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Bringing back the barrels



By Chris Jackett
STAFF WRITER

With warm weather comes orange construction barrels. And as Novi expands to handle the growing population and increased traffic, there will be plenty of projects to keep an eye on this year, with most taking place during the summer and early fall, according to City Engineer Rob Hayes. He said about \$5 million will go into 2008 road projects in Novi.

On-road action

As promised last year, an upgrade and addition of right-turn lanes at Beck and 10 Mile roads will begin in May and run through June, but several other roads and intersections will be revamped as well.

Last year's final neighborhood street project will take place as unfinished business that hadn't started, yet when fall turned to winter. Elizabeth Lane, from 10 Mile Road to Addington Lane, and Sunnybrook Lane, from Beck Road to Whitehall Lane, will both be redone from May through July.

Crowe Drive from Novi Road to Ingersol Drive and Ingersol Drive from Crowe Drive north to Crescent Boulevard will both be worked on, giving the backward "L" a needed upgrade along the western outskirts of Novi Town Center from July through August.

Orchard Hills Place, which runs from Haggerty Road through to Eight Mile Road at the northwestern corner will be fixed up from August through October, and

11 Mile and Meadowbrook roads will see orange August through September on the east side of the intersection as a new signal and right-turn lane for west-to-north-bound vehicles is added to make the intersection identical for traffic in both directions.

Please see **ROADS, 2A**

Preparing for prom



Novi High School senior Katie Martinez shows off her prom dress she plans to wear. Photo by JOHN HEIDER/Novi News

Finalizing plans with friends

By Chris Jackett
STAFF WRITER

Novi High School seniors and juniors will flock to Rock Financial Showplace Saturday night to have a Vegas-themed evening of celebration before graduating later this month.

"I'm excited. It'll be really fun," said 18-year-old senior Alina Bruder. "We're going to take pictures at my friend's house, go to the dance and then go to another friend's house for pizza and movies."

Bruder will don a long, dark royal blue, silk dress for the

evening as she brings Brother Rice senior Will Savoie as her date.

"Two of my friends are going with boys from Brother Rice," Bruder said, noting that it is basically a group of friends, as she took one of her friend's dates to Novi's homecoming dance in 2005. "It was fun. What really makes a dance is if your date dances. It'll be better this year. Last year was really spur of the moment."

A lot of seniors, and juniors, since they are also invited to the dance, are going to the prom with groups of friends, rather than with a set date.

"Me and a couple of friends are just going to meet up with people there," said 18-year-old senior Jason Jankowski. "Last year was a lot of fun. I can't remember anyone that had a bad time. I hope this year is just as fun-filled. It's the final event together, besides commencement."

Senior Katie Martinez, 18, said she's hoping prom will be as fun as last fall's homecoming and last year's prom. Her group of friends are approaching the event similar to

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Source: Greater Novi Chamber

Chamber celebrates anniversary, merger discussions continue

By Kelly Murad
STAFF WRITER

Members of the executive committees of both Novi chambers met Friday for the second time to discuss the possibility of a merger between the two organizations.

"The executive committees of both chambers have met, with the mayor, David Landry mediating," said Bob Thorne, chair of the Novi Chamber of Commerce. "It was a very cooperative meeting on both parts."

Landry is volunteering his time to serve as the middle-man between the two parties.

"You need somebody in the middle to point the direction," said Keith Kuhn, chair of the Greater Novi Chamber. "Discussions are moving along very positively."

Although an official merger has not been announced, both Thorne and Kuhn believe it would be beneficial for both chambers and their members.

"I think after all the i's are dotted and the t's are crossed, it will be a positive change for both chambers," Kuhn said. "We've discussed this with our board of directors, but we have to take it to our membership. The members still have the final say."

Both chairmen were expected to address each other's chambers this week, with Thorne scheduled to appear at the Greater Novi Chamber's luncheon Tuesday, and Kuhn scheduled to attend the Novi Chamber's luncheon Wednesday. Without releasing a set sched-

ule, Thorne said no one sees a reason to drag their feet and plans are moving right along.

"Generally, a city is too small to have multiple chambers," said Ara Topuzian, economic development manager for the City of Novi. "I think a business misses out on the networking capabilities by having two chambers. This puts the businesses in the forefront."

It's a Big Deal

As merger discussions continue, the Greater Novi Chamber is preparing for its two-year anniversary event Tuesday at the Dirty Martini and Second City.

After a successful anniversary event last year, based off the game show "Deal or No Deal," this year's event, titled "It's a Big Deal" is based loosely off "Let's Make a Deal."

"The game show itself is just a riot," said Whitney McClellan Stone, executive director of the Greater Novi Chamber. "Bob McCann (president of Bright House Networks of Michigan) is the emcee, I'm sure he's going to be a lot of fun. He's going to do some fun stuff with the audience."

Prizes at the event consist of Tigers baseball tickets, along with various packages, such as an up-north weekend getaway including use of a Ford Mustang, among others.

Attendees will also have an opportunity to participate in a \$4,000 raffle for \$75 a ticket.

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Kroger for \$7. The show runs 10 a.m.-9 p.m. Thursday, 10 a.m.-8 p.m. Saturday and 11 a.m.-5 p.m. Sunday. Call (800) 849-0248 or visit www.internationalwomenshow.com for more information.

SATURDAY

Join the Camp Masters Club noon-3 p.m. at Lakeshore Park's Main Building, 601 S. Lake Drive, in an afternoon atmosphere to help get prepared for a summer full of camping opportunities. Learn the tricks of the trade and share camping secrets and supply lists with other out-

SUNDAY

Give your ears a treat at 2 p.m. as the Novi Concert Band performs at the Novi Middle School, 49000 11 Mile Road. The free event is open to all ages and will feature a wide variety of music. Visit www.noviconcertband.com for more info.

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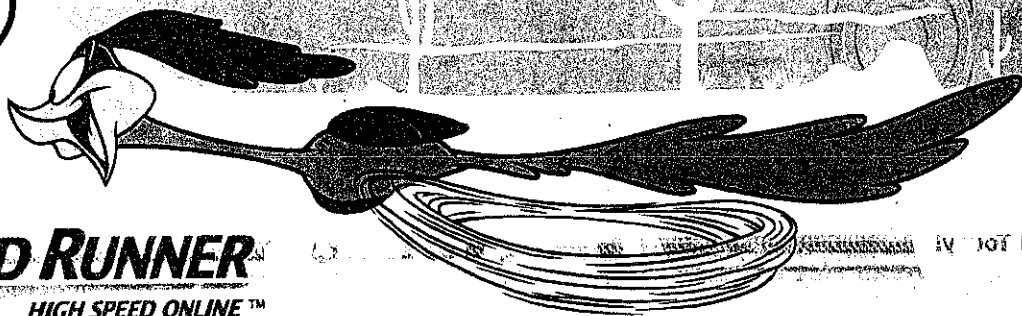


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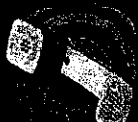
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MY BUSINESS

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Providing a 'thesis' for engineers

■ ITC partners with students

By Kelly Murad
STAFF WRITER

In working with students of today, ITC is creating engineers of tomorrow.

As the largest independent electricity transmission company in the country, ITC has served as one of Michigan Technological University's corporate sponsors of the Senior Design Program since 2005.

The program requires students in their last year of school to work with professional engineers on a specific project as part of their curriculum.

"It's kind of like our thesis for engineers," said Kevin Thompson, Michigan Tech alumnus and member of last year's ITC team for the Senior Design Program.

Thompson said each sponsor presents its team, which is typically composed of four or five students, with a real life problem, challenge or task.

"The intent is to provide these sponsorships so these kids can have an academic experience," said Jon E. Jipping, executive vice president and chief operating officer at ITC. "It's best if we can use (their project), but it's more for the benefit of the students to have

ITC's grand opening

On May 12, ITC will celebrate the grand opening of its Novi headquarters at 27175 Energy Way, off 12 Mile Road, between Haggerty Road and Michigan 5.

Construction of the 188,000-square-foot facility upon the 85-acre property began last April.

a real-world experience."

ITC hired Thompson, 24, as an associate engineer in the relay design group and he is currently implementing his project from the Senior Design Program.

"I've pretty much picked up where I left off with the project," he said. "It's really helped a lot to have had that experience."

Michigan Tech is one of the few universities in the country to offer an energy conversion and power systems program.

"We need to be targeting those folks more," Jipping said. "We have to be diligent in identifying and mentoring through the Senior Design Program."

Jipping said every Michigan Tech senior graduating this month with a degree in electrical engineering, with a power concentration, already has a job lined up.

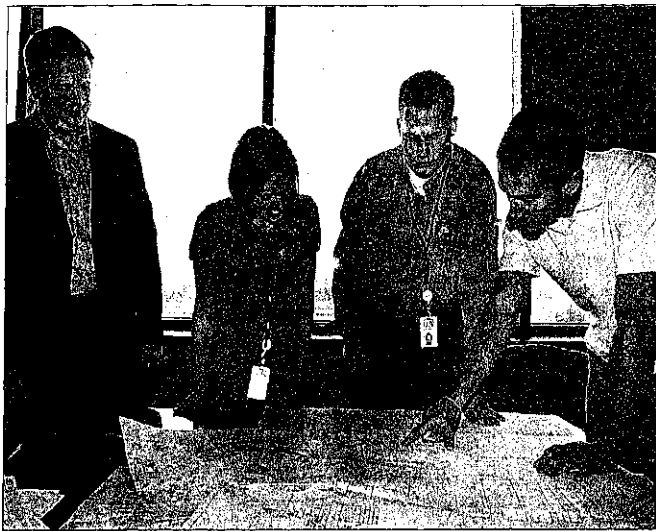


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ITC executive vice president and chief operating officer Jon Jipping, left, is joined by Michigan Tech graduates and current ITC employees Sara Haggard, Goride Halt and Kevin Thompson. The Novi-based electricity transmission company partners with college students, providing real-life experience.

Even though senior Wade Ausloos, 23, is going into the Air Force after next week's graduation, he appreciates the experience

of working with ITC through the Senior Design Program.

"It lets us see the actual expectations of a real engineering com-

pany," he said. "It's an actual engineering problem and we designed it from scratch. You can't simulate that in a classroom."

Signs By Tomorrow owner receives award

Bruce Aaronson, owner of Signs By Tomorrow of Novi, was given the Highest Percentage Growth and Highest Sales Volume with Grouping award during the company's annual meeting in Fort Worth, Texas.

During the annual meeting, attendees listened to speakers who discussed ways franchisees can better serve their markets.

According to Aaronson, Signs By Tomorrow works one-on-one with customers to get to know their business, target audience and goals.

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Local veterans preparing for honor flight

By Tracy Estes-Mishler
SPECIAL WRITER

Happy Hanson has been waiting to visit the World War II memorial in Washington, D.C. and now he's getting his chance. As a war veteran, Hanson, 83, said it's an honor to have a memorial solely for those who served in World War II.

"I've seen the Vietnam and Korean memorials, but haven't made it out to see the World War II memorial yet," Hanson said. "It took a while to get a World War II memorial. It's almost as if it were forgotten. World War II affected every-

one in the country at that time and it's great to be able to see what this memorial will be."

Hanson, along with 41 other World War II veterans from Fox Run, in Novi, are taking a trip to Washington in the next few months courtesy of Honor Flight, Inc., a non-profit organization formed to raise funds to send all World War II veterans from Michigan to see their monument free of charge.

Hanson, who joined the Navy at 18, flew fighter jets off aircraft carriers during both World War II and the Korean War. He spent 22 years in the Navy and helps spread his patriotism to fellow

neighbors currently at Fox Run. "This is a great opportunity and we thank Honor Flight for giving us a chance to see the memorial," he said. "We're all going to be together, and I'm excited to go."

Funds needed

Melissa Downey, fundraising coordinator for Honor Flight Michigan, said the majority of the veterans who have visited the memorial so far have not spoken about the war prior to their visit.

"A lot of families said they have never spoken about it all these years. They came home, got jobs

married and never spoke of the war except for when they go to the monument," Downey said. "It's wonderful to see the joy and pride on their faces when they get there."

Last year, Honor Flight, started by David and Carole Cameron of West Bloomfield, sent 414 Michigan veterans to see the memorial, which was completed in 2004.

Downey said the hardest obstacle with Honor Flight has been raising money to send vets to see the memorial.

"The problem we're having is we have 900 vets on a waiting list and still no government funding or support," she said. "We fly the

vets there and fly them home. It's \$350 per veteran."

Downey said, money aside, it's still a great feeling to see how happy the veterans are when they see the memorial for the first time.

"Every dime we make is from our grassroots efforts and fundraisers," she said. "It's definitely tough, but well worth it. We just hope for more support in the future."

Downey said there are currently 15 flights schedule to take Michigan veterans to Washington to see the memorial this year.

Honor Flight schedules the event, provides guardians and assistants to help people with disabilities helps guide veterans

through security and provides medical assistance if needed.

Downey said she just wants to make sure everyone who wants to see the memorial has the opportunity. She said the nation loses 1,200 to 1,500 World War II veterans a day.

"Our World War II vets are well into their 80s and 90s now, and I'm afraid we're going to run out of time and funds before we can take everyone that wants to go," she said. "Our goal is to send as many veterans as possible and all the help we can get will be greatly appreciated. These veterans are our national treasures and they deserve it."

UNCF Receives grant from Erickson

Erickson develops and manages Fox Run in Novi as well as Henry Ford Village in Dearborn.

Baltimore-based senior housing developer Erickson Retirement Communities recently announced that it awarded a \$100,000 grant to UNCF - the United Negro College Fund, the nation's oldest and most successful minority education assistance organization - to establish the Erickson Retirement Communities/UNCF Corporate Scholars Program. Erickson is the developer and manager of two full-service retirement communities in metropolitan Detroit, including Fox Run - www.ericsoncommunities.com/fv - in Novi and Henry Ford Village - www.ericsoncommunities.com/hfv - in Dearborn.

The program targets deserving minority students attending two- or four-year colleges and universities who have an interest in working with the senior population. It is designed to help ease the financial burden of attending college and to provide valuable work experience for those students interested in service-related areas within the senior housing industry.

The program will award 10 \$5,000 scholarships for the 2008-

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09 academic year and 10 \$5,000 scholarships for the 2009-10 academic year. Students selected to receive scholarships will also have the opportunity to gain hands-on experience in the field through summer internships at Erickson campuses across the United States.

Retirement Living TV Launches FREEDOMYEARS.COM

Retirement Living TV announced the launch of Our Freedom (freedomyears.com), a portal for reliable health information and user interaction concerning issues on aging. The Web site features a search engine for researching health from trusted sources such as Erickson Health, the nation's largest practice of geriatric physicians, the National Institutes of Health, RLTV's program "Healthline and other notable news outlets and organizations across the country. The site also includes

lively discussions, user profiles, online journals and support groups.

In the three months since the site has been in beta-testing, thousands of boomers and seniors have visited the site. The site's most popular content to date are:

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Novi teen dances to the top

By Chris Jackett
STAFF WRITER

When Paula Langley says she's busy, she means it.

The 17-year-old Novi High School senior has enough on her plate to keep anyone occupied - school, multiple dance groups and performing more than 300 hours of community service with several different groups.

"I'm definitely really involved in my community and dance," she said.

Langley credits her involvement to her mother, Dr. Carmela Langley, a guidance counselor at Summit Academy High School in Romulus.

"My mom just thought I was really active and it'd give me something to do," she said.

She enjoys modern and jazz dancing the most, but has also made a point to learn ballet, hip-hop and tap. Two months ago, she earned a first-place platinum and second-place overall award for her "Keep Breathing" performance at the Hall of Fame Dance Challenge

Regional Dance competition at Walled Lake High School. Her efforts on the dance floor and in the community have gained her recognition at several levels. She was recently one of 15 students from the Great Lakes states to be featured on the cover of Next Step Magazine, which focuses on the transition from high school to college. Students had to apply for the position with an essay, list of community service hours from their last school year and a letter of recommendation from their counselor.

A high school senior herself, Paula has earned a full-ride scholarship to Marygrove College in Detroit, a school focusing on entertainment, which is perfect for the dance-minded teen. She plans to double-major in dance and pre-law in an effort to work in entertainment law, a profession that would have Paula analyzing

contracts for actors and musicians. However, she also wants to continue dancing beyond college.

"She's very smart and she wanted something where she can still be in entertainment if she's not dancing," Carmela said.

Paula has maintained a 3.85 Grade Point Average as an National Honors Society student and was Miss Oakland County Teen in 2006. In the Miss Michigan Teen competition, she was the third runner-up. Although rules prevent her from entering this year's competition, she is giving consideration to future Miss competitions, which have an 18-year-old age requirement.

"I'm not old enough to be a Miss - you have to be 18 - but you can't be a Teen if you're a senior," she said. "I don't know if I'll do it next year because it's my freshman year in college, but sophomore year I might."



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Paula Langley
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LOCATION: 50200 W. 10 Mile Road
CONTACT: (248) 912-0043 or visit www.oakpointe.org
Sunday Worship
TIME: 9:15 and 11:15 a.m.
ReNew Life Ministries
TIME/DATE: 7:15-9 p.m. Mondays
DETAILS: Ongoing Life Groups that support and facilitate personal growth, healing, learning and change from a Christian perspective. The groups are: Grief/Share (for those grieving a loved one's death); DivorceCare (for those experiencing separation or divorce); Anger Management;

Spring Hill Day Camp
DATE: July 21-25 and July 28-Aug. 1
DETAILS: This is a day camp program for children that have completed grades first through fourth by summer.
CONTACT: (248) 912-0043 to register or volunteer.
St. James Catholic
LOCATION: 46325 10 Mile Road
CONTACT: (248) 347-7778
Mass Schedule
TIME/DATE: 8, 9:30 and 11:30 a.m. Sunday; 9 a.m. Monday-Tuesday; 7 p.m. Wednesday; 5 p.m. Saturday

Dealing with Struggling Teens (for parents); YourSpace (for high school students); Every Man's Battle (for men seeking recovery from lust, pornography, and sexual addiction); Betrayed Hearts (for wives whose husbands struggle with pornography, sexual addiction, same-sex attraction or adultery); Changes that Heal (for those experiencing emotional or relational pain); and CrossCurrent (for men who experience unwanted same-sex attraction).

Novi United Methodist
LOCATION: 41671 W. 10 Mile Road
CONTACT: (248) 349-2632 or visit www.umcnovi.com
Sunday Worship
TIME: 9:45 a.m.
Healing Service and Holy Communion
TIME/DATE: 9:45 a.m. first Sunday of every month
Peace Vigil
TIME/DATE: Noon, first Sunday of every month
LOCATION: In front of the church
DETAILS: Members of the con-

Crown Financial Ministries
TIME: During regular service hours
DETAILS: Learn God's practical financial principles for everyday life.

Opener Concert
TIME/DATE: 7:30 p.m. Friday, May 16
DETAILS: Break into summer with a night of Heart, Soul and Spirit, your favorite classics played live by local Michigan artists. Bring your friends or someone special and enjoy a night of pop, rock, folk and blues. For tickets, contact Sue at (248) 912-0043 or sue@oakpointe.org. For more information, visit www.michaelkingmusic.com.

3rd Annual Family Health & Fitness Fair
TIME/DATE: 10 a.m.-1:30 p.m. Sunday
DETAILS: Activities will include Catholic bookstore, 911 phone call simulator, bike helmet sale, fitness, poison prevention and more.

Crosspointe Meadows
LOCATION: Meadowbrook Elementary School, 29200 Meadowbrook Road
CONTACT: (248) 427-2700.

Yard Sale
TIME/DATE: 8 a.m.-3:30 p.m. Friday and Saturday, May 2-3
LOCATION: Memorial Hall, east side of church
DETAILS: Annual sale of rummage goods and clothing, also a bake sale.

Craft Show
TIME/DATE: 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Saturday, June 21
LOCATION: Memorial Hall, east side of church
DETAILS: Arts and crafts show, vendor space available indoors and out.
CONTACT: Pam Davis, edleer@yahoo.com

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OBITUARIES

MARY F. SEKULOSKI

Age 42, April 28, 2008 of Novi. Beloved wife of Trajche. Loving mother of Elaine, Alexander and Adam. Dear sister of Linda, Gokile, Toni, Lorna, Shirley and Jimmy. Also survived by 30 nieces and nephews. Visitation at the Voran Funeral Home (Dearborn Chapel) Wednesday 2-9pm and Thursday 1-9pm with a prayer service Thursday 7:00pm. Funeral Friday May 2, 2008 at St. Clement Orthodox Church in state 9:30am until time of service at 10:00am. Interment Oakland Hills Cemetery. Obituary/Guestbook at www.voranfuneralhome.com

GOT A STORY IDEA? Contact the Novi News to spread the word about what's going on in Novi

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MY ENTERTAINMENT

Thursday, May 1, 2008
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Get swept away to a tropical adventure! The Novi Theatres presents 'Kokonut Kapers'



The talented performers in Kokonut Kapers: From left to right Megan Boczar as Cordelia Hawkins, Julla Colasanti as Swampy, Stephanie Luther as Maw Cavawkee, Javanna Anderson as Vicki Snow and Anna Kilar as Lynne Smith.

C'mon, matey and join us for Kokonut Kapers. Audiences are sure to love this buoyant musical comedy that features fast-paced action, a treasure chest of jokes, high school antics, pirates and a plot that moves as swiftly as a hurricane. In Kokonut Kapers, Cordelia Hawkins and her kids must do something to earn money on storm-devastated Kokonut Island. They decide to open Kokonut High, a private institution of higher learning that promises a degree for every student... for a hefty fee. Along with the handful of future smokin' scholars that show up, a crime syndicate also lands on the island and wants to take over. Adding another layer of laughter, the ghost of Captain Kidd appears, but only Swampy, a strange island inhabitant with a drop of true pirate's blood, can see him. Songs include "Kokonut Island," "Little Wahini Baby" and "Olive from Orlando."

Fifty-two young actors have been staking up the sun and sand as they prepare to open Kokonut Kapers. Director Harry Wetzel (Detroit Repertory Theatre) has been busy perfecting this action-packed comedy for all ages. "Auditions were impressive. This is a huge cast that I found to be inspirational," Wetzel said about his first directing opportunity with the Novi Theatres. Performance will take place in the Novi Civic Center: • 7:30 p.m. Thursday, May 8 • 7:30 p.m. Friday, May 9 • 2 p.m. Saturday, May 10 • 2 p.m. Sunday, May 11 • 7:30 p.m. Friday, May 16 • 2 and 7:30 p.m. Saturday, May 17 • 2 p.m. Sunday, May 18 Tickets for Kokonut Kapers are on sale now online and at the Novi Parks office in the Novi Civic Center, 45175 W. 10 Mile Rd. Tickets are \$15 for adults and \$12 for students and seniors, all seats are reserved. For more information, please call (248) 347-0400.

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MY EDUCATION

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A learning experience!



Deerfield Elementary students proudly participated in the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation's Kids Walk to Cure Diabetes. With the slogan, "Kids helping Kids," Deerfield students learned about diabetes, nutrition education and good physical fitness activities.

From left to right: Maddie Donberger, Alicia Samson, Emily Awdish, Jacob Kawaas and Carter Coeji are doing their part on Earth Day to make our planet a better place. In celebration of Earth Day, the Novi Woods fourth graders got together with their kindergarten buddies to help clean up the earth.

Cub Scout Day features Pinewood Derby 'Car Crazy' event

Class NOTES

Detroit Public TV welcomes all southeast Michigan Cub Scout Packs to a "Car Crazy" event, 10 a.m.-noon Saturday, at the Riley Broadcast Center in Wyom. Hosted by Fred and Kelley of the GET UP! GET OUT! series, "Car Crazy" invites scouts to show off their Pinewood Derby cars entered in recent local pack competitions.

All Cub Scouts are invited to the free event, which will reveal secrets of building a Pinewood Derby car for speed, and feature a variety of auto-themed activities, including:

- An educational journey through the Ford Rouge Tour sponsored by the Henry Ford.
- An opportunity to win exciting prizes, including a chance to meet a Ford NASCAR Sprint Cup Series driver in June at Ford World Headquarters in Dearborn, tickets to Detroit Public TV's "Kids Club Live" in June at Freedom Hill, and family memberships to the Henry Ford Museum and Greenfield Village.
- An exploration of new technologies for the "CAR OF THE FUTURE," based on an episode of the NOVA science series which aired April 22 on WTWS Channel 56, along with a sneak peek at "CLICK AND CLACK," a new animated series featuring the popular and amusing public radio auto repair duo.

Scout leaders are encouraged to RSVP their pack or den (please estimate number of participants) at email@dpvtv.org. All scouting leaders and families are welcome, and it is not necessary to bring a Pinewood Derby car or to have participated in the Derby. Scouts are also encouraged to bring a book or other interesting books. Free Detroit Public TV's distribution to disadvantaged families.

The Pinewood Derby is a signature Cub Scout activity in which packs encourage members to create cars from a small pinewood block, wheels and axles. The cars are then entered in pack racing events.

Detroit Public TV's Riley Broadcast Center is located at 1 Clover Court (Grand River Avenue and Napier Road) in Wyom. More information is available at dpvtv.org. Guests are advised to follow detour routes during the current Wyom Road overpass construction.

Friends of the Novi Library offer student scholarship

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

Rollercoasters highlight Camp Invention program

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

Throughout each day, children will participate in hands-on, interactive activities that encourage creativity and inventive solutions. Seth Furlow, science teacher at Novi Middle School, will direct a staff of local instructors and counselors. The \$220 registration fee, due on or before May 31, includes daily snacks and a T-shirt. A discount of \$20 per child is offered with the bring-a-friend program. There is also an additional \$5 discount for online registrants. Employees of Novi Community Schools can also receive a discount. Registrations received after May 31 require a \$20 late processing fee. Each program is limited to 110 children so sign up today.

For more information, or to register, visit www.campinvention.org or call (800) 968-4332.



Community Financial scholarship recipients are pictured (left to right): David Catalan, Canton High School; Nina Redzovic, Plymouth High School; Christopher Majsak, Divine Child High School; Tracy Lytle, Salem High School; Matthew Blahunka, Novi High School; Matthew Dybas, Salem High School; and Sam Richards, a Plymouth High School senior and recipient of an award presented to children of credit union employees. This year marks the 20th anniversary of Community Financial's annual scholarship program, which has provided a total of more than \$100,000 since it was introduced.

When registering a child (or children), a parent needs to bring the following:

- A completed registration packet, available on the district's Web site www.novi.k12.mi.us;
- Child's birth certificate or passport;
- Non-refundable registration fee payment (\$45 for school district residents, \$50 for non-residents);
- The all-day preschool classes meet 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Monday through Friday. Parents are responsible for providing transportation. Tuition can be paid in full: \$6,393.96, or in nine payments of \$710.38 (August through April).

Many options are available for the district's half-day program, ranging from five to two day options.

Child Care (C.A.R.E.) is available for parents needing assistance before or after preschool classes. Registration information and prices are posted on the district's Web site. C.A.R.E. is also available at all elementary schools for kindergarten through eighth-grade students.

For more information, call Child Care Services at (248) 449-1713.

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Novi High School student Shawet Hamaddar learns how to insert a chest tube into a dummy with help from Administration Director of Providence Park Hospital Emergency Jeffery Brown. Novi High students were at the hospital to learn ER procedures as part of its medical careers exploration course.



In celebration of Earth Day, the fourth graders at Novi Woods got together with their kindergarten buddies to help clean up the planet. From left to right: Ben Wilson, Teja Bayya, Bianca Palicha, Akshay Raman, Allison Bailey, Hannah Ledesma, Emily Dai, Pooja Devarakonda and Grace Yang cleaned up around Novi Woods in celebration of Earth Day.

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Students dominate Chemistry Olympiad

By Chris Jackett
STAFF WRITER

When 20 of Novi High School's best chemistry students gathered at the University of Michigan's Dearborn campus in March, they didn't realize they'd be setting the mark for future groups of students.

The Chemistry Olympiad competitive, two-hour, 70-multiple-choice-question exam was handed out and Novi students earned eight of the top 11 scores. Senior Josh Lumley, 17, led all scorers March 19 with 65 correct answers, one point ahead of classmate and senior Ruihao Zuo, 18, who had won the contest the past two years.

"I tied for second with a couple of other people. He was the winner the past two years. I was expecting him to win," Lumley said. "I was hoping to do really well. The honorable mention kids get a \$100 scholarship and that's what I was going for. I had no expectations of winning."

Zuo, junior Sudharshan Mohanram and senior Ryan Lumley (Josh's twin brother) all tied a non-NOVI student for the second-highest competition score with 64.

"Four kids had 64. Three were our kids. They had to write an essay to determine the tie-breaker," said Rand Helmskamp, one of two advanced chemistry teachers who have coached Novi chemistry Olympiads for more than a decade.

Zuo earned the third-place nomination while Mohanram and Ryan Lumley were the top two runners-up. Each school was allowed to place a maximum of two students into the field of 12 nominees that took a second, five-hour test April 17, and was awarded \$250 for their first-round finishes.

"The questions on the free response and multiple choice, I had seen a lot before. Then it came to the laboratory part and that's not my strength. It was definitely a learning experience for college," Josh Lumley said of the

second trial. "Zuo didn't have the time to study for the first test, but I know he studied hard for the second one. I hope he wins."

Zuo said he had hoped to do well despite the rust that had accumulated since he took the advanced chemistry course sophomore year.

"I wasn't really quite sure because there's a lot of strong talent and I took AP chemistry two years ago. I was looking to make the top 20," he said of the first exam, noting his expectations for the second round. "I'm expecting to make the top 150."

Of the eight runners-up at the competition, seven were Novi students. Joining Mohanram and Ryan Lumley were Christine Zagaro (63), Riki Akimoto (62), Sriakshmi Kadryala (61), Danny Kiefer (61) and Patrick Lee (61). The runners-up each received \$100, but were not invited back to the April 17 competition, which will release results in mid-May.

"We've done pretty well. It's the fourth year in a row we've gotten (the overall school score placed)," he said, noting several hundred students take the test. "We just have a lot of really talented kids. We have the first semester course and the AP two-credit course that goes the entire year."

The final goal of the Chemistry Olympiad competitions is to determine representatives for the International Chemistry Olympiad.

Novi's Josh Lumley and Zuo are waiting for the announcement detailing the 20 students from across the country chosen to attend a two-week workshop at the Air Force Academy in June, where four U.S. winners will be chosen by the American Chemical Society to spend July 12-21 in Budapest, Hungary as a team at the International Chemistry Olympiad.

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Novi High School students Ruihao Zuo and Josh Lumley await results from a Chemistry Olympiad competition last month, which determines if they are in the running for the International Chemistry Olympiad.

ON CAMPUS

Walsh College

The following Novi students received degrees from Walsh College at their winter commencement ceremonies in Troy: Sergio R. Britani, Master of Science, Management; Todd Stephen Hauserick, Master of Science, Information Systems; Gregory J. Miller, Master of Accountancy; Chester Wayne Olaszewski, Master of Business Administration; David Herbert Schultz, Master of Science, Business Information Technology; Christopher Robert Shrader, Bachelor of Accountancy; Douglas Scott Batson, Master of Business Administration; Jason Douglas Brewer, Master of Science, Taxation; Kenneth P. Cerebous, Bachelor of Science, Business Information Technology; Kimberly G. Dameron, Bachelor of Business Administration; David Brandon Gabler, Master of Business Administration; Henry James Greisinger, Master of Business Administration; Maureen A. Michaels, Master of Business Administration; Kathleen L. O'Connell, Bachelor of Business Administration; Renee Elizabeth Pall, Master of Accountancy; and Sigurd Franz Sjogren, Master of Science, Finance.

Grand Valley State University

The following students from Novi have been named to the Dean's List: Kathleen M. Alex, Alexandra M. Barcelona, Steven A. Bartz, Jennifer M. DeClerck, Chase J. Dehne, Melissa D. Dyson, Kristin L. Ficus, Rebecca A. Haller, Katherine A. Henry, Sean P. Hogan, Linda D. Janik, Christopher B. Jeffery, Kara I. Kelly, Natalie A. Kuczajka, Betsy L. Lewis, Carly Lyall, Richard L. Manza, Danielle L. Matley, Margaret L. Messink, Nicole M. Moisan, Britany L. Neville, Matthew G. Nickels, Laura A. Sinar, Jonathan R. Sulzer, Michaela A. Wasak.

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Fire department improves life-saving program

By Kelly Murad
STAFF WRITER



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Novi firefighter Todd Seog shows where the department-issued File of Life folders will go on refrigerators - giving rescue personnel important health information when needed.

Emergency responders may be seen making a b-line for the kitchen when called to a scene, while trying to save a person's life.

The Novi Fire Department recently launched the File of Life program, a more efficient version of the Vile of Life program, which the department implemented five years ago.

The File of Life is a red plastic sleeve, attached to a person's refrigerator, containing necessary medical information in case of an emergency.

"It's basically their medications, their family doctor, emergency contacts, medical conditions or if they have a Do Not Resuscitate order," said Todd Seog, fire protection officer for

the City of Novi. "It's helpful, so when we get there, we can get the information we need."

According to Seog, the Vile of Life program was the same concept, except residents kept a vial containing their medical information in the refrigerator.

"I took over the (Vile of Life) program three years ago, but we decided runnaging around in people's refrigerators wasn't the best thing to do," he said. "The vial was just becoming so cumbersome. This way, it's out in the open."

The program launched last month and Seog said the fire department already received about 50 responses.

"I enjoy getting the word out to people," he said. "I even gave some to my parents and they live in a different state."

Farmington Hills and Canton are other communities who participate in similar programs.

Residents interested in participating in the program can pick up the file from any of Novi's four fire stations or the Novi Senior Center, located at 25075 Meadowbrook Road.

"It's all free of charge and it's strictly voluntary," Seog said.

Along with receiving the file, residents have the option of participating in a follow-up, which would be used to update their information and document the effectiveness of the program itself.

Seog said he would like to update participants' information every six months and is hoping to make the File of Life information available to dispatchers.

For more information, contact Seog at (248) 349-2162 or tseog@cityofnovi.org.

Suspect tampers with elementary construction site

An unknown suspect cut a construction fence at Orchard Hills Elementary School between 4 a.m. April 17 and 7 a.m. April 18, reports said.

According to police, the fence of the construction site, located at the back of the building on the west side of the school, was cut in two places.

Police suspect about 25 feet of fence was cut away so the walking track could still be used.

Due to the school addition construction, the track is split in half by a fence that was erected for the construction project.

Three posts for the fence were also pulled out of the ground. In total, the site suffered \$200 in damages.

There are no witnesses or suspects at this time.

POLICE BRIEFS

Wallet suspected stolen from vehicle

According to a recent police report, a wallet is suspected stolen from a vehicle that was parked on Cranbrooke Drive, near Village Oaks.

The Jeep was parked from about 10:30 p.m. April 18 until 1:15 a.m. April 19, while the victim was visiting a friend.

The victim said when she returned to the vehicle, the center console was open and her wallet containing a LaSalle Bank card was missing.

According to the report, other items in the vehicle were disturbed but nothing else was missing.

Mountaineer damaged in driveway

The driver's side of a Mercury Mountaineer was scratched between 10 p.m. April 18 and 6:30 a.m. April 19, reports said.

According to recent police reports, the vehicle was parked in the driveway of a Novi residence and was scratched across, and near the window of the rear passenger door.

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In our opinion: Chamber merger is beneficial to community

One of the most frequent questions that comes to the Novi News is "Why are there two chambers?" And although readers pose the question, the answer falls in importance to the bewilderment.

Now, however, it appears that question may fall to the wayside as merger talks are in progress, mediated by the City of Novi Mayor David Landry.

We are pleased to see progress in this regard as being made.

As the city's economic development manager Ara Topouzian said,

"Generally, a city is too small to have multiple chambers. I think a business misses out on the networking capabilities by having two chambers. This puts the businesses in the forefront."

I don't think we can restate the issue better than Topouzian.

One chamber would serve the best interest of the city and members of the business community, and we look forward to monitoring the progress made toward this common goal.

LETTERS

Preserve Fuerst Farm

As a resident who has lived across the street from the Fuerst Farm for 25 years, I have never considered it to be an eyesore. The Fuerst Farm, which was entrusted to the City of Novi, should be preserved because of its historic designation. The 2000 report indicated preservation. There has never been a request by the city for volunteers to assist them in this regard.

Before voting to demolish the site, proper notice should be given to the residents so that efforts to save the structures could be explored. A hasty vote on the evening of publicly receiving a report for the first time certainly did not indicate to me that the City Council gave any serious consideration to how the residents of this community might wish for them to act as stewards of this Civil War piece. Many other experts who have visited the site believe it can and should be preserved for less than 5 percent of the \$3-million estimate recommended by the city's consultant. The plan to move the old Township Hall onto the site indicates that it makes sense to restore this site as a historic park.

Amphitheaters, water fountains and elaborate displays are not necessary and drive up the cost while detracting from the historic atmosphere. In 2004 a student carried out a volunteer effort which could be the model for a cost effective way to handle any current proposals. I urge my fellow residents to go to www.fuerstfarm.org and see what can and should be done. I urge you to get involved in letting our officials know that while this property may not be their history, it is the City of Novi's history and we should take time with any decision to demolish it. If the decision was right on April 7 to demolish this property, it will still be right after more exploration of the topic. If it was wrong and the property is demolished in the next 90 days, it cannot be restored. Please get involved.

live so well.

The land which presently houses Novi's city government, the newly expanded high school, the public library and Power Park was until 1970, entirely a part of the historic Fuerst Farm. At this time Iva and Ruby Fuerst, two daughters of the Fuerst Family, transferred ownership of the entire farm, except for the home and barn, to people of Novi. The daughters lived in the farmhouse until 1991 when it was vacated.

For Novi residents, this corner immediately stood out as the most prominent symbol of Novi's past. This small corner of the Civic Center pays tribute to all those pioneers who struggled to make Novi a fine place in the past - and now serves as a physical presence, especially for our children, picturing what Novi was before the housing subdivisions and great shopping centers were built.

It cannot be said too strongly that the Fuerst Farm is a very small, but a very valuable diamond among the great developments in Novi. During future years when people look back to find the roots of their hometown and truly restore and use the Fuerst Farm homestead - the cost of just basically maintaining it now will be worth the price many times over.

As a 33 year resident of Novi and a member and officer on the Novi Library Board for 22 years (1979-2001), I would ask the City Council to reconsider its decision on the Fuerst Farm so that future generations of Novi citizens will remember you as heritage preservers and not as heritage destroyers for shorter term projects.

Your thoughtful consideration is most appreciated.

James Evenhuis
Novi

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We are all being alerted THE CHECKS ARE ON THE WAY. THE CHECKS ARE ON THE WAY. GET READY TO SHOP. While I don't see this as the answer to the current recession, those who can or feel they should go SHOPPING should at least try to buy MADE IN THE USA. If we run to the nearest discount store or mega mart we could hurt our economy more by sending more of our dollars overseas. To get the most bang for our buck we all should seek out made in America and when possible Michigan made goods and services.

Help put your neighbor back to work, keep local business profitable, help our home values and keep jobs here for our children and the future.

This is how we will bring back our economy with the kind of goods we have made in the past, the kind that others around the world want and try to imitate.

Chuck Tindall
Novi



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Partners in Learning

Learning Tree Center student Andrew Delacourt, left, helped to plant trees Friday at ITC's Novi headquarters.

Secondhand smoke may hurt your kids more than you

I was refereeing a lineman at a youth soccer game last week when I noticed one of the visiting team's parents smoking on the sideline about 10 feet from me and five feet from the edge of the field.

Seeing as the field was on elementary school property and the game was through a league conjoined with the state soccer association, I told him he couldn't smoke at the field. He seemed confused, but he put it out right away.

Rules aside, I didn't want to smell smoke the whole game and I'm sure the other parents on the sideline didn't either.

About 30 minutes later, the parent was playing with his younger son who was about 3. His 8-year-old son was playing in the game. I noticed he was smoking again, even though I had made it clear before that he wasn't allowed to.

What's the big deal, Chris? It's just a little smoke, right? Easy ventilation too, considering the



Chris Jackett

The thing about people who don't smoke, but find themselves around people or places where smoking is common, is they still have to deal with the same health risks as those who do smoke.

The American Lung Association has plenty of statistics about secondhand smoke. It causes lower respiratory tract infections (such as pneumonia and bronchitis), aggravates asthma symptoms and causes the buildup of fluid in the ear.

It makes the poor choice to pick up the habit said and done for the children before they are old enough to think for themselves or realize the problem. They'll suffer the same health problems, it just won't be their fault.

game was outdoors. It'll blow right away.

It's a bit more than just a little smoke.

Aside from the poor example this parent set by disregarding my authority as an official while conveying the well-established league and school district rules, I can't imagine he was thinking of the health implications he was putting everyone in, especially his two sons and the rest of the 8-year-olds.

Most people don't think about those risks until they've been diagnosed with lung cancer or seen some graphic photos of diseased teeth and lungs.

It's established and generally accepted that smoking isn't healthy and it's also an unnecessary drain on a person's wallet. This hasn't stopped everyone from smoking.

All the problems of secondhand smoke are multiplied in their danger level when applied to children, especially infants.

I'm not a fan of telling people what to do or not to do just for the heck of it, but when it affects myself and everyone around them, it's something that deserves a little tampering.

For the time being, bars, bowling alleys and restaurants are often still smoke-filled, which I'm used to and live with. It's part of the venue's atmosphere.

When school grounds and youth sporting events are compromised, it's gone too far. I'm sure the guy was a decent parent, but it is really that hard to stop being a chimney for 90 minutes while you watch your kid's soccer game?

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Tom Watkins: Michigan - Leading the way for people to live free

Michigan, the state that put the world on wheels, was called the "arsenal of democracy" during World War II. It is the epicenter of auto research and development and is also a leader in service to people with disabilities.

A global spotlight will shine on Detroit May 27-29 at the Detroit Marriott-Renaissance Center as the city hosts its first-ever International Conference on Self-Determination. The conference is sponsored by the Center for Self-Determination, the Detroit-Wayne County Community Mental Health Agency, Living Services, Inc., and the Oakland County Community Mental Health Authority.

Michigan remains a world leader in many fields. There is nothing more important than the basic rights of choice, freedom and the authority that people with disabilities call "self-determination."

Tom Nerney, founder and executive director for the Center for Self-Determination (www.self-determination.com), continually asserts that, "Self-Determination, at its core, is about the restoration of full citizenship to all individuals with disabilities. Michigan is in the midst of a struggle to rebuild itself and has been a leader in the self-determination movement, so it is fitting that people from around the world who are dedicated to fundamentally changing systems of human services hold a conference of this magnitude in Detroit."

The three-day conference will highlight different national and cultural approaches to people with disabilities controlling where and with whom to live, their genuine membership in the community, their pursuit of positive long-term relationships and the end to personal impoverishment.

My professional mental health career began after reading about the horrors of physical and sexual abuse that was reported in the late 1970s at the Plymouth Center for Human Development. The Plymouth Center warehoused thousands of people with developmental disabilities with the philosophy "out of sight and mind." I would later become the director of the Michigan State Department of Mental Health under Governor Blanchard.

Many who witnessed or read about this abuse have dedicated their lives to forging change. One such individual is Jim Dehem, President/CEO of Community Living Services (www.commlivserv.com), located in Wayne. The organization serves more than 3,000 people in Detroit, Wayne and Oakland counties.

Jim and his team at CLS are both driven and dedicated to the basic belief that everyone deserves to have the freedom guaranteed by the Constitution and Bill of Rights and, beyond that - perhaps more importantly - basic human dignity.

"While Community Living Services was a leader in the development of six-bed group homes in the 1980s as alternatives to mega human institutional warehouses, they continued to believe that persons with disabilities deserve better," said Mike Mayer, senior partner of Community Resource Alliance (www.cra.cc) in North Carolina. Mayer is an internationally recognized expert in quality services for people with disabilities.

"CLS could have rested on its laurels and basked in the glory of being viewed nationally and internationally as a leader in the field of developmental disabilities with their six-bed group home model, yet they dared to do better and have continued to do so," Mayer said.

"The purpose of Self-Determination is to make



About Tom Watkins

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It possible for individuals to craft personally-meaningful lives in communities they choose," Dehem emphasizes. "We need to stop developing programs and services that group, separate and isolate people with disabilities. Throughout the world, people with disabilities are still institutionalized or living in facilities and participating in separate, segregated programs tucked away in the community that no other minority group would accept."

Dehem went on to say, "I see the significance of this conference being that we are at a crisis time of national spirit with respect to how we spend public dollars and how much will be available in the future with so many more people aging and needing long-term care. We need to invest directly in people rather than programs. We now know that we can achieve better results and use precious funds more effectively."

People today who are aging or have disabilities want to live in their own homes rather than being "placed" into group or nursing homes. Self-determination is making that possible by providing supports to keep them in their own homes. The investment is made directly to support the person rather than into segregated living facilities where freedom and dignity are limited.

This conference is singing the mantra that real change requires real change. CLS has shown how, using the principles of Self-Determination, people now have the lives they always dreamed of but never thought was possible for them.

The conference is expected to draw more

than 500 participants from as far away as Australia, Russia, Italy and Vancouver. These participants represent service and change agents in developmental disabilities, elder issues, mental illness recovery and the independent living movement from across the globe.

Richard Clark, attorney for the City of Wayne and board chair of Community Living Services, expressed his gratitude to Gov. Jennifer Granholm, local government leaders and service providers for their persistence, dedication and commitment to people with disabilities.

One of the many conference highlights will be National Public Radio's popular "StoryCorps," the largest oral history project of its kind. It will capture the stories of people with disabilities and archive them for future generations at the National Library of Congress.

Freedom. Throughout human history, people have fought and died for the desire to live free. We all "need" to remember that dignity is nothing more than allowing people the freedom to be themselves.

Conference information and online registration are available at www.self-determination.com. Hard-copy registration forms are available on-line and can be faxed to (517) 374-1053 or mailed to 426 South Walnut Street, Lansing, MI, 48933. Please make checks payable to MACMH/B. Pre-registration is strongly encouraged but on-site registration may be available.

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EVENTS

Single Mingle Dance TIME/DATE: 8 p.m.-1 a.m. Friday LOCATION: Sheraton Hotel...

Passport Fair TIME/DATE: 11 a.m.-3 p.m. Saturday, May 3 and May 17 LOCATION: Novi Post Office...

Household Hazardous Waste Day TIME/DATE: 9 a.m.-2 p.m. Saturday LOCATION: Costick Activities Center...

Novi Concert Band TIME/DATE: 2 p.m. Sunday LOCATION: Novi Middle School...

Second City Theatricals "Sex and the Second City" TIME/DATE: 8 p.m. Wednesdays and Thursdays...

Building a Natural Fountain of Youth TIME/DATE: 7-9 p.m. Tuesday LOCATION: Better Health Market...

Art Van Furniture Store Events LOCATION: 2775 Novi Road, Novi CONTACT: (248) 348-8922

Art Van Furniture Store Events (continued) CONTACT: (248) 348-8922

2008 Women's Commission for Oakland County TIME/DATE: 4-7 p.m. Wednesday LOCATION: Board of Commissioners' Auditorium...

Office Safety Seminar TIME/DATE: 1-3 p.m. Thursday, May 8 LOCATION: Novi Civic Center...

Household Hazardous Waste Day (continued) CONTACT: (248) 349-4000

Novi Concert Band (continued) CONTACT: (248) 349-1706

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Kids Castle Mothers Day Giveaway DATE: Saturday, May 3-Saturday, May 10 DETAILS: Children visiting the store will receive a special gift...

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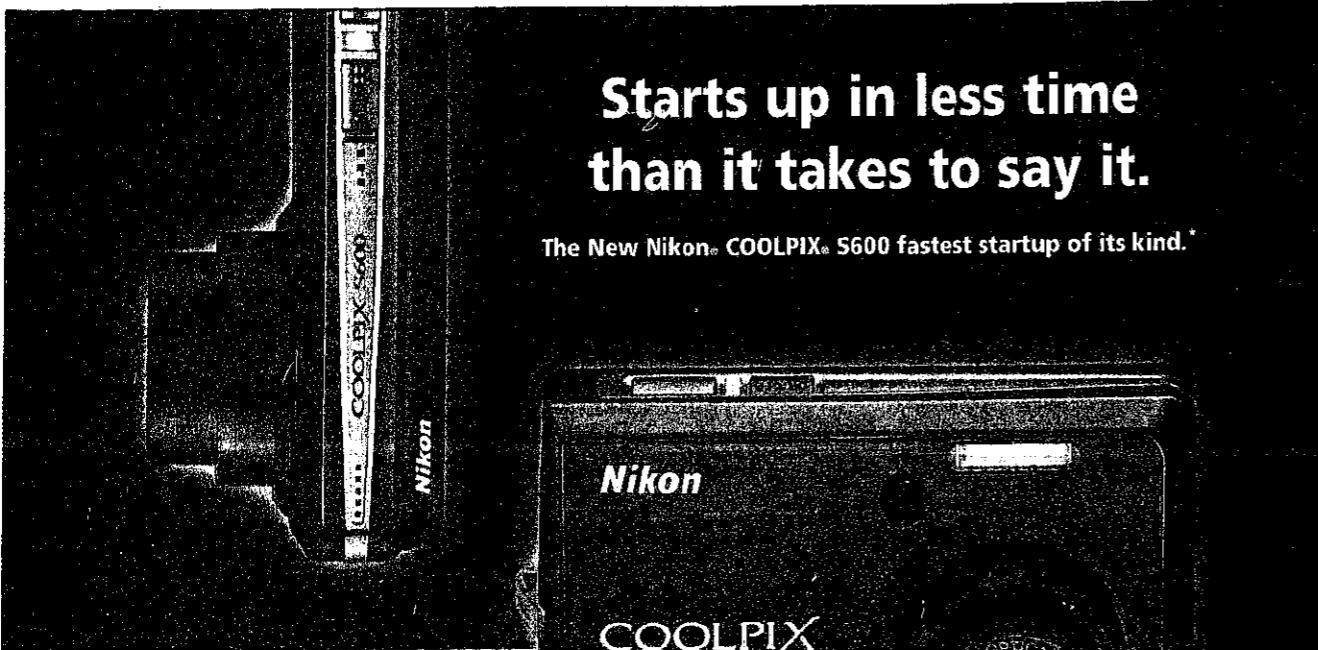
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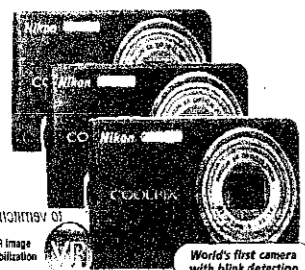
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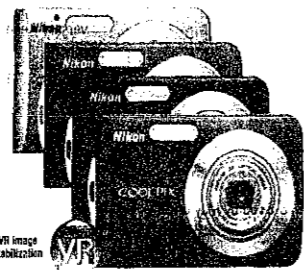


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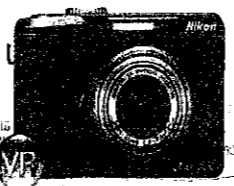


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LOCATION: Grand River and Beck Roads, use Beck Road entrance
Dinner with a Doctor
TIME/DATE: 6:30-8:30 p.m., last Thursday of month
LOCATION: Conference Rooms A, B and C
CONTACT: Free registration for lecture and dinner by calling (888) 440-7325

ONGOING

SWOCC Studio Tours
LOCATION: 33300 Nine Mile Road, Farmington.
DETAILS: Come in for an up-close look at the Southwest Oakland Cable Commission Studios local community television studio.
CONTACT: Melissa Cohn (248) 473-2840

Gardeners of Northville and Novi

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

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TIME/DATE: 10 a.m.-8 p.m. Today; 10 a.m.-9 p.m. Friday; 10 a.m.-8 p.m. Saturday; and 11 a.m.-6 p.m. Sunday
DETAILS: Food, fashion and fun. Cost is \$9 for adults, \$6 for ages 6-12 and free for 5 and younger. Advance tickets available at Meijer Stores. \$1-off coupons available online.
Scratchbook Mega Meet
TIME/DATE: 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Thursday, May 8 and Friday, May 9, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Saturday, May 10
DETAILS: The ultimate cropping, shopping, learning experience. \$10 at door. Umbrella strollers only permitted. \$5 parking. Visit www.megameet.com.

Plymouth High School Class of 1968

DETAILS: The Class of 1968 is looking for classmates for their 40th Class Reunion to be held July 19, 2008 in Livonia. For more information, contact Janet (Sheedy) Johnston at (734) 437-3534 or e-mail to phs40threunion@charter.net.

Mother's Day Brunch

TIME/DATE: 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Sunday May 11
DETAILS: An assortment of food will delight everyone as well as a complimentary flower for moms. Cost is \$27 per adult, \$25 per senior (55 and up), \$12 for ages 4-12, free for 3 and under. Parking is free. Reservations required
CONTACT: (248) 348-5600, ext. 200

Motor City Comic Con

TIME/DATE: 1:30-8 p.m. Friday, May 16; 10:30 a.m.-6 p.m. Saturday, May 17; and 10:30 a.m.-5 p.m. Sunday, May 18
DETAILS: This multi-media event showcases over 1 million comics and collectibles for sale and trade. \$5 parking.

CLASS REUNIONS

Northville High School Class of 1968

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

Northville High School Class of 1978

DETAILS: The 30-year reunion is scheduled for Saturday, Aug. 2, 2008 at the Radisson Livonia. The cost is \$75 per person. "Crasher" tickets are available for the classes of 1976, 1977, and 1978 for \$25. The party will be held Friday, Aug. 1 at The Chase

Bar & Grill, Northville. Contact Janet Eisele Junca by e-mail at junca@esbglobal.net.

Northville High School Class of 1988

DETAILS: The Class of 1988 is planning a 20th reunion for the weekend of July 26, 2008. For further information, please contact Jennifer Clarkson at jclarkson2004@yahoo.com.

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South Lyon High School Class of 1963

DETAILS: The Class of 1963 is hosting a 45 year reunion on August 10, 2008 at Baker's of Millford. For more information, call Barb Cook at (248) 349-5982.

Dearborn and Edsel Ford High School Class of 1958

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

Golf Outings

Botsford 1st Annual Golf Outing

TIME/DATE: 4 p.m. shotgun start Tuesday, May 20
LOCATION: Lyon Oaks Country Club, Wixom
DETAILS: The cost is \$70 per golfer, which includes nine holes of golf, cart service, steak or chicken dinner, one drink ticket, a Botsford Center for Health Improvement polo shirt and raffle prizes. Reservations are required. Call (248) 473-3100 by May 6 to register.

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Silent Hands 2nd Annual Golf Outing

TIME/DATE: 9 a.m. shotgun start Saturday, June 21
LOCATION: Whispering Pines Golf Course, Pinckney
DETAILS: Four person scramble for fun, each foursome is \$100 and individuals can register online at www.silenthandsgolf.com. Sponsoring opportunities also available. For more information, call (248) 684-3338.

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Author Meet and Greet

TIME/DATE: 2-4 p.m. Saturday
DETAILS: Meet and visit with local author Justin Ferriman, a 2003 Northville High School, Albion College and Case Western University graduate. His book "The G Word" arms readers with understandable historical and contemporary arguments proving the reality of God without one specific text. The book will be for sale for \$8.99.

"A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum"

TIME/DATE: 8 p.m. Friday, Saturday, Thursday, May 1-10 and Thursday, May 15-17. Matinees at 2 p.m. Sunday, May 4 and May 11.
LOCATION: Farmington Players Theatre, 32332 W. 12 Mile Road, Farmington
DETAILS: Tickets are \$18, \$16 on Thursdays and \$16 for students. Purchase tickets at the box office (248) 533-2956 or online at www.farmingtonplayers.org.

Walk MS 2008

DATE: Sunday
LOCATION: Troy High School
DETAILS: Join the 2008 Walk MS presented by Christopher and Banks and help celebrate the 20th anniversary. Keep us moving towards a cure by joining a team, raising funds and/or volunteering in one of the Walk MS sites in Michigan. To register or for more information about the Michigan Chapter of the National Multiple Sclerosis Society, visit www.nationalmssociety.org/mig.

Gen-X Musician and Author Performance and Lecture

TIME/DATE: 1 p.m.
Wednesday
LOCATION: Farmington Hills Community Library, 30450 12 Mile Road, Farmington Hills
DETAILS: Matthew Ball, performer and educator, presents his new book "The Art of Boogie Woogie" and a free 60 minute performance and lecture in his mission to bring new respect to boogie-woogie and the blues. Ball hopes his book will bring appreciation for blues and boogie in the academic community and universities will incorporate early jazz traditions into their curriculums. For more information, go to www.boogiewoogiekid.com

Women's Commission for Oakland County

First Public Community Forum on Women's Issues
TIME/DATE: 4 p.m.
Wednesday
LOCATION: Oakland County Courthouse Auditorium, 1200 N. Telegraph Road, Pontiac
DETAILS: The Women's Commission invites organizations and individuals to appear in an open forum and present a five minute summary about important issues that affect women in the county. The mission of the Commission is to investigate and report on issues as well as recommend solutions to the Oakland County Board of Commissioners.
CONTACT: Christina Kuo, (248) 762-6113

The Michigan Theater and The Ark present Jimmy Scott

TIME/DATE: 8 p.m. Friday, May 9
LOCATION: The Ark, 316 S. Main Street, Ann Arbor
DETAILS: Jazz singer Jimmy Scott returns to Ann Arbor for the first time since he performed four sold-out concerts when there in 1997. The New York Times declares Jimmy Scott is "The most unjustly ignored American singer of the 20th century." Tickets are \$35 general admission, \$42 limited reserved seating, and can be purchased at theark.org, ticketmaster.com, Michigan Union Ticket Office and all Ticketmaster locations.
FOR MORE INFORMATION: Go to www.theark.org

City of Wixom

CONTACT: Community Services Programs, 49045 Pontiac Trail, Wixom; (248) 624-2850

Senior Ongoing Programs

Some of these activities have a fee
Monday: 10-11 a.m. Exercise Class
Tuesday: 10 a.m.-noon Kni/Crochet and Sew Group; noon-2:30 p.m. Line Dancing
Wednesday: 10-11 a.m. Exercise Class
Second Monday: 11:30 a.m. Lunch Bunch
Second Tuesday: 10 a.m. Senior Commission
Second Thursday: 11:30 a.m. Bingo
Fourth Thursday: 10-11:30 a.m. Blood Pressure

Kensington Metro Park

LOCATION: 2240 West Buro Road, Milford; (248) 685-1561 or (800) 477-3178

Nature Center Programs

DETAILS: Please pre-register. There is a cost for most programs. Call (248) 685-0603.
SCHEDULE: 8 p.m. Friday - Who Gives a Foot; 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Saturday - Jr. Girl Scouts Water Wonders and Water Fun; 2 p.m. Sunday - Birding by Ear for Beginners; 7 a.m. Saturday, May 10 - May Bird Count; 2-4 p.m. Sunday, May 11 - Heron Watch; 11 a.m.-4 p.m. Saturday and Sunday, May 17-18 - Heron Fest; 2-4 p.m. Saturday, May 24 - Heron Watch; 1 p.m. Sunday, May 25 - Searching Safari; 2-4 p.m. Monday, May 26 - Heron Watch; 1 p.m. Saturday, May 31 - Wildflowers of Forest and Field.
Farm Learning Center Programs
DETAILS: Please pre-register. There is a cost for most programs. Call (248) 684-8632.
SCHEDULE: 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Saturday - Farmer for a Day; 1 p.m. Saturday, May 10 - That's My Mom!

Heron Fest

DATE: Saturday and Sunday, May 17-18
DETAILS: Celebrate spring with nature activities and crafts.

Send your calendar items to: ncvi@annarbor.com, 104 W. Main Street, Suite 101, Northville, MI 48167; fax to (248) 349-9032; or e-mail to venitchell@gannett.com.

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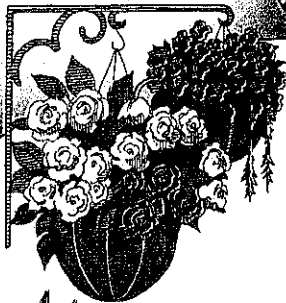
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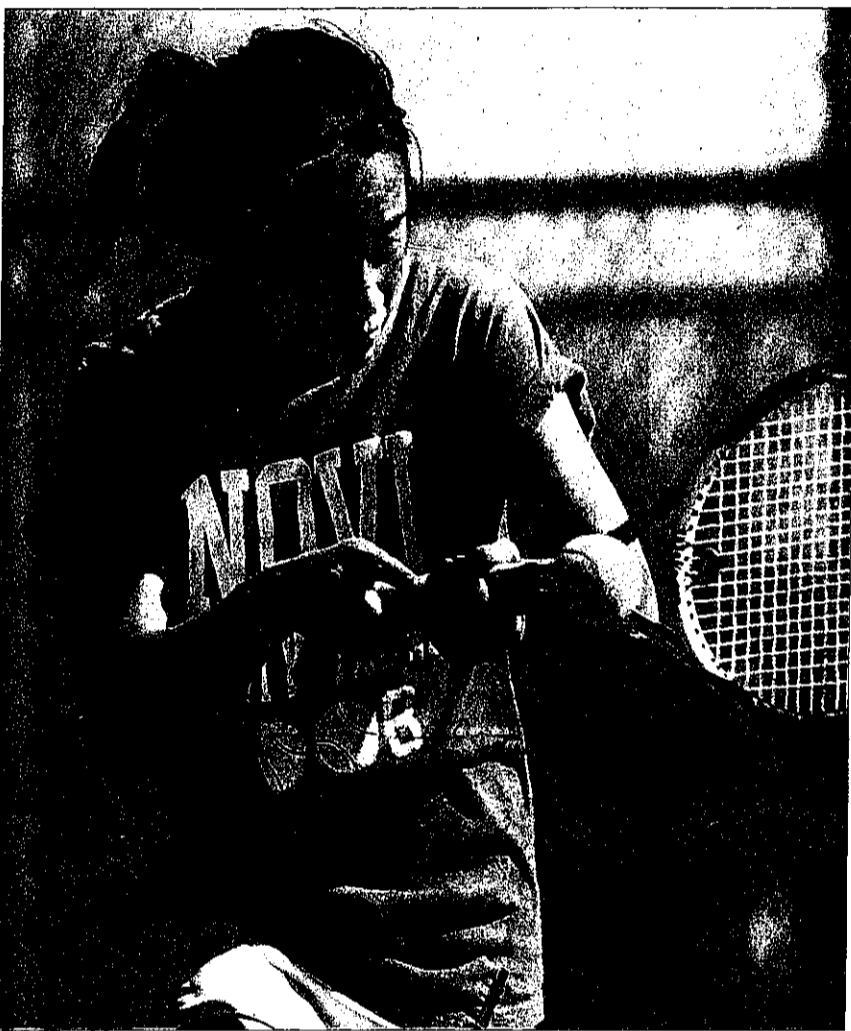


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Wildcat Jackie Wang smashes a lefthanded forehand in her match against Northville.

Wang, Border change styles to single play

By Jeff Theisen
SPORTS WRITER

For years, Novi tennis head coach Jim Hanson found the team's strength in doubles play. The Wildcats would be competitive in singles play, but their ultimate depth in doubles would be too much for most teams. But things are looking different for this year's team, thanks in part to a couple of the

top doubles players from last year. Sophomore Amanda Border and senior Jackie Wang moved from doubles to become the No. 1 and No. 2, respectively. "The strength of our team this year is singles," Hanson said. "Taking Amanda and Jackie out of doubles ... we kind of robbed the talent from our doubles. We had to. We had to shore up our singles. "They've stepped in and performed as well as I thought they would play."

Jackie Wang
Wang played No. 1 doubles last year, which included a run to the state semifinals. She played at No. 3 doubles as a freshman and played No. 2 doubles as a junior. Her junior season ended as a state finalist. Wang did start her first tournament as a freshman as a singles player, but was quickly

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Justin Eid tries to turn on a pitch.

Novi Roundup: Baseball sweeps S. Lyon

By Jeff Theisen
SPORTS WRITER

STORY CHAT
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The Wildcats swept a double-header from South Lyon on Friday.

Novi won the opener 8-3 behind seven-strong innings from Mark Heard. He allowed three runs on six hits with three strikeouts.

Phil Celeski had a huge game at the plate, going 3-for-4 with a home run, double and three runs batted in. Tyler Scott also smacked a home run.

The Wildcats made quick work of the Lions in the second game, winning 15-0 in three innings.

Jake Walker got the win, allowing one hit with four strikeouts.

Heard knocked in five runs with a homer and a double to lead the offense. Garrett Green plated two runs with a triple, and Celeski smacked his second home run on the day.

Danny Enright, Pat Schlenke and Scott each provided two hits and knocked in a pair of runs. Justin Eid also had a two-hit performance.

Tennis

The Novi tennis team (3-0) blanked a pair of league foes before finishing third at a very competitive tournament in Ann

Arbor on Saturday.

The Wildcats dispatched Pinckney 9-0 April 21 and Howell by the same score two days later. The Wildcats won every match in straight sets.

At the Ann Arbor Invite, Novi placed third of eight teams, which featured several teams ranked in the top 10.

Grosse Pointe South won the meet by winning five of the eight flights. Pioneer was next, winning the remaining three flights. Novi placed third, scoring in every flight.

The Wildcat singles led the way, with No. 1 Amanda Border, No. 2 Jackie Wang, No. 3 Sara Carlson and No. 4 Jennifer Felcher winning two matches each.

In doubles play, the No. 3 tandem of Kellie Wallen and Teodora Gavric and the No. 4 duo of Jenna Snyder and Julia Thomas also picked up a pair of wins.

"It was an excellent tournament. To finish third, I was very pleased with how we played. Seven of the eight teams were ranked in the top 10. I was pleased with our singles."

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CC baseball earns split

■ Shamrock track beats OLSM 74-54

By Jeff Theisen
SPORTS WRITER

The Catholic Central golf team beat Divine Child 147-163 April 17. JJ Szmazdzinski shot a 1-under par 35 to lead the way.

On April 21, the Shamrocks placed third at the Brighton tournament.

Steve LaRouere was the low Shamrock with a 73. Joe Fransted was next with a 75, followed by Szmazdzinski and Sophia with 80s.

The Shamrocks also beat DeLaSalle 157-164 Friday. Szmazdzinski and LaRouere led the way by each shooting a 38.

Track

The CC track team finished fourth of eight teams at Friday's Jackson Invite.

Mike Martin launched the shot put 60-7.5 for the win and placed second in the discus (166-5).

Other highlights included a second-place finish by the 3,200 relay team of Brandon Schneider, Scott Hoffman, Spencer Hall and Zachary Oleski (8:17.8), a second-place finish by Alex Toloff in the 1,600 meters (4:33.4), a second-place finish by Harrison Hall in the 400 meters (51.4), a sec-

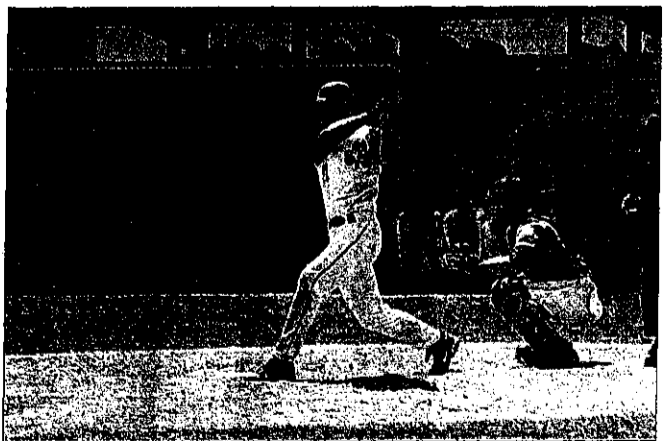
ond-place finish by Oleski in the 800 meters (2:00.8), a third-place finish by Austin Zebrowski in the 3,200 meters (9:57.0) and a third-place finish by the 1,600 relay team of Ronnie Kadykowski, Schneider, Oleski and Hall (3:31.1).

On Monday, the Shamrocks beat Orchard Lake St. Mary's 74-54, thanks to sweeps in the 800 and 3,200 meters.

Oleski led the sweep in the 800 (2:03.5). Toloff finished with the same time as teammates JP Zebrowski and Austin Zebrowski (10:21) to sweep the 3,200.

Other Shamrock wins came from Martin in the shot put (53-2)

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Ryan Houska takes a cut against Divine Child.

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By Sally Rummel
SPECIAL WRITER

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"People have been talking about this popular line, ever since seeing the bracelets on the wrists of famous stars such as Sharon Stone, Mimi Rogers, Jennifer Love Hewitt, to name just a few," adds Cindi.

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