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"He just enjoys doing many different things," said Damyanti Gupta, the mother of Dr. Sanjay Gupta, a Novi High School grad-uate and valedictorian of his uate and valedictorian of his 1986 class. Actually, the quote is an understatement. The doctor has made quite a big name for himself doing many different things, like becoming a neuro-surgeon, a CNN medical corre-spondent, a White House Fellow, a writer a sportsman an actor, a a writer, a sportsman, an actor, a singer and TIME magazine singer and TIME magazine health journalist, just to name a

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SPORTS

Thankful for the victory

The Novi Wildcars knew going into their double header going into their double header against Detroit Country Day that winning both cames would be a lofty goal—and no doubt, they're happy escap-ing with one win.

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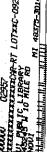
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Main Street gets new management

CB Richard Ellis/ Martin takes over troubled Novi property

By Phil Foley

"There's a new sheriff in town." declared Brian Larson, "This is a After months of wrangling,

court filings and uncertainty, East Lansing's CB Richard Lansing's CB Richard Ellis/Martin announced April 25 that it has added the troubled Main Market to its property man-agement portfolio. Main Market

is part of the Main Street development, which has been mired in lawsuits and bankruptcy filings since October 2001.

Last month local entreprenuer Tom Celani announced that he had leased out nearly a third of the almost empty Vic's World Class Market, which he had bought and

renamed the Luna Building.

Larson, who owns Larson
Jewelry and has been a tenant at
Main Market since it opened in

1999, was one of nine business owners who sued James Chen's Evergreen III, claiming the devel-oper had charged them improper common area fees.

When Evergreen III filed counter claims, 52-1 District Court Judge Brian McKenzie slapped a gag owner on everyone involved in the suit Dec. 27, 2001

Larson said that while he and his fellow tenants haven't with-drawn their suit, "we don't know where the suit actually sits."

That, said Larson, is because the project's financer, Wells Pargo Bank, took the property back ear-lier this year and that Evergreen

III filed for bankruptcy Jan 16 and fired Chen,
Calls to the company have gone

Trish Foster, director of property management for CB Richard Ellis/Martin, says their first task is to put logether a budget cover-ing everything from maintenance to marketing. She said she hopes to have that complete for Wells Fargo and The Archon Group LP, bank's asset management firm, within 60 days.

She said the building's 24 ten-ants have been "really patient." Foster added, "There's nowhere to go but improvement."

According to Foster, 70 percent of the 125,000 square foot build-ing is occupied and the vacant 30 percent is evenly split between

retail and office space.

A spokesman for CB Richard Ellis/Martin said Wells Fargo exercised its option of receivership in lieu of foreclosure after the Evergreen III defaulted on its mortgage. The spokesman explained this typically leads to the sale of the property to a third

The spokesman said CB Richard Ellis/Martin was brought

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Novi Department of Public Workds employee Howard Aube tosses a briquet of Altosid, a mosquito larvacide, into the catch basin of Meadowbrook Commons Monday morning. The DPW is attempting to control mosquito populations to lessen the chance of the West Nile Virus in Novi.

West Nile worries

Novi takes proactive approach to virus

By Victoria Sadiocha

Patricia Cooper does not know who her

brother is.

He rang her Madison Heights doorbell

one day and she didn't answer because she thought he was a salesman.

After persistently ringing the bell,
Cooper's mother checked the door and let

her son inside.

Not only does Cooper have total memory lapses, but she had to learn how to perform first grade reading and writing tasks, comb her hair and brush her teeth

"I had to relearn math from one plus one," she said. "The last seven months of

my life have been a struggle." Cooper was bitten by a mosquito carrying West Nile Virus.

"That mosquito bite changed my whole e," she said.

The 45-year-old woman said she was in good health, worked full-time and went to

good health, worked full-time and went to school before receiving the paralyzing blow. Now she is out of work, off disability, with-out health insurance and working hard to try and make it through each day. "I feel like the proverbial leper," she said. The once-healthy Oakland County resident wants everyone to know the vitus does not only hit the elderly infants and those with

only hit the elderly, infants and those with weakened immune systems

"I thought I was invincible," she said. "Now I'm really worried because spring is coming."

In harm's way

The Oakland County Health Division reports last year there were 574 confirmed cases of West Nile Virus in Michigan and 48

deaths.

Nearly half of the 2002 West Nile Virus deaths occurred in Oakland County.

The health division reports 20 Oakland County deaths last year as a result of the virus and reports 183 confirmed county cases.

Oakland County Health Manager George Willer said only one of the confirmed cases.

Miller said only one of the confirmed cases came from Novi.

According to data compiled by The Department of Health and Human Services Centers for Disease Control and Prevention,

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Bononi makes it a contest

■ Mayor Pro-Tem announces she's running for Novi mayor

By Victoria Sadlocha.

City of Novi Mayor Pro-Tem Michelle Bononi announced her mayoral candidacy earlier this week, plunging the city into an official political race.

Novi City Councilman Louis Csordas announced last week he is also seeking the leadership role up for grabs in November. "We have a

great place to live, a good governme nd adminis and great really people here in Novi," Bononi said, "What

ativity and a professional commit-

ment to develop and implement our plans for improvement." The mayor pro-tem said her motivation in seeking the mayor's seat is to provide top-notch city services, improving the quality of life for Novi residents. Bononi said she is also commit-

ted to supporting the improvement of Novi's traffic, zoning compli-ance, road maintenance, a "revved-up" parks and recreation plan and protecting the city's natural features.

"We can create a plan for our future based upon what our resi-dents want and then work that plan in a determined way," she said. "This will take real commitment from a mayor, city council and other city administration will-ing to get the job done. How we artner with each other will make

partner with each other war about all the difference in our success."

Bononi said her current position as an environmental planner for the Washtenaw County Drain

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Local officials, business people urge Beck Road bridge completion

By Phil Foley

Public officials from Novi. Wixom and Oakland County, along with local business people, flocked to Mount Clemens April 24 to plead with the State Transportation Commission to Wixom roads interchanges at I-

However, while they were doing that State Senator Shirley Johnson (R-Royal Oak), chairman powerful Senate Appropriations Committee, said she would introduce this week a supplemental budget bill reinstat-ing funding for all 34 of the highway projects deferred by the govemor's Preserve First program
County.
State Senator Jud Gilbert (R-

Jennifer Granholm does not know Jennifer Granholm does not know the investments that have been-made. "We're working toward remedies on some of the oldest highways in the state," adding that Michigan has some of the oldest sections of interstate highway in the country. the country.

Johnson said she expects the bill to be voted on in the next three to four weeks, "If she's real-ly smart, she'll sit and talk with us," said Johnson, noting that the governor could veto the bill but "that would be declaring war."

The governor's action already has public officials and business

people up in arms across Oakland

According Johnson, Governor Algonac), chairman of the Senate Transportation Committee announced Monday that he would hold two "Priorities First" public information meetings in Hudsonville, west of Grand Rapids, and Oakland County. He also announced Monday that he was setting aside time Tuesday to discuss the issue at a State Senate

Transportation Committee hear-ing in Lansing. The Oakland County meeting is slated for 7 - 9 p.m. May 5 in the Oakland County Commission Auditorium, 1200 N. Telegraph Road, Pontiac.

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PRIORITIES FIRST HEARINGS

The Senate Transportation Committee will conduct of two "Priorities First" public information meetings on Monday, May 5 from 7 to 9 p.m. at the Oakland County Commission

Auditorium, located at 1200 N. Telegraph Road, in Pontiac. The hearings are intended to give the public an opportunity to discuss the governor's deferment of 34 scheduled road repair projects across the state. Sen. Nancy Cassis (R-Novi) will attend the meeting to share her concerns about the Beck and Wixom road projects delayed by the administration's "Preserve First" ini-

Tive told the Governor, the State Transportation Commission and MDOT about the risks involved with deferring these projects," Cassis said. "Now is the opportunity to share this information with my colleagues in the Senate. I encourage others to join me Monday to make our voices heard."



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MDOT: Local officials, business people urge Beck Road bridge completion

Priorities First is an obvious take-off on Governor Jennifer Granholm's Preserve First initiative, which deferred completion of 34 road projects, including Novi's Beck Road interchange with 1-96, started by former Governor John Engler as part of his Build Michigan

ferry Marquardt, a spokesman for Gilbert, said the senator is unhappy that planned improve-ments to M-24, which feeds commaters from Lapeer, which is in his district, to Northern Oakland County were included on the goverior's list of deferred projects. Michigan Department

Transportation Director Gloria Jeff told fellow State Transportation Commission members that Preserve First Tocuses on protecting the assets we have." She told commiston members that MDOT would revisit the 34 paused projects when "It is clear that the goal of having 90 percent of Michigan's roads and bridges in good condition can be met by 2007." She added that it would also have to be clear that the goal could be sustained and that fed eral transportation funding would

also have to be increased.

"The 'Preserve First' initiative may be short-sighted," suggested filly to store-spirica, suggested Gilbert, "if capacity improvement projects are delayed until 90 percent of existing roads are rated in good condition. Population growth and economic development throughout our state will continue to increase traffic congestion and jeopardize the safety of Michigan drivers."

satety of Michigan divers."

Noting that the Bock Road project has been in the works for 12 years and that the Road Commission for Oakhard County had bowed to MDOT pressure and borrowed millions of dollars to widen Grand River between Beck and Wixom roads, Brian Bleasing, the RCOC's director of planning and development insisted. "The

should be kept. Promises must be kept."

Novi City Afanaget Rick Herwig Called the state's decision to delay the said the Beck Road interchange was designed in the late '50s to serve a largely rural area and that this fosteries a largely rural area and that the Beck Road project most perplexing." He said completion of the project was vital to "two very list agency has been working with Providence's Senior Vice Providence's Senior Vice President of Finance John Kenten rold commission members that the bospital had gotten a two-year commitment from its parent entity.

Novi City Afanaget Rick Herwig among Company's Discontinuation of the Beck Road project most perplexing. He said completion of the index at a penny or two rather than delay needed road projects.

Frank Cardimen, head of the Traffic Improvement Association, told commission members that replacing the Beck Road bridge is a simple matter of public safety.

acres to the Beck Road project. However, he suggested that he could not guarantee that the commitment would be extended.

mitment from its parent entity. Bill Eisenberg, representing Ascension Health, to donate 11 Grand/Sakwa Properties, said he

was also concerned with MDOT's ability to follow through on its commitments. He said his company had purchased 50 acres along M-59 at Squirrel Road and negotiated a 12-acre land swap to help the agency DiamlerChrysler, Now that project

Aux December 1 and McDonald told State Transportation Commission members that 150 heavy trucks use the WS-23. M-59 interchange, which MDOT officials have and Wixom roads. Brian Bleasing, the RCX''s director of planning the RCX''s director of planning and local match required for ite 80-state should play fair. Commitments should be kept. Promises must be kept."

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Frank Cardinen, head of the Trank Cardinen, head of the Trank Cardinen, told commission members that replacing the Beck Road bridge is a simple matter of public safety. He pointed out that between the bridge's 1-beams to prevent chunks of concrete from falling on

1995-99 there were 740 collisions at passing commuters on the express-Beck Road and I-96, resulting in two deaths and 232 injuries, Father west at Wixom Road there were 810 crashes resulting in two deaths and 225 injuries during the same time period. According to Cardimen, accidents at these two interchanges cost the public \$28.7 million during

into new quarters near the existing

I-96 and Beck Rd Interchange Reconstruction and Associated Projects

members that "investments and way. He called the bridge "unsafe and dilapidated."

Oakland County Commission

Novi News. He can be reached at spokesman Mike Rogers reminded (248) 349-1700 ext. 108 or at pfo-State Transportation Commission lev@ht.homecomm.net.



"The state should play fair. Commitments should be kept. Promises must be kept."





man said he was going door to door A Canton man was stopped by police last week, after he was spotted speeding through Novi's Town Center area. The 28-year-old male was subsequently arrested for drinking and driving. Police were patrolling on April 26 at about 1:30 a.m. when they spotted the 2002 Ford Explorer traveling 44 mph in a 25-mph zone near Town Center Drive and Crescent Boulevard. According to the report, as police selling security systems. When asked, the young man was unable to provide the officer with a phone number or address for Apex Security. The officer checked with the department and found there was no valid permit to solicit filed by the company in Novi. The officer advised the "solicitor" of city ordinances and told him to leave the

Runaway arguers

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Novi police were called by a resident living in the 41000 block of his driving

Charleston, stating unknown people were being rowdy in the park nearhis breath. After trying to convince the officers he had nothing to drink by, The man told police on April 25 at about 9:40 p.m. he heard some people verbally arguing in the area of Centennial and 14 Mile roads. Police checked the area out, but were unable to find anyone nearby The responding officer noted in his

report the subjects may have left the area in a red two-door vehicle.

A Wixom woman may have started with one drink, but didn't stop there after a traffic stop led to her arrest for details. her arrest for drinking one too many. A Novi officer was patrolling the area of Beck and Nine Mile A Canton man was stopped by roads on April 24 at about 11:15 p.m. when he noticed a 1996 Saturn was also noticeably weaving on the 25-mph zone near Town Center slow to react to my questions and Drive and Crescent Boulevard. According to the report, as police were pacing the vehicle for speedwing, the driver made a left turn onto Crescent from a right-turn-only sobriety tasks, she blew a 20 and Crescent from a right-turn-only sobriety tasks, she ble lane. As police asked the man for was arrested by police.

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MAIN ST.: New management

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BONONI: Running for mayor

As far as her campaign goes, the elected official said hard cam-paigning is where she will look for feedback from Novi citizens

city government and the private sector enable her to create practical plans of action, fostering measurable improvements. Prior to her 1999 election to tity council, the candidate are to read the candidate. The candidate are to read the candidate. The candidate are to read the candidate.

council, the candidate served and information sharing will be writer for the Novi News. She can be reached at (248) 349-1700, ext. wing Commission where she "My city council campaign was 105 or by e-mail at

Planning Commission where she "My city council campaign was spent timefor fie implementation, focused on the issues facing Novier waddow and planning Novier waddow and my mayoral campaign will do to the control of th

improving tenant/landlord rela-tions, resolving issue of growing functional obsolencense and fill-ing building vacancies."
"It's fairly time-intensive and

waiting for final approvals." Sales, Keith Johnson and Brendan
Larson said he's excited too.
"It's our understanding, they (the
final 25,000 square feet."

"This is a great day," declared

the same," she said. "I am really looking forward to getting out there in the neighborhoods and

bank) don't want anybody to leave." He said in the months leading up to Wells Fargo taking the property, Main Market business owners were "left hanging in limbo".

**Phil Foley is a staff writer for the Novi Mark Henry Henry In conductive to the Novi Mark Henry Hen



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NOVI CITY BRIEFS

Teen Volunteer Program

Applications will be accepted May 5 through 23 for the Novi Public Library Summer Reading Program. Students in the sixth grade and up are needed to volinfeer two hours a week June 23 through Aug. 1 to help with the program. Volunteer assignments will be scheduled on a firstcome, first-served basis as the applications are returned. All volunteers must attend one 45-The Novi Public Library will be field at 4 p.m. on Wednesday, June 4, and Thursday, June 5. For more information, contact a Youth Services librarian at (248) 349-0720.

Senior Hoe Down

All area seniors are invited to

music and light refreshments.
The event will be held from 6 to 9 p.m. at the Novi Senior Center inside Meadowbrook Commons. Tickets will be available at the door for \$3. Meadowbrook Commons is 347-0400. Commons. Tickets will be available at the door for \$3, Meadowbrook Commons is located at 25075 Meadowbrook Road. For more information, call (248) 347-0414.

Theatres' Performance Plus, Children's Annex and Little People Players present "Annie." Tickets are on sale now at the All area seniors are invited to kick up their heels during the city's Spring Hoe Down held Saturday, May 17. The country-fun happening promises lots of Novi Civic Center, All reserved Novi Civic Center, All reserved Novi Parks, Recreation and Friday, May 2. Confirmation Forestry Department inside the Novi Civic Center, All reserved ed by mail. For more informations of the provided by mail. seats are \$17. Performances tion, call Tracie Ringle at (248)

The Novi Library Board of

Directors meets Monday, May 12, at 7 p.m. in the library meeting room. Community members are welcome to attend.

Senior booklovers are reading

"Year of Wonders" by Geraldine Brooks for their May meeting. The group meets in the library

meeting room on Thursday, May

Come to the library for a spe-

Preschool bedtime stories

cial evening preschool story time

on Tuesday, May 13, from 7-7:30

and sisters, too!) is invited to

attend this wonderful event.

Come dressed in your pajamas, if you'd like! No registration is

Senior book disucssion

Board meeting

group

8, at noon.

Memorial Day Parade

Calling all groups and busi-nesses interested in being part annual event with serve as a special opportunity to bring recognition to those who have served our country. Entry forms are available at the Novi, Parks, Recreation and Forestry Department or by visiting the city's Web site at www.ci.novi.mi.us, The parade will take place 10 a.m. Monday, May 26. Completed forms must be returned by

Calling all Veterans

On Sunday, June 22 at 1 p.m., the City of Novi will recognize the men and women of our community and the sur-rounding area serving in the armed forces from 1945 to 2003 at the Veteran's

Recognition Day event. This event will honor veterans of the Cold War, Grenada, Panama, Desert Storm, Afghanistan, Bosnia, Somalia and Kosovo. Additionally, we recognize that many men and women in our area have been called to active duty from the Reserves or National Guard Units and, while they may not be able to attend, we would ask that their families join us so we can honor them. Contact the City of Novi Community Relations Office, 45175 W. Ten Mile Road, Novi, MI 48375 or (248) 735-5628 for a registration

form for this event

Summer Reading Program.
Volunteers should be in the 6th grade or above and be able to work two hours a week from June

Monday, May 5, and must be returned by Friday, May 23. For more information, please contact one of our Youth Services librariance.

Novi Chief Operating Officer Craig Klaver said rather than the current composition of two staff members and a representative from still be available to the Woodlands Review Board as a professional resource if the ordinance amend-ment receives final approval and

course of their regular duties, offi-

By Victoria Sadlocha

members of the board.

The how involves changing the city's requirement for sending out notices to Novi residents when an appeal is scheduled for hearing.
Officials said the change to the
ordinance would provide a greater
scope of notification to neighboring property owners prior to determina

tion on a use permit application by the review board.

A little tidying up of a city ordinance will soon allow changes to who and how Novi's Woodlands Klaver said the existing ordinance only requires notification to adjacent properties, whereas the proposed change would require notification of Review Board takes care of busi-

Proposed amendments

would allow changes to

Woodlands Review Board

all properties within 300 feet.

Novi City Councilman David The who involves changing the Landry questioned the 300-foo members of the board.

The ordinance amendment, receiving first reading approval

April 21, ealls for appointing citizens to the Woodlands Review

Pennal in the American Service Serv notification Board in place of city personnel. The change would eliminate city employees from hearing the appeal of their own decisions made in the



larger lot, that their neighbor would also receive the notification. Klaver said the proposed amendments were based on discussions Officials said city employees will with city council during the past

mous first-reading approval by city council will amend Sec. 37-30(b) and (c) of the Novi Code of

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LIBRARY LINES

Novi Public Library

The Novi Public Library is open Monday-Thursday, 10 a.m. to 9 p.m.; Friday-Saturday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.; and Sunday, 1-5 p.m. We are located at 45245 W. p.m. we are roomeo at 40210 ... 10 Mile Road, just east of Taft Road. For more information, call (248) 349-0720,

Book discussion aroug

Our May selection is "Empire Falls" by Richard Russo. The group meets Monday, May 5, at 7

p.m. in the library meeting room

Staff in-service The library will be closed Wednesday, May 14, for a staff

Mother's Day closing

The library will be closed Sunday, May 11, for Mother's Teen volunteer opportunity The library's Youth Services department is looking for teen volunteers to help with our



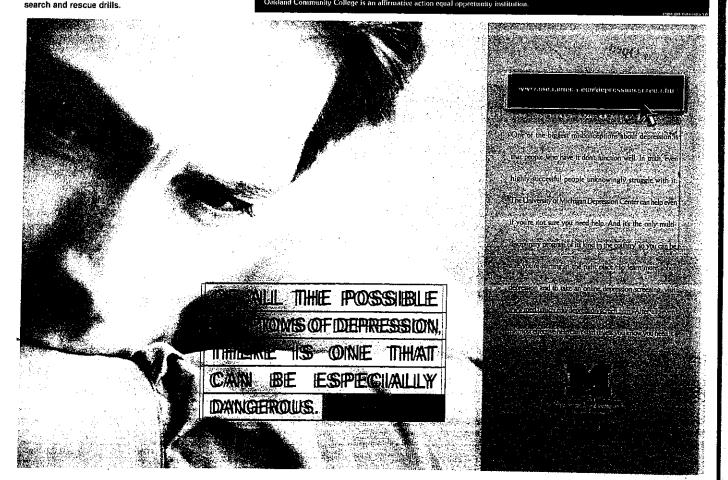
Fire training

Members of the Novi Fire Department participated in training at the Old Thompson Glass Building on Grand

The city-owned building scheduled for demolition was filled with simulated smoke and served as the site for

23 to August 1. Applications will ans. be available in the library on Community Get Anywhere From Here · University Transfer programs in Liberal Arts, Science, Business Administration, Pre-Education, Pre-Engineering · Five convenient Campus sites in Auburn Hills, Farmington Hills, Royal Oak, Southfield and Waterford • More than 120 Certificate and Degree programs in high-demand professions NOW





WEST NILE: City of Novi takes proactive approach to virus

73 out of the 83 counties in Michigan

2002.

The CDC data shows Michigan has the second highest number of lust-year fatalities in the country.

The highest West Nile death toll

The state reported 873 confirmed

cases and 60 deaths.

Ohio reported the third highest death toll with 31 losses attributed to West The state reported 444 confirmed

According to the CDC data, last year the United States had 4 071 cor the United States had 4,071 confirmed cases of the disease and 274 deaths.

"Reduce, Repel and Report" is the Oakland County Health Division plan developed to combat West Nile in 2003.

Reduce areas where mosquitoes

SYMPTOMS

Most people who are infect-ed with West Nile virus will not develop symptoms. Some peo-ple may become ill three to 15 days after the bite of an infected mosquito. Evidence suggests a minority of infected persons will develop a mild illness with:

- headache
- · body aches

• skin rash swollen glands

There are no known long-term effects caused by mild illness. West Nile Infection infre quently results in a severe illness, however, may result in West Nile encephalitis. Enceohalitis is an inflammation

- marked by: high fever
- stiff neck stupor
- disorientation coma
- tremors

paralysis

"Our goal is to get the information out," Miller said.

To help spread the word, Oakland County Executive L. Brooks Patterson allocated \$500,000 of the county's budget toward prevention and educa-

Communities in the county are eligible for the matching funds program.

Novi Director of Public Works

Benny McCusker said the city will receive \$19,190 from the county and is allocating \$49,000 of its own funds toward the campaign, "We want to do as much as we can,"

McCusker said, Miller and McCusker emphasized

education about the virus and its preven-tion is the main goal of the plan. McCusker said information regarding the West Nile Virus is available to all city residents at the City Clerk's Department located on the second floor of the Novi Civic Center.

The beginning

McCusker said the City of Novi will follow Oakland County's recommended plan of initial prevention - larviciding.

The encouraged method kills mosquitoes while still in the aquatic stage by treating catch basins with a water borne

Novi Chief Operating Officer Craig Klaver said Novi has about 9,000 catch basins with about 6,000 considered wet

all year long.

Klaver said the city's plan is to larvicide basins near areas of group gathering like parks and where large populations of elderly exist like Meadowbrook

Miller suggests covering those younger than 2 with netting instead of applying repellents.

McCusker also suggests spraying repellent on top of clothes, rather than the total forms. McCusker said the city also plans on offering larvicide, at reduced rates, to residents with low retention areas on

their properties they wish to treat.

Novi's DPW director said adulticiding, a treatment discouraged by the county, is not a planned preventative "It seems to be more effective that Other personal preventative tips method the city anticipates using.

The method utilizes truck-mounted include:

· whenever possible, wear protective clothing such as long sleeves, long pants · avoid activities in areas where mosquitoes are plentiful .
• fix or install window and door

The method utilizes truck-mounted spray units to kill mosquitoes in the adult stage by spraying large areas of green space with posticides.

McCusker said five of the city's DPW workers have also, been trained in dipping - a method used to test adult mosquitoes for the virus.

The DPW director said despite the screens to keep mosquitoes out of buildings and homes move lawn on a regular basis
The Oakland County Health
Division does not recommend using
ultrasonic devices as an effective measlarviciding and dipping measures, the focus of Novi's plan is on education and reporting dead crows to the county.

Dead crows are still a guiding factor in determining where West Nile Virus may appear.

Miller urges all residents to report dead crow sightings immediately to the county's hotline at (877) 377-3641 and

Who's New In Your Neighborhood?

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Report potential mosquito breeding
Report potential mosquito breeding
Report potential mosquito breeding
Report potential problem," Miller

The county's reporting hotline is used to determine possible patterns of the virus and also provides instructions on how to get rid of dead birds.

Disposal instructions include avoid touching dead birds with bare hands and

using gloves or inverted plastic bags to cover carcasses before discarding. Miller said the county will make sure each community in its borders will be made aware of hot spots and hot pat-

Other types of bird deaths monitored are blue jays and ravens.

A GIS "real time" map will be available at www.co.oakland.mi.us/health showing reported cases of dead birds.

Personal measures

"This is a disease that can be prevent-

repellent containing more than 30 per-cent DEET and children 2 through 12

should not use products with more than

10 percent of the active ingredient.

The health manager said never apply

ure for mosquito bite prevention.

Standing water

Representatives from the county divi

DEET to babies.

 gutters
 kiddie pools ed," Miller said. "No matter where you're at you should take the personal • tires • trash cans Precautions discussed by Miller wagons
 bird baths include limiting outside activity during dusk and dawn and being mindful of mosquitoes when in shaded and wooded

Using an insect repellent containing the ingredient DEET is highly recom-mended by city and county officials, but Miller cautions all users to check the tree holes

Other tips to preventing standing water offered by the county include drilling holes in the bottom of recycling percentage.
Miller said adults should never apply

(CDC) said the main role people play in

contributing to the continuing cycle of

West Nile is by maintaining environ-

ments, especially standing water, where mosquitoes may lay eggs. All mosquitoes require a blood meal

for egg development and water to lay

The Oakland County Health Division

areas for mosquito development

contains left outside, making sure potted plants kept outside are draining properly and repairing leaky outdoor faucets.

inating standing water is key to prevent West Nile Virus.

History
Accordi "Your own gutters are perfect places for breeding mosquitoes if you haven't cleared them out in years," Miller said. cause of severe and fatal human illness A spokesman from the Departmen of Health and Human Services Centers

Since the disease's initial appearance the virus has spread rapidly and by 2001 was found throughout the eastern half of the country.

Data shows the virus is commonly

found in Africa, West and Central Asia and the Middle East. A spokesman from the CDC said it is not known exactly how the disease came to the United States.

Mosquitoes become infected with
West Nile Virus when they feed on a

the eggs.

A mosquito can grow from an egg to an adult in less than 10 days when weather and other conditions are favorbird carrying the blood virus. After 10 to 14 days, the virus may then be transmitted from the mosquito to another bird, animal or person.

The CDC stresses West Nile Virus is list the following items as places where water may collect, providing possible

not spread from person to person and is mised immune systems. Experts state whenever mosquitoe are active there is a risk of getting West Nile Virus, however, the risk is highest from late July through September.

There is no specific treatment for West Nile Virus infection, but doctors

Don't panic

"Every year 36,000 people in the United States die from influenza,"



The Oakland County health manage said don't panie, but instead educate.
The CDC reports 80 percent of peo-ple exposed to West Nile Virus through

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writer for the Novi News. She can be reached at (248) 349-1700.

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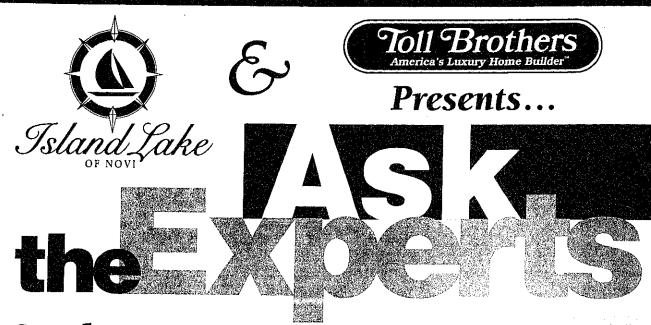
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Novi's Gambotto honored by United Way

A lot of people say Larry Gambotto has a heart of gold. "I'm just living my life with the hand that I was dealt," said the soft-spoken 30-year-old Novi res-ident.

ident.

Part of that hand was being idiagnosed with Chronic Myelogenous Leukemia in 1999.

Twas one of the fortunate ones."

A bone murrow transplant from an unrelated donor and a 30-day stay at the University of Michigan Medical Center led to what

Novernber: a vations call My
Novi volunteer fire fighter, and as
Tof Monday, the latest recipient of
United Way Community
Services' Fleart of Gold Award.

Combustion

Gumby/Gambo Gambotto was one of 15 Metro how it is ... "

Detroit volunteers honored at the 2003 Celebrate Volunteers Luncheon, April 28, at Detroit Marriott Renaissance Center. The Junior League of Birmingham also recognized 73 individuals with the Governor's Honor Roll for their outstanding volunteer service in the Metro Detroit com-

munity.

"The success of United Way depends on the support of volunteers who help make critical decisions and the was filled with the urge to sions that address the needs of others," said Virgil H. Carr, president and CEO of United Way Community Services.

"These honorees represent the thousands of volunteers throughout southeastern Michigan who, in their own special way, give unselfishly to benefit the lives of others. We are honored to recog-nize them and hope that they

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Surviving cancer

By Phil Foley

days. "I've always enjoyed volunteering." he said.

While in college, his mother, Maureen McIntyre, and stepfather moved from Redford to Novi.

After graduating from Michigan State, Gambotto moved here as well and began working with the wrestling program at Northville

High School.

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When the diens, and radio personality Alexander Zonjic, of WVMV-FM Smooth Journeer Week included Detroit Mayor Kwame Kilpatrick and Ralph Babb, Jr., chairman, president and CEO of Comerica, Inc.

Emcres for the Celebrate Volunteers Luncheon were Volunteers Lunc

wrestling program at Northville High School.

He lives in the part of Novi that's sometimes called Noviville, since it's in Oakland County but has a Northville mailing

address.
In 1999 Gambotto began sufin 1999 Gambotto toggan Sur-fering from flu-like symptoms and losing weight. Eventually he went to his doctor to find out what was wrong and discovered he had leukemia. "It was scary, but it was a relief to know what going

on" he recalled.

Although his company had a good insurance plan, bone marrow transplants are not chean and he turned to My Friends Care Bone Marrow Transplant in Mount Clemens for help with his recovery. mounting medical costs. They Today he's a showed him how to organize a

helped raise money for his cancer care. The next two raised money L. Gambotto

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Sept. 6 at a Mount Clemens area course, for information and reservations call My Friends Care at course, for information and reservations call My Friends Care at course, for information and reservations call My Friends Care at course, for information and reservations call My Friends Care at course, for information and reservations call My Friends Care at course, for information and reservations call My Friends Care at course, for information and reservations call My Friends Care at course, for information and reservations call My Friends Care at course, for information and reservations call My Friends Care at course, for information and reservations call My Friends Care at course, for information and reservations call My Friends Care at course, for information and reservations call My Friends Care at course, for information and reservations call My Friends Care at course, for information and reservations call My Friends Care at course, for information and reservations call My Friends Care at course, for information and reservations call My Friends Care at course, for information and reservations call My Friends Care at course, for information and reservations call My Friends Care at course, for information and reservations call My Friends Care at course, for information and reservations call My Friends Care at course, for information and reservations call My Friends Care at course, for information and reservations call My Friends Care at course, for information and reservations call My Friends Care at course, for information and reservations call My Friends Care at course, for information and reservations call My Friends Care at course, for information and reservations call My Friends Care at course, for information and reservations call My Friends Care at course, for information and reservations call My Friends Care at course, for information and reservations call My Friends Care at course, for information and reservation at course, for information and reservation and reservation at c

Gumby, college nickname, "Gumby/Gambotto, you know

Even though he had a non-related donor, Gambotto said he had a "textbook transplant" - no rejection, no complications. '
Several months after his treat-

had an opportunity to learn who the donor was and meet him. The donor turned out to be a New Yorl

meet his donor last fall, Gambotto said he was filled with the urge to do something more to give back to the community. So, on his return to Michigan he began training to be a volunteer firefighter and EMT.

He's now an on-call firefighter for the Novi Fire Department. "It tell my wife now that Lost it in

tell my wife now that I got it in my blood, but she doesn't buy it," he laughed. Along with being a volunteer

firefighter, Gambotto participate quarterly support and informa-tional newsletter for the agency. "I'm honored but never thought

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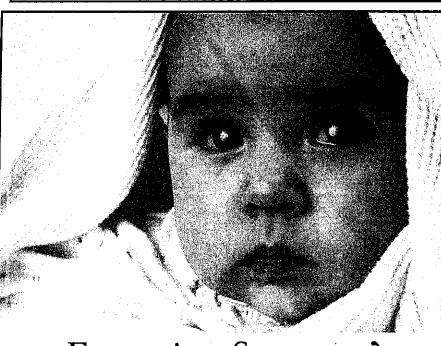
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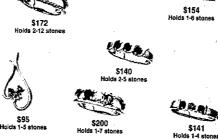
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Local doctor leaves his mark on Iraq war

By Ramez Khuri
STAFF WRITER

The just enjoys doing many different things," said Damyanti Gupta, the mother of Dr. Sanjay
Gupta, a Novi High School graduate and valedictorian of his 1986
class. Actually, the quote, is an understatement. The doctor has made quite a big name for himself doing many different things, like becoming a neurosurgeon, a CNN medical correspondent, a White House Fellow, a writer, a sportsman, an actor, a singer and TIME magazine health journalist, just to name a few.

School of the secretary of Health, is the "most trusted doctor on television." He was chosen for on television." He was chosen for on television. He was chosen for o the Children and the Appalachian Relief Organizations. While in college he was a member of the Michigan Men's Glee Club and just to name a few.

Considered a Novi hero by many, Gupta was named as one of the most eligible bachelors in the country by Cosmopolitan and People magazines. His work at CNN led him to Iraq when war broke out. As the only neurosurgeon in the area, Gupta took on double duty as a CNN correspon-dent and a doctor when he was asked to perform surgery on a 2-year-old boy who was shot in the head. He performed the surgery, but the boy passed away shortly after because of many other gun-shot wounds to his body. "Sanjay has been doing all of

these things for a long time and he is a very brave and kind-heart-ed person," Damyanti said. "Since then he has performed some more surgeries over there and all of them were successful. I think he has been doing a very good reporting job and at the same time, being a neurosurgeon, he was able to help some people, which was very nice."

According to his mother Guera

According to his mother, Gupta was in Iraq for about one month at the start of the war. Before that he was in Kuwait for two weeks to check out mobile hospitals. After high school he was admitted to the interflex program, which is a direct medical program at the University of Michigan. He earned his MD from there and was admitted into

from there and was admitted into the neurosurgery program. While he was doing his neuro-surgery residency, Gupta applied and was admitted to become a White House Fellow, where he worked with Hillary Clinton for one year in the White House. When he came hask to Michigan. When he came back to Michigan, he finished his residency in neu-rosurgery and shortly after got a job at CNN, where he's been for

"I have known Sanjay for 15 years," said Ramesh Verma, a Novi resident and friend of the family, "He was in the same class with my daughter at Novi High School. He is very impressive. He was one of the 15 finalists inter-viewed over four days for the White House Fellowship by a wery esteemed panel of people. He is very much respected by everybody he meets. Our student body should know that he is one of the heroes of Novi and at the same time I wanted to give acco-lades to his teachers, who taught

him to be such a nice person." Damyanti said that her son was once quoted as saying, "Life should be lived to the fullest." At the young age of 33, he has done that and more. "He works very hard, he is very committed, very focused and docs his hest," she said. "Even when he was in medical college here, he was the resident director of his dorm, he was with the Michigan Men's Glee Club and he was the president of Over the last year, Gupta has



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Fellows chosen, Gupta worked with Hillary Clinton on health care policies. He wrote speeches for her and traveled with the President and the First Lady or

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Richard Clark Phillips

Richard Phillips of Novi died April 16, 2003 at Henry Ford the Rev. Gordon Ainsworth officiating. Interment will be in Glen Eden Memorial Park, Livonia Memorials may be made to Hospital, Detroit, He was 78, Mr. of Farmington.

He had been employed by Angela Hospice, Amore American Cancer.



three step-daughters, Michelle (Patrick) Cosman, Jill Drylie and Paula (Kenneth) Winn: eight grandchildren; and a twin sister, Mary Smith

funeral service was held April 21, 2003 at Our Lady of Sorrows Church, Farmington with Rev. Pather Ronald Browne offi-

Interment will be at Oakland Rd., Southfield, Mich. 48076. Hills Memorial Gardens, Novi Memorials may be made to American Diabetes Association, Arrangements were made by Heeney-Sundauist Funeral Home.

Ruth M. Shamus

Ruth Shamus of Commerci Township died April 3, 2003. She

She survived by her husband, Michael; two children. Joe and Melissa; three siblings, Margaret, Robert and Bradley; and many

nieces and nephews. Services were held April 5 at O'Brien/Sullivan Funeral Home

requests memorials be made to American Cancer Society, 18505 W. 12 Mile Rd., Southfield, Mich. 48076, Arrangements were made by O'Brien/Sullivan Funeral Home.

Peter Romanow

Peter Romanow of Harrison, formerly of Novi, died April 15, 2003. He was 81. Mr. Romanow was born March 9, 1922 in Hamtramek, the son of Andrew and Anna (Plebanska) Romanow, Mr. Romanow served in the U.S. Navy during WWII and was a member of the Novi Rotary, the American Legion Post 404 of Harrison and a member of the Loyal Order of Moose #2235 also of Harrison. He had resided in the Harrison area since 1992, moving from Novi.

Mr. Romanow started his first nachining business in 1952. Over the next 31 years he expanded his business to tool and die manufacturing, stampings and special machinery building. Peter and Victoria closed the doors of their last company, Vicete Engineering, Inc., in Novi in 1983. Survivors include his wife of 59

years, Victoria Romanow of Harrison; four daughters, Rebecca (Charles) Woodruff of Highland, Kathleen Kicronski o Waxhaw, N.C., Veronica of Washington D.C. and Anna Marie Romanow of Harrison; one son, Paul A. Romanow of Monroe N.C.; a step-son, Thomas LePard of Fallbrook, Calif.; a grand-daughter, Marie Kieronski; and three step-grandchildren, Brian, Ronald and Mark LePard. He wa preceded in death by his parents

Interment and memorial service es will be in Glen Eden Lutheran 11:00 a.m. Memorials may be made to the MidMichigan Visiting Nurse Association Hospice or the American Liver

Arrangements were made by Stocking Harrison Funeral Home

Leo Harlow

Leo Harlow of Northville died April I, 2003 at Alterra Nursing Home. He was 89. Mr. Harlow was born June 10, 1913 in

He had been employed by Ford Motor Company until retirement

Survivors include two daughters, Gail (Thornas) Ward of Novi and Kathleen Harlow; one brother, John Harlow of Napa, Calif.; two grandchildren; and five great-

granchildren.

His wife, Irene Harlow preceded him in death,



A funeral service took place WWIL pril 5 at Heeney-Sundquist Surv Funeral Home, Farmington, with

Angela Hospice, American Heart or American Cancer.
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Maksym Mokriak

Maksym Mokriak of Novi died April 1, 2003. He was 78. Survivors include his wife Marija; three children, Arunas Arstikaitis, Diana (Michael) Shevack, and Trisha Mokriak; and three grandchildren, Alan, Audra

ons son, Leonard Arstikaitis
preceded him in death.
A funeral service was held
April 4, 2003 at the
O'Brien/Stollions to O'Brien/Sullivan Funeral Home, sales Catholic Church,

David Howard LaFond

David LaFond of Howell, formerly of Vanderbilt and Novi, died April 17, 2003 at St. Joseph Mercy Livingston Hospital in Howell, He was 90. He was born Canada, the son of David, Sr. and Marie (Ashby) Lafond.

Survivors include his long-time companion, Edith Fetterly of Howell; three children, Anthony LaFond of Howell, Judy (Genc) Tomlin of Rodney, and Matt (Patty) LaFond of Howard City;

MacDonald's Funeral Home. Howell on April 23.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Livingston County Humane Society. Arrangements were made by MacDonald's Funeral Home, 315 N. Michigan Ave., Howell.

Dana Sue Henson

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al brothers- and sisters-in-law, Home, 19091 Northville Rd., uncles, aunts, cousins, nephews and nieces.

She was preceded in death by

her stepfather, Ronald Tegardin, Interment wil be in Evergreen Cemetery in Lansing.

Memorial contributions may be made to Dana's Family or the Humane Society.

Arrangements were made by Lakeshore Memorial Services, 11939 James Street, Holland, Mich, 49424,

Diane Leftwich

Diane Leftwich of Northville died April 28, 2003. She was 50. Mrs. Leftwich was born in Mt. Clemens on August 27, 1952.

She was a registered nurse in pediatrics at Children's Hospital in Detroit since 1975 and attended

Schoolcraft College.
Survivors include her husband, Ken of Northville; four sons, Marty, Luke, Kale and Jake; her parents, Kay Geiger of Plymouth

Marie (Ashby) Lafond.

He was a sergeant in the U.S.
Army, having served during (Lorraine) Shaw of Fenton; severthe Was a sergeant in the U.S.

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the Karmanos Cancer Institute would be appreciated. Funeral arrangements were service. Memorial contribution made by the Northrop-Sassaman Funeral Home, Northville. Jack D. Ellison

Jack Ellison of Plymouth died

March 28 at Angela Hospice in Livonia, He was 84. Mr. Ellison was born Nov. 15, 1918, in Detroit to Norman D. Ellison and Luella Durst. He later married Janet Ellison, who sur-

A Northville resident for 14 years before relocating to Sun City Center, Fla., Mr. Ellison graduated from Antioch College and worked in management training for Chrysler Corporation and Great Lakes Steel. He was a member of Meadowbrook American Nurses Congregational Church in Novi, 600 Maryland S.W.

In addition to his wife, Mr. dren, Craig (Linda) Ellison of

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John Mulkiten) Ellison of Ann Arbor; his siblings, Norman Ellison of West Bloomfield and Katherine (Barry) McCabe of

A memorial service for Me In lieu of flowers donations to Ellison will be held May 9 at Meadowbrook Congregational, Rev. Neil Hunt will officate the may be made to Angela Hospice, 14100 Newburgh Road, Livonia, Mich. 48154. Funeral arrange-ments were handled by Casterline Funeral Home of Northville.

Doris Richter

Doris Richter died April 16, Survivors include her brother

Arnold (Ardean) Cogger; one niece, Bette Cogger; and four nephews, Douglas Cogger. Edward Cogger, Thomas Cogger, and Paul Cogger,
A funeral service was held
April 19 at The Novi United

Memorials may be made to the American Nurses Foundation, 600 Maryland S.W., Suite 100 West, Washington D.C. 20024-2571 or The Novi United Methodist Church, 41671 W. Ten Mile Rd., Novi, MI 48375. Arrangements were made by O'Brien/Sullivan Funeral Home,

continued on page 11.

UBITUARIES

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Reinke and Holmberg

Evelyn and LaVerne Reinke of

The groom-elect is a graduate of St. Clements High School and attends Macomb Community College. He is currently employed by JCK &

Outdoor Services.
A summer 2003 wedding is

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Ruth Dorothy DesJardins

Ruth DesJardins of Novi died April 14, 2003 at St. Mary Mercy Hospital, Livonia. She was 88. She was born May 23, 1914 in Detroit. She was for-

merly of Farmington. Mrs. DesJardins enjoyed gardening, camping, sewing, play-ing plane and started skiing at 50 and finished at 70 years

Survivors include her hus-band, Felix Deslardins of Novi; two children, Ruth A. Lapham of Commerce and George (Gloria) Delardins; two brothers, Norman Schroeder and Glen Schroeder; two sisters, Vivian Rosnyai and Lorraine Policelli; eight grandchildren; and 16

great-grandchildren.
Preceding her in death was one son, David DesJardins; two brothers, William Schroeder and Earl Schroeder; and one sister, Violet Rothfuss. A funeral service was held April 17 at Heeney-Sundquist

Funeral Home, Farmington with the Rev. Randy Boelter officialing.
Interment will be at Glen Eden Memorial Park, Livonia.

Memorials may be made to Alzheimer's Association.

Sara E. Schmidt

Buck and Wienke

uate of Lawrence Technological University. He is currently employed by General Motors.

A June, 2003 wedding is

Sara Schmidt of Novi died April 26 at University of Michigan Hospital in Ann Arbor. She was 81. Ms. Schmidt was born Jan, 3, 1922 in Fort Scott, Kan, to James Henshaw and Emma Cochran. She later married Robert H. Schmidt, who preceded her in death.

Ms. Schmidt spent most of her er. She was a member of the Ladies Auxiliary of Veterans of Foreign Wars Post No. 4012 in Northville She enjoyed reading, bowling, golf-ing, gardening, Frank Sinatra music and travel to Florida with her family, Ms. Schmidt is survived by her Florida, Michael McCutcheon of Commerce, and Jennifer (Frank)
Moore of Ann Arbor, her slepchil-

dren, Karen (Jerry) Somers of Rockwood, Kristy (Chuck) Moore of Redford, and Douglas Schmidt of Kate Moore, Mac Moore, Michelle Moore, Jon Somers and Jeremy Somers. She was preceded in death by her first husband, Ralph, and her second husband, Robert H.

be held. Persons wishing to pay their respects are asked to contact the family. Funeral arrangements were handled by Casterline Funeral Home of Northville, Memorial contributions may be made to Ann Arbor Ronald McDonald House, 1600 Washington Heights, Ann



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Evelyn and LaVerne Reinke of Novi announce the engagement of	Gordon and Rosemary Buck of Southfield and Marcia and John	Champions on Ice Trip
Novi announce the engagement of their daughter, Leslie Reinke, to John A. Holmberg, son of Ann and John Holmberg of Clinton Twp. The, bride-elect is a graduate of Novi High School and a March 2003 graduate of Walsh College, earning a masterss of science in finance degree. She is currently employed by JCK & Associates. The groom-elect is a graduate of St. Clements High School and attends.	Southfield and Marcia and John Battishill of Neguance announce the engagement of their children, Thomas Buck and Ami Wienke. The bride is the daughter of Marcia Battishill of Negauance and Lon Wienke of Bristol, Wis. The bride-elect is a graduate of Reuther Central, Kenosha, Wis. in 1995 and currently is employed by Childtime Childrens' Centers. The groom-elect is a 1993 graduate of	Monday 5,5 9 a.m. Stretch & Strengt 9 a.m. Intro to Computer Clat 10 a.m. Body Reca 11 a.m. Goodie Lad 11 a.m. Medicare Counselt 11:30 a.m. 2 p.m. Sundry Shop Openoon Lunc 12:30 Pinochle 1 p.m3 p.m. Healing Touch
Macomb Community College. He is	Novi High School and 1998 grad-	

Navy Fireman Lee F. Billiu participated in the opening phase of Operation Iraqi Freedom in the Arabian Gulf while assigned to the aircraft earrier USS Abraham Lincoln, homeported in Everett, Wash. He is the son of Lauren and Barton Billiu of Walled Lake. Lee 9 a.m.-12 p.m. Massage Therapy graduated from Walled Lake Western High School in 1999 and

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Businesses unhappy with plan to eliminate tax exemptions

Daryl Ramsey pretty much grew up in Walled Lake's Melvin's Hardware at the corner Her father, Richard Melvin, in

and her husband bought the store from her father. But now they're worried about the future.

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St. Rep. Craig DeRoche and St. Sen. Nancy Cassis discuss the implications of proposed changes to the state's tax code with members of the Walled Lake business

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Ramsey, who is also president
of the Michigan Retail Hardware
Dealers Association, said health
coverage for her 27 employees tribustrate costs, Ramsey cominsurance costs, Ramsey complained to State Senator Nancy
Cassis and State Rep. Craig
DeRoebe. "You can't get ahead,
staff hours for the first time since

Cassis and DeRoche were in Walled Lake April 23 for the Downtown Development Authority's (DDA) monthly small coverage for her 27 employees alone is \$6,000 a month and looking to go up. She said faced with
rising costs and flat revenues, her
business has been forced to cut
staff hours for the first time since
Tax (SBT).

Walled Lake City
Walled Lake City
Commissioner Monica Lesanu

Cassis declared that
Granholn's "proposal to close tax
bopholes is really a disguised tax
increase." She said they are not
copholes in additional tax
relief for small businesses. The 30
or so people at the meeting nodded in agreement.

"Small business took the brunt Walled Lake City Commissioner Monica Lesnau,

who helped set up the meeting was adamant that the proposal amounts to a kick in the gut for mall business, which she said is the lifeblood of communities like

"It's scary when you think of it," said Walted Lake City
Manager and Public Safety
Director Jerry Walker. Walker employer, said his business has said that while his city's budget grown to the point that it's beyond

"H's scary when you think of ness, ne added.

Don Rudy, owner of Husky

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governor is calling tax loopholes.

Granholnt's "proposal to close tax loopholes is really a disguised tax increase." She said they are not "We're looking for what's fair," or so people at the meeting nod-ded in agreement.
"Small business took the brunt

and quit pounding on small busi-ness," he added. Don Rudy, owner of Husky

and still have to pay taxes. That's not fair."

"We're looking for what's fair," said Cassis. "We're asking for people to pay their fair share, not for them to pay no taxes."

DeRoche said he thought an increase in the tax on casino winnings would be fair.

"Small business took the brunt of the SBT in the [Gov. James] Blanchard era," said John Marshall, a member of the Walled Lake DDA's board of directors.
"They need to apply the tax fairly the DDA office at 500 North

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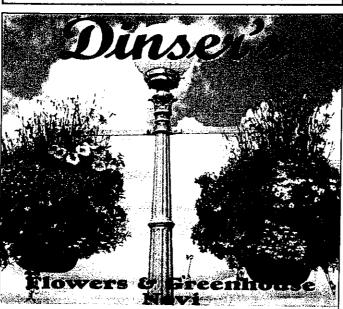
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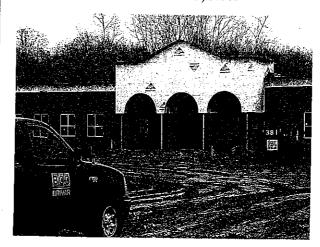
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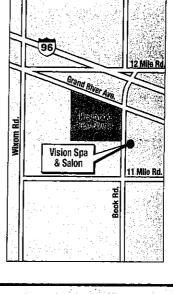
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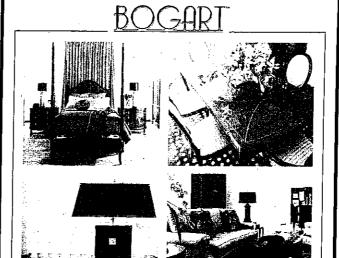
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Cooper reorganizes, promotes executives its new Novi facility two years ago. "It's just more efficient," she said. Cooper-Standard Automotive supplies scaling, trim, NVH (noise vibration and harshness) control systems and fluid handling systems to OEMs in North America, Europe, Australia and in Novi, he's expected to move to Europe soon, where he will join

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By Phil Foley

Findlay, Ohio-based Cooper Tite & Rubber Company (NYSE:CTB) announced April 15 the reorganization of its Cooper-Standard Automotive Group headquartered in Novi. The new structure combines

South America. the North American and international operations of its Global Fluid Systems and Global Sealing Systems Divisions under two pany's sealing and fluid systems pany's scaning and find systems technical center as well as its administrative heart and sales center for NVH products. Tucker said fluid and sealing systems sales are centered at a facility on executive vice presidents. Jim Pifer is promoted to execu-

tive vice president Cooper-Standard Automotive Global Fluid Systems Division; and Ed Hasler is promoted to executive vice president of the Group's Sealing Systems Division. Paul Gilbert is appointed executive vice president of Cooper-Standard Automotive Global NVH Division.

Company spokesman C. J. Tucker said that while Cooper has had a presense in Metro Detroit also included in the reorganiza-

group, was promoted to vice pres-ident and managing director, Sealing Systems Europe and will report to Hasler. Lukje is respon-sible for the division's sales, manufacturing plants and its Shared Services group.

Gary Phillips, previously vice president HR, was named vice president,

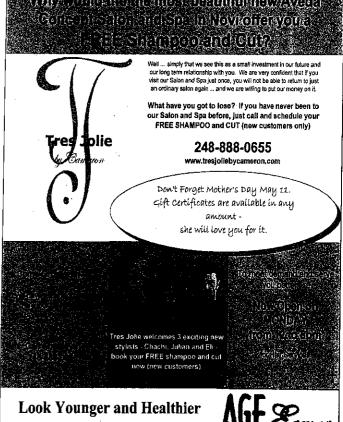
Cooper-Standard Automotive in addition to his curand aligns our organization more

Europe soon, where he will join Gricto Lukje. Lukje, previously vice presi-dent of operations, international

closely with our global automo-tive customers," said Jim McElya, president, Cooper-Standard Automotive.

Three other promotions were Cooper employs more than 20,000 at 52 manufacturing facilities in 13 countries. For more information, visit the company's





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wo weeks after suffering damage from an arson attack, Novi's Mesquite Creek restaurant re-opened for business. From the left are Patti Nelson, Melissa Sytek and

Mesquite Creek re-opens

Late last month, a downtown steakhouse opened its doors after being closed for nearly two weeks after a fire

Novi's downtown steakhouse is open to the public after closing for remodeling caused by a fire sus-pected by police as arson. Mesquite Creek Steakhouse.

located at the corner of Main and shut the popular eatery's doors for

Lenaghan estimated the blaze caused about \$40,000 worth of nterior damage.
Novi Police said Charles Lane, 37, of Novi was arrested for starting the blaze by throwing a drain cover through an east-side win-

dow of the establishment at about 4 a.m. and then pouring gasoline Fountain Park Apartments and 4 a.m. and then pouring gasonne found a risk Apartments and found empty gusoline containers in his vehicle.

sprinkler system activated quick-ly, extinguishing the flames and climinating further damage.

Police acid the man had been asked to leave the restaurant on Novi Police Chief Douglas

April 4 after a combination of alcohol and unruly behavior attracted management's attention.

Lane is accused of returning to and entering of a building with one day shy of two weeks.

Novi Fire Chief Arthur Mesquite Creek hours later and intent, arson and malicious igniting the flames.

Investigators at the scene were tipped off after finding the Novi destruction of property.

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BUSINESS SHORTS

Movers and shakers

Diamond Level Award at the firm's cast declines and 29 percent projectificate good at 12 Oaks Mall annual franchisee meeting in eet flat sales. The results create a seasonally adjusted outlook index the Nova tranchise, explained the Market Share Diamond Level 61,2 in February, The monthly Award is present Two Men And A sales performance index for March Truck franchise take 12,72 percent rouse to its highest level since last nualest share or better in their local area. Novi? Two Men And A Truck local area runs from linkster same mouth a year ago, while 55 County line and from Fight Mile Coad north to M-59, Arnold said his company is the state's third largest Two Men And A Truck operation, with revenues of \$1.3 million last year, up 30 percent from its inaugural year. Arnold is also the franchisee reprentative for Two Men And A Truck's Great cautiously optimistic for 2nd

Whistling past the close-out

tiously optimistic for sales growth

and Federal Reserve Novi's Two Men And A Truck
Since recently received the noving company's Market Share odd last year, while 18 percent foretool last year, while 18 percent forethe month certificate and a gift percent experienced declines and 11 percent reported no change. The results create a seasonally adjusted performance index of 39.2, up from 34.3 in February and the best since 40.1 last August."More retailers saw sales growth in March, but they remain

> Quarter performance," said Larry Meyer, MRA chairman and CEO. Although economic uncertainties remain, the positives include the end of the war in Iraq and warmer weather that can unleash pent-up consumer demand."

Top drawer

No secret agents

Hulverson and Chris Jacek were among 15 of AAA Michigan's more than 400 insurance agents recently named to AAA Michigan's President's Council Hulverson works out of AAA's Northville office at 42973 West Seven Mile Road, while Jacek is based at the non-profit corporation's Livonia branch in the

Bagels and bonmots

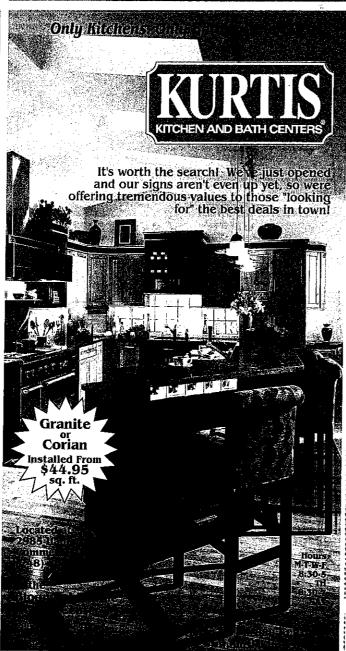
Commerce Township's best and brightest will gather at the El Dorado Country Club, 2869 North Pontiae Trail in Walled Lake, at 7:30 a.m. May 20 for the annual Commerce Township Community Breakfast. Township Treasurer toosty optimistic for sales growth in the 2nd Quarter, following a boost in overall sales performance during March - the industry's best showing since last summer. The findings are contained in the mouthly Michigan Retail Index survey, a joint project of the Michigan Retailers Association at work." Manzur added that Breakfast. Township Treasurer Secross said five individuals and organizations will be honored at the early morning event. The findings are contained in the mouthly Michigan Retailers Association at work." Manzur added that

township's 2003 beautification award for its work in expanding the school; and Buildmaster Inc. who will be recognized as the attend this event. community's 2003 business person of the year. Gross said typice continues

resident's checkbook where they

owners Bob and Cheryl Savage, cally between 125 and 150 people





Weinstein hits the mother lode at Tucson gem show

Gary Weinstein, owner of Weinstein Jewelers of Novi on Grand River, recently attended the International Tucson Gem Show, in Tucson, Ariz. This year marked the 49th year of the show and thines have changed dramatically hings have changed dramatically in 49 years. This year, there were 33 different shows, all being held at the same time in Tucson from January 25-February 16, These shows sell gems, jewelry, miner-als, fossils, beads, jewelry tools

The International Tucson Gem Show attracts buyers and sellers from all over the world. There were approximately 2,500 companies approximately 2,500 companies exhibiting in Tueson at the various shows this year and the shows drew more than 40,000 attendees. One of

At this point in my trip, the fifth day of shopping, I was walking through the show at a rapid pace.
After you have seen 20,000 different kinds of beads and gems, you've seen them all, right? As I cruised past Horizontes display, I

BUSINESS SHORTS

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Two months ago Sue Sproull was a pharmacy, tech at the University of Michigan, Today

the Farmington resident and her partner, Northville's Linda Luhtanen, are the proud owners

of Conturs Express in the

Pheasant Run Shopping Center at 39755 West Grand River Avenue,

near Haggerty Road.
"This is a big risk. It's pretty

It had been to this show in past Amber is an antique tree resin with a history of swallowing up all sorts of loose impediments, millions of years ago as the resin/sap was secreted from the ancient trees, it sometimes

more than 40,000 attendees. One of the most notable exhibitors was Horizonte of Switzerland who was set up in the middle of one of the largest tented bazaars.

The state of the field in the state of t bugs?" As I stepped into his dimly

lit room he asked, "what kind of bug are you looking for?" As I looked around I could see I had hit the mother lode! On ent kinds of beads and germs, 1 had hit the mother lode! On you've seen them all, right? As I tables and display boards small cruised past Horizontes display, I did a double take at a collection of the most unusual large bead neck-laces. "What is it?" I inquired. "Lava!" the vendor answered. The mek-klaces I purchased are designed with eighteen millimeter round, black beads. You have to see these beautiful creations to appreciate the beauty of nature. I always go to these shows with

scary but I have faith in what I'm

doing, said Sproull. Last summer she began looking into franchise operatations and became fascinated with Conturs Express' ladies only, 29-minute workout using weight-bearing machines.

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She said she told Luhtanen, who owns Dynatek, a mortgage software development company, about the company and "three days later she called back saying sounds like a wonderful opportunity; I'll back financially, you run it."

machines and Sproull. While membership is slightly behind where she projected membership, sproul said she's confident things will pick up. "People are getting ready for bathing suit season," she observed.

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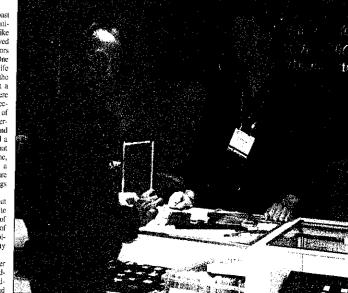
a shopping list of gems to come home with. One of the items on my list was 'amber with a bug in it'. That's right 'buggy amber'.

I had been to this show in past

gentleman from India and his wife were displaying at the end of the engulfed whole bugs.

I had seen these amber treasures before, but only on exhibit, never for sale. Dealer after dealer was one stone which I didn't recures before, but only on the never for sale. Dealer after dealer told me the same story - either they didn't have any or it wasn't for sale. Late one night, after the large main exhibit hall had closed for the evening. I was driving for the evening. I was driving and time getting much from that evendor but I did find a set of fine, well-matched andalusites, a serving serving. greenish brown gem which are featured in our store as earrings

of this show is the way tanzanite has now been adopted as one of the birthstones for the month of December, I now have a large collection of loose gem quality stones in stock.



Gary Weinstein, left, attended the International Tucson Gem Show in Arizona and returned with a unique inventory of treasures.

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Fabulous English Roses

LOCATION: Civic Center 45175 W. Ten Mile road (west of Novi Road: DETAILS: Pat Hibbard, of

Roses-West Rose Society in Novi, will present a slide program of David Austin English roses, along with handouts of the 2003 Austin Roses catalog; social hour: free PHONE: (248) 449-4626

Borders Bookstore Events

DATE: Saturday, May 3 TIME: 1 p.m. LOCATION: Novi Borders, Sovi Town Center.

DETAILS: Book signing with local children's author Denisa Brennan-Nelson and illustrator Jane Monroe Donovan--My Momma Likes To Say.

Annual Spring Concert

DATE: Sunday, May 4 TIME: 7:30 p.m. LOCATION: Novi Civic Center, 45175 W. Ten Mile Rd., west of Novi Road www.cancer.org.

Under the direction of Jack Kopnick, the Novi Concert Band will present its annual spring con-cert, which wil feature a variety of music from the classics to jazz. Featured soloist will be Diran Kochyan, playing the third move-ment of the Mozart Concert for Clarinet, K622. Admission is free; refreshments at intermission will be supplied by Novi Department

Cassis' Coffee &

DATE: Friday, May 9 TIME: 9:30 a.m. LOCATION: Big Boy, 25401 Novi Road, Novi

DETAILS: Senator Nancy Cassis, R-Novi, will be hosting her first of regular Cassis' Coffee & Conversation hours for people n the 15th District. All con tituents are welcome to come and take part in discussing issues facing western Oakland County, PHONE; 888-38-NANCY Recreation at (248) 624-2850.

Praise Guitar

Workshop/Concert DATES: Friday, May 9 and Saturday May 10, concert-Sunday,

TIME: Friday-7 p.m.-10 p.m. Saturday-9 a.m.-3 p.m. LOCATION: Novi United Methodist Church, 10 Mile, west of Meadowbrook Rd.

DETAILS: This event is given by the winner of the National ingerstyle Guitar Champion, John Standefer. The workshop provides Christian guitarists with the tools needed to improve their music and workshop skills. The concert is free, Sunday, May 11 at

7 p.m. PHONE: Novi United

Friends of Maybury State

DATE: Saturday, May 10 TIME: 9:30 a.m.-noon LOCATION: Classroom build-ing, 8 Mile Rd. entrance DETAILS: Short meeting followed by various work projects to improve the park. All volunteers welcome. Materials and tools to be furnished. PHONE: (248) 347-0899.

Novi Choralaires present "Good Times" evening of

DATE: Saturday, May 10 TIME: 7:30 p.m. LOCATION: Novi High School Fuerst Auditorium, 10 Mile and

DFTAILS: Tickets: \$10/Adults \$8/Seniors and children 12 and under, Come and enjoy an evening of music celebrating the past, the present, and our hope for the future, which includes the Choral Revue "Song of America" Purchase tickets from any member Center and at the Novi Senior Center at Meadowbrook

Wixom plant exchange

DATE: Tuesday, May 13 TIME: 6:30-8 p.m. LOCATION: Wixom Community Center, 49015 Pontiac

DETAILS: Janet Macunovich, horticulturist and writer for the Detroit Free Press and Michigan Gardener Magazine, will discus-"Planting Perennials in The Mixed Border." Area residents are encouraged to bring their extra perennials in labeled plastic bags to trade with their neighbors. The event is free, but to reserve table space, call ahead PHONE: (248) 624-2850.

Oakland County Health Division Guit Smoking

DATE: Tuesday, May 15 LOCATION: Medical Center-Providence Park, 47601 Grand

an educational presentation on the quitting process, a smokers' emerlearn valuable coping skills and receive follow-up support to help in the quitting process. There is no fee for the class or materials. Space is fimited, Pre-registration is

required. PHONE: (877) 345-5500.

American Cancer Society Relay for Life

DATE: Saturday, May 17 and inday, May 18 TIME: 24-hour event beginning at 10 a.m., Saturday. LOCATION: Ford Field in

DETAILS: A team event to cel ebrate cancer survivorship, honor those who have been lost lost to the disease and rally the commu nity to fight cancer.
PHONE: American Cancer
Society, (248) 557-5353 or

Founders Day Celebration DATE: Saturday, May 17

TIME: 11:45 a.m.-3 p.m. LOCATION: Gibson House, 49805 Pontiac Trail DETAILS: Learn what life was like in the "old days," as Wixon celebrates Michigan Week with its econd annual Founders Day Celebration. The event is free and entertainment will include a ragtime band, barbershop quartet, high school choirm Punch & Judy puppet show and story telling. Activities are expected to include train rides, a petting farm, antique car and steam tractor displays and tours of the historic Gibson house There will also be a display of Wixom's history as well as blackmithing and sheep shearing demonstrations.
PHONE: Wixom Parks and

Arts and Treasures Weekend

DATE: June 7-8 LOCATION: Fountain Walk,

DETAILS: Looking for Artists/Crafters for the Novi Lions Arts & Treasures show, Along with the craft show, there will be a free Children's Art Village, free entertainment and more PHONE: Individuals interested in a booth at the eraft show should contact Jerry Koonce, at (248)

Henry Ford Health System Alternative Medicine

Learning Series DATES: Wednesday, June 25

TIME: 7 p.m.-9 p.m. LOCATION: Henry Ford Medical Center, Novi. 40000 Eight Mile, one block west of aggerty DETAILS: \$5/per class, Space

s limited and pre-registration is PHONE: (248) 380-6201 or www.henryford.com/eim. to regis-ter and for more information on

topics.

DATE: Tuesdays through June TIME: 6:30-9:30 p.m LOCATION: Walled Lake Community Education, 615 N.

DETAILS: Select and trace beautiful images provided, then incorporate techniques using clear wrap, salt, cheese cloth and rice paper. Create four small painting PHONE: Register for class at

Adoption Playgroup

DATE: First and Third Fridays TIME: 10 a.m. LOCATION: Holy Family Catholic Church (on Meadowbrook Rd, between 10 Mile Rd, and Grand River Rd.)

DETAILS: We are a not for profit, non-denominational group together. Our twice a month meet ings provide families with the opportunity to share play and con-versation. During the summer, we meet at specially designated times and locations. PHONE: For more information contact Michelle Pergeau 248-887-4955 or Sandra Noonan (248)

American Business Women's

Association DATE: third Mondays TIME: 6:30 p.m. LOCATION: Wyndham Garden

Iotel in Novi DETAILS: American Business Women's Association (ABWA) brings together working women of diverse occupations and provide opportunities for them to help themselves and others grow pro fessionally and personally through networking support, education, cadership. & national recognition Meetings are \$16, which includes full dinner. Future dates for the Novi Oaks Charter Chante

PHONE: Chris Struwe by phone (248) 269-2035 or e-mail Christina.struwe@huntington.com

Church of the Holy Cross Lenten Studies

Tuesdays, through May 20, 7 p.m.-8:30 p.m. Study of The Gospel according to Mark with The Rev, Fred Brunson, begin-ning with a pot luck supper. LOCATION: Church of the Holy Cross, 46200 W, Ten Mile

PHONE: (248) 349-1175.

Paintings on Display-Novi resident artist

DATE: March-on going TIME: M-F; 7 a.m.-7 p.m., Sat.; 9 a.m.-5 p.m. LOCATION; Picasso's Cafe.

Business referrals

DATE: every Wed. ongoing LOCATION: Novi Civic Center, 45175 [O Mile Rd. TIME: 7 - 8:30 a.m. DETAILS: Meeting of local professionals and business looking o increase word-of-mouth referral business. Various classification

open and eager to bring you quali-PHONE: (734) 462-6460 for

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Division Expectant Parent Classes

DATE: ongoing series LOCATION: Oakland County Health Division, 1010 East West Maple, Walled Lake TIME: 7-9 p.m. DETAILS: Classes will be

taught by Public Health Nurses Topics will include childbirth preparation, labor and delivery, care of the newborn baby, breastfeeding, bottle-feeding, informa tion about keeping children safe, and caring for them when they are ill. Cost is \$25.00. PHONE: (248) 858-4003, or

(888) 350-0900 ext. 84003

New TOPS chapter in Novi DATES: Wednesdays LOCATION: Meadowbrook Commons Activities Room, 25075 Acadowbrook Rd., Novi. TIME: 11 a.m. weigh in, 11:30

a.m. meeting DEFAILS: \$20/yearly member ship registration, includes hand-book, \$1/meeting. New members welcome.

Oakland County Health Division breastfeeding support sessions

DATE: ongoing series LOCATION: Oakland County Health Division, 1010 East West Maple, Walled Lake, DETAILS: Information covered includes pumping, solving com mon problems associated with breastfeeding, taking care of mom, growth and development of the

breastfeeding infant including:

77. TIME: 10 a.m.-12 p.m. PHONE: (248) 347-0414

growth spurts, starting solids, and

eaning. PHONE: (248) 858-4003 or

DATE: First and third Tuesdays

the month LOCATION: Novi Civic

DETAILS: Toostmasters will

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Breast Cancer Support Group

DATES: Second and fourth

Tuesdays of the month, starting

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Sinai Hospital, Commerce. Classroom C on the ground floor

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PHONE: If you have any ques

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tions, call (248) 937-5017.

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Cancer Support Group

DAYS: first and third Tuesday of every month TIME: 6:30-8 p.m. DETAILS: free, for adult cancer patients and significant others PHONE: (877) 345-5500

Alcoholics Anonymous DAYS: every Tuesday and practice leadership.
PHONE: For more information.
call Colleen at (248) 685-9226.

TIME: noon LOCATION: Providence Medical Office Center-Novi, 39500 W. 10 Mite Rd. DETAILS: free, all welcom PHONE: (248) 348-9362

BOOST CAMP (through Providence Center for the Healing Arts)

DAYS: first Wednesday of each

TIME: 9 a.m.-3 p.m. LOCATION: Providence Park Novi or Providence Hospital and Medical Center-PMB, 16001 W. Nine Mile Rd., Southfield. Camp rotates between locations.
DETAILS: \$35 per person,

includes funch and materials. Scholarships available. The proing and wholistic new approach to wellness and healthy liv PHONE: (248) 465-4300 or (248) 849-3321. Registration is

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CLASS NOTES

Novi Youth Assistance Mentoring Program serves many area children

The American Heritage College ictionary defines the word Dictionary defines the word "mentor" as a wise and trusted counselor or teacher. The Novi counselor or teacher. The Novi Youth Assistance Memoring Program has taken that definiting

and added the word "friend to it.

The program, which has been around for over 20 years, is part of a tri-sponsorship. According to Youth Assistance Case Worker Claudia Walter, there are 26 offices in Oakland County and it goes by school district bound-

> "I don't see people who live in Novi, but go to South Lyon schools or Walled Lake schools," Walter said, "The workers in those communities would. Youth Assistance has been around for 50 years and it started in Hazel Park and now there is one in every school district in Oakland

County."
Walter said that the organization is a tri-sponsorship because in every community it's run by the municipality, the school district and the county. Within the youth assistance, there are different committees: mentoring; drug and alcohol awareness; camp; and skill building.

"The mentoring program is one of those committees and it's directed by a group of volun-teers," Walter said. "Once a volunteer says they would like to mentor, they go through training at the county and their file is sent to me once all of the criminal checks and references are checked out. I then go do a home interview and volunteers would go with me. Once we feel comfortable, the committee will get together and we'll get kids that we have on the waiting list and try to put a match together."

This may be a difficult process,

however, because mentors and kids must be matched up together according to their interests, among other things. "If we have a kid who loves sports and a mentor who hates sports, we're not going to put them together because it's not going to work very well,³² Walter said. "Once they are matched, either a volunteer needs to keep in communication with them or I will get e-mailed

All volunteers sign a contract and are required to commit to one year at two hours minimally a going to work into their life.

"You see a lot of growth in a kid over a period of time," he said. first mentor and since he started, there have been many more matches, but only one that did not work out. In every other case, the mentor finished the commitment. the parents felt there was some benefit to it and there weren't any problems or complaints.

"I was an educator a long time ago and I coached cross country at the high school level for 18 years," Dyer said. "Hike kids, so I thought it would be a good thing to do, I don't think I would have gotten involved, except Claudia and I were friends and she told me I would make a good mentor. So, thought about it and gave it a

For someone like Dyer, who is a self proclaimed workaholic, it might be tough to find the time at the start to be a mentor, but according to him, if someone real-ly wants to do it, they can always find the time. "I have a tendency to get lost in

my job," he said, "I could spend entire weekends working solidly. I find this is a good break. It's something I can do away from work, so it's more fun then an inconvenience. Anything you have that's an obligation can seem like a burden at times, but once you have a day with a child, that's sort of forgotten."

Dyer mentors Aaron Derrick, who he has been with for two

years. "We are just coming up to the end of our second year." he said, "It's fun because a lot of times you are not doing things that seem profound to you and you're not seeing a breakthrough, but just for them, having someone around who is interested in them and cares about them is just great for them. We get to know them sometimes better then everybody else does. A lot of these kids don't have a real strong self concept and don't have a lot of direction, And having a mentor there helps them mature a little bit."

ing, it wouldn't be a bad idea to talk to someone who is currently mentoring to get an idea of the kinds of things that they like

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kid over a period of time," he said.
"I always saw that in teaching and coaching too. You see kids become more mature and respon sible. When I first met Aaron, he didn't even want to talk to me. I went up to the house for our intro-ductions and it was a pretty scary proposition for him. He wouldn' look at me, he would just lay there on the couch and cover his face So it looked like it could be a dead end, but you just have to kind of stick with it. I knew that he was interested in bowling and he howled on a league, so just as I was leaving I said that I was took ing forward to watching him how if that would be OK. He finally looked up at me, and that was the first time we made eye contact.

and said that would be OK, The mentoring program may not be so big among the public, but within the Novi Police Department it's very popular, "We were having a hard time, especialwith men, finding mentors Walter said. "It's a big commit ment and everybody is busy, but when we approached the police department, their administration the police department - two officers and two dispatchers and we have another officer who is going through the training. So, they have been tremendous in responding to the needs of the kids and taking their own time to give to

Anyone interested in participating can call Walter at (248) 347-0410. "They don't necessarily have to live in Novi, they can just work in Novi," she said. "They should contact me and I will give them the information they need to start the process. We are not only looking for mentors, but we are also looking for people to be on the committee to help make the matches, monitor the mentors and

According to Dyer, for some-rone who is interested in memor- for the Novi News. He can be

Aaron Derrick (left) with his mentor, Bruce Dyer, at Comerica Park in Detroit. Dyer is the Novi Mentoring Program chairperson.

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It's a new dawn for Main Street

April 25, 2003 - that day marks the beginning of a new era for Novi's "downtown" development known as Main Street. CB Richard Ellis/Martin, of East Lansing, added Main Market to its portfolio, and we hope that signals a major

For over two and a half years, lawsuits, bankruptcy filings and an overall negative air have engulfed the development, Hopefully, that is all about to change and the 24 tenants can

begin to focus on building successful businesses. "There's nowhere to go but improvement," said Trish Foster, of CB Richard Ellis/Martin.

Her firm's goal is to increase the value, and they plan on doing that by improving relations between the landlord and the tenants and filling vacancies in the final 25,000 square feet available.

That will be a welcome change for this development Across the street, Tom Celani is doing positive things at the old Vic's World Class Market, which he bought and renamed the Luna Building.

Positive improvements, attitudes and goals - that's what Main Street has needed for some time. It finally looks like it's

Now, if we can just get this 1-96 interchange frasco straightened out so it's easier for people to get to Main Street...

GOVERNMENT

Per reader request, we have compiled a list so you can get in touch with your local and regional senators and representatives. Their accessibility allows you as readers to voice your concerns directly and allows them to better represent their districts. If you feel we have missed anyone, contact us at (248) 349-1700, ext. 113.

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PINION



Photo by John Heider

Novi High School student Richard Wang, a 2003 corporate-sponsored Merit Scholarship winner, plays piano at his home on a recent Friday afternoon. Novi resident Asha Radhamohan has also been awarded a corporate-sponsored Merit Scholarship from Eaton Corporation. She is a senior at Novi High School and is planning a career in genetic research.

Music festival. concert next up

The final wrap-up meeting of the Novi Chamber of Commerce Auction Committee takes place today. The event netted \$10,000 for Providence Hospital's Assarian Cancer Center Healing

Arts program.

I had a blast working on the rittee for a few months, and I hope that seek my input again for next year's auction. Over 300 people attended this one, and I think at number can only increase.

Rotary Club and major sponsor JCK & Associates. The Lincoln Center Jazz Orchestra with Wynton Marsalis will be playing two shows at Novi High School's

swinging ensemble be incredible but the proceeds are going to a great cause as well. The Rotarians have committed \$25,000 to their Foundation's effort to eradicat polio from the world.

As I like to say, the Rotarians are taking a "swing" at polio. Let's hope this helps deliver the knock-

Hit our event Web site at nation on the concert, sponsorship opportunities and more.

After that, it's Novi's annual Music & Motor Fest on July 24-You can always count on Jane Thomas and her crew to come un with a real winner, and this year

will follow suit, I'm sure.

Last year's festival relocated from the Expo Center to Main Street, and this July's event will be in that locale as well. The Novi News will again be publishing the festival program, and I'll be presenting updates in upcoming

There's numerous other events happening in Novi. Call or e-mail me with yours so we can let every-

Cal Stone is the editor of the Novi News. He can be reached at (248) 349-1700, ext. 113 or at many times the quality of the recording is You know it's bad when you start waking up in the middle of the night because you had nightmares of a killer duck wearing a Jean-

LETTERS

Novi, tear down that

I never thought that I would kick off my campaign for City Council by talking about barricades. However, two weeks after I have announced my derision and embar-rassment about the barricades blocking the entrance to the Novi PD, they are still there. The war against Iraq is over. The nation's terror alert has been reduced to the

level it was before the war began.

As I write this letter, since the war's end,

called it, and its citizens, "hoity toity." We all deserve better than to be burdened with the concrete barriers in front of the police station. If the people at city hall think it's necessary to keep those silly barricades in front of the north side of that building, so be it. At least we still have access to the south side. However, the police depart-ment is not designed to offer "customers" a second choice. They have to come in the

Since my first letter, two prominent Novi officials, one current and one past, gave me

I am not taking a stand against the in favor of the barricades. In fact, most feel the same way I do but are unable to publicly express their views. Remember, I was a Novi police officer for nearly 27 as much an expert on these matters as any-

one whose mission was to cause damage to the police department. They only stop the ordinary people from using their taxpayer-paid parking lot and walking comfortably into the police department.

Citizens and neighbors have told me that they feel the same way I do. They wonder why the police feel the need to protect themselves when it is their duty to protect the community? They have asked why there are no barricades in front of our fire departments? And, many have asked me, why any barricades at all in Novi? I will there has not been one single instance of "terrorism" in the whole United States, much less in Novi.

A few months ago, I spoke to Council about the beautiful, wonderful Novi. I wall:

Wildcats show class

basketball team for an outstanding 2002-

conflicting views of my stance. One said I was stilly to "take a stand against the police." The other said that I was right on" in my assessment of the burricades.

It was refreshing to watch Pat Schleuter's police. I do not know of one officer that is well-disciplined team. The Wildcats dressed the same, warmed up together, and played with unselfish patience on offense. Also, the players responded to correction from coaches, consistently gave outstandyears, and still am a sworn officer. My ing effort, and defended with a purpose, views on public safety do not come without years of experience. I believe that I am just and in the toughest moment of any high school season, the team promptly lined-up one else. The barricades are unnecessary. to congratulate their victorious opponent

they certainly won the respect of everybody in that packed gymnasium. Performances like this exemplify what high school sports are intended to be.

Hooray for 9 Mile

I must proclaim loudly and with great enthusiasm: I am so happy to see the 9 Mile pedestrian path well on its way to comple-tion! The sight of gradual progress would always bring a smile to my face during our long, long cold winter. Each time I drive or bike by, I am reminded of the day late last summer that I

reminded of the day late last summer that I supervised a bike trip to Rotary Park from Deerbrook with four or five kids, including my then-6-year-old daughter. Although she was a stable two-wheel rider, apparently Congratulations to the Novi Wildcats basketball team for an outstanding 2002-2003 season. 2003 season. drifted out into the street. I main you do...
Novi's effort and behavior was particularly and over to the driver in oncoming traffic who came to a complete halt, stopping at who came to a complete halt, stopping at least two other cars in order that she could safely get away from the road. Needless to

say, in all our subsequent trips I rode right on her flank, ready to physically herd her away from the road should she drift over. I believe the path is very much worth what our city is paying for it, and I fully support establishing and connecting the paths on other main roads also.

Ann M. Kowaiczyk

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OTHER OPINIONS

We won't see Griffiths' equal anytime soon

When I founded the company that owns this newspaper back in 1966, Martha Griffiths had already served six terms in the United States

— together with neighborhoods in northwest Detroit. So in a very real sense, she was the first

I had worked with her before then and had I had worked with ner before then and had wondered at her remarkable career. How she and her husband, Hicks, had been friends with G. Mennen "Soapy" and Nancy Williams and how they had created the modern Michigan Democratic Party and elected Soapy governor in 1979, the principle of the property of the standard of the property of the

1948. It was in that same elec-tion that Martha had won a seat in the Michigan House, becoming one of only two women state representatives from 1949 to 1952. And how Williams had appointed her to the Detroit Recorder's Court bench. In 1964, I had been asked by a newly-elected Congressman from Kalamazoo, Paul H. Todd.

Jr., to be his administrative assistant in Washington. Paul was rested in a seat on the Agriculture Committee, and he assigned me the task of figuring out how to get it for him. It was casy. "Go see Martha Griffiths. She's on Ways and Means, which is the Committee on Committees," everybody told me, "If she likes Paul, he'll be on that committee

We did. And she did. And neither Paul nor I ever forgot those sharp eyes, the fierce concentra-tion, the tough questions. And, finally, the big smile written all over her face, "We'll do it," she smile written all over ner race, we it uo it, sac said, and then immediately set to working out how best to maneuver Paul's candidacy adroitly

through the political thickets.

Martha's district at the time included Livonia.

setting in nicely. It's almost like how when a cigarette

smoker quits and they go

smoker dutis and they go
through a period of pure agony
as they fight their urges.

I believe this is worse
though A cigarette smoker can
fall off the wagon and grab a
cigarette, but for someone like
file, we just can't filip on the

me, we just can't hip for the relevision and expect for watch a brand new Red Wings game. All we have are old taped games of the Wings beating the Colorado Avalanche, which we have watched so many times the nuality of the recording is hit someh

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And she was a terrific one! She'd drop by my office from time to time when she was in the district to talk — my how she could talk! — about the Congress, the president, the country, the issues, the gossip.

One day, the hig news was how Wilbur Mills, the then chairman of the Ways and Means Committee, had got caught cavorting in Washington fountain w with Fannie Fox, a woman of dubious reputation. Of course, he had made a fool of himself, and

soon lose his very powerful chairmanship.
"Don't you laugh at Wilbur Mills!" she snorted. "He may have done something very silly, but there is no human being alive who understands the tax code of the United States as well as he

everybody expected he would

the United States as well as he does." It was perfect Martha.

Of course, Martha was famous for wedging women's rights into the landmark 1964 Civil Rights Act and for forcing the Equal Rights Amendment out of a House committee, where it had languished since 1923. But her other accomplishments less well need upon controller was controlled. plishments, less well noted, were certainly enor mous. She went after the ways Social Security gave the short stick to women and children, worked to better regulate pension funds and close tax loopholes. She thought the insurance industry was profoundly and unfairly stacked against women, and her study of how the welfare system

Red Wings withdrawal really setting in now

season games with me at home. She had a very nice time, even though she didn't like the outcome of the games. It was the first time she had

ever been to Joe Louis Arena. and she kept commenting on how she has never seen so many people in one place

We had great seats, too. Ninth row from the ice! All I

Ninth row from the ice! All I kept hearing throughout the games was, "Look, there is McCarty! When is he going to

hit somebody?" I tried to explain to her tha

during the playoffs there aren't as many fights because nobody wants to pick up any penal-ties, but she was determined on seeing a fight.

"McCarty can start the fight and Mr. Chicag

I went through the same thing last year. In fact, I go through it every year, but this time it just came a lot earlier. It's been a couple weeks now since the Detroit Red Wings were defeated by the Michael Policies of the

just came a lot earlier. It's been a couple weeks now since the Detroit Red Wings were defeated by the Mighty Ducks of Anaheim in the first why I purchased first and second round tickets, round of the Stanley Cup Playoffs, and the withdrawal is a like that? I sure didn't. I guess that's why I purchased first and second round tickets, round of the Stanley Cup Playoffs, and the withdrawal is a like that? I sure didn't. I guess that's why I purchased first and second round tickets. I what I was a like that? I sure didn't. I guess that's why I purchased first and second round tickets. I why I purchased first and second round tickets. I what I was a like that? I sure didn't. I guess that's why I purchased first and second round tickets.

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In 1982, the Congressman James Blanchard recruited Martha Griffiths to be his running mate for lieutenant governor. Most observers felt this pick guaranteed Blanchard's election as governor.
Martha served for two terms. By the time
Blanchard was gearing up to run for a third term
in 1990, Martha was 78 and had lost several steps to ill health. Worse, she had lost her sparkle and good humor and had become suspicious and crubby.

Probably egged on by her husband, Hicks,

Probably egged on by her husband, Hicks, Martha announced to the astonishment of all that she was "available" for a third term. Blanchard did the hard thing but the right thing, picking Libby Maynard to be his running mate against John Engler. Blanchard lost narrowly, and some still think that the ill will that came out of the Martha share the still will that came out of the Martha situation contributed to the losing margin.

I remember going out to Martha's old, white farmhouse in Armada in the mid-1980s. She was going to sign her will, leaving her papers to the University of Michigan. We had a couple of drinks, told a few stories. Then she said, "Well, let's get at it." And she abruptly sat down and signed the papers. Typical Martha.

Martha — in my mind, it has always been "Martha," not "Mrs. Griffiths" or "Congresswoman Griffiths" — was just like that: direct, forthright, funny, generous. Passionate for the right. Concerned about history and her place in it, and certainly deserving of it. We are not lik

Phil Power is the Chairman of the Board of the company that owns this newspaper. He would be pleased to get your reactions to this column either at (734) 953-2047 or at ppower@h

(the nickname she uses for Chris Chelios) can finish it," she said. "Then, Hull and Shanahan

can score the goals. I want to hear Shanahan' was after he scores!"
Well, at least she did get to hear that Irish jig
once in the first game, but when it was all said

once in the first game, but when it was all said and done, the Mighty Ducks had moved on to torment the Dallas Stars and our Red Wings were sent packing. What a shame.

I know we still have the Pistons to watch as they battle the Orlando Magic in their first round matchup, but to me, it's just not quite the same. In my eyes, nothing can match the excitement of watching Red Wings playoff hockey. Sometimes I sit and think, wow, if I'm so unset about this low do the players and

so upset about this, how do the players and everybody associated with the team feel right

about now? It must be torture. All I can say is, the fans of the Red Wings will be back next year, cheering the team back to the playoffs and my grandma and I will be right there with

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Mile Road, Novi, Michigan.

Interested citizens may appear and present written and/or verbal comments on the proposed budget.

A copy of the proposed 2003-2004 budget is currently available at the Novi Civic Center, Office of the City Clerk, for public inspection, 45175 West Ten Mile road, Novi, Michigan.

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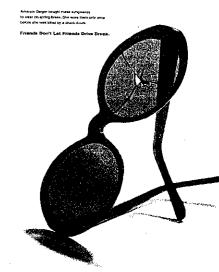
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Dear Virtual Vic.

Argh! It's Mother's Day again and I have not the slight-est clue to what I should get my mom, I know that it should be something from the heart and something I've thought of, but after 20 years of getting ber a band-made card and hand-picked flowers. thought maybe an original lin of thinking would come in bandy. She always says she loves whatever I get her, but I'm trying to pull out all the stops this year. Any ideas would be greatly appreciated!

Mother's Day Mad**hess in No**vi

Dear Mother's Day Madness thoughtful thing down anyway,

oses, and that is why you men-nice Sunday brunch is always an tioned right away you know you

tioned right away you know you should be giving your mon something from the heart.

Since I feel fike I'm always preaching about the value of thoughful gifts and considering I went through the dos and don'ts of gifts for women leaf wand column rand I'm from baron't. We like in Plemanth but I checked.

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And I suppose the past 20 years. for the past 20 years.

I'm assuming you read my answer to last week's question about the young man wanting to give his girlfriend of two years.

And I suppose a bouquet of dandelions may lose its appeal answer to last week's question about the young mon wanting to five the past 20 years.

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For a small party, the hotel located on Haggerty near Fight Mile Road accepts reservations on the half-hour from 11:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. by calling (248) 349-4000.

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349-7770.

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from noon to 8 p.m. and Italian Epicure is accepting reserva-tions from 1 to 5 p.m. and is offering a special Mother's Day

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use of the Center for Educational performance and Information (CEPI) by requiring all data submissions go directly to CEPI rather than other state agencies.

"The state is exploring ways to cut costs," Cassis said, "By mak-ing CEPI a clearinghouse for educational data, it will save state and local tax doltars by allowing CEPI and state agencies to coordinate their efforts and information more efficiently,"

lect and report data about Michigan's K-12 public schools and make that information avail-

addition to other state agencies.

provide our children with a quali-ty education," Cassis said, "We need to find the most cost-effective ways to do that."

This bill, the first in a five-

package series, is the result of hearings held in March by the Senate Education Committee where education leaders discussed ways the committee could legisla-The purpose of CEPI, a state agency under the Department of Management & Budget, is to col-costs,

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Two other cost-saving bills in the package passed the education able to the public. That data allows school districts and public able to the public. That data includes student test scores, carollinent figures, graduation and dropout rates, teacher information, pupil/leacher ratios, crime and safety data, financial information, and building infradays of professional develor

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Palmieri one of state's best

Walled Lake Western High School, was recently named as one of the top 100 soloists in the State of Michigan by the MSBOA and Orchestra Association).

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Western marching band for three The MSBOA hosts District Festivals across Michigan at both the high school and middle school levels. This year over 60,000 students participated with 9,500 receiving 1st division ratings making them eligible to compete at the State Festival. From there, only 100 students were nominated as Top Soloist Palmieri will perform at the State Festival. From the properties were nominated as Top Soloist Palmieri will perform at the Lake Western Chamber Orchestra ing Ist division ratings manufacting Ist division ratings manufacting Ist division ratings manufacting Ist division ratings manufacting Ist division of Michigan Youth Arts Festival, May 8-10, at Central Michigan Michigan Pout Arts Festival, May 8-10, at Central Michigan Michigan Pout Arts Festival, May 8-10, at Central Michigan Michigan Pout Arts Festival, May 8-10, at Central Michigan Pout Arts Festivals in Honolulu, Hawaii. The Compoleony-Strings were

Palmieri has played oftee for mie-years and plano for 12. She studies with Dr. Nancy King, professor of obee at the University of Michigan, and has performed with the Denvil Symphony Civic Orchestra. She also attended Interlochen for three wears when the has alweed obne for percent. years where she has played oboe for

Scholarship deadline extended
State Representative Marc Shulman announced the deadline for high school seniors to submit entries to the Shulman Educational Opportunity Fund will be extended to Friday, May 16.

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addition, there will be two honorable mentions, who will receive \$250 and \$500 to be awarded to the top two essayists' schools. The application, available from guidance counselors, along with five copies of the essay, must be mailed no later than Friday, May 16 to; Shulman Educational Opportunity Fund, P.O. Box 25114. West Bloomfield, MI, 48325.

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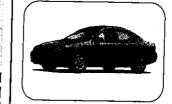
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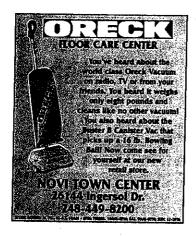
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Thankful for the victory

Novi escapes Country Day, splits double header

By Michael Zerkich

The Novi Wildeats knew going into their double header against Detroit Country Day that winning both games would be a lofty goal — and no doubt, they're happy escaping with

ne win.
The Novi baseball team came The Novi baseball team came through in the nightcap of a double header with non-conference foe Detroit County Day 10-6 in a 10 inning affair. Earlier, the Wildcats dropped the opener 11-6.

Valley Conference.

Novi coach Rick Green saw several things during the two

game set.
"Detroit Country Day is a tough ball club," he said. "I thought we competed well against them in the first game but their pitching really did a fine job for them."

The Wildeats took what they

applied it to the nightcap, earning the win with their strategies.

Novi now stands at 6-2 over-all and 3-0 in the Kensington Valley Conference. Novi coach Rick Green saw several things during the two

"In the second game we used four different pitchers who kept us in the ball game and allowed us to pull off the win in the 10th inning," Green comment-

ed. "I thought our sophomore, Billy Morrison, did a nice job in long relief as he went four and two-thirds innings and struck out six batters for the

offensively, Novi had their bats booming with several players coming up with big numbers. Josh Buck, a jun-ior, collected four hits in eight at-bats. Another junior, Doug

Benton, equally clobbered County Day's pitching with a fine 5-for-7 performance. The Wildcat's had several

batters in the win in the second game with Chris Scott notching three hits in five at-bats, which

three hits in five at-bats, which included a home run and three RBIs. Also, junior Adam Brandau had a big game as he went 4-for-5 with two RBIs. Novi has some key home games ahead on its schedule. Tomorrow, Kensington Valley Conference opponent Lakeland pays a visit for a double header beginning at 4 p.m. Then, non-

conference opponent Plymouth Salem visits for a double head-

er starting at 2 p.m. Saturday.
There are no admission charge for either game and the diamond is located behind the construction area at the southwest part of the Novi High School property.

Michael Zerkich is a special writer for the Northville Record and the Novi News. Comments can be directed to the sports department at (248) 349-1700, ext. 104.

Not drafted, but Ime Akpan still has other opportunities

By Sam Eggleston

Sometimes, it takes a couple rolls of the dice to get a seven and Novi's line Akpan is patient enough to roll them as many times as he needs to. The Novi resident and soon-

Eastern Michigan University graduate wasn't one of the lucky chosen in the National Football League draft April 26-27, but that doesn't mean the doors are closed to

"Now that I'm a free agent, "Now that I m a nee again, I'm just waiting for a team to call over the next two days or "Alban said Monday. "I'll be somewhere, I just don't know where yet."

For Akpan, being overlooked in the NFL draft was a slight disappointment — but, after seeing all of the defenders that were taken this year, he can understand why.

"A lot of runningbacks that were expected to go ahead of me didn't get drafted," Akpan said. "The first round had a lot of defensive players drafted, and I expected that, I just didn't expect it to continue all the way through,

Akpan's patience isn't wear-ing thin though. He's prepared to play the game that is profes-sional sports — both on and off

"Basically, I'm just waiting for some of the teams to start calling," he said.

Some of the teams even alluded to this being a possible outcome for Akpan.

outcome for Akpan.

"They said if I wasn't drafted, they would probably come
and pick me up," Akpan noted.

"I expect to get a call sometime
today or tomorrow, and, if not,
my agent will start making
calls for me. I'll be somewhere."

In fact, at the time the sports section went to print, Akpan's agent had already been dialing.
"I just got off the phone with

"I just got off the pnone with about eight teams in regards to Ime," said Mark Bruno, the president of The Pegasus Agency out of Cleveland, Ohio. "We already have some interest from some teams.

"Ime is at the top of our

right now, and hopefully we'll have something worked out by week's end. I'm confi-dent that we'll be able to accomplish that

Bruno said that Akpan's numbers compare well with runningbacks that were select-

We could easily stack Ime up against some of the run-ningbacks taken in the draft." bers, his stats and physically. His 40 speed, vertical, strength and ability stack up equally and better than a lot of the kids

One thing is for sure, Bruno and Akpan are both hoping to see the Eastern Michigan stand-out at a rookie mini-

camp.
"We would certainty hope that he's in a rookie mini-

"I just got off the phone with about eight teams in regards to Ime. We aiready have some interest from some teams."

> Mark Bruno President, The Pegasus Agency

camp, but if not it's not the end of the line," Bruno said. "Being undrafted is not a bad thing. We have to work a little harder, but we'll find the right fit."

Akpan noted that he's excited over the prospect of being invited to a team's rookie mini-camp, most of which start next week. He said that though he wasn't drafted, this is almost a

better scenario for him.
"It could be better for me because instead of being draft-ed in the sixth or seventh round and having a team pick me, I can pick my team," Akpan said, and added that his expectations haven't dwindled any. "I'm definitely confident that I'll be on a team when the season

Akpan, who stands 6-foot-1 Akpan, who stands 6-foot-1 and weighs in at 230 pounds, could prove to be a valuable athlete at the professional level. In his senior year at Eastern Michigan, he proved how valuable he was to the Eagles as he gained 1,282 yards on 267 carries. His 15 touchdowns and 111 yard-persame average made him one of game average made him one of the top producing running-backs at the collegiate level last season. Not only that, but he can catch too. Last year, he pulled in 26 passes for 115

Until the time comes that Akpan finds out when and where he'll be playing, he plans on continuing his rigorous workouts and training schedule. If not the NFL, perhaps his abilities will find him

playing elsewhere,
"It's possible," Akpan said. "I want to play in the NFL, but the other leagues would be an

option if they have to be."

And if worse comes to worse, Akpan is lucky enough to have degree in communication and a minor in business marketing to fall back on — but he's not expecting to it to come to that,

'I'll probably be too busy," n said with a chuckle, probably be at camp

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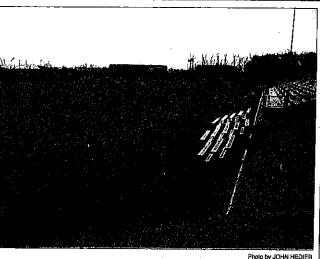


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Hosting the state tournament

The Novi Wildcats have the pleasure of hosting the Michigan High School Athletic Association's state finals for girls' soccer this year. Novi was also the host for the boys' tournament in the fall, and the finals are slated to be held right here at the soccer stadium, located at Parkview Elementary School.

Island Lake a good bet for trout

By John Heider STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

For good, early-season trout fishing, grab your rods and reels and waders or smallish boat and head to nearby Island Lake State

Park's Spring Mill Pond.
The pond, located in the middle of the state park (off I-96 and Kensington Rd. exit) is stocked each April with good sized brown and rainbow trout by the Michigan

From the first of each April until the last Saturday of the month (the traditional beginning of trout sea-son in Michigan) the pond's trout are catch-and-release only. Once trout season's begun, the fish are up for grabs under normal fishing regulations and are not long for the spring-fed, cool pond's waters: they'll soon be in the middle of someone's frying pan with a little olive oil and butter.

The pond is a deep one, and if wading or bank angling's your thing, it's wise to stick to its souththing, it's wise to stick to its south-em end where the gravelly bottom and gradual dropoff are well suited to the boat-less angler.(Note that the other sides of the pond have precipitous dropoffs and literally two feet from shore the water's five

The deep waters of Spring Mill Pond are well suited to hosting a pre-summer school of trout. Some trout may even survive in the pond through the summers, but it's a fair bet that they're taken soon after the

Spring Mill is also host to goodsized largemouth bass, perch, and a some smallish bluegills. These fish are more likely to move about and come off the bottom of the pond once the air and water temperatures warm up in early sum-mer and can be taken with bait or small spinner lures.

The trout, however, can be a delight to go after with fly-fishing

Equipped with a four to six-weight rod and an intermediate or sinktip line, anglers can tag into the brown trout that cruise under Spring Mill's surface looking for

minnows or large nymphs.

The best and most productive way to fish the pond can be with the assistance of a small rowboat, craft can take the angler to parts of the pond where the water's more than 25 feet deep — that the bank anglers can only look to and see trout rising to insects on the water's surface but cannot reach even with their best double-

A suggested method would be to anchor 30 feet away from the pond's edges and methodically cast in an arc towards the shore, let your fly sink a few feet and

But heed the warning, anglers: though one can see 14 inch browns rising to many midges (a though truly microscopic insect that Northville fly-shop owner John Bueter refers to as "those little SOBs") on the pond's still waters, hooking into them's another thing, A trout that has its choice of thou

then retrieve in short, quick strips

sands of midges on the surface of Spring Mill Pond can be done, but it's just as easy to lose your mind as you watch the fish select insect as you watch the hish select insect after insect just next to your perfect imitation.

Fish will be active, on a normal Spring Mill Pond day, whenever the they're hungry, when the sun's shaded or full, the wind's just right and the barometric pressure's just. So. Basically your purses is a poord

so. Basically your guess is as good as mine. So take your canoe to Spring Mill, PFD, a good flyrod and a selection of lines to be cater to the feeding habits of the fish, some and streamer flies

anchor to hold your boat in place and lastly, and most importantly, You'll need all these things and

then some to find and hook Spring Mill's trout, but when you do the throbbing bent over flyrod or spinning rod in your hands and the brown trout's surging dives and leaps will make the wait and effort

MICHOFILM COPY There are multiple definitions

Every team has its tough times, and they almost always manage to scrape and scrap their

I doubt that the Novi Wildcats

is going to be any different. Not only are they going to come back from a tough string of lossmajor dip in experience due to a huge



Eggleston

graduation last year, I think the team as a whole is going to be all the bet-

It's never easy to lose, esne cially when you lose game after game after game. I know, I've been there. The one thing I can say I took away from a winless season is a bunch of fond memories and some character that I

probably desperately needed.

The one thing I've found in my time at the Novi News is that Novi High School and the Novi community doesn't breed con-tempt for other teams, nor encourage bad sportsmanship. And, for sure, they never, ever have a loser. Taking a loss on the athletic field is far from creating a loser on the team. No, in my opinion, a loser is the kind of person that gets downright nasty whether they are winning or losing — and the Novi lacrosse team doesn't have a

single one of those.
Instead, coach Stan Zajdel teaches his kids how to behave property in the face of tough losses. They hold their heads high as they shake the hands of their opponents and they take their lesson to heart, looking to

improve on their latest performance and add a couple of wins to their schedule.

The lacrosse team is going to bounce back, I have no doubt in my mind about that. Maybe they won't be going to the Final Four this year, and maybe they won't even do it next year. But, just like every other Novi athlete, they know what it takes to be winners. Yeah, having the better score at the end of a contest is one way of defining yourself as awinners. When the second is the second in the se a winner, but acting with class and playing with every ounce of energy and ability in your body is another. Novi athletes do that — it's evident in every game
they play and every win, loss or
tie they walk away with.

To be a winner is something
special, it's feeling good about

yourself, and your teammates, all while leading your peers and stepping up in social, student and athletic aspects of life. A winner doesn't give up, no mat-ter what the score is in any con-test, and they always get back up when they are knocked

A winner, unlike a loser, knows what it means to offer their hands after a game and shake that of their opponents. They know what it means to suck up the loss, looking at where they made mistakes and how they can not only help themselves improve, but their team as well. A winner knows that even though they might not have a great year, they have to be an example of how the game is played for those coming up through the ranks so they, one day, can lead their team to a fabulous performance,

Sometimes, a winner has to sacrifice their own happiness in order to show others the right way. A winner, in my opinion, is synonymous with Novi Wildeat.

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Irying to piece the past together

By Sam Eggleston

Were you ever a Novi Wildcat athlete? If so, did you have a remarkable season of any sort, in any sport? If that's the case, then the athletic department of Novi High School wants to hear from

Despite being a competitor in a variety of sports for less than 40 years, Novi High School has years, Novi High School has found itself in a small bit of a bind when it comes to record — they've maintained precious little in the way of that information. The Novi athletic department,

under the guidance of coach Julie Fisette and athletics director Curt of piecing together the school's history and finding out just who it is who holds single game, single season and career records in all the sports that the school has

offered or currently competes in.
Of course, any old Joe could claim to hold a record, and the Wildeats are looking at ways around that problem. To help solve the quandary, Novi is accepting old newspaper articles, end-of-season reports or scorebooks as documentation for the record-setting achievements

Those in charge of the project are currently hoping to have it completed by December of this year. Then, the records will be published in the Novi News to give former Novi athletes opportunity to step forward with their information before record

Any information regarding a possible record for a single game, single season or a career should be mailed to: Novi High School, 24062 Taft Road, Novi, Michigan 48375, Attn. Julie Fisette, Athletic This is a chance for the records

set by you or someone you know to finally be recognized and posted at Novi High School. As of school's past hold which record — nor do they have any idea as to the mark they need to airn for in order to get their own names posted on the record board.



SPORTS SHORTS

Valunteers Needed

Northville Parks and Recreation seeking volunteers to help with the inaugural Galyan's Northville Solstice Run June 21.

folunteers are needed to assist with the start line, registration tent, help desk, the kiddle course, aid stations, for d/retreshments, clean-up crew, firmsh line set up and also o help along the five kilometer

All volunteers will receive free food and refreshments and a Galyan's Northville Solstice Run I-shirt, Please call (248) 349-0203.

Open and Lap Swimming

The Recreation Center at Hillside Pool announces open and lap swimming during the spring on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 7:30-8:30 p.m. and friday 6-7:30 p.m. and Saturday from 3-4:30

The cost is \$3,00 per person regardless of age. Please pay the lifeguard and bring correct change. Dates and times are subject to change, Cancellations will be posted on the Recreation Center doors.

Softball Tryout

The Motor City madness 10 and under open tryout will be held May 4 from 10-11 a.m. The tryouts are slated to be held at Power Park Field No. 2 and are open to girls that are 10 years old or younger as of January 1, 2003.

Contacting coach Wagner at (248) 982-2955.

Junior Golf Clinics

Tanglewood Golf Club and head instructor/PGA professional Tom Shaw are hosting the 2003 Tanglewood Junior Clinic this sumrange who cannot cannot be the different ages 7-13 and consists of four three-hour classes.

The clinics will be field on the

following dates: *Clinic 1: June 17, 19 and 24

from 9 a.m.-noon and June 26 from 8-11 a.m. *Clinic 2: July 8, 10 and 15 from 9 a.m.-noon and July 17 from

8-11 a.m. • Clinic 3: July 23, 25, and 30 from 9 a.m.-noon and August 1. from S-11 a.m.

The price of each elmic is \$130 per person with the price including sons, lunch, trophies and a son venir. Each clinic is limited to 26 kids, so call (248) 486-3355, ext. 26 and ask for Tom Shaw to register or to get more information.

Northville Football Meeting

The Northville Football Parents Association will be holding a par ent orientation meeting May 7 at 7:07 p.m. at Northville High School, All parents of incoming freshmen, junior varsity and varsity football players are urged to attend. Coaches are scheduled to discuss the upcoming season, football camps and dates as well as the planned fundraising activities.

Golf Lessons Available

Looking to improve that swing? Want to get rid of that slice? langlewood Golf Club is offering

individual and group lessons by PGA Certified instructors for pr Call (248) 486-3355 and ask for

Colts Football and Cheerleading Registration

Brad, Larry or Tom.

Open registration for the 2003 Northville-Novi Colts football and Cheerleading squads will take place from April 1 through May 3, Registration forms are available a the Novi Civic Center and a birth

the form.

A public lottery will be held at the Novi Civic Center May 3 at 10 a.m. to determine the team rosters. Forms will be pulled randomly and given a number in the event a waiting list is necessary. It is not neces sary to arrive early or to be presen The squads will consist of fresh men (ages 8-9), junior varsity (10-

11) and varsity (12-13). Children must be above the ages by August 1, 2003 for both football and Cheerleading and certain weight restrictions may apply. For more details, call Bill or Rence Ince at (248) 349-6734.

Umpire Clinic

Northville's Umpires Association (NUA) is currently looking for people (at least 14 years of age) interested in becoming umpires. Umpiring allows individuals to su involved with the game, practice leadership skills and earn some ereat money as well.

Scheduling is very flexible, NUA will be holding its annual Umpire Clinic at Northville Township Hall/Henningsen Park May 3 from 10 a.m.-2:30 p.m and May 4 from noon-4 p.m. Questions should be directed to Boh Boshoven, umpire director, at (248) 347-5915.

Softball/Baseball Private Lessons and Training

Total Baseball will help players. ages 6-18, improve their game Instructors include Ookland University coaching staff, Big 10/MAC All-Conference softball/baseball players, former professional players and ollege/HS coaches, Pitching, hitting and fielding are the lessons available and are by appointment only. The fees for the lessons start at \$35 per 1/2 hour or five private lessons for \$160.

Space is limited. For more infor-

mation, or to register, call (248) 668-0166 or email totalbballwixom@aol.com. Please visit their Web site at www.eteamz.com/total-

Sports Injuries Class

Henry Ford Health Systems and Dr. Lanny Orr will be holding a class on preventing and treating sports injuries at any age. Dr. Orr is a chiropractic physician working with the Henry Ford

Health Systems' Complementary and Integrative Medicine program. The class will run May 21 from -9 p.m. and costs \$5 per person. Those wishing to attend should contact Henry Ford Health

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Tech back in full pads

Novi's Fred Napier will watch from the sidelines

By Sam Eggleston SPORTS WRITER

That old adage is ringing true for Novi's Fred Napier, who is a member of the Michigan Tech University Huskies football pro-Napier and his fellow Huskies

the program was to be terminated immediately, but some quick thinking on the part of head coach Bernie Anderson and MTU alumni found the program heing funded through private funding und it was announced that the team would indeed play the 2003 schedule March 31.

"We have had extensive discussions with alumni leaders and they have developed a viable plan for private funding," MTU athletics director Rick Yeo said in a prepared statement. "My hat is off to the alumni and friends of the program. They took our original announcement as a challenge and developed a plan to meet that challenge."

Under the plan, the football team will be entirely self-suffiGreat Lakes Intercollegiate Athletics Conference (GLIAC) next season. Unfortunately for Napier, he won't be joining

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them.

The Tech freshman won't be soliting up next season, and is expected to take a medical-red"They are still coming in. shirt to keep him from losing a year of eligibility. That doesn't mean the runningback from

happy."

The program felt a sting of loss due to the announcement though. According to Napier, the Huskies will be without their starting runningback and starting center come next sea-son. Michigan Tech has already started to work on the situation though, as Anderson and the staff have recruited athletes into the program even with the possibility of the football team only is hoping for, being around one more year. The freshman said that if being around one more year.

being around one more year.

"As of today, I can only guarantee that the program will
operate for one year with the
money that we have in hand,"

"Hosefully

"H eient with private funding.

Fortunately for the football Anderson said. "Hopefully, after the fundraiser is kicked off and by the end of November, we defense likes it when I come out team, that means they'll be in full pads and competing in the

GEOFF PAQUETTE,

have enough money to guarantee the freshman class will have and practice," Napier said. "Last year, 1 ran hard and actually

five years." The program was still able to recruit from Maryland, Canada and even California for this

even though they know there is a risk," Anderson said. "Really though, with the economy, there Novi wasn't happy about the isn't a guarantee anywhere. isn't a guarantee anywhere.

"I get to go to the same school and keep studying to be an engineer," Napier asid. "I guess you could say I'm still pretty

Tech has something unique to hear of the same of the same of the something unique to hear of the same of

they have a lot to offer." cated and tho:
Napier is hoping to get some repetitions in practice next season, though he won't be able to much talent it.

year, I ran hard and actually gave them some competition. They like to come after me, and sometimes I get head-hunted, but I don't mind. I like it. It

gives you some of that actual game feeling."

Guys like Napier and the other Huskies that stuck around they lost two key players, Anderson said that the team will

offer.
"You won't find a better engineering school in Michigan." he said. "It's highly ranked, and stayed are committed and dedicated and those are the players "I don't think we lost tha

soil up. Weighing in at 190 next year. We expect the next pounds right now, the redshirt two years to be two of our better year will give him a chance to bulk up to the 200-205 range he

The freshman said that it given the chance to carry the ball in practice next year, he's writer for the Northville Record and the Novi News. He can be recorded at (248) 349-1700, ext.

NEXT LEVEL ATHLETES

Wow, it sure seems like it's been a while since we last put in some of our famous Next Level Athletes. These men and women have moved on from the ranks of high school athleties to showcase their talents at the collegiate level and elsewhere. They play for the love of the game, for the joy that it brings them and the competi-tion that is always present.

BRYAN SHIELDS. SENIOR, KALAMAZOO COLLEGE • Bryan Shields, a graduate of Northville High School, is the second baseman for the Kalamazoo College Hornets baseball team. Shields has a .118 batting average this season with two hits, three runs and an RBI. Shields collected a run against Spring Arbor, a game which the Hornets lost 11-4. Kalamazoo is currently 2-16

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FRESHMEN, GEORGE-TOWN — Geoff Paquette, a graduate of Novi High School, is a member of the Georgetown Hoyas Crew team for the spring season of 2003. Paquette, who's team is coached by Emily Egge. is a member of the Freshman/Novice Heavyweight Crew squad.

MITCH MAIER, JUNIOR, TOLEDO - Mitch Maier, a 2000 graduate of Novi High School, was named player of the week April 9 for the Mid-American Conference West Division. Maier was batting a staggering .727 average at the time while playing catcher for the Toledo Rockets. Maier cur-

rently holds the Toledo record FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF NORTHVILLE

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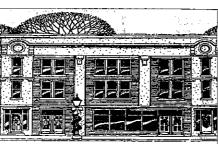
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age and leads the league in hitting with a corrent .434 average

SCOTT KORTLAND, FRESHMAN, KALAMAZOO COLLEGE — Scott Kortland, a 2002 graduate from Novi High, posted a time of 8.73 seconds for the Kalamazoo College Hornets in the 55-meter hurdles. ortland, who was a stand-out for Novi High in numerous sports, is a first-year student-ath-lete with Kalamazoo

Next Level Athletes includes for mer athletes from the readership area of the Northville Record and Novi News, The Next Lev Athletes are individuals who have taken the next step beyond high school athletics to the next level al, minor league and professional athletics. Anyone who would like to submit information about at gleston@ht.homecomm.net or mail information to The Northville Record. 104 W. Main Street,



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· Favorite Book: Into Thin

Favorite Food: Mexican

Line Is It Anyway? Favorite Classes: Science

Favorite TV Show: Whose

· Career Thoughts: Maybe Business

College Plans: Michigan

State University Thoughts on Tennis This Year: "I think we have a great team and we will try our best to make it the state

tournament."

at Novi in a long time and we nave the potential to obtain a lot of goals this season."

· Experience: On Varsity one

year; 3 years on JV; JV co-cap-

Andrew Laskowski

· Experience: 4 years on

Non-sports interests and

activities: music: trombone:

· Favorite TV Show: The

College Plans: University

of Michigan School of

watching movies

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varsity; 2003 co-captain;

Non-sports interests and activities: music: quiz bowl team, has played piano 13

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Favorite Classes: science



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Favorite Book: Hatchet

· Favorite Food: Spaghetti

Simpsons and X-files Favorite TV Show: Friends Favorite Classes: Math Favorite Classes: Home

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Pictured from left to right: Front Row: Jow Rozek, Patrick Carney, Curtis Herzog, Jimmy McGlynn; Second Row: Nick Wykoff, Darren Hombirg, Tommy Reed, Alex Wozniak, Alex Turner; Third Row: Jake Lennard, Alexander Geoghegan, Christopher Armstrong, Ryan Bloom, Luke Bageris, Sean Kelly; Back Row: Asst. Coach Paul Carney, Asst. Coach Mike Bageris, Head Coach Bob Rozek, Manager Andy Wozniak and Asst. Coach John Armstrong.

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The 40-year award will be presented to just 23 officials who will

be in attendance, including

Andrews.
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of the 289 individual honored with 20 or more years of service to the Beyersdorf will receive an award

for 20 years of officiating service.

the Sheraton Lansing Hotel at 7 p.m., and marks the 25th edition of

high school sports.

Also, 103 individuals with 30 years of experience will be honas will Novi resident Robert Bross. Walled Lake official Robert Andrews will be recognized for 40 ored.
With the induction of this year's years of service with the Michigan select group, the honor roll of offi-cials who have aided young stu-dent-athletes grows to 5,455 since the inception of the banquet in High School Athletic Association as an official guiding young schol-ar-athletes as they participated in

The Michigan High School Athletic Association's annual Officals' Awards and Alumni Banquet will take place May 10 at The guest speaking for the event will be Jim Brandstatter, the radio analyst for the University of

years will be honored, including
Beyersdorf and Bross.

The honor, named for the former
MHSAA executive director, will be presented to an official with more that 20 years of experience who has been active in their local officials association has mentored other

"Tales from Michigan Stadium." The banquet will also feature the

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Teaching, coaching perfect fit for Brian O'Leary

seven years old and his son Connor is five. The youngest addition to the O'Leary clan is their three-year-old

daughter, Erin, O'Leary's family have been big supporters of his coaching, and they can be seen at just about every single contest. "My wife is the biggest supporter

"Besides the high school's two or

three games and three or four prac-

By Sam Eggleston

you've watched Novi soccerthe girls or the guys, you've seen him on the sidelines.

Coach Brian O'Leary is the kind

while Mike Richards added the

of his coaching strategies and goals.

"I also try to maximize the team's abilities—and—accomplishments. What makes coaching worth while

what I try to accomplish with every team is I try to have individuals improve their way of life and cosm t need a second thought.

"What I try to accomplish with every team is I try to have individuals improve their way of life and doesn't need a second thought."

understand hard work, doing things the right way, teamwork, dedication and sacrifice."

And when it comes to dedication,

Plymouth goalie Paul Drew and into

the net. The Rangers controlled play

"The greatest memory as a coach would have to be the boys' team in 1998 that worth estate championship," O'Leary said. "It wasn't so Kolleen, and his children. Abby is much the winning as it was almost over the last three years for either the girls or the guys, you've seen those things have been accomthose things have been accomplished."

O'Leary strives to get his kids to thing for O'Leary — when it comes

Cleary is the kind of leader that doesn't talk up his teams capabilities, or his own for that matter. He doesn't ring the bell High School for the past H years, after a win, or a loss, and closses to High School for the past H years, after a win, or a loss, and closses to High School for the past H years, after a win, or a loss, and closses to High School for the past H years, the cores and results of his contests.

Quick to always point out who deserves credit on his program, Cleary has proven to be a major and content of the such and the such

O'Leary has proven to be a major benefit for the student-athletes, particults and fains of Novi soccer clust and fains of Novi soccer this and fains of Novi soccer the formal has been seasons as the boys, varsity and the lives are in order, then they already

Whalers bow out in game seven

tices a week, the team also has a team dinner every week and I go to two games a week to scout. If it State University, he got involved in wasn't for my wife's support, none beach volleyball, of this would be possible."

O'Leary isn't: of this would be possible."

O'Leary said that having his famics though. When given the chance, the near future."

The Kitchener Rangers ended the into the empty-net. But the Rangers left, and the move worked when Whalers season a 3-1 victory in Garne 7 of the Western Conference Innals April 28. Former Whaler Gregory Campbell severed two goals are successful and the conference of the c

Plymouth forward Jimmy Gagnon scored both Whalers goals, including the game winner at 5:10 in the overtime session to give his team a 2-1 win over the Kitchene

second period when Gagnon scored his first of the game at 9.31. Jonas Fiedler and Sean Thompson earned the assists. But the Rangers tied it up in with a goal at 9:10 of the thin

Rangers applying the most pressure

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The Wildeats are hoping for a

Schools competing besides Novi are North Farmington,

Brighton, Flint Powers, Berkley, and Farmington Harrison. Admission is free at any of the

nice turnout, and want to see you there to cheer them on to victor

Derek Roy evened the score at 1-1 with the assist going to Mike Richards. In overtime it was the

first period. Plymouth struck first when Ryan Ramsay scored at 6:26, Ramsay made a nice play as he fisked a shot with a 2-on-1 break and then moved around Ranger goalie Scott Dickie before sliding the puck.

Scott Dickie before sliding the puck are some state of the State of th

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game.
"She brings the kids to every

game and team dimer," he said, "On many of my scouting trips, we go as a family and she watches the kids while I watch the game."

daughter, Erin, O'Leary's family have been big supporters of his coaching, and they can be seen at just about every single contest.

"My wife is the biggest supporter of my coaching and realizes that it's very time consuming to do things right and accomplish the goals that I mentioned earlier," O'Leary said, under the consuming to do things right and accomplish the goals that I mentioned earlier," O'Leary said, under the consuming to do things right and accomplish the goals that I mentioned earlier, O'Leary said, under the consuming to the things and the grade book and a teacher. He knows that one day he'll end up hanging up both the whistle and the grade book but the can't see that on the horizon year.

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Familiar face on the bench

Brad O'Neill is back at the helm of the Northville hockey team

The new face on the Northville Mustangs hockey bench next season may look familiar to

Brad O'Neill was recently announced as the district's new high school hockey coach — a role he held for the first four years of the program's existence until his final year of 2000-01. Upon leaving to raise his family and to solidify his personal situ-ation, O'Neill held a 55-37-9 ation, U'Nein neid a 55-57-7 record with the Mustangs, along with a district title and two trips

to the regional finals. "I was previously there when the program was first starting," O'Neill said. "It was a good four years and there was definitely some success there. Besides that, I coached the eight previous years at Milford under Gary

With 12 years of high school coaching experience and a good feel for the program, O'Neill was a shoe-in for the position. He has a since in to the position, it has some plans right out of the gates for the Mustangs, including a summer conditioning program and summer and fall skating. Basically, he wants to bring the team back to the level it was at when he left.

"I felt through my four years there that we had built a really solid and really respected pro-gram," O'Neill said, "There is a lot of talent in this area, and a lot of hockey players. We just need to get the kids into it and let them know what we're all about."

As a teacher, and now assistant principal, at Northville's Hillside Middle School, O'Neill had plenty of chances to get to the Novi lee Arena to watch the Mustangs play. He watched them as they struggled to learn a new program under coach Jeff Bond before difficulties led to Bond's

"I know they had some difficulties with the coaching and things like that," O'Neill said. "I attended quite a few of their last games, and I saw what they are capable of doing. I am very familiar with the kids in the com-munity, and there is a lot of talent here. Above all, they are good kids, and when you have all these kids together you have to have a coach who is going to be want to be competitive.

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And O'Neill is ready to be that

leader for the Mustangs.
"I'm looking forward to that role," he said. "I felt it was something I was strong at when I first coached this team, and it's a path I'd like to continue going

O'Neill said that one of his O'Neill said that one of his first steps to bringing the program up to speed with other teams in the Western Lakes Activities Association is to implement a 10-month program.

"We're going to have strength and conditioning, summer and fall sessions, all rolling right into the winter program."

O'Neill said, "You have to do that to be competitive in high that to be competitive in high

school hockey."

From what he witnessed last year, and through his experience in the field of high school hock-ey, O'Neill has a major factor that he wants the Mustangs to work on.

"They have to get in shape,"

be said. They can all skate, pass and shoot. We need to be stronger, quicker and more con-ditioned. We also need to play as a team a little more. That's who we need to do and we need the dedication from day one." Above winning and losing in

high school hockey, O'Neill said that coaches, players, parents and fans have to remember one thing — it's a sport.

"Above all else, this is a high

school sport," he said, "It's a learning experience above even being the sport of hockey. In a strong program, the kids will take things away with them. The lessons they learn will last well after their high school careers

Another move O'Neill was quick to make was to revise the schedule to include stronger "We're going to be playing in

the Michigan Showcase
Tournament at Novi." he said of
the squad's expected opener in the 2003-04 season. "Competing in the tournament will be Farmington Unified, Novi Livonia Stevenson and our selves. We've upgraded ou schedule so that Northville playing some talented teams. It not going to be easy, but it



ad O'Neill, here talking to some students at a recess, will be taking over as assistant principal at Hillside Middle School this spring. O'Neill was recently named Northville High School's hockey coach — again

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for most of the first period with a 10-3 shot advantage. Kitchener set the tone for the secthe OHL linals, who notched a win in Game 7 of the Eastern Conference finals.

Game 7 of the Eastern scored short-handed just over a minute into the period. The Whalers did manage to tie things up on a Cole Jarrett power play goal at 8:52. The Kitchener Rangers scored are second period goals to moteh a capped off the period with three 7-4 victory in front of a sold out more goals to take a 5-2 lead. crowd in Plymouth April 26.

Kanko notched his second of the game with a mee individual effort at 9:47. Kitchener scored two more in Petr Kanko paced the Rangers with the hat-trick while Gregory Campbell added one goal and two the period. assists. The Whalers were led by John Mitchell with a goal and in with a dominating 23-9 shortadvan-assists.

Both teams traded goals in the John Mitchell goal at 6:41 to cut the John Mitchell goal at 6:41 to cut the

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Shady Scammers Lurking in the Shadows

By Jack Faris

There's no end to irony in April. First you get faked out by winter, which just won't give up the ghost. Then, there's always some April Fool's Day trickery afoot. And adding the ultimate insult to injury is that dreaded day that millions of American taxpayers, especially small-business owners, loathe - Tax Day, April 15. Before the first buds of spring appear, everyone's in des-perate need of a little humor.

Let me recommend a visit to the Internal Revenue Service Web site, www.irs.gov. There you can read such uplifting ditties as "IRS Suggests Ten Ways to Avoid Problems at Tax Time" or "Tips to Make Your Tax Life Easier.

You really have to give the folks at the IRS credit. While they realize theirs may not be the most lovable government agency that has its hand in small-business owners' pockets, they do offer some pretty good advice in a creative sort of way. Take "Beware of Scams," for

example. This press release begins somewhat ominously: "They look shady. They lurk in the shadows. They try to entice you...." While designed to warn taxpayers about unscrupulous income-tax preparers, these notices conjure images of taxand-spend legislators instead.

The recent haggling over President Bush's jobs and growth plan by the U.S. Senate and the unprecedented flurry of tax hikes being schemed up in many state capitals should be of greater con-cern to small-business owners than filling out their tax forms. The scams invented by tax-loving politicians at both the state and federal levels of government are putting the squeeze on small firms as never before.

A recent report by the National

Governor's Association and the National Association of State Budget Officers is clear evidence that despite cuts in current state budgets and draw-downs of state "rainy-day" funds, lawmakers still fail to deal responsibly with their budget deficits. That should come as no surprise, however, because for more than a decadeand-a-half, state governments ran up expenditures with little regard for future consequences.

Is it any wonder that the latest NFIB Small-Business Optimism Index slid to one of its lowest levels in a decade? Or that small employers are more reluctant to bring on new employees now than they have been in almost 10

Obviously, war has had an impact on their outlook. But their long-term fears are that politicians will create new and different ways to separate them from the dollars they need to create jobs and shore up their enter-

prises.
These entrepreneurs are stalwarts of fiscal discipline, innova-tion and creativity. So they are hard-pressed to understand why no relief is in sight for those who

productive.
As April 15 nears, the owners and operators of America's small businesses should take heed of the IRS warning, "Beware of Scams." But in addition to watching out for shady characters lurking in the shadows, they ought to keep their eyes on politicians who play April Fool's tricks on small-business cash registers by legislative sleights-of-hand.

Jack Faris is president of NFIB (the National Federation of Independent Business), the tion's largest small-business advocacy group. A non-profit, non-partisan organization founded in 1943, NFIB represents the consensus views of its 600,000 members in Washington, D.C.,

and all 50 state capitals More information is available on-line at www.nfib.com.





(L-R) Kelly Colasanti (owner) with customers Tekla Hall - mother of Mitchell, 4, Devon, 6, and Delaney, 2 - and employee Mike Fordyce.

Colasanti's Market is a shopping experience

By Elizabeth Heer

Colasanti's Market is an entire world of shopping, all in one convenient location. The Highland Township mainstay since 1979 just keeps getting better and better by adding new specialties to please everyone from gournets to the peanut butter and jelly crowd. Ice cream fans take note - Colasanti's new ice cream hut, located in the parking lot next to the outdoor animal display, is serving up Guernsey ice cream cones, snakes, malts, smoothies and - everyone will surely find their favorite treat this sum

alive again with seasonal plants, annuals, perennials, potted flow-ers, and hanging baskets. "The plants are coming in every day now. We have more

variety day in ow. We have more variety in perennials than ever before," said Kelly Colasanti. Inside the greenhouse, there are rows and rows of colorful flowers, vegetables, herbs and tropical statements. ers, vegetables, herbs and tropi-cal plants readily available for gardeners to select their favorite varieties. Spruce up your yard or make a landscaping statement with the great selection of gar-den art, fountains, gazing balls, pots, stepping stones, landscap-ing supplies and more that can be found in the shop adjacent to the greenhouse. Kids of all ages shopping at Colasant's enjoy shopping at Colasanti's enjoy visiting the colorful parrots

located in the greenhouse, and

can often strike up an engaging conversation with them. Inside Colasanti's, a world-wide marketplace is filled with produce, deli items, imported and domestic cheeses, bulk candy and coffee beans, baked goods, grocery staples and ice cream. Fresh produce is the main crop offered, and the everchanging array of fruits and veg-etables will please every palette. But look a little closer and you'll find some new treats here as well. Sushi made fresh daily comes in a variety of offerings, including cooked crab, eel, or

"Sushi isn't only made with raw fish," Kelly suggests, "but it is also available made with

He encourages everyone to give it a try.
Freshly-made pizzas, by the

Freshly-inace pizzas, by use slice or as a whole pie, are also a new item offered this past year. Try a specialty pizza for a change, such as the artichoke, roasted garlic, or the barbeque chicken. Call ahead for your freshly baked pizza to be hot and freshly baked pizza to be not and ready. Colasanti's also bottle their own homemade salsas and sauces in a variety of flavors.

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Finish off that fine dinner or host a party with ready-made For the discriminating palette,

host a party with ready-made gournet desserts found at the Bakery. Whole cakes and pies or pastry items by the slice, as well as an assortment of fine chocolates, will satisfy the sweet tooth. Fresh bread, cookies, muffins, bagels are just some of

the baked goods available.

The Deli carries high-quality, fresh meats and cheeses sliced to order. Party trays and fruit and gift baskets can be ordered for any occasion. For a taste of something different, try subs from three to six feet long, foc-cacio sandwiches, chicken wings, salads and hot soups

wings, salads and hot soups made daily. Snook's Butcher Shoppe, located inside Colasanti's, offers fresh U.S.D.A. choice beef, lamb, custom-cut pork, natural Bell & Evans chicken and turkey, and fresh Foley fish.

Colasanti's Market brings freshly grown produce, fruits, vegetables, flowers and garden items and more all under one roof, located at 468
South Milford Road, Shop at the markets of Colasanti's, including The Wine Cellar and Snook's Butcher Shoppe, Monday through Saturday from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m., and Sunday from 8 a.m. to 7 p.m.

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Smoked meats and sausages are done in-house. Famous brands carried by Snook's include Honey Baked Spiral Sliced Ham and Dearborn Sausage Ham.

Don't forget fresh flowers for your table - at Colasanti's florist center, flower arrangements can be ordered or you can make your own with any of the fresh cut flowers found in the walk-in cooler. The gift shop also pro-vides the best in seasonal accents and cards for any occa-

It's the attention to detail and pride in providing the best and freshest in produce and product that has made Colasanti's Market a unique shopping experience for their loyal customers. As good neighbors, the Colasanti family has also dedicated themselves to a longstanding tradition of commun

'Our customers have made Colasanti's what it is today, and our long-time employees as well," Kelly said. "Without them, we just wouldn't be here."

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