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Donna Tinberg, the Novi Community School District's director of Student Services, has been awarded the Michigan Association of Administrators of Special Education's Michigan Local Directors Association Award of Distinction.

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Frustration

Joseph Chuang plans to open Jo-Dee's Restaurant for Asian cuisine in the Main Grand Court building off Novi Road, but said he has had nothing but trouble with the city.

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Rebuilding

Saturday, during the annual Rebuilding Together, volunteers worked on 34 homes in Oakland County, with contributors donating about \$300,000 in repairs and upgrading.

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Raeon edges Kortlandt

■ Third time's a charm for school board challenger; beats 12-year incumbent by 122 votes

By Pam Fleming
STAFF WRITER

Education on Tuesday, but May 5 is also her birthday.

"It's going to be quite a nice birthday celebration," she said Wednesday morning after defeating incumbent George Kortlandt 1,237 to 1,115 to win by 122 votes. "It's been a lot of work," she said.

"I told my husband, 'This is the most work I've ever done for a volunteer job in my life,'" Raeon said she learned about the polls. "It rained from 11 in the morning until 8 at night," Raeon said. "We spent the day under our umbrellas." Raeon and supporters had a post-

election party at the Lazy Lizard Restaurant on Main Street. "I couldn't have done it without the great group of people supporting me," she said. "Last year I lost the seat by about

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Group forms new chamber

■ First mixer Thursday at Dirty Martini

By Pam Fleming
STAFF WRITER

Andiamo Restaurant. Hors d'oeuvres will be served compliments of Andiamo Restaurant and cocktails compliments of Bright House Networks. The complex, which also includes The Second City Comedy Theater, is located at the Main Street Novi complex

J.R. Atiyeh

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\$1M earmarked for health care costs of retirees

■ \$83,000 added to city's current budget

By Pam Fleming
STAFF WRITER

round of 2006-2007 budget talks Saturday. Council members unanimously approved \$1 million toward the city's "undefined liability" for retirees' health care costs. "It's an obligation we owe to the current and future taxpayers," Landry said. "If we don't get this runaway train slowed down, it's going to be a problem."

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PAM FLEMING



Kathleen Singleton, center, of Novi with her daughter, Christy Flanagan, and son, Christopher, at Fire Station #1 in Novi.

Accident victim says 'thank you'

■ Rescuers honored for their efforts

By Pam Fleming
STAFF WRITER

on the snowy morning of Saturday, Feb. 11, 2006. But when a spot-utility vehicle slammed into the back of her 2001 Ford Cobra SVT, she could have lost her life. But, Singleton lived to tell about the accident, thanks to the efforts of Gary Fox, off-duty emergency medical technician from the Bloomfield Township Fire Department; EMTs Kurt

Meister, George Paterni, Mike Boer and Max Miles as well as Incident Commander Capt. Rob Stonik and Fire Protection Officer Tom Johnson from the Novi Fire Department; and Community Emergency Medical Services paramedics Mike Smith and Rich Schaffner. In a tearful presentation April

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She's helping keep the '50s alive

■ Rough year doesn't dampen Varhol's outlook

By Ramez Khuri
STAFF WRITER

ward, living each day, to the fullest. "We've had a pretty crummy year, but we've managed," said Varhol. "This teaches us we can depend on tomorrow. It doesn't pay to be nasty to people; it really pays to live every day like it could be your last. That's how I live my life, and I trust people the same way I would like to be treated in return." "All Varhol kept thinking was that there's somebody else worse off than her and her family, and she's thankful for what she has. "I have a beautiful family including a beautiful grand-daughter who I absolutely adore," said Varhol. "Sometimes there is

some good that comes out of all the bad things that you go through." Varhol says the biggest values her mother instilled in her as a child "a good work ethic and a sense of family, and when she lives by today. And in law, she has instilled these values into her family. Those values are apparent in the success of 'the annual Michigan 50s Festival. In the 12 years Varhol has been involved in its production she has worked to provide children and family activities — some of the event's main attractions.

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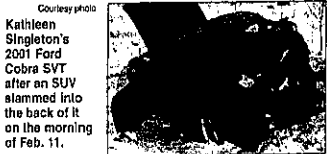
Dodie Varhol, an employee of Novi Twelve Oaks Sears department store, is very involved in the planning of the city's annual 50s Festival.

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Rescuers acknowledged

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26 at Fire Station #1 in Novi. Singletons awarded her rescuers medals of honor she ordered especially for them. They also received certificates of appreciation and plaques for their lifesaving efforts.

Daughter, son at presentation

Singleton's daughter, Christy Flaegan, 19, of Novi, and son, Christopher, 22, on leave from the U.S. Navy, were also present for the special thank you.

"I have been waiting for this day for so long," Singleton said. "Bless you guys."

"I owe my life to them," she said. "There isn't enough that I can say or give to them ever. People may think it's their job, but it's not just a job when something like that happens — when they're at the point of saving somebody's life. It's personal — it's very personal. We'll forever be connected because of that. I think about them every day."

Singleton, 48, was driving to her job as assistant manager at Waldhart in Taylor, when the rear-end collision occurred. She suffered a large laceration to the neck which narrowly missed her vocal cords and spinal cord.

Flaegan was on his way to his 11-year-old son Cameron's hockey game when he came upon the scene. She was rushed to William Beaumont Hospital, where she was in the intensive care unit for several days.

Singleton noted during her thank-you that she had filled her gas tank just the night before the accident, adding to the dangerousness of the accident.

"It could have sparked at any time. I know you didn't know, but you put your lives at risk," she told her rescuers.

Singleton learned the identity of her rescuers when she received the

bill from Community Emergency Medical Services.

"Now I know there's not many people who get excited about getting a bill in the mail, but I was when I got this one," she said. "I told my daughter, 'Now I know who was there.'"

She e-mailed Lauren Walsh at CEAS, and Walsh set up the special meeting between Singleton and her rescuers.

Besides the medals, she also presented the Novi Fire Department and CEAS a journal that included a photo of her car and herself for the staff to keep as a memento of her and others they may save in the future.

"It happened in a flash!" Singleton said she saw the vehicle coming at her in the rear view mirror near the convergence of I-275 and I-696, but there was nowhere to go.

"It happened in a flash," she said. A fatal accident ahead had traffic backed up, and the vehicle slammed into her going about 40 mph. Paramedics said the driver of the SUV that slammed into Singleton was walking around after the accident.

Singleton is still undergoing physical and occupational therapy and has not yet returned to work. "I got my stifle back two weeks ago," Singleton said. "That was really exciting, because that's something I do all the time. I like to joke around a lot."

Singleton's Cobra was totaled in the accident. Singleton now has a black-and-black Mustang GT.

"I get to look at it because I can't drive yet," she said. "But, I'm progressing."

Singleton hopes to return to work when she's able to drive. She's also looking forward to the birth of her second grandchild by her eldest daughter, Kristen, 25, who lives in Indiana. She also plans to do some traveling, including a trip to Mexico when her son has a tour of duty in London.

"I've always wanted to go to Venice," she said. "That's been a dream of mine."

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Member Lynne Paul agreed that the unfunded health care liability for retirees is one of the city's biggest concerns.

"What is our long-term goal to get this completely funded?" she asked. "I'm really looking to have that money set aside."

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100 votes, so my thought was, 'This time's the charm. Persistence pays off.'

With her first meeting as a new board member in July, Razon said she will first go through an orientation.

'I want to go to the new board member certification classes through the Michigan Association of School Boards,' she said. 'I think that's really important — to get as much knowledge about the operation and the role of a school board member.'

She said her platform focused on the importance of effective communication and listening to people. 'I want to make people feel that at least we have heard what they have said,' Razon said, 'and that we understand what they are trying to say.'

Kortlandt, who served on the school board for 12 years, could not be reached for comment at press time.

Key issues in this school board election were the recent athletic code of conduct and the redistricting of Novi's elementary schools.

'I thought we needed some change,' Kim said. 'I look forward to working with the current people on the board, and I'm going to do the best that I can for the kids,' Razon said. 'They're the most important thing.'

Table with 3 columns: Precinct, Kortlandt, Razon. Rows for various precincts like 1, 2, 3, etc., and a Totals row.

'I don't want to see any grassroots effort that might repeal the redistricting,' he said. 'Novel, who lives in the new Island Lake subdivision, said he was determined to remain a neighborhood school.'

'My daughter's in Parkview right now, and I feel it's overcrowded,' Novel said. 'I'm driving her all the way over to Parkview, and I've got a school right up the street.'

John Kim said he voted for Razon after what he called "the recent redistricting fiasco."

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Group forms new chamber

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On the south side of Grand River Avenue just east of Novi Road, founding members J. R. Ajiyech of Novi and Gina Kozlowski of Livonia said an organizational meeting took place Tuesday afternoon.

'Novi has a new chamber of commerce,' Kozlowski said. 'It's for the greater area. It's not just for Novi. There is nobody we'll turn away.'

'This is an option, a fresh alternative,' Ajiyech said.

What's it all about? 'The goal of the new chamber is to promote businesses in the greater Novi area,' Kozlowski said.

Ajiyech said the new chamber will be a 501(c)(6) organization.

'We already filed the articles of incorporation,' said Ajiyech, a past president of the Novi Chamber of Commerce.

Kozlowski said she also sat on the Novi Chamber of Commerce board of directors for a number of years, said she wanted to help create a new chamber because she was not happy with the direction that the other chamber was taking.

'For several years now many community members have wanted a new chamber formed,' Kozlowski said.

'We wanted to go in a more positive, more professional direction,' she said.

Officials from the Novi Chamber of Commerce could not be reached for comment.

Kozlowski added that because of the recent change in the Novi Chamber of Commerce bylaws, voted in by 33 people out of a membership of approximately 500, a group of area business people decided to make a move.

'We stepped up to the plate and said, 'Let's do it,' Kozlowski said. 'The new chamber will have ten-orary memberships and also provide scholarships for area students and work closely with Novi area schools.'

'We will also honor civic leaders,' Kozlowski said. 'Ajiyech and Kozlowski hope to attract 80-100 people to the first mixer.'

'A golf outing is also slated for July 12 at Links of Novi. 'I'm excited about the response we're getting,' Ajiyech said. 'Everybody I've talked to about it is like, 'Yeah, what do I do?''

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Rough year doesn't dampen Varhol's outlook

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Family fun galore In the past Varhol has coordinated a potting zone, which will be back this year, and many other family-oriented activities.

'Sometimes we switch our jobs around, but for the past several years that's what I've been in charge of which is probably one of the biggest areas outside of the board of directors is a volunteer.'

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Beate Varhol

Age: 50 Occupation: Sears contract sales consultant Family: husband, Kelly; son, William and daughter-in-law, Kelly; granddaughter, Grace; daughter, Amy; daughter, Lisa Pets: Max the Chihuahua and an aquarium full of fish Hobbies and/or interests: Much of her energy and time is spent working on the Michigan 50s Festival board.

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Marlene Jaworski and her son, Phillip Jaworski, of Northville, paint shutters on a house in Novi Saturday during the annual Rebuilding Together volunteer day. Volunteers worked on 34 homes, with contributors donating about \$800,000 in repairs and upgrading.

'REBUILDING TOGETHER' Volunteers refurbish old homes in effort

Novi resident appreciates all the work

By Pam Fleming
STAFF WRITER

While most people were out working to their yards or golfing at a local course on Saturday, some Novi volunteers were out helping others.

For the first time this year, Novi joined the list of Oakland County communities that were part of the one-day Rebuilding Together effort on Saturday.

In this annual event, started several years ago, local people band together to help rebuild run-down homes for those who can't afford to do the repairs themselves.

Lois Letwin, a resident of Lakeside Park Homes in Novi, was one of about 1,600 volunteers who spent Saturday repairing the homes of 34 low-income families in 11 Oakland County communities.

Last year was the first year she became involved in the project through her church, St. Alexander Catholic Church in Farmington Hills.

"Because I was so convinced of the worthiness of this project, they asked me to be on a steering committee this year," Letwin said.

The volunteers worked on a variety of projects, including painting, carpentry, electrical work, plumbing, yard work and more.

"We're bringing volunteers and businesses and local governments to make a meaningful difference in the lives of our neighbors in need, many of whom are elderly or disabled," said Gene Bricker, president, Rebuilding Together Oakland County.

well as Holy Family and St. James churches in Novi.

"She's in a motorized wheelchair, so we widened the door to her bedroom," he said.

She also got a handcap bar in the shower, new gas dryer, new kitchen sink faucet and new cabinet doors. They also did some general plumbing and cleaning.



C. Gronochan chair served the city of Novi for five years and was chair for two years, the first woman to head up the board.

Zoning chair resigns, moving to New York

By Pam Fleming
STAFF WRITER

Cindy Gronochan resigned her position as chair of the city of Novi's Zoning Board of Appeals.

"He's been a great inspiration and a wonderful person to work with," she said. "I'm going to miss him as well as my fellow ZBA board members."

A reception honoring Gronochan took place Tuesday evening prior to the ZBA meeting.

Her 25 years as a resident of Novi. She gave a special thanks to Doo Saven, building department director, who Gronochan worked with as ZBA chair.

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Women can look forward to free makeovers, samples and a chance to win fabulous prizes including a \$250 shopping spree at Marshall Field's.

Members of the Fashion & Entertainment Stage will be jumping with three fashion shows daily: Verian Behrens, vice president of marketing for Dress Barn, will show off the "10 Must Haves for Spring & Summer."

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Floors To Your Door

By: Mike Riley

The Area Rug Phenomenon

Small enough to carry home, easy enough to "install" yourself, the area rug makes an instantaneous impact on your home decor.

Area rugs naturally complement hard surfaces like wood, laminate, ceramic tile and vinyl because they provide fashion, warmth and coziness underfoot. They can highlight textures and colors of a wood floor, simultaneously "softening" its appearance.

As a decorating element, area rugs can "pick up" designs and colors, coordinating upholstery, window treatments and wall coverings. For example, a rug featuring a small repeated geometric design coordinates with the floral upholstery of a couch. A vivid animal print turns a contemporary room on. The effect is immediate.

Sisal, jute and sea grass rugs in natural and rich colors, even painted and stenciled, bring a natural feeling to a room. Ethnic rugs from such as the Spanish white wool rugs with raised designs, or native Navajo rugs, add culture to a room. Styles, like personal tastes, are endless, from Oriental, country and cottage to tribal, ethnic and quilt patterns.

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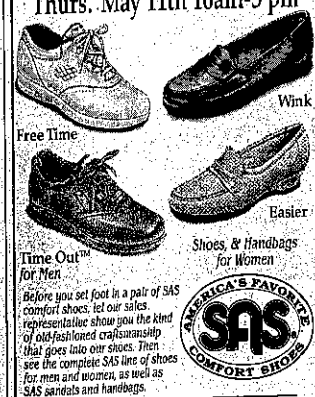
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SIGNS OF OCCUPATIONAL ASTHMA

Occupational asthma... asthma triggered by inhaling fumes, gases, dust or other potentially harmful substances at work... responsible for 24.5 million missed work days for Americans each year... estimated that 15% of adult asthmatics have work-related asthma. The most telling signs of occupational asthma is that your symptoms are worse during your work week and less severe during your days off. Signs include wheezing, shortness of breath, chest tightness, difficulty when exercising, sneezing, runny nose, nasal congestion, and eye irritation. It's important to seek early treatment for symptoms so you can improve your chances of recovering the condition successfully. The longer you are exposed to triggers, the less likely you'll be able to recover.

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SENIORS

Season's readings

Expanding the brain, one book at a time

By Tracy Mishler
STAFF WRITER

Amy Cockfield is excited to introduce the second book of the Seasons, part of the Senior Centered Relationship program at Fox Run Senior Community in Novi.

The second book, this spring season is "Gilead," by author Marilynne Robinson.

Book of the Seasons was born from a college campus that required all incoming freshmen to read the same book, so they would have something in common with their fellow students.

"It's all about expanding the brain and everyone having something in common," said Cockfield, outreach coordinator for Fox Run. "This program helps bring the community together."

Cockfield said the community's

Champions for Change group oversees Book of the Seasons.

"They're a group of residents and employees whose main goal is to identify and improve people's abilities, skills, talents and the opportunity to have a good life," she said. "Champions assist with the events that go along with each book."

Cockfield said "Gilead" is a book about relationships. "We're working on planning events around the book," she said. "And right now, we're thinking about a walk through life, having residents and staff create storyboards about their own lives... a personal history."

Cockfield said the events help keep the momentum going and residents involved and interested.

"(Book of the Seasons) is a unique program because it does not include any formal book discussion," said Kathie Shaffer, public relations manager, in a statement.

"But it will inspire an informal approach to appeal to a large group in the community," Shaffer said. Fox Run is working

Book of the Seasons

Spring read:

Volume one: "Kite Runner" by Khaled Hosseini
Volume two: "Gilead" by Marilynne Robinson

with local bookstores and the community's store, the Ascot Market, to have secured copies of books available for residents and staff to purchase.

"Residents can also tune into our in-house television station for those who are not readers but would like to participate in the program," she said.

Residents receive a commemorative bookmark for each book and season.

"It's a great program, and each book is definitely worth the read," Cockfield said.

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Friday 5/5	9 a.m. - Stretch and Strength	10 a.m. - Body Recall	11 a.m. - Quilting	12:30 p.m. - Lunch	1:30 p.m. - Blood Pressure	2:30 p.m. - Taking Off Your Sensitive Class	3:30 p.m. - Cloggins*
Monday 5/8	8:45 a.m. - Men's Golf Begins	9 a.m. - Stretch and Strength	10 a.m. - Body Recall	11 a.m. - Lunch	12:30 p.m. - Pinochle*	2:30 p.m. - Massage by appointment	Cloggins*
Tuesday 5/9	8:30 a.m. - Papani (Lunch)	9 a.m. - Line Dance*	10 a.m. - Asian Pacific	10-11 a.m. - "Arthritis and Low Back Pain," Dr. Kirtz	11 a.m. - "10 Health Blackies," Sharon Tomaszewski, Nurse	11 a.m.-noon - Beginner Computer Class	Lunch
	12:30-3 p.m. - Lunch	12:45 p.m. - Bingo	2:30 p.m. - Massage by appointment				
Wednesday 5/10	9 a.m. - Stretch and Strength	9:15 a.m. - Women's Golf Begins	10 a.m. - Body Recall	10:30 a.m. - Quilting	11 a.m. - Blood Pressure	11 a.m. - Taking Off Your Sensitive class	11:30 a.m. - Cloggins*
	12:30-2 p.m. - Lunch	2:30 p.m. - Massage by appointment	2:45 p.m. - Disease Planning with Karen Stewart				
Thursday 5/11	9 a.m. - Line Dance	9 a.m. - Madras Part 2 Assistance by appointment	9 a.m. - Madras Part 2 Assistance by appointment	11 a.m. - Beginner Computer Class	noon - Lunch	12:15 - Contract Bridge*	1-2 p.m. - Line Dance
	1-3 p.m. - Computer Lab open	1:30-3 p.m. - Reading Group, "The Plain Truth," by Juli Precut	2:30 p.m. - Massage				

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BUSINESS

City says Jo-Bee's is not unique enough for last liquor license

Restaurant owner shares disappointment with Novi

By Tracy Mishler
STAFF WRITER

Joseph Chuang is disappointed in the city of Novi. The 66-year-old New York City resident plans to open Jo-Bee's Restaurant for Asian cuisine in the Main Grand Court building off Novi Road, but said he has had nothing but trouble with the city.

"This project is vulnerable because we haven't gotten approval (from the city) to start construction," Chuang said. "Our first impression of Novi is we like it. But even in a big city like New York, we can get approval."

Anthony Matthew Quinn said Chuang submitted plans for a building permit for his restaurant toward the end of 2005.

"They applied to the city to be issued the last city quota liquor license," said Quinn, of Cooper, Shifman, Gabe, Quinn and Seymour. "The city said they would not issue the license to the restaurant because it was not

unique enough to comply with the ordinance requirements."

The city of Novi allows one license per every 1,500 people, he added.

Chuang said he conducted market research for the city and found nothing comparable to his restaurant.

"We are focused on all generations, who care about healthy eating," he said. "We're offering good cuisine from Japan, China, Taiwan and other parts of south-east Asia."

Interim City Manager Clay Pearson said the city has one quota liquor license available and Jo-Bee's was not the only business denied for it.

"It's all up to city council," Pearson said. "There was discussion among council members with each having varying perspectives."

Quinn said his clients have been dealing with parking issues since the first of January at the 5,063-square-foot facility, located between Red, Hot and Blue restaurant and the Fifth Avenue Ballroom.

"We need 254 parking spots for the building and there are already 253 on the site," he said. "We had a meeting with the city April 11, to



Jo-Bee's, an Asian cuisine restaurant, will be located in this vacant space between Novi's Red Hot and Blue restaurant and the Fifth Avenue Ballroom.

formalize the most recent traffic calculations. Now we're just waiting to receive a response from the traffic consultant."

Pearson said there are standards in Novi on the quantity of parking spaces available.

"This (business) stresses parking between other businesses," he said. "It's up to the applicant that they meet the parking requirements."

Quinn said Jo-Bee's need for a liquor license comes from top-shelf sake and Chinese wines they would be bringing in.

"We don't have anything like this in the metropolitan area," he said. "That was our pitch. But (the city) wanted to lump us together with all the franchised Asian restaurants in the area."

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Growing staff

Novi-based PARAGON Leadership International, an executive coaching and consulting firm, announced the addition of professionals to their staff. Gloria Donahon, Cindy Pfeiffer and Ed Wygonik join PARAGON as associate coaches.

Hero portrayal

Paul Rusesabagina, the hero portrayed in the movie Hotel Rwanda, addressed the nonprofit community during the Michigan Nonprofit Super Conference May 3, at the Sheraton Detroit Novi. As Rwanda descended into a genocide that killed nearly one million people, Rusesabagina found the courage to save over 1,200 individuals. During his speech, Rusesabagina shared his perspective on the importance of commitment to community and signed copies of his new book, "An Ordinary Man."

Tower hires vice president

Novi-based Tower Automotive announced E. Renee Franklin has joined the company as senior vice president, global human resources. Franklin will be a member of the company's enterprise leadership team with leadership responsibility for all strategic and tactical issues affecting the human resources of the global enterprise. She will report directly to Kathleen Ligocki, president and CEO of the company. Franklin will provide thought leadership and strategic support on such issues as compensation, retention, leadership development, organizational design, recruiting, labor contracts and negotiations, pension and benefits, and HR support.

First quarter earnings

Michigan Heritage Bancorp, Inc., the holding company for Michigan Heritage Bank, with offices in Novi, Farmington Hills, Livonia, Troy and Westland, posted higher net income for the first quarter of 2006. Net income for the quarter ended March 31, 2006 was \$254,000, or \$0.16 per diluted share, up a full 25 percent from net income of \$203,000, or \$0.13 per diluted share, for the first

quarter of 2005. Overall operating expenses declined for the quarter despite the addition of two new branches in 2005.

While interest income rose to \$3,000,000, an increase of \$184,000 or 6.5 percent over the same period in 2005, net interest income, before provisions for credit losses, declined 4.9% to \$1,686,000. The decline resulted from a greater increase in interest expense during the first quarter 2006, attributable to the continued rate increases by the Federal Reserve.

Holdup of a sign

American Coney Island, one of the oldest businesses in Detroit, quickly needed a large holdup to promote its Coney Kit fund-raiser. So, American approached Commerce-based Sign-A-Rama with their need and two weeks later was displaying a detachable-looking 2-foot by 13-inch holdup on a bon along with its well-known chili and onions for its displays at the Michigan Fund-raising Expo.

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Alliances formed

Cushman & Wakefield, a New York-based commercial real estate services firm, announced it has formed an alliance with Signature Associates, a full-service commercial real estate services firm in Michigan and northern Ohio. As part of the agreement, Signature Associates joins the Cushman & Wakefield Alliance Program, an association of 19

regional commercial real estate firms in strategic U.S. markets. On a global basis, Cushman & Wakefield operates 192 offices in 58 countries.

Signature Associates, headquartered in Southfield, Mich., is a regional firm with 90 brokerage professionals and nearly 40 percent market share. Additional Signature Associates offices include Lansing, Grand Rapids, Muskegon and Kalamazoo, as well as Toledo, Ohio.

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Members of the "Of the Record" panel included: James Kolhoff, director of Software Engineering, General Motors Powertrain; Mark Thomas, director of Electronics Systems, Detroit Diesel; Eric Bausbach, general manager of Electronics, Magna; and Dr. Herbert Hansmann, president and CEO, dSPACE GmbH.

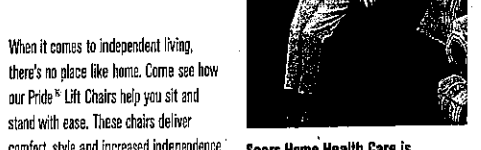
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"We wanted something big, realistic, and which attracted attention. They really handicapped that holdup. It is amazing, very realistic and eye-catching. They also were fast," said Greg Kears, manager of American Coney Island and founder of the Coney Kids, who is a third generation family member of this business.

"People first told us, 'These are the best Coney's I've ever had, and then they texted us that they loved our holdup sign,'" she said.

Sen. Cassis testifies on her "Good Builders" legislation

State Sen. Nancy Cassis testified before the Economic Development, Small Business and Regulatory Reform Committee on legislation she sponsored that will protect and advance the professional ethics, and integrity of the residential building industry while giving consumers confidence in builders.

Senate Bills 631 and 632, known as the "Good Builders" measure, will provide several mechanisms to strengthen the industry.

The bills give the state the authority to go after unlicensed builders. The legislation also creates the Builder Enforcement Fund in the Michigan Department of Treasury. Each licensee will pay a \$30 one-time fee to this fund for the purpose of prosecuting unlicensed builder activity. After setup of the fund, civil fines collected from prosecuting unlicensed builders will continue to fund this program.

Builders convicted of a misdemeanor enacted by the legislation could face up to a year in jail and \$25,000 in fines. The bills also provide for civil fines up to \$25,000.

In addition, the legislation:

- Requires that all licensees have continuing education for the first six years after initial licensure. Should a violation occur the department could require up to 18 hours of continuing education from the builder.
- Creates a residential builders' and maintenance and alteration contractors' board.
- Requires the Department of Treasury to post on its Web site any complaints against licensees (final orders) within 30 days after the determination by the board; and
- Requires the department to post annually on its Web site the number of final orders.

The legislation will be brought up for a vote at a future meeting of the committee.

Home Improvaplaza

Wholesale Builder Supply in Weston will welcome radio station WCSX 9-11 a.m. Saturday, May 20. Local announcer Kate Savelley and the WCSX staff will be on hand to cook breakfast free for all who attend their "Home Improvaplaza." Due to the large attendance during those hours, WCSX will offer shuttle rides from the Meijer parking lot off Grand River, just west of Weston road.

Wholesale Builder Supply has accumulated close to \$1 million in excess inventory that must be sold. Over 300 name brand appliances will be priced at or below cost and over 2,000 cabinets will be available at just \$75 each.

The sale hours are noon-8 p.m. May 18-19; 9 a.m.-5 p.m. May 20 from 9-5 p.m. and 10 a.m.-4 p.m. May 21. The first 100 guests will receive special discount coupons.

At 11 a.m. Saturday WCSX will hold a Grand Prix drawing for a \$2,000 gift certificate redeemable at Wholesale Builder Supply.

Students win scholarships through credit union in Novi

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David Brandon speaking at Walsh

Domino's CEO to discuss workplace change on Tuesday

If there is a common message coming from America's most innovative CEOs, it's this: change is constant, so you might as well embrace it by unleashing your people, letting them take risks, and making them feel invested in the mission of the company.

David Brandon lives that philosophy every day as chairman and CEO of Ann Arbor-based Domino's Pizza, a local institution he has transformed since taking the helm in March 1999.

Brandon will speak at a lunch-

How has he changed Domino's? Among other things, Brandon says, he has opened it up by making himself accessible to employees. He regularly has lunch with "team members" who don't report directly to him and maintains an open-door policy. He holds monthly "Lunch with Dave" events where 10-12 randomly selected employees get a free lunch, "and all they have to do is tell me what they're thinking."

Brandon says he also tries hard to do a better "home meal replacement" for busy families. Tickets are \$25. To make a reservation online, visit <http://www.secure.walshcollege.edu/forms/CorporateService/forms/CorpEvents3.aspx>.

con to be held from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. May 9 at Walsh College's Novi Campus. He will discuss some of the ways Domino's has changed over the past seven years as the company has gone from a private company to a New York Stock Exchange-listed public company. The speech is part of Walsh's ongoing Michigan Business Success Stories lecture series.

"Change is good," Brandon said. And good managers, he said, "better embrace the notion that change is part of your daily responsibilities."

Brandon said his goal at the Walsh event will be "to spark some thoughts and maybe even challenge some thinking" in a region that needs more than ever to embrace change.

Giving financial literacy for education

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When they get out into the real world, all we did to educate them and make sure they are ready better have been complete."

The conclusion of Youth Financial Literacy Month came to end last week, and Community Financial ended the month by announcing the winners of its 2006 scholarship program.

The Community Financial Scholarship Fund, in association with the credit union, with locations in Novi and Northville, awarded 10 \$1,000 scholarships to local high school students.

Winners of this year's scholarships included Novi residents Grace Huang of Northville High School, Matthew Renner of Novi High School and Northville resident Jenna Hansen of Ladywood

High School.

The winners were selected from Community Financial members and students and will use the funds to attend college.

According to Community Financial officials, all of the students were selected for their academic performance and involvement in community service.

"These students represent our future, and by providing these scholarships we hope that we can help them build a solid foundation," said Bill Lawton, board chair of the Community Financial Scholarship Fund in a statement.

Community Financial's annual scholarship program has awarded more than \$60,000 over the past 18 years to college-bound members who have demonstrated a commitment to education and their communities.

Community Financial has two annual scholarship funds, one in honor of long-time credit union volunteer Margaret Downing, and another to honor the memory of George Lawton, the credit union's general manager for 29 years.

Community Financial's scholarships are among several youth programs that have allowed the credit union to demonstrate a commitment to education and financial literacy for both youths and adults.

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Police remind Novi's students to refrain from illegal drinking

Editor's note: The following information was provided by the Novi Police Department.

With spring graduation and prom season upon us, members of the Novi Police Department are committed to ensuring the health and safety of all young people in the community.

Novi High School's prom is Saturday at Rock Financial Show place.

"The men and women of the Novi Police Department are dedicated to forming proactive partnerships with organizations throughout our community to ensure the well-being of Novi youth," said David Molloy, police chief.

"In cooperation with the Novi Community Law Enforcement Coalition and the Oakland County Health Division Office of Substance Abuse Services, our goal is to educate parents and young adults regarding the negative impact of underage drinking."

To kick off the initiative, parents of all Novi High School juniors and seniors were sent a letter detailing the "Parents who Host Lose the Most" campaign. It is important that parents and young people



Chief David Molloy

join council in support of this effort by signing a proclamation board that will be on display following the meeting at the Novi Civic Center.

Project Sticker Shock

Another program the Novi Police Department is proud to bring to the community is Project Sticker Shock.

In partnership with the Novi Youth Council and several local alcohol retailers, stickers will be placed on all multiple packs of beer, wine coolers and other alcohol products that might appeal to underage consumers.

The program is designed to reach adults 21 and older who may purchase alcohol and illegally provide it to minors.

"This new endeavor is designed to support existing community activities and encourage new partnerships to reduce underage drinking and its related problems, specifically adults illegally providing alcohol to minors," Molloy said.

For more information on either of these initiatives, contact Molloy at (248) 347-0304.



Photo by Cal Stone

Animal lover gets wet

A motorist who is obviously kind to animals ended up in a pond last Thursday after he swerved to miss some geese in the road. The driver was westbound on 10 Mile Road west of Kings Pointe at 1:23 p.m. when he lost control of his vehicle, hitting the gas instead of the brakes, and landing in a pond off of 10 Mile Road. No injuries were reported, according to the Novi Police Department.

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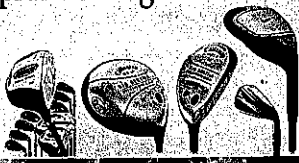
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CHURCH CALENDAR

Meadowbrook Congregational Church will return to the video series "Questions of Faith" for its 2006 Lenten Program. The video is approximately 30 minutes long, and will be followed by discussion. Each class will meet Wednesdays at 7:30 p.m.

Book Club News: The church's newest selection is "Wicked" by Gregory Maguire. It's a story of the Wicked Witch of the West.

Meadowbrook is located at 21355 Meadowbrook Road in Novi. The church can be reached at 248-348-7757 or at www.mbc.org.

Normal Sunday worship service at 10 a.m.

For further information, ask for the Rev. Dr. B. Neil Hunt, Minister of Meadowbrook.

Prayer each Friday begins at 9:30 a.m., followed by adult bible study at 10 a.m.

Call (248) 474-0554 or visit www.ishu-lutheran.com for more information.

Crosspointe Meadows Church meets Sundays at Meadowbrook Elementary School. Services are at 9 and 10:30 a.m. Fresh brewed hot coffee is available from 10-10:30 a.m. The church also has children's programs for all ages and a nursery available.

The church is located at 29200 Meadowbrook Road, just south of 13 Mile Road. For more information, call (248) 427-2700 Monday through Thursday from 9 a.m.-2 p.m., or www.crosspointemeadows.org.

St. Paul Lutheran Church in Northville will be studying the best-selling book "Purpose Driven Life" by Rick Warren during Lent. Over 14.9 million copies worldwide have gone through this campaign. St. Paul is hoping to bring this book and study to homes locally. Those who already bought the book and are hoping to get more out of it, may sign up for a study group. Books will also be available through the church. Study groups will meet at various homes in Northville, Novi, South Lyon, Plymouth, Canton and Livonia. Most will meet Wednesdays evenings at 7 p.m.

Children who will be 5-years-old by Friday, Dec. 1 may register now for full-day or half-day kindergarten at St. Paul's Lutheran School, 201 Elm Street in downtown Northville. Call the office at (248) 449-3146 or stop by the school between 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday.

The church will host The Music of St. Paul's, 4 p.m. Sunday, May 21.

For more information, call (248) 349-3148.



Folks from all around visit the annual Crosspointe Meadows Church Classic Car Show.

Classic cars at Crosspointe

Third annual event sure to be biggest yet

By Ramez Khuri
STAFF WRITER

Is there a better way to spend a warm summer day than checking out classic cars and eating burgers and hot dogs right off the grill?

Crosspointe Meadows Church doesn't think so, which is why the church is invited to the Third Annual Classic Car Show and Barbecue from noon-3 p.m. on Sunday, June 4.

"We provide food, and you can walk around and look at the cars," said Tony Crossley, director of administration. "It's a smaller scale to what you would see at Greenfield Village on their car day. We hope people come out, have a good time and check us out."

Phil Lyons, a member of the church and of the Ford Mercury Restorers Club, approached the pastor with the car show idea three years ago to try to attract more people to the church. Crossley said Lyons has been an old car restorer for most of his life. He came up with the idea to put a team together who could bring the show to life.

"We've had pretty good success at getting people out to see the cars and to find out a little bit about the public."

Crossley said most of what is showcased have been cars as old as the 1920s or through the 1950s. There are a few cars from the 1960s decade as well.

"One member of our church, Murray Smith, has one of the last Mustangs that was built in 1973 before they went to the Mustang '74," said Crossley. "He's coordinating the show this year. It's a cross-generation of cars, not one particular car."

For more information, visit www.crosspointemeadows.org, or call (248) 427-2700. Meadowbrook School is located at 29200 Meadowbrook Road, just south of 13 Mile Road.

Ramez Khuri is a staff writer for the Novi News. He can be reached at (248) 349-1700, ext. 110 or by e-mail at rkhuri@gannett.com.

The Episcopal Church of the Holy Cross offers a worship service every Wednesday from 12:10-12:30 p.m. Come and share your lunch hour with God as a worship service that includes prayers and Holy Communion. The church invites all to worship Sundays at 7:45 and 10 a.m. Nursery care is available at 10 a.m. worship service. (The nursery is coordinated by a registered professional.)

Adult Bible Study is Sundays at 9 a.m. Worship Center for children ages 3-7, and Sunday School is at 10 a.m.

Worship Service of Compline is held at 8:30 p.m. Rate 13 (ages 11-14) and 12A (ages 14 and up) groups meet at 5 p.m. for their program and dinner. Youth Worship Service is held at 7 p.m. the second and fourth Sunday of every month; all are welcome.

Episcopal Church of the Holy Cross is located at 40700 W. 10 Mile Road, Novi. Call (248) 427-1175 or visit www.haretheloholy.org.

Good Shepherd Evangelical Lutheran Church will celebrate its 25th anniversary beginning at 4 p.m. Sunday, Rev. Brent G. Janku, who served Good Shepherd from 1982-93, will be the guest preacher.

The first service of "Novi Area Evangelical Lutheran Church" was in September of 1980. Good Shepherd was incorporated a few months later. The charter service was held May 3, 1991. Services were first held at the former Novi Middle School North, then moved to the former Novi Community Center. Construction of the church premises began for Good Shepherd began in 1995 at the corner of Meadowbrook and 9 Mile Road, where it is today.

For more information, contact Reverend Thomas Schneider at (248) 349-0555 or Mark Chamer at (248) 919-9808. Visit www.wel-sev.org.

City of Novi Special Meeting Notice
MAY 6, 2006 AND MAY 11, 2006

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the City Council of the City of Novi will hold a special meeting on SATURDAY, MAY 6, 2006 AT 9:00 A.M. AND THURSDAY, MAY 11, 2006 AT 7:30 P.M. in the Council Chambers, 45175 W. Ten Mile Road, for the purpose of interviewing candidates for City Manager.

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Faith Community Presbyterian Church invites you to worship at either the 9 a.m. or 10:30 a.m. services. Adult Sunday school is offered at 9 a.m. Sunday school and nursery care is available at both services.

The Faith Community Fun Run will be held at 8:30 a.m. Sunday, June 3. Mark your calendar and join both 5K runners/walkers and one-mile fun runners/walkers in the church's third year of hosting this family event. The fun run is an event that started in June of 1982. It took a sabbat for a few years, but with the help of Faith Community congregational members and volunteers from the local Novi Tracker Running Club, it has grown each year. Proceeds from the event will be donated to the Novi Youth Assistance program. For more information contact the church, or Mike Everett at everettm@sbcc-global.net.

The Bahai' Faith will host a community-wide devotional gathering focusing on prayers for peace at 11 a.m. on the last Saturday of each month at the home of the Kias, 23803 Rippel Creek Street, Novi. Interested parties are asked to call in advance, (248) 473-0355. People of all faiths are welcome. "The earth is but one country and mankind its citizens." The Bahai' Faith. For more information, visit www.us.bahai.org.

The First Presbyterian Church Thursday evening programs begin at 7:30 with social time followed by the speaker at 8 p.m.

Single Place is also offering a Divorce Recovery Workshop Thursdays through May 11.

Workshop topics include: Networking, Stages of Grief, Putting Your Ex in Focus, Legal Aspects of Divorce, Church & Divorce, Helping Children Through Divorce, Relationships Old and New and Parenting.

Discussion with people who have gone through the recovery process.

The workshop meets in the Emeritus Room of First Presbyterian Church from 7:30-9:30 Thursdays. Child care is available through grade six. Please register for childcare at least two weeks before the Divorce Recovery Workshop begins.

The cost of the workshop is \$33 and includes the book "Growing Through Divorce".

Programs vary every week and may involve information, inspiration, entertainment or group interaction.

Though, there will be two activities. Don Sedstrom will speak on Travel with Elderhostel. Elderhostel is a non-profit organization dedicated to providing extraordinary touring experiences for people 55 and older. The second activity is an open forum offering participants an opportunity to discuss the topic "Why People Remarry" with Sandy Baumgart as the group leader.

Single Place offers a number of other social activities. Every Saturday a group participates in Walk in the Park at 10 a.m. They meet at the Visitor Center of Heritage Park on Farmington Road between 10 and 11 Mile Roads in Farmington Hills.

Single Place of Northville is offering a Divorce Recovery Workshop II, Living Beyond Divorce. Pam Jacobs-Landau is the speaker. The workshop meets on Thursday evenings from 7:30-9:30 p.m. May 18 to June 15. Topics covered include honesty, trust, loneliness, depression and self-esteem. The cost of this workshop is \$45. Childcare is available for toddlers through grade six. Register for child care at least two

NOTICE - CITY OF NOVI REQUEST FOR TEMPORARY USE PERMIT TUP 06-014

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Andrea Francis of Lifesites Hot Spring Spas is requesting a Temporary Use Permit to erect a 20 x 40 foot hot tub parking lot sale in the southeast corner of the parking lot of the Luna Building located south of Grand River and east of Main Street at 48795 Grand River from May 19, 2006 to May 21, 2006.

A public hearing can be requested by any property owner of a structure located within 500 feet of the boundary of the property being considered for a temporary use permit.

This request will be considered at 10:00 a.m. on May 10, 2006 at the Novi Civic Center, 45175 West Ten Mile Road. All written comments should be directed to Robin A. Working and must be received prior to May 10, 2006.

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Dr. Henderson will be teaching an Arise and Heals class on Tuesdays at 10 a.m. and Wednesdays at 7 a.m. Cost for the book and class is \$19. Everyone is welcome.

Women's Bible Study, led by Jean Martin is the first Wednesday and Thursday of each month at 10 a.m. and 7 p.m.

The church is located at 44420 W. 10 Mile Road in Novi. Call (248) 349-2343, or visit www.faithcommunity-novi.org.

St. James Catholic Church is located at 46325 10 Mile Road, Novi. Call (248) 347-7778.

First United Methodist Church of Northville will be hosting a community-wide healing service, called Prayers for Healing of Body, Mind, Relationship and Spirit on the first Monday of each month. This service of hope is open to the Northville/Novi community and persons of all faiths who desire to ask God for healing in their life, or that of someone they love dear.

Church worship hour schedules are as follows: 8, 9:15 and 11 a.m. on Sundays. The church is located at 777 W. Eight Mile Road (at 8th Rd) Northville. For more information, call (248) 349-1144, or visit www.fumc-northville.org.

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St. John Lutheran Church is located at 22225 Gill Road in Farmington Hills. Sunday service begins at 8:30 p.m. and Sunday traditional services are at 8:30 and 11 a.m. Sunday contemporary service begins at 9:50 a.m. and Sunday school starts at 9:45 a.m. Nursery is provided.

St. John Lutheran Church is located at 22225 Gill Road in Farmington Hills. Sunday service begins at 8:30 p.m. and Sunday traditional services are at 8:30 and 11 a.m. Sunday contemporary service begins at 9:50 a.m. and Sunday school starts at 9:45 a.m. Nursery is provided.

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Courtesy photo

The Novi Meadows Elementary School Destination Imagination team: Jordan Blanchard, Callie Collins, Elizabeth Orwina, Megan Parikh, Varaha Raju, Felix Zhu and Logan Ohio.



Courtesy photo

Novi High School's Destination Imagination team. All are freshmen. Pictured are (front, l to r): Andi Li, Claire Weber, Stephanie Chen, (back) Tyler Odum, Jordan Gavin, Kyle Tice, Nathan VanNortwick.

Destination Imagination

Two teams qualify for global competition

Novi Community School District will be well represented at the Destination Imagination (DI) 2006 Global Finals being held May 22-28 at the University of Tennessee in Knoxville. After taking first and second place honors at the recent state competition, two teams — one from Novi Meadows Elementary and one from Novi High School — will be competing with teams from all 50 states and several countries around the world.

Destination Imagination is a program designed to build creativity, problem solving, and teamwork. Teams of five to seven students work together over several

weeks to solve a "Team Challenge" problem and then present their solutions at the regional competition. The top four teams in each category then go on to compete at a state competition.

Parents serve as coaches but must not assist in any way. At competitions, teams are also given an "Instant Challenge" and have five minutes to work together to come up with a solution to a problem posed by the judges and present their solution on the spot.

The Novi Meadows team includes students Jordan Blanchard, Callie Collins, Elizabeth Orwina, Megan Parikh, Varaha Raju, Felix Zhu and Logan Ohio. Their team challenge, titled "Inside Dimension," required them to build two structures of only wood and glue, one to fit inside of the other, and then use the structure to create a story

about the architect who created it. The Novi Meadows team wrote a story about a fictional architect, Charles Jerry, who built Big Ben in London, England. They researched the history of the famous clock and built a model of it. Their 14-ounce structure held 572 pounds of weight during competition.

Students from Novi High School chose the challenge "Back At You!" Their task was to create a device that simultaneously shoots and retrieves several balls per minute. They had to integrate the numerous round trips the balls made into a presentation about someone or something that goes away and then returns.

Team members Kyle Tice, Stephanie Chen, Nathan VanNortwick, Jordan Gavin, Tyler Odum, Claire Weber and Andi Li told a story of the mysterious disappearance of a crew sent to build

an underwater research station. Their device sent 960 balls back and forth in eight minutes.

The NIS team received the Renaissance Award for their device. DI presents this to teams that demonstrate "extraordinary amounts of effort and preparation or outstanding skill in engineering design or performance." The judges who nominated the team for the award were impressed with the members' use of simple engineering principals to create an extremely efficient and accurate device. They said "the construction of the devices was precise, clean, with no unneeded components, a very low risk of failure."

DI is open to all students in grade 4-12. For more information, contact Shelley Wright, DI coordinator, at Shelley.Wright@nov.com.

NOTICE CITY OF NOVI REQUEST FOR TEMPORARY USE PERMIT TUP 06-018

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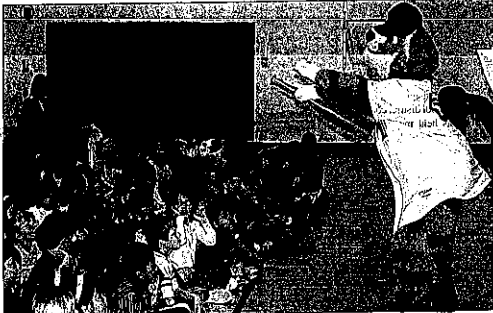
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Paws at bat

Deerfield Elementary held an assembly last week, where Paws, the official Detroit Tigers mascot, brought some reading fun to the school. While Deerfield's media specialist, Janis Wagner, read the poem, "Casey at Bat" by Ernest Lawrence Thayer, Paws acted it out and got the students involved.



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Gas safety

Consumers Energy performed a gas safety program at Novi Woods Elementary School last week to teach students that leaving flags in the ground which mark underground utilities is important to protect workers, themselves, friends and their communities from a potentially hazardous situation. They also learned how to recognize, react and report a natural gas leak. Pictured here are Christina Rea, of Consumers Energy, and the students.

Bikes for tykes

Novi Middle School students and families collected 55 bicycles last week, which were donated to the foster children at the Children's Center of Wayne County. Here, students show off the bikes.



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The second annual Fast-A-Thon took place last weekend at the Holy Family Catholic Church in Novi in an effort to raise awareness of poverty and hunger with approximately 50 teens participating in the event. Novi High School student Denise Rowe initiated the idea and executed the plans. Kristen Malnowski (left) and fellow Holy Family fast-a-thon participants prepare meals at Main Dish which were donated to the local food pantry.

Students hungry to help others

The second annual fast-a-thon took place April 22-23 at Holy Family Catholic Church in Novi in an effort to raise awareness of poverty and hunger with approximately 50 teens participating in the event.

Denise Rowe, Novi High School senior, initiated the idea and executed the plans last year. The event was such a success that she received approval from Joseph Gull, Teen Leadership director at Holy Family Church, to proceed with a second event this year.

Rowe contacted various speakers to discuss various topics related to unemployment, living conditions and hunger. She also planned games which related to the event's theme of hunger.

The inspiring group of teens also went on a scavenger hunt throughout various neighborhoods in the Novi community which provided generous donations of much needed items such as diapers, canned goods, and non-perishable food items. These items were donated to the local food pantry.

As a member of Novi High School student council, Rowe also turned to student council for support. They did not disappoint her, but instead presented her with a generous check to support efforts for fast-a-thon to be an even greater success. The money was used to purchase ready-made meals, prepared by the youth group participating in the event at Main Dish located in Novi which

kindly opened their doors in support of the event. The meals were also donated to the local food pantry.

The 24-hour event ended with a mass in celebration of the hard work and effort exhibited by these admirable teens on Sunday followed by a well-deserved meal after 24 hours of fasting.

Rowe requested the assistance of the following fellow members of the leadership team consisting of high school seniors Lauren Murray, Ellie Schullioff, Jennifer Phillips and Kevin O'Keefe. Without this group effort, it could not have been a success, said Rowe. Parents of several teens also provided transportation regarding various events and gave of their time.

ON CAMPUS

Novi resident Marie Gouba received the James R. Donohue Award in Arts and Communication. This award is given annually to the Olivet College student who has demonstrated outstanding talent in performance or the performing arts throughout his or her academic career while maintaining solid academic standing.

Novi resident Matthew Jezlar received the Olivet College Alumni Council Scholarship. This scholarship is awarded to returning Olivet College students who exemplify the model student and model potential alumni in the areas of leadership, scholarship, service to Olivet College and the community, and participates in social and co-curricular activities.

Arle Jirasek, of Novi, has been named the ticket chair for Northwood University's Music Fest 2006. She is the daughter of Mike and Ruth Ann Jirasek.

Erin Wickerham, of Novi, has been serving as a community service volunteer during 2006 spring semester at DePaul University.

SCHOOL BRIEFS

Spanish CDs
Crestland Hills Elementary School students and prospective students helped prepare CDs of their favorite songs in Spanish. Claire (first grade) and Torray Wogan (pre-kindergarten) helped place over 500 CDs into envelopes. One CD per family was sent home the week before spring break to each family of Spanish students in grades 1-4 at four of Novi's elementary schools. Copyright permission was obtained to copy favorite musical selections for the children to study at home.

Bead art to be auctioned off at Spring Fling

About 30 bead art donations, made by Novi resident Yoko Yuyama, will be auctioned off at the Village Oaks Elementary Spring Fling fundraiser from 6-9 p.m. tomorrow at the school, located at 23333 Willowbrook in Novi.

Yuyama teaches Bead art at her house to Japanese ladies. She started the hobby four years ago. She's able to make many designs with beads and has donated many of her products to school and community events.

COMMUNITY ED

Youth Classes

• **Time for Two's Age 2**
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Fee: \$49
Phone: (248) 449-1206 for registration

• **Making Friends Age 3**
Date: Tomorrow
Time: 9:15-10:45 a.m.; 11-12:30 p.m.
Location: Community Education Room Preschool Room D
Details: This class is carefully planned to meet the needs of the 3-year-old child. Each session may include an art or craft project, finger plays, songs, or music and stories. Children should be potty trained and should wear comfortable play clothes.
Fee: \$49
Phone: (248) 449-1206 for registration

Tinberg earns award of distinction

Donna Tinberg, the Novi Community School District's director of Student Services, has been awarded the Michigan Association of Administrators of Special Education's Michigan Local Directors Association Award of Distinction.

The award is presented annually to a local district special education director who has shown outstanding service and leadership. The winning candidate must demonstrate qualities of service, leadership, vision and collaboration; be a leader of vision; and implement innovative practice of special education.

In the nomination submitted on Tinberg's behalf, it was noted, "She is quick to step in to meet the needs of students, staff and fellow administrators. Her commitment to the systematic improvement of services and rapid response to changing mandates is exemplary."

Tinberg holds a specialist degree from Eastern Michigan University. Over the course of her

career she has worked as a teacher of students with disabilities, a teacher consultant, and an intermediate school district consultant. She has held many leadership roles within the professional community, including president of the Special Education Administrators of Oakland County, president of Michigan Council of Administrators of Special Education (CASE), policy of MAASE and Chair of Probity and Legislation Committee for National CASE. In 2001, Tinberg was awarded the very first Gwendolyn Award honoring an outstanding special education administrator in Oakland County.



D. Tinberg

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Our fundamental purposes are to enhance the lives of our readers, nurture the home towns we serve and contribute to the business success of our customers.

Time to tee 'em up

I have yet to see a performance by The Second City-Detroit in their new home on Main Street above Andiamo, but everything I hear about the comedy group is great. They just announced understudy additions, and 10 improv actors were selected during April auditions. Congratulations to Sam Richardson (Detroit), Nate Dufort (Plymouth), Christy Bonstetl (Hannover), Mark Sobolewski (Allen Park), Jen Nischan (Oak Park), Jaime Meyer (Newport), Brent Greenel (Royal Oak) and Tim Robinson (Kokomo). As understudies, the talented group will step in to perform when needed during mainstage productions and other original productions produced by The Second City-Detroit. If you want to learn how the pros make 'em laugh, register for Second City's adult summer training center — but you have to do it by tomorrow. Participants can enroll for classes in person or by calling (248) 348-4448.

Do you hear all that screaming and keelhauling? Why, it must be golf season and time for the frustration level of amateurs like myself to hit tee shots into ponds and chase them with a driver. But if you just want to have fun for a good cause, check out a pair put on by local service clubs. The Novi Lions Club's 15th annual outing at Links of Novi is on July 13. Give Jerry Cooney (248-348-0531) or Terry Taylor (248-755-2389) a call. The Novi Rotary Club is holding their 21st annual outing on June 15 at Oak Pointe Country Club in Brighton. Call Gary Kober (248-476-4977). Both service clubs are looking for sponsors, golfers and prizes.

I received an e-mail from Jim Mrozinski, director of golf operations at St. John's Golf Course. It seems Michael Van Antwerp, a 14-year-old from Novi, used a nine-iron to drill a 115-yard hole in one on hole #9. His brother and mother witnessed the shot on April 19. Congrats!

Stuff



Cal Stone

So, have you seen those new flashing-yellow arrows that turn traffic signals? According to the Road Commission of Oakland County, "The signals are being introduced nationwide as a result of a national study, conducted for the Federal Highway Administration, that showed they help prevent crashes, move more traffic through intersections and provide additional traffic management flexibility." They will be used by RCOG in place of the flashing-red-ball-left-turn signals. Not that I ever did, but drivers used to have to stop at those before turning left. With the new signals, you can turn without stopping if there isn't oncoming traffic. Keep an eye out for intersections to be one installed.

Anybody who knows me knows that I HATE public speaking. If I have my upright bass to shield me from tossed objects, I'm good in front of an audience. Otherwise, it's anxiety time. That being the case, I must tip my hat to Novi resident Cliff Suttle, who won the Toastmasters International District 28, 2006 International Speech Contest. The competition is held once a year and about 25,000 people world wide compete. He is now one of the 80 finalists who will go on to compete at the Regional level. Mr. Suttle's regional competition will be held in Romulus Michigan on June 24. The winner from each of the 10 Regional competitions will go to Washington DC in August to select the World's Champion of Public Speaking.

The only thing more intimidating than public speaking is "the singles scene." Whed! To ease the fear try Single Place, which meets at First Presbyterian Church, 200 East Main Street, Northville (248-349-0911). It's a safe environment where single adults of all ages can meet new friends, heal and grow. Regular programs every Thursday evening begin at 7:30 with social time followed by a program from 8-9. They have different programs, a walking group, a dining out group and lots of summer events. Who knows, you may even fall in love.

Speaking of ... what better way to show mom your love than by taking her to brunch on Mother's Day (it's Sunday, May 14 for those of you who just want into a panic). The Epoch Restaurant Group is offering great packages at several venues, including the Diamond Center at Rock Financial Showplace in Novi. From 9 a.m.-3 p.m.; the cost is \$19.95 for adults, \$17.95 for seniors 55 and up; and \$9.95 for children 12 and under. It is the entire offering of food but then I'd have to run across the street to Joseph's Coney Island. Call Rock instead (248-662-0104).

Volare Ristorante (49115 Pontiac Trail in Wixom) is offering a Mother's Day brunch, too. Cost is \$30 for adults; \$14 for children 4-10; free for children 3 and under. It's from 11 a.m.-2 p.m. on May 14. Call (248) 960-7771.

Or maybe mom would settle for some flowers. The Novi United Methodist Church is holding an Angel Fund Flower Sale, put on by the Sharing & Caring women's study group. There are numerous flats, hanging baskets and pots to choose from. Orders must be in by Monday, May 8 for pick-up on the 13th and 14th. Call the church office (248-349-2652) for more information.

I've been thinking about heading to Windsor to check out some bands, but before I do I guess I better get a passport. Tough passport requirements go into effect Dec. 31, 2006, under the Intelligence Reform and Terrorism Prevention Act of 2004. For the first time, all U.S. citizens and foreign nationals will be required to present passports for all air and sea travel to or from Canada, Mexico, Central and South America, the Caribbean and Bermuda. On Dec. 31, 2007, the requirement will be extended to all land border crossings as well. For a complete set of requirements, visit the State Department's travel web site, www.travel.state.gov.

Looking for a new gig? State Senator Nancy Cassis can help. Her Job Resource Guide is available for mailing. It provides resources for job seekers and information on retaining to help constituents find meaningful training in their careers or perhaps a new career path. The guide includes information on adult education, organizations that can assist in job searches, and apprenticeships. For a copy, contact Cassis' office at 1-888-36-NANCY or go to www.senate.michigan.gov/senator/cassis and click on Senator's Cassis' Job Resource Guide.

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A message from Gary Weinstein

Editor's note: The following court impact statement was sent to the Novi News by Gary Weinstein for publication. Weinstein read it in court last Wednesday, the day Thomas Welling was sentenced to 19-30 years in prison for the deaths of Weinstein's wife and two sons.

Welling was charged with three counts of second degree murder in the deaths of Judith Weinstein, 59, Alex, 13, and Sam, 9, when his 2005 GMC Denali crashed into the Weinsteins' Honda near 12 Mile and Orchard Lake roads on May 3, 2005. His blood alcohol level was determined to be between .36 and .39 at the time of the accident.

As part of his sentencing, Welling must also pay \$14,000 in restitution and undergo substance abuse counseling while in prison.

If he lives long enough to be discharged from prison, Welling has also been ordered to never drive again.

Dear Judy,

I don't suspect that any of you knew what hit you last May 3rd as you were just about to get to the dentist's office, at 3:30, right on time as always. A fellow Farmington Hills resident, Tom Welling, driving his new, big Yukon Denali at 70 miles an hour while having a blood alcohol level 8 times over the legal limit, slammed into the back of your car as you were in the center left turn lane ready to turn into the doctor's office. The best I can tell, you and Alex were killed instantly, your head was cracked open and Alex was run over, flattened while still strapped into his seat. Sam was thrown from the car landing on his head some 20 feet away and he died soon after.

I can't seem to get the picture of the accident scene out of my head even though I never saw it. By the time I got to the scene, the officer in charge refused me access, so I went home. The house was so quiet, I wanted to yell out "I'm home," but I stopped myself knowing that no one was there. I still do that quite often. A couple of days later at the funeral, a lot of people came, not everyone we knew and a lot we didn't know. It seems as if the whole community is the victim here; this tragedy ripped at the very heart of family life in our community.

Gosh, I miss you. I can hardly stand the thought of moving forward in my life without you, after having planned and dreamed of us together forever and then to have you gone. Can anyone truly make any sense of all this?

Dear Alex and Sam,

The greatest loss of all has got to be the contribution the two of you don't get to make by not being here. As your father, I can tell you that your mother and I were always sure that who you were, brought about endless possibilities, for a future



Alex, Judy and Sam Weinstein

filled with unending love and compassion. I, and all of your many friends, will surely miss that. As we went ahead with your bar mitzvah celebration in November, as planned, it just seemed like the right thing to do. All your classmates came. We sang songs, had a chocolate fountain with fresh strawberries and party hats all around. You would have loved it. I took the opportunity to speak to the congregation, and I acknowledged you for the man you had become. Even though you couldn't be there, I can tell you now how proud I am of you and how much I will always love you.

Surely, as your friends came by the house in the days and weeks after the accident, I was overwhelmed by how many of them knew you as their best friend. It just seems as though everyone you knew thought of you that way. Your teammates on the inline hockey league all placed commemorative ribbons on their helmets in your honor. The world will surely miss the kindest, gentlest soul I have ever known. Forever and ever I will love you. Your loving husband and father.

Address the Courtroom: I want everyone to know I don't hate Tom Welling. I just hate what he did. His actions on that day took much more than just three lives, more than just my family's heritage and legacy. It took the innocence of thousands of young boys and girls throughout our community. His actions created a debt; a big debt that needs to be repaid.

When I see a senior citizen couple or a young family, I always stop to wonder if ... what it might have been like to grow old with my wife while watching our boys as they learned the lessons of life. I still never truly know. This is what I lose. I feel the rest of my life

The Bush administration has been called on to impose a 3-percent windfall profits tax on ExxonMobil. But big oil pours money into Republican coffers, so last year Congress gave tax breaks to the oil industry of more than \$4 billion. ExxonMobil is lobbying hard to open the Arctic National Refuge to oil drilling. That company has not paid the native Alaskans the \$5 billion for the impact on fisheries caused by the Exxon Valdez spill.

Informed citizens need to write letters to ExxonMobil, and letters to Washington, and also make our displeasure felt by refusing to put money in ExxonMobile coffers at the pump.

Doreen Lawton
Novi

City priorities

If the Novi City Council finds extra money available to consider funding a new Economic Development position, a much higher priority would be to fund an expanded sleep-over program at Fire Station #4 at Wixom Road, so that fire personnel could

immediately respond to a fire/medical emergency from the fire station instead of coming from their homes to the station and then on to the emergency, which obviously takes more critical time.

The city administration notes in the budget document that there have been critical challenges in maintaining an adequate number of paid-on-call staff at Fire Station #4; and that delivering a consistent level of services for the entire city that meets the fire and emergency needs of all residents based on community expectations and areas of potential risk remains paramount.

Fire Station #4 serves Island Lake, Birchwood, Bellagio, Greenwood Oaks, Pioneer Meadows, Echo Valley, Briarwood, Roma Ridge, Edinborough, Deer Run, Park Place, Simmon's Orchard, Yorkshire, Westmont, Broadmoor Park, Wintergreen, Addison Park, Autumn Park, Beckenham, Chelleham, Lexington Green, Barclay, Bradford, Royal Crown and perhaps some other neighborhoods that I may have missed.

Improving public safety must remain the top priority in serving the taxpayers.

Laura J. Lorenzo
Novi

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COMMENTARY

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Rising gas prices should be priority

Gagging on high gas prices here? Try California's. (I can speak from personal experience; my wife, Kathy, and I just returned from a quick trip to California where we attended a wedding.) The lowest price we saw driving back from Monterey to San Francisco was \$3.27 a gallon, and in a couple of out-of-the-way places it was \$3.45.

Well, it's nice to find some reason to be grateful we live in Michigan. But gas isn't cheap anywhere, and not surprisingly, the high gas prices in recent weeks have

unleashed a blizzard of insane quick-fix ideas from a raft of politicians who should know better.

Gov. Jennifer Granholm supports the idea of capping oil industry profits as a way to reducing gas prices. It's not clear to me exactly what the economic reasoning is behind this idea (also advocated by U.S. Sen. Debbie Stabenow), but I can understand the reflex instinct to do something when Exxon-Mobil announces an \$8.4 billion quarterly profit, fifth-largest of any public company in history.

Not to be outdone, GOP gubernatorial candidate Dick DeVos wants the state to stop collecting the sales tax on gas whenever the price goes above \$1.95 a gallon. Now DeVos is a businessman who ought to know something about supply and demand. Since the underlying reason for high gas prices is that the worldwide supply is insufficient to meet rising demand, DeVos needs to explain just how artificially capping the price reduces demand.

Not only that, but his suggestion would cost the state nearly \$300 million in tax revenue. How would he make that up? Stop funding Michigan State University? There were even more silly suggestions coming out of Washington. The

Bush Administration offered a "gas tax holiday," in which consumers would get a rebate check for \$100. Democrats, predictably, want to repeal some tax breaks big oil got last year and add a windfall profits tax on the oil companies.

Naturally, both parties completely failed to explain how their schemes would reduce gas prices. Mainly because they wouldn't. Sigh.

Also last week the President asked Congress to give it authority to raise fuel economy standards for cars for the first time in 20 years. In the past, the auto companies have blasted the Corporate Average Fuel Economy (CAFE) standards as arbitrary and counterproductive.

But it will be a topic of conversation when the CEOs of Ford, General Motors and Daimler-Chrysler meet the President on May 18. Don't expect any of them to have had a revelation. Chrysler President and CEO Tom LaSorda

says gas prices will have to hover around \$4 a gallon for at least a year for consumers to change their established buying patterns.

I have three modest reactions to all the dithering. If we are serious about doing something about oil prices, first of all, the auto industry ought to endorse — and the U.S. Congress should pass — an ethanol bill that's been kicking around for years, the Fuel Choices for American Security Act.

That bill would require all new cars to be engineered to run on a mixture of ethanol and gas. Brazil has been doing just fine on ethanol for a few years now, and America ought to follow suit.

Second, although everybody recognizes that America is addicted to oil, nobody's been willing to do anything

about it. Around four years ago, I joined with some pretty good economists in designing a federal laboratory — to be located in Michigan — to develop alternative energy supplies.

We thought it might be named to honor Congressman John Dingell's half-century in the House of Representatives, and we solicited support from the auto industry. Needless to say, it was like jogging through molasses, and the idea died stillborn.

The baby should be revived. Michigan is the home of more smart auto engineers than anywhere in the world. What both our state and nation need is a long-term, Marshall-Plan-style program aimed at radically reducing our dependency on oil, imported or domestic.

It would cost a lot of money over a long period of time, but imposing a \$1 per gallon "Freedom Fuel" tax would finance it.

Would the politicians go along? Don't hold your breath. One thing you can depend on is that politicians in a democracy like ours will avoid doing anything farsighted until the crisis is laid upon us.

So we'll muddle along, wash in inanities from both the right and the left, while gas prices remain tight and probably will go higher.

And if — make that when — gas hits \$4 and stays there, the people will start modifying their driving and car buying habits and we'll start doing what we should have been doing years ago.

That will be the right medicine — but it will be far more painful and cost far more than it would if we begin now. Or as you might say, a gallon's worth of prevention is better than a barrel's cost of cure.

So think about it.

Phil Power is a longtime observer of politics, economics and education issues in Michigan. He would be pleased to hear from readers at power@hcn.net.



Phil Power



Youth in Government
Oakland County Commissioner Hugh Crawford (third from left) hosted a group of Novi High Students last Thursday at the Oakland County Courthouse in Pontiac as part of the Youth in Government Day program. Three days prior, Crawford visited Nicole Carter's classroom at the high school. Shown with Crawford (1 to 7) are Vikhi Bamzai, Christie Wilde, Carter, Kevin Hill, Jocelyn Odom, Kathleen Hlavaty, Joseph Xu, Becky Vera-Burgos, Arthi Sidar, Lindsay Murphy, Albert Vellethottam and Scott Czeke.

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CALENDAR

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EVENTS

Second City Comedy Club

TIME/DATE: 8 p.m. Wednesday, Thursday, Sunday; 8 and 10 p.m. Friday; 7 and 9 p.m. Saturday
LOCATION: 42395 Grand River Avenue, across from Novi Town Center
DETAILS: "Bobble Heads of State" is the theme for this month's shows. Tickets are \$15 on Wednesday, Thursday and Sunday and \$30 on Friday and Saturday. **CONTACT:** Visit www.ticketmaster.com or call (248) 645-6666

25th Anniversary Lutheran Church Celebration

DATE: Sunday
TIME: 4 p.m.
LOCATION: Good Shepherd Evangelical Lutheran Church, 4115 W. Nine Mile Road
DETAILS: This is a banquet dinner following the church service. Rev. Gene Jahke, former pastor, will be the guest speaker. **CONTACT:** Rev. Thomas Strieder, (248) 349-0565

Novi Concert Band Concert

DATE: Sunday
TIME: 6 p.m.
LOCATION: Novi Civic Center, 45175 W. 10 Mile Road
DETAILS: This is the annual spring concert with popular music and show tunes. There is no charge.

Waterford Crystal Singing

DATE: Tuesday
TIME: 5-7 p.m.
LOCATION: Marshall Field's, Twelve Oaks Mall, 27550 Novi Road
DETAILS: Ian O'Leary, Director of Design for Waterford Crystal will be signing purchases of his Waterford crystal designs. **CONTACT:** (248) 344-6800

Novi Chorales Spring Concert

DATE: Saturday, May 13
TIME: 7:30 p.m.
LOCATION: Fuest Auditorium at Novi High School, 24062 Tall Road
DETAILS: The Novi Chorales will perform their spring concert featuring music

from film and television. Tickets are \$10 for adults and \$8 for seniors and children under 12. They are available from any Chorale member, Novi Parks and Recreation, the Novi Senior Center at Meadowbrook Commons, and at the door.
CONTACT: Noel Brown, President, (248) 348-0439

Flower Sale

DATE: Saturday and Sunday, May 13, 14, 20 and 21
TIME: 9 a.m.-noon
LOCATION: Oakland Schools Technical Campus "Southwest," 1800 Beck Road, Westland
DETAILS: This sale includes annuals and perennials and is sponsored by the Agriculture Greenhouse/Landscape Class.
CONTACT: (248) 668-5673

Walk-A-Thon

DATE: Saturday, May 13
TIME: 8 a.m. registration
LOCATION: Detroit First Church of the Nazarene, 21260 Haggerty Road, Northville
DETAILS: This walk-a-thon is to raise money for Royal Family Kid's Camp, a program for abused and neglected children. Camps are sponsored by various churches. The registration fee is \$10 for adults and \$5 for children under 10.
CONTACT: (248) 348-5731

Livonia Youth Philharmonic Auditions

TIME/DATE: By appointment, Saturday, May 13
LOCATION: Commencement High School, 8900 Newburgh Road, Livonia
DETAILS: Auditions are for six concert groups: string orchestra, flute choir, sax choir, wind ensemble, concert orchestra and philharmonic orchestra. Novice through advanced musicians are eligible to audition.
CONTACT: Kathy Bilger, President, (734) 464-8704

Singles Place Ministry

DATE: Thursday, May 18
TIME: 7:30 p.m.
LOCATION: First Presbyterian Church of Northville, 200 E. Main St.
DETAILS: The program will be "Dating Red Flags: What You Need to Know." The cost is \$5. This event will include common

dating red flags and ten strategies to counteract them.
CONTACT: (248) 349-0911

Northville Genealogical Society

Monthly Meeting
DATE: Sunday
TIME: 2:30 p.m.
LOCATION: Northville District Library
DETAILS: Joanne Harvey will discuss ancestor searches. Ms. Harvey is a professional genealogist and lecturer and is a teacher of genealogy at Michigan State University.
Individual Help
TIME/DATE: 1-3 p.m. Monday, ongoing and by appointment
DETAILS: Volunteers are available to offer individual help on genealogy.
CONTACT: Grace Wilfong, (248) 349-9079 or visit www.rootsweb.com/~mings

Gardeners of Northville and Novi

DATE: Monday
TIME: 6:30 p.m.
LOCATION: Northville Library, 212 W. Cary St.
DETAILS: The program will be "New plants for a New Year." The public is invited.
CONTACT: (248) 348-1946 or visit www.gardenersnorthville-novi.org

Photo Show

DATE: May 12-21
LOCATION: Wilson Library, 4915 Pontiac Trail, Westland
DETAILS: This is the fifth annual photo show titled "Visions of a Child." The opening reception will be held 6:30-7:30 p.m. Monday, May 15. This is a show of pictures taken by students in fourth grade. Photographer Monte Nagler helped select one from each class for the exhibit.

CONTACT: (248) 624-2850

Novi Hold 'Em Casino Night

DATE: Saturday, May 20
TIME: 6-10 p.m.
LOCATION: Lucky's Lucky Strike, Fountain Walk
DETAILS: This is a fund-raiser for the Novi Chamber of Commerce. A variety of sponsorships are available, including attendance and donations. Sponsors are needed.
CONTACT: Chamber of Commerce, (248) 349-3743

Pet Adoption Day

DATE: Sunday, May 21
TIME: 11 a.m.-4 p.m.
LOCATION: Gone to the Dogs, 23497 Heslip Drive
DETAILS: Local animal shelters, humane societies and animal rescue organizations will be bringing dogs and cats to adopt.
CONTACT: (248) 347-0081 or visit www.GoneToTheDogsNovi.com

Novi Youth Assistance General Citizens Meeting

DATE: Tuesday, June 6
TIME: 7 p.m.
LOCATION: Novi Civic Center, 45175 W. 10 Mile Road
CONTACT: (248) 347-0410

Farmers Market

DATE: Thursday through Oct. 26
TIME: 8 a.m.-3 p.m.
LOCATION: Northville Downs parking lot, corner of Seven Mile and Shelton Road, Northville
DETAILS: There are 100 stalls of fresh produce, plants, flowers, baked goods, garden art, crafts and home accessories available. This is sponsored by the Northville Chamber of Commerce and Pleasant Estates of Northville Hills Golf Club.

CONTACT: (248) 349-7640

SCHOOL GOVERNMENT

Wixom City Council

DATE: Tuesday
TIME: 7:30 p.m.
LOCATION: Wixom City Hall, 4945 Pontiac Trail
CONTACT: (248) 624-4557

Novi City Council Meeting

DATE: Monday
TIME: 7 p.m.
LOCATION: Civic Center, 45175 W. 10 Mile Road
CONTACT: (248) 344-0470

Novi School Board Meeting

DATE: Today
TIME: 7:30 p.m.
LOCATION: Educational Services Building, 25345 Flitt Road
CONTACT: (248) 449-1200

BUSINESS

Lakes Area Chamber of Commerce Events

CONTACT: (248) 624-2826
New Member Reception and Orientation
DATE: Thursday, May 18
TIME: 8:30-10 a.m.
LOCATION: Hampton Inn, 169 Loop Road, Commerce Township
DETAILS: Meet other members and learn how to take advantage of chamber membership at this reception. Bring business cards.

Females in the Family Business Affinity Group

TIME/DATE: 8-9:30 a.m. Third

Thursday of every month
LOCATION: Walsh College, Troy Campus
DETAILS: Walsh Business Leadership Institute invites women who own, are partners in, or work for family businesses. Items discussed will be common issues and share solutions in a non-threatening, non-competitive, non-sales roundtable. Registration is required.
CONTACT: Jim Hubbard, email jhubbard@walshcollege.edu

Greater Novi Chamber of Commerce Business to Business Networking
DATE: Thursday, May 11
TIME: 5-7 p.m.
LOCATION: Andiamo, Dirty Martini lounge
DETAILS: Informational meeting and networking opportunity for new business group seeking members. Open bar and hors d'oeuvres; cost is \$10.
CONTACT: Please RSVP by May 10 at (248) 347-4622.

GOLF OUTINGS

Lakes Area Chamber of Commerce

CONTACT: (248) 624-2826
2006 Spring Golf Scramble
DATE: Monday, May 22
TIME: 1:30 p.m. shotgun start
LOCATION: Edgewood Country Club, 899 Commerce Road, Commerce Township
DETAILS: This event includes 18 holes of golf with cart, lunch, buffet dinner, contests and door prizes.

Angela Hospice Golf Outing

DATE: Monday, June 5

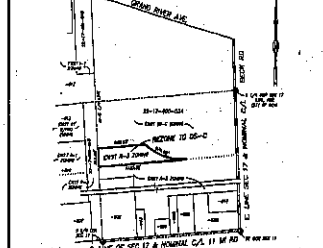
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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Planning Commission for the City of Novi will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, May 24, 2006 at 7:30 P.M. in the Novi Civic Center, 45175 W. Ten Mile Road, Novi, MI to consider **ZONING MAP AMENDMENT 18.863 FOR A RECOMMENDATION TO CITY COUNCIL FOR REZONING CERTAIN LOTS IN SECTION 17, T.17 N., R.8 E., BECK ROAD, SOUTH OF GRAND RIVER AVENUE FROM R.S. ONE FAMILY RESIDENTIAL TO OSC, OFFICE SERVICE COMMERCIAL DISTRICT.** The subject property is 7.67 acres.



To rezona a part of the Southeast 1/4 of Section 17, T.17 N., R.8 E., City of Novi, Oakland County, Michigan being part of parcel 22-17-400-034 more particularly described as follows:
 Beginning at a point located S87°17'07"W, 43.01' along the E-W 1/4 line to the West R.O.W. line of Beck Road and S01°21'47"E, S31.99' along said R.O.W. line and N88°38'13"E, 43.00' to the East line of Section 17 (nominal C.L. of Beck Road) and S01°21'47"E, S48.00' along said East line and S87°17'07"W, 945.34' east from the East 1/4 corner of said Section 17 to the point of beginning; thence continuing S87°17'07"W, 1723.35' to the N-S 1/4 line of said Section 17; thence N02°25'16"W, S13.05' along said N-S 1/4 line; thence N87°21'39"E, 928.93'; thence along a curve to the left 874.02' feet, said curve having a radius of 1168.98', a central angle of 42°50'20", and a chord bearing S71°17'29"E, 853.80' feet to the point of beginning. Containing 8.44 acres.
FROM: R.S. ONE FAMILY RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT TO: OSC OFFICE SERVICE COMMERCIAL DISTRICT
ORDINANCE NO. 18.863
ZONING MAP AMENDMENT NO. 863
CITY OF NOVI, MICHIGAN
ADOPTED BY THE CITY COUNCIL
DAVID LANDRY, MAYOR
MARYANNE CORNELIUS, CLERK

All interested persons are invited to attend. Verbal comments may be heard at the hearing and any written comments must be received by the Planning Department, 45175 W. Ten Mile Road, Novi, MI 48275 until 4:00 P.M., Wednesday, May 24, 2006.
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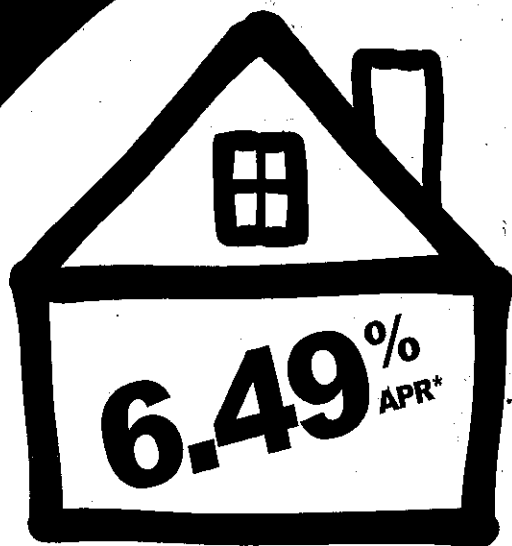
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TIME: 10 a.m. shotgun start
LOCATION: Western Golf and Country Club, 1400 Kintoch Road, Redford
DETAILS: This fund-raiser will benefit programs for terminally ill patients and their families. It will include 18 holes of golf with carts, box lunches, dinner, dessert, and a silent auction.
CONTACT: (734) 953-6018 or visit www.angelshospice.org

Novi Rotary 21st Annual Charity Golf Outing

DATE: Thursday, June 15
TIME: 10 a.m. shotgun start
LOCATION: Oak Pointe Country Club, 4500 Club Drive, Brighton
DETAILS: The cost is \$140 per person and includes 18 holes of golf, cart, unlimited range balls, lunch and dinner. There will also be an auction, raffle, cash bar and prizes.
CONTACT: (248) 476-9777

Novi Lions Club Golf Outing

DATE: Thursday, July 13
TIME: 9 a.m. shotgun scramble
LOCATION: Links of Novi, 50395 W. 13 Mile Road
DETAILS: Individuals and businesses are invited to participate as sponsors, golfers or to provide gifts or gift certificates as prizes to the attendees, or donate items for the "Silent Auction." All proceeds will be given to local charities.
CONTACT: Jerry Cooney, (248) 345-0531 or Terri D. Taylor, (248) 755-2384

Novi Chamber of Commerce

CONTACT: (248) 349-3743
19th Annual Byron Tee-Off Golf Outing
DATE: Wednesday, August 9
LOCATION: Moose Ridge Golf Course, 11801 Doane Road, South Lyon
DETAILS: This outing will include sponsorship opportunities, prizes, networking and championship caliber golf.

CLASSES

Oakland County Seminars

LOCATION: Oakland County complex, 1200 N. Telegraph Road, Pontiac
TIME: 9 a.m.-noon
Legal Issues in Business
DATE: Thursday, May 11
DETAILS: This seminar covers the five main business entities available in Michigan, contract considerations and related questions and answers. It will include the legal issues faced by both new and existing small businesses. The fee is \$30 per person. Registration is required.
Write a Business Plan
DATE: Thursday, May 18
DETAILS: This is a workshop for small business owners who are developing a plan to serve as a road map to success. The fee is \$40 per person. Registration is required.

Novi Community Education Classes

DATE: Tuesday, May 9 and Thursday, May 11
TIME: 6-10 p.m.
LOCATION: Novi Middle School, 49000 11 Mile Road
DETAILS: The seminar is designed to help people plan and complete a successful basement remodeling. The instructor will explain the many facets of basement remodeling including space planning, meeting building codes, insurance, permits, estimating

materials as well as the basics of construction. He will also discuss the structural aspects of adding a home theater as well as working with subcontractors and finishing techniques. The seminar costs \$99 plus \$10 for textbook and materials payable to teacher. Spouse's discount is half of the tuition. Pre-registration with payment is required no later than Friday, May 5 to Novi Community Education.
CONTACT: (248) 449-1206, 9 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Monday-Friday

Miple Real, Walled Lake
DETAILS: These classes will include information on childbirth preparation, labor and delivery, care of the newborn baby and caring for ill children. The cost is \$25. Registration is required.
CONTACT: (248) 858-4003

Assisted Living Discussion

DATE: Thursday, May 18
TIME: 7-8 p.m.
LOCATION: Walcottwood Senior Community, Twelve Oaks, 27495 Huron Circle
DETAILS: Kathleen Murphy, General Counsel, Michigan Assisted Living Association, will speak on the benefits of choosing a licensed assisted community for seniors. Reservations are recom-

Expectant Parent Class

DATE: Monday, May 15-June 26
TIME: 6-8 p.m.
LOCATION: Oakland County Health Division, 1010 E. West

ended, but not required for this free program. Refreshments will be served.
CONTACT: (248) 735-1500

Providence Center for the Healing Arts

LOCATION: Assarian Cancer Center, 4760 Grand River Avenue, Novi
CONTACT: (248) 465-5455
Colorful French Workshop
TIME/DATE: 1-3 p.m., second Tuesday of every month
DETAILS: This is a free class. Artist In Residence
TIME/DATE: 10-11:30 a.m. first and third Thursday of every month
DETAILS: Join Artist-In-Residence May Oura Teevens and

experiment with drawing, pastels, watercolor, Chinese brush painting, mixed media and collage.
Ceramics Class
TIME/DATE: 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Tuesday, Thursday and Friday, 1-5 p.m. Wednesday
DETAILS: There is a \$10 materials fee.
The Chi Class
TIME/DATE: 12:15-1 p.m. Thursday
DETAILS: This is an ancient Chinese exercise used to improve flexibility, balance and strength. No experience is necessary. The cost is \$5.
Vega Class
TIME/DATE: Various times, Monday, Wednesday and Friday.

DETAILS: The cost is \$10 for walk-in; \$80 for 10-class card and \$70 for 7-week evening session. Pre-registration required.
Massage
TIME/DATE: Various times, Monday and Thursday
DETAILS: Therapeutic massage is shown to be effective for stress and tension, chronic fatigue, pain and headaches. Everyone is welcome. Patients undergoing treatment should bring a physician's referral. Call for an appointment. The cost is \$30 for a 50 minute session.
Art Workshops
TIME/DATE: 2-4 p.m. Friday, "Discover Paper Beads" 9:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Tuesday, May 16.

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What kind of illnesses do they treat?
ID physicians are asked to treat conditions resulting from various infections, including those caused by bacteria, viruses, fungi and parasites. Primarily, they see hospitalized patients for illnesses ranging from pneumonia, to unexplained fevers, to HIV/AIDS. More common illnesses also seen are bone infections, serious blood infections, infections of the heart valves, and wound infections. ID doctors are also antibiotic specialists who, through blood tests, cultures and other data, recommend the optimal antibiotics to treat the infectious organism.

Should I see an Infectious Disease physician?
First, you should see your own doctor who can often treat many common infections. However, your doctor may refer you to an ID physician when an infection is difficult to diagnose or does not respond to treatment. Or, you may be in the hospital with a severe illness when your doctor will consult with an ID physician to help diagnose and treat your disease. Most importantly, begin your care with your own doctor.

What other services do Infectious Disease physicians provide?
Our ID physicians are also knowledgeable about important issues such as Avian Influenza or bird flu, West Nile Virus, antibiotic resistance, and potential bioterrorism events. Along with Botsford's administrative personnel, they may also offer recommendations as needed to provide the greatest level of health and safety for our staff and community.

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What about the meningitis vaccine?
Meningitis vaccine is recommended for protection of students during their time at high school, college or at camps with large populations. Our clinic offers this vaccine as well, please call us to schedule an appointment.

Do you offer immigration vaccinations?
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"Mosaic Project," 9 a.m.-noon
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Making"

Lice Dancing

DATE: every Monday and
Friday
TIME: 6:30-7:30 p.m., begin-
ners; 7:30-8:30 p.m., intermedi-
ate.
LOCATION: Novi Ice Arena, In-
42400 Arena Drive
DETAILS: No partner needed
for lessons in this pay-as-you-go
program. Cost is \$5 for Novi resi-
dents and for those ages 55 and
up, \$5 for non-residents.
CONTACT: (248) 348-9116

**LIBRARY
LINES**

Novi Public Library Hours
LOCATION: 45245 W. 10
Mile Road
HOURS: 10 a.m.-9 p.m.,
Monday-Thursday; 10 a.m.-5
p.m. Friday and Saturday and 1-5
p.m. Sunday
DETAILS: Unless noted
below, all programs take place at
the library.
CONTACT: (248) 349-0720

Mother's Day Closing

The library will be closed
Sunday, May 14 for Mother's
Day.

Reading Buddies

DATE: Wednesday, ongoing
TIME: 4:30-5 p.m.
DETAILS: This drop-in
Reading Buddy Program pairs
older children in fifth-12th
grades with younger children in
kindergarten-fourth grade to
improve the younger child's read-
ing skills and encourage a love of
reading.

**Summer Teen Volunteer
Applications**

DETAILS: The library's Youth
and Teen Services department is
looking for teen volunteers to
help with the Summer Reading
Program. Volunteers should be
going into the 7th grade and up
in the fall and be able to work
two hours a week from June 19-
July 28.

Spring Story Times

DATES: Friday

TIME: 10:15 a.m.
DETAILS: Drop in for stories,
song, and movement. This is for
all ages. Registration is not
required.

Kiddie Karaoke

DATE: Today
TIME: 1-1:30 p.m.
DETAILS: Preschoolers are
invited to bring a special adult
singing partner to perform
favorite songs. No registration is
required.

Starlight Story Time

DATE: Tuesday
TIME: 7-7:30 p.m.
DETAILS: Preschoolers and
their families are invited to enjoy
bedtime stories. No registration
is required.

Walled Lake Library Events

LOCATION: 1499 E. West
Maple Road, Walled Lake
CONTACT: (248) 524-3772
Garden Design Seminar
DATE: Tuesday
TIME: 7 p.m.
LOCATION: Walled Lake Fire
Department
DETAILS: Janet Macomovic,
author, columnist and master gar-
dener will present this program.
It is sponsored by the Walled
Lake City Library and the Lakes
Area Garden Club. Registration
is required.

Weekly Story Hours
TIME/DATE: 10:30 a.m.,
Monday-Wednesday; 2 p.m. and
7:30 p.m., Thursday
DETAILS: Includes stories,
crafts, finger plays and games.
Designed for ages 1-5. No regis-
tration required.

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**Neighborhood Baby-sitting
Co-op**

DETAILS: Using the co-op,
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friends and get what you need
accomplished without the little
ones in tow. Also enjoy a mom's
night out and other social events.
CONTACT: Sue Tracz, (248)
380-0998.

Friendship Circle

DATE: second Thursday of
each month
TIME: 1 p.m.
LOCATION: St. James
Catholic Church, 46335 10 Mile

Road, between Tait and Beck
roads.

DETAILS: Social group for all
widows and widowers.
CONTACT: Norbert Manion,
(248) 851-6730, Florence Vaughn,
(248) 477-3032 or Joy Iovaldi,
(248) 348-9138,
joyiovaldi@earthlink.net

**Kensington Valley Mothers
of Multiples**

DATES: second Thursday of
each month
TIME: 7 p.m.
LOCATION: Witch's Hat
Diner, 303 Dorothy St., South
Lyon.
DETAILS: This group pro-
vides information, support and
social activities for mothers of
multiple birth children and their
families. Mothers of multiples
living in and around the
Kensington Valley school confer-
ence are all welcome.
CONTACT: For more informa-
tion, (248) 437-3496.

Women's Prayer Support

DATE: Saturday, ongoing
TIME: 9-10:30 a.m.
LOCATION: Harvest
Fellowship Church, 49329
Pondia Trail, Whiteoak
DETAILS: Come for encour-
agement, help, hope and prayer.
Drop in for five minutes or
longer.
CONTACT: Nancy or Susan,
(248) 926-8332 or harvestfellow-
ship@comcast.net

**New Take Off Pounds
Sensibly (TOPS) chapter**

DATES: every Wednesday
TIME: 11 a.m. weigh-in,
11:30 a.m. meeting
LOCATION: Meadowbrook
Commons, 25075 Meadowbrook
Road, Novi
DETAILS: \$20 per annual
membership includes handbook;
\$1 per meeting. New members
welcome.
CONTACT: (248) 347-0414

HEALTH

**Oakland Physical Therapy
Classes**

LOCATION: Providence
Medical Center, 47601 Grand
River Ave., Suite 3124
CONTACT: (248) 380-3550
Exercise and Techniques in
Stress Reduction
DATE: Today
TIME: 7 p.m.
DETAILS: This is a free lec-

ture/participation class with par-
ticipants performing techniques
for stress reduction, including
exercise, stretching and breathing
techniques. Registration is
required.

**Tennis Elbow: Medical,
Surgical and Physical Therapy
Management**

DATE: Wednesday
TIME: 7 p.m.
DETAILS: This program, led
by an orthopedic surgeon and
physical therapist, will include
the pathology and causes of ten-
nis elbow, current medical tests
and treatments, surgical options
and current physical therapy
treatments. Registration is
required.

Yoga Classes

TIME/DATE: 12:30-1:15 p.m.,
Monday; 6-7 p.m., Wednesday,

12:30-1:30 p.m., Friday
LOCATION: Assarian Cancer
Center, 47601 Grand River, Novi
DETAILS: The cost is
\$10/walk-in; \$80/10-class card;
\$70/7-week evening sessions

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LOCATION: Providence Park,
Novi, 47601 Grand River
Avenue
CONTACT: (888) 440-7325,
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DETAILS: Evening or week-
end series helping you and your
partner get ready for the birth of
your baby.
Childbirth Refresher
DETAILS: A one time class to
review important information for
birth of your baby.
Breastfeeding Preparation

DETAILS: A one time class
for mom and her partner helping
to provide tips for successful
breastfeeding.
Baby Care Basics
DETAILS: A one time class
with practical information about
how to adapt to life with a baby.
Infant Massage
DETAILS: This two session
class teaches parents how to offer
their infant the comfort of mas-
sage.
Yoga Classes
TIME/DATE: 1:30-2:30 p.m.,
Monday; noon-1:30 p.m., Friday
DETAILS: The cost is
\$10/walk-in or 10 class card for
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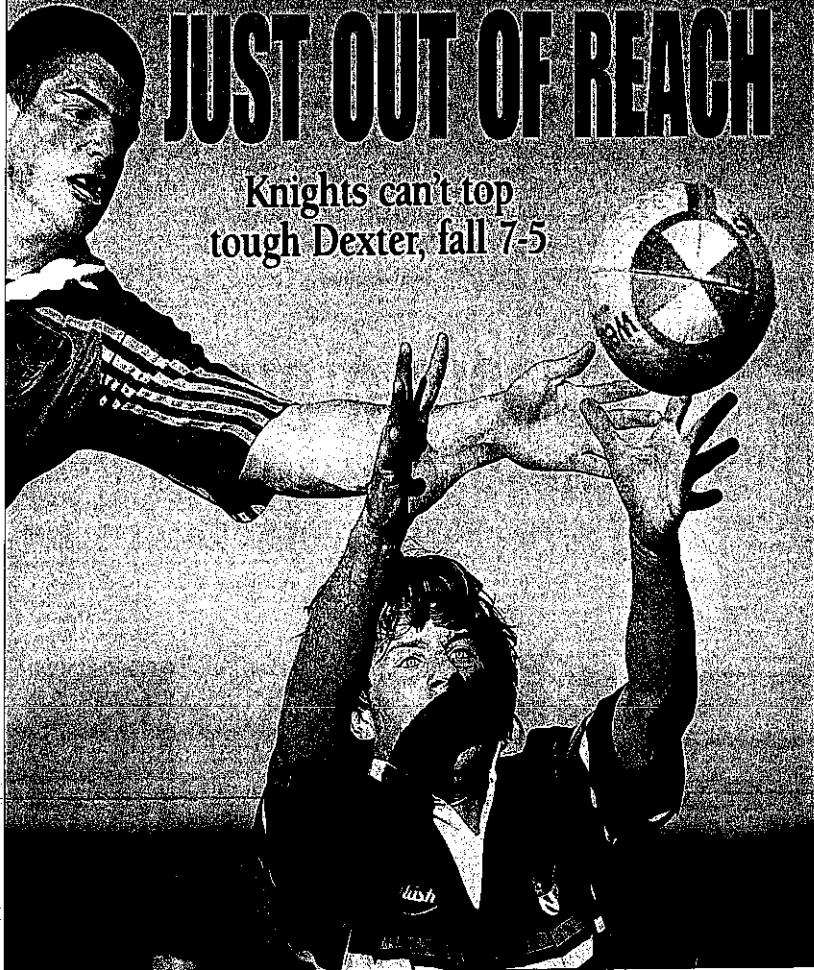
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JUST OUT OF REACH

Knights can't top tough Dexter, fall 7-5



Photos by SAM EGGLESTON

Knights player Alex Fink (right), of Walled Lake Central, almost gets the ball knocked away during a rugby line-out last week.

By Sam Eggleston
SPORTS WRITER

Evan Corbell could only shake his head after the Knights Rugby Club loss against Dexter last Thursday.

After his team scored the first try of the game, Corbell lined up for the two-point kick. The ball sailed clean off the tee, hit the right goal post and then bounced across and hit the left before falling away.

"Just for the record, I've never actually seen that happen until today," Corbell said, who was also a kicker for the Northville Mustangs football team. "I didn't think it was going through at first but after it hit the second post I wasn't sure. Now I can say I've seen it happen."

The Knights just couldn't muster enough offense to stop Dexter and fell, 7-5. The Dexter squad scored late in the first half and

hit the extra point for the victory.

"Dexter is a very talented team," Knights coach Ron Cornell said. "This was just a case where we got beat up from by a bigger, stronger team. That happens."

The Knights just weren't able to produce a strong enough offense to push against a solid Dexter defense. Slow scrum half pitches and ill-timed punts equaled disaster for the Knights.

The Knights did have their bright moments. Corbell advanced the ball well and was key on defense, as was Northville's Dan Williams. Other standouts on the day included freshman Will McAlpine, who scored the team's lone try, as well as Brad Moss, Steve O'Brien and Frank Tafraian.

"The Knights' loss will make it difficult for the team to qualify for the Division I state playoffs, though they'll automatically earn a spot in the Division II playoffs.

"It's going to be tough, but who knows," Cornell said. "We're in the toughest division and I honestly think anyone can beat anyone. We'll have to wait and see."

Midwest Tournament

The Knights Rugby Football Club had plenty of action to get experience from during the Midwest Tournament last weekend. The squad matched a win and took two losses.

Against a team from Columbus, Ind., the Knights took a 10-3 loss with their only points coming off a penalty kick from Corbell.

The following game, the Knights bounced back, earning a 14-5 decision over Peal City.

Cam McNaman had a try in the victory while Corbell lacked on three-straight pen-

ty kicks to help his squad to the victory.

"All-in-all, the kids played really hard," Cornell said. "Whenever you play in a tournament of this level it's very competitive."

And the Knights weren't boasting much experience in their final game, which they lost, 20-0, to a team from South Bend.

Freshmen McAlpine, Patrick Kenay and Michael LaCovic all earned starting nods in the final game.

"I've never done that before," Cornell said. "We've never had three freshmen in the start for us before. They all gained a tremendous amount of experience."

"Everyone on the team played extremely hard and I think all of this experience is going to go a long way to helping us in our remaining games."

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Frank 'The Tank' Tafraian finds rugby a good fit

There are plenty of new Knights rugby fans from here to Indiana. Well, plenty of new Knights "The Tank" Tafraian fans.

For the 190-or-so miles from Novi to where the Midwest Rugby Tournament was held in Indiana, the van carrying the Knights rugby team also carried a message.

"There was a sign on the van that said 'Frank the tank: 225 pounds of pure love' with my phone number," Tafraian said. "It was on the van the whole way down."

So far, Sam Eggleston received any interested phone calls, but time will tell if any prospects will pan out.

Until then, he's got plenty of other things to keep him busy. Tafraian is an up and coming member of the Knights Rugby Football Club, made of players from Northville, Novi and the surrounding area.

Tafraian said he decided to check the sport out while looking for something "intense" to do to finish out his senior year.

Rugby fit the bill. Big hits. Lots of bumps, cuts, bruises and thumps.

It's the definition of a contact sport.

And Tafraian loves it. "It's the greatest sport!" he said. "I just can't get enough of it."

Tafraian plays prop, jamming himself into the front line of the scrum to grab and engage with the players from the opposing team. His job is to support the hooker, who sits between himself and Northville's Dan Williams, and then vie for the ball once it's placed by the scrum half.

"Confused? So was Tafraian the first day he went out to practice.

"The first thing I saw was a line-out when they start hitting the guys up," Tafraian said. "I asked what kind of circus act it was. There are kicks but no downs and no stopping. I was just amazed."

And now he's hooked. In fact, he's considering trying out for the Detroit Trade-smen, a semi-professional rugby club, while he's attending Schoolcraft College in hopes of becoming a firefighter.

The tank

Tafraian introduced himself prior to the Dexter match that the Knights lost, 7-5.

"Are you Mr. Eggleston?" he asked.

"Eggleston," I corrected and shook his hand.

"I'm Frank," he continued.

"You spelled my name wrong when I scored a touchdown for Novi."

Tafraian's touchdown, which came against Millford in Novi's homecoming victory, was the result of a crushing hit from Mike Kolis on Maverick's quarterback Jake Goodin. The ball popped loose, hit the turf, and Tafraian dove on it in the end-zone.

A pile ensued and when the dust settled Tafraian managed to hold on to the ball and was laying over the goal line.

"I can't even describe the

continued on 5B



A Dexter player is able to pitch the rugby ball before the Knights ruggers can bring him down.



Tim Min can't hold on as a Dexter player slips out of his grasp last week.



A Knights' rugby player lays a shoulder into a Dexter ball carrier just as he pitches the ball.



Photo by JOHN HEIDER/Novi News

Novi's Rachel Barndt takes a shot on goal during the Wildcat's mid-April visit to Lakeland High.

NO CONTEST

Wildcats soccer blows through Kensington Valley Conference foes

By Sam Eggleston
sports writer

At what point will the Novi Wildcats girls soccer team feel that scoring a ton of goals is getting old?

Probably not any time soon and definitely not last week.

The Wildcats rolled through, over and around the Milford Mavericks and the Lakeland Eagles in Kensington Valley Conference action, leaving both teams by the wayside score of 10-0.

The Wildcats started off with a rousing victory over the Milford Mavericks, leading the way with the ever-able Stephanie Crawford, who punched in five goals to add to her already impressive total. Stephanie Jensens added three to the victory while Jamie Fratavola and Katie Walker netted one each.

Assisting in the goals were Jensens, Katie Walker, Emily

Eshook, Jessica Barndt, Veronika Salek, Katie Chaklos and Kellie Walker, who had four assists.

Fritz Zerbo, a freshman goal keeper, didn't have much work. She only had to make two saves for her fourth shutout of the season.

The Wildcats followed that victory with another staggering showcase when they crushed Lakeland, 10-0.

Crawford once again led the charge, netting four goals while Fritz added two and Jensens, Megan Stoe, Lauren Troher and Silvas added one each.

Kellie Walker collected an impressive three more assists while Troher added two and Chaklos, Eshook, Megan Bams, Shannon Coyle and Katie Walker had one each.

Zerbo earned her fifth shutout of the season.

Novi is now 9-0 overall and 3-0 in the KVC. They have won 34 straight games dating back to last year.

Wildcats busy making history on links

The Novi Wildcats golf team is full of pride this week after finishing fifth in the very competitive Oakland County Tournament.

The squad took their position out of a field of 18 teams in the Division I tournament.

"I am very proud of these girls," said coach Deb Harris.

Leading the way for the team was junior Asska Akamatsu with a 94 while Abby Gneulich scored a 95. Natalie Krisk shot a 100, along with fellow freshman Megan Wenzel, while Yoo-Jin Kim, a junior, shot a 104.

The Wildcats also came within four strokes of a school record for a team tournament score with a 381 at the pre-KVC meet. Akamatsu shot an 89 while Wenzel recorded a 95 and Lindsay Gebicki shot a 97. Crawford, a 100 was Krisk, while Kim shot a 101 and Gneulich recorded a 103.

"Although we took fourth place, the league is very tight," said Harris. "Brighton, Hartland, South Lyon and Novi were very closely matched. It should be a great end-of-season contest up. The post-KVC should prove to be suspenseful."

Girls track gets win

For the second time this season, the girls track team's meet came down to the final race of the day against Lakeland. Unlike last time, the Wildcats were able to come away with the victory, 73-64.

Allie Sisson stood out on the day, breaking the school record in the 100 hurdles with a blazing time of 15.9 seconds. She came back to win the 200 hurdles and anchored the 4-by-400 relay.

Meghan Baumatz took the mile and notched a

first in the 800 meter run.

Taking first in the 400 was Emily Hall, as did the 4-by-800 team of Laura Sheeran, Bonazit, Edin Hayes and Andra Kramer.

In the field events, Novi took first in the discus with a personal-best throw of 97-feet-6-inches from Kim Zerbo. Rachel Waranowicz cleared eight feet in the pole vault for first.

Inline hockey

The inline hockey team for Novi took a 12-5 victory over the Catholic Central Shamrocks.

Scoring for the Wildcats were Greg Morissette, Steve Rousseau (2) and Simonis Finerty in the first period before Justin Ascento and Mike Arnold added goals in the second.

In the third period, Rousseau added three goals while Kyle Mouch and Ascento added one each for the victory.

Earning the win in the goal was Chad Tindall.

Baseball gets tough win

The Novi Wildcats baseball team notched a tough, 4-3, victory over the visiting Hartland Eagles last Friday.

The squad followed the lead of sophomore pitcher Tyler Scott, who threw seven innings and got up just four hits while striking out four.

Matt Simpson cranked out a sacrifice fly to score the game's winning run in the bottom of the seventh.

Novi is now 6-9 on the season.

Tennis team does well

The Novi tennis team cranked out some impressive results when they beat Ann Arbor

Greenhills, 7-1, and toppled Lakeland, 8-0. They also won the Novi Invitational tournament and fell to Ann Arbor Pioneer, 8-0.

"I'm really happy with how we've been playing," said Novi coach Jim Hanson.

Even with the loss, Hanson said their valuable experience was gained.

"Hopefully we end up playing them again," Hanson said. "If we do, that means we've probably in the semis or the finals at the state finals."

At the Novi Invitational, the Wildcats finished ahead of tough teams like Brighton, Sealhorn and North Farmington.

The Wildcats showcased their depth by winning five of the eight flights.

Taking top spots were the three doubles team of Eric McQueen and Adam Doster, the four doubles team of Jason Hsu and Gouham Koudaji, the four singles player Matt Mahadevan, the three singles player Kyle Goodman and the two singles player Vick Abalaya.

Boys track beats Lakeland

The Novi boys track team beat Lakeland, 77-60, last week.

Taking first for the Wildcats were John Brown in the shot (44-1), the 4-by-800 team of Alex Prasad, Scott Wagner, Richard Minza and Mike Wheat (8:54.20), Dan Coleman in the pole vault (11-05), Brandon Cales in the 400 dash (54.30) and the 200 dash (23.40), the 4-by-200 team of Andrew Lee, Benjamin Foerg, Bobby Duquette and Brandon Coles (1:38), the 4-by-400 team of Andrew Lee, Eric VanDulher, Coles and Eric Johnston and Kenny McDonough in the two mile run (10:29.4).

SCHOOLS & CHURCHES

GET SUPPORT FROM LOCAL COMPANY'S GIVE BACK PROGRAM

Local schools and churches are finding support from Todd's Services, Inc. (TSI) and their Give Back to the Community Program. TSI, the largest residential landscaping company in Michigan, is giving One Million Dollars to help support local non-profit organizations. In 2004 and 2005 TSI experienced record sales growth. This unprecedented growth is the main reason why they developed the Give Back to the Community Program with a commitment to Give One Million Dollars to local, non-profit organizations over the next couple years.

This is how their Give Back to the Community Program works: When Todd's Services, Inc. landscapes a project, they donate 3% of the job total (up to \$600 max.) to the local non-profit organization of the customer's choice. All local non-profit organizations qualify including schools, churches, food-bankers, sports teams, subdivisions, and many more.

In April, more than 35 non-profit organizations signed on as participants in their Give Back to the Community Program. Doug Murphy, TSI's program administrator

commented, "Through the Give Back to the Community Program I have had the opportunity to visit and lead some of the organizations that are receiving support and it has been a wonderful experience. Non-profit organizations are really the backbone of the community."

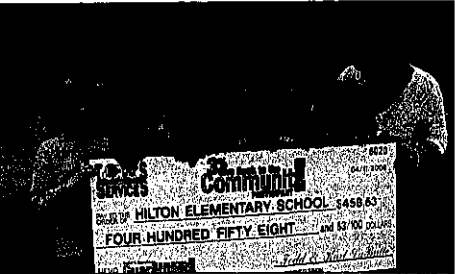
Through the Give Back to the Community Program, TSI has already donated over \$200,000 to local organizations. Sherry LaBette-Risk, office manager stated, "Last week we had over \$16,000 go out to support local non-profits. My favorite part of this has been reading the very appreciative thank you letters that come back."

A major factor to TSI's success is their price guarantee. "We made the bold statement that we guarantee TSI will be a customer's best value, or we will give the customer 10% of our bid in cash. It's that simple," said Todd LaBette, owner. "Local fund raising groups and non-profit organizations are in need. We thought this would be the perfect way to thank our customers and reward their favorable local organization."

To date, Todd's Services, Inc. has donated \$200,000+ and is on pace to "Give Back" \$1,600,000 to the community over the next two years.

NOVI HIGH SCHOOL VARSITY SPORTS

Tennis				
5/4	Away	Livonia Stevenson	4 p.m.	
5/6	Home	Novi Gand	8 a.m.	
5/8	Home	Hartland	4 p.m.	
5/10	Away	Milford	4 p.m.	
Track				
5/4	Home	South Lyon	4 p.m.	
5/6	Away	Southeast Rebers	8 a.m.	
5/9	Away	Hartland	4 p.m.	
5/12	Away	Stevenson Twilight Invite	4 p.m.	
Softball				
5/6	Away	Norfolk Journey	TBA	
5/7	Away	Norfolk Journey	TBA	
5/10	Away	Howell	4 p.m.	
5/12	Home	Lakeland	4 p.m.	
Baseball				
5/10	Away	Howell	4 p.m.	
5/12	Home	Lakeland	4 p.m.	
Golf				
5/4	Away	Brighton	3 p.m.	
5/5	Away	Farmington Best Ball	8 a.m.	
5/5	Away	St. John's Journey	12 p.m.	
5/8	Away	Pineckey	3 p.m.	
5/10	Home	South Lyon	3 p.m.	
5/11	Away	Hartland	3 p.m.	
Lacrosse				
5/8	Home	Hartland	6:30 p.m.	
5/11	Home	Howell	6:30 p.m.	
Soccer				
5/5	Away	Howell	7 p.m.	
5/8	Home	Hartland	7 p.m.	
5/10	Home	Pineckey	7 p.m.	
5/12	Home	Livonia Stevenson	7 p.m.	



Hilton Elementary students and principal, Peg Meyer, proudly receive a generous donation from Todd's Services as part of their Give Back to the Community Program. Pictured from left to right are students: Gage Wenzel, Kasee Wray, Michelle Wenzel, Katie Keel, Miranda McDougall, Anne Wyszak and Hilston Principal, Peg Meyer.

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Howell High Seniors \$110.00	Holy Spirit Catholic Church \$1,075.00
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Craig Lawler has high hopes for late season

By Courtney Ratkowiak
SPORTS INTERN

His football career is finished, but Craig Lawler is still an offensive threat on the field.

At a recent varsity baseball practice, a friend jokingly initiated Lawler's part-tideline, part-endurance throwing style. Lawler responded by tossing his teammate to the ground.

"Craig just gave him a big tackle. It was all in fun," baseball coach Rick Green said. "He's just a great kid to be around." In his final varsity baseball season, the primary goal for the two-

sport athlete is to have fun with teammates and friends.

Lawler has been a member of Novi High School baseball teams for four years. In addition, he has played summer ball for the Novi Heat and South Lyon travel teams.

"I've been playing with some of the seniors all the way up, through high school," Lawler said, naming football and baseball teammate Steve Hart as a long-time friend. "I really play baseball because of the guys that are on the team. I like being around those guys and practicing with them."

Green described Lawler as a "utility player" who has had play-

ing time at third base, first base, and designated hitter. He believes that Lawler will earn an increased role on the team as the season progresses.

"He's been hitting the ball well in some of the practices, and he's probably hit more balls over the fence in practice than most of the kids," Green said. "I'm just looking for some consistency out of him, defensively and offensively."

"He's going to get some chances to play, and hopefully he can turn his season around. We hope that he can help us big time in the playoffs."

Lawler hopes to help his team

to a decisive victory in a possible Novi-Northville district playoff game.

"I really just want to beat Northville. Every year, it seems like we're playing them in districts," he said. "We split a doubleheader with them (earlier in the season), so I think that if we get to that point in districts and we play them, it would be a huge game."

Despite a 6-9 start, Lawler is optimistic about the team's chance for a strong regular-season record.

"Right now, our record isn't the best, especially compared to years

past," he said, noting last season's KVC championship. "Once you get going, once you get in a groove, it's really fun to be out there and be doing well. If we come together as a team, I truly think that we'll be all right. We can win some more games this year."

This fall, Lawler will be entering the management program at Purdue University. However, he admitted that he is "trying not to think about graduation", instead preferring to focus on the remainder of his senior year in high school.

"Next year, a few of the seniors talked about making the best out

of every day in practice, and you don't really think about it then, when you hear it," he said. "I still really like (baseball) seriously, but I want to enjoy it."

"There's no reason to get upset with playing time or stats. This is it. A couple months from now, baseball will be over, high school sports will be over. I just want to work hard and have a good time."

Courtney Ratkowiak is a sports intern for the Novi News. Comments can be directed to the sports department at (248) 349-1700, ext. 104.

Novi grad is enjoying trek to Major Leagues

■ Mitch Maier: I couldn't ask for anything more

By Sam Eggleston
SPORTS WRITER

Mitch Maier has big plans this year.

Not only does the Novi graduate hope to earn a nod to the next level, he's also slated to get married to his high school sweetheart, Karrie Smith.

"We're going to get married this fall," Maier said during a phone interview. "Karrie is in Novi right now working on all the wedding plans."

Maier said he's excited and that he and his wife will reside in Arizona, where he purchased a home.

"It's beautiful out there," Maier said.

But Maier won't have much time to see his home during the season. This year he's playing for the Wichita Wranglers, a Double A minor league baseball team that he was called up to last year about midway through the season. He's batting near .300 with a .500 slugging percentage as an outfielder.

He's hoping to get called up either to the Triple A squad in Omaha, Nebraska or all the way up to the Kansas City Royals this year.

"I'd love it if they called me up," Maier said. "I was pulled up for spring training and seen three weeks with them. They told me what I need to work on."

Work to be done

Defensively, Maier said he believes he's where he needs to be but he admits he's still learning the tricks of the trade on the batting end of the game.

"I'm learning to pick my pitches," he said. "I have to be able to pick it and hit it. That's the difference. Up there (in the majors) they don't miss when their pitch comes. I can see it, but I've missed it and I've

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Mitch Maier
Novi Graduate and
Minor League Baseball Player

fouled it off. I can't do that."

It's been a long journey for Maier. A 2001 graduate from Novi High School, Maier had the opportunity to play football for the Michigan Wolverines. Instead, he chose to go to Toledo and play baseball for the Rockets.

Maier excelled as a catcher for the squad and hit well, batting over .400 in his final season. That year, he was drafted by the Kansas City Royals in the first round as the 30th overall pick.

A little time in a few different leagues and Maier found himself, playing for the Burlington Bees in the Midwest League. He then went to Wilmington and then High Desert and finally Wichita. His career batting average past high school has been an impressive .294 through the beginning of this season.

In spring training this year, Maier cranked out a .500 average, including eight hits, one double and three triples with seven runs scored and four RBIs. He only struck out four times in 16 at bats.

Being the way it's been a lot of changes for Maier. He moved from catcher to third base to

"There's no place else for me to go," Maier laughed. "I'm in the outfield for good. I'm comfortable there."

The Double A life

So what's the difference between the Double A and the A League? Talent? Money? Yup. Buses? Nope.

"We still have buses," Maier laughed. "They fly us when we're going far, like Corpus Christi, Texas. But for a drive like we just did (seven and a half hours) they still bus us."

Maier said it's just like people can see in the movies. Players climb on the bus, find a seat and try to get as much sleep as they can. A movie is usually playing on the Greyhound-style bus, but not many players are paying attention to it.

"I've been here for a little while now, so I get a seat to myself," Maier said. "The new guys don't. They have to share seats."

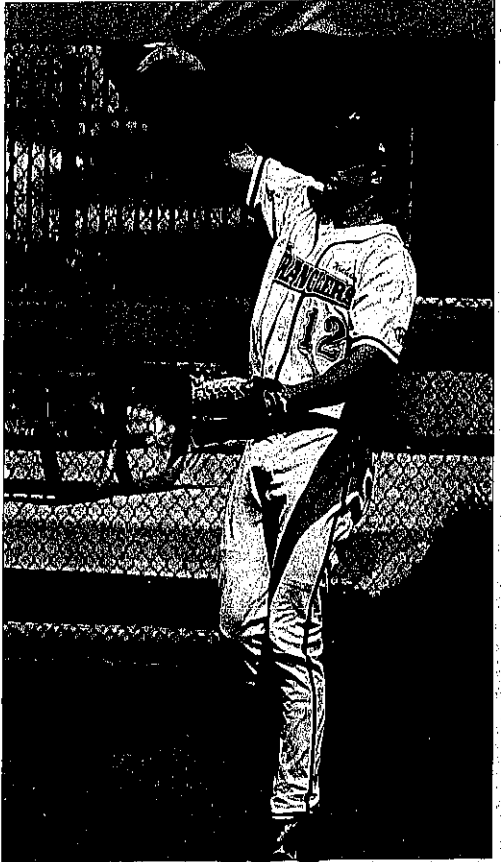
"Most of us just grab a seat and try to sleep. You sleep on the floor, either in the aisle or down where your feet go. You get as much sleep as you can."

The bus arrived one day at 4 a.m., in the town, where the Wranglers were going to be playing and they played that night.

No matter what Maier goes through or what changes are ahead, he said he's willing and ready in order to reach his dream of being a Major League Baseball player.

"It's rough sometimes, but it's worth it," Maier said. "I'm getting to go out and play a game for a living. I couldn't ask for anything more than that."

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Courtesy Photo

Novi graduate Mitch Maier with the Double A Wichita Wranglers. He's hoping to take another step toward the Major League Baseball fields this year.

■ Mitch Maier
During his career with the University of Toledo Rockets, Maier cranked out a batting average of .444 his freshman year, .302 his sophomore year and .448 his junior year.

He was drafted by the Kansas City Royals as the 30th overall pick in the first round. Maier then went on to bat .330 with the Arizona Bees and .300 with the Burlington Bees and .259 in Wilmington. When he moved to High Desert in the California League, Maier hit .336.

He arrived in Wichita last year and batted a .297.

Maier's all-time post-high school average is .297 with a .450 slugging percentage.

■ Spring training
Maier has twice been called up for spring training with the Royals. In 2004, he batted a .167 in five at bats.

This spring, he was called back again and made a major league debut, batting .166 in 16 at bats. He scored seven runs, knocked in four RBIs and had a double and three triples.

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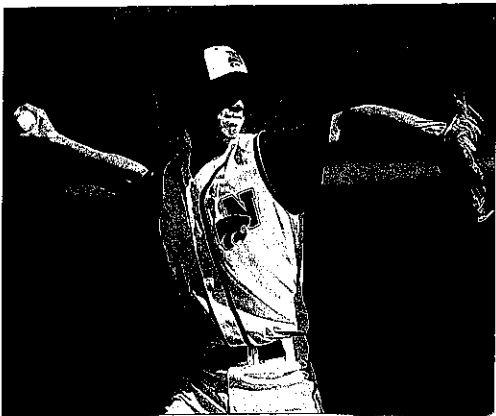
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SWINGING FOR THE FENCES



Wildcat Matt Simpson slides into second base as a Hartland Highlander has problems keeping the throw in his glove.



Sophomore Tyler Scott pitches for the Wildcats during a home game against the Howell Highlanders.



Wildcat catcher Tom Clevarella marring the plate.



Wildcat Brandon Schwanz looks at a pitch that's a bit outside during Nov's home game against Hartland.



Playing shortstop, Steve Hart fires the ball to first base during a home game against Hartland High.

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Catholic Central lacrosse team doesn't lose team spirit

By Aditya "AI" Athavale
SPORTS INTERV

The Catholic Central lacrosse team has had a long hard road this season, but continues to go all out. The Shamrocks played Farmington and won 12-2, U of D and lost 12-9, East Lansing High School and lost 10-5, Grand Rapids and lost in overtime 11-10, St. Mary's Prep and won 14-3, and Bloomfield Hills United, who they soundly defeated 17-6. Though the Shamrocks are currently 4-6 and ranked ninth in the state, Junior Pat Nemes, one of the varsity captains, said there is still hope for the team's state play-off hopes and overall ranking. "Our stick handling skills and strength have all improved and the talent of our roster will be able to push us up a couple of spots in the rankings," he said. The team's next game is against De La Salle at 6 p.m.

Catholic Central tennis team still winning

While many people were enjoying their time off during spring break, the Catholic Central tennis team was hard at work, continuing the schools winning tradition. The team played Warren De La Salle on April 10th winning 7-1. "I am proud of the way the boys played today," said coach Joe Stafford. "I really believe that the key to success for us is hard work, perseverance, and to maintain a solid level of consistency." Some of the key performers in this match include freshman Jack Snyder, sophomore Kevin Hager, and junior Ryan Bourjaily. That was not the only match where the team had great success. They were also outstanding against U of D where they soundly defeated them 7-1. By winning this match the team is now in a showdown against rival Brother Rice, who they will play May 1st for the

Division 1 Catholic League Sectional Championship at CC. The Shamrocks unfortunately were not able to keep their small winning streak alive when it came time to play Detroit Country Day and fell, 5-3. "While we lost several close matches, I really like the way this team is shaping up," Stafford said. "I see the quality of points getting better and by the time the Catholic League tournament rolls around we will be a tough team to beat." Key performers of the match include junior Chris Atallah, senior Joe Trupiano, sophomore Kevin Hager, and junior Ryan Bourjaily. The Shamrocks record to this point is 2-0 overall and 2-0 in the Catholic League.

Aditya "AI" Athavale is a sports intervi for the Novi News. Comments can be directed to the sports department at (248) 349-1700, ext. 104.

CATHOLIC CENTRAL SPORTS SCHEDULE

Baseball				Lacrosse			
Varsity	Home	U of D Jesuit	2 p.m.	Varsity	Home	Ann Arbor Pioneer	7 p.m.
5/6	Away	De LaSalle	4 p.m.	5/4	Home	Eisenhower	2 p.m.
5/10	Away	Ann Arbor Huron	1 p.m.	5/9	Away	CHSL Championship	TBA
JV	Home	U of D Jesuit	11 a.m.	5/4	Home	Ann Arbor Pioneer	5 p.m.
5/6	Away	De LaSalle	4 p.m.	5/6	Away	Eisenhower	12 p.m.
Freshman	Home	Divine Child	4 p.m.	Freshman	Home	Eisenhower	10 a.m.
5/4	Away	Saline	10 a.m.	5/10	Home	Clarkston	5 p.m.
5/8	Away	U of D Jesuit	4 p.m.				
5/11	Home	De La Salle	4 p.m.				
				Track			
Tennis	Home	CC Quad Classics	8 a.m.	5/5	Away	Harrison Relays	3 p.m.
5/6	Away	North Farmington	4 p.m.	5/6	Away	Ashley Relays	10 a.m.
				5/11	Away	Ladywood Invitational	3:30 p.m.
				5/12	Away	Livonia Stevenson	4 p.m.

'Tank' just wants to hit people

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feeling," Tafallian said. "After the game they lifted me off the field. It was the highlight of my senior year." That is, of course, unless he scores a try in rugby. The beauty of the sport is having a "big guy" prance into the endzone and put the ball on the turf for a score isn't unheard-of. That close to the zone, it's common to see a prop or forward rumbling in for the score.

A good fit

Tafallian is more than just another player on another team. He's the comic relief. A joke or two is bound to come out of his mouth during any conversation and players are usually orbiting around where Tafallian is to be a part of the action. "He's a funny guy," coach Ron Cornelli said. "He keeps the mood light and always has something funny to say." And usually something funny to do. In the unofficial "blitz" against Dexter, Tafallian took the chance to get some additional playing time. About halfway through the 20 minute



Frank Tafallian slugs back a gulp of water at halftime of the Knights Rugby Football Club's game against Dexter.

and you got to get a lot tougher for this sport." "Tafallian isn't afraid to do either. He's already finding himself with more stamina and strength than before. Rugby has a grip on him and he's not sure he'll ever get away. Nor if he wants to. "I love it," he said. "I just can't stop thinking about it. I even think about it at night when I should be sleeping. It's creepy." Sam Eggleston can be reached at (248) 349-1700, ext. 104 or at seggleston@gannett.com.

SPORTS SHORTS

Girls basketball camp

Registration is underway for the Lady Wildcats basketball camp for girls in grades 2nd-9th. The camp, which costs \$125 per player, will run June 19-23 at the Novi High School fieldhouse. It will focus on all game phases, including dribbling, shooting, pivoting, faking, rebounding, team play, sportsmanship and an introduction to the Lady Wildcat offensive and defensive schemes. Camp Director will be Bill Kelp, the girls varsity basketball coach at Novi High School. Gym clothes and shoes are required. All participants will receive a T-shirt and an outdoor basketball. For more information or to register, please contact Novi Community Education at (248) 449-1206.

Boys basketball camp

Registration is currently underway for the Novi Wildcats boys basketball camp for boys in grades 2nd-9th. The camp, which costs \$135 per player, will run June 19-23 at the Novi Middle School gym. It will focus on all game phases, including dribbling, shooting, pivoting, faking, rebounding, team play, sportsmanship and an introduction to the Wildcat offensive and defensive schemes. Camp Director will be Pat Schuler, the boys varsity basketball coach at Novi High School. Gym clothes and shoes are required. All participants will receive a T-shirt and an outdoor basketball. For more information or to register, please contact Novi Community Education at (248) 449-1206.

Girls and boys shooting camps

A shooting camp for boys and girls grades 2nd-9th is currently taking registrations through Novi Community Education. The camp will be packed with instruction, techniques and drills a player needs to shoot the basketball well. Emphasis will be placed on three-point shooting, free throws, shooting off the dribble and spot shooting. Awards will be given to shooting contest winners. Gym clothes and shoes are required. Cost for the camp, which will be run by Novi varsity boys basketball coach Pat Schuler, is \$70. It will run from July 24-28 and will be held at the Novi High School Field House. For more information or to register, please contact Novi Community Education at (248) 449-1206.

Northville alumni athletes dinner

Northville alumni athletes, coaches and administrators are invited to attend the Varsity Alumni Dinner May 12, starting at 6 p.m. at Gault's in Northville. The cost is \$20 per person plus a cash bar and the event is open to any former Northville High School student-athletes, coaches, administrators and their guests that graduated in 2001 or before. Payment is due by May 5 and can be sent to the Athletic Department of Northville High School with the guest's name, year of graduation, address and if they are a former athlete, coach or administrator. Please mail payment to Bryan Mast, Athletic Director, 45700 W. Six Mile Road, Northville, MI 48168.

For more information, please contact Northville athletic director Bryan Mast at mastbr@northville.k12.mi.us.

LTC camp hosts NCAA Division I coaches

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Registration for Learn to Skate at Novi

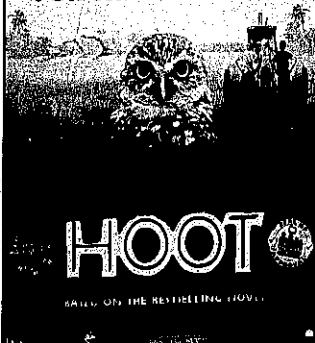
Novi Ice Arena will run an six-week spring session of its Learn to Skate Program from May 17-July 1, 2006 (no classes May 24-28). Classes are offered once per week on various days and skate rental is available. Learn to Skate students get a punch card for free admission to open skating at Novi Ice Arena throughout the program they are enrolled in. Classes will run once per week for 30 minutes with optional 20-minute practice sessions. The following classes will be offered: *Beginning Tots *Snowplow Sam 1-3 *Basic 1-5 *Skater's Edge Accelerated Bridge Program *Advanced Skating *Open registration for Learn to Skate begins May 8 and skate rental is available. The Learn to Skate Program is very popular so call the Novi Ice Arena at (248) 347-1010 or visit www.novi-icearena.com today to inquire about the proper class for your skater.

Girls and boys basketball camp

Future basketball players, grades K-2nd, are invited to learn basketball skills and build confidence. Emphasis will be placed on dribbling, pivoting, passing, lay-ups and shooting. Gym clothes and shoes are required. The camp will run July 24-28. Cost for the camp, which will be run by Novi varsity boys basketball coach Pat Schuler, is \$70. It will be run at Novi Ice Arena. For more information or to register, please contact Novi Community Education at (248) 449-1206.

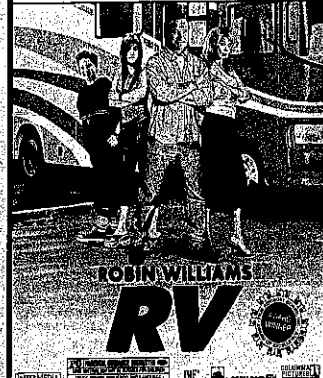
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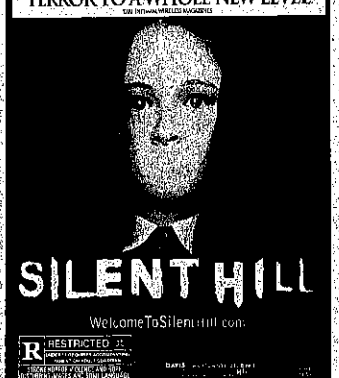
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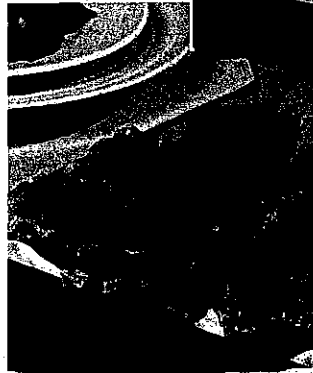
FAMILY FEATURES EDITORIAL SYNDICATE

The recently revised 2005 USDA Dietary Guidelines and new food guidance systems, MyPyramid, advises us to get at least 3 or more ounce-equivalents of whole grains per day. Why? Whole grains offer many nutritional benefits, including protection from various forms of cancer and prevention of heart disease.

With people looking for new ways to incorporate whole grains into their diets, traditional fiber-filled crispbreads are enjoying new popularity. Traditional crispbread like Wasa, named after a famous Swedish king and baked from an Old World recipe, can be a great source of whole grains any time of the day. Just two slices of crispbread, such as Wasa Multi Grain, provide at least one serving of whole grains.

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Crispbread With Parmesan-Herb Seasoning



Tips for Wholesome Living

Nutrition expert and registered dietitian Ellie Krieger recommends five key ways to make healthy changes in your diet:

- **Start with small changes.** Make just one small dietary change each week and you'll be amazed at the difference over time. Change number one: Switch from "white" breads and crackers to whole grains, like crispbread.
- **Eat mindfully.** Whether you're having a full meal or a quick "snack" slow down enough to fully enjoy and experience your food. Notice the full range of flavors, textures and aromas. You'll not only enjoy your food more, you'll most likely eat less and improve your digestion.
- **Eat breakfast every day.** Breakfast eaters have more brain power, manage their weight better and get more essential nutrients than those who skip this most important meal of the day. For a quick breakfast try toasting crispbread with peanut butter and sliced banana, low-fat cottage cheese and sliced strawberry, or chopped hard-boiled egg and tomato.
- **Snack strategically.** One of two self-made healthy snacks each day can help keep your energy up and prevent over-eating. Crispbread topped with low-fat hummus and tomato with a drizzle of olive oil hummus spread and sweet red pepper or turkey breast with mustard and cranberries are perfect snack options that are easy to make the go!
- **Stock your cupboard and refrigerator.** If you're pressed for time doesn't mean you can't eat well. Simply stock your pantry and refrigerator with easy-to-grab healthy foods such as individually wrapped crispbread, easy-to-peel fruit and a variety of whole grain crispbreads.

Yogurt, Berries and Pecans on Crispbread

Prep time: 10 minutes
Serves 3

- 3 pieces Wasa Multi Grain Crispbread (may substitute any variety)
- 1/3 cup low-fat vanilla or plain yogurt
- 1/4 cup raspberries
- 1/4 cup blueberries
- 1/4 cup blackberries
- 1/3 cup pecans, slightly chopped
- Fresh mint leaves to garnish

SPREAD yogurt on crispbread. Top with equal amounts of berries and pecans. GARNISH with fresh mint if desired. STORE remaining ingredients in refrigerator 4 to 5 days.

TIP: Substitute your favorite berries and nuts or your favorite yogurt.

Crispbread With Parmesan-Herb Seasoning

Prep time: 10 minutes
Serves 12

- 12 pieces Wasa Out Crispbread (may substitute Multi Grain, Sourdough Rye or Hearty Rye)
- 1 tablespoon chopped basil
- 1 teaspoon chopped marjoram
- 1 teaspoon chopped thyme
- 3 tablespoons olive oil
- 2 tablespoons freshly grated Parmesan cheese
- Salt to taste
- Freshly ground black pepper to taste

PREHEAT oven to 350°F. Line baking sheet with parchment paper. MIX herbs and oil in small bowl. Brush mixture onto crispbread. MIX cheese with salt and pepper to taste in separate small bowl. Sprinkle mixture on crispbread. PLACE crispbread on prepared baking sheet and bake 5 to 7 minutes.

Turkey and Avocado on Crispbread

Prep time: 15 minutes
Serves 3

- 3 pieces Wasa Hearty Rye Crispbread (may substitute any variety)
- 1 teaspoon olive oil
- 1/4 cup finely minced tomatoes
- 2 tablespoons finely minced purple onion
- 1 tablespoon chopped Italian (flat leaf) parsley
- Salt and freshly ground black pepper to taste
- 3 thin slices Havarti cheese
- 3 slices turkey breast
- 1/2 avocado, thinly sliced

COMBINE olive oil, tomatoes, onion, parsley, salt and pepper in small bowl. Mix and set aside. PLACE 1 slice Havarti cheese, 1 slice turkey breast and 3 slices avocado on each crispbread. Top with tomato and onion mixture. TIP: Substitute your favorite lunchmeat for turkey, and favorite cheese for Havarti.

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RADON GAS is estimated that between 20,000 to 40,000 deaths occur annually in the U.S. from radon gas poisoning. Radon gas, an invisible, odorless and tasteless gas, occurs naturally in the environment - it is the product from the decay of uranium and it is measured in units called picocuries per liter (pCi/L). Radon seeps up through rock and soil and enters a house through cracks in the foundation, around water and sewer pipes, and floor drains or in well water. In the U.S., the EPA (Environmental Protection Agency) has set the "action level" at 4 pCi/L.

There are many detectors available to test for radon gas. Most common, for "short term" testing - a minimum of 48 hours - are charcoal canisters which absorb radon from the air to determine the presence of radon. A "long term" test, 90 days or more, provides a more accurate reading.

The modern measurement technique used by professionals is the Continuous Radon Monitor (CRM).

This device provides an hourly report for the level of radon in your home. You are provided a detailed report at the end of the 48 hour test period. The EPA guidelines for testing protocols and remediation guideline should always be followed.

YOU CAN FIX A HOME WITH ELEVATED LEVELS OF RADON. A SEAL TAIGHT PLUGS IN THE BASEMENT FLOOR AND WALLS, SLABS ON GRADE, AND CRAWL AROUND PILES.
2. INSTALL A RADON MEDATION SYSTEM IN BASEMENTS OR CRAWL SPACES BY ADDING PIPES BELOW THE FOUNDATION TO CARRY THE GAS AWAY. THIS SYSTEM HAS A VENTILATION SYSTEM TO EXHAUST THE RADON GAS TO THE OUTDOORS. THUS NOT ALLOWING THE RADON GAS TO REMAIN INSIDE YOUR HOME, AND AVOID BREATHING THE RADON GAS.

CARBON MONOXIDE (CO)
 Annually some 200-300 people die due to accidental carbon monoxide (CO) poisoning, another 500 are treated in hospital emergency rooms; and many more are not accounted for, since many of the symptoms - dizziness, nausea, vomiting and fatigue - are mistaken for the flu. These symptoms stem from toxic products known as Aldehydes. Aldehydes have an acrid odor and are produced along with CO.

LEVELS OF CO - ppm (parts per million):
 12,800 - can cause death in one to three minutes
 1,500 - can cause nausea within 20 minutes and death within one hour
 800 - allows serious health consequences and death within two hours
 400 - frontal headaches within one to two hours and fatal within three hours
 50 - maximum exposure in a eight hour period
 9 - typical indoor air quality ("level" according to the American Society of Heating, Refrigeration and Air Conditioning Engineers (ASHRAE))

The source of the CO is usually faulty fuel-burning (any combustible fuel such as oil, gas, propane, wood, coal, appliances such as a furnace, water heater, space heater, wood stove, gas range, or gas dryer). The best way to minimize the risk of CO is through proper maintenance of these appliances. But an essential backup is a Carbon Monoxide detector that monitors the air constantly.

Issues to understand about CO are:
 • Heat exchangers can fail and produce CO as a byproduct in the combustion process. CO is produced when there is not enough air supplied to a combustion appliance or when there is an insufficient or restricted air opening into the space in which the appliance is located.
 • Properly adjusted equipment will produce very little CO - regardless of the amount, it is important to have the CO properly vented outside the dwelling. Weather tight houses and the increased use of exhaust fans can create a negative pressure within the home thus contributing to the problem.

Call us to have your home tested for elevated levels of Radon Gas or Carbon Monoxide, to ensure your family's health and protection.

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Shawn and Shelly Gagnon celebrate the first anniversary of their Carmack Appliance store in South Lyon — and 50 years in Garden City.

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Shawn Gagnon said customer service is key at Carmack Appliance.

By Kate Phillips
 SPECIAL WRITER

The name Carmack Appliance means "trust" in Southeast Michigan. The 50-year-old business has customers dating back two and three generations.

The Garden City store has been repairing and selling appliances for 50 years and a second location in South Lyon is celebrating its first anniversary.

When customers visit the new South Lyon store, they often recognize the Carmack Appliance name. Some recall growing up with a Carmack technician visiting their home to repair the refrigerator and dryer.

Other local residents have been loyal customers for years. Owned by Shawn and Shelly Gagnon, Carmack has many customers were starting to call from the Northville, Whitestone Lake, South Lyon area. They figured a western location would be easier for repair technicians and make it more convenient for customers. Since the couple lives in the South Lyon area, that was the obvious choice.

"Instead of our customers following us, we are following our customers as they are moving out of the city into the country," said Shelly Gagnon.

All repairs

Carmack appliance provides repair for just about any large appliance. Technicians are experienced in fixing washers, dryers, refrigerators, stoves, dishwashers and window air conditioning units.

Each technician has been with the company for a number of years, and is familiar with all brands of appliances. They are experts in what they do, and take pride in their craft.

Do-it-yourself

The store also provides parts and will help customers trouble shoot a problem and fix it on their own. They carry parts for all major manufacturers. For those who are interested in learning, this is a great opportunity to find out how the appliance works, and how it can be fixed.

"These repair specialists aren't threatened by consumers who want to do their own repairs. They encourage it. They'll do whatever they can to help customers save money, including sharing their own expertise."

"We will help you learn how to do your own repairs," said Shelly Gagnon. "We do the best we can to save customers money."

Whirlpool appliances

Carmack also carries new Whirlpool appliances. They have a nice selection of Whirlpool washers, dryers, refrigerators, stoves and dishwashers. They are always priced competitively.

The Gagnons carry Whirlpool, because they have found that it is a reliable, mid-priced product.

Whirlpool is the perfect choice for those with a limited budget because they are actually built for do-it-yourself repair. Other brands are built with professional repairs in mind, so they have to be disassembled for work.

The parts for Whirlpool appliances are also moderately priced and readily available. Whirlpool products save money in the long run because regular maintenance and repair work is easy.

"During down time, staff work on refurbishing washers and dryers. The machines are as good as new, and come with a one-year warranty. The only thing they lack is a big price tag."

A family business

Several decades later, Shawn Gagnon still makes repair calls. He loves meeting people and helping

with appliances. Gagnon knows appliances as well as the back of his hand. He was raised in his father's appliance store. It was only natural that he'd run his own shop.

The couple's children, Sam, 12, and Stephen, 9, are following in dad's footsteps. So far they are both just as fascinated with the machines as he is. When school gets out they'll be in the store, learning how to rebuild dryers.

And with a bronze-in-law, uncle and cousin all on staff, it is truly a family business.

"Customers like to see that the entire family is involved, because they see the pride in a job well done. The reputation of the entire family rests on each and every repair."

"We stand behind what we do," Shawn Gagnon says. "People trust us. They know that they're not going

to get ripped off."

Spring cleaning

This spring Carmack Appliance is offering a dryer spring cleaning special. It includes a new belt, rollers and idler, and a thorough vacuuming and lint removal. The price of \$99 includes parts, labor, service call and tax, good until May 26. Kenmore, Whirlpool, and Roper models are included for this price.

Gagnon has seen a lot of dryers go bad because they didn't get maintenance like this. Some won't hear up behind the trap or in the ventilation line. There is a very real possibility that the fire could cause a fire.

"Whether, people do this themselves or call us, it is important they get it done," said Gagnon.

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