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Brand identity

Novi seeks unifying vision

By Kelly Murad
NEWS STAFF WRITER

As the City of Novi continues to develop and grow,



leaders throughout the community are faced with decisions regarding the future of Novi. After looking into designing and implementing an entryway signage program, an innovative idea arose regarding the entire

vision for the city. "The whole thought was the city doesn't really have a brand identity," said Community Relations Manager Sheryl Walsh.

A brand, in terms of a city, is like any successful organization, its purpose is to create a consistent, recognizable identity.

As the first step to implementing the city-wide branding initiative, Walsh organized a visioning session, last Wednesday, run by Ford and Earl Associates Inc. and invited a group of community stakeholders to discuss what they envision for the future of Novi.

Ford and Earl Associates Inc. is a marketing, branding and design resource firm based out of Troy. Representing the firm was

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Stately celebration!

As they hold hands, scream and count down the final seconds, Novi's bench prepares to celebrate the Wildcats' third consecutive state soccer championship Saturday afternoon. Players include Kelsey Laux, center, Courtney Milton and Allie Howard. See sports for full coverage ... 1B.

Center gives students opportunities



Photo by JOHN HEIDER/Novi News

Connor Daly, left, and Andrew Ao, both 12, play a game of Jenga at the Novi Teen Center on Monday afternoon.

By Chris Jackett
NEWS STAFF WRITER

The Novi Youth Assistance Jeanne Clarke Summer Teen Center began this week, giving students in sixth through eighth grades a chance to get together and have some fun.

Playing basketball or pool, going swimming, playing board and video games, and watching PG-13 movies are some of the featured activities.

"I think the Teen Center is a better alternative than sitting around at home making trouble," said Matt Topper, supervisor of the Teen Center for the past 10 years. "Kids need something to do over the summer so they don't just sit in front of the computer or TV."

The program, which has been around for more than 20 years, usually takes in 30-40 kids a day, although many more register.

"We have 70-75 (kids regis-

ters) right now, and usually pick up 20 after it gets started. We should have 90-100, but we'd like to keep growing," Topper said. "We've had upwards of 200 ... We had about 90 last year."

The program also features field trips to locations ranging from Novi Bowl and Zap Zone, to Imagine Theatre and Paradise Park, to a Tigers game and trip to Cedar Point.

The program costs \$80 to register a child, \$150 if registering two siblings together, and each field trip costs between \$10-17, except for the July 23 trip to Cedar Point, which costs \$50.

"A lot of kids sign up for just field trips because they like them so much," Topper said. "Last year was the first time we did a trip to Cedar Point."

Although the program began June 18, those interested in registering may still do so at any time.

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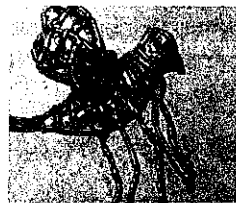
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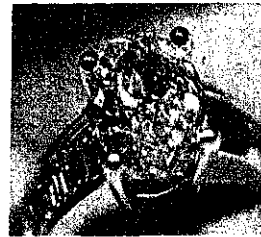
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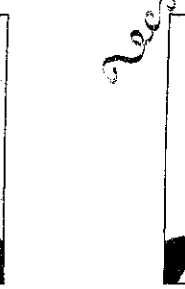
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Novi gardens in full bloom

■ No No's walk this weekend

By Emily Barton
SPECIAL NEWS WRITER

Novi resident Pamela Horn was helping her son learn to drive 11 years ago when she turned into Brookland subdivision. While driving through the quiet streets, she noticed a house for sale.

By the end of the week, the house was hers.

She took note of the house, but she said the real attraction was the almost one-acre yard.

"It's like living up north without making the drive," she said.

Horn said since then she and her husband have worked on remodeling or landscaping at least once a year.

"We are outside all the time," she said.

Their hard work will be recognized on June 23 when Horn's garden will be on display as part of the Gardeners of Northville and Novi's Garden Walk Adventure II.

The No No's Garden Walk will begin at 10 a.m. and last until 4 p.m.

It will feature six gardens in Novi, including Horn's, and each participant will be given a map to visit the gardens at their convenience.

The Old Novi Town Hall, on 10 Mile Road and west of the library, will be the central location of the walk, and participants can come and go throughout the day.

There will be two lectures — one at noon and another at 2 p.m., said Marcia Korzeniowski, a

Garden Walk
Gardeners of Northville & Novi (The NO-NO's) invite you to join them on an Exceptional Garden Walk experience.

10 a.m.-4p.m. Saturday
\$10 Tickets are available by visiting Garden Views in Northville, Angline Nursery in Novi, Bordines Nursery in Brighton or Backyard Birds in Plymouth.

On day of the Walk, tickets will also be available at the event's central venue located at the west side of the Novi Library, 25245 W. 10 Mile Road.

member of the No No's.

She said one lecture will be about rain gardens and the other about hosts.

Artists will be selling birdhouses, plants and yard art at the town hall as well, she said.

Tickets for the event are on sale at Gardenviews of Northville, Anglin Nursery of Novi, Bordines Nursery of Brighton and Backyard Birds of Plymouth.

Tickets will also be available at the Town Hall on the day of the event. The cost of each ticket is \$10.

The gardens are "all home owner designed and tended," Korzeniowski said.

Each garden was selected by invitation, and the gardeners are not a part of the No No's, she said.

"She said they were all submitted to Marsha Stewart Living



Pamela Horn walks in her Novi Township home's garden. It has many flowers already blooming by mid-June, like the Asian Lilies at left.

Magazine, where they are still being considered for publication.

Korzeniowski said the criteria for the walk was the same as the criteria of the magazine — garden rooms, pathways, water structures, garden structures and a

variety of plants.

Each one will be different, she said.

Horn said the favorite part about her garden is sitting outside and enjoying the view.

She said her garden has no pot-

tern or structure.

"It's very eclectic," she said.

Horn said although it was a lot of work in the beginning, she no longer has to spend a lot of time planting and weeding.

She said she mostly plants

perennials, which grow back each year, so she won't have to always replant.

"I don't like babying things," she said. "If you have to work at it all the time you'd never enjoy it."

Living with (or taking out) invasive plants

By Alyson Iott
GANNETT NEWS SERVICE

If you're a new gardener with a bare plot, planting an invasive species might not seem like a bad idea. They grow quickly in difficult spots, they provide good ground cover and many of them are quite beautiful.

For most invasives, the trouble begins after the first season or two. What once filled your garden has taken over, stealing water and nutrients from less aggressive species, going where it can't be controlled (the lawn, the neighboring gar-

den, the side of your house) and taking up most of your time outside.

Milford Garden Club president Bob Scherms said that gardeners often don't know what they're getting into when they plant an invasive species.

"You're thinking 'Oh, it's a fast-growing plant,' and what you're getting is trouble with a capital T," Scherms said.

Advanced master gardeners Cora and Max Kirschke said they have difficulty controlling some invasive species in their home gardens.

Max said that he had dug most

invasive species. One of these is ribbon grass.

"I just tear it up and throw it away," he said.

There are a few species he has learned to live with. One of these is Heron's Bird, or false hantui, a fast-growing perennial that puts out a bright yellow bloom. Since it flowers, Max said, he allows it to stay.

Rose named violets and monardas, or bee balm, are two species she has learned to control.

"Some invasive plants can be put to good use," she said. For example, planting a fast-growing species on

a shady hillside can help combat soil erosion.

The best way to avoid trouble with an invasive species is not to plant it in the first place.

Sometimes, however, invasive ornamental plants appear without an invitation.

Gardeners may "inherit" an invasive species when moving into

a new home, or have to contend with neighbors' plants crossing a property line. Birds and other animals can also transport invasive species, especially vines.

Master gardener Cozi Heinnann said that often the only way to combat invasive species is to keep digging.

"Most of them you have to

hand-dig, but the problem that comes with a lot of them is they have such a long vine," Heinnann said.

She said that gardeners who are considering planting an invasive species, or who aren't sure if a species is invasive, should talk to a professional — a trained or master gardener.

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Library offers free video downloads to residents

By Chris Jackett
NEWS STAFF WRITER

The Novi Public Library is introducing a new service for members allowing them to download videos at home.

The new service, MyLibraryDV, allows library members to download DVD-quality films, documentaries, audio books and television shows onto their home computers.

"As downloading becomes more common, the libraries try to keep up with what people want," said Matt Lenanski, an audio visual librarian at the library. "People have technology and know how to use it and don't even have to leave home."

The program, designed by Recorded Books in Prince Frederick, Md., offers about 400 different videos to members. Ten videos may be downloaded at a time, and automatically delete themselves after seven days. If a user deletes a video before the seven days is up, the video will still remain credited to their account until the week-long period is complete.

The service requires users to download the free, one-gigabyte program from the library's Web site onto their home computer before taking advantage of the videos available. The current package has "mostly older movies, independent films, instructional television shows and home improvement shows," Lenanski said.

MyLibraryDV

Interested in the MyLibraryDV service but don't know where to start? Call (248) 349-0720 or visit the Novi Public Library at 45245 W. 10 Mile Rd. for information.

Download the program at <http://www.novi.lib.mi.us/adv/downloadablevideos.htm>

If library officials see a large use of the service by residents, they will upgrade the package offered to include 550 newer films. The upgrade would cost the library \$7,000 more than the current package.

"The higher priced packages like Hollywood won't let newer movies be included because it could hurt DVD sales," Lenanski said. "Right now, we have a lot of black and white movies and movies three years or older."

Lenanski said the library spends about \$800 a year in replacing damaged DVDs, and a program such as this would make films readily available without having to replace them when they are broken or badly nicked or scratched.

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Reference desk employee Mary Storch displays an informational page on the Novi library's MyLibraryDV system.

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Novi seeks unifying vision

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Account Development Manager Howard English and co-worker Mark Leibold.

"It all starts today, all of us have a part in the vision for the city," English said last week. "Our goal today is to collectively decide where the city is going in the future."

There were about 16 participants in attendance from different sectors of the community. Each of the participants were required to bring a list of five to seven things they thought were important for the future of Novi. One common goal among the participants was to maintain quality education in Novi.

"We can't deny that if you ask most people why they moved here, they say the schools," said councilwoman Terry Margolis. Along with education, many of the participants expressed the need to continue attracting businesses and residents into the community.

"The number one thing is to continue to promote a quality community," said Blair Bowman, managing partner of TBOB, LLC, owners and developers of Rock Financial Showplace.

Although many believe Novi already has a lot to offer, participants also discussed improvements that need to be made, such as cultural attractions and improving the city's roadways and walkways.

"This is the city with sidewalks that go nowhere," said Michael Meyer.

Once all of the participants shared their aspirations with the group, a list was compiled and voted on to determine the main goals in creating a common vision for the city.

Ford and Earl Associates will now use the information gathered from the half-day visioning session to create one final vision statement for the City of Novi.

"The vision statement will guide them into creating a brand identity, logo and templates," Walsh said. As of right now, the plan is to present the information to city council at the meeting July 23. In the end, Walsh

Determined factors for creating a common vision for the City of Novi

- Great education
- Business-friendly location
- Great parks with endless recreational opportunities
- Main street
- Excellent roadways, infrastructure and walkways
- Arts and culture
- Vibrant quality of life
- Energetic and creative

hopes the brand will create one consistent theme, logo and message for the City of Novi.

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Center gives students opportunities

Continued from front

Visits from the fire department, K-9 unit and a nutritionist will add to the center's offerings.

"Some people think there's a certain type of kid that goes to the Teen Center, but we get all different types of kids," Topper said. "It helps kids keep in touch over the summer."

In addition to the educational aspect, all of the staff members deal with children and education on a regular basis.

Topper, a fifth grade teacher at Heritage Elementary in Huron Valley, said he went through the Teen Center as a kid.

"A lot of kids sign up for just field trips because they like them so much," Matt Topper

Teen Center registration

Who: Novi Youth Assistance
What: Jeanne Clarke Summer Teen Center
When: 12-5:30 p.m. Monday through Thursday from June 18 - July 27.
Where: Novi High School, 24052 Tait Road
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was a kid in the program when I was a supervisor," he said. "A lot of the staff are teachers, people who deal with kids every day."

Names in the News

Novi Dentist attends continuing education program

Novi resident Dr. Timothy Kosinski attended the American Academy of Cosmetic Dentistry's (AACD) 23rd Annual Scientific Session. Excellence in Cosmetic Dentistry 2007, in Atlanta, Georgia May 15-19. The AACD is the world's largest international dental organization dedicated to advancing excellence in cosmetic dentistry, of which Kosinski is an active member. Founded in 1984, the AACD is dedicated to advancing excellence in the art and science of cosmetic dentistry and encouraging the highest standards of ethical conduct and responsible patient care.

Understudy Additions

The Second City-Detroit announces understudy additions for its new resident stage. The four improv actors were selected during May auditions include: Saurin Choksi (Royal Oak), Mike McGentrick (Dearborn), Tim Peacock (Royal Oak) and Adam Peacock (Allen Park). They will be joining current understudies Lauren Dickerson (Dearborn), Sam Richardson (Royal Oak) and Mark Sobolewski (Ann Arbor). As understudies, the group will step in to perform when needed during main-stage productions and other original productions produced by the Second City-Detroit. The Second City-Detroit reopened in

Achievement Award

Novi resident Debbi Nasanuch received the Chairman's Outstanding Achievement Award from Comerica Bank. Chairman Award recipients are honored for making outstanding contributions to Comerica in the following areas: Connectivity, leadership, quality excellence and sales performance.

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Midwestern Higher Education Commission

Gov. Jennifer M. Granholm announced Conway A. Jeffress, Ph.D. of Novi, and president of Schulerkraft College, was recruited to represent members at large in the Midwestern Higher Education Commission. The commission is the Midwest's largest interstate resource-sharing organization for higher education. Its purpose is to provide greater higher education opportunities and services for citizens residing in the Midwest region. His term expires March 8, 2011.

Twelve Oaks Mall Names

Twelve Oaks Mall has named Steve Berlow as its new assistant general manager.

He will work closely with the general manager on day-to-day center operations and a major expansion which will bring Nordstrom and 30 new stores to the Novi shopping center on September 28.

Berlow comes to Twelve Oaks Mall from Galyan's Trailing Co. where he was general manager of the sporting goods store in Novi and oversaw the conversion of Galyan's to Dick's Sporting Goods in 2004. Before that he served as vice president of stores for Just For Feet, Inc. and Borders Music Division. He also served as Singles 110 regional director for the east coast, including Carlebach, Reno and Mexico, and Barnes & Noble Midwest and east coast regional



Steve Berlow

Premier Relocations, LLC Aids Hurricane Katrina Rebuilding

Nearly two years after Hurricane Katrina devastated New Orleans, volunteers like Kirk Hensler, general manager of Premier Relocations, LLC, an agent of Mayflower Transit, still find much work to be done.

Premier helped sponsor a group of 23 high school students and five adults, including the Hensler family to go help with clean-up efforts at a church daycare and three homes. Hensler said he was surprised by some of what he saw.

One of their major projects was at the First United Methodist Church on Canal Street in New Orleans where they tore apart and rebuilt a playground for the daycare that once occupied the building. The church had four feet of standing water in it for more than two months, which caused much of the damage.

His housing project involved gutting the homes of three families. All three homes were destroyed by water damage and everything from furniture to dry-wall and wooden molding had to be removed.

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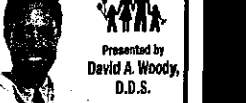
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Novi chef honored

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Brady's love of creative cooking has led her to many career

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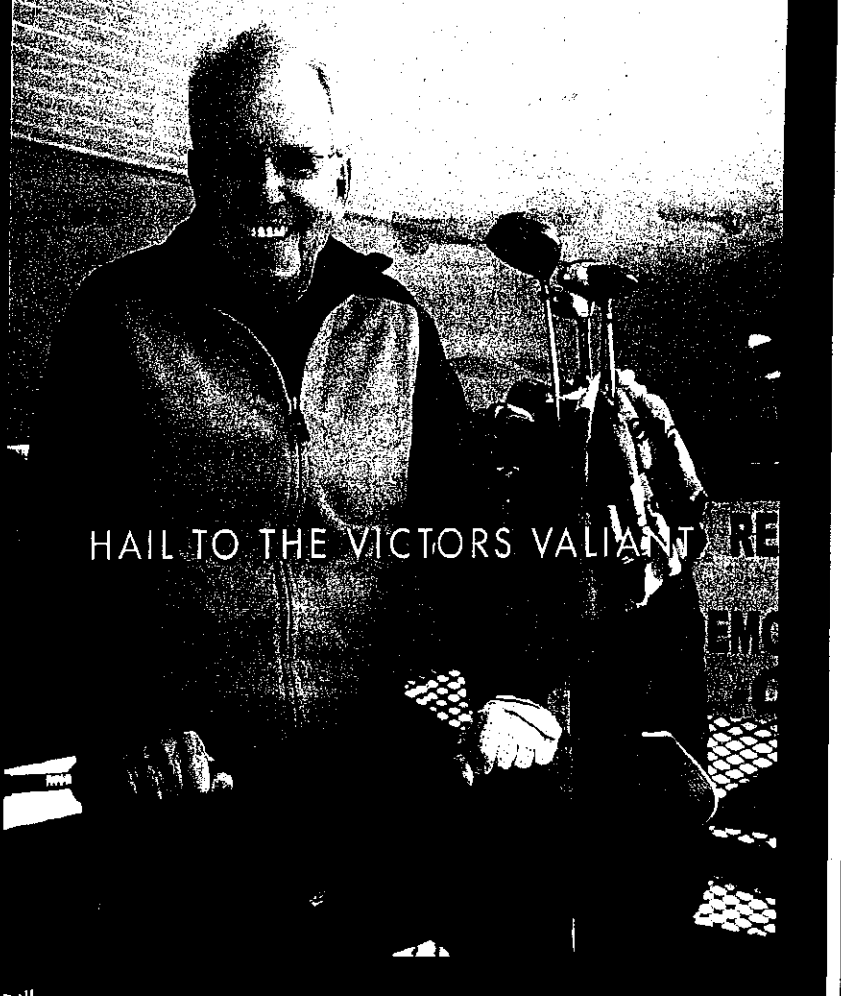
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Keeping Novi safe

Statistics show decrease in crime rates

By Kelly Murad
NEWS STAFF WRITER

Statistics recently released from the Novi Police Department show a significant decrease in the amount of local crimes in 2006, compared to the prior year.

The Novi Police Department, which includes 70 sworn officers, believes things such as preventive patrolling and keeping citizens informed helps to decrease the amount of local crimes, said Novi Police Chief David Malloy.

"We are always going to keep an eye on shifting trends," Malloy said. Chief Malloy said by keeping citizens informed, the police department experiences less burglaries, which are down 46 percent and motor vehicle thefts, which are down 30 percent.

"It is about practicing basic crime prevention techniques," he said. One area he wants to keep focusing on is theft.

"We are going to continue to reduce larceny complaints," Malloy said. "Lock your doors, that will assist us."

Although the statistics don't show larceny significantly decreasing in Novi, the Michigan State Police statistics estimated, after 2005, that overall larceny is lower than it has

Novi Police Department statistics 2006

Assault (aggravated)-down 20%
Burglary-down 47%
Motor vehicle theft-down 30%
Kidnapping-up 6%
Arson-down 50%
Robbery-no change
Retail fraud-up 17%
Sex offenses-down 44%

been in more than 10 years.

The Novi Police Department did see an increase in some areas. For example, narcotics offenses were up 27 percent and weapons offenses were up 40 percent for 2006.

Malloy believes the increase in both areas is due to enhanced training of the officers and the department.

"There are a number of training curriculums offered to our detectives," he said. Among the training curriculums offered is a narcotic detection and awareness training that has been beneficial for the uniformed officers. Traffic stops are also up 30 percent and Malloy credits 95 percent of the narcotics and weapons cases happen from officers making traffic stops.

"When you have an aggressive drug enforcement program, you can see the drugs we've seen," he said.

Other statistics include drunk driving arrests up 7 percent, accidents down 11 percent and sex offenses are down 44 percent.

Novi Police welcome new K-9 to team

On May 30 a new member of the Novi Police Department joined the team: K-9 "Moose".

Moose is a "Sable" German Shepherd and has been assigned to Officer Shawn Penzak. He joins colleague Yukon and handler Officer Jeff Brown on the force.

Moose was born in December 2005 and began a more than 900-hour extensive training program in February 2006.

He began his training with an approximate four-month long "puppy track" instruction.

This is very basic tracking that starts out with the use of hot dogs to help the dog learn basic techniques.

Following this preparation, his tracking training eventually progressed to "aged" tracking skills, whereby he would be required to pick-up and track scents and trails that were 20 minutes, 40 minutes, and more than an hour old, with proficiency.

The tracking training continued with week by week proficiency, and lasted about one year. Moose was certified in his skill in May 2007.

Concurrent with the tracking training, Moose began narcotics training and is now trained and certified in the detection of marijuana, heroin, cocaine and other controlled substances.

Moose is also certified and

trained in "Handler Protection". In the event Officer Penzak is ever in danger or need of assistance, Moose is trained to assist him.

One of the skills Moose has also been practicing is proficiency with Agility Course Training. This is not a certification, but rather a skill the dog practices to help maintain a general level of fitness and increase his abilities with searching and tracking.

This course involves a series of complex jumping, climbing, crawling and maneuvering tunnels.

"In addition to providing safety for the officers, K-9s are able to track people and can be used to track suspects that have fled a scene," said David Malloy, Novi Police Chief. "They can be used to search buildings that may harbor a suspect, apprehend fleeing suspects, and detect drugs to build probable cause for search warrants."

"The dogs also provide a wonderful community relations benefit by performing K-9 demonstrations at local schools and community events."

The K-9 dogs are purchased by their handler and training is also funded by the officer.

A portion of the dog's food and veterinary expenses are paid for by the Novi Police Department using State drug forfeiture funds.



Novi Police Officer Sean Penzak handles Moose, the latest K-9 addition to the city's department.

Police Briefs

Deputy saves Novi woman from drowning

According to reports, Marine Deputy Ron Valtasson saved a 31-year-old woman's life after she nearly drowned in Walled Lake, Saturday, June 16.

Valtasson had been informed by another boater that a woman was "bobbing" in the water about 150 yards from the southwest shore. When Valtasson found the victim, she was face-down and three-quarters submerged in the water, reports said.

As the deputy pulled the female into the patrol boat, she was unconscious, not breathing and did not have a pulse. He began administering CPR and was able to revive the victim and return her to shore where the Novi Fire Department and EMS were waiting to rush her to Borgford Hospital, reports said.

According to family members, Novi Police and fire personnel, Novi woman had attempted to commit suicide in the past and this incident is thought to be intentional.

Valtasson has been with the Oakland County Sheriff's Office Marine Unit for three years and is an advanced EMT and CPR instructor.

Under construction

According to recent police reports, two homes currently under construction in the Provincial Glades Subdivision near Nine Mile and Naperville were damaged between 7 p.m. June 11 and 7 a.m. June 12.

Police believe the unknown suspect(s) kicked open all secured entry doors and damaged the windows and screens from the outside.

Lock your doors

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According to the reports, when the officer conducted field sobriety tests on the man, he could not follow directions and said, "Aww, come-on, I'm drunk," to the officer when he could not complete the tasks.

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MY BUSINESS

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Novi Town Center expands retail offerings

By Chris Jackett
NEWS STAFF WRITER

The Novi Town Center will see a few new stores popping up by fall.

Otherwise Ice Cream and Dairy Store, Per Wei Asian Diner and Patsy's Sandwich Works will all be joining the Town Center family. The new eateries will be moving into buildings on the southern edge of the complex, along Grand River Avenue.

Otherwise and Per Wei will be sharing a new 5,600-square-foot building across from Bonfish Grill on Grand River Avenue, east of Novi Road. Patsy's will open on a 5,500-square-foot building at the corner of Grand River Avenue and Novi Road.

"We think it'll be really good. It will energize the Grand River side near Bonfish," said Jim Clear, manager of the Novi Town Center. "The north side of the Center has always been really good."

Another 6,000-square-foot building is under construction, but the lease is yet to be finalized with an undisclosed tenant.

Seven new tenants are expected to be finalized and released to the public within the next 60 days, Clear said.

A fourth building will also be constructed, totaling the construction project at 25,000 square feet between the four new buildings.

Two new stores confirmed and set to open later this year are Children's Place and Archiver's. The latter, a scrap-booking store, will open on a 6,000-square-foot space in September, while Children's Place, a clothing retailer, will open on a 5,500-square-foot lot in August.

Clear also said the 75,000-square-foot space that was formerly Mervyn's is being redeveloped for use by a new retailer.

"Things are going well despite the economy. We're looking to bring in all sorts of retail," Clear said. "It looks very bright right now. We're very excited. We're bringing in national clients with good credit. We're doing really well right now."

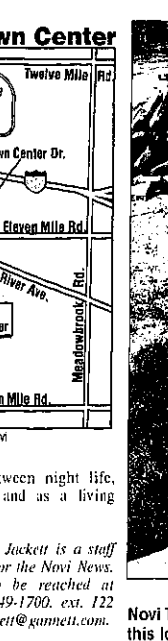
The Novi Town Center was

built in 1987 and sits on 41 acres at Grand River Avenue and Novi Road. It is home to more than 40 retailers, with a few planned vacancies made available for relocation purposes.

Other Projects

The city will see a few other retail changes in coming months. Twelve Oaks Mall will see the opening of its Nordstrom wing extension and Macy's flagship in September. Novi Corporate Campuses will see some updates in addition to the Town Center. Confessing other locations are looking to upgrade, but have yet to announce plans.

"Providence Park, Twelve Oaks and Fountain Walk would be the biggest things, put together," said Ara Topozian, economic development manager for Novi. "The thing to look for down the road is Main Street development. We want mixed



Novi Town Center will welcome three to four new tenants at this location.

Busch's to replace Farmer Jack this summer

Photo by JOHN HEIDER/Novi News

The 10 Mile and Meadowbrook Farmer Jack store will be converted into a Busch's store in coming months. This Busch's is in Plymouth Township at Five Mile and Sheldon roads.



By Chris Jackett
NEWS STAFF WRITER

Novi residents will be seeing one grocer replace another this summer as Busch's plans to take over the 4184 W. 10 Mile Road location currently held by Farmer Jack.

"It's going to be a Busch's," said Ara Topozian, economic development manager for the city. "Their hope is to be in there within 60 days" of the July 7 Farmer Jack closing date.

The Farmer Jack is one of 45 throughout the state that has been sold by the Great Atlantic and

Pacific Tea Company (A&P) to other companies such as Kroger, Hillier's and Busch's. The other statewide Farmer Jacks are expected to close their doors on July 7 without any future venue plans.

"Our long term plan is to continue developing the property," said Richard Ludwig, founder and partner of Ludwig and Seelye Inc., which owns the shopping center on the northwest corner of 10 Mile and Meadowbrook roads.

"I haven't seen a document yet that says they're the new tenant," he said of Busch's, although he did note they were the highest bidder of the potential businesses to

replace Farmer Jack.

Ludwig said the new store would be beneficial for the entire shopping center.

"We're optimistic the fresh energy will bring traffic to the shopping center. We think (Busch's) are closer to the customers. Of the stores I've been in, they're clean, sharp and up to date," he said. "A&P treated Farmer Jack like a red-headed step-child and didn't reinvest in the stores."

"It's good, quality jobs. They're replacing a tired supermarket with a fresh one. They would eventually like to expand and renovate the store."

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MY COUNCIL

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City Council Notebook

June 18 meeting Councilwoman Lynne Paul absent. Next meeting: 7 p.m. July 2 at the Civic Center

Interviews for boards and commissions

Five applicants were interviewed by the council and Mayor Landry to re-apply for their current positions on the planning commission and parks, recreation and forestry commission.

Currently, it is required by the state of Michigan to have a representative from the planning commission sit on the zoning board of appeals. The commission has recommended Wrobel for that position and contact wished him luck with the endeavor.

Insurance renewal will save Novi \$20,000

Council approved the consideration of renewing the City's Property and Liability Insurance to the Alliance/HIC Holdings, Inc. Insurance Group for a premium of \$110,978. This premium will save the City an excess of \$20,000, or 6 percent.

T-Mobile tower parking in Lakeshore?

Council approved, by 5-1 vote, consideration of a resolution to allow T-Mobile an option to lease property for a 110-foot-tall cell tower and equipment shelter in Lakeshore Park.

Neighborhood roads fixed

Council unanimously approved

Final Candidates for City Council

Three seats on the Novi City Council are up for election in November. Bob Gatt, Lynne Paul and Toni Nagy have reached the end of their four-year terms.

HDPE pipes approved

Council unanimously approved the variance for the use of HDPE pipe instead of standard water main pipe materials for Chase Bank.

Contract approved for Taft Road paving project

Council unanimously approved to award Summit Transport, Inc. with the contract for the Taft Road paving project, from Nine Mile Road to the south city limits.

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GERALD F. NUSSBAUM

Age 68, of Defiance, Ohio, died at 3:07 a.m. June 14, 2007 at the Defiance Area Inpatient Hospice Center. He was born Sept. 25, 1938 in Bluffton, Ohio the son of Elmer J. & Christine E. (Redington) Nussbaum.

OBITUARY POLICY

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*Deadline for obituaries is Tuesday at 10:00 a.m. for publication in Thursday's newspaper.

For more information, call 888-999-1388 or contact your funeral home. *Holiday deadlines are subject to change.

IBEN DREAMING: Passion becomes reality for Novi businesswoman

By Chris Jackett NEWS STAFF WRITER

Debra Iben always knew she had a passion for automobiles. She just needed a way to express that passion.

Working at SkillTech Employment in the 1990s, the former operating room technician for the Navy noticed a small garage behind the building.

In 2002, Iben bought the Brighton garage and transformed it into SkillTech Automotive. There, she retooled short-wheelbase vehicles for Suzuki and General Motors.

Feeling a need to cater her abilities to the public, Iben moved her business to Novi and opened Lucky Dog Customs on Grand River Avenue.

Area business celebrates anniversary

Newport Furnishings, a unique lifestyle marketer of fashion-forward, upscale furniture and home decor, will celebrate its first anniversary with an Open House on Thursday, June 28, 5-7:30 p.m.



Debra Iben, who just opened up a custom car shop on Grand River Avenue in Novi, stands next to her 1970 Mercury Cougar Eliminator - which took third place in Detroit's recent Autorama. The business, called Lucky Dog Customs, will customize cars for owners and do a fair amount of work on prototypes for GM and its car show needs.

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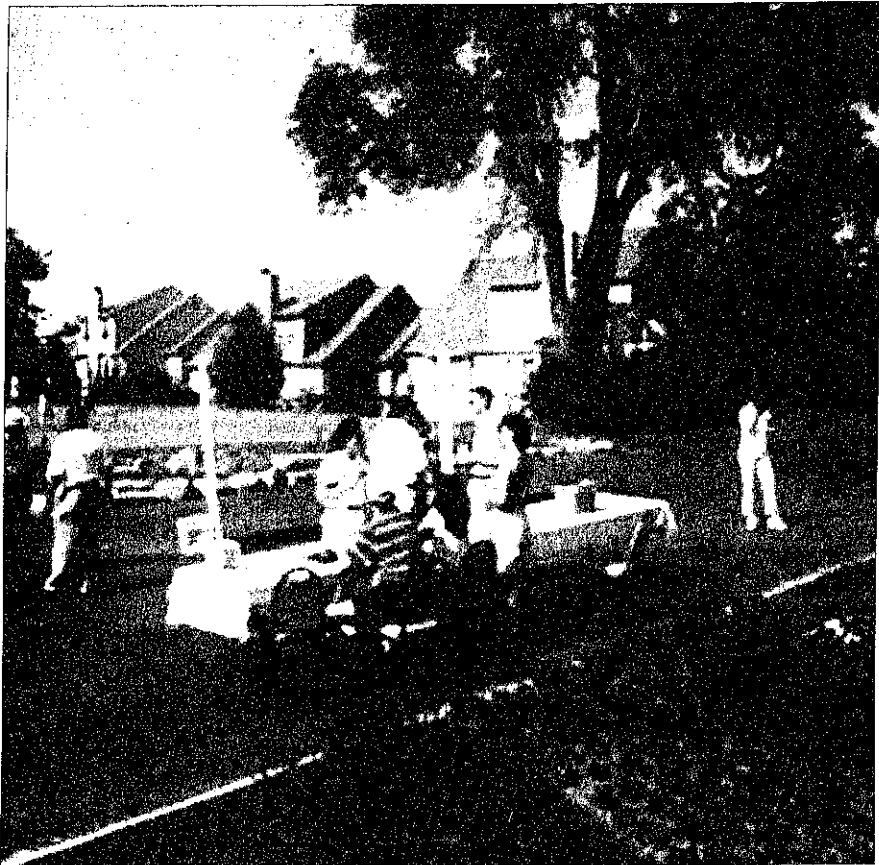


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Novi Rotary 22nd Annual Charity Golf Outing



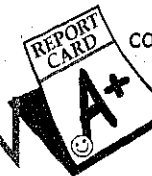
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Organizers say it was a good turnout and lots of fun was had by all during the Novi Rotary Charity Golf Outing last Thursday.



NOVI COMMUNITY EDUCATION: Fall preschool program now enrolling,

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A seed to grow on

The first graders at Village Oaks Elementary School began a science unit on plants in late May. As a "special project," they planted any type of flower, vegetable or fruit seed. It was the child's responsibility to water and care for their plant, after its planting in mid May. They recorded information about the plant as it changed and grew. The students exhibited their plants in the Village Oaks Gymnasium on June 1. This gave the children a chance to display their plants for many visitors to enjoy. During the show, the "plant reporters" were on hand to answer questions visitors had. What a wonderfully enjoyable experience for these first graders and their families.



Submitted photo

Village Oaks first grader Bethany Jaskolski.



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Village Oaks first grader Tristan Thompson.



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Village Oaks first grader Katherine Trimmer.



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Village Oaks first grader Ally Rye.



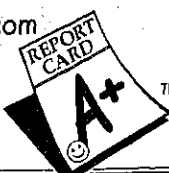
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Village Oaks first grader Sarah Perris.

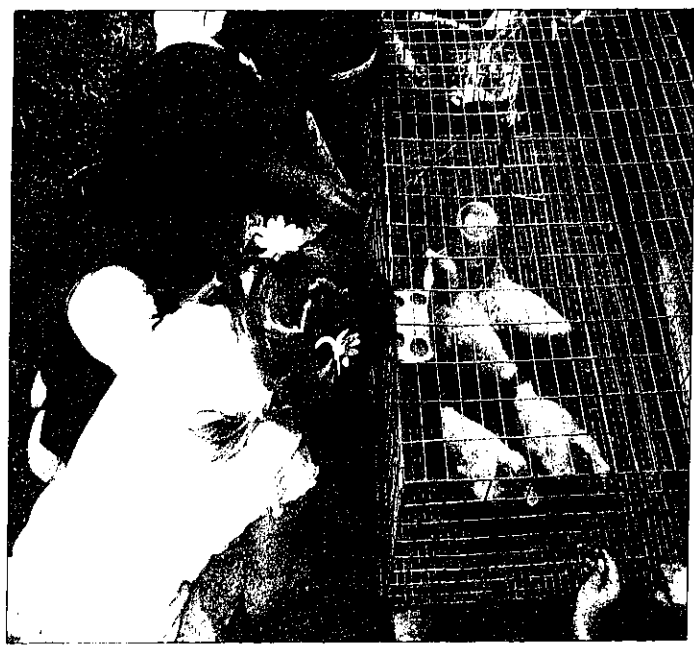
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Lucky Ducks!

First-grade students at Parkview Elementary School study the development and life cycle of ducks while hatching them in their classroom. The children were responsible for the care of the ducks throughout their development.

Class NOTES

Novi Athletic Boosters present four scholarships

On the evening of May 31 at the Novi High School Seniors Honors Night, Paul Flavin, president of the Novi Athletic Boosters, proudly presented four \$500 scholarships to two outstanding young men and two outstanding young women. The committee was moved by all applications submitted and said all applicants are to be congratulated for their excellence in the classroom and with athletics. Committee members said selecting four winners was difficult, but this year's recipients are Amanda Diacono, Alexandra Sisson, Eric VanBabler and Albert Vitaholm.

Novi Educational Foundation grants funded

The Novi Educational Foundation funded more than \$22,000 in grants for Novi educators this year. The purpose of the Novi Educational Foundation is to provide

expanded educational opportunities for the students of Novi Community Schools. The grant applications included a variety of funding proposals in many areas. This year's grants were awarded in the areas of reading, writing and publication, art, diversity, science, social studies, English language learner support and staff development. Foundation members said the expanded opportunities offered to students and staff by awarding these grants greatly enhances the educational experience of the Novi community.

Community Education Preschool Program

The Novi Community Education Preschool Program is now accepting registration for the 2007-08 school year. Children must be 3, 4 or 5 by Dec. 1, 2007.

Children also must be completely toilet trained. Curriculum is based on the findings of Joan Lessen Firestone who is the early childhood consultant to Oakland schools. Class programs focus on social, emotional, physical and cognitive development. Preschool classes follow the Novi Community School District calendar. To secure a spot in

the program parents must register their child at the Child Care Services office at the Instructional Technology Center, 25345 Tall Rd., between 10 and 11 Mile roads. Child care is also available for a fee for students attending the preschool. Space is limited.

When registering children, parents need to bring the following: Completed registration packet, available on the district's Web site, www.novi.k12.mi.us; child's birth certificate or passport; and non-refundable registration fee payment, \$45 for school district residents, \$50 for non-residents.

For more information about the classes, please call the Preschool office at (248) 449-1713.

Walled Lake Northern High School wind ensemble

The Walled Lake Northern High School wind ensemble will perform at the American School Band Directors Association's 55th Annual National Convention 7:30 p.m. tonight at the Hyatt Regency, Dearborn. Northern's wind ensemble is one of three high school bands from Michigan invited to perform.

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Novi soccer clubs' memberships double

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DID YOU KNOW?

- There are over 40 million soccer players worldwide.
- There are three million U.S. athletes registered in high school or youth soccer associations.
- Soccer requires speed and agility.
- Soccer has evolved into the category of a "contact sport."

Whoever said soccer isn't a big sport in the United States never looked at the local youth soccer scene and how numbers have doubled in the last five to 10 years.

"I've been here seven years and we had 500-550 kids when I started. Now we're up to 1,000," said Wendy DuVall, president of the Novi Parks soccer program and recreation supervisor for the city.

"The Jaguars (club) blossomed up to 40-plus teams. We provide the fields and they help us train."

"They started with six teams 11 years ago."

The sport's popularity has been credited to its ease to learn and the ability for children to start playing at a young age - before their coordination and motor skills are perfected.

"It's a simple game to play," said Steve McGuirk, president of the Northville Soccer Association. "The rules are simple enough and it's usually one of the first sports any child starts because they can run and kick."

The Northville program has seen the same sort of growth as Novi Parks, with numbers doubling over the past few years.

"There's been explosive growth. I've been doing this for eight years and we're just very start on fields," McGuirk said. "We've more than doubled the program since I took over. It went from 1,100 to 2,300 players."

"Our premier program is really growing."

The program, known as Michigan Rush, has 4,200 players throughout the state. There are 40,000 players throughout the country in each state's Rush premier and select programs, according to McGuirk.

"It's kind of just doing the job right and letting the word of mouth get around," McGuirk said. "When the quality of the teams show, like at tournaments, I get a lot of phone calls."

He credits the Michigan Rush, Novi Jaguars and Livonia Hawks/Wolves programs with shaping the quality of youth soccer in the area, and points to the same cities high schools' high-caliber teams as proof.

"A lot of these teams' kids have started earlier and their technical ability is vastly superior. There are ones that have become really technically advanced," he said.

DuVall said getting players interested in the sport early takes no extra recruiting efforts.

"Everybody wants to play soccer. They learn how to sprint, how to play with others and it physically improves their stamina. If they can learn with their feet, their hands will come," she said.

McGuirk also serves as administrator and registrar for the Western Suburban Soccer League (WSSL), which is the league that all Novi and Northville teams play in.

"When I took over as administrator, there were about 360 teams in the WSSL. There's 690 teams now," McGuirk said.

DuVall credits the social and emotional aspects of the game as reasons why kids continue to play it throughout their youth.

"With winning seasons above .500, your camaraderie is there, along with the atmosphere of the team and coach," she said. "It's about making them want to come to practice and keeping them focused."

McGuirk said soccer is a life-long sport for many, starting at a young age and playing until they are physically unable to.

"It's a relatively safe sport. One you can stick with the rest of your life," McGuirk said. "Soccer is unique in it uses the mind as much as the body. Motorsport is the only one I understand to be more challenging."

City of Novi Kid's Concert Series begins tonight

Tonight marks the first of three summer concerts in the fifth annual Kid's Concert Series, to be held at Lakeshore Park.

Jerre Stormer and Acousticakimbo will be performing at 7 p.m. The band consists of a guitarist, bass player and percussionist, and they will lead the audience in a sing-along.

On July 12 at 7 p.m., the Reel Happy Sing and Swing Band will play old American favorites on different instrument combinations including a guitar, clarinet and mandolin.

There will be two performances on August 9.

At 6 p.m., the Kevin Devine Musical Circus will perform musical jokes and gags.

Following their performance, the 45-member Novi Concert Band will perform.

The band specializes in a variety of music, including symphon-

ic, folk and Broadway songs.

The concerts are geared toward young children and their families, said Mallery Wethers of Novi Parks, Recreation and Forestry.

She said a mobile stage will be set up and families can bring blankets and lawn chairs.

Although the concerts start at 7 p.m., Wethers said families are welcome to come and go as they please.

There is a playground, beach and picnic areas for families to enjoy.

The Dye shirts will also be available for \$10 at the Aug. 9 performance.

Admission for all concerts is free for Novi residents.

For more information, call the Novi Parks Department at (248) 347-0400. The Weather Hotline is (248) 347-0473.



The City of Novi will be hosting monthly concerts for families at Lakeshore Park beginning tonight.



Families enjoy one of the city's family concerts last year during summer-time months.

Soaring High!

Michael Beard, left, Nathan Orlando and Scott Wagner celebrate reaching the rank of Eagle Scout at a joint Eagle Court of Honor ceremony last month at Novi United Methodist Church. The three young men, all 2007 graduates of Novi High School, began scouting together in first grade as Tiger Cubs.



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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.

In our opinion: Building a vision

We applaud the meeting of the minds that took place last week when community leaders gathered to discuss creating a common vision, or brand, for the City of Novi.

As the City of Novi continues to grow, leaders throughout the community are faced with decisions regarding the future of Novi.

It was good to see representatives from city government, the Novi Community School District and the business community at the visioning session held last Wednesday and moderated by Ford and Earl Associates Inc.

When taking on such a grand responsibility as a "brand identity" for the city, group input is required and should be respected.

Novi is an area which, for many years, has meant many things to differing population sectors.

Coming together cannot be a byproduct of this task. But don't forget, now the hard work really begins.

Who is Novi now? Who will it be five years from now? And what brand do we want to represent?

Often branding decisions serve as beacons, successfully guiding a community to personal and professional success.

On the other hand, a misguided mission statement can be a blue print for failure.

We look forward to hearing from Ford and Earl Associates Inc. when they speak before City Council in July.

Correction

In an article on page 1-A in last week's paper titled "Cornell University faculty member arrested in Novi," it stated Barry of Westfield, New York, was a faculty member for Cornell University. Shaffer was a Cornell University Cooperative Extension employee.

LETTER

Congrats Wildcats!

I'd like to extend my sincerest congratulations to the Novi Wildcats girls soccer team for a third consecutive state title. If coach Brian O'Leary hasn't silenced his critics yet, then they're only still crying in vain. He has proven himself one of the best coaches in the industry. Novi is lucky to have him.

Congratulations, also, to Emily Esbrook, for her selection (finally) as Ms. Soccer, and to Stephanie Crawford, for yet another selection to the state's Dream Team. Who could forget Jessica Barna, Katie Chalko, Erin Zerito and Kristine Chalko who joined Esbrook and Crawford on the 2007 All-State squad?

I had the pleasure of covering this team for five years. In that time, I watched as they continually grew and adjusted to the challenges ahead of them. When one state championship came, O'Leary accepted a 400 words or less. We may edit for clarity, space and content.

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PHOTO OF THE WEEK



Who's The Boss!
High School principals Rob Watson (Northville), left, and John Lawrence (Novi) meet on the field during last week's meeting of the two school's soccer teams in playoff action. Novi went on to win the state championship.

Tom Watkins: Commemering the anniversary of a senseless death

With the 8th anniversary of the Columbine massacre recently passed, and with the memory of the horrible tragedy and brutal slaughter of 32 people by one man on the campus of Virginia Tech seared into the consciousness, perhaps the 25th anniversary of the brutal beating death of one man could slip by unnoticed. As a community we must not allow that to happen.

June 23, 2007 will mark the 25th anniversary of the baseball bat beating death of Vincent Chin, a Chinese American at his bachelor party celebration in Highland Park in 1982. Was beaten to death by a recently laid-off auto worker and his stepfather, also an auto worker. They blamed the Japanese - and mistakenly Chin - for their economic woes. Verbal insults and racial slurs culminated in blows to the head with a baseball bat. Chin paid the ultimate price for the ignorance and hatred of two men.

While the men swung the baseball bat that killed him, it was the anti-Japanese attitude, sparked by the advancement of Japanese autos into the once-dominant American market, that was so palpable in Detroit and other labor-dominated towns across America that you could feel it in the air. Recall the signs in the union parking lots: "Japanese cars not welcome here" and the carnival game, three hits with a sledge hammer, or a Japanese built car? The anti-Japanese attitude was sprinkled throughout our society and nurtured by community leaders who remained silent and let

the hate fester, setting the tone for this tragic loss of life. Words, rhetoric and the lack of good people stepping forward to condemn evil let it build up like the steam in a pressure cooker until it exploded with the beating death of Vincent Chin. Angry words and rhetoric have consequences and can provide the climate and license for the ignorant to do something stupid. Seldom is it just large numbers of people with hate in their hearts that determine the outcome but, rather, whether those who claim the mantle of "good" are unwilling to step up, speak out, intervene and do what is right.

Perhaps to add further insult, neither man ever served time in prison for their hate crime. Many believed the beating itself was emblematic of the racial problems facing Asian Americans. The subsequent trial challenged many Asian-Americans' faith in the "American way." One man plead guilty and the other, plead no contest to manslaughter. For this, each received a sentence of three years probation and a \$50,000 fine - a sentence that many perceived as a slap on the wrist at best and indicative of the attitudes of many of the value of Asian-American people. People guilty of cruelty to animals received stiffer sentences.

Many in the Asian-American community felt the light sentence was paramount to legally condoning anti-Asian violence. In 1982, the trade imbalance with Japan was blamed for the closing and cutbacks at many auto plants in Detroit. Fast forward 25 years. The specific ethnic group that is being blamed for our economic woes has shifted from the Japanese to the Chinese and Koreans. Anti-Asian sentiment is still in the air in southeast Michigan and across the country.

Given the issues of free/fair trade with China, Japan and Korea, the future presidential debate is likely to make the China barbs hurled in the Granholm/Devoe governor's cruelest look like child's play. While this may be "politics" for some, the language used could, in some twisted minds that perceive they have been hurt by globalization, to take action into their own hands. Language, rhetoric and leadership matter. Angry words and perceived wrongs have spilled over to violence in the past. We must be vigilant to make sure it never happens again and we never forget our history or we are apt to repeat it.

Words and rhetoric often have consequences and can provide the climate and license for ignorance to turn into stupidity. But there are actions we can take.

Take preventive action:
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COMMENTARY

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Phil Power: Airport City plan starts coming together

What's sad but true is that good ideas seldom become reality just because they're good. Most of the time, they take concrete form only after they have won the support of enough powerful people and powerful interest groups to overcome the strong inertia that so often drags down even the best projects.

But now for some good news: That turning point may just have been reached in the case of one of the most promising projects in decades.

Through it drew little attention, Wayne County Executive Robert Ficano has appointed a high-powered committee to support efforts to build an "Airport City" linking Detroit Metropolitan and Willow Run airports.

The panel is headed by John Rakolta, head of the enormous construction firm Walbridge Aldinger and a leading Republican mover and shaker. He isn't a man with time to waste - and his committee joins a coterie of private and public movers and shakers to argue on behalf of what could be Michigan's single largest economic development project in decades.

There is reason to believe that this could be very big indeed. A similar project at Amsterdam's Schiphol Airport has generated more than 60,000 jobs in the immediate vicinity. Experts like John Kasarda, of the Kenan Institute of Private Enterprise at the University of North Carolina, a leading expert on how airports stimulate economic growth, say that our two airports and the 27,000 acres of developable land between them represent some of the greatest potential on the globe.

That could be exactly what the doctor ordered for this economically challenged state. But beyond that, this story is interesting because it suggests that after many



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years of pawing the ground, the effort to develop Airport City is actually gaining some serious traction.

The developments also illuminate an important back story that helps explain how and why big projects happen - and why they don't. In order to understand why Airport City is now looking a lot more likely, start by considering who stands to benefit from the project.

Lots of politicians, certainly. Gov. Jennifer Granholm, now in her last term and still singing through unprecedented budget trouble, has so far failed to latch on to a signature project that can be identified with her administration, and create a legacy. Airport City, with its potential of tens of thousands of jobs, could fill that bill perfectly - even though one of her close advisors blew off the idea a few years ago as having "too many moving parts."

Likewise, the legislature has hardly earned much praise for foresight and prompt action in dealing with the state's financial crisis. Firm, prompt bi-partisan support for the airport development would provide welcome evidence to voters that our lawmakers can look further ahead than their next fund-raiser.

Wayne County, often a cesspit of inaction and alleged corruption, would be a big beneficiary from a big Airport City. Ficano, who comes from Livonia, has been trying for years to figure out what to do about helping the west-

ern side of the county. Being known as a visionary who brings home the bacon is not exactly a bad way to be remembered. And even the Wayne County Commission, seldom a shining example of good government, could astonish a lot of folks and widen some eyes by actually trying, for once, to be helpful.

Many local government units in the area, including the cities of Romulus, Taylor and Ypsilanti, as well as Huron, Van Buren and Ypsilanti townships, all stand to profit from development and the tax revenue that comes with it. Every one of them already has signed a memorandum of understanding pledging to work for a coherent development plan and zoning structure.

The business community has a lot to gain from the airport. Whether the primary contractor is Rakolta's Walbridge Aldinger or any other firm, Airport City would be a terrific shot in the arm for the construction and manufacturing industries. And area manufacturing companies in need of just-in-time delivery of high value, low volume parts and components would be among the prime beneficiaries of an upgraded freight-handling facility at Willow Run.

Northwest Airlines, having now emerged from bankruptcy, could add considerable heft to its present domination of Detroit Metro passenger traffic by helping develop Willow Run as a major freight terminus. Chicago, the nearest air

freight complex, is way over capacity, clogged and landlocked. Months ago, Northwest CEO Douglas Steenland pledged support for Airport City.

That was music to Doug Rothwell, president of Detroit Renaissance and a prime mover in Southeastern Michigan's regional economic development planning. He has made Airport City one of his six top priorities.










And organized labor, a factor never to be underestimated in Michigan, has a lot to gain from an Airport City. The building trades would thrive at the spurts of construction business. The Teamsters Union, which now represents employees at UPS and DHL, would dearly love to see their partner companies hiring lots more members to deliver the freight coming through Airport City.

All these forces are coming together and nearing critical mass. In their own separate ways, each of them has a parochial interest in supporting the project. But what's most important is that they're coming onto common ground in a way that helps each of them, but also could help our state enormously.

When it was first mentioned nearly a decade ago, Airport City seemed one of those hopelessly naive ideas: Great public policy, but not a chance. But we are now seeing a recipe in which lots of folks can potentially do well for themselves by doing good for all of us. And that's the most enlightened form of public policy of all.

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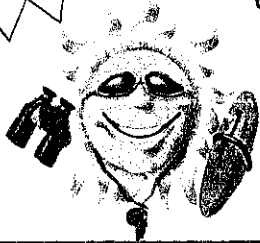
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Stephanie Crawford, left, and Emily Esbrook celebrate the first goal of the state finals Saturday. Novi won its third straight state title 2-1 against Rochester.

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Jamie Fratto leaps for a header during the state finals. She scored the game-winning goal just before the half-time buzzer sounded.

Novi beats Rochester 2-1 for third straight Division I championship

By Jeff Theisen
 NEWS SPORTS WRITER

Disputed goal or not, the Novi Wildcats are the 2007 champions of soccer in Division I. Jamie Fratto's goal as the clock expired in the first half proved to be the game winner, and the Wildcats knocked off No. 1 ranked Rochester 2-1 Saturday at Troy Athens.

shoot, shoot, shoot' because the time was running out." Fratto said. "I just didn't even think about it and shot it and it went in. I thought it was a goal right away. I never thought anything else."

Novi (22-1-2) pressured the Falcons (21-1-2) furiously late in the first half, but it appeared as though the half was going to end

"Crawford headed the ball to me and everyone was like 'Shoot,

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NOVI NEWS Athlete of the Week

The Novi Wildcat soccer team

Every player took a turn making an impact throughout the season for the Wildcats. The two-time champs defended their title for a third straight year with a 2-1 win against previously unbeaten and No. 1 ranked Rochester.



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Planet Fitness

Don't forget to stretch

The signs of summer outdoor activities are in full swing: the sound of lawn mowers, full tee times, busy ball diamonds and boaters and skiers on the water. For us in the fitness business, this activity brings another sure sign — more people limping, more wrapped joints and the smell of fresh muscle rubbing ointment in the air.

Unfortunately, these are common symptoms magnified with increased activity. Remember, these injuries that seem to be caused by an event such as pushing a lawn mower, swinging that golf club, or being pulled out of the water on skis may not really be the root cause. Many times a huge contributor to these annual aches or pains is lack of flexibility (not just getting older, either — honest).



Chris Klebba

For most, we are sedentary during the winter months and for those that do exercise, stretching is not a regular part of their routine. Watch a typical male in a gym, you will see lifting, pushing and pressing weights, maybe some cardiovascular activity but seldom stretching. Now before you think, oh no, not another activity to add to my already impossible schedule, allow me to explain. For most, especially males, it would be wise to consider trading 10-15 minutes of weight lifting for some stretching or even cardio activity.

The facts are low back pain affects nearly 80 percent of all adults and musculoskeletal symptoms causing pain of the knee, shoulder and foot/ankle are the next in line for individuals who seek help. Often times, when the triggering event causes the injury to escalate, we seek rehab, therapy or other medical help. And in almost all of these cases, tight muscles are contributing to the pain.

Anno Bishop, Manager of Northville Physical Rehab, agrees, "Tight hamstrings can cause back and leg pain and tight upper back muscles (trapezius muscles) can cause neck and shoulder pain." She confirms that in almost all cases that come to her clinic, stretching is included as a corrective action. The challenge is once the pain subsides people do not continue stretching and the tightness builds again leading potentially to the same or a new injury. Remember the body is one complicated and amazing series of joints and muscles all meant to work together efficiently in harmony. So when any part is not functioning properly, other muscles and joints must compensate to allow you to do whatever it is you want to do. This means a tight right calf that is not functioning properly over time can affect a left shoulder. There are basic evaluations a personal trainer or therapist can conduct to evaluate your specific tight muscle groups and recommend corrective stretches before they lead to pain or injury.

Bottom line, next time you consider activity, make stretching a priority, you may not hear the familiar sounds of the weights but you will have a more pain free summer next year.

This column was written by fitness expert Chris Klebba. Chris owns and operates Planet Fitness in Northville and is a regular columnist and public speaker. For fitness questions, e-mail c and for more information call 248-449-7634 or go to www.planetfitness.com.



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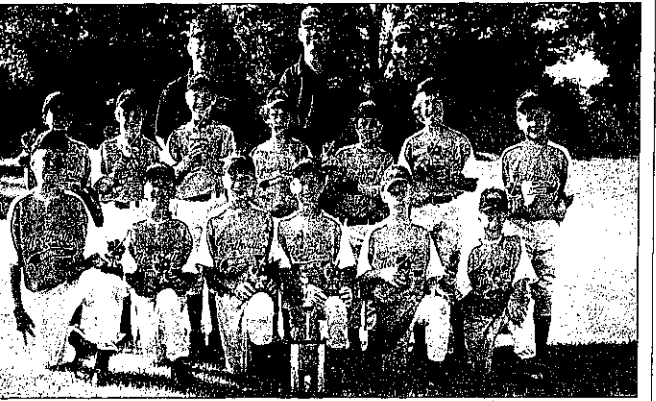
The 13U National volleyball team came in second place in the state tournament final, open (top) division, played June 2-3 in Grand Rapids. The team plays out of U of M-Dearborn, with five of the nine girls from Novi. They competed in the Asics Junior National Volleyball championships in Chicago on June 15-17. They will compete in the Junior Olympics in Minneapolis, Minnesota June 30-July 3. Pictured, from left, are assistant Coach Laura Flaughner, Isabelle Gianscy (fifth grade at Novi Meadows School), Ally Williams (Livonia), Katie Enright (seventh grade at Novi Middle School), Anna Lu (seventh grade at Novi Middle School), coach Larry Wyatt, Jessica DeVriendt (Macomb Township) and Kristen Muir (Plymouth). Kneeling: Molly Marzonia (seventh grade at Novi Middle School) Front row: Becca Brockman (seventh grade at Novi Middle School) and Alex Repasky (Wyandotte).



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State champs!

The Michigan Elite U-14 National Select Red Team won the Division 1 AAU State Championship. Six of the 10 teammates are Novi girls — Laura Subject, Devin Meadors, Alyssa Armiak, Maddi Phimister, Julie Surgedias and Jenna Snyder. Pictured, from left, are coach Gionette Parsely, Jenna Snyder, Alyssa Armiak, Laura Subject and Nicole Saccone. Top Row: Julie Surgedias, Alex Hines, Stacey Malinowski, Maddi Phimister, Andrea Phillips and coach Brandon Parsely. Not shown: Devin Meadors.



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Well qualified!

The Northville Broncos U-9 Travel baseball team won the South Farmington USSSA Michigan State qualifier. The Broncos have now won two straight travel tournaments. This win assures the team of a bid in the Michigan USSSA state playoffs. Pictured: front row, from left, Nicholas Wilds, Steven Grosz, Michael Townsend, Joshua Gertley, Alex Putman, Zachary Prystash. Second row: Dai Dai Otaka, Jack Satterfield, Dominick Montone, David Weber and Kevin O'Connell. Peter Blust and Bradley Huth. Third row: Coaches, Mike Putman, Jeff Gertley and Lowell Huth.



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Ping!

Wildcat Jessica Sailey makes contact with a pitch during Novi's May 23 game against Hartland. More photos and videos can be seen online at novinews.com.

Sport Shorts

Wildcat Athletes of the Year

Novi soccer and basketball player Kristine Chaklos and cross country and track runner Mike Wheat were named the Novi athletes of the year.

Westside Football Camp

Catholic Central head football coach Tom Mach will hold the 25th annual Westside Football Camp from June 18-21 for kids entering grades 5-9. The camp runs 9 a.m.-3 p.m. each day at Catholic Central and costs \$180. Registration forms are available online at www.catholiccentral.net or by calling (313) 531-7251.

The Summer Basketball Academy

Organizers say area players will receive the best individual instruction available in a camp setting at the Summer Basketball Academy. There are five weeks to choose from, June 25-28, July 9-12, July 16-19, July 23-26 and July 30-Aug. 2. The Academy will involve players in three hours of highly intensive skill development training per day. Limited enrollment guarantees players, ages 10-18, will rapidly and dramatically improve in all phases of the game. Basketball teaching professional, Coach Paul Tripp, will personally evaluate and instruct each player in shooting, footwork, offensive moves and defensive instruction. He has trained some of the top players in the area from middle school to college level. The camp fee is \$135. Registration forms are available online at www.basketballworkshop.com or call (248) 563-0858 for registration information.

4-Star Basketball Camp

Former Novi basketball coach Pat Schluter is teaming up with South Lyon head coach Baron Clayton to run the All-Area 4-Star Basketball Camp at Livonia Stevenson High School. The first camp is for boys entering grades 3-6 from 8:30 a.m.-noon with boys entering grades 7-8 from 1-4:30 p.m. July 9-13. The second camp is for grades 5-8 from 8:30 a.m.-noon and grades 9-12 from 1-4:30 p.m. July 16-20. Each camp cost \$165 and is aimed at improving the serious basketball player. Space is limited to 100 campers per session. Visit www.all-area-basketballcamp.com for more information.

Wildcat basketball camps

Former Novi boys basketball coach Pat Schluter is hosting three summer basketball camps. The boys basketball camp for grades 2-5 will run 8:30 a.m.-noon and grades 6-9 will be 1-4:30 p.m. 18-22 at Novi Middle School. Cost of the camp is \$140 and will include all aspects of basketball and player development. Participants will also receive a T-shirt and outdoor basketball. The boys and girls shooting camp for grades 2-5 will run 12:30-2 p.m. and for grades 6-9 2:15-3:45 p.m. July 23-27 at Novi Middle School. The camp costs \$68 and will concentrate on all shooting aspects with awards being given to contest winners. The boys and girls K-2 camp will run 8:30-10 a.m. for one class and 10:15-11:45 a.m. for another class July 23-27 at Novi Middle School. The cost is \$68 for each class and will teach the basic skills of basketball. Gym clothes and gym shoes are required for all camps. Registration begins April 16 by calling Novi Community Education at (248) 449-1206.

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THREE TIMES A LADY

Seniors finish career with 3rd championship

By Jeff Theisen
NEWS SPORTS WRITER

Five Novi seniors walked off the field securing a place in history that few in the United States will have the right to say. They finished their high school careers with three straight state titles. "I'm so happy for those girls," Novi head coach Brian O'Leary said. "Those seniors that I have are so special. I think most people think it comes easy to them. It really doesn't. They put the work in every day, every time they're at the field. That's why we win that game."

The five seniors are forward Stephanie Crawford, forward Stephanie Janssens, midfielder Emily Esbrook and defenders Kristine Chaklos and Jessica Barndt. Crawford started the scoring with her team-leading 29th goal in a 2-1 victory against previously undefeated and No. 1 ranked Rochester. She also added an assist on the goal by Jamie Fruto as time expired to end the first half. "It's the coolest feeling ever," Crawford said. "I was crying almost. It's indescribable."

She had one thing to say about her senior teammates: "I love them." Janssens didn't figure in the scoring, but she played aggressively up front all game, and helped the Wildcats keep a decided edge in ball possession throughout the game. "It's the best feeling of my high school career," Janssens said. "Coming on as a sophomore and to win every single time, I'm speechless."

"That's the hardest team we played this whole season. Everyone just gave it their all today, and played extremely well." Esbrook plays all over the field. She scored a crucial goal against Northville in the regionals and helps out on both the offensive and defensive ends. "Going a champion with her senior teammates was extra special for Esbrook."

"It feels awesome," Esbrook said. "I've played with them my whole life. They're all my best friends and family. There's no other four girls I would want to finish with." Chaklos and Barndt are like two peas in a pod. They are the oil and gas that makes the defensive engine run so smooth.

Defensive clamps
Rochester's Amanda Bowers came into the game with a team-high 29 goals and tied for the team lead with 17 assists. She did not factor into the team scoring and was limited to just a couple of quality chances in the contest.

"It's amazing. I can't put it into words," Barndt said. "It's so awesome to be a part of something like this, to be able to have such great teammates. Some of us have been playing for like 10 years together. It's sad it's over, but it's an amazing way to end."

"To go out with a win is just the best way you can end the season." Barndt said she didn't care if people remember the game for the controversial goal, as her state championship medal swung from her neck. "They can say it wasn't allowed, but I don't care," she said. "I feel like we would've scored afterward. We would've gotten a goal in just because of how determined we were to win."

For Chaklos, it was the fourth trophy won in the state playoffs this year. She, along with Crawford, also won the district title in basketball. "In basketball, we won the district championship. In soccer, we do what has never been done before," she said. "You always want it to happen. But our hard work and setting goals for ourselves really made it pay off."

"It feels unbelievable."

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Novi seniors, from left, Kristine Chaklos, Stephanie Janssens, Stephanie Crawford, Jessica Barndt and Emily Esbrook close out their Novi careers with a third straight title.



Above: Kristine Chaklos comes racing out of a line of Wildcats during introductions.



Below: Wildcat seniors Emily Esbrook, left, and teammate Jessica Barndt hug after finishing their Novi careers with a third straight Division I title.



Novi's Stephanie Crawford takes a running leap to head the ball Saturday during the state finals.

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The Novi Wildcats pack together after winning their third straight state title 2-1 against Rochester at Troy Athens on Saturday.

Novi dispatches Northville 3-1 in state semifinals



By Jeff Theisen
NEWS SPORTS WRITER

Novi knocked off rival Northville 3-1 in the semifinal game June 13 in Brighton to advance to the state finals.

Novi (21-1-2) scored just 6:15 into the game on a long shot by Emily Esbrook. She found some space and switched off the field before delivering a laser into the upper-left corner of the net from more than 20 yards out.

Unlike the 3-0 loss earlier in the year to Novi, Northville bounced right back.

Kristen Slack headed home a corner kick with 20:29 left in the first half. Kelsey Bassins delivered a high corner kick away from the net. Slack moved into position for the header and struck it perfectly into the net.

But the only lasted a few minutes. Jenna Carosio sent a floater up and over goalkeeper Liz Watza with 17:00 left in the half for a lead the Wildcats wouldn't surrender.

Northville (16-3-3) made a couple of bids to tie the game in the second half, but the Mustangs were unable to score on a couple of quality shots.

Erin Zerito made a pair of diving stops in the early minutes of the second half to keep the Wildcats in front.

Novi put the game away with a goal by Veronica Salans with 9:03 left. Jessica Baralt sent a free kick into the box, and Salans found the ball and sent it in from point-blank range against Julie Blaszcak, who guarded the Mustang net in the second half.

Novi keeper Erin Zerito made four saves in the 2-1 championship victory.



Wildcats Katie Chaklos, left, and Jenna Carosio high-five each other before the start of the semifinal game against Northville.



Novi's Megan Burns works for the ball against Rochester star player Amanda Bowery.

SOCCER: Wildcats beat Rochester for Division I title

continued from front

in a 1-1 tie.

Stephanie Crawford alertly headed the ball back toward the net, and Fratto blasted a shot off the right post that careened into the net about the same time as the horn sounded.

In soccer, a ball must be completely over the goal line before the horn goes off to signal the end of the half.

The head official signaled a goal. Rochester head coach Todd Hough came storming onto the field in protest, but the goal remained and turned out to be the game winner.

"I had a goal view with the clock and net," Novi head coach Brian O'Leary said. "I thought it was a goal."

Crawford didn't care about the controversy, she loved the play.

"That was the coolest goal I think I've ever seen in my life," she said with a big smile. "I look up at the clock and I see zero, and I think, 'Did that really just happen?'"

"I've never seen a goal like that before. It was so cool."

Regardless, O'Leary and his troops headed into the lockerroom with a major boost. But his focus turned to getting his team in the shade for a rest instead of worrying about what the final call was going to be.

"Whether it's a goal or not a goal, we've still got to play 40 more minutes," he said. "There's no reason for us to stand around and get involved with it. We don't have any more to do with it at that point. We've done our work."

Net that the game needed more drama, but Rochester also had a goal taken off the board early in the second half.

A major scrum formed just in front of Wildcat keeper Erin Zerito. The referee blew the whistle and called a trip just as the ball came out of the pile and popped into the net. Falcon fans thought the game was tied, but the whistle had clearly blown before the goal.

Crawford starts scoring

The scoring started just 8:11 into the game. Crawford settled down a long floater by Rachel Baralt inside the penalty area and right in front of the goal. Her move put her in open space, and she scored on a low shot.

"I just got lucky that (the keeper) was going to dive so her feet were up," Crawford said. "I shot it right at her feet, so it was just kind of lucky."

The Falcons tied the game with 18:43 left in the first half. The Novi defense misplayed a ball into the box. Freshman Falcon Amanda Anton ripped a shot just past a leaping Zerito into the upper-right corner of the net.

O'Leary always preaches playing to the end, and Fratto will forever be the reason for it with her last-second goal.

"What a heads up play by two people," O'Leary said. "Crawford got it with like seven (seconds left). A lot of people would just quit or settle the ball. A very heads up play to knock it in blind."

"Janie had the piece of mind to

know, 'Hey, I've got to shoot this thing first.' If she would've taken anything more than a turn-and-shoot it probably wouldn't have counted."

Falcons denied

Rochester managed a few quality chances in the second half, but Zerito and the Novi defense kept everything out of the net.

The disallowed goal was the best chance, but the Falcons almost cashed in the tying goal after a time out was called with 14:47 left to rehydrate.

Amber Brewster made a bid for the tying goal with 7:40 left, but her long shot bounced harmlessly wide of the post.

The minutes ticked down, and the Novi bench started to buzz. The heat no longer mattered. The undefeated Falcons were about to fail, and another championship trophy was headed for the Wildcat case.

As the clock sounded, Novi players stormed the field in excitement. Two of the best teams in Division I met, and the Wildcats proved they were still the team to beat.

"I'm just happy for those girls," O'Leary said. "It's always sad when the season ends, whether you win or lose the last game. But the longer you play the better."

The quest for No. 4 will start next fall.

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Tea Leaves Tell Big Flavor Tale

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Look no further than the message in the tea leaves for the next cutting-edge food trend. If your cup of tea is a relaxing, steaming hot beverage, you're in good company. But if you're a trend seeker, check out the emerging practice of cooking with tea.

Recent research revealed that the latest Boston Tea Party is taking place in the kitchen for some innovative cooks. Interviews conducted* with more than 1,000 home cooks indicated that only one out of nine adults has used tea leaves or brewed tea in cooking. But, once these cooks discover the flavor that tea can bring to so many recipes, they're sold on its benefits. Nearly one out of four surveyed who cooked with tea leaves or brewed tea commonly use them as a key flavor ingredient in salad dressing (24 percent), in a dessert or as a meat rub (17 percent each) or in an entree (16 percent).

It's a secret only some top chefs have used, until now. "From tea-smoked salmon fillet, to herb-tea infused rice dishes, to green-tea flavored ice cream or sorbet, premium teas are really a secret weapon to adding phenomenal flavor and depth to a variety of dishes," said Thomas Griffiths, Certified Master Chef, professor in nutrition and culinary arts at the Culinary Institute of America's award winning restaurant, St. Andrews Cafe. "In addition to the extraordinary flavor tea can add to a dish, it is a nutritionally sound way to go, as Americans look for ways to eat healthier without sacrificing taste."

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So if your cup of tea is sublime flavors, check out the hot new flavor source in a pyramid-shaped tea bag. You can find additional tea-inspired recipes and creative, healthy culinary ideas at www.thebestlife.com, the official Web site for the recently launched Best Life Diet book by Bob Greene, renowned fitness guru and trainer to Oprah Winfrey.

*Interviews were conducted as part of The Tea Leaves Omnibus study by ICR's EXCEL (for Lipton Pyramid Tea). A total of 1,004 interviews were completed with adults between Dec. 9 and Dec. 12, 2006.

Tea Stir-Fry

Prep Time: 10 minutes

Cook Time: 15 minutes

Makes: 4 servings

- 1 cup water
- 4 Lipton Green Tea with Mandarin Orange Flavor Pyramid Tea Bags
- 2 tablespoons soy sauce
- 1 tablespoon firmly packed brown sugar
- 2 teaspoons cornstarch
- 2 tablespoons Bertolli Classic Olive Oil, divided
- 1 pound pork tenderloin, cut into thin strips
- 2 cups stir-fry vegetables OR 1 16-ounce package frozen stir-fry vegetables, thawed
- 1 clove garlic, finely chopped
- 1/2 teaspoon ground ginger

In 1-quart saucepan, bring water to a boil over high heat. Remove from heat. Add tea bags; cover and brew 5 minutes. Remove tea bags and squeeze cool slightly. Stir in soy sauce, brown sugar and cornstarch; set aside.

In 12-inch nonstick skillet, heat 1 tablespoon olive oil over medium-high heat and cook pork, stirring occasionally, 4 minutes or until lightly golden; remove and set aside.

In same skillet, heat remaining olive oil and cook vegetables, stirring frequently, 4 minutes or until golden. Add garlic and ginger and cook, stirring occasionally, 1 minute.

Stir in tea mixture. Bring to a boil over high heat and cook, stirring occasionally, 1 minute or until sauce is thickened. Return pork to skillet. Reduce heat to low and simmer 2 minutes or until pork is done. Serve, if desired, with hot cooked rice.



Dulce De Leche Tea Pops

Prep Time: 10 minutes

Cook Time: 4 hours

Makes: 8 servings

- 1/2 cup boiling water
- 1-1/2 cups half and half
- 4 Lipton Vanilla Caramel Truffle Pyramid Tea Bags
- 1/2 cup sugar

Four boiling water over tea bags; brew 5 minutes. Remove tea bags and squeeze. Stir in sugar until dissolved. Add half and half; let cool.

Pour evenly into 8 4-ounce paper cups or ice pop molds. Freeze until almost firm, about 1 hour. Insert popsicle sticks into centers; freeze until firm.

To serve, press firmly on bottom of paper cup to remove.

Spring Greens With Wild Berry Dressing

Prep Time: 15 minutes

Makes: 6 servings

- 1/2 cup boiling water
- 6 Lipton Bavarian Wild Berry Pyramid Tea Bags
- 1 small shallot or onion, peeled and halved
- 2 tablespoons white wine vinegar
- 4 teaspoons granulated sugar
- 1 teaspoon Dijon mustard
- 1/3 cup Bertolli Classic Olive Oil
- 6 ounces spring mix or salad greens
- 1 small red onion, thinly sliced
- 2 oranges, peeled and sectioned
- 4 ounces herbed goat cheese, sliced
- 1/2 cup toasted chopped pecans

Pour boiling water over tea bags; cover and brew 5 minutes. Remove tea bags and squeeze; let cool.

In blender, process tea, shallot, vinegar, sugar and mustard until smooth. While processing, slowly drizzle in olive oil. Season, if desired, with salt and pepper.

On serving platter, arrange spring mix. Evenly top with onion, oranges and cheese, then sprinkle with pecans. Just before serving, drizzle with dressing.

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Physician makes patients and community a priority

By John R. Hall
SPECIAL WRITER

The words in the practice name say it all: family and athletic medicine. Family practice comes first for Dr. Michael Montico, whose practice recently opened in Millford, relocating from Farmington Hills.

Dr. Montico has quickly — and not quietly — become a familiar face in the Millford community not only for the services he offers to his patients, but to the care that he has for the Huron Valley community. His slogan is aptly named, "Your Partner in Health Care and in the Community."

PEDIATRICS TO GERIATRICS

First and foremost, Dr. Montico is a family doctor who also specializes in sports medicine, a combination that is very important to his patients.

"Our patients have the added benefit of getting specialty care in musculoskeletal medicine, while seeing their primary care physician," Montico said.

The office offers service to patients of all ages, "from pediatrics to geriatrics."

Dr. Montico feels that an important part of his practice is to give his patients the knowledge they need to make decisions about their health.

"Our goal is to educate patients so they can make their own health care decisions, with a focus on healthful living and preventive medicine," he added.

One way Dr. Montico has been doing that is exemplified by his recent Coffee-With-The-Doctor seminar at Saint George's Café in downtown Millford.

He spoke to a full room of people on how to build a weight management program. Key points he covered were: obesity and its affect on health, healthy eating for all ages, how the body works and the science of weight loss and why traditional diets don't work. He also spoke about the new St. John/Providence Novi hospital, which is under construction, of which Dr. Montico is affiliated. The Huron Valley Chamber of Commerce sponsored the seminar.

Patients visiting the practice at 1050 Corporate Office Drive, located almost directly across from the entrance to Kensington Park on Millford Road (behind Baker's of Millford), are treated to a number

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— Dr. Michael Montico,
Providence Family & Athletic Medicine

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Dr. Montico feels that his smaller office staff is important because all patients see him and work directly with the staff members. He is also very pleased to announce that his practice will be adding another family practice doctor this fall — Sarah Firooz, D.O., — who specializes in women's health issues.

CIVIC PRIDE

Besides hosting Coffee With The Doctor, Dr. Montico plays an important role in the Millford civic community. His entire office staff volunteered for the Carol, Can, and Candle festivities in downtown Millford, sponsored a children's activity tent during the Winter Carnival, provided free cholesterol screening at the Millford Business Expo, and along with Providence and the new Novi hospital, will be a major sponsor of Millford Memories which takes place in August.

And it isn't just Millford that benefits from Dr. Montico's civic responsibilities, the sphere of influence also includes local sports teams. He is the team physician for hockey's

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Dr. Michael Montico stands outside his new office in Millford, just opposite the entrance to Kensington Metropark.

Plymouth Whalers, Madonna University, and for the Detroit Free Press International Marathon, to name a few organizations.

This fall he will be adding another important local sports organization to his list of clients served. Recently Dr. Montico was named the team physician for South Lyon East High School, which is slated to open this fall.

Dr. Montico's professional affiliations include the American Medical Society for Sports Medicine and the American Academy of Family Practice. He completed his medical school training at Wayne State University School of Medicine and his internship, residency, and fellowship was done at Providence Hospital. He is board certified in both Family Practice and Sports Medicine and is the program director of the Providence Sports Medicine Fellowship program.

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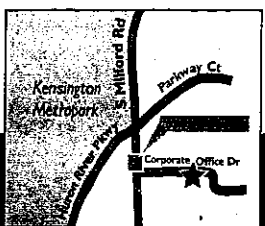
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