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Meet the candidates

On Tuesday, May 2, voters in the Novi School District will pick one of these individuals — George Korfmair or Katie Rezon — to fill a four-year seat on the board of education. Both candidates recently met for a League of Women Voters forum, and the question-and-answer session is presented here.



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Home & Garden

Skip the stress of spring cleaning and enjoy the season with help from the Home & Garden, including tips for allergy sufferers, new things for the garden, ways to spruce up lawn furniture and more.

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Still no bylaws results

■ Board boots director while members wait for vote tally

By Pam Fleming
STAFF WRITER

It's been more than a week, but the outcome of the April 11 membership vote on the Novi Chamber of Commerce's proposed bylaws changes still has not been announced.

For Cal Stone's column on his removal from the board, please turn to page 20A.

The Novi News attempted to contact all 16 members of the chamber's board of directors. At press time, only one director responded to written and verbal requests for results of the vote.

Keith Wilson, past chair, and Jim Koster, treasurer, are both on vacation this week and unavailable for comment.

Cathe Nance-Buzzy of Diner's Greenhouses in Novi was the lone

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Photo by JPH/Novi News

Monkeying around

Under bright sunny April skies, Dajey Ferenc, 8, plays on the monkey bars Monday morning at Novi's Ella Mae Power Park. Ferenc joined her siblings Bobby, 10, Timmy, 4, and Olivia, 6 at the public park off Yen Mile Rd. between Tart and Novi roads.

To health with it

■ Providence partners with Novi community

By Ramez Khuri
STAFF WRITER

After picking up his daughter from her dance recital about a year ago, Rob Caslow noticed something that made him a little dismayed.

The Providence Hospital president couldn't believe the amount of overweight kids he saw, and decided right then and there that he would like to start a campaign to reverse the trend.

"Our goal in partnering with our community is to make Novi a five-star community," said Caslow. "It's a very tall order, but we would like to meet with the community to make that happen."

Caslow, Mary Watson, also of Providence, and Sheryl Walsh, director of Novi public relations,

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CITY BUDGET: Initial talks go from parks to health care

■ Next meeting set for April 30

By Pam Fleming
STAFF WRITER

Mayor David Landry had a unique suggestion at the end of the first session April 8 — start earlier. The mayor of Novi said for the next budget, he will propose that council start talking about goals in September.

"I would like to give some recommendations to city staff before they establish the budget rather than them guessing," Landry said.

That said, he believes the proposed budget for fiscal year

2006-2007, with \$32.6 million in revenue, is "balanced because it doesn't focus on just one aspect. The dimension of time is essential, too, because it looks at future needs," Landry said. "I think that is the hallmark of a good administration and a good budget."

Road repairs, senior needs

Topics covered the gamut — from road improvements and sidewalk additions to senior citizens' needs and park improvements.

A large part of the almost four-hour discussion was about funding health care for retirees, for which city administration proposes earmarking \$1 million.

Learn more

The proposed fiscal year 2006-2007 budget for the City of Novi is available for the public to view at the Novi Public Library. The document is available at the Novi Public Library.

"This is going to cripple our community if we don't get down to it," Landry said.

The proposed budget includes several technological upgrades, such as a voice-mail system for

building permits where people can call 24 hours a day seven days a week to request a building inspection.

The city also wants to upgrade its computer replacement program.

Novi city officials will have \$1.5 million to spend on neighborhood roads this year left over from the 2000 voter-approved road bond and another \$200,000 to spend on projects in 2007.

Sidewalks are also planned at four different locations. Other items on the city's wish list include funding for a community survey and an employee assistance program for city workers.

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He's still contributing at age 89

■ Former barber doesn't let age slow him down

By Ramez Khuri
STAFF WRITER

Folks who belong to Novi's Holy Family Church probably know Sam DiRosa very well.

In fact, he's probably helped them to their seats at least a couple times over the years.

DiRosa, a Wixom resident, has been a church usher for over 60 years. In his life he's also owned a barber shop and was married for 67 years before his wife, Josephine, passed away a year

and-a-half ago. And at the young age of 89, DiRosa is still as active as can be, despite a bad right knee.

"My doctor tells me to do what I've been doing, but not to eat too much spaghetti," said DiRosa. "I had my blood count recently and they said I'm fine."

TOUR NOVI

DiRosa enjoys spending his time attending meetings, dinners and dances. He belongs to three different senior citizen centers. But he doesn't just attend the dances — he participates as well.

Cutting a rug

"I've been dancing since I was 5-years-old," said DiRosa. "I go to Crystal Gardens on Tuesday, and I go to the Elks on Friday."

Once in a while I go to the Senior Citizen Center in Farmington Hills. I belong to Elks, Eagles and the Moose, plus three senior citizen centers in Wixom, Farmington Hills and Livonia. I love to go dancing."

DiRosa has two twin sons named Sam and Vincent, who live in Livonia and South Lyon.

While at home in his apartment, however, he never has to worry about being lonely, as his best friend, Olympia Antonous, lives right next door.

"I like people," said DiRosa. "If you look at me, I'll say hello to you. No matter what, I'll talk to anyone just like I know them. It keeps me young."

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Providence partners with Novi community

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invited community members and leaders to meet at the hospital on the morning of April 12. Attending were folks representing LifeTime Fitness, the Novi Police Department, the Novi Community School District, Detroit Catholic Central and more.

"Our new hospital is not just going to be based on illness, but on wellness," said Watson. "(Casualty) wanted to know how we can, as a health care provider, help our community to enjoy wellness and think of Providence not just as a place you come to when you're sick, but also a place that promotes wellness. With the help of our community, we want to promote healthy lifestyles."

Watson said the change will have to begin with individuals making choices to become more active, and who are committed to a healthy community. She said the state of Michigan is evaluating communities, and will rate a community based on its health activities. The state will look at obesity

rates, smoking rates, and many other risk factors, and then award stars, up to a five per community.

Rachel Graybill-Carroll of LifeTime Fitness was in attendance. Part of her job is to assist corporations in lowering health care costs.

"We are excited to take part and partner with the city of Novi because our mission is to create a healthy way of life and to utilize our facilities as well as our online programs," said Graybill-Carroll. "We feel it would be a nice partnership."

Building a better hospital

Providence Hospital is part of the St. John's Health System in southeast Michigan. As soon as construction is completed on the Novi campus, there will be a huge, high end organic foods, produce, a yoga studio, hiking and bike trails. And Casou said the Novi community is invited to use it all.

Deputy Chief of Police Thomas Lindberg's second child was the second baby born in the Novi facility when the birthing center first opened. He attended the meeting to represent not only the Novi Police Department, but also himself as a resident.

"Both of my kids are athletes,"

said Lindberg. "We're constantly here for sports injuries, and one of the key components is eliminating injuries and looking at the assessments of the different schools and fields. That's an interest to me because of my daughter."

Others who attended were Bob Stech, Novi Schools director of community education and Kathy Crawford, former senior services manager for the city of Novi.

Stech said it's important for the school district to be a partner because of the opportunity it has to make an impact with kids in education, wellness through healthy eating, and exercise.

"Whatever we can do as part of the schools is going to be a benefit to the community," said Stech. "I'm excited to be a part of that."

Crawford believes Novi has the people and resources already in place to be the best city in the state.

"I think we should be set an example for others to follow," she said. "As a life-long resident of Novi, that's one of the reasons I wanted to be this."

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Former barber doesn't let age slow him down

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One event that sticks out as one of DiRosa's most memorable experiences is spending his 50th anniversary in Hawaii.

"It was wonderful," he said. "I've held a Hawaiian music."

Though he loved his wife very much, like any marriage, they had their ups and downs. DiRosa described his first few years of marriage as "rough." But, he said, they never went to bed upset with each other.

"We would discuss everything, and if I was wrong I would apologize, kiss her goodnight and go to sleep," said DiRosa.

After the boys were born, the family lived in the back of the barber shop. DiRosa fixed it up to be like an apartment. They stayed there until the boys started to walk. That's when DiRosa bought his first home.

"From those two boys I have seven grandchildren, 10 great-grandchildren and I have a great-grandson," DiRosa proudly

said. "That's five generations." According to DiRosa, most people wouldn't tolerate their time to usher at a church, but he does it because he enjoys helping people any way he can.

"They need help, so I get up," said DiRosa. "I can't tell them I don't want to usher. That's not me. If I can help somebody, I do. I think if you don't help out, you're a worm."

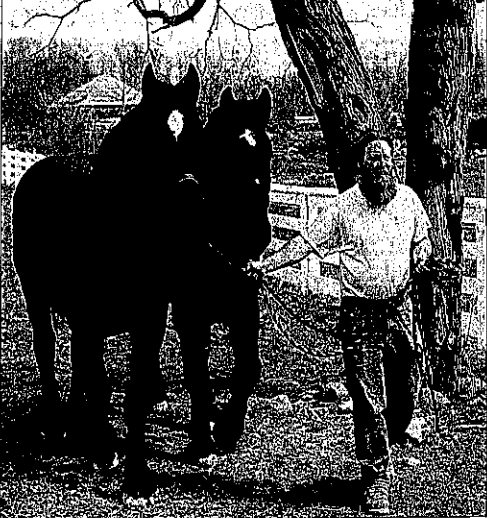
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Sam DiRosa

Age: 69
Occupation: retired from owning his own barber shop.
Family: His wife, Josephine passed away a year-and-a-half ago. Two sons, Sam W. and Vincent Jr.
Hobbies and interests: He belongs senior citizen centers in Wilcox, Farmington Hills and Livonia, and the EKS, Eagles and Moose clubs as well. He enjoys attending meetings, dinners and dances.
Advice: "Do good for people," said DiRosa. "Enjoy life while you're here because life passes by so fast."
Awards: DiRosa won a few dance awards for doing the Charleston in his early days and a swing dance award in Farmington Hills two years ago.
Schools: He attended Melkennan High School in Detroit.
Years in business: 63.
Born and raised in Rochester, New York and moved to Detroit in 1928.

COMMUNITY

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MSU Tollgate Farm worker Nori Leppanen walks percheron plow horses Webster, left, and Noah around the grounds.

Tollgate Farm gains new draft horses

Can you say retirement?

By Pan Fleming
STAFF WRITER

Tollgate Farm has a couple of new additions.

Two draft horses, Noah and Webster (see - that's their names...) now grace the fields of the Novi Farm, run by Michigan State University. They were just acquired last Friday from Meadowbrook Road north of 12 Mile Road.

Prontice said the addition of Noah and Webster now means that five horses are in the field at the Novi farm.

One of the horses already at the farm, Tim, has been the leader of the pasture, so to speak, in Novi. So now, horses already at the farm have to deal with the new arrivals.

One horse establishes dominance over the group, and they're still grappling with that issue, Prontice said.

They seem to be approaching each other more each day, however, and will work it out over time. But the public is welcome to come view the horses at the Tollgate Farm. For hours of operation, call (248) 347-3860.

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Wetlands and woodlands maps are out of date, so money has been proposed for these as well.

Several building improvements are needed at city hall, too, including replacing an outdated chiller. The fire station needs an architectural analysis as well as \$420,000 for a new pump.

Other needs outlined are a new senior center renovation and a second squad car for the police department's K9 handler.

New breathing equipment for firefighters was requested, as well as major improvements to Power Park behind the Novi Civic Center and new parking for lights by city hall.

Another request that seemed to get some attention was \$30,000 proposed for a sound system for the civic center.

All council members were in favor of spending money to upgrade entry signs into the city, on which city administration would like to spend \$20,000.

"I think we should spend even more money," said Mayor Pro Tem Kim Grier. "I would like to see the city spend \$50,000-\$100,000. Our signs don't really indicate that you're coming to Novi."

Capella questioned the \$141,000 in overtime set aside for the building department staff as well as the

\$223,000 in overtime budgeted for Department of Public Works employees.

"What is the cause of this overtime?" he asked. "If we can negotiate comp time so we can save a little, that would be nice."

The police department is budgeted for a whopping \$400,000 in overtime. "How much of that is reimbursed to us, and how much can we cut back on this?" Capella asked.

He also wanted to see \$60,000 allocated for a cost-of-living-adjustment for retirees.

Capella favored a part-time new economic development coordinator and would like to see someone placed in charge of both building and planning.

"We need someone with a wider vision to follow the processes through," he said.

Andrew March wants to give a small amount of tax relief to residents that wouldn't require the city to cut services or not make needed improvements.

"My feeling is that we don't need to increase the general fund millage rate as proposed," he said. "I think we can have to recognize the economic times. Every dollar counts."

Several mentioned the need for improvements to Beck Road from Providence Park Hospital coming back into the city, including reducing taxes.

"I don't think the taxpayers would be upset if they got a little reduction," she said.

She was not in favor, however, of funding the \$1 million for retirees'

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board member who could be ousted concerning the outcome of the bylaws vote.

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Questions answered during the Town Hall will be answered by mail. Registration deadline is 5 p.m., April 21.

Webcast system requirements: Internet Explorer version 5 or later; Windows Media Player 8 or greater; and an Internet connection of 28.8 Kbps or greater (dial up speed), plus speakers or sound card with built-in speaker.

Money rather than trees
Council Member Bob Gatt mentioned at Tuesday's meeting that members had received a letter from Father Richard Elmer from Catholic Central High School in Novi regarding the Tree Fund.

The new Catholic boys' high school officials want to donate money to the city's Tree Fund rather than planting the required numbers of trees they are to add to the city.

Because the school's development caused the loss of many trees on the property on the west side of Wilcox Road south of Grand River Avenue, the school is supposed to plant an agreed-upon number of trees over a nine-year period.

Clay Pearson, interim city manager, said city staff members will present options to council members in the matter

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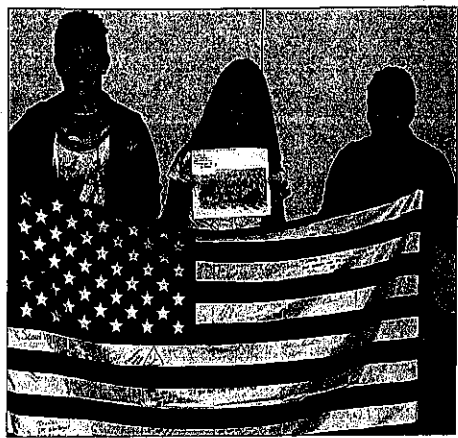
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Caring teens

The City of Wilcom Teen Advisory Committee sent a care package to HHCI-108th Armor, Army Reserves in December 2005. Location of troops- Mahmudiyah, Iraq. The care package consisted of greeting cards and letters, ornaments, homemade cookies, candy, Oreos, American Flag bandannas and more. As a thank you, soldiers from HHCI-108th recently sent a personalized American Flag and picture back to the Teen Advisory Committee. The flag will be displayed at Wilcom City Hall and then moved to the Teen Center. The Teen Advisory Committee consists of 26 members - including (left to right), Matt Provenzala, Kalia Behan and Antonio Sanchez) - and is actively involved in the community. Members meet monthly at the Teen Center on Pontiac Trail. The committee plans community service projects along with recreational activities for their peers. Teens interested in joining call (248) 624-2850.

City leaders commission study on future sewer capacity needs

Tap-in fees paid by newest users

By Pam Fleming
STAFF WRITER

Discussing Novi's future sewerage needs may be a dirty job, but somebody's got to do it. In an effort to be proactive on the issue, the city of Novi recently had local engineering firm Orchard, Hitz & McCliment, Inc., do a study on Novi's sanitary collection system.

The study is known as a CMOI Study, which stands for Capacity, Management, Operations and Maintenance, was presented to city council March 6 by firm representatives Vyto Kameelis and Robert Czachotski.

The firm's assessment was that most of the city's sanitary sewers have adequate capacity for future growth. In fact, Novi will need to experience three to five years of additional growth before it exhausts its current capacity.

"There are capacity needs coming, but at least we know," Czachotski said. "Some cities don't learn this until there's a problem." And, nobody likes sewer to back up in their basements and yards.

Extra capacity to be purchased

Two pump stations will eventually need capacity upgrades, and additional outlet capacity is needed in the North Haven Valley/Rogue Valley system. This \$168-million system in Wayne County provides adequate sewer capacity for 14 communities, according to the Environmental Protection Agency.

Novi may need capacity from Northville Township and Plymouth Township in the future, as they plan to have their sewerage diverted to a system in Ypsilanti, the Ypsilanti Communities Utility Authority in Washington County. These two townships will be looking to sell their sewer capacity in the future.

Clay Pearson, interim city manager, said any cost involved in Novi acquiring this extra capacity would be paid for by the actual users through their sewer tap-in fees.

The study showed no alarming wet weather flow in the city, although areas have been identified south of 10 Mile Road and east of Novi Road.

Pearson said he would like to have a team set up to negotiate a proposal to purchase sewer capacity from Northville and Plymouth townships.

The engineering firm's study also showed that additional sewerage capacity will be needed at

the three wastewater treatment plants that Novi uses in Detroit, Walled Lake and Commerce Township.

Benny McCusker, director, Novi Department of Public Works, said some suggestions for improvements in Novi's sewerage system will come about in the Capital Improvement Program proposals this spring. But proper planning, such as having an engineering study done on the system, will mean no surprises for residents.

"Novi's ahead of the game," McCusker said. "We know where we want to be built out as far as sewer capacity."

A bond issue could be on the table at some point, and sewage could be diverted from the Commerce Township plant to the Detroit wastewater treatment plant.

Walled Lake and Commerce Township plant owners want to expand their plants, but the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality has not approved any projects yet.

McCusker said Novi recently spent \$20 million to upgrade its waste water treatment plant. He estimated it would cost \$25 million-\$30 million for Novi to construct its own plant.

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MADD Oakland County Chapter honors local law officers

In appreciation for all that our local law enforcement contributes to the effort of making Oakland County roads safe, MADD Oakland County Chapter honored representatives from 37 county law enforcement departments including Office Asst. Ediger of Novi, Officer Carl Rix of Walled Lake and Officer Jeffrey Campbell of Wilcom.

The officers were MADD's guests of honor at the 17th Annual Law Enforcement Banquet held at the Old World Contemporary Village in Lake Orion. Officers received MADD LifeSaver Award for their efforts in alcohol enforcement and furthering MADD's mission of stopping drunk driving, preventing underage drinking and supporting victims of this violent crime. Each recipient was nominated by their chief, commander or captain.

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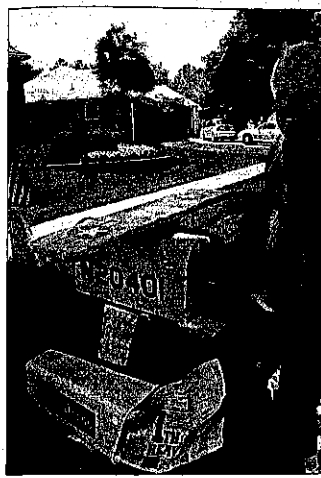
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Homeowners send mixed messages via mailboxes



Northville resident and plane aficionado Jim Lapham made a seaplane combination mail and newspaper box (whose "floats" are made of newspaper boxes) for his Lexington St. home.

By Maureen Johnston
GANNETT NEWS SERVICES

People passing Jim Lapham's home learn one of his passions from his mailbox: It's shaped like a model airplane.

Several years ago, the lifetime Northville resident replicated his brother's yellow sea plane. Mounted on two newspaper boxes, the red propeller, wood tail and custom decals zoom on an extend chain at the corner of Lexington Boulevard and Potomac Road.

He even abided by the federal aviation regulation for "N" numerals on the aircraft's side, incorporating their street address, said Kathy Lapham, adding she and her husband bear a lot of comments about their unique mailbox.

While the majority of Northville residents opt for a conventional receptacle to hold their letters, Lapham and others make a style statement.

Owner's choice

Mail carrier Kathleen Magnuson, a substitute on local postal routes, said a dollhouse mailbox is the most remarkable mailbox she has seen.

"Some people are really quite creative," she said. "A puppy dog, frog, bass fish, they print them all kinds of ways."

In neighboring Novi, Magnuson said she couldn't help noticing a local funeral director's box that looks like a house. A rural address that hosts weekend paint-ball events has an oversized box splashed with paint, she said.

"I thought that was pretty cute, instead of having signs everywhere," she said.

Fish, football helmet, cottage, airplane: sometimes the statement comes from the box shape. Homeowners also send their message with the box's decoration, transforming solid color metal with painted or applied stars and stripes, floral designs, family names and animal favorites.

Lon Mascola, owner of Gardarvics, 202 W. Main St., said mailboxes fall into three categories: novelty, like a goose or rooster; the basic inexpensive models available at mass merchandisers, and style statement boxes. His clientele custom orders stainless steel or copper models with their name and/or address, he said.

"In Northville, we have a lot of requests for wall-mounted boxes," he said. "But they want

to make it look like they have some kind of style to it. "To make the style statement, they will step up in price."

"They all serve the same function — it's all about what kind of statement do you want to make."

Some homeowners' association by-laws restrict mailbox style. Other homeowners build a fortified letter structure comprised of their new home materials.

There are stretches of standard boxes on plain posts. Many subdivisions feature a mix of brown or green molded plastic, aluminum or black metal, with an occasional impulse of creativity.

Magnuson warned against planting flowers near boxes. "It's beautiful, but it's a safety issue for us," she said. "If the bees are bad, then they aren't going to get their mail."

Jim Lapham, who made the change at his address of 33 years during the city's road repaving project, asked his Detroit Free Press for two new yellow newspaper boxes for pontoons.

"She said, 'Sure, I won't even ask why,'" Kathy said with a laugh. "Then she left a note that said, 'I really like it.'"

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Longtime resident, electrician enjoyed golfing, helping others

Novi services set for Saturday

By Pam Fleming
STAFF WRITER

Services will take place this Saturday for longtime Novi resident H. Thomas "Tom" Needham, who died March 20 in Sun City, Ariz., after a lengthy illness.

He was 82. Services will be at the Novi United Methodist Church at 41671 W. 10 Mile Road. He will be interred at Oakland Hills Memorial Gardens in Novi.

Born on July 27, 1922, in Escanaba, Mich., he is survived by Lucy, his wife of 59 years; four children: Jim of Brighton, Don of Union City, Melinda Carter of Novi, Harriet Bialy of Wilcom; 12 grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

Bialy, his youngest daughter, said her father was known for his community involvement.

"He was very helpful to anybody in need," she said.

While in Arizona, he helped at the food bank, senior center and as a golf marshal at the Phoenix U.S. Open for many years.

Peggy Masson of Novi was a neighbor of the Needhams. "If you ever needed help, you could always call on Lucy or Tom," she said.

One time the neighborhood was out of power for about 10 days.



Tom Needham

OBITUARY

H. THOMAS NEEDHAM 7/27/1922-3/20/2006

Born in Escanaba, Mich., to Harry and Ruth Needham. He married Lucy Bialy on July 27, 1949. He survived by Lucy (Schmidt), his wife of 59 years; 4 children, Jim of Brighton, Don of Union City, Melinda (Partner) of Novi, Harriet (Bialy) of Wilcom, and 12 grandchildren and 7 great-grandchildren. Tom served in the 91st division of the Army in Italy during WWII. He met & married Lucy in Culver City, CA then moved back to his hometown of Escanaba, MI where all four children were born and he became an electrician. In 1956, they made Novi their home and stayed there until 1988 when Tom and Lucy moved to Sun City, AZ. He worked for GM-Cadillac until he retired in 1985. His interests started with hunting, archery, fishing and golf at age 8, later letting in golf and barrel jumping on skates in school. In Novi he had motorcycles, played baseball, and bowled. As a charter member of the Novi E.U.C. (now United Methodist), he used his skills for building and maintenance. Later he was involved with the Novi Senior Center and the Novi Historical Society. He also started to golf again. Tom's nature was to help if asked and continued to do so in Sun City, AZ. He helped at the food bank, senior center and as a golf marshal at the Phoenix U.S. Open for many years. Tom busied himself with hobbies and crafts but golf was his favorite, with a hole at one of 73 years old. Services will be held at the Novi United Methodist Church, 41671 W. 10 Mile Rd., Novi, MI at 11:00 am on April 22, 2006. He will be interred at Oakland Hills Memorial Gardens in Novi, MI.

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"Tom would come over and plug my refrigerator into his generator as well as doing the same for other neighbors, trying hard to keep our food from spoiling," she said. "He was just a nice man."

Served in World War II

Needham served in the 91st division of the U.S. Army in Italy during World War II and was a member of the Northville/Novi post of the American Legion since 1972. He met and married the former Lucy Beauchamp in Culver City, Calif., then moved back to Escanaba, where he became an

electrician. Bialy noted that he followed in both his father's and grandfather's footsteps, as they were also electricians in Escanaba.

Moved to Novi in 1956

The Needhams moved to Novi in 1956 and lived here until they moved to Sun City in 1988. Bialy said her parents moved to Novi because her father was an industrial electrician and came to the Motor City for work.

Needham worked for General Motors Corporation's Cadillac division until he retired in 1985.

He was employed at the Clark Street plant downtown for more than 30 years and worked in assembly line robotics and with computer-aided robots during his career.

His outside interests included hunting, archery, fishing and especially golf, which he began playing at age 9. Needham lettered in golf and barrel jumping on skates in school. While living in Novi, he rode motorcycles, played baseball and bowled. He made his first hole-in-one at 73.

He was a charter member of former Evangelical United Brethren Church, now the

United Methodist Church in Novi. The Evangelical United Brethren Church merged with the Methodist Church on Grand River Avenue just west of Novi Road in the 1960s and the two became the United Methodist Church, according to Bialy.

"He worked with the men's group of the church and was very active in the church," said Chris McQuinn, a member of the church.

Needham was also an active member of the Novi Senior Center and the Novi Historical Society.

Bialy said one of the more interesting facts about her father was the fact that he loved to needlepoint.

"Nobody teased him about it because he was a tall guy and rode a Harley-Davidson motorcycle," she said.

She also remembered that her dad was known as a handyman throughout his life.

"He was a tinkerer," Bialy said. "He could fix anything."

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HEALTH

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Providence opens Novi area's first Joslin Diabetes Center

St. John Providence Park Hospital in Novi and Providence Hospital in Southfield are the first hospitals in southeast Michigan to affiliate with the Boston-based Joslin Diabetes Center. The center, which provides diabetes research, care and education, will offer the latest advances for treating diabetes and its complications as well as patient education and support services.

"This affiliation will provide a wonderful opportunity for our patients and clinical staff at Providence to access Joslin research, education, clinical initiatives and the most current treatment options," said Jerry Gintion, vice president of business development, at St. John Health. "Our goal is to work together with this prestigious organization to play a significant role in improving the lives of patients with diabetes."

According to the Healthy Michigan 2010 report, diabetes, as an underlying cause, is the sixth leading cause of all deaths

in Michigan. In addition, minority populations in Michigan have a higher diabetes rate than the overall population. The good news, however, is that diabetes can be treated, and in fact, type 2 diabetes, the most common form of the disease, can be prevented by maintaining a healthy weight and through physical activity.

Founded more than 100 years ago, Joslin Diabetes Center, an affiliate of Harvard Medical School, has helped revolutionize the diagnosis, treatment and prevention of diabetes worldwide. It is the nation's largest institution dedicated exclusively to the clinical care and treatment of patients with diabetes, as well as research related to diabetes and its complications. Researchers at Joslin are working to prevent, treat and cure diabetes and its complications.

St. John Providence Park Hospital in Novi and Providence Hospital in Southfield are part of St. John Health, the largest health system in southeast Michigan, with 125 medical centers and nine hospitals in five counties.

Services

- The Joslin Diabetes Center takes a multidisciplinary approach to diabetes care, working to play a significant role in improving the lives of patients with diabetes.
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workouts because it is continuous as well giving you the ability to make it as challenging as you like (e.g. stairs, hills, speed, etc.). Try to complete at least 2500 steps in the 1/2 hour time frame.

If you want to take hotel/travel workouts to higher level, add an exercise ball (deflated of course with the hand pump that comes with it) and tubing for resistance training. Use the equipment as directed for resistance training—basically you will be attaching the handtubes to the furniture in the room or standing on it in order to perform the workout. Many trainers in a single session can outline a safe and effective travel workout to assure you are getting the most out of your effort. You can put your travel

workout together including a pedometer, exercise ball, resistance band and a one hour instruction session all for under \$100.

The bottom line is to do something. The act of sitting still for excessive amounts of time on a daily basis is what you are trying to avoid. Keep moving and good luck!

Chris Klebba, Chris owns and operates the Water Wheel Health Club in Northville, and is a Certified Fitness Trainer, regular columnist and public speaker. For more information or if you have a question please send an e-mail to waterwheel@msn.net, call 248-449-7634 or go to www.waterwheel.com.

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Risky business in today's housing market

Novi builder gives buyers another advantage

By Tracy Misher
RECORD STAFF WRITER

Mike Fellows believes homebuyers looking for a brand new home should have an advantage both buying and selling in this current housing market.

Fellows, owner of Novi-based Mozart Homes, is trying to take the stress off his customers' shoulders by assisting in the sale of their existing homes.

The Trade-Up program guarantees people looking to buy a home in the Provincial Glades subdivision, located on Nine Mile west of Napier roads, won't have to make two mortgage payments.

"We're brokers as well as builders," Fellows said. "We guarantee that by time your new house is built, we will buy or sell your current home."

Fellows said the Trade-Up program is risky, but homes are still moving, he said.

"We think it's a good service to offer our customers and I'm willing to take that risk."

Mozart Homes was founded in 2001 and built its first subdivision in the summer of 2002.

"We're a small local builder," Fellows said. "We don't want to be a bigger company that we already are."

Fellows said the current housing market is somewhat slow, but not close to being stopped.

"One aspect of the economy is just a measure of peoples' hopes," he said. "But, we believe with



Photo by JOHN HEDBERG/Novi News

Developer Mike Fellows will be building homes at this Provincial Glades Northside site along Nine Mile Rd. and Napier in Novi. The 100 acre site will feature just over 70 homes.

time permitting for construction, that will give us both time to buy or sell their homes."

Customizing the look

Provincial Glades is a 70-lot subdivision ranging from \$550,000 to \$800,000. Each home will be set on about one-third acres of land and will be surrounded by parks and woodlands.

Fellows said there will only be six lots that back up to each other. "This truly is a unique home-

sic," Fellows said. "And we're offering a service to our customers that I don't know any other builder offering."

With the help of his long-time friend and business partner, Paul Hedemark, Fellows said they would be personally supervising the construction of each home built in Provincial Glades.

"We will do anything in the best interest of our customers," Fellows said. "We have deliberately decided to limit production to only 20 homes per year, in order to maintain our high stan-

dard of personal attention and service."

Mozart Homes is also offering a free interior design and decorating consultation with an independent design professional. Customers will also have the opportunity to customize their home plans to their liking, Fellows said.

"We are very flexible," he said.

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High hopes in Wixom

Governor signs bill to help distressed economy

By Tracy Misher
STAFF WRITER

Things are looking up for the City of Wixom now that Gov. Jennifer Granholm signed legislation establishing new renaissance zones.

According to government officials, the bill will grant tax relief for several communities, including the Wixom Ford Plant property, in order to draw new business development to the area.

The Michigan Renaissance Zone Act was enacted in 1996 and encourages commercial, industrial and residential improvements in economically distressed areas of the state.

Renaissance zones are geographic areas that are virtually tax-free for any business or resident located in or moving into one of the zones.

Public Act 116 amends the Michigan Renaissance Zone Act to allow zones to be established in several parts of the state that would be temporarily exempt from most state and local taxes, the aim being to spur redevelopment in cities hit by plant closings or other economic hardships.

Boundaries of the renaissance zone may not be altered without the assistance of legislation. "This is great news for companies looking to expand and grow jobs here in Michigan," Granholm said in a statement. "Renaissance zone designations

Help for jobseekers

State Sen. Nancy Cassis staff has developed a brochure to assist job seekers who have lost their jobs because of plant closings or other reasons.

The Job Resource Guide provides resources for job seekers and information on returning to help people find meaningful training in their careers or even a new career path.

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and targeted tax credits provide communities with important tools for strengthening their business climate for years to come.

"A substantial reduction in taxes can be a great boost for local businesses and the economy," said State Sen. Nancy Cassis (R-Nowi). "The residents of Wixom should be encouraged that their city could now offer this incentive to create jobs."

Ford Motor Co. is the leading employer in Wixom and one-eighth of the city's tax base is tied to the 318-acre plant.

Ford said in January it would close assembly at the plant, which employs more than 1,500 people.

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BUSINESS BRIEFS

Data seminar in June

Anixter Inc. will host its annual National Seminar Series for the 7th consecutive year. Designing and Managing Today's Data Center will be conducted in 17 cities across the U.S., including Novi, between April and November. This year, Anixter is pleased to announce that IBM will be the featured keynote speaker at the seminars, addressing topics such as design and architectural considerations for modern data centers.

More closings for Ford

Ford Motor Company announced its twin cities assembly plant in St. Paul, Minn., and the Norfolk Assembly Plant in Virginia will be idled in 2008 as part of the company's Way Forward plan to restore North American automotive operations to profitability no later than 2008. Going forward, Ford will be able to maintain its production capacity and undisputed leadership of the full-size pickup truck market with fewer plants, thanks to flexible manufacturing.

The Way Forward plan, which was announced on Jan. 23, is a comprehensive road map to strengthen the company's Ford, Lincoln and Mercury brands through innovative new products, better quality, straightforward pricing, lower costs and

more flexible, efficient operations. As part of the plan, Ford said in January that it would idle and cease manufacturing operations at 14 plants, including seven assembly plants.

In addition to Norfolk and Twin Cities, the plants announced to date include Wixom Assembly Plant, St. Louis Assembly Plant, Atlanta Assembly Plant, Windsor Casting and Batavia Transmission.

Future product plans surrounding Ford compact pickups will be announced closer to the end of Ford Ranger production in Twin Cities in 2008. Ranger sales in the first quarter totaled 22,378 units, down 15.9 percent.

Ford also remains committed to building a new low-cost manufacturing site for the future, as the company announced in January.

Stout Tool Corp. is located at 29233 Inaus Road, For more information, contact (248) 436-0454.

Urologist moves practice to Novi

Dr. Sam Rosenberg took space at 41935 W. 12 Mile Road specifically to be located in the middle of Providence and Huron Valley Sinai hospitals.

As Chief of Urology at Huron Valley, Rosenberg felt having a practice in Novi would increase his customer base in the future.

So, he moved his practice from Southfield to the Detroit Medical Center in Novi.

"My business is the type of business that doesn't make people wait," Rosenberg said. "In my office, we try to work patients in the same day as they call."

Wixom-based Stout Tool Corp., manufacturer of the X-Band saw, announced the May launch of the Ultimate Cutting Station.

The Ultimate Cutting Station, a portable "locking" system, converts Stout's improved hand-held X-Band STX-250 series cordless hand saw into a compact, bench top, stationary cutting station.

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Rosenberg said he strives to be as up-to-date in his practice as possible.

"You have to be up-to-date when you're the chief of staff," he said.

With a staff of three full-time employees, Rosenberg said his staff is always smiling.

Rosenberg offers several procedures, including pelvic floor muscle rehabilitation, interstim and radio frequency ablation of

the prostate.

"We also do laser welding," Rosenberg said. "I was the first doctor at Huron Valley to use lasers in covering vasectomies."

Dr. Rosenberg's office is open 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Monday through Friday. To make an appointment, call (248) 735-2441.

Compiled by Tracy Misher

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POLICE REPORT

Third drunk driving offense

A 26-year-old Detroit man was arrested for operating while intoxicated for the third time at 1:00 a.m. March 22 at I-96 and Novi Road.

An officer noticed that the driver of a 1995 silver Ford Windstar van did not have his headlights on, that the vehicle left the roadway as it approached the ramp to eastbound I-96 (so that the driver actually missed the entrance ramp and drove across the separation median).

After being pulled over, the man immediately told police he was driving without a license.

When police noticed signs of intoxication in the driver and inquired about his drinking habits that evening, the man said he was on his way home after drinking at O'Toole's and that he had consumed three beers and some food at the bar.

A breath test showed his blood alcohol level at .15 percent.

Marijuana, steroids in car

A 52-year-old Grosse Pointe man was arrested for speeding and possession of marijuana at 6:38 p.m. March 24 at 12 Mile and Novi roads.

The man was pulled over when radar showed him traveling at 55 mph in a 40 mph zone on southbound Novi Road.

As the driver pulled his vehicle into a gas station parking lot, the officer noticed that the passenger was moving around as if trying to hide something.

As the officer approached the vehicle, he could smell the odor of burnt marijuana coming from the inside. When asked if there was any more marijuana in the car, the occupants did not respond.

When police told the occupants that he was the K-9 handler and that his dog was trained to alert him to the odor of narcotics, the passenger opened the glove box and handed him a gallon zip-lock bag with a small amount of marijuana inside.

While searching the car, police also found a vial of Black Ciest testosterone epoxide under the passenger seat.

At the station, the man told police he had picked up the marijuana and steroids from a buddy and decided to have a beer while in the car.

The marijuana was measured at 19 grams.

Missing shoes

A 21-year-old South Lyon woman was arrested for operating while intoxicated at 1:00 a.m. March 15 at Grand River Avenue and Market Street.

Dispatch broadcasted a BOI — be on the lookout — for a possible drunk driver in a green, Ford Taurus westbound on Grand River Avenue from Novi Road.

Police located the vehicle and followed it into Providence Park. The driver was driving to the cancer center, which was closed, and drove over the curb of a traffic island.

After pulling the woman over and noticing the effects of intoxicants, he asked her how much she had to drink that night. She told the officer she had consumed three beers at the Library Pub.

The woman held onto the roof of her car in order to maintain her balance when asked to get out of her vehicle. When the officer asked her to walk to the back of the car, she noticed that the woman was not wearing shoes.

When asked where they were, she said her roommates had taken them. But the officer then saw a pair of clogs on the front seat of the passenger seat.

When the woman realized these were her shoes, she put them on.

A breath test showed a blood alcohol level of .20 percent.

Fire closes Wixom Korex plant

Pontiac Trail closed for day; operation down until rebuilt

By Pam Fleming
STAFF WRITER

The Korex Corporation plant on Pontiac Trail west of Wixom Road remained closed this week after an early morning fire last Friday at the chemical plant.

Firefighters from several neighboring communities, including Novi, battled the blaze for several hours.

Workers at the plant manu-

facture soap and other cleaning products. Some of the ingredients at the plant are thought to have fueled the fire, according to Sgt. Jim Osborne, Wixom Police Department.

The fire was discovered about 1:15 a.m., and Pontiac Trail was closed from about 2 a.m. until about 8 p.m. last Friday, Osborne said.

The plant will remain closed until owners can rebuild.

One firefighter who was taken to Providence Park Hospital in Novi for possible smoke inhalation was treated and released.

"We had a lot of assistance," Osborne said. "We had fire crews from Wixom, Walled Lake, Milford, Commerce and Novi," Osborne said.

"That was the biggest fire I'd ever seen," said the 24-year-old veteran of the city of Wixom.

Hazardous material workers from the Wixom Fire Department and Oakland County were on scene, but no evacuations of nearby homes were required.

"Had there been any contamination in air, we would have had a huge evacuation problem," Osborne said.

The fire caused extensive smoke damage to the factory and destroyed a large portion of its warehouse.

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From the left (front): Fox Run resident Pearl Holforty, scholars Margaret Wilson, Tara Zantello, Raquel Kassab, resident Doreen Pouppard, (back) Chairman and CEO John C. Erickson, scholars Steven Samples, Dan Struder, Executive Director Mike McCormick, and Director of Dining Kevin Cunningham

Serving up scholarships

Fox Run residents award hardworking student servers

By Tracy Mishler
STAFF WRITER

Tara Zantello loves her job. And because of her love, the 17-year-old Fox Run hostess was awarded a \$4,000 scholarship to the educational facility of her choice upon graduating from high school.

"I take my education very seriously because it's an important aspect of my life," Zantello said. "Receiving this scholarship is really generous and means a lot that the residents would care enough to give their own money."

The student dining staff at Fox Run are offered an incentive for their dedicated services to the senior community, and this year, six students were awarded scholarships, which total about \$24,000 dollars.

The scholarship is given in increments of \$1,000 per year and continues for four years of undergraduate studies as long as the student remains in good academic standing.

Making a commitment

"The students gain so much more than how to wait on tables or

seat diners," said Marianne Mikkelson, gift planning coordinator. "They learn the rewards of being committed to something and doing a great job along with the value of the wisdom our residents share with them."

Fund-raising efforts are cumulative and additional money is used to enhance the scholarship fund.

Almost 90 percent of the residents made voluntary contributions.

"For most of these kids, this is probably their first job," said Pearl Holforty, residential advising council chair. "The residents look at these kids as another grandchild, and they want to give back."

"We've got some of the best students here and they really do a great job," she added.

"Fortunately, students must work at least 1,000 hours during their junior and senior years of high school and meet other eligibility criteria."

Students serve as hosts and hostesses, as well as waiters and waitresses in the Pineside Restaurant.

Each student receives the money to be used at their discretion towards their educational goals.

"Our student servers are an integral part of our daily operation at Fox Run and this year's scholars are a fantastic group of leaders," said Mike McCormick, Executive Director at Fox Run. "Hopefully, they will go to school, complete their degrees and come right back to Fox Run to begin their professional careers. I congratulate them on a job well done."

Winning an award

Members of Fox Run's Resident Council presented the scholarships April 10 at the Seltola's Dinner.

This year's program featured John Erickson, founder of Erickson Retirement Communities, as the keynote speaker.

"Mr. Erickson is a huge proponent of the Scholars' Fund that he created twenty years ago to help dining students further their education," McCormick said. "John grew up in a big family in Tennessee, where parents who know the value of education. While they didn't have college degrees themselves, John's parents found a way to send all 14 kids to college."

Funding for the program is given by residents to encourage and support higher education among the student servers.

"Being here is more than a job," said Margaret Wilson. "It's so great that the residents here care enough to give me money for school."

Wilson, 18, said she plans to use her scholarship to attend classes this fall at the University of Michigan in Ann Arbor.

"I'm not quitting my job," she said. "It's close enough that I can do both."

"It's touching to see how much this really means to the residents here," Wilson added.

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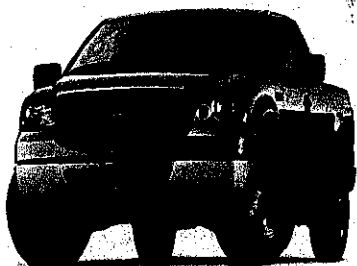
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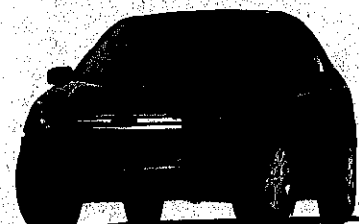
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FAITH

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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 be followed by discussion. Each class will meet Wednesdays at 7:30 p.m.

Book Club News: The church's newest selection is "Wicked" by Gregory Maguire. It's a story of the Wicked Witch of the West. Meadowbrook is located at 21355 Meadowbrook Road in Novi. The church can be reached at 248-349-7757 or at www.mbcce.org.

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

The Episcopal Church of the Holy Cross offers a worship service every Wednesday from 12:10-12:30 p.m. Come and share your lunch hour with God at a worship service that includes scripture and Holy Communion. The church invites all to worship Sundays at 7:45 and 10 a.m. Nursery care is available at 10 a.m. worship 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 Praise is held at 8:30 p.m. Rice 13 (ages 11-14) and J2A (ages 14 and up) groups meet at 5 p.m. for their program and dinner. Youth Worship Service is held at 7 p.m. the second and fourth Sunday of every month. All are welcome.

Episcopal Church of the Holy Cross is located at 40700 W. 10 Mile Road, Novi. Call (248) 347-1175 or visit www.churchoftheholycross.com.

Faith Community Presbyterian Church invites you to worship at either the 9 a.m. or 10:30 a.m. services. Adult Sunday school and nursery care is available at both services.

The Faith Community Fun will be held at 8:30 a.m. Saturday, June 3. Mark your calendar and join both 5K runners/joggers and one-mile fun walkers in the church's third year of hosting this family event. The fun run is an event that started in June of 1982. It took a sabbatical for a few years, but with the help of Faith Community congregational members and volunteers from the local Novi Track Running Club, it has grown each year. Proceeds from the event will be donated to the Novi Youth Assistance program. For more information contact the church, or Mike Everett at everett.m@siglobal.net.

Dr. Henderson will be teaching an Arians and Hologram class on Tuesdays at 9 a.m. and Wednesdays at 7 p.m. Cost for the book and class is \$19. Everyone is welcome.

Women's Bible Study, led by Joan Martin, is the first Wednesday and Thursday of each month, at 10 a.m. and 7 p.m. The church is located at 44400 W. 10 Mile Road in Novi. Call (248) 349-2345, or visit www.faithcommunity-novi.org.

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

8847 or visit www.holyfamily-novi.org.

Oak Pointe Church service times will be at 9:30 and 11:15 a.m. every Sunday. Visit www.oakpointe.org or call (248) 912-0943. The church meets at Novi High School.

St. James Catholic Church Health and Safety Fair 12:30-3 p.m. Sunday, April 30. Activities include pedestrian safety, 911 phone call simulators, poison prevention and much more. Admission is free. The church is located at 46325 10 Mile Road, Novi. Call (248) 347-7778.

First United Methodist Church of Northville will be hosting a community-wide healing service, called Prayers for Healing of Body, Mind, Relationship and Spirit on the first Monday of each month. This Monday of each month, this service of hope is open to the Northville/Novi community and persons of all faiths who desire to ask God for healing in their life, or that of someone they hold dear.

Church worship hour schedules 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. For more information, call (248) 349-1144, or visit www.fumccnorthville.org.

St. John Lutheran Church is located at 23225 Gill Road in Farmington Hills. Sunday service begins at 5:30 p.m. and 8:30 and 11 a.m. Sunday contemporary service begins at 9:50 a.m. and Sunday school starts at 9:45 a.m. Nursery is provided. Prayer each Friday begins at 9:30 a.m., followed by adult bible study at 10 a.m. Call (248) 474-0584 or visit www.stjohn-lutheran.com for more information.

Crescental Meadows Church meets Sundays at Meadowbrook Elementary School. Services are at 9 and 10:30 a.m. Fresh bread and coffee is available from 10-10:30 a.m. The church also has children's programs for all ages and a nursery available. The church is located at 29200 Meadowbrook Road, just south of 13 Mile Road. For more information, call (248) 427-2700 Monday through Thursday from 9 a.m.-2 p.m. or www.crespointmeadows.org.

The Baha'i Faith will host a community-wide devotional gathering focusing on prayers for peace at 11 a.m. on the last Saturday of each month at the home of the Kias, 23803 Ripple Creek Street, Novi. Interested parties are asked to call in advance, (248) 473-0355. People of all faiths are welcome. "The earth is but one country and mankind its citizens." -The Baha'i Faith. For more information, visit www.us.bahai.org.

The First Presbyterian Church Thursday evening programs begin at 7:30 with social time followed by the speaker at 8 p.m. Single Place is also offering a Divorce Recovery Workshop Thursdays through May 11. For more information, or to register, call the First Presbyterian Church at (248) 349-0911, or visit www.singleplace.org. The church is located at 200 East Main Street, Northville, MI 48167.

Paul's, 4 p.m. Sunday, May 21. For more information, call (248) 349-3140.

St. Paul Lutheran Church in Northville will be studying the best selling book "Purpose Driven Life" by Rick Warren during Lent. Over 15,000 churches nationwide have gone through this campaign. St. Paul is hoping to bring this book and study to homes locally. Those who already bought the book and are looking to get more out of it, may sign up for a study group. Books will also be available through the church. Study groups will meet at various homes in Northville, Novi, South Lyon, Plymouth, Canton and Livonia. Most will meet Wednesday evenings at 7 p.m. Children who will be 5-years-old by Friday, Dec. 1 may register now for full-day or half-day kindergarten at St. Paul's Lutheran School, 201 Elm Street in downtown Northville. Call the office at (248) 349-3146 or stop by the school between 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday. The church will host Daniel Foster and Martha Fols Vidar and Hapschold-4 p.m. Sunday, April 30 and The Music of St.

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EDUCATION

Novi students second in Michigan Japan Quiz Bowl

School fares well in only its second year of competing

By Ramez Khuri
STAFF WRITER

In only the second year competing in the Michigan Japan Quiz Bowl, Novi High School's Division 2 team impressed many by finishing in second place out of 80.

This year's competition was held at University of Michigan. Four divisions took out from Novi. Each division consisted of five students including an alternate.

"They did it in public," said Noriko Rosen, Japanese teacher. "The audience was there, so they were so nervous. Otherwise they could have done better. Also, they're not trained to use the buzzer, so they couldn't move as quickly as others."



Novi High School Japan Quiz Bowl members Elizabeth Gee (holding the trophy), Katherine Oppermann (center), Stephanie Raymundo (left), Blake Spencer (back, right) and Benjamin Paolucci (back, left) took second place in Michigan.

Critical SAVE the Children legislation now law

The governor signed into law a landmark legislative package to help prevent early learning failure and provide students tools and skills for educational life success, said Sen. Nancy Cassis (R-Novi), the key sponsor and co-author of the SAVE the Children package.

"We appreciate the governor joining us in a bipartisan effort to help our youngest learners get the best academic start possible," Cassis said. "This represents one of the most important achievements in my career as an educator and legislator."

The Cassis component establishes the Early Intervening Grant Program, administered by the Department of Education. The program will allow schools with successful intervention models to act as instructional mentors for other school districts interested in setting up their own program. It will develop four model sites and up to 15 sites of improvement. The program is targeted at school districts that have special education populations exceeding the state average. School districts with a percentage of pupils reading below grade level are also eligible.

"Parents of young children across Michigan should celebrate this legislation," said Cassis. "It will help bolster academic success by focusing on students in kindergarten through third grades. Like the Northville School program which it is based, this program will prevent early academic struggles from leading to failure down the road by recommending appropriate interventions for these young students."

"There are few things as frustrating for a child that constantly struggling with schoolwork, with no hope of progress. By contrast, nothing seems to build a child's self-esteem more than being able to work on such obstacles and overcome them. This program provides the essential intervention to empower these students and build their confidence as they learn to succeed academically. In addition, because of the priority of early involvement, the plan has already demonstrated it can save school districts millions of dollars."

Last year the Northville Public Schools saved Northville Public Schools \$7.3 million.

"That is money that can be redirected back into the classroom, where it is needed most," said Cassis. "At a time when we are raising the bar on high-school graduation requirements and concerns have been raised about potential dropouts and the financial cost to society, this program can get children on the right track to avoid higher dropout rates, risky adolescent behavior and later need for special education. A well-educated workforce starts with a strong academic beginning."

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 26, 2006 at 7:30 P.M. in the Novi Civic Center, 45175 W. Ten Mile Road, Novi, MI to consider WEST MARKET FUEL STATION SITE PLAN NUMBER 05-488. FOR PRELIMINARY SITE PLAN, SPECIAL LAND USE, AND STORM WATER MANAGEMENT PLAN APPROVAL. THE SUBJECT PROPERTY IS LOCATED IN SECTION 17, AT THE NORTHWEST CORNER OF GRAND RIVER AVENUE AND BECK ROAD IN THE 22nd COMMUNITY BUSINESS DISTRICT. The subject property is 1.2 acres. The applicant is proposing to construct a 4,865 sq. ft. gasoline fuel station, convenience store with a fast food restaurant.

JANE SCHIMPF
PLANNING DEPARTMENT

(4-20-06 NN 278303)

NOTICE CITY OF NOVI
REQUEST FOR TEMPORARY USE PERMIT TUP 06-017

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Keith Wingfield of Tradewinds Spa is requesting a Temporary Use Permit to hold a parking lot sale located at 41787 Grand River west of Meadowbrook and south of Grand River from May 8, 2006 to May 7, 2006.

A public hearing can be requested by any property owner of a structure located within 300 feet of the boundary of the property being considered for a temporary permit.

This request will be considered at 10:00 a.m. on April 26, 2006 at the Novi Civic Center, 45175 West Ten Mile Road, Novi, MI 48375.

ROBIN A. WORKING
TEMPORARY USE PERMIT SECRETARY
(248) 347-0580

(4-20-06 NN 280114)

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NOVI PLANNING COMMISSION
WAYNE WHOBEL, SECRETARY

(4-20-06 NN 280333)

CITY OF NOVI, MICHIGAN
NOTICE OF OFFICIAL PUBLIC ACCURACY TEST ELECTION TO BE HELD ON TUESDAY, MAY 2, 2006

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Clerk's Office will conduct a Public Accuracy Test of the Optical Scan tabulating equipment to be used for the Election to be held on Tuesday, May 2, 2006.

The test will be conducted at 10:00 AM on Wednesday, April 26, 2006 at the Novi Civic Center, City Clerk's Office, 45175 West Ten Mile Road, Novi, MI.

This test is open to all interested parties. For further information, contact the Novi City Clerk's Office at 248-347-0456.

(4-20-06 NN 278015) MARYANNE CORNELIUS, CITY CLERK

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NOVI PLANNING COMMISSION
WAYNE WHOBEL, SECRETARY

(4-20-06 NN 280333)

NOTICE CITY OF NOVI
REQUEST FOR TEMPORARY USE PERMIT TUP 06-016

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Maxim Technologies is requesting the removal of a Temporary Use Permit to continue use of a temporary construction trailer located at the Novi Promenade on the SE corner of Viamont and Grand River Avenues from April 26, 2006 to June 30, 2006. A public hearing can be requested by any property owner of a structure located within 300 feet of the boundary of the property being considered for a temporary use permit.

This request will be considered at 10:00 a.m. on April 26, 2006 at the Novi Civic Center, 45175 West Ten Mile Road. All written comments should be directed to Robin A. Working and must be received prior to April 26, 2006.

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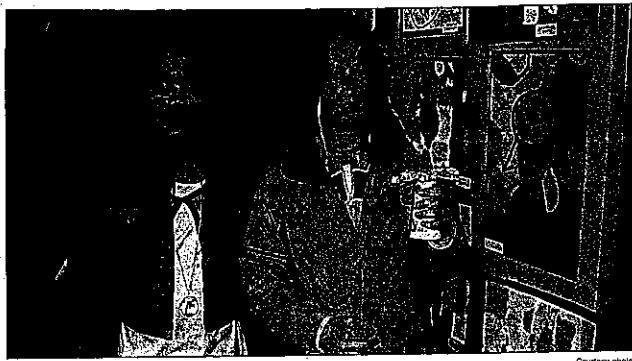
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RX for Earth

A celebration of Village Oaks fine arts programs took place at Novi High School on April 4. Third and fourth grade music and art students, taught by Charlene Dibble and Kris Broderick, put on an art and music show celebrating the year-long theme: "I need the Earth and the Earth needs me." This theme connects with their classroom science curriculum in art, music, media and physical education. The musical, entitled "RX for Earth," included singing, dancing, instrumental accompaniments and speaking parts. Each student had a special part in the performance that focused on how to keep the earth's environment healthy. Children used recycled materials as instruments to accompany their singing. Each student was represented in the art show with three pieces. Their work focused on representations from the sky, the land and the sea. A highlight for the fourth graders was sharing with their parents fired clay bells with sea animals on top. Third graders showed off their clay suns and moons. Pictured here are students Jennie Co and Alexa Silversides. Silversides is holding up ceramic bell that she made in art class.

COMMUNITY ED CORNER

Youth Classes

- **Time for Two's Age 2**
Date: Tomorrow-Friday, May 3
Time: 9:15-10:45 a.m.; 11-12:30 p.m.
Location: Community Education Room Preschool Room C
Details: This parent tot program allows young children time to interact with others and be introduced to creative art, music and stories.
Fee: \$49
Phone: (248) 449-1206 for registration
- **Making Friends Age 3**
Date: Tomorrow-Friday, May 5
Time: 9:15-10:45 a.m.; 11-12:30 p.m.
Location: Community Education Room Preschool Room D
Details: This class is carefully planned to meet the needs of the 3-year old child. Each session may include an art or craft project, finger plays, songs, or music and stories. Children must be potty trained and should wear comfortable play clothes.
Fee: \$49
Phone: (248) 449-1206 for registration

ON CAMPUS

Matthew Irwin, of Novi, has been admitted to the Ohio University Honors Tutorial College for Fall, 2006. He is one of 60 students admitted per year to the college and will study Film. He is currently a senior at Novi High School.

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Co-op preschoolers head to Hawaii

The students at Novi Co-op Preschool recently traveled to Hawaii - in their imaginations. They packed their suitcases, used numbered tickets to find their seats on the plane, buckled up, followed the captain's instructions and flew off to the tropical island. When they arrived at their destination, they participated in sunny day activities just like they would on a real vacation.

This learning unit involved science, pre-reading and pre-mathematics, fine motor, large motor and social development in a fun, interactive environment. Children actively participated in science experiments involving air filled balloons, blowing bubbles and moving objects with air. They watched their ticket number to their seat on the "airplane." They learned new rhymes related to airplanes, trains, buses and boats. They learned about packing and traveling. They followed a fun airplane maze to foster fine motor skills and played

sunny weather games to develop their large motor skills. According to Tracey Smith, teacher of this class of 4-year-olds, young children learn best through this kind of structured play. When children learn by doing, and by using many different senses, their whole bodies develop and grow, said Smith.

Novi Co-op Preschool is a play-based, kindergarten readiness program for 3- and 4-year old children. As a cooperative preschool, parents actively participate in their child's first learning experience. Parents take turns assisting the teachers in class and play a role in rotating the school.

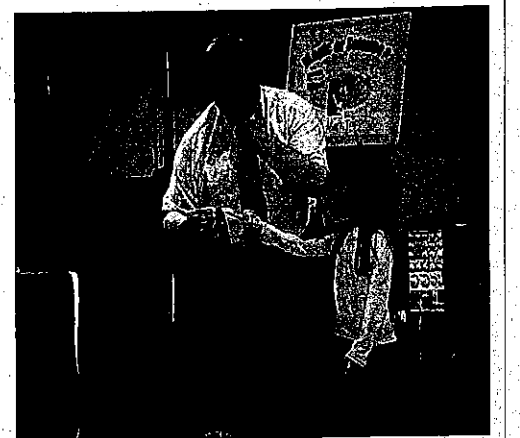


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Ready, aim...

Danny Savelle tries for the big prize at one of the games at Orchard Hills Elementary School's recent Spring Fling.

Magical
Parkview's Parent Teacher Organization sponsored an assembly April 10, entitled "The Magic of Science." The program was presented as a kickoff to the school's upcoming Science Fair. Here, student Alle Novell assisted the presenter during the performance. Many activities are being planned to get the children excited about science. All children are encouraged to participate in the Science Fair on Friday, May 12.



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

Board's boot needs a little polishing

Last fall, the general membership of the Novi Chamber of Commerce elected me to serve a second two-year term on the organization's board of directors. The term began Jan. 1. Fellow directors voted me off that board last Thursday. Serving on a community board and being part of a community newspaper is a bit like walking a tightrope. It's a delicate balancing act but worth it because involvement in this community is an essential part of our newspaper's philosophy. That's why I joined the local Rotary Club and it's why I am on the Michigan 50's Festival board as well. Why can such involvement be tricky? Because, as a board member, I am privy to information that could be considered newsworthy and might make some directors nervous. It's imperative that I not misuse that access to information. At the same time, it can be challenging to make sure the paper is not used, or abused, when it comes time to covering these organizations. But a story is still a story whether I'm connected to it or not. The chamber's recent effort to pass revised bylaws is a perfect example. The board began working on these changes when I started in 2004. They were finally ready for membership approval two years later. Once the proposed changes were mailed to members in their March newsletter -- and then the complete proposed bylaws were mailed separately after -- the Novi News was contacted by concerned chamber members. An article presenting both sides of the story, along with an editorial giving our stance on the issue, was published April 6. Nothing that was discussed at board meetings was reported in the Novi News. The vote took place at the membership luncheon April 11. We ran the follow-up story last week as well as another editorial. Again, nothing from board meetings, just normal newsworthy procedures.

The decision of my 16 colleagues to remove me from the chamber board is disappointing for a couple of reasons. First, there does not appear to be any provision in the bylaws for such removal. Members elect directors to represent them. It seems improper for the board to go against the membership's wishes. Second, it appears dissent is a sure-fire way to get kicked off the board. Did I disagree with some of the proposed bylaw changes? Absolutely -- and my concerns were reaffirmed by fellow members once they saw the revisions. What kind of message does my removal send to other board members who might also have a legitimate question with the way the chamber operates? If it's to say that this is a rubber-stamp board, then the message has probably been heard loud and clear.

The process the chamber used for the bylaws continues to trouble many who attended the luncheon last Tuesday. The chamber never gave its reasoning behind questionable changes. Most chambers don't give their CEO voting rights, and most chambers don't tie their CEO's salary from board members. Perhaps there are solid explanations for both changes, but this chamber went out of its way not to explain them.

A week before the luncheon, the membership received an e-mail notice with no mention of the bylaws vote. Three days later the same day the Novi News published articles and editorial came out, a similar e-mail was sent, this time indicating at the bottom that there would be a vote -- as well as a deadline to register by 5 p.m. the next day.

Of the chamber's 500 or so members, only those attending the luncheon could vote. At the luncheon, each member business attending received one ballot -- with their name on it. One attendee at my table decided not to vote because he feared repercussions if others knew how he voted.

When two other members asked for discussion of the bylaw changes before the vote, the board refused. Debate was cut off before it even started. Hardly the way to run an organization.

The ballots, probably fewer than 100, were then gathered, placed and sealed in envelopes and taken by the board at the end of the luncheon. Why weren't they counted right there? It raised unnecessary suspicion. As of press time this week, a full eight days after the vote, the tally still has not been announced, even though several members, including this newspaper, have requested it.

If passed, the changes inadvertently insulted people like Victor Cassis, who would be stripped of his honorary member status. It surely wasn't the intent of the organization to cast aside a loyal supporter and one of its founders (and the husband of a powerful state senator, to boot), but that's what happens when discussion is silenced.

Despite all of this, the Novi News remains committed to supporting a strong, professional chamber of commerce. Like all members, we want a chamber that "drives" -- and that definition includes one that is run in a professional and ethical manner in which all members are cherished and respected. That didn't happen with this bylaw vote.

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He's the real deal

At 10 years old, Novi resident Andrew Turek has already set high goals for himself. He wants to be the next Tom Mar. Not the comic book hero or the triathlon runner. He wants to be in the ranks of Lou Gehrig and his hero, Cal Ripken Jr. He wants to break the record of 2,637 consecutive games Ripken played in Major League Baseball for the Baltimore Orioles.

Turek was all smiles Tuesday evening at the Border's bookstore in Novi Town Center. He not only got a chance to see his hero, but a chance to stand next to him, shake his hand, have a photo taken with him and to get his autograph. Ripken was there promoting his newest book, "Parenting Young Athletes the Ripken Way." He signed autographs for a winding line of fans who eagerly awaited his arrival.

"He's a lot bigger than I thought," Turek said. "This is really exciting." Turek has long been a fan of Ripken. A few more inches to grow. A few more pounds to gain. Maybe a few more pitchers to face.

Of course, the fourth grader at Parkview Elementary has a few more years before he gets his shot at the big leagues. But dreams can come true. Just ask Ripken. "I'd like to be remembered," Ripken said, according to www.baseball-almanac.com. "I'd like to think that someday two guys will be talking in a bar and one of them will say something like, 'Yeah, he's a good shortstop, but he's not as good as old Ripken was.'" That was in 1983, just 280 games into "The Streak."

Ripken didn't disappoint. His fans Tuesday, young or old. He smiled, laughed, joked and spoke with them. He even received a colored picture done for him by Nate Moser. "Is that my bat breaking, or yours?" Ripken asked him.

He was everything anyone could hope for. He was the Cal Ripken Jr. everyone wanted him to be.

"When I was working (public relations) for the Orioles, there were always reporters who wanted to find the other story about Cal Ripken," said John Maroon, Ripken's public relations manager. "There isn't one. What you see is what you get with this guy. He's the real deal."

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Novi Heat shortstop Andrew Turek (right) poses with Major League Baseball legend Cal Ripken Jr.

destiny is one made of iron. Born in Baltimore, Md. on the opening day of baseball, Turek knew he was meant to play the game.

As a member of the UIO Novi Heat baseball team, he roams the real estate between second and third base as a shortstop -- the same position Ripken played. But Turek has a long way to go before he's ready to take on Ripken's streak. A few more inches to grow. A few more pounds to gain. Maybe a few more pitchers to face.

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LETTERS

Students help orphans

It is refreshing to know that Novi students and community members have taken the time to support a volunteer project with students from a neighboring community. Casa Quivira is an orphanage in Antigua, Guatemala that will receive University of Detroit High School students for a two-week missionary trip this June. They will help build a medical clinic and provide baby supplies for the orphans, who are all under the age of 2 years.

I want to express my thanks to the students from Novi High School who donated their time during the last Friday Theater movie night for this cause. Contributions have also been collected from a few of our finest Novi police officers and Lynn Paul, one of our Novi City Council members. Lynn's donation, by far, caused the most excitement. After I placed her donation box in my car, I heard rattling and saw the two large, round, green eyes of a raccoon staring at me from under the box flap. After much laughter, the critter was safely released and the collections continue.

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Vote for Katie

My children attended Novi schools from 1991-1998. Since then, they have attended highly ranked public school districts in Conroe and Wash. By far, the best education my children ever received were in Novi schools. Katie Raean is a working mother of three who believes in the Novi School District. Despite working in the successful roles as a registered nurse and a mother of three active children, she has put in numerous hours volunteering in the PTO and in her children's schools.

Katie is an intelligent, hardworking and knowledgeable woman who makes sure that she is well educated on a topic before she makes a decision. Katie is a leader, a listener, and a communicator who listens to everyone's respects differing opinions, but doesn't hesitate to express her own opinions.

Education children in the public school district is getting more and more difficult due to decreasing budgets and increasing need to provide diverse and alternative teaching programs for all types of learners. You don't need school board members who make decisions based on what has worked in the past but progressive decision makers who educate themselves on the latest strategies and concepts for effectively educating children. You need someone who has worked directly with school administrators, teachers and other school personnel to provide an excellent education for your children. Katie Raean is such a person.

I am writing this endorsement because I still care and believe in all the wonderful educational work that is being done in the Novi School District. Vote for Katie Raean, she will be the progressive and fair thinking voice of the Novi School Board.

Chris Lux, Past PTO President, Parkview Elementary, Saranac, Wash.

My heartfelt thanks to all my friends who have sent well wishes for my speedy recovery. It is because of such a blessing of friends like you that I'm feeling better everyday and can't wait to get back home and to work.

Clindy Ullow
Neighborhood Services Coordinator

Keep Kortlandt on board

As I have been thinking about the May 2 Novi School Board election, I have been impressed with the fact that it is imperative that George Kortlandt's financial leadership, maturity and 12 years of experience be retained for another four years. George has many commendable character traits and skills that will be needed as we meet issues and problems that will evolve as this community continues to grow and prosper.

In addition to Mr. Kortlandt's obvious decision-making talents, he has been one of

the most faithful supporters of the many athletics, band and other school events in which our students have participated. No one has been more visible for a topic in attending these activities as George Kortlandt. I have known George for about 20 years and have considerable confidence in his integrity and practical wisdom. Due to my 28 years of personal involvement in Novi Community Schools and having three grandchildren presently in three different Novi schools, I have a vested interest in the quality of future educational decision making on the Novi School Board. George Kortlandt is the best person for this position.

Dave Brown,
Novi School Board Secretary

COMMENTARY

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Politics leave questions unanswered for tax

In some ways, the battle over what to do about Michigan's Single Business Tax (SBT) resembles the Vietnam War. Nobody is quite sure how it all started. Nor is it clear what we should do, or how we can get ourselves out of it -- or who we should blame.

So let's start off by recounting some chronology. Last year, in response to criticism that the SBT was at heart a job-killing tax on payroll (meaning it punishes employers for hiring more workers) Democratic Gov. Jennifer Granholm proposed substantial modifications, designed to benefit mostly Michigan's struggling manufacturers.

The Republican-led Legislature ignored her proposals. "They, earlier this year, the Michigan House and Senate, passed a bill repealing the SBT," Phil Power said at the end of 2007 without addressing the problem of how to come up with the \$1.9 billion the repeal would cost the state. Gov. Granholm last month vetoed the measure, saying it was "the height of irresponsibility" to cut nearly a quarter of the state's General Fund revenue without providing a clue as to how to replace it.

While all this was going on, Oakland County Executive L. Brooks Patterson in early February announced he would lead a petition drive to get repeal of the SBT to the voters this fall.

Last week, Gov. Granholm upped the ante. She sent a challenge to Senate Majority Leader Ken Sikema (R-Grandville) and House Speaker Craig DeRoche (R-Novi) to sign an "Agreement to Launch," committing everybody to repeal the SBT at the end of 2007 and adopt a "better business tax" that fully replaces SBT revenues lost and does not put the tax burden on the backs of individuals.

The Small Business Survival Index ranked Michigan as fifth most small-business friendly in the country, while Site Selection magazine named our business climate eighth in the nation last year, on seven places from the year before.

Myth No. 2: More tax cuts are the answer to all our economic problems. Not so. According to an EPIC-NRA survey of 1,200

"new economy" business executives, a skilled work force and excellent universities are just as important as the business tax climate. Despite their heavy business tax structures, high growth states like California and Massachusetts got the highest ratings as states most favorable to high-tech businesses. And it's not just high-tech industries. Speaking to the Detroit Economic Club last month, an "old-tech" manufacturer, Delphi Corp. CEO Steve Miller, said there was nothing any state government could do to prevent Delphi from shutting 21 of 29 U.S. plant sites.

No tax cuts. Not financial fires. The underlying economic realities trump all. Ask General Motors' boss Rick Wagoner if tax cuts would have resolved his market share problems, or, for that matter, his relations with the United Auto Workers' union. Any CEO in the private sector would chafe at the head of any silly subordinate who walked into his board room and proposed eliminating one-quarter of the company's revenue -- without at the same time explaining either how to cut costs or get enough new income to at least replace the money lost.

Why should Michigan -- the one company in which we all have a major stake -- be any different? Putting repeal of the SBT on the ballot could hurt the state's bond ratings. John Cefalio, Fitch's Ratings analyst for Michigan, says our financial picture is cloudy and eliminating the SBT without a replacement for the \$1.9 billion it generates would create more uncertainty. On Wall Street, or anywhere else for that matter, uncertainty costs money.

Other political leaders are playing a very dangerous game. A story I picked up last week on a visit to Lansing tells it all. A top aide to Dick DeVos was asked how his guy would make up the revenue.

"Who cares?" the man is supposed to have answered. "This is a campaign. We'll worry about where we'll get the money when we govern."

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EVENTS

Second City Comedy Club

TIME/DATE: 8 p.m. Wednesday, Thursday, Sunday; 8 and 10 p.m. Friday; 7 and 9 p.m. Saturday
LOCATION: 42795 Grand River Avenue, across from Novi Town Center
DETAILS: "Hobbit Heals of State" is the theme for this month's shows. Tickets are \$15 on Wednesday, Thursday and Saturday and \$20 on Friday and Sunday
CONTACT: Visit www.ticketmaster.com or call (248) 645-6666

Borders Bookstore and Music Events

LOCATION: 43975 Crescent Boulevard
CONTACT: (248) 347-0780

Book-Signing

DATE: Saturday
TIME: 6-10 p.m.
DETAILS: Author Sarah Desson will be signing her book, "Just Listen."

Spring Fashion Show

DATE: Thursday, April 27
TIME: 6:30-8:30 p.m.
LOCATION: Smart Chicks Consignment Store, 43839 Grand River Avenue
DETAILS: This ladies night out event is free. It will include individual color analysis, tips on accessories and how to stretch your clothing budget.
CONTACT: (248) 347-1690 or e-mail smchicks@aol.com

"Bye Bye Birdie"

DATE: April 27-30
LOCATION: Brighton Center for Performing Arts, Brighton High School, 8778 Brighton Road, Brighton
DETAILS: South Lyon High School will be presenting the musical "Bye Bye Birdie." Tickets will be sold in advance and at the door.
CONTACT: (248) 573-8188

Concert and Spaghetti Dinner

DATE: Tuesday, May 2
TIME: 5:30-7 p.m. dinner; 7 p.m. concert
LOCATION: St. Anne's Episcopal Church, 430 Nicolet St., Walked Lake
DETAILS: The Grunyon's are a men's a cappella jazz vocal group. The cost is \$5 per person for the spaghetti dinner. The money will benefit a local food pantry, Hospitality House.
CONTACT: (248) 624-3817

Novi Chorales Spring Concert

DATE: Saturday, May 13
TIME: 7:30 p.m.
LOCATION: Pueris Auditorium at Novi High School, 24062 Taft Road
DETAILS: The Novi Chorales will perform their spring concert featuring music from film and television. Tickets are \$10 for adults and \$8 for seniors and children under 12. They are available from any Chorales member, Novi Parks and Recreation, the Novi Senior Center at Meadowbrook Commons, and at the door.
CONTACT: Noel Brown, President, (248) 348-0439

Flower Sale

DATE: Saturday and Sunday, May 6, 13, 14, 20 and 21
TIME: 9 a.m.-noon
LOCATION: Oakland Schools Technical Campus "Southwest," 1000 Beck Road, Westland
DETAILS: This sale includes annual and perennial plants and is sponsored by the Agriscience

Greenhouse/Landscape Class

CONTACT: (248) 668-5673

Northville Geological Society

Monthly Meeting
DATE: Sunday, May 7
TIME: 2:30 p.m.
LOCATION: Northville District Library
DETAILS: Joanne Harvey will discuss "Hobbit Heals of State." Ms. Harvey is a professional geologist and lecturer and is a teacher of geology at Michigan State University.
Individual Help
CONTACT: Grace Wilfong, (248) 341-9079 or visit www.novnews.com

Novi Hold 'Em Casino Night

DATE: Saturday, May 20
TIME: 6-10 p.m.
LOCATION: Lucky's Lucky Strike, Fountain Walk
DETAILS: This is a fundraiser for the Novi Chamber of Commerce. A variety of sponsorships are available, including attendance and donations. Sponsors are needed.
CONTACT: Chamber of Commerce, (248) 349-3743

Novi Youth Assistance General Citizens Meeting

DATE: Tuesday, May 2
TIME: 7 p.m.
LOCATION: Novi Civic Center, 45175 W. 10 Mile Road
CONTACT: (248) 347-0410

Farmers Market

DATE: Thursday, May 4-Oct. 26
TIME: 8 a.m.-3 p.m.
LOCATION: Northville Downs parking lot, corner of Seven Mile and Sheldon Road
DETAILS: There are 100 stalls of fresh produce, plants, flowers, baked goods, garden art, crafts and home accessories available. This is sponsored by the Northville Chamber of Commerce and Preswick Estates of Northville Hills Golf Club.
CONTACT: (248) 349-7640

SCHOOL/GOVERNMENT

Wixom City Council

DATE: Tuesday
TIME: 7:30 p.m.
LOCATION: Wixom City Hall, 49045 Pontiac Trail
CONTACT: (248) 624-5577

Novi City Council Meeting

DATE: Monday, May 8
TIME: 7 p.m.
LOCATION: Civic Center, 45175 W. 10 Mile Road
CONTACT: (248) 344-0470

Novi School Board Meeting

DATE: Thursday, May 4
TIME: 7:30 p.m.
LOCATION: Educational Services Building, 25345 Taft Road
CONTACT: (248) 449-1200

BUSINESS

Oakland County Business Seminars

TIME: 9 a.m.-noon
LOCATION: Oakland County Complex, 1200 N. Telegraph Road, Pontiac
CONTACT: Registration is required, (248) 858-9783
Sales/Marketing Basics
DATE: Thursday, April 27

Lakes Area Chamber of Commerce Events

CONTACT: (248) 624-2826
Business Card Exchange
DATE: Wednesday
TIME: 5:30-7:30 p.m.
LOCATION: Marriott, 3600 Centerpoint Parkway, Oplyke at Square Lake, Pontiac
DETAILS: The cost is \$10 advance reservations and \$15 at the door. There will be a cash bar and hors d'oeuvres. The host is Pontiac Regional Chamber of Commerce.
CONTACT: (248) 335-9600

Novi Chamber of Commerce

CONTACT: (248) 349-3743
19th Annual Tycoon Tee-Off Golf Chasing
DATE: Wednesday, August 9
LOCATION: Moose Ridge Golf Course, 11801 Deane Road, South Lyon
DETAILS: This outing will include sponsorship opportunities, prizes, networking and championship caliber golf.

Oakland County Seminars

LOCATION: Oakland County complex, 1200 N. Telegraph Road, Pontiac
TIME: 9 a.m.-noon
Start a Business
DATE: Thursday, May 4
TIME: 6-10 p.m.
LOCATION: Walled Lake Middle School, 46720 W. Pontiac Trail, Walled Lake
DETAILS: Walled Lake Community Education in cooperation with Oakland Builders Institute will offer this sixteen hour seminar. How to Build Your

Walled Lake Community Education classes

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GOLF OUTINGS

Lakes Area Chamber of Commerce

CONTACT: (248) 624-2826
2006 Spring Golf Seminar
DATE: Monday, May 22
TIME: 1:30 p.m. Shotgun start
LOCATION: Edgewood Country Club, 8309 Commerce Road, Commerce Township
DETAILS: This event includes 18 holes of golf with cart, lunch, buffet dinner, concuss and door prizes.

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DETAILS: This seminar covers the five main business entities available in Michigan, contract considerations and related questions and answers. It will include the legal issues faced by both new and existing small businesses. The fee is \$30 per person. Registration is required. Write a Business Plan
DATE: Thursday, May 18
DETAILS: This is a workshop for small business owners who are developing a plan to serve as a road map to success. The fee is \$40 per person. Registration is required.

Novi Community Education Classes

DATE: Tuesday, May 9 and Thursday, May 11
TIME: 6-10 p.m.
LOCATION: Novi Middle School, 49000 11 Mile Road
DETAILS: This seminar is sponsored by Suttle Enterprises LLC, Marilyn Suttle. The cost is \$150. \$17 if paid before Feb. 28. Class is limited to 20 women. Marilyn Suttle is a communication professional specializing in bringing life into balance with practical, usable skills that improve relationships in every area of your life.
CONTACT: To register, call Marilyn Suttle, (248) 348-1023 or visit the Web site www.ChangeLiftingBeliefs.com/mssuttle_workshop.htm

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LOCATION: Assarian Cancer Center, 47601 Grand River Avenue, Novi
CONTACT: (248) 465-5455
Colored Pencil Workshop
TIME/DATE: 1-3 p.m., second Tuesday of every month
DETAILS: This is a free class. Artist in Residence
TIME/DATE: 10-11:30 a.m. first and third Thursday of every month
DETAILS: Join Artist-in-Residence May Our Treveens and experiment with drawing, pastels, watercolor, Chinese brush painting, mixed media and collage. Beginners are welcome.

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CONTACT: (248) 956-5000

Women's Empowerment Weekend

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 sponsored by Suttle Enterprises LLC, Marilyn Suttle. The cost is \$150. \$17 if paid before Feb. 28. Class is limited to 20 women. Marilyn Suttle is a communication professional specializing in bringing life into balance with practical, usable skills that improve relationships in every area of your life.
CONTACT: To register, call Marilyn Suttle, (248) 348-1023 or visit the Web site www.ChangeLiftingBeliefs.com/mssuttle_workshop.htm

Walled Lake Community Education classes

DATE: Tuesday, May 2 and 9; Thursday, May 4 and 11
TIME: 6-10 p.m.
LOCATION: Walled Lake Middle School, 46720 W. Pontiac Trail, Walled Lake
DETAILS: Walled Lake Community Education in cooperation with Oakland Builders Institute will offer this sixteen hour seminar. How to Build Your

There is a \$5 materials fee.
Ceramics Class
TIME/DATE: 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Tuesday, Thursday and Friday; 1-5 p.m. Wednesday
DETAILS: There is a \$10 materials fee.
Yogi Class
TIME/DATE: 12-1:15 p.m. Thursday
DETAILS: This is an ancient Chinese exercise used to improve fertility, balance and strength. No experience is necessary. The cost is \$5.
Yoga Class
TIME/DATE: Various times, Monday, Wednesday and Friday
DETAILS: The cost is \$10 for walk-in; \$80 for 10-class card and \$70 for 7-week evening session. Pre-registration required.
Massage
TIME/DATE: Various times, Monday and Thursday
DETAILS: Therapeutic massage is shown to be effective for stress and tension, chronic fatigue, pain and headaches. Everyone is welcome. Patients undergoing treatment should bring a physician's referral. Call for an appointment. The cost is \$50 for a 50 minute session.
Art Workshops
TIME/DATE: 2-4 p.m. Friday, April 28 and May 5, "Discover Paper Boats," 9:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Tuesday, May 16, "Mosaic Project," 9 a.m.-noon Wednesday, May 24, "Flower Making"

Shades of Sugarloaf

12th annual art fair at Rock this weekend

The Sugarloaf Art Fair is a fine art show of a different color. You could say, a unique mixture of people, artists and the finest original work gathered together in one place. Color is what draws in the crowd, and it's the life in the characters responsible for the color that makes the customer's stay. Whether it's the stunning astro-photography of John Chumack, the exotic water sculptures of Jose Felchelski, or the stripes of denim jackets by Sue Laines, the shades of Sugarloaf are one of this art fair's biggest draws.

Walled Lake Library Events

LOCATION: 1499 E. West Maple Road, Walled Lake
CONTACT: (248) 624-3772
Weekly Story Hours
TIME/DATE: 10:30 a.m., Monday-Wednesday; 2 p.m. and 7:30 p.m., Thursday
DETAILS: Includes stories, crafts, finger plays and games. Designed for ages 1-5. No registration required.

SUPPORT GROUPS

Neighborhood Baby-sitting Co-op

LOCATION: Novi Civic Center
CONTACT: The Moms Offering Moms Support (MOMS) is a non-profit support group for mothers who choose to stay at home with their children. work out of their homes, or work part time.
CONTACT: danielman@shoglobal.net

MOMS Club of Novi

DATE: first Thursday of each month
TIME: 10 a.m.
LOCATION: Novi Civic Center
DETAILS: The Moms Offering Moms Support (MOMS) is a non-profit support group for mothers who choose to stay at home with their children. work out of their homes, or work part time.
CONTACT: danielman@shoglobal.net

Healing Prayer Service

DATE: Monday of each month
TIME: 7 p.m.
LOCATION: First United Methodist Church, 777 W. Eight Mile Road
DETAILS: This service is open to all faiths and is a service of hope.

TIME: 10:30-11:30 a.m.
DETAILS: You may choose to work on any Internet skills, with librarians to assist you and answer any computer-related questions. There is no set agenda for this class. Registration is required.

Women's Prayer Support

DATE: Saturday
TIME: 9-10:30 a.m.
LOCATION: Harvest Fellowship Church, 9329 Pontiac Trail, Wixom
DETAILS: Come for encouragement, help, hope and prayer. Drop in for five minutes or longer.
CONTACT: Nancy or Susan, (248) 926-8332 or harvestfellowship@comcast.net

Breast Cancer Support Group

DATES: second and fourth Tuesday of each month
LOCATION: Huron Valley-Sinai Hospital, Commerce, Classroom C
TIME: 10-11:30 a.m.
DETAILS: No registration needed.
CONTACT: (248) 937-5017

Novi Toastmasters

DATE: first and third Tuesday of each month
LOCATION: Novi Civic Center Activities Room, 45175 W. Ten Mile Road
TIME: 7-8:45 p.m.
DETAILS: Toastmasters will help you improve your communication skills, voice your opinion, polish your presentations and practice leadership.
CONTACT: Colleen, (248) 683-9226

New Take Off Pounds Sensibly (TOPS) chapter

DATES: every Wednesday
TIME: 11 a.m. weight-in; 11:30 a.m. meeting
LOCATION: Meadowbrook Commons, 23075 Meadowbrook Road, Novi
DETAILS: \$20 per annual membership includes handbook; \$1 per meeting. New members welcome.
CONTACT: (248) 347-0414

HEALTH

Oakland Physical Therapy Classes

LOCATION: 47601 Grand River Avenue, Suite B124
CONTACT: (248) 389-3550
Cycling Conditioning
DATE: Tuesday
TIME: 7 p.m.

Healing Prayer Service

DATE: Monday of each month
TIME: 7 p.m.
LOCATION: First United Methodist Church, 777 W. Eight Mile Road
DETAILS: This service is open to all faiths and is a service of hope.

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First-ever inline game a win for 'Cats

The Novi Wildcats inline hockey team opened their season with a 7-3 victory over Howell last week.

The squad, coached by Dave Zarem in its first year, followed the lead of Greg Morisette, who had two goals and an assist in the contest. Jeff Donahue added three points in the contest.

The Wildcats, 3-0 overall, will be back in action Sunday against Walled Lake Central and against next Thursday against Catholic Central. All games are at the Total Sports Complex in Wixom.

Close, but no victory

The Novi girls track team forced their track meet against the Howell Highlanders to go down to the last event, the 4-by-400 relay, but lost, 74-65.

The team had some impressive moments, but the novice cross was the final run. In the last leg of the race, junior Allie Sizemore almost pulled off an unbelievable come-from-behind finish.

"Had she four more meters, I truly believe that meet would have been a win for us," said coach Marcia Reid.

Leaders on the day were Meghan Bannatt, running the 4-by-300, the mile, the 800 and the two-mile events. Sizemore in the 100 hurdles, the 4-by-100, 300 hurdles and the 4-by-400; and Allison Lofgren in the long jump, the 100 hurdles and the 4-by-100 dash.

Sizemore set the school record in the 100 hurdles with a time of 16.65 seconds. The previous record was 16.1 seconds.

"I think the most amazing part of her breaking the record is that she did it in a strong headwind," Reid said. "I can't wait to see what happens when the wind is in her favor."

Emily Hall ran to a first-place finish in the 400 while Lofgren earned an early-season best long jump performance of 15-feet-7-inches. Junior Andrea Stranmer was right behind her with a 15-4 leap for first and second place, respectively.

Novi's Kyle Simone got some new life in the fourth and made some key saves. Favorite scored twice, once off a Morin pass and once all alone. The Eagles scored twice in the last quarter, but too late to matter with the game ending 12-3, Novi.

Baseball fails

The Novi Wildcats baseball team took a conference loss to Kensington Valley Conference rival Brighton, 9-3, last week.

Boys track earns win

The Novi Wildcats boys track team earned a 79-58 victory over Howell last week.

Barby Hols for Novi were Anthony Diagne (1:00 dash; 11:70 seconds), Mike Wheat (mile run, 4:48.7), Alex Prazat (800 run, 2:03), Brandon Coles (400 run, 3:34), Eric Zhou (long jump, 19-feet-11) and Dan Coleman (pole vault, 13-0). The 2-mile relay, 800 relay and 400 relay teams also took first-place finishes in the Wildcats victory.

Lacrosse beats Hartland

The Novi lacrosse team topped Hartland, 12-3, in KVC action.

The first quarter was an evenly matched contest. "The offense moved the ball upfield at will," but was unable to score. The defense held the attackers to a minimum of opportunities. Goalie Eric Hepler standing tall in goal, made five saves in what was without a doubt, his best game yet.

Things got cooking in the second quarter. With the first line offensive package on the field, Novi opened the scoring on a shot from Scott Moran, an unassisted goal, his first of the year. Craig Howell followed with a

SPORTS SCHEDULES

Catholic Central

Baseball

Varsity	Home	Lake Orion	11 a.m.
4/23	Away	AA Pioneer	noon
4/26	Away	Divine Child	4 p.m.
JV	Home	Lake Orion	11 a.m.
4/23	Home	AA Pioneer	noon
4/26	Home	Divine Child	4 p.m.

Tennis

4/22	Away	Port Huron Inv	4 p.m.
4/24	Away	U of D Jesuit	4 p.m.
4/26	Home	Country Day	4:15 p.m.

Lacrosse

Varsity	4/20	Away	Grand Rapids Forest Hills	5:30 p.m.
4/26	Home	St. Mary's Prep	7 p.m.	
JV	4/20	Away	Grand Rapids Forest Hills	5:30 p.m.
4/26	Home	St. Mary's Prep	5 p.m.	

Track

4/22	Home	Inter-School Relays	10 a.m.
4/24	Away	St. Mary's Prep	4 p.m.
4/28	Away	Jackson	4 p.m.

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Softball

Varsity	4/25	Away	South Lyon	4 p.m.
4/28	Home	Hartland	4 p.m.	
JV	4/26	Home	South Lyon	4 p.m.

Baseball

Varsity	4/22	Away	DCDS	12 p.m.
4/26	Away	South Lyon	4 p.m.	
4/28	Home	Hartland	4 p.m.	
JV	4/26	Home	South Lyon	4 p.m.

Golf

4/25	Home	Pre-KVC	8:30 p.m.
4/26	Away	Oakland Co	3 p.m.
4/28	Away	Novy (JV)	3 p.m.
4/27	Away	Howell	3 p.m.

Lacrosse

Varsity	4/24	Home	Milford	6:30 p.m.
4/25	Away	AA Pioneer	7 p.m.	
4/27	Home	Brighton	6:30 p.m.	
4/24	Home	Milford	5 p.m.	
4/25	Away	AA Pioneer	5 p.m.	
4/27	Home	Brighton	5 p.m.	

Soccer

Varsity	4/24	Away	Grosse Pointe South	7 p.m.
4/26	Away	Milford	7 p.m.	
JV	4/24	Away	GP South	5:30 p.m.
4/26	Away	Milford	5:30 p.m.	
4/28	Home	Lakeland	5 p.m.	

Track


4/25	Home	Lakeland	4 p.m.
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Tennis

Varsity	4/25	Home	AA Pioneer	3:30 p.m.
4/26	Away	Greenland	4 p.m.	
4/27	Away	Greenhills	3:30 p.m.	
JV	4/26	Home	Lakeland	4 p.m.
4/28	Home	Twilight Quad	3 p.m.	

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SPORTS SHORTS

Girls basketball camp

Registration is underway for the Lady Wildcats basketball camp for girls in grades 2nd-9th.

The camp, which costs \$126 per player, will run June 19-23 at the Novi High School fieldhouse. It will focus on all game phases, including dribbling, shooting, pivoting, faking, rebounding, team play, sportsmanship and an introduction to the Lady Wildcat offensive and defensive schemes.

Camp Director will be Bill Kelp, the girls varsity basketball coach at Novi High School.

Gym clothes and shoes are required. All participants will receive a T-shirt and an outdoor basketball.

For more information or to register, please contact Novi Community Education at (248) 449-1206.

Boys basketball camp

Registration is currently underway for the Novi Wildcats boys basketball camp for boys in grades 2nd-9th.

The camp, which costs \$135 per player, will run June 19-23 at the Novi Middle School gym. It will focus on all game phases, including dribbling, shooting, pivoting, faking, rebounding, team play, sportsmanship and an introduction to the Wildcats offensive and defensive schemes.

Camp Director will be Pat Schuler, the boys varsity basketball coach at Novi High School.

Gym clothes and shoes are required. All participants will receive a T-shirt and an outdoor basketball.

For more information or to register, please contact Novi Community Education at (248) 449-1206.

Girls and boys shooting camps

A shooting camp for boys and girls grades 2nd-9th is currently taking registrations through Novi Community Education. The camp will be held with instruction, techniques and drills a player needs to shoot the basketball well. Emphasis will be placed on three-point shooting, free throws, shooting off the dribble and spot shooting. Awards will be given to the strongest winners. Gym clothes and shoes are required.

Cost for the camp, which will be run by Novi varsity boys basketball coach Pat Schuler, is \$70. It will run from July 29 and will be held at the Novi High School Field House.

For more information or to register, please contact Novi Community Education at (248) 449-1206.

Girls and boys basketball camps

Individual registrations are being accepted at the mile, squirt, pee wee and banner age classifications. Players who competed at the AA, AAA, Junior Varsity or Varsity levels are not eligible to compete. Now this year is a girls division. All girls ages 7-14 are welcome to register, regardless of ability level. Players who sign up as individuals will participate in an evaluation skate to form teams, and will only play against other teams made up of individuals. Requests to play together will be honored whenever possible.

The Suburban Showdown Youth Spring League schedule will begin in April and end in mid-June, with no games during Spring Break, Mother's Day or Memorial Day weekend.

All players in the Showdown will be eligible for a discount towards a Suburban Hockey Schools summer program if they register by April 30!

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

Northville alumni athletes dinner

Northville alumni athletes, coaches and administrators are invited to attend the Varsity Alumni Dinner May 12, starting at 6 p.m. at GenIt's in Northville.

The cost is \$20 per person plus a cash bar and the event is open to any former Northville High School student-athletes, coaches, administrators and their guests that graduated in 2001 or before. Payment is due by May 5 and can be sent to the Athletic Department of Northville High School with the guest's name, year of graduation, address and if they are a former athlete, coach or administrator. Please mail payment to Bryan Mast, Athletic Director, 45700 W. Six Mile Road, Northville, MI 48168.

For more information, please contact Northville athletic director Bryan Mast at mastb@northville.k12.mi.us.

LTC camp hosts NCAA Division I coaches

Lacrosse Training Centers brings some of the top lacrosse coaches (and staff) during their June 22-25 lacrosse camp in Brighton.

Tom Mariano enters his tenth season as the head men's lacrosse coach at Sacred Heart University. Mariano has helped the Pioneers evolve into a solid and competitive program as they enter their fourth season as members of the Colonial Athletic Association (CAA). Unfortunately, he is the lacrosse coach at one of the top lacrosse conferences in the country.

Fumblerooski bids adieu to the endzone dreams of linemen

The fumble is described as a "damned loose ball," involved placing the ball on the ground behind the center after it has been snapped. While offensive players move to block in one direction, a lineman picks it up and thunders down the field.

But the National Federation of State High School Associations football rules committee made a decision recently to ban the play and any other loose ball strategies.

In some ways, it's good riddance to bad rubbish. In other ways, it's sad to see it go.

"If you get beat on a play like that, it's not being out coached, it's being tricked," former Northville head coach Clint Alexander said. "They pull the chair out from under you. It takes away the hand-fought effort and the time your kids put in to practice to score a game on a trick like the fumblerooski."

"It's outside the spirit of the game, although it's effective."

In 52 years of being immersed in football, including 40 coaching, former Novi

head coach and current Novi assistant John Osborne has only seen the play run twice. Once was on television when the University of Nebraska ran it and another was in the Michigan state football championships on a play from East Lansing that went for a touchdown.

"The thought of banning the play had trumped Osborne in the past but he could never get over the risk involved."

"The risk was way too high for the reward," he said. "A lot of things have to happen perfectly for that play to work."

Though Novi head coach Tom Kellymore said he has never seen the play in action, he thought removing such strategy from the game was a good idea.

"It's a form of deception," he said. "They're banning it out of respect of the game. I'm sure there are safety issues as well, especially with the ball on the ground and people jumping at it."

"I think it was the right choice. Just out of respect it's good not to have a play like that to run."

But it's also a little tough to see it go. The decision will put an end to the dreams of linemen across the country for a chance to score a touchdown. The big men don't often get that chance.

According to the Los Angeles Times, one lineman from Thousand Oaks, Calif. made the best of the play, scoring two touch-



Sam Eggleston

downs in a 2003 game. He was probably one of the last, especially with the rarity of the play.

The decision to ban the fumblerooski and all its relatives was long in the making. The National Football League banned such plays in the 1960s, followed by the college football ranks in 1993. So banning it on the high school gridiron was only a matter of time.

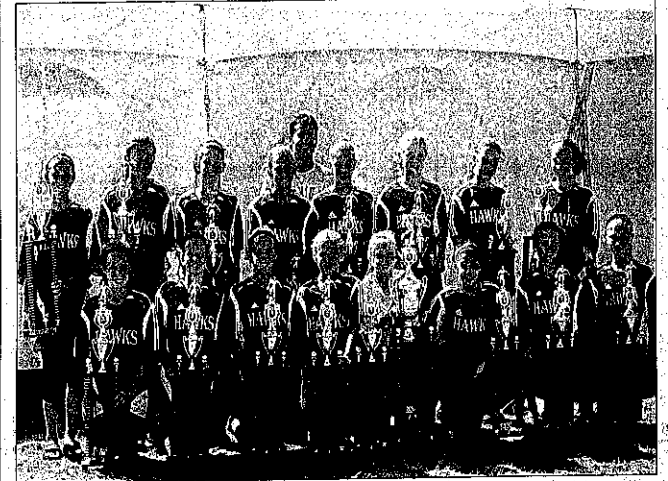
Not all decisions about football are the right ones. Like blocking below the waist, a play the was foisted in high school football not too long ago.

By banning such a play from the game, it made it a little harder for the little guys to match up with the big guys on the field.

As we bid adieu to the fumblerooski and all the plays it inspired, we can take a moment to know that the game is probably a better place without it. It's a little safer, a little less confusing and a little more straight forward.

This one is a play few people will ever miss. Except, of course, for that chubby lineman with dreams of grandeur and a little endzone dance that puts the fans on their feet, cheering and chanting his name. Keep dreaming.

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The U-12 Hawks won their fifth straight national title with the help of some Novi players.

Hawks win fifth straight national title

The U12 Michigan Hawks are the national champions of indoor soccer for the fifth year in a row.

The Hawks earned their fifth title in the National Indoor Soccer Championships in Virginia. In the championship game, the Hawks defeated the CASE Elite Red squad from North Carolina, 9-1.

In preliminary rounds, the Hawks defeated champions from Virginia, Pennsylvania and Ohio. In the semifinals,

they defeated the Michigan Gauchos White.

Over the course of the tournament, the Hawks outscored their opponents, 37-13. The tournament director congratulated the team, saying, "They have accomplished something that no other team in the history of the tournament has done: five championships in a row," said coach John Buchmann.

"The girls' hometowns are Bloomfield Hills, Brighton, Canton, Dearborn Heights,

Harrison Township, Lansing, Livonia, Novi, Rochester Hills, Solina and Van Buren.

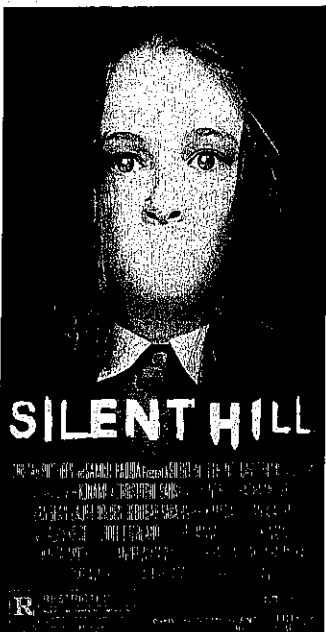
The 11- and 12-year-olds play indoor soccer in Wixom and outdoor soccer in Livonia. They have won a number of other tournaments, including the Mead Cusa Cup, Ohio Premiere Invitational, Javona Cup and the Proestetter Showcase Invitational. They were ranked second in the nation by the Web site NationalSoccerRanking.com.



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All smiles

Fernanda Adame, a Novi pole vaulter, gets a laugh prior to participating in the event at the Novi Relays. Adame cleared her next jump, bending over the bar and falling to the pit. The Wildcats finished second at the Relays behind a tough Northville Mustangs squad.



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Ensure your home has the proper insulation. By far the most frequent problem. This is typically the easiest way to reduce your energy bills. Check the attic. During the summer months the sun will heat the roof. Providing a proper R value of insulation will help

keep the house cool by keeping the heat from coming in. This will also provide a barrier to prevent heat loss from the home during the winter months. So by completing one task you receive a double benefit of helping to reduce energy loss for both heating and cooling systems in your home.

Weather Striping windows & doors. Check all windows and door frames. If you see daylight around the frames then there is an air leak. By installing weatherstripping around the frames, it will help keep warm air out of your house in the summer and warm air from leaking from your house in the winter months.

Programmable Thermostats. These thermostats can be set to provide the proper temperature when you are either at home or away from the house. The thermostat can be programmed for a night time setting when sleeping, and a daytime setting. The Department of Energy identifies this can save you as much as 10% a year on energy cost. Always set your thermostat to as high a comfort level as possible in the summer and as low a comfort level as possible in the winter to maximize your energy savings.

Heating Systems. Older Air Conditioners and Furnaces, which are operating past their intended useful life, are not energy efficient. Newer energy efficient systems will have an Energy Star rating on them. These systems can help pay for themselves over a period of a few years in energy saving cost.

Type of Lighting Used in Home. Another great tip is to replace incandescent light bulbs with the energy efficient compact fluorescent bulbs. These provide a reduced energy cost for lighting the rooms of your home. However, do use the fluorescent bulbs on a circuit which is controlled by a dimmer switch.

Dishwasher Usage. When washing dishes in the dishwasher allow the dishes to air dry rather than using the electric heat dry cycle. The only way to fully heat dried by cycle is to use a fan or heat of dishes. This is a approach will help reduce the overall energy consumption of your home and thereby reduce your energy cost.

Laundry Cycles. When washing clothes always try to use a full load rather than many small ones. The efficiency of washing full loads of laundry can also be another way to reduce your overall energy consumption in your home.

Ceiling Fans. On nice Michigan days, open the windows and use a ceiling fan to draw all into the home from the outside. The use of ceiling fans is a more efficient than running your air conditioner.

Window Treatings. Have curtains on east and west windows. The use of either shades or curtains can help reduce energy loss from the home by blocking air from these days and help keep cool air in.

A Few Other Tips: Soil gaps and holes in lawns under cover to avoid wind drafts and reduce loss of heating/cooling. When leaving a house for some period of time ensure the lights are off. When leaving the house ensure that all TVs, lights, etc. are off. Set thermostat to a lower setting. Turn off computers machines when you are done. The use of energy efficient light bulbs can save much in the long run.

Home owners should understand that these are just some of the general items that can help you save on your energy cost. We provide home owners with a complete Home Energy Survey to identify ways you can improve the home energy efficiency of your home, and help with your energy cost.

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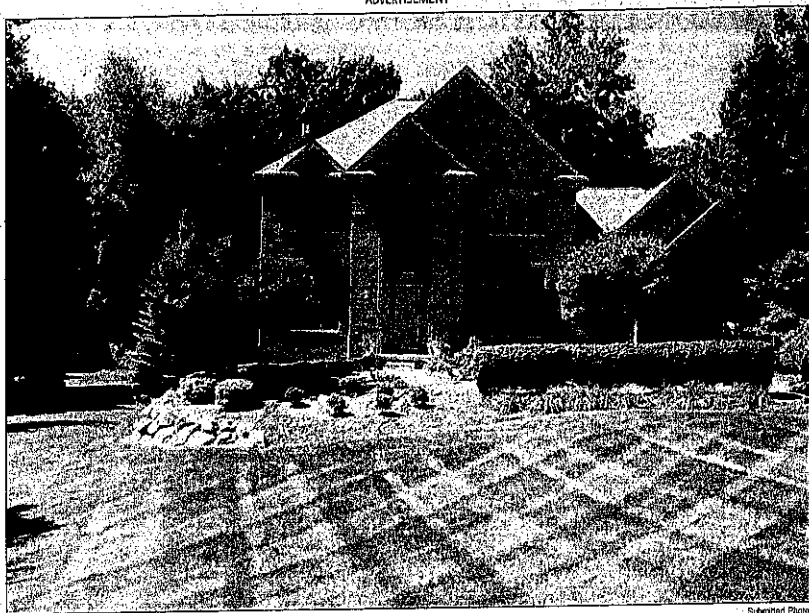
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Now Brien operates his 45-employee company out of a large 5,000-sq-ft building near Pontiac Trail in Milford, just north of New Hudson. He's become a well-known figure in the community, volunteering at local events like Milford Memories, plus giving faithfully to sports and school programs.

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The centrally-located business specializes in custom landscaping. Homeowners can work with a landscape designer to create an incredible atmosphere of relaxation and beauty.

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But for business and homeowners on a tight budget, Brien's can create a styled-back landscape design. They'll suggest key items that will make the biggest impact.

The design can be set up in stages so only a couple new plants are added each year and the price stays low.

Many owners actually save money by hiring Brien's instead of going it alone. The plants they choose will last for the long run, instead of freezing away in a couple years. Staff are experienced enough to know which plants thrive in sandy, clay and rich soil, and which are best for dry, sunny "trouble spots" or damp,

shady covers. Expert planting methods also assure that each tree will be off to the best start possible.

Expert maintenance

Brien's Services can extend the life of an investment by providing yard maintenance. Trees and shrubs need pruning once or twice a year or else they'll become tall and spindly. Plants that aren't regularly trimmed lose several years of growth when they are finally trimmed back.

This spring the company is offering a new highly effective mole treatment. It's sure to be a

big help for lawns that are plagued with moles.

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