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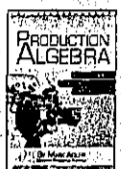
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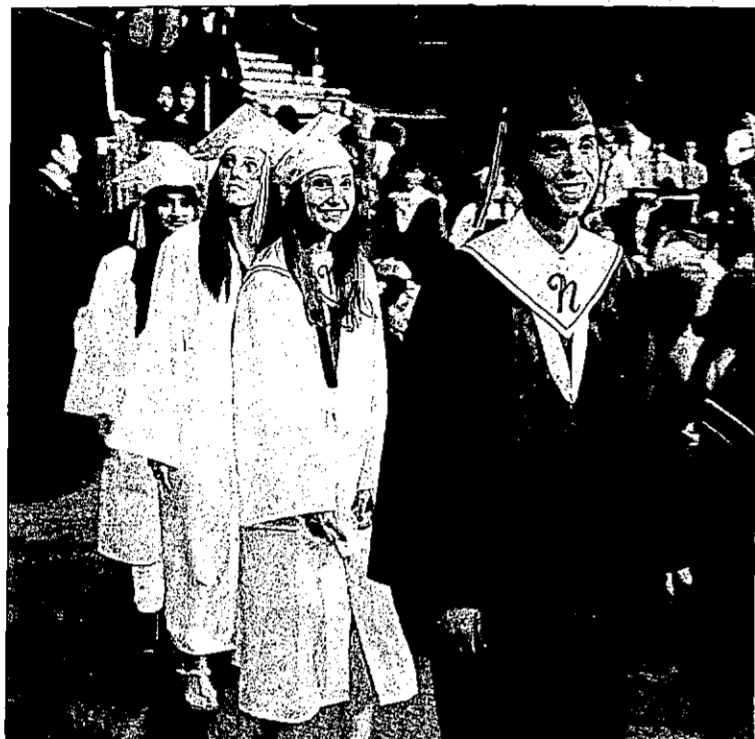
Have you ever wanted to know what it's like to work on a film set? "Production Algebra" is a book packed with information that will help you get into the film and video industry. Meet the author, Mark Adler, at Biggy Coffee on Grand River in Novi from 11



a.m.-3 p.m. Saturday, June 25. Adler will sign and talk about the book and the industry. Biggy Coffee will offer a dollar off coupon for each book sold. Industry professional and co-founder of the Michigan Production Alliance, Adler provides an overview of the film industry and detailed descriptions of the many roles that a production assistant plays on the set. Chapters include types of production assistants, specific duties, a day in the life on a set, terms and lingo, as well as examples of forms. This handbook is your launching pad into the film and video industry.

**Salvation Army camp registration**

Registration is open until June 6 for The Salvation Army's Farmington Hills Corps Community Center's annual summer day camp program. The day camp is open to children ages 7 to 12 and will be held from 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Monday-Friday at the Farmington Hills Corps Community Center, 27500 Shawwassee Rd. from June 20-Aug. 12. Cost is \$390 for the eight-week camp. Camp programs focus on helping kids build self-esteem, avoid boredom and stay active during summer break. Daily activities at the camp include arts and crafts, field trips, educational and community events and a variety of recreational and social activities while providing spiritual enrichment through daily Bible lessons. Early registration is encouraged as space is limited. Before and after care is also available upon request from 8 a.m. to 9 a.m. and 4 p.m. to 5 p.m. at \$5 per hour, per child. For more information or to register, please call Community Center Director Julie Dorony at (248) 477-1153.



**Congratulations!**

Andrew Shulte (right) and the Novi High School Class of 2011 enter EMU's Convocation Center on June 4. Look for more photos in next week's special graduation section.

## Fighting for a cure at Relay For Life

Join the battle against Cancer Saturday

BY TRACY ESTES  
CORRESPONDENT

Grace Price is a survivor... and she's only 8. Diagnosed with leukemia five years ago, Price underwent close to three years of chemotherapy and treatment before being given a clean bill of health.

Now, as a second grader at Deerfield Elementary School, Price is helping others learn the importance of finding a cure for cancer. Price and her Novi family formed Team Grace for the American Cancer Society Relay For Life and are walking their fifth year, Saturday at Fierst Park. Price will be speaking in front of the entire crowd during the opening ceremony at 10 a.m.

Price's mom, Nicole, said her daughter is the reason they do it.

"Finding out your child has cancer is the worst moment of your life."

Nicole said, "I had just found out I was pregnant with our third child. And Grace had just turned 3. We had a Barney birthday party on Saturday and were told she had cancer on Monday. It's not supposed to happen to you. It's unimaginable. I couldn't make it go away. All we could do was give her lots of love and support."

Nicole said Team Grace raised the most money during last year's Relay For Life, \$7,500, and hope to do well this year already having passed their goal of \$4,000. However, she said they lost their biggest fundraiser, Deerfield Elementary, which formed its own team, Searching For a Cure, inspired by Grace.

"We are so grateful she is healthy and alive, naturally. And as a way to pay it forward, the school jumped on board," Nicole said. "We won't raise as much as we did last year, but the school will raise its own money and together we will hopefully get \$10,000, which is a great accomplishment."

**LET'S RELAY**

The 2011 American Cancer Society Relay For Life starts

**DETAILS**

Event: Relay for Life  
Date: Saturday, June 11  
Sunday, June 12  
Time: 10 a.m.-10 a.m.  
Place: Fierst Park  
Celebrate: The Survivor Lap  
Remember: The Luminaria Ceremony  
Fight Back: The Fight Back Ceremony  
Teams: 30  
Goal: \$68,530

at 10 a.m. Saturday, June 11 and will end Sunday at 10 a.m.

Relay committee member James Gietzen, 21, of Novi, said the idea of Relay For Life is to "simulate a day in the life of someone who has cancer, because it never sleeps."

He said there will be people camping, celebrating and walking all night long.

"The goal is to have someone from each team on the track all 24 hours," Gietzen said. "Relay For Life is so much more than a fundraiser. It's a way for people to remember their loved ones and to celebrate those who have had this disease and survived."

Gietzen said all money goes to the American Cancer Society for two different programs. The first for ongoing research on what causes cancer, ways to prevent it and finding a cure; the second for Camp Rainbow for Kids, a program to celebrate children fighting cancer and blood related diseases and give them a time to laugh and have fun.

JoAnne North, 52, of Novi, said having cancer is very emotional and changes your life.

North, art teacher at Deerfield Elementary, is captain of the Deerfield Explorers Searching For a Cure and a seven-year survivor having undergone 18 months of treatment for aggressive breast cancer.

She said both her sisters and father, Earl Barnes, 80, also had cancer. Barnes, a former Novi drug and alcohol counselor, lost his battle

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## Police seek info on beating of Novi man in Highland park

BY AILEEN WINGBLAD  
STAFF WRITER

A meeting arranged on Facebook resulted in a severe beating of a 34-year-old Novi man at Hickory Ridge Pines Park in Highland on May 29.

According to Lt. David Pement of the Oakland County Sheriff's Office Highland substation, the victim had arranged to meet a female at the BF service station at Hickory Ridge and Highland roads, and then followed her to the park, located near Hickory Ridge and Clyde roads. While the couple was talking at the park around 7:30 p.m., several men reportedly ran out of the bushes and attacked the Novi man.

Pement reports that the suspects beat the victim with their fists and threatened to kill him if he said anything. They then took the victim's Ford Explorer Sport Trac, drove it down a park trail and into nearby Murray Lake. His wallet and cell phone were taken from the vehicle. The suspects and the female all left the park together in the female's vehicle. The victim



Hickory Ridge Pines Park, also known as Highland Township Community Park, was the scene of a beating late last month, according to the Oakland County Sheriff's Office.

couldn't identify the make or model, but said it was white.

After the suspects left, the victim waded into the lake and retrieved his backpack and keys from his vehicle and headed out of the park. A passer-by called 9-1-1 after spotting him walking on Hickory Ridge Road near Middle Road, bleeding from the face. He was transported to a local hospital where he underwent surgery for a bro-

ken jaw.

Neither the victim's name nor additional information has been released.

The investigation is ongoing. Anyone with information regarding this crime is asked to call Detective Kenneth Hiller at the Highland substation, (248) 887-5863, or (888) TURN-1-IN (888-887-6146).

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## School nurse gets rave reviews

BY NATHAN MUELLER  
STAFF WRITER

The Novi Community School District hired Cathy Ferris as a part-time nurse last November.

And judging by assistant superintendent Bob Schram's reaction May 26 when updating the board of education on all she accomplished in the last six months, her tenure has been a rousing success.

"This may be one of the most popular decisions this board has made in the last 10 or 12 years," he said. Schram noted that while

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quite a bit in her 10 hours per week. She has visited all eight school buildings, updated medical paper work, reviewed all medications and administration of them; trained staff members on EpiPen, Diastat and AED use; became a certified CPR instructor; and much more. She said it has been a "pleasure" working in the district. "It really has been a great

learning experience, and I've enjoyed every minute," she said. Schram noted that he is looking for ways to increase her hours from 10 per week to 20, and Supt. Pete Dion said he will be including a stipend for supplies, materials and cell phone use in the upcoming budget.

Novi Woods Principal Pam Quittit said Ferris has been a "great asset to our schools," and responsive to staff whenever she is called. "Having someone in the district to contact parents with questions about medication or medical issues has been such a huge relief for us," she said.

same time," she said. "It was quite an emotional time in my life. It's not just the person who has cancer going through it. The families go through it with them as well. My daughter took care of me every day and (my family) gave me the reason to survive."

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to lung cancer recently. North said her family will be at Relay For Life celebrating their survival and the memories of their father. "My dad, my sister and myself all had cancer at the

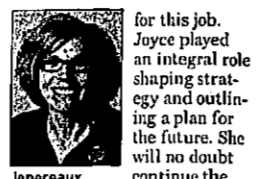
you're a member of a club you never wanted to join. Your life has changed. You look at life a different way. "We welcome all survivors out there. We celebrate their health. That's what (Relay For Life) is all about. It's about doing what we can to help everyone become healthy again."

big crowd of Deerfield families on Saturday. She said there are over 470 students who make up the team along with staff and faculty. "I just want to say thank you to all the Deerfield families and people of the community for all their generous support in raising money for Relay," she said. "My father used to say, 'Once you have cancer

Northville woman named new president of Detroit Media Partnership

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Joyce Jeneraux of Northville was named president, the top executive position, of Detroit Media Partnership. The announcement was made Tuesday by David Hunke, president and publisher of USA Today.



Jeneraux for this job. Joyce played an integral role in shaping strategy and outlining a plan for the future. She will no doubt continue the tradition of innovative thinking that has become the norm for Detroit.

Joyce is a graduate of Eastern Michigan University where she earned a bachelor's degree in business administration. She earned her CPA designation while a senior auditor at Deloitte & Touche. Jeneraux, a Detroit native, is active in the metro Detroit community, serving as a board member of Forgotten Harvest. She is also a three-time Gannett President's Ring winner.

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Jeneraux most recently served as executive vice president and general manager at USA TODAY.

Joyce has more than 20 years of experience leading and guiding this company, said Hunke. "She's a native Detroit and the right person

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Pam Fleming loses battle to pancreatic cancer

Northville, Novi reporter remembered for her writing and love of golf



Fleming

"I've learned you can't wake up every day thinking you're going to die. You live, you fight the disease and you accept what comes."

Pam Fleming was still working when she wrote about her battle with pancreatic cancer in the October 2010 edition of Hometown Life Woman.

Now we can begin to think of Pam the person rather than Pam the patient," said her sister, Joan. "The strength she showed in those last weeks was admirable by anyone's

standards. I'll never again think of her as my little sister, she was bigger than any of us."

The three sisters' brother, Jim, died of cancer at age 50, and was also a model of how one dies gracefully, said sister Sally.

Pam, 57, joined editor Cal Stone on the Novi News staff about nine years ago. The two also worked together at the Insider Business Journal, which closed in 2002. When

he transferred to the Northville Record as editor, Pam followed him as staff writer. She covered a variety of beats, writing about the city, township, business, education, police/fire and features.

"She was one of the finest reporters I've ever worked with," said Stone, "and you'd be hard pressed to find a nicer person. Pam had a little Indiana accent that I know put anybody she was talking to at ease."

A 1976 graduate of the Indiana University School of Journalism, Pam was an accomplished writer and reporter for over 35 years with positions in Indiana, Missouri, Tennessee and Michigan.

endeavors during her years in Michigan. Much of what she was doing, including her personal cancer story, we only heard of in theory."

Though Pam's professional life was spent writing, her true love was golf. To say that she was an avid golfer is an understatement, said friends and colleagues. Pam won the Evansville Country Club Women's City Tournament in both 1979 and 1980 and made three holes-in-one over the years.

"Pam was a better golfer than all of her friends," said friend Carol Poensich. "She was humble about it and always was encouraging to others. She often quoted her dad, who once said, 'At the end of every round you always have a score.' Pam had a running commentary on her game as she played. If

you listened, there was often some words of wisdom in her analysis."

A framed picture on Pam's wall read: "To play golf or not to play golf? That's a stupid question."

Mark Abbo, Northville Township supervisor, also reflected on Pam's love of golf and more.

"I've had the honor of playing some golf with Pam several times over the years. When she was on her game, she was unbeatable," he said. "In addition to competing, what I learned of Pam was she loved her work, her friends, and her community. She was a tribute to her profession, and will surely be missed by anyone who knew her. Only once did I see her break down after she learned she had cancer. She was never afraid to talk about it, and until the end, she never

gave up hope she could beat it."

Pam is survived by sisters Joan Burkert (Gunther) of Burlington, Iowa, Sally Tresselt (Thomas) of West Hartford, Conn., and sister-in-law Anne Fleming Tannehill (Joseph) of Panama City, Fla.

In addition to her family, Pam will be deeply missed by her many friends and colleagues whose lives she has touched.

Memorial contributions can be made to Angela Hospice, 14100 Newburgh, Livonia, MI 48151. During Pam's funeral service Saturday at Heeneys-Sundquist in Farmington, sister Sally read this quote from the end of Pam's journal: "Our creativity is part of who you are. It comes from your very soul, your being. After I am gone, I've done what I came to do, and that's enough!"

Good Company: Mr. Sponge Waterproofing Business finds success through top service, cost-efficient methods Michigan rains bring leaky basements. But what if this unwelcome harbinger of spring easily could be repaired, without breaking the bank? Mr. Sponge Waterproofing in Novi, an owner-operated company whose roots go back to a family business founded in 1969, offers that alternative.

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Mr. Sponge Waterproofing specializes in high-injection waterproofing to fix basement leaks - a method that repairs 90% of leaks quickly and more cost-efficiently than the drain tile methods many companies offer, say the owners. Delivering Quality Service Though they could have expanded, Teaster says remaining an owner-operated business with no additional employees - he and business partner Keith Potts do all on-site jobs while Shelley Kunz handles office and administrative duties - is a means of having complete control over the quality of services delivered.

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Wildcat Gabby DeLeon finds that Mercy High's Kirsten Padalis gets to the ball first during their June 3 game.

**SOCCER**  
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(two goals, three assists), junior Jessica Jarvis (two goals, one assist), sophomore Natalie Kryzier (one goal, two assists), sophomore Erin Dircks (one goal, two assists), Gaby DeLeon (two goals), senior Molly Karick (two assists), junior Katie Rudzinski (two assists), junior Shelly Yusko (one goal) and junior Katie Seelenbinder (one goal) accounted for Novi's 22 goals and the assists that set them up.

The team was scheduled to face unranked Fraser at Troy on Tuesday, with the winner facing either No. 2 Utica Eisenhower (15-0-2) or No. 3 Troy Athens (14-2-0) 7 p.m. Friday at Troy Athens for a regional title.

The winner of that contest will face one of four other unranked teams 7 p.m. Wednesday at Farmington Hills Harrison for the right to face off in the June 18 Division I... championship, which Novi won last year.



Wildcat Erin Dircks dribbles around Warrior goalie Jessie Spau but Novi missed on a goal on the play as Dircks pass to Nikki Greenhalgh was too wide.



Wildcat Natalie Kryzier, left, is congratulated by teammate Erin Dircks after scoring on a penalty kick late in the first half of their June 2 game against Walled Lake Western.



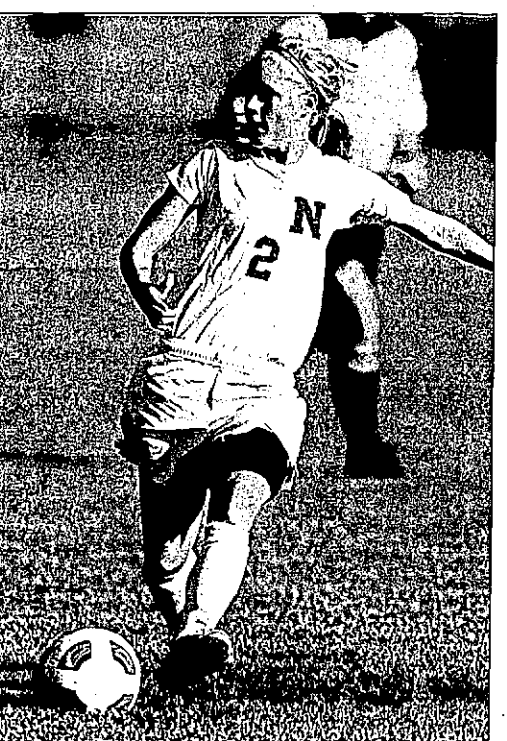
Wildcat Nikki Caruso comes upfield with a Walled Lake Western Warrior. Caruso was fouled on this play near the Warrior net and Novi was awarded a penalty kick which was scored by Natalie Kryzier.



Wildcat net minder Gabby Garuder makes a save early on in Novi's June 2 game.



Wildcat Nikki Greenhalgh passes the ball through the goal area in front of Warrior Kristin Osp.



Wildcat Naomi Klara makes a pass on June 2.



Wildcat Erin Dircks is held back by a Mercy High player during their June 3 game.

**TRACK**  
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Despite the impressive performance, Ward was not the only Wildcat to earn multiple All-State honors.

Along with her role in the 1,600-meter relay, McCloskey took fourth in the 300-meter hurdles in 4:45.5 seconds, just 1.02 seconds behind Grand Lodge's Tory Schiller.

"Kelly McCloskey has shown why she is a premier hurdler by placing fourth in the 300 hurdles and had a 58-second split in the 4x400 relay," Reid said.

McCahan also earned a second All-State honor with a fourth-place finish in the 100-meter hurdles with a 5-foot, 2-inch jump.

"Kerri McCahan had a great freshman experience in the high jump and 4x400," Reid said.

**LACROSSE**  
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the playoff rematch.

"We were concerned because of how close they made it last game," Novi coach Tom Stephano said. "We tried to get out to the same game plan as the first time and the guys played hard and won."

"We didn't take any plays off this time and that kind of

felt like she was jumping the best that she has all year."

Sophomore Jackie Mullins finished eighth in the lengthy 3,200-meter (two-mile) run in 11:09.67, about 46.74 seconds behind Grand Blanc's Gabrielle Anzalones.

"Jackie Mullins in the 3,200 had to come back from being out of All-State contention with just under two laps to go showed her mental toughness and a strong gut check to pass two athletes in a full out kick," Reid said.

The girls were not the only Wildcats earning All-State honors, as two of the four Novi events that qualified individually also scored the extra medal.

Senior Derek Kim redeemed a controversial finish last season by finishing eighth in the 110-meter hurdles in a school-record 14.93 seconds, just 1.2 seconds behind Ann Arbor Pioneer's Drake Johnson (first in 13.73).

Derek Kim had great redemption from last year's misfortune with the hurdles and earned a well deserved All-State honor," Reid said.

Novi senior Joe Schubring also went out on top, finishing the 1,600-meter run eighth in 4:21.08 behind Grand Blanc's Omar Kaddurah (first in 4:12.41).

"Joe Schubring had the race of a lifetime in the mile to place eighth," Reid said. "He has been a standout all year and showed how mentally tough he is."

Because the Novi's boys did not qualify as a team, they only earned two total points from Kim and Schubring, tying Flushing, Brighton, Milford and University of Detroit-Jesuit for 62nd overall at the state meet. Baseline rival Northville finished 60th with four points.

Chris Jackett is a freelance writer and former Novi News staff writer.

**BASEBALL**  
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"Cats slipped up against Farmington a few days later. Valade and Bageris each went 4-for-5 as Novi knocked out 13 hits, but Farmington's seven hits came in more timely locations.

"What really lost us the game was baserunning," Novi coach Rick Green said. "We just made some bad baserunning decisions."

"The Falcons got six hits and six runs while Novi senior Tyler Root was on the mound

for five and 1/3 innings, but the Wildcat also struck out seven, walked two and hit two batters. Regnier came in for the final two and 2/3 innings, striking out two and allowing two unearned runs.

Novi's defense made several great plays in the district semifinal. Sophomore Ryan Caputo made an over-the-shoulder catch in right field, junior Tyler Schwanz had a sliding catch in left field and Eloft had a backhand play at second base.

"We have a lot of strong athletic baseball players coming back next year," Green said.

Although Regnier, Kruse and Schwanz each added two hits for Novi to add to Valade and Bageris' offensive power, the Falcons took the game after scoring on a one-out fly out.

An error at second base moved runners to first and third and a double by Farmington's leadoff hitter put Novi in an 8-6 deficit they couldn't recover from.

The Falcons went on to lost 10-6 to Detroit Catholic Central in the district final.

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Satellite TV has become the new TV carrier - particularly useful if you live in a rural area, where broadcast TV has difficulties delivering a good signal, and cable TV is nowhere to be found. So what is satellite TV, and how does it work?

I suggest we ask an expert. Jim Winegarden, owner of DigiComm Electronics, Inc. who's shop is located in South Lyon MI and can answer most of those questions. I say most because there is always that one unexpected question or the technology changed or improved so quickly that the proper answer needs to be researched. Winegarden has been in the business for more than 22 years, he started when a dish was the size of a compact car, C-Band for those of you who remember those days. He prides himself on the knowledge he has accumulated over the years and continues to nurture.

Getting back to the question of how it works, the simple explanation is that all TV systems have three essential components: the broadcast center, where the TV signal is broadcast from; a carrier, that is some way of moving the TV signal from the broadcast center to the receiver; and the receiver - that is your TV.

Winegarden is the man that can get the signal not only to your home but, with today's technology literally right into your hands no matter where you are in the world. DigiComm is an authorized Dish Network retailer. Dish Network now offers 4 great introductory packages for the first 12 months and the price is guaranteed through January 2013.

As an added incentive you can get HD (High Definition) free for life. You can also try one of Dish's premium packages which has tons of movies FREE for three months. A free HD DVR upgrade and up to 6 room installations also for free. For this limited time DigiComm is adding a \$50.00 Gas Card Bonus with activation for new residential, commercial and former customers.



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Live TV to go! With Dish Sling adapter, it allows you to take your TV everywhere. Only Dish network lets you watch your home TV everywhere you go with your smart phone or tablet. It installs in seconds with a single USB connection. It sends all your channels to your video enabled devices including iPad, iPhone, iPod touch or blackberry and Android phones. By virtue of VJP 922 Sling Loaded DVR, the viewers of DISH Network can connect to 2 TVs-1 in High Definition mode and 1 in Standard Definition mode.

Through DISH Network TV DVR, you can watch one show while recording another event all at the same time. You can even record up to two shows while watching a pre-recorded version simultaneously. DISH Network presents you the chance to record more of what you like with a 1 TB hard drive.

How much does this technology cost? Winegarden said, he offers many packages in your

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Jim Winegarden of DigiComm Electronics, Inc. is ready to assist consumers who want to know more about Dish Network.

area and enjoys reviewing them with his customers making sure they get exactly what's needed. The following four packages are the most popular with Dish customers.

The starting package is America's top 120 package, it is an exceptionally well-priced package with over 120 of your favorite channels, including CNN, ESPN, Disney, & Discovery the package is available for \$29.99 per month (for 12 months w/ agreement, Reg. \$44.99/mo).

America's top 200 package is the most popular basic package, with all of America's Top 120 channels, plus Animal Planet, Bravo, NFL Network, & AMC the package is available for \$39.99 per month (for 12 months w/ agreement, Reg. \$59.99/mo).

The next step up is The America's 250 package. A

truly enticing package, with all of America's Top 200 channels, plus National Geographic Channel, Style, DIY, & Versus this package is available for \$49.99 per month. (for 12 months w/ agreement, Reg. \$69.99/mo).

And the fourth most popular offering is America's Everything Package, it is the ultimate package for the true entertainment lover, with all of America's Top 250 channels, 7 Encore movie channels, Sundance, HBO, CINEMAX & FLIX this package is available for \$84.99 per month. (for 12 months w/ agreement, Reg. \$104.99/mo).

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