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How would the money be spent?

By Renee Gates

Novi residents will determine May 8 if three elementary schools receive gymnasiums and if school district buildings receive district buildings receive enhanced security and technology when they vote on a \$26.4 million bond proposal.

Last week the Novi School

board unanimously approved the

posal. "The thing you have to keep in mind is what is the benefit for Novi

Schools

Woes B District officials still grap-

pling with long-

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Superintendent Peter Dion. "To have facilities that are equitable, facilities that are up to date, technology that is up to date, I think our community expects that and this will provide that for our community."

If approved by voters, the bulk of the proposal, \$19 million, would cover the construction and renovation cost of building sepa renovation cost of binding sepa-rate gymnasiums, art roums and music rooms for Orchard Hills, Village Oaks and Parkview Elementary schools. The \$6.78 million technology portion of the bond, would replace student and

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A Brand New Day



ABOVE: Zoe Ling, 5, attends Grade 1 Chinese every Sunday at the Michigan New Century Chinese Center, at Schoolcraft College in Livonia. Ling is a kindergartener at Novi Woods Elementary School. BELOW: Deerfield Elementary School student Nicolas Oo, 8, practices martial arts.

At This Sunday School, Students Learn to Embrace Chinese Culture, Ethnic Heritage

By Renee Gates

ong Tan has two daughters in Novi Public Schools, and like all parents she is concerned for their safety. She wants them to do well in school and receive a quali-ty education that will lay the founda-tion for a successful future.

But Tan is also concerned about their cultural education. Will they be

able to talk with their grandparents? Will they understand their own cus-toms? Will they celebrate their own holidays?

Tan is among a growing population of Chinese-American immigrants living in Novi and throughout the state.

Many came to the United



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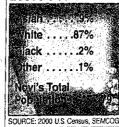
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dren - tens of thousands of miles away from the environmenwhere mom and dad grew up.
Linda Feng and
ber husband work
for Ford Motor

our masters degrees here; we decided to stuy here. We like it here," she said. They moved to Novi four years ago because they liked the school system, and now have a first grader at Deerfield Elementary.

"We see some friends, they have second generation or older kids, they kind of lost their culture (or) educa-tion of Chinese background." Feng-said. "We don't want our children to forget what we are or where we are from. We want them still connected,"

Novi's **Population** Breakdown



Learning their culture

Keeping their children connected to their heritage means working over-time for Chinese parents who also realize their children want to take advantage of everything their American culture affords them. So in addition to ballet, skating and music lessons, along with after-school pro-

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SPOTLIGHT NOVI: MY DIVERSITY

What is SPOTLIGHT NOVI? Every week, the Novi News reviews in-depth one aspect of local life. Next week: MY GROWING COMMUNITY

'SHARED' STRAIGHT

Governor: \$27M incentive for more locally shared services

By Greg Migliore

Republicans and Democrats are digging in for a lengthy fight over the state budget.

But a relatively uncontroversial part of Gov. Jennifer Granholm's proposed \$43.4 billion plan unveiled last week could resonate in Novi: revenue sharing.

Granholm wants to increase cash for cities by \$27.2 million. But to secure the money, governments must efficiently use their services, often for more than one

services, often for more and activate.

The concept, known as shared services, has been a dicey topic in Novi. The City Council killed a plan to explore putting senior facilities in plans for the library expansion last year. Some city leaders when to build an indoor gun also want to build an indoor gun asso want to boild an indoor gui range for the police department at the Field Services Complex off 11 Mile Road, in part to help increase security for the Department of Public Works facility.

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District Budget Woes

News from State not a fix for schools

By Renee Gates NEWS STAFF WRITER

Novi Public Schools is no longer immune from financial difficulties district officials told the Novi Board of Education at the February school

board meeting. Even with the momentary reprieve from school funding cuts the governor announced in her State-of-the State address last week, the district is facing a \$3.5 million deficit in its current school year operating budget and a projected \$5.9 million deficit next year.

District officials cited increases in retirement cost and health benefits for employees and an inconsistency in state school funding as reasons for its budgetary dilemma.

"All the districts are upset and they want the legislature to do something about cost containment (for) retirement and health insurance," said Novi Schools Superintendent Peter Dion. "They have to do something about that because its affecting the dollars that

are going into the classroom."

Last week, Dion accompanied a

State aid increases by \$50,00 Retirement goes from 17.74% to 19.14% Health benefits increase by 9% THENG \$ 70, 166,584

English 770, 166,584

Coursel 75, 926,372

"One of the things we tried to seeing required to adopt a budget by Julie "One of the things we tried to stop this yearly guessing gume on the budget because every year we go through this same thing." Dion said. "A system that's based on sales tax just isn't working."

"This is not a new story," said Carol Elfring. Novi School Board Desident "Wa farms we nealfo have

rystein train to be constant to just isn't working."

"This is not a new story," said Carol Elfring, Novi School Board President, "We know we really have not had any true increases in several years, nothing that has kept up with years, nothing that has kept up with he inflation of our cost."

By law, school boards are with the word of the fund equition of the cost. Will leave the district's fund balance at 10.2 percent at the end of

required to adopt a budget by June 30, said Gail Credit, Novi Schools

from the fund equity," Credit said.
"We knew there would be a deficit."

Students in Rand Helmcamp's A.P. chemistry class at Novi High hit the books. Though Gov. Jennifer Granholm forestatled cuts to schools for now, Superintendent Peter Dion has ongoing budget woes for Novi students. this school year. But that will not

work for next year, Credit said.

The district is working with employee groups and school staff to develop a balanced budget by June 30, A public hearing for the 2007-08 school operating budget is sched-uled for the May board of education

communicate

budget, released last week, she proposed a \$178 per pupil increase for Michigan schools.

"That would be great for us,"
Dion said, "Would it solve all of our work with the solve all of our with the so

In the governor's proposed 2008 two points already. We don't have

That would be great for us," Renee Gates is a new swriter for the Dion said. "Would it solve all of our problems? No, it's not going to (248) 349-1700, ext.108 or by e-solve all of our problems because as you can see, retirement because as

\$1,386,000

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anticipated interest, is \$26,400,000. the past always made the (technology) plan \$200,000 home would pay an additional \$49 per year. Chasing the newest countries and officials said. past,
"Without a bond,

wireless infrastructure throughout the district.

The remaining \$1.38 of the 20-year bond can million would add security systems to all district buildings. The total bond amount to the district, including the district, including Credit, Novi Public bond fees and minus

Board officials said (equipment) five year sets of the 20-year bond can only be financed for a five-year period.

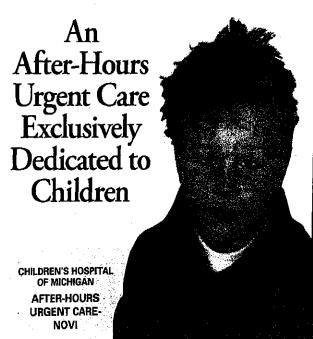
"Our kids are so used to technology from the total control only be financed for a five-year period.

"That's how the debt is including. The total bond amount to the district, including Credit, Novi Public grade; they're using bond can only be used

for construction and technology and can not be used for salaries or at schools and small operating expenses.
The district has developed a February to May timeline to May timeline to

is making sure we communicate with the specifics of the bond issue to Novi residents. The plan includes community question and said.

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MY RELATIONSHIP



Photo by JOHN HEIDER/Novi News Novi attorney Michael Leavitt sees his fair share of divorce cases in his Haggerty

Heartbreaker: Divorces Surge Around Valentine's Day

By Greg Migliore

wer. But the "Valentine's Effect"

lingers.

It's a reverse phenomenon trig-gered by holiday emotions — and for local divorce lawyers, it can

mean big business. LegalMatch, an online attorney natching service that tracks the Valentine's Effect," said requests for divorce and annulment lawyers - affair is suspected. piked 26 percent nationwide during the two weeks around Valentine's Day in 2006, compared with the six

months surrounding the holiday. Valentine's Day is even harsher in Metro Detroit, where requests surged 35 percent around the holi-day in 2006, Legal Match said.

Talk about a season of discontent. "We tend to see spikes like that related to different times of the year, ll sorts of seasonal strangeness, but this is one of the sad ones," said Cheryl Smith, online marketing lirector for San Francisco-based

LegalMatch. In Novi, attorneys agree February is a busy month for divorces, though they cite a variety of reasons.

The chief one actually applies to another holiday: Christmas. Local lawyers say many people simply want to get through that holiday, and by January and February they're fed p with their significant other. Hence, Valentine's Day becomes

a lightening rod.
'To escape additional heartache some people try not to actually file for divorce on the holiday, said Susan Elkouri, a Novi attorney. "People try to avoid having to go to court on that day," she said.

Conversely, some make it a point to file papers on Valentine's Day for revenge purposes, particularly if an "It all depends on the people some are spiteful," Novi attorney Lawrence Neace said.

Seasons of discontent

Other times of the year are also ripe for divorce proceedings, Neace said. Some people file in the fall. usually on the heels of a sour sum mer. Other will file at a specific time to maximize their tax benefits. "People come into heartache at

also spot divorces in the area, said Novi atomey James Harrington 111. He speculates spouses may be all times of the year," Neace said. tired of a relationship and see the severance eash as an opportunity Regardless of when the divorce is filed, money is usually a key reason. Though Novi has a thriving eco-Greg Migliore is a staff writer for nomic base, residents aren't totally insulated from the pressures beset-

the Novi News. He can be reached ting the rest of the state.

"A lot of people nowadays are gaiglione@ gannett.com.

economy," said Novi attorney Michael Leavitt.

Automotive-related buyouts

SPLITTING FACTS

♥ LenalMaich, an Internet

search tirm, said requests for

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♥ There were 4.123 divorces in Oakland in 2004.

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are paid for by insurance companies.

The Novi Fire Department received nearly 4,000

Whitehall Real Estate is pleased to announce the completion of its first major lease in its Novi Campus Park development to JPRA Architects of

Farmington Hills.

JPRA Architects, an award-winning architectural and environmental graphics firm, specializes in the retail industry and hospitality sector. JPRA, which will move from Farmington Hills to Novi by the end of 2007, will lease one of Campus Park's three planned buildings. JPRA's space will be approxinately 30,000 square feet, and house its new, two

Before coming to MCAR, Conley was the director of the Real Estate One Academy for six years. Conley is a graduate of Dale Carnegie. He resides

Jeffrey Jaghab, D.D.S.

Stephanie Jaghab, D.D.S.

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To increase accessibility and streamline the bidding process, Novi has joined the Michigan Inter-governmental Trade Network (MITN), MITN is comprised of 25 public organizations formed to cre-ate a centralized, Web-based, procurement system that provides a single point of contact for vendors to access new business opportenties throughout the region. Novi no longer maintains a bid list and is sharing lists with the organizations on the MITN. Organizations now have access to all Novi bid information by accessing the city's Web site at www.cityofnovi.org and clicking on the "purchas-ing" section under "city services."

Crissman named partner

Dr. Amy Crissman has become a full partner at Town & Country Eyecare of Novi, where founder Dr. Tim Kirk recently celebrated 20 years of prac-tice. Dr. Crissman has been in practice for 10 years, Holleman named principal

The law firm of Miller, Canfield, Paddock and

Stone, P.L.C. announced Todd A, Holleman of Novi has been elected a principal of the firm. Holleman specializes in appellate practice, securi ties litigation and arbitration, commercial contract disputes, construction litigation and equipment leas

ing litigation.

He graduated summa com laude from Wayne State University Law School and was a law clerk for the Honorable Marilyn J. Kelly of the Michigan Supreme Court from 1999-2000.

SHARED: Granholm budget may prompt more locally shared services

Leader Craig DeRoche (Reigarettes. Novi) said the shared services section of the budget could be and waste in order to invest in the things that make Michigan competitive," Granholm, a to see the state expand it "I think we can go a lot fur-Democrat, said in a statement.

ther," he said. implements an aggressive, economic stimulus package to furance when revenues have been cut shapply — reflective of the state's flagging economy—Novi has been augling oget a larger chunk of state money, and is conducting a mid-decade census to demonstrate the state's flagging to get a larger chunk of state money, and is conducting a mid-decade census to demonstrate the state of the state's flagging to get a larger chunk of state money, and is conducting a mid-decade census to demonstrate the state of the state of the state's flagging economy. In the state of the state's flagging economy is complete and win in the fight to compete a

money, and is conducting a mid-decade census to demon-strate the population growth needed for an allocation. Granholm unveiled her pro

orannoim inverted her pro-posed budget last week and gave the annual State of the State address. The budget includes \$9.6 billion in gener-al fund spending. Her plans also include a lower tax on some businesses, but a 2-per-cent services tax on such cent services tax on such things as haircuts, concer

tickets and professional consulting fees. Her plan also increases levies on liquor and contents.

State Sen. Nancy Cassis (Novi) disagreed with much of Granholm's plans, and is wary of some of the proposed tax

"The one thing we have in said Cassis, who is chair of the

"It continues to implement the state's economic plan and implements an aggressive, eco-

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Live and Interactive

technology on its Web site. cityofnovi.org. Some of the

to the counter and ask somebody to pull something up," said Brateman, president of Jonathan Brateman Properties Inc. and a frequent visitor to the Novi Building Department.

"My objective ink. of City Hall; ation," Pety said. "I'll probably use this every day The system cost \$14,900, includ-

ing development and maintenance, said Robert Petty, Novi's director of to beef up Novi's Web presence in the last year, switching to a new

tion ordinance. It applies to ped-

Novi has unveiled a new mapping things you can do with it include

Looking up environmental

information Determining zoning and

ings.
"My objective is to continue to think of City Hall as a 24-hour oper-

Street development.

Retiring Novi Library Director

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-By Greg Migliore

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The interactive maps were the information technology.

City officials have been working

Official Don Saven, who said the city is trying to give builders more information early in the develop-

■ OBITUARIES **■** CHARLES EUGENE TOTTON SR. "GENE"

Entered eternal life on Feb 10, 2007. Mr. White Was both on May 20, 1918 in Nora, Nebraska to Charles and Elsie Totton. He served in the Coast Guard during World War II. On January 19, 1946 he married Violet Montgomery. Gene worked as a mason contractor for thirty years and a building inspector for ten years in Green Oak Township, Since retirement in 1985. Gene and Violet have enjoyed many, activities with family and friends. He will be remembered as a wonderful husband, father, grandfather, brothe and friend. He was preceded in death by his parents, two brothers and two sisters. Survived by his wife Violet; children: Patricia (Carl) Dobbertuhl, Charles (Luann) Totton, Karen (Al) Evans and Donna (Ron)-Lucas. Survived by 9 grandchildren, one great-grandchild, sisters, sister in-laws, brother-in-law, nieces and

something from your desktop," he nephews. A funeral was held at Prince of Peace Lutheran Church Livonia, Troy and Birmingham also the Novi News, He can be reached at (248) 349-1700, est. 103 or



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Feb. 12 Meeting

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use GIS maps.

And for developers like

the process before they have to start making decisions." said Chris Blough, Novi GIS manager. Gre

Internet mapping site with building official Don Saven.

Tina M., Livonia, 128 lbs.

The best part of losing weight is being able to keep up with my family, instead of just watching on the sidelines. Now I can join in and do everything with them!"



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'I'm Special' 🍃

Student's book helps those with special needs

schools. Parent also found as anonymous donor to sponsor 50

been sold or sponsored to school

group read and a class discussion. It's also being used at ... Novi Meadows, where a lot of

teasing also takes place." Parent

The book and Lauren's eighth

grade year have been a wonder-ful experience for her. Since the

any incidents at all. I can't say its definitely from the book, but I think the book has definitely

in the school," said Parent.

makes me feel special and

Renee Gates is a news writer for

districts.

By Renee Gates WS STAFF WHITER

One book, like one life, can have an impact. Just ask Lauren

Her seventh grade year at Novi Middle School was difficult. Kids called her names, put gom in her hair and teased her for being different. It made her sad and she didn't like going to

That summer, the special education student decided to write a book about her life experience. Lauren authored and illustrated 'Pm different, but I'm special.' With the help of her mother she self-published 70 books.

"It's about how to treat other book's release, Lauren has "It's about how to treat other special needs kids, the way you want to be treated." she said. "I don't like seeing people getting teased so I thought of doing the book. It's helping my friends with special needs and people are ending the teasing."

New Luren, and her mother.

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Now Lauren and her mother this year. "This year there hasn't been incidents at all. I can't say

are on a campaign, to sell books, but more importantly to find sponsors for the book so they can give them away to school tricts that cannot afford to made an impression on the kids buy them. The hope is for more students to relate to their special

Lauren thinks so, too.
"It's working good because "If (children) know, maybe gave some of my books to my they won't be so mean, is the thought of many people," said school's library. And I see a ton of kids plugging in. 'I'm differ-ent but I'm special' on the com-Ioan Parent, Lauren's mother. "It's almost like we're trying puter, searching for it. They want to read it," she said. "That to work for a gentler, more con-siderate generation."

The message is getting out. School districts receiving books so far include Livonia, Troy, Royal Oak, Novi and Northville, Parent said. Spillane and Reynolds Onthodontics in Novi nsored \$250 for 25 books to otate among Novi's elementary

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

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Notice is hereby given that the Board of Review shall convene in its first session at 9:00 a.m. EST, Tuesday, March 6th, 2007 in the Novi Assessing Department at 45:175 W. Ten Mile Road for the purpose of reviewing and correcting the assessment roll.

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www.Laurensbook.info. "I'm different but I'm special," retails for \$10. The book is also sold on Amazon.com, but the family receives very little proceeds when purchased through Amazor Proceeds from the book are going into a trust fund for Lauren



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Northyille/Novi is offering \$500 open enforment for kinder-swards to area youth through its student Community Service dward Program, High school students that are residents of to register for full or half day Northville/Novi is offering \$500 garten classes has started. Parents sawards to area youth through its Student Community Service with children beginning kinder-Award Program. High school students that are residents of northville, Northville 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 even movide two. urrent school year; provide two-onwww.novi.k12.mi.us they have learned through their experience in community service and why being involved in com-munity service is important to them and society. Applications may be picked up in the counseloffices of the Northville or ing offices of the isotuviae of Novi high schools. The deadline for submission is March 16, 2007.

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The applications and essays

should be sent to: OCNN-(CSA), 143 Cady Center No. 76, Northville, MI 48167.

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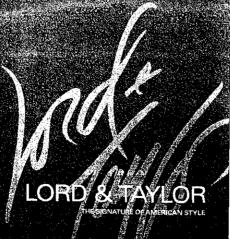
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Novi school recycling program

District playing catch up with local effort

By Renee Gates NEWS STAFF WRITER

Do you know where to recycle this newspaper after you've fin-ished reading it? No? Neither do the students of Novi Public Schools. But that may be changing, if

one Novi elementary teacher has her way. First grade teacher, Becky

making Orchard Hills Elementary the first district school with a community-based recycling program.
"I'm looking forward to seeing

how this works, and hopefully i will expand," said Hurst. "We don't have any policy in regards to recycling," said Novi Public Schools husiness manager Jim Koster, "There is definitely an

openness for it. I think it's just a

matter of timing."
In 2006, Horst called the district office with information regarding a community based recycling company. After speak-ing with the company, the district passed on the information to principals who could determine whether or not their school would

sign up for the program.

When no schools responded, Hurst took the initiative and asked er principal if their school could

Hurst, 54, has run a virtual reduce, recycle and reuse center out of her classroom and school for the last several years. She recycle bins in her class for stu-dents to put in their used plastics and paper. She would also keep "That's where the community

tubs of used paper for students to reuse as scrap paper, drawing or

She encouraged her fellow teachers and administrators to recycle by sharing environmental activities and projects with them And she placed recycle bins in the school's office and copy room. At the end of the week, she would load up her car and drive to a

of Plymouth to unload her cargo. "She has been a real advocate for recycling," said Nancy Lodwick, kindergarten teacher at Orchard Hills, "She is to be credited for bringing recycling to our

recycling center in her home city

School-community recycling On her many trips back and forth to Plymouth, Hurst said she

began noticing green and yellow community recycling bins outside the schools in Plymouth-Canton. She began to make a connection. She gave the district the contact information for Abitibi Paper Retriever, one of the largest paper recyclers of newspaper and maga-zines in North America.

buys their newspaper from us, said Paula Peters. Detroit area manger.
The company's paper retriever

program works with community-based organizations to collect used newspaper, office paper, envelopes and advertising inserts. The program also works as a fund generator because the more ton-nage a school generates the more money they receive. There is no fee for schools to nett.com.

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41900 Quince Recycling bin is in the parking lot

said Peters, "They have to have

the participation aspect. "We presented the program to our PTO and they were very excit-ed. They are supplying us with recycling bins for each class-room." Hurst said. "My principal

all of them are on board."

Hurst says the program is still so new; the school has not even discussed what it plans to do with the money the recycled paper will generate. But she's not as excited

ecritive, one of the largest paper ecyclers of newspaper and maga-ines in North America.

"One-in-three major dailies asked. "They will tell us how many trees we saved so the kids will be able to see the difference pushing the fact that they're give ing us money. We're pushing the fact the we're doing this to help

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Students in Becky Hurst's Orchard Hills classroom like Sophie Antilla, have been recycling paper and now have a Dumpster in went to every classroom has week to explain the program and let them know what we'll be doing. the parking lot where they The kids are all very excited and newspaper and catalog

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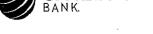
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amount of money at regular intervals, like \$50 a month or \$1,000 a marter, into mutual funds or indi- for risk-shy or novice investors to

The idea is to get into a pattern of investing in up markets and

risk putting a large sum to work at the wealth knew stocks would what could be a high price, such the steadily, we'd all scramble to

don't have to agonize over each decision and whether it's the right time to buy. Plus, many fund companies

will waive their normal dollar minimums if you agree to invest on a regular basis. Dollar-cost averaging is so sen-

workplace accounts

Plenty of advisers like it, too, So it came as a surprise to learn that dollar-cost averaging is controversial in academic circles. For example, an article in the

October issue of the Journal of Thaving taken more than 10 years approach that "does not work." The article references more than a dozen other entical studies,

plus a few offering support.

Who knew so many academics are trying to fix something that gency cash stashed away. isn't broken?

to much time on their hands, are upset that dollar-cost averaging nally doesn't beat a situation here you put all your money to vork as soon as possible, as a

Because stock prices tend to rise over time, the odds do favor starting us soon as possible. In addition, all these academics

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averaging allows more shares to be bought over time than would occur through a lump-sum invest- fall.

Proponents rarely claim the approach beats lump-sum invest-ing over long periods or in up-markets.

Rather, they point out averaging lets you buy more shares in a down market that eventually recovers to near the original price. The approach thus offers a way

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as shortly before a terrorist attack - invest as soon as possible, with no As another benefit, you can set. Web sites that illustrate dollarup a dollar-cost averaging strate-gy to run on autopilot, so that you tund firms, insurers and others,

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PlayStation Patty

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ie game that offers a series of mind-boosting games, like solving simple math problems, drawing pictures on the touch screen, reading classic literature out loud, Sudoka puzzles and more. Price: \$20, but to play Brain Age, you'll also need to buy a hand-help Nintendo DS See www.brainage.com.

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When It Comes To Diversity, Novi Children Lead The Way

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ductions, Chinese parents hope surrounding their children with cultural activities while they are young will help them remain interested in their culture when

they grow older.

"We usually gather together to celebrate Chinese New Year and other Chinese festivals. serving special Chinese foods ceasions, teaching the kids the backgrounds of the festival, the food and tradi-tions," said Feng.

She also makes time to

read to her daughter from classic Chinese novels. And then there is the school.

"One major way is to send them to Chinese school to learn how to speak, how to write, how to read (Chinese). and in the future hope they can continue with aid. At home her

family speaks mostly Chinese. We speak it a lot. We ask my daughter to speak

For a while, she (spoke) a lot of English, but after she join(ed) he Chinese school her Chinese improved, she can speak more.

"Language learning

cannot be separated

from culture because it is embedded in culture Penny Wei Zhao Teacher, Michigan New Century Chinese Center

Deerfield Elementary School student Eloise Wilber, 6, left, sits with her friend, Malla White, 6, of Bingham Farms during a break at the Chinese school held at Schoolcraft College in Livonia.

Every Sunday, Tan, Feng, and hundreds of other Chinese families from Novi send their children to the Michigan New Century Chinese Center (MNCCC) that meets in the campus of Schoolcraft

center is a non-profit organization, one of four Southeastern Michigan, that offer-

College in Livonia, The

Chinese language and culture classes.

The 'sehoot' opened in 2000 with 80 students and is now almost at its 450student capacity. The cen-ter was developed to address the need of teaching Chinese culture to Chinese American

"Chinese parents want their kids to keep Chinese skills, history and culture," said Jeff Zheng, chairman of the board of MNCCC and one of its founders. "It was a demand from

the community."

The center follows a traditional classroom format. The curriculum includes K-12 Chinese language courses and Chinese cultural classes, such as marital arts, dance, sainting and drama. The center also offers special classes for Chinese children adopted into non-Chinese

Before Penny Wei Zhao came to the United States, she taught English for 10 years as a foreign language at the university level in China. With the exception of her husband, her two children and her visiting par all of Zhao's family still lives in China. She works at

Chase Bank in Novi and teaches Chinese for English speaking children at MNCCC. "Language learning cannot be separated from culture because it is embedded in culture; so much of the things (in language) are culture related," Zhao said, "Most parents want their kids to be able to speak and read Chinese. They don't want to break the tie with their families back in China

Wendy Wilhur adopted her Chinese daughter when she was 13 months old. During kindergarten, her daughter came home telling her mother she wanted blunde hair to be like the other

what I need to do to try to make her proud of who she is and realize she doesn't have to be blonde," Wilhur said. She became more in tune to what her daughter was doing and tried to help her young, assimilation-minded daughter diversify



Novi Meadows student Albert Gang. 11. left. Deerfield Novi Middle School student Christopher Oc. 11. practice Chinese martial arts in a Schoolcraft

her growing number of friends. Now her daughter is enrolled in the more diverse Chinese-American friends who also have Caucasian mothers, Wilbur said she surrounds her daughter with Chinese culture through books, films and attend-

ning_{trab}gatherings with organiza-Chinese classes.
I would have my Sunday after-noons free, i wouldn't have China-Metro so much homework to do dur But she doesn't force her daughter

a need to assim-ilate, but she has

felt pressured in

Qito, 16, works at MNCCC, but i

classes.
Both Weng
and Qiao feel there exists a common misperception about their language -"Eloise is very aware that she is Chinese. She is very proud culture among most non-Asians. that she is Chinese but she does things on her own

"There's always the misperception that Asian people are smarter, bookworms, they study all day," Weng said. "In our culture we have to study harder, we have to work harder to get what you want in life ... It is very competitive in China," he level," Wilbur said of her 6-year-old daughter.
"Every parent is different, Regardless of what race a person is and what race their children are, every household has their own way of dealing with culture.

Cultural and economical

If recent history is an indica-

tor, the advantage will go to those who are bilingual.

"The world is growing; it's developing." Feng said. "If they know how to speak Chinese they will be more marketable in the future."

The Novi School District agrees, Beginning this school year, Novi High School added Chinese Language

Mandarin Chinese to its students.

and Culture to its world languages curricu-lum. Novi Schools joins Bloomfield Hills,

Troy, and Birmingham high schools in offering

"No longer can we think of a local economy; we have to think of a global economy," Novi Schools Superintendent Peter Dion said regarding

"We're graduating kids that are interested in

This semester, 19 students from Novi Middle

School, three from Novi High School and three from Northville High School are taking the course. A beginning and advanced course are scheduled for Fall 2007.

Chinese Americans who study the language as children find that when they are older they can

science and math and those kids are going to be engineers ... they're going to be in Asia ... we

"Some parents probably share the view that since (their chil dren) are American ... they should mingle with American kid

and that is why they do not pay much attention to their kid's Chinese acquisition," she said. "There are groups like that too. In the end, who will win; who will lose? Only history will tell."

Zhao disagrees.

Building a future

the new class.

need to prepare (them).

The next generation

"I think it really depends on the family and what they choose Weng came to the U.S. with his mother when he was 5, He visited China with his father in 2005. His grandparents came to visit last year and stayed to assist his mother with his now 11-month-old brother. Peter.

"It feels like I'm in China when I'm at home now because I

speak it nearly fluently. They are bilingual and bicultural and can exist in two worlds. While they acknowledge it as an asset it also can present different pressures. Zhao's 14 yeur-old son, Zhao Weng, is a freshmen at Novi.

High School.
"Sometimes when you are in the minority you have to assim-

ilate to make yourself fit in with your surroundings," he said. "I do assimilate when I'm at the mail and at school. I think its nor-

mal for people to want to fit in."

Novi High School Sophomore Erica Qiao said she hasn't felt

"Regardless of what

race their children are.

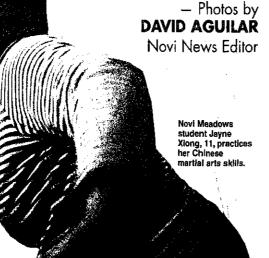
race a person is and what

every household has their own way of dealing with

Wendy Wilbur

speak Chinese all the time," he said.
"When (my grandparents) weren't here I could speak
English, but now I have to speak all Chinese to be able to com-

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Building Bridges

District develops relationship with Chinese high school

1447

4443

290

District Ethnicity Breakdown as of 9/26/06 SOURCE: Novi Public Schools

Asian

White

Black

Hawalian American Indian

The Novi School District welcomed a delegation of Chinese educators to Novi High School

last week. The delegates came from Nankai High School in Tinjin, China, a school Novi School Superintendent Peter Dion and Novi High School Principal John Lawrence visited last October during an educational tour of the country.

"In general we're trying to develop a relationship with the school over there so we can begin communicating with them," Dion said, "The more we can learn about China and Asia the hetter for us and our under-

standing."

District officials hope the relationship with the high school will lead to opportunities. for students and teachers to trade places with their Chinese counterparts in a student-teacher exchange program.

"We are committed to explor-

"Understanding the culture in

a part of the world adds to world unity and peace and, I think unity and peace and, I think eltimately we all want that."

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and Asia the better for us and our understanding." Superintendent, Novi Schools

"The more we can learn about China

Novi Public Schools: Ethnicity Breakdown

23%

included the high school princi- Dion said, "Just like when we ing increased opportunities for our students to have a broader understanding of the world around them." Lawrence said.

pol, assistant principal, chemistry teacher and assistant direction international affairs understanding of the world around them." Lawrence said.

They toured Novi High School and asked questions about the

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This past summer, Novi school officials were part of a contingent who visited China. Read about the trip, as written by former Michigan School Superintendent Tom Watkins. Only at novinews.com.

tent Heat was Page 184.

Renee Gates is a news writer for

Novi High School principal John Lawrence, left, and Novi School District Superintendent Peter Dion, unfurl a painting given to them by Tiangin Nankai High School principal Kang Xiuyan. Xiuyan, right, was part of a delegation of Chinese

Novi Leading the Way to China

vear, Novi High School added Chinese Language and Culture to its world languages curriculum. Novi Schools joins Bloomfield Hills, Troy, and Birmingham high schools in offering Mandarin Chinese to its students. This semester 19 students from Novi Middle School, three from Novi High School and three from

enrolled in the course. *Any student can sign up for it," said John Lawrence, Novi High School principal, "Students are learning to speak the language as well as learn-

Northville High School are

"(They're) learning about its history, learning about

and Culture class practice writing Chinese characters. Twenty-five students enrolled in the class this semester are learning Mandarin Chinese and different aspects of Chinese culture. Mandarin is the official spoken language in China and Taiwan.

Students in Novi High School's Chinese Language

its:current demographics, government, arts, humanities all of those aspects that would make up a culture. Chinese Language I and II are scheduled for Fall 2007.

Patterson Orders Chinese for Oakland County Schools

Novi already among state's Mandarin pioneers

By Carol Cain

Buoyed by the success of being able to brag his county will soon have free wireless internet service

the first in the nation to do so — Oakland County
Executive L. Brooks Patterson set another goal last week in his state of the county speech: Offering nstruction in all 28 school districts of Mandarin, the dialect of Chinese that most people in China speak.

Patterson said he believes Oakland County young
people need to become familiar with China, its cul-

ure and language.

Indeed, the Asian nation of 1.3 billion consumers one fifth of the world's population — has a burgeoning economy that continues to expand while Michigan struggles with high unemployment and a

stagnating economy. the tightening
Adding Mandarin to help educate students will school districts help to prepare them for the future and will help in Patterson's bid to bring more businesses into Oakland County from China and other places.

"As we attempt to build the Oakland County economy, we are mindful we are not doing so in a vacuum," Patterson said in his 13th state of the county speech (he did not give a sos the first year). "I thin special the did not give a section that years a substitute of the did not give a section and prudent to understand the global challenges facing us over the next 50 years and to begin to position our children to ade-

quately respond to those challenges."

He mentioned the National Geographic Society which recently reported that U.S. students are "dangered to the control of the control gerously uninformed" about international matters, particularly Asia, home to 60 percent of the world's opulation.
"They know little about China's customs, lan-

guage, culture, religion, politics or economics, and we have to begin to change that," Patterson said. Patterson credited Tom Watkins, former state of Michigan school superintendent who has been a champion for creating economic and educational bridges between the state and China, for the lan-

guage arts idea and is working with Watkins on it.

Patterson also has held meetings with Vickie
Markavitch, Superintendent of Oakland Schools,
and a committee of superintendents from Oakland
County's 28 school districts about the idea.

Twant Oakland County to be the first county in America to teach Mandarin Chinese in all 28 school distincts about the idea.

"I want Oakland County to be the first county in America to teach Mandarin Chinese in all 28 school Michigan to learn about America's educational sys-

We think it is important to offer cultural fluency as our kids will be dealing with China, Thailand, and other places in the future."

Peter Dion

ago to offer free wireless service and worked with ago to one inco wireless service and worked with numerous companies to make it happen (it will be available in all 910 square miles of the county by early 2008). Patterson says reaching the goal of teaching Mandarin will need to be worked out with school supervisors and others.

Among issues to be discussed:

Among issues to be discussed:

 Having Chinese language teachers in classrooms
 Teaching through online courses
 Having schools share teachers
 Finding creative ways to finance the project in the tightening revenue situation confronting all

Reaction to the Mandarin countywide goal was welcomed by some educators.

"We think it is important to offer cultural fluency as our kids will be dealing with China, Thailand, and

other places in the future," said Peter Dion, Superintendent of Novi Community School District. Superintendent of Novt Community Series and Help "And the more exposure they receive now will help them become more successful.

Novi High School is among numerous schools of diverse backgrounds across the state offering Mandarin. Novi began its program this year and has

25 students.

Just as Michigan's business leaders have been reaching out to China, more is being done to reach out educationally too.

"Their economy and educational systems are on the child be sent as the child with the sent and the sent and the sent and the sent as the sent and the sent as t steroids. We can either stick our head in the sand about China or we can make it work for us here in Michigan," said Watkins, who wrote a report on dis-

tance learning and the connections between China and Michigan in 2005 (Read the New Education Revolution report at www.nacol.org). Revolution report at www.nacol.org).

While serving as school superintendent in 2003,
Watkins arranged a sister educational relationship
with Tianjin, a port city of 10 million people near
Beijing, and the state of Michigan.
Watkins also recently met with school superin-

tem and to figure out new ways to exchange teach-



Novi Co-op Preschool students parade through the hallways to celebrate the Chinese

"We are here to learn more about how we can

work together to make both of our educational sys-tems better," said Kan Xiuyan, principal of Tianjin Nankai High School during a visit to South Lake Kan and three other Chinese educators also visit-

ed other area schools including Novi High School, Detroit Country Day and Cornerstone School in "We have much to learn from each other," Kan

Said.
Kiara Clark, 12, of St. Clair Shores, a seventh grader at South Lake Middle School in St. Clair Shores, is taking Mandarin this year.

"It will show us how to better understand other cultures and how to be better prepared for the future," Clark said.

Wayne County Executive Robert Ficano has been

"I frankly don't think we'll see a lot of students suddenly fluent in Chinese," says Greg Handel, sen-ior director of workfurce development at the Detroit Regional Chamber which has 21,000 members, He visited China last year with a group of educa-

"Realistically, I think having Chinese classes will help make them more comfortable and through that our region will be an even better place for Chinese

businesses to consider" said Handel tion between the two countries," said Yong Zhao, a professor at Michigan State University who works at promote Chinese language and culture around the

Wayne County Executive Robert Ficano has neen pursuing business in China — visiting there twice and opening three trade offices. During his trip in November. Ficano had leaders from Henry Ford Community College and other schools along to talk the average negerams.

Woods.

He believes online or distance learning will play an important role in the future. He'll hold a meeting for educators in Michigan on China in East Lansing on March 6. For details go to www.confucius.nisu.edu/about.htm or call (\$17)

SPOTLIGHT NOVI: MY DIVERSITY

Novi's Asian Community: Where's Everybody At?

SPOTLIGHT NOVI: MY DIVERSITY

Japanese residents value identity, embrace culture; many enjoy city attractions

By Greg Migliore

nity embraces American culture, bu is fiercely protective of its core val

ues.

And while this is similar to other Asian immigrant sects in the city, Japanese residents differ in one key way: many return to the homeland after three to five years. Japanese often come to the area

for educational purposes or for auto-motive-related jobs, which often are for set time periods, said Steve Myers, principal associate with Suzuki, Myers & Associates Ltd., a language and consulting firm in

values, almost nothing changes. Retaining much of their identity i

"In terms of values, almost nothing changes."

Steve Myers Principal Associate, Suzuki, Myers

Myers said.

Asian-Americans comprised 5 percent of Novi's population, according to the 2000 Census. Though the Census did not break down specific nationalities, many believe the core of Novi's Asiat population includes Chinese-Japanese and Tarwanese

Though officials and businesses are increasingly reaching out to Asians, it's important to target specific groups in different manner. Myers said.

We're not surprised if someone from Des Moines, (fowa) and some one from New York City are differ-

ent," he said.

To help retain cultural identity, many Japanese residents frequent certain areas in Novi, including the Pastry House Hippo, Cherry Blossom Japanese Restaurant and One World Market.

While some Japanese-American return home after their education is completed or work stint ends, many Commerce official once dubbed the city "Little Tokyo," because of its diverse makeup, Myers said.

the Novi News, He can be reached at 1 States from China in 1997. (248) 349-1700, ext. 103 or gmigliore@gannett.com.



Shawnee Qi opened Tiki Tea in Twelve Oaks Mall. Tiki Tea offers many types of tea, including slush teas and Boba tea, which contains taploca.

Chinese enclaves scattered throughout Novi

Residents embrace city life, protective of traditions

Life for Chinese-Americans in Novi is a blend of Old-World that helps newcomers, particularly immigrants, adapt to Novi. The program explains routine matters, like how to get a driver's

nd local culture. Residents are scattered throughout the city and mostly adapt area customs. But when Chinese immigrants want to return their roots, they often gather at restaurants, including Kim's Garden on Novi Road or the Gourmet Buffet in West Oaks

The neighborhood behind that mall also has a sizable

"I don't think that they want to forget that they're Chinese and they cannot," said Penny Wei Zhao, a personal investment banker at Chase Bank's Novi branch. She carne to the United

While Chinese residents in Novi value their traditions, they also embrace American cultures. They often come to the area

to work for Detroit's automakers and suppliers or for educa-tional reasons.

Many choose to live in Novi because of the diverse makeup

"I like this multi-cultural environment," resident Ronghua Luo said, "It's open, It's freedom."

Mindful of this, the city is trying to eater to the Chinese sect of the population. Twice a year, officials play host to a program

Novi also tries to attract Chinese residents to city events, like Fall for Novi and Ringing in the Holidays to introduce them to

city of Novi prides itself on."

Local businesses tailor their marketing efforts to Chinese residents, and leaders of both of Novi's chambers of commerce say diversity is an economic priority. The Chinese New Year holiday also offers many opportunities for Novi businesses to expand their customer base.
"It's an excellent climate for the businesses," Novi Chamber

"I like this multiscultural au abnom environment, lt's open. It's bear

Ronghua Luo

of Commerce President Nora Champion said.

life in the city.

"One of our strengths is our diversity," said Community
Relations Manager Sheryl Walsh. "That's one of the things the itself, Many residents are still strongly impacted by events in

"China is changing too, and that change really influences the population here." Zhao said.

Greg Migliore is a staff writer for the Novi News. He can be

It's Party Time!

Novi residents ready to celebrate Asian holiday

will last for a week, not just one

"This year it's Feb. 18." she

China it's quite different,'

Tong said in China the focus

"Sometimes you can't even

A different holiday

By Victoria Mitchell

Michelle Yue plans on ringing in the New Year with family and

Novi resident Shirley Tong said the most notable difference On Feb. 17 - Chinese New Year's Eve - she will be surrounded by family members in She said the celebration will lows the lunar calendar, she

be subdued from a traditional said. Chinese fete, but the important qualities will remain.

"We'll enjoy a huge dinner at home," Yue said. "Mostly the said the actual American cele-

whole family will eat together, and the kids will play and enjoy each other."

bration of the Chinese holiday also boasts notable variations, each other."

"It's very different here," she cach other."

She said the Chinese New said. "There is no atmosphere

Year officially begins Feb. 18, here. Almost nothing, carrying many of the same connotations as an American New no big celebration here. In Years Day. This year is the Year of the

of the holiday celebration is on cating. And then there are the Pig.
Yue said traditional recipes will be enjoyed and visiting with firecrackers. friends and family will take top

priority. walk on the street because of the And, she said, the celebration firecrackers," she said.

The Year of the Pig 1923, 1935, 1947, 1959, 1971, 1983, 1995, 2007

People born in the Year of the Pig are chivalrous and gallant. Whatever they do, they do with all their strength. For Boar Year people, there is no left or right and there is no retreat. They have tremendous tortlude and great honesty. They don't make many triends but they make them for life, and anyone having a Boar Your triend is fortunate for they are extremely loyal. They don't talk much but have a great thirst for knowledge. They study a great deal and are generally well informed. Boar people are quick tempered, yet they hate arguments and a quarreling. They are kind to their loved ones. o matter how had problems seem to be, Boar people try to work them out, bonestly it sometimes impulsively. They are most compatible with Rabbits and Sheep.

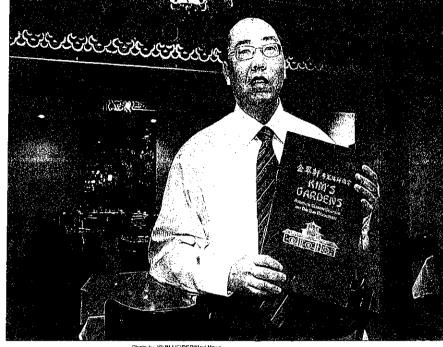


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"It's very differ-

ent here. There is

no atmosphere

north of Grand River Avenue

Owner Roger Tam said the

restaurant will host the two-day Chinese New Year celebration, including a traditional feast and

Lion Dance. The Feb. 17 and 18 celebra-

way to observe the event.

The celebration begins at 6:30

omers a festive way to welcome

Special writer Tracy Mishler

contributed to this story. Victoria Mitchell can be reached

here. Almost

Roger Tam, manager of Kim's Garden Chinese restau-rant in Novi, will offer dining specials beginning this Friday to celebrate the beginning of the Chinese New

Tong said firecrackers for the kids is an exciting event,

Yue said carrying on tradi-tions for the family's children is important.
Her family will pass out small gifts to the kids.

"We give (them) small red envelopes with lucky money." Yue said. She said the kids gather up their small eash gifts to save for

will be held on to, and some will go fast.
According to the Chinese
Culture Center, another Chinese

New Year superstition involves cleaning the entire house before New Year's Day.

And then, on New Year's Eve.

tion is open to the public and offers members of the communi-ty, both Chinese and American, all brooms and other cleaning equipment are put away.

The Center states no sweeping or dusting should be done on New Year's Day for fear good p.m. both nights and requires advance reservations. Yue said the celebration will fortune will be swept away. be grand and will offer their cus

Come one, come all

Yue's family will also carry on the tradition of feast at their Novi restaurant. ly has owned and operated Kim's Garden on Novi Road, 2007 is the Year of the Pig (boar) It is also known by its former name: DingHai

The Chinese animal signs are a 12-year cycle used for dating the years.

The Chinese Lunar Calendar is based on the cycles of the moon, and is constructed in a different fashion than the Western calendar A popular folk method which reflects the cyclical

method of recording years are the 12 Animal Signs. Every year is assigned an animal name or "sign"

according to a repeated cycle. 🛚 The animals are: Rat, Ox, Tiger, Rabbit, Dragon, Snake, Horse, Sheep, Monkey, Rooster, Dog and Boar. A cultural sidelight of the animal signs in Chinese

folklore is that horoscopes have developed around the The animal signs also serve a useful social function for

finding out people's ages.

In the Chinese calendar, the beginning of the year falls

somewhere between late January and early February. The Chinese have adopted the Western calendar since

1911, but the lunar calendar is still used for festive

Something to talk about

Novi seniors learn English Who's speaking what?

By Tracy Mishler

Shirley Tong knows English isn't the easiest language to learn. And it isn't the easiest language to leach. The 72-year-old Novi resident

coordinates the Asian Pacific Program at the Novi Senior Center, which helps non-English speaking seniors from the Novi area learn the English language. "Total, we have about 100 seniors," Tong said. "But we have around 30 seniors on a regular

Tong, formerly from China, said the majority of senior stu-dents in the Asian Pacific Program are also from China.

'Most of (the students) are ionesome at home because we ay they don't have ears, feet or with anyone," she said. "They feel lonesome. They want to get out of their houses. And that's Tong said the Asian Pacific

Program started in 2000 as a Center in Rochester. "This is an all volunteer pro-

at (248) 347-0414. The group meets Tuesday at the center, 25075 Meadowbrook

Tuesday," she said. "We only have two hours per week, and after class we usually have activities, like dancing, singing or listening to speeches about senior

Learning the basics The program is divided into three levels: A, B and C.

Class A is for advanced English speakers, taught by Tong's husband, Dennis Shun.
Tong teaches class B, an intermediate course focusing on reading, speaking and listening skills.

Class C is for the beginner Class C is for the beginner where

an older age.

"(The students) always say.

Today I'll pick up something new, and I'll forget it tomor-

Jan McAlnine, senior center

coordinator, said all residents are McAlpine said the program is



It is estimated more than 1 billion people are currently By the year 2000, there were an estimated 750 million English as a foreign language

375 million English as a Second Language speakers.

In Asia, a 2002 report estimated that 470 million

speakers and an estimated

Joinina up



Husband and wife team Dennis-shen and Shirley Tong review vocabulary in an English class they teach at the Novi Senior Center. The class is part of the Asian Pacific Program offered by the center.

speakers.
"We start off very simple, with
the alphabet," she said. "It's really hard to learn a new language at
guage that is so different from
their own.

welcome to join the Asian Pacific - free and seniors will be trans- ran out, the Novi Senior Center ported to and from the senior wanted to continue on with the center as long as they are Novi program and asked Tong to coor-they are simply visiting from

center as long as they are Novi residents.

She said the program started

English and taught with her hus-

Said. "She said the program started group in the said the program started their own.

"I admire their spirit in trying to get along in this country."

"They didn't need as much of funds as they were given," she said. "And they offered us to have the program once a month."

McAlpine said the program is and taught with net huse as professors in Crina.

"Shirley is the reason we have the group." McAlpine said. "The students do a lot of socializing, but the majority of time is spent but the majority of time is spent learning English.

"It has definitely become and we are trying to help them become nore comfortable living in this country."

Tong said though many of her overseas or leaving the program, "we never stop our class," she

When Midnight Tolls: Happy Chinese New Year!

Fun, food and family usher in lunar new year

When the lunar new year get settled. comes, as it does this Feb. 18, so.
too, arrive the lions, dragons, and
too, arrive the lions, dragons, and

Several but not all Asian cul-scrawled with hopeful messages. tures celebrate the holiday, which marks the first day of the lunar year and is often known as the Chinese New Year.

Year of the Boar (or pig).

Anyone born in the coming lunar year, according to Chinese astrology, will have the sign's traits – including honesty, loyalty and amiability.

The Chinese, Taiwanese when he reports to the Jade Chronese when he reports to

with the Tibetans and Mongolians observe Lunar New Year. There are time-honored foods to be eaten, decorations to be hung, ancient rites to be observed.

They set bowls of food on the

superstitions in hopes of gaining prosperity, luck and longevity.

"The New Year is like Christmas," explains the Rev. Ngoc Ha, who pastors thy victnamese congregation at Immanuel Baptist Church in Nashville, Tenn. "It's a big holiage for the processing of the processing the Earth."

Superstitions in hopes of gaining prosperity, luck and longevity, with and appease the dead. They ask the spirits to bless and the common support of the family in the common dadded to the dinner that the common and added to the dinner that the common dadded to the dinner that the

winter and the coming of spring.
The day is often regarded as a communal birthday, as well.
"At the New Year, everyone's a year older." Ha says. Families have much to do

before the big day arrives. People begin making their way back to the family home.
Unfinished business and debts

Cleaning is taboo in the first This year's turning ushers in the few days of the new year, for fear

Emperor in heaven.

It's customary to pay your

The reports to the Jacob that in Trindes Isin since the word for "penty."

sounds like the word for "penty." Koreans and Vietnamese - along Emperor in heaven.

ancient rites to be observed.

They set bowls of food on the atlars as offerings and light incense and burn ceremonial superstitions in hopes of gaining prosperity light and lappeautry.

They set bowls of food on the source in thought to bring good health incense and burn ceremonial money as a way to communicate with and appease the dead.

They are those the dead with pork and bean paste incident.

they can at this time of year.

Its arrival heralded the end of For the Chinese and Taiwanese, believed to add a year to a per-



It's customery to respect to your ancestors.

Many families have an altar in their homes for such a purpose, their homes for such a purpose.

Immanuel Baptist Church in Nashville, Tenn. "It's a big holiday for the nation." (In Vietnam, the holiday is known as Tet.

Lunar new year grew out of according to the properties of the proper

Korean families often spend New Year's flying kites, spinning tops and playing a traditional The sticks are thrown in the air. how players can move on a board. The first one around the board

although typically people return to work after four or five days. Throughout that time business

In China and Taiwan, the lunar

The mythical creatures are considered auspicious.

They often dance to the explosive whirl and pop of firecrackers,

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to scare away evil spirits.



Read all about it!

Photo by DAVID AGUILAR/Novi News Edito Novi resident Jeff Llanggen Zheng is the owner and publisher of the Greater Detroit Chineseboard member and founder of the Michigan New Century Chinese Center, which every Sunday holds Chinese language and cultural classes at Schoolcraft Collège in Livonia.

MY CONVERSATIONS



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

IN OUR OPINION:

How to harness Novi's diversity?

ovi gets frequent pats-on-the back for its diversi-New people and new ideas have helped spur the city to its current position among the fastest

OK, now what? Novi leaders need to come up with plans to harness the city's diversity and nurture it

For a text book case, take a look a few miles west at Ann Arbor. That city is known for its diversity, and the residents embrace it.

It's reflected in Ann Arbor's cultural programs and entertainment attractions that are regional draw. Sure the city is helped by the University of Michigan's diverse student body But Novi has it's own set of advantages. Most prominent,

is its location. As one resident put it. "I like this multi-cultural environment," Roughua Luo said, "It's open, It's freedom."

Still, the city's diversity figures, including the 9 percent of its population that's Asian, is merely a snapshot in time Those numbers can change.

Remember, a good chunk of the immigrants to Novi are here for automotive-related jobs. If the Big 3 were headquartered in Philadelphia - would Novi be as diverse? Regardless of the circumstances, it's time to look forward.

Novi leaders need to develop concrete plans to cultivate its minority population. Not with lip service, but through concrete programs that achieve measurable results.

Novi sits at a crossroads. Leaders must channel the city's diversity and use it as an advantage.

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· Are you a high school student who receives an allowance from your par-

 Are you a high school student who has an interest- cific about Novi you would Are you a Novi senior cit-

faith has carried you through

tough times?

izen with an interesting job or hobby? · Are you a working street who needs a helping woman who has recently

returned to work? · Are you a Novi resident interested in sharing a story

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We're looking for you! • During the past six months, have you moved into a newly constructed

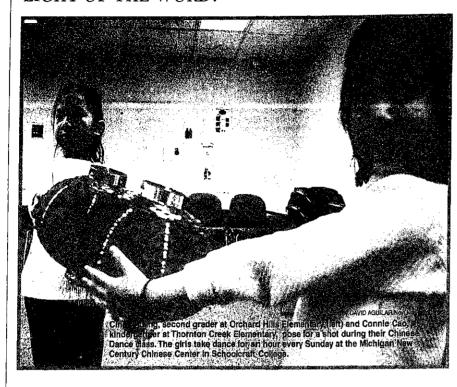
\$100 per week on gasoline? · Are you a single parent?

· Has your home been for sale for more than one year? • Is there something spe-

change, update or eliminate? Are you planning a unique holiday pany or family get-together?
• Is there someone on your

at daguilar@gannets.com.

LIGHT OF THE WORD!



More Funding Ideas

So the park's and recreation 501 c+3 wants to start selling park names, benches, play-grounds, beaches, etc. Why stop there? How about selling advertisement space on the back of police car's? DPW trucks? A billboard in front of city hall? If indeed there is a need for more money for the parks, why not just let the people that use the parks the most, pay more? What a novel idea, a user fee. If a sport/program cannot cover it's cost, so be it. Maybe we should consider having a private firm run these programs and make a profit, another novel idea.

MY THOUGHTS: WHAT DO YOU

We welcome your Letter to the Editor. Please include your name, address and phone number for verification. We ask your letters be 400 words or less. We may edit for clarity, space and content. Letters to the Editor, David Aguitar, Novi News, 104 W. Main St., Northville, MI 48167. Fax: (248) 349-9832. E-mail: daguitar@gan nett.com. Letters submission deadline is 5 p.m. Monday

Satire Reveals Reality

The passing of Molly lyans, a Texas columnist, will make it more difficult to hold the powerful accountable. She has been quoted as saying, "Satire has historically been the the quagmire that is Iraq. weapon of powerless people aimed at the powerful". And her use of satire was an

When powerful people lied, she challenged them. When many men of the press cheered as this nation was taken to war on false pretenses, Molly Ivans was a lone courageous

continued on 21A

My TURN: TOM WATKINS

Novi Embraces Diversity: Building Bridges With China and the Chinese

alone. Learning about China will prepare you

Novi is blessed to have a diverse ethnic population. Twenty-four percent of Novi's students are Asian, from Japan, Korea, India

My earliest memories of China perhaps mirror yours, with my Mon imploring, "eat your peas, the people of China are starving," I have been fascinated with

Today, the Chinese are not only eating our peas, but are hungry for our jobs and middle class way of life. China's economy has been on steroids since the early 1990-America's economy grows at 2.5-4 percent annually, China's grows at double digits (10.7 percent last year). China's

Tem Watkins

economy may surpass
America's within the next two decades.

I have traveled to China nine times since 1989. I have witnessed the changes that have transpired in this country that makes up one-lifth of humanity. I stood with the students in Tiananmen Square as they called for freedom, democracy and an end of corruption, only to see their lives and hopes snuffed out by tanks weeks later. I have seen the bland Mao Jackets give way to high fashion and flying pigeon bikes edged off the road by cars that

the speak English, and many high school students and young adults that are fluent in to cast blame on the Chinese for our current to cast blame on the Chinese for our current English. Yet, what gives me hope is the great economic woes. If we allow the heat to turn

such as:
• Mitchell Wong, eighth grader at the midde school and his sister. Shannon, a sixth grader at Novi Meadows, are great students excelling within the Novi School District. Mitchell is excelling in muth and as part of excelling in muth and as part of Peter Dion, Novi Schools Superimedent,

University: Shannon is immersed in her studies and

gift her parents have given her, and she is interested in helping children in rural China receive a juality education. The passion

These young people reflect what makes Novi a great com munity and give me faith in Michigan's and America's future The Chinese-Americans who call Novi home are enriching all of us. We must continue to embrace this diversity and fight bigotry

whenever it raises its ugly head

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pigeon bikes edged off the road by cars that were illegal to sell to individual citizens in the early 1990s.

We must build bridges — not dig moats — tionally recognized report: The New Education (R) evolution (R) evolution (R) evolution and fair trade — we need to address with the Chinese government. We country in world history. There is so much building going on in China the joke is the national bird is the "building crane."

We must build bridges — not dig moats — tionally recognized report: The New Education (R) evolution (R) evolution and fair trade — we need to address with the Chinese government. We also need to prevent the xenophobia in Michigan and America as economic conditions worsen. Americans have a history of

such as:

Mitchell Wong, eighth grader at the mid
Mitchell Wong, eighth grader at the mid-

the math club will be competing and John Lawrence, Novi High School at Lawrence Technological University: Shannon is and racial groups that make this a great community, it is their leadership that has brough enjoys piano.

* Jingyun Fan, 16, a junior at
Novi High School, believes education is perhaps the greatest

Chinese language to Novi's students and that is positioning them and the community to Lorentz global economy.

Earlier this month, when the Novi schools were closed by the bitterly cold weather were at the high school hosting a delegation from the Tianjin Nankai High School, seekto help consess from hearing her mother talk about the barsh con-will connect their students and teachers. Kang Xiuyan, the principal of the Chinese school praised both Mr. Lawrence and Mr. Dion for

their visionary leadership. Novi is leading the way in building harmo-"Xie Xie." Thank you.

> Tom Watkins lives in Northville and is a business and educational consultant. He served as Michigan Superintendent of Schools from 2001-2005, Read his interna-

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Apathy, Bleak Economy **Tearing Michigan Apart**

During that same period,

lion in rainy day funds, tap-ping one-time

billion, and

Since the pas-

Michigan has

cuts that have

reduced cur-

enue by \$3.2

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billion per year, while

been cut by

\$5.4 billion. According the

U.S. Census Bureau, Michigan ranked 25th in the

nation in state and local tax

million to get in step with our neighboring states.

We could encourage, or

sive local government units.

We could push, or even

require school districts to

sales tax to services or mak

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sage of Proposal A in

1994,

summed up our situation perfectly in the first few lines of her State of the State speech:

Tonight we are at a turning point - a decisive ent in Michigan's journey. The decisions we make

decades to quarrel with

Though the governor was largely upbeat in her Feb. 6 speech, the facts short of scary

Political Columnist and best outline of the real situa-tion is sketched clearly in the authoritative report of her Emergency Financial Advisory Panel a group that included two governors, two university presidents and some of the

personal income. We've cut tate's best leaders taxes since then, too. They produced a report We're facing a financial that was inexplicably and train wreck. scandalously downplayed by So — what do we do? Ideologues and those in a he major news media. Some of the findings: state of advanced denial · Fiscal crisis: The school claim cutting spending alone will do it.

Phil Power

anding shortfall that must be resolved this month comes to \$377 million, \$224 per pupil.

By September, the state

must plug a \$500 million deficit in the General Fund The state faces a potential ortfall of another \$2.6 bil lion for the 2007-2008 fiscal year, assuming the legisla-ture does not find a way to replace tax revenue from the now repealed Single Business Tax. All that adds up to \$3.5 billion in state services and programs promised, but without money to pay for them.

· Economy: Michigan has experienced six straight years of job losses, the longest since the Great Depression. We've lost 246,000 manufacturing jobs since 2000. That's one out of as recently as when Bill Clinton was President.

The state's per capita income is now five percent below the national average the lowest point since 1933. And in the latest index of Michigan is dead last among

 State revenues: General Fund revenue is today lower n absolute dollars than in 1996 and down 15.8 percent since the start of the economic downturn in 2000.

■ My Letters to the Editor

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Michigan ran up cumulative budget shortfalls of nearly \$10 billion. want to get to the core of our Since deficits are illegal, it avoided them by using up reserves, including \$1.4 bil-

to recognize that we are facing a fundamental choice out what kind of state resources, \$5.4 Michigan is going to be. soon, we're going to plunge than \$3 billion over the tipping point when most mobile, hopeful, edu-

eated citizens are simply going to give up and move Trouble is, not many people understand or care about how bad a fix we're in. Pollster Ed Sarpolus of EPIC/MRA says his surveys show most people have heard the state is financial trouble,

budget cuts already enacted with another 22 percent say-ing they felt "only a little." Sarpolis told Gongwer News Service, "Unless you tell how bad things are, how will people know things are

but 38 percent said they have

not felt any effect from the

evenue in 2004 as a share of Quite right. Our new legislative leaders, House Speaker Andy Dillon, D-Redford, and Senate Majority Leader Mike Bishop, R-Rochester Hills, are smart, interested in doing the right thing, aware of the depth of the problem. They should put together and take

That's pure nonsense, A part in town hall meetings \$3.5 billion deficit represent around the state to put the depth of our crisis in terms one in seven dollars in the that Joe Six Pack can easily general fund and the School Aid Fund combined. Cutting this much would They should urge the gov-

eliminate funding for all our ernor to join them, as well After all, who truly undercolleges and all mental stands what the abstract health services. That, or it number \$3.5 billion really would take \$2,000 from permeans? Every Michigan citizen should have a chance to pupil aid to public schools I've argued in the past that find out. For only if our citithe state needs first to face zens understand the facts the music and make serious, will there be public pressure structural cuts in the way our to find common ground to government works and resolve our financial train spends. We could cut the costs of our prisons by \$500

for a better Michigan. (The text of the Emergency Financial Advisory Panel's report is available at even require consolidation of some of the myriad of expenwww.publicsectorconsul-Phil Power is a longtime observer of politics, econom

at prower@hennet.com.

consolidate business office ics and education issues in Michigan, and was a regent of the University of Michigan functions.
We could cut back on topheavy health care and pen-sion programs for public employees. We could repeal from 1987 to 1999. He is also president and founder of The Center for Michigan, a moderate think-and-do tank Public Act 312 which These opinions and others expressed in his columns are requires expensive binding arbitration in labor disputes for police and fire his own and do not in any Then and only then does way represent official policy positions of The Center for Michigan, Phil would be the state have legitimacy for changing our tax system, whether by extending the pleased to hear from readers





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Rehabiltation Update by Dennis Engerer, P.T.

TENNIS LEG

The injury commody referred to a change in direction, which happens more "tennis leg" involves a musel tear, usually a partial tear of the inner portion of the gastrocensius (the main call musele). This rijury usually occurs abruptly while a person is running Often, there is a loud surp that accompanies the stidden, sharp pain. The pain is quite severe and woscus over the course of the following day. The hijured call may become swollen, tender, and discolored due to internal blooding. An MRI (magnetic resonance imaging) can confirm the diagnosis if necessary. Treatment consists of RICE—Res, Ice. Compression, and Elevation. A cane or crutch may also be needed at first, and a quanter-such bed lift will also reduce the strain on the injured call.

The ACL is most commonly injured with a jump or when there is an abrupt.

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EVENTS

Pure Barre Grand Opening DATE: Friday TIME: 6:30-8:30 n m LOCATION: 113 W. Main St., Ste.

240. Northville DETAILS: The studio offers classes in Pure Barre Technique. fusing Lotte Bork excercises with dance and Prlates for an intense and effective one-hour workout CONTACT: (248) 305-8514 or www.purebarre.com

New Book Club DATE: Friday

TIME: 7 p.m LOCATION: Starbucks, 302 East Main St. Northville DETAILS: February's book is "In Cold Blood" by Truman Capote

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DATE: Tuesday TIME: 7-8:30 p.m LOCATION: Novi Souviaki, 31150

Novi Ad. DETAILS The meeting will present a video, "Iraq for Sale: The War Profiteers." Discussion to follow CONTACT: Jim Gaeldoni, (248) 624-7228

Shop PBS and Coffee Tasting

DATE: Saturday TIME: 10 a.m.-2 p m LOCATION: Riley Broadcast Center, 1 Clover Court , off Grand River, Wixon

DETAILS: Enjoy a special PBS blend of coffee and shop for DVO's CD's, books and audio cassettes of PBS programs. Arthur, the children's TV character will be on hand. Aliproceeds benefit Detroit Public

CONTACT: detroitpublicty.org

Health Expo DATE: Saturday, Feb. 24 TIME: 9 a.m.-4 p.m. LOCATION: Novi Civic Center DETAILS: The expo will leature complimentary gifts, massages, make overs, healthy cooking lectures and health care testing and required. The cost is \$20 to attend without the health screenings, \$35 for the health screenings, or \$50 for the combined package. Note: No

food after midnight if choosing the health screening CONTACT: (248) 356-5033 or email savashealthexpo@hotmail.com

Novi Youth Assistance Bowl-A-

DATE: Saturday, March 10 LOCATION: Novi Bowl DETAILS: Support for this event is needed from the community. Lane sponsorhips, donations for gift bags and monetary contributions are all appreciated. Contact the Youth Assistance office for more informa

CONTACT: (248) 347-0410

SCHOOL & GOVERNMENT

Novi City Council Meating DATE: Monoay, March C TIME: 7 p.m. LOCATION: Novi Civic Center, 45175 W. 10 Mile Road CONTACT: (248) 347-0470

Novi Youth Assistance General Hizens Meeting DATE: Tuesday, March 6 TIME: 6 p.m. LOCATION: Novi Civic Center, 45175 W. 10 Mile Road CONTACT: (248) 347-0410

Novi School Board Meeting DATE: Wednesday March 8 TIME: 7:30 p.m. LOCATION: Novi Meadows

Flementary

Faith Community Preschool LOCATION: 44400 West 10 Mile

CONTACT: (248) 349-7911

NOVI CHAMBER Healing Arts LOCATION: Assarian Cancer Center, 47601 Grand River Avenue, OF COMMERCE

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community and the businesses in I For more information, visit www.novichamber.com or contact the chamber office at (248) 349-

After Hours Mixer DATE: Thursday Feb. 22 TIME: 5:30 p.m. LOCATION. Toll Brothers/Island

DETAILS: Network with fellow chamber members. R.S.V.P. required.

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nonprofit business association. We rovide enjoyable networking ponortunities for our members; act s a bridge between local business government, help businesses aware of other niember's sen and products and the activities nation, contact: Whitney McClellan vecutive director at (248) 347-

Novi Neighborhood Round Table DATE: Tuesday Feb. 20. LOCATION: Rock Financial

DETAILS: ucin this ambilious group in their efforts to bring more conventions and visitors to Novi. Business Accelerator Luncheon DATE: Thursday, March 8

TIME: 11:30 a.m. registration. noon lunch LOCATION: Rock Financial

DETA:LS: Special griest Dennis Archer will speak Cost is \$25 for members, \$30 for not-yet members R.S.V.P. by March 6

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Heart of the Lakes Gala TIME/DAYE; 6 p.m. March 3 LOCATION: Stienandoah Golf. Banquet & Country Club, West

Bloomfield OFTAILS: This is a benefit for the Cardiac Care Program at Huron Valley-Sinai Hospital and the Lakes Area Chamber of Commerce. The theme is "Saturday Night Fever Flashback" and the evening will feature dinner, dancing, entertainment and a silent auction. The cost is \$50

per person. Reservations required. **BUSINESS**

Females in the Family Business Affinity Group TIME/DATE: 8-9:30 a.m. Third Thursday of every month LOCATION: Walsh College Tray Campus DETAILS: Walsh Business

CLASSES

CONTACT: (248) 465-5455 Wanted: One-Time Art

who own, are partners in, or work for family businesses, Items discussed will be common issues, and ers are welcome. Ceramics Class TIME/DATE: 10 a.m.-3 p.m women can share solutions in a nonthreatening, noncompetitive uesday, Thursday and Friday, 1-5 non-sales roundlable. Registration is required. CONTACT: Jan Hubbard, jhubbard@waishcollege.edu

Knittin' Yarns Oakland Chamber Nelwork Business Card Exchange DATE: Wednesday Feb. 28 TIME: 5:30-7:30 p.m.

LOCATION: Hoops City Grill. DETAILS: This is an ancient Chinese exercise used to improve flexibility, balance and strength. No experience is necessary. The cost is DETAILS: Here's a chance to network with business professionals from across Oakland County. Advance reservations \$10 at the door, admission \$15. Hors

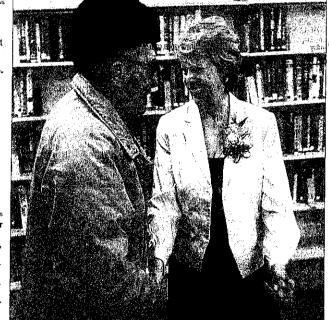
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Yoga Classes
TIME/DATE: 12:30-1:15 p.m.
Monday (for backs): 5:30-6:30 p.m.
Tuesday (for strength &
endurance): 11:15 a.m.-12:15 p.m
Wednesday (for backs): 12:30-1:30
p.m. Friday (for backs)
DETAILS: The cost is \$10 for
Malk-in; \$80 for 10-class card and
\$70 for seven-week evening session. Registration required.
Massage d'neuryres and east bar available CONTACT: (248) 542-2160 Providence Center for the

sion. Registration required. Massage TIME/DATE: Various times, Monday and Thursday DETAILS: Therapeutic massage is shown to be effective for stress and tension, chronic fatigue, pain and headaches. Everyone is welcome. Patients undergoing treament should bring a physician's referral. Call for an appointment. The cost is SSO for a 50-mbute.

OUR GOOD FRIEND!



A IVON/REDER/NOVI N ABOVE: Brenda Novi Public Library. the library Monday afternoon to honor of her many years of serv ice. Lussier is retiring



BIGHT: Retiring director of the Novi Public Library, Brenda Lussier. greets Roland Heaton during a farewell reception Monday honoring her many years of committment to Novi. leaton was the found of the Friends of the Novi Public Library.

Printe by JOHN HEIDER/New New

Colored Pencil Workshop Tuesday of every month
DETAILS: The cost is S2.

p.m. Wednesday DETAILS: There is a \$10 materi-DETAILS: Join others and create

hats and shawls for those in need. Tai Chi Glass TIME/DATE: 10:15-11 a.m.

be available to assist middle and given to persons age 60 and older. returns. Appointments are necessarv and usually run for one hou Call the library to schedule an

TIME: 8:30-7:30 p.m. beginners; 7:30-9:30 p.m. intermediate LOCATION: Novi Civic Center, 45175 W. 10 Mile Road DETAILS: No partner needed for years and up \$5; Non-residents \$6

LIBRARY LINES

HOURS: 10 a.m.-9 p.m. Monday Thursday; 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Friday and Saturday; 1-5 p.m. Sunday DETAILS: Unless noted below. programs take place at the library. CONTACT: (248) 349-0720

Brochures available in the y for further information. AARP Tax Day TIME/DATE: 10:20 a.m.-2:30 p.m. Monday

DETAILS: AARP volunteers will low income individuals in preparing

fourth Mondays of the month World Music Program for Kids Children, teens, and adults of all knitting levels are welcome therers Knittina Gui her will be in attendance at most ses

TIME/DATE: 7-7:45 p.m. Tuesday DETAILS: Va Tatari brings the music and rhythms of Brazil, Cuba sions to answer knitting questions. and the Caribbean to the library. Children will learn to play hand per-Alive on the Andrea Dorla DATE: Tuesday, Feb. 27 cussion instruments and movements to Samba, Mambo and TIME: 7 p.m. DETAILS: Pierette Domenica Library Board Meeting Simpson will tell her survival story

TIME/DATE: 7 p.m. Wednesday from when the Stockholm collided LOCATION: City Council into the Andrea Doria off the Nantucket coast in 1956. Chambers, Novi Civic Cente DETAILS: Community members Pagelurners are welcome to attend.

blanket and pillow and be comfy

DETAILS: This is the once-a-

activities, and swap time for chil-

grade. The Library supplies the

DETAILS: This is an informal knit-

ting group that meets in the youth

area of the library most second and

DATE: Monday, Feb. 26

TIME: 6:30-8 p.m.

DATE: Monday, Feb. 26

Lega Club

TIME: 6-7 p.m.

DATE: Wednesday Feb 28 TIME: 4:30-5:15 p.m. TIME/DATE: 1 p.m. Thursday, DETAILS: The book discussion group for fifth and sixth graders will DETAILS: School age children be discussing "The Thief Lord." are welcome to come to the library for a movie and popporn. Bring a

Walled Lake City Library LOCATION: 1499 E. West Maple Road Walled Lake CONTACT: (248) 624-3772 month Lego show-and-tell, building TIME/DAY: 6:30-7:30 p.m.,

DETAILS: The drop-in story time is for children ages 3-5.

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BABY THINK!



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TIME: 10 a.m. and 7 p.m.
DETAILS: Join the group for prayer, sharing, and discussion of

e-may at piritwalker001@aol.com Adoplive Parent Networking

Meeting DATE: Last Wednesday of each

required: CONTACT: Lisa Molloy (248) 334-3595

Qak Pointe LOCATION: 50200 W. 10 Mile

Road CONTACT: (248) 912-0043 or

visit www.oakpointe.org Sunday Worship TIME; 9:15 and 11:15 a.m.

Mass Schedule

Sunday Worship

TIME: 9:45 a.m.

Saturday

St. James Catholic LOCATION: 46325 10 Mile Road CONTACT: (248) 347-7778

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

Tuesday; 7 p.m. Wednesday; 5 p.m.

Novi United Methodist LOCATION: 41671 W, 10 Mile CONTACT: (248) 349-2652

First United Methodist of

LOCATION: 777 W. Eight Mile

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

Community Healing Service DATE; First Monday of every

month DETAILS: This service is open to

anyone asking God for healing in their life or in someone close to

DETAILS: The Career Ministry

program is to help meet the needs

transition. It is free of charge and is

focused on providing career deve

opment resources, programs, and

Crosspointe Meadows LOCATION: Meadowbrook Elementary School, 29200 Meadowbrook Road, south of 13

CONTACT: (248) 427-2700, 9

a.m.-2 p.m. or visit www.cross

Sunday Worship TIME: 9 and 10:30 a.m.

in the Northville/Novi area.

networking opportunities to anyone

TIME: 1:30-3 n.m.

Road, Northville CONTACT: (248) 349-1144 or

visit www.fumcnorthville.org

a.m. Sunday: 9 a.m. Monday-

The Novi Educational Foundation helped purchase "Baby Think it Over" dolls for a parenting class. The life-like dolls are held by Chelsea Berger, Stephanie Wilson and Elyse Miller.

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NOVI SENIOR CENTER

Located in the Meadowbrook Commons Senior Complex, 25075 Meadowbrook Road

12:30 p.m. Duolicate Bridge 1p.m.: Bingo Monday

Closed-President's Day Massage by appointmen 8:30 a.m.: Panera Bread 9-11 a.m.: *Line Dance Intermediate 10 a.m.: Asian Pacific

10:30-11:30 a.m.: Bookmobil 1 p.m.: Bingo 11 a.m.: Blood Pressure 11 a.m.: Taking Off Pounds

11:30 a.m.: *Clogging-Beginner 12:30 p.m.: Clogging Club 1-3 p.m. Game Day 2-4 p.m.: Estate Planning by

6:30 p.m.: "Clogging (Beg./Easy/int.) 7:30 p.m.: Clogging Club Thursday

Massage by appointment 9-11 a.m.: Line Dance-Int 10a.m.-2 p.m.: Income Taxes by 11:15 a.m.-12:15 p.m.: Line

Registration is required. CONTACT: Lisa Molloy (248)

Tuesday of each month LOCATION: Huron Valley-Sinai 12:15 p.m.: Contract Bridge Hospital, Commerce, Classroom C TIME: 10-11:30 a.m. 2:30-3:30 p.m.: Line Dance Activities will be held at the Novi Civic Center, 45175 W. 10 Mile Road. Phone (248) 347-0414.

Crohn's & Colitis Support Group SHIPPORT DATES: First and third **GROUPS**

LOCATION: Providence Park Adoptive Parent Networking TIME: 7-9 p.m. DATE: Last Wednesday of each DETAILS: Enter facility through southeast entrance. Meeting in

month
TIME: 10-11 a.m.
LOCATION: Holy Family Catholic
Church, 24505 Meadowbrook Road
DETAILS: This informational
meeting is open to all adoptive families in Oakland County. There is no
charge. Child care is available.
Registration is required. Conference Room A, immediately to CONTACT: Al Biggs (313) 805-7605 or Crohn's & Colitis Foundation of America (888) 737-2322.

Novi Toastmasters DATE: First and third Tuesday of each month LOCATION: Novi Civic Center Activities Room, 45175 W. 10 Mile Neighborhood Baby-sitting Co-

P DETAILS: Using the co-op, you nd your children can make friends Road
TimE: 7-8:45 p.m.
DETAILS: Toastmasters will help
you improve your communication
skills, voice your opinion, polish
your presentations and practice
leadership.
CONTACT: Colleen (248) 6859226 ind other social events. CONTACT: Sue Tracz (248) 380-

Friendship Circle DATE: Second Thursday of each Take Off Pounds Sensibly (TOPS) Chapter
TIME/DAYS: Wednesdays 11
a.m. weigh-in; 11:30 a.m. meeting
LOCATION: Meadowbrook
Commons, 25075 Meadowbrook
Road, Novi
DETAILS: \$24 per annual mem-

CONTACT: Norbert Monson (248) 851-6730, Florence Voight (248) 477-3032 or Joy Iovaldi (248) 348-9138 or joylovaldi@earthlink.net

DATE: First Thursday of each

around the Kensington Valley

Women's Prayer Support

LOCATION: Harvest Fellowship Church, 49329 Pontiac Trail,

Breast Cancer Support Group DATES: Second and fourth

DATE: Saturday TME: 9-10:30 a.m.

more information

926-8332 or

school conference are all welcome CONTACT: (248) 437-5496 for

TIME: 10 a.m. LOCATION: Novi Civic Center DETAILS: Moms Offering Moms Support (MOMS) is a non-profit support group for mothers who

Road CONTACT: Rev. Ed Willingham, Interim Minister, (248) 348-7757, or visit www.mbcc.org or gmcc@arounddetroit.biz choose to stay at home with their children or work out of their homes. CONTACT: Sunday Worship TIME: 10 a.m. jensungfleming@yahoo.com ~

Kensington Valley Mothers of TIME/DAY: 7 p.m. beginning Multiples DATES: Second Thursday of each month
TIME: 7 p.m.
LOCATION: Witch's Hat Depot, DETAILS: The topics to be discussed will include a critique of the sermon from the previous Sunday, 300 Dorothy St., South Lyon. DETAILS: This group provides and some current issues in the news information, support and social activities for mothers of multiple with the question being asked, "What is the faith dimension?" The public is birth children and their families. Mothers of multiples living in and encouraged to attend.

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

meeting. New members welcome. CONTACT: Rebecca Boyke (248) 305-8646

FAITH

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

Wixom DETAILS: Come for encourage-and prayer. Drop ment, help, hope and prayer. Drop in for five minutes or longer. CONTACT: Nancy or Susan (248) Family Movie Night: 5:30 p.m., fourth Sunday of every month Episcopal Church of the Holy harvestfellowship@comcast.net Cross LOCATION: 40700 W. 10 Mile

Road CONTACT: (248) 427-1175 or DETAILS: No registration needed. CONTACT: (248) 937-5017

Sunday School TIME: 9 a.m. Adult Bible Study; 10 a.m. Worship Center for ages 3: 7; 10 a.m. All ages Lunch Hour Worship TIME/DAY: 12:10-12:50 p.m. DETAILS: The service will include scripture and Holy Communion.

Alzheimer's Support Group DATE: Saturdays TIME: 10 a.m. DETAILS: This group will mee

on the second Saturday of each month, offering support and oper discussion for all those dealing with Alzheimer's.

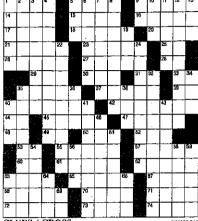
Holy Family LOCATION: 24505 Meadowbrook CONTACT: (248) 349-8847 or

TIME/DAY: 7:30, 8:45, and 10:30

a.m., 12:15 p.m. Sunday; 7 p.m. \$1. Paul Lutheran LOCATION: 201 Eim St., Tuesday; 9 a.m. Wednesday-Friday. Northville CONTACT: (248) 349-3140 Parish Mission DATE: Sunday March 4 TIME: 8:30, 11 and 11:30 a.m. Wednesday March 7 Kindergarten Registration DETAILS: Children who turned TIME: 7-8:30 p.m. five before Friday Dec. 1 may regis-ter for full or half-day kindergarten presented by Father David Famum at St. Paul's Lutheran School. d Ms. Barbara Budde

The Baha'l Faith

My Crossword



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e Sunday scripture readings. CONTACT: Maria (248) 349-8847 37. Excessive fluid accumula tion in tissues 39. Expresses emotion CLUES DOWN

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additional information.

CONTACT: (248) 473-0355 or visit www.us.bahai.org
Devotional Gathering
TIME/DATE: 11 a.m. last aturday of every month
LOCATION: 23803 Ripple Creek

DETAILS: This is a gathering focusing on prayers for peace. People of all faiths are welcome First Presbyterian Church of

LOCATION: 200 E. Main St. CONTACT: (248) 349-0911 Sunday Worship TIME: 9:30 and 11 a.m. Single Place Ministries CONTACT: (248) 349-0911 or TIME/DAY: 7:30-9 p.m. Thursday

LOCATION: Emeritus Room DETAILS: Tonight's topic will be will be be "Relationships Old and New" gresented by Sadie Bolos. Walking Group

Shop, 2334 Farmington Road, Farmington: Third Saturday, Panera

group. Everyone is invited

"Putting your Ex in Focus" present-

TtME: 11:30 a.m. LOCATION: First, second and fourth Saturday, Big Apple Bagel

DETAILS: This is a walking/social!

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SI. John Lutheran LOCATION: 23225 Gill Abad armayton Hills CONTACT, (248) 474-0584 or isd vivin stjelm-lutheran.com Saturday Worship

TIME 5:30 p.m. Sunday Worship FIME: 9, 11:15 a.m. Sunday School TIME: 10.15 a.m.

Faith Community Presbylerian LOCATION, 44400 W. 10 Mile CONTACE (248) 349-2345 or visit wave faithcommunity-novi.org Sunday Worship TIME 9, 10:30 am.

Gracepointe Presbyterian Worship and the Arts Ministry

CONTACT: (248) 497-3178 or ereal graceognite?; mac.com TIME: DATE: 6-7 p.m. Sunday

LOCATION: Holiday Inn and Soites, 37259 Grand River, Farmington Hills

DETAILS. The public is invited for worship and to stay after for felfowship and team more about Gracepointe Child care will be available. For more information on

HEALTH

Providence "Dinner with a

Doctor" Series DATE: Faursday Feb. 22 Close Book at the Southwest Oakland Cable Commission Stedios local community television studio. CONTACT: Melissa Cohn (248) TIME: 15:30 p in LOCATION: Providence Park, Beck and Grand River Roads, Conference Rooms A. B. and C.

DETAil.S: The program is Keeping Your Heart Healthy Can be Sample-for the Whole Family," presented by cardiologist Dr. Delano Small. He will fecus on what a family can do to support each other towards heart health as well as the signs and symptoms of heart issues

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all ages. There is no charge Reservations required CONTACT: (888) 440-7325

St. John Providence Park Hospital-Novi Classes LOCATION: 47601 Grand Rive

CONTACT: (888) 440-7325, 8 a.m. 5 p.m. Monday-Friday Childbirth Education DETAILS: Evening or weekend series helping you and your partner get ready for the birth of your baby. Childbirth Refresher DETAILS: A one-time class to review important information for birth of your baby. Bleast-feeding Preparation DETAILS: A one-time class for montain the partner helping to provide tips for successful breast-feeding.

Baby Care Basics DETAILS: A one-time class with

DETAILS: A one-time class will practical information about how to adapt to life with a baby. Infant Massage DETAILS: This two-session class teaches parents how to offer their infant the comfort of massage.

Oakland Physical Therapy Classes LOCATION: 47601 Grand River

Ave., Suite B124 CONTACT: (348) 380-3550 There is no charge for the fol-

lowing classes. Advance registration is required Introduction to Pilates TIME/DATE: 7 p.m. March 7

DETAILS: This presentation will gurde you through the basic Pilates philosophy and principles to help you understand what to expect in a Pilates workout

ONGOING

SWOCC Studio Tours LOCATION: 33300 Nine Mile Road, Farmington. DETAILS: Come in for an up-

Novi Concert Band Rehearsals TIME/DATE: 7:30-9:30 p.m. Tuesday LOCATION: Novi High School,

DETAILS: Open to all wind and percussion players. CONTACT: Diran Kochyan (248)

FINANCIAL SHOWPLACE

41st Annual Camper & RV Show SCHEDULE: 2-9 p.m. Today. Friday; 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Salurday; 11 a.m.-6 p.m. Sunday

DETAILS: Receive thousands in discounts on the purchase of select RVs. Booths featuring parts and accessories, campground informa tion, RV financing and RV rentals at the show. Admission \$9. Children under 12 free, Seniors \$5 today. GONTACT: (517) 349-8881 or

www.marvac.org. DATE: Wednesday, Feb. 21-

Sunday Feb. 25 DETAILS: The latest in hunting gear, fishing gear, RVs. guided trips on display and available, plus retail section, "Great Cats of the World" and "Hawg Trough.

REGIONAL

TIME/DATE: 9 a.m. Saturday

LOCATION; Oakland County Courthouse, 1200 N. Telegraph Road, Pontiac DETAILS: The Dakland County

Youth Assistance is looking for volunteers for its Mentor Plus program to be a positive role model for someone 5-16 years old. 858-0045 or Phyllis McCaffrey (248) 858-0099

Friends of Sabeel North America Detroit Group

TIME: 6:30 p.m. LOCATION: First Preshylerial 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

Wayne State University Indian Students Association Culture Show DATE: Saturday TIME: 7 p.m.

LOCATION: Ford Community And Performing Arts Center, 15801

DETAILS: The show is a fund-raispromotes cultural diversity. Tickets are \$10 and \$12 and may be obtained by e-mailing wsuisa@gmail.com CONTACT, Millind Gandhi, (586)

438-0528 Detroit MacKenzie High School Class of 1957 Reunion

DATE: Friday Oct. 19

TIME: 6:30 p.m. to midnight LOCATION: Holiday Inn onia, 17123 N. Laurel Park Drive, Livonia

Greater Novi Chamber of Commerce Executive Director Whitney McClellan,

Coldwell Bankers' Linda Barsamian during a luncheon at the Hotel Baronette.

center, chats with Larson Jewelry and Design's Nancy Larson, left, and

DETAILS: The cost is \$75 per person. Mail M. vonGlahn, 20997 Chase Drive, Novi, MI 48375 for tickels. The deadline is June 30 Note: The reunion committee is looking for classmates from the class of 1957.

CONTACT: June Class-Marj Storch at mari.storch@sbcglob al.net or Mary Middleton at myonglahn@aol.com. January Class-Eleanor Locke at eplocke@aol.com or Dick Bebbington at rbebbroseville@vahoo.com

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WAXING NOSTALGIC!



Fourth graders at Novi Woods participated in their annual Wax Museum, Feb. 8 and 9. As part of the school's literature study program, students read biographies of famous people throughout history and prepared speeches about their heroic traits and accomplishments. The presentations took place in the school dent dresses like their hero and stood frozen in a pose until a paper 'button' was pressed and they 'came to life' and give their speech



 Mother Teresa (Paola Ramirez), Cleopatra (Karla DeLaCruz) and Annie Oakley (Olivia Bradford) pose for the fourth grade Wax Museum at Novi Woods.

ABOVE: A few athletes made an appearance at the fourth grade Wax Museum at Novi Woods including Lance Armstrong (Brandon Sabagh), Michael Jordan (Koki Mizuno) and Steve Yzerman

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Now the American people are being asked to support a "surge" of troops to that country. We are asked to support our government as it ratchets up tensions with Iran. We need more Molly Ivans to declare that the "Emperor has

Doreen Lawton

Michigan in Good Hands

As many of us are already aware, our state is in a pretty bad spot. On Tuesday evening, Gov. Jennifer Granholm laid out a choice for all of us: We can either invest in our people so they can succeed and our economy grow, or we can fail them and let our state fall further behind. We can't afford the latter.

As the governor explained these are tough times and they require tough leadership. The governor has cut more out of state government than her predecessors, but she believes governmen should be lean and not mean. We can't just keep cutting. We must support our governor in these can't just keep culting. We must support our governor in these tought times. I'm standing with her tou

and invite you to do the same.

We have to believe in Gov.

Jennifer Granholm because the fact of the matter is: She believes in us. She made that clear in the State of the State address as she said every citizen should be given the opportunity to build a great life in Michigan. Times may be tough but our governor is not just sitting back letting the state

She is aggressive and is doing everything in her power to diver-sify our economy. As citizens of Michigan, we must believe in our governor and help her fight through this crisis. There is light at the end of the tunnel and it's to a brighter Michigan.

I can honestly say without any

reservations, the people of this great state are in the extremely capable hands of Gov. Jennifer Granholm. God bless us all, and God bless our Michigan

Mark Blackwell

Current Parties not Productive

the State address said enough. We can expect a continuation of partisan gridlock.

When is our state legislature going to realize that the voters are fully disgusted with the asinine partisanship that has contributed so much to the regression of the

Granholm shot straight when have already decided against her program. The barrage of "nays"

began with her last utterance.

We are destined to remain in a financial quagmire until we remove parties from politics at both state and national levels. I'm as embarrassed by the deeds of the Democrats and their ineffectual posturing and empty promises as I am disgusted Republicans and their unbending loyalty to their wealthy con

When it comes to ethics, idealism, intellectual courage, states-manship, integrity, etc., it's a toss-up between "Tweedledum" and "Tweedledee." Both parties are in great need to either recreate them-

selves or dissolve altogethe Yesterday would not be soon

Patrick Downey

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On CAMPUS

John Carroll University

Stephanie S. Kinsman from Novi has been named to the Dean's List for the fall 2006 semester. Students eligible for the Dean's List must have completed a minimum of 12 semester hours within one semester and have a grade point average of 3.5 or higher.

West Point

Cadet Peter W. Kelley son of William and Phyllis Kelley of Novi, has been named to the Poan's List for the Pall 2006 semester at West Point U.S. Military Academy. To earn this honor, a cadet must maintain a 3.0 grade point average in all courses.

Kelley graduated from Northville High School in 2003.

HEALTH EXPO

■ Heart healthy in 2007

Dr. 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 Mile Road

Impassioned about empowering others to adopt a healthy life style, Dr. Savas' event will feature many educational opportunities and experiences.

density, blood sugar and can cer screenings. Organizers said there will

Tests will include BMI, bone

also be informational centers

health care booths, exercise demos, massages, cooking classes, makeovers by Christian Dior representatives and healthy meals along with

For registration and cost information, call (248) 356-5033 or visit http://malista.com/Savasexpo.

■ Dinner with a Doctor The next Providence

Hospital "Dinner with a Doctor" series will take place 6:30 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 22 in

conference rooms A. B and C roads facility.

Heart Healthy Can be Simple for the Whole Family" present-ed by St. John Providence Park Hospital cardiologist Dr. Delano Small

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 at

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Case No. 07-001 filed by Etkin Equities for Hilton Garden inn locat-

ed at 2735 Cabaret Drive
Etkin Equities is requesting one variance for the construction of a fourstory, 147 room hotel (Hilton Garden Inn) on unit four of the Timber Creek
Office Park sidwell #5022-22-15-126-022. Applicant is requesting a twentytoot side yard parking lot setback variance from the northern property line.
The property is zoned OST and located south of 12 Mile Road and west of
Cabaret Drive.

Cabaret Drive.

Gase No. 07-902 filed by Autumn Park LLC for Autumn Park III located.

ed. on the SE comer of White Pines Drive and Beck Road.

Autumn Park LLC is requesting one (1) sign variance to allow a temporary Subdivision Business Sign to remain on the southeast corner of Beck Road and White Pines Drive for Autumn Park III. The property is zoned R-1 and is located north of Nine Mile Road and east of Beck Road.

Case No. 07-90314 Mille Associates LLC located at 39525 W. 14 Mile Road.

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14 Mile Associates is requesting one (1) sign variance to allow the date, me, temperature and a message to alternately display on an existing busiess sign locate at 38552 W 14 Mile Road. The property is pond OST and s located on the south side of 14 Mile Road and 14 mile west of Haggerty.

Case No. 07-004 filed by Mozart Homes LLC located at 51395 W. Ten

of Napier Road.

Case No. 07-005 filled by Apox Sign Company for Dollar Tree located at 45055 Fontiac Trail in the Nevi Square Shopping Center Apox Sign Company is requesting one 47 square foot sign variance to allow an additional 25 square foot logo wall sign to be located at 45065 Pontiac Trail in the Novi Square Shopping Center. The property is zoned 8-3 and is located on the south side of Pontiac Trail and east of Westgate Blvd.

Case No. 07-906 for 1328 East Lake Drive Applicant is requesting an east foot lock at 1328 East Lake Drive. Applicant are requesting an east front yard selback variance of 19 feet, a west rear yard setback variance of 19 feet, a west rear yard setback variance of 19 feet, a west rear yard setback variance of 19 feet, a west rear yard setback variance of 19 feet, a west rear yard setback variance of 19 feet, a west rear yard setback variance of 19 feet, a west rear yard setback variance of 19 feet, a west rear yard setback variance of 19 feet, a west rear yard setback variance of 19 feet, a west rear yard setback variance of 19 feet, a west rear yard setback variance of 19 feet, a west rear yard setback variance of 19 feet, a west rear yard setback variance of 19 feet, a west rear yard setback variance of 10 feet, a west rear yard setback variance of 10 feet, a with an aggregate total of two

a south side yard setback variance of 11 feet, with an aggregate total of two side yards of 17.25 feet and a total lot coverage variance of 10%. Additionally sate yards of 17.25 feet and a total lot coverage variance of 10%. Additionally applicant is requesting a rear yard projection variance of 4 feet, northwest side yard setback variance of 1 foot 4 inches and a 5 foot 6 inch southwest side yard setback variance for the construction of an unenclosed wood deck. The property is zoned R-4 and is located east of Old Novi Road and north of Thirteen Mile Road.

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Case No. 07-007 filed, by Harry Villagewood Properties LLC Jer Willagewood Place Located on Kartar Lane, west of Haggerty Road between Nina and Ten Mile Boads

Willagewood Properties LLC is requesting one sign variance for the continued placement of a liferen square foot real estate marketing sign measuring six feet in height for Villagewood Place. The property is zoned RM-1 and is located on Kartar Lane west of Haggerty Road between Nine and Fan Mile Roads. Sign variance originally approved in ZBIO4-092 for one year and extended for one year in ZBA05-107.

Case No.07-008 fled by Beacon Sign Company for Novi Big, Boy located at 26401 Novi Road

Beacon Sign Company is requesting two sign variances for the placement of a 25 source foot ground sign supported by a pole measuring 15 feet in height for the Novi Big Boy Restaurant located at 26401 Novi Road. The property is zoned TC-1 and located north of Grand River and south of 1-96. (2-15-07 NN) 337227)

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SPORTS SPOTLIGHT: CC WRESTLING

Coach Rod: 'An awesome run



Novi Catholic Central wrestling coach Mike Rodriguez stands in the middle of his team Saturday with the 2007

Rodriguez to retire after 51st coaching season

A coaching career of more than a half een tury will come to a close at the end of the wrestling season. Catholic Central's Mike Rodriguez will hang it up after this year's

What is SPORTS SPOTLIGHT? Each week, the Novi News takes a croser look above athletes. Have a suggestion?/E-mail

jtheisen@gannett.com.

"It's been truly an awesome, spectacular

run to have touched so many people," Rodriguez said. "God has been great to us, I've never thought in ray wildest dreams that I would last until 75."

Rodriguez has coached thousands of kids throughout his tenure. He has coached kids and later on, their kids. He's impacted the lives of countless amounts of people. Oh yeah, he's also won more than 700 dual

matches, captured 13 straight Catholic League titles (27 overall), won 27 district titles, 19 regional titles and eight state cham-

pionships — with one final run left.

The Shamrock wrestlers extended the string of league titles with a commanding

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The seventh **sign-ees**



Novi High School athletes sign their letters of Intent during the Feb. 7 "Signing Day." From left: Pat Sijan, Stephanie Janssens, Christine Chaklos, Stephanie Crawford, Jessica Barndt, Emlly Esbrook, and

Novi soccer has five girls sign with Division I schools

By Jeff Thelsen

National Signing Day is a big day for thousands of kids across the country, but it was an extraspecial day for Novi athletes

Five players from the girls soccer team signed a Division I letter of intent. Two football players also signed, and Brandon Carnegie became the second Novi footall player to sign a Division 1 letter.

The five girls signing were: Stephanie Crawford, with Michigan; Emily Esbrook, with Ohio State; Kristine Chaklos, with Vanderbilt; Jessica Barndt, with James Madison; and Stephanic Janssens, with Eastern

Pat Sijan also signed a football letter of intent with Northwood

University.

Soccer coach Brian O'Leary admitted it was a special day for

him and the entire program.
"It's pretty rare. You're lucky
if you get one, To get five is
amazing." O'Leary said. "We've had a pretty good string of send-ing girls to Division I schools. It seems like we get a little bit more each year. Last year four

three girls Division L. team-focused. They very much care about everyone from the bottom to the top. I think that says more about them than play-

girls went to play college soccer,

Crawford and Esbrook have

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tradied up to win back-to-clack titles with the Novi program, but they will become instant rivals once they move onto Michigan and Ohio State.

"I think it will be fun because

we're both really competitive," Esbrook said. "I think it would be competitive and fun."

Esbrook also admitted there would be bragging rights on the

For Chaklos, signing with the girls that she grew up playing the game with was the highlight of the day.

"It's awesome that so many of us can sign together," she said.
"Three of them are on my club

team. I've been playing soccer with Stephanic since I was 8 years old."

Barndt wouldn't have it any

other way either.
"It's awesome," she said. "I've been playing with them since I can't even remember.

can't even remember.

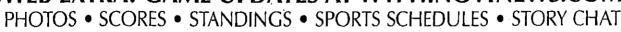
Don't expect the Wildcats to relax just because five of the girls know where they are playing next year.

It makes it so they can con-

centrate on high school succer and making their last high school season the best that it can be,"
O'Leary said. "I've seen kids
before who signed and they take

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NOVI NEWS Athlete of the Week

Ryan Brown, CC wrestling

Brown, a senior captain, won the top wrestler award at the Catholic League meet Saturday at Catholic Central. He won al three of his matches by fall at 152 pounds to earn the league



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Esbrook

Where: Ohio State

and the coaches."

Northville

Why: I like the school,

Major/career: Premed

Favorite Novi memory:

What it was like to be a

Wildcat: "It was really fun. Our

There's not like any drama.

"Winning states last year because it was against

academics, the team, the players

COLLEGE BOUND 'CATS

Stephanie

Crawford

Where: Michigan

state, so it was between

Michigan and Michigan State.

They both have good soccer programs, but Michigan was

better academically."

Major/career: Undecided

Favorite Novi memory:

"Playing soccer. The state finals,

both of them, were really excit-

What it was like to be a

experience. It's been so much

MICHIGAN

Why: "I know I wanted to stay



Kristine Chaklos

Where: Vanderbilt Why: "I wanted a good academic school as well as a good athletic school."

Major/career: Pediatrician Favorite Novi memory: "Two championships: One, this year for basketball and my sophomore year winning districts for soccer That propelled us to win states."

What it was like to be a Wildcat: "It's been awesome. I'm wearing (Vanderbilt) colors right now, but it's so weird to not wear green and white. It's all I've ever



NORTHWOOD



Where: Northwood University Why: "It's a small school with a good football program. I like he coaches. They're up and

Tessica

Barndt

Why: "I went to Virginia ... fell

in love with the campus right

away because it's gorgeous, in a

Major/career: Physical therapy

valley with mountains all over.

"Winning states twice in a row.

It's amazing to even be able to

have a chance to be able to win it

twice and maybe three times in a

What it was tike to be a

Wildcat: "Being a Novi Wildcat

has been a lot of fun. They treat

us well. I can't imagine myself being at any other high school

University

Major/career: International usiness and finance Favorite Novi memory: Beating Lakeland this year. Sijan won the game with a rarely ised free kick

What it was like to be a Wildcat: "I had a lot of fun. It's a good school with great coaches. They push you to the limit and

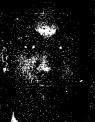


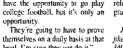
Brandon Carnegie Where: Ball State

Why: "I like the area, the campus. The program looks like it's going up too Major/career: Undecided but something with business Favorite Novi memory: ing Canton in his sophomore year. "They were undefeated.

What it was like to be a of good times, a lot of good

They were supposed to kill us.





level. I'm sure they can do it."

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ouldn't expect that from them at

his players going onto the next level.

"It's great because both of these young men have worked very"

"These guys will take out of "It's great because both of these young men have worked very hard to get to where they were as football players and as students," there the responsibility that they are alumni and that means they're going to have to give back (Carnegie and Sijan) are going to have the upportunity to go play college football, but it's only an expenditudity.

While Kellepourey is proud of Carnegie and Sijan, he also appretheir senior season off, but 1 ciated those who laid the groundwork before them.
"In the last seven years that I've

Stephanie

Where: Eastern Michigan

Why: "The head coach at

coach way back when I was way

Major/career: Elementary

"Winning state champs back to

What it was like to be a

Wildcal: "I really enjoy coming

out on the field every day and as

Favorite Novi memory:

Eastern used to be my head

young. He knows my back-

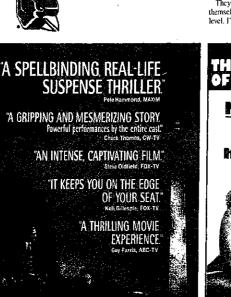
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lanssens

"They're the kind of kids that been around here as the head want to leave their mark on things and want to leave a good mark on things."

Head football coach Tab Kellepourey was equally proud of on the field for us created the

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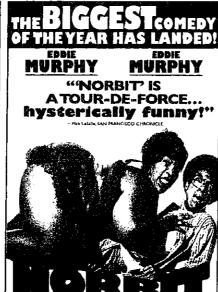


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COACH ROD - A LIVING LEGEND



Mike Rodriguez during his first year with the Shamrock

Mike Rodriguez stands in the middle of the 1969 state champion Catholic Central wrestling team.

Photos submitted by **Jeffrey Gatt**

win over the weekend. Catholic Central placed nine wrestlers in the finals — six winning their weight class. "It was an awesome day."

Rodriguez said. "It was very meaningful and very touching. But it's just the start. The best is

"Our goals are just a little ways

Looking back

Rodriguez's coaching career started with Royal Oak Kimball in 1957. After two seasons and a 24-6 dual record, he moved to River Rouge from 1959-1967. He left that job with eight consecutive regional titles and one state title for the Blue and White at Catholic

The regional title followed for the next four years, including three straight state titles in his second to fourth years with the Shannocks, a collection of guys that still stands as one of his coaching highlights.

"The first group of young men that I had there, they were so hun-gry." Rodriguez said. "These guys were starving to be first. They won the first regional in the history of the school (in 1968). The

next year they won the state and won it three years in a row.

"These guys from freshmen to sophomores and sophomores to juniors, they became men. They had arms like seniors. Out of that "Mitch is a disciple of Red." class, we had three millionaires. I know them personally, and they

worked our butts off. Since taking over the Sharrrock program, Rodriguez has had a state placer in all but one of his years, and as many as six in 1988. He won state titles in 1969-71, 1974, 1978, 1983 and 1988.

at his coaching longevity.

so much id hate to give up right now.

"I said, 'but if I get to the point when I get in my 70s, if I can't walk, put me in a wheelchair and roll me out to the mat so I can scream at somebody.' Well, I've made it. I can still walk out to the order of the mat."

Position filled

Shararock program in 1968, no one else has been the head coach. who the wrestling coach would impact that Rodriguez makes off the mat even more.

penciling in a different name next year for wrestling, but he appreci-ated all his former coach did for

done for Catholic Central,

Santello said, "We all wish him well in retirement, I'm sure we'll see him at a number of our meets. He's not going to disappear."

Mitch Hancock, a former Catholic Central wrestler for Rodriguez, will take over the pro

Hancock had opportunities to go to other schools after an Ali-American career that ended in 2005 for Central Michigan University, but he knew where he

wanted to go,
"It's just so gratifying to know
that he's all Catholic Central,"
Rodriguez said. "He's very disciplined. He demands excellence from the young men that are in the

room." Santello said it will be weird with someone else at the wrestling change for the program.
"Mitch is a disciple of Rod,"
Santello said, "He graduated from

CC and was coached by him for come hack and say, 'Hey coach, it was the room that taught us to be obsessed with working ethics. We

The end is near, but the final

chapter will be written in a book filled with highlights both on and off the mat. Whatever happens.

Rodriguez will go down as one of the greatest coaches of all time for high school wrestling.

The final scene Tears are going to flow when the final match is wrestled for Rodriguez, and he's the first to admit he'll be part of the action.

But even Rodriguez is surprised this coaching longevity.
"My second oldest son was my "It's going to be difficult to walk." "My second oldest son was my assistant for five years and he said "When are you going to quit Dad?" he said, "I said, well, I really don't know David. I just love it so much I'd hate to give up right now.

"I said, 'but if I get to the point when I get in my 70s, if I can't walk, put me in a wheelchair and roll me out to the mat so I can scream at somehorby 'Well. I've

said. "She said You always get like this in the beginning of the edge of the mat." season and you always come out in the end."

Since Rodriguez took over the

Current Athletic Director Bob Santello has enjoyed knowing be, but he's enjoyed seeing the

"He's more than just a coach— he's a teacher and a father figure. Santello said. "It's amazing, th Santello said. It's amazing, the wresting community, when they graduate, they never forget Mike Rodriguez. He does so much besides just teaching the fundamentals of wrestling. He's a teacher of how you should live life."

Santello said it will be different.

the program.
"Thanks for all that you've

Mike Rodriguez stands proudly in front of the Catholic



Mike Rodriguez walks with his 2005 state champion



Mike Rodriguez stands with his team after coaching his 1,000th wrestling dual.

Career Stats

All records prior to 2006-07 season Wins by school

Wins: 728 Losses: 271 Royal Oak Kimball, 1957-58 District titles: 27 Jeff Theisen can be reached at Individual state champs: 45 (248) 349-1700, ext. 104 or at Individual state placers: 123 State titles: 8

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Lakeland	6	3	10	4
Hartland	6	3	8	6
Novi	5	4	9	6
Pinckney	4	5	8	7
Howell	4	5	5	9
Milford	3	7	4	11
Brighton	1	8	2	13

KVC Volleyball

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Lakeland	9 1	25	2	1
Novi	92	21	7	1
Milford	7 3	26	8	2
South Lyon	6 4	17	9	1
Howell	6.5	18	13	0
Brighton	3 7	7	12	1
Pinckney	110	9	12	2
Hartland	110	10	14	4

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Schedules



2/16 U-D Jesuit, 6 p.m. 2/21 at Hartland, 6:15 p.m

Volleyball 2/15 at Brighton, 5:30 p.m.

2/17 at Individual districts, TBA

Boys Swim and Dive 2/15 Hartland, 6 p.m

2/17 KVC championships, T8A

Bowling 2/15 at 700 Bowl, 3:30 p.m.

2/15 Regional championship. 2/20 SEMSL League



Baskethall 2/18 CHSL playoff, TBA 2/21 CHSL playoff, TBA

Hockey 2/15 Port Huron Northern at McMorran Place, 6 p.m. 2/17 CHSL championship,

Wrestling 2/15 Team districts, TBA 2/17 Individual districts, TBA

2/21 Team regionals, TBA Swim and Dive

2/17 at Ann Arbor Pioneer.

Bowling 2/17 CHSL tournament at Oak 2/20 South Lyon at TBA, TBA

2/15 Regional meet at Mt. Brighton, 9 a.m.

Wildcat basketball back to winning ways

Novi cheer team mows down KVC foes

The Wildeat basketball team broke out of a recent funk with a pair of wins against league oppo-

Novi heat Pinckney 51-49 in overtime Feb. 7, and scored a second win two days later with a 44-26 thumping of Howell. Against Pinckney, things start-ed slowly for both teams with just 14 total points in the first

quarter, and Pinckney holding at 23-18 lead at the half. The Wildeat offense came alive in the third quarter, and Novi held a 33-32 lead heading

Novi (9-6, 5-4) held the lead through the waning minutes of the fourth, but Pinckney fied the game with a foul on a made shot in the land and hitting the free

shot, but it didn't go down and the game went into overtime. The Wildeats held the lead throughout the bonus session, and Adam Chandler picked off an infound pass in the final minute to seal the deal.

Caleb Dean led the Wildean

with 14 points, Brandon Bradford was next with 11, and Chris Bellamy tallied 10.
Against Howell, it was all defense for Novi. The Wildcats held a slim 10-9 lead at the end

just three points over the next so quarter Novi went into the half on 21. 12, but entered the fourth with a commanding 34-12 lead.

Dear again led the Wildcats with 11 points, Bellamy tallied eight, Brandon Bradford chipped in seven, and Chandler had six.

Novi hockey

The Wildeat hockey team (7-11-2, 4-6-1) had a busy week even with the two days off. Novi dropped a 6-2 decision to KVC leading Brighton on Feb. 8, came up on the short end of a 3-1 tally Davison on Saturday, and bat tered Utica Eisenhower 5-0 in

the second game of the Michigan Showcase in Trenton.

Joe Denova stopped 14 shots for the shittout. Novi got goals from Robert Lewis, Tom Dricks,

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Novi Wildcat PreSeason

The Wildeat preseason base

ball camp for players age 7 to 14 is set for March 17 at the Novi High School fieldhouse gym. The morning session will run

from 8:30 a.m. to noon with reg-istration beginning at 8 a.m. The afternoon session runs from 1-4:30 p.m. with registration

at 12:30 p.m.
The fee is \$55 at the door, or

\$50 for early registration, Early registration is due by March 14.

For more information, contact

Novi coach Rick Green at rrgreen@servicesports.net or

48375) care of Rick.

Celebrity bowlathon

Food Bank.

The Detroit Lions' Barry Stokes is hosting a bowlathon

March 24 at Drakeshire Lanes in

Farmington. The money raised will go towards the Barry Stokes

Foundation, Michigan Elks Youth Association and Eastern

The day will feature a meet

and greet at from 10-11 a.m., tane draw at noon, bowling from 1-4 p.m. with raffles, 50-50 and

a silent auction running through-

Novi's Jamie Fratto announced her commitment to

attend the University of Nevada

would like to relocate closer to home after high school

BattleCats prove best The Nov BattleCats captured

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Baseball Camp

Novi's Mason Irvin heads for the water during a home meet against Pinckney High Shawn Baxter, Andrew Haggerty

and Adam Szajner.

Navi Wrestling straggled Milford in a quad Feb. 2

Hartland, but came back to bear

ilo Great Lakes Tournam

4-0 triumph in the semifinals

over the Grosse Point Hornets to

second period. Novi's Ryan

Bamford evened it at 1-1 in the

period when he blasted in a shot

Austin Lanam, Trevor Manning, Alec Melucci, Michael Mitchell,

Trevor Pincheck, Wes Sjogren.

om near the blue line. Juch

in Holland, Mich.

Hartland topped the Wildcats 57-5, with Jon Licherobice get-ing the Ione win for Novi at 103

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against Miltord

Weight

Planet Fitness

loss always a tough subject

Lichorobiec, Justin Pullin at 112, Robbie Yusko at 125, Adam Ballantyne at 140, Mike Cash at 160, Joe Pritchard at 171 and

Joey Shada at 215. Nadaniel Jones won by void at heavyweight, and Ryan Thomas won by tech fall at 145.

Novi Cheer continues to mow down KVC opponents, beating South Lyon 666.60-598.90 Feb.

The Wildeats scored 180

points in the first round, 194.1 in the second and finished off the

meet with 292.5 in the final

The Wildeat volleyball team inproved to 25-8-1, 9-2 with a

had 12 kills and eight blocks for

a three-game sweep against Pinckney, 25-14, 25-15, 25-22.

The Novi swim and diving

ream lost 109-77 Feb. 8 to South

Highlights of the meet includ-ed a 1-2 finish for Mason Irvin

and Alex Arbour in diving, Irvin scored 224.15 points, and Arbour had 212.45.

Tyler Vincent won the 200

Cripps each had six kills.

Novi Swim and Dive

The second win came Feb. 9 in

scored 473,30 points.

junior varsity team won

Recently my toughest client ever, (my wife), was vent-ing about how tired she was of my "burn merchalories than you take in" technique of weight loss. She had just passed on desert and was watching her one-millionth commercial about

some magic pill ni-clad swears that you take once a day and you will lose
15 pounds in a
month white you sleep and have a body like hers in no time Guaranteed

nair of league wins against Pinckney and Howell.

Howell pushed the Wildcassio tifth game on Feb. 6, 25-21, 80-28, 18-25, 23-25, 15-11. your money back! For an over 50, menopausa Paige Janer had 15 kills and nine digs, and Stephanie Cripps mother of three with a recent tota hip replacement, (she allowed me to reveal all that), that is tough to take and really tough competition against my "promoting positive lifestyle changes" and also just too enticing for most Americans Lauren Farley had eight aces and four digs, Janer posted nine kills, and Lauren Purdy and who spend some \$35 billion a year on over 30,000 diet supple

ments a year.

My tough client/wife is tired of not losing the weight fast enough. but before she picks up that phone and orders one of those magic pills and abandons her New Year's resolution all together, I throw out

Americans think the government requires warnings about side effects on weight loss products, it doesn't - and 54% think products. are approved by the FDA, they're

· There's no proof of effective ness and no proof of safety...why would you put it in your body?

. Chances are that model on TV

advertising.
The Federal Trade

Commission recently fined the marketers of four weight loss drugs a collective \$25 million for

false advertising. Xenadrine EFX, Cortislim, One-A-Day

Weight Smart and Trimspa. The products will still remain on store shelves, the \$25 million a mere

• FTC Chairman Deborah Platt Majores warns against celebrity endorsements of many of these

products claiming, "Testimonials from individuals are not a substi-tute for science." The FTC's investigation in an Xenadrine

commercial found that the people who appear in many of the before and after pictures in many ads lost

weight by engaging in rigorou

prise-surprise)
These supplements have been around for years and yet two thirds of Americans are over-

weight. If they really worked, why

As my final plea to my client.

explained that I was well aware that the road to "positive lifestyle

changes" translated means cating

less and moving more. I also know this is about as exciting as walking on a treadmill for 30 min-

utes and cating more fiber, but the

bottom line is this, has been, still

path to long term weight control

and health. And I want this partic

ular client to be around and be

healthy for a long time, (Did you

nuch weight a woman has already

lost, it's never enough?) She said

growing in the wrong direction

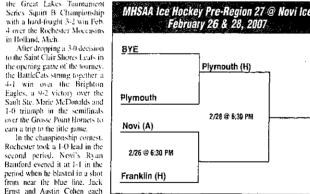
freestyle in 2:00.10 and Dan Meister won the 200 individual Catholic Central Wrestling

The Novi Catholic Central wrestling tromped through the field in winning the league title

The Shamrocks placed nine wrestlers in the finals, with six winning their weight class. Ryan Brown was voted the top wrestler of the tournament

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Hockey brackets





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could say that, too. I'd better quit now. So next time you are tempted by that shapely model, save your money, move a little more, eat a little less each day and don't be fooled; you are doing it right and in the long run, you will be further ahead and a little richer. Good

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MY CAREER





Pay, regular time at home

Terri Lynch, 57, gets ready a growing number of mature Americans turning to profes sional truck driving as a sional fruck driving as a second career. The Lynches have been team driving for 13 years.

surprise those hitting the open road CHADUS POK 352 Thirteen years ago, Terri and Joey Lynch found themselves and their careers at a crossroads. After successful stints in a variety of fields ranging from hair styling to merchandising to the

grocery business, the now-turned professional truck drivers longed for something different as they headed into their golden years. Their search for a career that would deliver good pay, benefits," "" adventure, and the chance to work together as a team lead them to truck driving

"Truck driving is certainly a career that's paid off for us," says Terri Lynch. 57. "Our employer has treated us well and given us steady work, good money and a good life. We're planning on doing this for many more years, and each year, we see more and more people our age getting into the business."

The truck-line industry meeth, more people like the Lynches

The trucking industry needs more people like the Lynches. With trucks moving nearly all of the freight that lands on store shelves, the impact of truck driving on the U.S. economy and consumers' overall quality of life is more significant than most people think.

According to the American Trucking Association (ATA) the industry is short 20,000 drivers — a number that could reach 111,000 by 2014 if current trends continue. A strong U.S. import economy and haby boomers retiring in record numbers aren't helping the situation. Add industry growth of 3 to 5 percent per year, and it's easy to see why opportunities to trade an office euhicle for the open road abound. "The driver market is the fighest it's been in 20 years," says ATA president and chief executive officer Bill Graves.

"It's critical that we find ways to tap new labor pools, improve work-life balance and benefits to fuel the industry that keeps our nation's economy moving. There is no better time to star driving — the opportunities are simply endless."

In fact, national job bank www.Careerbuilder.com ranked heavy-duty truck driving number 18 on its list of the top 25 jobs for 2006. The survey represents 8 million new jobs and 40 percent of total job growth predicted to occur over the nex

Shifting Gears to

Attract More Drivers While it's no secret that truck driving is hard work and has its challenges, most job seekers are surprised to learn just how much the industry and the profession have changed in recent years. Today, driving opportunities that best meet individual lifestyle needs are a focus for many companies. Trucking firms are intent on developing flexible career paths, higher pay, better benefits, more "driver-friendly" freight and other programs designed to achieve a engage work-life balance for drivers.

designed to achieve a greater work-life balance for drivers One company, Schneider National, the nation's largest truck load carrier, even provides company-paid training for inexperienced drivers. The company utilizes classrooms, state-of-the-art driver simulators and over-the-road training to prepare inexperienced drivers for their commercial driver's license

These new efforts make a difference and keep drivers on the road and in the industry longer. "Professional truck driving has been really good to us over the years. [Our company] is contin ually increasing our pay and improving our time at home, which for us goes hand in hand," say drivers Ronnie Kiser Jr. and Paul

eavel of Vine Grove, Ky.

Experienced team drivers like Kiser and Feavel, who share a truck and log twice as many miles as a solo driver, carn as much as \$62,500 per year. On average, inexperienced truck drivers can carn more than \$35,000 in their first year, while

experienced drivers typically earn more than \$55,000 per year **Keeping Drivers**

Behind the Wheel Creative scheduling and getting drivers home

more are also part of the package for today's truck drivers. While weekly and bi-weekly runs are still common in the industry, dedicated routes located close to home - and relay loads are becoming a reality for many. So too is delivering freight to and from local and regional Kiser and Feavel, who have been Schneider

National drivers for seven years, are quick to draw attention to the value of family time: "If we need to be home, the company gets us there; they know that if we can't take care of what we need to at home, we won't be happy out on the

In addition to offering variety and flexibility in work schedules, companies are also offering excellent health-care benefits, scheduling tools, comfortable cabs, new equipment and other perks like company-owned truck stops with free Internet access, showers and hot meals.

"Our drivers are at the heart of our success Without them, everything we buy, from food to clothes to electronics and everything in between. wouldn't get to the store shelves," says Rob Reich, vice president of enterprise recruiting at Schneider National. "We know there's no cookie cutter position that fits every driver. Being able to present options has made a big difference in making this a more viable career choice for people who otherwise wouldn't naturally consider truck driving. When we look at the tremen-dous opportunities that await job seekers in our industry, professional truck driving really is the job of the decade."

fter more than 20 years

A fter more than 20 years in the restaurant business, George Martinez began to dread going to work and dreamed of a new profes-sion. But, at age 43 with four children he knew finding a career he loved was just as

was drawn to truck driving because of its wide range of opportunities, a renewed focus on work-life balance, better benefits and increased compensation. Martinez attended a company-provided training program in February 2006. By April, he was on the road.

"After being stuck in buildings for 10, 12 or 14 hours a day, it is great to be out there driving my truck,"

Martinez says. "All I keep thinking is that I can't

believe I'm getting paid for doing something I actually

"The opportunity is there for the taking — opportunity is there for the taking — opportunity is there are the taking in own truck to drive more, earn more money, lease my own truck or work in the corporate office," Martinez says. "Though being out on the road can be a challenge, companies like Schneider offer quite a few programs that accommodate almost any preference.

To learn more about professional truck driving and training opportunities, visit www.schneiderjobs.com or call 1-800-44-PRIDE.

Simulation is one of the newest tools being used to train professional truck IMAX on wheels, students like George Martinez can safely navigate them before getting behind the wheel.





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MY PARTY TIPS



Artichoke Heart

A smart party starts on paper, so pick up a pen and make a plan. Check out these easy entertaining pointers to deck the halls with holiday cheer.

■ Choose friendly foods. Bite-size appetizers are easy to enjoy and easy to serve. ■ Try Sandra Lee's easy appetizer ideas, or pick up convenient, ready-made snacking platters from Wal-Mart. Order delicious shrimp, deli meat, chicken wing, cheese and fruit platters by phone a day in advance and display them on your own decorated dishes.

■ Serve in several different spots. This avoids traffic jams and helps guests move

■ For the main buffet, make Sandra's Turkey with Cranberry-Merlot Sauce the centerpiece, or pick up a Sam's Choice Double Glazed Brown Sugar Spiral Ham. Round out the menu with favorite side dishes. ■ Ready-made holiday desserts like a cupcake cake or other festive treats top off the evening in sweet style - and they do double-duty as edible centerpieces.

■ Instead of running from store to store, shop at one Supercenter that offers everything you need for entertaining groceries, beverages, home décor and even gifts — you'll feet less frazzled and save time.

■ Saving time means less stress on you and more time for enjoying holiday fun

Enjoy your own party this holiday season, with good company, great food and lots of cheer. For easy, entertaining ideas all in one place, visit www.walmart.com and elick on In Stores Nowfidea Center

■ Design your shopping list for moving around the store.

Kick off the party with festive food

Keep the party moving

Plan for one-stop shopping

Better Health

AROUND THE CLOCK

Got a minute?

You're just in time to learn how small adjustments to your daily routine may add up to improved health and a more balanced lifestyle. With the start of a new year, examine your personal profile and pinpoint opportunities where better-for-you changes can be made. Whether you'd like to shape up or slim down, the key is making smarter choices and finding real solutions that can bring about positive results.

Before you know it, you'll be eating better, feeling better and living better, explained Dr. Bob Arnot, who has served as chief medical and health correspondent for national news shows. For example, exercise should be compared to play — not a clone, "I've always advocated fun sports, such as walking, golfing offsing, as the best way to stay fit," said Arnot, also a best-selling author, "I find biking the single best sport for keeping in

shape because from day one, you put in as much time and distance as you want, it's also frendly to the joints,"

Another timely fip-bookmark a favorite online resource that offers a refreshing perspective and a dose of inspiration. A top pick is www.liatBetterAmerica.com, which features simple tips on eating better, the benefits of doing so and recipes to get started. Good nutrition, Amor notes, not only plays a role in weight management, it can also have a big impact on reducing risk for chronic diseases such as diabetes.



One Doctor's Rx for **Eating Better, Feeling Better**

First Things First: Breakfast is my favorite meal - hands down. I still start with a whole grain cereal, such as my childhood favorite Wheat Chex, slice a banana on it, write grain cereat, such as my childhood in twente Wheit clack, site a maintain of it, throw in some blueberries and douse it in ice-cold symile. I tell patients breakfasts are free ... meaning this meal won't add inches to your waistline, but it will give you the energy to help fully your morning. And, choose cereals with lots of fiber to help filly our paint get you off to a healthy start. What if your kids won't cut adult cereals? Look for kids' cereals made with whole grain; they provide many essential nutricuts in addition to the health benefits of whole grain.

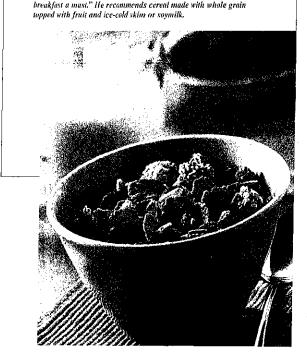
Chill: Fresh vegetables are often perceived as the healthiest choice. However, within hours after harvest, nutrients begin to disappear. And, during the week-long trip from the fields to the grocery store, a significant amount of nutrients can be lost. What's the solution? Today, food companies literally freeze fruits and vege-

tables within hours of being picked to retain valuable nutrients. In fact frozen fruits and vegetables are just as nutritious as fresh. I stock my freezer with corn, broccoli, green beans, blueberries and raspberries. They taste as fresh as if I just picked them myself.

Enjoy Soy: Soy is a super healthful food I enjoy every day. Using it in my cereal how! at breakfast, or in a smoothie, is great because it delivers a low-fat, naturally cho lesterol free protein great for heart health. If I'm in a hurry and need instant murition, I'll grab a glass of soymilk. Substituting soymilk for whole milk may help lower my choles-terol level. And, like many adults with some degree of lactose intolerance. I use soymilk as a terrific replacement for milk and a great way to get added calcium to help reduce my risk of osteoporosis and bone fractures.



"If you make one change to your health routine," said Arnot, "make



Pop open a can of ready-to-serve soun, heat and enjoy with a sandwirl for a satisfying lunch or dinner. Many canned soups clock in around 100 calories per serving. Look for reduced sodium varieties, such as Progresso, if salt intake is a concern. Choosing heart-healthy reduced sodium soups can help with weight management and help decrease





MenuSmarts Plan for Fabulous Food and Fun 'Tis the season to celebrate! Planning the menu for your holiday gathering should be fun — not fretful. Make a smart party plan for one-stop shopping, add a few delicious shortcuts and be the hostess According to Sandra Lee, best-selling author of "Semi-Homemade Cooking," one of the secrets to a successful gathering is to make sure you enjoy your own party. Then your guests will as well. Adding style without sacrificing flavor is simple with a few menu secrets from Sandra tha will have your guests serving up extra helpings of food These recipes are some of Lee's favorites for entertaining: They're irresistibly delicious and easy on the cook with convenient ingredients. They, along with 196 other great recipes, are included in Sandra Lee's Recipe Card Collec tion. The full-color recipe cards are beautifully displayed in a red recipe box and this unique gift item is available exclusively at Wal-Mart and Sam's Club stores this holiday season. Red Pepper and

Red Pepper and Tapenade Slices This hearty appetizer will disappear, so keep ingredients on hand for making a second or third batch.

- 1 Sounce can refrigerated crescent rolls
- 1/2 cup marinara sauce 1/2 cup shredded Monterey Jack cheese
- 3 tablespoons crumbled blue cheese
- 1/3 cup roasted red bell pepper, cut into strips
- 1. Heat oven to 425°F. Unroll dough, separate into 8 lack cheese, blue cheese, offive tapenade and peoper
- 3. Bake 12 to 15 minutes or until edges are golden. Serve

Feta-Stuffed Artichoke Bottoms

These irresistible Mediterranean-inspired appetizers are

- 1/2 cup chopped roasted red bell peppers (from jar)
 1/4 cup chopped ripe black olives
 1/4 cup crumbled feta cheese
 1 tablespoon olive oil
 1 13 3/4-ounce can artichoke bottoms, drained

- Heat broiler, Line cookie sheet with foil. I freat of the cooler and war for the cooler and office oil. Place artichoke bottoms onto prepared cookie sheet. Mound 1 1/2 teaspoons of stuffing onto each
- Broil 7 minutes or until golden on top, Transfer artichokes to a platter and serve hot.

Bacon-Wrapped Artichoke Hearts Feel free to double or triple this recipe.

- 9 slices bacon, cut in half
- 1. Heat oven to 425°F. Line a baking sheet with alumi
- foil. Drain artichoke heart quarters, reserving liquid.

 2. Wrap each artichoke heart quarter with a half-slice bacon. Secure with a toothpick.

 3. Place on baking sheet. Drizzle with reserved liquid from artichokes. Roast 12 to 15 minutes or until lightly

Turkey with Cranberry-Merlot Sauce

browned and cooked through.

Tender turkey breast, arranged on a platter with this sweetserving a crowd, this recipe doubles easily. Or serve this turkey breast alongside a spiral-sliced ham.

- 2 pounds boneless, skinless turkey breast
 3/4 teaspoon garlic salt
 1 cup frozen chopped onion
 1 16-ounce can whole cranberry sauce
 1 cup Merlot or other red wine
- 1 1-ounce packet peppercorn sauce mix I. Sprinkle turkey with garlic salt; set aside.
- 2. Place onion in a 5-quart slow cooker. Place turkey on top. In medium bowl, stir together cramberry sauce, wine and peppercorn sauce mix. Pour over turkey.

 3. Cover and cook on low heat 4 to 6 hours until internal
- temperature reaches 170°F. 4. Slice turkey and serve with cooking juices.



Raspberry-Banana Soy Smoothie Try this soy-based smoothie on for size. Perfect for a mid-day snack, it delivers

- than five minutes. French vanilla yogurt 1 1/2 cups 8th Continent original
- soymilk 1 cup unsweetened frozen or fresh raspherries
 1 medium banana, sliced (1 cup)
- I. Place all ingredients in blender or food processor. Cover; blend on high speed about 30 seconds or until smooth. 2. Pour into 2 glasses. Serve immediately.
- 2 servings (about 1 1/2 cups each) 1 Serving: Calories 210 (Calories from Pat 30); Total Fat 3.5g (Saturated Pat 1g); Cholesterol 5mg; Sodium 150ng; Potassium 190mg; Total Carbohydiate 37g (Dietary Fiber 3g); Protein 7g % Daily Value: Vitamin A 15%; Vitamin C 4%; Calcium 30%; Iron 4%; Vitamin D 25%; Folic Acid 2%
- Exchanges: 1 3/2 Other Carbohydrate, 1 Skim Milk, 1/2 Fat Carbohydrate Choices: 2 1/2

Munchy Trail Mix

Eating portion-controlled snacks between meals gives the body the burst of fuel it needs to sail through the day. A smart snack — such as trail mix paired with a favorite fruit or veggies and dip curbs hunger and can be a good source of important nutrients you may not get otherwise.

- 2 cups Cheerios cereal 2 cups Chex bite-size squares cereal
- (any variety)
 2 cups Kix crispy corn puffs cereal
- 1 cup yogurt or carob candies, if desired
- I cup peanuts, if desired

In large bowl or rescalable food-storage plastic bag, mix all ingredients. (If serving to children under 4 years old, omit the raisins and peanuts.)

Store tightly covered. Makes 7 cups

% Daily Value: Vitamin A 4%; Vitamin C 4%; Calcium 4%; Iron 25%

Carbohydrate Choices:) '

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MY CHINESE NEW YEAR

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Where's Chitter?







In what year

were you born?

Monkey (1992, 2004)

Rooster (1993, 2005)_

• Pig or Boar (1995, 2007)

Dog (1994, 2006)

Rat (1996, 2008)

• Tiger (1998, 2010)

• Rabbit (1999, 2011)

Dragon (2000, 2012)

• Snake (2001, 2013)

Horse (2002, 2014)

• Goat (2003, 2015)

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Ox (1997, 2009)

If you were born in 1995 then you were born in the year of the pig or boar.

Snort! Gung Hay Fat Choy!

2007 The Year of the Pig

In 2007 the Chinese New Year begins on Monday, February 18th and lasts for fifteen days. The seventh day is everyone's birthday. Everyone celebrates turning one year older at the same time! The last day is the day of the Lantern Festival. People have fun making lanterns, then they hang them or carry them into the street where they watch "dragons" dancing in parades.

During the two weeks of the holiday, families eat together, visit, and honor their ancestors. People greet each other with wishes for good luck, good health, peace, joy and wealth. This celebration is also called the "Spring Festival" as it is a time for new beginnings.

The Chinese calendar has 12 animals, each standing for one year. 2007 is the year of the pig or boar. Read about people born in the year of the pig below, then fill in the puzzle:

friends work

Families are working hard, preparing themselves and their homes for the New Year. Listed below are some of their activities during the 15-day celebration. Can you find and circle the key words - that are in bold print - in the fan below?

- sweeping away the old, the dust
- getting a new haircut paving back debts
- arranging flower blossoms . buying tangerines and oranges
- · decorating their nouses
- . cooking long noodles and rice puddings
- relaxing with family and friends wearing new clothes
- honoring ancestors
- · making lanterns
- watching dragons dance in a parade

N M O G H R T I S F R I I V B N Y Y N Z W I I S E C E

Can you find 10 one-syllable words that have a short "i" sound in them, as in the word "pig?" O I T C N E F A L G H QDECORATINGSOWNW

People born in the year of the pig:

 are unafraid of people; they are ____ easily; shame feel ____ are a "soft touch" and too ____ 4. are very understanding or ___

4. are very understanding or _____

5. do not like to ____ with other people 6. are quiet; they do not ____ much

7. ____ whatever people tell them B. like _____ things

__ steadily until the job is done 10. truthful or 11, can be bashful or

___, but they are lifelong ones 12, have few ___

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Success and Happiness When you finish the puzzle below you will see the reason behind the "dragon's" dance in New Year parades.

You also will see the wish behind the money given in little red packets (called Hongbao or Lai See). Red is a color of iov and this generous wish. Follow the color key to fill in the puzzle and see what everyone is wishing for... to shine! OROOOROROROROROROOROORORORORORORO ORORRRO RORO RORO RORO O RORO RORO O O RORO RORO O O RORO ROR ORRBORRBORRBOORRBOORRBOORRDORRDO

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MY CHINESE NEW YEAR

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It's Chinese New Year Goufull Boar"!

There does the time go? Seems like just yesterday it was 4704! February 18 marks the start of the 15-day Chinese New Year festival, ushering in lunar year 4705, the Year of the Boar.

It's a perfect opportunity to shake off the winter blues and enjoy the fun and flavors of Chinese cooking. Why not invite friends and family over for a big New Year's feast? And what better way to kick it off than by serving up some crowd-pleasing pork dishes. Choose one of these - Braised Black Bean Pork, Hoisin Glazed Pork or succulent Year-of-the-Boar Ribs, Round out the menu with Crispy Bags of Gold appetizers and a refreshingly light and silky Almond Gel for dessert.

The Secret's in the Sauces

Preparing great tasting Chinese dishes is easier than you might think. The trick is to let high-quality prepared sauces do most of the heavy lifting for you products like Kikkoman's Black Bean Sauce with Garlic, Hoisin Sauce, Stir-Fry Sauce, Sweet & Sour Sauce, Plum Sauce and Thai Style Chili Sauce. Made with premium ingredients and perfectly balanced for authentic flavor, these sauces can hold their own as the statring flavor ingredient in easy Chinese dishes perfect for New Year's or any time of year

Create a Mood to Match the Food

Red and gold, symbolizing long life and prosperity, are the traditional colors for Chinese New Year. Set the table and buffet with red tablecloths, or white linens with red runners. Add red and gold accents, such as gold confetti, gold-coin candics, candles and flowers.

Ready to put more fun in your February? A little imagination a few good recipes and some premium sauces are all it takes to create a Chinese New Year celebration that's anything but "boar-ing." Gung Hay Fat Choy. Here's to a year of good fortune good eating and good times shared with friends and family

For more Chinese New Year entertaining tips and recipes, download Kikkoman's officia Chinese New Year Celebration Guide at kikkoman-usa.com

Crispy Bags of Gold

Year-of-the-Boar Ribs Makes 4 servings

- 2-1/2 pounds pork baby back ribs Sait
- 2 tablespoons chopped fresh ginger root 2 tablespoons vegetable oil 1 can (20 oz.) lychee in syrup 1 bottle (11.5 oz.) Kikkoman 2 Sweet & Cons Constant
- Sweet & Sour Sauce
- tablespoon packed brown sugar red beli pepper, chunked 1 small onion, chunked

Cut ribs into 1-rib pieces; lightly sait all sides Brown ribs and ginger together in hot oil in e saucenan over medium-high Turn ribs over to coat with sauce. Cover at simmer 1 hour, stirring occasionally. Add bell peppers and onion; cover and simmer 10 minutes.

Almond Gel Makes 6 to 8 servings 2 envelopes unflavored

gelatin
3 cups Pearl Unsweetened
Organic Soymilk 2/3 cup sugar 1-3/4 teaspoons almond extract

1 can (15 oz.) fruit cocktail in syrup Sprinkle polatin over 1/2 cup water in small bowl: let stand 10 minutes to soften. Meanwhile, combine soymilk and sugar in saucepan. Cook over medium high heat, stirring occasionally until hot and steaming; do not boil. Remove from heat: blend in gelatin and extract. Cool slightly and pour into 8-inch square glass baking dish. Cover with plastic wrap and refrigerate 8 hours or overnight until firm. To serve, cut gel into 1-inch cubes; place in individual bowls and ton with fruit cocktail and syrup.

oisin Glazed Pork

- 1/2 cup plus 1/3 cup Kikkoman Hoisin Sauce, divided
- Sauce, divided 1/4 cup plus 1/4 teaspoon Kikkoman
- Soy Sauce, divided 2 pork tenderloins, each about

1 pound 1 tablespoon apple juice

Combine 1/2 cup hoisin sauce and 1/4 cup soy sauce: pour over pork in large plastic food storage bag. Press air out of bag, close top securely. Let stand 30 minutes. Place pork on rack of broiler pan. Bake in 375°F oven 30 to 35 minutes, or until meat thermo meter registers 155°. Let stand 5 minutes neter registers 155°. Let stand 5 minutes before slicing. Cut across grain into thin slices; place on platter. Meanwhile, blend 1/3 cup hoisin sauce, apple joice and 1/4 teaspoon soy sauce. Just before serving, drizzle sauce over pork slices.

Braised Black Bean Pork

- Makes 60 appetizers
- 3/4 pound ground pork 1/4 cup Kikkoman Stir-Fry Sauce 1/4 cup grated carrot
- aced green onions
- 1 package (12 oz.) refrigerated round wrappers for potstickers and
- dumplings Vegelable oil for deep-frying 1/2 cup Kikkoman Plum Sauce
- 2 tablespoons Kikkoman Sweet & Sour Sauce 1/2 cup Kikkoman Thai Style Chili Sauce

Thoroughly mix pork, stir-fry sauce, carrot, green onions and salt in medium bowl with fork. Working with about 6 wrappers at a time, moisten edges of each circle with water Place 1 teaspoon pork filling in center of each circle. Pall edges up together, pinching to enclose; tap bottom gently to flatten to resemble drawstring purse. Place on large baking sheet; cover with plastic wrap while filling remaining wrappers. Heat oil in wok or large saucepart over, medium-high heat to 380°F. Deep-fry filled wrappers, about 5 to 6 pieces at a time, until brown and crispy Remove and drain on paper towels; kee sour sauce. Serve "bags" with plum sauce mixture and Thai style chili sauce.

- pounds boneless pork shoulder, trimmed
 tablespoons cornstarch
- 2 tablespoons vegetable oil 1/4 cup plus 2 tablespoons Kikkoman Black Bean Sauce with Garlic,
- divided
 3 tablespoons Kikkonian Soy Sauce
 2 tablespoons dry sherry
 1/2 pound lotus root or 12 canned
 baby corn cars
 1 pound carrots
 3/4 pound turnips

1 hunch green onions, cut into 1-inch lengths, separating tops from whites Hot cooked rice

Cut pork into 1-inch cubes; coat lightly with cornstarch. Heat oil in Dutch oven or large saucepan over medium-high heat; add pork own on all sides. Stir in 1-1/3 cups water. 1/4 cup black bean sauce, soy sauce and sherry: bring to boil. Cover and simmer 30 minutes. Meanwhile, peel lotus root, Add lotus root to pork mixture; simmer, covered, 10 minutes. Stir in carrots and turnips; cover and simmer 20 minutes. Stir in 2 tablespoons black bean sauce, white parts covered, 5 minutes. Add green onion tons cover and simmer 1 minute longer, Servi

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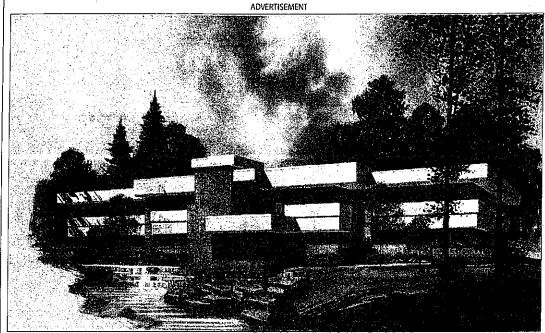
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Architecturally stunning, the Edgewater Medical Building in Commerce Township has a few prime suites still available for immediate lease or purchase.

Office condos offer flexib

Group 3 blends classic design with quality construction

By Kate Phillips

It's changing the way professionals do

Group 3 Inc., a development, construction and realty-services firm, has revolutionized the small office practice by making the office condominium commonplace to the market-

place in Michigan.

Partners Tim Adams and Charlie Percy have developed a strong reputation in the community as they build and develop solutions for local professionals, and those who

want to extend their practice into the area.

"Office condominiums are good for the entire community, because when people own a building, they take better care of it and it is an asset to the community over the long-term," said Charlie Percy.

COST SAVING

In times when funds are tight, and medical reimbursements aren't as predictable as they were in the past, many doctors and other professionals are stabilizing their costs by ressions are standarding unit costs of switching to office condominiums. Very often, an owner finds that his mortgage pay-ment is less than a lease payment. "There are so many advantages to owner-ship," said Tim Adams. "This is one way that

an office can save money, fix expenses and take advantage of tax incentives. In addition, they are building equity for their future." Group 3 Inc. has several lending sources that offer 90 percent to 100 percent financing

to medical professionals, as well as other

The office condominiums make it easy for doctors and other professionals to start up a private practice, or open a satellite office to grow their customer base.

If the business chooses to relocate; they can either sell the condo or build for their

future by leasing it to another business.

Rent vs. Buy Analysis

If you would like to receive a compli-mentary Rent vs. Buy Analysis for your business and office-space needs, call Group 3 Inc. They will be happy to provide this for you.

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Often, businesses buy two adjacent condos, and lease one out to help offset expenses until they are able to expand into both spaces.

FLEXIBILITY

The properties developed by Group 3 are so successful, and have 100 percent occupancy rates because they are built around flexibility.

The ownership plan is flexible. Some businesses buy the condo, others enter into a commercial lease, while others lease with an

option to buy.

The type of office that can be built is also flexible. Group 3 offers customized build-cus, in both new and existing properties. They're experienced enough to help buyers design the perfect space for their practice, to achieve that perfect fit and finish for their business space, whether it centers around a medical use, professional office or retail.

SUCCESSFUL PROJECTS

For several years Group 3 has been offer-ing business professionals office condomini-ums throughout the Oakland County. Adams and Percy are embraced by the

local communities because the buildings reflect the beauty of the surrounding areas, and are constructed out of quality, timeless materials with classic architecture that a business owner would be proud to call his

own.

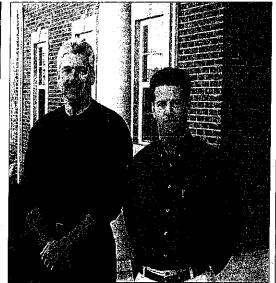
The offices of Group 3 are located in the lovely Woodland Center on Millford Road, just north of the Village in Milford Township. Other successful projects are the Heritage Crossing on Highland Road at Milford Road in Highland, plus Saddlebrook Farms and Stonecrest in Highland. Several other equally successful projects are currently under way and acceptaing representations for sooce

way and accepting reservations for space. Both men live in and support the commu-nities where they do business. Adams and Percy both live with their families in Highland Township, not far from their office.

GENERAL CONTRACTORS

Group 3 also works as general contractors for commercial and residential projects. Percy serves as the construction manager, after nearly 20 years as a builder.

The company is now working on a large addition at Edgewood Country Club in Commerce, and the new Dobskis Restaurant



Group 3 is a general contractor and commercial real estate developer and builder. Tim Adams and Charlie Percy stand in front of their offices in the beautiful Woodland Center in Milford.

in Waterford, as well as several custom homes, additions and remodels.

Group 3 is available for construction work on all new and existing structures.

NEW OFFICES AVAILABLE Group 3 is now offering a number of spaces in prime locations throughout the area. Office condominiums, lease, and lease-to-own space is now available in:

■ Olde Town Village

This approximately 105,000 square feet will be comprised of four three-story buildings that are still comfortable with old-world charm. The medical and general office building is located at Beck Road and Grand River Avenue in Novi.

■ Edgewater Medical

■ Edgewater Medical
This approximately 29,000-square-foot
contemporary building is located in
Commerce Township, near Edgewood
Country Club, shopping areas, and other
medical offices. There is still some office space immediately available.

■ Marquee Building
The Marquee Building is a sleek, three-

This approximately 27,000-square-foot three-story building will be constructed on Milford Road in downtown Milford, across from Hector and Jimmy's Restaurant, It will include office and residential space

story traditional building offering approxi-mately 21,000 square feet of office and gen-eral retail space. It is located on Pontiac Trail, just south of Maple Road in Walled Lake.

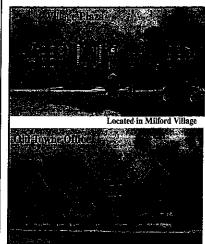
■ Hartland Offices

■ Village Plaza

A new property is being planned in the growing community of Hartland. The smaller building, which is 10,000 square feet, will fit in with the quaint downtown village architecture. It will be located right next to the township hall on Hartland Road, north of M-50 and visible from 11.5—22. 59 and visible from U.S.-23.

■ Union Lake Office Center

An approximately 12,000-square-foot medical and general office is now in the planning stages. Three beautiful, traditionally styled, single-story buildings will be located on Union Lake Road, north of Commerce Road, in Commerce Township.



WHY RENT??

Group 3 offers an affordable, money saving alternative for business professionals Suite Ownership from 1,000 sq. ft. to 30,000 sq. ft.

You only purchase what you need vs. the entire building and grounds. Ownership builds equity instead of a stack of loase payment receipts. Your build-out decisions increase your equity not the inadion's. CAM expenses are shared proportionately with other owners. You can plan for the flutre repansion, plus you may wish to lease out extra space to offset operating expenses. There could be tax orbantages. Pride of ownership usually denotes a nicer facility as your business grows.



For more information Please call Tim Adams **248.** 684.0808 Ext. 3

Also available: Hartland Office Center in Hartland

