

Supply last year, he knew the business need-ed more.

ed more. So along with selling animal feed, water softener and Carbart clothing, he added U-Haul moving services to his repertoire. Harris, like other small business owners, are turning to diversification to make it through tough economic times. "I had to do something," he said. "Novi

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Feed was really struggling." Now when customers step into the quaint store, purchasing dog food and pavement salt, packing supplies are within an arm's reach. And along with renting a U-Haul truck, the store owner also provides names of reliable neutor.

reliable movers. "As a small retail establishment like Novi

into the mix

Small business experts said diversifying is an excellent growth strategy allowing for multiple streams of income and often a way to fill seasonal voids.

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Counselor Elizabeth Talbot has a handbook she refers to when kids come looking for aca-



refers to page six, tips for being successful in the classroom. Talbot's advice for Novi High

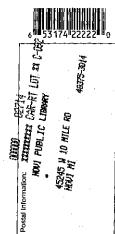
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beginning of high school semester

By Victoria Mitchell

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Dramatic Rise: Performing Arts Poised for Growth

New manager has ambitious goals

By Greg Migliore Sansom has been involved with programming for 10 years and has also been pit director It took Debbie Lannen a few and vocal director. She took over as manager from founder, Linda Wickert, in July 2005. Sansom will stick around this hours to put her mark on Novi's performing arts programs. On her first day, the city's new performing arts manager added month to help Lannen transition an extra set of shows to the

into her new role. She is expect ed to leave around Jan. 26. Lannen will make \$46,000 a year. The position doesn't offer spring play and doubled the ast. Bold moves for Day 1. But Lannen said her first steps medical or retirement benefits at the helm offer a glimpse her vision for Novi's performing arts programs, which draw posi-tive reviews, but often fly under For more information about Novi's performing arts pro-grams, go to www.novitheaires.com the public radar.

"W's going to be raising the r," Lannen suid. "W's going to closer to the professional Greg Migliore is a staff writer for the Novi News. He can be reached at (248) 349-1700, est. level — which groups can do." Known as the Novi Theatres, the city's performing arts pro-grams have grown considerably 103 or gmigliore@gannett.com.

STORY CHAT What do you think? Tell us at WWW.NDVINEWS.COM Spotlight on? The Novi Theatres Most recent production: "You're a Good Man, Charlie Brown" December) 2006 Next production: 'Annie Get Your Gun" March) 2037 Does seven shows a yea Also offers camps & clas Founded in 1991



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Sheri Sanson, right, will be exiting stage-right as Novi's performing arts director, while Debbie Lannen will be entering stage-left to replace her.

Debbie Lannen Performing Arts Manager, Novi seven productions amually and have classes and camps. They're park of the city's Parks, Recreation and Forestry Department and have two parttime staffers, although during productions the headcount swells to about 20. "This place, in my opinion, is

in recent years, They were founded in 1991 and originally offered a few small children's productions. Now they put on

"This place, in

my opinion, is the best-kept secret in

the world."

the best-kept secret in the world," Lannen said. "They don't have to drive 35 miles to see a quality production. That's my goal: To let people know

New ideas Lannen, a 51-year-old Detroit native, brings a new slant to the performing arts programs. She's had ranking positions at the Detroit Musie Hall Center for the Performing Arts, Michigan Opera Theatre and is directing Novi's spring show, "You're a Good Man, Charlie Brown," in March at the Civic Center, She's also an accomplished performer and is playing the evil queen in "Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs" at Northville's Marquis Theatre. Still, she has some big shoes to fill, following Novi's previ-ous performing arts manager, Sheri Sanson, who shepherded

the program through a period of transitional growth. Sansom is moving to southern Ohio because her husband, Fred. is changing jobs. "I've seen a lot of changes over the years as our theatre has grown," she said.

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Pre-K: Navigating the Program Quest

STORY CHAT

Learning about the Small Five

in business?

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or fee driven?

discouraged?

By Victoria Mitchell NEWS STAFF WRITER

What do you think? Tell us at www.novinews.com. For the past 19 years Korene left has been navigating the world of ABCs and 123s. She understands the importance a Pre-K education Preschool program secretary, said

plays in a Novi family's life. many parents have found a perfect So when Jett had the opportunity to participate in the community s-inaugural preschool fair, the decimatch with their Young Five program. She said the program is coordision was simple. nated with Novi Community fett was excited to represent A solving Place Preschool at the rowing Place Preschool at the domational event, standing side-with late year birthdays who are not Growing Place Preschool at the informational event, standing sideby-side with nearly 10 Novi earlyhe ready to enter kindergarten.

inaugural event

From 10 a.m. I. p.m. Saturday, the Novi Civic Center will trans form into Novi's First Preschool

. Admission is free and, along with informational displays by city preschools, todiller activities including arts and crafts will be offered in the atrium. "This will give families the opportunity for one stop shepping and take it from there," Jett said. Research is very important." "The Novi director said there will be plenty of facts and data available for parents investigating the important decision, and the open house will serve as a good start for parents looking to match their educational philosophies with Pre-K goals. "We want to fet the community know the number of choices that are out there," Jett said, "And it will be fun."

A philosophical approach

Early education experts say alone with determining how well a child will be treated, parents must also look at each prospective school's educational philosophy. Preschool fair organizers said a wide selection of approaches will be represented this weekend. From Mana Montessori to Reggio Emilia, discussing educational philosophies will be a top priority. Jett said learning about the differ-ent programs in a one-stop setting will help parents narrow down their go-see list and eliminate length phone interviews trying to deter mine what program is right for their child. "Basically when a parent wants

to pick a preschool, every family has different needs," she said. A perfect match

Susan Duda, Novi Communit

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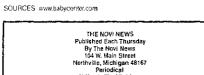
program is one example of a special offerings Novi families may not be aware of, but can learn more about ent questions and concerns.

Sample Preschool Interview Questions

 How long has the preschool been What are the school's accredital Does my child have to be polly-trained the National Association for the Education of Young Children, many factors must be considered when Hours and holiday schedule? · Are pickup and drop-off times flexible Are parent visits encouraged or How does the school communicate with paren How are kids grouped?
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• What is the school's educational philosophy?
• Do children learn latters, numbers and colors?
• Are torsy and activities age appropriate?
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Is there a safe, enclosed outside play area that encourages large-motor skills? • What will my child be doing on a daily basis? • Now are children disciplined and comforted? Must all children be immunized What is your sick-child policy?

 What is your child release policy and what security measures are in place? • What meals are provided? • Are children required to sleep. If so how long?



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45 minutes and bring their kids Jett agrees the quest for the perfeet preschool may be daunting at Victoria Mitchell can be reached According to a report issued by times, but believes attending the fair is a great start. "It is such a quick, simple thing." she said. "Parents can come for 30at (248) 349-1700, ext. 122 or itchell@gannett.co

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CHANGE: City hall plans for

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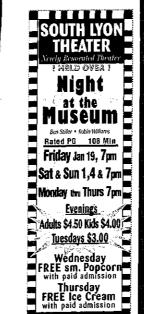
continued from IA the new deputy community development director, and Neighborhood Services manager Cindy Uglow will add small busi ness development to her duties. The city is also creating a Business and Neighborhoods Improvement Group, which will involve coordination among exist ing departments, including comity relations, neighborhoods and small business. Pearson is planning on hiring au economic development manager,

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who will work with these departnents. The changes don't require council approval, but members would have to vote to fund the economic development position. Uglow, a veteran official, is motivated to start working with

the city's businesses. "I think the change is exciting," Uglow said. "It's challenging." Greg Migliore is a staff writer for

the Novi News. He can be reached at (248) 349-1700, "ext. -103" of gmigliore@gannett.com



was made by company President and CEO Lisa Wendt. Before he was named to his new post, Kellar was the company's diree-tor of finance. Kellar holds a bachelo's deeree in mathemat. My Novi, briefly Kids Wear floor at the depart-ment store's upcoming location in Twelve Oaks MaH while Mall will open its doors 10 a.m. actuarial science, both from the Nordstrom at Twelve Oaks MaH while

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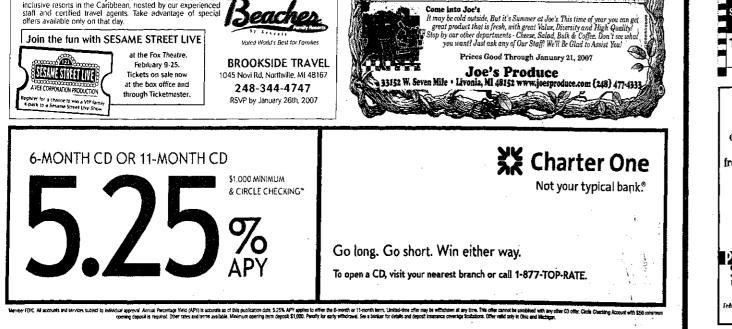
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Help Wanted: City Puts Out **Call for More Firefighters**

Federal grant to help recruitment efforts

By Greg Migliore

IC or tongli job, heng a paid, call thelighter including physical and mental trace work the graveyard shift, It's a longli job, heing a paid, their lives can be interrupted at test. The money becomes available any moment - and it's inherently. in March, Johnson said

Still, it's got some perks, and Novi is hoping a beefed-up what they do recruitment drive will help fure a new crop of fuetighters to join the s paid, on-call ranks. A cofficials would like to add about 10 more recruits. The city - including responding to fires, has about 60 paid, on-call firethe fire department's efforts

are being sparked by a \$101,715 - department's regulars are off

risens with statting needs, paged to an emergency while our Trial's pierrs significant, said to dimer or at the movies with his Novi. Deputy. Fire: Chief Jeff. Jointon, who spearheaded efforts – it with his other jobs. He's a secure the money the first retired Detroit Diesel worker and federal grant the fire department – currently sells real estate.

Sicceived. But Pierson recommends the The cash is spread out over live job to aspiring firelighters as a years. It will be used to promote - way to get their foot in the door at the paid, on-call firelighter posi-trons, Johnson start the depart-it's a rewarding position in its own user plans to ramp up adversing – right, and allows fire fighters to and marketing efforts, and is tak-work day jobs.

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Perks available Novi's Emagine Theater. The fire department also plans The line department also plans The job also offers several to use the grant to cover the costs perks. Training is paid for, and recruits receive wages during it. Firefighters that have certain lev-els of tranning can start at \$17 an

hour. It also offers benefits, "If somebody's looking to be a firefighter, everything's paid for, and you can't go wrong with it." said Pierson, a Novi resident. Because there's a significant Paid, on-call firefighters sup-

turnover rate for the job, the fire department has a semi-permanent help wanted sign posted. plement the city's full-time force. They perform the same duties. "We are always looking for medical emergencies and other problems. They usually work from 6 p.m. to 6 a.m. — when the people," Fire Chief Frank Smith said.

Greg Miglion is a staff writer main Novi received in December Capt. George Pierson, a 25-year for the Novi News, He can be veteran of Novi's on-call force, reached at 2248, 4947700, ext. 103 Hoachard Sexumy The program said the job can be graneling on gringhore@gament.com, is designed to help local departs in times, particularly when he's The Novi Fire Deptartment is recruiting paid on-call firefighters. George Pierson, left, the paid on-cail captain for Station No. 1 talks with Deputy Chief Jeffery Johnson



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Election Results Buoy Dems' Recruiting Efforts in Novi

Attendance, interest spikes this winter in wake of November wins

By Greg Migliore made up of 19 Republicans and experienced were part of a refersix Democrats in 2001. Now the GOP has 13 seats, one more than Cynthia Churches is used to Democrats. being in the political minority. "They picture us as losers -The lifelong Democrat grew up in Bloomfield Hills and currently lives in Novi – two of the most lives in Novi – two of the most enterched Republican strong-ty-wide shift is noticeable. wide strift is noticeable. "Generally speaking, Oakland But Churches isn't quite as out-numbered as she used to be. Buoyed by last November's elec-at virtually every level of Oakland at the the two processory of two procesory of two processory of two p numbered as she used to be. Buoyed by last November's elecion results that saw Democrats County politics extending back at

ton results that saw Democrats County politics extending back at lake power in the State House and Least 10 years, 'he wrote in an e-U.S. Congress, the party of FDR, mail. "Clearly, Democrats have JFK and Churchos a 60-year." It just nakes me want to try harder,' said Churches, a 60-year.

the Democrats of West Oakland **GOP** base remains County in Novi, said more people are showing up at meetings and his group has grown about 10 per-ing their chest too loudly just yet. Novi remains a solid GOP base. aid he's getting more phone calls Despite being traunced statewide, from potential nembers inquiring Republicans Dick DeVos and about the group's ideas and is Michael Bouchard captured the

working on a cernitment drive. working on a cernitment drive. is the changing perception of bemocrats in Oakland County. The Board of Commissioners was add many of the gains Democrats

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endum against the Iraq war and President George Bush that trick-led down to local levels. "People probably looked at the ballot and said, "I'm not voting for anybody with an "R" after their name," he said. Crawford said he doesn't plan to change his political strategy — he captured nearly 62 percent of the vote in his race in November - but is open to working with Democrats. "I'm still going to be the same person L always was, the same philosophy and principles," said Crawford, who is vice chairman of the commission. "I've worked with them in the past."

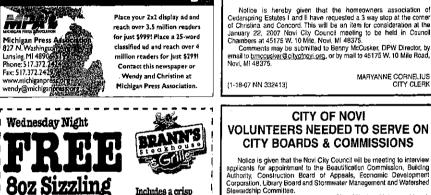
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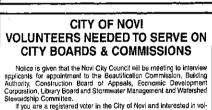












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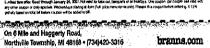
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Experts said the most common forms of diversification include: · selling complementary products or services teaching adult education or other types of classes;

· innorting or exporting yours or others' products; and · becoming a paid speaker or olunnist Harris said in his case, filling sea-

sonal voids was at the forefront of his decision to add more products ind services. Although moving and feed is a year-round endeavor, selling Carhart clothing and pavement de-reers appeal only to the winter, he

Come one, come all

Michael Rogers, vice president of communications for the Small Business Association of Michigan said he has heard a lot on the diver-sification topic from organization members. Rogers said along with diversifying product lines, organization members are also dedicating resources toward varying the types of customers coming into their

"Many of them saw the hand-writing on the wall ..." he said. "Particularly if they felt they had an over reliance of work related to the

For Harris and other Novi small business owners, changing on a dime often means keeping their businesses in the black. Adding U-Haul, Harris said was

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fication five out of the six months we've been a dealer," he said. But Harris said he would like to

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 National Association of auto industry," Rogers said handling a slowed southeastern Michigan economy is often an easier task for small busi-Women Business Owners (313) 396-3576

"Small businesses manage to hang on and change on a dime." he

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business' success to his dedicated family and tremendous support from the municipal and business communities. And he said, don't connexs owners, changing on a connintimues, And the Suld, doi't drive of the means keeping their forget our worderful customers, "Our focus is taking care of our Adding U-Haul, Harris said was a natural step, considering U-Haul is baseling the stime. It is baseling the stime. It is baseling the stime. It is baseling the stime.

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Brothers Mike, left, and Ken Harris offer a wide variety of goods at Novi Feed & Supply

Novi Feed & Supply: All in the Family Operation

According to local folklore, Novi Feed & Wilkins and Harris Oil, which sells oil and industrial lubricants, are two additional busi-nesses owned by Harris in the same Novi loca-Supply is one of the community's oldest busi-Owner Mike Harris said the Grand River tion.

stop on the freeway." he said,

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Avenue business began 118 years ago and is attributed for giving the city its name. "It (Novi Feed & Supply) was the No. VI For the Harris family, their business success is described as competitive products, a diverse inventory and a steady pace of good customers. "We have one regular customer we have to make hot chocolate for when he comes in," The store, owned and operated by Harris, his

wife Sabrena, brother Kenny, son Mikey and long-time employees Glenn Johnson, Patty-Weir and Frank Wiser, is known by those Harris said. Harris soid. The business owner said whether you come in for a hag of deer, dog or bird feed, they will earry the purchase to the car or deliver it to your house if they're passing by. The store also carries horse, ferret, pig and exotic lama feed. Most of the time customers will be greeted by between anying to the out. who've found the gem as a regular destination for feed, water softener, de-icing supplies. Carbant clothing and moving supplies and

services. Wiser has been a friendly face to costomers since 1968, standing behind the counter of Wilkins Parks and Equipment, which sells hydrolic hoses and truck and trailer parts.

Location, location Novi Feed & Supply is located at 43963 Grand River Ave., west of Novi

Boad. The store is open Monday through Friday 7 a.m.-6p.m.; Saturday 8 a.m.-1 p.m.; and Sunday for U-Haul only. For more information, call (248) 349-3133

customers," he said With the family dog Bonnie and Harris fam-

ily clan found milling about the store, its more than a business to Mike, it's home. And all about the customer, he said

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Car salesman, turned grapes guru, targets mature Novi crowd

By Greg Migliore NEWS STAFF WRITER draft beers. The menu will be most-ly light fare, including soups, salads and other appetizers. The young and hot-blooded flock In December, Burke cleared one to Novi for its pulsing nightlife. But there are fewer options for the more mature crowd, and long-time resident Brian Burke sees an uncorked market. Mindful of this, of his initial hurdles by securing a liquor license from the Novi City Council. "It's a wonderful idea," coancil member Bob Gatt said. "It's a

he plans to open the city's first wine unique idea. he plans around the pla Shifting gears

Opening The Grapevine is a seis-mic career shift for Burke, a veteran wine cellars. It will seat about 75 people and have room for another 20 outside during warmer months. The Grapevine will cultivate a salesman for Tom Holzer Ford in Parmington Hills, Athough he loves cars and speaks enthusiasti-cally about Ford Motor Co.'s latest models, he's ready for a switch. "Us no secret Michigan and cars relaxed atmosphere and have a slew of national and international wines, Set against a backdrop of low-key jazz and blues tunes, the idea is to pizz and onces times, the near is to be seried Withing an and cars create a place where 30 shand 40, somethings can unwind after work, without humping nussic and a janured dance floor. "Demographically, there's not place for us to go," said Barke, 49. Discrete for us to go," said Barke, 49. But wine is another passion of

place for us to go," suid Burke, 49. But wine is another passion of Novi leaders, who believe diver-Burke's, which makes the transition sifying the city's investment base is casier. He and his wife, Lori, have critical in Michigan's sluggish more than 200 bottles of wine at their home, and he's sinking about \$400,000 of his own money into the project. Lori, a 48-year-old Merrill Lynch broker, will also pitch in economy, are putting out a wel-come mat for specialized invest-ments like the Grapevine. "I think there's all kinds of some evenings, and Borke said he's in it for the long haul. "I want to be able to chase my dreams while I can still run," Burke opportunities for niche developments," Community Re Manager Sheryl Walsh said. Relations

Details

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The Grapevine will have a 1,000-bottle cavern for red wine, and a 350-bottle space for white wine. Greg Migliore is a staff writer for the Novi News. He can be reached at (248) 349-1700, ext. 103 or it will also have a lengthy bar gnuglione@gannett. erving high-end liquor and severa

The Grapevine What: Novi's first wine bar Where:



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Brian and Lori Burke review a Californian red wine at their Grapevine wine bar location in Novi's Main Street develent. The Burkes plan on opening "Grapevine" by May

Future growth could hearken to the past

City officials: Novi has room to grow in niche markets

Commerce Executive Director Whitney McClellan said, But attracting such develop-ments can be dicey, as many are already clustered in historical,

For Novi to grow in the future, it may need to channel the past. The city is flush with retail and centralized downtowns like The city is flash with relati and commercial growth, but experts said it's lacking in some key areas. Specifically, there are few options for residents who enjoy strolling through art galleries, specially shops and boutiques. "Art galderies that self unique nicess are something that lwould Northville and Plymouth. The Main Street project could be Novi's answer. McClellan said, if it catches on with merchants, "Ultimately, that would be great," she said. Novi has had some success in pieces are something that I would attracting niche businesses, say would definitely be of interincluding a new wine bar called Greater Novi Chamber of The Grapevine. The bar's o

By Greg Migliore NEWS STAFF WRITER

wine craze when it opens in May. Specialty developments, like The Grapevine, are usually influ-enced by outside factors, enced by outside factors, Community Relations Manager Shervl Walsh said. "I think that is driven by trends in the economy," she said

hope to capitalize on the recent

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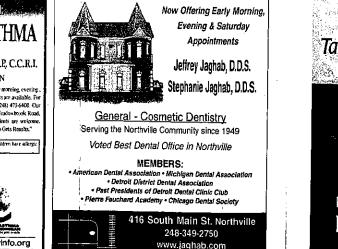
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bridge between local business and government; help businesses stay Novi City Council Meeting DATE: Monday, Jan. 22 aware of other member's service and products and the activities of TIME: 7 p.m. LOCATION: Novi Civic Center, their community. For more informa tion, contact: Whitney McClellan, executive director, at (248) 347-4622 45175 W. 10 Mile Road CONTACT: (248) 347-0470 or wmonec@vaheo.com Save-the-Dates City of Novi State of the City Feb. 7: Business Accelerator Luncheon and Member Thank-You DATE: Thursday, Jan. 25 Feb. 14: Breakfast at Suburban Shared Center DETAILS: Cost is \$20 per person Feb. 22: Business Accelerator After Hours CONTACT: (248) 347-0445 Mar. 8: Business Accelerator Luncheon with Dennis Archer Preschool Open House LAKES AREA DATE: Saturday, Jan. 27 CHAMBER OF LOCATION: Novi Co-op Preschool COMMERCE MethodistChurch, 41671 W. 10 Mile Since 1963, the Lakes Area Chamber of Commerce has proudly DETAILS: The preschool is cur served as West Oakland's Regional rently enrolling 2-, 3-, and 4-year old Chamber, servicing the communities children for the 2007/2008 school of Commerce Township, Union Lake, vear. Teachers will be available to Walled Lake, Waterford, Wixom answer questions and children are Wolverine Lake and White Lake. Our purpose is to improve the quality of CONTACT: (248) 349-3223 or visit life for businesses and residents in the Lakes area. We act as a unified voice on behalf of the business com Novi Youth Assistance General munity, provide a forum to discuss and review lopics of interest, serve as DATE: Tuesday, Feb. 6 TIME: 6 p.m. LOCATION: Novi Civic Center, a source of information and develop programs that are responsive to the CONTACT: (248) 347-0410 needs of the communities we serve. CONTACT: (248) 628-2826 Marnian Connection Novi School Board Meeling DATE: Thursday, Feb. 8 TIME: 7:30 p.m. LOCATION: Novi High School TIME/DATE: 8:30-9:30 a.m., Jan. 24 LOCATION: JB Therapuetic & Sourts Massage, and Gordon P. Smith DDs, 3255 W. Maple Road. Elon Academy College and Wixom DETAILS: Meet for this early net-DATE: Wednesday, Jan. 31 working opportunity. Call the Chamber office to register. LOCATION: Eton Academy, 1755 Evening Connection TIME/DATE: 5-7 p.m. Feb. 1 DETAILS: Representatives from LOCATION: Tribute at Wixom colleges, universities, trade schools Village Center, 148 Center Blvd. and other organizations will be present to provide information on their Wixom DETAILS: Ston by after work and programs for students with learning eniov this free event differences, such as attention detect **BUSINESS** hyperactivity disorder, dyslexia, or dysgraphia. The evening is free to Females in the Family Business CONTACT: (248) 642-1150 Affinity Group TIME/DATE: 8-9:30 a.m. Third Thursday of every month LOCATION: Walsh College, Troy NOVI CHAMBER Campus DETAILS: Walsh Business OF COMMERCE Leadership Institute invites womi The chamber is celebrating 40 who own, are partners in, or work to years of business, representing over family businesses. Items discussed 500 members. Our mission is to be a will be common issues, and women can share solutions in a nonthreater responsible, proactive advocate of business interests in the greater Novi ing, noncompetitive, non-sales oundtable. Registration is required CONTACT: Jan Hubbard, e-mail Nibbard.@walebeatless.adv area. We are business and professional people working together to hubbard@walshcollege.edu enhance the life of our community CLASSES and the businesses in it. For more Providence Center for the Healing www.novichamber.com or contact the chamber office at (248) 349-3743 LOCATION: Assaman Cancer Center, 47601 Grand River Avenue. GREATER NOVI CONTACT: (248) 465-5455 WANTED ART WORKSHOP INSTRUCTORS The Greater Novi Chamber is a nonprofit business association. We DETAILS: We are looking for peoprovide enjeyable networking oppo tunities for our members; act as a ole who have an art or craft that the would like to share in our series of

Story Times DETAILS: Session 3 Preschool Story Times, Jan. 8-Feb.9. Brochures available in the library for further one-time workshops. Please call (248) 465-5455 if interested. Learn to Paint TIME/DATE: 10 a.m. noon, nformation. Thursday, Jan. 25. DETAILS: This is a six-week series of classes for beginner to intermediate painters. Artist Rita Antos will instruct in the use of acrylics and watercolors. There is a \$5 materials Simple Photography Tips TIME/DATE: 10 a.m. noon, Wednesday, Feb. 7 DETAILS: Participants will learn about photocomposition. lighting. cropping, posing candid shots and more. The workshop will be laught by professional photographers from Focal Point Studios. Bring your carri era to class. There is a \$5 materials Colored Pencii Workshop TIME/DATE: 1-3 p.m., second Tuesday of every month DETAILS: The cost is S2. Beginners are welcome. 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 Knillin' Yarns TIME/DATE: 1-3 p.m. Wednesday DETAILS: Join others and create hats and shawls for those in need. Tai Chi Class TIME/DATE: 10:15-11 a.m. bursday DETAILS: This is an ancient Chinese exercise used to improve flexibility, balance and strength. No experience is necessary. The cost is S5 Yoga Classes TIME/DATE: 12:30-1:15 p.m. Monday (for backs): 530-6:30 p.m. Tuesday (for backs): 530-6:30 p.m. Fit15 a.m. 12:15 p.m Wednesday (for backs): 12:30-1:30 p.m. Friday (for backs): 12:30-1:30 p.m. Friday (for backs) DETAILS: The cost is \$10 for walk in: \$80 for 10-class card and \$70 for seven-week evening session. Preregistration required. Massage TIME/DATE: Various times. Monday and Thursday DETAILS: Therapeutic massage is shown to be offective for stress and tension, chronic latigue, pain and headaches. Everyone is welcome. Patients undergoing treatment shoul bring a physician's referral. Call for an appointment. The cost is \$50 for a appointment, the co 50-minute session. Line Dancing DATE: Monday and Friday, ongoig TIME: 6:30-7:30-p.m.; beginners; *30-9:30 n.m. intermediate 7:30-9:30 p.m. intermediate LOCATION: Novi Civic Center, 45175 W. 10 Mile Road DETAILS: No partner needed to lessons in this pay-as-you-go pro-gram. Cost is S5 for Novi residents and for those ages 55 and up: \$6 for non-cosidente LIBRARY LINES Novi Public Library LOCATION: 45245 W. 10 Mile Road HOURS: 10 a.m.-9 p.m. Monday-Thursday, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Friday and Saturday; 1-5 p.m. Sunday DETAILS: Unless noted below, all programs take place at the library. CONTACT: (248) 349-0720

DATE: Monday, Jan, 22 TIME: 6:30-8 p.m. DETAILS: This is an informal knitting group that meets in the youth of the library most second and fourth Mondays of the month Children, teens, and adults of all knitting levels are welcome Wooldatherers Knitting Guild member will be in attendance al most sessions to answer knitting questions. Snack Tales DATE: Wednesday, Jan. 24 TIME: 7-7:45 p.m. DETAILS: Stories and cooking nrojects for children in Kindergarter throuth third grade. Please call to register Lego Club DATE: Monday, Jan, 29 TIME: 6-7 p.m. DETAILS: This is the once-anonth Lego show and tell, huilding activities, and swap time for children in Kinderoarten through fourth grade The Library supplies the Legos. Registration is not required Library Board Meeting DATE: Wednseday, Feb. 7 TIME: 7 p.m. LOCATION: Novi Civic Center, City Council Chambers Walled Lake City Libray LOCATION: 1499 E. West Maple Road, Walled Lake CONTACT: (248) 624-3772 Evening Story Hour TIME/DAY: 6:30-7:30 p.m. Thursdays, weekly DETAILS: The dron-in story time is r children ages 3-5. Baby Bunch Play Time IME/DATE: 10:30 a.m., Tuesday, Jan. 23 DETAILS: Parents and caregivers are invited to bring babies 6 months to 24 months for an hour of stories. music, puppets, and refreshments. Kids' Club Prehistoric Trivia TIME/DATE: 4:30-5:30 p.m., Tuesday Jan. 23 DETAILS: Students in Kindergarten through fourth grade are invited to bring their favorite dinosaur and join in stories, games, grafts and snacks, **Old Time Radio Revisited** นส่วนสีรีสุดเลลี่ยนสีรีสุดเมืองเป็นสีรีสุด TIME: 7 p.m DETAILS: This 90 minute program will focus on the golden age of radio. Free CD's and MP3 discs with old time radio programs will be available The event is free and open to the public, but seating is limited. Registration is necessary by calling the library. Toddler Time Story Hour TIME/DATE: 10:30 a.m., Wednesday Jan. 24, 31 DETAILS: This 45-minute program for children 2- and 3-year olds includes stories, linger plays, crafts music and oames. Dinosaurs Galore Story Hou TIME/DATE: 6:30-7:30 p.m.

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DETAILS: Families are invited to

listen to stories about dinosaurs and

play games. Prizes and refreshments

DETAILS: This program is for stu-

dents in Kindergarten through fourth

grade. Stories, games, crafts and

Located in the Meadowbrook Commons Senior Complex, 25075 Meadowbrook Road

Friday 9 a.m.: Stretch & Strength

12:30 p.m. *Duplicate Bridge

9 a.m.: Stretch & Strength

10 a.m.: Body Recall

12:30 p.m.: 'Pinochle

8:30 a.m.: Panera Bread

9-11 a.m.: *Line Dance-

10 a.m.: Asian Pacific

1 p.m.: Bingo held in Activities

. 1-3 p.m.: Dance, S6 at the door

2-2:30 p.m.: Massage by appoint

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Thursday 11:15 a.m.-12:15 p.m.: *Life

12:15 p.m.: Contract Bridge

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Civic Center, 45175 W. 10 Mile Road. Phone (248) 347-0414.

Activities will be held at the Novi

continued on 11A

1-2 p.m.: Yoga (New)

11 a.m.:Taking Off Pounds

1-3 p.m.: Understanding Hospice

2-2:30 p.m.: Massage by appoint

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Kids' Club Lego Creations

TIME/DATE: 4:30-5:30 p.m

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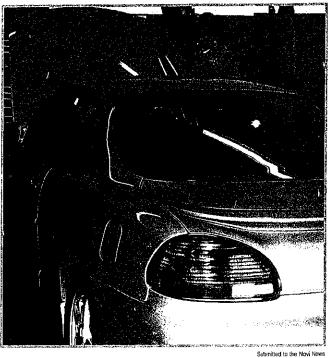
WINTER TIPS! It's finally freezing outside, and your car feels it just as much as you do. Make sure that baby of yours is running safe and smooth this winter by remembering these three tips from Novi Motive, located at 21530 Novi Rd.



Nobody wants to get stranded Bald tires make for a slippery Keeping your car from being in a freezing parking lot during | cool is important. Passow said | ride. Add in icy roadways and the winter. That's why Jim vehicles without anti-freeze stop the situation gets even worse running when it gets below 32 Passow said drivers need to Passow Novi-Motive said now is a good time to take your 1 degrees, so drivers need to get 1 check tire treads before the snow car to the nearest service station that cooling system mainte- hits, for everyone's safety.

nance, before they get frost-bit-

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Thursday, January 18, 2007-NOVI NEWS 11A

Winter checkup! Novi Motive Mechanic Dean Davidson working in the garage

in the Novi area.

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TIME: 6:30 p.m.

My Bulletin Board (cont'd)

to have the battery checked.

Hospital and Medical Center continued from 10A TIME: 7-9 p.m. DETAILS: Enter facility through SUPPORT southeast entrance. Meeting in Conference Room A, immediately to GROUPS the left. CONTACT: For more information Adoptive Parent Networking call Al Biggs (313) 805-7605, pr Meeling DATE: Last Wednesday of each Crohn's & Colitis Foundation of TIME: 10-11 a.m. LOCATION: Holy Family Catholic Church, 24505 Meadowbrook Road DETAILS: This informational meet is is each all ordenties families in America, (888) 737-2322. Novi Toastmasters DATE: First and third Tuesday of each month LOCATION: Novi Civic Center ing is open to all adoptive families i Oakland County. There is no charge. Child care is available. Registration is Activities Room, 45175 W. 10 Mile IME: 7-8:45 p.m. required. CONTACT: Lisa Molłoy, (248) 334-DETAILS: Toastmasters will help you improve your communication skills, voice your opinion, polish your presentations and practice leadership. CONTACT: Colleen, (248) 685-9226 Neighborhood Baby-sitting Co-op DETAILS: Using the co-op, you and your children can make friends and New Take Off Pounds Sensibly get what you need accomplished without the little ones in tow. Also (TOPS) Chapter TIME/DAYS: Wednesdays, 11 a.m., enjoy a mom's night out and othe LOCATION: Meadowbrook Commons, 25075 Meadowbrook Road, Novi social events. CONTACT: Sue Tracz, (248) 380-1998 DETAILS: \$24 per annual member-Friendship Circle DATE: Second Thursday of each ship includes handbook; \$1 per meet ing. New members welcome. CONTACT: Rebecca Boyke,(248) 305-8646 nonth TIME: 1 p.m. LOCATION: St. James Catholic urch, 46325 10 Mile Road, between FAITH faft and Beck Road DETAILS: Social group for all widws and widowers. CONTACT: Norbert Monson, (248) Meadowbrook Congregational LOCATION: 21355 Meadowbrook 477-3032 or Joy lovaldi, (248) 478-9138, joylovaldi@earthlink.net CONTACT: Rev. Ed Willingham, Interim Minister, (248) 348-7757, or visit www.mbccc.org or gmccc@arounddetroit.biz MOMS Club of Novi DATE: First Thursday of each Sunday Worship TIME: 10 a.m. ontri TIME: 10 a.m. IME: to and LOCATION: Novi Civic Center DETALS: Moms Offering Moms Support (MDMS) is a non-profit sup-port group for mathers who choose to stay at home with their children or work out of their homes. First Baptist Church of Novi

1 OCATION: 45301 W. 11 Mile CONTACT: (248) 349-3647 or vork out of their fromes. CONTACT: easungflerning@yahoo.com w firsthantistchurchofnovi.org Sunday Schedule Family Bible Hour: 9:45 a.m. Kensingion Valley Mothers of Family Worship: 11 a.m. DATES: Second Thursday of each Bible Study: 6 p.m. Family Movie Night: 5:30 p.m., the month TIME: 7 p.m. LICATION: Witch's Hat Depot. 300

fourth Sunday of every month.

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DATE: Thursdays TIME: 10 a.m., and 7 p.m. DETAILS: Join the group for prayer, sharing, and discussion of the Sunday Northwile LOCATION: 200 E. Main St. CONTACT: (248) 349-0911 Single Place Ministries CONTACT: www.singleplace.org (248) 349-0911 or visit www.singleplace.org scripture readings. CONTACT: Maria, (248) 349-8847, or e-mail at spiritwalker001@aol.com Adoptive Parent Networking Meeting DATE: Last Wednesday of each gleplace.org Divorce Recovery Workshop month, ongoing TIME: 10-11 a.m. DETAILS: This free information TIME/DAY: 7:30-9 p.m. Thursday LOCATION: Emerilus Room DETAILS: This seven-week work-Departed in the informational Inegin Calland County, Child care is available, Registration is required. CONTACT: Lisa Motloy, (248) 334-3595 shop will cover a range of topics presented by a variety of speakers. The cost is \$35 per person including the hook, "Growing Through Divorce", Child care will be available for toddlers Oak Pointe LOCATION: 50200 W. 10 Mile through children in sixth grade with Road CONTACT: (248) 912-0043 or visit registration at least two weeks before the workshop begins. Upcoming top ww.oakpointe.org ics are: Sunday Worship TIME: 9:15 and 11:15 a.m. Tonight: Stages of Grief, presented by J. Harold Ellens, Ph.D. St. James Catholic Jan. 25: Putting Your "Ex" in LOCATION: 46325 10 Mile Road CONTACT: (248) 347-7778 Focus, presented by Dell Deaton. Feb 1: Pot Luck Dinner and Legal Novi United Methodist Aspect of Divorce, presented by attor LOCATION: 41671 W. 10 Mile CONTACT: (248) 349-2652 ney David Jerome Feb. 8: Church & Divorce, Spiritual Sunday Worship Help and Forgiveness, presented by TIME: 9:45 a.m. W. Kent Clise True Colors: How We Function DATE: Tonight First United Methodist of Northville Location: 777 W. Eight Mile TIME: 7:30 p.m. Road, Northville CONTACT: (248) 349-1144 or visit www.fumenorthville.org DETAILS: Jeff Benelderfer will provide an enlightening presentation on

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the colors we choose how they tell a Sunday Worship TIME: 8, 9:15, 11a.m., and 5 p.m. oreat deal about our motives, goals Community Healing Service DATE: First Monday of every and personal choices Men of Grace Concert menth DETAILS: This service is open to anyone asking God for healing in their life or in someone close to them. DATE: Thursday, Jan. 25 TIME: 7:30 p.m. DETAILS: This will be a special concert of gospel-blues music, spir

Crosspointe Meadows LOCATION: Meadowbrook tuals, hymns, and original music. Men of Grace are from Grace Centers of Elementary School, 29200 Meadowbrook Road, south of 13 Mile Hope of Michigan, and are examples how lives can be transformed by CONTACT: (248) 427-2700, 9 a.m.faith. A \$5 contribution is requested. 2 p.m. or visit www.crosspointemeac Walking Group TIME: 11:30 a.m. ows.org Sunday Worship TIME: 9 and 10:30 a.m. Parenting Seminar

LOCATION: First second and fourth Saturday, Big Apple Bagel TIME/DATE: 7 p.m., Monday, Jan. Shop, 2334 Farmington Road,

DETAILS: This is a biblically based lenging and rewarding career possibilforum for those interested in the arts Fit After Fifty "Preview" Worship Service TIME/DATE: 7 p.m., Jan. 24 TIME/DATE: 6-7 p.m. Sunday, Jan. DETAILS: Current concepts will be presented in a lecture/participation LOCATION: Holiday Inn and Suites. format in safe, effective excercise for 37259 Grand River, Farmington Hills overall strengthening and cardiovas-DETAILS: The public is invited for cular fitness. vorship and to stay after for fellow Gel Ready to Run TIME/DATE: 7 p.m., Feb. 8 ship and learn more about DETAILS: A lecture/demonstration and group participation class for those interested in running. Emphasis will be on common running injuries and their prevention as well as Providence Dinner with a Doctor footwear selection. Please dress com-DATE: Tuesday, Jan. 23 fortably. LOCATION: Providence Park; Huron Valley-Sinai Hospital New Conference Rooms A.B. and C Year! New You! Night DETAILS: The featured topic will be DATE: Thursday, Jan. 25 "Diets, Nutrition and Exercise-A TIME: 6 p.m. Realistic View of the New Year's LOCATION: Wyndham Garden Resolutions" presented by Dr. Michael Hotel & Resort, 42100 Crescent Montico. The evening includes a casu-Boulevard, Novi al dinner, presentation and question DETAILS: This eventfor women will and answer session. There is no feature a panel of experts on womens charge, but reservations are request health that will be available to answer any question, and pamper stations CONTACT: (888) 440-7325 and refreshments to inclulae in. St. John Providence Park Hospital-Novi Classes LOCATION: 47601 Grand River Registration is necessary CONTACT: (888) DMC-2500, or go to www.dmc.org/peoplesmedcollege ONGOING Ave. CONTACT: (888) 440-7325, 8 a.m. 5 p.m., Monday-Friday Childbirth Education DETAILS: Evening or weekend evide behing you and your partner. SWOCC Studie Tours LOCATION: 33300 Nine Mile Road, series helping you and your partner get ready for the birth of your baby. Childbirth Refresher DETAILS: A one-time class to pairwith the series to birth the birth of the birt Farmington. DETAILS: Come in for an up-close look at the Southwest Oakland Cable Commission Studios local community review important information for birt television studio. CONTACT: Melissa Cohn, (248) 473-2840 of your baby, Breast-feeding Preparation DETAILS: A one-time class for morn and her partner helping to pro-vide tips for successful breast-feed-ing Novi Concerl Band Rehearsals TIME/DATE: 7:30-9:30 p.m., LOCATION: Novi High School, Taft

Baby Care Basics DETAILS: A one-time class with Road DETAILS: Open to all wind and per-DETAILS: A bit entitle 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 massage. cussion players. CONTACT: Diran Kochyan, (248) 348-5135

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to sing karaoke in Novi! (You know you want to!) **TAKE THE MIKE!** Sing it on! Whether it's at a bar, down the street or provided by your neighbor, karaoke is not an elusive past time in Novi. These three local businesses provide karaoke, either as a weekend treat or for a party package.

Read it up

Bartender Renee Gula said Novi Bowl at 21700 Novi Rd. TNT Karaoke & DJ is run by karaoke is always a popular has free karaoke every Novi residents Tony and Liz Tuesday night feature at Library Thursday, Friday and Saturday LiPare. The couple entertains at Sports Pub & Grill at 42100 starting at 9:30 p.m. Skip Dietz, weddings and events, and Grand River Ave. Karaoke starts who mans the venue's karaoke they're at Fifth Avenue at 10 p.m. The cost is free and technology, said he has 19,000 Ballroom from 9 p.m.-1 a.m. on there's plenty of music to song choices in a 670-page Wednesday. Call (248) 348-2092 for details choose from book.

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Sina a sona Skip Dietz hosts karaoke night every Thursday, Friday and Saturday at Novi Bowl,

	LUCATION: WHICH'S Hat Deput, and		44	Farmington; Thiro Saturday, Panera		
	Dorothy St., South Lyon.	Episcopal Church of the Holy	LOCATION: Crosspointe Meadows	Bread Co., 34635 Grand River Ave.	Boost Camp Day	FINANCIAL
	DETAILS: This group provides	Cross	Office, 39830 Grand River, Suite B1-C.	Farmington	DATE: Friday, Jan. 26	SHOWPLACE
	information, support and social activi- ties for mothers of multiple birth chil-	LOCATION: 40700 W. 10 Mile	Novi	DETAILS: This is a walking/ social	TIME: 9 a.m3:30 p.m.	
2	dren and their families. Mothers of	Road	DETAILS: Doug Otto, from the	group. Everyone is invited.	LOCATION: Providence Park	46100 Grand River Ave. Call (248)
	multiples living in and around the	CONTACT: (248) 427-1175 or www.churchoftheholycross.com	Christian non-profit organization	group: Erergono to intribut	Medical Building	348-5600 or visit http://rockfinancial- showplace.com/for more information.
	Kensington Valley school conference	Sunday Worship	"Focus on Family", will provide ideas	St. John Lutheran	DETAILS: This is a day of enrich-	Metro Mid-Winter Classic Dog
	are all welcome.	TIME: 7:45 and 10 a.m.,	to help you on your parenting journey.	LOCATION: 23225 Gill Road,	ment and personal exploration	· · ·
	CONTACT: For more information,	Sunday School	The evening is free, but space is limit-	Farmington Hills	designed to provide valuable tools and	Show
	(248) 437-5496.	TIME: 9 a.m. Adult Bible Study; 10	ed, Advance registration required. If	CONTACT: (248) 474-0584 or visit	information on healthier living. The	SCHEDULE: 10 a.m-5 p.m. Friday,
	Wenner's Deputy Support	a.m. Worship Center for ages 3-7; 10	child care is needed, please indicate	www.stjohn-lutheran.com Saturday Worship		Jan. 19; 10 a.m5 p.m. Saturday, Jan
	Women's Prayer Support DATE: Saturday, ongoing	a.m. All ages		, ,	cost is S50, including lunch and mate-	20; 10 a.m5 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 21
	TIME: 9-10:30 a.m.	Lunch Hour Worship TIME/DAY: 12:10-12:50 p.m.,	when registering.	TIME: 5:30 p.m.	rials. Registration is required.	DETAILS: The United Kennel Club
	LOCATION: Harvest Fellowship	Wednesday, ongoing	CONTACT: Renee Langley, (248)	Sunday Worship	CONTACT: (248) 465-5455	presents this all breed dog show.
	Church, 49329 Pontiac Trail, Wixom	DETAILS: The service will include	427-2700	TIME: 9, 11:15 a.m.		Admission is \$10 for adults, \$7 for
	DETAILS: Come for encourage-	scripture and Holy Communion.	S1. Paul Lutheran	Sunday School	Oakland Physical Therapy	seniors and children 11 and under,
	ment, help, hope and prayer. Drop in	Youth Worship	LOCATION: 201 Eim St., Northville	TIME: 10:15 a.m.		and a family pass is available for \$25.
	for five minutes or longer.	TIME/DATE: 7 p.m., second and	CONTACT: (248) 349-3140	Faith Community Presbylerian	Classes	Parking is \$5.
	CONTACT: Nancy or Susan, (248) 926-8332 or harvestfellowship@com-	fourth Sunday of every month	Kindergarten Registration	LOCATION: 44400 W. 10 Mile	LOCATION: 47601 Grand River	CONTACT: (248) 343-9020
1	cast.net	DETAILS: All youth welcome.	DETAILS: Children who turned five	CONTACT: (248) 349-2345 or visit	Ave., Suite B124	Home Improvement Show
		Alzheimer's Support Group	years-old before Friday, Dec. 1, may	www.faithcommunity-novi.org	CONTACT: (348) 380-3550	SCHEDULE: noon-9 pm. Friday,
	Breast Cancer Support Group	DATE: Saturdays	register for full-day or half-day kinder-	Sunday Worship	There is no charge for the follow-	Jan. 26: 10 a.m9 p.m. Saturday, Jan.
	DATES: Second and fourth Tuesday	TIME: 10 a.m.	garten at St. Paul's Lutheran School.	TIME: 9, 10:30 a.m.	ing classes, but advance registration	
	of each month	DETAILS: This group will meet on	The Baha'i Faith		is required.	27; 10 a.m6 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 28
	LOCATION: Huron Valley-Sinai Hospital, Commerce, Classroom C	the second Saturday of each month,	CONTACT: (248) 473-0355 or visit	Gracepointe Presbylerian	Your Career as a Physical	DETAILS: The 15th Annual Novi
	TIME: 10-11:30 a.m.	offering support and open discussion	www.us.bahai.org	Worship and the Arts Ministry	Therapist	Home Improvement Show features
	DETAILS: No registration needed.	for all those dealing with Alzheimer's.	Devotional Gathering	CONTACT: (248) 497-3178 or e-	TIME/DATE: 7 p.m., Tonight	over 300 exhibitors including the lat-
	CONTACT: (248) 937-5017		TIME/DATE: 11 a.m., last Saturday	mail: oracepointe@mac.com	DETAILS: This class is an opportu-	est technology, products, and services
		Holy Family	of every month LOCATION: 23803 Ripple Creek		nity for both high school and college	for all parts of the home. Admission is
	a state of the state downed from	LOCATION: 24505 Meadowbrook	St. Novi	TIME: 6:30-8 p.m.	students, and their parents, to meet	\$10 for adults, \$9 for seniors, and
Novi News	Croin's & Colitis Support Group	Road CONTACT: (248) 349-8847 or visit	DETAILS: This is a gathering focus-	DATES: Monday	and talk with experienced physical	free for children 12 and under.
	DATES: First and third Wednesday	www.holyfamilynovi.org	ing on prayers for peace. People of all	LOCATION: Panera Bread, Novi	therapists and learn about this chal-	Parking is \$5
	of each month	Bible Study	faiths are welcome.	Road and Grand River Avenue	and opening and reality about this Clifate	CONTACT: (248) 737-4477
/ . ;	LOCATION: Providence Park	····· ·				

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This Is No **Time For Sacred Cows**

Embrace Change: Anymore, It's The Only Constant

nteresting things are messing with two departafoot at City Hall. ments that provide services City Manager Clay instrumental to the city's Pearson is consolidat- growth. But in situations like ing the Planning and these, the greater risk in not Building departments in doing anything. Change first hopes of streamlining opera- and be proactive. Departmental shakeups tions and services. OK, this isn't the spiclest aside, the big question is: topic, but it could stand for What sext? something larger. What else can Novi do to Here's why: City officials become more efficient? What are showing they're flexible. other areas could operate and that no sacred cows will more effectively? Taking a hard look at gov be spared. This is critical because ernment operations is tough right now change is the only - but smart. constant in Southeast Novi officials will be con-Michigan. fronted with tough choices Novi needs to be willing to - during the coming years as take a look at different ways the city nears build-out, of doings things, and merg- Looking at decisions with a ing two already efficient clear eye and not being field departments is a solid first down to one way of doings step, Whether it works out towards helping the city remains to be seen. To be reach its full potential, sure, there's some risk in

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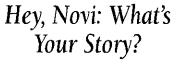
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The Michigan Department of Environmental Quality, usually called the DEQ, last week announced tentative approval of Kennecott Minerals Co.'s application to dig a mine in the middle of one of the Upper Peninsula's most beautiful, pristine and environmentally sensitive regions, the Yellow Dog Plains.	regarded as among the toughest in the country. Robert McCann, a spokesman for the DEQ, said, "I think it's safe to say this (Eagle Prospect) pro-		David Aguilar - Editor daguilar@gannett.com (248) 349-1700, ext. 102	ting crack known as "stress fracture." mation about taking" care of your be Studis indicate that formale auhletes resperence stress fractures more fire quernity than their male counterports the searchers have recently found that an experience gause of this disparity is like. Specifically, if has been found that an athletes some the wider prevalence of earling disorders strong franche authletes some this in mind as they train for their www.northvillephysicalrohab.com
news in the sparsely populat- ed "UP," where a coalition of resi- dents, Native American tribes and environmen- talists have been	greeted with enthusiasm. Except in this case, besides the environ- mental hazards, there's another downside. By	if the draft permit is made pub- lic before it is issued. Gov. Jennifer Granholm, in a letter to her appointee, DEQ director Steven Chester, instructed the department to "give thorough and rigorous review to Keunecott's permit applications		OPEN HOUSE JANUARY 20, 2007
fighting the "Eagle Prospect" mine for years. Downstate, however, the story was small beer.	Kennecott's own admission, the 120 or so mining jobs would last only a decade or less	and ensure that they meet each and every aspect of the new regulations "While this project has the potential to provide significant economic benefit to the local	Lisa Tincu - Account Executive ltincu@gannett.com (248) 349-1700, ext. 118	10:30 - NOON 200 E. MAIN STREET NORTHVILLE, MICHIGAN 2's class: Monday 9:00-10:30 am (with psrent) Monday 11:00am-12:30 pm
That's too bad, because this case will have a pro- found impact on the entire UP — and, by extension, on the entire	nist and in opera- tion. And econo- mists and busi-	community, the irreplaceable natural resources of the Upper Peninsula constitute an extraor- dinary endowment that we hold in trust for the benefit of our citizens. This sacred trust must be reputed at "he odded	E	3's class: Tucs/Thurs 9:00 - 11:30 am Tucs/Thurs 9:30am - 12:00 pm Tucs/Thurs 12:30 - 3:00 pm 4's class: Mon/Wed/Fri 9:00 - 11:30 am Mon/Wed/Fri 9:00 - 11:30 am Mon/Wed/Fri 9:30am - 12:00 pm Mon/Wed/Fri 9:30am - 12:00 pm
and, by Catasard, of the Entre state of Michigan. Right now, the Upper Peninsula is experiencing a land rush of sorts from mining companies which are panting to exploit deposits of nickel	nessmen wonder and worry what would happen to recre- ation, tourism, hunting and fishing — the long-term eco- nomic future of the region — if the mine pollutes the area. "People up here aren't	must be protected," she added. The stakes are high for the governor, politically and as a matter of good public policy. It's everybody's bad luck that this particular or deposit wound up in the middle of	Greg Migliore Staff Writer gmigliore@gannett.com (248) 349-1700, ext. 107	Young Fives: TUES/WED/THURS/FRI 9:15 - 12:15 pm A Christian Preschool, with a gool to provide a positive, secure, loring Christian environment where young children are able to grow socially, emotionally, physically, academicreity and spiritually.
and copper embedded in sul- fide rock. The big problem with "sulfide mines" is that sul- fide rock, when exposed to air and water, produces sulfuric	opposed to mining, they accept mining," says Marvin Roberson, a Sierra Club offi- cial who lives in the UP, "What they are opposed to is reckless	some of the most environmen- tally valuable and sensitive woods and waters in all of Michigan. But merely because rich		248-349-0911 ext. 216 Second Location
acid and dissolved heavy met- als that kill fish. Kennecott claims it will take safety precautions. Opponents, however, note that no sulfide mine in history has ever been operated without discharges of this "acid pollution." Worse,	exploitation of the land's most sensitive areas for a few dozen temporary jobs." Final approval of the mine is not yet a done deal. The DEQ will consider additional public comments at hearings held March 6 to 8 at Northern	metals exist in a uniquely priceless and fragile environ- ment is no necessary argument those metals should be mined. Suppose a valuable gold deposit were to be discovered right at the foot of Mount Rushmore.	Victoria Mitchell - Staff Writer vemitchell@ganett.com (248) 349-1700, ext. 122	OPENING January 19* Look for Us in Twelve Oaks Ma
the mine is located smack dab under the headwaters of the Salmon Trout River. This is a famously pristine trout stream that supports the last remaining spawning popu-	Michigan University in Marquette before a decision. But the stakes are very high. The map of the UP that shows in red land leased for mineral exploration makes the entire	Would it really make sense to open a mine there that might destroy a national monument? Does it make sense to allow a mine that would destroy a nat- ural treasure?		
lation on the south shore of Lake Superior of the Coaster Brook Trout, a colorful relative of the Brook Trout that can reach 25 inches in length. Fishermen and scholars alike fear once the Eagle Prospect	area look like it has the measles. The Eagle Prospect mine is the first to go through the permitting process set out in the new state law. Any decision is bound to set an important precedent that	Phil Power was a member of the work group that drafted the new mining law and is a mem- ber of the Huron Mountain Club, whose lands are near the site of the proposed mine. He is	Renee Gates - Staff Writer vrgates@gannett.com (248) 349-1700, ext. 108	*2.82 plus tax Watch Batterie Lithium Batteries \$4.70 plus tax
mine starts up, the Coasters are toast. Three years ago, Michigan had no law — none! — regu- lating "nonferrous metallic mineral mining," or sulfide mining, A group of stakehold-	will determine the future of sulfide mining activity through- out an area which is the heart and soul of Michigan's glori- ous natural resources. The new mining law sets out the various criteria the DEQ is	also president and founder of The Center for Michigan, a moderate think-and-ob tank. These opinions and others expressed in his columns are his own and do not in any way represent official policy posi-	E.	-Corner of 8 Mile & Pontiac Trail -Inside Twelve Oaks Mall- 248-486-9219
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bought the things they knew others needed, and then gave them to us to give to others ---

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There is plenty of work to do How do we do that? Partly Come along for the ride, Novi.

with a new staff. Tell a friend. Stay informed. City reporter Greg Migliore This time, we're up for the hallenge, because we're remains the anchor of the Novi News staff, though he is challenge, beca doing it "My" way. the only holdover from a staff See you next week. I inherited three months ago.

New additions include educa-David Aguilar is the Novi tion reporter Renee Gates News editor. He can be (vrgates@gannetit.com) and reached at (248) 349-1700, general assignment reporter/ ext. 102, or via e-mail at dagullar@oannett.com



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NY WEEK

Mother Nature offers Novi a **GOLD** SHOULDER

Ice, cold temps left 300 without power this week

By Greg Migliore

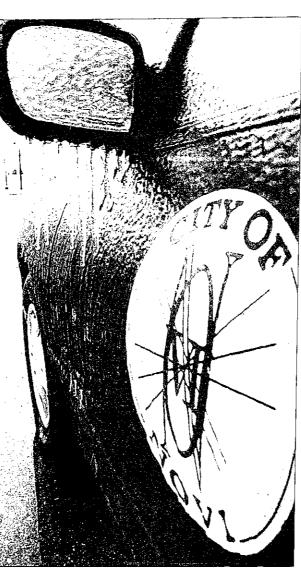
NEWS STAFF WRTER and the southern part of Novi and State states without electricity early this week due to a transformer molerna. muters a blow on Monday, downing a power line on

transformer problem. Power was expected to be mostly restored — Greg Migliore is a staff writer for the Novi fuesday. — The cold, wintry weather also idealt Novi com- 103 or gnigliore@gameti.com.

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When bad weather hits, check www.novinews.com for local updates and school closing information.





An ice-covered City of Novi vehicle sits at the Novi Civic Center during last Monday's ice storm. Monday was Martin Luther King Jr. Day; Novi's offices were closed.

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FREE 'BIRDS'

My Senior Life

Skipping Town

■ Snowbirds skip town after warm weather fades

By Tracy Mishler Travel tips to live by NEWS SPECIAL WRITER Meet yourself halfway Before you travel, lay or everything you think you'll Pat Fallis and her husband, need for your trip and then Bob, stayed long enough for the pack half the items. cold weather to strike. They recently left for a 12-week retreat to Titusville, Fla. · Go easy on your feet Pack a pair of smart but Pat, a driver for the Novi comfortable shoes. Senior Center, said they usually leave Michigan after Christmas, but stayed longer dodging any · Become a plastic person When packing a suitcase make use of dry cleaning real cold spells. and other plastic bags. "We've been doing this for 10 Whether you fold or roll your years now," said Fallis, 59. "We leave because we don't like the clothes, spread cleaner bags over them occasionally as cold weather and icy roads." you fill the suitcase, creating Pat said she believes many

people waited to head south this year because of the warmer layers. Using bags helps to prevent major creases and hains to protect nacked "A few of my friends have items from spills or rain adjusted their trips because the weather has been so nice here," she said. "We're actually leaving storms. Book it

weather.

Always take two papera week earlier this year, but it's been really pleasant." Fallis and many others from backs: a thick, gripping novel that won't run out and a thinner book of essays or the northern snow belt regions short stories. are known as 'snowbirds,' people from the northern or Midwestern states who spend a large portion Do look back Never leave a plane, trai of the winter in the sunbelt or bus without casting one last glance backward to see region. Jim Ebehalt, owner of whether you've left anything Brookside Travel, located at 1045 Novi Road in Northville, behind in your seat. • Keep your bags in sight said he works with many seniors It's astonishing how man from both Novi and Northville. people make this mistake "The greatest factor this time of year for many seniors is the and never see their bags again on vacation. search for warm weather climates," he said. "Generally, peo

ple's bodies feel better in a warmer climate, and we like to Staying put help them travel."

Ehehalt said business has been But Novi seniors are choosing ow due to the warmer weather. "The weather has been unscato stay put this year. Ernie Harwell and his wife, Lulu, of Fox Run, decided last onably warm, and we're just starting to see more interest (in year they would start riding out the cold weather. travel.)" he said. "When the weather starts to get colder, we get more calls and more interest

"I don't like the snow, but I don't like traveling," said Harwell, 89. "I've traveled so in getting out of town." much in my lifetime, about 36,000 miles a year. I like staying up here now." Where to go

Harwell, a retired announcer Ehehalt said from what he's seen, many seniors choose Florida destinations and the southern most states to vacation during the winter months. That's where the Tigers

"Traditionally, the cost of liv- trained," he said, "We also went are (priced) less than obter desti-nations and people can actually drive down there." he said. ty has become so complicated. her is fanta



Novi resident Pat Fallis packs her van for the trip down to Florida. Fallis and her husband Bob delayed their annua migration because of mild Michigan weather. The couple left Wednesday.

Flight Delayed: Fewer Snowbirds **Migrating South This Winter**

Financial constraints, rising costs clip many senior wings

Realtor who rents to snowbirds. By Donna Balancia She said this January is among the slowest SANNETT NEWS SERVICE she ever has had in her business "They're more conscious about their money," Durgin said. "Prices in rentals have Rising rents and insurance rates, gas prices and medical costs are among the reagone up because of insurance. "We're 98 percent booked for February

ons Florida businesses are seeing fewer and March, but booked about 75 percent for January, which is very unusual and on the low side." snowbirds" this winter. And the hotel owners, restaurateurs and others who depend on the annual influx of. "The season is shorter, and the part-time these part-time residents are worried the residents are not coming as soon, either," said Rob Varley, executive director of the Space Coast Office of Tourism, "We don't shorter stays will translate into reduced revnue at a time when tourism is down in gen-

eral. The first three months of the year are key have as many people so far as previous years. for the snowbird business in Florida. But this and I think that's because the weather has year, the general consensus is that the roads and restaurants aren't as crowded with snow-birds as they have been in some recent winbeen good in the Northeast, where they typi-cally live." Durgin said the snowbirds - so named

But rising insurance premiums following the hurricanes of 2004 and 2005 forced local room with a view. Some go up to \$3,000, sonte go as low as \$1,500 a month." Abraham Pizam, dean of the Rosen property owners to raise their rental rates. And that is a major factor for snowbirds

School of Hospitality Management at the University of Central Florida, said that snowbirds – and tourists, too – have been stricken with "Florida fatigue." "Snowbirds are not returning to Plorida as they used to," Pizam said, "Other destina-tions are competing with us as well, Also, remember that snowbirds have a lot of

expenses, with insurance and medical costs, and they have less money for trips. So, rather than cutting out the vacation completely they're staying for a shorter time."

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Nevertheless, others continue to come, like Minneapolis resident Todd Isberner, 56, who spends three months every year at his Melhourne Beach home

"I don't think prices are different from Minneapolis," Isberner said. "I think it depends on how they go about vacationing, "All refirces are facing conomic issues. My dad saved his money and retired, and I know, because he owns his home here, he'll

ters. because they are part-time residents who "I know people are staying for a shorter time this year," said Blanka Kovarik of Toronto, who said that many of her snowbird

that reat their local winter residences said Lisa Durgin. a Cocoa Beach, Fla. - based

Ice-covered trees and power lines glistened Tuesday under the sun along Novi Road.

Charles Mason sweeps snow off his Queens Point driveway in Novi Tuesday morning. Mason photographed ice-covered trees in his neighborhood earlier in the day



An American Beech tree, located on the 11 Mile property of Novi resident Will Siembor, lies in pieces after being toppied by last week's lee storm. Siembor said the tree, with a Novi Police cars block east and westbound 10 Mile Road at the railroad tracks large crown, was in the process of being measured for a potential Michigan record.



Monday morning after an overnight ice storm blew out a transform

and family and a lot are looking lost his calendar." to retire there."

friends are planning a shorter stay. She cited relatively high gas prices and expensive medical costs as among the rea-rons. She cited relatively high gas prices and rong place." she said. "My average rate is \$2,200, and that's a two-bedroom, two-bath-Service staff writer "Most of them are looking for a two-bed- Donna Balancia is a Gannett News

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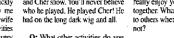
Novi Couple: Live Wires at Senior Center

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By Cheryl Woodards-Nicholls
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Caroline and George Giese. Music is a big part

Photo by Cheryl Woodards Nicholls/Gannett News Servic

to have fun.

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Rolling Out the Welcome Mat

STORY CHAT

Novi group links residents with opportunities

By Victoria Mitchell

Alice Elkin wasn't new to Novi when she decided to find out what her community had to

Getting in groups She already lived here for years before attending a Novi Neighbors and Newcomers meeting, looking for play groups and other friendshipuilding opportunities for the men's poker night.

"I wasn't new, so I guess I was a neighbor," she said. "For me it was getting to know a lot of difterent people." The group, catering to those new and old to the community, provides residents with opportu-

infies to gather and meet new people Organizers said the social and civic organization was founded in 1973 as a welcome wagon. n 1973 as a welcome wagon. Elkin, who serves as the Novi groups. Novi it's grown into where 1

Provident who serves as the sour-president, said members have can do adult-oriented outings," the opportunity to participate in group gatherings and philan-thropic opportunities. Novi Neighbors and Newcomers also offers large events like an annual holiday include taising domainos for party and summer ice-crearam include raising donations for Novi Youth Assistance, Teens Aiding the Cancer Community and the St. Vinvent-Sarah Fisher

Center. The organization also annualby offers scholarships to Novi-High School students.

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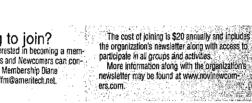
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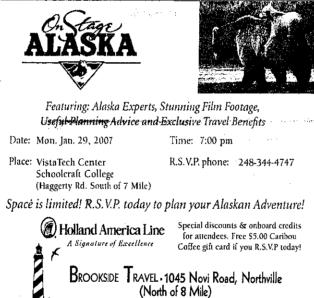
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Photo by JOHN HEIDER/Novi News A meeting of the Novi Neighbors board of directors and Newcomers held at the home of Alice Elkin, far left. From left: Diane Schulhof, Lisa Molloy, Joanne Pritchard and

make new friends





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ontinued from 1A FIVE STEPS FOR GETTING ORGANIZED IN Step One: Thick should be you tend to cryanice yourself outside of school, Do charts they you to keep things creately? If so, make a chart for each class, which can be filled in with relevant details as the year progresses. Auld Lang Syne Novi High School counselor Donna Roemer said the first day of the second semester is like New Years Day for students, "Absolutely," she said. "Most HIGH SCHOOL Step Two: Buy a ministrue lape recorder to bring to class, especially if you are an audia learner. You can study your notes from each class by replaying the tape. tids will have four new classes Most classes, Roemer said, will start fresh with the new semester, Step Three: Devise a sample plan fo with the exception of Advanced doing homework. Will you study right after school, or wait until dianer ends? Finding a Placement courses. School administrators said infortable study time will insure more Semester II schedules will be dis-nibuted today, during third block anced and successful sessions. Step Four: Get your books ahead of time and read the first chapter to familiarize yourself with the topics you'll be learning. final exams. A piece of paper rep-resenting tremendous possibility. Step Five: Dedicate one full notebook

Pulling up the grades Being an advocate for yourself, including increased confidence, is a tip Roemer said students can bene-SOURCE: ehow.com fit from when looking to boost their "That is a big one, and that is a life skill, too," she said. "Have confalence in yourself, as a student,

"I wish I had a penny for every student and seek out support systems that are available to you." Another academic boosting rec-I said, 'Don't be afraid to ask for help.'" ournendation Novi High School ourneendation Novi High School administrators suggest: Take advantage of seminar. Seminar, a function of the school's block schedule serving as a planning type period, is offered twice a week and gives students the opportunity or meet with teachers and other students for assistance, eacher time and enrichment action. Counselor, Novi High School

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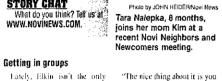
using treatment techniques to promote their ability to move, reduce pain, restore function and prevent disability In addition, physical therapists work with individuals to develop funces and wellness programs for healthier and more active lifestyles to prevent the loss of mobilit

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A wide variety of disabling conditions are treated A wide variety of disabiling conditions are treated including back, nock and spine pain, fractures, arthritis, head injury, heart disease, stroke and cerebral palsy. Physical therapy (teatment includes: exercise; nanual therapy (the mobilization & manipulation of joints & soft dissue), neuromuscular facilitation and re-education techniques to manually move the affected part of the body to facilitate movement; and gait training to instruct individuals to walk after an injury. Other techniques may include heat or cold therapy, whirlpool, ultrasound and electrical stimulation.



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"The nice thing about it is you get to know people throughout the city." Elkin said, now it's a one participating in the organi-zation's offered groups. She recently recruited her hushand nice opportunity to have within a community welcoming new residents on a regular basis. Elkin said other Novi Neighbors and Newcomers clubs melade a baby-sitting co-Want to join?

op, book club, bowling, lades night at the movies. Euchre, Bunko, the lunch bunch and a Detroit excursion group. The first Monday of every month members of Novi Neighbors and Newcomers may

"We're always open to new be spotted at the Starbucks cofgroups and new ideas," she said. fee kiosk at Twelve Oaks Mall. "We try to do exciting things." Elkin said when she joined. Group members place a sign identifying themselves on their table to welcome those interested from 9:30-11:30 a.m. Existing members also solicit new recruits by leaving notices at coffee houses, delivering weland come baskets to residents they Newcomers also offers large events like an annual holiday party and summer ice-cream "It's a great group of people

with a lot of different talent," One things board members Elkin said. want the community to know, the organization isn't just for those new to Novi, but rather for Victoria Mitchell Victoria Mitchell can be reached at (248) 349-1700, ext.

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Kathryn Altholz. Looking to join? Novi residents interested in becoming a mem-ber of Novi Neighbors and Newcomers can contact vice president of Membership Diane

Schulhoff at schulhoffm@ameritech.net

Ace in the hole "Good organization is very important right from the get-go," Reemer said. "That is something I talk to kids about all the time." Organizational tools she recom-mends include using a different hinder and notebook for each class. Getting organized is step three in Tabot's well-worn handbook.

Other tips in Talbot's manual include: Believe in yourself, man-age your time, be successful in the classroom, take good notes, know how to read a textbook, study smart, use test taking strategies, reduce test anxiety and get help when you need it. "I use it all the time for my small groups," she said. Victoria Mitchell can be reached at (248) 349-1700, ext, 122, or,

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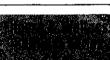
study time and enrichment activi-

ties. Roemer stresses asking for assistance is an important part of

making a second semester bang. "I wish I had a penny for every student I said, 'Don't be afraid to usk for help," she said.

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Local student wins

Novi High School junior Jackie Gendioff won 5500 and took a first place finish in the "11th-Grade Award" category during the 19th Aanual North American International Auto Show poster con-test. The Novi student attends and submitted force pure through Ockland submitted her entry through Oakland Schools Technical Campus. Poster entries had an automotive theme and acknowledged the show's 100 year anniversary. Entries were judged by an independent panel made up of recognized members of the Detroit art community. Winning entries are posted on the official NAIAS Web site, www.naias.com., and displayed during the Detroit Auto Show

Student service awards

The Ontimist Club of Northville-Novi is offering \$500 awards to area youth through their Student youth through their Studen, Community Service Award Program. High school students that are resi-dants of Northville, Northville dents of Northville, Northville Township and Novi are eligible, and must meet the following enteria: full time student in good standing; pass-ing grades in classes for the current school year; provide two letters of recommendation; write a 250 word or less essay on what they have learned through their experience in community service and why being involved in community service is important to them and society. Applications may be picked up in the counseling offices of the Northville or Novi high schools. The deadline for submission is March 16 and the applications and essays should be sent to: OCNN-(CSA). 143 CadyCentre #76, Northville, MI 48167. For more information, call Lori Dow, (248) 505-4055

Board Recognition Month The Michigan Association of School Boards and Gov, Jennifer Granholm designate January as School Board Recognition Month-School board members face challenges every day in making tough decisions regarding budgets, person-nel, curriculum and other matters to help students achieve. Proclaiming January as School Board Recognition Month is to acknowl-edge and recognize their dedication and countless hours of their personal time that school board members give to our schools

Novi Woods Elementary

Candid photos for the Novi Woods Elementary yearbook are wanted. Photographs for possible inclusion in the 2006-07 book may be submitted by sending high quality prints, labeled with student's name, teacher's name, grade and activity, in an envelope marked "Yearbook" to the school office. You may also send a high resolution file on compact disc or e-mail photos as a high resolution file attachment to noviwoodsycar-book@yahoo.com. Please include your name, phone number and e-mail address for all submissions. All photo submissions will be accepted through mid-January. Call Marie Malecki, (248) 348-1460, or e-mail noviwoodsyearbook@yahoo.com, with questions.

Early Childhood curriculum night

The Northville Public Schools Early Childhood Center will hold its first Curriculum Night 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 6, at the Northville Senior Community Center. The evening is planned to provide parents with information on the Early Childhood Center's programs, cur-riculum, and enrollment procedures. Childcare will be available at the licensed 501 W. Main St., Room 207, location. Children must be at least 2 1/2 and be toilet trained. Please call (248) 344-8465 to register by Feb 1. For more information on the pro-grams offered for the 2007-08 school year, or 2007 summer programs, visit www.northville.k12.mi.us/carlyTo be eligible for the award, a stu-

dent must be a junior or senior; have a formal Jewish education; be active-ly involved in the Jewish community; have a signed letter of recommendation from a person in authority at the sponsoring organization, temple or synagogue; and be available to be synthologice and the annual of the of

on the rise worldwide. As a Jewish teenager, how has this affected you personally? As a Jewish community, what actions can we take to diminish this trend?

Applications must be submitted no later than Feb. 1. Ten finalists will be selected to be interviewed on March 25, and the final awards will be made at a ceremony on Sunday, April 22. To obtain an application, call (248) 355-3300, ext. 0.

Health care learning

Oakland Schools and Beaumon Hospitals are partnering to offer high school students unique opportunities to learn about emerging health care technologies. Saturday sessions are offered January-March for 10th-12th grade students, who have successful-ly completed Algebra 1 and Biology, and attend high school in Oakland County. Sessions run from 10 a.m.-2 p.m.

A fee of \$25 for each session applies. For more information and to register,

go to www.oakland.k12.mi.us/efe.

Early education program

Local business and community leaders are invited to attend a free, leaders are invited to attend a tree, here-hour program about the bene-fits of supporting early learning for children from 9 anti-atoon Tuesday. Feb. 6. The program is tilled, "Quality Early Education – A Competitive Necessity in a Global Economy," and is a collaborative project of Oakland Schools, Wayne

RESA, Great Start Collaborative-Vayne, Great Start Collaborative-Dakland, United Way of Oakland. Southeastern Michigan and the Early Southeastern Michigan and the Early Childhood Investment Corporation. The program will be held at Gleu Oaks Golf Course, 30500 West Thirteen Mille Read, Farmington Hills, Pre-registration is required. For more information or to register, please contact Jean Jocque, Early Childhood, Onkland Hills via e-mail to izon isomeeffoculture II un visu at jean.jocque@oakland.k12.mi.us.

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SPORTS SPOTLIGHT: BOYS' HOOP Novi's Dean of the hardcourt



Caleb Dean stands head-and-shoulders above the crowd at Novi High.

'Super Wildcat' paces team on, off the court

By Jeff Theisen S SPORTS WRITER

Novi's Caleb Dean says, "The little things

Nov's Caleb Dean says, "The full that make a huge difference" on the basketball court. Obviously, he wasn't talking about himself, because that is the only way "little" and Dean could be in the same sentence.

in the same sentence. The 6-foot, 9-inch, 225-pound junior forward is anything but small, and he's putting up some huge num-bers through the first eight games (6-2), including a carcer-high 27 points Friday in a

bers turough the that eight games (0-2), including a career-high 27 points Friday in a win at Pinckney. "He's got good skills," Novi head coach Pat Schuter said. "He can shoot from the perimeter, he can score inside and he can

make his free throws."

make his free throws." "He's having a good year. It proves that if you work hard at something and you play a lot, you're going to be successful." The hard work came during the

summer. When not playing AAU basketball, Dean said he shot every day he could. "This summer I shot 300 to 1,000

shots a day in the gym," Dean said. "My outside game has improved dramatically.

One of Dean's biggest advantages is his athletic ability, especially for a big man. It's one thing to be tall. It's another to be athletic and tall

letic abilities a strong family tree. His father, Mike, is 6-4, bis mother, Heidi, is close to 6-0. Dean also has an uncle who is 6-11, a grand-

father who is 6-6 and an aunt who is 6-"I've been tall all my life. I hit a major (growth sport) in the eighth grade," Caleb Dean said. "I'm really used to being taller than everyhody."

But playing basketball wasn't instantly in the cards for Dean. Traditionally, his family has been a force on the football field. His father was an All-American at Michigan State, and bis uncle was an All-American at New Mexico State. But the pigskin got trad-ed in for round leather. "Basketball became my thing the summer

Novi shines in tri-meet



Phota by JOHN HEIDER/Novi News The Novi High School varsity competitive cheer team performs at a recent invitational they hosted.

Wildcats outperform Northville in home meet

By Jeff Theisen NEWS SPORTS WRITER

Novi always looks forward to

competing against Northville, The Wildcat competitive cheer team delivered a strong performance in a win against the rival Mustangs and Pinckney at home Jan. 10. Novi also beat Milford on Monday in a match that was moved to Novi because of a power failure at Milford.

At Saturday's home invite, the Wildeats placed Wildeats placed fourth and just missed out on moving up two places against a cou-ple of the top teams in

the state. The Wildcats continued their strong performance with a fourth-place finish at

the Novi Invite on Saturday. The competitions are based on

three rounds of scoring. The first round has two jumps that must be performed in unison. Other scoring comes from floor mohil-ity, voices, team coordination and difficulty of cheer. The second round is the

required round, Teams must perform five skills in unison - one ust be a gymnastic skill, one a exibility skill and one a jump. The other two can come from # STORY-CHAT What do you, trink? Telfus at WWW.NOVINEWS.COM

Pinckney seored 147. Novi again seored the highest in round two with 187.3. Pinckney was next with 154.7, and Northville was third with 145.2.

The Wildcats swept the meet with 282.5 points in round three for a 642.3 total. Pinckney took second with 223.5 points and 525.2 over-

all, and Northville was third with 205 and 498.7. The Novi JV team

also swept all three rounds for a total of 484,40. Pinckney was second with 430 points, Northville was third with 240.5.

The Novi freshman team com peted only against Northville and won 402,70-351.2.

and won 402,70-351.2. During Saturday's invite, the Wildeuts placed fourth out of 10 teams with 635 points. Rochester finished first with 691.4, followed by Southgate Anderson with 642.8 and Kentwood with 636.3. Novi finished 1.3 points out of third and 7.8 points out of second place.

"It was a very exciting meet for the team because Rochester,



Can't teach height

What is SPORTS SPOTLIGHT? Each week, the Novi News fakes a close look at Novi athletes. Have a suggestion? E-mail itheisen@gannet.com.

Dean knows he gets his his height and ath-

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any of the three categories. The third round is the stunt round. The teams perform stunts and tumbles. Each stuat of gymnastic skill receives difficulty points

the tri-meet, Novi scored 172.5 points in round one. Northville scored 148.5, and

East Kentwood and Southgate Anderson are some of the best teams in the state," Novi head coach Emily Parker said. "They

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Novi senior Lauren Purdy, Volleyball

Purdy had back-to-back nine solo block efforts against Hartland and Howell. She also had four assists in a three-pame weep against Hartland and five kills in a four-game win against Howell.



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Shamrocks earn top grades in football

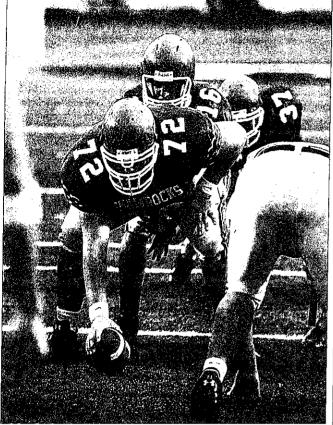


Photo by MARK HICKS/Westside Photos Catholic Central center Ryon Wiska was one of 10 varsity players who had a 4.0 grade point average submitted to the state.

By Jeff Theisen

By Catholic Central football standards, it was a Jake Marmul captain, Ryon Wiska (captain), David Galiyas (captain), Evan Tindall and John Jancaj, All the did better off the field and in the classroom. down year for the football team. But no team in the state did better off the field and in the classroom. Teams sent in an application, submitting the top 14 The juniors on the list were John Mizzi, Joseph grades front players on the team. Khalil, Ro Catholic Central sent in 10 grades of 4.0 and one Melvin Far Khalil, Ronald Kadykowski, Ryan Houska and

DEAN: Standing above the competition

For Dean, there are no off days. Novi-made it to the regional

"I just ity to work really hard in - finals," he said, "I think I was in

trict time.

"It would be something to make

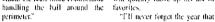
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Continued from IB coming into my ninth-grade year. Dean said. "I think I just knew it was going to be my sport. "Footbalf is all in our family, I ust picked basketball. I don't

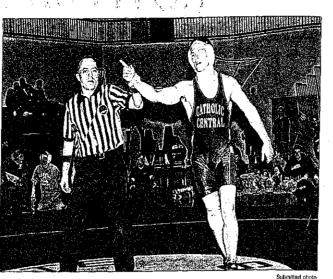
practice. If try to be a leader on the court, "he said. "Coach always says that we are a really young team." est crowd ever. We've got sophomores and a freshknow why, I don't want to get hurt - man. They need help. They've only playing football." been in the program for a year."

Stepping up **Best memories**

Schluter doesn't try to hide the Playing summer basketball has opened up Dean's travel plans. Some of his favorite basketball act that Dean will play a major tole in the offense. "Our team is gelling very good. memoties include the places he's Forryone has ratic, and his role become to with this AdU teams, is the go-to-guy," Schluter sad, especially a trip to Las Vegas, "He had a decent shot last year, But a deep run by Novi into this but we didn't let him shoot as year's state basketball playoffs much. He feels more comfortable will quickly move up his list of







Catholic Central's Stefan Gatt wins a match during Saturday's home invitational.

Gatt captures CC invite title Coach Rodriguez coaches final home invite

points. Plainwell was next with pounds) and Mike Martin 143.5, and Canton was third with (Heavyweight) each 141.5. third-place finishes.

Catholic Central junior high lighted the wrestling for the from Westland John Glenn 4-2 in Shanrocks with a title at 160 his final match.

Martin won 5-3 against

each picked up fifth-place finish-

By Jeff Theisen NOVI NEWS

Catholie Central wrestling oach Mike Rodriguez coached his fibal home invitational Saturday, He will end his coach-ng days at the end of the season. Saturday, He picked up wins of The Shantrocks placed seventh Hileski of Plainwell 12-2 in the Start and Jone Start and Jone Start and Jone Start Net Start And Jone Start And Jone Start Net Start And Jone Start Net Start And Jone Start Net Start And Jone out of 17 teams with 112 points. finals. Holt won the invite with 165.5 Juniors Matt Aubrey (189 cs, and Brendon Cox took sixth,

Sport Shorts

The Detroit Pistons Youth Basketball Clinic is coming to Ward Evangelical Presbyterian Church in Northville on Saturday, Jan. 27. Coach Steve Moreland will conduct his elinie for hoys and girks, grades 1-3 from noon-2:30 p.m., and grades 4-6 from 2:00-4:30 p.m., Each participant will receive a "Piston Basketball" T-Shirt free, Parents will be able to purchase Piston tickets at a discount and be invited to attend with their children the popular pregame shoot around at courtside, Refreshments are provided. Bring your basketball and camera. Cost is \$15 per child. Pre-registration is necessary at (248) 374-5932.

Cash just misses double-double

Junior guard Jim Cash (Northville/Detroit Catholic Central) scored in double figures for the third consecurity game and fell one rebound silv of a double-double Jan. 13 as its helped the Albion College men's baskethall team gain its first Michigan Intercollegiate Athletic Association victory of the season with a 81-

69 nod over Alma College. Playing 21 minutes, Cash finished with 10 points and nine rebounds. He counceted on 4-of-10 shots from the field. He also dished out two assists

The University of Michigan soccer team presents the fifth annual 3-on-3 Micro-Soccer Shootout Camp on Feb. 10-11 at Oosterhaan Fieldhouse. The \$90 team fee includes four guaranteed games for competi-tive and recreational divisions for ages seven and older to adult for boys and girls. Registrations can be found on www.umsweer.com. For more information, call (734) 647-1201 or e-mail Idurkee@unich.edu. Registrations must be postmarked by Feb. 2 or dropped off by Feb. 5. Proceeds will



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8:30 a.m.

Cheer

By Jeff Theisen 0203 NOVI SPORTS WRITER

Schedule

1:56.14. straight for Novi in the 200 indi-vidual medley (2:21.11), 1/19 at Lakeland, 7 p.m. 1/23 at Brighton, 7 p.m. Colin Woods finished in 1/18 at Ann Arbor Pioneer, 5:34.47 to win the 500 freestyle The combination of Vincent, Tamura, Kiefer and Meister won the 200 freestyle relay (1:42.37). 1/20 Stoney Creek at Onyx Rochester ice Arena, 9 p.m. 1/24 at Howell, 6:50 p.m. Pinckney controlled the backstroke with a 1-2 finish, but Novi countered with the same in the 100 breaststroke. Vincent won in (JV start time, varsity follows) 1/18 Lakeland, 5:30 p.m. was next in 1:13.06. 1/20 Home invite, 8:30 a.m. The Wildcats finished the meet with a win in the 400 relay. Woods, Tamura, Kiefer and Sean 1/23 Brighton, 5:30 p.m. Bugbee combined to finish in Wrestling 1/19 KVC Quad at Lakeland, 7 3:48.49 p.m. 1/20 at Williamston Classic, Volleyball The Novi volleyball team work

Boys Swim and Dive /23 at Northville, 7 p.m. 1/24 at Lakeland, 6 p.m. Bowling 1/19 Lakeland, 5 p.m. 1/20 Oakland Coultry at Century Lanes, TBA 1/22 South Lvon, 4 p.m.

four kills. Meghan Goldsmith had 10 kills, and Kim Hildreth served up four aces and handed out 21 assists.



Swimmers kick past Pinckney

Novi V-ball improves to 4-0 in KVC The Novi swim team defeated Pinckney at home Jan. 11 117-

The Wildcats started the meet with a win in the 200 medley relay. Rob Oikarinen, Shoichi Tamura, Danny Kiefer and Kyle Malarkey combined to finish in Dan Meister made it two in a row with a win in the 200 freestyle in 1:55.55. Oikarinen won the third

Pinckney won the 50 freestyle in 22.75, but Tyler Vincent took second for Novi (25.84) Wildent divers Mason Irvin and Alex Arboar finished 1-2 with 223.3 and 214.35 points with 223.5 and 213.05 provide respectively. Tamura pulled out another win in the 100 freestyle (1:08.1).

assists: "The girls are doing an absolutely wonderful job of play-ing hard and getting the job done," Novi head coach Jalie Fisette said. "They are an extremely talented bunch of athletes, and I believe that they are determined to pull all of their talents together and play 1:10,19 and Gonzalo Mallo Dicz as a whole."

Basketball came away with a 65-57 overtime

a pair of matches against KVC opponents, improving to 11-3-1 overall and 4-0 in the KVC. and the game went to bonus time. On Jan. 9, the Wildcats topped Hartland 25-23, 28-26, 25-21. Highlights included Lauren Pinckney scored the opening bucket, but after Novi tied the game. Chris Belland bit a 3-pointer that left the Wildcats in Jeff Donohue got the Wildcats Purdy with nine solo blocks and pointer that tert une mucaus and in the board in the second with Krygier sau. "Many or me measure with way at the free throw tine. "Pinckney is a tough place to play. Out of our three championic play. Out of our three championic measure with ways at the free throw time. "Pinckney is a tough place to play. Out of our three championic measure with ways to no a 4-1 win."

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 But the Mavericks kept the play out a day to the extinct three once." Novi head coach Pat solo blocks and five kills, us if we're going to win the KVC.
 "I was very pleased with the play out a cou-ple of defensive mistakes and the result we expected," Novi (248-349-1700, ext. 104.



behind her — call out a play during Novi's home match against Hartland.

Donohue added another goal in rinckney lied the game at 50 with a pair of free throws near the end of the regulation. Novi had a couple of chances to win the game late, but they came up short and the game with to bous time Millored the second period that would be the game winner with assists poing to Haggerty and Matt Quay. Hartland, Millored the second period that would be the game winner with assists poing to Haggerty and Matt Millored the second period that would be the game winner with assists poing to Haggerty and Matt Millored the second period that would be the game winner with assists poing to Haggerty and Matt Hartland, Millored the second period that would be the game winner with assists poing to Haggerty and Matt the second period that would be against KVC foes Milford and Hartland, Milford knocked off the Wildcats 4-1 on Jan. 10. The and would pull the goalie late, but Kevin Michalzuk wouldn't allow the tying goal in net for the Mavericks led 2-0 after the first Wildcats. "This was the best game we've played as a team all year," Krygier said. "Many of the pieces

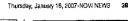
Milford did not bring a JV or

freshman team, but the Novi JV scored 520.5, and the freshman team scored 423.6.

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 Hall-figdon.com --- Whether your goal is a 5K or a marathon. or something in between, this site has a training program to assist both the new and the expe-

rienced runner. • MarathonGuide.com Almost 400,000 people finished a marathon in the USA last year - and 40% were women. If your interest is in the marathon, this site provides a listing of events and results in the USA and foreign countries

A very helpful feature is the runner comments section for each race, and non-turned MichiganRunner.net Sign up for the weekly "Michigan Running News" e-mail newsletter. It is packed with information regarding Michigan events and runners.

Read All About It While the internet is very helpful, a running magazine is an excellent addition for those

active in the sport or just start-ing out. Typically they include running news, training, motivation and nutrition recommendation tions, gear reviews and race cal-endars. Consider signing up for their free e-mail newsletters. Three magazines to consider

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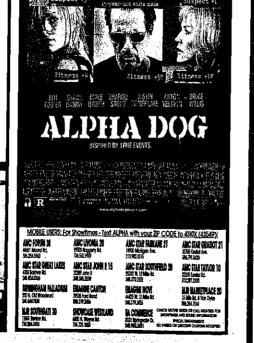
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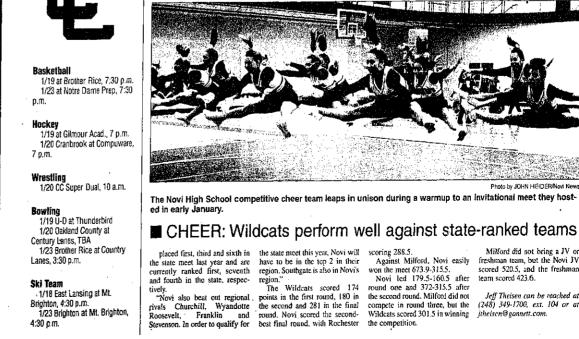
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Upcoming Events Despite being winter, there are still numerous local races to choose from. Here are two to consider: • Sunday, Feb. 4: The Super the Streets 10K and 5K take place in downtown Detroit. Enjoy a brisk run and help the Photo by JOHN HEIDER/Novi News Heat and Warmth Fund for those in need at the same time (www.heatthestreets.org)

Northville resident Jerry Mittman is an avid runner and was appointed as Oakland County Filness Ambassador by Gov. Granholm. He has com-pleted over 590 races, including 55 marathons. He can be contacted at jjm997@hotmail.com.

Fit.net), Tortoise and Hare (TortoiseAndHare.com) and Ranner Total (TotalRunner.com).

Bowl 5K starts at 9:00 a.m. at Novi Town Center. A great way to start "Super Sunday". (www.runsuperbowl.com) · Saturday, Feb. 10: The Heat

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Wildcat varsity volleyball players high- and low-five each other prior to a home match against Hartland.

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HAMILY FEATURES

 $B_{\rm back}$ vacation state of mind. Most people believe that this way of thinking is reserved for escapes to a tropical island. Not so say the folks at Caribbean Joe, creators of casual clothing for men and women. It's possible to adopt this attitude every day. whether vacationing at a beach, relaxing at home or heading out for a night on the town.

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There is nothing like that feeling you have during your first few days back from vacation — your mind is clear and your mood is elevated. One way to keep the vacation attitude going, advises Caribbean Joe, is by mixing vacation wear with everyday clothes. Use a great pair of khaki-colored micro-fiber golf or drawstring linen panls to dress up a camp shirt in a silky material or dress down a collared polo shirt. Layer lighter-weight pieces with vests and sweaters. A solid polo adds a splash of color when it peeks out from under a crew-neck top.



Most people pack too much. Avoid checking a bag if you can — that removes a lot of variables from your trip. If you need to check baggage, make sure you bring essential items for each family member in a carry-on. If your bags get lost, you don't want to be without a change of clothes, medicines, bathing suits, etc.

HOW TO PACK

Tom Westman, winner of CBS's

"Survivor: Palau"

an your bags get tast, you don't want to the within a change of clothes, inductives owining suite, etc.
Take less than you think you need. Lay out everything you plan to pack on a bed, then clininate redundancies. Take only one pair of jeans. Make sure they're nice enough to go with a jacket, yet comfortable enough to dress down. Have a blazer or sport coat that you can wear on the plane. If you usually end up buying a T-shirt from the dive shop, or a polo from the golf shop, pack two fewer items in your bag. Do your research. Dress like the locals. In most countries, shorts are only worn by boys under 10 or men on a soccer field. Try to blend in.

a Leave the beret, sombrero, kafia and fez in the country in which you found them. There is always one piece of foreign clothing that you think will transition well into your everyday wardrobe. Resist the urge.



HOW TO WEAR IT BACK

Pair whites with darker shades such as browns and grays for a toned-down, citiled feeling.

A camp shirt is a fook that works 12 months a year. These roomy-shirts offer style and comfort for a range of venues whether on an island getaway, at the office or for

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Novi Wildcats Amanda Diacono, left, and Lauren Purdy team up for a block against Hartland.



Novi's Jacque Longe rises for a smash during the Wildcats' home game against the Hartland Eagles.



Wildcat Sarah Robb hits a return during Warmups.



beach chair or relaxing at home on a comfortable leather couch, clothes can help keep that vacation spirit alive. Here a white flounce skirt and some white linen drawstring pants are paired with the darker, earthier tones of grey and brown to provide a civilized look that still offers all the

known for.

A roomy patterned flounce skirt worn with a dark tank and matching chunky jewelry turns a summer skirt into a glamorous evening look. comfort and style Caribbean Joe is

For more information, visit www.caribbean-joe.com.

WHAT TO WEAR

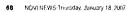
Whether lounging at the shore, sipping drinks at a barbecue or stepping up your style while maintaining comfort at home, the key to looking great is in the details: Opt for timeless, classic shapes and the relaxed, roomy cut of camp shirts, drawstring pants,

full skirts and tank tops. Pick soft, sensual fabrics in all linen or cotton or in one of the easy-care blends that are soft and maintain color over time. These fabrics usually improve their look and feel with wearing and washing ■ Select deeply saturated, natural colors that are easy on the eyes or clean, bright whites.

 Look for great details such as etched, authentic shell buttons and finely finished seaming. Choose clothes that can be

laundered — not dry cleaned --such as Caribbean Joe fashions for both men and women.







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Get Moving

Regular physical activities can help reduce your risk for heart disease and stroke. They can also help you achieve and manutari a healthy body weight. Everyone is different, so pick the activity that fits your lifestyle and aim for a weight. appropriate to your body type. To get started, Take a short walk near your home, work-place or in the mall. Start with 546–10 mm uses a day and work up to 30 mmutes.

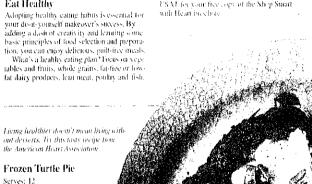
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Utopia opens the ultimate salon and spa

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By Kate Phillips REGYCLE U topia Salon and Spa has opened a fabulous new salon and spa that is like nothing anyone expected. Regular clients were shocked as they toured the new, three-story facility.

oured the new, three-sto "This is so beautiful." "I love everything about it." "This must be a dream come true for The retail area and salon were packed

during the holidays, as Utopia timed its opening for right before Christmas. The beautiful building is just next door to the previous location, on Main Street in downtown Northville.

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EXCLUSIVE MERCHANDISE

it's hard to stay away. A large bright store greets clients as they walk in the front door. It's filled with exclusive brands and the hottest products straight from L.A. This week there are hand-painted beaded robes that are now popular among celebrities. Next week the ottest new products will make their way into the store.

"We've always wanted to have a store where we could share with our clients our favorite products we've been using for years, plus give them the hot new stuff they have been looking for," said Kelly Sesi, who owns Utopia along with Tita Your hands have done Daskal.

There are hard-to-find lines like Paula Dorf hypoallergenic cosmetics and Nouba professional makeup from Italy. Utopia also carries several lines of perfumes. Tita and Kelly were thrilled to become the exclusive retailer in the area

for Bond No. 9 perfume. The store also carries jewelry, candles and all sorts of hair and bedy care producis.

RELAXING SPA

At the rear of the store, staff can take clients into the spa entrance, where a so much more *for* life sense of quiet relaxation fills the air. Plan and practice Each room in the spa is supremely calming, with bamboo and wispy colors. But the relaxation room is the most escape routes! USFA recommends knowin beautiful of all. It centers on a coppe. fountain sculpted by a Northville artist. Clients can read or nap on the lavish cush-ioned seating, or can enjoy a catered lunch escape plans and planning escapes around capabilitie Know at least two exits in the room during a day at the spa.

from every room and be sure you know how to open Utopia has always been known for its spa services. It's the only place around that offers oxygen facials, which actually make fine Windows and doors with lines and wrinkles disappear for a week or

longer. Alpha beta peels are another popu-lar service at Utopia, because they tighten the skin and give it a youthful glow. quick release devices to allow them to be opened immediately in an emerg Massage therapists provide massage: that don't just feel good, they energize and

PREVENT FIRE. help with underlying issues. And the foot treatments at Utopia are something unique. They re a perfect part SAVE LIVES. of an afternoon or evening at the spa, where some choose an entire menu of services like a manicure, waxing and fucial massage. United States Fire Administration

NEW HAIR TECHNIQUES

Just up the elevator, the huge salon takes up the entire second floor. Leather couches and sequined pillows give elients a place to relax with coffee and pastries. Glazed cement floors set the tone, with blue walls flowing all the way up to the exposed rafters. It's a busy salon that would look at home in New York. That's because the stylists are as at home in New York as they are in Northville. They frequently fly in for sem-inars to learn the techniques used to create

the latest styles. Several just returned from seminar with Victoria's Secret stylists to learn the techniques used to create natu-ral-looking highlights. "Our clients want to have the latest

looks like the celebrities they see in magazines, so we have to keep educating our-selves so we know the latest techniques,"

said Kelly PERFECT COLOR

discovered that Redken provides the best shine and longest lasting color. It's the perfect way to achieve the perd about the new

what they like," said Kelly Sesi. The Redken color bar is only the second one in the country. Utopia stylists have

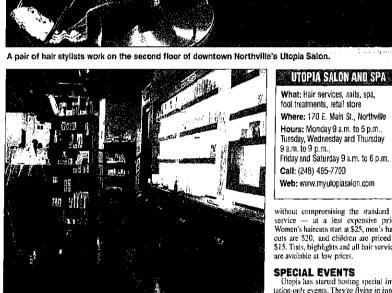
clients an opportunity to learn about cer-tain techniques and product lines. "This will be something different and a lot of fun," said Kelly. Coming up for February will be "The Most Kissable Lip Event." Ladies can enter a drawing for the most kissable lips

and win a complimentary blow dry and makeup application for Valentine's Day.

To contact Utopia Salon and Spa call

or

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s by JOHN HEIDER/G Downtown Northville's new Utopia Salon features three levels of services including this ground-level foyer with shelves of beauty products. make sure that each person gets exactly lower level of the salon. Since Utopia is so

geared toward education, each new stylist goes through an in-house training period and has been trained by state-of-the-art stylists. Toward the end of their training, stylists start seeing clients at Utopia Undergr



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SPECIAL EVENTS

for events like the Oscars. This gives

vanilla or coffee flavor 2 tablespoons fat-free chocolate syrup 1/4 cup chopped, dry-roasted pecans Preheat oven to 350°F. Spray a 9-inch deep-

or frozen yogurt, such a

dish glass pie pan with vegetable oil spray For crust, pulse cookies in a food processor until finely ground.

Pour in margarine, pulsing on and off until combined. Pat mixture into pie pan, spreading evenly on bottom and sides. Bake about 10 minutes, or until dry. Cool completely on wire rack, about 30 minutes.

For caramel sauce, in a medium, heavybottom saucepan, stir together sugar and water. Bring to a boil over medium heat, swirling pan gently once or twice, until sugar is a medium amber color or registers 300°F on a candy thermometer or instant-read thermometer. Be careful, because once caramel begins to color, it will darken very quickly. Immediately remove from heat when desired color is reached. Cool 1 minute.

Gently whisk in evaporated milk. If mixture forms a ball, or "seizes," put pan over medium heat and stir until mixture has dissolved. Remove from heat.

Stir in vanilla. Cool completely, then refrigrate in an airlight container until needed. (Refrigerated sauce will keep for up to 1 week.)

Nutrients per serving: 234 calories: 5g protein: 47g carbohydrates: 0g fiber: 4g total fat (1g saturated, 1g polyunsaturated, To assemble, soften ice cream at room temperature for about 15 minutes. Scoon into cooled pie shell and smooth top, mounding slightly. Using your finger, create a well for sauce by making a depres nsaturated); 1mg cholesterol; 2g monounsatur 126mg sodium sion around perimeter, where ice cream

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edge Sprinkle pecans over pie. Place in freezer 30 minutes to 24 hours. To serve, let pie sit 5 minutes at room temperature before slicing.

meets pie crust. Freeze 30 minutes.

Soften caramel sauce, if necessary, by

beating on stovetop over medium-low beat 2 to 3 minutes or in microwave at 50 per-

Drizzle caramel and chocolate sauces over

ice cream, allowing sauce to pool around

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By Kate Phillips SPECIAL WRITER

R ight now 76 million Americans are trying to lose 35 pounds to 50 pounds or more.

Something like \$33 million will be spent on diet books, foods and other fit-ness aides. Don't jump into one of those unrealistic

After decades of dieting, the majority of Americans are still overweight.

WHAT IS GOING WRONG?

"Most people get frustrated when they don't see results," said certified personal trainer Boo Sadikot who owns Fitness Together in Novi and West Bloomfield, "I've met people who have worked out

r ve met people who have worked out for years in gyns and at home and have not been able to achieve the results they'd like. It's most likely because they didn't have a fitness plan that addressed their specific needs."

But whatever the drawbacks of going to the gym - long lines, lack of personal attention - Sadikot has the cure.

ONE CLIENT. ONE

At Satiket's two Fitness Together train-ing studios, certified personal trainers of the highest credentials are helping clients from 8 to 30 years old get into the best shape of their lives by designing proac-tive tegrated client energies upon tive, targeted, client-specific workout pro-grams that minimize time and excuses and maximize commitment on the part of the trainer and the client. And the results?

That can be summed up in Fitness Together's motio: One client --- one trainr — one goal. With private rooms in every studio,

with private nooms in every studio, each client can work directly with one trainer to guide them in terms of the most effective exercises to blast away trouble spots, teach proper techniques to avoid injury and motivate clients to keep worktoward their goals.

BIG CHANGES For most clients, Sadikot said, physical changes and a sense of renewed healthful-

ness come faster than they expected. "It's essential to get the most effective workout without wasting time," he said. "The difference at Fitness Together is that we practice personal training in the method that it is intended — through method that it is intended — through building a rapport with clients and con-standy challenging them to work harder and smarter when it comes to their appear-ance, not to nention their overall health." At Fitness Together a workout plan is typically made up of four key elements. The first demont is resistance training.

The first element is resistance training, which helps build lean muscle tissue to help burn calories, maintain a high meta-bolic rate and create the firm look we all

want. The second element of a workout plan

The second element of a workout plan is cardiovascular training, to burn calories and get-the heart pumping. The plan is also made up of flexibility training to help clients leurn to eat proper-ly and maintain results.

COMMITMENT

Getting started has one caveat, Sadikot

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said. Each client must be completely committed to their own health and their desire for a better body.

for a better body. "Personal trgining is not for everyone," be explained, "We work with people who are very serious about their goals, "There is accountability here, We try very hard to keep clients on track. It's not that we don't have fun, we do. But we take health very seriously and we know that achieving a high level of fitness can be life changing for use clients. achieving a high level of the second succeed." "We want to see each person succeed."

START NOW Fitness Together offers one free session so anyone can see what it's like and decide it's the right option for them. The center is open at convenient hours - Monday through Friday 6 a.m. to if it'

9 p.m. and Saturday 6 a.m. to 2 p.m. Getting started with Fitness Together includes an initial evaluation and a recom-mendation in terms of what package would be most appropriate for a potential client. Often times, the cost of training at Etteres Together is less than a our

Cuent. Orden times, the cost of training at Fitness Together is less than a gym. But the expense, Sadikot said, is minus-cule compared to the cost of poor health. "Everything is better when you're fit and healthy," he said. "Your blood pres-

sure is low and decreased, stress is all but eliminated, colors are brighter, food is

MAKING EXERCISE ADDICTIVE

One of the handset things about exercising is sticking with it. If you can keep up your molivation for a couple of weeks, it will become a habit — and you'll really see and feel results. Here are six simple steps to make fitness as natural as waking in the morning and failing asleep a might: • Timing is everything: Workout at a time that fits your schedule. If you plan to hit

Timing is everything: Workout at a time that fits your schedule. If you plan to hit the gym after work, but often stay late at the office or have social engagements, it's going to be hard to make your workout a regular part of your week. For most people, mornings no the most realistic time. If you can get up an hour earlier for one week, you might find that exercise wakes you up and energizes you for the rest of the day.
 Seek conventence: Pick a place that's close to the office, so swinging by in the morning or on the way home is super easy. Before you know it, your car will practically be steering itself there.
 Make it a "streen": If you do work out in the evenings, make sure your friends and family know that other engagements will have to wait until after your exercise time. The more you and everyone less in your like become accustomed to scheduling around your workout, the less likely you'll be to blow it off for other activities.
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packing your lunch or laying out your clothes for work the next day, be sure to pick out clean exercise cleanes, pack your gym bag, and fill up your water bottle so you can get

clean exercise courses, party your going to be that person in the office or around the an and go in a jiffy. • Talk it up Decide that you're going to be that person in the office or around the neighborhood who is awe-inspiring for motivation. When co-workers start noticing your weight loss; lell them that you now exercise for to five times a week. Make it a charac-ter trait, a fact of life — not just sometting you've been dabhing in lately. Hearing your-self describe your life in this way makes it real — and will inspire you to keep it up. • Recome an addict: The truth is, the feel-good chemicals released during high-



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