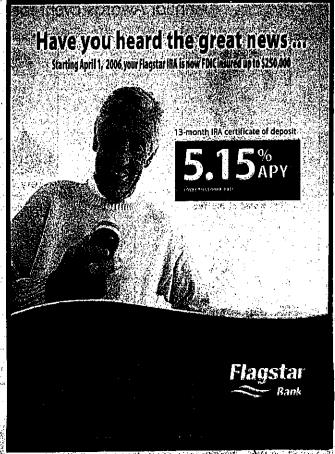
of Justice, Drug Enforcement Administration, and Karen P. Tandy, DEA Administrator, Detroit Field Division. Molloy was involved in one of the largest international narcotic traf-ficking investigations in 2004-2005. This investigation dismantled a large-scale drug cartel by follow-

ing the money trail and taking out the proceeds that were to be sent to drug lords in the southwest U.S. and Mexico. "We obviously take a very

Molloy said, "and we will do everything within our power to reduce drug sales and use in our The committee serves as a liaison with federal, state and local agencies have historically used agencies and is responsible for combating crime related to illegal drug production, distribution and use.

Committee members study and region of drug-related crime, its effects on society methods of operations and means for combat.

ing substances. F.C. Liesh all infrest reflects to this prestigious committee. However, "We must also for the Novi News. She can be Molloy said. "There is no other temember the importance of reached at (248) 349-1700, ext. Molloy said. There is no other remember the importance of reached at (248) 349-1700, ext. Control of the control



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**EDUCATION** 

## Students watch as homes go up near Orchard Hills

■ Construction brings out mixed reaction

By Ramez Khurl

Tyler Mankewicz misses playing chool fourth grader, who happens school round gracer, who happens to live right next to the area, can chly stand by and watch as construction crews knock down that same forest to put in Orchard Hills West, a new residential community

lankewicz. "I can watch the conruction from school, and I really

Third graders at the school have Initing gracers at the sensor have been working on taking a stance on the change in their writing. According to Tricia' Styles, third grade teacher, the majority of stu-dents agreed with Mankewicz due to the climination of many animals'

of the stance, students were able to make a real-life connection to change and stand behind their decisions."

Syles feels the new subdivision is a positive change for Novi. a positive change for Novi,
"This growth will bring more families and their children to the wonderful Novi Community School

District," she said.

Ryan Kobakof, a student in

Styles' class, agreed with her positive assessment on the situation, and expressed his opinion in a writing assignment.
"I think cutting down trees and

building a home/neighborhood is good," wrote Kobákof. "Because there are more families in Novi, that means there will be more jobs in Novi. I also think it's good because there will be more kids in Orchard

Dawn Capling, second grade teacher, explained there are going to be positives and negatives in any-thing, and this is no exception. She sees the building of new homes as progress.

"You can't stop progress," she

abitats.

"But others are excited to make which goldentall) new unders," said Styles. "Regardless and the policy of the policy o

surrounded the school. She also remembers taking field trips, through those orchants and picking apples in the fall.

"That part is sad to see go," she said. "But I have seen a couple third grade boys stare out the window at the construction. There has to be some interest there. Building can be a very good and profitable career, and if a young person wanted to go into that field, it could be benefi-

But for students like fourth grader Kirsten West, the construction is a

sail turn of events.
'The only thing I've learned from this is how cruel people are to this environment," said West, "It was so beautiful the way it was. Now look what they've done. Just a bunch of smoke and pollution in the air.

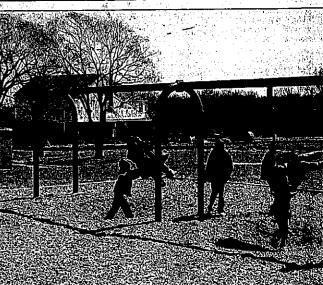
"I get angry because it's not fair," she added. "Where are the animals going to go? Don't they care about their homes?"

for the Novi News, He can be reached at (248) 349-1700, ext. 110 or by e-mail at rkhuri@gan-

'Regardless of the stance, students were able to make a reallife connection to change and stand behind their decisions."

Tricia Styles





Orchard Hills elementary pupils enjoy recess on their playground as the Orchard Hills West subdivision rises in the background, a few yards from their school property.



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## What it might

be like Fourth graders at Novi School took part in a disability awareness workshop recently. The students rotated through various stations to see, equipment people with disabilities use, or to actually use the equipment themselves to understand what it might be like to be physical disabilities were vision impaired wheelchair bound and mental disabilities, like learning impaired, just Christy D'Annibale and Elizabeth Weigand use wheelchairs to complete an obstacle



## Shamrocks win Quiz Bowl tournament

time to have an expert on the sub-

player doesn't know the answer.

we rely on the other players to pick it up. There are a lot of kids

Ouiz Bowl Team.

### ■ Team is the unknown gem at Catholic Central

Imagine you're going back to high school for a day, You find out that you'll be taking a test. You sit Why, you may ask, would they get special treatment? It's not exactly special treatment, it's just down and glance over the test. You notice something odd. This isn't like any test you've seen before. Every question deals with the format that Quiz Bowl Coach Jason Jones, who is an English teacher at Catholic Central, chooses to use for his team's comi different subject. You start the test

The first question deals with Shakespearean plays, That's OK, You understood the plays back in high school. No sweat.

The next is on Bernoulli's
Principle, You always liked science, so you don't have a problem with that one, either,

The third question asks about Lincoln's Gettysburg Address, History was always one

a tough subject for you, but you

get through it.
Then there's a question on Van
Gogh's artwork. You think you
know who that is, but you think

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expert, and so on. State champs The Quiz Bowl team worked that strategy to perfection last week, as they took home the championship at the state tourna-

about Beethoven's Piano ment at the University of better things. The team competes Concerto No. 5. You never took a Michigan-Dearborn. This is the music class in your life. You have team's third state title in a row and other teams, and the bigger the about Beethoven's Piano Concerto No. 5. You never took a Michigan Dearborn. This is the team's third state title in a row and their ninth in 11 years. The team no clue what a piano concerto is.
Right now would be a great
finished the tournament with a
team has already qualified for the perfect 10-0 record, averaging just less than 500 points per

ject to help you with this ques-tion. You can't, though, Right? Well, you can if you're a member of the Catholic Central Senior Captuin Joel round. A possible 800 points are Senior Captain Joel Knight and Senior Nick Galea led the way for

the Shamrock quizers. "They both answered many questions that were key to our success," said Jones.

The team also had contribu-

tions from the many juniors on the

teacher at Caltolic Central, ethooses to use for his team's competitions.

"When we're in tournaments, I've found that it's better to have four players with mini-specialties than just have one player who has a broad general knowledge," said Jones. "That way, the players can feed off one another and get support front one another. If one player long and the nerves definitely got to you, port front one another. If one player long and the nerves definitely got to you, and that is need that this need that it is need that it is need that the seek of the than a bound that is need that it is need that i

as Quiz Bowl." thing, he feels the success of the Jones said that the team procteam is attributed to the fantastic tices after school on Mondays and wednesdays, but that doesn't, ments. He says the team is a testathat have a great general knowledge, but on top of that, we like to have a math expert, a science there is a science that a math expert, a science there is a science that the school and he feels that the school and the school a

"I study a lot at home," said Galca, "Sometimes, I'll come in an study in the morning. I also study a lot on the way to the tour-naments." Catholic Central High School in

State championships are nothing new to the Quiz Bowl team at CC, but they strive for bigger and

"In order to qualify, we had to

win a tournament which consisted of more than 36 teams, and we

made sure to do that early in the season. We actually qualified for nationals way back in early October," said Jones.

There are two different national

going to. The first is in Chicago, and that is held the first week of

thing, he feels the success of the

. Adam Dubois is a student

Novi, He can be reached at ccgolfer7006@comcast.net.

ts that the CC team is

sity, technical or vocational school, may be eligible for a Fuerst Scholarship. The Fuerst scholarship is

based primarity on financial need and is administered through the Novi Educational Foundation. Up to \$20,000 in scholarship funds are awarded annually to qualified applicants.
Application forms are available
from the Novi High School Counseling Office, the Educational Services Building

Destination ImagiNation

The following are the results of the Destination ImagiNation the area. Teams in fourth place or higher will be going on to state competition in April.

Novi High School

Dale came in first place in Challenge C: "How'd That Happen?" Team 2 consisting of Winnie

ream 2 consisting of Winnie Jeng, Patrick Carroll, Jason Siegfried and Nathan Orlando came in third place in Challenge D: "On Safari."

Team 3 consisting of Stephanic Chen, Andi Li, Claire Weber, Jordan Gavin, Kyle Tice, Tyler Odom and Nathan Vanderwick came in first place in Challenge A: "Back at You!"

Novi Middle School Team 4 consisting of Kate Vallerand, Kuni Hotta, Jay Raina, Nirguna Thalla, Samaniha Kovarik, Chase Conrad, and Rahul Aluwalia came in second place for Challenge C: "How'd That Happen?" (Middle School

• Novi Meadows
Team 5 consisting of Callie
Collins, Elizabeth Ortwine,
Megan Parileh Logan Chie,
Feliz Zhu, Jordan Blanchard and Varsha Raju came in first place for Challenge E: "Inside Dimension!" (Middle School

Level)
Team 6 consisting of Rubini,
Naidu, Hailey Wilk, VIvek Naidu, Hailey Wilk, Yivek Panyain, Raj Chhaya, Wesley Yim, Kevin Fernandes and Rohini Shrivasiava came in fifth place for Challenge A: "Back at You!" (Middle School Level)

Team 8 consistining of Earmon Winshiop, Prasanti Ravipati, Krishnan Manivannan, Morgan Wang, Ankita Samaik and Andrew Ao came in fifth place, for Challenge C; "How'd That Happen?" (Elementary Level)

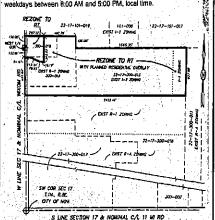
Team 9 consisting of Palguna Thalla (NW), Shashank Chitta (NW), Jacob Robbins (OH), Shaban Halim (DE), Shiva Bongo (OH), Yash Salhe (DE) came in fourth place for came in fourth place for Challenge C: "How'd That Happen?" (Elementary Level) Team 11 consisting of (all a from Parkview) Raj Raina, Neal

Gupta, Raymond Wen, Apurva Shrivastava, Preteek Cachintatapati and Kunj Goenka came in second place in Challenge C: "How'd That "A Happen?" (Elementary Level)

### CITY OF NOVI NOTICE OF ENACTMENT ZONING MAP AMENDMENT 18.647

THE CITY OF NOVI ORDAINS:
Part I. That Ordinance No. 97-18, known as the Zonling Ordinance of
the City of Novi is hereby amended as indicated on ZONING MAP NO.
18.647 attached herelo and made a part of this Ordinance.
Part II. CONFLICTING PROVISIONS REPEALED. Any Ordinance or
parts of any Ordinance in conflict with any of the provisions of this

rdinance are hereby repealed:
Part III. WHEN EFFECTIVE. The provisions of this ordinance are Part III. WHEN EFFECTIVE. The provisions of this ordinance are hereby declared to be necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety and is hereby ordered to lake effect fifteen (15) days after final enactment. The offscive date of this Ordinance is April 4, 2006. MADE AND PASSED by the City Council of the City of Novi, Michigan this 20th day of March, 2006. Copies of the Ordinance Amendment may be purchased or Inspected at the Office of the City Clerk, Novi, Michigan,



To rezone a part of the West 1/2 of Section 17, T.1N., R.8E., City of

-019 more particularly described as follows:

Beginning at a point on the West line of Section 17 (nominal C/L of Wixom Road), said point being N00\*19\*14\*W, 2010.01 feet from the Southwest corner of Section 17; thence continuing N00\*19\*14\*W, 495.64 feet, thence N89\*40\*46\*E, 81, 61 feet; thence S89\*49\*36\*E, 112.54 feet, thence along the arc of a curve to the left 79.65 feet, said curve having all addus of 219.00 feet, a central angle of 20\*50\*16\* and a chord bearing and distance of \$79\*10\*56\*E, 79.21 feet; thence \$89\*34\*36\*E, 16.19 feet, thence N00\*25\*25\*E, 342.02. feet; thence \$89\*34\*36\*E, 1665.35 feet) thence \$00\*5\*126\*W, 627.66 feet, thence \$89\*34\*36\*E, 1665.35 feet) thence \$00\*5\*126\*W, 627.66 feet, thence N89\*36\*04\*W, 2422.44 feet to the point of beginning. Containing 35.74 acres.

FROM: 1-2 GENERAL INDUSTRIAL DISTRICT 1-1 LIGHT INDUSTRIAL DISTRICT R-1 ONE FAMILY RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT TO: PT. TWO FAMILY RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT WITH

Beginning at the West 1/4 corner of Section 17; thence No0\*19/49/W, 55.00 feet along the West line of Section 17; thence No0\*19/49/W, 55.00 feet along the West line of Section 17; forminal CD: of Whorn load; thence S89\*34/38″E; 287.22 feet; thence S00\*25/22 W, 342.02 set; thence N89\*36/47W, 16.19 feet; thence along the arc of a curve to be right 78.64 feet, said curve having a radius of 218.00 feet, a central, ngle of 20\*50/15° and a chord bearing and distance of N79\*10567W, 92.0 feet; thence 889\*40/46/W, 84.16 set to a point of the West line of Section 17; forminal CZ: of WM-onle to a point of the West line of Section 17; forminal CZ: of WM-onle to a point of the West line of Section 17; forminal CZ: of WM-onle set to a point of the West line of Section 17 (nominal C7L of Wislom load); thence along sald centerline N00\*19\*14\*W, 132,86 feet to the oint of beginning. Containing 2.04 acres

FROM: H-1 ONE FAMILY RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT.
TO: HT TWO FAMILY RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT

ORDINANCE NO. 18.847, ZONING MAP AMENDMENT NO. 647 CITY OF NOVI, MICHIGAN

DAVID B. LANDRY, MAYOR MARYANNE CORNELIUS, CITY, CLERK (3-30-08 NN 275968)

## SCHOOL BRIEFS

Candidate Forum

The League of Women Volc Oakland Area and the Novi Parent Teacher Organization Interschool Council are co-spon-soring a candidate forum at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday at the Educational Services Building, 25345 Taft Road. One four-year term on the Novi Brand of Education is open this year. George Kortlandt is seeking reelection and Katie Racon is also campaigning for the posi-tion. The election will be held

Tuesday, May 2. During the forum, candidates will answer questions posed by the audience. Information regarding each candidate can be found on the League of Women Voter's web site, www.lwvoa.org, under "Voter The candidate forum will be

Fuerst Scholarship

Residents of the Novi Community School district who are attending post high school education in an undergraduate program at an accredited comnunity college, college, univer

on Taft Road, or by calling (248) 449-1200. The deadline for applications is Friday, April 7.

Team 1 consisting of Beckey Sullivan Tina Jain, Danqing Tang, Ellen Smith and Katie

# **Simply** AMAZING!

## Joseph and the Amazing **Technicolor Dreamcoat** at Novi High School

■ Students will perform an operetta-style musical

By Ramez Khuri

For about \$8, Novi residents can enjoy country western, rock and roll, calypso, disco, rap and jazz — all in one show at Novi High School.

And for the first three in school history, the stu-dents will be performing an operetta-style musical. This year's selection is Joseph and the Amezing hnicolor Dreamcoat.

"An operetta is sung all the way through," said Kristen Patee, director. "That's why it might help some people to brush up on the story before they

Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat is a biblical story of Joseph, his father, Jacob, and his 11 brothers, performed in song and dance. nh is the favorite son because of his abilities to interpret the future through his dreams. And because of that, is given a multi-colored coat to

Joseph's 11 brothers are jealous and scheme to kill him. They rip his coat off and throw him in a well because he dreams he will be king one day. But instead of keeping him down there, the brothers

decide to sell him into slavery.
"This story has a good moral ending," said Patee,
"And each part of the story has a different musical
style to it, so the audience never gets bored. It llows, and it's also the shortest musical we've done

hows, and it show the shotest musical we've only here in Novi. It's a great show for all ages." Senior Dan Bruder is performing the lead roll of Joseph, It's his fourth and final musical at Novi High, and though he had a pretty big roll last year, he's excited about being the lead. "Operettas are a little bit harder to perform

because in other musicals there are set rolls characstory and you have to fill in some of the holes in places where there's a defined character, it's a lot of fun, and it's a good ending to a high school career."

Senior Jason Margolis plays the roll of Zebulan. He is particularly proad of the number of students who volunteered to make the show possible.
"In the past the musicals had a lot more parents driving them," he said. "This year we tried to get a

lot more students involved and less parents. Students built the set, worked on costumes, we had more doing backstage work, and we had a great turnout in actors. It's just great to see."

Patee said directing an operetta is quite an adjustment from directing a musical because every part of it needs to be filled with song and dance. She said there needs to be movement the entire time, and every actor has to know where they're going and what part of the song to sing at any given time.
"The orchestra pit also has an enormous roll,"

she said. "They don't get a break. For me, it's a lot of attention to detail. We're telling a story, and a tough element is bringing the andience into it in a

different way. This is an old story, but everyone car relate to it, and everyone can relate to the music."
Senior Katle Colaccino, who plays one of three
narrators, said it wasn't that difficult adjusting to

he operetta style once she got used to it "When you originally go through the motions it's hard, but it's easier because you have fewer lines and fewer things to memorize," she said. "As narra-tors, our roll is to tell the story of Joseph to the

The other two narrators are seniors Rachel Mandeville and Laura Vandersteen.

Junior Gannon Styles, who plays Reuben, agreed with Colaccino, saying it wasn't difficult adjusting

with Colactine, saying it was in territar apassing to the new style, it was just something he and his classmates weren't used to at first.

"It's just a different way of doing things," he said, "We're going to make it the best possible show we can."

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



Jacob (Mike Marsupian), right, and Joseph (Dan Bruder) rehearse a scene.



One of three narrators for Novi High's spring musical,



Novi students run through a dance number for their

Michael Barbour

Danielle Capello

• Meagan Snavely

Andrew Stevens

Kaity Gray

Cheisea Thorne

Kathryn Pamula

Elizabeth Gutowski.

Elizabeth Schulhoff

Tina Jain

Med Rag.

## JOSEPH AND THE AMAZING TECHNICOLOR DREAMCOAT

**■ Wives** Narrators — Katie Colaccino, Laura Vandersteen

and Rachel Mandeville Pharaoh - John Gouba Jacob/Potiphar -- Michael Marsoupian

l Brothers Reuben — Gannon Styles tovi - Max Landry

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· Rachelle Hadley Kristen Lonsway Kristen Engelso · Rachael Kohl

• Leah Rice : Ellen Smith

 Katie Furman. ■ Choir

Laura Jok

Stephanle D'Cruz · Sarah Nabaty Alison McKinley

 Courtney Morelock Michelle Dwyer ... Mandy Bannatz.

 Andrea Jennens • Nar Shirvanian . Rose XIe 🤼

Student Production Team

 Stage Manager — Amber Jemson
 Production — Rachael Kohl Dance — Amanda Roy & Renee Hadley • Choral — Katie Furman & Mark Gouba

• Kathryn Pamula

Andv Stevens

Ellie Schulhoff

■ Production Staff Director/Choreographer — Kristen Patee Choral Director/Production — Donald Daniels

Costume Design — Elizabeth Bertolini Technical Director/Set Design — Sandra Nelson

Show details

# Orchestra Conductor — Mark Hourigan

## (3-30-08 NN 275974)

To rezone a part of the Southeast 1/4 of Section 15, T.1N., R.6E., City f Novi, Caktand County, Michigan being parcel 22-15-476-031 more particularly described as fellows:

Part of Lot 8 of "Supentisors Plat No. 4" as recorded in Liber 54A Page 83 of Plats, Oakland County Records, described as beginning at the Southwest corner of said bit 6, thence \$71\*1900°TE, 221,23 lest

the Southwest corner of said to 6, institute 37 1 190 2, 22135 with thence N18°27'00'E, 294.49 (set; thence N76°40'30'W, along the North line of said Lot 8 to the Northwest lot corner; thence S05°57'00'W, 274.90 feet to the point of beginning. Containing 1.57 acres.

ORDINANCE NO. 18.659 ZONING MAP AMENDMENT NO, 659 CITY OF NOVI, MICHIGAN

FROM: 1-1 LIGHT INDUSTRIAL DISTRICT.
TO: TC TOWN CENTER DISTRICT.

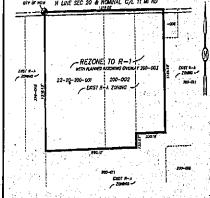
## CITY OF NOVI: NOTICE OF ENACTMENT **ZONING MAP AMENDMENT 18.654**

parts of any Critinance in Continct with any of the provisions of this Ordinance are hereby repealed.

Part III, WHEN EFFECTIVE.

Personal to the provisions of this ordinance are hereby declared to be necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety and is hereby crotered to take sifest lifteen (15) days after final enactment. The effective date of this Ordinance is April 4, 2006.

MADE AND PASSED by the City Council of the City of Novi, Michigan this 20th day of March, 2006. Copies of the Ordinance Amendment may be purchased or inspocted at the Office of the City Cork, Novi, Michigan, weekdays between 8:00 AM and 5:00 PM, local time. HORNET JO CON SEE TO
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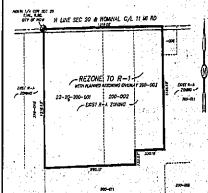


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TO: R-1. ONE: FAMILY RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT WITH

THE CITY OF NOVI ORDAINS:

THE CITY OF NOVI ORDAINS:

It I That Ordinance No. 97-19, known as the Zoning Ordinance of the City of Novi is hereby amended as Indicated on ZONING MAP NO. 18-654 allached hereto and made a part of this Ordinance. Part II. CONFLICTING PROVISIONS REPEALED. Any Ordinance or parts of any Ordinance in conflict with any of the provisions of this Ordinance was benefit insensity.



To rezone a part of the Northeast 1/4 of Section 20, T.1N., R.8E., City of Novl, Oakland County, Michigan, being percels 22-20-200-001, -002 & -003 more particularly described as follows:

Beginning at the North 1/4 corner of Section 20; thence N87'24'47'E, 1319.00 leet along the North line of Section 20, nominal CfL of Eleven Mile Road, (said point being S87'24'47'W, 1320.71 feet from: the Northeast corner of Section 20); thence S02'32'46'E, 1181.15 feet; thence S87'12'05'W, 330.18 feet, thence S02'32'3'9E, 132.07 feet; thence S87'12'05'W, 930.10 feet to a point on the N-S 1/4 line of Section 20, (said point being N02'29'20'W, 1340.50 feet from the center of Section 20; thence N02'29'20'W, 1318.13 feet along said N-S 1/4 line to the north of bealonting. Containing 38.68 ecres. the point of beginning. Containing 38.86 acres.

ORDINANCE NO. 18,854 ZONING MAP AMENDMENT NO. 654 CITY OF NOVI, MICHIGAN

DAVID B. LANDRY, MAYOF MARYANNE CORNELIUS, CITY CLERK

## **OPINION**

## Novi News

Grace Perez Perry GENERAL MANAGER

**Richard Periberg** 

Richard Ramhoff

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

## Novi businesses **Real winners**

If you didn't catch last week's edition of Real Detroit, you missed the entertainment publication's Real Best of Detroit 2006, where readers picked quite a few Novi businesses as their favorites, Kudos to O'Toole's, Dirty Martini, The Post, Switched on CDs, Gus O'Connor's, Salone Nadwa and Day Spa, Fifth Avenue, Tequila Ruln/Lucky Strike, Comic City, Melling Pot Restaurant and a variety of chains with Novi locations that camed top nods. Look for the Novi News' People's Choice awards in our May 11 edition.

Whether you believe in him or not, the Easter Bunny is coming to Twelve Oaks Mall. In fact, he's already here and will be through Saturday, April 15 in the shopping center's Central Park Garden, which is in the lower level's center court. Photos of the children with the Easter Bunny will be available for purchase. Each child who visits will receive a free gift. Photo operation hours will be Monday through Saturday, from 10 a.m. 9 p.m. and Sunday from 11 a.m. 6 p.m. The Paster Bunny does take briefs breaks throughout the day. Twelve Oaks will be closed on Easter Sunday, April 16. Hop along,

Nearly 500 students, at \$5 each, attended the NYC Movie Marathon at Emagine Theater in Novi last Thursday. The event - a partnership between the Novi Youth Council, Novi High School, Catholic Central, and Emagine – raised \$2,400 to benefit the Nov Public Library Building Fund and a Novi Habitat for Humanity initiative, It came about after several Youth Council members attended the "Addicted to Movies Not Drugs" event hosted by the Novi Police Department in November 2005 and wanted to host a similar event to benefit a local charity.

Last week, I indicated that John Denton attends Mercy High Nupe. That's an all-girl high school in Farmington Hills. John goes to University of Detroit Jesuit High and Academy. According to his

mom, Rosemarie, the school began an all-boy academy for grades seven and eight about 30 years ago (UD High has been ud since 1877!)



Cal Stone

hosting a VIP screening for "The Passenger," a full-length feature filmed entirely in Detroit, at the Main Art Theatre in Royal Oak on April 4 at 7 pm. Jonny Victor of Novi stars as Brian, During the vent, there will also be a free drawing for numerous prizes and one grand prize winner will receive a bit speaking part in an upcoming episode of "InZer0," a new science fiction series curently in production with Thought Collide. "The Passenger" is dedi-cated to the late Joseph Waterford of Detroit, the actor who plays the bartender, who passed away

The Mitten Movie Project is

after the shooting was completed. If you can't see what I'm saying, but you can hear it, check out "The Passenger" soundtrack CD release party at Mephistos in Harntromck April 15. Several bands for

Everything came up green for the Guernsey Farms Dalry St. Patrick's Day event. All who came by to celebrate had lots of fun while raising \$1,051 for Maybury Farm. Guernsey Farms Dairy is going to match the funds mised and will be sending the Northville Community Foundation's Maybury Farm a check for \$2,102. Makes me proud to be Irish

United Way for Southeastern Michigan wants metro Detroit resi dents to participate in a brief Community Action Survey via tele-phone or online. Residents of Macomb, Oakland and Wayne counties are being encouraged to voice what they feel are the top social issues that they would like to see progress on in our region, as well as what are the barriers we need to overcome to achieve success. The survey will be available 24 hours a day, concluding at 5 p.m. on April 7. Ali ts of Macomb. Oakland and Wayne counties are being encourresourts or wasconin, cascand and wayne counters are being encour-aged to take the brief survey either online at www.uwsem.org or by calling United Way for Southeastern Michigan's call center by dialing 2-1-1 or 1-800-552-1183.

bers discounts at businesses throughout the U.S. and Canada. The club is currently signing up businesses that are interested in providing product or service discounts to it is dedicated to bringing businesses and their com unts to its members. The club through the mutual advantage of increasing sales and saving money. "Times are lough," says Peel, "and we all need to work together to make it. People are still going to travel and have fun, even on a limited budget. The All Seasons Adventure Club lets our mombers do just that." Peel is looking for businesses - of any size - that vant to be a part of the club and offer whatever discou want to the a part of the cute of the the members. No amount is too small. Future planned activities include barbecures in the various local metro parks with treasure hunts for the kids; muskie fishing on Lake St. Clair; and a wine tour in Grand Traverse. Take a trip to the Web (www.allseasonsadventure-

Cal Stone is the editor of the Novl News. He can be reached at (248) 349-1700, ext. 113 or by e-mail at cstone@gannett.com.

## Clarifications:

■ The article "Protesters honor young woman killed supporting Palestinians" on page 7A of the March 23 issue should have said "alleged Israeli murder" as the Israeli Army has deemed the incident

The March 2, 2006, article "Galaxie drives couple's passion for classic car' should have said that Lauren Slevin is the 13-year-old daughter of Larry Slevin and Vicki L' Carnes:

## LETTERS

Remember this come

voters could act. I am referring to two recer

examples of this, one state level and one feder

The federal issue of course being that of

yea, members of congress on hoth sides want to look strong on security, so this deal was stopped even though President Bush supported

it Honefully, voters will think about which

party was in charge and would have allowed this deal to go through had we (the voters) no

House and Senate passed bills to raise the minimum wage in Michigan. This was done

because Democrats and the unions are pushir

a ballot proposal to allow voters to decide this

issue. Strangely enough the republicans say that raising the minimum wage is the wrong thing to do and yet their bills raise it higher

and sooner then the ballot proposal would

have. Did they not trust the voters or was it just another way to use it for political gain? Knowing pro worker Gov. Granholm would

sign it and she would take the heat with the sign it aim size want due to the want this out there right before the election.

Obviously, having gained control the Republicans wish to rule the republic. The

Democrats wish to govern a democracy. Lets hope voters look at these thing when we do get to decide somethings in November.

Kindergarten solution

is mathematical.

not political

wing pro worker Gov. Gra

On the state level the Republican-controlled

security of our national ports (Dubai ports deal). With this being a mid-term elections

November

found out about it.

## Another Sandstone fiasco for the city?

Recent letters printed in the Novi News by Jerry Sheridan, Richard (Dick) Stopinski and William A. Reddin show some of the disgust and distance that our recidents have with a eemingly inept in-house engineering staff and he administration's twisted bidding practices, the highly suspect company ranking scheme and, most importantly, the final results from these "so-called" better qualified engineering

Business owners, professional people and ivil engineers that I have talked to also have process and how it is being employed.
Under normal and universally acceptable measures the bidding process is relatively straightforward. Qualified bidders (companies with the technical staff, equipment, etc. are nyited to hid) evaluate the project requirement particulars along with a proposed cost of the project. Additionally, they are generally required to supply evidence that they shall secure a performance bond. The performance bond money is used to finish the project if the approved bidding company defaults for any rea-

Once the submitted bids are opened and assessed - and they meet the basic requirement outlined in the city's bid package information he project should be awarded to the lowest bidder. Adding in a "Company Ranking/Assessment Profile" after bids are sub-mitted sounds like a ruse to give the award to omebody's brother-in-law's company or some

Legally there may be a broader and much more expensive problem for our city and our residents = a class action lawsuit. If the lowest bidder has met all of the bid package require ments and they were not given the project, they
may be legally entitled to at least recover their bid preparation costs plus professional damages that could amount to n

We need to seriously address our in-house engineering problems, the entire bid process that staff is currently using and reconsider the possibility of replacing in house engineering with hired engineering consultants. In the r so-distant future most of the major engineering oiects will be completed, and then what do we do with a "bloated" in-house engineering

Joseph G. Toth

## Local wrestler was robbed. ... is said many

Last week, the NCAA Wrestling Championships were help in Oklahoma City, Okla, Novi graduate and U of M wrestler Ryan Churella made it to the finals where he went up against Johnny Hendricks of Oklahoma.

This match was a travesty! The officiating was not only awful; for all intents and purposes it seemed rigged. I've only been a wrestling fan for eight years, but wrestling fans across the country (based on the Internet comments and the announcers of the match) were shocked and furious at several of the referce's calls. This was not one bad call; this was a series of rulings that were so blatantly incompetent that true wrestling experts have to question the officials

impartiality. Ryan is a class act and acted like a gentlema after the loss, even though I know it must have been killing him. It's one thing to lose a match and another thing for a victory to be taken from you, Ryan is a true champion, and the official's incompetence cannot rob him of his rightful

legacy. Congratulations, Ryan!

Steve Cash

## Can country regain trust?

George W. Bush deserves both censure and mpeachment for several reasons: wiretapping virbout warrants, the manipulation of inte gence to justify the Iraq war, failure to plan for the aftermath of the invasion, the acceptance of torture, the neelect of homeland security, arrogant abuse of presidential powers, and domestic policies that favor the rich over the middle and

Bush may be brought to justice someday. It is the responsibility of Democrats, Independents and moderate Republicans in positions of wer, but more importantly on the grass roots level, to hold Bush and his administration accountable. These persons must have passion and discipline. All citizens must be part of par ticipatory democracy by voting and encouragng others to take active roles in government at

The 2006 and 2008 elections will determine whether or not the U.S. has a democracy instead of one-party rule in all branches of the federal government. The elec-tions will determine whether or not our country can regain the trust and respect it once had

The "lowest common denominator" remark spoken at a school board meeting was unintentionally hunful, but spoke volumes about the

Charles Tindall

state of the Novi elementary schools, Deerfield has at least 80 kindergarien students, and the value of full-time kindergarien over a half day is at least \$3,000 per student. This means that the NCSD Board has directed more than \$240,000 of public money to one corner of the school district, particularly for the 2006/2007 school year. The other schools are only school year. The other schools are only illowed to offer a percentage of full-time

kindergarten.

The dictionary defines the word "public" as "The people as a whole." This means that public money should be used to enrich the entire populace, and not concentrated to one geo-

graphical area.
The comment that "Children are expected to be immature" also speaks volumes about the state of our current political system. The adult in our community cannot expect "children on a playground" to fix everything. We need to participate in our democracy and make change where change is needed. When the board uses public money to create great imbalances, we should ask them to make corrections.

Equality for full-day kindergarten in the school district is simple. It's a choice of one of the three options below.

1. If at all possible, full-day could be offered for all students. The school board could fall

back to a percentage if needed.

2. A relatively equal percentage of full-day could be offered at each school. I'd have to remind the board here that "relatively equal does not mean one school gets 100 percent while the rest get 40 percent. A relatively equal system would mean each school gets about 60 percent or some other number based n what the district can afford that year.

3. No full-day kindergarten would be a harsh, but fair option.

Lastly, if done right and in a regular, timely cost anything. It's simply a matter of leveling off the current value given to each area based on kindergarten enrollment in that area. The olution therefore becomes simply mathemat

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tem we have in place now.

## Minimize the impact of redistricting

Mr. Horsburgh's letter (March 23, 2006) really hits the nail on the head: Redistricting is painful. However, intelligent redistricting is always done with the following goal in mind: minimize the impact. I think you'd find that parameter is paramount in most redistricting efforts, but missing from Novi's partially because of the focus on Deerfield and the gerrymandered Parkview
district. When all is said and done in Novi, we'll most likely have impacted the most number of families, not the least. As new subs sprang up, the administration had the opportunity to change some things along the ay over the years, but didn't. As the parent of an only child, I share Mr.

Horsburgh's observation about 'unfuir' sibling preference at Deerfield; the 100 kindergarten openings each year often became 50, thus limited the control of es for an outside child to be Isn't it amazing how fast our elected repre-sentatives can act when they fear that we as

lled. However, I've discovered that throughout the nation, this is one enrollment parameter that was almost exclusively untouched by administrations, Novi's included. With only one child I can't appreciate the hardship presented by elementary children from the same family going to different schools. We have to accept it, fair or not.

Perhaps in his upset Mr. Horsburgh didn't hear the part about Deerlield not being just a building. The full-day kindergarten componer is essential; the architecture of the building is set up for that, and the way children mov through the program requires the full-day program, It wasn't a program put into a building; the program was designed prior, and the build-ing built to fulfill the program needs. Take a tour and see for yourself. Don't be so happy yet about the additional full-day K sections in he other schools; this is mitigated by the smaller class size mandate of the same board yote. With the new scrup voted on by the school board, we've got another full-day K section but they are smaller. There still won't be enough places to meet demand in the district. What now? Lotteries for each school? The full ramifications of the vote on February 9 have yet to be felt through the district.
All of Novi and Mr. Horsburgh; Without

fixing the inequities by adding gymnasiums nd additional space, for example - something I got up and asked for in front of the school oard - nothing will make Deerfield smaller or the other schools bigger. Redistricting wil do nothing to fix the inequities; all it will do is move children around. It won't make any school better or worse. We've ignored elementary schools in Novi and spent a lot of money n upper education buildings, and now we are

paying the price.

Mr. Horsburgh indicated that Deerfield should not be exempt from a "rebalancing of resources." Note that resources are not being rebalanced; students and families will be (educationally) uprooted throughout the district. Buildings will remain the same; the annihipurpose gyms/cafeterias at Orchard Hills and Parkview, etc. won't change with a small-er enrollment. The newest building is always perceived as the best. No matter how Deerfield students are chosen - lottery or geography -until some remodeling in the other schools is done, it will always be the newest and best-

Michael Salemi

## Book battle a win-win

perceived of the elementary buildings.

On behalf of the entire Youth Department of The Nevi Public Library, we would like to thank the 48 fifth and sixth grade Novi children who participated in our 2006 Battle of the Books at the Novi Civic Center on Saturday, March 25. Eight leams read the same six books and came together in a competition to answer questions about those books. We applaud the commitment of their parents and ches who spent countless hours reading and preparing these youngsters for the compe

Red Wings after practice. RED WINGS! I can honestly say I had . The names of the teams and their members the time of my life! My original assignment was to speak with the five Swedish e as follows: First Place: No Vowels: Sachin Padmanabhan, Vedant Rom, Paliavi Vadapalli, players who won gold medals in the Olympics, and

Rubini Naidu, Juhi Prakash, Nishant Kakar, Coach Malathy Padmanabhan
Second Place: Lords and Ludies: Nirali Makim, Margaux Kabodian, Stephanie Luther, Patrick Luther, Nicole Gaudino, John h; Coach Karen Clark Danirath; Coach Karen Ciark
Third Place: The (Destructive) Bippy Book
Lords: Jordan Horan, Neel Bhattachayya,

Blake Reynolds, Ravan Rao, Joshua Lu, Peter Book Buddies: Kara Berg, Elizabeth Mena, Lauren Zamplus, Jenna Giragoslan, Elizabeth Richmond; Coach Kim Richmond

Breakfast Club: Dennis Kim, Jong Min Kim, Neeral Desai, Eric Kwon, Richard Song, Giyoung Hong; Coach Liz Yoon-Kim The Falcons: Joshua Feight, Zachary Turek, Earnon Winship; Coach: Kim Turek Reading Rangers; David Nelson, Daniel

Raikovic, Katherine Hamilton, Paul Copeland, Aleiandra Marble Resto: Coach Paula Nelson The Tweener Readers: Mackenzie Betts, Eric Ballard, Akhil Nistala, Colette Boileau, Carl Faraon: Coach: Wendy Betts

Saturday afternoon to offer us a hand; Kaitlyn liggins, Shivani Agrawal, Katherine Harvey and foey Leone.
We wish to give a big thank-you to Mayor

Landry for his support and help at the event.

Lastly, we would like to thank the Friends of the Novi Library for their financial support of this program. Without their help, this program would not be possible.

Since we know that reading habits begin in childhood, it behooves us to focus a substant tial amount of our energy on making reading and the use of the public library relevant to this segment of our population. Activities like Battle of the Books, we believe, do this in an

Phyllis Weeks and Mary Storch uth and Teen Services Librarians Novi Public Library

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## COMMENTARY

## Republicans playing games with repeal of single business tax

Fiddling while Rome burns. Substitute "Michigan" for "Rome" and you have a precise description of our political sys tem, now totally in partisan gridlock over what to do about the Single Business Tax

The Republicans who run the legislature are hell-bent on passing legislation that would repeal the SBT, taking effect, most likely, a year from October The tax, now widely reviled as a "job killer," brings in \$1.9 billion a year to the

state's treasury.
Gov. Jennifer Granholm, having tried and failed to get the Republican-controlled legislature to consider her 2005 proposal to cut the SBT rate from 1.9 to 1.2 percent, now says she'll veto any outright repeal, Why? On the grounds that it's financially irresponsi-ble to blow a \$1.9 billion hole Geseral Fund without replac- Phil Power

ing that money — or showing how that much spending can be cut without destroying essential services, like our univer But the Republicans are chording. They think they've put Granholm into a difficult political situation, forcing her to veto repeat

if an unpopular tax. So legislative Republicans have clammed up, and aren't alking about what replacement tax on busi-Doing the latter would not be pleasant -

\$1.9 billion is about what the state spends on our colleges and universities or on the entire prison system. Show me a lawmaker who wants to eliminate either and I'll show you a 

into the bill to repeal the tax instructions for he Governor's Council of Economic Advisors. They want them to come up with a replacement plan by Jan. 1, 2007. Who says politicians don't have a sense of humor?

After working at this newspaper for out three-and-a-half years, I can finally

sout the bad a "favorite day" on the job.
"Buring the world of Marcia G Sulfa as general too, and I was on vacation, and I was asked to belo with the sports section. I m

if I had a chance, to also talk to goulie Manny Legace about living in Novi. I was

able to talk to Niklas Kronwall, Henrik

Zetterberg and Legace, but the other three Swedes were unfortunately unavailable to

When I got there I had to wait a while

for the Wings to arrive. The team practice was held somewhere off site because the

Joe was getting ready for a boxing event

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not sure if he did this to

thank me for helping him out or what, but he set it up

so I could go down to Joe

Louis Arena and interview

That council is composed of 47 members drawn from every possible interest group. It has as much chance of coming up with proadly acceptable tax plan as the Detroit eague baseball team. This time, I'll side with Granholm. It's just

outright irresponsible to even talk about eliminating one of the biggest sources of state
revenue without a serious
plan to replace it — or specifie ideas about what cuts

> By the way - all the easy cuts were already made, long ago. It is cheap and easy to let the partisan rhetoric fly. But here are a few uncon fortable facts that most of the blowhards would prefer to · Michigan is generally

regarded as a high tax state. Not true. We were 29th in the as a percentage of personal income, the last year for which data are avail-

There is no evidence whatsoever that outting taxes alone produces economic growth, as some ideologues claim. The states with the highest growth rates tend also to be relatively high tax states.
 Forget all the propaganda — Michigan's

government is, in fact, undernourished. The state has run a \$1 billion-plus operating budget deficit for the past six years. The budget delict for the past six years. The politicians have plugged the hole so far by selling off assets, cannibalizing miny day funds and accounting gimmicks, but the fact is that state income today is far below what it was six years ago. And the piggy bank is just

about empty.

• Michigan is today faces a supremely difficult and supremely necessary transition from brawn-dependent manufacturing to a brain-based knowledge economy. Yet state spending on higher education has been cut repeatedly over the past four years, while our

My best day ever at the Novi News

that evening. I stood around outside the

locker room doors with some of the other

reporters who cover the Wings on a daily basis, like Itelene Sr. James from the Detroit Free Press, it was very cool to

Then they finally started

arriving. The first guy who walked past was Brendan

Shanahan, one of my all time favorite players. All I

kept thinking was, 'wow,

Then Legace walked by.

I've got your jersey hanging

Then the most familiar
Wing of all: Steve Yzerman.

As he walked down the

hall toward the locker room dressed in all his hockey

gear, and a big winged wheel draped across his

chest, it was such a surreal ment. He had that same intense look or

his face as he does during games. He

almost looked like a cartoon drawing of

but it was very hard not to be in awe of this

man because of all the admiration I have

Other than mere irresponsibility by ou

politicians, the underlying reason for all this ridlock is Lansing's supposed Iron Rule that my politician who can be labeled (fairly or unfairly) as being for increasing taxes is toast. And to be fair, most voters, when facng proposals to increase taxes with no clear dea what for, will find themselves somewhere between skeptical and outraged I don't hlame them. But lots of voters are

willing to tax themselves for specific purposes, such as fixing the potholes in the street in front of their house or making sure their kids get a decent education.

So here's a modest suggestion to get out of the gridlock: Repeal the SBT, How do you replace the money the state needs? Simple, Take the monkey off the lawmakers' backs, and let the voters decide. Put mething on the ballot that gives us a

A) Either replace the SBT by broadening the sales tax to include services (like haircuts for example) and lower the overall tax rate roin the present 6 percent, or ...

B) Increase the state income tax by a large

ough amount to make up the money. In either case, earmark a specific part of in ettier case, earmank a specific part of this revenue stream to create a system of life-long learning. As part of that, provide vouch-ers for each Michigan citizen that would cover either an associate's degree from a

unity college or a four-year degree from a state university. And provide serious job retraining for the thousands of workers who are taking buyouts or permanent layoffs from General Motors now — and, inevitably, the other auto companies soon. If the lawmakers have a better idea, let's

hear it. But we need action, now. And most of all, we need for our leaders to quit fieldling.

Phil Power is a longtime observer of politics, economics and education issues in Michigan. He would be pleased to hear from

Kronwall first and explained I was there to

interview him for the paper. I told him I was nervous, but he put me right he disc. He pulled up a chair right next to his and

told me to sit down. He answered all my

questions and then some. Zeiterberg and

was able to ask all my questions. I also

took some time to survey the room as the team walked in one by one. I couldn't believe my cyes!

If given the opportunity I could have

spoken to those guys forever. As a fan, there is so much I wanted to know. I liter-

tion up. I probably could have asked for

autographs too, but that wouldn't have looked professional of me as a reporter.

There's a time and a place for that stuff, and that was definitely not the time.

I just hope that someday, I'll get another

then, I'll just watch them from my seat at

Rumez Khuri is a staff writer for the

Novi News. He can be reached at (248) 349-1700, ext. 110 or by c-mail at

Legace were the same way. After speaking with them a little, I settled right down and



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### **EVENTS**

## Novi Concert Band

O'Leary LOCATION: Auditorium, Garden City High School, 6500 Middlebelt Road DETAILS: Scott Cramer, Band Director of John Glenn High

his debut as Director of the Novi Concert Band. The performance features Diran Kochyan, (of Novi) on the clarinet performing "Strange On The Shore," Admission is \$5 for adults and \$3 for students. All proceeds will go to the Garden City

### 2006 Minority Accounting College Leadership

OCATION: Walsh College, 41500 Cardenbrook Road

DETAILS: The Michigan Association of Certified Public Accountants (MACPA), the National Association of Black Accountants (NABA) - Detroit ninority college and university cussed will be learning about the demand for CPAs and the career opportunities available in account ing and how to succeed in business.

CONTACT: Alan Upchurch
or Angie Jertzal, Marx Layue &

### Company, (248) 855-6777 Second City Comedy Club

TIME/DATE: 8 p.m. and 10 p.m. Friday: 7 and 9 p.m. aturday - LOCATION: 42795 Grand River

nue, across from Novi Town Center DETAILS: "Bobble Heads of State" is the theme for this month's shows. Tickets are \$15 on Wednesday, Thursday and Sunday

**Borders Bookstore Events** LOCATION: 43075 Crescent

CONTACT: Visit www.ticket ster.com or call. (248) 645-6666

loulevard CONTACT: (248) 347-0780 Book-Signing DATE: Tuesday, April 18 TIME: 7 p.m. DETAILS: Author Cal Ripken It, will be signing his book, "Parenting Young Athletes the Ripken Way: Ensuring the Best Experience for Your Kids in Any

## **Skating Club of Novi Ice**

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

Annual Ice Show go on sale March 20. Admission is \$7 per person; children under 4 are free. CONTACT: Skating Directo Micki Freier, (248) 347-1010

## Wizard of Oz Dance

DATE: Saturday, April 8 TIME: 1:30 p.m LOCATION: Nonthville High DETAILS: Center Stage Dance Company will perform the ballet, "The Wizard of Oz." Tickets are \$8

per person. CONTACT: (248) 380-1666 or

Author Presentation

DATE: Tuesday, April 11 TIME: 6:45 p.m. LOCATION: Novi Civic Center, 45175 W. 10 Mile Road, Novi DETAILS: Robert H. Bartlen,

MD, will be discussing his first novel. He is a professor of Surgery Medical School in Ann Arbor. This program is presented by the Northille/Novi American Association of University Women

CONTACT: Beth Ann Knisely

Michigan Paralyzed Veterans of America (MPVA) Open

TIME: 10 a.m to 4 p.m. LOCATION: 40550 Grand River nue, Novi (248) 476-9000 DETAILS: This open house will include displays on accessible houseing, modified cars and vans, highly-

tech solutions for daily living with disabilities, veterans benefits infor-mation, health and fitness and spinal CONTACT: (248) 476-9000 or

DATT: Saturday and Sunday, May 6, 13, 14, 20 and 21 LOCATION: Oakland Schools

Technical Campus "Southwest," 1000 Beck Road, Wixom DETAILS: This sale includes sored by the Agriscience Greenhouse/Landscape Cla CONTACT: (248) 668-5673

## Novi Hold 'Em Casino Night

DATE: Saturday, May 20 DETAILS: This is a fund-raiser Commerce. A variety of sponsor dance and donations. Sponsors are

CONTACT: Chamber of Commerce, (248) 349-3743

### **Novi Youth Assistance General Citizens Meeting**

DATE: Tuesday, April 4 45175 W. 10 Mile Road CONTACT: (248) 347-0410

## SCHOOL/ GOVERNMENT

Wixom City Council

DATE: Tuesday, April 11 TIME: 7:30 p.m. LOCATION: Wixom City Half, XXX Pontiac Trail CONTACT: (248) 624-4557

## **Novi City Council Meeting**

DATE: Monday LOCATION: Civic Center.

Novi School Board Meeting

TIME: 7:30 p.m. LOCATION: Novi High School, 24062 Taft Rood CONTACT: (248) 449-1200

## **Oakland County Business**

**BUSINESS** 

TIME: 9 n.m.-noon LOCATION: Oakland County Complex, 1200 N. Telegraph Road,

CONTACT: Registration required, (248) 858-0783 Start a Business DATE: Thursday, April 6 DETAILS: This is for an iking about going into business Participants examine entrepreneur-

ial skills, learn how to implement

their ideas and receive a list of pit-falls to avoid when starting a business. The cost is \$30. Write a Business Plan DATE: Thursday, April 13 DETAILS: This is a workshop for small business owners who are

developing a plan to serve as their road map to success. The cost is Sales/Marketing Basics DATE: Thursday, April 27 DETAILS: This class will discuss learning about product position, sales function and advertising. The

### **Novi Chamber of Commerce**

CONTACT: (248) 349-3743 DATE: Tuesday, April 11

LOCATION: Fox Run Village, DETAILS: Reservations required. The cost is \$20 per per

19th Annual Tycom Tee-Off LOCATION: Moose Ridge Gol

Course, 11801 Doane Road, South Lyon DETAILS: This outing will

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## menae spansorsing opportunu prizes, networking and champi-onship caliber golf. **Healing Arts**

Center, 47601 Grand River

Colored Pencil Workshop TIME/DATE: 1-3 p.m., second Tuesday of every month DETAILS: This is n free class Artist in Residence TIME/DATE: 10-11:30 a.m.

## postels, watercolor, Chinese brish painting, mixed media and

usiness Affinity Group TIME/DATE: 8-9:30 a.m. Third Troy Campus DETAILS: Walsh Business

rho own, are partners in, or work ussed will be common issues and

Yoga Class TIME/DATE: Various times

## Women's Empowerment

**CLASSES** 

for family businesses. Items dis

undtable. Registration is requ

CONTACT: Jan Huboard, emai

include sponsorship opportunities

CONTACT: (248) 624-2826

Business Card Exchange DATE: Wednesday, April 26

TIME: 5:30-7:30 p.m. LOCATION: Marrion, 3600

Centerpoint Parkway, Opdyke at

DETAILS: The cost is \$10

ndvance reservations and \$15 at the door. There will be a cash bar and

hors d'ocustes. The host is Pontiac

Females in the Family

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Business Card Excha

Commerce Events

Souane Lake, Pontia

TIME/DATE: 7:30 a.m.-9:30 p.m. Friday, April 28, and 9 a.m. 6:30 p.m. Saturday, April 29 DETAILS: This seminar is spor sored by Suttle Enterprises LLC, Marilyn Suttle. The cost is \$150; \$127 if naid before Feb. 28. Class Suttle is a comm sional specializing in bringing life into balance with practical, usable

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## **Providence Center for the**

LOCATION: Assarian Cancer CONTACT: (248) 465-5455

DETAILS: Join Artist-in-

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collage. Beginners are welcome, there is a \$5 materials fee. TIME/DATE: 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Tuesday, Thursday and Friday; 1-5 p.m. Wednesday

Tal Chi Class TIME/DATE: 12:15-1 p.m.

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

Monday, Wednesday and Friday DETAILS: The cost is \$10 for sion, Pre-registration required.

TIME: 6:30-7:30 p.m., begin-

LOCATION: Novi Ice Arena.

2400 Arena Drive DETAILS: No partner needed

for lessons in this pay-as-you-go program, Cost is \$5 for Novi res-idents and for those ages 55 and

up; \$6 for non-residents. CONTACT: (248) 348-9116

ners; 7:30-9:30 p.m., intermed

## DETAILS: This drop-in

with younger children in kindergarten-fourth grade to improve the younger child's reading skills and Line Dancing DATE: every Monday and encourage a love of reading.

Reading Buddies

LIBRARY

Novi Public Library Hours

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

CONTACT: (248) 349-0720

TIME: 1-4 p.m.
DETAILS: This event is a celebration of National Library Week
(April 2-8). It will include "Silly

DATE: Saturday

Snack Tales

Story Time

DATE: Monday TIME: 7-7:45 p.m.

DETAILS: This storytime is for

CONTACT: (248) 349-0720

DATE: Tuesday, ongoing

TIME: 7-7:30 p.m.

DETAILS: Preschoolers and

their families are invited to enjoy bedtime stories. No registration

v DATE: Wednesday, ongoing i: TIME: 4:30-5 p.m.

students in kindergarten-third

eistration is require

LOCATION: 45245 W, 10 Mile

LINES

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 booknark, and help celebrate National Poetry Month. Come prepared to read a poem you like (either one you've written or one written by other author.) Learn about inter and help write a poem for the

## steries the Mouse for

TIME: 10:30-11:30 a.m practice the basic functions of ising a mouse, Registration is

## Author Program

DATE: Thursday, April 6 TIME: 7 p.m. DETAILS: Author Tom Stanton will be discussing his book, 'The Final Season: Fathers, Sons, and One Last Season in a Classic American Ballpark." This progr

Library Board Meeting DATE: Wednesday, April 19

TIME: 7 p.m.

DETAILS: A one time class to eview important information for DETAILS: A one time class for mom and her partner helping to

DETAILS: A one time class how to adapt to life with a baby.
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Meetings are also broadcast live on cable channel 12 Monday; 6-7 p.m. Wednesday, 12:30-1:30 p.m., Friday LOCATION: Assarian Cancer Walled Lake Library Events

Center, 47601 Grand River, Nov. \$70/7-week evening sessions.

### **SUPPORT GROUPS**

and other social events. CONTACT: Sue Tracz, (248)

River Avenue, Suite B124 CONTACT: (248) 380-3550 CONTACTOR Running Tips Thursday, April 6 MOMS Club of Novi TIME: 7 p.m. DETAILS: This class will dis

cuss common running injuries and their prevention with stretching exercises. Reservations required. DETAILS: The Monts Offering ns Support (MOMS) is a non Cycling Conditioning DATE: Tuesday, April 18 TIME: 7 p.m. DETAILS: Emphasis will be on their children, work out of their injury prevention, bike fit and stretching and strengthening exer-cises. Reservations required.

LOCATION: City Council

LOCATION: 1499 E. West

taple Road, Walled Lake CONTACT: (248) 624-3772

TIME/DATE: 10:30 a.m.

7:30 p.m., Thursday
DETAILS: Includes stories,

**HEALTH** 

crafts, finger plays and games. Designed for ages 1-5. No registra

Oakland Physical Therapy

LOCATION: 47601 Grand

DATE: Friday, April 7 TIME: 9 a.m. LOCATION: Novi Senior Center, 25075 Meadowbrook Road DETAILS: Various screening tests are available for stroke risk, and bone density. Appointments are required. Each screening

## **Boost Camp Day**

omplete. CONTACT: 1 (800) 697-9721

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

DETAILS. This is a day of and a new perspecti naterials, Registration is require CONTACT: (248) 465-5455

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Yogn Classes TIME/DATE; 12:30-1:15 p.m. DATES: second Thursday of ach month TIME: 7 p.m. LOCATION: Witch's Hat

> Lyon.
>
> DETAILS: This group provides information, support and social activities for mothers of multiple birth children and their familie Mothers of multiples living In and around the Kensington Valley school conference are all welcom CONTACT: For more information, (248) 437-5496.

CONTACT: dinatallman@sbc-

Depot, 300 Dorothy St., South

### Healing Prayer Service DATE: first Monday of each

DETAILS: Using the co-op, you and your children can make friends and get what you need accom-TIME: 4 p.m. LOCATION: First United w. Also enjoy a mom's night ou DETAILS: This service is open to all faiths and is a service of

### DATE: first Thursday of each

Women's Prayer Support DATE: Saturday TIME: 9-10:30 a.m. LOCATION: Harves Fellowship Church, 49329 Pontiac

> DETAILS: Come for encourage ment, help, hope and prayer. Drop in for five minutes or longer.

CONTACT: Nancy or Susan, (248) 926-8332 or harvestfellow

## Breast Cancer Support Group

DATES: second and fourth bestiny of each month
LOCATION: Huron Valley Sinal Hospital, Commerce, TIME: 10-1 1:30 a.m.

TIME: 7-8:45 p.m.

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DATES: every Wee

Road, Nov

Sensibly (TOPS) chapter

DETAILS: Thastmasters will

cation skills, voice your opinion

polish your presentations and prac-

CONTACT: Colleen (248) 685-

TIME: 11 a.m. weigh-in: 11:30

Commons, 25075 Meadowbroo

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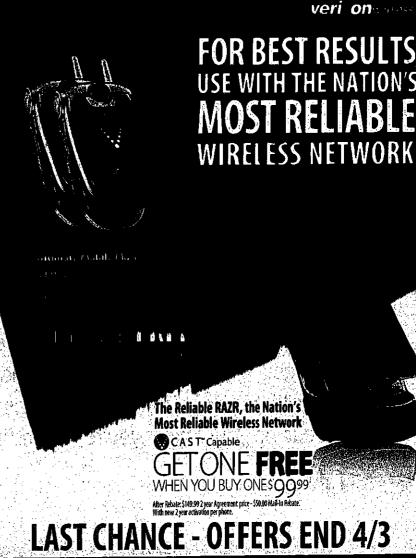
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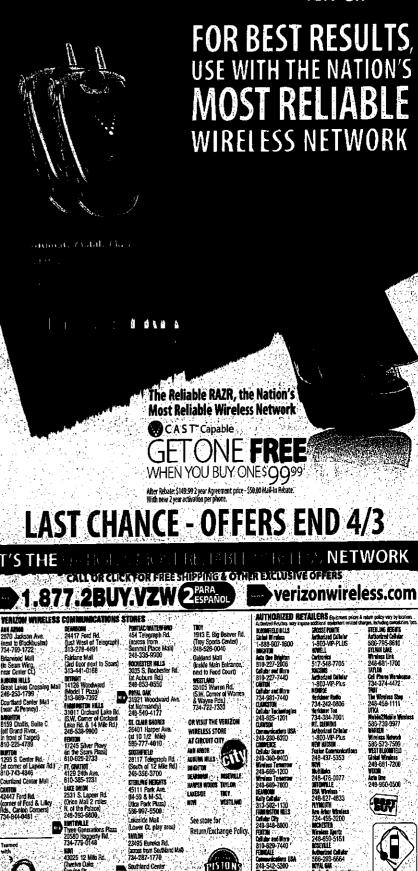
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**SPORTS** 

### Statistically speaking

Just to make everything per-fectly clear, the All-Area teams are not selected based on any one area. Statistics, coaches nomina-tions and plenty of intangibles are considered.

That's why when we recently discovered there was an error in our reporting of All-Area Hockey Player of the Year Steve Rousseau and All-Area Dream

statistics, we weren't sweating. Cigverifla actually led the Wildcats with 54 points. Rousseau had 50 points.

### What about Alex?

But every now and then we do mess up. Novi junior diver Alex Arbour was left off the All-Area Arbour was left of the All-Area team by an unfortunate oversight. Arbour, along with teammate Chris Alberty, was the only area diver to qualify for the state finals. With that type of performance, it's hard to deny his rightful place on the sound place on the squad.

place on the squad.

Being only a junior, Arbour
has another season of diving left
ahead of him add, hopefully,
another trek to the state finals.

With the kind of diving he's
capable of, he'll probably make a
splash right onto the pages of the
Novi News and the All-Area
squad once again. squad once again.

### What a guy!

Kudos to Novi News favorite Kevin Cislo, who recently pegged a clean-up triple to hammer in two runs for the University of Michigan Wolverines baseball

As a stand-As a stand-out player for Novi, Cislo was the All-Area Dream Team Player of the Year for football



state honors and Dream Team and All-Star selections across Michigan. The most important thing about Cislo

most important thing about Cisio was that he always proved to be a stand-tip guy, big on being nice and respectful and not so big on being egolistical and arrogant.
Cisto's performance means he's officially a Wolverine now instead of a Wildeat. Though we miss him in these parts, we're sure those over in Ain Arbor will be inpreciative of having will be appreciative of having plenty to write about in the co-ing years.

## Talk about a turnaround

Novi graduate Jennifer Sturgis should be beaming with pride right now.

he current junior at Western Michigan University helped lo the gymnastics team to the Mid-American Conference title last week after the Broncos finished last in the championship results last year.

Sturgis collected a career-high all-around score of 39.1 for first place while notching first on the heam with a 9.85. She also took first on the vault with an impres-

Sturgis and teammate Checisse Marier, who took second allaround, were recognized for their formances with selections to the First Team All-MAC squad,

### Cheerleaders earn bla hanors

The Competitive Cheer Coaches Association of Michigan (CCCAM) named Novi cheer the top squad for the Class A Academic All-State

They carned this honor for having the highest average team grade-point average. Jillian Harold, Laura Tollis and Jennifer Lozon were also warded individual All-State Academic honors.

Compiled by Sam Eggleston

Newscold States and

Spring Breaks



Novi High seniors Ryan Heffernan and Angle Dietz will be headed south this spring in search of warm temps and relaxation.

# Broke!

It is the topic of countless classroom conversations, publicized with a brightly colored countdown on the window of the school store and advertised with an ase of tank tops and flip-flops in the

hallways.

Spring Break: 14 days.

For many Novi seniors, Spring Break is a top priority during the last semester of high school. Whether students travel or

high school. Whether students stry at home, the ten-day vacation is one of the final opportunities to spend time with family and friends before graduation.

However, for athletes in a spring sport, Spring Break has the pointial to interrupt training, and affect conditioning. This year, most wacationing students will not miss athletic conducts will not miss athletic conducts will not miss athletic conducts will not miss athletic condents will not miss athletic contests — varsity baseball has the Courtney only scheduled game during the Ratkowiak break — but spring sporting events resume on the Monday after Spring Break, impacting athletes who may not have trained during their vacation. Many senior athletes, attempting to bal-

much-anticipated vacation and goals for their last spring sports season, athletic commitments to determine the success of their season. Track captain Angie Diciz will be traveling with friends to Puerto Vallaria, Mexico. This year will be Dietz's second Spring Break vacation in high school; she feels that, two years ago, her Spring Break vacation negatively affected the remainder of her sophomore track season.

"I was in shape, and I didn't work out (during the break). When I came back, it definitely set me back a lot," she said. "I had to work to get back to where I was before."

Dietz, formerly a sprinter, is tance events and eventually comtance events and eventually com-pete in the two-mile run, her main goal is to run in all events during the season. This year, she feels that she is more likely to continue track conditioning while on yaca-

tion.
"I don't think (Spring Break) will affect my goal," she said.
"It's my last chance, it's my senior year, and I really want to get it.

done.
"If I lake 30 minutes a day to work out on Spring Break, then I think it will benefit me when I come back, Instead of wanting to run, I'm probably going to want to be with my friends, but I think I need to be with my friends, but I think I med to the use of the I'm spring to. need to be doing something for when I come back." come back.

Schior Ryan Heffernan, varsity tennis
captain, will be driving to North Carolina
Spring Break," he said. "Every other team.



with five friends. The varsity tennis team does not practice or compete during Spring Break and athletes are encouraged to practice individually. Heffeman, who Spring Break and athletes are encouraged? to practice individually. Hefferman, who will not play tennis during his vication, said that his Spring Break, exercise, will be "swimming on the beach."

As an underclassman, he noticed that a lack of training over Spring Break did not seem to have a lasting impact on the

on the records or accomplishments of his senior

teammates.
"We're not the only school going on

that we'll be competing against has Spring Break; too, so everybody's going through the same thing.
"Spring Break is just refreshing, I think it's going to take I he first couple days of practice to remember how to hit the ball right, but after I get it back, I think I'm going to be more motivated than before. I'll be ready to go. I think I'll be even better."

Courtney Ratkowink is a sports tritern for the Novi News. Comments can be directed to the sports depart-ment at (248) 349-1700, ext. 104.

## SPARTAN PRIDE: Stanek headed to MSU

By Sam Eggleston

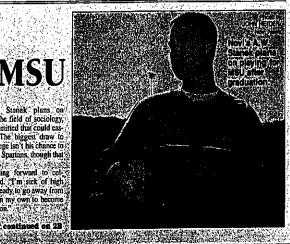
Novi senior A.W. Stanek will have the chance to live out a dream

Inc sanatous sector player of the mitted himself to play for the Michigan State University Spartans next year. It's a position that comes with no scholarship for the first year, but a chance for Stanek to do what he does best

hing he's wanted to do for a long time.

long time.
"I'm not getting any money my
first year, and that's the only had
part," he said. "T've always wanted
to go to Michigum State. I ve been
a Spartans fan since I was a kid."
"Stanek said in his talks with the
cosching siaff at MSU that it has been indicated he could carn a scholarship following his fresh man year if he's able to showcase, what he can do with a Big 10 team. Currently, Stanek plans on studying in the field of sociology, though he admitted that could eas-ily, clinnge. The biggest draw to going to college isn't his chance to play with the Sparians, though that

I'm looking forward to col-lege," he said. I'm sick of high school I'm ready to go away from family and on my own to be



## SPARTAN: Stanek to play soccer at MSU

Though he'll be a few miles away from Novi, Novi won't be so far away from him. Stanck said he has several close friends attending the college, including senior athlete Matt Crawford, and they'll look out for binn if and when it's needed. But being within driving dis-tance from home has its advan-

tages for Stanek, too. He said he plans on making the trek back to see his family and friends when he can. "I didn't want to be far away from home," he said, "That's one of the reasons Michigan State was a good fit for me. I could have received some money for soccer if I wanted to

go to other schools, but Michigan State was the place I wanted to go. it's far enough away, but not too far." Stanek will play defense for the Spartans, a position he did-n't play for the Novi Wildcats but one he excels at for his club

team, the prestigious Michigan He said he's glad he chose the Wolves over other club teams, due part to the level the club plays at as well as the recognition and visibility of the

orogram. "They definitely prepare "They definitely prepare you," he said. "They're always saying that if you want to play at the next level you have to start with the Wolves. They work your butt off, but it's worth it. Colleges are constant-ity pulling kids out of the Wolves moveram."

olves program."
Stanck said the goal is to earn some playing time with the Spartnus next year. The defenders on the squad for next year include four juniors and two seniors. Since the defense is upperclassman heavy, Stanck is hoping to slide in and make

"I'm going to go for it and do everything I can to get playing time," he said, "I want to show them what I can do."

Looking back at his career with the Novi Wildeats, Stanek, who also played basketball,



Photo by JOHN HEIDER/N

Novi's A.W. Stanek, done playing soccer for the Wildcats, plans on playing this fall

a team, but that's how things hap- proud of that."

said he has nothing to regret.
Everything was left on the field.
"Novi taught me a ton of things about sports," he said, "With socore I thought was made and with the said," with socore I thought was made and with the said, and with the said, and with the said, and with the said with the said. 1 know, in my heart, I worked my hardest. I gave 100 percent effort and that's all I could do. I'm Seggleston @eannest con-

## Pom squad carried on program's legacy

about their sport, too. Each year looks back over her final year as a line pom squad and she's happy. It was a great year. A third-place finish at the state finish. and a second-place finish at their

and a second-place intended annual kick competition.

But then Angelocci looks formula the angelocci send. Her time on "Most guys who do it think it's "angelocci send." The funny

great time with the teams I was on. I've seen seniors over the past couple of years leave and I miss them. I miss everyone from this year's learn, too." But what made this season so spe-

cial? Angeloce

said it was simple: Everyone got along and they focused Sam Egglesion

goals on a surface to do the best they could.

"We're not a team that's all about winning all the time," she said. "We're more about doing our about to the time about the time about the time."

did that this year."

Throughout the porn pon season, which starts in the summer with camps and moves on through
performances during the football
season and then into the compeliation. Ever."
Practices
include must

tive season, the Wildcats were busy making memones.

The team showed how old rivalines can be overlooked by once again participating in the Novisaid pom helps teach students the again participating in the Novi-Northville combined pom show at the halftime of the Baseline Jug

to know one another and to see that though their programs are build completely different, it doesn't

take much to find common ground.
"That was a lot of fun for us,"
Angelocci said. "Il was a chance to do pom with other people than those on our team.

"We don't have a rivalry with Nonhville, In fact, we're extreme-ly supportive of each other when we go to competitions. The Novi-Northville halftime is just a really fun experience for everyone

The Wildcats did more than just

Fillian Angelocci is full of mixed emotions these days.

The senior at Novi High School

the pom team is over.

"I'm definitely going to miss it,"
she said. "I had a pom we can teach them, It's difficult well, but it gives them an idea of what we do each day and what it takes to do our

> memories were made and higgest point of pride for every Wildcat on the pom

team this season was being able to help carry on the legacy of Novi

absolute best. We all thought we ent than the years past.

Practices five days a week that include much more than just dance routines — like running over a mile prior to the workouts — and

value of being efficient. "This sport has taught me a lot of things," she said. "I've learned

The performance let the girls get how to manage my time and how to be self disciplined. I'll be able to apply those lessons outside of port and in everyday life." Success was just a byproduct of

the pom season for athletes like cei and the other two cor It was the memories, carrying on the legacy and making fast friends that made it all worth while,

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## LTC camp hosts NCAA

Division I coaches

SPORTS SHORTS

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

factosse coach at Sacred Heart University. Marino has helped the Pioneers evolve into a solic 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

country.
Currently in his eighth season as head coach, Tim MeIntee has been at the fore-Meintee has been at the fore-front of the successful turn-around of the Manhattan men's lacrosse program. MeIntee joined Manhattan after a stellar laying and coaching career or the collegiate, professional and

Darryl Delia is a certified US Lacrosse Progression Instructor, as well as a codirector of Run and Shoot Lacrosse Camps, Delia coaches 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.

## Spring Learn to Skate at

eight-week spring 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

Learn to Skate students get a unch card for free admissio to open skating at Novi Ice 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

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Upon registration for Learn to Skate is underway and skale remail at swallable. The Learn to Skate Program is a control of the control of the

### far so call the Novi Ice Arena Basketball Camp

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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), squirt (1997-97 birth years),

pee wee (1994-95 birth years), bantam (1992-93) birth years)

and midget (1990-91) age classifications. All teams will play

10 games plus playoffs and

availability.
Individual registrations are

being accepted at the mite, squirt, pee wee and bantam age classifications. Players who

competed at the A. AA, AAA,

Junior Varsity or Varsity levels are not eligible to compete.

sion. All girls ages 7-14 are welcome to register, regardless of ability level. Players who sign up as individuals will par-

ticipate 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, with no games dur-ing Spring Break, Mother's Day or Memorial Day weekend, All

players in the Showdown will be eligible for a discount

Schools summer program if they register by April 30! For more information, con

New this year is a girls divi-

Showdown

Applications are now being evaluated for The Ten Star All Star Summer Basketball Camp.

This camp is by invitation only. Boys and girls, ages 10-19, are eligible to apply. Past participants include: Michael Jordan, Tim Duncan, Vince Carter, Jerry Team and individual registration is underway for the Suburban Showdown Youth Spring Hockey League, All Stackhouse, Grant Hill and Antawn Jamison, Players from every state and 18 countries West League games will take place at Suburban lee-Farmington Hills and Novi lee Arena, while all East League ided the 2005 camp.

College basketball scholar-ships are possible for players selected to the All-American games will take place at Suburban lee-Macomb and the Team. Camp locations include: Lebanon, Tean., Prescott, Ariz., Onyx-Rochester Ice Arena.
Two divisions will be offered for team registration this year -Colo., Bridgeport, Conn., the Gold division permits up to three players who competed at the A, AA, Junior Varsity or Varsity level during the 2005-Babson Park, Fla., Gainesville. Babson Park, Ha., Gainesville, Ga., Champaign, Ill., North Manchester, Ind., Towson, Md., Ypsilanti, Glassboro, N.J., Schencetady, N.Y., Hickory, N.C., Commerce, Texas, Blacksburg, Va., Lyndonville, Va. and Beloit, Wis. For more informatice and a free brechure. information and a free brochure call (704) 373-0873.

### Registration underway for spring beginner adult developmental hockey leagues

Suburban Ice-Farmington Hills will offer separate
Beginner Adult Developmental
Hockey Leagues presented by
Labatt for men and women during the spring season. Both leagues will run once per week for nine weeks. After an evaluation skate, players will be divid-ed into teams and receive jerseys, then they will play six regular-season games followed by

two playoff games.
Included in the league fees is
the cost of awards for the league This year was an amazing one for winter athletes at Catholic Central High School. champions, jerseys and instructors, who will also serve as reftors, who will aims serve as reicrees during games in order to
coach the players and teams during the play, on the bench and in
between periods. As a bonus, all
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Bluess Cibb from Anni-June. players and state champions.

One name constantly rose above the rest whenever Catholic Central was brought up in conver-

sation — Sean Dong.

Dong, a senior grappler for the Shamrocks, earned his second Filness Club from April-June. The women's league will run on Sundays at 6:30 and 7:30 pm from April 2-June 18, 2006 (no state title as he went undefeated with a 53-0 individual record. His record and ability made him an easy selection as Catholic Central's All-Area Player of the sessions on April 16, May 14 or May 28). The men's league will run on Mondays at 8:30 and 9:30 pm from April 3-June 12, 2006 (no sessions April 17 or I had a lot of fun this year," said Dong. "This year I felt like I was at the top of my game."

By Sam Eggleston SPORTS WRITTER

year. What did it take to defeat them?

May 29). Registration is limited

Дd "I had to wrestle my best,"
Dong said. "I'm a technical AROUT VIOLENCE

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in the 135-pound weight class.
That year, he went 47-3.
Dong's goal is to move on to the collegiate level. He has interest from about a dozen schools with

Shamrock wrestler Sean Dong didn't have much trouble securing a 53-0 record this

Dong leads CC All-Area picks

the leading programs at Michigan State and the University of North All-State athletes, standout "I'd like to wrestle at 149 in col-

lege," Dong said. "That's my weight normally. I think I could be successful if I did." Dong's off-season schedule includes lifting weights and speed training. He also wrestles outside

the junior nationals and taking seventh.
"There are a lot of really good wrestlers out there," Dong said

of school, recently competing in

"I'm happy to have done as well as

was at the top of my game."

The 'toughest moments for Dearborn, admits the draw to Catholic Central High School was finals of the championship tournament. He said his opponents were by far the strongest he faced all who is expecting to be picking his

hoping to be able to wrestle in the NCAAs, no matter what division

## Other top Shamrocks

The CC Shamrocks had plenty of athletes to be proud of this year.

were led by Dong as the Player of the Year for all sports, while

year.
Earning All-Area honors were

hockey standouts Tim Buttery (defense) and Ross Tashjian

(goalie) who were also awarded All-State Dream Team and All-State First Team honors this year.

On the hockey team this season

was also Dan Naurato, a forward

who earned All-State First Tean honors. On the defensive side o

the pack, Shamrocks' Adam McGee carned an All-State honor-able mention nod. The basketball team had a share

of All-Area athletes, too. Aras

Butkungs was canable of control

ling a game throughout the season while teammates Antyrio Raimer and Rob Forte were easy selec-

tions to the All-Area squad.

and took third in the state. Also having an outstanding year was John Kinville, who took fourth in the state at 215 pounds.

Other grapplers making the team were Robert Price (140);

John Farmer (160) and Mat

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## Wildcats start season off with two victories

Novi Erin about stopping

varsity soccer team made six saves against a tough Canton squad and stopped Ann Arhor Pioneer to help her team to a 2-

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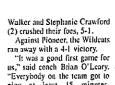
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the Wildcats

Stephanie Janssens knocked in a rebound for a lying goal, From then on, the 'Cats didn't even bother to look back as





play at least 15 minutes. Defensively, we played very

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well and were very organized."
Jessica Barndt and Kristine Chaklos made sure Novi's marks were taken care of while

Zerio carned the victory in goal. Scoring for Novi were Janssens (2), Walker and Crawford,

fell, 17-1,

Lacrosse stumbles

in opener The Novi Wildeats lacrosse team felt the brutal ability of powerhouse Brother Rice Saturday when they

ell, 17-1.

The Wildcats traveled to Brother goal.

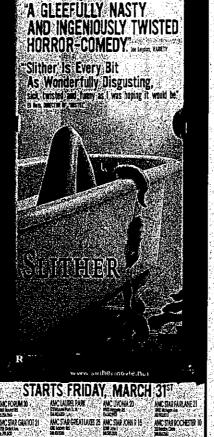
The Wildcats fell to 0-1 with the

their speed and offensive capabili-ties. Novi notched their lone goal in the third quarter when attacker Craig Howell scored off a pass from middie Mike Kolis. Eric Hepler took the loss in the

Rice and watched as the Warners moved the ball with ease, utilizing



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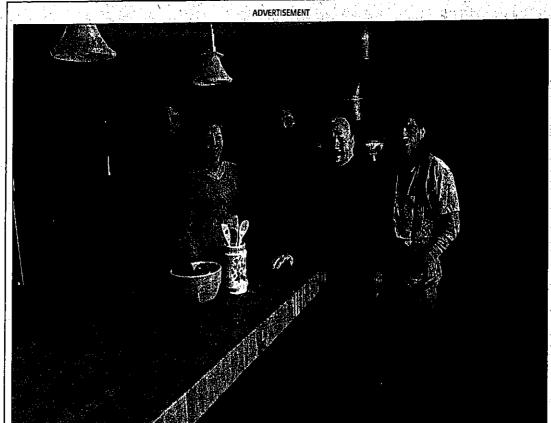


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Proud homeowners, Bruce and Deauna, stand in their recently renovated kitchen with members of the Jim Seghi Renovations crew: Kevin

## Seghi Renovations: dream homes

### ■ Local builder transforms vision into home reality

He may not use a crystal ball, but builder fim Seghi does have a clear vision when it comes to home design and renovation. While many homeowners may see only four walls in despente need-of improvements, the New Hudson builder sees only poten-

tial.
"I have the vision. I've seen ugly is as ugly does. My job is turning dreams into reality," said Seghi. "That's our motto."

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The initial consultation usually

lasts an hour to two hours, dependlasts an nour to two hours, depend-ing on the size of the project. At the time, he's brainstorming the possibilities with the prospective client. It's kind of like putting together the pieces to a puzzle, he remarked. Years of experience help him guide costomers through the him guide customers through the

planning process.
"I pull the whole job together. I help them choose everything from

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Jim Seghi Renovations leaves customers with the home of their dreams.

For example, he suggested that a partial wall could be removed, giv-ing a more open look. Mitch said they also wanted a granite work island but didn't think they had

enough room.

We actually had more than enough room. Now there's no more bumping into people in the kitchen," he added, "We couldn't be happier with the way it turned

The costs came in within estimate and the project was finished

ahead of time.

South Lyon homeowners,
De Anna and Bruce, were planning to remodel for several years before they contacted time Service. they contacted Jim Seghi, So, they had a pretty good idea of what they wanted. A couple who enjoys entertaining, their main goal was to "make the kitchen more user sultation for his kitchen remodel. (ricelly and enjoyable) said are now seght's latest planning \$500,000 home the same as it New H
"He just had a good vision since | Bruce | He credits his | wife | tools With the addition of a docent make sense to overspend | 454-

he's done so many remodels," DeAnna with the original concept, and Seghi for showing them how it

could be done.

One major change included removing two smaller windows and installing a large 10-foot window to open up the kitchen.

"That in itself opened up the area. It makes the kitchen warm and more alive," he'added. The whole process them more smoothly than we thought. Jim stayed on top of it, and cleaned up-every day." every day,"

every day."

Upon completion, Bruce remarked it 'doesn't look like a 'remodel" it blends perfectly with the rest of the home. "People are floored with the difference." It's

## Joining the 21st Century

Now joining the electronic gen-ration, a laptop and the internet

"portable office" he's able to show customers before and after pictures for illustrations or hook up to a supplier's Web site to help select materials, such as new faucets. It's just one of many ways Seghi works to make the entire planning

process run smoothly, "This is such a good starting point." It saves lots of legwork," be

## True Value

As a contractor he understands the importance of providing value to the customer, He'll work hard to find the smartest choice by asking

Is the investment worth the cost? Does the renovation and its products match the value of the home and the surrounding homes in the area? It doesn't make sense to use inexpensive cupboards in a \$500,000 home, the same as it

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well. It's not unusual for him to drive around the block to get a feel for what fits best in the neighbor-

for what has teen in the foot hood.
"I'm there to prevent their from making mistakes," he adds.
Finally, his signature trademark is building a "wow" factor to polish off each home or project.
"The consequent history you can There are certain things you can do which don't cost a lot, but make the difference between ordinary and extraordinary, said Seghi. One of his favorites includes tumbled marble, or ceramic back-splashes in the kitchen and or bath. Color is another way you can 'spice up" a décor without spend-

ing extra cash.
"It doesn't have to be off white to be neutral. There are a lot of great colors that you can use that will blend well."

### Remodel Even If You Plan To More

It may sound impractical at first, but in many cases, remodeling may be necessary to sell-your home. Soghi says that often home-owners put their home for sale, and then realize they need to add fea-tures for marketability. Right now there are three popular items cus-tomers demand in the \$250,000 and up category, including a mas-ter suite with bath and walk in closet, three car garage and first floor laundry. It's not surprising that once improvements are com-plete, the home owners like it so well they decide to stay.

Ask Jim Seghi's lo expand your home's possibilities. Contact his New Hudson office at (248) 437

