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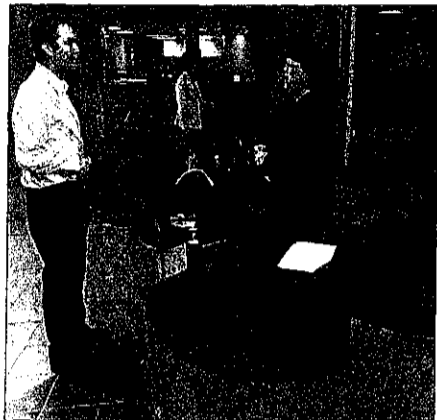


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Robin Kummer, right, assists a visitor at Novi Civic Center's new information desk last Thursday afternoon. Kummer helped about 60 visitors in her first day.

New city signs and civic center information desk lead welcoming initiatives

By Kelly Murad
STAFF WRITER

Even though Robin Kummer has been a City of Novi staff member for almost 13 years, visitors of the Novi Civic Center are appreciating her work now more than ever. Kummer, who used to handle accounting functions for the Novi Parks, Recreation and Forestry Department, is now the account clerk who sits behind the new information booth in the Civic Center atrium.

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

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

"The first day it was open, I got 57 inquiries," she said. "I'm trying 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," she said.

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



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crucial in providing interested parties with the necessary information.

"Everyone is loving it," she said.

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 television in the future that will continuously provide information and local programming from channel 13.

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

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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
STAFF WRITER

Tom (Hiteshi) Shirai, of Troy, never expected moving to the United States would bring him 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 honeymoon."

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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SATURDAY
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 Barbara Eiko 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.

SUNDAY
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, a Japanese female chorus; Brillante, a classical flute and piano ensemble; and Miyabi, an ensemble of traditional 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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'Novi Welcomes You': City signage slated for August

Council approves contract for first three locations

By Kelly Murad
STAFF WRITER

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.

Sheyl Walsh, community relations manager for the City of Novi, "They incorporate the new city logo." "Aside from the actual logo, Walsh said the signs incorporate the same color, and read "Novi Welcomes You."

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.



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

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 500 people at the event," Ringle said. The celebration was in honor of the \$500,000 donation to the Novi Parks Foundation made by ITC Holdings Corp. in November.

Other local businesses such as Telcom Credit Union and Tom Heller Ford currently have naming rights to Novi playgrounds and ball fields, but ITC is the first business to sponsor an entire park.

Novi seeks honorees for 2008 Business Recognition Award

The City of Novi is seeking nominations for the 2008 Novi Business Recognition Awards. Nominations must be located within Novi and can have any number of employees.

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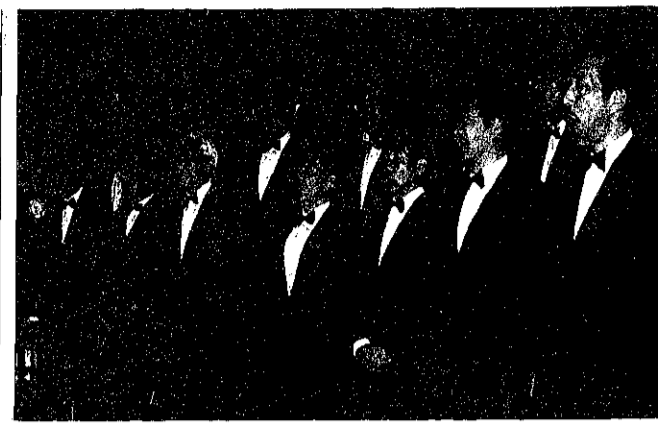
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The Coach Sill Classic - 'more than a game'

Dust off your lacrosse sticks. This Saturday, Novi Lacrosse will once again honor their 17-year history with the third annual Coach Sill Classic at Novi Middle School, 49000 11 Mile Road.



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

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The White Pine Glee Club will perform its spring concert 1:30 p.m. Sunday at Novi Middle School.

ing the Japanese glee club was a good way to stay current with the Japanese language and culture. "Glee Club is a part of Japanese life," he said.

White Pine Glee Club Local Japanese made chorus 1:30 p.m. Sunday, June 15 Novi Middle School auditorium 49000 11 Mile Road

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The bride-elect is a 2007 graduate of the University of Michigan, and currently a student of copywriting at Ferns State University. 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 schools. A July wedding is planned.

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Suspected thief takes navigation system from dashboard

A built-in global positioning system and compact disc player are suspected stolen from a red Chrysler 300 between 7:30-8:15 p.m. May 20, reports said.

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unlocked, reports said.

Neighbor complains of loose dog

Just after 9:30 a.m. May 17, a local resident made a complaint regarding a neighbor's dog on the loose, reports said.

By the time an officer arrived on the scene, the pit-bull was no longer in the woman's yard, but loose in the yard of its owner, reports said.

removed from a parked vehicle between 5 p.m. May 1 and 1:40 a.m. May 19, reports said.

of malicious destruction of property, near Ladow Drive and West Lake Road, which occurred between 6 p.m. May 10 and 4:25 a.m. May 11, reports said.

Sunday's storms result in fallen trees, downed lines

By Kelly Murad and Chris Jaccott

Novi businesses and residents in the areas of Grand River Avenue and Novi Road, Main and Market streets, and portions of Meadowbrook and 10 Mile roads, were still without power Monday after Sunday's severe storms.

road and Crescent Boulevard. "All of our emergency plans went into place," Molloy said.

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MY BUSINESS

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Disney Store to close this month at Twelve Oaks Mall

By Chris Jackett
STAFF WRITER

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 business, leaving patrons searching other outlets or traveling further to find their favorite animated characters in clothing and novelty items. "I've been told the Novi store will close by the end of June. It could change," said Melissa Rozansky, spokeswoman for the California-based Disney Store, of

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the official exit date.

The Novi location is one of about 98 stores closing its doors throughout the nation. Other Michigan retailers already closed or closing down include Laurel Park Place in Livonia, Somerset Collection in Troy, Briarwood Mall in Ann Arbor, Fairlane Town Center in Dearborn, Genesee Valley Center in Flint, Fashion Square Mall in Saginaw and Lansing Mall.

"Companies close stores all the time. You're constantly evaluating," Rozansky said of the liquidation process, noting she couldn't comment on why these eight specific Michigan locations were chosen to close.

Surviving

New Jersey-based Children's Place took over more than 310 Disney Stores from The Walt Disney Company in fall 2004. Announcing struggles March 20, Children's Place's control of more than 220 stores was returned to Disney May 1. However, Troy, Briarwood Mall in Ann Arbor, Fairlane Town Center in Dearborn, Genesee Valley Center in Flint, Fashion Square Mall in Saginaw and Lansing Mall.

Throughout the United States and Canada, only four are in Michigan. The locations at Great Lakes Crossing in Auburn Hills, Rivertown Crossings in Grandville, Lakeside Mall in Sterling Heights and Southland Center in Taylor will remain open for business.

Shopper Laura Fisher of Novi finished shopping at the store with her daughters, Emily, 4, and Ashley, 1, and said she was surprised at the closing. "We're sad to see it go. We're actually really shocked and surprised. We didn't see it coming. People with little kids, it's a great place to take them," Fisher said. "I can't imagine it not doing well, especially with Laurel Park closing. Chain stores, they don't sell as much or what we're looking for."

Novi store, encourage shoppers to check out www.disneystore.com for all their Disney needs. The next closest store is a 43-minute drive to Great Lakes Crossing. "I think it's sad. Just another store in Michigan to close. I'm just tired of seeing our small stores closing up. We're losing our personal touch," said shopper Lina Soper of Livonia. "It's driving us to go online. I'll never get out of the house now."

Rosalie Cohen of Southfield was buying pajamas for her grandchildren and agreed it was a sign of the times. She had gone to the store for several Christmas shopping trips since it opened 19 years ago. Joanna Demeter of Redford said her daughters, Georgia, 3, and Jani, 9 months, and other

children may have a harder time finding toys relating to the Disney princesses without Disney Stores in nearby communities. "I'm pretty bummed out 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 the store's "Fantasia" that serves as the centerpiece of the Novi store goes to good use, such as being donated to a day care or school.

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Cardiologists join medical staff at Botsford Hospital

Botsford Hospital welcomes three new professionals to its medical staff.

Mark Lebeis, M.D., joined the medical staff at Botsford Hospital. Dr. Lebeis is board certified in internal medicine and cardiovascular disease. He practices at Consultants in Cardiology, located at 47601 Grand River Avenue, Suite C206 in Novi. Dr. Lebeis received his medical education from the University of Michigan. He completed an internal medicine residency at the New England Deaconess Hospital and a cardiology fellowship at Henry Ford Hospital.

Gregor McKendrick, M.D., joined the medical staff at Botsford Hospital. Dr. McKendrick is board certified in internal medicine and cardiovascular disease. He practices at Consultants in Cardiology, located at 47601 Grand River Avenue, Suite C206 in Novi. Dr. McKendrick received his medical education from Glasgow University in Scotland. He completed an internal medicine residency and a cardiology fellowship at Providence Hospital in Southfield.

Abhinav Raina, M.D., joined the medical staff at Botsford Hospital. Dr. Raina is a Novi resident, is board certified in internal medicine and cardiovascular disease, with a subspecialty certification in nuclear cardiology. He is a fellow of the American College of Cardiology and the American Society of Nuclear Cardiology. He has been named to the honor list of the National Institutes of Health Alumni Association. Dr. Raina practices at Consultants in Cardiology, located at 30055 Northwestern Hwy, Suite 220 in Farmington Hills, 47601 Grand River Avenue, Suite C206 in Novi and 14555 Levan Road, Suite 403 in Livonia. The office numbers are (248) 865-9898, Farmington Hills; (248) 380-6624, Novi; and (734) 953-0340, Livonia. Dr. Raina graduated from a medical school in Somers, India and performed his internal medicine internship at the State University of New York. He completed an internal medicine residency at the National Institutes of Health in Maryland, and a cardiology fellowship at Cedars Sinai Medical Center in Los Angeles.

Dr. Lebeis, M.D., joined the medical staff at Botsford Hospital. Dr. Lebeis is board certified in internal medicine and cardiovascular disease. He practices at Consultants in Cardiology, located at 47601 Grand River Avenue, Suite C206 in Novi. Dr. Lebeis received his medical education from the University of Michigan. He completed an internal medicine residency at the New England Deaconess Hospital and a cardiology fellowship at Henry Ford Hospital.

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Practice creates better writers

■ Summer is a hot time to practice writing skills

With summer just around the corner, children are enjoying the warm weather, fun activities with friends and vacation time with family. The sunny day picnics and water park antics can also turn summer into enjoyable learning experiences. The summer break provides many memorable moments, and writing about them is a good way to record those memories and practice writing skills at the same time.

Parents tend to focus on their children's reading and math skills, overlooking that writing is an education fundamental. It's fast becoming the forgotten 'R,' which is unfortunate, as writing is an extremely important part of every facet of education, not just in English class.

"If you looked closely at the recently reported MEAP scores for the schools in our area, you would have noticed that while the writing scores were above the state average, they were, for most schools, lower than the reading and math scores. Schools and parents are now beginning to see that writing proficiency is vital and a lack of proficient writing can eventually have a major impact on other subject areas, too," said Kathy Michel, center director, Sylvan Learning Center of Novi.

Summer vacation provides an excellent opportunity for children to explore their creative and practical writing skills. Sylvan Learning Center, the leading provider of supplemental education, has developed the following tips to help parents encourage their children to write over the summer.

Pick an engaging topic

Persuading your children to write over the summer break may be easier if you help them identify fun and engaging topics. Suggest timely subjects. For example, Independence Day on July 4 is a good opportunity for your children to explore their own patriotism. Ask them if they know what patriotism is, and what it means to them.

Encourage your children by helping them with some research about America's history, people, and places.

Give story starters

Sometimes the most difficult part of writing can be getting started. Help your children write their patriotic essays by giving them topic ideas, such as:

- I am proud to be American because...
- On the Fourth of July, my family and I usually...
- If someone asked me what my country means to me, I would say...

Good writing takes time. Spend time organizing your ideas and thinking about what you really want to say in your essay.

Use the Internet or library to research your topic.

Use transition words - such as "after," "although," "before," "however," and "therefore" - to help your ideas flow together.

Be willing to revise. Change your sentences and paragraphs around. Add material that lends to your writing, and delete material that doesn't work.

Avoid clichés and jargon.

Always keep a dictionary handy to help with spelling.

Use a thesaurus to help you think of a new way to say something.

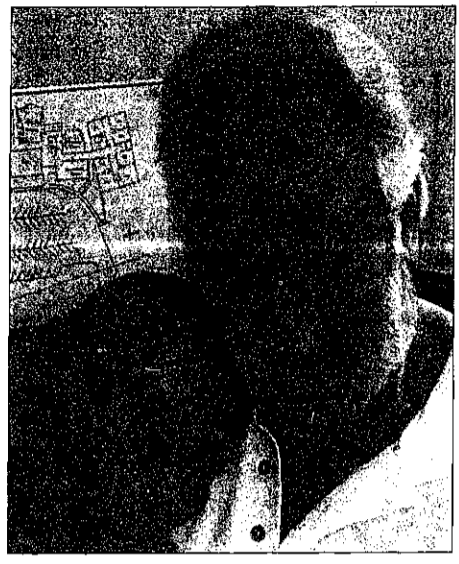
Ask someone else to edit your work.

Proofread everything. Make sure grammar, spelling, and punctuation are perfect before you declare anything "finished."

Don't rely on a computer's spellchecker to ensure proper spelling.

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Happy Trails!
Orchard Hills Elementary School Building Engineer, David King, sits with his 6-year-old grandson, Jon Derings, on the first day of kindergarten at Orchard Hills last fall. Since July 1978, King has worked as a custodian or building engineer at every school in the district except for Parkview Elementary. King's current three-year stint at Orchard Hills is the second in his 30-year career, which ends June 30 as he retires. The Novi resident turned 58 last Friday and plans to spend his time with his wife, Linda; daughter, Christy; and her son, Jon.
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Teams walk the track of Novi Middle School last Saturday to raise money for the American Cancer Society and its race for a cure.

2008 Novi Relay For Life



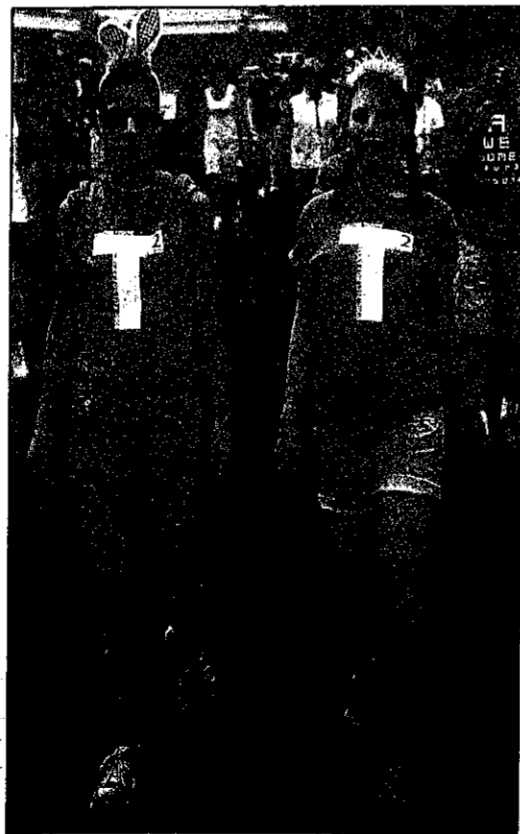
Sasha Topallan, of "Team Awesome" blows bubbles during last Saturday's Relay for Life fund-raising event at Novi Middle School. Groups from throughout Novi gathered for 24 hours to raise money for the American Cancer Society.

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.



Abaries 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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FAITH

Meadowbrook Congregational
LOCATION: 21555 Meadowbrook Road
CONTACT: Rev. Arthur P. Ritter, Senior Minister (248) 349-7757, visit mbccc.org or e-mail to office@mbccc.org.

Sunday Worship
TIME: 10 a.m.
Pilgrim Fellowship
TIME: 6 p.m. every Sunday for grades 6-12
Bible Study Group
TIME/DATE: 10:30-11:45 a.m. every Tuesday
DETAILS: Reverend Art Ritter will lead this group; please call the church office if you are interested in attending.

First Baptist Church of Novi-Family Integrated Church
LOCATION: 45301 W. 11 Mile Road
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 p.m.; fourth Sunday of every month.

Episcopal Church of the Holy Cross
LOCATION: 40700 W. 10 Mile Road
CONTACT: (248) 427-1175 or churchoftheholycross.com
Sunday Worship
TIME: 7:45, 10 a.m.
Sunday School and Nursery Care
TIME: 10 a.m. Worship Service
Alzheimer's Support Group
TIME/DATE: 10 a.m. second Saturday of month
DETAILS: Offering support and open discussion for all those dealing with Alzheimer's disease and related dementia.

Church of the Holy Family
LOCATION: 24505 Meadowbrook Road
CONTACT: (248) 349-8847 or visit holymfamilynovi.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 Church?
DETAILS: If you are in search of a deeper relationship with God, and wish to learn more about the Catholic faith, there is an opportunity for you to get answers and information.
CONTACT: Call Maria at (248)349-8847 or spiritwalk-er001@aol.com
Adoptive Parent Networking Meeting
TIME/DATE: 10-11 a.m. last Wednesday of each month
DETAILS: This free informational meeting is open to all adoptive families in Oakland County. Child care is available. Registration is required.

Oak Pointe Church
LOCATION: 50200 W. 10 Mile Road
CONTACT: (248) 912-0043 or visit oakpointe.org
Sunday Worship
TIME: 9:15 and 11:15 a.m.
ReNew Life Ministries
TIME/DATE: 7:15-9 p.m. Mondays
DETAILS: Ongoing Life Groups that support and facilitate personal growth, healing, learning and change from a Christian perspective. The groups are: GriefShare; DivorceCare; Anger Management; Dealing with Struggling Teens; YourSpace; Every Man's Battle; Betrayed Hearts; Changes that Heat; and CrossCurrent.
CONTACT: For more information or to register call (248) 912-0043 or visit oakpointe.org
TIME: During regular service hours
DETAILS: Learn God's practical financial principles for everyday life.
Spring Hill Day Camp
DATE: July 21-25 and July 28-Aug. 1
DETAILS: This is a day camp program for children that have completed grades first through fourth by summer.
CONTACT: (248) 912-0043 to register or volunteer.

St. James Catholic
LOCATION: 46325 10 Mile Road
CONTACT: (248) 347-7778
Mass Schedule
TIME/DAY: 8:30 and 11:30 a.m. Sunday; 9 a.m. Monday-Tuesday; 7 p.m. Wednesday; 5 p.m. Saturday
Novi United Methodist
LOCATION: 41671 W. 10 Mile Road
CONTACT: (248) 349-2652 or visit unmchov.com
Sunday Worship
TIME: 9:45 a.m.
Healing Service and Holy Communion
TIME/DATE: 9:45 a.m. first Sunday of every month
Peace Vigil
TIME/DATE: Noon, first Sunday of every month
LOCATION: In front of the church
DETAILS: Members of the congregation and the community will stand united in prayer for peace; not anti anything; pro peace.
Craft Show
TIME/DATE: 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Saturday, June 21
LOCATION: Memorial Hall, east side of church
DETAILS: Arts and crafts show; vendor space available indoors and out.
CONTACT: Pam Davis, edeecc@yahoo.com

First United Methodist of Northville
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.
Healing Service
TIME/DATE: 4 p.m. first Monday of every month
Men's Bible Study
TIME/DATE: 6:30-7:30 a.m. every Wednesday
LOCATION: Room 10
Sharing Hearts Women's Bible Study
TIME/DATE: 12:45-2:30 p.m. 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 Wednesday
DETAILS: Course lasts 34 weeks, covers 70 percent of the Bible.
Disciple Bible Study: Jesus and the Gospels
TIME/DATE: 3-5 p.m. every Sunday
The Faith Club
TIME/DATE: 9:30 a.m. every other Thursday
DETAILS: This interfaith group will be reading "The Faith Club"; register at (248) 344-4248.
Radical Joy
TIME/DATE: 6-8 p.m. first and third Thursday of each month
LOCATION: Chapel Lounge
DETAILS: For women looking to connect more closely with their faith, community and other women. Registration required.
Snuggle Less Support Group
TIME/DATE: 7 p.m. second Thursday and fourth Monday of each month
DETAILS: New Hope Center for Grief Support is offering this support group to those who have lost a loved one to suicide.
CONTACT: New Hope Center for Grief Support (248) 348-0115 or newhopecenter.net
LOGOS Youth Club
TIME/DATE: 5:15-8:15 p.m. each Wednesday
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 Novi, 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 4-player best ball, golfers of all levels invited including families and friends. To reserve your tee time, contact Turner Osborne at (248) 344-4395 or turner.osborne@yahoo.com.
Summer Bible Study
TIME/DATE: 7-8 p.m. every Sunday, June 22-Aug. 17
DETAILS: Led by Rev. Lisa Cook. Cost is \$15.
Vacation Bible School
TIME/DATE: 9:30 a.m.-Noon Monday-Friday, June 23-27
LOCATION: Mill Race Village
DETAILS: For ages pre-K through grade 5. Fee is \$20 per child or \$50 per family of three or more children. Registration deadline is June 1. Contact Heather at (248) 349-1144.

Crosspointe Meadows Church
LOCATION: 29000 Meadowbrook Road, Novi, south of 13 Mile Road
CONTACT: (248) 669-9400

9 a.m.-3 p.m. Monday-Thursday or visit www.crosspointemeadows.org.
Sunday Worship: 9 a.m. Bible study classes for all ages; 10:30 a.m. worship service.
DETAILS: During these times there are nursery and older children programs available including Noah's Ark and Promiseland (children's worship ages five through fifth grade). Our worship offers a blend of traditional elements along with contemporary elements resulting in a multi-sensory worship service.

St. Paul Lutheran
LOCATION: 201 Elm St., Northville
CONTACT: (248) 349-3140
Sunday Worship
TIME: 8:30, 11 and 11:30 a.m.
The Bahai' Faith
TIME/DATE: 11 a.m. last Saturday of every month
LOCATION: 23803 Ripple Creek St., Novi
DETAILS: This Devotional Gathering is focused on prayers for peace. People of all faiths welcome.
CONTACT: (248) 473-0355 or visit us.bahai.org

First Presbyterian Church of Northville
LOCATION: 200 E. Main St. CONTACT: (248) 349-0811 or visit firstpresnorthville.org
Sunday Worship
TIME: 9:30 and 11 a.m.
Single Place Ministries
TIME/DATE: 7:30 p.m. social time; 7:45 p.m. opening; 8-9 p.m. program, every Thursday
DETAILS: Informative and entertaining programs of interest to singles; \$5 per person. Check Web site for details singleplace.org.
DATE: Tonight - Robin Sullivan, Radio Show host on WVAZ (103.5 FM)
DATE: June 19 - Why Men Choose Younger Women with Northville Psychologist Arnold Keller, MA
DATE: June 26 - Simple Cooking for Singles with Bruce Bell. Submit recipes by June 19 to share.

Faith Community Presbyterian
LOCATION: 44400 W. 10 Mile Road
CONTACT: (248) 349-2345 or visit faithcommunity-novi.org
Sunday Worship
TIME: 10 a.m.
Missionary Speaker Glen Hall
DATE: Sunday
Vacation Bible School
TIME/DATE: 9:30 a.m.-noon June 16-20
South Dakota Mission Trip
DATE: June 13-21
The Cats and the Fiddler
TIME/DATE: 10 a.m. Sunday July 13
DETAILS: The musical group will be joining us in worship. They have received rave reviews.

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What do you think?

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

LETTERS

We'll miss you Norm

Novi Community School District lost a vibrant and integral part of their staff June 4 with the passing of Norm Norgren. I "knew" Mr. Norgren through my son, Jon, who worked in the auditorium with Norgren for the past four years. This man worked endless hours in the auditorium, coached girls cross country and was a teacher at the high school for many years.

Julie Vanden Bell Neffl



High-rise Rides! During last Saturday's dedication of Novi's ITC Community Sports Park on Eight Mile Road, kids enjoyed rides in an ITC-sponsored utility lift bucket.

Lansing Connection: Cassis proposes significant solution to Cobo Hall impasse

Bill offers \$50 million for convention center renovation or expansion

Recently I introduced legislation that would make available \$50 million in seed money for the proposed expansion of Cobo Hall if the players in the project sign a consensus agreement in conjunction with a financial commitment of public and private funds.

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 went to head downtown to Detroit for the parade celebration.

Talk about atmosphere. 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 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 blankets set up on the curbs.

I was on assignment to 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.



All he wrote

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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...



About Phil Power

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

Yes, it is that time of year again – Father's Day, June 15. Some of us had the "Ozzie and Harriet" dad. And some dads were more like Ozzy Osbourne.



About Tom Watkins

My dad was very supportive of all of us. He attended most football, basketball, boxing practices and games – it meant a lot to see him on the sidelines and in the stands. He would pack all seven of us up to watch my sister twirl a baton in two or three parades a day, on Memorial Day or the Fourth of July.

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Last Novi team standing falls

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

By Jeff Theisen
 SPORTS WRITER

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 to win.

Novi finishes the season 24-12.

"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 Schlenke each had two-hit performances. Phil Celecki 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 game.

"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 anyone.

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



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 Allen 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 we lost to Lakeland," Green said. "It kind of knocked us out of the KVC race. Then, we seemed to gather ourselves going into the

playoffs. "I'm really happy with the way 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), Celecki (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 the regional finals to advance.

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Norgren remembered

Long-time Novi XC coach still running through minds

A smoky 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 his athletes, 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 anything.

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 statement, but rather a comfortable 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 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 Zerjo, who now 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."

Zerjo is an example of the type of athlete that Norm thrived on. I remember my first couple of seasons working with him, trying to get him to just give me the point scorers for the article. I'd roll my eyes a little when he'd bring up the girls that did real well and 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 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 actually recently told him this in a letter 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 protecting 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 looking out for them. He sent a rose to every single girl on his team during Homecoming and he made sure that they understood just how important they were, no matter what anyone else thought.

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

"Norm was an integral part of my daughter's high school experience," said Tina Ramos, the mother 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 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 students and athletes that Norm is going to be around a lot longer than any of us could really hope for. His teachings and his encouragement will be passed down from generation to generation long after those who ran through mud for him or learned in his classroom have faded from this world.

For those who are interested, visitation for Norm will be Saturday from 10-11 a.m. with a memorial service following from 11 a.m. until noon at the Boreck-Jennings Funeral Home on Michigan Avenue in Howell. The family has requested that memorial 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 everyone to donate to this scholarship in remembrance of a man who spent a lifetime teaching children 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

By Jeff Theisen
 SPORTS WRITER

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 conditions. CC shot 324 and followed it up with a 327.

The Shamrocks were third after the first day of play. Brother Rice led after the first day (315) but slid all the way to sixth place (650).

Grand Blanc won with a 629. Steve LaRouere shot his way

onto the All-State Team with two rounds of 77 for a 154 total.

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



Novi's Jamie Fratto unleashes a shot on the Groves' goaltender during a district playoff game.



Wildcat Rachel Waranowicz clears the bar while competing in the pole vaulting event of Novi's April 8 meet.



Wildcat Megan Wenzl warms up before her doubles match in Division I playoff action.

Sport Shorts

Second Annual Shamrock Lacrosse Camp

The Shamrock Lacrosse 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 I: Grades sixth-eighth (entering) 6-9:30 a.m. June 16-19
Session II: Grades ninth-12, 6-9:30 a.m. June 23-26

Interested parties may contact coachwilson@yahoo.com.

Grades seventh-ninth - 11 a.m.-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.



Novi Lady Wildcat Basketball Camp

Novi girls basketball head coach Bill Kelp is hosting a basketball camp June 16-20 at Novi High School for girls entering second-ninth grades next year.

Grades second-fifth will run 8:30 a.m.-noon and grades sixth-ninth will go 1-4:30 p.m.

The cost of the camp is \$140 and includes 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.

Schluter's Hoop Camps

Former Novi boys basketball head coach Pat Schluter is hosting several basketball camps this summer at the St. James Catholic Church.

A boys basketball camp for kids in grades fourth through seventh will run June 16-20. Grades four and five will run 8:30 a.m.-noon 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.

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 shooting camp for kids in second-fifth grades runs 12:30-2 p.m. and for grades sixth-ninth, the camp runs 2:15-3:45 p.m.

A basic camp for grades K-one is 8:30-10 a.m. and grades second-third will run 10:30 a.m.-noon.

Schluter will also be hosting the All Area 4 Start Basketball Camp with South Lyon head coach Daren Clayton. This camp is for the more experienced basketball player. Cost for all camps is \$165.

The boys camp runs July 7-11, and the girls will be July 14-18.

For the boys, grades fourth-sixth is 8:30 a.m.-noon, and grades seventh-ninth will be from 1-4:30 p.m. at South Lyon High School.

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

Go to www.allareabasketballcamp.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 coachwilson@yahoo.com.

Michigan 3-on-3 soccer

U-M will host the 17th annual 3-on-3 Micro-Soccer Shootout Camp on July 19 at U-M's Mitchell Fields.

Cost is \$100 with a four-game guarantee. Ages span from seven to adult for boys and girls with recreational and competitive brackets for each.

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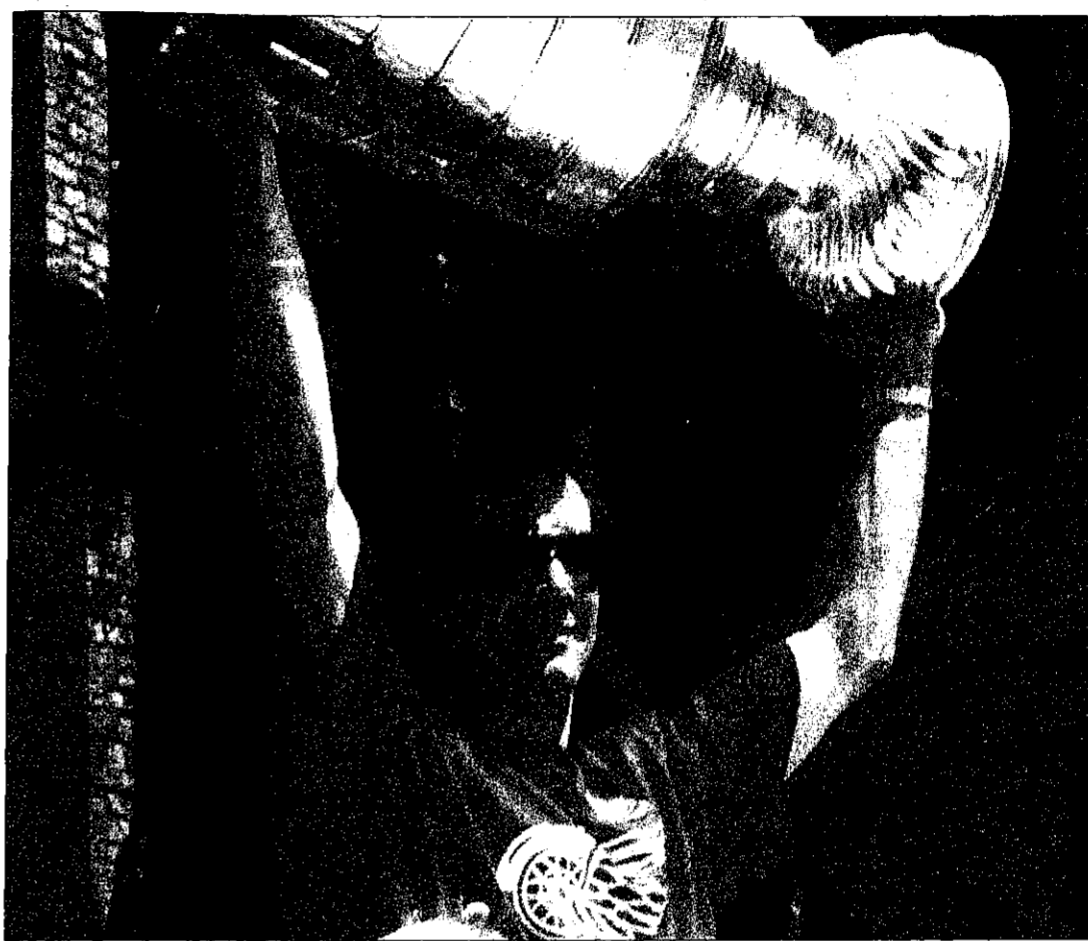
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CELEBRATION



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

Several Detroit Red Wings call Novi home during season

By Jeff Theisen
SPORTS WRITER

Novi 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 Holmstrom, Niklas Kronwall, Andreas Lilja and Mikael Samuelsson.

Valteri Filppula is from Finland.

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

"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 or Northville has whatever he's looking for.

"They have everything there that you need, whether the movies or the mall or going to MainStreet," Lidstrom said. "There's so many different things you can do."

He also pointed out a pair of local breakfast 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 his dad had seen one.

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

First Timers

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

His fellow countrymen Franzen, Kronwall, Lilja, Samuelsson and Finland's Filppula are all enjoying their first taste of the Cup.

Kronwall, a defenseman 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 him.

"It still hasn't sunk in yet, and I don't think it will for a couple of 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 people in the stands," he said. "I've never seen anything like this."

In his time away from the rink, Kronwall said he really enjoys the different restaurants in the area.



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



Niklas Kronwall is all smiles next to the Stanley Cup.



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 season for our two young children. Repeat these words to any parent with children involved in these types of competitive activities and an instant mega dose of STRESS is brought on by unusually busy days.

At the conclusion of a particularly trying weekend, followed by the usual collapse on the couch, I

was shocked to find (with the help of a sophisticated calorie tracking device) how few calories I actually burned.



Chris Klebba

Another busy weekend passed with everyone up at 5 a.m. and seemingly going nonstop until bedtime sometime after midnight, again I burned only 2,000-2,200 calories a day that weekend. With a little research I found being busier than 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 people, 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 eat in a family, and they NEVER "exercised," or became overweight. Today an average female gains weight on 1,600 calories per day and males at 2,200, even 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 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 point we are on average simply moving less.

Most experts agree that life will be more and more sedentary 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 "automatically" 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 difficult to maintain a smaller waistline or proper health. This means to some degree, we need to count calories until we've re-wired 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 allowance. Look to some convenient healthy snacks including 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 questions e-mail planet.fitness@stcglobal.net

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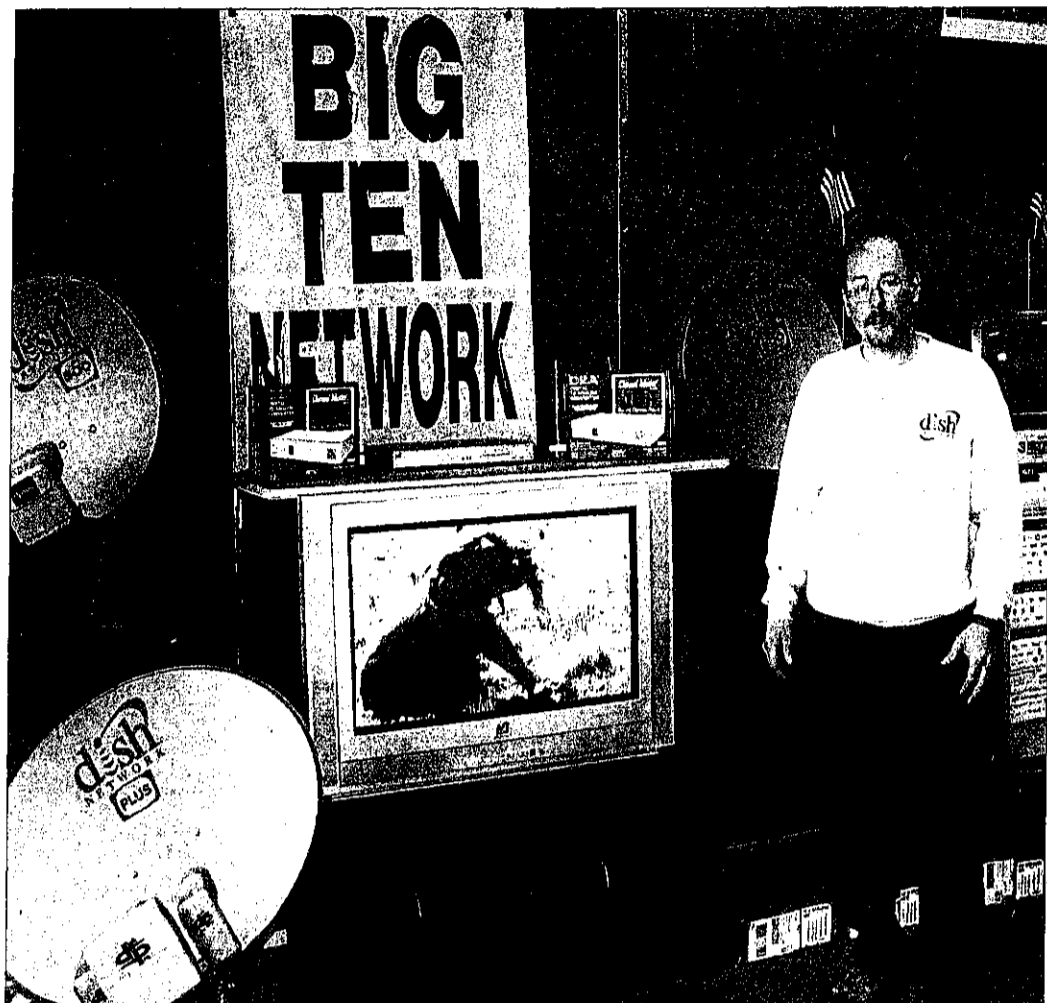


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