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District Proposal: \$2

LOVING **BREATH**

Local Couple Recalls Heart-Wrenching Affair

By Victoria Mitchell NEWS STAFF WRITER

Nearly 65 years ago, Conrad and Phyllis Ganshorn exchanged matrimonial vows.

For better or worse; in sickness and in health.

To the Gansborns, their decades-long relationship has been a matter of the heart ~ literally.

Heartache

Phyllis remembers when her husband Conrad suffered a heart

husband Conrad suffered a heart attack 19 years ago.

The attack wasn't cataclysmic, she recalls, instead, it lingered.

"... He kind of didn't feel good for a couple of days," she said.
"On Sunday, he had what we thought was indigestion."

Phyllis said she was in the waiting room the next day at the doctor's office when her hus-band's doctor called an ambu-lance, rushing him to the emer-

gency room.

Phyllis said he ended up in the intensive care unit.

"I stayed pretty calm," she said. "Basically, I'm a nervous person, but in emergencies I stay calm."

CAN YOU SAVE MY LIFE? PAGE 14-15A

School Board Will Discuss **Bond Strategy Tonight**

By Renee Gates NEWS STAFF WRITER

Tonight the Novi Board of Education is expected to consider putting

a \$26.4 million bond proposal before voters May 8.

According to district officials, the bond will address the renovation of three elementary schools, security in the district and improvements in

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> history of Novi Public School

technology.

The \$26.4 million bond recommendation was part of a long-range plan offered by a citizen's group formed in February 2006 to address school utilization and

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to address school utilization and redistricting in Novi.
"It all started with a citizen's committee of over 40 people that live here in the district and made their recommendations last spring," said Novi Schools Superintendent Peter Dion.
"It is born from the long-range plans put together two years ago of (citizens) wanting equitable facilities for all the kids in the district, and right now there of our elementary schools don't have now three of our elementary schools don't have

bond propos

now three of our elementary sensors our charge aguitable facilities," he said.

In December 2006, the Board authorized a 'pre-liminary qualification application' to the Michigan Department of Treasury. The application listed Orchard Hills, Village Oaks and Parkview Elementary Schools and included proposed con-

See BOND, 12A

Gun Range: Council Takes Another Shot

By Greg Migliore NEWS STAFF WRITER

Plans to build a police gun range are inching forward — despite objections of some City Council members and questionable future funding.

Council members approved a contract with Redstone Architects Inc. Monday to design an indoor shooting facility. But according to Novi officials, the project is still underfunded by about \$725,300.

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Finding a funding source to bridge the shortfall is

the project's next major hardle. Future money could be set aside during this year's budget planning.

Council members have already shot down plans to use \$1.2 million

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'Equal Justice': Novi Woman **Explores Federal Judge's Life**

MY INSPIRATION What is SPOTLIGHT NOVI? Every weeks

By Greg Migliore

Shawne Duperon to chronicle Keith's life in a half hour documentary called "Judge Damon J. Keith:

Judge Damon Keith stared down two presidents, spurred integration and continues to serve as a modern standard-bearer for the civil rights move-

BLACK HISTORY MORGEL His landmark rulings inspired Novi resident

Equal Justice Under the Law." It's airing this and media consultant, spent parts of four years

See JUDGE, 2A

Photo by JOHN HEIDER/Novi New

Novi resident Shawne Duperon has Detroit native Judge Damon Keith.



Looking for love? Come to the Valentine Concert with the Novi Choralaires 7 p.m. tonight at the Novi Senior Center, 25075 Meadowbrook Road. Hot fudge sundaes will be served during intermission. Attendees 55 and older must pre-register at the cent Admission is \$6.

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making the film. It chronicles Keith's life from his childhood in Detroit through his rise to status as one of the most influ ential judges in the country. The 84-year-old federal judge cur-rently sits on the Sixth Circuit

Court of Appeals.

Duperon's documentary focuses on Keith's signature cases. He ruled against a request by President Richard Nixon and Attorney General John Mitchell to tap phones without a warrant, a ruling that became known as "The Keith Decision." This case foreshadowed a recent ruling against President George Bush and Attorney General John Ashcroft, who wanted to have

secret deportation hearings.
"It was almost like destiny
was thrown in his lap, and what are you going to do with it?" Duperon said, "He was put in tension of the era, positions where he had to go igainst the group,"

'In the middle' of a ruling

Keith's decision in the early 970s to enforce integration of local schools resonated moswith Duperon. Sitting in her kitchen 35 years later with her cat padding underfoot, she vividly recalled the integration mentary school on Detroit's west side. of her predominantly white ele-

she still can feel the palpable

your escape route!

Spotlight on: Shawne Duperon 42 years old Founded production and media

training company. ShawneTV, in 1999 Former reporter and producer Has interviewed Colin Powell

Hillary Clinton, Jimmy Carter and others Recently linished documentary on civil rights icon. Judge Damon Keith

"I was in the middle of exact-Iv what he ordered, "she said, Despite this, Duperon didn't fully comprehend the events as they unfolded. It wasn't until Dennis Archer, that she made

The talk with Archer motivated Duperon, a former reporter and producer for WDIV-TV. She set out to make a film that would explain the impact Keith has on mainstream America. "We need to know about

Judge Keith because he opened story, she simply stuck to the



Novi resident Shawne Duperon talks about her PBS documentary about federal Judge Damon Kelth.

film, Duperon had a slew of luminaries illustrate Keith's life, including Gov. Jennifer Granholm, Bill Cosby, Aretha Franklin, Edsel Ford II and others. Former President Bill Clinton was scheduled for an interview, but was forced to cancel because of health prob-

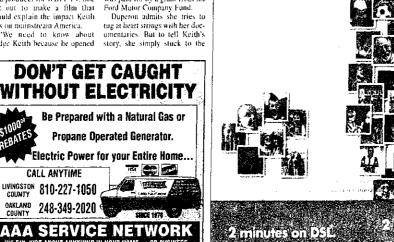
The film cost \$130,000 and was paid for by a grant from the Ford Motor Company Fund.

Duperon admits she tries to tug at heart strings with her documentaries. But to tell Keith's

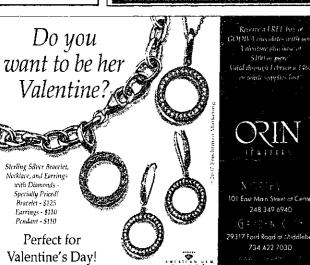
all these doors," said Duperon, basics, noting she wanted to let 42. bis "sincere and authentic" Although she narrated the character shine through "He just stands for humanity,

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"We need to know about Judge Keith because he opened all these doors.'



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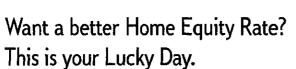
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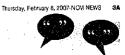
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MY HEALTHY LIFE



Go Ahead, Fight Back

Winter weather spurs cold and flu season

By Tracy Mishler

Maria Sweltzer tried everything. But nothing helped.

With aches and pains, a 109degree fever and the chills,
Sweltzer, 38, of Novi, had the flu.

"The flu has to be one of the worst feelings, and I don't wish it on anyone," she said, "I never go to the doctor for the flu, I just ride

I'd just suck it up and go, because I wanted to die."

Sweltzer said even though her

Every year, 5- 20 percent of the U.S. population gets the flu, according to the Center for Disease Control and Prevention,

few weeks he's seen a growing mber of the and cold ca

thing that has happened in mankind, he said. "The shot is aren't sure how far it will work.

Getting better

Winter Health

. Cover your nose and mouth during coughing

· Wash your hands often nose and mouth

flu symptoms came on suddenly about a week later, she was airnost back to her old self. "I didn't get the (flu) shot this

"But there were times I wished

year because I thought others could use it more," she said. "But I might reconsider next year." Like Sweltzer, people suffer during the winter months from the On and common cold

Dr. Vinaya Gavini, of Gavini Pediatric Clinic at Providence Hospital in Novi, said in the past

"We're seeing a lot of flu A and B," Gavini said. "Also, a lot of traditional stomach flu viruses, the regular common cold, coughs bronchitis and so on."

Gavini said the best protection against the flu is receiving the

Gavini said if a person does get the flu or another illness, chicken soup is the best treatment.

Many people intent on avoiding

quickly, swear by Airborne, Zicam or Cold-Eeze.

Others praise large doses of

Pharmacies stock plenty of

other over-the-counter options, such as Cold-fX from Canada, promising to boost your immune

scale, scientific studies.

The label's typical fine print:

ed by the Food and Drug

diagnose, cure or prevent any dis-

they're useful. Even health pro-

essionals disagree. To Dr. Brenda Perez, a family

to Dr. Brenda Pérez, a tamby practitioner at Unity's Country Village Family Medicine in Greece, N.Y., the products don't seem worth risking unknown adverse or allergic reactions or

Patients mostly ask her about vitamin C - not proven to prevent colds, she tells them - and zinc.

Marginal studies have found that zinc might shorten colds by a day

Physician Mary Claire Wise of Brighton, N.Y., who's also certi-fied in holistic medicine, tells patients who complain of multiple

colds to take 2 grams of vitamin C

Patients say it seems to help.

bo (effects), who cares?

wasting your money.

The claims have not been evaluat-

system or fight colds.

Avoiding infection

and sneezing

with soap and warm water Avoid touching your eyes.

Flu Symptoms · Fever (usually high) Headache

> • Dry cough Sore throat Runny or stuffy nose Muscle aches

 Stomach symptoms, such diarrhea, also can occur but are more common in

"There are a lot of medicines out their that are said to shorten the consector that common cold. I do a believe that," he said. "It's a free country, and you can sell any over the counter. FDA will ask you to prove it."
Tony Hassan, pharmacist at St.
John Pharmacy at Providence
Hospital said he's been extremely

busy this winter with flu and cold cases.

"(Doctors) are giving out a lot

The Cold Truth: Consumers

Deluged with Treatment Claims

praise Zicam, which contains zinc gluconate, that she tried it herself along with a homeopathic remedy

Zicam was the subject of lawsuits by people who claimed its nasal spray destroyed their sense of

if I feel something coming on."

According to the Center for Disease Control and Prevention, germs can survive up to two hours or more on everyday surfaces neluding doorknobs, keyboards

phones and tables.

"It's important to keep your hands elean." Gavini said. Sweltzer said she doesn't know who gave her the flu, nor does she

during the winter months

his customers who drop by Providence Hospital in Novi.

avoid getting sick is getting plen-ty of rest, having good nutrition and general hygiene and staying warm. **Y*****

"Antibacterial hand gel works

Gavini said the best way to

relief products for congestion, aches and coughing," Hassan said. "The flu's been picking up in

the past few weeks and I expect

"And from what we hear, the reason is not too many people are taking their shots. It's not too late.

There are plenty available.

there to be more.

Staying healthy

great for keeping your hands-germ-free," he said. "I use the gel more than anything else." With a 99.9 percent kill rate, However, one of these days the Gavini said the gel should be enough to fight off germs, but you still need to wash your hands. "You want to wash your hands," he said, "If you use the gel, you kill the bacteria and viruses. But they are still on you. Would you really want to swallow

you with the flu," Sweltzer said.
"If they can give me even the slightest bit of relief, I'm there." want to know.
"It happens," she said, "We're all like walking targets, especially

St. John Pharmacist Tony Hassan has a wide-variety of traditional and homeopathic cold and flu remedies to offer

the flu for several years, her feelings about going to the doctor have changed. Gavini said he tells patients to seek medical assistance within the first 24 to 48 hours of having flu-

"It used to be they couldn't help

Sweltzer said after not having

Disease Control and

 More than 200,000 people are hospitalized from flu About 36,000 people die each year from the flu Source: Center for

■ Quick stats

Photo by JOHN HEIDER/Novi News



But teachers, like doctors and double-blind, placebo-controlled nurses, probably build up immunity on their own after exposure to prevent colds or shorten their nd by the Food and Drug so many germs, Rice says.

"Include your physician in your only 323 adults taking it for four months."

The product "is not intended to larguese, cure or prevent any dissenting the decisions, whether they're over-the-counter, herbal or pre-

One example: A randomized,

Medicine says scientific studies indicate that echinacea doesn't

The verdict is still out on other products because they lack well-designed studies of thousands of

scription," she suggests. She tries the patients who stayed healthier to be open to approaches that also wash their hands more regumight work. "I confess I've taken echinacea and goldenseal myself" that accounted for the difference?

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smell.

Many schoolteachers are sure that Airborne – which combines multiple herbs and vitamins – medicine at University of works, says Dr. Linda Rice, an Rochester (N.Y.) Medical Conter.

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52-1 to close for renovations What's Novi Reading?

Security will be improved, official says

By Greg Migliore

Novi's 52-1 District Court will shut down briefly for renovations next week.

The building will be closed fel-16 and re-open beh. 20.
The renovations will consolidate the probation department and improve security. Cour Administrator Joyce Renfrow said. "I think it's more secure." slic said. "It's just more efficient." Court

Plans call for three new probation offices, Rentrow said, Clerical facil es will also be condensed. About 45 of the building's 65

workers will be impacted. The improvements will be paid for with Oakland County capital funds, Renfrow said, but did not specify the project's total cost. The count opened in 1995 and serves. Novi Walled Lake and other western Oakland County communities. Even with the improvements

Rentrow said court facilities are still crowded and more parking spaces are needed, "We're just running out of room here," she said. Chief Judge Brian MacKenzie

agreed, citing times when staffers use pary rooms for work spaces, "The courthouse is too small for us," MacKeazie said, "In order to mmodate the people we serve and have our staff have some rea-soughle room --- we've had to re-

While the building is closed, nek ets can be paid on the court's Web-site, www.52-1districtcourt.com, or

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Library compared to Library Journal's "Books Most Borrowed from U.S Libraries" for the month of January.

Top books borrowed from the Novi Public Library

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2. "The Collectors" by David Baldacci

3. "Next" by Michael Crichton 4. "The Memory Keeper's Daughter" by Kim Edwards 5. "Dear John" by Nicholas Sparks

lardcover Nonfiction "The Innocent Man" by John Grisham 2. "The World is Flat" by Thomas Friedman

3. "You: On a Diet" by Michael F. Roizen "I Feel Bad About My Neck" by Nora Ephron "The Audacity of Hope" by Barack Obama

Top books borrowed from U.S. Libraries

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2. "For One More Day" by Mitch Albom 3. "Cross" by James Patterson 4. "You Suck" by Christopher Moore

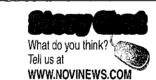
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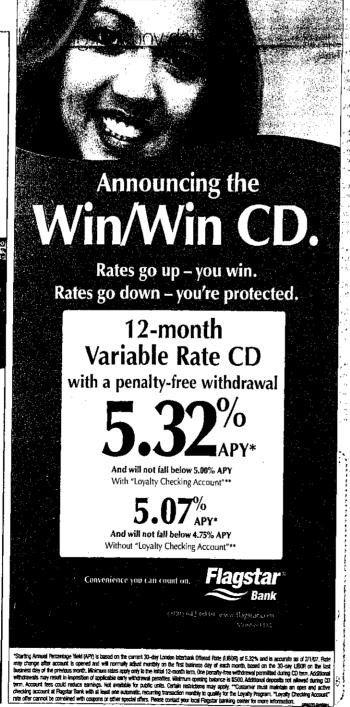
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There's Still Room for Real Estate Funds to Roam

By John Waggoner GANNETT NEWS SERVICE

an unemployment rate below 5 house recently, you may have noticed that many of your neigh-

that while the residential market has been sluggish recently, real estate funds have soared an aver-age 35 percent the past 12

Will they sustain that pace?

Not likely.

But bold investors might be able to enjoy solid gains in rea estate stocks or a real estate

mutual fund.

Real estate investment trusts known as REITs, are in the busi ness of buying and selling com-mercial real estate – apartments, shopping malls, offices and even self-storage units.

Some RE!Ts also finance real

estate. By law, REITs must dis-tribute at least 90 percent of their taxable income to shareholders. REITs have some attractive features. First, they're good diversifiers.

The commercial real estate market doesn't correlate very closely with the stock market. So by investing in REITs, you own an asset that might rise when your stock holdings fall.

Investors are also attracted to

REITs' towering dividend yields

towering, at least, compared
with the typical stock's dividend

The average REIT yields 3.78 percent, according to the National Association of Real Estate lavestment Trusts. By contrast, the average stock in the Standard & Poor's 500 index yields just 1.8 percent. Let's start with the bad news.

If the idea behind investing it to buy low and sell high, you have to question the wisdom of investing in an industry sector whose stocks have nearly dou

REIT yields.
In January, the average REIT's yield fell to its lowest point sinc

the REIT association began tracking them in 1971. Why is that bad? A stock's div-idend yield is its 12-month pay out divided by its current price Yields haven't declined because REITs have suddenly become miserly in their dividend pay outs; rather, yields have fall en because prices have been driv-

Ken Heebner, manager of CGM Realty, a longtime stellar performer, finds it hard to get too excited right now. "When I set up the fund in 1994, REITs were

No longer. Sure, REITs could always go higher, but Heebner remains lukewarm toward many that seem already well-priced. "I'm not good at predicting when fairly valued stocks will become overvalued," he said. Still, the stock market look

forward, and Joseph Betlej, man-ager of Ivy Real Estate Securities, thinks REITs still have room to grow. Betlei's reason that REITs invest in makes then

sensitive to economic changes we have now - commercial real estate typically fares well. That's particularly true when unem-ployment is low. The jobless rate

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NEW FURNACE? Statistics. Economists tend to see an unemployment rate below 5

North America, which tracks

Companies word counterward the second-guessed the strength of the U.S. consumer," he says.

an unemployment rate below 5 percent as signifying a light labor market.

New money. Hot returns attract new money; naturally, lots of money is flowing into REITs and real estate funds. Investors and real estate funds. Investors are respectively for the results of money is flowing into REITs and real estate funds. Investors are results of the result Now money. Hot returns attract new money; naturally, lots signs outside their houses say things like, "Price reduced," "Seller pays costs" or, "Come in and smell the air of desperation."

So it may surprise you to know the method. larger REIT.

Heebner thinks some office
REITs whose investments are

Assets in real estate funds have swollen to \$84,3 billion, up from New investors. Private equity funds, which pool money to buy

"We saw the regional mall

sumer," he says.
They guessed
Consumer spending

which operates mainly in the Washington, D.C., area and caters to the needs of defense

REITs whose investments are concentrated in growing areas are still attractive. Ivy's Betlej says his largest holding is Simon Property Group (ticker: SPG), which focuses on retail shopping malls.

Today he has just a few non-reconstructions funds now, consider investing equal amounts monthly, rather than building your position all at once.

That way, you'll buy at lower builders in 2001.

Today he has just a few non-reconstructions.

building blocks for your portfolio.

But they won't likely rise at the same torrid pace that they have for the past few years.

One favorite: Homex Development (HXM), a Mexican home developer. "There wasn't a housing bubble in Mexico," Heebner says

If you want to own real estate

regional mall companies become cheap in 2006 as people secondguessed the strength of the U.S. consumer.'

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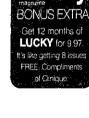


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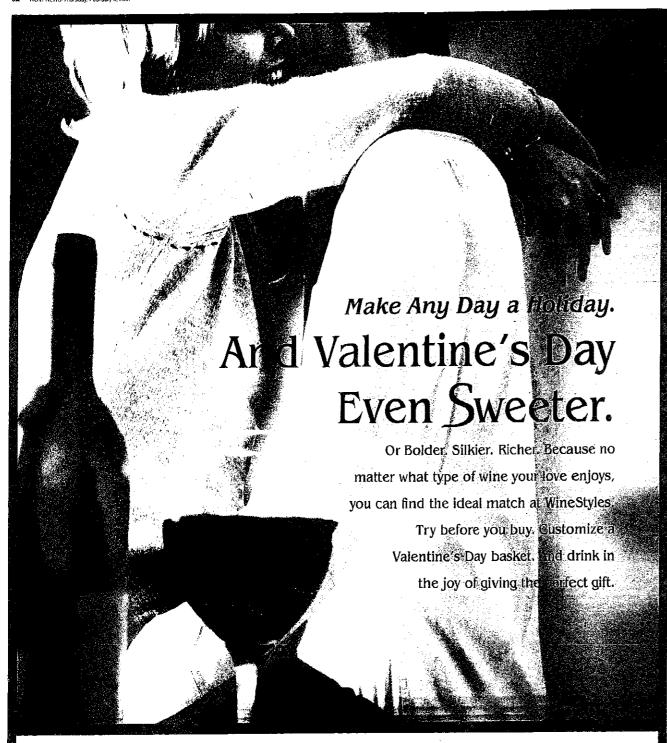
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of the city's federal drug forfeiture money for the gun range and improvements to police

and improvements to police headquarters.

The deal with Redstone is for up to \$143,828, being drawn from the original \$1 million allocation made by the council in September 2005. The firm will draw up plans for a gun range at Novi's Field Services Complex off 11 Mile Road,

Complex off 11 Mile Road, Council approved the Redstone deal, 4-2. "I think that a gun range is exactly what we need," Mayor David Landry said. Members Andrew Mutch and

because I want to be consistent in my position. I just don't want to send mixed messages.

"I won't vote for the request simply

Andrew Match

mixed messages.

Navi City Council Member

range plans, was absent.

Mutch, renewed his disapproval, citing financial reasons. David Landry said.

Members Andrew Mutch and Lynne Paul discented. Toni design the interpretation in my position, he consistent in my position, he consistent in my position, he consistent in my position.

COUNCIL NOTEBOOK

Council Netebook

Feb. 5 Meeting Absent: Toni Nagy Next Meeting: 7 p.m. Feb. 12 at the Civic Center Green buildings tabled

Road Ceal approved

Council members unanimou Corporation for design and engineering services for the 2007 Neighborhood Road Program.

mously to award a \$166,775 con-tract to Anglin Civil Constructors

The deal is expected to cost \$142,777.

Candidates interviewed Council members voted 4-2 to postpone a resolution for environ-mentally-friendly building polices. Andrew Match and Lynne Paul, who wanted the mat-

Council members interviewed candidates for open slots on the city's boards and commissions. No decisions were made.

for a sewer project.

ter to go forward, dissented. Sewer deal moves ahead

Council members voted unani

Novi Organization Names Land **Public Servant** of the Year

The Michigan Paralyzes Veterans of America honored Secretary of State Terri Lynn Land as its 2006 for her work on behalf of people with disabilities

Land was presented with the Lee J. Dozier Memorial Public Servant of the Year Award last month during a Paralyzed Veterans of America membership

meeting in Novi.

She was lauded for creating many initiatives including pro-

moting www.ThePumpGuide.com, the paralyzed Veteran's online direc-tory of gas stations providing free refueling assistance to motorists with disabilities.

role in selecting and promoting new voting machines for the dis-abled community.

honor is given every two years to a public official whose performince most henefits paralyzed veterans and other Michigan resi-dents with disabilities.

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By Tracy Mishler

to the dinner table without his trusty pencil sharpeners.
With a collection topping out

at 169, taking space on 10 glass shelves in a five-foot display cabinet, Ditzhazy said he's been

guess what they do," ened them all The 83-year-old Fox Run res-grown with me."

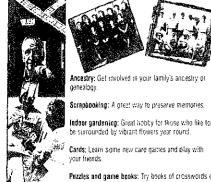
picks three different sharpeners to be his weekly dinner guests.
"I have everything from Conestoga wagons to space-ships," he said, "They are all

original and on most of then you can't tell their age."
Ditzhazy said he also uses the pencil sharpeners not only for a game, but to sharpen pencils.

collecting the cast metal pencil sharpeners since 1973. "Every time I go for supper, they have pencils on the table. I usually take a look at them and with me and put them on the sharpen them if they are dull," he said, "We had a lot of pencils becomes a game for people to guess what they do,"

the said, "We had a lot of pencils becomes a game for people to when we were young and sharp-guess what they do,"

Popular hobbies



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Fox Run resident Joseph Ditzhazy laughs as he opens a cabinet containing his extensive pencil sharpener collection. Ditzhazy has been collecting pencil sharpeners for almost 30 year and has 169 total. Each night, he brings

dinner with me," he said, "How bies aren't musual for every-

Keeping busy Like Ditzhazy, many seniors

keep busy with unique hobbies they pride themselves on JoAnne McClure keeps active with several hobbies, including teaching sailing lessons on Kent-Lake, knitting sweaters for needy children, playing the piano and keeping track of 62

Ditzhazy said he considers helps you five longer," said the collection his one true 60-year-old Novi resident. "It's his by because he likes to talk about them.

"That's why I take them to McClure said though her hob-

> one, they are for a 60-year-old "I'm pretty husy," she said: "But I like to be,"

John Angle kept busy most of his life winning more than \$98,000 in crossword puzzle confests.

"Starting in April of 1948, we it into a national contest and that looked pretty good," said Angle. 89, "We came in fifth out of 55,000 entries."

He shall it wasn't until be retired years later that he got McClure said hobbies are self-busy."

Angle. 89, "We came in fifth of was matter of making a hoge list of words and their ultimate things. "It's important to keep your-retired years later that he got McClure said hobbies are self-busy." ses in her garden.

I think having thobbies) retired years later that he got serious about crossword puzzles.

longer. It's better to keep busy than sit and rock your life away.

"I think having (hobbies) helps you live

JoAnne McClure

"Talso play bridge with a got into a national contest and of typical crossword type diagroup of women in their eight a looked pretty good," said

things (you) enjoy doing and committed title 3 200 200 at 5 200 a

And the Study Says ... **Doctors Rarely Note** Sleep Problems of Elderly

By Krisha McCoy

More than two-thirds of older patients report sleep problems. but doctors rarely note these complaints in the patients' charts, a Northwestern University study

mus.
The study, published in a recent issue of the American Journal of Geriatric Psychiatry, included 1,503 patients aged 60 and older who visited their primary-care

After the visits, social workers The social workers learned that

69 percent of the patients had at least one sleep complaint, and 40 percent had two or more.

Forty-five percent of the ms said they had "difficulty falling asleep, staying asleep, or being able to sleep."

Despite the high rate of sleep complaints among the patients, a sleen complaint was only reported by the doctor in the patient's sensitivity to when the patient indicated sleep problems in all five sleep ques

tions on the survey.

This is important, since previous research has linked sleep disorders in the elderly to poorer mental and physical health and

A doctor may not think that it's very important to ask the nations about sleep. We (the researchers) hypothesize that doctors think that sleep problems are a normal part of aging, and there's not much they can do about it," study author Kathryn associated with cardiovascular Reid, a research assistant profes-sor of neurology at Northwestern's Feinberg School

statement.

But while some sleep problems

including a reduction in deep
sleep - tend to occur with age,
sleep disturbances are not an

sleep disturbances are not an
evening activity.

that among older people with News Service staff writer.

"Now, a lot of studies show that not getting enough sleep can lower your metabolic function; be associated with cardiovascular problems, cancer and breast cancer in women; and increase our mortality. Sleep deprivation also increases your pain."

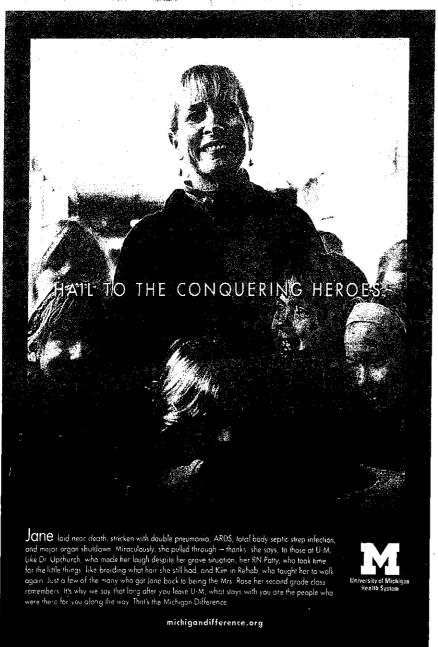
> Kathryn Reid Research Assistant Professor of Neurology, Northwestern's Feinberg School of Medicine

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problems, cancer and breast cancer in women; and increase our mortality. Sleep deprivation also of Medicine, said in a prepared increases your sensitivity to

pain," Reid said

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Showing off their disco-

ball trophies for winning

Challenge that preceded

the Palace of Auburn Hills

tars"Tour performance at

the "Dancing with the

are student Natashya Tarpinian of Novi and

teacher Jay Johnson of

fax; (248) 349-9832

Novi Resident, Her Dance Coach Take Top Spot at Palace Contest

By Pam Fleming GANNETT NEWS SERVICE

Jay Johnson and Natashya Tarpinian had stars in their eyes even before they won last month's Slim-Fast Dance Challenge at the Palace of Auburn Hills.

Detroit, and Tarpinian, of Novi, have danced together at the Northville Township Arthur

"I actually kind of go."
"We had what I would call a quiet confidence," Johnson said.
Rene Roberts, owner of the studio at 2000 Six Mile Road in Northville Township, was Melinda and Mark, have home-chooled all of their children, and Northville Township, was Melinda and Mark, have home-thrilled when Johnson, a teacher at the studio, and Tarpinian, a they used dance lessons as part of student, captured first place at

🛎 Showcase event in March

Five area Arthur Murray Dance Studios will have a p.m., Sunday, March 11 Dearborn.

Attendees will be able to watch 60-80 different dance routines at the event. Advance tickets are \$15 at any of the studios or \$20 at the door.

Tickets for the dinner and the show are \$75. Dinner will be served from 6-7 p.m., with open dancing afterwards until about

The studios offer three all ages competing. call the Arthur Murray

Dance Studios in (248) 349-1133 between 1-10 p.m. Monday-Friday. M Hext season begins

March 19 ABC's new season of "Dancing with the Stars" will premiere 8-10 p.m. on Monday, March 19. The first results show will air

BrightLights (nc. at SEMA

Novi Petland

ner or not, you can become part

from teen-agers all the way up to

On Jap. 5, about 30 couples

came to the studio to vie for one of the top-10 spots that would

allow them to compete at the

Since the contest was open to anyone, "Couples were from all over the Metro Detroit area,"

Roberts said. "It was an opportu-nity to get out and strut your stuff."

Monday-Friday and Saturday by appointment. For more informa-

The studio is open 1-10 p.m.

Popular show the Jan. 6 competition.
The contest was a pre-show warm-up for the two-month, and a tracher, just like on "We also teach singles and assign them to a teacher, just like on "Dancing with the Stars." Tour performance, with 10 said. "Whether you have a part-

local teams competing.

Judges narrowed the 10 teams
down to two, with the top two
teams dancing during the second
part of the show.

"We specialize in social dancing," she said. "We have students
from teen-agers all the way up to Audience applause determined the winners; Johnson and

Tarpinian each received a disco-ball-adorned "Dancing with the Challenge at the Palace of Abburn Hills.

Abburn Hills.

That's because Johnson, of Detroit, and Tarpinian, of Novi, have danced together at the Northville. Together at the Northville. Together the Northville.

the studios for about three years.
"I actually kind of got tricked

"They threw me in so we'd have two pairs of dancers," she

Now Tarpinian, who works for her dad at Tarpinian Financial in Northville, is seriously consider ing becoming a dance instructor in the next five years.

That special something

What was it that set their team apart at the Palace?
"I think it was their pers ties," Roberts said. "They really worked well with each other. "We were so honored and thrilled to come out on top," Johnson said. "It was quite a

It was the first time Tarpinian "It was so much fun and very exciting," she said. "The stage was beautiful, and, I couldn't ask for a better partner." They practice two-three hours

a week together, with Tarpinian practicing another 10 hours a week alone. "She's a dream student totally committed to doing well,"

Show's helped the business

The Arthur Murray Studios opened in Northville Township 25 years ago. Roberts said she has definitely seen a resurgence in partner dancing since the pop-ular ABC dance show hit the air. "It's really showcased what we

My Novi, briefly

Varsity Lincoln Mercury was ranked No. 1 in retail sales in the nation for the 10th consecutive year in 2006.

Salespeople Vladimir Aksenchik, Denise Baiardi, Michael Kerr, Salespeople Vladimir Aksenchik, Denise Baiardi, Michael Kerr,

Kevin McCarthy and John Trehame ranked in the top 10 individually in

Novi specialty equipment business BrightLights Inc. participated in the Specialty Equipment Market Association show for the first time in

ers of automotive equipment and technology. SEMA is the authoritative source for research, data, trends and market growth information for the

specialty auto parts industry.

Peter MacGillivray, SEMA vice president of marketing and commu-

ations, said first-time exhibitors are critical to the success of the spe-

According to "Entrepreneur Magazines's 28th Annual Franchise

nd Inc. also achieved a ranking of 140 in the magazine's 2007 list of "America's Top Global Franchises," and is the only full-service

"Franchise Times" magazine ranked Petland Inc. 182 in their "Top

Petland founded in 1967 is headquartered in south central Ohio.

Winter property taxes are due Wednesday, Pen. 14.
Payments must be received by the Treasurer's office on or before that date to avoid a 4 percent penalty. There is a drop box located at the curb behind the Civic Center for tax and water/sewer payments. Payments will be accepted in the drop box until midnight on the due date. Contact the Treasurer's office'at (248) 347-0440 if there any questions.

After more than 18 months of being displaced by fire, Weinstein Jewelers reopened in their 41990 Grand River Ave. location on Feb. 1.

A grand opening celebration is being planned for this spring.

According to "Entrepretient Magazines's 20th Months and State 500," Novi's Petland store is among the nation's best retail franchises. Petland Inc. ranked No. 192 in the 2007 "Entrepreneur Franchise 500," placing it in the top 10 percent of domestic franchises.

The SEMA show is the main convention for man

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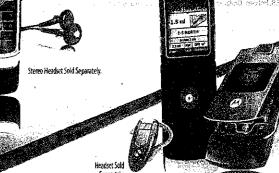
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Preschool Classes Added to Parks and Rec. Lineup

By Victoria Mitchell NEWS STAFF WALTER

Susan Cusick to catch a great opportunity for her family So when the mother-of-three learned about a grant opportunity

Development Program to Novi pars - period, teaching them sports The parks and recreation depart-ment also added a preschool drama

This really helps a parent like ment also added a preschool drama

This really helps a parent like me fearn simple coaching skills." program through Novi Theatres' to Cusick said.

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Parts and Accessories Scholarship

Ann Nelson of Novi was grant- Freeman

Both programs get the kids up and moving and having fun," Cusick said.

Little leaguers

Start Smart Sports Development Program lessons will include the basics of throwing, catching, kickto bring preschool sports program-ing to Novi, she deemed herself top ing and batting, along with sportsadvocate.

And now the City of Novi Paks
and Recreation Department is
offering the Start Smart Sports
with their children during the class

ed the Dr. Mary John Endowee

Joshua Freeman of Novi wa

NOVI PLANNING COMMISSION MARK PEHRSON, SECRETARY

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Organizers said the course



Register anilne by clicking the Pick & Click link at www.citvolnovi.org OR visit the Novi Parks Desk located in the Novi Civic Center: 45175 W. Ten Mile Rd hone: 248-347-0406

Novi resident Lance Suttle was arts Schularship for the 2006-07 granted the Mort Schwartz academic year. She is the daughfellowship, Michigan Automotive ter of Art and Marianne Nelson.

and the Erness Gleisner Mentorial
Scholarship for the 2006-07 academic year. Sattle is the son of
Cliff and Marilyn Suttle.

A Rogers Scholarship for the
2006-07 academic year. Freeman
is the son of Cameron and Tracy

CITY OF NOVI

PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Planning Commission to

City of Novi will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, February 28, 2007 at 7:00 PM, in the Novi Civic Center, 45175 W. Ten Mile fload, Novi, MI to consider 2007-2013, CAPITAL IMPROYEMENT, PROGRAM.

heard at the hearing and any written comments must be received by the Planning Department, 45175 W Ten Mile Road, Novi, Mil 48375 until 4:00 PM. Wednesday, February 28, 2007. Published February 8, 2007

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also effective for teaching children for City of Novi Parks and the basic motor skills needed for Recreation Department preschool

Players offers four classes for chilbasics at a very early age," Cosick said:
said:
Parks and Recreation officials
said the Preschool Little Cats proand Wee Works players (ages 4-5);
and the Preschool Little Cats proand Wee Works players (ages 4-5). grain is offered in partnership with
the National Alliance for Youth
goets organization.

Registration is ongoing for classRegistration is ongoing for classgram is offered in partnership with

es beginning last week and an addi- ing basies with facial expressions, ional session will be offered stage behavior, imagination, costumes, sets and more.
Organizers said participants in

Drama queens

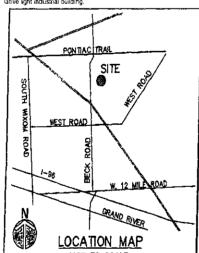
drama classes.

The Novi Theatres' Preschool

learn a simple scene, which will be and having fun Contact the City of Novi Parks

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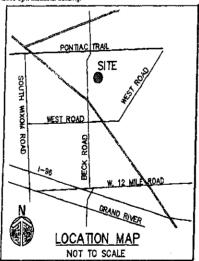
p.m. performances of "Charlie and - and Recreation Department for all The Checolate Pactory."

All preschool classes are field at the Novi Civic Center, and children (CityofNovi.org.

the Wee Wonka players class will - Cusick said, is to get kids moving - at (248) 349-1700, etc. 122 or

CITY OF NOVI PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE 27-898

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Planning Commission for the City of Novi will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, February 28, 2007 at 7:00 PM. In the Novi Civic Conter, 45175 W. Ten Mile Road, Now, Mile consider BECK NORTH CORPORATE PARK PHASE 2, LOTS 12, & 13, SITE PLAN. NUMBER 06-47 FOR PRELIMINARY SITE PLAN. WOODLAND PERMIT, STORM WATER MANAGEMENT PLAN. AND SPECIAL JAND USE PERMIT APPROVAL, THE SUBJECT PROPERTY IS LOCATED IN SECTION 4. AT THE NORTHWEST CORNER OF CARTIER AND HUDSON DRIVE, INTHE 1-L, LIGHT INDUSTRIAL DISTRICT. The subject property is approximately 2.77 acres and the applicant proposes a 40,013 sq. h. light industrial warehouse building.



All interested persons are invited to attend, Verbal comments may be heard at the hearing and any written comments must be received by the Planning Department, 45 175 W. Ten Mile Fload, Novi, MI 48375 until 4:00 P.M., Wednesday, February 14, 2007. Published February 8, 2007

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MY HEALTHY LIFE

Going Organic

Local Business Makes the Switch

By Victoria Mitchell

When Kim Ripper's mother died seven years ago, it was a life chang-ing experience for herself and her

Living through her mom's bout with environmental cancer taught Ripper to respect her health and

So, after 21 years as a homebased daycare provider, the Novi mom went organic. Now when the children at Jolly

Giant Day Care sit down for a meal, they feast on pancakes, scrambled eggs, hot dogs, fries and pizza with one exception - it's all organic. "A lot of people think organic

means tofu, but it is all the things children are used to eating already." Ripper said. "And the food tastes so much better.

According to documents issued by the United States Department of Agriculture, organic food is produced by farmers emphasizing the use of renewable resources and the

"A lot of people think organic means tofu, but it is all the things children are used to eating already. And the food tastes so much better."

> Kim Rinner Owner, July Giant Day Care



owner Tedd Handelsman. "For the Other oreanic foods are produced without using most conven-tional pesticides: fertilizers made

health of our families and our resources, organically grown foods are the only way to go with synthetic ingredients or sewage "Many people don't really under stand what organic foods are - they're the same as any other piece of produce or A recent trend in The USDA organic foods has labels Organic soal grains or meat, just grown in conditions where every-

on traditional grovery the seast means that store from traditional grovery a goodec is at near that the from milk to Kellogg's break as percent premise. thing is natural." fast cereals. Other Novi specialty

Seeing is believing Ripper said she sees stores like the Better Health Market on Grand River Avenue have made it their Along with health benefits of eating organic food, she said business to carry a wide range of organic products including grains, meats, wine and beer, pastas, soups, fish and a fresh fruit the kids love being involved with their better

"Pesticide residues in foods chil dren eat every day often exceed safe levels, especially fruits and vegeta-hles," said Better Health Market



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ness to Novi. organic baby food for Justin Murley, 5 months She recently opened the doors to Jolly Giant Ripper's daycare serves Chase Farms home.

> Association of Education for Young Children guidelines with a twist. The center is all organic. "I think it is a great niche." she said.

opportunities, Ripper said she focuses on keeping kids happy, we'll taken care of and outside playing and exercising.

Rioger said her center's goal is to encourage and help children gain the confidence and joy of

she said.

She said all of the water at her bodies and our minds," she said. At Ripper's former Rochester Hills location, the kids had their own organic garden to cultivate during warm-weather months -- an

activity she plans on keeping at her Chase Fairts location this spring. "It is amazing," she said. "They would cal all of their fruits and vegetables." Ripper said she does put her

organic lessons in perspective for her little ones by avoiding scaring children away from traditional

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and holiday parties.

"She does a really nice job with the kids," said sister Gene Dillon. "She also works with the par-

The July Giant experience includes art and

cooking activities, language development, potty training assistance, games and social activities,

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"The kids always come first," Ripper said.

"Your child is the most precious thing in the

ents to make sure everyone is on the same

learning they'll need to reach the goals they'll After 21 years running a home-based daycare someday set for themselves. It does this by in Rochester Hills, Kim Ripper brought her busiopening up a world of creative learning experi

Day Care - a state-licensed day care center in her

In addition to serving organic fare and learning

world and we'll always keep them safe." treats or holiday treats for the class," healthy life style

daycare is also treated by a reverseosmosis treatment process.

Ripper said during the past seven years she has benefited from living a wemitchell@gamett.com.

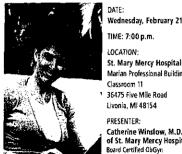
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2007 Nevi Board of Education Election

ested in running for school board during the May 8 election ested in running for school hourd during the May & election. Potential condidates must file a "School Board Candidates. Affidavit of Identity and Receipt Form" with the Oakland County Election Division located at 1200 N. Telegraph, in Pontiac, in later than 5 pin., Thesday, Feb. 13. When fifing the form, candidates also have the choice of paying a nonrefund-

form, candidates also have the choice of paying a nonrelund-able 8300 filing for in ben of peritions. Once filed, the deadline for withdrawal is 4 p.in. Friday, Feb. 16.

The seats consist of two four-year terms beginning July 1, 2007 and expiring June 30, 2011; and one 2-year term begin-mic July 1, 2007 and expuring June 30, 2009.

Nonmention petitions and other election materials are avail-able in the New City Clerk's office, 45173 W. 10 Mile Rd. If you have an environs negatified the election or procedures.

you have any questions regarding the election or procedures, piease call Maryanne Cornelius, Novi City Clerk, at (248) 347-0456.

Student Community Service Awards

The Optimist Club of Northville/Novi is offering \$500 ands to area youth through its Student Community Service coard Program. High school students that are residents of Northwille, Northwille Township and Novi are eligible, and must meet the following criteria: full time student in good standing passing grades in classes for the current school year; provide two letters of recommendation; write a 250 word or is a say on what they have learned through their experience an community service and why being involved in community service is important to their and society. Applications may be packed up in the counseling offices of the Northville or Novi high schools. The deadline for submission is March 16, 2007. The applications and essays should be sent to: OCNN-(CSA), 133 Cary Center No. 76, Northville, ML-48167.

Children's Ark Childcare

Children's Ark Children' is having an open house at Faith Commutary Presbyterian Church on Saturday, Feb. 10 from 40 a m. moon. Families are invited to see the facility, meet teachers and register for summer and full sessions.

Novi Meadows Fin Fest 2007 is coming up Mar. 23. Two numbred plus voluntaers are committed to making this year's event successful. Plan to attend, make a donation or lend a helping Land.

Scrapbook Day Fundraiser at Walled Lake Western

Walled Lake Western's baseball team is holding a scrapbook day from 9 a.m. 9 p.m. on Saturday. March 3 in the high school's cafeteria. The event costs \$30 per person, or \$100 for a table of four. The fee includes table space, funch, dinner, cof-tee, erunpuint salet and door prizes.

There will also be a concession stand, 50/50 raffle and silent

metion. The event is co-spousored by Scraphookers, Inc. of Commerce Representatives will be on hand to give demonstra-

A registration refin too is so to filled out and returned with payment by Feb. 23 to; WLW Baseball, e/o Walled Lake Western High School, 600 Beck Road, Walled, MI 48390.

Page turner!



Marty Greer, right, reads a book to kids at A Growing

Bright House Networks Teacher Award Program

Bright House Networks of Michigan seeks to award teachers The prizes include \$10,000, trip to Chicago, Infacy crystal

tar, a prize from Self magazine, an invitation to the Star Teacher Awards Gala at Universal Studios in Orlando and a lap Teacher Awards Gala at Universal Stooms of Section top computer for the school's media center.

Teachers can apply online at: http://www.mybrighthouse.com/about_us/community_involvement/star_teachers_main/default.aspx

Novi Educational Foundation Green Gala

The Novi Educational Foundation announced the fund-raising event "Green Gala" to be held from 7 p.m.-midnight on Saturday. March 17 at the Rock Financial Showplace.

The evening will feature food and dance with proceeds to benefit Novi Community students. N.E.F. Chairperson, Mary

Alice Brunner, says, "Your support of the Green Gala fund-raiser will help us provide teacher grants for projects that are beyond the scope of the district's budget." Brochares on the event are available in all school buildings, or you may call (248) 449-1206 for reservations.

Novi Woods Kindergarten Registration

Novi Woods Elementary is now accepting names for children attending kindergarten in Fall 2007, Call the Novi Woods office at (248) 449-1230 to put your child on the registration list.



Novi school district depot mechanic John Zofchuk hooks up cables to recharge the battery of a bus Monday

Grounded

Buses, cold keep Novi kids home

By Renee Gates

In all his years at the Novi Tooman said.

seen anything like this.
"It's the first time this has happened in eight and a half years where they closed school because of a problem with the Tooman

over easier, Tooman said, "Diesels don't like cold weath-

evening was so cold the fuel in the preheaters "jelled up" and prevented the device from turning on at its 5:30 a.m. running time Monday. Preheaters didn't run. Buses didn't start. "It was a domino effect."

Tooman said.

Only half of the 40 or so buses in the garage would start Monday morning. The others needed a manual battery charge. The two buses that did go on the road Monday kept stalling due to the cold and the gelling of the fuel. Tooman said his crew "Preheaters, that was the prob-sure they were operational for "Because of Monday's expeare devices used Tuesday.

But Tuesday was no differto heat the oil in the diesel engine of the bus so it will turn ent.
over easier. Tooman said, "It was a combination of

He said usually the pre-heaters work, but Sunday Superintendent Peter Dion, as

Icicles cling to the hood of a Novi schoolbus Monday. to why school was called off for on Monday and Tuesday to

rience and we have the same temperature (Tuesday), we couldn't guarantee the buses "It was a combination of safety for the kids because of the windchill and the buses," kids have a longer exposure to Schools the cold. It was a combination. Dion said mechanics worked

for the Novi News. She can be reached at (248) 349-1700, ext. 108 or by e-mail at 108 or by e-n vrgates@gannett.com.

ensure the buses would be ready

to pick up students on Wednesday,

NEXT WEEK: BREAKING DOWN THE BOND!

BOND: Board Mulls May Bond Proposal

continued from 1A

struction and renovation projects such as a new gymnasium a sepa-rate room designated for art and The application also included adding a security system and upgrading instructional tech-nology in all district buildings. According to state law, Michigan school districts may

ers four times a year: February, May, August and November. "Our annual board election date is May 8," Dion said regarding a May election. "We're going to have February, March and April to get the information to the

place ballot measures before vot

Rence Gates is a staff writer for the Novi News. She can be reached at (248) 349-1700, ext. 108 or by e-mail at vrgates@gan-

■ Board Meeting

Tonight Tonight's Board of Education meeting starts at 7:30 pm at Novi High School. The meeting will be Room 198, at the back of the

Novi Community School District Bond Ballot History 1993-2006

BOND ISSUE	BOND AMOUNT	DATE	YES VOTE	NO VOTE	VOTES CAST
High school addition, parking lot addition, renovation of elementary schools, lechnology.	\$31,900,000	12/15/1992	1,046	691	1,737
New middle school, purchase middle school land, Meadows renovation.	\$33,000,000	12/13/1994	773	1,493	2,266
New middle school, purchase middle school land, Meadows renovation.	\$33,435,000	9/23/1995	1,650	1,169	2,819
Improving elementary playgrounds.	\$5,500,000	6/9/1997	583	770	1,353
Deerfield elementary, improving elementary playgrounds.	\$17,300,000	3/28/1998	1,954	1,190	3,144
High school addition, elementary additions, Now Woods expansion, transportation/ warehouse expansion, middle school concession and tennis courts, purchase of land.	\$75,640,000	6/11/2001	1,566	. 893	2,459

SOURCE: Novi School District

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How to make a

DECENT PROPOSAL

Despite time and place, marriage proposals carry the weight of destiny

By Maureen Johnston

Four little words. The timeless proposal of mar-riage — uttered confidently or with a trembling voice — carries monumental impact. And whether the response is cheerful or tearful, the moment is forever etched in the memories of

Sure, she's been slowing near jewelry counters for months and quietly humrning "Ba, ba, babum. But, the big challenge for her prospective life mate is find-ing the time, place and words to ask her to make it forever.

"Will you marry me?" gets time-stamped, memory-filed

For better. Or for worse.

Permission from the bride's the question.

father, a romantic courtship, bended knee — rituals sur-rounding pending nuptials fill aisles of expectations. Financial constraints and

spontaneous atterances aside, from the time they outgrow cooties, little girls' dreamy scenarios entail something shiny. Often in a box.

Jewelers are on the front line of the matrimonial dance, pro-viding the prop behind the proposal and observing protocol "You never hand them the box," said Orin Mazzoni III of Orin Jewelers, "You hand them the ring or the box open." Brides expect a ring to arrive

with the words, said Orin sales associate Joshua Summers, who is mere weeks away from his own stroll down the aisle. they'll never forget." own stron down the asset.

Recently, rings for local

One local jogger asked if he
brides-to-be have appeared in a
glass of champagne, during a

into the church sanctuary for a

suitor, dentaing on one kines for you."

Santa has a surprise for you."

Vickers, an Orin sales associate, said the creativity of the

"A lot of people have told me various ways they have done this. What they're saying is, 'I want to be with you the rest of my life."

Associate Pastor, First Presbyterian

According to www.wed-dings.about.com, home is the favorite place to propose, followed by restaurants. Sheryl Vickers was dining at

the Whitney in Detroit when three covered dishes arrived with dessert choices. Or, so she

■ Seeking an exotic locale?

Orin Jewelers gemologist Gina Mazzoni said she can imag-ine a couple of romantic scenarios for a prospective mate to pop the question. Both involve sun, sand and water.

marriage proposals, according to local jewelers.
Forget about Greg Focker's troubles in "Meet the Parents." Experts say an engagement ring will not cause an airport security metal detector to sound, prompting untimely inquiries. The key is to take the ring out of the lewelry box, said Orin sales associate Sheryl Vickers. The metal trim will sound the alarm, she said, so pack that separately.

Travel to exotic locales is an increasingly popular option for

■ What if she says "No"?

When it comes time to ourchase an engagement ring, most couples have discussed taking the next step toward marriage. But proposals can be rejected. Local merchants said they handle delicate situations on a case-by-case basis.

Orin Mazzoni III advised planning for any scenario at the time of a proposal. "You should discuss it with your jewele

"When they go

out and buy the

sacrifice in that,

commitment in

Jim Russell

Associate Pastor, First Presbylerian

that."

ring, there's

"Traditionally, you give her the ring as you're asking. "But guys still do the one-

knee thing."
Summers said societal changes have diminished the clement of surprise in popping

"They've pretty much already discussed it," said Summers, adding an increasing number of couples shop for rings together, "When it comes down to it, the meaning is more important than the actual ring. "The ring is the symbol of

wanting to spend the rest of his life with her. "It's not about the jewelry."

The intent

last Christmas, the soon-to-bebetrothed woman who resided there was spooked by his inex-plicable appearance. Santa's future mother-in-law helped Jim Russell, associate pastor at First Presbyterian Church, has heard many stories about couples preparing to tie the knot. land cupid's arrow, bidding via "I think it's just a very special time," Russell said, "They're thrilled about getting married,

me." Russell said. "They're approach the porch. "I hear you've been a very girlled about getting married. "I hear you've been a very goirl," said the costumed so'll never forget."

Busso of thampage, during a find the outstretched hands of the groom's grown daughters.

Another parishioner climbed a "There are so many things people do now," Mazzoni said.

knee, Still others prefer the groom setting to present a ring wanna-be groom — her customer—almost went awry.

Another parishioner climbed a "All in all, it was exciting." when the different profess the profess the profession of the dream ring she wanted."

It was a surprise. She got the dream ring she wanted."

Very Clions: Getternith of the groom's profession of the groom and the groom and the groom and the groom and the groom's profession of the groom's profe

comfort of home.

"A lot of people have told me various ways they have done this," Russell said. "What bride out to dinner and asked the they're saying is. 'I want to be with you the rest of my life.'" want to serve her ring in a glass of champagne. glass of champagne.
"She about choked on it," he said. "She took it out and saw

what it was. She said yes. "I thought that was really creative. I liked that."

The question

thought. Her now-husband served up an on-bended-knee marriage proposal that she happily for a ring." He said. "He knows pretty much what she likes." But when Santa appeared at And which words would she

you marry me?" reigns supreme Orin lewelers gemologist Gina Mazzoni, for one, said she wouldn't mind a variation of the familiar. "I would love it to be special," she said. "Would you cell phone her daughter to walk the journey of life with

me?
"Will you spend the rest of your life with me?" Vickers said even when cou-

ples shop together preparing to get engaged, the prospective groom still has butterflies when he comes in to make the pur-

"I've had a lot of shaking hands when they're putting down the money," she said. "It's

Rusself said his church fields a flury of inquiries about wed-ding arrangements at this time of year, following proposals at Christmas and Valentine's Day.

"They've thought through how they want to do it, where they want to do it — whether at someone's apartment or someone's home

"When they go out and buy the ring, there's sacrifice in that commitment in that. I think most people give special thought to where it's going to be."

reached at (248) 349-1700, ext. 107, or via e-mail at mjohn-

■ Valentine's Day Desserts & Creative Ideas, Pages 5-6B



Waiting for Valentine's

It's already a romantic day, one you know you'll be spending together. Planning to propose on Valentine's Day? Here's

· In front of a crowd If you're headed to the theater on Valentine's Day, call ahead to see if you can propose on stage. The manager should be able to assist you in planning something theatrical

 Say it with candy
Buy your sweetheart a heart-shaped box of chocolates and replace one with the engagement ring. Or, buy a bag of conversation hearts and find one that says "Marry Me." Casually

share the bag of candy with her, slipping her the special one, quickly followed with the ring on one knee. Recreating a first date Make all the arrangements to recreate your first date, telling her you've recreated the moment when you met the

person you're going to marry, then get down on one knee On a walk/drive/sail Take some time to find the most romantic spot near you. Say something like, "I wanted to bring you to a spot almost

as beautiful as you are to ask you to spend the rest of your life with me. Will you marry me?"

On the radio

• At a restaurant Select a place truly special --- perhaps a favorite or one with magical ambiance. When securing reservations, speak to someone about proposing that evening. They'll be experts on the nicest and easiest way to do it at their particular location.

If you're not the romantic type, your honey will be suspicious if you suddenly want to go out for a fancy dinner or theater, even on Valentine's Day. So, put the ring someplace common in your house with a note attached and try to be around when its discovered. Or bring in the local paper and nonchalantiv ask. "Do you think we should announce our engagement in the paper?

If your darling wakes up to the alarm clock set to a particular radio station, or listens to the same one at work every day, arrange to propose on air on Valentine's Day. Jigsaw puzzie

Give your valentine the puzzle in a box. She'll try to solve it, only to discover that one piece is missing. You'll produce that hidden piece, which reads "Will You Marry Me?"

Make an album of your relationship, with pictures of the two of you during important moments. On the second to last page, write "What will the future bring?" and on the last page, write "How about marriage?

· A book with a secret Present a Valentine's gift of love neetry. All the pages will be stuck together, except the one place it opens, a slot will be cut out with the engagement ring inside. The language of love In a small blank book, write "Will you marry me?" in a dif-

ferent language on each page, leading to their native lan-

guage. Source: www.weddings.about.com

How to Save a Life: 'Hearty' Technology Aids Novi Police

By Greg Migliore

It's the two he couldn't save that linger with Sgt. John Nelson. Although performing CPR isn't the most common duty for a Novi police officer, twice in the early part of his 18-year career he had to execute the life-saving technique

Today, they might have lived, thanks to emerging technology called the portable Automatic External Defibrillator (AED), which shocks a patient's heart and can enhance the likely of survival. Both of those stick with you. said Nelson, who now coordinates the police department's fleet of

had one (AED) available AEDs were instrumental Jan. 27 when Novi police officers Steve Balog and Scott Woodley used the Balog and Scott woodley used one equipment to save a 4-Jyear-old Movi man who that a heart attack at Movi man who that a heart attack at the second time Balog saved some manifest that behave the second time Balog saved some balog said.

Balog said.

"We're spread out everywhere, somebody, and this elevanes ou odds of being able to do so substantially," he said.

The technology is advanced, but using an AED is fairly basic, using an AED is fairly basic, with the rocks are placed on

AFDs. "I would have loved to have



Novi Police Officer Steve Balog checks out one of his and fellow officer Scott Woodley recently used one of

"We're spread out everywhere, somebody, and this elevates our without any issue

since April 2002. The department traditionally shouldered some process,

Basically, you revert back to your tranning. Balog said, "You have what to do in."

Novi police have used AEDs

Increasing the odds

police said. The pads are placed on the victim's chest, and the unit of the police said. The pads are placed on the victim's chest, and the unit.

AEDs are particularly useful for Novi police because officers have also talks the user through the

"It such a simple process," his 16 units, and all officers are medical duties. Nelson said. On-trained to use them, They're the size of a laptop, weigh about five patrol cars as standard equipment.

**AEDs have been used about 18 times by Novi police since 2012, although the department couldn't patrol cars as standard equipment.

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Novi police officer Steve

While AEDs are helpful, ulti-

mately life and death still rest in human hands. After the shock is delivered, rescuers must stiff perform CPR. Halog and Woodley had to do three cycles of CPR and rescue breathing after using the AED to revive the heart attack vic-tim at The Sports Club.

■ Heart Starters: AEDs

STANDS FOR: Automatic victims' hearts to restore a • WHY THEY HELP: They're

portable and simple to use.
• NOVI POLICE HAVE: 16 fiscal year. carry them as standard equip-

• OTHER INFORMATION: Police have used them since 2002. They cost \$2,100 each. QUOTABLE: "They're very hearty units." Sgt. John Nelson

🛎 Fire Department also AED experts Novi firefighters are also experts in using portable Automatic External

Defibrillators (AED). The fire department has nine units and has been using them

AEDs have been used about 18 of replacing the pads after each use

AEDs help immediate responders deliver a shock to the heart quickly, greatly increasing odds of survival. The units are the size of lap-tops and are critical tools for responded to 2,424 medical emergencies during the 2006

"Fartier you do it --- the bet ter the chances are of survival," Novi Fire Chief Frank Smith said.

Smith said the technology who needed to develop a While AEDs are useful, first ers must still know CPR. The fire department

offers training for police officers, city workers and others. "CPR's really basic, but can not be overlooked no matter how much is scent on the

-- By Greg Migliore

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HEART: Couple Grateful for Second Chance

Staying calm in an emergency is a trait she is proud of.

about. Ditching the big house, attacks happen each year. large yard to care for and keeping

ongestive heart failure.

Joining the crowd

released this month by the is a trait she is proud off.

It's also a trait beginning her pairney into a life of heart-healthy living for her family.

After all, that is what love is all new and recurrent coronary released by the American Heart.

an eye on the one you love every day.

Commit survived the attack 19 years ago, but now suffers from the form CPR can mean the different and brants and increasing form the fo ince between life and death for a

loved one. shock fro Phyllis said she learned CPR effective. many years ago, but no longer has

out their married lives keeping an She said she is thankful her ... said Novi Fire Chief Frank Smith. husband's attack didn't come to

Association, effective bystander According to association docu- CPR, provided immediately after the amount of time that an electric shock from a defibrillator can be

"CPR's really basic, but cannot The Ganshorns, like many the strength to perform the heroic be overlanked no matter how other American couples, now live deed.

teers are also CPR certified.

Along with Novi firefighters, police and Community Emergency Response team volun-

department offers training for other city workers and neighborhood groups.

About half of City of Novi

both keep busy shopping. employees are trained in CPR. Fox Run in Novi where they live 349-1700, ext. It said Sheryl Walsh, City of Novi independently with four emergency cords in plain sight.

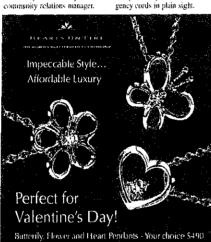
said Nove First Chief Frank Smith.

Along with Novi firefighters, police and Community immergency Response team volume energy my heart scare.

Last year, Phyllis said she regency is a large part of their received a pacemaker during an energy my heart scare.

We also both have cardiolostic force of their covery day and mointains a healthy both take care of each other."

The Ganshorns also moved to Mitchell can be reached at (248)



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he Simple - for the Whole Family" presented by

St. John Providence Park Hospital cardiologist

Dr. Small will focus on what a family can do

to support each other toward heart health as well as the signs and symptoms of heart issues

There is no charge, but spaces are limited. To RSVP call, (888) 440-7325.

The topic is: "Keeping Your Heart Healthy Can

C at the Grand River and Beck roads facility

Doctor" series will take place 6:30 p.m.

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Sports Club of Novi employees Ceri Dunn, left, and Jimi Varner join Novi police officers Scott Woodley and Steve Balog during a City Council meeting Monday night where the four were honored for saving a Novi resident's life Jan. 27.

■ Heart healthy in 2007

Or. Vicky Savas of St. John Heart Health Care

Network and Providence Hospital is hosting a

health expo from 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Saturday,

Feb. 24 at the Novi Civic Center, 45175 W. 10

Impassioned about empowering others to

adopt a healthy life style, Dr. Savas' event will

feature many educational opportunities and

Tests will include BMI, bone density, blood

sugar and cancer screenings.

Organizers said there will also be information-

al centers, health care booths, exercise demos,

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massages, cooking classes, makeovers by Christian Dior representatives and healthy meals

along with giveaways.

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http://malista.com/Savasexpo.htm.

Often, It's the Difference Between Life and Death

Debra Yank has a vendetta against heart

Her mother had one, her father had one, and when she was a little girl, her grandfather had one in a Detroit restaurant. No one in the restaurant knew CPR and her

grandfather died. grandfather fied.

Now, a registered nurse and lead CPR instruc-tor for Life Support Training fastitute in Southfield, Yank has taught CPR training all over Metropolitan Detroit for the last five years. it's

'This is what I do full-time and I cannot tell you how much I love my job. I really do live what

Yank wants everyone, everywhere to know CPR. And she means everyone. Her student resume includes exercise instruc-When a person has passed out and stopped

tors, clergy, students, restaurant staff, business breathing, it's up to the people surrounding them men, construction workers, neighborhood organ-izations, parents and teachers. You name them, she has taught them.

on the chest 1 1/2 to 2 inches 30 times right between the nipples. Pump at a rate of 100/minute, faster

The reason I say (everyone) is because heart disease is so prevalent," she said. "It doesn't have to be someone who is overweight and have high Heart disease is still the leading cause of death

2. Blow Tilt the head back and listen for breathing. If not breathing normally, pinch nose and cover the mouth with yours and blow until you see the chest rise. Give 2 breaths, Each breath should take 1 second.

3. Pumb- If the victim is still not breathing normally, coughing or moving, begin chest compressions. Push down

in North America, according to the American Heart Association. Since July 2004, before a person can be certified to teach in Michigan, he or she must be certified to administer CPR and first aid, according to the Michigan Department of Education Web site.

But, CPR can also be used on people who may not have heart disease.
"It doesn't have to be a heart attack," said Joe

Bospital in Novi thing that stops a person's heart or breathing. It could be electrocution or it could be drowning."

LOCATION ADDRESS

to respond, Bologna said. Someone must call 911, begin CPR and use a defibrillator until the emergency crew arrives. If no one steps up, then

"Each second without CPR reduces a persons chances of survival," said Bryan Peckinpaugh. marketing manager of the Southeast Michigan American Red Cross Chapter. "Chances of survival diminish 10 percent for

each minute a defibrillator is dolayed. After five minutes, there is only a 50 percent chance of sur-

all agree everyone should know CPR training. I an agree everyone should know o're uaning, in an emergency situation, it can make the differ-ence between life and death.

"My motivation is to help save life in the com-munity," Yank said, "If I wasn't there with my mother and father their wouldn't be alier today."

Bologna, respiratory specialist and basic life sup-port instructor at St. John's Providence Park mother and father, they wouldn't be alive today.

Rence Gates is a staff writer for the Novi News She can be reached at (248) 349-1700, ext. 108 or by e-mail at vrgates@gannest.com.

COST

Novi Area CPR Classes

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Additional Loc	ations: Times a	nd pricing varie	e, call each org	enization for s	ecifics.
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Wisely, Novi Followed It's Heart

22 e do a pretty good job of torching our public officials when they serew up. And rightfully so.

But when they get something right - as they often do

Almost five years ago, City Council signed off on purchasing Automatic Electronic Defibrillators (AED) for the police department. They cost about \$2,100 apiece. On Jan. 27, they paid off bandsomely.

Early that morning, a 43-year-old man was stricken with a heart attack at The Sports Chib of Novi. Less than 90 seconds after receiving the dispatch call, police officers Steve Balog and Scott Woodley arrived on the scene. Using an AED, they resuscitated the man. As of press time, he was recovering in an area hospital. Balog has now saved two people using an

As Deputy Police Chief Thomas Lindberg put it, "Obviously, we save lives with it."

Now let's be clear, AEDs alone didn't save the victims In the most recent instance, police officers, Sports Club workers and Novi firefighters all played critical roles. And basic CPR was instrumental.

Still, technology can be a great tool, and in this case it was likely a live-saver. City leaders' decisjon almost half a decade ago to give officers the equipment they need showed fore-

And at least two people are walking around now because of

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lowing topics: Are you a high school \$100 per week on gasoline? student who receives an

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Are you a Novi senior cit-izen with an interesting job
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ily get-together? · Are you a working woman who has recently

· Is there someone on your street who needs a helping returned to work? hand? Are you a Novi resident interested in sharing a story

Contact Novi News editor David Aguilar at (248) 349about how your religious faith has carried you through 1700, ext. 102, or via e-mail tough times? at daguilar@gannett.com.

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My Turn: Dave Staudt

War College offers sobering lessons

"Americans need to feel and understand

we are at War."

This message was made very clear by United States senior inilitary leadership to participants of the recently concluded Department of the Air Forre, Air War College National Security Forum Alumni Outreach Program held at MacDill Air Force Base. This past October, I was selected as one of 18 individuals from around the country to be updated on our rent Air Force and Department of Defense issues and provided the opportunity to share my ideas and opinions with some of the top military leaders in the war on ter-

included: "Fourth Generation Warfare" by Vice Admiral David Nichols, Deputy Commander, U.S. Central Command (CENTCOM): "Global War on Terror Update from a Special Operations Command Perspective" by Major General David Scott, USAF, Deputy Director, Center for Special Operations, United States Special Operations Command (USSOC); "Air Force Horizons" by Lt. General Steve Lorenz, Commander of the Air University and former commandant of the Air Force Academy; and "Arabs and the Middle East" by Dr. David Sorenson of

the Air War College. In addition to the briefings, we were iven a tour of MacDill Air Force Base by lol. Tim Smith, Vice Commander, 6th Air Mobility Wing. The tour included meeting with an air crew and an escorted tour of a KC-135 Tanker.

Briefings generally included a slide presentation and an extended period for questions and answers. The briefings themselves were not classified; however, a non-attribution policy in place for the NSF does not allow me to quote specific pre-

senters directly. A theme echoed by all the presenters is that the global war on terror is like no war ing targets, our enemies are using tactles and will likely be told to sit down and power and their objectives are to diminish the ability of all nations to exercise sover

Novi resident Dave Staudt

tion from the briefings is as follows · The traditional battlefield has been Our enemies exploit the seams and attack wherever there is vulnerability. Media has become "terrain" and information has become a main line operation.

• The current cost of occupation in Iraq is \$12 billion dollars per month, and we may need to remain in the region for the next 25-50 years.

• U.S. military leadership suggests that Osama Bin Laden and Iran become less a

focal point on the global war on terror. Focusing on them does more harm than good. · Iran's President Ahmadinejad is ever before it. This war has no clear start-becoming increasingly unpopular at home

 Special operations forces are facing
 and it is making the ability of all nations to exercise societies and modify what we think about ourselves. It is very clear that we can not their ability to conduct overt operations be beaten militarily, but the military will more difficult and dangerous.

· Many military bases are provided with an 11-month budget to cover utility costs and are required to figure out how to reduce expenses to live within that budg

down on Bayshore Boulevard, outside MacDill Air Force Base on Friday afternoons and stood on the comer and waved American flags. They started calling them-selves the Bayshore Patriots and continue to do it to this day.

All 600 operating KC-135 and are not anticipated to be replaced for at least 20 years. These tankers are essen-tial to operational readiness and national security

Participating in the Air War College in past week only reinforce my support and shut-up" by the Assembly of Experts of the forces that serve under them.

> Dave Staudt is a Novi resident and the founder and president of the Novi Parks

TTER I E

Let Voters Decide on Gun Range

The issue of the police gun range should be left to the voters of Novi and not to the police in other cities, like the letter from a South Lyon police officer. The upkeep of the gun range will take more money than the general fund can support so let the voters decide if they want to fund this facility. For me, I would rather vote for improvements to the Novi library.

MY THOUGHTS: WHAT DO YOU THINK, NOVI?

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MY COMMENT

Michigan Lacks Economic Strategy

folks in Ann Arbor are "galva-nized." They are scurrying

around figuring how to make

new businesses out of ruins of the Pfizer operation. They are

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in some big,

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times are good,

there's no com-

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good for any company. And when times turn bad and the

mous. It's far better to have a

diversified economy, with a

sized companies. That's the real reason the economies of

Chicago and Minneapolis are

able to ride out the inevitable ups and downs of the business

world much more easily than

reason Michigan is such an

economic pickle right now? It's because we rode the pros-

perity of the big automobile manufacturing companies for so long we forgot how to diversify. We lost the entre-

neurial drive and capacity

to take risks, and got seduced

comfortable dependency

And now that the industry

Last, every living soul in

Michigan should pay close attention to the conclusions of

Advisory panel, which released its report last Friday.

The report calls for radical eform that includes structural

budget cuts, a revised tax sys-

Gov. Jennifer Granholm's

Emergency Financial

in trouble, we're in badabad

Generous Motors.

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trying to find investors and

persuade scientists they've go a better chance at home than

where thousands lost jobs when the Electrolux Company decided to move refrigerator manufacturing to Mexico. Then it was Kalamazoo, when drug giant Pfizer decided to close what was left of the

Upjohn operation in the summer of 2005. Most recently, it was Pfizer again, announcing two weeks ago that it was two millionsquare-foot research facility in Ann Arbor.

Some 2,100

direct jobs are

disappearing, together with hundreds more

contract and

Phil Power Political Columnist

spin-off slots. That was shocking, Pfizer had looked like solid gold: It was anything but a dying rustbelt dinosaur. Instead, it was a paying, high-tech jobs right in the middle of the state's vaunted life sciences corridor the most rapidly growing part future. Sure, "big pharma's" business model was beginning

to show some cracks.

Nor did Pfizer seem to have much in the research pipeline to replace drugs like Zoloft, which lost its patent protection on June 30,

Some layoffs wouldn't have surprised anyone. But nobody expected Pfizer to close down whole operation. No wonder Gov. Jennifer Granholm aptly called it "a punch in the

What Pfizer did is what big companies do the world over Slash costs, close plants, do what's needed to survive.

And who knows whose turn it may be next? Could be a domestic auto maker, if things don't turn up. Could be a big bank. Could be anything. Nothing and nobody is immune to the twists and turns of today's savagely competitive worldwide econo

So what lessons can we learn from the experience? First, when they give you lemons, you better learn how to make lemonade, fast. The

Michigan.
That's why 1

Stimulus Taxpackage
(BEST) at a
recent press
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Bishop and Nancy Cassis

plan positions Michigan as a premier state in

which to locate, invest and create

The strength of the BEST pack-

introduced the

my senate colleagues.

years.
The panel's report calls for

Putting Michigan's BEST Foot Forward

home can determine the BEST option to reduce their tax hability. This allows firms to structure

historical manufacturing roots. That's why I introduced long-

The strength of the BEST package is its focus on growing small
businesses. Small companies are
to utilize the workforce in
the backbone of our economy. We
Michigan. The keys to the BEST
from many residents

growth and expansion. That's why I focus on small business growth who live created the Michigan Entrepreneurial Exemption. Ratom as the M-E 2.

The M-E 2 is an innovative program that encourages small business growth by completely exempting them from all business growth. For more information on the safety of their roads be made locally by those who live on or personal property tax relief. Together, the BEST plan is a call to every company, regardless of size or structure, that Michigan welcomes you.

For more information on the

plan are choice of taxation, a growth and expansion. That's why I've created the Michigan

nesses taxes for up to three years, if they meet certain job growth and investment criteria. This makes Michigan more attractive that the more attractive than the more att

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roperty acquired in the pervoya-five years. This encourages new companies that rely on expensive, high-tech equipment to locate or expand there in Michigan. My goal is to promote job cre-dents are the best people to make

their businesses around growing axes.

My plan recognizes Michigan's wetood the bill last year. We will

not give up, so I've reinfroduced the bill known as Senate Bill 117 and will fight to get it passed this

gravel and dirt roads. I've heard from many residents who feel strongly that decision-making for

My State Senator: Nancy Cassis (R-Novi)

For three years, I have been listening to testimony from job-providers large and small as to why they are having a difficult time in Michigan. For an even longer period I have studied why they are having a difficult time in Michigan. For an even longer period I have studied why they are having a deficiency of the BEST plan also offers a large many longer deficiency.

The BEST plan also offers a Gravel Roads

As many uf you

economy over the past 50

public employees and — importantly — for an end to petty quarrelling and partisan inger-pointing.
"Fundamentally," the panel concluded, "Michigan must

reform its spending and taxing and must reinvent the way state and local government efficient and productive. The commission, which

included some of the mos distinguished names in Michigan, made it clear Sooner or later we've got to figure out what our economic

strategy really is. Are we service, low-wage state that caters to the bargain base-Or are we going to have a lovel of state services that requires a certain level of tax support in order to produce a high-wage, high-growth econ

Our leaders need to learn a lesson that is simple, and true, and not stack deck chairs on the Titanic. But time's run out. We're facing a budget deficit that's preity close to \$3 billion -- right now -- and we've got to get to a clear, clean conclusion within

There will be critics from the Michigan Chamber of Commerce on the right to in between) but overall the conclusions of the emergency panel are sensible, far-reaching, and direct.
They should be put into

practice as soon as possible and form the core of what will turn out to be nothing less than a debate about the very future of our state.

cobserver of politics, economics and education issues in Michigan, and was a regent of the University of Michigan from 1987 to 1999. He is also president and founder of The Center for Michigan, a mod erate think-and-do tank. Thes opinions and others expressed in his columns are his own and do not in any way repre sent official policy positions tem that aligns with the reality of what has happened to the of The Center for Michigan. Phil would be pleased to hear from readers at ppower@hen





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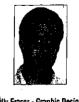




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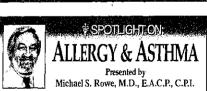




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County 19Ai Et Triesday, Feb. 20. HME 7-8 30 pm CCCATION, Gove Souvtrike, 31150

DETAILS: The meeting vall present cyideo, "Iraq for Sale; The War Profiteers - Oiscussion to follow CCNFACT Jun Gauldoni, (248) 624-7228

Health Expo

DATE: Salurday, Feb. 24 LOCATION, Novi Civic Center DETAILS: The expo will feature complimentary grifs, massages, make overs, healthy cooking demonstrations, breaklast, func Reduces and health care testing and screening. Pre-régisti required. The cost is \$20 to attend without the health screenings, \$35 for the health screenings, or \$50 to the combined package. Note: No tred after midnight if choosing the nealth screening. CONTACT: (248) 356-5033 or email savashealthexoo@botmail.con

Movi Youth Assistance Bowl-A-

DATE Saturday March 10 LOCATION: Novi Bowl DETAILS, Support for this event is reeded from the community. Lane sponsorhips, donations for gift bags appreciated. Confact the Youth Assistance office for more informa-

CONTACT: (248) 347-0410

SCHOOL & GOVERNMENT

Novi Cily Council Meeling DATE: Monday, Feb. 12 TIME: 7 p m 175 W. 10 Mile Road CONTACT: (248) 347-0470

Nov) Youth Assistance General Cilizens Meeting DATE: Tuesday, March 6 TIME: 6 p.m LOCATION: Novi Civic Center, CONTACT: (248) 347-0410

Novi School Board Meeting DATE: Tonight TIME: 7:30 p.m. LOCATION: Novi High School

Faith Community Preschoo

LOCATION: 44400 West 10 Mile

CONTACT: (248) 349-7911 Parenting Seminar [IME/DATE; 7-9 p.m., Monday,

DETAILS: "Who's in Charge" will be presented by Dr. Ruth Anan of Beaumont Hospital Children **Business Card Exchange** Services.

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the chamber office at (248) 349-After Hours Mixe DATE: Thursday, Feb. 22 TIME: 5:30 p.m.

LOCATION: Toll Brothers/Island DETAILS: Network with fellow chamber members, R.S.V.P.

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828 Breakfast DATE, Wednesday, Feb. 14 T3ME 7:45 a.m. LOCATION, Suburban Shared

Center, on Eight Mile Road, 1/4 mile east of Farmington Road DETAILS: Enjoy networking and frant breakfast. Cost is \$5 for mem bers, and \$10 for not-yet members Novi Neighborhood Round Table

DATE: Tuesday, Feb. 20 TIME: 9 a.nt. LOCATION: Rock Financial Showplace DETAILS: Join this ambitious

group in their efforts to bring more conventions and visitors to Novi **Business Accelerator Luncheor** DATE: Thursday, March 8 TIME 11.30 a.m. registration noon lunch

LOCATION: Rock Financial Showplace DETAILS Special quest Denne Archer will speak. Cost is \$25 for members, \$30 for not-yet members.

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s required. CONTACT: Jan Hubbard, e-mail

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Oakland Chamber Network

DATE: Wednesday, Feb. 28

LOCATION: Hoops City Grill.

25333 W. 12 Mile Rd. , Southfield

work with business professionals

Advance recognitions are \$10 at the

from across Oakland County.

DETAILS: Here's a chance to net-

TIME: 5:30-7:30 p.m.

women can share solutions in a

Campus DETAILS: Walsh Business

TIME/DATE: 6 p.m., March 3

LOCATION: Shenandnah Golf

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served as West Oakland's Regional Chamber, servicing the communities of Commerce Township, Union Lake, Walled Lake, Waterford, Mixom, Wolverine Lake and White Lake. Our purpose is to improve the quality of life for businesses and residents in the Lakes area. We act as a unified voice on behalf of the

Thursday DETAILS: This is an ancient business community, provide a forum to discuss and review topics. of interest, serve as a source of information and develop programs

Monday (for backs); 5:30-6:30 p.m. Tuesday (for strength & endurance); 11:15 a.m.-12:15 p.m Wednesday (for backs); 12:30-1:30 that are responsive to the needs of

Preregistration required Massage TIME/DATE: Various times,

DETAILS: This is a benefit for the Cardiac Care Program at Huron Area Chamber of Commerce. The theme is "Saturday Night Fever Flashback" and the evening will feament should bring a physician's referral. Call for an appointmen The cost is \$50 for a 50-minute ture dinner, dancing, entertainment and a silent auction. The cost is \$50 per person. Reservations required.

TIME: 6:30-7:30 p.m., beginners 7:30-9:30 p.m., intermediate LOCATION: Novi Civic Center, 45175 W. 10 Mile Road

45175 W. 10 Mile Road 175 M. 10 Mile Road lessons in this pay-as-you-go pro-gram. Cost is \$5 for Novi residents and for those ages 55 and up; \$6 for non-residents.

LIBRARY LINES

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

Feb. 9. Session 4 begins Feb. 26. Brochures available in the library Walled Lake City Library

16. Phote by JOHN HEIDER/Novi News

Soaring prices! Salesman James Scheibner reviews the CTsw aircraft he was selling during the Great Lakes Aviation Conference Expo last weekend at the Rock Financial Showplace in Novi. The two-person aircraft has a range of about 1,000 miles and includes a built-in emergency parachute. The plain retails for about \$90,000.

LOCATION: 1499 E. West Maple

Road Walled Lake

door admission is \$15. Hors CONTACT: (248) 542-2160

Providence Center for the Healing Arts LOCATION: Assarian Cancer Center, 47601 Grand River Avenue

CLASSES

CONTACT: (248) 465-5455 Wanted: One-Time Art Workshop Instructors DETAILS: We are looking for people who have an art or craft that they would like to share in our

Please call (248) 165-5455 if inter-Colored Pencil Workshop TIME/DATE: 1-3 p.m., second Tuesday of every month DETAILS: The cost is S2. Ceramics Class

DETAILS: There is a \$10 materi Knittin' Yarns TIME/DATE: 1-3 p.m. Wednesday

DETAILS: Join others and create s and shawls for those in need. Tai Chi Class IME/DATE: 10:15-11 a.m.

Chinese exercise used to improve tlexibility, balance and strength. No experience is necessary. The cost is

regist

Yoga Classes TIME/DATE: 12:30-1:15 p.m

be available to assist middle and low income individuals in preparing their taxes. Special attention will be p.m. Friday (for backs)
DETAILS: The cost is \$10 for walk-in; \$80 for 10-class card and \$70 for seven-week evening sesgiven to persons age 60 and older Assistance is limited to simple tax returns. Appointments are necessary and usually run for one hour. Call the library to schedule an

Menday and Thursday
DETAILS: Therapeutic massage
is shown to be effective for stress
and tension, chronic fatigue, pain
and headaches, Everyone is wel-

Line Dancing DATE: Monday and Friday, ongo-

Novi Public Library LGCATION: 45245 W. 10 Mile

HOURS: 10 a.m.-9 p.m. Monday-Story Times DETAILS: Session 3 ends Friday,

Legos. Registration is not required

Women Who Changed America DATE: Tonight TIME: 7 p.m.

CONTACT: (248) 624-3772 DETAILS: Storyteller, historian TIME/DAY: 6:30-7:30 p.m. and actress Marie Papciak brings Mary Todd Lincoln and Susan B Thursdays DETAILS: The drop-in story time Anthony to life in her one woman

is for children ages 3-5. DNA: Where it Comes From, Ho DATE: Monday, Feb. 12 and Feb. it Works, What it Does TIME/DATE: 7 p.m., Tuesday, Feb

TIME: 6:30-8 p.m. DETAILS: Or J. C. Patterson will DETAILS: This is an informa knitting proup that meets in the explain what science knows about DNA in a presentation aimed at those us us who don't know much about and fourth Mondays of the biology. The presentation is free, but month. Children, teens, and adults pre-registration is required. of all knitting levels are welcome. Woolpatherers Kniffing Guild mem ber will be in attendance at most

NOVI sessions to answer knitting ques **SENIOR** Starlight Storytime CENTER DATE: Tuesday, Feb. 13 TIME: 7-7:30 p.m. Located in the Meadowbrook Commons Senior Complex, 25075 DETAILS: Preschoolers and their

families are invited to enjoy bedtime . No registration required Friday Snack Tates DATE: Wednesday, Feb. 14 TiME: 7-7:45 p.m. DETAILS: Stories and cooking

TIME/DATE: 10:20 a.m.-2:30

o.m., Monday, Feb. 19

Mid-Winter Break Music

TIME/DATE: 7-7:45 p.m.

Tuesday, Feb.20 DETAILS: Ya Tafari brings the

and the Caribbean to the library.

cussion instruments and move

ments to Samba, Mambo and

Library Board Meeting

LOCATION: City Council

Chambers, Novi Civic Center

Movie Day

TIME/DATE: 7 p.m., Wednesday,

DETAILS: Community members

music and rhythms of Brazil, Cuba

Children will learn to play hand per

Massage by appointment 9 a.m.: Stretch & Strength 10 a.m.: Body Recall noon: Lunch projects for children in kindergarten 12:30 p.m. *Duplicate Bridge through third grade. Please call to cancelled 1p.m.: Bingo AARP Tax Days

7 p.m.; Valentines Choralaires Concert (advance ticket required.) 9 a.m.: Stretch & Strength 10 a.m.: Body Recall noon: Lunch

12:30 p.m.: *Pinochle Massage by appointmen 8:30 a.m.: Panera Bread 9-11 a.m.: *Line Dance-

intermediate 10 a.m.: Asian Pacific noon: Lunch 12:30 p.m.: Focus Hope

Distribution 1-3 p.m.; "Ask the Lawyer" by Massage by appointment 9 a.m.: Stretch and Strength 10 a.m.: Body Recall 10:30 a.m.: Quilting

11 a.m.: Blood Pressure 11 a.m.:Taking Off Pounds Sensibly class 11:30 a.m.: *Clogging-Beginner noon: Lunch 12:30 p.m.: Clogging Club

1:30-2:30 p.m.: Sing-A-Long 2-4 p.m.: Estate Planning by TIME/DATE: 1 p.m., Thursday, 6:30 p.m.: *Clogging DETAILS: School age obildren 7:30 p.m.: *Clogging Club

are welcome to come to the library for a movie and poncorn. Bring a Massage by appointment Lage Club 9-11 a.m.: Line Dance-Int. DATE: Monday Feb. 26 9:30 a.m.: Travel Meeting TIME: 6-7 p.m. 11:15 a.m.-12:15 p.m.: Line DETAILS: This is the once-amonth Lego show-and-tell, building noon: Lunch activities, and swap time for chil-

12:15 p.m.: Contract Bridge dren in Kindergarten through fourth 1-2 p.m.: Yoga 2:30-3:30 p.m.: Line Dance * Activities will be held at the Novi Civic Center, 45175 W. 10 Road. Phone (248) 347-0414. grade. The Library supplies the

SUPPORT GROUPS

Adoptive Parent Networking DATE: Last Wednesday of each

DATE: Last Wednesday of each month, ongoing THME: 10-11 a.m. LOCATION: Holy Family Catholic Church, 24505 Meadowbrook Road DETAILS: This informational meeting is open to all adoptive families in Dakkand County. There is no charge. Child care is available. Registration is required. GONTACT: Lisa Molloy, (248) 334-3595

Neighborhood Baby-silting Co-DETAILS: Using the co-op, you and your children can make friends

and get what you need accom-plished without the little ones in tow. Also enjoy a mom's night out and other social events. CONTACT: Sue Tracz, (248) 380-

Friendship Circle DATE: Second Thursday of each

month
TIME: 1 p.m.
LOCATION; St. James Catholic
Church, 46325 10 Mile Road,
Toft and Beck Road Church, 46325 10 Mile Road, between Taft and Beck Road DETAILS: Social group for all widows and widowers. CONTACT: Norbert Monson, [248] 851-6730, Florence Voight, [248] 477-3032 or Joy Iovaldi, [248] 348-9138, joyjovaldi@earth ink net

MOMS Club of Novi DATE: First Thursday of each

month Tish minosey or gasti month TIME: 10 a.m. LOCATION: Novi Civic Center DETAILS. Moms Offering Moms Support (MOMS) is a non-profit support group for mothers who choose to stay at home with their children or work out of their homes. CONTACT:

Kensington Valley Mothers of Պրութնեւ DATES: Second Thursday of each

monih
TIME: 7 p.m.
LOCATION: Witch's Hat Depot,
300 Dorothy St., South Lyon,
DETAILS: This group provides nformation, support and social birth children and their families Aothers of multiples living in and school conference are all welcome. CONTACT: For more information, (248) 437-5496.

Women's Prayer Support DATE: Saturday, ongoing TIME: 9-10:30 a.m. LOCATION: Harvest Fellowship Church, 49329 Ponliac Trail

Wixom DETAILS: Come for encourage-ment, help, hope and prayer, Drop in for five minutes or longer. (248) 926-8332 or harvestfellov ship@comcast.net

Breast Cancer Support Group DATES: Second and fourth uesday of each month LOCATION: Huron Valley-Sinal ospital, Commerce, Classroom C TIME: 10-11:30 a.m. DETAILS: No registration no CONTACT: (248) 937-5017 ration needed.

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Crohn's & Colilis Support Group Nednesday of each month LOCATION: Providence Park Hospital and Medical Center

DETAILS: Enter facility through nutheast entrance. Meeting in Conference Room A, immediately to CONTACT: For more information

call Al Biggs (313) 805-7605, or America, (888) 737-2322. Nevi Teastmasters DATE: First and third Tuesday of

LOCATION: Novi Civic Center Activities Room, 45175 W. 10 Mile FIME: 7-8:45 p.m. OFTAILS: Toastmasters will help you improve your communicatio skills, voice your opinion, polish your presentations and practice

CONTACT: Colleen, (248) 685-Take Off Pounds Sensibly (TOPS) Chapter TIME/DAYS: Wednesdays, 11 a.m., weigh-in; 11.30 a.m. meetin LOCATION: Meadowbrook Commons, 25075 Meadowbrook

Road, Novi DETAILS: \$24 per annual mem-includes handbook; \$1 per bership includes handbook, \$1 per meeting. New members welcome. CONTACT: Rebecca Boyke,(248)

FAITH

Road CONTACT: Rev. Ed Willingham, Interim Minister, (248) 348-7757, or visit www.mbccc.org or gmccc@arounddetroit.biz

First Baptist Church of Novi LOCATION: 45301 W. 11 Mile

Showplace.

TIME: 9:15 and 11:15 a.m.:

TIME/DAY: 8, 9:30, and 11:30

Novi United Methodist LOCATION: 41671 W. 10 Mile CONTACT: (248) 349-2662

a.m. Sunday, 9 a.m. Monday,

St. James Catholic

Mass Schedule

Sunday Worship

First United Methodist of

OCATION: 777 W. Eight Mile

CONTACT: (248) 349-1144 or

Sunday Worship TIME: 8, 9:15, 11a.m., and 5

Community Healing Service DATE: First Monday of every

CONTACT: (248) 349-3647 or www.firstbaptistchurchofnovi.org Sunday Schedule Family Bible Hour: 9:45 a.m. Family Worship: 11 a.m. Bible Study: 6 p.m.

Family Movie Night: 5:30 p.m he fourth Sunday of every month Episcopal Church of the Holy OCATION: 40700 W. 10 Mile

CONTACT: (248) 427-1175 or Sunday School
TIME: 9 a.m. Adult Bible Study:

10 a.m. Worship Center for ages 7; 10 a.m. All ages Lunch Hour Worship TIME/DAY: 12:10-12:50 p.m.,

ourth Sunday of every month DETAILS: All youth welcome. Alzheimer's Sunnort Group TE: Saturdays TIME: 10 a.m.

on the second Saturday of each month
DETAILS: This service is open to
anyone asking God for healing in
their life or in someone close to nonth, offering support and open discussion for all those dealing with

Wednesday, March 7

TIME: 7-8:30 p.m.

and Ms. Barbara Budde.

Bible Study DATE: Thursdays

DETAILS: The program will be

UAIE: Thursdays
TIME: 10 a.m., and 7 p.m.
DETAILS: Join the group for
prayer, sharing, and discussion of
the Sunday scripture readings.
CONTACT: Maria, (248) 349-

Adoptive Parent Networking

Meeting DATE: Last Wednesday of each

8647, or e-mail at spiritwalk

is available. Registration is

risit www.oakpointe.org Sunday Worship

ented by Father David Farnum

Holy Family LOCATION: 24505 Meadowbrook Career Ministry Meetings DAYS: Sunday CONTACT: (248) 349-8847 or

TIME: 1:30-3 p.m. DETAILS: The Career Ministry program is to help meet the needs Mass Schedule of job seekers and others in career TIME/DAY: 7:30, 8:45, and 10:30 a.m., 12:15 p.m. Sunday; 7 p.m. focused on providing career devel Tuesday, 9 a.m. Wednesday, opment resources, programs, and Thursday, Friday; 5 p.m. Saturday networking opportunities to anyone Parish Mission in the Northville/Novi area.

> Crosspointe Meadows LOCATION: Meadowbrook Elementary School, 29200 Meadowbrook Road, south of 13 Mile Road CONTACT: (248) 427-2700, 9 a.m. -2 p.m. or visit www.cross Sunday Worship TIME: 9 and 10:30 a.m.

St. Paul Lutheran LOCATION: 201 Elm St., Northville CONTACT: (248) 349-3140 Sunday Worship Sunday Worship

TIME: 8:30, 11, and 11:30 a.m.

Kindergarten Registration

DETAILS: Children who turned
five years-old before Friday, Dec. 1
may register for full-day or half-day
kindergarten at St. Paul's Lutheran
School nonth, ongoing TIME: 10-11 a.m. DETAILS: This free informational meeting is open to all adoptive fam lies in Oakland County. Child care

required. CONTACT: Lisa Molloy, (248) The Baha'i Falth CONTACT: (248) 473-0355 or visit www.us.bahai.org Oak Pointe LOCATION: 50200 W. 10 Mile Devotional Gathering TIME/DATE: 11 a.m., last Saturday of every month LOCATION: 23803 Ripple Creek CONTACT: (248) 912-0043 or

A Labrador retriever leaps into the water of "Lake Ultimate" demonstration - during the recent Ultimate Fishing Show at DETAILS: This is a gathering ing on gravers for peace

People of all faiths are welcome.

LOCATION: 46325 10 Mile Road CONTACT: (248) 347-7778 First Presbyterian Church of LOCATION: 200 E. Main St. CONTACT: (248) 349-0911 Sunday Worship Tuesday: 7 c.m. Wednesday: 5 p.m. TIME: 9:30 and 11 a.m

Single Place Ministries CONTACT: www.singleplace.org (248) 349-0911 or visit www.singleplace.org Divorce Recovery Workshop IME/DAY: 7:30-9 p.m. Thursday

LOCATION: Emeritus Room DETAILS: This seven-week wor shop will cover a range of topics presented by a variety of speakers The cost is \$35 per person includ ing the book, "Growing Through Divorce Child care will be available for toddlers through children in sixth grade with registration at leas

two weeks before the workshop begins. Upcoming topics are Tonight: Church & Divorce. Spiritual Help and Forgiveness, pre-

sented by W. Kent Clise Feb. 11: Helping Children Through Divorce, presented by Sharon Bergman, Clinical Psychologist Feb. 22: Relationships Old and New, presented by Sadie Bolos

Walking Group LOCATION: First, second and fourth Saturday, Big Apple Bagel Shon, 2334 Farmington Road, nington; Third Saturday, Panera Bread Co., 34635 Grand River Ave.,

social group. Everyone is invited

St. John Lutheran LOCATION: 23225 Gill Road, Hospital-Novi Classes LOCATION: 47601 Grand River Farmington Hills CONTACT: (248) 474-0584 or Ave. CONTACT: (888) 440-7325, 8 a.m.-5 p.m., Monday-Friday Childbirth Education DETAILS: Evening or weekend Saturday Worship Sunday Worship series helping you and your partner get ready for the birth of your baby. Childbirth Refresher DETAILS: A one-time class to TIME: 9, 11:15 a.m. Sunday School TIME: 10:15 a.m.

Faith Community Presbylerian LOCATION: 44400 W. 10 Mile CONTACT: (248) 349-2345 or sit www.faithcommunity-novi.org Sunday Worship TIME: 9, 10:30 a.m. Children's Ark Childcare Open

TIME/DATE: 10 a.m.-noor Saturday, Feb. 10 DETAILS: See our preschool and day care facility. Meet teachers.

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CONTACT: Diane Miller (248)

Gracepointe Presbyterian

mail gracepointe@mac.com

Worship and the Arts Ministry

CONTACT: (248) 497-3178 or e

TIME/DATE: 6-7 p.m. Sunday,

LOCATION: Holiday Inn and

DETAILS: The public is invited

for worship and to stay after for fel-

lowship and learn more about

Gracepointe. Child care will be

available. For more information on

Bible Study and other ministries,

contact Rev. Brian Sleeth at the

Providence "Dinner with a

DATE: Thursday, Feb. 22

DETAILS: The program is

sented by cardiologist Dr. Delano

towards heart health as well as the

can do to support each other

at all ages. There is no charge.

CONTACT: (888) 440-7325

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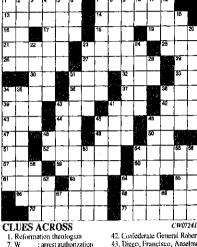
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> Oakiand Physical Therapy Classes LOCATION: 47601 Grand River CONTACT: (348) 380-3550 There is no charge for the fol-

lowing classes, but advance regis-Get Ready to flun TIME/DATE: 7 p.m., Tonight

DETAILS: A lecture/demonstra tion and group participation class for those interested in running. Emphasis will be on common runwell as footwear selection. Please

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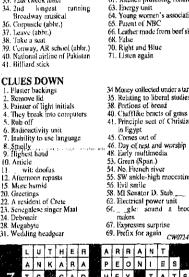
received by 5 p.m. to be published in the Thursday edition additional information.

TIME/DATE: 7 p.m., March 7 DETAILS: This presentation will guide you through the basic Pilates obilosophy and principles to help

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Road, Farmington. DETAILS: Come in for an upclose look at the Southwest Oakland Cable Commission Studios local community television studio. CONTACT: Melissa Cohn, (248) 473-2840

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Ice Craving Demo - Fri. 4-9 p.m., Sun. 11-4 p.m.

Wood Craving Demo - Sat. 2-4 p.m. Chili Cook-off - Sat. 9 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.

Hot Pepper Eating Competition - Sat. 1:30 - 3 p.m.

Server Relay Race - Sun. 3 p.m.

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Saturday, Feb. 10; 9 a.m.-3 p.m Sunday, Feb. 11 DETAILS: Buy, sell, and trade

antique arms. Admission is \$6, free or children 12 and under, Parking i \$5. The show will be located in Half # CONTACT: (248) 676-2750 SCHEDULE: noon-5 p.m. Saturday,

Feb. 10, and Sunday, Feb. 11 DETAILS: This is Michigan's largest bridal expo. It will feature prizes, gift coupens, fashion shows, and hundreds of experts. Admission is \$8 and parking is \$5. The show will be in Hal

CONTACT: (888) 900-3976 41st Annual Camper & RV Show SCHEDULE: 2-9 p.m. Wednesday-Friday, Feb. 14-16: 10 a.m.-5 p.m.

Saturday, Feb. 17; 11 a.m.-6 p.m., Sunday, Feb. 18
DETAILS: Receive thousands in

counts on the purchase of select RVs. Booths featuring parts and accessories, campground informatic RV financing and RV rentals at the show. Admission is \$9. Children under 12 free. Seniors \$5 Feb. 14-15. CONTACT: (517) 349-8881 or

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ww.marvac.org.

Special Olympics Bowl-A-Thom DATE: Saturday, Feb. 10 LOCATION: Drakeshire Lanes. 35000 Grand River, Farmington

Olympics is hosting their 15th Annual Bowl-A-Thon to raise funds for their program. Proceeds will be used to purchase training equipment, uniforms and other items necessary to p the athletes active year-round. Team Farmington is looking for corpoput on the event, as well as teams of a sponsor, or register a team, please contact the the Team Farmington

office as follows. CONTACT: (248) 489-3849 or 6-

Cantala Academy Chorale Low Songs Concerts DATE: Saturday, Feb. 10 TIME: 8 p.m.

Church of Farmington, 33112 Grand River Avenue, Farmingtor

DATE: Sunday, Feb. 11 TIME: 4 p.m.

LOCATION: First United Methodist urch, 5005 Chleago Road, Warren DETAILS: The concerts will feature are \$18 for adults and \$15 for seniors CONTACT: (248) 358-9868 or

Mentor Volunteers FIME/DATE: 9 a.m., Saturday, Feb.

LOCATION: Oakland County **DETAILS: Team Fampington Special** Courthouse, 1200 N. Telegraph Road

DETAILS: The Oakland County Youth Assistance is looking for volunteers for its Mentor Plus program to be a positive role model for someone 5-16 years old. CONTACT: (248) 898-0041

LOCATION: 223 S. Main Street,

CONTACT: (734) 453-0750, ext. 4 Let's Book This One to the O's: Tales from the Booth with Mike

TIME/DATE: 2 p.m., Sunday, Feb DETAILS: Mike Rephi has been the broadcast announcer for the LOCATION: First United Methodist

Cavaliers, and was recently inducted Broadcasters Hall of Fame. He will BirmIngham

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friends of Sabeel North America DATE: Thursday, Feb. 15

LOCATION: First Presbyterian Church, 1669 W. Maple Road,

DETAILS: Rev. Canon Naim Ateek, director to the Sabeel Liberation Theology Center in Jerusalem, speaks on "Persecution in the Land of our

Students from Meads Mill School, in Northville and Bennett Elementary School in Detroit gather at St. James Catholic Church in Novi to package

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students Ruben Avaia, left, and Rahulkali Kalletelli join Meads Mill students

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Hybrids: Must-have vehicles of the future?

(CL) — Skyrocketing gas and oil prices this past year have pushed auto retailers to make some hard decisions. Fither the face extinction by a public that can't afford gas guzzlers, or step up to the challenge of expanding their line of hybrid cars. Hybrids use a balance of gasoline and electric power, reducing depend-ence on frequent fuel fill-ups.

HYBRID SYSTEMS Many people mistakenly think that the term "hybrid" is used to

classify and engine system. This is not the case. In fact, according to HybridCars.com, there are a least four different types of hybrid systems out there. The Stop/Start hybrid sys

tem shuts the engine off when would otherwise idle and restarts it instantly on demand The Integrated Starter Alternator with Damping (ISAD) hybrid system allows

the electric motors to help move the vehicle in addition to provid ing stop/start capability.

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The Full Hybrid system permits limited all-electric drive in addition to supplementing the power of the gasoline engine. Fans of hybrid cars enjoy higher mile-per-gallon ratios, making hybrids a cost-effective

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THE HYBRID DRIVER Toyota leads the way in hybrid technology. Their Prius continues to be a strong seller.

According to a report compiled through J.D. Power and Associates' surveys, the typical hybrid drivers are educated, with a higher-than-average income. They tend to be women or older drivers. They are actively involved in environmental issues and are willing to pay more for "green" vehicle. Typically, hrid consumers drive fewer miles on average than their tra

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SPORTS SPOTLIGHT: BOYS' HOCKEY

Captains of the cold surface



Novi captain Robert Lewis comes off ice with his linemates during a home game against Lakeland.

Coach Krygier lets team vote its leadership

By Jeff Theisen

First year head hockey coach Todd Krygier left it up to his players to vote for their cap-tains and assistant captains.

Senior Robert Lewis garnered the most votes and was picked to captain the 2006-07

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"It felt good that I had the respect of the whole learn," Lewis said. "I feel that I need to perform every single day, show the team what it takes to get it done. You can't have an

off day. I just try to lead by example."

The three assistant captains are seniors leff
Donohue and Scott Eberline and junior

Andrew Haggerty.
"Two of the captains emerged during the summer and fall program, Robert Lewis and Andrew Haggerty," Krygier said, "I suspected that they were somehow going to be captains.

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Novi's Caleb Dean swings grabs a regbound during

Novi losing streak hits 4

'Cats suffer OT heartbreaker; lose 40-38 at Milford

By Jeff Theisen NEWS SPORTS WRITER

The Novi baskethall team is struggling to find a way to win recently. A pair of losses last week leaves the Wildcats in a four-game tailspin, and with very

four-game failspin, and with very little hope of winning the KVC. Novi fell 54-41 to Hartland at home on Jan. 30 and 40-38 in overtime at Milford, the game Against Milford, the game (7-6, 2-4) taking early control thanks to the inside work of Taker Hower He hit for each thanks to the inside work of Tyler Hoover. He hit for eight points in the opening quarter but cooled in the second with just a bucket, and Milford led 20-16 at

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The lead was cut to three entering the fourth, and the Wildcats appeared as though

Wildcats appeared as though they were going to pull off the comeback win.

A late 5-0 run left the 'Cats up by two, but Millford tied the game with a bucket with less than a minute to play.

Chris Bellamy took the flual shot in regulation, but it didn't fall and the game went into bount time.

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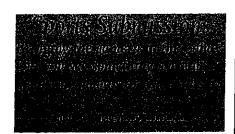


NOVI NEWS Athlete of the Week

Novi senior Kyle Potocki — Hockey

Potocki scored the first goal and assisted on another in a 4-3 win against Lakeland on Feb. 1. Potocki has three goals and five







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SLCK GATS





Novi Wildcat Kyle Potocki brings the puck into the Lakeland Eagles' zone.



Novi alternate captain Scott Eberline, right, looks for a redirect near the net.

Novi nets winner shorthanded

Wildeat hockey built a lead and got a big scare before rallying to win,

Wildeat bockey built a lead and got a big scare before railying to win.

4-3 against Luckland.

The Wildeats led 2-0 after the second period and 3-0 in the opening minutes of the third before Lakeland fought back.

Novi couldn't stay out of the penalty box, getting called for seven straight penalties. Lakeland took advantage, tying the game up with three straight goals. Two of the goals came seven seconds apart.

The third goal came on a 5-on-3 power play.

The Wildeats were still shorthanded when Jeff Donohue sent Andrew Hagnery in Jones and Hugerety being the send resolution to the property of the send to expert the text of the send to expert
Haggerty in alone, and Haggerty buried the goal to retake the lead.

Novi goalie loe DeNova kept the puck out of the net the rest of the way, and the Wildeats won for the third time in five games (3-1-1).

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Novi's Scott Eberline prepares to pass during Novi's home game against Lakeland.

Novi cheer wins Ladywood Invite

Wildcat wrestlers split KVC matches

The Wildcats competitive cheer team won the Ladywood Invitational on Saurday, beating region rivals Bedford, Churchill, Northville, Stevenson, Franklin and Wyandotte Roosevelt in the process. The Wildeas tied Bedford for the tops score in the first round with 190.5 points. Allen Park pulled off the top score of the second round with 204.7 points, but the Wildcats were next with 196.3.

Novi pulled off the top score of the third round

with 293.5 points for a total of a 680.3, Allen Park scored 284 in the final round and finished second

Bedford with 642.6, Franklin with 633.7, Utica Ford II with 632 and Churchill with 622.1. Thirteen

The Wildcat wrestling team split a meet on Jan. 26. beating Brighton and losing to host Howell, The Wildcas had two wrestlers finish in third place on

Winning matches against Brighton (29-21 win) were Jon Lichorobiec at 103 pounds (12-4), Aditya Sathi at 119 (9-7), Robbie Yusko at 125 (6-2), Brad Frey at 130 (7-1), Adam Ballantyne at 140 (8-3), Ryan Thomas at 145 (6-4), Mike Cash at 152 (12-

(17-8), Thomas (9-7) and Jones (12-8).

Lichorobic and Pullin led the Wildcats at the Holt Tournament, each finishing in third place.

Lichorobic won his first two matches and had a ext. 104 or at jtheisen@gament.com.

Justin Pullin at 112 (9-4), Sathi (Pin. 3:28), Yusko

void before losing to Kyle Waldo of Rockford. Lichorobiec shutout Mike Maxwell in the thirdplace match (8-0). Pullin took the same route with a void and two

wins before falling 8-6 to Kameron Olsen of East Kentwood, He also rebounded to win 6-3 againt John Free of Swartz Creek in the third-place match. Yusko picked up a fourth-place finish, winning three and losing two. Ballantyne also finished in fourth place, winning two and losing three,

The Novi volleyball team split a pair of games against league foes. The Withcats (19-7-1, 7-2) beat Hartland 25-7, 25-14, 26-24 on Jan. 30, but lost to Milford 25-23, 8-25, 25-14, 25-23 on Feb. 1. Catholic Central Basktball Orchard Lake St. Mary's knocked off the

Shannocks for the second time this season with a 68-52 win Jan. 30, Troy Dudas led Catholic Central

Catholic Central Hockey

The Shamrocks skated to a 2-2 tie with Trenton

Freshman goalie Tyler Marble stopped a break-Ryan Thornas at 145 (6-4), Mike Cash at 152 (12-7), Joe Pritchard at 171 (15-2) and Nadaniel Jones at Heavyweight (8-4).
Picking up wins in a 40-19 loss to Howell were Justin Pullin at 112 (9-4), Sathi (Pin, 3:28), Yusko

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BASKETBALL: 'Cats struggle points, Bradford was next with 10,

and Bellamy gave the Wildcats a four-point lead, but again, Milford

Hartland 54, Novi 41 Hartland's Vonn Jones struck

tour-point tead, but again, Millford transmered and took the final lead of the game.

Bellamy got the call for the final Novi shot. He drove the lane and drew contact but an o-call following the final Novi scored just two points in Novi scored just two points in

and drew contact but a no-call followed by the shot bouncing off the rim left the Wildcats with

HOCKEY: Novi starting to gel as playoffs approach

down in front of a slapshot. But wearing the "C" or "A" incans performing at the top level in all situations.

"I think the kids look up to them because they're not only good hockey players, they're not only good hockey players, they're when he learned the tearn voted food players and the standard players are standard players and the standard players and the standard players are standard players and standard players are standard

amount of character on and off the ice. His work ethic is top on the put them in order. Their peers selected them as the leaders for their team." Krygier said. "Rober Lewis, his production from this year to fast year, I don't how Hockey is full of defining moments: Scoring a goal, stopping a breakaway or laying a body down in front of a slapshot. But wearing the "C" or "A" means the stopping and the state of the state

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such as the perseverance, the hard work and the attitude — doing the confidence in me to be able to things off the ice and on the ice.

"The leadership role is not the means a lot to me. Usually the like this guy is off the wall.

"It is they were just looking at me means a lot to me. Usually the like this guy is off the wall.

"Playoffs

"The leadership role is not the role of a king. It's actually the role of a king. It's actually the role of a servant. They're there to help and bring along everybody else. "I do a lot of yelling and stuff in the form."

Krygier said each captain has the form them."

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Things appear to be going much better for Novi. They are 3- 1-1 in the last five games and showed a lot of heart in a 4-3 win against Lakeland.

The Wildcats will have just five more games, starting with Friday night's game in the Michigan Lakeland.

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year was the same thing and we ended up winning regionals.

in his final playoffs for the Wildcuts and wants to see a run to the state finals. Haggerty is looking forward to

playing in front of the home fans.
"I can't wait, especially since we're hosting this year," Haggerty said. "It's awesome to get the

home crowd into it. "It was a rocky start, but I think

Schedules



Hockey 2/9-10 at Michigan

Showcase, TBA 2/14 South Lyon, 6 p.m.

Volleyball 2/8 Howell, 7 p.m. 2/13 at Lakeland, 7 p.m.

Wrestling 2/10 KVC championships at

Hartland, 9 a.m.

Boys Swim and Dive 2/8 at South Lyon, 6 p.m 2/9 MISCA Meet Diving, TBA

2/14 Hartland 6 n.m.

Bowling 2/10 Milford, 12:30 p.m. 2/12 South Lyon, 4 p.m.

2/8 Divisional Championships at Alpine



2/13 Brother Rice, 7:30 p.m.

Hockey 2/9-10 MIHL Showcase at Kennedy Arena, TBA

Wrestling 2/10 CHSL champ, 10 a.m.

2/10 Jaeger Tourney at Oak Lanes, 10 a.m. 2/13 U-D at Drakeshire, 3:30 p.m.

2/8 MBISA Meet at Mt.

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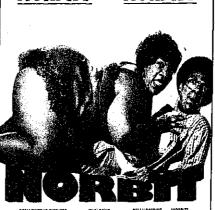
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1 cup sugar 1/2 cup water 3/4 cup fat-free

teaspoon vanilla

extract l quart nonfat ice cream

tablespoons fat-free chocolate 1/4 cup chopped, dry-roasted pecans

Preheat oven to 350°F. Spray a 9-inch deepdish glass pie pan with vegetable oil spray.
For crust, pulse cookies in a food processor intil finely ground.

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

Pour in margarine, pulsing on and off until

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 remov from heat when desired color is reached. Cool

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

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

To assemble, soften ice cream at room temperature for about 15 minutes. Scoop into cooled pie shell and smooth top,

sion around perimeter, where ice cream meets nie erust. Freeze 30 minutes. Soften caramel sauce, if necessary, by 2 to 3 minutes or in microwave at 50 percent power (medium) about 2 minutes. Drizzle caramel and chocolate sauces over

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

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crumbs and press into bottom of pan. Prepare brownie mix according to package directions; spread over crumbs. Bake until firm, approximately 35 to 50 minutes, until toothpick inserted in center cornes out clean. Remove from oven to a wire rack;

cool completely and remove cake from par Meanwhile, prepare frosting: Whisk egg whites and sugar together over simmering water until sugar is dissolved. Remove from heat; using electric mixer,

cooled. Add butter one nugget at a content while continuing to beat. Dissolve espresso in 2 tablespoons warm water. Beat espresso into frosting. Frost top and sides of cake. Snip small corner of a rescalable plastic bag

place whipped cream inside. Pipe 8 rosettes around outside edges of cake Place a chocolate heart atop each rosette To serve, place 8 chocolate hearts in a small, rescalable plastic bag. Microwave until melted, about 15 seconds. Cut a corner of bag: randomly drizzle chocolate on dessert plates. Place a cake wedge on

Host a "Couples Dinner Party," and have everyone attend in cocktail attire or black tie. Right before you serve dessert, have the men at the

■ For a quick and inexpensive romantic touch to your dinner for two —

scatter rose petals across your tabletop. To set a really sweet mood, scatter Valentine's M&M's with rose petals.

■ Create lively conversation by printing a famous love quote underneath each guest's name; place a Dove Rich Dark Chocolate Heart next to each card.

Valentine's Day should be celebrated with that special someone.

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Treat your "special someones" to this scrumptious tunnel of chocolate

Cake

1 2/3 cups sugar

1/2 cup sour cream 1 bag Dove Rich Dark

1/4 cup light corn syrup 1/2 cup heavy cream and flour 12-cup Bundt pan, set aside. Combine flour baking powder, soda and salt in mixing bowl, set aside. In separate bowl, microwave 1 bag chocolate hearts until melted (about 1 1/2 minutes).

In large bowl, beat shortening, sugar and orange zest until fluffy; add eggs one at a time,

nately add flour and milk mixtures into shortening mix ture, beating until smooth. Stir I cup cake batter into cooled melted chocolate; set aside. Spuon half of plain batter into bottom of prepared pan; cover with all the chocolate minutes, until toothpick inserted in center comes out clean. Remove from oven to wire rack; cool completely. For glaze: From 1 bag chocolate hearts, set aside 8. hearts, corn syrup and heavy cream. Heat 1 to 2 minutes. stirring frequently until smooth. Cool slightly. Remove cake from pan to wire rack set over sheet pan covered with waxed paper. Spoon glaze

chocolate hearts.





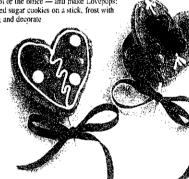


upid understands that it's the people we care about every day - and those who care about us -- who are our valentines. Best friends, running buddies, office mates, parents and children touch our hearts Why not say "you mean the world to me" this Valentine's Day by stirring up

something special for those you cherish? Start with these sweet ideas made for sharing and fun activities for the family. A multitude of bright, festive ideas invitations, gift tags and more to download - that will fire your creative spirit can be found at Brightldeas.com.

Gather the Gang

Have the family get together to make sweet favors — perfect for school or the office — and make Lovepops: Bake heart-shaped sugar cookies on a stick, frost with state with internal descent red or pink leing and decorate with M&M's.



Heart-Felt Parties

Make your sweet holiday celebration fun, unforgettable and full

table switch seats — it's a great way to mix and mingle with your

■ Masquerade Parties are great for all ages — try hosting a Venctian Masquerade for adults and a fun and festive "make your own mask" party for kids.

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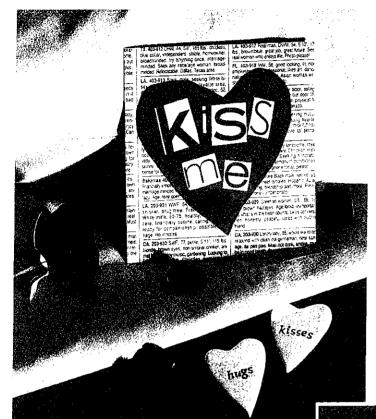
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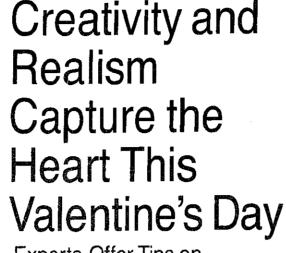
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Receiving a card on Valentine's Day may be expected, but extra-special delivery will enhance the

Valentine's Day isn't just for couples. There are selections for family and friends and even cards that joke about being single



Experts Offer Tips on Expressing Love, Your Style

Cleveland, Ohio - We live in an age when the Internet and mass media provide access to the latest trends at the click of a mouse or the touch of a remote. As a result, people want their homes, their fashions and even their holiday celebrations to reflect their individual style and personality, Luckily, this Valentine's Day there are more ways than ever to say "I love you" with creativity and flair.

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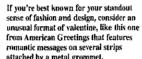
There's good news for the unattached, two. Valentine's Day used to be the most detaded day of the year for those who were not part of a couple. Social changes, like women marrying later, have been belped along by the influence of fectional itoms like "Bridged Dones" and "Carrie Bradshaw." In today's world, being single no longer relegates women to second-chass status. In fact, many women use the occasion as an excuse to celebrate their frieadships with a girls' night dinner party.

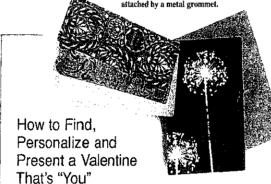
American Greetings offers special cards for singles, ranging from irreverent anti-Valentine's Day messages to sincere expressions of friendship. "True friends nature the spirit and evitalize the soul," says one card. Another

the spirit and revitalize the soul," says one card. Another lownplays the perceived seriousness of the day with the words: "Happy Feb. 14th" on the front. Inside, the mes-

words: "Happy Feb. 14th" on the front. Inside, the message continues: "Oh, and have a nice Valentine's Day," "From the turn of the century all the way through the '40s and '50s, Valentine's Day remained a pretty traditional romantic holiday," said Nicole Fraser, senior creative consultant at American Greetings, "It was all about earls with cupids, flowers and rhyming verses and presenting those big, heart-shaped boxes of chocolates. However, beginning in the '60s, people began to think of Valentine's Day as a day to express love to anyon important in their lives. Over the years, that trend has continued, and today, nearly 40 percent of all valentines are sent to other family members and friends. "Exchanging school valentines has also become an American tradition. For most children, decorating

an American tradition. For most children, decorating Valentine's Day shoeboxes or paper bags and signing and delivering valentines to classmates will be one o the first times they will express their appreciation to others with a card."





personality and style. Pictured are a variety of Valentine's Day cards

from American Greetings that

Okay, so now you've found the perfect card and personalized it with a romantic message. What's next? Consider the way you celebrate as well. "Whether you're cooking a romantic dinner for two or planning an informal girls' night in for your single friends, today it's all about expressing your own related nouches," said Sandra Lee, life and style expert, New York Times best-selling author and "Semi-Homemade" Food Network star. "Here are some quick and easy ideas that will make the celebration extra special."

An Enchanted Evening for Two Place a valentine with an invitation inside on their pillow the night before, or

Valentine's Day Entertainment Ideas

erved in a champagne flute or merlot glass.

■ Serve a small-effort meal with a big impact — like filler mignon topped blue cheese, a salad and steamed green beans (even if you have to order it in

because of time or culinary constraints). ■ For the big finish, feed each other a sensual dessert tike white and dark chocolate-covered chemies or strawberries - or maybe a rum raspberry trifle

Girls' Night In

■ Movie Night — Send "ticket" invitations requesting guests bring their favorite chick flick and movie snack to share.

■ "Just Desserts" — Show your gal pals how special they are by serving a sweet buffet of decadent desserts, like a Chocolate Box (made with chocolate bars and filled with an easy mousse of store-bought pudding from snack cups mixed with whipped cream and berry slices). More dessert recipes are available in Lee's book "Semi-Homemude Desserts," or on her Web site; www.semibomemade.com.

■ Queen of Hearts Card Party — Settle in for a card night. Decorate with earls and dire, and crown each first with a time from the toy denottment.

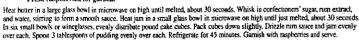
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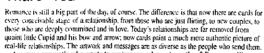
dice, and crown each friend with a tiara from the toy department. Come Out 'n Play — Break out the board games. Decorate with dice, game boards and pieces. Dust off the golden oldies like Mystery Date, Clue, the Crazy Eight Ball

Raspberry Trifle With Rum Sauce

1/2 cup raspberry jan

1 frozen pound cake (12-ounce), thawed and cut into quarter-size cube 3 containers (4 ounces each) refrigerated prepared vanilla pudding Fresh raspberries, for garnish





Are you a romantic who wants to express your deepest emotions? Romance will never Are you a romantic who wants to express your deepest emotions? Romance will never go out of style. This year, heartfelt, romantic cards are as diverse as the people sending them. For instance, one of American Greetings' new cards says, "Hands are meant to be held, Lips are meant to be kissed. Words are meant to be spoken. Dreams are meant to come true. You and I are meant for each other." If your style is short and sweet, you might opt instead for one that pictures raffle tickets on the front, and says: "I wou the prize. Happy Valentine's Day."

Are you in a new relationship? You could select a card in the nontraditional color of Tiffany blue with a heart composed of brown velvet dots with the simple words; "You'te my boyfright.] Live sexping these.

boyfriend. I love saying that."

Looking for a slightly sultry card as a prelude to a romantic evening at home? American Greetings offers one that reads: "My husband. My hottie. Be mine ... today, tonight, 'til the end of time. Love you." To make the most impact, take a few minutes to write a personal message. If you're having trouble getting stanted, consider these tips:

Don't get too hung up on how to say it. This is a love note for the most romantic day of the year. Express how you feel in a way that sounds natural and right for you, and

Start by making fun lists:

■ Things you love about your valentine, like "your hot, passionate kisses" or "what a wonderful father you are to our children

■ Things the two of you love doing together

Private jokes, nicknames or code words

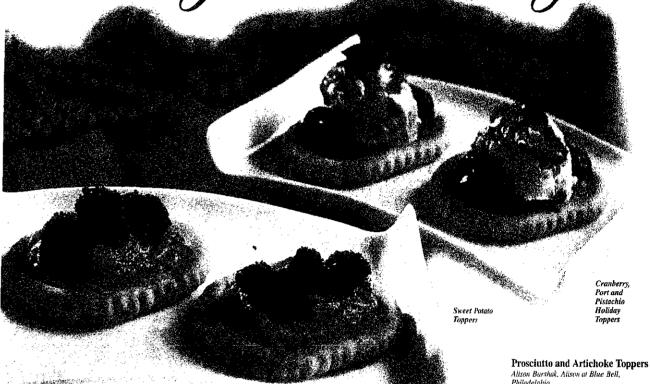
Favorite memories starting with how you met

Don't stop after finding just the right card and declaring your feelings inside. Get creative with the presentation. The unexpected surprise of discovering a card in a briefcase or the special delivery of a valentine with a single red rose on the bed pillow is sure to delight.

Dips for Easy Entertaining

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hefs have long known the secret to successful entertaining — keep guests occupied and happy while the main course is being prepared. Now they're sharing this tried-and-true tip -- and favorite recipes - to help holiday hosts take the stress out of special occasions. Whether you're putting the finishing touches on the main course or pulling together last-minute snacks to welcome unexpected

guests, start with something small and delicious, Appetizers and hors d'oeuvres can be both easy and elegant. Better still, many can be prepared in a pinch. Simply combine pantry staples with seasonal ingredients to create flavorful, colorful dips and toppings that are perfectly pleasing and ready in

Grant Achatz of Alinea restaurant in Chicago suggests a sweet, creamy combination of cinnamon. ginger, brown sugar, sweet potatoes and whipped cream. Serve this dip with crackers or fruit for a scrumptions starter that celebrates the best flavors of the season.

A tangy hors d'oeuvre featuring cranberries and pistachios tops the list of Chef Carlos Guia's recommendations for in-home entertaining. The Commander's Palace Las Vegas chef blends the fruit and nots with cream cheese and spreads it on rich. buttery crackers, like Town House Toppers, which have a raised edge to keep toppings in place.

Need a split-second snack? Try Cheez-li pasteurized cheese snack, in Cheddar or Sharp White Cheddar flavors, on your favorite cracker or crudités. For more easy entertaining tips and recipes from to chefs visit www.keebler.com.

Sweet Potato Toppers Grant Achatz, Alinea Chicago Prep Time: 40 minutes

4 cups whipping cream

1/4 cup granulated sugar

1 teaspoon salt

2 large sweet pointoes, peeled and
cut into 1/2-inch-thick silees
(about 1.3/4 pound total)

3/4 cup bourbon or orange juice

1/2 cup raisins

1/3 cup firmly packed brown sugar

2 teaspoons cinapmon

2 teaspoons cinnamon 1 teaspoon ginger Keebler Town House Toppers Garlic & Herb Crackers

1. In large saucepan, combine cream, granulated

sugar and sall. Add potatoes. Bring to boil; reduce heat. Simmer, covered, about 20 minutes or until potatoes are tender. 2. Drain potatoes. Place potatoes in food

processor. Cover and process until smooth. Cover and refrigerate at least 1 hour. 3. Meanwhile, in small saucepan, combine bourbon and raisins, Bring to a simmer. Remove from heat. Let stand for 1 hour. Drain raisins. Pat lightly with paper towels.
 In shallow dish, combine brown sugar, cinnamon and ginger. Add raisins. Stir until

6. Generously spread sweet potato mixture on crackers. Top each with 3 or 4 raisins.

Cranberry, Port and Pistachio Holiday Toppers Carlos Guia, The Commander's Palace,

Las Vegas Prop Time: 20 minutes Servings: 24

1/2 cup dried cranberries

1/2 cup port wine or white grape juice
2 tablespoons honey
1 8-ounce package cream cheese,

1/2 cup chopped pistachio nuts, toasted**
2 tablespoons chopped fresh parsley
1/8 teaspoon salt
1/8 teaspoon pepper
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Original Crackers

In small saucepan, combine cranberries, wine and honey. Bring to a simmer. Cook about 5 manutes or until cranberries are plump. Cool

to room temperature. 2. In small mixing bowl, beat cream cheese on

medium speed until fluffy. Add half cranberry mixture, half pistachios, parsley, salt and pepper. Beat until combined. Spoon cream cheese mixture onto crackers

Top with remaining cranberry mixture and remaining pistachios. *NOTE: Soften in microwave on high 15 to 20

seconds.
**NOTE: To toast nuts, spread evenly on baking sheet. Bake at 350°F 5 to 10 minutes or until light golden brown stirring once or twice

1/4 cup chopped marinated artichoke hearts, drained
1 tablespoon pesto

2 ounces mascarpone cheese* 2 tablespoons grated Parmesan

Prep Time: 20 minute

1/8 teaspoon salt 1/8 teaspoon pepper 2 slices prosciutto, cut into small

pieces Keebler Town House Toppers Original Crackers

In small bowl, stir together artichoke hearts and pesto. Let stand 25 minutes to blend

2. Meanwhile, in food processor combine mascarpone and Parmesan cheeses, salt and pepper. Cover and process until combined.** 3. Top crackers with cheese mixture, pesto

mixture and prosciutto. *NOTE: If desired, substitute 2 ounces cream

cheese plus I tablespoon milk for the **NOTE: If cheese mixture is too thick, add milk, 1/2 teaspoon at a time, to desired

Salmon and Crème Fraîche on Toppers Brad Thompson, Mary Elaine's

Prop Time: 20 minutes Servings: 24

1/4 cup whipping cream
1/4 cup crème fraîche

1 teaspoon prepared horseradish

1/8 teaspoon pepper 2 tablespoons capers*

Keebler Town House Toppers 3 ownces smoked salr

skin removed and cut into 1/2-inch pieces 1. Chill small mixing bowl and beaters of

lemon juice, horseradish, lemon peel, salt

and pepper on medium speed until soft peaks form. In small nonstick skillet, cook capers in

vegetable oil over medium heat until they pop. Drain on paper towels.*

4. Spoon cream mixture on crackers. Top with

salmon and capers. *NOTE: If desired, substitute 2 tablesmoon chopped fresh chives for capers and oil and omit step 3 above. Top crackers with cream mixture, salmon and chopped fresh chives

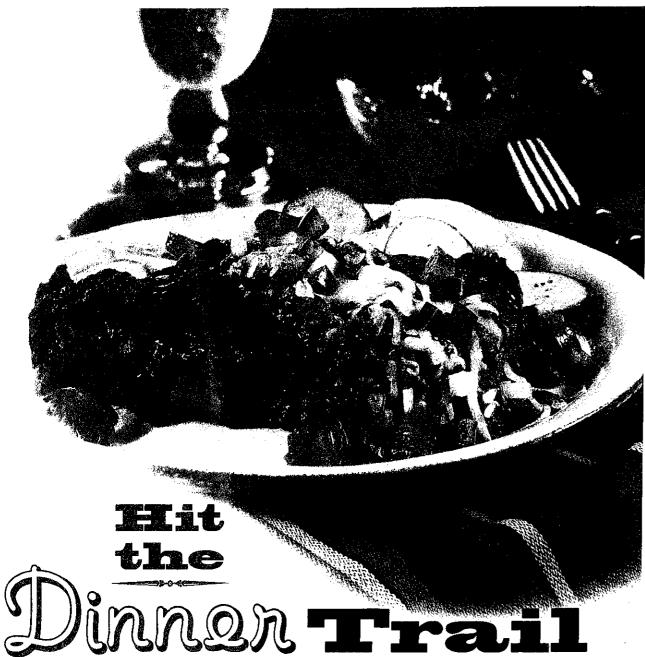




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hen your cowboys and cowgirls come home after riding the range — hungry—do what cowboy cooks have done for generations. Add the tang of tomatoes, the zip of perpers and the cowar beat of matter in a calculation. zip of peppers and the sweet heat of onions to perk up any meal. Put a little salsa in your life and rustle up some of these authentic ranch recipes, which Pace Foods has gathered from real-life chuckwagon cooks from Cheyenne, Wyo, to Fort Worth, Texas, as part of its effort to preserve the heritage of cowboy cooking.

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ver the past five years, in partnership with Pace Foods, cowboy cook Tom Perini of Buffalo Gap, Texas, has traveled the country with his chuckwagon, giving us a taste of this 140-year-old ranching tradition.

ranching tradition.

"The word 'chuck' is an Old English term for food,"
Perini explains. "On a long castle drive from south
Texas to the rail yards in Abilene, Kan, cowboys had to
put all their food, spices and utensils in a 'chuck' box on
the back of a wagon. While on the trail, 12 cowboys had
to eat breakfast, lanch and dinner. With no refrigeration
or running water, it was the chuckwagon cook's respon-

sibility to transform beef, salt perk, dried pinto beans, flour, commeal, lard, molasses and spices into appetiz

ning meals."
Perini continues, "Tomatoes were among the first canned goods. If cowboys were incly, they had a cook
who could make a fresh-tasting salsa from these tomatoes. It was such a welcome addition that picante sance
is till considered a cowboy cooking staple among
chuckwagon and ranch cooks today."

Tom Perini owns the Perini Ranch Steakhouse, named one of "America's Great Rural Restaurants" by Gourmet magazine.

Prep time: 10 minutes Cook time: 25 minutes

- I tablespoon vegetable oil
 2 heef rib-eye steaks (about 1 pound each), 1 inch thick
 1 24-ounce jar Pace Picante Sauce
 1 8-ounce package shredded
 Monterey Jack cheese
 (about 2 cups)
 1 small onion, chopped (about 1/4 cup)
- jalapeño pepper, seeded and minced (about 1 tablespoon)
- small tomato, chopped (about 1/2 cup)
- Heat oil in 10-inch skillet over medium high heat. Add steaks and cook about 10
- minutes or until medium-rare, turning steaks halfway through cooking. Add picante sauce and heat to a boil. Reduce heat to low, Cook 10 minutes Divide cheese between steaks. Cover and
- Inspired from a recipe by J. Arthur Garcia, Two Circle G Chuckwagon, Lubbock, Texas

Picante Peach Cobbler

Prep time: 10 minutes Stand time: 15 minutes Bake time: 40 minutes Cook time: 10 minutes

- Makes: 8 servings 1 24-ounce jar Pace Picante Sauce
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 L cup packed brown sugar
 L cup all-purpose flour
 L teaspoon ground cinnamon
 L teaspoon salt
 L 29-ounce can cling peach halves,
 drained and chopped
 L 15-ounce package refrigerated
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- pie crust (1 crust) 1. Mix picante sauce, brown sugar, flour, cinnamon and salt in 3-quart saucepan.

 Cook and stir over medium heat until
 mixture boils. Reduce heat to low. Cook and stir 2 minutes more or until mixture thickens. Stir in reaches. Remove from heat and let cool. Pour mixture into 9-inch
- deep-dish pie plate.

 2. Heat oven to 400°F. Let pie crust stand at room temperature 15 minutes or until it's easy to handle. Gently put the pie crust over the sauce mixture; crimp or roll edges to seal. Cut slits in crust with knife.

 3. Bake 40 minutes or until crust is golden brown. Serve warm.

Inspired from a Tomato Cobbler recipe by Daryle Hester, 2H Hester's Chuckwagon, Fort Worth, Texas

Shredded Pork Burritos

Prep time: 15 minutes Cook time: 8 to 10 hours Stand time: 10 minutes

- 1 tablespoon vegetable oil 1 large onion, chopped (about 1 cup) 4 cloves garlic, minced 1 16-ounce jar Pace Medium Chunky
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 - Salsa
 1 cup water
 1 medium red pepper, chopped

 - (about 1 cup)
 8 green onions, chopped (about 1 cup)
 1 bunch fresh cilantro, chopped
 - (about 1 cup)
 - (about 1 cup)

 1/4 cup lemon pepper seasoning

 1/4 cup ground cumin

 1/4 cup chili powder

 1 tablespoon lime juice

 1 4-pound boneless pork loin roast,

 - etted or tied

 - 1 8-ounce package shredded (about 2 cups) I. Heat oil in 12-inch skillet over medium
 - heat. Add onion and garlic and cook until tender. Stir the salsa, water, red pepper, green onions, cilantro, lemon pepper, cumin, hili powder and lime juice into the skillet.
 - salsa mixture over roast.

 3. Cover and cook on low 8 to 10 hours or until meat is fork-tender.

 4. Remove roast; place on cutting board and
 - 5. Spoon 5 cups salsa mixture from cooker

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into 2-quart saucepan. Stir in chiles, Cook over medium-high heat to a boil. Reduce heat to medium-low. Cook and stir 15 minutes or until mixture thickens

each tortilla. Top with 2 tablespoons green chile sauce. Fold sides of tortilla over and then fold up ends to enclose filling. Divide

Inspired from a recipe by Barbara Kennedy, Cowgirls Portver Chuckwagon, Desert Hills, Ariz.



Gina Mazzoni, Certified Gemologist through the American Gem Society, shows part of the exquisite collection of Hearts on Fire jewelry

Set her heart on fire

symbol of love on Valentine's Day and all year long

By Kate Phillips

Valentine's Day is the perfect time to set the woman you love on fire with a Hearts on Fire diamond at Orin Jewelers of Northville and Garden City. These dianonds are the most beautiful in the world.

A Hearts on Fire diamond burns with a sparkle and fire the way no other diamond can, and it will put a sparkle and fire in the eyes of someone you love in the way no other diamond can. "Hearts on Fire diamonds are truly the

world's most perfectly cut diamond," said Orin Mazzoni III who manages the Northville showroom of the family busi-

PERFECT CUT

It starts with the selection of only the rarest of all natural rough diamonds, Less than I percent of all rough diamonds fit the selection standards.

"Hearts on Fire diamonds have the most brilliance and the best out so they're going to be the highest quality and the most beautiful diamonds available," said Orin. The cut of the Hearts on Fire diamond

is so different it has been patented.
These perfectly cut diamonds allow all of the light in the diamond to reflect and refract inside the diamond and come back out the top of the diamond and come back of the rainbow. A less perfectly cut diamond will either leak light or retain light inside of the diamond making it look darker.

The pattern of the perfectly cut dia-mond actually looks like a fireburst shape on the top of the diamond and on the reverse it resembles a ring of hearts — hence the name, Hearts on Fire.

PERFECT LOVE

At Orin Jewelers, the Hearts on Fire diamonds are very popular for engage-ment rings and bridal jewelry, Many couples find that a perfect diamond is the only way to celebrate their blossoming rela-

But they're also lighting fires in couples of all stages of their relationship. The beautiful diamonds, which are available in Their, expert craftsmen cut to the sweet-est spot on the diamond. Instead of being machine cut or passed around on an initial presents. They're an investment issembly line between cutters, each in the future because fine lewelry is some, and opened a second showroom in down-honesty and integrity, and will continue to

have the perfect cut, alignment and pro-portions. After cutting, they are then pol-ished perfectly to take in, reflect, and return light in a virtual dance of fire.

PERSONAL GIFTS

Orin Jewelers is filled with ideas for very unique gifts for men and women that

The store carries designer jewelry created by the world's leading designers, including J.B. Star, Peter Storm, Scott Kay, Taceri, Mikimote and D'Annunzio.

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The jewelry business has been a tradifamily for nearly 75 years. Orin Jewelers has operated for 54 years in Michigan and 24 years in Northville.

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Orin Mazzoni Sr. opened his first fine jewelry store in West Virginia in 1933.
Orin and his wife. Mary, moved their family to Michigan in 1953 and opened Orin Jewelers in Garden City. When Orin retired in 1969, son Orin Jr. took over as president and CEO of the business.

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Mazzoni family.

Orin Mazzoni III joined the family husiness in 1998 and today serves as manager of the Northville store. His sister Gina is a Graduate Gemologist and also works with him at the store, as well as long time safes associates Carole Urban and Joanne Sorby, who have been with the tion for three generations of the Mazzoni family for nearly 75 years. Orin Jewelers has operated for 54 years in Michigan and Vickers are the newest members of the Orin family and provide another level of



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FIREBOX AND MASONRY REPAIRS any cracks can your a fire hazard and should be filled with refractory misoneys repoint masonry joints and replace broken leads.

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Make Valentine's Day sweeter

Surprise them with top-quality chocolate specialities

By Kate Phillips

Chocolate is the perfect Valentine's Day gift. Especially when it's from the Schakolad Chocolate Factory in

The European-style chocolates that are freshly made at Schakolad are rich, creamy and silky smooth. They are nothing like the chocolates sold in

"If you are buying someone a present, get them fresh, delicious chocolates
— something that is a treat that they
might not buy ordinarily," said owner

TASTE THE DIFFERENCE

Schakolad Chocolate Factory makes all of the delicious chocolates right on site, in the small Northville Factory.
The taste is incredible.
"If you let the chocolate melt on your

tongue, you'll taste the true chocolate cocoa flavor coming through," said Porter, "It will leave a nice aftertaste in the mouth and give you a satisfied feel-

ing,"
The treats are handmade from the finest European chocolate, Schakolad imports fine white chocolate, milk chocolate and dark chocolate.

The chocolate has a much higher cocoa content and fess sugar than typical products. That means that it tastes more like rich chocolate instead of just

sugar.
It seems to be more satisfying to have just one piece of Schakolad Chocolate than an entire hox of ordinary choco-

Unlike other brands, it's not grainy, isn't full of oils and doesn't have a strange aftertaste,
Even chocolate connoisseurs who

were loyal to one brand of expensive chocolate have switched over to

"Customers say we are as good or better than the best European choco-late," said Porter, "In addition, the chocotates are freshly made, not made in a factory months ago."



Lynne Porter, owner of the Schakolad Chocolate Factory in Northville, pours milk chocolate into a heart-shaped mold

CHOCOLATE FOR EVERYONE

It all starts with a family of three chocolations - Lynne and her husband. Tim Porter, and sister. Theresa Chambers. They've traveled far and wide to attend chocolate school when the family opened the store last summer. They continue to perfect the art of chocolate making as they labor in the

small shop.

The chocolate makers dip Oreo cookies, marshmallows, pretzels and glazed fruit in the chocolate, plus make almond bark, pecan turtles and crunchy treats like pistachio nut clusters.

But the customer favorite seems to be the unique truffles. The dark chocolate ganache truffle actually uses a soft chocolate with an extremely high cocoa content on the inside, then is dipped in dark chocolate. Another favorite is the raspberry truffle, which combines the soft dark chocolate with the brightness of raspberries. They're flavor combina-

tions that treat all of the senses.

Those who like something lighter will love truffles like key hime or butterscotch, dipped in white chocolate or a cheesecake ganache dipped in white

puecino truffle dipped in milk choc-lete, a mocha truffle dipped in dark chocolate, and amaretto or grand marnier ganache truffles. Other popular favorites are the hand-

molded chocolate hoxes, suckers and

even edible sculptures.

There's a huge selection perfect for Valentine's Day — from a chocolate heart-shaped box which can be filled with truffles, to creamy milk chocolate lips, to chocolate handcuffs. Customers can choose from several thousand molds to order a special hand-molded

HEALTHY OR NOT?

Staff at Schakolad said that many people come in looking for dark choco-late rich in anti-oxidants. They're only found in chocolate with a high-cocoa content like Schakolad.

But the biggest health bonus in Schakolad is that it is made without preservatives. Other chocolate that is made in large factories is filled with preservatives to keep it from spoiling while sitting on a shelf for months. At Schakolad all of the chocolate is served fresh so it is made with no harmful preservatives.

It is also free of fillers and waxes that

It is also free of thiers and waxes that are in store-bought brands.
"You are getting good, all-natural ingredients and you can actually watch it being made before your eyes," said

That's old-fashioned goodness. Porter has noticed that people watching their waistlines like to come in for

CHOCOLATE FACTORY

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10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Monday through Thursday, 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. Friday and Saturday, and noon to 5 p.m. Sunday

several small pieces of chocolate once in a while, so they aren't constantly craving it. The high-cocoa chocolate seems to satisfy a sweet tooth like no other dessert.

"In moderation, chocolate can be a delicious part of a healthy diet," said

A NIGHT OF CHOCOLATE

Those who are going out for Valentine's Day should stop at Schakolad Chocolate Factory first for a coffee or hot chocolate before dinner. is sure to be a memorable experience.

While men love chocolate, it seems to speak in a special way to women, Porter said. Each woman who walks in the door of Schakolad is bowled over by the aroma of the warm chocolate and the

aroma of the warm chocolate and the candies lined up in the cases, it's almost a sensory overload.

"This is the place to bring a woman on a date," said Porter, with a smile.

So the perfect treat for a special night out or a leisurely afternoon shopping its spending a few minutes enjoying the sights, smells—and tastes—of Schakedal. Schakolad.

The store fills waffle cones with 10 different flavors of frozen gelato. There are scrumptious choices like Terkish Roasted Coffee and Tahitian Vanilla.

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And the coffee drinks are perfect for a cold evening. There's drip coffee made fresh all day, plus espresso, cappaccino and specialty drinks like the Mochaccino. Mochaccino.

But the ultimate treat has to be the Hot Schako Latte, That's the Schakolad version of hot chocolate. The staff simby combines hot milk with a scrop of warmed chocolate — either milk chocolate, white or dork. Topped with whipped cream it's like drinking warm liquid chocolate. There couldn't be anything better.

CHOCOLATE PARTIES

Customers love hanging out in the cafe so much, that Schakolad offers "A Sweet Night Out." It is an opportunity for a private party to come after hours for an evening of chocolate. It's the ultimate chocolate fantasy. Guests get a tour of the factory, then actually make hand-molded chocolate to take home. Then it's time for a major chocolate

overload, with a Juscious Jountain streaming with liquid chocolate. Guests can dip Oreo cookies, marshmallows, fruit and even seven of the most popular

truffles.

The elegance continues with sparkling juice served in chocolate champagne glasses.

"A Sweet Night Out" is perfect for

business guests, bachelorette parties and special birthday celebrations. To make any event sweet, Schakolad travels with the chocolate fountains,

setting up the lavish treat at weddings, bar mitzvahs, graduation parties and corporate events. And unlike other chocolate fountains, Schakolad offers only the finest mehed chocolate — not cheap chocolate sauce filled with oil.

Schakolad can also make custom truffle favors and hand-molded treats

for wedding or shower favors. rely on Schakoli personalized chocolate gifts, and even custom molds featuring logos and promotions.



Popular favorites at Northville's Schakolad Chocolate Factory are the

hand-molded chocolate sculptures, suckers and edible chocolate



