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Linking Legos!

Evan Oegema, 5, and Tim Michowski, 9, work on building something during a recent Lego Club meeting at the Novi Public Library. Lego club meets at 6 p.m. the last Monday of each month.

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Divine conflict



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Detroit Catholic Central's Father Richard Elmer poses near their Novi campus' statue of St. Patrick.

Irish holiday moved to avoid Holy Week

By Chris Jackett
STAFF WRITER

The greenest day of the year is upon us, but the date could be confusing.

Many Catholics will not be celebrating St. Patrick's Day on its usual March 17 date this year, but on March 15 instead.

"Saturday would be the likely time because it's a holiday and people aren't working," said the Rev. Richard Elmer of Detroit Catholic Central High School in Novi.

With Easter Sunday landing on March 23, the seven-day Holy Week overlaps St. Patrick's Day for the first time since 1940. March 17 will not conflict with Holy Week again until 2160, according to the Catholic News Agency.

"It's more of the spirit of Holy Week. It's a solemn time where we reflect on what Jesus did for us. To be partying it up during that time doesn't seem right," Elmer said. "Jesus takes precedent over St. Patrick."

Although cities across the nation have proclaimed different

changes, such as moving the holiday to Friday, April 1 or ignoring the conflict and leaving it on Monday, the Roman Catholic bishops in Ireland have shifted the feast day to Saturday with approval from the Vatican.

"According to regulation, you're not supposed to celebrate another feast day during Holy Week," said the Rev. George Charnley, pastor at St. James Catholic Church in Novi. "Holy Week is the most holy time of the year for us as Catholic Christians and we want to celebrate it in its totality."

Charnley said the only thing St. James Catholic Church will relate to St. Patrick's Day is the green theme, during its annual 350-person appreciation dinner.

The Rev. Timothy Hogan, pastor at Holy Family Catholic Church in Novi, said the Archdiocese of Detroit sent out a notice from the National Conference of Catholic Bishops reminding churches not to overlap celebrations for St. Patrick's Day and Holy Week.

"Since it's during Holy Week, there are not distractions, and celebrations should take place prior. On the 17th, what we would do is just recognize the Irish in the prayers of the faithful," Hogan said, noting the prayers will now

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Library designs presented to public

By Kelly Murad
STAFF WRITER

Julie Farkas caught a sneak peak last week of developing library construction plans during a town hall-type meeting.

"I was very pleased with the public forum. It gives the community a chance to speak up," the Novi Public Library director said.

Architect Don Schmitt, of Diamond and Schmitt, presented the Novi community with proposed schematic designs of the new library at last Wednesday's joint meeting of the library board and building authority.

In November, 64 percent of

Novi voters approved a \$16 million bond proposal for a new 60,000-square-foot library.

Residents addressed concerns during the meeting such as handicap accessibility, parking spaces and congestion in the parking lot.

Two significant additions to the proposed facility include the drive-up book drop and outdoor reading terrace overlooking the Fuerst farmstead property.

The architect and design teams brought along material samples to demonstrate what they envision for the interior and exterior of the building.

"We're not only talking about things on paper, we're introducing real tangible items," said

Larry Czekaj, member of the building authority and library board. "We feel very confident that we did a great job in selecting a great team."

Aside from the increase in collection, user space, computers and staff workspace the library will include a 200-seat meeting room, a 50-seat children's activity room, an area devoted to teens and 10 study rooms.

The site plan revealed last week did fall 3,000 square feet short of the initial estimate.

"Based on the funds, 57,000 (square feet) was a more appropriate size," Farkas said.

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Residents received a sneak peak at renderings for the new Novi Public Library.

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District gains surveillance cameras, additional entry security

By Chris Jackett
STAFF WRITER

Novi High School is receiving a security update as the installation of about 65 surveillance cameras is in progress and expected to be operational in April.

"We're trying to add another layer of protection for our students and staff," said Assistant Superintendent of Business and Operations Gail Credit. "The high school will be completely finished in April. Next, we'll move

to the middle school, then Meadows and then the elementary schools. All cameras will be in by the end of the summer, before school starts."

The district is installing 184 total cameras, more than one-third of which will keep an eye on things at the high school. The system also leaves the option of expansion at a later date.

"We have a few cameras right now that were installed about two years ago. We caught one or two students with the cameras and

(vandalism) cut down to nothing," Credit said.

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About 50 of the 65 cameras at the high school will be spread throughout the hallways, entry ways and gathering spaces such as the cafeteria and Fuerst Auditorium, with the

remaining units positioned around the exterior of the school in heated domes for protection from rain and snow.

"It's just going to give us a constant view of what's going on in our building anytime we want," said Mike Wilson, Novi Police school resource officer for the district. "It's been kind of neat to see this whole thing go through."

Wilson has worked with the district for four years, handling most security and law-related issues at the high school and other

buildings, when needed. He said the eight current cameras already helped to convict a man who was posing as a school employee and stealing money from offices.

"I think it will deter people and give an overall feeling of security," he said.

Wyoming, Mich.-based Optimal Solutions, Inc. will use On-Net Surveillance Systems, Inc. software to monitor the district's school and bus garage. The ONSSI technology will allow district administrators and Novi

Police to access the camera images through password-protected IP connections, meaning any computer with Internet access can be used.

"The people who are authorized can view it from any computer. There will only be certain people with the ability to monitor the cameras," Credit said, noting that the school principals will be able to view only their building.

The video cameras are being

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NOVI WEEKEND PLANNER

• FRIDAY

Seniors can enjoy a St. Patrick's Day celebration from noon-2 p.m. at the Novi Senior Center, 25075 Meadowbrook Road. The event for ages 55 and older will feature residents in festive green attire. A \$7 ticket must be purchased in advance. Tickets are limited, so call the Senior Center at (248) 347-0414.

• SATURDAY

Get your dog and head to Lakeshore Park, 601 S. Lake

Drive, from 1-3 p.m. for the Mutt Strut. The first, of what is planned to become an annual event, Easter egg hunt for dogs.

Roll up to Novi Bowl, 21700 Novi Road, from 1-4 p.m. for Novi Youth Assistance's 26th annual Bowl-A-Thon. Watch as the city and the school district showdown and the police and fire departments compete for the highest score. The event features bowling, pizza, refreshments and prizes for all bowlers, and sponsorship opportunities. For more information, call (248) 347-0410.

• SUNDAY

Listen to some great tunes 2 p.m. during the Novi Concert Band's Winter Concert at the Novi Civic Center, 45175 10 Mile Road. The free, all-ages event features adult residents of southeastern Oakland and western Wayne counties performing an eclectic mix of Irish Songs in honor of St. Patrick's Day. The group will perform under the direction of Scott Cramer. Visit www.noviconcertband.org for more information.

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Irish feast
Diamond Jim Brady Chef Mary Brady sprinkles salt on her bistro's traditional St. Patrick's Day fare. Marian Simpler, right, looks at the meal of corned beef and cabbage, lamb stew, roasted salmon with leeks and Guinness chocolate cake. The dishes will be offered March 14-17.

Irish roots

By Chris Jackett
STAFF WRITER

Ready to enjoy the St. Patrick's Day holiday, but yearning to learn more about Irish heritage? Head to the Novi Public Library and team about the early Irish district of Corktown that surrounds Tiger Stadium in the heart of Detroit.

Friends of the Novi Library will host Jeff Wattrick, executive director of the Old Tiger Stadium Conservancy, 7 p.m. Tuesday at the Novi Public Library for a post-St. Patrick's Day discussion on the historic location and its surrounding Corktown district, along with what the future holds for the area.

Novi resident and former Detroit Tigers broadcaster Ernie Harwell is also a member of the Conservancy, working to preserve the stadium for community use and historic purposes.

"One of the reasons they sponsor a series like this is because libraries are the ideal place for the exchange of ideas. You can go and hear other people present ideas and present ideas of your own, whether in a book discussion or a Friends program like this," said Kathy Mutch, lecture series host for the Friends of the Novi Library. "Not only is it broadening demographically, but by age range and we're getting people from outside of Novi who heard about it."

Corktown is Detroit's oldest neighborhood, originally founded by Irish immigrants in the late 1830s. Although the population may no longer have a dominant Irish presence, many Irish businesses still exist there and the neighborhood's name is derived from many of the immigrants' origin of Cork County in Ireland.

Much, who is also Novi Historical Commission chair, said her grandfather lived in Corktown and much of the current efforts to preserve and revitalize the area are in line with her hopes for Novi.

"I think we can learn a lot from a community trying to save their community heritage," she said.

A National Register of Historic Places 30-year member, the boundaries of Corktown have shrunk throughout the years as more immigrants moved in and city restructuring took place. The region is roughly recognized as the one-mile radius surrounding Tiger Stadium's pitcher's mound.

The stadium, a centerpiece for the district of residents that helped build Detroit more than a century ago, has been at risk for demolition since the Detroit Tigers moved home games to Comerica Park in 2000.

"Structures that big, when they start to go, they're a huge problem for the rest of the community. The stadium has always been the center of the community in one way or another," Mutch said. "When something is such a central part of the community and now it's abandoned, what do you do with it when it means so much to the community. (The Old Tiger Stadium Conservancy wants to) make it a catalyst for positive change."

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St. Patrick's Day events

- March 14-17**
- **Gas O'Canon's**, 42875 Grand River Ave., will celebrate the Irish saint all weekend with live music and green beer. Monday will also feature Irish dancers and bagpipers from 1-3 p.m. Call (248) 465-9670 for more information.
 - **O'Toole's Novi**, 24555 Novi Road, will also be celebrating the holiday with a softball tournament Saturday, green beer pong tournament Sunday and all-day festive blowout with specials on Monday. Call (248) 349-7038 for more information.
 - **Diamond Jim Brady's Bistro**, 28053 Town Center, will serve traditional Irish dishes including County Cork gravlax, corned beef and cabbage, Irish stew, salmon à la Dublin Bay, parmesan seared sea scallops à la New York style, beef and beer and Guinness Stout chocolate cake. Pete Fetters will perform live Irish music from 7-10 p.m. March 17. Reservations at (248) 359-9460.
- March 16**
- At 2 p.m., The United Irish Societies sponsors the 50th Annual St. Patrick's Day Parade in Detroit along Michigan Avenue and throughout Corktown.
 - From 3-4:30 p.m., **Howl low Arena**, 42400 Arena Drive, will host a St. Patrick's Day Skate during the usual open skate times. In addition to games and prizes, skaters will receive \$1 off admission if they wear green. Call (248) 347-1010 for more information.
- March 18**
- **Old Tiger Stadium Conservancy** executive director Jeff Wattrick will speak at 7 p.m. at the Novi Public Library, 45245 10 Mile Road, Old Tiger Stadium and the surrounding Corktown district.

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Irish holiday moved to avoid Holy Week

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be intertwined with others at Palm Sunday masses March 16.

"I cancelled all business meetings and social events (throughout Holy Week). It will be pretty low key. I'll be celebrating St. Patrick's Day hearing confessions at St. Williams."

Holy Family Catholic Church celebrated St. Patrick's Day March 9 with a community event full with Irish food and dancing.

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Canines and kids to hunt Easter treats

■ Mutt Strut Saturday; Flashlight Egg Hunt March 19

By Kelly Murad
STAFF WRITER

The abnormally early Easter this year hasn't halted the events planned by the Novi Parks, Recreation and Forestry Department.

"We've got a lot of things going on for Easter," said Mallery Wethers, recreation coordinator for the Novi Parks, Recreation and Forestry Department.

Even though Easter normally symbolizes the beginning of spring, local kids and canines will most likely be seen trailing through the snow to hunt holiday treats.

Mutt Strut

For the first time, the Novi Parks, Recreation and Forestry Department is offering a holiday event exclusively for canines and their owners.

The first annual Mutt Strut will be from 1-3 p.m. Saturday at Lakeshore Park.

"There are a lot of dog lovers in the Novi-area and we're trying to reach out to as many diverse groups as possible," said Derek Smith, recreation supervisor for the Novi Parks, Recreation and Forestry Department. "One thing we haven't offered our residents is an event for pets."

Pet owners must bring proof of current vaccinations to the registration table the day of the event.

"We've asked that the dogs are pet (and people) friendly and all the dogs have to be on leashes," Smith said.

Aside from hunting milk bones, there will be numerous contests for dogs to participate in, including the Mutt Strut costume contest, most creative costume, dog with the longest tail, biggest dog, smallest dog, best trick, cutest dog and the owner-dog look-alike

contest.

"Not to say anyone looks like a dog, it's more of a style thing," Smith said.

Prizes include \$50 gift certificates to Gone to the Dogs for grooming, training and dog daycare; six-foot leather leashes; and peanut butter dog treats and 20 percent off coupons from Moochie and Co.

"Petland is giving away grooming brushes to every participant that comes and they are giving away three \$75 gift certificates to Petland," Smith said of the event's primary sponsor.

Registration is available online for \$5 prior to the event, or at the event for \$10.

"I think a lot of people are just planning on showing up at the event," Smith said. "It gives people a break from the traditional Easter egg hunt."

Flashlight Egg Hunt

Parents looking for a more traditional Easter egg hunt for their children can head over to the Novi Civic Center from 8-9 p.m. Wednesday for the Flashlight Egg Hunt.

In case there is inclement weather, the event will be moved to the same time Thursday.

"It's hard to do anything outside, but even if it snows, we'll still be outside," Wethers said. "As long as there is snow, maybe it will help hide the Easter eggs more."

Kids 3-10 are invited to bring a flashlight and basket to hunt for the eggs on the softball fields of Power Park.

"We just thought we'd do something different with a little twist," Wethers said. "People are really excited about having a change."

Once the kids have found all the eggs, they can visit with the Easter Bunny, make crafts, play in the inflatable structure and enjoy some sweet treats.

The eggs will be filled with candy, toys or prize tickets for a large Easter basket filled with various items.

The City of Novi is expecting about 150 kids to participate in



the holiday event.

Registration is available online for \$5 prior to the event, or at the event for \$10.

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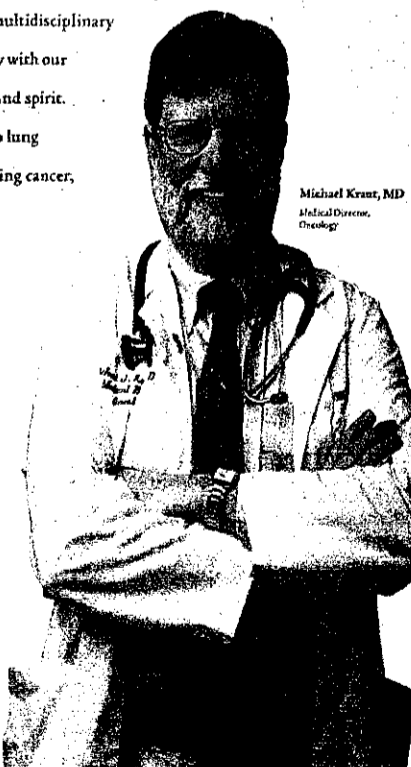
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Natalie Laitinen and her mixed Yorkie, "Lola," check out an Easter egg at Novi's Lakeshore Park. There will be a "Mutt Strut" and Easter egg hunt at the park Saturday.

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Mass transit missing



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Jim "Mac" MacDonald boards a Novi Senior Transportation bus at the Novi Senior Center. MacDonald is a driver with the program that helps get seniors around town.

By Chris Jackett
STAFF WRITER

With gas prices soaring above \$3 per gallon, mass transportation is one of the alternatives offering environmental benefits and pump-pain reductions, just not for Novi residents.

Novi currently does not offer mass transportation services. The nearest bus routes run by Suburban Mobility Authority for Regional Transportation, better known as SMART, are along Haggerty Road or further east.

"From the November 2006 statistically valid survey of Novi resident perceptions, 98 percent responded that they used motorized vehicle transportation for work. One percent said they use bus or other public transportation," said Novi City Manager Clay Pearson.

However, visitors from neighboring communities heading west toward Novi and its growing business and medical districts are stuck at the end of bus routes at 12 Mile and Haggerty roads, and at 10 Mile Road and Grand River Avenue along Haggerty Road.

Novi isn't the only Detroit suburb opting out of participation in the SMART program, but it is one of the few that many believe could benefit from extending the SMART routes to Twelve Oaks Mall, Rock Financial Showplace, the St. John Providence Park campus and other

locations along Grand River Avenue and Novi Road.

"Circulating transit service ... may be of interest to those businesses to initiate in the future. The reality of where those entities are located and the freeway network, plus Grand River Avenue and the like, may negate the financial possibility of happening," Pearson said. "I'd have to say that, by definition, mass transportation is a regional metropolitan service."

Other geographically large cities like Livonia and Canton also do not participate in the SMART bus program, which, combined with Novi and other smaller cities, makes Haggerty Road a border stretching from West Bloomfield south to Romulus, cutting off growing cities like South Lyon, Milford and the Lakes region from involvement in the program.

"To expand SMART into Novi would take a property tax levy and a vote," Pearson said.

Oakland County SMART Ombudsman Donna Sykes estimated a \$9 million would be needed to restore a Grand River Avenue and 12 Mile Road public transportation route, along with others needed. For a \$200,000 home, homeowners would have to pay about \$59 more in annual taxes over a 20-year period.

"I think it's important. It'd be better availability to get to certain

places," said Rachel Zagaroli, Senior Services manager of having a bus system in Novi.

Senior-only option

The Senior Transportation program provides rides by appointment for Novi residents 55 and older, or physically-challenged non-seniors. Every Wednesday at 11 a.m., a bus takes seniors to a different shopping destination, such as Target or Meijer.

A one-way ride within the city is \$2 and \$4 for one-way within a 10-mile radius outside the city. Round-trip fares are simply charged as the cost of two one-way trips.

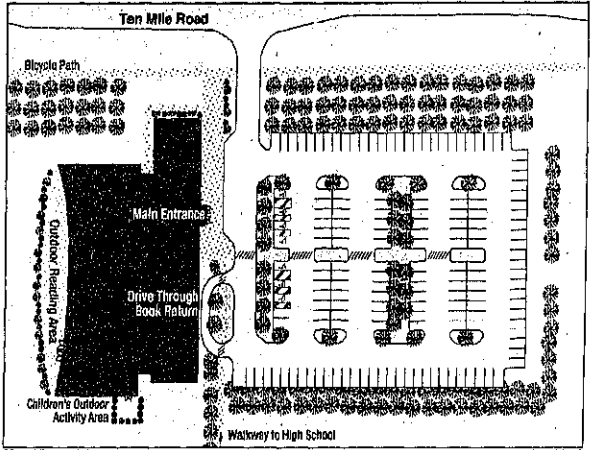
"A lot of (seniors) like the service because it's door-to-door," Zagaroli said. "For the group that doesn't drive anymore, we're their life-line."

The program provided nearly 11,000 rides from July 1, 2006-June 30, 2007 and more than 4,000 rides with its 24/7 subsidized cab program, which gives seniors a one-way ride for \$4 and round-trip ride for \$8.

Zagaroli said the program has continually grown since it began in 1990. The two drivers and one vehicle has grown to 11 drivers, two schedulers and seven vehicles as ride requests increased.

"It's growing and the demand is increasing as more people get older," she said.

Proposed Library Plans



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Library designs presented to public

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Originally, the plan was to build a one-story building with infrastructure capabilities to expand to a two-story building in the future. After looking at a number of options, the plans presented at

Wednesday's meeting modeled a two-story building.

According to Farkas, a two-story building will be more cost effective and take up less space on the site than a one-story building.

"I'm happy with the way things are being planned at this state," she said. "We are pretty close to budget now. What you look for now is really putting the figures together."

Relocating the old township hall, which sits on library-owned property, is another concern of residents, but the building's future

is dependent on the future of Furst Farm, which is currently under review by the city.

Although there is no set date for a preliminary library site plan submission, Farkas said they are still on target with breaking ground in the late fall and project completion in the spring of 2010.

"We really are designing an exciting facility for the community," Farkas said. "You are developing all of these opportunities for the community to access."

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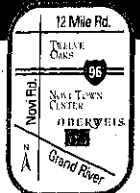
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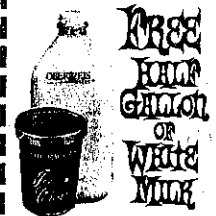
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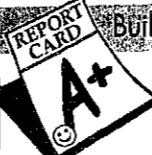
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Finance lessons result in life-long money management



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Novi High School teacher Mike Akouri gives a "thumbs-up" to a student's presentation during his afternoon business law class. In the fall Akouri will be teaching a finance class at Novi.

By Chris Jackett
STAFF WRITER

Money is often a loaded subject, especially in today's economy, but Mike Akouri is getting the word out to Novi High School students about the benefits of

smart money management. Akouri, a business teacher at the high school, spent the fall semester showing students effective ways to manage their money. "The sidebar for the class is how well do they know their self. There's different levels of risk and

their goal is to find out where they fit," Akouri said. "The three rules of the class are to pay yourself first, avoid debt and the miracle of compound interest." Currently teaching one international business and two business law classes, Akouri taught three

finance classes last semester. He's excited about taking on a new round of finance classes this fall. "It's my favorite class to teach. This is the one class where, anyone I've ever told what I teach, the instant response is, 'I wish I had that in high school,'" Akouri said. "One of the things I press on (students) is the one constant is they'll be thinking about money for the rest of their lives."

"Habits are learned at an early age. Management skills are linked to the cell phone and cigarette industries. If they get 'em at an early age, they have a customer for life."

The same goes for financial responsibility, Akouri said. The federal curriculum may add investment to the reading, writing and arithmetic formula in the near future to enforce this life lesson.

The finance classes taught 90 juniors and seniors about the importance of investments and starting at an early age, and brought in Tyler Ross of Ticon Credit Union to speak on the subject.

The class, which has been at Novi High School since 2001 and will be available to sophomores this fall, has no prerequisites because the lessons are important for everyone.

"I learned how to manage money and about different types of stocks, different types of investments, like stocks, bonds

and all that. I learned what dividends are and how to read charts," said 16-year-old junior Eric Eshbrook. "We learned a lot about different retirement funds like 401k, traditional and untraditional IRAs, and mutual funds."

Educated
Students signed up for the finance class for several reasons, ranging from an interest in business and finance, to their parents suggesting it, to a simple need to manage their own accounts better.

"I needed help with managing my money. I was interested a lot in the stock market," said Eshbrook, who was inspired by the course and now seeks a career in the stock market. "I have my own separate account to buy stocks when I turn 18. A major component is time. The earlier you start, the more potential you have."

Senior Jason Jankowski, 18, has taken most of the business classes offered at the high school and has his sights set on a marketing career through Western Michigan University. He said the finance class helped teach him things the other business courses hadn't.

"It really helped you learn how to deal with money. It kind of taught us, when you get a job, the different ways to save money. I opened up a savings account," Jankowski said. "Right now, seniors need to learn how to manage their money. A couple of the kids I've talked to take money more seriously. A lot of the activities showed, if you put a little bit away from each paycheck, it'll eventually add up."

Lauren McCluskey, a 17-year-old senior, said the class helped her in managing the money she earned in her first year with a job. "We learned how to fill out our tax return, which was good because this was the first year I had to do it because I had a job," she said. "I feel safer investing money. It was just really useful and it made it interesting. It wasn't just lecturing."

Martinez said Akouri used approaches including group discussions and examples students could relate to, like buying a vehicle, and the effects of leasing a new one or purchasing a used vehicle.

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BE SCENE IN NOVI

Back in time

Parkview third graders recently experienced an authentic field trip back in time to the 1890s, thanks to a Target Field Trip Grant. Cindy Kohn, third grade teacher, applied for the grant from Target Corporation back in September. The Target Field Trip Grant Program, which launched in September 2006, distributed 1,600 grants totaling \$1.6 million this year to education professionals to help fill gaps, so that teachers may continue using the valuable experiential learning gained from field trips to enhance students' classroom studies.

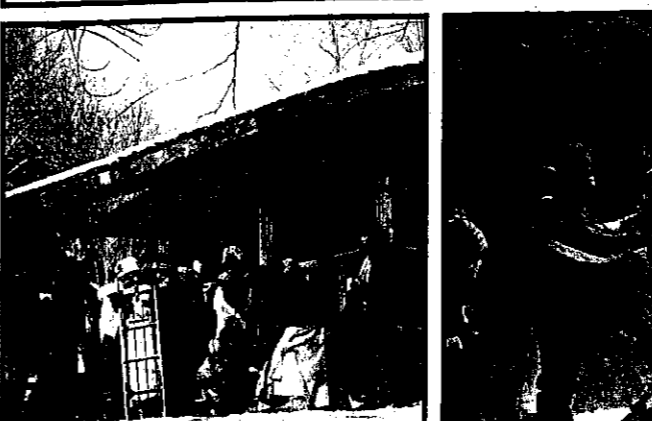
With the nation's schools facing increasing budget shortages each year, field trips are often one of the first elements eliminated from the curriculum. Criteria for the selection of grant recipients included: the description of the field trip and its objectives, the benefits to students, the tie-in to the school curriculum, the number of students who would be impacted and the proposed use of

funds. Funds may be used to cover the cost of transportation, entry fees, supplies and equipment, and resource materials. Winning field trips must take place during the 2008 calendar school year.

As a cornerstone of the giving program, Target educational programs focus on supporting kindergarten-12 teachers and classrooms, and early childhood reading. Target also supports schools and education organizations through local grant donations.

The field trip Parkview third graders experienced was a trip back in time to the 1890's at a pioneer log cabin. The log cabin was built at Bloomfield Hills Schools' Nature Center to provide experiential learning of pioneer living. Activities at the log cabin included candle dipping with bees wax, baking Great-Grandmother Merz's sugar cookies in a wood stove, playing pioneer games, using old tools and sledging.

—Photos and article submitted to the Novi News.



National Honor Society members announced; scholarships offered

Novi High School National Honor Society Inductees

A total of 63 students were inducted into membership of the National Honor Society in a ceremony held at Novi High School on March 2.

Members were selected by a faculty council meeting high standards of scholarship, service, leadership and character. 40th High School science teacher Brian Langley was the keynote speaker at the ceremony.

"National Honor Society members are chosen for and then expected to continue their exemplary contributions to the school and community," said Barbara Cliff, chapter adviser.

The National Honor Society ranks as one of the oldest and most prestigious national organizations for high school students. Chapters exist in more than 60 percent of the nation's high schools, and since 1921, millions of students have been selected for membership.

The NHS inductees for 2008 are: Morgan Adams, Britney Althoff, Kaiti Appleman, Sara Arac, Aditi Aroca, Jon Bauer, Kathryn Beaton, Anagha Bhandwaj, Sacha Bhattacharyya, Michael Btaszczyk, Stephanie Boileau, Ross Buckley, Saraphine Carlson, Zachary Danks, Hannah Daszmalca, Maria Eloff, Ashleigh Evans, Kan Fan, Raoni Fu, Vincent Gasparotto, Jordan Gavin, Alex Ghannam, Gwendolyn Greer, Nathan Haynes, Lauryn Hong, Allyson Hrit, Stephanie Hrit, Anne Irvia, Irene Israel, Caroline Johnson, Ryan Jok, Jillian Kaminiski, Kevin Kerwan, Goutham Kondapi, Shuo-Hsuan Liu, Christine Looney, John Lu, Christina Mancini, Rachel Manela, Kelsey Masserant, Benjamin Maynard, Brian McClure, Ashley McNamara, Elizabeth Miller, Valerie Mokius, Janani Nadir, Yanbo Nie, Alex Palmer, Branne Pieprzak, Emily Potts, Halsey Prasad, Spencer Rice, Mio Sakurai, Anand Salem, Macaire Schlaff, Kaitlyn Shear, Sarah Sorensen, Vishnu Venugopal, Neha Verma, Anindh Vinakota, Yui Wastio, Zach Wilson and Kevin Zia.

Friends of the Novi Library offer scholarship

Friends of the Novi Library is offering a \$1,000 scholarship to a public school senior living in Novi who plans to pursue a college education in the fields of information/library science or related fields. For details and application information, please contact the appropriate high school counseling department. The applications are now available. The award will be presented at the group's Annual Friends meeting 7 p.m. May 14 at the Novi library.

Novi student awarded scholarship

Mid-American Pompon, Michigan's leader in pompon instruction, competitions and summer camps for pompon and dance teams at the middle school through the collegiate level, awarded \$3,000 worth of scholarships to six Michigan high school seniors, including Novi High School student Christie Wilde. Students were presented with a \$500 check made payable to the

Class NOTES

event takes place at 7 p.m. on Thursday at Orchard Hills Elementary.

People are increasingly substituting traditional meals with snacking as a result of the well-documented fast paced lifestyle of modern day consumers. It is now considered a major source of nutrition for most Americans and 59 percent of those polled look for convenient and healthy snacks.

By attending this presentation you will learn:

- What is considered a healthy snack.
- What is a balanced portion size.
- How to pack a snack for school.
- What snacks are available through the lunch program.
- Take home recipes of healthy snacking.

Question time will be available at the end of the presentation.

Rollercoasters highlight Camp Invention program

Children will have the opportunity to design miniature amusement park rides, create safe vehicles and brainstorm on Planet ZAK when the Camp Invention program arrives in Novi for the first time this summer. Open to children entering first through sixth grades, the program is scheduled for June 23-27 at Novi Middle School.

Wixom charity event

Oakley Park and Wixom elementary schools announce the 12th annual charity volleyball event 7-9 p.m. Friday at Walnut Creek Middle School, 7601 Walnut Lake Road, West



Photo by JOHN HEIDER/Novi News

Ready to Read!

Cristina Hancher reads the book "Frindle" to a group of Deerfield Elementary School students on a recent Tuesday morning. Hancher, who has a daughter attending Deerfield, is one of the many people who are stopping by the school to help out with activities for March is reading month.

Bloomfield. The charity event

will raise money to benefit the Gift of Life organ donation program. There will be a \$3 admission fee. There will also be a 50/50 raffle along with prizes donated by local businesses for a silent auction. A Gift of Life representative will be present to welcome everyone.

Scholarships offered for Walled Lake students

Now through April the Lakes Area Rotary Club is accepting scholarship applications from Walled Lake High School students, including attendees of the Oakland Technical Center, Wixom Campus. Three \$1,000 dollar scholarships will be awarded. Eligible students will have maintained a B or 3.0 average, be in good standing with

the school and have actively participated in community service during their high school years.

The application deadline is April 1. Applications can be secured through school counselors or by contacting Rotarian Lorrie McVey at (248) 390-8572.

Walled Lake student named Scholar-Athlete

Cody Rzeznik, a senior at Walled Lake Central High School, was recently named a Scholar-Athlete award winner for 2007-08 by the Michigan High School Athletic Association. Rzeznik is one of 32 winners out of nearly 2,000 entrants. Farm Bureau Insurance will give a \$1,000 college scholarship to all individuals who represent their school in at least one sport in which the association sponsors a postseason tournament. Rzeznik, along with the other recipients, will be honored at halftime ceremonies of the Class C Boys Basketball final game at the Breslin Center in East

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district security purposes this year.

The camera system will cost \$393,000 to purchase and install. Another idea considered for next year is the installation of cameras on all district buses, which could take place before next fall.

As that option is explored, the second phase of a district-wide security upgrade will include electronic door-locking mechanisms that require visitors to "buzz in" before they can enter school buildings during the day.

"The first will be installed at Novi Woods before the schools get out (for summer)," Credit said. Credit said the last few weeks of school at Novi Woods Elementary will help the district test the system, which will be

District gains surveillance cameras

continued from front

installed as part of a bond approved in May 2007, which makes \$1.4 million available for

"I think it's going to help. We operate on a lockdown basis anyway," Wilson said, explaining only two of the front doors at each building are currently unlocked at any given time during the day.

Faculty and staff members will view the person via the new surveillance camera systems and unlock the door for a temporary time period, allowing visitors or tardy students to enter.

CALLING ALL SENIORS: Check out your section of our community calendar on page 15A

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When to tap into sources of your retirement income

When you retire, it would be convenient if all your expenses were to "retire" as well. But they won't. In fact, you'll likely need between 80-100 percent of your pre-retirement income to maintain your standard of living in retirement. And you may even need more, depending on what you plan to do during your retirement years. So, well before you retire, ask yourself a couple of key questions: Where will the money come from? And when can I get at it?

Let's take a look at some of your likely retirement income "pools," along with the rules governing withdrawals from those sources.

- **401(k) plan** - If you have a 401(k) plan at work, take full advantage of it. Your earnings have the potential to grow on a tax-deferred basis and you typically contribute pre-tax dollars, so the more you put in, the lower your adjusted annual taxable income. Generally, you have to be at least 59-1/2 to withdraw money from your 401(k) without incurring a penalty of 10 percent of the taxable amount of your withdrawal. However, you can avoid this

penalty under the following circumstances:

1. You leave your employer when you are at least 55 or you become disabled.
2. You take a series of equal periodic payments, made at least annually, for your life or life expectancy.
3. You "roll over" your 401(k) withdrawals into an IRA. Of course, you may not want, or need, to tap into your 401(k) and IRA until you reach age 55 or 59-1/2. If that's the case, you can leave your account alone and, hopefully, watch it continue to have the potential to grow. But you will have to start taking withdrawals when you reach 70-1/2, if you haven't already done so.

- **IRA** - As is the case with your 401(k), you will, in most cases, have to pay a 10 percent tax penalty if you take distributions from your IRA before age 59-1/2. And you must begin taking required minimum distributions from a Traditional IRA once you reach 70-1/2. If you have a Roth IRA, you face no mandatory distribution rules, so you never have to touch the money, which means it can potentially grow tax-free for years.
- **Social Security** - You can

This column was provided by Mark Whitfield, Financial Advisor, Novi Town Center 43240 11 Mile Road, Novi, MI 48375.

Oakland County Citizen's Alliance offers free seminar

On Tuesday, March 18, at the Commerce-Richardson Center in Commerce Township, the Citizen's Alliance of the Oakland County Probate and Circuit Courts will conduct a free seminar for senior citizens and their families from 1-3:30 p.m. explaining the Probate Court's role in wills, estates, trusts, guardianships and conservatorships.

Entitled "Removing the Mysteries of Probate Court," the seminar will provide attendees with information on the advantages and disadvantages of avoiding probate; when and how to use a will, trust and/or power of attorney; how to begin probate proceedings; and when to consider use of guardianships and conservatorships.

Panelists will include Probate Register Jill Koney Day from the Oakland County Probate Court; Vice President, Trust and Estate Advisor John Kriemann from Comerica Bank; and private practice attorney Kathryn Gilson Sussman from the law firm of Couzens Lansky Feak Ellis Roeder & Lazar PC.

Materials will be available on trusts, estates and the legal rights of senior citizens. Adequate time will be available for questions.

To register, contact the Commerce-Richardson Center at (248) 926-0063.



Dancing to the Beat
Linda and Loren Colwell move to the music at the monthly afternoon dance at the Novi Senior Center. The band at the dance was "The Instrumentals," featuring Mike Zelenak on drums and Tommy James on accordion.

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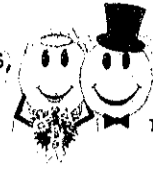
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WEDDING



Mr. and Mrs. Rory P. Pfeiffer

Shelana H. Murray and Rory P. Pfeiffer were married Nov. 3, 2007 in Chicago. The Rev. Mark Crowley officiated. A reception followed at The Crystal Gardens at Navy Pier in downtown Chicago.

The bride is the daughter of Michael and Carol Murray of Nashua, New Hampshire. She is a 1998 graduate of Nashua High School, graduated from Boston College in 2002 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in communications and in 2004 with a Master in Education in secondary education degree. She is currently employed

as a high school English teacher at Nashua High School South.

The groom is the son of Robert and Paula Pfeiffer of Novi. He is a 1998 graduate of Novi High School, a 2002 graduate of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology with a Bachelor of Science degree in Mechanical Engineering and in 2005 earned a Juris Doctorate from Suffolk University Law School in Boston.

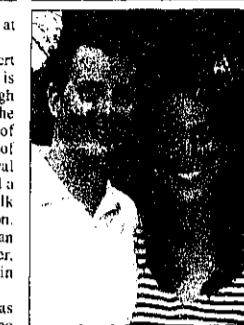
He is currently employed as an attorney at the law firm of Nutter, McClannan and Fish, LLP in Boston.

The matron of honor was Heather Marcelli, sister of the bride. Breauna Pfeiffer and Alyssa Pfeiffer, both nieces of the groom, served as flower girls.

The best man was Scott Pfeiffer, brother of the groom, and his groomsmen were Todd Pfeiffer, also a brother of the groom. Ushers were Craig Murray, brother of the bride; Jay Bacow, friend of the groom; Brendan Cox, friend of the groom; and Daniel Talavera, friend of the groom.

The couple plan an Annual Baseball Park Tour as a honeymoon, visiting two or three ball parks each year, beginning in 2008. They make their home in Boston.

ENGAGEMENTS



Marin-Kryz
Jerome and Dyanara Martin of Paris Island, S.C. designed to challenge new Marine recruits both physically and mentally.

Gosnell, White and fellow recruits began their training at 5 a.m. by running three miles and performing calisthenics. In addition to the physical conditioning program, Gosnell spent numerous hours in classroom and field assignments. They performed close order drills and operated as a small infantry unit during field training.

Gosnell, White and other recruits also received instruction on the Marine Corps' core values - honor, courage and commitment, and what the core values mean in guiding personal and professional conduct.

Gosnell, White and fellow recruits ended the training phase with The Crucible, a 54-hour, team evolution culminating in a ceremony in which recruits see presented the Marine Corps Emblem, and addressed as "Marines" for the first time in their careers.

Novi announce the engagement of their daughter Andrea Lee Martin to August Zachary Kryz, son of JoAnne and Gregory Nash of New Hudson and the late Jerry Kryz of Howell.

The bride-elect is a 1997 graduate of Novi High School and earned an administrative assistant degree from Lansing Community College. She is currently employed as an office coordinator at Probiity Physical Therapy and resides in Howell.

The groom-elect resides in Howell and is currently employed at Toshiba Business Solutions.

An October 2008 wedding is planned.



Smith-Smith
Jeff and Dorcas Smith of Novi

announce the engagement of their daughter, Kelly Ann Smith, to Bruce Kenneth Smith, son of Jill Smith of Davison.

The bride-elect is a graduate of Northville High School and Michigan State University where she earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in special education. She is currently completing a teaching internship in East Lansing.

The groom-elect is a graduate of Davison High School and Michigan State University. He is currently employed as a Construction Project Manager for Marshall, Erdman and Associates and resides in South Bend, Ind.

An August 23 wedding is planned.



Submitted photo.

MAYOR DAVID LANDRY; TONY GUIDA from Education Management Corporation; Stacy Sweeney from Education Management Corporation; Sen. Nancy Cassis; Ted Blashak; president of Michigan and Sherri Leibau from the Governor's office participate in the grand opening of the Art Institute of Michigan in Novi.

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If you have fashionable earrings, you probably already have more than one pair of hoops or chandeliers in your jewelry box. If so, you may want something different, but equally fashionable. This is where medallion earrings come in. In this style, which owes much of its inspiration to the hoop earring, looks like a decorated hoop with its center filled in with a creative form. In effect, the medallion earring looks very much like a medallion pendant, only it is worn on the ears and not around the neck. One of the more popular styles is the lace medallion earring, which features intricate metal latticework within the center of the circle. Medallion earrings also feature studded gemstones for added sparkle.

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Presentation Room inside the VisiTech Center
Admission: Free.
Information: 734-462-4400, ext. 5271

Wednesday, March 19
Ralph Votapek, piano
Presented by the Schoolcraft College Music Department
The internationally acclaimed pianist and recently retired artist-in-residence at Michigan State University offers a free recital featuring works by Mozart, Chopin, Kapustin and Debussy.
Noon
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Thursday, March 20
7th Annual Multicultural Fair
Presented by the Schoolcraft College International Institute
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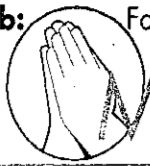
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MY FAITH & RELIGION

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FAITH

Meadowbrook Congregational
LOCATION: 21355 Meadowbrook Road
CONTACT: Rev. Arthur P. Ritter, Senior Minister (248) 348-7757 or visit www.mbc.org or gmccc@arcadkdetrit.biz
Sunday Worship
TIME: 10 a.m.
Puritan Fellowship
6 p.m. every Sunday for grades K-12
Bible Study Group
TIME/DATE: 10:30-11:45 a.m. every Tuesday
DETAILS: Reverend Art Ritter will lead this group; please call the church office if you are interested in attending.
Lenten Bible Study
TIME/DATE: 10:30 a.m. every Tuesday during Lent.
Lenten Dinner and Lesson
TIME/DATE: 6:15 p.m. every Wednesday during Lent.
Maundy Thursday Communion and Service
TIME/DATE: 7 p.m. Thursday, March 20
Palm Sunday Breakfast
TIME/DATE: 11 a.m. Palm Sunday, March 16, immediately following service.
Community Good Friday Service
TIME/DATE: Noon Good Friday, March 21
LOCATION: Holy Family Catholic Church
Easter Services
TIME/DATE: 9 and 11 a.m. Sunday, March 23

Room
CONTACT: (248) 427-1175 or www.churchoftheholycross.com
Sunday Worship
TIME: 7:45, 10 a.m.
Sunday School and Nursery Care
TIME: 10 a.m. Worship Service
Alzheimer's Support Group
TIME/DATE: 10 a.m. second Saturday of month
DETAILS: Offering support and open discussion for all those dealing with Alzheimer's disease and related dementia.
Church of the Holy Family
LOCATION: 24505 Meadowbrook Road
CONTACT: (248) 349-8847 or visit www.holyfamilynovi.org
Mass Schedule
TIME/DATE: 7:30, 8:45, 10:30 a.m. and 12:15 p.m. Sunday; 7 p.m. Tuesday; 9 a.m. Wednesday-Friday; 5 p.m. Saturday
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Adoptive Parent Networking Meeting
TIME/DATE: 10-11 a.m. last Wednesday of each month
DETAILS: This free informational meeting is open to all adoptive families in Oakland County. Child care is available. Registration is required.
Coffee House: A Catholic Update
TIME/DATE: 7-8:30 p.m. Monday, April 21
LOCATION: In the Family Center
DETAILS: Moderated by Fr. Tom Hogan, Pastor and Craig Giera, Seminarian. Come for coffee or tea, to talk to discuss and to raise questions. All are welcome.
CONTACT: Lisa Molloy (248) 334-3595
Oak Pointe Church
LOCATION: 50200 W. 10 Mile Road
CONTACT: (248) 912-0043 or visit www.oakpointe.org
Sunday Worship
TIME: 9:15 and 11:15 a.m.
Renew Life Ministries

TIME/DATE: 7:15-9 p.m. Mondays
DETAILS: Ongoing Life Groups that support and facilitate personal growth, healing, learning and change from a Christian perspective. The groups are: GriefShare (for those grieving a loved one's death); DivorceCare (for those experiencing separation or divorce); Anger Management; Dealing with Struggling Teens (for parents); YourSpace (for high school students); Every Man's Battle (for men seeking recovery from lust, pornography and sexual addiction); Betrayed Hearts (for wives whose husbands struggle with pornography; sexual addiction; same-sex attraction or adultery); Changes that Heal (for those experiencing emotional or relational pain); and CrossCurrent (for men who experience unwanted same-sex attraction).
CONTACT: For more information or to register call (248) 912-0043 or visit www.oakpointe.org.
St. James Catholic
LOCATION: 46325 10 Mile Road
CONTACT: (248) 347-7778
Mass Schedule
TIME/DATE: 8:30 and 11:30 a.m. Sunday; 9 a.m. Monday-Tuesday; 7 p.m. Wednesday; 5 p.m. Saturday
Novi United Methodist
LOCATION: 41671 W. 10 Mile Road
CONTACT: (248) 349-2662 or visit www.umcnovi.com
Sunday Worship
TIME: 9:45 a.m.
Healing Service and Holy Communion
TIME/DATE: 9:45 a.m. first Sunday of every month
Peace Vigil
TIME/DATE: Noon, first Sunday of every month
LOCATION: in front of the church
DETAILS: Members of the congregation and the community will stand united in prayer for peace;

not anti anything; pro peace.
Artists and Crafters Wanted
DETAILS: The church is hosting an arts and craft show Saturday, June 21. Vendor space will be available indoors and out.
CONTACT: Pam Davis, edleecr@yahoo.com
Palm Sunday Service and Children's Parade
TIME/DATE: 9:45 a.m. Sunday
Holy Thursday Service and Communion
TIME/DATE: 7 p.m. Thursday, March 20
Good Friday Meditation and Labyrinth
DATE: Friday, March 21
TIME: Meditation - Noon-3 p.m.
Labyrinth - 6-9 p.m.
Easter Sunday Service
DATE: Sunday, March 22
TIME: 9 a.m. Friendship Time; 9:15 a.m. Easter Egg Hunt; 9:45 a.m. Easter Service.
The Baba'i Faith
TIME/DATE: 11 a.m. last Saturday of every month
LOCATION: 23803 Ripple Creek St., Novi
DETAILS: This Devotional Gathering is focused on prayers for peace. People of all faiths welcome.
CONTACT: (248) 473-0355 or visit www.us.baha'i.org
First Presbyterian Church of Northville
LOCATION: 200 E. Main St.
CONTACT: (248) 349-0911 or visit www.firstpresnovi.org
Sunday Worship
TIME: 9:30 and 11 a.m.
Single Place Ministries
TIME/DATE: 7:30 p.m. social time; 7:45 p.m. opening; 8-9 p.m. program, every Thursday
DETAILS: Informative and entertaining programs of interest to singles; \$5 per person. Check website for details www.singleplace.org
Walking in the Park
TIME/DATE: 10-11 a.m. every Saturday
LOCATION: Meet at the Visitor's Center of Heritage Park

(Farmington Road between 10 and 11 Mile Roads; Farmington Hills)
DETAILS: Group meets for lunch afterwards.
CONTACT: Sue (734) 459-0016
Annual Irish Sing-A-Long
TIME/DATE: 7:30 p.m. Saturday
LOCATION: Dick's home, Livonia
DETAILS: An evening of pizza, snacks, music, live musicians and fun for \$5. Maps and sign up sheets at the church or call Dick at (734) 464-4146.
CONTACT: (248) 349-2345 or visit www.faircommunity-novi.org
Sunday Worship
TIME: 9, 10:30 a.m.
TIME/DATE: 7 p.m. every Tuesday
GracePointe Presbyterian Church
CONTACT: Rev. Brian C. Sleeth, Pastor (248) 497-3178 or www.gracepointepca.org
Grand Opening
TIME/DATE: 10 a.m., Palm Sunday, Mar. 16
LOCATION: Novi Civic Center, Council Chambers
DETAILS: More information can be found at the Web site.
Faith Community Presbyterian
LOCATION: 44400 W. 10 Mile Road
CONTACT: (248) 349-2345 or visit www.faircommunity-novi.org
Sunday Worship
TIME: 9, 10:30 a.m.
TIME/DATE: 7 p.m. every Tuesday

OBITUARIES

KAREN JO (RICE) HILL
Age 51, formerly of Novi, passed away 3/8/08. Funeral Mass will be held Wed. at Our Lady of Victory Arrangements by Casterline Funeral Home, Inc. of South Lyon. Contributions to American Cancer Society.

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MY PUBLIC SAFETY

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Man arrested for impersonating an officer

Novi police arrested a man near 11 Mile Road and Town Center Drive at about 4:30 p.m. March 2 for impersonating a police officer, reports said.
The officer called dispatch for assistance regarding unusual equipment on the suspect's black Mercury Mountaineer.
According to the report, after the officers received written consent to search the suspect's vehicle, they discovered:
• Two operational and alternate flashing red and blue lights.
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• A blue nylon jacket with "Agent Fugitive Enforcement" on the back.
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• Several removable, plug-in-style police lighting units.
• Three switch boxes, one of which activated a police-style siren and air horn.
• And a black 357 revolver-type starter pistol.

POLICE BRIEFS

Global Positioning Systems gone

Four Global Positioning Systems were reported stolen within the City of Novi between Feb. 16 and March 1.
• Between 4:11:30 p.m. March 1, a Garmin Street Pilot was stolen from a red Mercury Mystique, reports said.
The vehicle was parked in the southwest lot of Ruby Tuesday, on 12 Mile Road just west of Haggerty Road, when the driver-side window was shattered, reports said.
According to the victim, the suspects didn't take her wallet and \$300 located inside the vehicle, only the GPS that was mounted on the windshield.
Police said it appeared the suspect's only reason for grabbing the GPS unit.
• Between 7 p.m. Feb. 24 and 8 a.m. Feb. 25, a Garmin Navigation System was stolen from a vehicle parked in the driveway of a residence on Cody Lane, reports said.
According to the owner of the 2007 green Jeep, his daughter for-

Along with two fake weapon permits, reports said.

got to lock the car after using it to go to the store.
The three-year-old navigation system, which was attached to the windshield, was purchased for \$350.
Aside from the navigation system, there were no signs of forced entry into the 1997 Toyota, but the owner believed his vehicle was locked.
The victim said after he used the system Feb. 16, he took it down from the windshield and placed it between the front seats. When he went to use it Feb. 21, it was missing.
The man also informed police his son's Nintendo DS Lite portable video game system went missing about three weeks prior.
Although the victim was not sure if the two incidents were

related, he expressed concern regarding the potential pattern of criminal activity.

The officer initiated a traffic stop of both vehicles.
According to the report, the man driving the Toyota said his son, who was now driving the Cadillac, was mud bogging at the construction site when he lost control of the SUV and struck a piece of construction equipment.
After inspecting the SUV, the officer noticed significant damage to the vehicle's front passenger side and air bags were deployed.
The suspect and passengers in the Cadillac admitted to the accident, but said they had not been on the property prior to that day.
The father of the suspect said he has a business relationship with the property owner and intended to speak with him about the incident in the morning.
The officer said he is going to contact the property owner to find out what equipment was struck or if any damage occurred.

Kids caught mud bogging

An officer noticed a blue Cadillac parked at the construction site on the north side of 13 Mile Road near Cabot Drive between 7:30-8:40 p.m. March 2, reports said.
According to reports, the officer observed a vehicle with a single headlight driving through the large dirt construction site toward the unoccupied vehicle.
The unknown vehicle stopped near the Cadillac and the officer witnessed multiple figures moving between the two vehicles, reports said.
As they exited westbound on 13 Mile Road, the officer could see the vehicle with one headlight was a Toyota SUV covered in mud, with no taillights, reports said.

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MY OPINION

Novi News

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In our opinion: Do-over vote will bring a new set of problems

The Michigan presidential primary was an unqualified failure. It was a monument to a state government that clearly gives a higher priority to political hacks than to the voters and taxpayers of Michigan.

On the Democratic side in particular, it was a taxpayer-funded, hold-your-breath temper tantrum thrown alternately by the state and national party.

The story isn't over. With the highly likely prospect that neither Sen. Barack Obama (D-Ill.) nor Sen. Hillary Rodham Clinton (D-N.Y.) can gain enough delegates to claim the party's nomination, there is now a choice between a number of unpalatable options.

This was the presidential primary election that was going to make Michigan a player in national politics. Instead, it has made the process a joke.

The presidential primary was rushed to a January vote by a legislature that couldn't balance a budget. The idea was to give the state national prominence by breaking the early primary stranglehold enjoyed by Iowa and New Hampshire.

In and of itself, not a terrible idea. But the national parties balked. The Democrats, as promised, stripped the state of all its convention delegates as punishment for holding an early primary.

The Republicans took away half the state's delegates. What did the state get? Not much.

Although the political parties were treated to a no-cost list of the party preferences of those who voted, taxpayers — who funded the primary — aren't allowed to see the same lists.

The great national attention and prominence never materialized. Although Republicans did campaign in Michigan, pseudo-native son Mitt Romney's momentum after winning here was

City Budget Questions

It is disappointing that your coverage of last Monday's Novi City Council meeting was reduced to a one-article summary, and that the News did not report the most important and troubling information regarding the Library bond approval.

The financial assumptions have been changed to more closely reflect current market conditions. The average annual debt millage is now estimated at 0.3014, instead of the estimated 0.26 mills approved by Novi voters last November.

Also, the assumption of estimated growth in taxable value has been reduced to zero growth for the 2008-09, 2009-10 and 2010-11 fiscal years, and 2.5 percent beyond 2011, instead of 3.5 percent.

So far, the City seems slow to adjust its spending habits in accordance with this bad financial news, since at the same meeting there was discussion to send two staff members and two Council members to an out-of-town conference for a total cost of \$5,840.

This is in contrast to a report in another newspaper today about cost-cutting measures in other metro-Detroit communities, and how every penny counts in order to continue providing the same level of core services.

As the City prepares to begin discussing the 2008-09 budget next month, what is the City's financial plan for this budget year and beyond?

I hope that the Novi News will be providing its readers with more in-depth coverage and information.

Laura Lorenzo Novi

A Moms Nightmare

Hello my name is Patti Thompson and I was in the ER of Providence on Black Wednesday evening around 6 p.m. with my 13-year-old daughter, when a very distraught woman came in followed by a gurney with her 16-year-old son David on it.

What's most ironic is, had the state Democrats and lawmakers not been so willing to play games, they could have hosted a very meaningful presidential primary on either Super Tuesday or last week in conjunction with primaries in Ohio and Texas.

Up until the previous Bush/Gore election, most people were convinced their vote was important. After all, that's what we learned from the first grade on...

So I stepped out of my daughter's room (she was sleeping) and I just sat with this mother, trying to give her any comfort I could to her. As she sat there waiting for any word on her son, the sheer horror in her eyes is something I will never forget.

What do you think?

We welcome your Letter to the Editor. Please include your name, address and phone number for verification. We ask your letters be 400 words or less. We may edit for clarity, space and content.

Now convince me for what purpose? What gain? Which now seems it was a waste of Michiganders time since it may not even occur.

Winning the election is not based on who the majority of people want to represent our country but instead based on each state's electoral vote/number of delegates.

Chuck Tindall Candidate for State Rep, 38th District

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Something wonderful is happening in Novi's elementary schools! The secret is out that being a writer is powerful, exciting and even fun.

Do we ... can we ... really make a difference?

Spending Woes

The President has signed the economic stimulus bill that will give us a check in the mail for \$1,200.

This is something that most Americans already know. What some may not know is that the IRS will soon be sending out letters to all of us that we will be getting a check in about May or June.

It seems to me, how we vote and the outcome of the voting is controlled by "the powers-that-be," before we even get to the polling booth.

Based on the Primary Michigan Ballot, we were given little choice but to select Democratic or Republican party.

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COMMENTARY

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PHIL POWER: Goal remains: help improve Michigan



About Phil Power

Phil Power is a longtime observer of politics, economics and education issues in Michigan, and was a regent of the University of Michigan from 1987 to 1993.

Two years ago this week, a day-long conference in Ann Arbor marked the start of a citizen movement to transform Michigan from a struggling, fearful, Rust Belt state in decline to something new.

Transform Michigan, that is, into the kind of proud, prosperous place we once were and could be again.

In the last two years, we've made exceptional progress — so much so that it may be useful to glance back at where we began.

The several hundred participants at "Where Do We Go From Here?" on March 14, 2006, gathered to assess the playing field. They spent a day considering Michigan's financial picture, tax structure, workforce and competitive advantages.

The list of speakers that day amounted to a hit parade of Michigan's best. Among them were Tom Clay, the highly respected research director of the Citizens' Research Council.

But I was damned if I was going to sit back in retirement with my hands in my pockets while my state was going to hell.

From there, something like 300 people, Michigan's best and brightest in a wide variety of occupations, spent the entire jam-packed day listening to the presentations, questioning speakers, and mulling "where do we go from here" in breakout groups.

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TV Shows given limited time before cancellations

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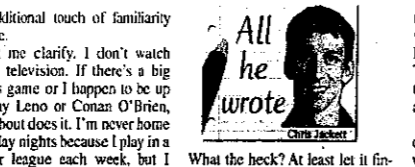
Called "Life," "Relativity" and "Once and Again."

Let me clarify, I don't watch much television. If there's a big sports game or I happen to be up for Jay Leno or Conan O'Brien, that about does it.

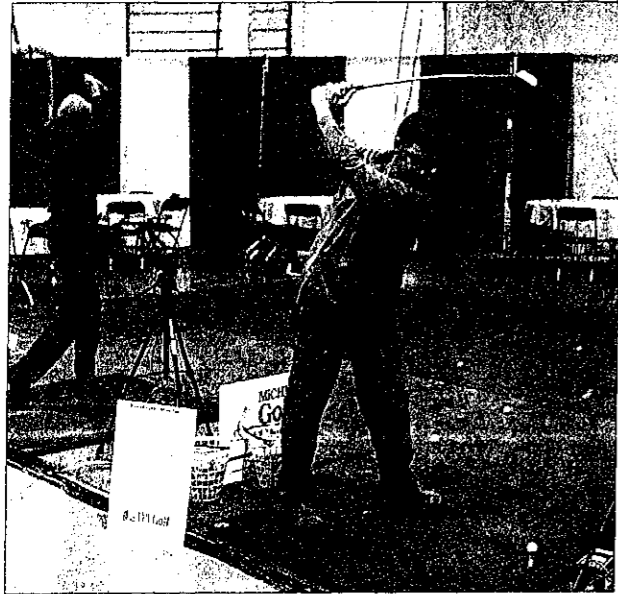
What the heck? At least let it finish off the six-episode season. With the now-finished writer's strike slowing things down, reruns of "Deal or No Deal" and "Law & Order" will take the place of "Quaterlife" on Sunday evenings.

think it reruns on Cartoon Network's Adult Swim. DVD sales and a resurgence of new episodes on FOX since 2005.

Keep in mind that "Family Guy" was originally canceled twice by FOX in 2000 and 2002, but is now one of the most watched shows on television



All he wrote



Fore! Dan Hutchinson, right, leans into a shot as he tees off at last weekend's Michigan Golf Show at Novi's Rock Financial Showplace. Dealers and golf courses from all over Michigan and the U.S. were at the show to display their latest clubs, bags, apparel and destinations.

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alcoholism. No pre-registration required. For information, call (248) 706-1020.

Alzheimers Support Group
TIME/DATE: 10 a.m. every Sunday
DETAILS: Intended for teens dealing with someone with an alcohol problem. No pre-registration required. For information, call (248) 706-1020.

Breast Cancer Support Group
TIME/DATE: 10-11:30 a.m. second and fourth Thursday of every month
LOCATION: Smar Center for Women, next to the hospital's South Garden entrance.

DETAILS: This support group is for any woman diagnosed with breast cancer.
CONTACT: (248) 937-5163
Journeys Cancer Support Group
TIME/DATE: 7-8:30 p.m. first and third Monday of every month
LOCATION: Lobby of the Chatham Cancer Treatment Center
DETAILS: Support group for those with cancer or who are related to or know someone living with cancer.
CONTACT: (248) 937-5163
Support for Smokers
DATE: First and third Tuesday of each month
DETAILS: Provides education and support to quit smoking; no

charge, no pre-registration.
CONTACT: Call (248) 937-3314 for more information.
H.U.B.S. Group for Parents
TIME/DATE: 7-9 p.m. third Thursday of each month
DETAILS: Support and counseling to parents who have suffered a pregnancy or newborn loss; no pre-registration required.
CONTACT: (248) 937-4847 for more information.

St. John Providence Hospital
LOCATION: Grand River and Beck Roads, Use Back Road

entrance
Dinner with a Doctor
TIME/DATE: 6:30-8:30 p.m., last Thursday of month
LOCATION: Conference Rooms A, B and C.
DETAILS: March 27, Total Knee Replacement presentation by orthopedic surgeon Dr. David Maikel.
CONTACT: Free registration for lecture and dinner by calling (888) 440-7325

Cancer Prevention and Survival Cooking Class
TIME/DATE: 9:30-11:30 p.m. Tuesdays through April 22 (no class March 25)
LOCATION: Providence Center for the Healing Arts, Assarian Cancer Center
DETAILS: The Cancer Project, a national nonprofit dedicated to advancing cancer prevention through education and research, is offering a free, eight-session cooking class designed to help Novi residents prevent and survive cancer through proper diet and nutrition. No cost.
CONTACT: James Tester at (248) 465-5455 to register.

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Gardeners of Northville and Novi
TIME/DATE: 6:30 p.m. second Monday of month through May
LOCATION: Rotates between Novi Civic Center and the Northville Library
DETAILS: Visitors welcome.
CONTACT: (248) 231-2334 or visit www.gardenersnorthville-novi.org

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TIME/DATE: 2-9 p.m. Thursday and Friday; 10 a.m.-9 p.m. Saturday; and 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Sunday
DETAILS: Display of current 2008 boats and trailers. Admission is \$10 for adults, 11 and younger are free. \$5 to park.
Back Yard Pool and Spa Show
TIME/DATE: 3-9:30 p.m. Friday, March 28; 11 a.m.-9:30 p.m. Saturday, March 29; and 11 a.m.-6 p.m. Sunday, March 30
DETAILS: Show focuses on swimming pools, spas and outdoor entertaining. Admission is \$3 for adults, \$4 for ages 6-14 and 5 and under are free. Parking \$5.

CLASS REUNIONS

Northville High School Class of 1968
DETAILS: Anyone interested in a 40th reunion for the Class of 1968, please contact Ron Barnum at (248) 347-8808.

Northville High School Class of 1988
DETAILS: The Class of 1988 is planning a 20th reunion for the weekend of July 26. For further information, please contact Jennifer Clarkson at jclarkson2004@yahoo.com.

REGIONAL

Alumni of MSU Child Development Laboratories
TIME/DATE: 2-4 p.m. Saturday
LOCATION: 525 W. Grand River Ave., East Lansing
DETAILS: Former and current families, staff and students of the Michigan State University Child

information, contact Janet (Sheedy) Johnston at (734) 437-3534 or e-mail to phs40threunion@charter.net.

South Lyon High School Class of 1963
DETAILS: The Class of 1963 is hosting a 45 year reunion on August 10 at Baker's of Milford. For more information, call Barb Cook at (248) 349-5982.

Dearborn and Edsel Ford High School Class of 1958
DETAILS: The 1958 January and June Classes of Dearborn and Edsel Ford High Schools are having a combined 50-Year Reunion to be held on Saturday August 2, 2008 at the Dearborn Country Club, Judy Richards Goerke 313-562-9031, judygoerke@yahoo.com or Shirley Chiodo Peters 248-348-9443, Shirley.peters@villageford.net may be contacted for further information.

Cass Tech Class of 1958
DETAILS: The 50 year class reunion will be held October 11. For more information, call Isabelle, (313) 882-4626 or go to casstech58.com.

Plymouth High School Class of 1968
DETAILS: The Class of 1968 is looking for classmates for their 40th Class Reunion to be held July 19 in Livonia. For more

Development Laboratories (CDL) are invited to the 80th Birthday Party for the CDL. Entertainment, children's activities and birthday cake will be offered. Bring photos from your time at CDL. Please RSVP to (517) 355-1900.

Pot of Gold Fundraiser for Leukemia and Lymphoma Society
TIME/DATE: 1-4 p.m. Sunday
LOCATION: The Gallery Cafe, 101 S. Lafayette, South Lyon (corner of 10 Mile Road and Pontiac Trail)
DETAILS: This is a unique fundraiser. You bring the gold and you'll be paid cash. No strings attached. The gold can be broken, twisted, bad memories, etc. At the end of the day, a percentage of total sales will go to the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society. Nothing comes out of your sale. Irish Coffee, scones and Celtic music provided. No appointment necessary, just drop in.
CONTACT: Sue at (248) 437-3304

Winter Master Gardener Class
TIME/DATE: 6-10 p.m. Thursday evenings through Apr. 10
LOCATION: Executive Office Building Conference Center, Oakland County Service Center, 2100 Pontiac Lake Road, Waterford
DETAILS: Each session focuses on a different horticultural topic that will prepare you to fulfill a 40-hour community service commitment to earn Master Gardener Certification. First-come, first-served; \$25 application fee; class fee \$300.
CONTACT: (248) 858-0887 or visit www.msue.msu.edu/okakland. Look under horticulture and gardening.

Senior Ongoing Programs
Some of these activities have a fee:
Monday: 10-11 a.m. Exercise Class
Tuesday: 10 a.m.-noon Knit/Crochet and Sew Group; noon-2:30 p.m. Line Dancing
Wednesday: 10-11 a.m. Exercise Class
Second Monday: 11:30 a.m. Lunch Bunch
Second Tuesday: 10 a.m. Senior Commission
Second Thursday: 11:30 a.m. Bingo
Fourth Thursday: 10-11:30 a.m. Blood Pressure
Easter Egg Hunt
TIME/DATE: 12:30 p.m. Sunday
LOCATION: Gilbert Willis Park
DETAILS: Hunt starts promptly at 1 p.m. for ages 2-10. Fee is \$3 per child; no pre-registration required. No personal baskets.

Schoolcraft College Women's Resource Center Luncheon Series
TIME/DATE: 11:45 a.m.-1:30 p.m. Friday, April 4
LOCATION: Schoolcraft College, Varsity Center
DETAILS: Visiting Historians Charlotte Austin and Jack Leads don historical costumes and take on the roles of sharpshooter Annie Oakley and her marksman husband, Frank Butler; \$15 per luncheon; prepaid registration

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Kensington Metro Park
LOCATION: 2240 West Buno Road, Milford, (248) 685-1561 or

Red Cross Blood Drive
TIME/DATE: 2-8 p.m. Wednesday, March 26
DETAILS: For ages 17 and older weighing 110 pounds or more. For appointments, call Jodi at (248) 424-2850 or walk-in day of drive.

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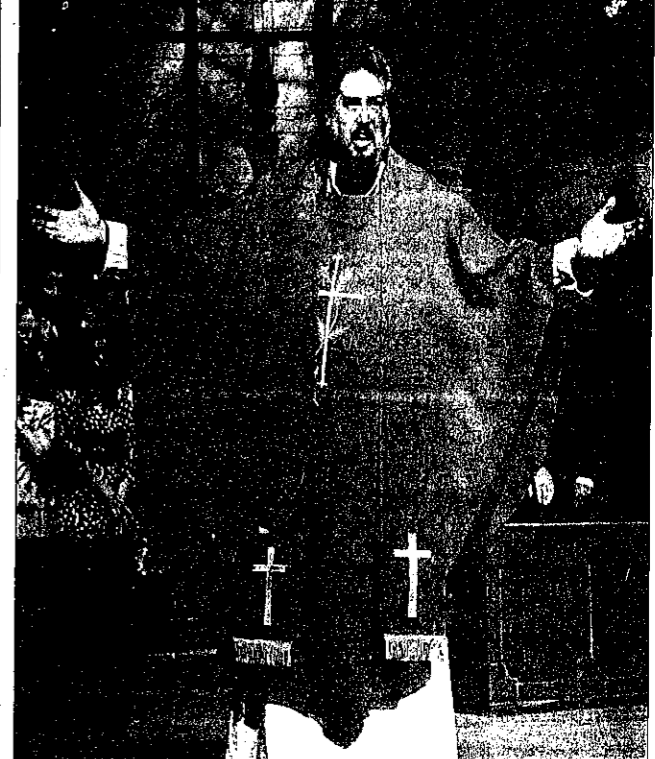
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'Father Bingo' deemed hit



Father O'Neil, played by David Margolis of Novi, reaches out to his congregation.

By Elaine Maylen
SPECIAL WRITER

William G. Nilsson called opening night of "Father Bingo" a success.

As Father Bingo's writer and music composer, Nilsson's opinion was music to the ears of the 40-member cast and crew of the Novi Theatres who debuted the community theater production of "Father Bingo" last Friday.

"I had always hoped Father Bingo would be performed at the community theater level and it is a dream come true to see it performed so well," he said.

Nearly all of the Music Hall's original cast came out to support opening night. The original Bingo Mania, Arnette Heflon and Rosalind Holmes (the Original Vandalas) laughed out loud at the antics of Novi's Bingo Mania's Amy Poirer and

Schmitt, who has attended several Novi Theatre productions, said she feels that "Father Bingo" is the best Novi Theatre show she has seen yet.

"Father Bingo" is a musical comedy about a parish priest fighting to "save his church," a mayor trying to get voters to support casino gambling in his city and a woman looking for true love.

Purchase Father Bingo tickets in advance from the Novi Parks office by walk-in or phone (248) 347-0400.

Tickets are also available at the Novi Middle School School theater prior to each show. Tickets are \$18 and all seats are reserved.

The remaining performance dates and times are:
• 7:30 p.m. Friday
• 2 and 7:30 p.m. Saturday

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Ryder sees life in print

■ Herald editor pens biography of South Lyon musician

By Philip Ailmen
GANNETT NEWS SERVICE

Their relationship started with a fundraiser for a small orphanage halfway across the world. But now, three years later, South Lyon Herald editor James Mitchell and South Lyon resident Mitch Ryder will see the culmination of their partnership with the release of "It Was All Right: Mitch Ryder's Life in Music," the authorized biography of Ryder's life.

Ryder, 63, became famous in the 1960s with his two Top 10 hits including "Devil with a Blue Dress On/God Golly Miss Molly" and "Jenny Take a Ride." Ryder said he's been asked repeatedly about a book on his life. Specifically, the book would be a compilation of the road stories he experienced throughout his life. And when he met Mitchell, he realized he found the perfect biographer.

"Reading the Herald, I saw an article by Jim, and I liked his writing style," Ryder said. "I approached Jim with the prospect of putting this road story book together. That's how it began."

The result, however, wasn't what Ryder envisioned. In interviewing Ryder, Mitchell

quickly realized all the events and people that played a role in Ryder's life, whether other musicians or places he's lived, wouldn't make the most compelling stories. But the more he talked with Ryder, the more he learned this could be a work of art.

"What he had in mind was anecdotes from life on the road. All these little 'road stories' as he called them," Mitchell said. "To his credit, he said 'it's your book. Write it the way you want.'"

And what Mitchell saw, he said, was someone akin to Forrest Gump—someone who has witnessed and experienced a number of significant events and individuals throughout his life. In this case, a musician who experienced firsthand the highs and lows of the change in the music industry.

"It's more than just the music. It became part of the social, political, cultural movements," he said. Ryder, admittedly a modest man, said he enjoys how Mitchell portrays him and his life.

"I like the way he starts," said Ryder. "It's a very good introduction. I like the way he talks about the problems that I encountered. I think it's hard for me to take compliments, so when they appear in the book, it seems weird."

While the book can be considered a must read for Ryder's fans, his place in the changing musical world helps open the book to fans of music and modern American history.

"Ryder is your tour guide of the changes in the '60s and '70s and the music industry," Mitchell said. Anyone reading the book

should come away with a better understanding of what it's like to find fame at such a young age—Ryder was 20 when he first broke the Top 10 in the Billboard charts. "Fame and success ain't all it's cracked up to be," Mitchell said. "Instant early fame is no guarantee of a long, enduring career."

"For a brief period, he was as popular as you can get in this country. He was invited to private parties with the Beatles. He was close to getting a part in 'In Cold Blood.' He almost joined up with Jimi Hendrix."

The Ryder book, published by Wayne State University Press, is the second for Mitchell, 47. His first book, "Applegate: Freedom of the Press in a Small Town," is based on his experiences working as editor of a small-town newspaper in rural Macomb County. He is currently working on his third work, "But for the Grace: Profiles in Peace from a Nation at War."

Your first chance to pick up a copy of "It Was All Right: Mitch Ryder's Life in Music" will be March 22 at the Michigan Theater in Ann Arbor, where Ryder will be interviewed by music writer Gary Graff before performing. After the concert, Ryder and Mitchell will be signing copies of the book.

The book will also be available online at wspress.wayne.edu, through Barnes and Noble and the South Lyon Herald offices in downtown South Lyon. Tickets for the Ann Arbor show are available at www.ticketmaster.com or by calling (248) 645-6666.



Mitch Ryder, left, with the book written by South Lyon Herald Editor Jim Mitchell, right. The book, "It Was All Right: Mitch Ryder's Life in Music," is a biography of the South Lyon musician.

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'Music of the Isle' this Sunday

The Novi Concert Band is performing Sunday at the Novi Civic Center, 45175 W. 10 Mile Road.

Under the direction of Scott Craner, the band will be playing an eclectic mix of Irish songs in honor of St. Patrick's Day.

The performance, "Music of the Isle" will include special guests Steve Kovach, Kathy Nieman and Ron Ellman.

Admission is free for the event that begins at 2 p.m. with Wild Mountain Tiro, and the Novi Concert Band will follow at 3 p.m.

The trio will perform a mix of traditional and contemporary, folk and mountain ballads.

Kovach, who is responsible for vocals and guitar, is known for performing at coffeehouses and on various stages throughout the metro Detroit area.

Nieman is a singer, songwriter and guitarist from eastern Kentucky. With an appreciation for stories told through song, Nieman performs a number of ballads that have been handed down from generations.

Ellman, who plays the violin, has been featured on studio recordings for various local artists.

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International program builds self-esteem in pre-teen girls

By Kelly Murad
STAFF WRITER

As a mother of an 8-year-old girl, Lisa Baumbick feels it's never too early to start dealing with the issue of self-esteem.

"There's never not a good time to deal with raising self-esteem for a child," Baumbick said. "My daughter, she's in third grade, I think it's a perfect age when they're becoming more involved with sports, more involved with friendships."

It's reasons such as Baumbick's that the Girls on the Run International was founded — to educate and prepare girls for a lifetime of self-respect and healthy living.

The non-profit organization is designed to help pre-teen girls deal with issues such as society, peers and parents, while training for a 5K (3.1 mile) running event.

"It's to enhance the self-esteem of these young girls," said Malley Webers, recreation coordinator for the Novi Parks, Recreation and Forestry Department. "It combines training for a 5K race with doing uplifting workouts."

"The Novi Parks, Recreation and Forestry Department has partnered with Girls on the Run International to offer this empowering program to local girls, grades three to five.

"It's into our goal here to promote healthy active lifestyles," Webers said. "Physical fitness can help girls in more ways than just getting their body the way they want it. It can help them to de-stress and get a better image of themselves."

With the media out there, they get negative images in their mind

of how they should look and act. It's not only be conscious of their physical appearance, but to help them build on emotional and social skills."

The international program has made a positive impact on the mental, social, emotional, spiritual and physical health of thousands of preteen girls.

"I think this is a great program," Baumbick said. "It's not only about the athletics of it, it's about self-esteem."

For Bailey Baumbick, 8, it's the physical and social aspects of the program she's excited for.

"I'm looking forward to meeting new friends and getting to be able to run with my mom (in the end)," Bailey said. "My mom is always the one who gets to run and play with my sisters when I'm not there so it gives me a chance to do something she likes to do."

Lisa recently began running and believes Bailey will benefit from training with her own age.

"I've never run in my whole life and I've never been a very athletic person," Lisa said. "But when you start and feel better about yourself, it releases endorphins. I want Bailey to enjoy it as well."

Although Bailey is actively involved in sports, this will be her first 5K running event.

On the contrary, 10-year-old Leah Quinn experienced her first 5K at the Turkey Trot last November.

"I'm running 5Ks with my mom, and I want to get better," Quinn said. "I'm excited to do the next 5K with (her) so I can see how much I improved."

This will be the first time Quinn has ever trained for an event.

Get involved

The Girls on the Run Program is open to Novi residents, as well as non-residents.

The deadline for registration is March 20, and the session begins March 31.

The girls will meet twice a week, for 10 weeks to discuss common preteen issues and participate in team-oriented training.

According to the Girls on the Run International Web site, the objective of the program is to reduce the potential display of at-risk activities among its participants. The goal is fewer adolescent pregnancies and eating disorders, less depression and suicide attempts, as well as fewer substance and alcohol abuse problems and confrontations with the juvenile justice system.

The program will end with a 5K race June 7, joining together the girls from the Oakland and Macomb county programs.

Webers, who was a volunteer coach for the program while attending Central Michigan University, said they are still looking for coaches.

"I can help these adults bond with these girls," she said.

Anyone interested in being a volunteer coach can contact the Novi Parks, Recreation and Forestry Department. Coaches must be CPR and First-Aid certified and will be required to go through a one-day training course.

The City of Novi may also participate in Girls on the Run in the fall, the sister program to Girls on the Run International, designed for middle school-age girls.



On-line registration is \$130 for Novi residents and \$140 for non-residents.

The deadline for registration is March 20 and the session begins March 31.

For more information or to register visit www.girlsontherun.org or call the Novi Parks, Recreation and Forestry Department at (248) 347-0400.

To learn more about Girls on the Run International visit: www.girlsontherun.org



Bailey Baumbick, 8, left, and Leah Quinn, 10, go for a jog on Monday. The two Deerfield Elementary students will take part in the Girls on the Run International program.

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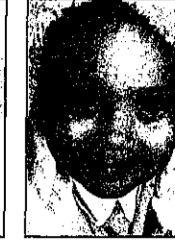
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New Hudson, Michigan



Nolan Patrick Rau
March 31, 2007
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Deven & Jennifer Rau
Gaines, Michigan



Rachel Hope Weissman
May 14, 2007
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Dr. David & Holly Weissman
Birmingham, Michigan



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September 25, 2007
St. Joseph Livingston
David & Diane Brock
Brighton, Michigan



Elijah Lee Daniel
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McPherson, Howell
Vicki Padilla & Levi Daniel
Brighton, Michigan



Kayley Marie Cleary
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Kevin & Kristy Cleary
Howell, Michigan



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Jason & Karen Zupin
South Lyon, Michigan



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June 30, 2007
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December 11, 2007
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Novi, Michigan



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Danyel Housner
Whitmore Lake, Michigan



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McPherson, Howell
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February 1, 2007
U of M Hospital
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Fowlerville, Michigan



Lillyane Frech
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New Hudson, Michigan



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Providence Hospital
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South Lyon, Michigan



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John & Jennifer Murphy
South Lyon, Michigan



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Joseph Morissette
Garden City, Michigan



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Dr. Wayne & Kasia Nelson
Howell, Michigan



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| | 2. Emily | 7. Mia | | 2. Daniel | 7. Christopher |
| | 3. Isabella | 8. Madison | | 3. Matthew | 8. Joseph |
| | 4. Sarah | 9. Brianna | | 4. Joshua | 9. Anthony |
| | 5. Kayla | 10. Samantha | | 5. Justin | 10. Jayden |

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2007 Trivia (answers at bottom of page)

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| 3. Governor | 7. American Idol Winner | 11. #1 Fiction Book |
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1. George W. Bush, 2. Dick Cheney, 3. Jennifer Granholm, 4. Al Gore, 5. New York Giants, 6. Boston Red Sox, 7. Jordan Sparks, 8. The Departed, 9. American Idol, 10. Spider-Man 3, 11. A Thousand Splendid Suns by Khaled Hosseini, 12. The Secret by Rhonda Byrne.

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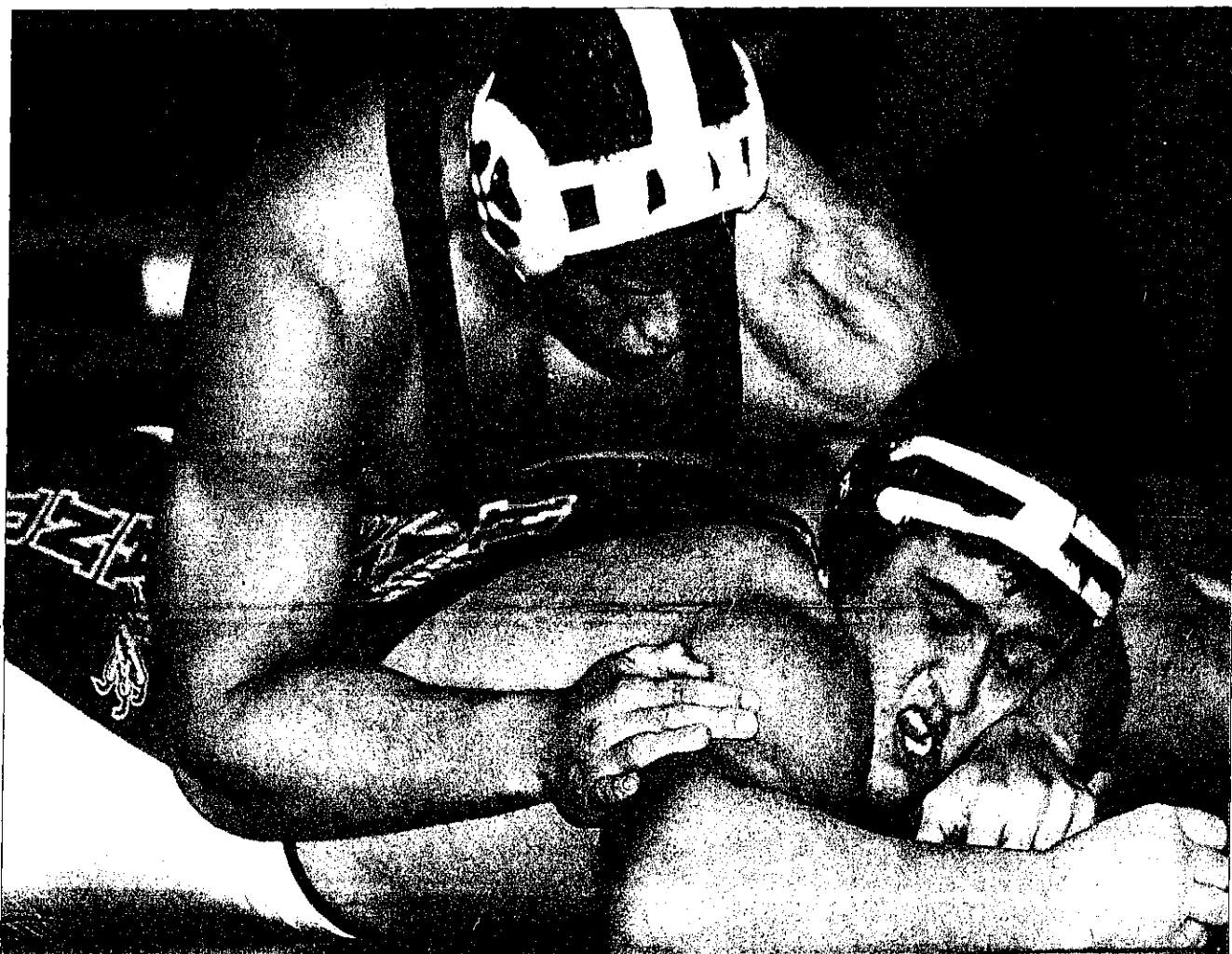


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Catholic Central's Mike Martin works over Hartland's DJ Charneski during the individual state finals Saturday at the Palace of Auburn Hills.

CC's Mike Martin captures second state title in 2nd year of wrestling

By Jeff Theisen
SPORTSWRITER

Mike Martin finished a quick but incredibly successful wrestling career at Catholic Central. Martin, who has only been wrestling two years, won his second-consecutive heavyweight state title

Saturday at the Palace of Auburn Hills.

"This is an excellent feeling," Martin said. "Two-time state champ, there's not a lot of those. I got a lot better than last year."

Hartland's DJ Charneski met Martin in the finals. He was also the only person to beat Martin this year. Martin (42-1) scored a takedown for the only

points of the first period. He kept the momentum going with a reversal and another takedown for a 6-1 lead. Martin allowed Charneski to escape, but was awarded a point for an illegal headbutt and led 7-2 after two periods.

Charneski scored an escape point but that would be it.

The CC student section sitting in the upper bowl of the Palace grew louder and louder, and the final seconds clicked off, giving Martin the state title again.

See STATE FINALS, 2B

Thomas takes fourth

By Jeff Theisen
SPORTSWRITER

Novi wrestler Ryan Thomas used his prior state experience to help him reach fourth place at the individual state tournament.

Thomas placed fourth at 152 pounds, winning three and losing twice.

"This year I brought back feelings from last year," he said. "I didn't want to go out like I did last year. I had to step it up this year and I did."

Thomas (43-8) started the final tournament with a pin against Lansing Everett's Ivan Robledo 2:35 into the match.

Jonathan Kozak from Utica

Ford edged Thomas 4-2 in the quarterfinals, sending him into the consolation bracket.

Thomas fought out a 5-4 decision against Patrick Nusbaum and blew out Nick Parrett from Troy with a 13-2 decision to make the consolation finals.

The final match pitted Thomas with Holt's Zack Shaw for third place. Shaw earned a takedown in the opening round for the a 2-0 lead that stood into the third period.

An escape point and another takedown left Thomas down 5-0 with under a minute left before he almost pulled off a miracle.

Thomas got on the board with an escape point with 28 seconds

left. He quickly earned a takedown before releasing Shaw and trailing 6-3 with about 15 seconds left.

After a restart, Thomas earned another takedown and had Shaw on his back, but before the referee could start counting for nearfall points, the clock ran out.

"I just kind of kicked it up at the end. I was like, 'Look, this is my last match that I might ever wrestle. You've got to do something,'" Thomas said. "So I picked it up. I wish I would've done it from the beginning. It could've been a different match."

See WILDCATS, 3B



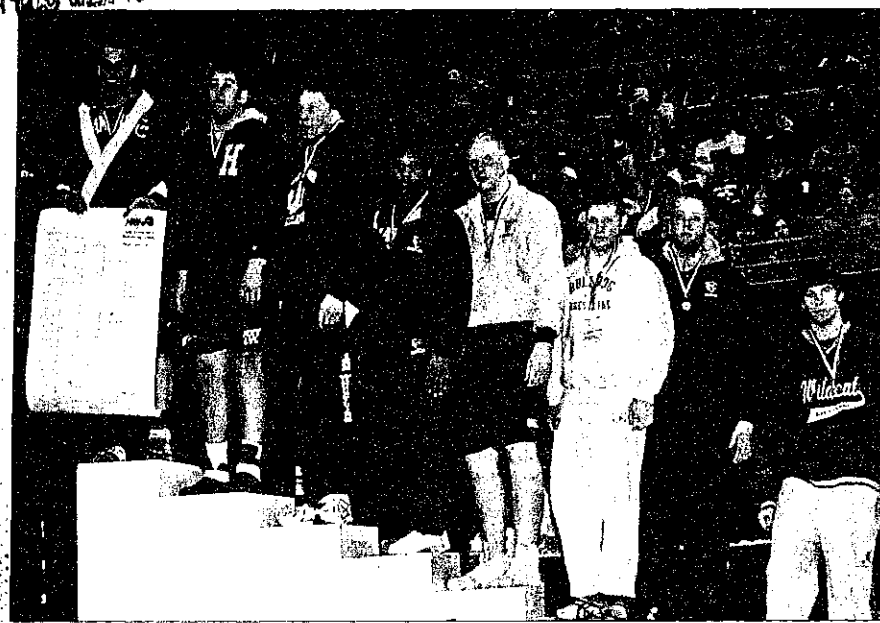
Novi wrestler Ryan Thomas has his hand raised in victory during the individual state finals this past weekend at the Palace of Auburn Hills.

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Mike Martin stands atop the individual state finals heavyweight podium.

■ STATE FINALS: Four Shamrocks place at individual state finals

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"The kid has incredible athletic ability," Catholic Central head coach Mitch Hancock said. "He's not only a football player, he's a team-good wrestler."

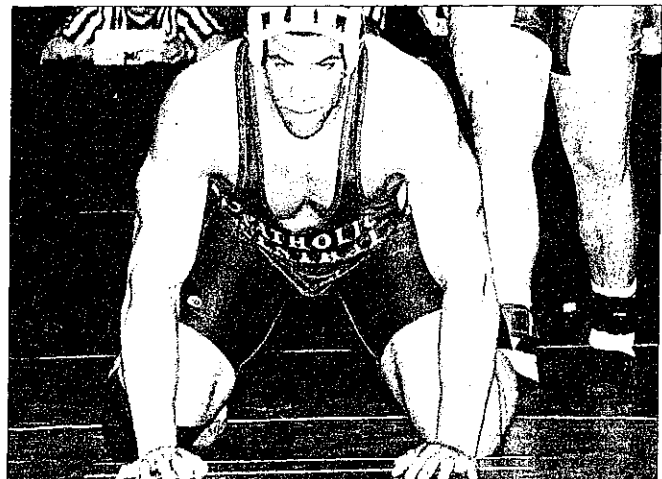
Martin flew through the opening rounds, pinning his first two opponents and winning the semifinals with a 17-6 major decision. "He's 10 times the wrestler he was last year," Hancock said. "He's proven it today."

Other placers

The Shamrocks placed three other wrestlers. Shea Hasenauer also made a run to the finals, but a season-long shoulder injury reappeared and forced him to retire in the second period.

Hasenauer (33-6) beat the eventual second-, third- and fifth-place finishers to make the 140-pound finals before his shoulder popped out twice and the CC coaches called the match off due to injury.

Hasenauer asked the coaches to let him continue, but it wasn't a very tough decision for Hancock and Rich Rodriguez. "He's got the heart of lion," Hancock said. "His health is more important than wrestling." Hasenauer wanted the title, but

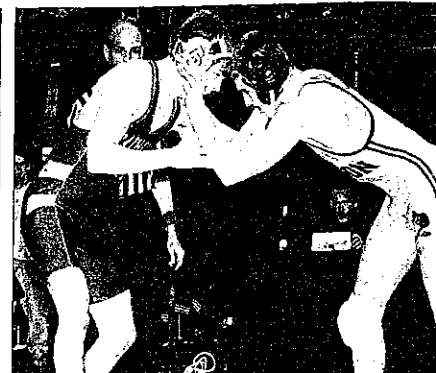


Mike Martin gets in the down position during the heavyweight state final match. Martin won 7-3 to win his second-consecutive state title.

he knows 14 other wrestlers would've gladly traded places with him. Also, as a junior, it's not his last chance at a title. "He gets another shot," Hancock said. "He knows that, and it's going to take a good summer of working out. I guarantee he will be back healthy."

Also making the final podium were Joe Kinville at 215 pounds and Stefan Gatt at 160 pounds. Kinville won his first two matches before falling 3-2 to runner-up Mitch Zajac from Holt in the semifinals. Kinville then lost to 6-2 in the consolation semifinals before

beating John Corder from Hartland by the same score to wrap up fifth place. Gatt won his first match 10-0 before falling 6-3 in the second round before falling 5-3 in the consolation semifinals. Gatt recovered to win the sev-



Top: Shea Hasenauer, left, finished runner-up at 140 pounds. Middle: Joe Kinville placed fifth at 215 pounds. Bottom: Stefan Gatt claimed seventh place at 160 pounds.

enth-place match 4-2 against Chris Lucas from Grand Haven. "For any other school it's a phenomenal year. At our school it's what we expect," said Hancock of the Shamrocks' performance. Hancock was happy for Kinville and Gatt to return to All-State status. "Those guys broke the starting lineup at juniors, two-time All-Staters," he said. "It takes a heck of a work ethic to accomplish that." Other state wrestlers from CC included Trevor O'Conner (1-2 at 135 pounds), Doug Eldridge (0-2 at 119) and Matt Aubrey (1-2 at 189).

Novi swimmers place twice at state

By Jeff Theisen
SPORTS WRITER

The Novi swim and dive team scored 10 points to place 31st in Division 1 during the weekend meet at Oakland University.

The Wildcats scored points in two events.

Wildcat freshman Jon Chung placed 13th in the breaststroke, finishing in 1:02.09.

Chung's 13th place in the 100 breaststroke was the best by a freshman, one of only three freshmen to make the finals in any event. Novi head coach Bill McCord said.

The 200 medley relay team of Dan Meiser, Jon Chung, Dan Kiefer and Tyler Vincent finished 13th in 1:42.70. "We came very

close to the cut twice before we got it. Then we swam faster every time we swam from then on," McCord said. "After just sneaking into the finals, in the last spot, we moved up two places to take 13th. Our time was very close to a school record. I believe the second fastest ever. We're proud of our guys and their achievements."

Catholic Central

Josh Radke scored the lone point for Catholic Central, finishing 16th in the 100 breaststroke (1:02.20).

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Perfection

The 2007-08 Novi High School JV boys' basketball team achieved the perfect season of basketball. Not only did they defeat each of the KVC teams twice, but they also outperformed strong JV teams from Northville, Walled Lake, Trinity Christian, Flint Southwestern and John Glenn. With their 20-0 record, Novi averaged 58 points per game while allowing just 38. The Wildcats: Antwan Batwo, Jon Bauer, Dan Egner, Ricky Enright, Justin Hopton, Ryan Jok, Samer Ozler, Jimmy Pitcher, Nick Regnier, Brandon Ryzewski, KJ Terry and Zach Wilson; coached by Todd Pennycook.

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Novi Motion

The Novi Motion girls AAU Basketball Club will be holding tryouts March 14 at Novi Meadows, 25549 Taft Road. Players 13-14U will tryout from 6:30-8 p.m.; 15-16U from 8-9:30 p.m. July 1 is the cutoff date for birthdays.

The tryout fee is \$20, and players are asked to arrive early for registration. A parent or guardian must be present for sign-in.

For more information, contact Ron Valente at (248) 349-5464.

Novi Baseball Camp

Novi baseball head coach Rick Green and his assistants are hosting a camp for kids 8-14. The cost is \$60 and is available for the first 100 registered.

The camp runs 9 a.m.-1 p.m. March 15 at the Novi High School field house.

Checks payable to Novi HS Baseball can be mailed to Rick Green, C/O Novi High School, 24062 Taft Road, Novi, MI, 48374.

Novi Youth Baseball Registration

The 2008 Novi Youth Baseball season is almost here. League registration will run through March 15. The NYBL is open to all children 7-18.

See www.noviyouthbaseball.org for more information and registration.

Detroit Diesel tryouts

The Detroit Diesels, a minor league football team is holding tryouts 2-5 p.m. March 15 at the High Velocity Sports Center (46245 Michigan Avenue, Canton) for ages 18 and older. A \$35 tryout fee per player includes a T-shirt.

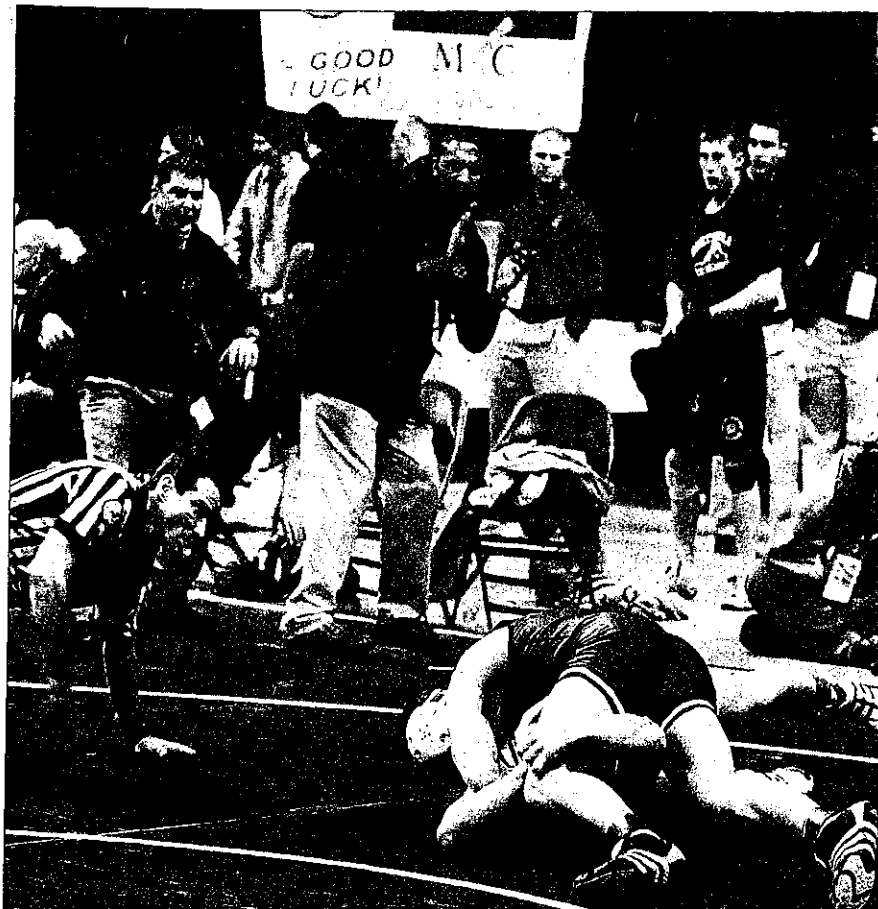
For more information, call (313) 399-1277 or visit www.dieselsfootball.hometeam.com.

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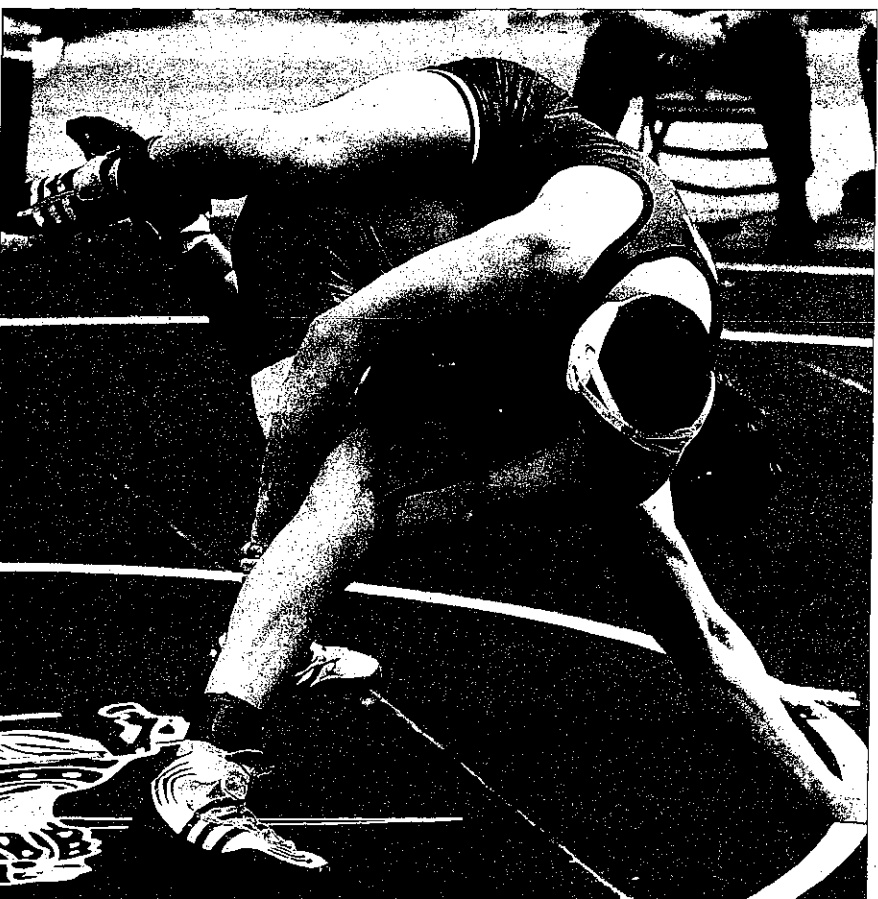


Gold-like performance

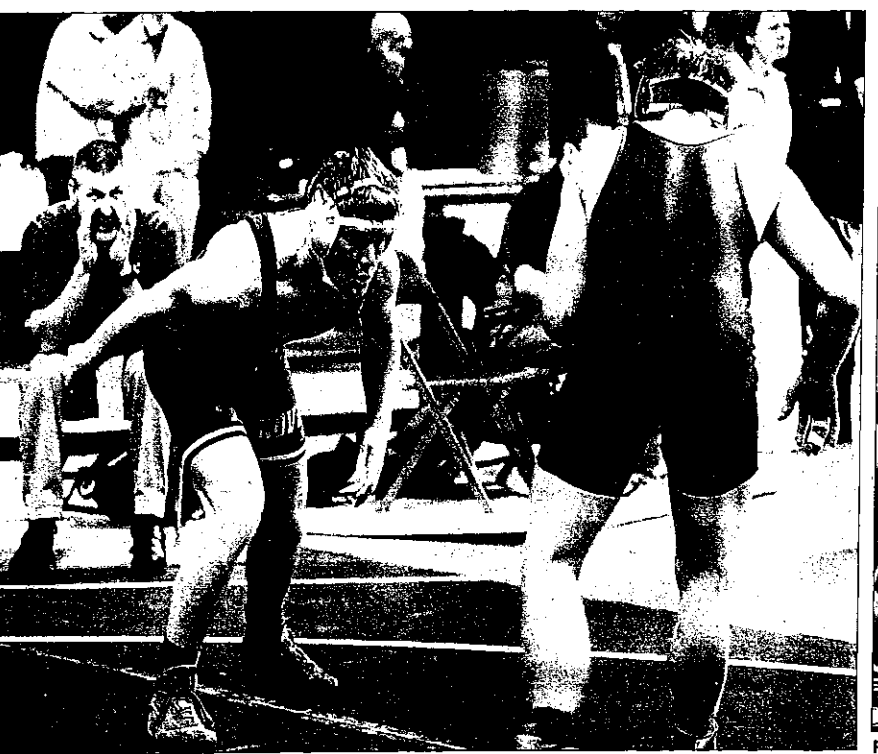
Novi's Emily Samuelson and ice dancing partner Evan Bates (middle) won the gold medal at the World Junior Championships in Bulgaria. The pair was competing against 32 total teams at the event. Samuelson and Bates set a personal best in all three events and the overall total in winning the compulsory dance, original dance and free dance. Bulgaria was also the site where Samuelson and Bates was injured by Bates' skate last year. The win makes Samuelson and Bates the current World Junior Ice Dance Champions.



Novi coaches react during Ryan Thomas' match at the individual state finals.



Ryan Thomas entangles himself with an opponent during the state finals this past weekend at the Palace of Auburn Hills.



Ryan Ridenour looks to make a move during the individual state finals this past weekend.

■ WILDCATS: Thomas places 4th

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The match was a highlight real waiting to happen for Novi head coach Brad Huss.

"His loss in the consolation finals was one of the best matches I saw all weekend with Ryan losing 6-5," Huss said. "He had Shaw on his back just before time expired."

"We are all very proud of him. He really only wrestled for two-and-a-half years and still placed fourth."

Thomas said he really enjoyed his time as a Wildcat wrestler and wished he had one more chance to experience states again.

"I like working with Corey Grant. He was a really good mentor for me," Thomas said. "I wrestled with him all season. That was the difference between me getting here and the placing."

"This year was a big turning

point. I wish I had another year, but, unfortunately, I don't."

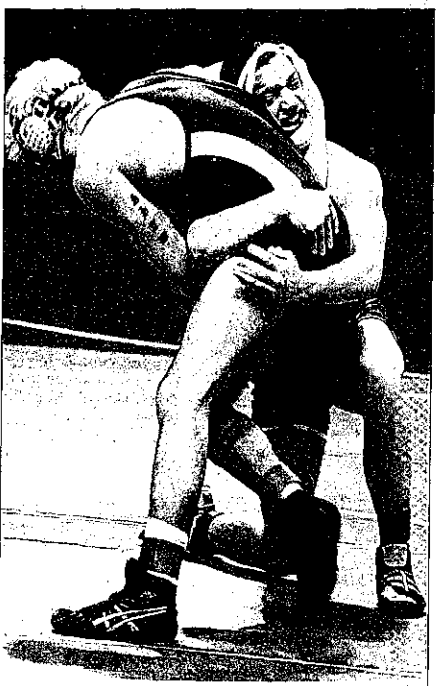
Ryan Ridenour

Fellow Wildcat senior Ryan Ridenour (35-13) made his first trip to the state meet. He finished 0-2 at 189 pounds, but made the journey to the state meet, something most kids at his weight could only wish for.

"He didn't wrestle his best, but I think it was a little overwhelming for him with the amount of spectators, family, friends, etc.," Huss said. "He should be very proud to be one of the top 16 189-pounders in all of Division 1."

"He worked hard for this accomplishment, and he should relish it for a lifetime."

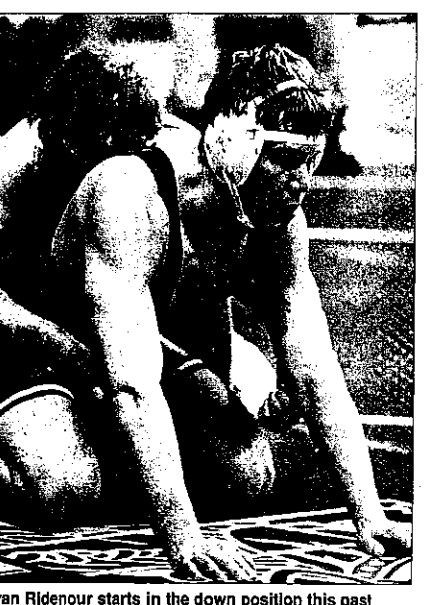
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Ryan Thomas grapples with Zack Shaw during the consolation finals Saturday.



Ryan Thomas receives a congratulatory handshake at the individual state finals this past weekend.



Ryan Ridenour starts in the down position this past weekend at the individual state finals.

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MY HEALTHY LIVING

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Take it to heart

Make smart, tasty choices for healthy eating

FAMILY FEATURES

It's important to understand what to look for when making choices for a heart-healthy eating plan. Learning about fat and cholesterol can help you make smart choices and let you enjoy a diet abundant in flavorful foods while reducing your fat and cholesterol intake.

Fat and Cholesterol Facts From the American Heart Association

There are four major fats in the foods we eat: saturated fats, trans fats, monounsaturated fats and polyunsaturated fats.

The "bad fats" are saturated and trans. They raise bad cholesterol (LDL) in your blood.

The "better fats" are monounsaturated and polyunsaturated. They may help raise good cholesterol (HDL) when consumed in moderation.

We definitely need some fat in our diets — for energy, cell growth, making important hormones and absorbing some nutrients — but not as much as most of us eat. The fats in the foods you eat should not total more than 25 to 35 percent of the calories you eat in a given day. For good health, the majority of these fats should be monounsaturated or polyunsaturated.

Cholesterol comes from two sources: your body and food. Your liver and other cells in your body make about 75 percent of blood cholesterol. The other 25 percent comes from the foods you eat.

Dietary cholesterol is found in some foods — foods of animal origin, particularly meat, egg yolks and high-fat dairy products. Limit your intake of cholesterol from food to less than 300 mg per day.



American Heart Association

Products displaying the heart-check mark meet American Heart Association food criteria for saturated fat and cholesterol for healthy people over age 2.

www.heartcheckmark.org

It's the overall pattern of choices you make that count when building a heart-healthy diet. It's easy to select heart-healthy foods — look for vegetables, fruits, whole-grain, high-fiber foods, fat-free or low-fat dairy products, lean meat, poultry and fish to include in your sensible eating plan.

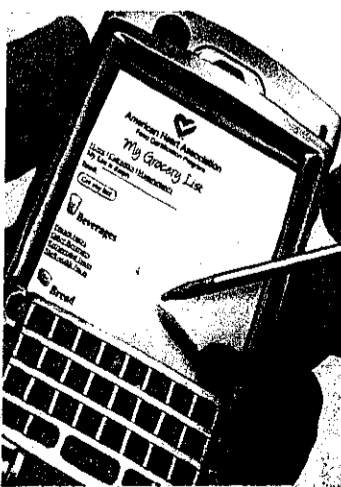
To quickly locate foods in the grocery store that can help you reduce your intake of saturated and trans fat as well as cholesterol, look for the American Heart Association heart-check mark. Foods that carry the mark are low in total fat, saturated fat, cholesterol and are limited in trans fat. Build your free, heart-healthy grocery shopping list at heartcheckmark.org.

Heart-healthy grocery shopping just got easier

It's now easier than ever to shop for heart-healthy foods. The American Heart Association's online grocery list builder has advanced. No more worrying about forgetting your list at home or work. Now you can save your grocery list and access it from your Web-enabled mobile phone or PDA.

Start by building your free, heart-healthy grocery list at heartcheckmark.org. Click "My Grocery List" to choose from hundreds of foods certified by the American Heart Association. Add household necessities in the "My Items" category, and enter your e-mail address to save your list for future use. The result is an organized, easy-to-use grocery list sorted by category, such as breads, dairy case, meats, snacks and more.

Visit mylist.heartcheckmark.org from your Web-enabled mobile phone or PDA, and enter your e-mail address to access your saved grocery list any time you need it. It's sure to make your next trip to the grocery store quick and efficient.



Vanilla Flans With Berry Coulis

Serves 4; 1 flan and 3 tablespoons coulis per serving

Vegetable oil spray
2 cups water
1 cup fat-free evaporated milk
1/2 cup egg substitute
1 large egg
1/4 cup sugar
1 teaspoon vanilla extract
8 ounces frozen unsweetened mixed berries, thawed and juice reserved
1 tablespoon sugar
1/2 teaspoon vanilla extract
1/2 cup frozen unsweetened mixed berries (optional)

Put oven rack in center of oven. Pre-heat oven to 325°F. Lightly spray four 6-ounce ramekins or custard cups with vegetable oil spray.

Pour water into small saucepan. Bring to a rolling boil over high heat. Turn off heat, cover pan and leave on burner.

In food processor or blender, process evaporated milk, egg substitute, egg, 1/4 cup sugar and 1 teaspoon vanilla until smooth. Pour equal amounts (about 1/2 cup) of mixture into each ramekin.

Place 13- by 9- by 2-inch glass baking dish in oven. Pour boiling water into dish, then carefully place ramekins in dish. Bake 40 minutes, or until knife inserted in center of flan comes out clean. Carefully remove baking dish from oven and place it, with ramekins still in water, on cooling rack. Let cool slightly, about 10 minutes.

Meanwhile, in small bowl, gently stir together 8 ounces mixed berries, 1 tablespoon sugar and 1/2 teaspoon vanilla. Pour into fine sieve over medium bowl. Using back of a spoon, press berries firmly until all liquid is strained into bowl and only a thin coating of berry skins remains in sieve. Set coulis aside.

About 30 minutes before serving flans, set remaining frozen berries out to thaw slightly.

When flans are slightly cooled, remove ramekins from baking dish. Run knife around edge of each ramekin to release flans. Place dessert plate over each ramekin and invert. Serve warm or refrigerate and serve chilled, covering with plastic wrap once flans are cooled.

To serve, spoon coulis around each flan. Top with 1/2 cup mixed berries, if desired.

Nutrient information per serving: 186 calories, 10 g protein, 32 g carbohydrates (29 g sugars), 55 mg cholesterol, 1.5 g total fat (0.5 g saturated, 0.0 polyunsaturated, 0.5 g monounsaturated), 2 g fiber, 156 mg sodium
Dietary Exchanges: 1/2 fruit, 1/2 skim milk, 1 other carbohydrate, 1 very lean meat

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- Limited in trans fat (less than .5 grams)
- Low in cholesterol (20 milligrams or less)
- Moderate in sodium, with 480 milligrams or less for individual foods and
- Contain at least 10 percent of the Daily Value of one or more of these naturally occurring nutrients: protein, vitamin A, vitamin C, calcium, iron or dietary fiber

Additionally:

- Seafood, game meat, meat and poultry, as well as whole-grain products, main dishes and meals must meet additional nutritional requirements.

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FOOD FOR THOUGHT

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A Fiesta of Flavor!

FAMILY FEATURES

This Cinco de Mayo, gather the whole family together and enjoy a true Mexican fiesta like Mama Ortega would have thrown over 100 years ago. With mariachi music, dancing, piñatas and traditional homemade Mexican meals, Mama's fiestas were always a favorite with family, friends and especially her 13 children!

The flavors and smells of Mama's homemade meals still taste great today, but are easier to create — and more fun to eat! Her legendary meals inspired today's convenient and great tasting Ortega Mexican products. Achieve authentic fiesta flavors by using crisp and crunchy Ortega taco shells made with whole kernel corn, topped with slow simmered Ortega Taco Sauce and authentic fire-roasted green chiles. Ortega's zesty Mexican seasonings and fresh-tasting salsas are perfect for adding flavor to your favorite snack, casserole, dip or soup!

So, gather the family together and enjoy a fiesta of flavors with Ortega. For other great recipe ideas or to learn more about Ortega's line of products, visit www.ortega.com.

Taco Rice and Beans

Prep time: 5 minutes
Start to finish: 15 minutes
Serves 4

2 tablespoons olive oil
1 medium onion, diced
1 package (1.25 ounces) Ortega Taco Seasoning Mix
1 cup water
1 can (15 ounces) black beans, drained
2 cups cooked rice
1/4 cup Ortega Thick & Chunky Salsa

In skillet, heat oil over medium heat. Add onion, cook 3 minutes. Add taco seasoning mix and water. Stir until combined and slightly thickened. Add beans, rice and salsa; stir. Cook 5 minutes more or until contents are heated through.

Grilled Margarita Shrimp

Prep time: 40 minutes
Start to finish: 50 minutes
Serves 6

1 cup margarita mix
1 cup Ortega Taco Sauce, divided
2 pounds raw shrimp (21 to 30), peeled and deveined
3 tablespoons Ortega Diced Green Chiles

In large bowl, pour margarita mix and 1/2 cup taco sauce over shrimp and toss well. Marinate in refrigerator 30 minutes or up to 2 hours.

Preheat grill until sizzling hot, about 15 minutes. Grill shrimp 4 minutes on each side or until pink.

Combine remaining 1/2 cup taco sauce with green chiles to use as dipping sauce.



Ham and Cheese Quesadillas

Prep time: 10 minutes
Start to finish: 20 minutes
Serves 5

1/2 pound cooked ham, diced
3/4 cup cream cheese, softened
Zest of one lime
2 green onions, white and green parts, diced
1 Ortega Soft Taco Kit — includes 10 soft tortillas, 1 package (1.25 ounces) taco seasoning mix and 1 package (3 ounces) taco sauce

Cooking spray
1 tomato, diced
1/4 cup cilantro, chopped
1/2 cup sour cream

In mixing bowl, combine diced ham, cream cheese, lime zest, green onions and half of taco seasoning packet contained in soft taco kit. Heat large skillet on medium and spray with cooking spray. Spread about 1 teaspoon taco sauce onto a flour tortilla and then spread about 1/4 cup ham/cream cheese mixture on top. Place tortilla-side down onto hot skillet and top with another flour tortilla. Heat about 4 minutes, until bottom of tortilla is browned; spray top of the other tortilla and flip. Cook another 4 minutes and repeat with remaining quesadillas. Cook two at a time if skillet is large enough. Cut into wedges and top with tomato, cilantro and sour cream and serve.

Mexican Meatballs

Prep time: 15 minutes
Start to finish: 30 minutes
Makes about 30 meatballs

3 Ortega Yellow Corn Taco Shells
1 pound (16 ounces) lean ground beef
1 teaspoon Ortega Chili Seasoning Mix
1 egg
2 teaspoons Ortega Diced Green Chiles
1 bottle (8 ounces) Ortega Taco Sauce
1/4 cup shredded cheddar cheese
Cilantro, finely chopped (optional)

Break taco shells into food processor and pulse several times to create about 1/2 cup taco shell crumbs. Place into large mixing bowl and add ground beef, seasoning mix, egg and green chiles. Mix thoroughly.

Form mixture into 30 (1-inch) meatballs and drop into hot skillet. Cook until they begin to brown. Carefully turn over and continue browning. Add taco sauce. Coat meatballs with sauce and simmer over low heat, uncovered, 10 minutes.

Sprinkle meatballs with cheese and garnish with cilantro, if desired. Serve with toothpicks.



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Home Owners... Does Your Home Have A Whole House Fan?



Randall Patterson

What is a Whole House Fan?

Whole house fans are designed to exchange the air of the home's living space, thereby reducing the heat radiating down from the roof and attic areas. Many home owners do not have a good understanding of what are the proper operations of a whole house fan. The best place to start is by reading and understanding the manufacturer's manual.

How does a whole house fan work?

When the whole house fan is running it will draw cool outside air into the living spaces through open windows. The air in the living space is then pulled into the attic which in turn pushes the hot attic air out via the attic vents. This will help reduce the temperature within the home and attic space in an efficient manner. **Note: Whole house fans and air conditioners should not be used at the same time.** The most efficient manner to use a whole house fan is when the outdoor temperature is a minimum of five degrees cooler than the home's indoor temperature. Not all windows need to be opened. Generally windows should be opened about 5 inches as desired. It is recommended to open the windows on the cooler side of the home depending on the hour of the day and the location of the sun.

Is the whole house fan safe to operate?

As a home inspector I have found many units with unsafe wiring, worn belts, attic insulation over the fan housing, blocked soffit vents, loose/broken framing, broken levers, and improper fan controls. It is recommended that the whole house fan be installed on a separate electrical circuit, with no other electrical wiring on the breaker. This will allow for proper shut down during winter months without affecting other home electrical connections.

In addition it is essential to verify the proper attic ventilation system is sized properly (amount of soffit vents and roof/ridge vents) to the whole house fan requirements. It is recommended to have approximately 1 - 2 Sq ft. of attic ventilation for every 750 cfm (cubic feet per minute) of the fan's airflow.

As part of ongoing home maintenance and to ensure the whole house fan is operating efficiently and safely, we recommend having a routine check to ensure:

- attic vents are clear of insulation and other materials
- proper number of attic vents installed
- ceiling penetrations into attic are sealed, (i.e. light boxes, attic hatch, etc.)
- whole house fan is properly mounted and in good condition
- fan blades are protected by a guard
- Do the blades wobble when running
- Does the fan vibrate when running
- Is the belt in good condition
- Do the fan levers operate properly
- Ensure fan controls are out of reach of small children to avoid accidental operation of fan that could lead to unsafe conditions in the home
- Back-drafting can occur if the whole house fan is not used properly, with windows opened. If the windows are not opened or the attic does not have the proper ventilation then combustible appliances, such as hot water tanks, gas dryers, and fireplaces, may create a risk of back-drafting. This could lead to carbon monoxide entering the home.
- Install carbon monoxide detectors in the main living and sleeping areas to provide family safety and protection.

To avoid cold air leaks during winter months, we recommend the fan be properly sealed. Place a piece of tape over the wall switch control for the fan and tag the breaker in the electrical panel as being for the whole house fan. This will help you remember to clear the fan's insulation seal prior to using the fan in the spring time of the year. Do not to operate the whole house fan in winter months or prior to clearing the whole house fan insulation seal.

We can inspect your attic ventilation and whole house fan operations. Call us to schedule and verify the proper operations of your whole house fan system and ensure your attic ventilation and insulation is proper before spring arrives and you want to use the fan.

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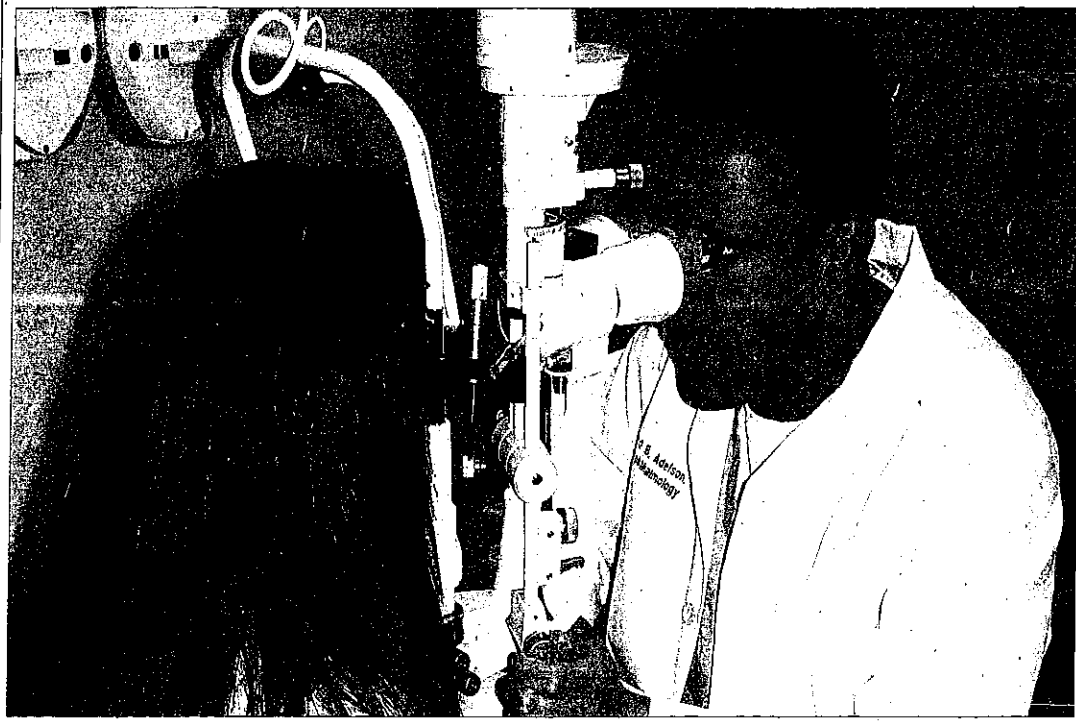
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Dr. Howard Adelson gives his patients top-notch service, based on his experience and training in laser vision correction.

Eyes on technology

Adelson offers latest laser vision surgery options

By John R. Hall
SPECIAL WRITER

There are a lot of new things happening at Adelson Eye & Laser Center in Northville, and all are designed to give eye patients more choices with better results. That's because owners Howard and Todd Adelson, board certified eye physicians/surgeons, have been busy staying abreast on the latest procedures and technologies involving laser vision correction.

"It seems that technology is changing every month and we have to adapt to these changes," said Howard. And both he and Todd have done just that, which is why Adelson Eye & Laser Center is approaching its fifth anniversary and also why the practice recently added a new office in Warren.

"Our growth has tripled since we first opened and our staff has quadrupled with the addition of our second location," Howard noted.

A lot of the growth has come from the Adelsons' attention to innovation and technology. But it also has a lot to do with the experience and training of its founders. Howard, who began the practice, and Todd, who joined his brother two years ago, are both fellowship-trained physicians. That means that each added an extra year of fellowship training after they met their educational requirements to practice ophthalmology. They made the choice in order to bring the most experience and best patient diagnostics to their practice.

"I really feel that the fellowship training enables us to better diagnose what a patient needs and helps us to better identify the right candidates for Laser-Assisted in situ Keratomileusis (LASIK) surgery," Howard said. "We might be the only office that has two physicians who are fellowship trained in Michigan."

LATEST TECHNIQUES

The experience and training has enabled Howard and Todd to reach out to the latest techniques as a means for providing the best patient eye treatment programs.

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Here is a list of some of the latest procedures and products.

Custom Monovision LASIK - This laser surgery procedure was approved by the U.S. FDA last year. It is the process of correcting one eye for distance vision and one eye for near vision to reduce the need for reading glasses or bifocals for patients affected by presbyopia, which is the inability of the eye to focus on near objects. "This is useful for patients 40 years and older," said Howard.

Whereas in the past, monovision Lasik was performed using normal "ablation" procedures, monovision LASIK can now be performed using a custom "wavefront" procedure, which creates a more accurate "fingerprint" of the patient's vision to guide the laser during surgery, commonly resulting in a more accurate outcome.

Laser Sub-epithelial Keratomileusis (LASEK) Eye Surgery - This procedure differs from LASIK surgery in that it does not involve cutting and repositioning a flap to perform reshaping of the cornea. "We create a flap without cutting," Howard said. "We use special medications which soften the surface of the cornea. The medications allow us to gently create pseudoflaps before laser vision correction. This often works well with patients who weren't good candidates for laser eye surgery in the past."

AcrySof "ReSTOR" Aspheric Lens - This lens allows for correcting distance and near vision. The aspheric technology cuts down on distortions and glare, which



Dr. Todd Adelson joined the Adelson Eye & Laser Center practice two years ago and is now helping to celebrate its fifth anniversary.

were common with previous lens implants, used after cataract surgery. In the past, a majority of patients who underwent cataract surgery received monofocal lens implants. While these lenses may have successfully corrected distance vision, they did not provide functional near vision. "This procedure is not only recommended for cataract patients but for anyone who wants to see up close and at a distance," said Todd.

Endoscopic CycloPhotocoagulation (ECP) - This procedure involves laser treatment of the ciliary body of the eye, which creates fluid. This reduces fluid production that in turn, reduces intra-ocular pressure. The procedure can be performed during cataract surgery and "only takes an extra five minutes," said Howard. ECP allows the surgeons at Adelson Eye & Laser Center to view the area through an endoscopic camera, which aids in the very precise placement of the laser beam used for treatment.

FreshKote Lubricant Eye Drops - While this is not a procedure, it is a product available through Adelson Eye & Laser Center, which is a new treatment for people suffering from dry eyes. "A lot of

people suffer from dry eye," said Todd. "These drops treat all three layers of the tear film."

NEW PATIENTS WELCOME

Drs. Howard and Todd Adelson are always accepting new patients at both locations and are happy to consult with patients on which procedure or products are best for correcting vision and making it more comfortable — and affordable.

"The price for LASIK surgery has come down in recent years. Patients can utilize our no-interest laser vision correction plans!" This makes LASIK surgery affordable for everybody.

But Adelson suggested that people do not be taken in by gimmick advertising which he said, "advertises a very low price but after everything else is added in, they are not saving any money."

Patients should also be aware of the technology being used and the surgeon's level of education and experience. The best value — based on experience, training, customer care, and vision-correcting options — is Adelson Eye & Laser Center. For more information call the Northville office at (248) 449-9292 or visit www.adelsoneye.com.

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