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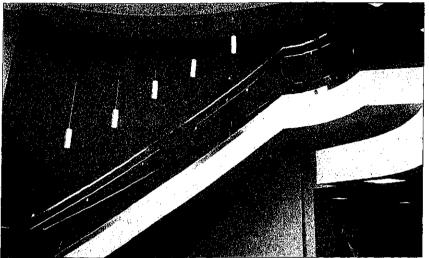
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Providing partnerships



The lobby of the Providence Park Medical Office Building already shows activity. The building, southwest of the main hospital on the campus, will house 55 physicians' offices, including Providence Rehabilitation Services on the lower level.

This is the fourth installment in a series featuring the St. John Health Providence Park campus

By Kelly Murad

A s part of its already unique campus con-cept, Providence Park

also provides partnership oppor-tunities between doctors and the

hospital.

"Historically, hospitals and doctors have what I call a kind of arms length, transactional relationship and we're trying to move toward a relationship on partnerships and investments for more quality care,"—said Rob Casalou, president of Providence Park Hospital.

Three of the buildings on the Providence Park Campus are investments of private partner-ships - Staybridge Suites; The Novi Orthopaedic Center and Bone and Joint Surgery Center; and the Medical Office Building

and Neurosciences Institute. According to Casalou tween the two medical buildings, "doctors have invested about \$70 million into the carn-

"Doctors and hospitals part ner in other ventures throughout the state, but this is the only one that I know of where they have that kind of investment on the campus," he said. "The doctors could have gone down the road to do it themselves, instead, let's

Council approves proposed budget

■ Tonight's budget meeting not needed

By Kelly Murad

In just two meetings, Novi's City Council, reviewed, dis-cussed, amended and approved the proposed \$32.6 million budget for the 2008-09 fiscal

year.

Therefore, the tentative meeting scheduled for 7 p.m. tonight,

"I think it's an excellent budget," said Mayor David Landry.
"It's balanced, both fiscally and in addressing the needs of the

in addressing the needs of the city."

At the special meeting Saturday morning, councilman Bob Gatt made a motion to amend the budget, transferring \$140,000 from the capital improvement fund of Fire Station No. 1, and using it toward additional improvements of the Fuere Farm romenty and of the Fuerst Farm property and installing a changeable sign at the Novi Civic Center.

The money was proposed to conduct a study regarding relocation of the fire department headquarters at Grand River Avenue and Market Street, but due to Michigan's slumping real testate market, council believes: timing is not right for such a venture. **2008-09**

The proposed budget, including Gatt's amendments, was approved by a 5-1 vote, with councilman Andrew Mutch dis-senting and Mayor Pro Tem Kim

senting and Mayor Pro Ican Kin Capello excused absent. Even though Mutch agreed with the removal of funding for the Fire Station No. 1 study, he felt the money should be allocat-ed toward neighborhood roads, which will receive \$1.5 million in the upcoming fiscal year, accord-ing to the proposed budget.

Mutch also expressed concern

regarding the overall fund bal-

Landry said, in recognizing that, at some point and time, rev-enues will be flat, council passed a resolution in January to increase the fund balance from 8-12 percent of the general fund, to 14-18 percent.

"We have raised the fund balance," Landry said. "This fund balance of 17.9 percent, I believe, is at an all-time high."

With council's approval, the next step to adopting the proposed 2008-09 budget is a public hearing, which will be held May 12, at the Novi City Council

Next week: A look at the city's

Celebrating 85 years and more of life

■ Birthday party at Novi Senior Party

By Kelly Murad STAFF WRITER

At 96, Catherine (Kay) Adamo All yo, Catherine (Kay) Adamo is not only living, but loving life. "When you live, you live with all your heart and you thank God every day," Adamo said. Adamo was the eldest of the

almost 50 seniors who celebrated their birthdays last Wednesday afternoon at the Novi Senior Center.

Fixed with cake, ice cream and balloons, the 85th Birthday

those turning 85 or older in 2008.

Although Adamo lost her hus-band of 74 years, six years ago, and her only daughter seven months later, she is thankful for the friends she has made while at

Meadowbrook Commons.
"I love people, I love my neighbors, they are very good to me, they are like family," said Adamo,

take care of myself."

Bom a decade apart, Detroinative Robert Stone was also celebrating his birthday last Wednesday at the Novi Senior Center.

Stone said his actual birthday, which was April 8, was spent with

he said.

who is still living on her own,
"I've been here seven years, I'm
one of the original ones, I still
take care of myself."

his wife Trudy, 82.
"It's been an interesting life,"

he said.
During his 86 years of life,
Robert worked for General Motors,
Ford Motor Company, served in
the Army Corps of Engineers in the
South Pacific, Philippines and in
the occupation of Japan in World
War II, but still, to this day, he said
his proudest accomplishment in his proudest accomplishment in

life, was "persuading Trudy to be his loving wife."

"When he returned from the war, he was dating a friend of nuine," Trudy said. "It was kind of

Trudy said. It was knot of an attraction right then and there."

Trudy said the first time she saw Robert was in a picture he sent with a letter to her friend at work.

"I fell in love with the picture,"

said Trudy, revealing she still keeps the photograph in her wal-let. "It was meant to be, I wouldwant anybody else." Although Robert makes it sound like he had to convince

Trudy to marry him, she said he just wanted to get married sooner than she thought they should, out of respect for her friend.

"We both had patience and per-

severance." Robert said, "We ha a deep commitment to each other and our family." Staying active, Robert and fel-low World War II veteran Rolland

Heaton, who is celebrating his 88th birthday this year, organized a program for the City of Novi honoring veterans of World War II, Vietnam and the Korean War.



Photo by JOHN HEIDER/Novi No

Kay Adamo, 96, receives congratulations for being part of the Novi Senior Center's 85th Birthday Celebration.

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Looking for a laugh? Head to Emagine Novi, 44425 W. 12 Mile Road, for the opening night of "Baby Mama" (PG-13) and "Harold & Kumar

13) and "Harold & Kumar Escape Trom Guantanamo Bay" (R). "Boby Mama" stars Tina Fey ("30 Rock") as an infertile, single businesswoman who hires the sometimes immature Amy Poehler ("Saturday Night Live," "Horton Hears a Who") to be the surrogate mother. The second 'Harold & Kumar' installment plans to hold up to the antics of the first film as John Cho ("American Pie") and Kal Penn ("Van Wilder") star. Both films feature several cameo supporting roles from other recognized celebrities. Cali

SATURDAY

Celebrate Arbor Day at Lakeshore Park, 601 S. Lake Drive, from 10 a.m.-noon. Mayor David Landry will plant a tree to kick off the day, as more than 200 volun-ters will sprace up the park with 250 trees and shrubs.

Snacks, beverages and equip-ment will be provided. For those interested in helping or who want more information, contact the Novi Parks. Department at (248) 347-0400.



Classic car lovers should head to Rock Financial Showplace, 46100 Grand River Ave., from 9 a.m.-6 p.m. for the Michigan International Spring Classic Car Show & Auction. The event will feature several class biles on display and for auction. The event will also run 3-8 p.m. Friday and 9 a.m.-9 p.m. Saturday, with the \$4 million Bud Mick Collection auction taking place Saturday and Sunday. There is no charge for the Friday night preview, but a \$10 one-day, \$15

veekend cost for admission. Children 12 and younger are free with a paying adult. Visit www.mauctions.com or call (734) 547-2400 for



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Arbor Day celebration Saturday at

In honor of Earth Day Tuesday, Novi residents focused their efforts on being environmentally aware while saving their green thumbs for the weekend.

Saturday, at Lakeshore Park, located at the south side of South a.m. at the Lakeshore Park trail- of Lakeshore Park this year. head with the ceremonial tree

The city is expecting at least 200 volunteers to assist in the planting and mulching of 250 for the Novi Parks, Recreation are sungervisor planting and strubs.

Among a variety of small trees, Along with planting trees, com-

and now we're trying to shift

Lakeshore Park

Seedlings and large trees planted will be red bud and spruce.

We're planting a mixed variety of trees and shrubs for different said Novi Parks and Forestry

> some of our focus to another park. "Lakeshore Park is more of a passive recreation park and we want to continue with that theme." The annual event, which was previously held at ITC Community Sports Park, will focus its efforts on the back part

unteers, who will also receive a

how to grow it at home.
"It's a lot of fun," Printz said. "I enjoy it and I think the city enjoys putting it on. We're all working together for a common cause."
For 2007, Novi received its 16th designation as a National Arbor

Day Foundation Tree City USA. Novi was among the 111 Michigan communities to qualify as a Tree City USA by meeting of Lakeshore Park this year.

"We're spreading the wealth of trees to ensure that we're planting trees in the best locations of our parks systems," said Tracie

the four standards of having a tree four department, tree car ordinance, comprehensive community forestry program and an Arbor Day observance. the four standards of having a tree

munity members will assist in the removal of invasive species such as Garlic Mustard.

Snacks, beverages and equip.

Novi received this award for

analysis, education and public relations, and continuing educa-

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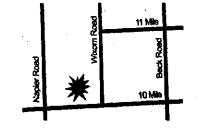
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extend the invitation for them to do it right here on the campus and equally share risk and reward."

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Adding one more piece to the puzzle, construction of the Medical Office Building, which will house the vast majority of Providence physicians, is near completion with numerous doc-tors already moved in.

We were the first tenants," said "We were the first tenants," said Stephanie Herrle, Providence Rehabilitation Services physical therapist who moved into the new building in the first week of March. "This gym is larger than our previous gym." Providence Rehabilitation Services, which used to be located in the current hospital, provides physical and occumational thera-

physical and occupational thera-, and will provide speech thera-

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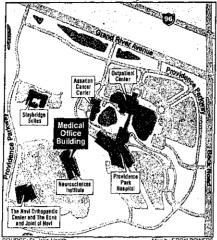
py once a therapist is hired.

Once the new hospital opens, the current hospital will house outpatient services, along with some offices for administration and specialty physicians. By May 1, doctors are expected to move into the Medical Office

Building, which is entirely leased out to 55 Providence physicians, said Lou Martin, account executive of marketing and public relations for Providence Park Hospital.

"They own the buildings and we own the land," Casalou said, "We're also tenants. We pay rent

Providence Park Campus



to the building to have our rehab center in there

The medical offices are located in the northern portion of the 210,000-square-foot building. In coming months, the southern portion will open as the Neurosciences Institute, which will include a teaching auditorium and surgical teaching skills lab.

Designing doctors

Dr. Jeffrey Weingarten's office

was the first to open at the current

Building's information technolo

gy services.

"Our entrance is going to have three, 47-inch, vertical LCD monitors with the digital directory for the Medical Office Building," he said. "R's going to be a public information kiosk."

was the first of open at the current hospital 14 years ago. "It's been an evolution," he said. Weingarten has been involved with the planning and implemen-tation of the Medical Office

Chandonnet works on some rehabilitation inside the new Providence Park Medical Office Building. connect the high-tech infrastruc-Weingarten also said there will

be touch-screen monitors on each floor providing patients directions to their doctor's office when they exit the elevator. "It's a highly service-oriented

facility to care for our patients," he said. "The digital directory will

ture of our building to that of the

With the assistance of physical therapist Stephanie Herrle, right, Raymond

ture of our billiding to man or un-new hospital."

There will be a connector linking the Medical Office Building and Neurosciences Institute to the new Providence

"To have the doctors being the ones designing it really makes a big difference," Martin said.

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Novi schools and St. John Providence partner in excellence

By Chris Jackett STAFF WRITER

While some kids grow up wanting to be a doctor and take the interest to college without experience. Novi students are getting a

ence, Novi students are getting a first-hand look through the Partners in Excellence program, The first-year program, coordi-nated by Novi High School Science Department Chair Bill Dunbar, has opened up a world of opportunity for students with St. John Providence Park in Novi.

The power of it is that it is real world. The kids see it beyond the classroom," he said, "The kids are examining medical careers and traveling to the hospital four times a week. We've also connected our special ed kids for vocational training at Providence Park, It's just been a great partnership and the benefits for both communities have just been incredible."

First-hand experiences

The new medical career explorations course Dunbar teaches at the high school is the centerpiece of the program. Speakers from of the program. Speakers from various medical fields visit the

class on Mondays as students afternate on group trips to the hospital the other four days.

"Through observing these dif-ferent careers, I know what careers are boring, what careers involve a lot of responsibility and what careers have more personto-person contact, rather then computer-to-person contact," said MaryBeth Shively, a 17-year-old senior in the class. "There are many assumptions regarding careers in health cure and this class has opened my eyes to a number of health care possibilities, rather than the normal doctor.

nurse and pediatrician."

The class has opened a lot of students' eyes as they've been able to witness surgeries, learn how to give

"Being in this class has not only allowed me to see some of the things that go on /behind tho scenes' at a hospital, but it also teaches me things that I don't want to do or don't like, which is just as important as figuring out what you do like," said 18-year-old senior Lauren Shelar, a future zoologist. "Before this class, I thought that I wanted to work in a hospital all the time and possibly be a nurse, but once I got into it, I realized that everything isn't like they show you on 'Grey's Anatomy."

Darlene Ephraim, corporate director of occupational health with St. John Providence, collab-orates with Dunbar to make the program successful.

"It gives the students the opportunity to see what's out there in the medical profession," Ephrain said, "Many patients, as they walk through, comment they wish their children had this opportunity."

More than a class

Beyond the course, elementary school students will be donating 500 self-written books to the hos-pital on May 12, an event various high school departments are assisting with, Additionally, many high school art students spent their spring break painting an aquatic mural in the emergency room and the choir sung for patients last Christmas.

"It's a growing program. It's just beginning. The hospital hasn't even opened," Dunbar said.
"Being able to see that stuff and network with professionals, we have a large number of high

school kids that are volunteering." Natalie Krick, a 17-year-old jun-ior art student, recently designed the logo for the Novi Orthopaedic

Center. The logo is displayed on the center's sign and letterhead. "It was definitely a life-long experience learning the process of

expenence learning the process of developing a logo and meeting with clients," Krick said. Ephraim said the involvement will help to usher in future generations of volunteers and medical providers. "The program is absolutely amazing, It's probably been one of the most revarding expenses.

affiaing. It's probably been one of the most rewarding experiences of my career. I get to talk with students and I'm looking forward to their successes," said the 22-year St. John Providence employee. "I see this as a wonderful partnership in the future of health care to change lives and this does that.



Novi High School student Natalie Krick designed the logo for the Novi Orthopaedic Center. The logo is displayed on the center's sign and letterhead.

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Outlook for jobs brighter in 2009

Oakland County seen as key spot in Michigan

By John Wisely

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Oakland County will lose another 4,400 jobs this year before adding about 1,200 jobs in 2009 and 5,600 jobs in 2010.

according to two University of

Michigan economists.

George Fulton and Donald
Grimes presented the 23rd annual Oakland County Economic Forecast last Thursday to about 750 business and government leaders in Novi. The forecast was welcome

news on two fronts: The county lost 23,000 jobs in 2006-07. And as one of the most affluent counties in the nation, Oakland is expected to lead the state out of its

economic downturn. So, any sign of job growth in Michigan's recession may be end-ing, economists have said. Since 1986, the forecast has

had an average margin of error of only 1.5 percent, Fulton said. The county can expect job gains in health care, business services and technology, with continued losses in average percent percent services. in manufacturing, real estate and leisure sectors, the forecast said.

"The economy of Oakland County has improved pretty appreciably in a tough environ-ment," Fulton said. "Oakland has consistently scored a significant



L. Brooks Patterson

that the county posted consecutive

2000

years of job gains.
"I'm confident that we will ofter a glimmer of hope," said County Executive L. Brooks Patterson, "It's important to see the glass as half full."

Patterson pointed to his Emerging Sectors initiative, which recruits growing industries to the county, as an example of attracting the jobs of the future. Last week, Patterson announced the initiative passed the S1-billion milestone for new investment in the county.

Some of the businesspeople

Financial Showplace in Novi to hear the presentation said the assessment tracks with what they are sceing.

"It's not too rosy, which is realistic," said Don Clayton, a partner in the Southfield accounting firm of Clayton & McKervey PC.

Kent Pederson of Charter One Rent Pederson of Charter One Bank said he already sees some small- to medium-size businesses that are surviving and even growing, "Not everybody is struggling," Pederson said. "We still have a

Who's looking out for individual investors?

If you've been investing for a while, you know that there are few guarantees in the investment world and that, in one way or world and that, if the way of another, you're going to be taking some risks with your money. Still, you'd like to know that you're par-ticipating in a system that is fair to everyone and that is governed by ules. So you may ask yourself:
"Who's looking out for me?"

who's looking out for me?"
Fortunately, you're not alone, In fact, a variety of government agencies and industry groups are working to protect you. Let's take a quick look at some of them:
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web site at www.sec.gov.

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These agencies, and others involved in the investment world, work hard to protect your interests - because the capital markets, as a whole, will always benefit when investors are confident that they are participating in an equitable system.

But, despite the work of these agencies, you still need to take steps to defend yourself against "unpleasant surprises" down the road. Here are a few ideas to consider:

your investments.

Never invest in something that you don't fully understand. Before you write a check, make

sure you know exactly what goes into an investment, along with its potential benefits and risks.

Know your risk tolerance. If you're losing sleep over the fate of your investments, you may be tak-ing on more risk than you should. On the other hand, however, you may sometimes need to move out-

side your "comfort zone" to achieve your financial objectives. If, for example, you invest too conservatively, your portfolio may not provide enough growth poten-tial to keep up inflation, which,

your financial security.

• Work with a financial advisor who knows your situation. An ethical, professional financial advisor - someone who knows your needs, goals and investment preferences -should only recommend investments that are appropriate for you. Between your awareness of the

various regulatory agencies and your own informed actions, you can feel confident about your ability to invest - and that's a good feeling to have.

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

New Novi Chamber of Commerce director; Maynard joins hospital

The Novi Chamber Commerce announced that Linda Daly, business services manager for Telcom Credit Umon, accepted the position of administrative director for the Novi Chamber of Commerce effective Misy 5: Bob munity-for thore than 41 years and 11 y the position. Linda comes to us with a great depth of experience in organizing, planning and lead-ership. I'm sure that her skill sets will play a crucial role as we move forward to double the size the membership and activities the Novi Chamber of

Commerce Novi Chamber was founded in 1967 NEWSMAKERS

Patterson makes endorse-ment for Oakland County Commissioner

L. Brooks Patterson, anounced he is endorsing Lou Csordas for Oakland County Commissioner.

"Lou Csordas has the experi-County Commissioner for District ounty chief executive, in a state-

ment. "I have watched Lourperform as the Mayor of the City of Novi, and I am aware of his private sector experience in finance and insurance. As a fiscal conservative, he will be a great asset in the tough economic times facing the county and I look forward to

working with him. Patterson gave his endorsement of Csordas at a Iuncheon attended by more than 100 people at the Novi Outback Steakhouse on April 19. Csordas said he will seek

appointment to the Finance Committee and the Personnel Committee as a county commissioner.

He is employed by U.S. Health and Life Insurance Company

and Life Insurance Company based in Sterling Heights. Csordas is vice president of Corporate Communications and manages large, self-funded health benefit programs for the company. Csordas is the immediate past Mayor of the City of Novi and has

lived in Novi for 30 years. Robert Maynard, M.D., joins Botsford Hospital

medical staff Robert Maynard, M.D., recently joined the Botsford Hospital medical staff.

Dr. Maynard, a Pleasant Ridge resident, is board certified in internal medicine. He is a member of

nar medicine. He is a memoer of the American Medical Association, the American Society of Echocardiography, the American Society of Nuclear Cardiology and the Society of Cardiovascular Computed Tomography.

He practices at Consultants in Cardiology located at 30055 Northwestern Hwy, Suite 220 in Farmington Hills, 47601 Grand River Avenue, Suite C206 in Novi and 14555 Levan Road, Suite 403

Dr. Maynard received his med-ical education from Wayne State University's School of Medicine. He completed his internship and internal medicine residency at McGaw Medical Center of Northwestern University. He also completed a cardiovascular medicine fellowship at the Henry Ford Heart and Vascular Institute.

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Antin Development Selis Novi Facility for \$1M

Anlin Development Co. sold the property at 46695 Magellan Drive in Novi for \$1.09 million, or about \$68 per square foot. IPG Photonics purchased the building, which will be its new showroom and laboratory for laser related

After leasing space in the Beck Business Center, IPG realized that it needed a larger space that would give it the opportunity to serve the Midwest appropriately. The 46695 Magellan Drive site

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amplifiers. IPG has facilities throughout the U.S., Germany,

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Jon G. Savoy and Joseph G. Pellerito from Lee & Associates represented the seller, while Mark Schafer from Lee & Associates represented the buyer.

Baskin-Robbins offers Second Annual 31 Cent Scoop Night

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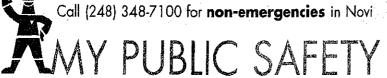
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Novi resident's court case dismissed against Kid Rock

Novi resident Kelly Ann Kozlowski was awarded zileti ne rease against musician Kid. Rock during a one-day trial in Rock during a one-day trial in return. Sozlowski and a friend met the first 30 min-tention and did not return. Rock during a one-day trial in return. Rock during a first first case a fixten and grant deposition dates scheduled last at return. Rock failed to appear to return return

favor of Ritchie after 90 minutes

A jury of four men and three didn't have anything relevant to women reached a 6-1 decision in favor of Ritchie after 90 minutes

The lawsuit stemmed from an

Rock during a one-day trial in return.

Pontiac last Friday, part of a back-and-forth series of lawsuits between the two parties.

Kozlowski, 20, sought more lock star at a bar that night, the from Kozlowski, her mother, a mental expert and the Clarkston After an argument, Kozlowski most experience who responded to a leged she was pushed into and source and the clarkston police exceptant who responded to a leged she was pushed into and source and the clarkston police with the starting and source and the clarkston police with the starting and source and the clarkston police with the starting and source and the clarkston police with the starting and source and the clarkston police with the starting and source and the final depth of the starting and the clarkston police with the starting and the final depth of the starting and the Kozłowski, 29, sought more than \$25,000 from the 37-year-old rock star, born Robert J.

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8, 2007 incident.

or property, defamation and trespassing. Kozlowski counter steed written to the Oakland Press the for emotional distress from seeing following week, saving her name in the media reconstitution.

at deposition of trained to appear at deposition of dates scheduled last fall. Oakland County Circuit Court Judge Shalina Kumar dismissed Ritchie's case Nov. 14, 2007. "Mr. Ritchie made a comment

"I've never asked for special treata pindie can regarding the March old rock star, born Robert J.

Ritchie, for emotional distress, "She had not been injured and, if this had been anyone other than Kid Rock, the lawsuit) wouldn't have happened," said Bill Horton, Ritchie's attorney.

Ritchie's attorney.

Ritchie star, born Robert J.

Show bank outside the stadto, and to keep action against Ritchie for assoult and battery.

The rever asked for special treat-took legal action against Ritchie for assoult and battery.

After several witnesses were unfairly because of his celebrity status," Kumar said Monday. "I treated him no differently than I'd compared to the story." Horton said. "It was a way expected not to be pundiarly because of his celebrity status," Kumar said Monday. "I treated him no differently than I'd compared him the distance of this celebrity status," Kumar said Monday. "I treated him no differently than I'd compared him the distance of the septically by a court of taw, for treated him no differently than I'd compared him the distance of his celebrity status," Kumar said Monday. "I treated him no differently than I'd compared him the distance of his celebrity status," Kumar said Monday. "I treated him no differently than I'd compared him the thought I treated him no differently than I'd compared him the thought I treated him no differently than I'd treated him no

bands.goanddomichigan.com, was following week, saying he had not enough for the appeals court

a trial planned to determine if he Kozlowski's attorney, refused to

SIRIUS radio believed stolen; purse missing from Novi pub

Between 9 p.m. April 14 and 7:40 a.m. April 15, an unknown suspect stole the SIRIUS Satellite Radio from a vehicle parked on

Talford Circle, near Nine Mile and Haggerty roads, reports said. The gray, 2007 Mercury Pursi Mariner was parked in front of the Pub garage door of the victim's conside window was broken out and

and the radio is worth \$175.

Police were unable to obtain any viable prints and there are no witnesses or suspects at this time.

Avenue.

The woman, who had been bonk, among other items, and realized she forgot her pures time.

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minimism when the passengerthe window was broken out and
ditho was stolen.

According to the report, the

Pub. located on Grand River

weather to not the manager were
able to locate them, reports said.

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the doors, but there were no signs

arrived at the retail store in High Point Plaza at about 1:20 p.m. and parked near the Escalade when upon returning to her vehicle at she arrived at the store, but the dashboard of the 2007 Cadillac returned, reports said.

It is unknown if the other vehi-The woman believes she locked - cle was involved or witnessed the

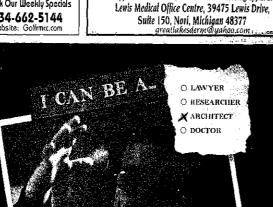


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Coping with autism

bal communication and unusual

repetitive or severely limited

ological Disorders

Stroke estimates three to six children out of every 1,000 will have

autism. Males are four times more

April is Autism Awareness

Walled Lake, is hosting several

events to help parents understand autism and how to raise a child

as summer camp and special events

to all children who are not func-

The abilities center is a private therapy center, around since 1994.

Bringing awareness

The National Institute of

By Tracy Estes-Mishler

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7-year-old daughter, Magen, no

matter what.

Diagnosed with autism at 6,

though it's been hard, her daugh-ter is the love of her life and autism is just an obstacle the mother and daughter duo will learn to cope with together,

"It is hard to be a single mother and raise a child with autism," McClester said. "But the more and more I read about it, the more I understand that it's up to me to help her grow and possibly get

"I always wanted to be a mother and, though Magen has autism.

a child with autism has been an up

cope with a child who has it. "I treat my daughter like any other parent would treat their child," she said. "Sometimes. Magen doesn't focus or comprehend what I'm saying to her, but help them reach their maximum

then I help her get back and understand on a different level." Like McClester, many parents are learning to raise children with talk about autism as a disease. Now, experts are looking at it as autistic spectrum disorder with many different kinds of kids and According to the National

Neurological Institute of Neurological issues.

Disorders and Stroke, autism is issues.

The most common condition in a "It's something we may begin being boys.

The issue with autism is there autism and gather resources. "We believe in partnering." group of developmental disorders known as the autism spectrum disorders. Autism is characterized of see at birth, the only thing we known as the autism spectrum classification of the control of the con

Hosted by: Abilities

What: Open house to help parents of autistic children gather resources and Where: Commerce Place 2075 E. West Maple, Suite B-204, Walled Lake

the Abilities Center, visit www.Abilitiescenter.com or

munication, impaired social skills and respective stereotypic behav-iors such as hand slapping, rock-

tioning at their utmost potential.
"We call it the Abilities Center
because we focus on abilities and not disabilities," said Jill Spokojny Guz, occupational therapist and ing relationships with other people "Autism is a diagnosed con-tention," she said. "Children can president of the Abilities Center.
"We think all children have
strengths and abilities, and we physically look normal, and that's the hardest part with parents, functional. They don't know how

> learn language. Spokojny Guz said 70 percent of the children seen at the

Party in the park

Price: Free

ing back and forth. Nonfunctions behaviors." Spokeiny Guz said things to

potential whatever that may be."

Spokojny Guz said therapists, doctors and researchers used to to play. They tend to have a lot of tantrums and it can be hard to

Abilities Center are autistic, with

Jill Spokojny Guz helps student Avery down the silde at the Abilities Center, in Walled

control groups to really under-stand what autism is and what the best treatments are."
The Abilities Center, primarily

for children ranging in age through adolescence, is hosting an open house in honor of Autism Awareness Month today from 6-7:30 p.m. Spokoiny Guz said there are

Spokojny Guz said there are pathology and other functional many parents seeking answer programs. Classes include spinand this is a time to let their children play so they can learn about

the disorder," she said, "but we really need scientific studies with control groups to really under-purents. They really are the chil-

dren's best leachers and play a vital role in their children's lives."

For aulism, the Abilities Center "It's really difficult to be a parspecializes in the D.I.R. Floor Time (Development ent of an autistic child because there is no one to say this is what Individualizes Relationships) approach, which includes sensory integration, speech and language

help the parents as much as we can. There are lots of resources in the Detroit area alone that are invaluable, like the Michigan "All children want to learn to "We believe in partnering with ride a bike and that definitely Autism Association Oakland

Red Robin staff saves the day for fearful family



Christopolous, left, Ken Butcher and Mary McNell (not in the restaurant on April 5.

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CITY OF NOVI **TSLUP 08-008**

ea on the property at #27/UU usrand Hiver Avenue, an US1 district, from May 9, 2008 through November 9, 2009.

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

This request will be considered at 1:30 p.m. on Friday, May 9, 2008 at the Not Civic Center, 45175 West Ten Mile Road. All written comments should be directed to Robin A. Working and must be received prior to May 9, 2008.



duty around 3 p.m. the day of the seven years ago before switching to restaurant management, said

while mid-manager and bartender
Amy Carriere called 9-1-1.
"One of my servers ran up to
me because they knew I had medand breathing. She was reatly

City of Nov! will hold a public hearing on Tuesday, May 13, 2008 at 7:00 p.m. In the Council Chambers Novi Civic Center 45175 W. Ten Mile Road

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NOTICE REQUEST FOR TEMPORARY SPECIAL LAND USE PERMIT

NOTICE IS HERIEBY GIVEN that Josh Malik of Anglin Properties it requesting a Temporary Special Land Use Permit to allow time for the termin nation of lease agreements for outdoor storage of recreational vehicles locat ed on the property at 45700 Grand River Avenue, an OST district, from May

ROBIN A. WORKING TEMPORARY USE PERMIT SECRETARY

For the staff at the Novi Red didn't know what to do." The grandmother had been sitting and holding the child while the mother was in the rest Robin restaurant, a Saturday afternoon is normally a steady flow of hungry customers and a room, where she was quickly routine schedule However, on April 5, they had to act fast as a 19-month-old child retrieved by restaurant staff

walking around in the dining ature is what brought the seizures on." room and saw a woman crying and fumbling around in her ager at the restaurant who was on

The server, Louis nis pasi cumming the Schristopoulos, ran to find general infants are susceptible to a body temperature-induced soizure, allowing him to deal with it

CITY OF NOVI PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE NOTICE (S HEREBY GIVEN THAT the Zoning Board of Appeals for th

io consider:

Case No. 09-018 filed by Gardner Signs for Huntington Bank located at 43200 fen Mile Road

Gardner Signs Inc. representing Huntington Bank is requesting a thirteen (13) square foot area variance and a one-lock height variance for an 8 x 6 foot multi tenant ground sign measuring forty-eight (48) square feet to be located at 43200 fen Mile Road for the Huntington Bank and the Vantage Point Stopping Centler. Property is zoned B-3 and located north of Ten Mile Road and east of Novi Road.

Case No. 60-119 filed by Mile Development for 25280 Seeley Road.

Ten Mile Road and east of Novi Road.

Case No. 98-119 filed by R&M Development for 25289 Seeley Road RMD Development for 25289 Seeley Road RMD Development exploration of the continue the nonconforming use of outdoor storage for building materials, contractor's equipment's spiles and to park RMD Development vehicles on the property located at 25280 Seeley Road. Property is zoned I-1 and located north of Grand River Avenue and east of Seeley Road.

Case No. 98-2020 filed by L. & A Architects Inc. for Taco Bell located at 21090 Haggerty Road.

L & A Architects Inc. is requesting one ten (10) foot front yard parking setback variance, one variance to the required number of parking spaces, one five (5) loci side yard dumpster setback variance and one variance to the reculrement that loading areas be screened from view from any public right-of-way, including free way right-of-way and adjacent properties for the Taco Bell resistaurant located at 21090 Haggerty Road. Property is zoned FS and is located north of Eight Mile Road and east of Haggerty Road.

Case No. 08-022 filed by 1801 East Lake Road

and is located north of Eight Mile Road and east of Haggarty Road.

Case No. 08-022 filed by 1601 East Lake Road
Applicant is requesting not boru (4) foot side yard setbed variance and
one 5% rear yard fot overage variance for the construction of a new 528
square foot detached garage to be located at 1601 East Lake Road.
Property is zoned R-4 and located north of Thirteen Mile Road and west of
Volv Road.

Properly is 20160 M-4 And located north or Interest limits need to be considered.

Case No. 8-023 filed by Erickson Retirement Communities for Fox Run Village Iocated at 41000 M. Thirteen Mille Boad Entison Retirement Communities - Fox Run Village is requesting an extension to allow the continued placement of a temporary construction identification sign located at 41000 W. Thirteen Mille Road. The sign was originally approved in ZBA04-012 for one year and granted a three year extension in ZBA04-117. The property is zoned RM-1 and is located north of Thirteen Mille Road and west of the M-5 expressway.

Case No. 08-024 filed by 23770 Meadowbrook Road Applicant is requesting one 8.3 loot aggregate side yard setback variance for the addition of a new attached garage to an existing nonconform; a structure located at 2370 Meadowbrook Road Applicant's property has an existing 4.2 foot north side yard setback. Property is zoned R-4 and is located east of Meadowbrook Road and north of Malott Drive.

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clothing we could and we got some coild towels and wrapped her up," he said. "By the time 9-1-

I got there, she was screaming bers, whose names were not like Bloody Mary."
It wasn't the first time
Butcher had to deal with a cusknown to Red Robin employees, tomer in trouble. He said an staff members.

"There was no response. Here eyes were rolled back and she was foaming at the mouth," McNeil conditions of the shild "A high temper- CPR right away, and saved her in the hospital. The food was on

He said the situation with the infant was a little more extreme.

"The situation is always clevat-Novi News staff writer Chris Jackett can be reached at (248) ed when you see a small, helpless 349-1700, exi. 122

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ical training in the past," Butcher said. "The grandmother had laid her down on the floor because she is the floor because she is the floor because t



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Frog Force robotics wraps up rebuilding year

By Chris Jackett

Novi High School's Team 503 Frog Force robotics team returned from the Georgia Dome in Atlanta championships was enough to place the students among Michigan's elite.

Frog Force won the FIRST Robotics Great Lakes Invitation at Eastern Michigan University on March 29 after forming an alliance with teams from Huron dents, also won the Engineering Inspiration Award.

Team 503 was looking to reclaim their 2005 world title in Atlanta and got off to a strong start last Friday, the first day of competition, by winning four of their first five matches. "At one point, we were in sev-

enth place," said first-year coach Craig Hepler, who has been a mentor since the program was founded in 2001 when his oldest son, Jeff, was a freshman. His younger son, Eric, also competed with the team until he graduated

eight years we've gone (to the world championships). In 2005, we were the world champs." The second day of competition

on Saturday wasn't as promising for Team 503, as they battled a tough Team 39 and lost both natches of the day. With a 4-3-0 place in the 85-team Newton not. It's cool to show physical

seniors, the trip to the world championships and the regional title were still a success for what some would call a rebuilding scason. Craig Hepler is confident the

year.
"Every year, we seem to gel better as far as our methods. We

The team's robot, Pulverizing Patel, was created with the help of It was able to perform well as it

had to travel counterclockwise around a track on a 27-by-54-foot field while shooting a 40-inch colored ball over an overpass obstacle during a two-minute, 15-sec-

ond competition run.
"Our robot was designed to
pick up the ball and shoot it over the overpass," Hepler said, "There were quite a few different designs Team 217 ThunderChickens of Utica Community Schools in

Michigan won the world championship with a robot that swung an arm and flung the ball over the obstacle, rather than shoot it. The team from Huron Valley Schools that Novi partnered with at the regional com-petition also did well, finishing third of 84 teams in the Curie Division.

Hepler said of the robotics com-petitions, "In so many things, it's Division. prowess on the football field or basketball court. (A speaker at the

"It makes it cool to be smart."



Team 503 Frog Force members Tyler Odom, Gavin Patient and Vritika Singh stand with coach Craig Hepler, mentor Manoj Srivastava and their robot, Pulverizing Patel, at last weekend's robotics world championships at Atlanta's Georgia Dome

he said) this is the only sport all the kids can go pro in."

Novi News staff writer Chris ejackett@gannett.com

the United States.
The board adjourned to exec-

utive session at 9:45 p.m.

17 regular meeting of the Novi Community School Board by Chris

Jackett. All board members were in

attendance. Next meeting: 7 p.m.

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Chinese available at Meadows; HS cameras running

as part of a four-person team from were taken from the Thursday, April

School Board Meeting Highlights

Novi Meadows' teachers Laura Pennycuff and Diane McCurdy reported to the board about Chinese world language tutoring and grant. Starting this fall, grades five and six will be able to learn Pyn-Yin Chinese in addition to the current German, French, Japanese and Spanish lan-guage options already available to grades five-12. Mandarin Chinese is already being taught to seventh-12th grade students.

scores in the 90th percentile for most categories.

• Assistant Superintendent of

Business and Operations Gail Credit provided a short demonstration of the surveillance camera capabilities at Novi High School. The cameras offer a clear, color, zoomable perspective of

 much of the high school's interior.
 The board discussed modifi-| Cartesian | Cart

ient of the Free-Enterprise Scholarship for the 2008-2009

academic year. The Free-Enterprise Scholarship is \$5,000

per year with renewal options

yearly if criteria is met. The schol-

arship is awarded to a student who

has exhibited academic excel-lence during their high school years. Mouch, the son of Bob and

Jan Mouch of Novi, will graduate from Novi High School this spring and will work toward a

siness degree from Northwood

University.

reported to the board the district's MEAP score results from fall 2007 testing. Novi placed among the best in Oakland County, with tions of the policy will be dis cussed at the next three regular

board meetings.

Beels and Superintendent Peter Dion recognized the high scores of Chemistry Olympiad Josh Lumley, Ruixiao Zuo, Ryan Lumley and Sudharshan Mohanram, Josh Lumley and Zuo participated in a second test yes-

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Kate Elsa McClymont, a jun-

University of Nebraska

On Campus

ior from Novi majoring in jou nalism and mass communication was honored April 6 at the University Honors Convocation by being named a High Scholar. This signifies that a student is either in the top 10 percent of their class or has a 3.6 cumulative grade-point average or higher.

Tyler W. Mouch will be a University this fall and is a recip

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Gladys F. Barnum, age 86, of Novi, formerly of Northville and Kalkaska, passed away peacefully on April 18. 2008. She was oom on August 20, 1921 in Saginaw, Mi to William and Lillian (Barnkow) DeLude. She was united in marriage to Harold E. Bamum on March 6, 1943. They spent 44 loving years together until his death on April 17, 1987. Gladys, a homemaker, enjoyed playing bridge and gardening. She was an avid reader. She is survived by her beloved children, Ronald (Kathy) Barnum and Joy (Bruce) Mach; her dear brother, Jack (Eleanor) DeLude and sister. Buth (Marquin) Simonson and sister, Ruth (Marvin) Simonson her adored grandchildren, Gregory Barnum, Melissa Barnum, Jaso (Alaina Schroeder) Mach and Randy death by her husband, her parents and her brother Douglas DeLude. A Time of Gathering will be held Sunday, May 4, 2008 from 1 p.m. until 3 p.m. with a Memorial Service South Lyon will be officiating the service. In lieu of flowers the family would appreciate memorial contri butions to Marywood Nursing Care Center, 36975 5 Mile Rd., Livonia,

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Resident could have a shining moment on 'American Idol'

resident Schreitmueller got together with David Barrett and Dan Yessian and wrote a song catled "You Believe in Me" a decade ago. The men's basketball tournament's song is now one of 20 finalists in the American Idol Songwriter contest.
"The song is 10 years old. It's

interesting because we did it 10 years ago at Dan's studio," Schreitmueller said. "Dan's son and staff prodded him and we just

The winning song, out of a pool of thousauds, will be sung by the season seven "American Idol" winner during the final show next month.

Votes are tallied at http://songwriter.americanidol.com, where anyone on the Web can register, listen to the 20 songs and rate each song through April 23. "You Believe in Me," co-written by Schreitmueller and sung by Chicago vocalist Heten Darling. should not be confused with another song titled "You Believed

"The chances of winning are so astronomical," Schreitmueller said. "I've never been in something like this, It's a big surprise to me, to see your name on the 'American Idol' Web site." The additional publicity may be sew to Schreitmueller, but the

new to Schrei

ndustry isn't. He's been in bands in the past, gives piano lessons and is the director of music ministries at Oak Pointe Church in Novi. "I've been doing music for decades and songwriting since the '80s," he said. "I put together the

as good as the last song you wrote."

Schreitmueller prefers the songwriter's lifestyle to that of a singer because it allows him to lead a simple life.

have a shot to win.

pick the music (at Oak Pointe)."

enough where any of them really

any singer," he said. "You're only

public eye. You can still go to Hiller's (grocery store)," he said.
"As a songwriter, you're more behind the scenes. I'd hate to be Kelly Clarkson because you'd always have people coming up to you asking for autographs."
Although he doesn't deal much with singing himself, he has paid some attention to the current

"American Idol" season, noting he enjoyed contestant David Cook's rock-acoustic rendition of Michael Jackson's "Billie Jean" and David Archuleta's range of songs as well.
"I'd have to say the guys have

the edge this time," He said abou the competition.

Commissions. Aditi Arora, Dylan Capello, Bridget Dunn, Mark Gardner, Irene Israel, Neha Verma, Jason Murray, Yunbo Nie

and Zhounan Xie were appointed

to the Novi Youth Council; Neelima Goyal and Mariah Smith

Rachel Manela and Paul Syriac

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appointed

He's also composes songs for television and radio commercials in his private studio, similar to "You Believe in Me" co-writers anthem, "One Shining Moment." Schreitmueller thinks the other songs in the top 20 are good "They're good, so who knows. It's a level playing field. A good song should be able to transcend

taken from the April 21 regular meeting of the Novi City Council. All Council members were pres-

at the Novi Civic Center, 45175 W.

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349-1700, ext. 122 or
Schreitmueller is the co-author of a song that is one of Schreitmueller is the co-author of a song that is one of the top 20 finalists in the American Idol songwriter contest.

Council asked to rethink the Fuerst Farm plans

Novi's City Council meeting:

cherry and birch wood.

Work of Art!

William Richardson of Suffolk Va., works on

crafting shaker-style round boxes at last week-end's Sugarloaf Art Festival at Novi's Rock

Financial Showplace. Richardson was one of

many crafters and artists who demonstrated their trade during the three day festival which ended Sunday. The boxes are made mostly of

• During audience participation at Monday's meeting, three Novi residents approached council asking them to reconsider the action property. The residents are in support of restoring the historic buildings jon the site. Historical Commission chair Kathy Mutch Commission chair Kathy Mutch approached council to inform the public the annual Fuerst Farm

Family Days has been moved to May 18, due to the possibility of construction on the site in the fall, which is when the event normally Among the items approved in the 2007-08 budget amendment at Monday's council meeting was changeable copy sign to change

the sanitary sewer Supervisory Control and Data Acquisition Saturday and is looking to reserve a space in the Police Patrol Dog Academy at the Oakland Police implementation project. The project was a recommendation from Academy next month. The funding the Capacity, Management, Operations and Maintenance prowill cover the training costs of a Novi officer at the five-week acade-my and the purchase of a partially grant and will allow staff to contintrained German shepherd imported the city's sanitary system. from Holland, Council announced the mem-

Council unanimously approved the first reading of the sign ordinance text amendment regarding changeable copy signs sent back to the Ordinanc Review Committee for discussio regarding permitted usage of such iens throughout the city Modifications to the ordinance

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\$10,100 to be allocated to the police 60 times per minute, as opposed department for replacement of a member of the K-9 unit, Yukon.

The police department lost Yukon awarded the \$398,400 contract for

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Novi News

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In our opinion: Going green has many benefits

Taking steps to protect the environment seems like a no-brainer. Ravaging the Earth seems akin to never fuel efficiency standards for Taking steps to protect the environment seems like a no-brainer. Ravaging the Earth seems akin to never using a trash can inside your own home. Absurd? Yes, Just like pol-

luting the environment. Taking small steps indi-vidually can make a big dif-ference

For example, compact fluror example, compact interpretations or scent light bulbs use 75 percent less energy and last 10 times longer. So by using them, your electric bill [for lighting your home) can be divided by four, and you can to jump into earth-friendly wait a heek of a lot longer action this week.

those appliances by one degree, you can save 5 percent on your utility bill and Park trailhead with the cerecent on your runny bin and 1 percent on your energy use. A single degree either way isn't going to make a noticeable difference in your day-to-day life. But if every-one were to follow suit, the global impact would be mas-

And there's some extra

When proponents talk of going green to help save the environment, that's not the only green they're talk-toning about saving in the long of oil was close to \$120.

rehicles.
Tuesday was Earth Day,
But thinking about ways to
limit energy consumption
and participating in lowimpact environmental activi-ties is a year-long activity. There's a number of ways

way to start.

And there are other ways

wait a beck of a lot longer before buying new bulbs.
And there's some extra cash in your pocket.
Or consider using your furnace and air conditioner a little less. By adjusting those appliances by one degree, you can save 5 personal control of the process of the

monial tree planting and by Mayor David Landry.
The city is expecting at least 200 volunteers to assist in the planting and mulching of 250 trees and

shrubs. And we would also like to And there's some cash in your pocket.
Both examples are easy things for families to consider. Whether or not you believe global warming impacts the planet, it's hard.

Celebrating Mother Nature Musician and ecologist Tom Hodgson entertains Parkview Elementary kids with songs about the earth during their

Vehicle safety important, but luck plays a role

The rules of the road are often weaked by the weather condi-weaked by the weather conditions, traffic around you and even outgrown those specifications. by any single driver's mood. The rules while seated behind the wheel have recently been revealed to me as being just as important.

Last month, two 18-year-olds.

The final and most shattering.

were driving at Haggerty and 10
Mile roads and were in a roll-wer
place March 29 in California,
accident. The driver, who was
breaking state law by not wearing
over accident in Novi and one day after my dog died - so death his seat belt, was thrown from the was on my mind.

A good friend and soccer teammate of mine was riding on the vehicle and sustained only minor

fatal injuries and died that night. back seat of a motorcycle while on I don't know what exactly vacation and the bike was crossing some gravel and hit the guard mil.

The driver smashed up against it tor, as rightfully so since it was an underage pair of 18-year-olds and my friend flipped over him an underage pair of 18-year-olds and my friend flipbed over him out on a Wednesday night. Seat belts are very important to safe traveling, so it was good that the arms, fracturing her pelvis and woman was wearing hers. This just happened to be a somewhat bead. The brief and unclear mesironic case with a tragic result sages I received that week were where the lack of a seat belt actuwas so painful they had to put her ally helped the driver survive. was so painful they had in a drug-induced coma.

are important. According to Michigan state law, anyone trav-Nearly four weeks later, she's being rolled around in a wheel-chair until her bones finish healing, which has been going Anyone in the back seat age 16 quickly. She was able to use the phone to text message me two weeks ago, alleviating some or younger must also wear a seat pelt and it is highly recommendweeks ago, alleviating some worries I had. She was transport-ed from California to St. Joseph lation often ignored is child and Mercy Hospital in Ann Arbor hooster seats last week and will be out in three

than 4-foot-9 will be required to

se booster seats, which is prob-

Lesson for the day? Although implication of some new ones. securing everyone in a vehicle is important, there's no telling where luck will take you. A little gravel or an unexpected circumstance could make any trip a memorable one. Children 3 and younger must ride in child safety seats. Infants up to age 1 or 20 pounds will need to the back seat, preferably the mid-Although my heart goes out to the Farmington family who lost their daughter, I'm glad luck isn't dle, in order to project their frag-ile necks from the jolting speed of a potentially deploying air bag. Children ages 4 to 7 or shorter always of the negative variety.

eats, which is prob-t-ignored portion of Jacket can be reached at (248) 349-

Sen. Cassis Lansing Connection

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benefit all the people of Michigan On a regular basis I tape a half-hour cable show called the "Lansing Connection" which highlights events and issues that affect and impact the citizens of the 15th District

The April/May edition can The April/May edition can be viewed through May on Novi TV 13 on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays at 3:22 p.m., 6:52 p.m. and 11:30 p.m.; Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays at 6:30 a.m. and 8:30 p.m.; and Sunday 19:52 a.m., 11:30 a.m. and 6:30 p.m.; The show may also be viewed on Tuesdays at 8:59 a.m. and Friday at 2:30 p.m.

on the increasingly important health conditions in order to cies for the loan officer regis issue of rising health care costs and reform of the individual health care market.

George, M.D., of Kalamazoo. individuals turned down by Sen. George is a physician and expert in the medical field who, as chair of the Senate to pay into this pool even Health Policy Committee, has been holding hearings on legislation that passed in the House dealing with the individual health insurance market to the pay into this pool even by the pay taxes. The competitive advantage potentially given to the core issues. Another key issue is the pay taxes the pay taxes to the core issues. Another key issue is proposed to the pay taxes to the pay taxes to the pay taxes. which is made up of people who purchase health insurance on their own representing three to six percent of

Michigan's current population.
As you know, the ever rising cost of health care is one of the biggest challenges affecting business, families and individuals. Sen. George has been a strong advocate in supporting healthy behaviors which ulti-mately lead to lower health care costs. Thanks to his leadership, employers and health care providers are now allowed to offer monetary incentives for healthy behaviors, such as increasing exercise, quitting smoking, and receiving timely



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continuing Attorney General oversight. The House bills remove this oversight while Sen. George's substitute maintains the AG's role. "Lansing Connection" cable show for a more in-depth dis-

New laws help protect homeowners from mortgage lenders and refinance at

Given the number of foreclosures, Michigan's economic situation and the declining home sales, the Senate pro-posed two legislative packages that were recently signed into law by the Governor. The goal

bility in Michigan's mortgage industry.
To insure greater disclosure

and more accountability in the industry, legislation was enacted to require mortgage loan officers be registered with the Office of Financial and tion to homeowners ensuring their mortgage loan officer is qualified to conduct loan

transactions.

The main bill in the package, Senate Bill 826, now Public Act 64 of 2008, creates board will make recommendations to the OFIR commissionriday at 2:30 p.m.

The current program focuses

The current program focus on the current program focus

package, Public Acts 59-72:

registration renewal process, including continuing education;
• Require employers to con-

duct a criminal records check on mortgage loan officers;

Specify prohibited loan officer conduct;
or toll free at (888) 38-Set penalties for loan offiers who violate the lam.

cers who violate the law;
Prohibit a broker or lender

 Establish the loan officer
 Standar year as registration calendar year as Jan 1 to Dec. 31.

To avoid possible foreclosure and allow more labeled the cities of Northville (the Oakland To avoid possible foreclo-sure and allow more Michiganians to qualify for low interest loans, a new law

interest rates under the Michigan State Housing

Development Authority.
Senate Bill 1133, now
Public Act 58 of 2008, will expand the total family income cap threshold to \$108,000 for those seeking a loan offered by MSHDA. It will also allow state residents to have increased access to MSHDA

programs.
Other signed legislation,
House Bills 5443 and 5446
and Senate Bills 948, 950 and
951, will allow the housing Refinance Program and the MSHDA Rescue Refinance ers who are in good standing refinance their loans at a lower

interest rate.
This legislation should help reduce the number of foreclo-sures in Michigan and strengthen the state's strug-

Create educational and application requirements for becoming a registered loan officer;
 Develop standards for the registration renewal process, including continuing diverse of the state's struggling housing market.

For more information on how to qualify for these loans go to the MSHDA web site, www.michigan.gov/mshda and click on "Save the registration renewal process."

The state's struggling housing market.

For more information on how to qualify for these loans go to the MSHDA web site, www.michigan.gov/mshda and click on "Save the registration requirements for housing market.

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Froming a commission to unregistered loan officers; Movil represents the 15th Senate District, which includes the townships of the and investigation criteria; and the senate District, which includes the townships of the senate District, which includes the townships of the senate District, which is a senate District. West Bloomfield and White County portion), Lake, South Lyon, W

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PHIL POWER:

Company discovers power of 'e'

Reuther expressway in Pleasant Ridge, a tidy little suburb near the Detroit Zoo. Michigan's rust belt past sits cheek by jowi with the beginnings of our knowledge future.

Welcome to ePrize, a small firm with a big ambition: To be the Google of the interactive marketing and promotion industry. Location is key, and ePrize is just a jammed parking lot away from the Walker Wire Company. Walker makes heavy-duty industrial strength wire for industrial uses. ePrize manages customer marketing and affiliation pro-grams for a bewildering range of Fortune 500 com panies and hundreds of thousands of their cus

The contrast could not be more abrupt. Inside ePrize — at \$60 million in sales and growing at a 40 percent annual rate, according to founder and CEO Josh Linkner nundreds of staffers sit at the 21st century version of the assembly line. But instead of a dimly lit factory floor with automobile chassis muscled into place

by burly assembly workbright colors, ergonomic chairs, high-powered computers and free pop and bottled water in every room. Employees are in their late 20s to early 30s, dressed in dazzling variety and "questioning every-

Henry Ford's great innovation was to invent the in New York, Chicago, Los way to assemble perfectly Angeles, Dallas and

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machined parts into an London. automobile - countless identical steps, repeated endlessly during with no room for innovation or variation. Old photographs of the assembly line of that era mostly

show seemingly middle-aged men, all dressed alike, all performing their assigned functions with no variation. By contrast, ePrize's employee handbook runs like this: "Many companies use words like 'pas sion and creativity. But

when we use those words. it's different. These are not merely buzzwords, they are core philosophies tha embody who we are. We take things to the edge to extremes ... to the ultimate level. "To the power of 'e'." Josh Linkner, the man behind the virtual curtain,

earned a bachelor's degree in advertising from the University of Florida, then served as Senior Vice President for Rare Medium Group, a web-consulting and venture capital firm before founding ePrize in 1999. After two rounds of financing - and a total of \$43 million in investment - ePrize now has offices

Linkner's ePrize relies on the Internet, which can be That means he could earth.

So why is ePrize in Pleasant Ridge? Linkner explains. He was born in Southfield and now lives in Bloomfield Hills, so it's near home. But there's much more. "There are great oppor-tunities to build a technol-

ogy company here," Linkner explains. "There is a rich talent base in Michigan, a great work well, from the Michigan Economic Development

in Michigan.
Ilya Snider, one of the

is right here."

keeping a firm hold on gal loping growth. "We're a lot like what the great car century ago, he explains "We're just entering our

That's exactly the atti tude a lot more of us need Among our other ailments Michigan is suffering from a bad case of low self-

entrepreneurial roots. The cost structure, if anything, is lower than elsewhere." apable entrepreneurs. Walking through the subdued hum of ePrize's

get it through our collec-tive heads that we have right here at home - a set of distinctive, world-com petitive assets: A hard driving work force with boundless skills and talethic and deep and solid ents. Great research uni-

Corporation's job creation 21st century assembly program. In fact, the firm line, I was struck by the is featured in one of the thought that here before my eyes was today's ver MEDC's TV ads promoting the advantages of locating sion of the Ford Motor Company, of the Dow Chemical Company, of firm's 350 employees, puts it this way: "I like it here. Kellogg's and Upjohn. Entrepreneurship Entrepreneurship runs

Why leave if you have it deep in our collective DNA all? Climate, family, lots of Linkner and his colleagues things to do, downtown at ePrize recognize it; they Detroit. Everything I want are the latest generation.

The task at hand for Linkner says his biggest our state is to help others

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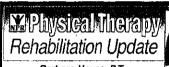
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Tom Watkins: Michigan is hurting, but fear makes it worse

Cambridge Dictionary as impacted parties? And how an unpleasant emotion or will we hold them accountthought that you have when you are frightened or wor-ried by something dangerous, painful or bad that is happening or might hap-

Fear is a survival mecha-

amount of fear driven by the economic uncertainty in Polish and, most recently, Michigan and America the Chinese. The focus on today. A good part of the apprehension and fear peo-ple are feeling today is not periods of economic down-

of reach for working families, retraining of workers displaced by technology's the fierce global competiproductivity improvement and globalization, and the tion. lack of savings as millions of baby boomers enter

retirement There is a national angst building that stems from the economic uncertainty accountable to clearly spell out their plan, not simply that is rumbling across that is rumbling across out their plan, not simply America and has boiled to point fingers and blame

Can Michigan working families catch a break?

As 2008 unfolds how carr ways that will motivate productive action? What government, business, philan-thropic and individual actions can be put into play to reduce fear and produce results that will build off the new reality? How will

can spur action or cause and voters fears to further paralysis. aralysis. their own careers without a corresponding benefit for

the Chinese. The focus on blaming others is never

We have a history in Michigan and America of blaming others when the majority's economic security is threatened. The "blame" has been placed on the Italians, Germans, African Americans, Arabs, Jews, Japanese, Mexicans,

untair trade does little to engineering master's students and country to address the economic security issues including the mortgage crists, unwielder that our government at the nortgage crists, unwielder that the nortgage crists are until trade to she that our government at the nortgage crists, unwielder that the nortgage or place food on the table. Education, training and that the nortgage or place food on the table. mortgage crisis, unwieldy as free trade. We must concredit card debt, college tinue to push our governeducation being priced out ment leaders to address issues that give other countries unfair advantage and hurt American workers in

> However, we must not oomers enter allow politicians at any level financially to exploit the fear created by economic uncertainty.
> Period.
> We must hold them

others, but to level the playing field by investing in agogues get elected but they are not sensible policies that will help American America. He further assert

ty colleges to retrain dis-placed workers ... for

About Tom Watkins

Tom Watkins is a business and education consultant. He served as state superintendent of schools from 2001-2005 and state mental

resources to help maintain the incomes of those who take lower paying jobs while learning." McCain understands that blaming the laid -off worker, technology, the global economy, can make a difference. Yet, we all know, rhetoric from Washington or Lansing has every helped a single perevery son. The working people of this state and nation need

The only thing we have to fear is fear itself

"Fear is driving away tal-ent," wrote Craig Barrett, chairman of Intel Corp., in a recent op-ed in the Washington Post. He asserted that, while it is nearly universally acknowl-edged that talent will rule in the 21st century, the Building fences and economic walls may help dem are creating a barrier that keens the world's brightest minds from entering workers.
The Detroit Free Press reported that U.S. Sen.
John McCain "wants to "a wellome mat for these talented people as we have had in the past, but we have here "intent". draft the nation's communi- actually have been "intent

careers in growing fields and to tap federal Barrett argues that America needs sensible immigration policies that protect our national securito secure the foreign talent necessary to propel the 21st century knowledge economy. He points out that "more than half of U.S. opportunities and our competitors are capitalizing on

> global economy we must make Michigan and America the brain bank of the world where the best and brightest come for

We should pay heed to

Barrett's comments. If we

deposits and withdrawals.

It is important Michigan and America that that massive disruptive economic changes generate and channel them in ways that will help prepare us for the hyper-competitive glob-

year. We need to challenge our leaders or those seeking leadership positions not to exploit fear for short-term political gain that will hurt

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LOCATION: Hopter's of Novi

DETAILS: Serious networking

will happen on a bi-weekly basis

TIME/DATE: 5:30 p.m. first

LOCATION: The Grapevine,

DETAILS: Come and discuss

arl and network with local artists.

TIME/DATE: 11:30 a.m. regis-

LOCATION: Sheraton Novi

21111 Haggerty Road DETAILS: This luncheon will

Automation Alley, southeast

Michigan's global technology

members, \$30 for non-members.

into@greaternovichamber.com or

TIME/DATE: 6:30-10 p.m.

The cost is \$25 for

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second and fourth Thursday of

ness and networking!

DETAILS: Entertainment and

TIME/DATE: 1-4 p.m. Sunday.

Festival-Wixom

49805 Pontiac Trail

May 18

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able. For a complete listing of

be on-site interviews. Please

bring your resume.

open positions, visit

Victoria Mitchell, editor (248) 349-1700, ext. 102 vemitchell@gannett.com

LETIN BOARD

Thursday, April 24, 2008 www.homelownlife.com fax: (248) 349-9832

EVENTS

Novi Parks Department

Summer Camps Department is offering more than 15 new camps this summer with something for everyone. New camps include Farm Camp, Mountain Biking Camp, Sporties for Shorties preschool sports camp, Sports Camps - crickets bowling cheer, football and tenліз, Crazy Science Camp, Lego Camp, Dance Camp - ballet and Hip-Hop, Painting Camp, and Circus Camp, Camp Lakeshore returns this summer with field trips to Pump It Up, Detroit Science Center, Red Oaks Wave Pool and the Detroit Zoo Registration is now open. For visit cityofnovi.org. There is a \$5 CONTACT: (248) 347-0400

Second City Theatricals

"Sex and The Second City" TIME/DATE: 8 p.m. Wednesdays and Thursdays: 8 n.m. Salurdays: 8 n.m. Sundays LOCATION: Second City Comedy Club, 42705 Grand

DETAILS: The Second City Theartricals, a division of the world famous Second City comedy theater presents this fast paced musical comedy men women, love and marriage and everything in between. Tickets are \$15 and can be purchased directly through The Second City box office by calling (248) 348-4448, or going to http://www.secondcity.com

Saturday LOCATION: Best Buy, 21051 Haggerty Road, Novi DETAILS: Have your eWaste recycled safely and securely by Great Lakes Electronics. Consumers are encouraged to

bring old computers, palm pilot, VCRs and other household appliances (under 100 pounds) to be safely disposed of. Staffed collection frucks will be stationed at the store. Great Lakes Electronics offers state-of-the-art security destruction. Memory devices such as computer hard drives vill be accepted at the event and shredded at their Detroit facility This destroys all data in securit

requirements tion, visit www.recycleelectron-

Webkinz Extravaganza DATE: Friday, Saturday and

Sunday LOCATION: Hattie's Hallmark 41630 West 10 Mile Rd., Novi DETAILS: Hattie's Hallmark is havig a Webkinz Extravaganza with games, coloring contests Webkinz with \$10 purchase for

CONTACT: (248) 348-2270

Kids Castle Mother's Day

Saturday May 10 DETAILS: Children visiting the store will receive a special gift to give to morn for Mother's Day, May 11. Kids Castles are super While supplies last.

Second City Tickets DATE: Saturday, May 10 DETAILS: Visit the store and pick up a voucher good towards complimentary admission for two CONTACT: (248) 615-8500 or to an upcoming performance at The Second City in Novi. Vouchers are available to the first

Providence Park Job Fair

TIME/DATE: 9 a.m.-1 p.m.

go to www.pawprintin.com 50 interested guests. While sup-

Monday LOCATION: Bonaventure Roller

LOCATION: Providence Park party is for all Novi fourth Medical Building, Conference graders (Class of 2016). The kids Rooms A, B and C, 47601 Grand have an opportunity to meet other fourth graders in the dis-DETAILS: The Job Fair is to trict, plus the principals from recruit new employees for its upcoming hospital that is cur-Novi Meadows, Lots of fun games and prizes planned. Sorry, rently under construction.

Recruiting for RNs, CRNAs, no siblings please.

TIME/DATE: 10 a.m.-3 p.m Monday

table for \$20. All proceeds will Show is free and open to the

2008 Women's Commissio for Oakland County

DETAILS: The Commissions' forum will focus on Women's Empowerment with emphasis on health, leadership, economic autonomy and violence against women/safety. The community is welcome to speak on issues related to these lonics or on any other issues affecting women in Oakland County, Guests are invited to speak for up to 5 minutes on an area of need for women.

Thursday, May 8; Friday, May 9 and May 16: Saturday May 17 Also, 2 p.m. Saturday, May 10 Sunday, May 11: Saturday, May 17 and Sunday, May 18.

45175 W. 10 Mile Road DETAILS: The Novi Theatres presents this buoyant musical comedy that features fast-paced action, a treasure chest of lokes high school antics, pirates and a lot that moves as swiftly as a hurricane. Fifty-two young actors, several from Novi and Northville. star in the show which is directed by Harry Wetzel from the Detroit Theatre, Ticket are \$15 for adults and \$12 for students and seniors. All seats are reserved. Tickets are on sale online at www.citvofnovi.org and

Novi Civic Center, 45175 W. 10 CONTACT: For more information, call (248) 347-0400.

Art Van Furniture Store

LOCATION: 27775 Novi Boad: CONTACT: (248) 348-8922

DATE: Thursday, May 1-Friday, May 16 DETAILS: Art Van is pleased to be a sponsor of the 17th Annual Susan G. Komen Detroit Race for the Cure. May 31 at Comerica. Park. Those interested in particinating in the race can pick up

Cinco De Mayo Activity DATE: Saturday, May 10 DETAILS: To celebrate Cinco.

De Mayo, children will receive a festive activity sheet, while sup-

LOCATION: The Dirty Martini Giveaway DATE: Saturday, May 3-

DETAILS: Help celebrate our second anniversary. Food, friends, networking and a game \$40 per person. Please RSVP.

Novi Chamber of Commerce

The chamber is celebrating 40 years of business; representing more than 500 members. Our mission is to be a responsible: proactive advocate of business interests in the greater Novi area. We are business and professional people working together to enhance the life of our community and information: visit www.novichamber.com or con tact the chamber office at (248)

349-3743 Chamber Luncheon TIME/DATE: 11:30 am not. working, Noon-1 p.m. lunch and speaker, Wednesday, April 30 LOCATION: Bonefish Grill, 43304 11 Mile Road DETAILS: Guest speaker Kimberly C. Greenspan, President

of The Alternative Board - Metr Detroit, who will speak on "Seven Steps to Generating a Tidal Wave of Referrals." Cost is \$25 for luncheon with a charity donation and \$20 for luncheon only. The Novi Chamber will match your \$5 contribution to Navi Youth Assistance which provides schol arships to teens attending the RSVP to the Chamber by April

Lakes Area Chamber of Commerce

Since 1963, the Lakes Area www.stjohn.org/jobopenings, For Chamber of Commerce has proudly served as West Oakland's Regional Chamber, servicing the communities of Commerce ownship, Union Lake, Walled Lake, Waterford, Wixom, Wolverine Lake and White Lake Our purpose is to improve the mality of life for businesses and residents in the Lakes area. We act as a unified voice on behalf of the business community, provide a forum to discuss and review topics of interest, serve as a source of information and develop programs that are responsive to the needs of the communities

we serve. LOCATION: 305 N. Pontiac Trail, Ste. B, Walled Lake tion visit www.lakesareachamber.com or (248) 624-2826.

Ambassador Meeting LOCATION: Chamber office TIME/DATE: 9 a.m.

TIME/DATE: 5:30-7:30 p.m. hursday, May 1 LOCATION: The Maples Club. 31260 Wakefield, Novi (south of 14 Mile Road, between Decker

DETAILS: True Colors personal success seminar with Jennifer Davidson. Learn tools for developing improved communication self and others and how to create Cost is \$25 per person, includes

Home-Based Business Roundtable

Thursday, May 8 Boardroom

DETAILS: Topic for discussion is "The Best \$100 I Ever Spent. Cost is \$10 for lunch, no cost if you bring your own lunch

31st Annual Spring Golf

Club, 8399 Commerce Road, Commerce

polfer after May 14. Four-some \$500 after May 14 is \$540. Includes 18 holes of golf with car, lunch, buffet dinner, con-

BUSINESS

Walsh College, Business

and Meadowbrook roads, Novi CONTACT: (248) 823-1392

2nd Annual Small Business

resource, benefit or product to assist small businesses. Only those companies in attendance are eligible to apply for the next Extreme Small Business Makeover. Results of this year's

our calendar!

To be included in My tion details and contact

Fax: (248) 349-9832 **■ E-mail:** vernitchell@

makeover will be revealed during the morning session and lunch offers a well-known keynote speaker. More than 20 breakout sessions. Those attending include: Walsh College alumni; Walsh Business Leadership Institute members: small business owners it southeast Michigan: The City of and has invited every small business in the city, and the Greater Novi Chamber is a partner and all partners receive discount admission. From April 16-May 1, tickets are \$50 for

tickets are \$100. If you wish to exhibit, the cost of \$500 includes two tickets, a six foot table free wireless Internet electrical outlet, continenta

(248) 823-1392. Conference on Ethics

TIME/DATE: 11 a.m. Monday,

DETAILS: Lunch and registration at 11 a.m. Shotgun start at 12:30 p.m. Cost is \$110 per

Leadership institute LOCATION: 41500

Gardenbrook Boad, near 11 Mile

Nomen's Association Meetings TIME/DATE: 6:15 p.m. second

vides many advantages to today's working women and offers a strong community raising money for scholarshins CONTACT: www.abwa-novi.org

CLASSES

Michigan State University LOCATION: 28115

Bulletin Board, please send Bulletin Board, 104 W. Mair Street, Suite 101, Northville

received by noon on Monday to be published in the Thursday edition Call (248) 349-1700 for additional information.

Native Grasses and Wildflowers TIME/DATE: 6:30-8:30 p.m. Monday DETAILS: This course is for all gardeners interested in how to use native grasses and wildflow learn how to determine which garden. The cost is \$20 per per

CONTACT: (248) 858-0887 or e-mail smithlin@pakgov.com or visit www.msue.msu.edu/oak

■ Deadline: Must be

Meadowbrook Road, Novi

Providence Center for the Healing Arts

LOCATION: Assarian Cancer Center: 47601 Grand River CONTACT: (248) 465-5455

Wanted: One-time Art Workshop Instructors DETAILS: We are looking to people who have an art or craft that they would like to share in our series of one-time work-

Colored Pencil Workshop TIME/DATE: 1-3 p.m.; sec-DETAILS: Beginners wel-

Ceramics Class TIME/DATE: 10 a.m.-3 p.m. DETAILS: Exolore the Art of

yourself in this three-dimensinnal art form. \$10 lab fee Call to verify class times. Knitlin' Yarns TIME/DATE: 1-3 p.m. Wednesday DETAILS: Join others and

create hats and shawls for those in need. TIME/DATE: Meditation for individuals or groups by

appointment. DETAILS: Learn proper breathing techniques that can to help reduce stress; class held in reflection space; Cancer Center.

Theraneulic Youa

Monday - Yoga for Kids with Parents; 12:30-1:30 p.m. Monday Yoga for Backs: 6-7 p.m. Tuesday - Mixed Level; 11 a.m.noon Wednesday - Meditative Yoga; 12:15-1:15 p.m. Wednesday, - Mixed Level; 5:30-6:30 p.m. Thursday - Prenatal Yoga; 6:45-7:45 p.m. Thursday Yoga for Backs: 12:30-1:30 p.m. 9:30-10:30 a.m. Saturday - Mixed

 Yoga for Backs. class card, \$45/5-class card. Lunch and Learn Yoga 7-week session is \$60. Registration required. Classes also held at Providence Hospital, Southfield. Call for details.

Massage Therapy TIME/DATE: By appointment DETAILS: Therapeutic massage is effective for stress and tension; chronic fatigue, pain and headaches. Everyone is welcome. Patients undergoing treatment should bring physi-

> Create with Kathy TIME/DATE: 10 a.m. - noon

each Monday DETAILS: An opportunity to express yourself artistically in our peaceful and inspirational creative arts studio. Kathy provides guidance in a variety of techniques and projects. \$5 suggested per

Food for Life Cooking Classes TIME/DATE: 5:30 - 7:30 p.m., Tuesdays, through April 22 DETAILS: 8-week series about cancer related nutrition topics and cooking demonstrations,

www.novi.k12.mi.us/District/com Project. Open to those interested munityEducation. For more information, please call the

LIBRARY

Novi Public Library

LOCATION: 45245 W. 10 Mile

HOURS: 10 a,m,-9 p.m.

Monday-Thursday, 10 a.m.-5

p.m. Friday and Saturday, 1-5

CONTACT: (248) 349-0720

Unless noted below; all pro-

DETAILS: The Friends of Nov

Library sponsors an on-going

meeting room every day during

library hours. \$6 for a big bag of

used book sale in the library

Knitters and Knotters

Senior Book Discussion

TIME/DATE: Noon-1:30 p.m.

second Thursday of each month

DETAIL St Book discussion.

group for older adults facilitated

English Conversation Group

ov librarian: please call to inin

TIME/DATE: 11 a.m.-noor

every Tuesday: 1-2 p.m. every

DETAILS: For ages 18 and

older; practice your English while

you make friends; no registration

American Cut Glass

TIME/DATE: 7-8:45 p.m.

DETAILS: Learn more about

this beautiful American art form

rhether you're a new or long

American Cut Glass will be on

time collector. Samples of

month

ioing Used Book Sale

grams take place at the librar

LINES

cer Call for reservation, \$3 sugted per session (248) 449-1206 DATE: Monday-Friday, through

LOCATION: Assarian Cancel **DETAILS:** Just in time for spring, come view works of art w Novi artist Mavumi (Mav Oura Teevens. This show is an encore presentation of May's exquisite work featuring a specta-

sponsored by The Cancer

TIME: 8 a.m.-5:30 p.m.

venting and survivio

Know Betore You Go CONTACT: Call (248) 465-4488 for a recording of the latest in class changes.

de of colorful and engaging

Line Dancing DATE: Monday and Friday TIME: 6:30-7:30 p.m. begin ners; 7:30-9:30 p.m. interme LOCATION: Novi Civic Center. 45175 W. 10 Mile Road DETAILS: No partner needed:

SCHOOL & GOVERNMENT

/-as-you-go. Novi residents

\$5, non-residents \$6.

Novi Community School District Board of Education Meeting TIME/DATE: 7 p.m. Thursday,

LOCATION: Educational Services Building, 25345 Taft Road CONTACT: (248) 449-1204

Novi City Council Meeting ΓΙΜΕ/ĎΑΤΕ: 7 p.m. first ani

45175 W. 10 Mile Road CONTACT: (248) 347-0470 Novi Youth Assistance General Citizens Meeting

third Monday of month (May 12)

LOCATION: Novi Civic Center,

TIME/DATE: 6 n.m. Tuesday LOCATION: Novi Civic Center, 45175 W. 10 Mile Boad CONTACT: (248) 347-0410

Novi Community Education

CONTACT: (248) 449-1206 Novi Community Education's Spring and Summer Brochure is adult and youth classes, camps registration is available 24/7 at

display in the library lobby during Anril Please register Spansgred by Friends of the Novi Public die Karauke

TIME/DATE: 1-1:30 p.m. Friday DETAILS: American Idol for the pre-school set. Spend 30 mintheir talents in a supportive setting. Sing songs from our repertoire of prepart your pwr. Drop-in Mother's Day Card

TIME/DATE: 10:30-11:30 a.m. Saturday DETAILS: Drop in to make a special card for your morn.

TIME/DAY: 6:30 every

Tuesday DETAILS: For ages 2-4 Registration required Story & Snacks Family Time

TIME/DATE: 6-6:45 p.m. Monday DETAILS: Kids in grades K-4

stamps will be available for an

show-and-tell and building activi ty. We supply the Legos, you supply the imagination How to Write Your Life Story

(IME/DATE: 7-8:30 p.m. Tuesda) DETAILS: This six week workshop with writing coach, G. Ros Tutay, is for those who desire to write and reflect on their life and put on paper (scrapbook or journal) their best memories and lesthe workshop, each participant stories, with photos and other memorahilia. It will be a keensake

that can be passed on to future generations. Please register. TIME/DATE: 7-8 p.m.

Wednesday DETAILS: For grade 5 and TIME/DATE: 6:30-8 p.m. sec above. Try your hand at this new ond and fourth Monday of each video gaming phenomenon. Novi Writers Group TIME/DATE: 10 a.m.-Noon DETAILS: Drop in for informal needlework group in Youth Area;

Saturday, May 3 DETAILS: Inspirational envi ronment for writers to collaborate, critique and create with other writers. Facilitated by loca writer Kathy Mutch, Writers of all genres, ages 18 and older, are encouraged to participate. Please register online or call the library.

Walled Lake City Library LOCATION: 1499 E. West Maple Road, Walled Lake HOURS: 10 a.m.-8 p.m. Monday, Tuesday, Thursday; 10

a.m.-5 p.m. Wednesday and Saturday: 1-5 p.m. Sunday closed Friday. CONTACT: (248) 624-3772 or months and their caregivers can e-mail to admin@walledlake brary.org

TIME/DATE: 12:30 p.m. third

Classical Music Series Mommy and Me TIME/DATE: 2 p.m. first TIME/DATE: 10:30-11 a.m Tuesday of each month Thursday, April 17, 24 and May 1 Friends of the Library DETAILS: For two year olds with a caregiver. Hear stories. TIME/DATE: 1 p.m. second sing songs and make a project Tuesday of month. Must be two years old by April Book Discussion Group 10. Registration begins on

Preschool Stary Time DETÁILS: Drop in for informa TIME/DATE: 10:30 a.m. every discussion. Bring a bag lunch, Tuesday, through April 29; or check library for current book Preschool Story Time

through April 30 aldCATION: Graft Room.... DETAILS: Stories, songs and art activities. Program designed

Monday, March 31

for the independent listener. A caregiver must remain in the building, but not in the Craft lesigned for the independent lis-Room. Children must turn three and not be currently enrolled in

Thursday DETAILS: Drop-in program

Library Board of Trustees

Meeting TIME/DATE; 1 p.m. second

Storytellers Connection

DETAILS: Volunteer readers

are needed to read to children in

a classroom setting. Contact the

LOCATION: 49015 Pontiac

HOURS: 10 a.m.-8 p.m.

p.m. Friday-Saturday: 1-5 p.m.

CONTACT: (248) 624-2512

TIME/DATE; 3:30 p.m. every

DETAILS: Coffee and conver-

sation. Improve your English

speaking skills by speaking with

people from other countries try

ing to improve their English. No

TIME/DATE: Members only

TIME/DATE; 10 a.m.-8 p.m.

Thursday, April 24: 10 a.m.-5

p.m. Friday, April 25; 10 a.m.-4

DETAILS: Prices are great

TIME/DATE: 10 a.m. Monday.

DETAILS: Children up to 24

drop-in for playtime and story

every day, but Saturday and

Sunday's special is \$5 for a

LOCATION: Craft Room

whole had of books.

Baby Days

p.m. Saturday, April 26; 1-4 p.m

preview sale 5:30-7:30 p.m.

ednesday, April 23

tests; instructor help; free.

CONTACT: Karin at the

Used Book Sale

ESL Cafe

Thursday

library for more information.

Wixom Public Library

kindergarten, before the session heains. Registration begins on ondav. March 31. Fantastic Fridays DETAILS: For children ages 2-6, with a caregiver. Programs are a combination of food and

friends, stories, songs and crafts. Register now. TIME/DATE: 10:30 a.m. Friday "All Things Arthur, and D. W.

. (IME/DATE: 10:30 a.m. Friday, May 16 - "May is Maisy Month" Moonlight Story Time TIME/DATE: 7 p.m. Monday. April 21 - "April Showers"

TIME/DATE: 7 p.m. Wednesday, May 14 - "May DETAILS: For children ages 2-6 with an adult. Stories, songs, crafts and fun. Register now.

Slaves of Suspense Afternoo Book Club TIME/DATE: 2-3 p.m. Wednesday - "Case of Two Cities" by Qiu Xiaolono. TIME/DATE: 2-3 p.m Wednesday, May 28 - "Bubbles Unbound" by Sarah Strohmeyer. Spring on the Farm

TİME/DATE: 10:30 a.m. May 10 DETAILS: Special guest Margaret Schmidt will bring cute and fuzzy animal friends from her farm to visit with children ages 2-

Teen Book Discussion TIME/DATE: 6 p.m. May 12 DETAILS: For teens in grades 6-12. Reading "Zen and the Art of Faking It" by Jonathan Sonneablick, Refreshments aro-

Walking with the Wagens: Life on the Oregon Trail TIME/DATE: 6:30-7:30 p.m. Thursday, May 15 DETAILS: The Oregon Trail

was the largest migration in our country's history. Shirley Weinreich will speak about this using slides and artifacts. She actment, walking beside the wagons and sleeping under the stars. Please register.

NOVI <u>SENIORS</u>

Hovi Senior Activities Center

Meadowbrook Commons Senior Complex; 25075 Meadowbrook CONTACT: (248) 347-0414

Massage by appointment: 12:30-4 p.m. Monday-Friday and 9 a.m.-noon Saturday

9 a.m.: Line Dance 11:15 a.m.: Line Dance-Beg Noon: Lunch 12:15 p.m.: Contract Bridge 1:30 p.m.: Computer Lab Open 2:30 p.m.: Line Dance

Friday 9 a.m.: Stretch & Strength 10 a.m.: Body Recall Noon: Lunch 12:30 p.m.: Duplicate Bridge 1 p.m.: Bingo Monday 9 a.m.; Stretch and Strength

10 a.m.: Body Recall Noon: Lunch 12:30 p.m.: Pinochle Group with Dr. Michael Meyer

6 p.m.: Pilates Mat Work Tuesday 8:30 a.m.: Panera Bread 9 a.m.: Line Dance-Int. 10 a.m.: Asian Pacific 10 a.m.: Gold League Orientation Meeting

l p.m.: Bingo 1-3 n.m.: Dance, \$6 at door 1:30-3 p.m.: Computer Lab

9 a.m.: Stretch and Strength 10 a.m.: Body Recall 11 a.m.: TOPS, Blood Pressure Noon: Lunch 12:30 p.m.: Clogging (Club) 6:30 p.m.: Clogging-7:30 p.m.: Clogging (Club)

Waltonwood at Twelve Oaks Retirement Communit Independent Living Residence Licensed Memory Care LOCATION: 27475 Huran Circle

(adjacent to Twelve Oaks Mall)

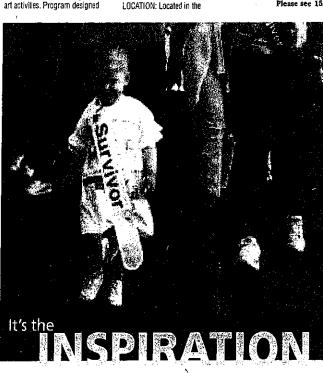
CONTACT: (248) 735-1500

SUPPORT **GROUPS**

Adoptive Parent Networking

Meeting DATE: Last Wednesday of T/ME: 10-11 a.m.

Please see 15A



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Novi 4th Grade Reller Skating Party TIME/DATE: 6-8:30 p.m.

Skating Rink DETAILS: This meet and greet

CONTACT: For more information, call Karen at (248) 449-5079

Waltonwoods Craft Show Fundraiser

LOCATION: Waltonwood at Twelve Oaks Retirement Community, 27475 Huron Circle

(adjacent to Twelve Oaks Mall) DETAILS: Vendors are needed for the craft show. Rent a six fool benefit the Michigan Chapter of the Alzheimer's Association, Craft public.

CONTACT: For more information, call Barb at (248) 735-1500

TIME/DATE: 4 p.m.-7 p.m. Wednesday May 7 LOCATION: Board of Commissioners' Auditorium in

"Kokonut Kapers" TIME/DATE: 7:30 p.m.

LOCATION: Novi Civic Center. Earth Day Computer Recycling TIME/DATE: 10 a.m.-4 p.m.

at the Novi Parks office in the

compliance with federal acts and

TIME/DATE: 9 a.m.-5 p.m. LOCATION: Paw Print Inn. Resort & Spa, 41249 Vincenti Court, just off Meadowbrook

ed to tour the facility for pets. Paw Print Inn & Spa provides a luxury hotel and spa atmospere and amenities for pets and boutique shopping for their

Road between Grand River and

DETAILS: The public is invit-

11 Mile Roads, Novi

Saturday, May 17

List your event in

CONTACT: For more informa-TIME/DATE: 9:15 a.m. Friday

LOCATION: Chamber office Women in Business Dinner

TIME/DATE: 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m.

Registration by May 5 is required

May 19 LOCATION: Edgewood Country

tests, awards and prizes.

HR Professionals Affinity TIME/DATE: 8 a.m. Thursday, DETAILS: Please call for more information at (248) 823-1392.

TIME/DATE: 8 a.m.-5 p.m. Thursday, May 8 LOCATION: Walsh College lovi Campus DETAILS: Sponsored by the Walsh Business Leadership nstitute. Every presenter exhibitor and sponsor will proevent name, date, time, loca-

nannett.com

Walsh alumni, chamber mer bers and partners, and \$75 for non-members. After May 2, all

breakfast, lunch and afternoor wine reception. Only 12 tables left. For more information or if you'd like to attend, visit http://smallbusinessconle ence.waishcollege.edu or cail

TIME/DATE: 8 a.m. Thursday, May 22 DETAILS: Waish College and The Michigan Women's Tax ociation offer this conference especially for CPAs who need to earn CPF credits. Tickets are \$20 for students: \$50 for Walsh atemni, MWTA and BLI members; and \$75 for all others. Full breakfast and networking begin oram at 8:30 a.m. featuring Paul McKenney from Varnum Riddering, Schmidt and Howlett: Jennifer Sanderson from The

Call the college for more information.

www.novirotary.org.

Rehmann Group and Linda

Hagan, PhD, from Walsh College

Novi Rotary Club TIME/DATE: Noon every Thursday LOCATION: Novi Methodist Church, 41671 W. 10 Mile Road DETAILS: Lunch is \$10 at meeting. Visitors welcome. Check Web site for speaker information

Females in the Family **Business Affinity Group** TIME/DATE: 8-9:30 a.m. LOCATION: Walsh College Troy Campus
DETAILS: Walsh Business Leadership Institute invites women who own, are partners in or work for family businesses. Items discussed

required. CONTACT: Jan Hubbard, ihubbard@walshcollege.edu American Business

will be common issues: and

women can share solutions

in a nonthreatening, noncom

etitive, non-sales round-

table. Registration is

Wednesday of every month LOCATION: DoubleTree Hotel, cian's referral; \$50/50-mir 42100 Crescent Blvd. (formerly the Wyndham Garden Hotel) DETAILS: Local chapter proservice program which includes

HERE'S TO THE CLASS OF ATTENTION Parents, Grandparents, Friends! Share your pride and joy with the entire city! It seems like only yesterday you were sending

them off to kindergarten...Now, they're off to

embrace the future! Be sure to include your

favorite graduates childhood or graduation picture in this special tribute to... The Class of 2008! Spotlight Your Grad in this photo tribute to the Class of 2008. Place your graduates photo along with fellow classmates in the special keepsake edition of the Milford Times, Northville Record, and Novi

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News on Thursday, June

5th. Deadline is May 27th.

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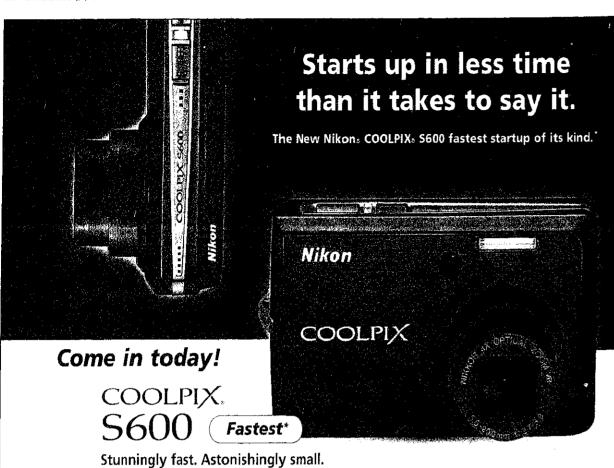
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LOCATION: Holy Family Catholic Church, 24505 Meadowbrook Road

DETAILS: This informational meeting is open to all adoptive families in Oakland County There is no charge. Child care is available; registration

required.
CONTACT: Lisa Molloy (248)

Bereavement Support Group DATE: Third Tuesday of each

TIME: 7:30-9 p.m. LOCATION: Novi Civic Center, 45175 W. 10 Mile Road DETAILS: The meeting provides the opportunity for those n grief to share their story and to learn about the phases and tasks of grief. All are welcome

CONTACT: Michael M. Meyer,

Angela Hospice Groups DETAILS: Grief support groups include general grief, loss of a spouse, women's grief parents who have lost a child

and a grief support quilters

group. All groups are led by bereavement professionals and trained volunteers. LOCATION: Angela Hospice Care Center, 14100 Newburgh

Road, Livonia CONTACT: Joan Lee (734) 953-6012 General Grief Support

TIME/DATE: 1 p.m. and 6:30 p.m. second and fourth Tuesday

DETAILS: Open to all losses. Loss of Spouse/Significant TIME/DATE: 6:30-8 p.m. first Tuesday of month Men in Grief

TIME/DATE: 6:30-8 p.m. fourth Monday of month Suicide Loss Support Services DETAILS: Individual and fami-

ly services offered free for those who have lost a loved one through suicide; call (734) 464-7810 for more information. Heartstrings: Parents Who Have Lost a Child

Thursday of month TIME/DATE: 1-3 p.m. first and

DETAILS: Register by calling (734) 953-6012

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Hospital Support Groups LOCATION: 1 William Carls Drive, Commerce Townshi CONTACT: (248) 937-3314 Alcoholics Anonymous Support Group TIME/DATE: 10 a.m. every

Sunday DETAILS: No pre-registration required. For Information, call (248) 937-3314.

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friends of someone with an alcohol problem. No preregistration required. For information, call (248) 706-1020. Alateen Support Group TIME/DATE: 10 a.m. every

Sunday DETAILS: Intended for teens dealing with someone with an alcohol problem. No preregistration required. For information, call (248) 706-1020. Alzheimer's Caregiver

Support Group
TIME/DATE: 2-3:30 p.m. the fourth Monday of each month LOCATION: Krieger Center (South Garden Entrance)
DETAILS: Designed to allow caregivers to share tips and offer support to each other; for questions or directions call (248) 937

Breast Cancer Support Group of each month TIME/DATE: 10-11:30 a.m. second and fourth Thursday of every month
LOCATION: Sinai 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

Group
TIME/DATE: Noon the third Wednesday of the month DETAILS: Free year-round program for persons afflicted with lung disease. Provides support and information. Pre-registratio no required. For information call,

Breather's Club Support

H.U.G.S. Group for Parents
TIME/DATE: 7-9 p.m. third TIME/DATE: 7-8:30 p.m. first DETAILS: Support and counseling to parents who have suffered a pregnancy or newborn loss, no pre-registration required

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LOCATION: Lobby of the Charach 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

New Parents Support Group

TIME/DATE: 10 a.m. second

and fourth Wednesday of each month LOCATION: Hospital

Conference Center DETAILS: A supportive environment for families to share their struggles. Learn how to resolve issues after the birth of a child and discuss concerns such as sleep deprivation and coping with the emotions of

CONTACT: (248) 858-7766 Postpartum Depression Support Group TIME/DATE: 6:45 p.m. every Thursday DETAILS: Postpartum depres-

sion can happen anytime within the first year after childbirth. Symptoms include sadness, lack of energy, trouble concentrating, anxiety and feelings of guilt and CONTACT: (248) 937-5220

Support for Smokers DATE: First and third Tuesday

DETAILS: Provides education and support to quit smoking; no charge; no pre-registration. CONTACT: Call (248) 937-3314

Psychotherapy & **Counseling Services** Northville Counseling Center Anxiety/Agoraphobia/Panic Attack Support Group

Wednesday of each month DETAILS: Call (734) 420-8175 for more information.

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CONTACT: Sue Tracz (248)

Friendship Circle
TIME/DATE: 1 p.m. second

Thursday of each month LOCATION: St. James Catholic Church, 46325 10 Mile Road, between Taft and Beck

DETAILS: Social group for all widows and widowers. CONTACT: Norbert Monson (248) 851-6730, Florence Voight (248) 477-3032, Joy lovaldi (248) 348-9138 or joyio

Kensington Valley Mothers of Multiples TIME/DATE: 7 p.m. second

LOCATION: Witch's Hat CONTACT: (248) 437-5496

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SPORTS SPOTLIGHT: BASEBALL

Scott is beaming with success

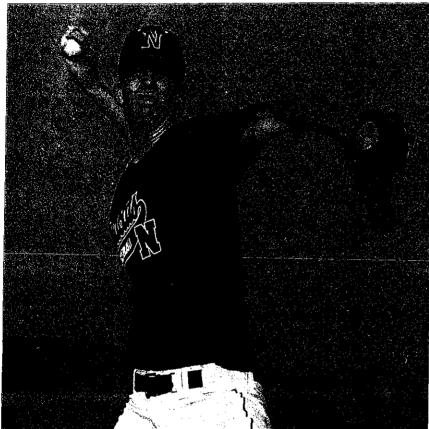


Photo by JOHN HEIDER/Novi News

Tyler Scott shows off the form that has helped him start the season a perfect 4-0.

Hard-throwing righty is headed to Toledo

By Jeff Theisen

Novi head baseball coach Rick Green has no hesitation in who would get the ball if the

Wildcats had to win one game.

Tyler Scott would get the ball, and so far

Tyler Scott would get the ball, and so far he's shown why.

After Friday's win against Lakeland, Scott is 4-0 for the Wildcats.

"Tyler is the big tall 6-5, 6-6 guy that you would like to have on the mound." Green said. "His velocity is the best on the team. He throws 86, 87 miles per hour.

"In my mind, he's made the most

improvement as far as his mechanics and

Stepping up

Scott didn't have the year he wanted as junior. He would show signs of brilliance, but struggled for the consistency that a No. 1

A heavy dose of offseason workouts have fixed Scott's mechanics, which is paying big

dividends on the mound.

"Last year he wouldn't hit 80 because of his mechanics." Green said. "His mechanics have improved and he's picked up six or seven miles an hour on his fastball. "The consistency is a lot more there than it

has been in the past. He just wanted to prove that he is a better pitcher than he was last year." The walks are down and the wins are up. Keeping the defense in the game is a huge benefit to pitchers.

"When he's throwing strikes, the defense is

playing well," Green said. "They're on their

toes and ready for the ball to be put in play.

"It's very important to locate those pitches for a strike. It's important to get that first pitch over for a strike, and it's important to be able to throw a curveball on the next pitch and get it over the plate."

See SCOTT, 3B



Novi's Frin Zerlo comes out for a save in front of

Cats come up just short

Northville soccer beats Novi for first time since 2004, 1-0

By Jeff Theisen

Novi head coach Brian O'Leary and his team isn't used to losing, but he knows the losses will supply lessons for a more important time of the year. The Wildcats lost 1-0 to Northville at home Friday in a

game that featured two of the top ms in the state.

O'Leary obviously would've liked the win, but he said his teams in the past have gained a lot from the few losses.

"Last year, the loss that we had and the two ties that we had, all three of those games were the biggest help to our team all sea-son." O'Leary said. "The wins don't really do that much for you. It's those losses and things that don't go right for you. "We'll learn."

The lone goal came off a long rush by Theresa Yankovich. She brought the ball up the middle of the field and passed it off just

before hitting the penalty area. The pass came right back to her, and Yankovich was in with space and buried the ball in the upper-

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right corner of the net with 23:42

left to play.

"Theresa made a great play on that goal," O'Leary said. "That's about the difference in the game is she kind of stepped up and

is she kind of stepped up and made that play."

Novi made a furious late run, going with five midfielders and three forwards to try and get the equalizer. They almost did.

Off a free kick, the ball was headed on and got past Northville keeper Elana Ryznar, but defender Tori Wright cleared the ball lust before it went in the ball just before it went in with just more than five minutes

Ryznar made four saves to

Novi had a few quality chances to score, and one of the best came early. Jenna Carosio came up just shy of being able to track down a

See SOCCER, 2B



Photo by JOHN REIDER/Novi News Novi's Claudia Miculici plays against Northville.

Novi Roundup: Iennis wins tourney

Track finishes second at Berkley Invite

By Jeff Theisen SPORTS WRITER

The Wildcat tennis team knocked off rival Northville 6-2 to

Novi rolled through the singles, with Amanda Border, Jackie Wang, Sara Carlson and Jennifer Felcher (1-4 singles respectively) winning their singles matches. Lauren McCloskey and Megan Wenzl carne back to win in three sets after dropping the first set. Teodora Gavric and Kellie Wallen

bles.
"We swept the singles and won

a very close match at No. 1 dou-bles," Novi head coach Jim Hanson said. "It was a good comeback for our pirks"

Comeback for our girls."

Ann Arbor Huron handed the
Wildcats a 5-3 loss Thursday.

"We probably played our best
match of the year." Hanson said.

"We came up just a little short."

Picking up wins for Novi were
Carlson, Felcher and Jenna Carlson, Felcher and Jenna Snyder and Julia Thomas at No. 4

The Wildcats blasted through their spring classic, winning every flight against Stevenson, Canton and Walled Lake Central.

tournament was matchup of teams that will be in

the KLAA," Hanson said. "We did a nice job and took care of

"It was a very nice week for us. We had three good outings.

Novi (6-2, 3-0) shutout Hartland 2-0 April 16. Nikki Greenhalgh scored on a breakaway just four minutes in to open the scoring. Jenna Carosio picked up an assist on the goal. Kelsey Laux sent Mary Reid in, and Reid scored after knocking in

her own rebound with eight minutes left in the game.

Novi dominated control of the

ball, outshooting Hartland 21-0.
"The defense did a great job of stopping all of Hartlands attacks,"

Novi head coach Brian O'Leary said. "Starting defenders Megan Burns, Rachel Barndt, Taylor Pyden and Katie Barry did an outstanding job, as well as defensive subs Katie Caruso and Brooke

The Novi boys track team placed second at Saturday's Berkley Invite.

Brother Rice won with 46 points, one more than Novi at the 20-team invite.

Garrett Farley scored a firstplace finish in the pole vault, clearing 11-8. Mike Blaszczyk

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RIVALRY ON THE PITCH Wildcats spring to action

■ SOCCER: Novi comes up short

midfielders and three forwards

and we were playing great. It showed me that we can switch to that and it will work." Novi wouldn't seriously threat-

en again, and Northville got to celebrate a win the Mustang sen-iors had yet to celebrate against Novi during their careers.

"It's two good teams and two

very even teams," O'Leary said.

continued from front

breakaway pass before Ryznar came out to make a sliding save less than seven minutes in.

Another quality chance tame with 13:45 left to play. A long free kick was chipped into the box and headed on. The header got past Ryznar and appeared to be heading into the net, but Tori Wright cleared the ball just before it went in.

"It was pretty back and forth.
"You get about five chances and
probably two of them are great. If The Wildcats got another free kick just outside the penalty area in the closing minutes, but Megan you score two and they only score Burns' shot went off the wall and

capitalize on your five. 'I was real pleased with the pressure we put on in the end,"
O'Leary said, "By the end of the jtheisen@gannett.com or at (248) 349-1700, ext. 104. ame. I had two defenders, five

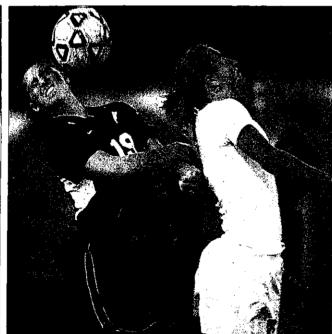


Novi's Taylor Hoover throws the ball in.



Novi's Kelsey Laux and Northville's Kelsey Fiscus fight for the ball during Friday's game.

Novi's Jenna Carosio dribbles the ball against Northville.



Novi's Katie Chaklos, right, and Mustang Kelsey Fiscus go up for a header.



Before a corner kick, Wildcat goalie Erin Zerio, second from right, finds a huge gathering in front of the net.

won the 3,200 meters in 9:51. Tyler Mouch had a pair of third-place finishes in the shot pat (47-5) and in the discus (139-11). Luke Maxfield placed third in the pole vault (11-0). The 4x100 relay team of Dan Zhang, Brett Kuhn, Tyler Barnes and Arshaun Hall finished fourth (44.6).

"We had so many close chance points that slipped away which would have surely resulted in first-place finish," Novi head coach Chris Payton said. "I am very proud of how we did."

Baseball

Novi slipped past Howell 3-2 April 16. Pat Schlenke led the offense with two hits and a run

The Wildcats split a pair of games Friday and Saturday. Friday, Novi beat Lakeland 10-I behind a complete-game victory from Tyler Scott. Home runs came from Garrett Green and Jacob Walker. Phil Celeski and Mark Heard each knocked in a

Lakeland won the second game

win against Fenton in the first game Saturday at home.

Northville mercies Northville mercied the Wildeas in the second game, 15-

The Novi softball team lost 7-3 April 16 to Howell, Lauren Shelar ed the offense with two hits. The Wildcats also lost 4-0 and 7-0 to Lakeland on Friday.

Paige Henley took the loss in the opener despite not allowing an

"We're getting better," Novi head couch Bob Lulek said. "We

Gooooooaaaaaaaal

While he stands out on the

id. "He does every

Novi's George Riegel gets a shot past the Canton goaltender.

win against remon.

"He's hitting well. He's got a

avone clse.

"He's pretty tough. I've never

actually our leading drag bunter."

"really seen him lose his cool."

■ SCOTT: Novi's star right-hander headed to Toledo

this year. He's getting stronger."

While Scott brings the heat on

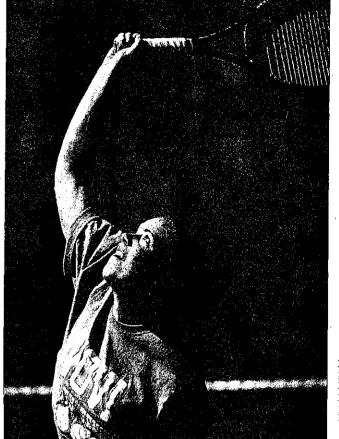
mound, Scott is no slouch with the mound, Green said the senior speed as the weather continues

Quiet leader

well. He's spraying the ball leader, I would say he's more of a 349-1700, ext. 104.







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Novi No. 1 singles player Amanda Border serves to her Northville opponent Haley
Johnston.

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Novi Wildcat Boys Basketball Camp

Cory Heitsch is hosting a boys basketball camp June 16-20 at Novi Middle School for boys-entering second-ninth grades in the fall. Grades second-fifth will go from 8:30 a.m.-noon and grades sixth-ninth will follow from 1-4:30 p.m.

The cost of the camp is \$140 and will include a week of instruction, an outdoor basketball will also be presented.

tration, call (248) 449-1206.

the bet either. On Saurday, he leader does a good job of main-smacked three hits, including a taining his cool. He might get hone run and three RBI in a 12-2 win against Fenton "I expect him to even get bet-hone but he doesn't take it out on him showing the inconsistencies

While the season has started

out great for Scott and the Wildents, Green thinks Scott will actually improve on his

of last year."

Basketbáll Camp Jeff Theisen can be reached at

High School for girls emering and the girls will be July 14-18.

also be presented.

For more information or registration, call (248) 449-1206.

Schluter's Hoop Camps Former Novi boys basketball

head coach Pat Schluter is hosting several basketball camps this summer at the St. James Catholic Church. A boys basketball camp for

kids in grades fourth through seventh will run June 16-20. Grades four and five will run includes a week of instruction, T-Shirt and outdoor basketball. Shirt and outdoor backetball.

A boys and girls basketball instruction for all levels of players will be available.

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A shooting camp for kids second-fifth grades runs 12:30-2 instruction, and utdoor basketball and T-shirt. Awards and trophics will also be presented.

For more information or registration, call (248) 449-1206.

Second-mit grades sixth-ninth, the camp runs 2:15-3:45 p.m. A basics camp for grades K-one tration, call (248) 449-1206.

Schluter will also be hosting the All Area 4 Start Basketball Camp with South Lyon head coach Roskethall Camp
Novi girls baskethall head the more experienced baskethall Bob Radke used a 7-wood on

second-ninth grades next year.

Grades second-fifth will run
\$30 a.m.-noon, and grades sixthninth will go 1-4:30 p.m.

For the boys, grades fourthsixth is 8:30 a.m.-noon, and
grades seventh-ninth will be
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Shamrock Lacrosse Camp

Catholic Central lacrosse head Grades four and five will run allow Coach Dave Wilson is hosting a lacrosse camp June 16-19 for and seven will run 1-4:30 p.m. grades sixth-eighth and June 23-Cost of the camp is \$130 and 26 for grades nine-12. Both camps will run 6-9:30 p.m. at the high school field instruction for all levels of

Hale in One Chester Pyzik on April 16 used a 6-iron on the hole 4 (130 yards) of the West course at Links of Novi. It was his first acc of his golfing career of more than 60 years.

Bill Arndt used a 5-wood on the 163-yard hole 3 at Riverbank coach Bill Kelp is hosting a bas-player. Cost for all camps is \$165. the 147-yard hole 5 at Riverbank

Novi. CC schedules



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Baseball 4/25 vs South Lyon (DH), 4 p.m. 4/26 home doubleheader vs. Athens, Allen Park, 11 a.m. 4/30 at Hartland, 4 p.m.

Softball 4/25 vs. South Lyon, 4 p.m. 4/26 at Lahser Tourney, TBA 4/30 at Hartland, 4 p.m.

4/29 vs. Lakeland, 4 p.m.

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Lacrosse 4/24 vs. WL Northern, 6:30 p.m. 4/28 vs. Plymouth, 6:30 p.m.

4/26 at Pioneer Invite, 8 a.m. 4/28 at Lakeland, 4 p.m.

4/30 vs. Brighton, 4 p.m.

4/24 vs. Lakeland, 3 p.m. 4/25 at Bob Lober Classic, 9 a.m. 4/26 at Bob Lober Classic, 9 a.m. 4/29 at Huron Valley Invite, 8:30

CC Baseball 4/26 vs. Divine Child, 11 a.m. 4/30 at OL St. Mary's, 4 p.m.

4/26 at Toledo St. John's, 1 p.m. 4/29 at DeLaSalle, TBA 4/30 vs. OL St. Mary's, 7:30

4/25 at Jackson relays, 4 p.m. 4/28 at OL St. Mary's, 4 p.m.

4/24 vs. DeLaSalle, 4 p.m. 4/30 at Brother Rice, 4 p.m.





The third graders in Novi played a great volleyball season. They learned many skills and set the base for a league that hopes to grow next year.

CC roundup: Baseball sweeps U-D, track second at Elks relays

By Jeff Theisen SPORTS WRITER

Catholic Central (5-5-1, 4-2) swept a doubleheader from U-D

swept a doubleheader from U-D 8-0, 12-4 April 16.
Shamrock pitching dominated the first game. Eric Becker struck out 12 and allowed just two hits through five innings. Trevolt of Connor struck out five more in two innings of scoreless relief. In the second game, Jake Hansen, Ryaa Houska and Steve Harding had two hits each.
Tony Thomas picked up the win, allowing three earned runs in four innings with nine strikeouts.

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Steve Harding collected three hits on the day to pace the bats.

Brother Rice swept a double-header from CC on Saturday, 6-1 and 3-0.

Hansen picked up the lone RBI on the day.

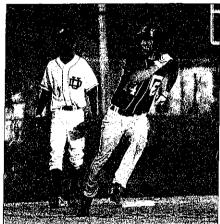
Brother Rice showed why it has a national ranking in a 23-7 win April 15 at CC. Jack Dumsa led the Shamrocks

with three goals and two assists.

The Shantrocks regrouped and beat U-D 12-9 two days later.

Jake Christensen led the offense with five goals. Brad Janer and Kevin Bush scored two reaches are the statement of the control and the statement of the control and the statement of t

Kevin Lerg stopped 13 shots for



Jake Hanson looks for the ball as he rounds the bases against U-D.

the win in goal.

"It was a great win because we lost the last two games to top-30 ranked teams in the country—No. 8 Brother Rice and No. 28 Western Reserve Academy," CC head coach Dave Wilson said. "I was really surprised by the way U-D came out defensively, but I was very happy with the way we

responded by executing the basics."

The Shamrocks knocked off Catholic League foe U-D 83-45 Monday after placing second at Monday after placing second at the Dearborn Elks relays. On Monday, the Shamrocks got

a big lift by sweeping the discus and placing 1-2 in the shot put, 1,600 meters and in the 400

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Mike Martin won the throws, launching the discus 153-10 and the shot put 53-9.5.

Other wins included Scott Sansovich in the 100 hurdles (15.3), Alex Toloff in the 1,600 meters (4:37.3), Harrison halt in the 400 meters (52.3), Sansovich in the 300 hurdles (41.9), Zach Oleski in the 800 meters (20.0.2), Brendan Curran in the 200 meters (23.1) and Austin Zebrowski in the 3,200 meters.

The 4x800 relay team (8:56.4), the 4x200 relay (1:34.8) and the 4x400 relay (3:40.3) also were victorious.

At the Elks relays, Adrian won with 47 points, with CC five points back in the 12-team meet.

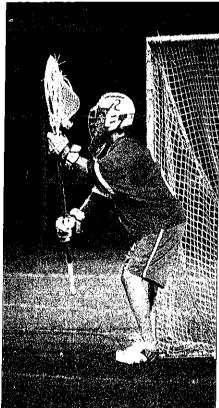
Wins came from the shot put team of Martin, Mike Still, Nick Landry and John Widmer for a combined 178-5; the 6,400 meter relay team of Oleski, JP Zebrowski, Scott Hoffman and Dan Jonik and the distance medley team of Spencer Hall (800), Harrison Hall (400), Austin Zebrowski (1,200) and Toloff (1,600), 10:50

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CC took second in the discus with Martin, Dylan Young and Widmer throwing, as did the 3,200 relay team of Brandon Schneider, Michael Dompierre, Jonik and Cleski. Jonik and Oleski.



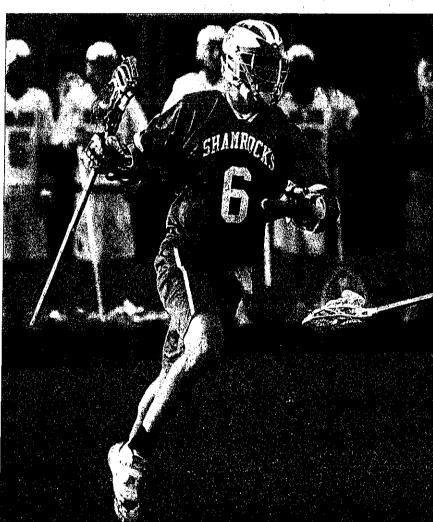
Jeff Wood clears the ball against Northville.



Kevin Lerg stands guard in front of the Catholic Central

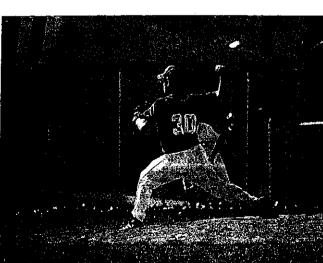


Thomas goes head-first into second base against U-D.





Tony Thomas delivers a pitch against U-D.



Eric Becker gets ready to unleash a pitch against U-D.