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## **Welcome to Novi**



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Robin Kummer, right, assists a visitor at Novi Civic Center's new information desk last Thursday afternoon. Kummer helped about 60 visitors in her first day.

## New city signs and civic center information desk lead welcoming initiatives

By Kelly Murad STAFF WRITER

Yen though Robin Kummer has been a City of Novi staff member for almost 13 years, visitors of the Novi Civic Center are appreciat-ing her work now more than ever.

ing ner work now now that the terms. Kummer, who, used to handle accounting functions for the Novi Parks, Recreation and Porestry Department, is now the account clerk who sits behind the new information booth in the Civic Centre after. Center atrium.

"It's a component of our HR department. It was put in place as a customer service initiative," said Sheryl Walsh, community rela-tions manager for the City of Novi. "It will serve as a central hub for people coming in with nucriors"

Kummer said she has been fielding about 20 questions a day since the booth became opera-tional May 28.

"The first day it was open, I got 57 inquiries," she said. "I'm try-ing to get everyone that walks in the door."

So far, Kummer said the majority of questions are regarding the location of a specific department or where to pay a bill.

"People just don't know where to go in this building,"

With city facilities available for rent, Kummer said her position is



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crucial in providing interested parties with the necessary infor-

"Everyone is loving it," she

According to Kummer, the position has already proven to be a success in its goal to provide excellent customer service. "There has been very favorable feedback," she said. "People have

been asking me why we didn't do this 20 years ago."

Walsh said the booth will be

staffed weekdays from 8 a.m.-5 p.m. and hopes to install a televi-sion in the future that will contin-uously provide information and local programming from channel

For more information regarding the information desk, call (248) 347-0452.

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Photo by JOHN HEIDER/Novi News

Inspirational Journey

Hope Drogmiller, 9, walks with her mom, Kathy, right, and Laurie Beth Tucker - both cancer survivors - during last weekend's Relay for Life event at Novi Middle School. Hope has been affected by cancer, having lost an uncle and grandmother to the disease. Hope and the Drogmiller family were at the event Saturday, helping those still battling the disease and raising money and awareness. For more Relay photos, see 10A

## After a decade, conductor bids farewell to White Pine Glee Club

#### Japanese chorus' 10th anniversary concert Sunday

By Kelly Murad

Tom (Hitoshi) Shirai, of Troy, never expected moving to the United States would bring him and his wife, Akiko, closer, but it

and his wife, Akiko, closer, but it did.
"I moved from (Tokyo) Japan in 1996," Shirai said. "I used to be very busy when I was in Japan, so when my wife came in 1997, we found that we didn't

know each other that long of time. It was like a second honey-

Two years after moving to the Detroit-area, Shirai became the music director and conductor of the White Pine Glee Club, a Japanese male chorus. But after 10 years with the glee club, Sunday's concert in Novi will be Shirai's last.

'Unfortunately, I will be retiring the end of September this year and going back to Japan," Shirai said. "This will be the last official concert for me.

"Maybe when I return to Japan, I will be conductor of my

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While the adults attend the Novi Educational Foundation's 13th Annual Charity Golf Scramble, kids can selebrate the first day of summer vaca-tion from 11 a.m.-11 p.m. at Paradise Park, 45779 Grand River Ave. The park features putt-putt, go karts, a moon

bounce, soccer cages, laser tag and an arcade; all the necessary ingredients for a good time. For more information, call (248) 735-1050 or visit www.paradiseparknovi.com



Head to Picasso Cafe, 39915 Grand River Ave., from 9 a.m.-3 p.m. for a bite to eat and check out the clothing-oriented paintings and

drawings of 10 local interpretive artists, including "Girlfriends Dress" by Novi's Peggy Kerwan. Other artists include Babara Eko Murphy, Mary Step. Jeff Cancelosi, Linda Logan. Sandra Bozer, Candice Brancik, Debra Valentine, Daria Fileta and Richard Seaman. The display runs through June 30; 7 a.m.-7 p.m. Monday through Friday and 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Saturdays. Call (248) 427-0600 for more information.



Join the White Pine Glee Club 1:30 p.m. at Novi Middle School's Auditorium, 49000 W. 11

Mile Road, for the club's 10th anniversary concert. Trillium. Japanese female chorus: Brilliame. a classical flute and piano ensemble: and Miyabi. an ensemble of the ditional Japanese instruments, as well as several other young violinists, will join the White Pine Glee Club for an afternoon of music. Although the event is free, tickets are required. For more information, call (248) 449-1600 or Novi Community Relations at (248) 735-5628.

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## Thank you Biggby, thank you dad

ing make his dream a reality.

The, 42-year-old Ann Arbor resident recently opened the doors to his first Biggby Coffee on

father and son duo planned to be partners in the busi-ness until Leigh, 64, of Okemos,

pen, and I can't think him enough." Waltersdorf said. "Dad and Wisconsin, with another 74 or more under development with plans to open and was observed around the time we made the decision to open and

it was a decision between him and

2001, and after the two decided to their drink ready even before they go into business they spent two walk in the door; years looking for the perfect loca- Waltersdorf sa

"They're doing great things with the City of Novi, and I hope Mike Waltersdorf wants to with the City of Novi, and I hope thank his father, Leigh, for help to do a lot with the community waltershorf end. The seen a lo Waltersdorf said, "I've seen a lot of new Biggby stores pop up, so I identified it right away as an excellent opportunity." dad's diagnosis, the plan was put

Welcome to Biggby

Biggby Coffee started as Beaner's Coffee 12 years ago in jump into anything else," he said. Last Lausing. As a 100-percent "This is something (my dad and t) has such legal, e.g. to okenos.

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**Biggby Coffee** 

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Waltersdorf said he had experi-

Maltersdorf said be and Leigh

had discussed opening several Biggby locations, but after his

Biggby's offers a wide variety "We strive to be the best, creatmy mother. Sue, to earry on."

Waltersdorf said Leigh habeen interested in Biggby's, formerly Beaner's Coffee, since the door and work hard to have found any relationships with our customers. Waltersdorf said, "We everyday on a four day rotation merly Beaner's Coffee, since the door and work hard to have found any relation."



Picnicking for Better Health

Carole Gatrell enjoys an afternoon picnic for the Novi Senior Center's Body Recall class last Friday. The class meets at the center on Meadowbrook Road, and is open to



Father and son duo, Leigh (left) and Mike Waltersdorf open Biggby Coffee.

Biggby also offers drinks for kids including their Magic Milk flavored milk drinks.

"We're a franchise so all of our

"We offer quality coffee," money goes back into the comWaltersdorf said. "If you're
going to pay for a quality cup of
coffee, that's what we're going to
focus on."

Biggby is working on raising
Waltersdorf said popular items
are the Big Chill blended espresso
drinks, lattés over ice and of
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drinks, lattics over ice and of the Novi Relay For Life event this course hot coffees. He said past Saturday and Sunday.

Waltersdorf said he really have to thank dad waltersdorf said he really have to thought and mom. They've both been a sound to retire this busi-

something to thank his dad for this coming Father's Day.
"I'm grateful for being able to times."

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## The Red Wings clinch Cup, Novi Library closed Sundays through fans gear up in show of support Labor Day holiday

With the Red Wings Stanley Cup-clincher last Wednesday night, Dick's Sporting Goods in Twelve Mile Crossing at Fountain

Walk was prepared to stock the

printing, delivering and stocking the shelves at stores across the country, but primarily in the Detroit region.

T-shirts costing \$15-20 each

were available at several retailers when they opened their doors at 6 a.m. A shipment of 720 champi-onship hats costing \$25 each sold

out within three hours after their

arrival at the Novi Dick's location "I'm getting ready to go down-own for the parade. I'm getting a

The Novi Public Library is closed Sundays during the summer Sept. 7.

The Novi Public Library is located at 45245 W. 10 Mile Road,

Hours:

Monday-Thursday; 10 a.m.-9 p.m. Friday-Satorday; 10 a.m.-5 p.m. For more information regarding summer hours or programs call (248) 349-0720 or visit www.novilibrary.org.



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was at Dick's Thursday afternoon The Whole Truth by David Baldacci With the win, the Wings earned their fourth championship in the past 11 seasons (the 2005 season was cancelled due to the lockout). 18. Sandary's at Tifferry's by James Paterson 1. The Last Lecture by Randy Pausch (2. Diary of a Wimpy Kiel by Jef Kinny

"I wish we would've finished in ment or trades, he hopes the team five (games), but it was just a mat-ter of time," said Commerce resi-Ryan Malone (Michigan State)



couple of shirts," said South Lyon resident Darren Collins, 45, who Fountain Walk Dick's Sporting Goods last week.

dent Dennis Sulisz, 48, as he and son Andrew shopped for gear at Dick's. "It was a lot of fun." ("expect them to be in the conference finals, minimum," he said Sulisz said, although the Wings could lose Chris Chelios, Dominik

of next season.

More championship memorabilia, ranging from bumper stickers to

starr at Dick's said they expected another 720-hat shipment last
Thursday and said they opened
the store 6 a.m. the following day.
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## Set sail with Diamond Jim Brady's executive chef skan Explorer

Culinary cruise hosted by Brookside

By Kelly Murad

Certified executive chef Mary Brady, of Diamond Jim Brady's Bistro, loves cooking so much she intends to teach classes while or America Cruise Line to Alaska. The seven-night Alaskan Explorer Culinary Cruise, hosted by Brookside Travel of Northville,

sets sail Aug. 29 from Seattle.
"People haven't been able to see Alaska and it is one of the most beautiful states in the United States," said Jim Ehehalt, owner of Brookside Travel. "This is a trip of a lifetime and here's an the culinary cruise. "First of all, opportunity to be up close and it's a beautiful vessel, but second personal with Mary Brady, one of of all, the venue for teaching is Brady was not specific as to the top executive chefs in the state absolutely beautiful. It's going to

\$1,999 per person, including amenities such as culinary ses-

range from \$1,369per person, including The classes Brady will be what fish is in season.

teaching are exclusive to cruisers sions with Brady, welcome and farewell cocktail parties, private wine tastings and private fine dinwine tastings and private fine dinwill be 50-75 people. will be 50-75 people.
"I'm the only person crazy

among others.
"I was excited right away," said Brady of Ehehalt's suggestion for

on the Holland America Cruise Line

with Tom and Mary Brady

quests are advised to book

the seven-night cruise

For more information visit

Brookside Travel

at 1945 Novi Road, Northville

vners of Diamond Jim Brady's Bistro

will not miss out on anything."

Brady was not specific as to what recipes she intends to share,

culinary opportunity and that time of year is perfect, it's the end of the season," Ehehalt said. "You're

Novi's Brookside Travel owner Jim Ehehalt will be joining up with Chef Mary Brady of Diamond Jim Brady's Bistro to cook up a cuisine cruise to Alaska this summer. The cruise will start in Seattle in August. what fish is in season.

"Holland America Cruise Line

Chimary Cruise

probably going to get some of the best seafood there."

ing via cruise ship.
"I'm not a cruiser," she said. "I've been on one cruise and that was a little three-day Disney

Cruise 20 years ago."
Brady's husband, Tom, will

them restaurant-free for longer Alaskan Culinary Cruise is the end than they have ever been.

The worst thing is going to be

being away from the restaurant for that amount of time," Brady said. "But my stuff here is very capable of taking care of business while we're gone."

The deadline to book the

## Runners head to Novi's Lakeshore Park to Flirt with Dirt

Running Fit 5K and 10K event Saturday

Saurony morning, more than ners in each age group and the 600 runners will lace up their overall first place women and running shoes and head to Novi's men of the 5K and 10K race

day is a time to run with 600 of your friends," said Randy Step, president of Running Fit, who is hosting the event. "it's a lot of people in Lakesbore Park."

sions," Step said, referring to Novi. "It's a great course. There is about 10 miles of trail in Lakeshore Park, which is actually more than in Maybury State Park."

people in Lakesbore Park."

Step said the participants, who range is age from 15-70, enjoy
Flirt with Dirt because a lot of the runners typically train on trails.

"There is a gnarly single track trail in the land of malls and manifecture."

And the business is getting track trail in the land of malls and manifecture."

a bigger location near Bonefish Grill. "We're going to have a lot more

allows organizers to stagger starts.
"It allows you to put a lot of Trail Run

people in the woods at the same time," Step said. "People will take anywhere from 35-minutes to an hour and a half (for a 10K), by 11

Lakeshore Park for the annual receive a pair of shoes of their Flirt with Dirt 5K or 10K trail choice from Running Fit.

Running Fit, located in the Novi Town Center, or ened its second of seven locations in Novi 21

space and do more multi-sport because a lot of the runners do

triathlons," he said.

Along with the many events he seed by Running Fit, store locations offer classes such as Running Fit 101, which is a five-week beginner-level training course: and Running Fit 501

**建** istration starts at 8:30 a.m. and os at 7:15 a.m. for the 5K and

Races begin at 7:30 a.m. (5K) and 8 a.m. (10K)
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marathon, among others.

Each location also participates

p.m.

For more information regarding Running Fit classes or events, visit www.runningfit.net or, to contact the Novi store, call (248) 347-4949.

349-1700, ext. 103



Runners participate in last year's Filrt with Dirt event held at Novi's Lakeshore Park.

Photo by JOHN HEIDER/Novi News

Summer Dining! Erin Michael, left, and Angela Maloney enjoy eating outside last week at Novi's The Post Bar. Many Novi eateries offer outside seating for their summer guests, including other MainStreet restaurants like Andiamo and The Grapevine.

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## 'Novi Welcomes You': City signage slated for August

approves contract for first three locations

By Kelly Murad

After approving a design for the city's entryway signs in April, Novi's City Council awarded the contract for installation of the first three proposed locations at

Monday's meeting.

The three locations budgeted for the 2007-08 fiscal year are at the northeast corner of Eight Mile and Napier roads, northwest corner of Fight Mile and Haggerty roads, and in the median of 12 Mile Road, just

in the median of 12 Mile Read, just west of Haggerty Road.
"It's part of the continuing branding and marketing of the city," said Haggerty Road, Novi Road, north

incorporate the new city logo." Aside from the actual logo, Walsh "They are unique," said Walsh,

noting all signs have the capability to be internally lit. "We wanted something that was different, a little more progressive, to set Novi apart." Installation of the first phase of entryway signs is expected to be complete by mid-August, with six additional signs proposed for the 2008-09 fiscal year budget.

Approval of the additional six signs is slated for the July 7 Novi City Council meeting.

"(If approved) a total of nine

will be in place by the end of the year," Walsh said

Park entry sign unveiled

The smell of grilled hot dogs lured community members to the Novi Parks, Recreation and Forestry Department dedication of ITC Community Sports Park last Saturday.

The event was from 10 a.m. noon, with an unweiling of the park's entry signs involving ITC represen-tatives, city officials and Novi Parks Foundation members.

"(The signs) are going to be coor-dinated with the city's (approved) entryway signs for identity and branding throughout the communi-ty," said Tracie Ringle, communications and resource development supervisor for the City of Novi, noting the parks department eventu-ally plans to implement similar entry signs at all Novi parks.



City officials gather at the ITC Community Sports Park unveiling. The ITC sign incorporates Novi's logo and similiar coloring as newly adopted city entryway signage.

ities at the event, including sports demonstrations such as soceer by the Detroit Ignition, inflatable bounces from Pump It Up, ITC bucket truck rides, face painting. crafts and live kids performances.

Walsh said the park entry signs incorporate similar colors and elements to the approved city entryway signs but are not the same.

"We hosted over 100 per 1 Teleom Credit Onton and some event," Ringle said.

The celebration was in honor of the \$500,000 donation to the Novi rights to Novi playgrounds and ball fields, but ITC is the first business to Holdings Corp. in November. The \$100,000 annual pledge

sponsor an entire park.

ITC Community Sports Park is located at 51000 Eight Mile Road.

guarantees ITC naming rights of the city's Community Sports Park at Eight Mile and Napier roads for the

#### Novi seeks honorees for 2008 Business Recognition

The City of Novi is seeking "Remember When ... The Game annimations for the 2008 Novi Show of the Century." No audi-Business Recognition Awards. Nominees must be located within Novi and can have any number of employees. Business owners or employees may aominate their own business or another area business. Community members may also place nominations. All nominations must be returned to the City of Novi by June 30, and nomination forms may be downoaded at www.investnovi.org.

Nominees will be judged on criteria including workforce development, community involve-ment, sustainability and innovation. A committee of community representatives will review all of the nominations and select the winner(s). The number of businesses honored will depend on the number, range and quality of the will be recognized this fall before a City Council Meeting. For more information about the

2008 Novi Business Awards or

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The rehearsal schedule is flexible and the production features six performances Sept. 11-21. No past experience is necessary. For more information about the Senior Variety Series, please contact the Novi Theatres at (248) 735-5615 or visit cityofnovi.org

Novi Parks Performing Arts presents Cirque Amongus Give your kids an opportunity to

make new friendships and develop unique skills by signing them up for Cirque Amongus Circus Camp at Novi Parks. The excitement begins 2008 Poor Business Awards or Novi Parks. The excitement begins fectoronic Development in the City of Novi please contact Ara Topouzian, economic development the City of Ara, 45175 W. 10 Mile Road Topouzian, economic development which were Taff and Novi roads, locationages, 44, 74284, 347, 9283, 11, 124 beging the Ngovi Civic Center. Circlic Amongus is a hands-on learning camp for youth 7-15, designed to boost self-confidence, build self-esteem and improve motor skills. Led by professional

The Michigan Humanities Council and the Michigan Council for Arts and Cultural Affairs pro-

vided The City of Novi with a grant in support of this program.

Cirque Amongus Circus Camp
takes place from Aug. 4-8. Monday through Thursday activities run from 9:30 a.m.-noon. Priday will dents and \$173 for non-residents. Online registrations receive a \$5 dis

count, Registration ends on July 25.
Register online at cityofnovi.org,
or at the Novi Parks office. For more information, contact Lauren Sorientino at (248) 735-5615 or Isorientino@cityofnovi.org.

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## Five items of interest from Novi's City Council meeting

Novi's City Council unanimously mously approved to award the sale of the 2008 unlimited tax C liquor license for California general obligation library bonds Pizza Kitchen, Inc. which will

 Employees of Varsity
Lincoln Mercury of Novi spoke
during the first sufficient to during the first audience partici-pation at Monday's city council Agenda Item B, approval to seating area, which was award the city's towing contract to Keford Novi Towing and Hadley Towing. According to that the employees, they had a contract with the city for the past three years and missed the bidding process by 20 minutes.

Even though council members

MLS has performed work for the showed remorse for Varsity
Lincoln Mercury, they unanimously approved to award a

to Morgan, Keegan and Co. the located in Twelve Oaks Mall. low bidder for a not-to-exceed Although the transfer request amount of 516 million, with a included a dance permit, infortrue interest cost of 4.39 percent. mation provided by the tenant to the police department stated there will not be any dance activ-ity at the restaurant, which will be located near Nordstrom. The

• At the beginning of Monday's meeting, council inter-viewed candidates for positions on boards and commissions Currently, there are two vacan-cies on the Beautification Commission, Public Access Promotion Commission and Parks, Recreation and Forestry three vacancies on the Planning Michael Meyer and Brian Larson interviewed for the Planning Commission, Elizabeth Iszler, Paul Policiechio and Karen Zyczynski interviewed for the Parks, Recreation and Forestry Commission. Jason Weiss also applied for the Parks, Recreation and Forestry Commission but could not be present for an inter

Hadley. Mayor David Landry said the bid process is a sanctimonious process and he didn't want to go back on their policy, which currently doesn't accept late bids.

Council meeting notes were meeting of the Novi City meeting of the Novi City Mile and Napier roads, Eight were present. Next meeting: 7 pm. June 23 at the Novi City Center, 45175 W. 10 Mile Road.

## The Coach Sill Classic -'more than a game'

This Saturday, Novi Lacrosse Sill Classic honors the memory raised in Don Sill's memory will once again honor their 17- of its late coach and founder, since the event was started in

Hovi Parks performing arts summer opportunities

The Novi Parks Performing Arts Summer Camps schedule is available and registration for the following classes is in progress: Fun with Characters Pre-school Day Camp, One-Act Theatre Showcase, Ballet Technique Intensive Camp, Music and Motion, One Week Summer Acting Camp, Project Broadway, Cirque Aunongus Circus Camp and A Fantasy Garden Ballet Camp, Register online at cityofayy tops oggat the Novi Parks office in the Novi Civic Center. For more information, contact the Novi Theatres at (248) 733-5615 or visit cityofnovi.org.

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s expected to end at about 4 p.m.,

Members of the White Pine Glee Club perform at a previous concert.

## **CLUB**

church choir again, that is my

During its season, which is September-June, the group prac-tices every Friday evening from hope."

The White Pine Glee Club will about 8 p.m. until late into the perform its spring concert 1:30 p.m. Sunday at Novi Middle School. This concert, we are the major night, rotating among different members' homes. "I would say Novi is in the top

three communities where our mem-bers reside," Myers said, adding "This concert, we are the major player, but four different groups are joining," Shirai said, noting the women's chorus Trillium, the flute chamber music group Brillante, and the Japanese traditional Koto and Shakuhachi music group Miyabi will also be performing.

The chorus, which is composed of about 4th members sizes 80 of about 4th members sizes 80. the other two. "Sometimes we sing impromptuly until after 1 a.m. You have this pool of experienced

singers who are genetically serious. When the Japanese practice, they practice hard." Luckily, it's not all work and no of about 40 members, sings 80 percent Japanese songs, 10 per-cent English language songs and 10 percent European or Latin play. Myers said at about 10 p.m. the group takes a break to enjoy mostly Japanese-style food prepared by songs, said member Steve Myers. Myers, a Novi resident, is one either the members or their wives, who also attend the practices. to also attend the practices, required to assure seating," he "That kind of relationship said, noting the 550-seat auditori-

of the two non-Japanese members of the male chorus. "They consider me an unusual ly featured Japanese," he said. "Anyone who can read and sing Japanese music is welcome to

join."
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The groom-elect is a 2001 graduate of Novi High School and 2007 graduate of the University of Michigan. He is a teacher in Byron Center

A July wedding is planned.

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Upon returning to the vehicle, the man discovered the trunk was open. Although nothing was miss-ing from the trunk, the man noticed the compact disc player and navigation system missing from the dashboard, along with the glove box open and a laptop missing from the back seat, reports said.

There were no signs of forced entry and the man could not remember if the doors were left play outside.

reports said.

loose dog Just after 9:30 a.m. May 17, a

regarding a neighbor's dog on the loose, reports said. According to the complainant, the white pit-bull runs loose all the time and she is concerned o

on the scene, the pit-bull was no longer in the woman's yard, but loose in the yard of its owner, According to the renort, as the

officer arrived at the residence and exited the vehicle, the dog approached the officer. When the dog's owner came to the front door, the officer asked him to move the pit-bull inside. The owner was advised of the complaint and told the officer the dog had been loose since the previous

Airbag missing from vehicle
A steering wheel airbag and
steering wheel column were

early this morning with the downed power lines on Interstate 696 at Orchard Lake Road.

storms, temperatures will range

By the time an officer arrived on the scene, the pit-bull was no longer in the woman's yard, but coose in the yard of its owner, where the scene is the part of the source. While conducting patrol in the woman's yard, but which conducting patrol in the lottween 6 p.m. May 10 and 4:25

area of Hudson and Cartier Drive, a.m. May 11, reports said. near Beck Road and Pontiac Trail a Novi Police Officer noticed the passenger-side window of a vchi-cle smashed and the driver-side airbag missing.

According to the victim, the vehicle had not been used in a couple of weeks and parked there

on a regular basis. Police said there were no other vehicles in the area that had been

**Unfriendly** neighbors

According to the complainant, the back driver's side window of a van was smashed out while the vehicle was parked on the street Upon returning to the vehicle, he found the doors were still locked

problems with neighbors. any of the neighbors were respon-sible for the \$400 worth of damage to the vehicle, he said several years work.

Construction tools suspect-

ed stolen from vehicle

According to a recent police report, \$5,125 worth of tools are

a.m. May 12.

The victim said he accidentally left his work van unlocked overnight, while parked in his driveway on Delmont Drive. Although the resident is unsure if near Wixom Road. He noticed the construction tools were miss ing the following day while at

ago a similar incident occurred.

Police found multiple other

It appears the unknown suspect caused no damage to the vehicle,

## Sunday's storms result in fallen trees, downed lines

By Kelly Murad and Chris Road and Crescent Boulevard.

Jackett: "All of our emergency pla

Novi businesses and residents in the areas of Grand River Avenue and Novi Road, Main and Market streets, and portions of Meadowbrook Glens, near Meadowbrook and 10 Mile roads,

were still without power Monday after Sunday's severe storms. D'TE Energy's Len Singer said about 500 people in Novi lost power after thunderstorms whipped through Michigan early

toughest hit county of all," he Singer said about 80,000 peo-

Molloy said efforts were under-way Monday to get traffic signals

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As a result of the high winds,
Moltoy said 14 trees were blown down, including one that fell on a home in the area of Nine Mile and

"We have not been made aware of any injuries," said Molloy, noting all roads were cleared of trees and reopened late Sunday evening.
"When a severe thunderstorm watch
or warning, or a tornado watch or warning has been issued, take them serious. Seek shelter inside.

Numerous downed power lines were reported Sunday evening including along Napier Road; 10 Mile Road, east of Taft Road; out Oakland County. Mile Road, east of Taft Road; Novi Police Chief David Shantrock Hill, west of Old Novi Road; and Forest Park, near 10 Mile and Beck roads.
"Other than what was reported

eathound stict and of Interstate with the wires down we did not breezes, mountains or even the bounts and live any lives, Modby sld. sun, causes air to help form than-Meadowiyook Road, and Novi The Novi Police Department derstorms.

The humidity and high temperatures of the past few days resulted in a cool-down early Tuesday norning as the storms died down.

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## Disney Store to close this month at Twelve Oaks Mall

By Chris Jackett

Goodbye, Mickey Mouse. So

long, Pluto. Red, black and white signs reading "Everything must go."
"Nothing held back" and
"Everything 30-50 percent off"
are scattered about The Disney
Store at Twelve Oaks Mall.

The store will close its doors this month after 19 years of busi-ness, leaving patrons searching other outlets or traveling further to find their favorite animated characters in clothing and novelty

will close by the end of June. It could change," said Melissa

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the official exit date.

The Novi location is one of about 98 stores closing its doors through-out the nation. Other Michigan retailers already closed or closing down include Laurel Park Place in Livoria, Somerset Collection in Obsney May 1, However, Troy, Briarwood Mall in Ann Disney is moving forward with Arbor, Fairlane Town Center in plans to close 98 stores as part of Dearborn, Genesee Valley Center in Flint, Fashion Square Mall in Saginaw and Lansing Mall.

time. You're constantly evaluating," Rozansky said of the liqui-dation process, noting she could-n't comment on why these eight specific Michigan locations were

New Jersey-based Children's Place took over more than 310 Disney Stores from The Walt Disney Company in fall 2004. Disney Stores from The Walt
Disney Company in fall 2004.
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20, Children's Place's control of
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Announcing struggles with little kids, it's a great

process.
Of the 220 stores staying open

Canada, only four are in Michigan.
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Shopper Laura Flesher of Novi finished shopping at the store with her daughters, Emily, 4, and Ashley, 1, and said she was sur-

sign of the times. She had gone to place to take them," Flesher said.
"I can't imagine it not doing well, especially with Laurel Park clusthe store for several Christmas a restructuring and liquidation ing. Chain stores, they don't sell as much or what we're looking for." said her daughters, Georgia, 3, Rozansky, and a sign at the and Jami, 9 months, and other

n nearby communities.

because a lot are closing in the area," Demeter said, "It's terrible. How are the kids supposed to (know the princesses) She also said she hopes the Mickey Mouse statue from "Fantasia" that serves as the con-

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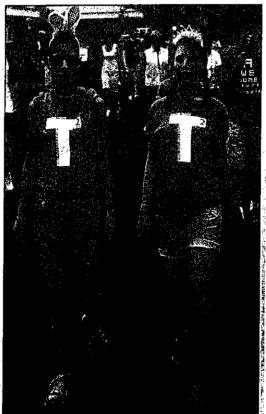
Sasha Topallan, of "Team Awesome" blows bubbles during last Saturday's Relay for Life fund-raising event at Novi Middle School. Groups from throughout Novi gathered for 24 hours to raise money for the American Cancer Society

## PHOTOS BY JOHN HEIDER

For a John Heider video of the 2008 Relay for Life event held last weekend at Novi Middle School, visit www.hometownlife.com



Tents are pitched on the field of Novi Middle School as many school, church and civic groups gathered last weekend to raise money for Relay for Life.



Abarles Farhad, left, and Mandy Metz of Novi High School's Theatre Troupe walk the track of Novi Middle School last Saturday during the Relay for Life event.

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Congregational LOCATION: 21355 Meadowbrook Road CONTACT: Rev. Arthur P. Ritter, Senior Minister (248) 348-7757, visit mbccc.org or e

mail to office@mbccc.org. Sunday Worship TIME: 10 a.m. TIME: 6 p.m. every Sunday for

Bible Study Group TIME/DATE: 10:30-11:45 a.m.

every Tuesday DETAILS: Reverend Art Ritter will lead this group; please call the church office if you are inter-

## Novi-Family integrated

Church LOCATION: 45301 W. 11 Mile

CONTACT: (248) 349-3647 or firstbaptistchurchofnovi.org Sunday Schedule Family Bible Hour: 9:45 a.m. Family Worship: 11 a.m. Bible Study: 6 p.m. Family Movie Night: 5:30

## Episcopal Church of the

p.m.; fourth Sunday of every

LOCATION: 40700 W. 10 Mile

CONTACT: (248) 427-1175 or churchoftheholycross.com Sunday Worship Sunday School and Nursery

Care TIME; 10 a.m. Worship Service
Alzheimer's Support Group
TIME/DATE: 10 a.m. second

Saturday of month DETAILS: Offering support and open discussion for all those dealing with Alzheimer's

#### Church of the Holy Family

Meadowbrook Road CONTACT: (248) 349-8847 or visit holyfamilynovi.org Mass Schedule TIME/DAY: 7:30, 8:45,10:30 a.m. and 12:15 p.m. Sunday; 7

p.m. Tuesday; 9 a.m. Wednesday-Friday; 5 p.m. Saturday Interested in the Catholic

DETAILS: If you are in search and wish to learn more about the Catholic faith, there is an opportunity for you to get answers and

CONTACT: Call Maria at (248)349-8847 or spiritwalk-Adoptive Parent Networking

Meeting TIME/DATE: 10-11 a.m., last Wednesday of each month DETAILS: This free informa-County, Child care is available Registration is required. Oak Pointe Church

Road CONTACT: (248) 912-0043 or

visit oakpolnte.org Sunday Worship TIME: 9:15 and 11:15 a.m. ReNew Life Ministries TIME/DATE: 7:15-9 p.m.

Mondays

DETÁILS: Ongoing Life Groups that support and facilitate personal growth, healing, learning and change from a Christian perspective. The groups are; GriefShare; DivorceCare; Anger Management; Dealing with Struggling Teens; YourSpace; Every Man's Battle; Betraved Hearts: Changes that

CONTACT: For more information or to register call (248) 912-0043 or visit oakpointe.org.

Crown Finacial Ministries TIME: During regular service DETAILS: This interfaith group DETAILS: Learn God's practical will be reading "The Faith Club" register at (248) 344-4248. financial principles for everyday

Spring Hill Day Camp DATE: July 21-25 and July28-

DETAILS: This is a day camp completed grades first through fourth by summer. CONTACT: (248) 912-0043 to

St. James Catholic LOCATION: 46325 10 Mile Road-CONTACT: (248) 347-7778

Mass Schedule TIME/DAY: 8; 9:30 and 11:30 a.m. Sunday; 9 a.m. Monday-Tuesday: 7 p.m. Wednesday: 5

Novi United Methodist LOCATION: 41671 W. 10 Mile

CONTACT: (248) 349-2652 or visit umcnovi.com TIME: 9:45 a.m.

Healing Service and Holy **mmunion** 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 DETAILS: Members of the congregation and the community will

stand united in prayer for peace; -anything; pro peace. Craft Show TIME/DATE: 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Saturday, June 21

LOCATION: Memorial Hail, east DETAILS: Arts and crafts show; vendor space available Indoors and out. CONTACT: Pam Davis,

## First United Methodist of

edleecr@vahoo.com

LOCATION: 777 W. Eight Mile Road; Northville CONTACT: (248) 349-1144 or visit fumcnorthville.org Sunday Worship DETAILS: 8, 9:15 and 11 a.m.

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study classes for all ages; 10:30

TIME/DATE: 12:45-2:30 p.m. a.m. worship service. every Tuesday LOCATION: Chapel upstairs DETAILS: Child care available: cost is \$11 for materials Disciple One Bible Study

TIME/DATE: 6-8 p.m. every Sunday; or 9:30-11:30 a,m. every elements along with contempo-DETAILS: Course lasts 34 weeks, covers 70 percent of the

Disciple Bible Study: Jesus and the Gospels TIME/DATE: 3-5 p.m. every

third Thursday of each month LOCATION: Chapel Lounge

to connect more closely with

their faith: community and other

women. Registration required. Suicide Loss Support Group

TIME/DATE: 7 p.m. second

Thursday and fourth Monday of

DETAILS: New Hope Center for

Grief Support is offering this sup-port group to those who have lost

a loved one to suicide.

DETAILS: For women looking

CONTACT: (248) 349-3140 Sunday Worship TIME/DATE: 9:30 a.m. every TIME: 8:30; 11 and 11:30 a.m.

The Baha'i Faith TIME/DATE: 11 a.m. last LOCATION: 23803 Ricole Radical Joy
TIME/DATE: 6-8 p.m. first and

DETAILS: During these times there are nursery and older children programs available includ-ing Noah's Park and Promiseland (children's worship ages five through fifth grade). Our wor-ship offers a blend of traditional

Single Place Ministries rary elements resulting in a multi-sensory worship service. TIME/DATE: 7:30 p.m. social time; 7:45 p.m. opening; 8-9 p.m. program, every Thursday St. Paul Lutheran DETAILS: Informative and entertaining programs of interes

to singles; \$5 per person. Check Web site for details singleplace.org.
• DATE: Tonight - Robin Sullivan, Radio Show host on

Northville

WMUZ (103.5 FM)

• DATE: June 19 - Why Men Northville Psychologist Arnold

Gathering is focused on prayers for

peace. People of all faiths welcome. CONTACT: (248) 473-0355 or

First Presbyterian Church of

CONTACT: (248) 349-0911 or

LOCATION: 200 E. Main St

Sunday Worship

TIME: 9:30 and 11 a.m

 DATE: June 26 - Simple Cooking for Singles with Bruce Bell, Submit recipes by June 19

### **Faith Community**

LOCATION: 44400 W. 10 Mile

CONTACT: (248) 349-2345 or visit faithcommunity-novi.org

Sunday Worship TIME: 10 a.m. Missionary Speaker Glen

Hallead DATE: Sunday Vacation Bible School TIME/DATE: 9:30 a.m.-noon

South Dakota Mission Trip DATE: June 13-21 The Cats and the Fiddle

July13 DETAILS: The musical group will be joining us in worship. They have received rave review

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ewhopecenter.net LOGOS Youth Club TIME/DATE: 5:15-8:15 p.m. DETAILS: Program includes

recreation; dinner; bible study and music; grades 4-12. Men's Club: People, Pancakes and Praise

TIME/DATE: 8 a.m. Saturday LOCATION: Fellowship Hall Men's Club Golf Outing TIME/DATE: Tee Times 7:15-8 a.m. Saturday, June 21 LOCATION: Links Of Nov., 10

mile Road, Novi DETAILS: A Green Fee of \$79 includes golf, cart, lunch, prizes and support for Kid programs at FUMC. Play will consist of a 4player best ball, golfers of all levfriends. To reserve your tee time,

344-4395 or turner.osborne@vaboo.com

TIME/DATE: 7--8 p.m. even DETAILS: Led by Rev. Lisa Cook, Cost is \$15. Vacation Bible School

TIME/DATE: 9:30 a.m.-Noon LOCATION: Mill Bace Village DETAILS: For ages pre-K through grade 5. Fee is \$20 per more children. Registration deadline it June 1. Contact Heather at (248) 349-1144.

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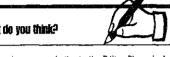


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#### LETTERS

#### We'll miss vou Norm

Novi Community School District lost a vibrant and integral part of

their staff June 4 with the passing of Norm Norgrea.

1"knew" Mr. Norgren through my son, Jon, who worked in the auditorium with Norgren for the past four years. This man worked endless tortun with rootgert of the past four year. And that worker chiness in the auditorium, coached girls cross country and was a teacher at the high school for many years. To say that he touched many young lives does not even begin to tell the entire story. This is an individual that made a difference for so many of our kids. Norgren was a very private person who rarely let his emotions show. However, one day when I stepped mio his "auditorium office." I realized the depth of emotion of his teams, funny quotes, posters from musicals and plays performed in the auditorium, and so much more that "spoke" volumes about this incredible man. His love for his students and their activities, his colleagues and Novi High was truly unmatched. Recently, when my sun-included a note in a card I was sending to the Norgrens, be said he just didn't know what to say, but then the came up with something that could not have expressed his feelings better and that was, "Mr. Norgren, I not and explicit and the leading property and the way. So of gent in recognition groups group the property of the property of

ible gift for Novi and an exceptional way to honor this wonderful man

Julie Vanden Belt Netter



High-rise Rides!

During last Saturday's dedication of Novi's ITC Community Sports Park on Eight Mile Road, kids enjoyed

## **Lansing Connection:** Cassis proposes significant solution to Cobo Hall impasse

### million for convention center renovation or expansion

Recently I introduced legisla-tion that would make available \$50 million in seed money for roposed expansion of Cobo Hall if the players in the project sign a consensus agreement in conjunction with a financial ble alternative. commitment of public and pri-

excellent opportunity for every-one involved in this important project to set aside their differfor the good of greater Detroit think this has the potential to unify southeast Michigan and boost the image and national profile of Detroit in these tough

Senate Bill 1348 would provide \$25 million from the 21st Century Jobs Fund for the lion in 2010. The fund is approjump-start Michigan's eco

This legislation represents a

Bill offers \$50 ic-growth opportunities. The proposal should also provide a proposal should also provide a critical safeguard to retaining the North American International Auto Show and will make more convention and tourism options available to the

> Cobo Hall call for a 120,000slowed by disagreements among

This is not a giveaway. The state has a real incentive to use This proposal provides an this money as a carrot, if you will, to help bring the parties together and revitalize the entire state's economy. We need to work together with those willing

the Senate Commerce and Tourism Committee. Your feedback is always wel-

senncassis@senate.michigan.go v, or toll free at 1 (888) 38-NANCY.

State Senator Nancy Cassis, (R-Novi) represents the 15th Senate District, which includes

## Wings' parade experience will not be forgotten

The Red Wings have won four Stanley Cups since I became a fan, and really since I was born even, but Friday was the first one I was able to head downtow to Detroit for the parade cel-

There were about 1.4 million people lined up along Woodward Avenue and in

Hart Plaza, blanketing the region in red and white.

The day had "promising" written all over it, but also witten an over it, but also came with an early start. I was parked and walking up Woodward Avenue by 7:15 a.m. as many fans already had lawn chairs and blan-

take photos of the nine Novi and Northville Red Wings players, but, since I was already there, I wasn't about to accept anything less than the full experience. And

the full experience. And what an experience it was. There were the casual fans, sporting fresh championship shirts, jerseys or shirts from the 1997, 1998 or 2002 championships. Then there were the shirtless people with face paint, the puck heads with hatshaped pucks and the shaped pucks and the Penguin-haters, which there

Walk a mile or four

All

Walking a mile in someone else's shoes can suck. Especially if they don't fit. Although it was about one mile between Hockeytown length of many of the players and other notables like many fellow Wings fans also Gordie Howe and Scotty marched along, my experi-ence was scattered with

degrees (why didn't I wear shorts!?) and my lack of water didn't help me, but the day picked up after initially killing time by walking from Huling time by waiking from water bottles and garbage Hockeytown Cafe to the Detroit River and back at 8:30 in the morning with our sports writer, Jeff Theisen.

As four buses arrived at As I edged my way around

by management and develrookies who never saw ice time. Finally, one after one, the Wings hit the road. They flashed smiles, waved and hoisted elther trophies or beer bot-tles above their head as they took the ride down

Up close and personal
The great thing about media credentials was I was railing and behind the cops.

Bowman. After Red Wings captain ence was scattered with memories.

First off, since the bulk of my downtown travels are to sporting events and concerts, it seemed odd to me to be walking around Detroit with the sun out. The 90 edgrees (why didn't I wear shorts!?) and my lack of water didn't help me, but the word word Avenue as soon as he passed. Empty

standing just behind the folding chairs reserved for the players families. After Dominik Hasek and Pavel Datsyuk's families sat down standing, the ceremony

began.
After a rousing big-screen highlight reel played to the theme of Hoobastank's "Just One," speeches were made Stanley Cup was around. Detroit passed around. Detroit Mayor Kwame Kilpatrick was booed off the podium in 45 seconds, even after offer-ing to buy the beer for every-one. Aside from his attempt at speaking, the crowd was a continual roar of cheers, had a great recovery story, like Darren McCarty, or those who had just plain "celebrated" a little too much, like Jiri Hudler per-

haps. After the stage presence dwindled down to players and their families posing for photos with the Cup and the crowd began to disperse, I wandered backstage to see what I could, which wasn't much. However, I did cross paths with Henrik Zetterberg as he was snapping photos with some police officers, which were happy to get a shot of he and I together as

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## COMMENTARY

## **PHIL POWER:**

## Is Sen. Obama the next Robert F. Kennedy?

With spooky coincidence, last week marked both the 40th anniversary of U.S. Sen. Robert F. Kennedy's assassination - and the winning by U.S. Sen. Barack Obama of the prize RFK had sought.

I was involved in Bobby

Kennedy's campaign for President, which was so

abruptly and tragically ended in the pantry of the

Ambassador Hotel in Los Angeles, just after he

claimed victory in the

California primary election.

began, you will remember,

campaign

#### **About Phil Power**

Phil Power is a longtime observer of politics, economics and education issues in Michigan, and was a regent of the University of Michigan from 1987 to 1999. He is also president and founder of The Center for Michigan, a moderate thinkand-do tank. These opinions and others expressed in his columns are his own and do not in any way represent official policy positions of The Center for Michigan. Phil would be pleased to hear from readers at opower@honnet.com

than two months away the night of the California primary, a close-fought affair between Kennedy and spent the night at my parents' house near Ann a diminished place where

in the anguish of an unpop-Arbor. ular and stalemated war. In I never will forget the that long-ago era, he didn't shock when my mother even make up his mind to came into my room the next enter the race until March morning. She was in tears. 16. And yet, he had a real you that Bobby Kennedy was assassinated last especially after President ndon Johnson's decision night." The room spun; my two weeks later not to run heart stopped. My tears flowed. Actually, he did not for re-election. The country desperately wanted change. die until early the next The war in Vietnam looked morning, but the dream as though it was going to go had died when the shots on forever, while the cultur-

was in full swing. LBJ's withdrawal, President Hubert Humphrey became the establishment candidate for President, with the original insurgent, U.S. Eugene McCarthy, still draining the anti-war vote. But nobody really thought McCarthy could win, and many vonnger anti-establish ment folks swung — hard to Bobby Kennedy.

With

A small group of us in Michigan, including current Democratic National Committee Member and Michigan State University
Trustee Joel Ferguson,
joined together to battle the
party regulars. It was a struggle against consider able odds, but by early June, we felt we were fighting the machine to a standstill in terms of pledged del-

The national convention sang. And they turned out between political leaders in Chicago was still more the lights to shut us up. who can't seem to get on We must have been there for an hour: Defiant, angry, weeping. And finally we McCarthy, Exhausted, I walked out of the convention hall to find our country

> but where the lights of hope had been dimmed Fast forward 40 years. Last week we saw another young senator emerge as a Presidential nominee. I'm not sure how his candidacy will develop: he's relatively young and inexperienced. But he is five years older than Bobby Kennedy was

experience in the Senate. And many voters are moti-I had been deeply moved vated by the nature of his the potential RFK had to appeal. He seems to want to bind back together our go beyond conventional, deeply divided country. He partisan, bickering politics deeply divided country. He appealed to black and white, working-class stiffs and knit our country back together again - some-thing some of us at the and lvy League graduates, the poor, the disenfran-chised, those who were Center for Michigan have charisma could call us all dence in one week of him together as Americans.

In August, we went off to the convention in Chicago. of RFK's death was so In a gesture of respect, the managers played a film about RFK's life. Things paused. And we all surged onto the convention floor and began spontaneously to sing Battle Hymn of

- and has just as much alarmed by crooked labor unions and the Mafia. For a time, it seemed as though his spirit and humble which is why the coincident of the seemed as though his spirit and humble which is why the coincident of the seemed as though the seemed as the seemed as though the seemed as the seemed as though the seemed as clinching his party's nomi-nation and the anniversary spooky ... so scary ... and

so moving. The goals both these men shared are goals that mean much to our Michigan, now so troubled, The buffeted and torn by eco-the nomic trouble and loss of

with the urgent business of saving our state. After two years of research, lots of thought and much talk, there does seem to be a common-ground consensus agenda on what is Michigan - a talerited and globally competitive workforce. A vibrant economy and great quality of life. Effective, efficient and accountable government. A virtuous intellectual and leadership circle that hums

hope. It is also clear that what is lacking at the state level is both a sense of urgency and the political will needed to actually get things done. As for the urgency, it's now clear Michigan is at a hinge of our history. The decisions we will make over the next decade will go a long way to determining what kind o state we will have in the Kennedy's vision inspired so many of us four decades ago. This year, a new generation is inspired new, better kind of politics.

seeing, challenging leader-Republican. Republic," one of the hope. So many of us are Kennedy campaign's theme dismayed by what seems songs. We sang. And we like endless bickering state. 241 26 Research Dr., first light E. of Haggerty, off 10 Mil. Tel. (248) 427-8245 Fax. (248) 888-9664 Web. caninecollegemi.com

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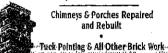
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## **Tom Watkins**: Happy Father's Day – to all dads

Some of us had the "Ozzie college degree is worth four years?" and Harriet" dad. And some dads were more like Ozzy

My dad is a good man. Certainly, he was not a perfect man or the perfect father - few of us can claim that mantle. I certainly can-

Yet, he was a kind, thoughtful, introspective, giving dad. He learned to be a dad from his father, who lost his first wife and peddled my dad and his brothcould get his life together. Grandpop was a man of his time and would let go with inappropriate racial epifrom time to time. lways appreciated my dad calling Grandpop to task for expressing such thoughts

By challenging his father

he taught me, as he would say, "to treat all people as ! would, want them to treat me, your mother, or someone you love."

Dad gave me good advice.
When I was debating if col-

lege was right for me (like many American families my sisters and I are firstgeneration college grads) and I bemoaned, "I was tired of school and it was another four years" he asked with a sly grin on his

Yes, it is that time of year face. How old are you going again - Father's Day, June to be in four years if you don't go? Don't you think a

#### Small things make blo Impressions

I come from a family of seven. "Eddie, Casey, Danny (my middle name is Daniel and as a junior, I became Dan in the family, Phillip, Edie, Mary and Nancy" my dad would holler Sunday morning as we were again running late for church, which was not an

Wrestling with dad on the couch, getting a ride on his broad shoulders or the three boys and Dad using the toilet simultaneously

of the nation's capitol in a working class Catholic neighborhood where our family of seven children was on the small end of families treat, but to me it is etched to my mind as a sacrifice of the best they can do at a particular period of life." Celebrate the joy of living and giving. on the small end of families that reached 14 kids - and these were not blended families - just "good" Catholic ones. Going out to eat was a My dad, like many men of My dad involved silverware – just a hamburger and fries and "share a drink with your knew it was there. The clos-



#### consultant. He served as state superintendent of schools from 2001-2005 and state mental health director from 1986-1990. He can be

ive of all of us. He attended most football, basketball, boxing practices and games - it meant a lot to see him and say. "I gotcha where i

of July.

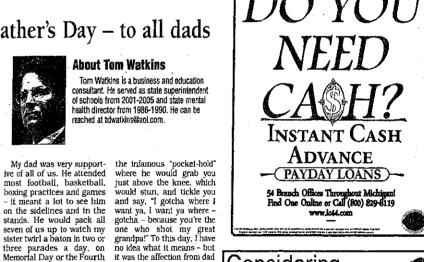
After winning Junior gold-

est thing we got to a hug was

the infamous "pocket-hold" where he would grab you just above the knee, which again running late for church, which was not an easy thing to do while getting nine people ready in a house with one bathroom.

with a laugh that left a fond memory.

As we celebrate Father's en glove boxing matches
held at Andrews Air Force
held at Andrews Air Force
Day reflect back on the simwere wonderful bonding experiences
I grew up in the shadows of the nation's capitol in a working class Catholic wo





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were actually a lot of, who had hung stuffed animal penguins from a miniature As four buses arrived at Hockeytown Cafe with the Red Wings players, staff and their families, the crowds were getting excited. Cameras were going off nonstop and the 25-minute delay for the start of the parade had people liming the northern gates of the restaurant in anticipation of the players' exit.

As I edged my way around well.

As I edged my way around people to get to the front of media who had just wapped up seven hours in the sam steps sang along to Queen's We Are the Champions.

After finally getting to the northern gates of the restaurant in anticipation of the players' exit.

Former Wing Joe Kocer the townships of Comn Highland, Holly, Milford, Novi, Rose, There was a wide variety of people on the streets of Detroit last Friday, but it was the state's economy in the Bloomfield and White Lake, as This legislation represents a well as the villages of Holly, wise investment that could Milford and Wolverine Lake, yield very significant results, and the cities of Novi, such as an infusion of tourism Northville (the Oakland of an air of unity and celebit an art of unity and cris-bration, something I person-ally haven't felt since gradu-ating from Michigan State University, where everyone felt like family after a football or basketball victory. Write your own columns and blogs at hometownlife.com dollars into Michigan, an County portion), Orchard Lake, South Lyon, Walled Lake other job-creation and economihursday, June 12, 2008 www.hometownlife.com fax: (248) 349-9832

### **EVENTS**

## White Pine Giee Club

TIME/DATE: 1:30 n.m. Sunday LOCATION: Novi Middle School Auditorium, 49000 West 11 Mile Road

DETAILS: The City of Novi and the Novi Community School District host the 10th anniversary concert of this local Jacanese male chorus. Also featuring Trillium, a women's chorus. Brillante, flute chamber music, and Miyabi, Japanese traditional Koto and Shakuhachi music. Tickets are free, but required and are available at the Novi Parks. Office in the Novi Civic Center, 45175 West 10 Mile Road, or at the Novi Middle School main

CONTACT: For more informa tion please call the Novi Middle School at (248)449-1600 or the City of Novi Community Relations Office at (248)735-5628, or visit The city web site at cityofnovi.org.

#### Democrats of West Dakland County thly Meeting

TIME/DATE: 6 n.m. dioner, 7 LOCATION: The Maoles Restaurant, off 14 Mile Road between Novi Road and M-5. DETAILS: The guest speake will be Andy Meisner, Democratio candidate for Dakland County

Treasurer. Bring a can of food to

support the Oakland County Summer Picnic DATE: Sunday, July 13 LOCATION: Home of Jim and

#### Pied Piper of Hamelin Auditions

TIME/DATE: 6-8 n.m. Wednesday and Thursday, June LOCATION: Novi Civic Center. 45715 10 Mile Road DETAILS: Auditions for this Novi Theatres production is for will be double cast. Visit cityofnovi.org for more information Call the Novi Parks office at (248) 347-0400 to sing up for an audi tion time. Walk-ins taken on a tirst come first serve basis. Rehearsals will be 6-8:30 p.m Tuesday, Wednesday and Performances will be Thursday

#### Novi Sizzling Summer Arts Series

through Sunday, Aug. 14-17.

Movie In the Park TIME/DATE: 7 p.m. Saturday, LOCATION: Power Park, 45175

Saturday, June 14 W. 10 Mile Road, behind Novi DETAILS: Children visiting the Civic Center DETAILS: "Night at the gift to give to dad for Father's Museum" film and interactive Day. Kids Castles are supervised projects form the Hands On play areas for children, While Museum in Ann Arbo Kids Castle Flag Giveaway

Puppets in the Park TIME/DATE: 10:30 a.m.

Friday, July 4 DETAILS: Children visiting the LOCATION: Lakeshore Park. Kids Castle will receive an DETAILS: Share the puppets American Flag in honor of adventures through audience par-Independence Day, While sup ticipation. Carousel Acres will plies last. provide a petting farm and other

## Gardeners of Northville and

TIME/DATE: 10 a.m.-4 p.m. DETAILS: Visit six homeowner gardens in Novi and Northville and learn ideas for container gar dening, ponds, garden art and even a condominium garden. Tickets are available at Dinsers in Northville and Backvard Birds tion, go to gardenersofnorthville

### The Muses Art Show

TIME/DATE: 7 a.m.-7 p.m Monday-Friday and 9 a.m.-3 p.m. LOCATION: Picasso Cafe.

posed for this group of artists.

CONTACT: (248) 347-0400 NETALL S: This is a showing of ent media of models who have

#### The artists include Barbara Eko Murphy of Northville, Mary Sten

from Northville/Novi, Daria Fileta from Novi. Peggy Kerwin of Northville among others. The public will enjoy seeing the variety of approaches to the same subject. This group will also he drawing models outside, next to the Northville Art House, during

the July Garden Walk CONTACT: Picasso Cafe at (248) 427-0600

#### Second City Theatricals "Sangs of The Second City" TIME/DATE: 8 p.m.

Wednesdays and Thursdays: 8 and 10 p.m. Fridays; 7 and 9 n.m. Saturdays: 8 o.m. Sundays Cornedy Club, 42705 Grand River

DETAILS: Second City Theatricals presents this journey through some of the most hilarious musical moments in their storied history. Tickets are \$15 for Wednesday. Thursday and iday shows and \$20 for Friday and Saturday shows and can be purchased from the Second City box office by calling (248) 348-444, or going to secondcity.com

#### Senior Variety Series "Remember When. . . The Game Show of the Century!" LOCATION: Novi Civic Center,

Meet new friends and hone your

CONTACT: (248) 348-8922

Next Food Network Star

DATE: Through Wednesday

Las Vegas from the Next Food

chosen to receive a trip for two

including airfare, accommoda-

certificate, spa certificates, a

Kitchenaid Stand Mixer and

\$1,000. One entry per person.

Father's Day Giveaway

DATE: Saturday, through

DATE: Saturday, June 28-

Novi Parks Department

Summer Camps DETAILS: The Novi Parks

Department is offering over 15

new camps this summer with

something for everyone. New

Mountain Biking Camp. Sporties

for Shorties - preschool sports

camp. Soorts Camps - crickets.

bowling, cheer, football and ten-

nis, Crazy Science Camp, Lego

Camp. Dance Camp - ballet and

Hip-Hop, Painting Camp, and

Circus Camp, Camp Lakeshore

returns this summer with field

Science Center, Red Oaks Wave

Registration is now open. For

visit cityofnovi.org. There is a \$5

trips to Pump It Up, Detroit

Pool and the Detroit Zoo.

ions at Caesar's Palace, dinner

45175 W 10 Mile Road

Events

Sweepstakes

#### **COMMERCE** DETAILS: The Novi Theatres invite those ages 50 or older to join in the Senior Variety Series.

performance skills. Rehearsals begin on June 3 and continue every Tuesday and Thursday throughout the summer. The six performances are September 11-No past experience necessary and there are no auditions. You can register at the first meeting CONTACT: For more informa-4622 or whitney@greater tion, call (248) 735-5615 or visit

cityolapvi.org. Sales Leads Group Art Van Furniture Store

each month LOCATION: 27775 Novi Road;

> No cost Arts Round Table TIME/DATE: 5:30 p.m. first

Tuesday of every month LOCATION: Grapevine, Main

DETAILS: Come and discuss art and network with local artists

ears of business; representing the greater Novi area. We are life of our community and the businesses in it. For more infor

(248) 349-3743.

Chamber of Commerce has Regional Chamber: servicing the communities of Commerce Township, Union Lake, Walled Wolverine Lake and White Lake. Our purpose is to improve the quality of life for businesses and residents in the Lakes area. We act as a unified voice on behalf of the business community, provide topics of interest, serve as a op programs that are responsive o the needs of the communities we serve.

CONTACT: For more informaor (248) 624-2826.

**Breaklast and Awards Ceremony** DATE: 7:30-9 a.m. Tuesday LOCATION: Edgewood Country Club, 8339 Commerce Road, just

#### Wixom Village Center Summer Concert Series TIME: 7-9 p.m. every Thursday

Sibley Square Park, across from DATE: June 19 - Fifty Amp Fuse, rock and roll DATE: June 26 - Live Entertainment, "Light the Night". from 6-10 p.m. at Gilbert Willis

LOCATION: Village Center.

DATE: July 3 - Doug Deming and The Jeweltones, jazzy blues

#### Farmers Market - Walled Lake

TIME/DATE: 7 a.m. - 1 p.m. every Wednesday LOCATION: Walled Lake City Event Field on E. West Maole Pontiac Trail, Walled Lake

year include fresh vegetables, eggs, honey, jams, jelly, fruits, garden accessories. Vendor space is still available.

CONTACT: Janell at the City of Walled Lake, 1499 E. West Maple Road, Walled Lake or call (248) 624-4847

## **CHAMBERS** OF

We're about business. We're about networking. We're about creating excitement in busi-Everyone is welcome to attend any of our events. For more information call Whitney; executive director at (248) 347novichamber.com. Also visit

TIME/DATE: 8:30-9:30 a.m. second and fourth Thursday of LOCATION: Hooter's of Novi

DETAILS: Enter to win a trip to Network Star. One winner will be

### Novi Chamber of Commerce Conferences

Road, Suite 201, Novi over 500 members. Our mission is to be a responsible; proactive working together to enhance the

## Lakes Area Chamber of

LOCATION: 305 N. Pontiac

and auditing, ethics, financial

#### pre-paid by Friday, June 13 or \$25 at the door. Call the chambe

Sootlight Lunch TIME/DATE: 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m Tuesday, June 24 LOCATION: Honey Tree Restaurant, 674 N. Pontiac Trail, Ambassador Meeting

TIME/DATE: 9:15 a.m. Friday. LOCATION: Chamber office

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

Mergers and Acquisitions

Presented by the Michigan

Association of Certified Public

p.m., (registration at 8 a.m.).

LOCATION: Crowne Plaza

Hotel 27000 Sheraton Drive

topics relating to mergers and

acquisitions: The life cycle of the

deal; post acquisition accounting

issues; legal and tax due dili-

gence issues and more. M&A

Eisenberg, managing partner of

Michigan's Road to Renaissance

president of Detroit Renaissance

in Detroit. An expert panel dis-

cussion, Unique Experiences in

to Michigan, will feature Wayne

deputy director for the Dakland

County Department of Economic

ent & Community

County Executive Robert A.

Ficano, Maureen D. Krauss

Attairs and Mark McGowan,

8 hours (Accounting and

shareholder at Plunkett Cooney

Recommended CPE Credit Hour

liting), MACPA Members

\$199. Registrant \$299. Register

at michcpa.org, course code: MAC, or (888) 877-4273.

tion, contact the Michigan

Association of CPA's CPI

locountants (MACPA)

LOCATION: Rock Financial

Showplace, 46100 Grand River

Tax Professionals and the

TIME/DATE: 8 a.m. registra-

tion, 8:30 a.m.-4:55 p.m. Friday

DETAILS: This program will

from the IRS and the latest infor-

nation from the Michigan

Department of Treasury, Gain a

hetter understanding of employer

benefit plans and learn what will

work for you and your clients,

eight hours. The cost is \$99 for

code IRS, or call (888) 877-4273.

TIME/DATE: 8 a.m. registra

OFTAILS: Updates on state tax

issues and initiatives and the sta-

tus of the Michigan Business Tax

will be discussed. Recommended

CPE credit is 9 hours. The cost is

\$215 for MACPA members, \$315

for non-members. To register, ao

code STF, or call (888) 877-4273.

to michopalorg and use course

Super Management

bers. To register, no to

State Tax Forum

Thursday, June 19

tion, 8:30 a.m.-4:25 p.m.

IRS: Successfully Working

CONTACT: For more informa-

Bringing International Companies

will be led by Dona Rothwell.

Amherst Capital Partners in

discussed with Scott A.

Birmingham, Southeast

Marketolace developments will be

DETAILS: Get the latest on all

TIME/DATE: 8:30 a m -4:50

Conference

Accountants

## <u>BUSINESS</u>

Walsh College, Business Leadership institute Gardenbrook Road, near 11 Mile

DETAILS: The Farmers Market begins in May and runs through the end of October, Some of the items available at the market this annual and perennial flowers and

## Greater Novi Chamber of

Commerce

DETAILS: Serious networking will happen on a bi-weekly basis

Department at (888) 877-4273 or cpe@michcpa.org. Michigan Association of **Certified Public** 

## LOCATION: 41875 W. 11 Mile

The chamber is celebrating 40 business and professional people mation, visit novichamber.com or contact the chamber office at

Since 1963, the Lakes Area proudly served as West Cakland's

TIME/DATE; 7:30 a.m. registration, 8 a.m.-6 p.m. Wednesday, DETAILS: This trade show is the largest available to account

ing professionals in the State of chigan. It will feature exhibitors providing the lates practice, prizes and a variety of breakout sessions in accounting

To be included in My Bulletin Board, please send event name, date, time, location, details and contact Mail: Novi News, M Bulletin Roard 104 W Mair Street, Suite 101; Northville

MI 48167. ■ Fax: (248) 349-9832 ■ E-mail: vemitchel@

#### planning, practice management tax and technology. Recommended CPE credit is 8 nours. The cost is \$159 fo MACPA members, \$259 for non-

#### michopa.org and use course code: MIS2 or call (888) 877-4273.

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

#### Females in the Family **Business Affinity Group**

novirotary.org.

Web site for speaker information

TIME/DATE: 8-9:30 a m third Thursday of every month LOCATION: Walsh College

DETAILS: Walsh Business Leadership Institute invites women who own, are partners in or work for family businesses. Items discussed will he common issues: and women can share solutions in a nonthreatening, noncompetitive, non-sales roundtable. Registration is required. CONTACT: Jan Hubbard ihubbard@walshcollege.edu

#### American Business Women's Association

Darcy TIME/DATE: 1-3 p.m., the Meetings TIME/DATE: 6:15 p.m. second fourth Tuesday of every month DETAILS: Join volunteer artist Wednesday of every month Darcel as she guides you in transforming an ordinary block of 42100 Crescent Blvd. (formerly the Wyndham Garden Hotel) work of art. Cost is \$5 per ses-DETAILS: Local chapter pro vides many advantages to today's Look Good...Fee! Better working women and offers a TIME/DATE: 1-3 p.m. Monday,

#### strong community service program which includes raising noney for scholarships. CONTACT: abwa-novi.org

**CLASSES** 

Providence Center for the Healing Arts LOCATION: Assarian Cancer

Center; 47601 Grand River CONTACT: (248) 465-5455 or email

James.Tester@stjohn.org Wanted: One-time Ar 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 Worksho TIME/DATE: 1-3 p.m.: sec DETAILS: Beginners wel-

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

playing with clay. Express vourself in this three-dimensional art form. \$10 lab fee. Call to verify class times. Knittin' Yarns TIME/DATE: 1-3 p.m. Wednesday

create hats and shawls for Meditation TIME/DATE: Meditation for individuals or groups by DETAILS: Learn prope

DETAILS: Join others and

breathing techniques that can to help reduce stress; class held in reflection space; Cancer Center. Theraneutic Youa TIME/DATE: 10-11 a.m. Monday - Yoga for Kids with

## List your event in

our calendar! ■ Deadline: Must be

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

- Yoga for Backs: 6-7 p.m. luesday - Mixed Level; 7:15-8:30 p.m. Tuesday - Night Light oga; 11 a.m.-noon Wednesday Meditative Yoga; 12:15-1:15 p.m. Wednesday - Mixed Level: 5:30-6:30 p.m. Thursday - Prenatal Yona: 6:45-7:45 n.m. Thursday Yoga for Backs; 12:30-1:30 p.m. Friday -Beginner/Intermediate 9:30-10:30 a.m. Saturday - Mixed Level; 10:45-11:45 a.m. Saturday

Yoga for Backs. DETAILS: \$10/walk-in, \$80/10class card \$45/5-class card. Lunch and Learn Yoga 7-week session is \$60. Registration Providence Hospital, Southfield.

Massage Therapy TIME/DATE: By appointment DETAILS: Experience the heriefits of massage, Therapeutic massage is effec live for stress and tension.

each Monday

DETAILS: An opportunity to

arts studio. Janis provides quid-

and projects. \$5 suggested per

Explore Art and Color with

June 23, Aug. 18, Sept. 15, Oct.

DETAILS: Sponsored by the

American Cancer Society, this is

women who are currently under-

going cancer treatment cope with

CONTACT: Call (248) 465-5466

TIME/DATE: 6:30-8:30 p.m.

DETAILS: A four week series of

Thursdays, June 23-August 28

appearance related side effects.

Lead by a licensed cosmetolo

to register for the program,

nutrition topics and cooking

the Cancer Project. Open to those

interested in surviving and pre-

venting cancer. A \$10 donation

register for the program.

June 30

Photography Exhibit TIME/DATE: 8 a.m.-5 p.m.

Monday through Friday, through

LOCATION: Nancy A. Fox Art

DETAILS: This show features

Click, a club of amateur and

exhibit is a delightful offering of

pictures that explore the photog-

raphers' unique and personal

perspectives on health and well-

ness. This exhibit expounds on

the virtues of healthy living through intelligent and creative

CONTACT: Call (248) 465-4488

Know Before You Go

Line Dancing DATE: Monday and Friday

45175 W. 10 Mile Road

TIME: 6:30-7:30 p.m. begin-

ners; 7:30-9:30 p.m. intermediate

LOCATION: Novi Civic Center,

for a recording of the latest in

CONTACT: (248) 465-5455 to

Food for Life

a free program which helps

express yourself artistically in our

chronic fatigue, pain and LINES headaches. Everyone is weltreatment should bring a physician's referral. \$50 for one hour session. Create with Janis TIME/DATE: 10 a.m. - noon

> WEB SITE: novilibrary.org Unless noted below; all pro grams take place at the library Summer Heading programs for adults and children begin

DETAILS: Card holders can heck out free passes, for two to four people, to many area muse ums, cultural centers and histori cal sites. See detroitadventurepass.org for more informa-

On-Goinn Used Book Sale DETAILS: The Friends of Novi f ibrary sponsors an on-going used book sale in the library meeting room every day during library hours. \$6 for a big bag of

### NOTICE OF PUBLIC AUCTION

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DETAILS: Go to novillib,mi.us or schedule and details.

## TIME/DATE: 6:30-8 p.m. second and fourth Monday of each

GOVERNMENT Novi Community School District Board of Education (June 12)

Meeting TIME/DATE: 7 p.m. Thursday, LOCATION: Educational Services Building, 25345 Taft Road CONTACT: (248) 449-1204

Hovi City Council Meeting TIME/DATE: 7 p.m. first and third Monday of month (June 23) LOCATION: Novi Civic Center, 45175 W. 10 Mile Boad CONTACT: (248) 347-0470

DETAILS: No partner needed:

pay-as-you-go. Novi residents

\$5, non-residents \$6.

SCHOOL &

#### Novi Youth Assistance General Citizens Meeting TIME/DATE: 6 p.m. Tuesday

LOCATION: Novi Civic Center. 45175 W. 10 Mile Road CONTACT: (248) 347-0410

## Novi Community Education

Corner CONTACT: (248) 449-1206 Novi Community Education's Spring and Summer Brochure is now available. Sign up today for adult and youth classes, camp and symmer programs. Online registration is available 24/7 at novi.k12.mi.us/District/communi vEducation. For more informa-Education office at (248) 449-

## LIBRARY

Novi Public Library LOCATION: 45245 W. 10 Mile Road1-5 o.m. Sunday HOUR\$: 10 a.m.-9 p.m

Monday-Thursday, 10 a.m.-5. p.m. Friday and Saturday, Closed on Sunday until Sept. 7. CONTACT: (248) 349-0720 books, insects and bugs.

June 16. For more information

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday; 10 City: Novi, MI 48375 Time: 10:30 A.M.

Story Time

Tuesday, June 17, 2008
 46700 Grand River Avenue Novi, MI 48375
 10:00 A.M.

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Knitters and Knotters

a.m.-5 p.m. Wednesday and Saturday; 1-5 p.m. Sunday; CONTACT: (248) 624-3772 or

brary.org DETAILS: Drop in for informal needlework group in Youth Area

Senior Book Discussion TIME/DATE: Noon-1:30 p.m. second Thursday of each month DETAILS: Book discussion

arque for older adults facilitated librarian; please call to join. **Epolish Conversation Group** TIME/DATE: noon-1 p.m. every Tuesday (June and July) DETÁILS: For ages 18 and

older. Practice your English while you make friends. Group will be guided by a volunteer from the Tuesday Oakland County Literacy Council DETÁILS: For ages 2-4. Library Board Meeting TIME/DATE: 7-9 p.m. third

City Council Chambers DETAILS: General meeting of the entire Library Board. Broadcast live on cable channel Friendship Adventure with

Ronald McDonald: Kick-off to Summer Reading Programs TIME/DATE: 11 a.m.-noor DETAILS: Registration for the

Wednesday of each month

LOCATION: Novi Civic Center

Summer Reading Program begins with a visit from Ronald McDonald. All ages. Tie-Dye Extravaganza for 5th Trail: Wixom TIME/DATE: 1 p.m. Monday.

DETAILS: Bring a pre-washed, 100 percent cotton item to tiedye. Wear old clothes because the dye will stain. Registration

Drop-In Story Time (or Ages 2 TIME/DATE: 10:30-11 a.m. Tuesday, June 24 DETAILS: Stories and fun.

Children must be accompanied

by an adult. Other sibling welcome. Space is limited. TIME/DATE: 10:30 a.m., 1 p.m nd 7 p.m. DETAILS: Interactive concert featuring songs about reading,

Walled Lake City Library LOCATION: 1499 E. West Maple Road, Walled Lake

NOTICE OF PUBLIC AUCTION Date: Tuesday, June 17, 2008 Place: 46700 Grand River Avenue

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It claims good people. TREAT DEPRÉSSION

(6-12-08 NN 418274)

CONTACT: (248) 624-2512 or visit wixomlibrary.org

Museum Adve DETAILS: Card holders can check out free passes, for two to e-mail to admin@walledlakell four people, to many area muse-Classical Music Series ums, cultural centers and histori-TIME/DATE: 2 p.m. first Tuesday of each month turebáss.org for more informa-

Friends of the Library ESL Cale Meeting • TIME/DATE: 1 p.m. second TIME/DATE: 3:30 p.m. every Tuesday of month. Thursday

Book Discussion Group DETAILS: Coffee and conver-TIME/DATE: 12:30 p.m. third sation. Improve your English Tuesday of each month speaking skills by speaking with DETAILS: Drop in for informa discussion. Bring a bag lunch, ing to improve their English, No. tests; instructor help; free. CONTACT: Karin at the check library for current book Preschool Story Time Information Desk. TIME/DATE: 11 a.m. every Adult Summer Reading: Pollinate Your Mind

DETAILS: See Web site for Registration required. Story & Snacks Family Time more details. TIME/DAY: 6:30 every Read Something Different TIME/DATE: 6:30 n.m. Today Thursday DETAILS: "Absalom, Absalom" DETAILS: Drop-in program designed for the independent lisby William Faulkner, Slaves of Suspense Book

Library Board of Trustees TIME/DATE; 6:30 p.m. Meeting TIME/DATE: 1 p.m. second Wednesday, July 30 DETAILS: "The Accidental Friday of every month Storytellers Connection Catch The Reading Bug: 2008 DETAILS: Volunteer readers

DATE: June 16-Aug. 2

Read-To-Me and Summer are needed to read to children in Reading Clubs DATE: Registration ongoing. DETAIL: For ages 2-10; must a classroom setting. Contact the library for more information. register in person. Read eight Wixom Public Library books by Aug. 9 to participate in the closing party on Aug. 12. LOCATION: 49015 Pontiac Tuesday Programs for Club

Members Only

TIME: 10:30-11:30 a.m. every DETÁILS: Open to "Catch The

### PUBLIC NOTICE

Bickes Contracting Inc. of 46420 Grand River Ave., Novi, MI 48374 agrees to transfer to Qakota Financial, LLC of 10100 Santa Monica Blvd. Sulte 300, Los Angeles, CA 90067 all rights, title, and ownership of the ollowing equipment: 1998 Kenworth, VINN \*INKWLBQXXM7787588, and 1998 Benson Traiter VIN# 1NUDTG60ZWMAS0845. This transfer of wwwership is part of Equipment Lesse Agreement #2416, which will be executed between 6/4/08-7/4/08.

(6-12-08 NN 418070)

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

Monday-Thursday: 10 a.m.-5

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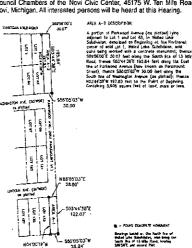
Volunteers

Sunday

#### CITY OF NOVI NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING PROPOSED VACATION OF PARAMOUNT STREET IN THE CITY OF NOVI

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the City of New Council will hold a blic hearing on bronday) Junior25, at 7:00 p.m. 0000 Soon therebiter as a same may be reached, on the proposed vacating of Paramount Street the City of Novi.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that this hearing will be held in the



Questions regarding this matter may be directed to the City Engine at 248-735-5606.

## WHAT A CHILD LEARNS ABOUT VIOLENCE A CHILD LEARNS FOR LIFE.

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#### Thursday, June 12, 2008-NOVI NEWS 15A NOVI **SENIORS**

Reading Sug members only. For

ages 2-10, under 6 must be

Community Services Ballroom

DATE: June 17 - "Stop Buggin

Me. I'm Readin'!" by the Acting

adult; stories, songs, crafts and

fun. All "Catch The Beading Bud"

DATE: June 20 - Fly Away

DETAILS: Summer Reading

Register at the Information Desk.

Demonstration by Brian Haves of

the Flying Aces Pro Frisbee Team.

DETAILS: Susan Poppert will

provide objective advice. Register

Club for teens in grades 6-12

TIME/DATE: 6:30 p.m.

Wednesday, June 18 -

Issues and Answers

Surrounding Long Term Care TIME/DATE: 6:30 p.m.

grams take place in the

unless otherwise noted.

UP Theatre Company

Fantastic Fridays TIME: 10:30 a.m.

Day #1

Library

in advance.

## Novi Senior Activities

Center LOCATION: Located in the Meadowhrook Commons Senior Complex; 25075 Meadowbrook

CONTACT: (248) 347-0414 Massage by appointment: 1-4 p.m. Tuesday-Friday and 9 DETAILS: For ages 2-6 with an a.m.-noon Saturday Thursday

9 a.m.: Line Dance; Mixed Golf 11:15 a.m.: Line Dance-Beg. Noon: Lunch 12:15 p.m.: Contract Bridge 1:30 p.m.: Book Discussion

"Haunted Michigan" by Gerald S. 1:30 p.m.: Computer Láb 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

1:30 p.m.: Father's Day Event

1 p.m.: Bingo canceled

(ticket rea.)

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#### NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON PROPOSED 2008-2009 BUDGET

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that on Thursday, June 19, 2008, at 7:0 lock p.m., at the Educational Services Building, 25345 Taft Road, Novchigan, the Board of Education of Novi Community School District will hold a public hearing to consider the District's proposed 2008-2009 bud

et.

The Board may not adopt its proposed 2008-2009 budget until after the public hearing. Beginning June 9, 2008, a copy of the proposed 2008-2009 proposed budget, including the proposed property tax miliage rate, will be available for public inspection during normal business hours at the Educational Services Building, 25345 Tatt Road, Novi, Michigan.

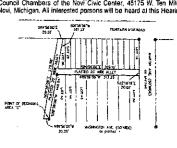
The property tax millage rate proposed to be evied to support the proposed budget will be a subject of this hearing.

This notice is given by order of the Board of Education

KATIE RAEON, SECRETARY NOVI BOARD OF EDUCATION (6-12-08 NN 418125) REMEMBER, ONLY YOU CAN PREVENT FOREST FIRES

#### A Public Service of the USDA Forest Service and Your State Forester. CITY OF NOVI NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING PROPOSED VACATION OF ALLEYS IN THE HOWELL'S WALLED LAKE

SUBDIVISION IN THE CITY OF NOVI NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the City of Novi Council will hold a public hearing on Moriday, \$\frac{3}{160} \frac{23}{23} \text{ at 7:00 p.m.}, or ashooth this reather \$\frac{25}{160} \frac{25}{160} \fr



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### SUPPORT **GROUPS**

#### **Adoptive Parent Networking** Meeting DATE: Last Wednesday of

each month TIME: 10-11 a.m. LOCATION: Holy Family Catholic Church; 24505 Meadowbrook Road

DETAILS: This informational meeting is open to all adoptive families in Oakland County tions or directions call (248) 937-There is no charge. Child care is 3314. available; registration

required.
CONTACT: Lisa Molloy (248) 334-3595

#### **Bereavement Support Group** DATE: Third Tuesday of each

TIME: 7:30-9 n m. 45175 W. 10 Mile Road DETAILS: The meeting proyides the apportunity for those in grief to share their story and to learn about the phases and tasks of grief. All are welcome no tee.

: CONTACT: Michael M. Meyer,

Angela Hospice Groups DETAILS: Grief suppo 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 nereavement professionals and

Care Center; 14100 Newburgh Road; Livonia CONTACT: Joan Lee (734) 953-6012 General Grief Support

LOCATION: Angela Hospice

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

DETAILS: Open to all losses. Loss of Spouse/Significant Other Support Group TIME/DATE: 6:30-8 p.m. first Tuesday of month

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TIME/DATE: 6:30-8 p.m. fourth Monday of month Suicide Loss Support

Services DETAILS: Individual and family services offered free for those who have fost a loved one through suicide; call (734) 464-7810 for more information. Heartstrings: Parents Who Have Lost a Child

TIME/DATE: 7-8:30 p.m. first Thursday of month Grief Support Quilter's Group TIME/DATE: 1-3 p.m. first and third Wednesday of month DETAILS: Register by calling

DMC Huron Valley-Sinai Hospital Support Groups LOCATION: 1 William Carls

CONTACT: (248) 937-3314 Alcoholics Anonymous Support Group TIME/DATE: 10 a.m. every

Sunday DETAILS: No ore-registration required. For information, call (248) 937-3314. Al-Anon Support Group TIME/DATE: 10 a.m. every

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TIME/DATE: 10 a.m. every Sunday DETAILS: Intended for teens dealing with someone with an alcohol problem. No preregistra

tion 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 oues-

Breast Cancer Support Group TIME/DATE: 10-11:30 a.m. second and fourth Thursday of LÓCATION: Sinai Center for

Women; next to the hospital's South Garden entrance. DETAILS: This support grou is for any woman diagnosed with

breast cancer. CONTACT: (248) 937-5163 Breather's Club Support 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-registration no required. For information call, (248) 937-3314.

H.U.G.S. Group for Parents TIME/DATE: 7-9 p.m., third DETAILS: Support and counseling to parents who have suffered a pregnancy or newborn loss: no pre-registration required CONTACT: (248) 937-4847 for

more information Journeys Cancer Support TIME/DATE: 7-8:30 p.m. first

and third Monday of every month LOCATION: Looby of the Charach Cancer Treatment Cente DETAILS: Support group for those with cancer or who are related to or know someone liv-

ing with cancer. CONTACT: (248) 937-5163 **New Parents Support Group** TIME/DATE: 10 a.m. second and fourth Wednesday of each LOCATION: Hospital

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Senior Discussions Arthritis sufferers attend a Tuesday morning class sponsored by the Arthritis Foundation at the Novi Senior Center. Seniors discussed how to manage the disease, along with other chronic maladies, with A.F. representative Doreen Lichtman, far right. One of the key ways to counteract arthritis pain, suggested Lichtman, is to find pleasurable diversions that will take your mind off the joint aches. For more information on classes at the senior center, call (248) 347-0414.

Conference Center DETAILS: A supportive envi-

their struggles: learn how to child; discuss concerns such as sleep deprivation and coping with the emotions of parenting. CONTACT: (248) 858-7766 Postpartum Depression

Support Groun TIME/DATE: 6:45 p.m. every Thursday

DETAILS: Postpartum depression 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 of each month

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

Psychotherapy & Counseiling Services Northville Counseling Center Anxiety/Agoraphobla/Panic

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

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CONTACT: Sue Tracz (248)

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DETAILS: Social group for all

CONTACT: Norbert Monson

lovaldi (248) 348-9138 or joylo

(248) 851-6730, Florence

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valdi@earthlink.net

LOCATION: St. James Catholic Church, 46325 10 Mile

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

LOCATION: Witch's Hat Depot ann Dorothy St.: South Lyon, DETAILS: This group provides information: support and social activities for mothers of multiple birth children and their families. and around the Kensington Valley school conference are all

MOMS Club of Novi East TIME/DATE: 10 a.m. first

CONTACT: (248) 437-5496

LOCATION: Novi Civic Center DETAILS: Moms Offering Moms Support (MOMS) is a nen-profit support group for mothers who choose to stay at home with their children or work CONTACT: Stacev at (248)

> stacev@uvevents.com grade magazin **Breast Cancer Support**

Group

DATES: Second and fourth Tuesday of each month LOCATION; Huron Valley-Sinai Hospital (Classroom C

Commerce TIME: 10-11:30 a.m. DETAILS: No registration

CONTACT: (248) 937-5017

Crohn's & Colitis Support Group TIME/DATE: 7-9 p.m. first and

third Wednesday of each month LOCATION: Providence Park Hospital and Medical Center DETAILS: Enter facility through southeast entrance.

immediately to the left. CONTACT: Al Biggs (313) 805-7605 or Crohn's & Colitis Foundation of America (888)

737-2322. **Heartland Machine** Volunteers Needed

TIME/DATE: Day and evening LOCATION: 28588 Northwestern Hwy.; Suite 475; Southfield DETAILS: Caring and com

passionate individuals needed to register for Heartland Hospice Volunteer Training. We serve individuals and their families during their end of life journey in the Tri-County area, Office support is also needed CONTACT: Mary at (800) 770-

**Novi Toastmasters** TIME/DATE: 7-8:45 p.m. first

and third Tuesday of each LOCATION: Novi Civic Center Activities Room; 45175 W. 10 DETAILS:: Toestmasters will ---

nication skills; voice your opinion; polish your presentations and practice leadership CONTACT: Amy (248) 752-

Take Off Pounds Sensibly (TOPS) Chapter TIMÉ/DATÉ: 11 a.m. weigh-in

and 11:30 a.m. meeting every LOCATION: Meadowbrook Commons, 25075 Meadowhrook Road

DETAILS: \$24 per annual membershin: includes handbook; \$1 per meeting. New members welcome CONTACT: Rebecca Boyke (248) 305-8646

Visiting Nurse Association Haspice Valunteers Needed

Association of Southeast Michigan: 25900 Greenfield Road; Suite 600; Southfield DETAILS: Leaking for kind: compassionate hospice volun-

teers two to four hours per week in the tri-county area; vol needed Monday through Friday during day time hours; there is a oreat need for male volunteers to support male hospice patients; an interview and attendance at three training sessions is required. Call (800) 882-5720; ext. 8361, (248) 967-8361 or

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DETAILS: Widowed Friends of the Archdiocese of Detroit is a CONTACT: For more information, call Marilyn at (586) 739-

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CONTACT: (248) 231-2334 or

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TIME/DATE: 6:30 p.m. second LOCATION: Rotates between Novi Civic Center and the Northville Library. DETAILS: Visitors welcome

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DATE: Friday, Aug. 15 LOCATION; Walled Lake

Western High School, 600 Beck

place.com/for more information. TIME/DATE: 4:30 n.m. arrival. International Gem and 5:30 pm. dinner Saturday, Aug. TIMF/DATE: Noon-6 p.m. LOCATION: V.F.W. Post 2269, Friday, 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Saturday

2652 Loon Lake Road, Wixom DETAILS: Tickets are \$55 per person or \$65 per couple. Cash bar. Dressy attire, Personal checks, money orders or cashiers checks may be made payable to: WL Western Multi Class Reunion, 1054 Pleasure Street, Milford, MI 48381, RSVP by July 31, 2008. For more information visit

groups.yahoo.com/group/wlwalu Questions or comments may be wlw70\_79reunion2008@yahoo.c

tion, call Isabelle, (313) 882-

4626 or on to casstech58 com.

Plymouth High School Class Cass Tech Class of 1958 DETAIL S: For more informa-

DATE: July 19 DETAILS: The Class of 1968 is 40th Class Reunion, For more information, contact Janet (Sheedy) Johnston at (734) 437-

Northville High School Class

of 1988 DATE: Weekend of July 26 DETAILS: For further information, please contact Jennifer Clarkson at iclarkson2004@vahoo.com

union@charter.net,

Northville High School Class of 1978 Pre-Party

DATE: Friday, Aug. 1 LOCATION: Chase Bar and Grill, Northville Reunion DATE: Saturday, Aug. 2

LOCATION: Radisson Livonia DETAILS: The cost for the 30 year reunion is \$75 per persor 'Crasher" tickets are available for the classes of 1976, 1977, and 1979 for \$2<del>5. C</del>ontact Janet -Eisele Junca by e-mail at jun-

Dearborn and Edsel Ford High School Class of 1958 DATE: Saturday, Aug. 2

DETAILS: The 1958 January and June Classes of Dearborn and Edsel Ford High Schools are having a combined 50-Year Reunion, Judy Richards Goerke 313-562-9031.

Judygoerke@vahoo.com or iirley Chiado Peters 248-348-9443. Shirley.peters@villagefurther information

South Lyon High School Class of 1963 DATE: Aug. 10 LOCATION: Bakers of Milford

DETAILS: For more informa tion, call Barb Cook at (248) 349

Walled Lake Western High School Multi-Class of 1970-Pre-reunion Gathering

Tax (248) 478-0520 .

Walk for Children's Leukemia Foundatio TIME/DATE: 9:30 a.m.

LOCATION: Kensington Metropark, East Boat Launch,

DETAILS: This second annual Walk will raise money for Michigan families affected by leukemia, lymphoma and related competitive, scenic 4-mile route Lunch provided to participants. Prizes for money raised. Hosted by Jennifer Hammond (FOX 2) and Jim Paolucci (Magic 105.) FM) No walk fee but there is a fee to enter the park. For info mation, to register or to create a personal fundraising page on line, go to leukemiamichigan.org or call the CLF office at (248)

Compuware Drive-In Movies TIME: 7:30 p.m. gates open; 9

p.m. (dusk) movies begin DATES; June 13 - Sept. 7 LOCATION: Compuware Arena, 14900 Beck Road, Plymouth DETAILS: Prices for the drivemovies are \$9 for ages 13 and older, \$7 for children 4-12, and free for children 3 and under Students with current school identification are \$7 Sunday through Thursday. Movies can be listened to through the FM radio in their cars. For movie listings, go to compuwarearena.com or all the theatre hot line at (734)

Golf Outings

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 format, each foursome is \$100 and individuals can register online at silenthandsgolfreg.com Sponsoring apportunities also available. For more information,

Grays Reef Golf Classic to Support Children's Leukemia Foundation of

call (248) 684-3338.

Michigan TIME/DATE: 12:30 p.m. shotgun start Monday, June 23 LOCATION: Oakland University, DETAILS: The day includes a continental breakfast, 18 holes of golf with sart, host, at all will meadowbrook Hall, open bar,

silent auction, prizes and dinner.

(248) 353-8222 or visit leukemi-

tion or to register call CLF at

amichigan.org. Nov | Parks Foundation **Annual Golf Outing** 

DATE: Thursday, Aug. LOCATION: Links of Nov DETAILS: Price includes 18 holes of polf with a cart, lunch. gourmet steak dinner and awards, Cost is \$125 per person dinner only. Proceeds benefit opportunities and scholarship programs for local children in need. Mail registration and a check payable, to Novi Parks Foundation, P. O. Box 1169, Novi MI 48376.

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CONTACT: For more informa-

tion, call (734) 421-3460 ext. 2

City of Wixom CONTACT: Community Services Programs, 49045 Pontiac Trail, Wixom; (248) 624

Senior Ongoing Programs Some of these activities have a Monday: 10-11 a.m. Exercise Tuesday: 10 a.m.-noon Knit/Crochet and Sew Group:

noon-2:30 p.m. Line Dancing Wednesday: 10-11 a.m. Exercise Class Second Monday: 11:30 a.m. Lunch Bunch Second Tuesday: 10 a.m. Senior Commission

Second Thursday: 11:30 a.m. Binge Fourth Thursday: 10-11:30 Send your calendar items to Novi News; 104 W. Main Street a.m. Blood Pressure Suite 101; Northville; MI 48167; fax to (248) 349-9832; or e-mail Kensington Metro Park LOCATION: 2240 West Buno

Road, Milford, (248) 685-1561 or (800) 477-3178 Nature Center Programs DETAILS: 1 p.m. Saturday Cold-blooded Creatures; 2 p.m. Sunday - Beginning Birding; 10 a.m. Saturday, June 21 - Butterfly

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SPORTS SPOTLIGHT: BASEBALL

## Last Novi team standing falls

2007-08 athletics comes to close with baseball's defeat

By Jeff Theisen

The Novi 2007-08 athletics year came to a close when Novi came up just short in a 5-4 loss to Canton in regional play Saturday at Birmingham Seaholm

The Wildcats fell behind 4-0 before rallying to tie the game in the third inning. The game remained scoreless until Canton scratched out a run in the top of the sixth.

Novi's best chance to score

came in the top of the seventh.

Jake Walker led off the inning and hammered a pitch to left, it had the distance to go out, but the only question was going to be fair or foul, it ended up just foul, and things never got restarted as the Chiefs went on

win. Novi finishes the season 24-

"It was a battle," Novi head coach Rick Green said. "Our kids played hard. We came back from 4-0 and made a game of it." Mark Heard started the game, and Tyler Scott finished it in

relief.

Dan Kilger had a pair of hits and scored the tying run in the fourth. Scott and Pat Schleake each had two-hit performances. Phil Celeski knocked in a pair of

runs.

The Wildcats kept things close, but a couple of mental mistakes on the basepaths hurt rallies at different times in the

"We definitely ran ourselves out of that win." Green said. "The teams that usually lose games like this in championship games are the teams that make fundamental mistakes. It was a combination of that and a couple of bad breaks."

The loss was somewhat a microcosm of the season. The Wildcats proved they could hang with anyone, yet also lose to any-

"It was definitely an up and down year," Green said, "We've had some crazy things happen all



Novi catcher Andy Harrington, right, tags out Canton's Matt Barylski after a suicide squeeze attempt in the second inning of Saturday's playoff game. Harrington was interfered with in the tag by the batter (seated), but still made the play.

He cited the 24-23 loss to Alten Park, the win against Lake Orion, a 10-1 win followed by a 12-2 loss to Lakeland, a similar doubleheader with Howell and a win against Northville in district

play.
"I think we lost our focus after "It kind of knocked us out of the KVC race. Then, we seemed to gather ourselves going into the

"I'm really happy with the vay we played in districts."

The loss closes out the careers of 10 Novi seniors, four of which will be going on to play college ball. Scott (Toledo), Celeski (Henry Ford CC), Schlenke (Northwood) and Heard (Northwood) will continue their

careers at the next level.
"It was great to see this group

of seniors that worked so hard win a district championship before they left," Green said. "It's a good thing for them to carry on to college." Brother Rice hammered

Canton 12-1 in finals to advance. 12-1 in the regional

Jeff Theisen can be reached at

## Norgren remembered

Long-time Novi XC coach still running through minds

Asmoky blue vest. It's funny the things you know you'll always remember about someone. For my memory of Novi coach Norm Norgren, it's always going to be a smoky blue vest. This is one of the few things

I'll get to retain of Norm, who passed away last Tuesday at the age of 63 following a tiring battle with lung cancer. I never had the joy of being one of his students, though he and I shared a love of history. I also never had the experience of being one of bis ath-letes, though I experienced his coaching style and teachings from the view of a sports writer. For my brief five years spent with Norm Norgren, I had the

luxury of learning some of his ideals, his beliefs and his conceptions of what sports and the athletes who participate in them should mean. Because of this, my time in Novi found me a more caring, more thoughtful writer. I found that it wasn't the final score, but the effort put in that should

matter more than any-

thing.

While that type of change can be credited to coaches like Norm, I can safely say that it's not the first thing I think of when I think of him. It's that vest. It wasn't a fashion state-

ment, but rather a com-fortable old friend for a comfortable old coach. It sure made him easy to pick out of a

crowd at cross country meets.

While I would like to say that
my writing would be the best
way to let you know what type of way to ey du show what type of person Norm was, I'm going to admit that it's not this time. Instead, I'll turn to those who knew Norm best: His girls. The cross country team at Novi High School has long benefited from the coaching style that Norm brought to the field, but his girls will long know that it's never where you finish in the pack, but how hard you kicked and how much mud you got on the back of your shirt by trying your hardest. "Even though I was never at

the front of the pack, or scored a single point on varsity, Mr. Norgren had that unique talent of making me feel just as important to the team as the varsity girls," said Katalin Zerio, who attends Michigan State University, on a Facebook page dedicated to Norm entitled Norm Norgren: The Man, the Legend.

"There are few coaches out there who can successfully do that." Zerio is an example of the type of athlete that Norm thrived on. I remember my first couple of sea-sons working with him, trying to get him to just give me the point scorers for the article. I'd roll my eves a little when he'd bring un girls that did real well deserve mention. By year three, he had worn me down to the point that I started to see why everyone adored him. By year four, I found myself asking other coaches who myself asking other coaches who deserved to be mentioned and

were not just point scorers. In another Facebook post, Madalyn Kaltz, also of Michigan State University these days, said, "I can honestly say that cross country and Mr. Norgren are pretty much the only things I miss about high school ... I actuter I wrote him a couple of weeks ago. I think that in his invincibil-



Former Novi cross country coach Norm Norgren.

ity, Mr. Norgren was one of those people who was just never allowed to die. My only hope is that he knows how many people he affected, because I don't know a single person who can say that they weren't positively impacted by him. I miss him so much!"

Norm was also known for pro-tecting his girls. Be it from "dus" which was Norm's term for boys - or from the high heels for the Homecoming dance

that could twist and ankle and ruin a season. Norm was always look-ing out for them. He sent a rose to every single girl on his team dur-ing Homecoming and he made sure that they understood just how important they were, no matter what anyone

else thought. Even the Even the parents were quick to recognize what Norm had to offer their daughters.

Norm had to offer their daughters. "Norm was an integral part of my daughter's high school experi-ence," said Tina Ramos, the moth-er of former Novi cross country standout Patti Ramos, who created the Facebook group. "He echoed what parents taught, Stay away from the boys, family comes first, study and run hard. I felt good about the very important things he about the very important things he was teaching her at cross country practices and it has made her the determined individual she is today. I know he has had this influence on many he coached and I am very pleased to have known him. Thanks Norm for all you did for our girls! As parents, we truly appreciated your influence!"

It's clear though the memories being shared by his former stu-dents and athletes that Norm is going to be around a lot longer than any of us could really hope for. His teachings and his encour-agement will be passed down from generation to generation long after those who ran through mud for him or learned in his classroom

ave faded from this world.

For those who are interested, visitation for Norm will Saturday from 10-11 a.m. with a memorial service following from Jennings Funeral Home on Michigan Avenue in Howell, The family has requested that memo-rial donations be made out to the Novi Education Foundation with notation for the Norm Norgren Memorial Scholarship, Those donations can be sent to the Novi Educational Foundation, 25345 Taft Road, Novi, MI, 48374,

i encourage anyone and every one to donate to this scholarship in remembrance of a man who spent a lifetime teaching chil-dren the value of being the best they could be, no matter if they were in the classroom, running the cross country course or just living life. All while wearing one faded, smoky blue vest.

## Shamrock golfers 7th at state

Catholic Central's LaRouere places sixth ( individually with a 154

The Catholic Central golf team closed out the season in style, placing seventh at the state finals Friday and Saturday at Grand Valley State

University.
The Shamrocks were one of the few teams that shot better on the first day, which was played in much tougher weather condi-tions, CC shot 324 and followed

it up with a 327.

The Sharnrocks were third after the first day of play. Brother Rice led after the first day (315) but slid all the way to sixth place

Grand Blane won with a 629. Steve LaRouere shot his way rounds of 77 for a 154 total.

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Rounding out the scores for the Shamrocks were Alex Kolpacke (80-82 — 162), Joe Fransted (83-81 — 164), Zach Feher (84-87 — 171) and JJ Szmadzinski (84-89 — 173).

Rockford's Jackson Davison won top individual honors with a 146

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nan Robinson looks for her coach's hitting sign and prepares to step back in the batter's box.



Megan Wenzl warms up before her doubles match in Division



Novi's Jamie Fratto unleashes a shot on the Groves'

nder during a district playoff game.

#### **Sport Shorts**

#### Second Annual Shamrock Lacrosse Camp

The Shamrock Lactosse Camp will be conducted by CC coaches. with special help coming from two players from the 2008 Syracuse NCAA championship team and others from Notre Dame and Michigan (MCLA National Champions). Coaches from Michigan State, Brighton, Northville, Cranbrook and Walled Lake Northern will also help.

Session 1 Grades sixth-eight. (entering) 6-9:30 p.m. June 16-19 Session II Grades ninth-12, 6-

9:30 p.m. June 23-26 Interested parties may contact coachdwilson@yahoo.com.

## CC's Westside Fnotball

Detroit Catholic Central is hosting a non-contact football camp for kids entering fifth through ninth grades June 16-19. nosting a non-contact loopean camp for kids entering fifth through ninth grades June 16-19. The camp runs 9 a.m.-3 p.m. each day and costs \$185.

Novi girls basketball head cuach Bill Kelp is hosting a bas-ketball camp June 16-20 at Novi High School for girls entering Call (248) 596-3829 for regis-

#### Novi Wildcat Boys Basketball Camp

and includes a week of instruc-tion, an outdoor basketball and T-shirt. Awards and trophies will Novi boys baskethall coach Cory Heitsch is hosting a boys basketball camp June 16-20 at Novi also be presented. Middle School for boys entering second-ninth grades in the fall. Grades second-fifth will go from 8:30 a.m.-noon and grades sixthninth will follow from 1-4:30 p.m. Schluter's Hoop Camps The cost of the camp is \$140 and will include a week of instruction, an outdoor basketball and T-shirt. Awards and trophies will also be presented. For more information or registration, call (248) 449-1206

## Kovi Volleyball Camp

The Novi volleyball coaching staff is hosting a summer volleyball camp at the high school.

All Skills Camp
Grades third-sixth - 9-11:30

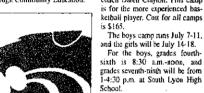
A boys and girls basketball camp for boys and girls from grades K-ninth will take place July 21-25. The fee is \$65. a.m. July 21-24
Grades seventh-ninth
a.m.-2 p.m. July 21-25 Setters Camp Grades seventh-ninth - 9-10:30 A shooting camp for kids in second-fifth grades runs 12:30-2

a.m. June 23-25 Hitters Camp

12:30 p.m. June 23-25 Libero (Defensive Camp) Grades seventh-ninth - 5-7 p.m. June 23-25

Those interested can register through Community Education.

Grades seventh-ninth - 11 a.m.-



School.
For the girls, grades fifth-sixth is 8:30 a.m.-noon and grades sev-enth-ninth will be 1-4:30 p.m. at St. James Catholic Church,

A basics camp for grades K-one

is 8:30-10 a.m. and grades second-third will run 10:30 a.m.-neon. Schluter will also be hosting the All Area 4 Start Basketbail

Camp with South Lyon head coach Daren Clayton. This camp

camp.com for more information. Checks for all camps should be made payable to All Area 4 Star Basketball Camp and mailed to Pat Schluter at 24781 Nottingham, Novi, Mi, 48374. For more information, call (248) 388-6514.

#### Shamrock Lacrosse Camp

CC lacrosse head coach Dave Wilson is hosting a lacrosse camp June 16-19 for grades sixth-eighth and June 23-26 for grades nine-12. Both camps will run 6-9:30 p.m. at the high school field. Instruction for all levels of players will be available.
Send any questions to coachdwilson@yahoo.com.

p.m. and for grades sixth-ninth, the camp runs 2:15-3:45 p.m.

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Novi Lady Wildcat

second-ninth grades next year. Grades second-fifth will re

8:30 a.m.-noon, and grades sixth-ninth will go 1-4:30 p.m.

The cost of the camp is \$140

For more information or regis-

Baskelball Camp

Former Novi boys basketball head coach Pat Schluter is hosting Michigan 3-on-3 soccer U-M will host the 17th annual several basketball camps this summer at the St. James Catholic

Camp on July 19 at U-M's Mitchell Fields. A boys basketball camp for kids in grades fourth through seventh will run June 16-20. Grades four and five will run 8:30 a.m.-noon guarantee. Ages span from seven to adult for boys and girls with recreational and competitive and grades six and seven will run 1-4:30 p.m. Cost of the camp is \$130 and includes a week of instruction, T-Shirt and outdoor basketball.

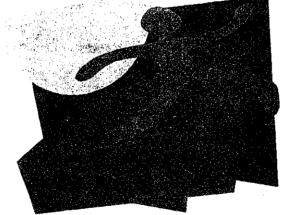
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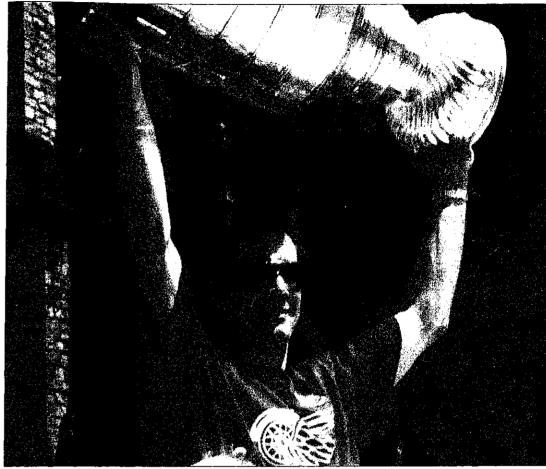
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# **CELEBRATION**



Novi resident and Red Wings' captain Nicklas Lidstrom shows the Stanley Cup to the crowd along Woodward Avenue at Friday's championship

## Several Detroit Red Wings call Novi home during season

Novi resident Andreas Lilja and Valtteri Filppula share a moment before taking the stage at Hart Plaza.

Noyi has become a popular place for several Swedish players and a Fin on the Stanley Cup champion Detroit Red Wings. Living in Novi are captain Nick Lidstrom, Johan Franzen, Tomas Notact Swedish Nickle Konnell

Holmstrom, Niklas Kronwall, Andreas Lilja and Mikael Samuelsson. Valtteri Filppula is from

Lidstrom already has brought the Cup to the Novi area, bringing it to Hillside Middle School, where one of his four sons

"We really like the area. We've been up that way since I came here," said Lidstrom of living in Novi. "I think it reminds us a lot

about what it's like back home.
That's why we like it so much."
No matter what one may need, Lidstrom said either Novi o Northville has whatever he's

or the mall or going to MainStreet," Lidstrom said, "There's so many different things He also pointed out a pair of

tocal treaktast joints that he likes to frequent — the Honey Tree and Dandy Gander. Winning his fourth Stanley Cup with the Wings was special to Lidstrom because he got to share it with another family member that hadn't seen one

"My little guy wasn't born last time we won in 2002," he said "It doesn't get any higger than this."

#### First Timers

Lidstrom also said winning it with so many first-time guys made things more special.

His fellow count countrymer Franzen, Kronwall, Lilja, Sameulsson and Finland's Filppula are all enjoying their first

oist of the Cup.

Kronwall, a defensemen who made a name for himself with bone-jarring hits in the playoffs, said he was still trying to soak in what winning the Cup means to

"It still hasn't sunk in yet, and I don't see myself really living weeks," he said. "I think it's more when you finally get some rest and are finally able to look back on things." Kronwall was blown away with how many fans came out for the championship parade Friday.

"It's one thing to see 20,000 "The area itself is very family oriented," be trade "I be said." The championship parade Friday.

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how many fans came out for the championship parade Friday.
"It's one thing to see 20,000 people in the stands," he said. "I've never seen anything like this."

In his time away from the rink. Novi, could hardly put into words what it's been like since winning

Niklas Kronwali is all smiles next to the Stanley Cup.

He said the Swedish players really enjoy Andiamos, but are known to go to several other places, including Flemming's, Mitchell's, FF Chang's, and Champps.

He also enjoys the movies and likes to spend down time at Borders.

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the consult is time away from the rink, kronwall said he really enjoys the different restaurants in the area.

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Novi resident Tomas Holmstrom speaks to the crowd at Hart Plaza while holding the Stanley Cup.

### Health

## The busier we get, the fewer calories we burn

It is dance competition sea-son for our two young chil-dren. Repeat these words to any parent with children involved in these types of com-petitive activities and an instant brought on by unusually busy

At the conclusion of a particularly trying weekend, fol-lowed by the usual collapse on the couch, I

shocked to how fer calories actually burned.

Another busy weekend passed with everyone up at 5 a.m. and weekend. With a little research I found being busier then ever and burning minimal calories is all too common for adults in today's modern world.

In modern, developed nations, total daily energy expenditure in almost all peo-ple, including exercisers, is much less than it was in previous years. For example, 75 years ago an average person might have burned 3,000-4,000 calories a day just to live and raise a family, and they NEVER "exercised," or NEVER "exercised," or became overweight. Today an average female gains weight on 1,600 calories per day and males at 2,200, e-ven with occasional exercise. The simple explanation is, it's not the workout we're doing or not doing or our metabolism, but as our world changes the rest of our world changes the rest of our daily activities require fewer calories than in previous years. Yes, as life speeds up, we literally slow down Whether it's our job requiring more sit down time, you live or work in smaller areas or you no longer do your own gardening or lawn work, wash your car, chase your siblings (or spouse) around the house, have to get out of your car to buy food- or like many adults/parents you find yourself having to quickly get from place to place and this requires more time sitting in cars (like to and from dance competitions). At some poin

we are on average simply moving less.

Most experts agree that life will be more and more seden will be more and more seden-tary as the pace of our modern world accelerates and demands faster information through the use of technology. In summary most of us, including me, don't or can't move enough each day in order to be able to eat what we feel we should, or anywhere close to the number of calories

our earliest generations consumed, without gaining weight.
There is not much that can be done when you're stuck in a car several hours per day, but we can begin to change the way we think about food. The old "three square meals" thinking may be outdated. Our bodies can no longer "autor burn the number of calories we consume and more than half of those three square meals come on the road, away from home with no idea of the calories consumed, making it more dif-ficult to maintain a smaller waistline or proper health. This means to some degree, we need to count calories until we've rewired our brains to be able to identify how much food we need to consume in order to look the way we want. Also we must learn how to manage the food intake. Shrinking portion sizes and increasing meal frequency may help greatly to manage hunger. Start thinking four to six smaller, feedings depending on your daily calorie allotment. Look to some con-venient healthy snacks includ-tion have and mail melacular ing bars and meal replacement drinks. We can do it fellow busy, crazed parents!

This column was written by fitness expert Chris Klebba. Chris owns and operates Planet Fitness in Northville and Waterford, and is a regular columnist and public speaker. For fitness auestions e-mail

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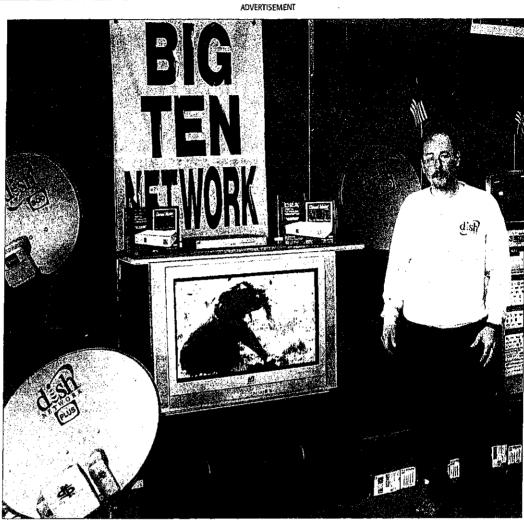
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