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Keiko Otaka, right, shares some food with fellow English Conversation Group attendee Junko Inwzuka. The group meets at the

## Novi library offers friendly environment for English learners

BY KELLY MURAD STAFF WRITER

On a recent Tuesday afternoon, a group of 12 women from Mexico, Germany, China and Japan, gathered at the Novi Public Library, as they do almost every week, to talk.

Warm greetings were shared as attendees of the English meeting room and took a seat at the round-style table.

"It can get pretty loud in here," said Sheila Wojciechowski, the group's volunteer literacy tutor. "Sometimes we have six people, but we've had up to 24-26 peo-

The informal conversation group is offered at the library almost every Tuesday for anyone looking to improve their Englishspeaking skills.

### **ENGLISH CONVERSATION** GROUP

Noon to 1 p.m. Tuesday Jan. 20, Feb. 3, Feb. 10, March 3, March 10, March 17 Novi Public Library 45245 W. 10 Mile (248) 349-0720 www.novilibrary.or

"This isn't an English grammar class, they can get that elsewhere in Novi," Wojciechowski said. "We just provide a safe environment for people to talk. The point is to build their confidence.

Like many of the participants, Keiko Otaka and Lidia Madrigal attend the weekly session, while their children are in school, to practice speaking English, and

more importantly, to socialize. 'We learn English in our country, but it's kin**d** of from the book. We need to talk," said Otaka, whose husband's job brought them to the United States from

Japan about two years ago. Wojciechowski begins each session with group discussions of current news and events.

"I like to let everyone else it's not for me. I already know how to speak English," she said. "Our topics are everything from books and movies to what's happening in the news and around the world.

Following the group discussion Wojciechowski plans a small vocabulary exercise and teaches the group commonly-used idioms and slang.

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## Novi students promote diversity with MLK remembrance event

STAFF WRITER

When Treesa Antony moved to Novi four years ago from India, she had no idea her role model would be a man born 80

years ago with a dream. Upon her arrival, the Novi High School senior quickly learned the valuable message Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. spread throughout America.

"What he has done has made me believe what the true American spirit is," Antony

She recently won the school's Martin Luther King Jr. oratorical contest and will be reading her winning essay Monday at the Novi Community Schools district's Unity in the Community event, celebrating the life and legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. inside the Fuerst Auditorium.

"I thought I would never get a better opportunity to express my thoughts,"

Novi High School freshman Katie Seelenbinder will also be reading from her winning essay. She wrote about Dr. King's six pillars of nonviolence taken from the King Center in Atlanta.

She was moved by what she learned of his life.

### UNITY IN THE COMMUNITY

Event celebrating the life and legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. 7 p.m. Monday, Jan. 19 Fuerst Farm Auditorium inside Novi High School, 24062 Taft Road For more information or to sponsor next year's event, contact Korey T. Nuckolls at knuckolls@novi.kl2.mi.us.

"The fact he was willing to put himself in front of others and take the consequences for his actions," Seelenbinder said she was most impressed by.

The third annual MLK event is presented by the Novi High School Students Promoting Unity and Diversity group.

The 7 p.m. free program at the school will feature nationally-recognized speaker Dr. Lee Meadows, author, columnist and professor of business management at Walsh College. Novi High School student groups will also perform including the choir, jazz ensemble and the newly formed, Unspeakable Prints Step team,

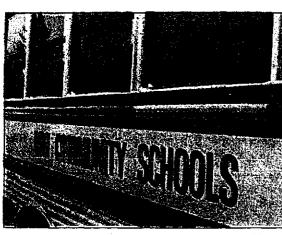
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Members of Novi High School Students Promoting Unity and Diversity shake hands. From left: Yunbo Nie, Jill Passanante, Treesa Antony, Katie Seelenbinder, William Newkirk and (teacher) Korey Nuckolls. Seelenbinder wrote an essay on Dr. Martin Luther King's nonviolent philosophy that will be presented at the Novi Community School's MLK day 7 p.m. Jan. 19 at Novi High School's Fuerst Auditorium.

## Search continues for suspects firing BBs at Novi school buses



A Novi school bus at the district's transportation garage on 11 Mile Road.

STAFF WRITER

Novi police continue their search for those responsible for shooting BBs at five schools buses last week.

"I believe this is some young men who believed they were committing a prank, and in fact they were committing a felonious assault," said Novi Police Chief David Molloy. "I believe this is an isolated incident. There have been no (reports) of regional or statewide incidents."

The occupied buses received minor damage and no one was iniured. Preliminary reports indicate passengers in a gold

sport utility vehicle may be responsible for the incident.

Police received a call at about 2:40 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 8, that five buses were struck by BBs or pellets while traveling south on Wixom Road from 11 Mile, after departing from Novi Middle School.

"Absolutely no one was injured in any of these attempts," said Molloy, explaining the majority of the damage was to the exterior of the school bus windows, with one instance of glass breaking on the interior. "My understanding is that these buses do have shatter-proof windows."

The Novi Community Schools district's transportation system

was operating as usual the next morning.

"We continue to take it very seriously. Certainly, with incidents like this, communication is key," Molloy said.

Superintendent Peter Dion said he was in constant contact with Molloy to make sure dismissal of the elementary schools was safe and for up-to-the-minute undates.

"I feel very confident things are in hand," Dion said last Thursday night.

Local area police agencies in the tri-county (Wayne, Oakland, Macomb) region were notified via the Law Enforcement Information Network (LEIN)

and the Oakland County chopper was used in the search for

According to Novi police reports, a number of vehicle windows were damaged with similar objects in the area of Island Lake subdivision between

Anyone with information regarding the incident should contact Novi police detective Sgt. Matt Conquest at (248) 347-0530 or via e-mail at mconquest@cityofnovi.org.

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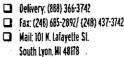
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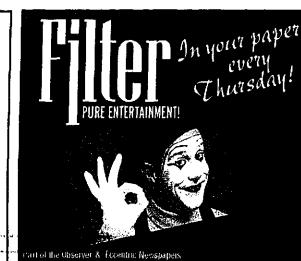
Novi resident Hugh Crawford began 2009 by taking the oath of office for state representative for the 38th District. Michigan Supreme Court Justice Stephen J. Markman presided. More than 90 friends and family made the journey to the state capitol in Lansing to share in the occasion with Rep. Crawford is the third staterepresentative to be sent to Lansing from Novi. He formerly served as Oakland County commissioner of the Ninth District.

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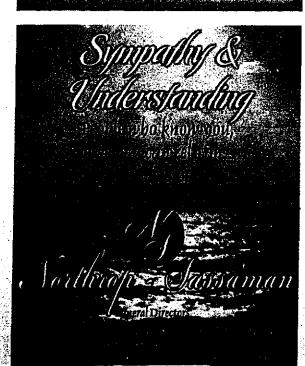
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Residents weigh in on proposed

BY KELLY MURAD STAFF WRITER

Novi residents weighed in on the potential development of a Signature Park at the southwest corner of 11 Mile and Beck roads during the Novi Parks, Recreation and Forestry Commission meeting last Thursday.

The city acquired the 73acre Bosco property from the Novi Community Schools district in November, as part of a land transfer agreement contingent upon a voter-approved bond slated for the spring. "I don't think it's a good time to ask taxpayers to pay a bond, but they did make a

good swap," said Novi resident Cheryl Csordas. In exchange for the currently vacant property, the school district received the 52-acre Wildlife Woods Park, located near the intersection of 11 Mile and Wixom roads; an approximate eight-acre piece of land near the city-owned ball fields, and kept 10 acres of move fast in terms of pushing

development. "I'm glad they're thinking oarkland while it's cheap, but the city is going to have less tax dollars to work with," said Novi resident Ginger Barrons.

Novi Parks, Recreation and Forestry Director Randy Auler understands times are tough, but said he believes the Signature Park project is a sound investment for the com-

"All of the comments have been generally supporting the project," he said. "It gives me good information from hear-

ing people's comments." Possible components of the

park, outlined by the city, include a recreation center, space for senior and youth programs, a theater, gymnasiums, ball fields and outdoor festival space for things such as art fairs or the Michigan 50's Fest.

Csordas, who lives near 10 Mile and Beck roads, said she is concerned about traffic and attracting strangers to a residential area of the city, but recommended Main Street as a potential location for destinations such as a recreation center and theatre.

Auler said other locations were considered, but believes the Bosco property is the best "It's centrally located within

Novi, with easy access to expressways," he said. Resident John Foley said he supports the Signature Park, but asked the city not to go for too much, too quickly. "We're not about trying to

the Bosco property for future projects through," Auler said. In an effort to provide consultants with as much information as possible, the city solicited citizen feedback through e-mail, an online survey and public input.

The team of Neumann Smith, Beckett Raeder and Pros Consulting is expected to present the Novi City Council with the conceptual plan for the park as well as an operational feasibility study for the facility at the Feb. 9 meeting,

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## Novi City Council approves Walled Lake board

STAFF WRITER

Residents on Walled Lake are one step closer to curbing the non-native weed problem invading the 640-acre body of water, located at the north-end

Novi City Council unanimously approved a resolution to establish a lake board at the special meeting Monday night. A similar resolution was approved by Walled Lake City Council in November. "It's the only mechanism the to deal with this type of issue," said Lakes Area Homeowners Association President Greg Iszler, who was involved with

spearheading the lake board

Now that the resolution has been approved, a five-member board will be established including two Oakland County representatives, a representative from the City of Novi, a representative from the City of Walled Lake and one Walled Lake homeowner. The board will be responsible for selecting meeting, the majority of the responsible for selecting meeting meeting

a study and determine the scope of the treatment project, which LAHA estimates will last five years.

A group of concerned residents began circulating a petition among lake-front homcowners in August, to demonstrate support for establishing a lake improvement board to deal with invasive weeds, specifically Eurasian Watermilfoil. Of the lake-front and backlot homeowners who spoke at Novi's special City Council

an engineering firm to conduct idents supported the formation of a lake board. Participants expressed concerns regarding the weeds, dangers of entanglement, declining property values and the aggressive growth of

> Exclusion of back-lot homeowners and the amount of in opposition of the board. "The lake board, in its unlimited power, can do any-

the invasive species.

power the lake board will have, were concerns voiced by those Schultz. "They don't regulate thing it wants to," said Novi the use of the lake, they do get

when it comes to my money I'm paying for services." Iszler said current estimates a month for lake-front hom-

like to have dictatorial power

eowners. "The resolution does two things, it forms the lake board and it gives them a project of controlling the nuisance growth of invasive aquatic plants in Walled Lake," said Novi City Attorney Tom

are unhappy with the performance of the lake board, the average costs will be about \$20 Novi resolution automatically schedules a dissolution hearing following a five-year period. "Some of my concerns were very similar to some of those expressed here about the con-

trol over the board, but quite

this resolution," said Novi

frankly I am comfortable with

Councilwoman Terry Margolis.

In the event that residents

### NOVI BRIEFLY

Martin Luther King Jr.

City offices, the recycling center, senior center and library will be closed Monday

Volunteers needed for city boards and

Novi City Council will be meeting to interview applicants for appointment to the Beautification Commission, Board of Review, Building Authority, Construction Board of Appeals, Economic Development Corporation, Historical Commission, Library Board, Planning

Commission, Public Access Promotion Commission and the Stormwater Management and Watershed Stewardship Committee.

or commission must be a registered City of Novi voter. Applications are available at www.cityofnovi.org or at the Novi City Clerk's office, located inside the Novi Civic Center at 45175 W. 10 Mile Road. The deadline for filing an application is 4 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 27. All appli-

cil chambers for interviews.

Glitter and Glam Novi Parks is hosting its

annual Daddy Daughter in honor of Martin Luther King Dance 7-9 p.m. Friday, Feb Jr. Day. Operations will resume 6 and Saturday Feb. 7 at the Novi Civic Center, 45175 W. 10 Mile Road. The event will feature the glitz and glamour of the red carpet, and include and dancing. Photo packages commissions

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Anyone interested in volunteering to serve on a board

appetizers, desserts, swag bags are available for an additional

of the event, Novi's Larson Jewelry & Design is offering a commemorative sterling silver charm for \$8. Corsages are also available for \$8 and both purchases can be made during registration, which ends Jan. 23. Register online at www. cityofnovi.org for \$12, or in

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State of the City

The City of Novi, in partnership with the Novi Chamber of Commerce, will host the annual State of the City Address and Luncheon 11:30 a.m. Thursday, Jan. 22 at Rock Financial Showplace, 46100 Grand River Avenue. Tickets are \$25 per person. Mayor David Landry will provide Novi citizens and business partners an opportunity to reflect on 2008 accomplishments and goals to strive toward in 2009. Landry will also give a State of the City Address in conjunction

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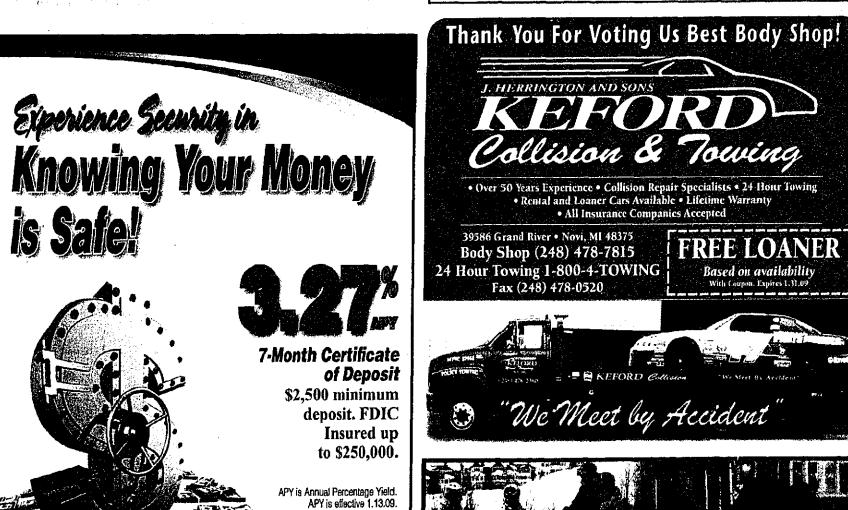
with the Novi Homeowner Association Leader's Breakfast, at 10 a.m. Saturday, Jan. 24 at the Novi Civic Center. The event is free, but registration is

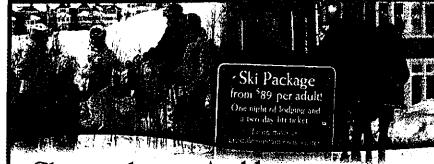
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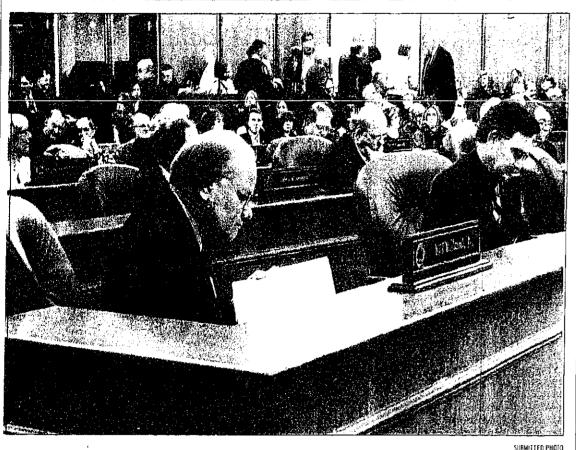
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Olivet College announces

Dean's List

College fall semester Dean's List. To make the Dean's List, a student must be full-time and earn a grade point average of 3.5 or higher. Jeremy Adams of Novi was included on that list. Hope College has announced their Dean's List for

the 2008 fall semester Dean's List. A total of 250 students

were named to the Olivet

the first semester of the 2008-09 school year. Included from Novi are Hegan Campbell, Christina Lis, Nicole Nordstrom, Amanda Sutton, Andrew Haggerty and John Yan Dusen.

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ing here," he said. "Even the

is about celebrating our his-

Group vice president Jill

"I feel it shows how much

Indians ... celebrating diversity

"There is everyone immigrat-

diversity.

## EVENT

an offshoot of the diversity

group.
Students Promoting Unity Passanante said Dr. King and Diversity president Yunbo Nie has worked exhaustively stands for improvement throughout the world, which with history teacher and group sponsor Korey T. Nuckolls to should be celebrated. She organize the program. greatly anticipates the evening.

"It is really important for people in the community to go Novi is improving," Passanante to the event," Nie said. The high school junior is passionate in his description of

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Nuckolls said the event continues to grow, gathering about 350 attendees last year. "Look how far we've come, this event will be the day before the inauguration of the first black president," Nuckolls said. The program is open to the public and food will be served

## THE GROUP

There are currently nearly 40 student members in the Novi High School Students Promoting Unity and Diversity

"We are here to show race doesn't really matter," Passanante said. Nuckolls said although Students Promoting Unity and Diversity was officially recognized by the school as a group only three years ago, educators began pulling students together to support and promote

diversity nine years ago. Current high school administrator Nicole Carter began the initiative with the help of a former colleague. Carter said in the past, the students promoting diversity would travel to West Bloomfield to attend their

MLK event and would ask why they couldn't have their own. ter the district recognized the historic date by closing the school, the wheels started mov-

"We made it a day on, not a day off," Carter said. "It is pretty remarkable to see something you put your heart and

It is Nuckolls' hope for the group that it turns into a way "Diversity is a 365-day a year

way of life," he said. Nuckolls said he has seen great changes in the group and the high school student population since joining the district in 2001. "Our school is starting to

reflect the diversity of the world," he said. "I hope someday our staff will reflect the changes as well." Nuckolls also hopes to see the MLK event grow, encompassing all facets of the community. He envisions city leaders involved, a march down 10 Mile and local businesses

helping with the planning and "The sky is the limit," he said.

## KNOW THE SCORE

check out the numbers in today's

**Sports** 

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### **CLASS NOTES**

### High School Daily Schedule Information

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A decision on the proposed high school daily schedule for implementation in the 2009-10 school year has been delayed. The delay will allow time for further investigation and community involvement. To facilitate the process, community forums have been scheduled for 6:30 p.m. today and Monday, Jan. 26 at the Instructional Technology served following the program. Center on Taft Road.

### High School Curriculum Night

On Wednesday, Feb. 4. Novi High School will be holding its Curriculum Night-Open House for all parents and guardians wishing to meet the teachers and see the classrooms their students will be learning and growing in throughout the course of the second semester. The evening is designed to allow attendees to go through the entire class schedule for their child, and to be given brief overviews by the teachers regarding the curriculum taught in each of the classes. Curriculum Night will also provide course information relative to grading, curriculum, attendance and general classroom expectations. The event is not for individual parent-teacher conferences, as conferences will be held 5-8 p.m. March 18. The schedule for Curriculum Night is as fol-

7-7:15 p.m. Welcome. Fuerst Auditorium 7:15-7:30 p.m. First Block

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8:15-8:30 p.m. Fourth 8:30-8:35 p.m. Hall Passing

### 8:35-8:45 p.m. Seminar 8:45 p.m. Dismissal Novi High School Winter Drumline

The Novi High School

Winter Drumline'is screening the popular documentary "From the 50 Yard Line" at the Novi High School Auditorium 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 31 and 2 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 1. Tickets are \$6. Filmmaker, Doug Lantz's award-winning film has been shown to audiences across the country and around the world. The film shows marching band as never seen before, complete with rewards often-overlooked artistry, and instrumental music education.

of disciplined practice, the the life changing effects of All are welcome to attend. More information on the film is available at www.fromthe-50yardline.com and the outreach site www.march4music. com. Proceeds will benefit the Novi High School Winter Drumline. Parent representative, Catherine Wall may be contacted at acwall@sbcglobal.net for local information. Novi High School Wind

The Novi High School Wind Ensemble will be performing a free preview concert this 7 p.m. today in the Novi High School auditorium. The concert is free and the public is invited. The Wind Ensemble will be perform- gram needs your help. If ing music from their upcoming

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Novi High School Jazz

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## Ensemble

### The Novi High School Jazz Ensemble will be performing at the "Unity in the Community Event" 7 p.m. Monday, Jan. The event is sponsored by Novi High School to celebrate the life of Martin Luther King, Jr. Many other groups will be performing this evening as well. The event is free and open to the public. Refreshments will be

### Writing - It's Not Just For Walled Lake Schools Dr. Kids Anymore

Writing is an essential life skill, and we want all Novi students to be successful writers. Mary Cooper, Novi's kindergarten-six writing specialist, will be hosting a special kindergarten and first grade parenting and child writing night. The purpose of attending Novi's Writing Night is to write with your child and to better understand what your young author experiences each day. Novi's Writing Night is free to all parents and children. There is limited space, so register soon through Novi's Community Education (248) 449-1206. The class will be hosted in the ITC Forum from 7-8 p.m. on Jan. 22. Grades two-four and five six will be held at a later date.

## Mad Hatter Tea Party

The Providence Center for the Healing Arts presents its Seventh Annual Mad Hatter Tea Party: a showing of original artwork featuring a spectacle of playful and imaginative teapots created by a variety of local artists. All of the teapots were handmade, by patients, families, staff, volunteers and community members. In addition to the teapots that were created in the Providence Healing Arts' ceramics studio, this exhibit also features teapots made b Novi High School students. The Mad Hatter Tea Party has been an integral part of the ongoing partnership between Providence Park Hospital and the Novi Community School District for more than six years. The show will be on display Jan. 5-Feb. 28. The Nancy A. Fox Art Gallery is open 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday-Friday

Save the Date The Novi Educationa Foundation's Green Gala is March 21 at the Rock

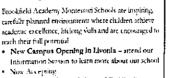
### Financial Showplace. Raising Resilient Kids buge selection for him. Rea, \$100-\$550. sale \$40-\$220. Novi School District is

pleased to present: Raising Resilient Kids. The free workshop with parent coach Nancy Prisby will take place 7-8:30 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 27 inside the Community Education (ITC) - Forum, Has your child ever felt left out? Had challenges getting along with other kids? Been faced with other difficult situations? Conflict and emotional pain are a part of life and kids can actually become stronger from these experiences and better able to deal with them in the future. This is resilience - the ability to draw strength when bad things happen. Participation in this workshop will provide strategies to help children

### become more resilient. Ski Equipment Wanted

The Novi Meadows Outdoor Education proyou have new or gently used performance in Grand Rapids at cross-country ski equipment, consider donating it to Novi Meadows Outdoor Education. The program is looking to supply enough

## Our Doors Are Open To You



Registrations for our Infant and Toddler Program Registrations for our Summer Camp Program (ages 3 - 12 years) Applications for the 2009-2010 Academic Year

**OPENING SUMMER 2009** Parent Information Session 11:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. or 4:30 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.

Grand Traverse Pie Compan Plymouth, MI 48170

### equipment so it is able to take groups of 14-18 students cross-country skiing. Boots, skis and poles of all sizes will be accepted. All donations may be dropped off at Novi Meadows Fifth Grade office. Questions should be directed to principals David Ascher or Lisa Fenchel, or Gary Hurst, coordinator of Novi Meadows Outdoor Education program

## for all donated equipment. Martin Luther King Jr. Day Celebration

at (248) 449-1250. A receipt

for tax purposes will be given

The community is invited to attend the 10th annual Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day Celebration 5-8 p.m. Monday Jan. 19 at Walled Lake Northern High School, 6000 Bogie Lake Road. The community event celebrates the message of peace, equality and unity Dr. King advocated for all people. This year's theme is "Poverty, Peace, Progress: Become an Agent of Change. Admission is free. For more information, call



## Schools raise \$1,500

Novi Youth Assistance director Kim Ziegler accepts a check for \$1,500 from Central Catholic students Nick Kristock and Nick Landry as Novi High School student Sara Snyder looks on. Both CE and Novi High School recently raised money to benefit Novi Youth Assistance to promote a positive impact in the community.

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### CHARLOTTE ELAINE BECK

Age 60, of Highland Twp., passed away on January 2, 2009. Among her many life accomplishments. Charlotte was the Co-Founder of the Dunleavy Tri-Lakes Homeowners Assn., served as President of the Highland Twp. Library Board, and was a former State of Michigan Homemaker of the Year award recipient. Charlotte was also the award winning host of the craft cable television show "Ain't That Cute", and owner of the craft shop of the same of the same and name. She is preceded in death by at home in the care of his family on married Peter Paris. Mrs. Paris was her father Charles Sandel and is sur- January 5, 2009. He was 59 years a member of St. Joseph Catholic vived by her husband of 41 years, old. He is survived by his beloved. Church, and a longtime resident of Robert Children, Sandra Beck-Porter wife, Jameen, and Joving daughter, Colonial Acres, Leonora is survived of Lawrenceville, GA; Michael Beck Jessie; his mother, Margaret L. by her two daughters: Patricia Paris of Highland; Wendy Beck-Kreiser of Galazen of Inkster; a sister, Cheryl A. of South Lyon and Janet (Frank) Streamwood, IL; and Randall Beck of Kamen and many dear friends. He Ladzinski of Canton; three grand-Highland; Grandchildren Cory Porter, was preceded in death by his father, children: Allison, Arny, and Andrea Jessica Porter, Kindra Kreiser, Collin Walter J. Galazen. A Funeral Liturgy Visitation was held Saturday and Beck, Matthew Kreiser and Sierra was held at St. Mary's Catholic Sunday at PHILLIPS FUNERAL Kreiser, Mother: Ella Francis Venable Church, 1955 E. Commerce Rd., HOME, South Lyon, A Funeral Mass of Zephyrhills, FL. Sister: Carol Milford, on Thursday, January 8, was held on January 12, at St. Maddox of Piedmont, AL; Brother: 2009, with The Rev. Fr. Ron Joseph Catholic Church, South Michael Sandel of Texas; As well as a Anderson officiating. Memorials Lyon. Memorial contributions may great number of aunts, uncles, may be made in his name to the be made to Alzheimer's Association. cousins, nieces and nephews. Charach Cancer Treatment Center, 20300 Civic Center Dr., Ste 100, Charlotte was a native Texan and will Huron Valley-Sinai Hospital, Southfield, MI 48076. Online quest be laid to rest in Fosler Cemetery Commerce Twp. For further informa-book www.phillipsfuneral.com

### LOUIS R. DIMITRY

during a private ceremony.

Age 103. Died January 6, 2009 at his residence in Northville. Mr. Dimitry owned the Dimitry & Moody Age 89. Of Novi, formerly of Custom Tailor and Design Shop in Westland and Livonia. Died January Detroit, Michigan for 65 years prior 10, 2009. He was born November 28, to his retirement. Prior to moving to 1919 on the Island of Malta, immi-Northville, he was a 75 year resident grated to America at the age of 7. He for Grosse Pointe, Michigan. He was later served his country in the U.S. also a 50 year member of Rotary Army/Air Force during WWII, acquirnternational and belonged to the ing the rank of Captain. Mr. Gatt was Grosse Pointe Rotary Club and the a long time member of the Livonia Detroit Rotary Club. Mr. Dimitry is Singles over Sixty (SOS) club as well survived by his wife, Dorothy, to as the Saturday night dancing whom he was married to fro 75 Moondusters, and had many friends Gary (Carole) Dimitry and ed in death by his loving wife, Marie, Christopher (Cheryl) Dimitry; and in 1988. Surviving are his sons, eight grandchildren and ten great-Michael (Kathy) and Robert (Susan). grandchildren. Services for Mr. his daughters Julie (Timothy) Mack Dimitry were held at St. Thomas and Mary (Marc) Lorrain. Also sur-Orthodox Church followed by inter-viving are his grandchildren Michael, ment at Rural Hill Cemetery in Jacqueline, Robert, Mary, Andrea,

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ROY W. FOGLE Age 81, of White Lake, formerly of Family Church, Novi. Burial was at died on Thursday, January 8, 2009 in the care of his family at Beaumont on June 15, 1927, the son of Harry Lorrain. On line sympathy message and Maude (Bupp) Fogle, Roy gradu- at ated from Milford High School in www.obriensullivanfuneralhome.com 1945. Following high school, he entisted in the US Army, serving with military intelligence in Germany during World War II. After his honorable Age 88. Of Hillman, formerly of also active in the community, serving one sister, Thelma Blancke. She was with many associations, which preceded in death by her husband, included the Walled Lake School Garner; granddaughter, Bobby Kline; children. He served as a coach on ments in care of Beck Funeral Home. many of his children's teams. In later Per Mrs. Hudson's request, there years he was his grandchildren's will be no public viewing or service. biggest fan. Roy loved to help people. Inurriment will take place in Oak veryone knew if something needed Grove Cemetery in Milford at a later fixing all they had to do was call Roy date. www.beckfuneralhome.org "Mr. Fix It"). In addition to Patricia. is beloved wife of 60 years, he is Stephen (Christine) Fogle, Gregory grandchildren and three great-grand-

248.684.6645 or visit

ANN MARIE MARKSTROM Fogle, Suzanne (Vernori) McKeever, Age 45. Died January 5, 2009 unex-DeLynn (Timothy) Dindoffer; 14 pectedly at her home in Commerce Township, Born in Muskegon, Ann hildren; brother Lawrence (Dorothy) spent her childhood in Northville, graduating from Northville High Fogle many loving extended family nembers and dear friends. He was School before earning preceded in death by his brother Engineering Degree from Michigan George (Vivian) Fogle. Funeral Tech. Her most enjoyable years were Services were held at Berean Baptist spent while working at Shell Oil in Church in Livonia on Monday, Bakersfield, California. Ann is sur-January 12, 2009, with Pastor Terry vived by her parents Frank and McIntosh officiating. Burial Oak Madeleine Drew, brothers Bryan and Grove Cemetery, Milford. Those plan-Christopher (Kerri) Drew, granding an expression of sympathy are mother Ethel Szydlowski, nephew asked to consider William Beaumont Christopher Lepisto and niece Hospice or the American Heart Samantha Drew, plus a number of Association. For further information, aunts and uncles. Services were lease phone Lynch & Sons, Milford, held at the Northrop-Sassaman Funeral Home followed by burial at www.LynchFuneralDirectors.com Rural Hill Cemetery.



PATRICK W. PALMER Age 48. 1-11-09. Visitation 1-15, 2-9pm Phillips Funeral Home Service Fri., 10:30am New Hudson United Methodist, Online Guestbook www.phillipsfuneral.com

## **LEONORA JUNE PARIS**

Age 87, passed away January 8 2009 She was born on November 16, 1921, in Dilles Bottom, Ohio, to the late Ralph and Elva (Rusciolelli)



procession to Ottawa Park

Cemetery, Memorials may be made

to MI Humane Society. Online guest

Deadline: Tuesday at 10 am for Thursday

SILVERTHORN Of White Lake: Unexpectedly years; three children, Carole Pappas, from these activities. He was precedof Matt and best friend for 11 years; Beloved daughter of Rich & Penny Gaber of White Lake: Daughter-inlaw of Gary & Joan Silverthorn of Pinckney; Sister of Sommer, Sean (Mary), Brandon and Dustin, all o White Lake: Loving Aunt of Liam. Annika, Ashley, Jenna & Ariana; Northville, Memorial contributions to Douglas, Gregory, Kellie, Kaitlin, Granddaughter of Richard (Sharon) St. Thomas Church would be appre- Christopher, Steven, Emily and his Gaber Sr. and Corrine Gaber; Sisterciated. Arrangements were by the great-grandchildren Michael, Kalie in-law of Doug (Pam) Silverthorn Northrop-Sassaman Funeral Home. and Nicholas, Also surviving Michael is his friend and the center of his love and Gordie Silverthorn; Proud pet owner of Hershey, Athena, Daisy & and attention Maryanne Gorski. Brutus. She will be missed by he Brother of Jane (the late Joseph) many friends. Shannon was Pace, Joseph (Anne) Gatt and Evelyn employed at White Lake Township Gatt. Services were held at Holy Police Department as a dispatcher Walled Lake and West Bloomfield, Holy Sepulchre Cemetery, Southfield. and was an Alumni of Lakeland High School, She lived life with a passion. Donations may be made to the Friends visited at the Lewis E. Wint Muscular Dystrophy Association in the care of his family at Beaumont Muscular Dystrophy Association in Hospice in Royal Oak, Born in Detroit honor of his grandchild Kellie & Son Funeral Home, Clarkston on June 15, 1937, the con of Harry Lorgin On June sympathy message Monday 1-9pm; Funeral service was Tuesday 11am at Clarkston United Methodist Church, Police escort /

discharge, Roy met and married Millord. Passed away January 10, Patricia Coulure and also began his 2009 at Medilodge of Hillman. She OBITUARY POLICY career with General Motors at the was born March 15, 1920 in Milford Proving Ground in Milford, During to Rufus and Carrie (West) the Korean War, Roy was reactivated Darlington, Mrs. Hudson is survived e-mail your obit to: HTWObits@hometownlife.com by the US Army; thereafter he by three children, Lawrence & Penny Or fax to: eturned to the General Motors of Gettysburg, PA, Marge & Robert Attn: Obits c/o Jennifer Musztuk Proving Grounds where he worked Sprouse of Hillman, and Jeanette & 586-826-7318 until his retirement in 1982, Roy was Joseph Caswell of Milford; 10 For more information call: an active, long time member of the grandchildren; 16 great grandchil-Jennifer Musztuk Union Lake Baptist Church. He was dren; two great-great grandchildren; 586-826-7115 The first seven "billed" lines of an obituary are published at no cost. All additional lines will be charged at \$3 per Board. Sports were a passion that he brother, Vern Darlington; sister, passed on to his children and grand- Dormae Musotf. Cremation arrange-Symbolic emblems may be included at a cost (example: American Flags, religious symbols, etc.)

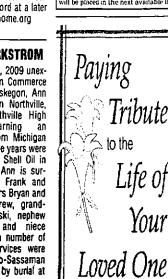




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Adults representing all lev-

els of English-speaking skills

"Everybody has several dif-

ferent levels, but we don't have

said Otaka, who finds hearing

what people are saying the most

difficult part of the English lan-

much trouble understanding,"

are welcome to attend.

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The English Conversation Group meeting at the Novi Public Library on a recent Tuesday afternoon.

"It's hard sometimes when we can't understand," said Madrigal, whose husband's job moved them to the United States from Mexico five years

The group session ends with partner exercises centered on

"We spend a considerable time role-playing conversations, as we might have with a doctor or a teacher," said Mary Storch, head of specialized

services for the Novi Library.

everyday conversations.

Madrigal said she has taken numerous English-speaking classes, but was never able to practice her conversation skills as much as she does with this group.

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guage. "It's a fun time."

## **VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES**

Sheila Wojciechowski has been a Novi library volunteer since the inception of the October 2007, but she will be saying goodbye in March.

Now the library is seeking a replacement English conversation group leader, as well as additional volunteers to assist with the program. "Novi did not have a conver-

community because we have

people from all over the world," but we would need an additionsaid Wojciechowski, adding she al leader for that group as well." has seen people from Mexico, English Conversation Group in Germany, China, Japan, Korea, requirements of a volunteer Turkey and Brazil during the course of the program. Anyone with an outgoing

personality and some background in literacy or even a desire to learn will be welcome," said Mary Storch, head of specialized services for the sation group here at the library Novi Library. "The library English Conversation Group,

Wojciechowski said the only are to enjoy talking, be patient, and know how to read and write in English. "Almost everybody has

learned English on paper, but they haven't had the opportunity to hear how the words are supposed to sound," she said. Anyone interested in volunand it's prefty important in this would love to begin an evening teering should contact Storch at (248) 349-0720.

## **NOVI POLICE BRIEFS**

8, the driver-side window

of a black two-door Jimmy

was broken while parked on

Road and Island Lake Drive,

reports said. Police observed

Possession of marijuana

An underage man was

arrested for possession of

- marijuana, nareotic parapher

nalia and alcohol at about 9

p.m. Jan. 7, reports said. An

Breeze in the area of Galway

Drive and Center Street, for

driver, who was unaware of

the burnt-out headlight, said

alcohol. He consented to a

registered his blood alcohol

and the driver said there was

juana grinder in the center

console. After searching the

vehicle, the officer located 14

juana and the drug parapher-

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the damaged window.

## Shooter targets vehicles

A number of reports were windows damaged in the area of Island Lake subdivision between Jan. 4-8. According to two large holes in the area of police reports, BBs, paintballs or other blunt objects are the suspected cause of damage. There are no suspects or wit-

nesses at this time Between 6:45 p.m. Jan. 5 and 6:30 a.m. Jan. 6, an unknown suspect shot the rear, driver-side window of a Chevy Impala with what appears to be a BB, reports said. The vehicle was parked on Victoria Road, near 12 Mile and Napier a burnt-out headlight. The roads, at the time of the inci-

dent. · The rear, driver-side window of a Ford Focus, parked in front of a residence on Island Lake Drive, was broken between 8 p.m. Jan. 4 and 8 a.m. Jan. 5, reports said. It appeared that an object was shot at the window and the pink splattered paint indicated

a paintball, police said. The front, passenger window of a black 2007 Ford Explorer was broken between 6-7:30 p.m. Jan. 4, while parked on Drakes Bay Drive, reports said. According to police, it appeared someone had driven by, struck the vehicle's window with a blunt object and then fled the area.

## Uncooperative while intoxicated

operating while intoxicated at about 2:20 a.m. Jan. 4, near 12 Mile Road and Cabaret Drive. reports said. An officer initiated a traffic stop after observ-

ing a grey Chevrolet Caprice swerving and traveling at a speed of 25 mph in a 45 mph According to reports, the driver was slurring his speech,

officer stopped the man, who swaying and lost his balance was driving a purple Plymouth during the field sobriety tests. He refused a preliminary breath test and was arrested, reports said. While seated in the patrol car, the man pulled his cuffed hands past he was on the way to a friend's his behind and got his arms place in North Hills apartment caught under his knees. Once complex, near Nine Mile Road the officer re-cuffed the man and Center Street. The officer and began transporting him to observed a six-pack of beer on the Novi Police Department. the vehicle floor, but the driver he attempted to make himsaid he had not consumed any self vomit and then said he couldn't breathe, reports said. preliminary breath test, which Police called Community Emergency Medical Services, but when they arrived at the officer asked if there was anypolice department the man thing else illegal in the vehicle said he did not want medical treatment and that he was just marijuana, a pipe and a marimessing around. The man was uncooperative and using foul language, reports said. When asked again, he agreed to a cans of beer, 5 grams of maribreath test which registered his blood alcohol concentration at .21 percent.

## Novi man dies following head-on collision

known how long the man had

on the expressway or whether

he had a medical condition,

GANNETT NEWS SERVICE

• Between 3:30-4 p.m. Jan.

Police have identified the 79year-old Novi man killed when I-96 near M-59 shortly after his vehicle collided head-on with a semi after driving the wrong way on Interstate 96 as

Guerdon Hicks. Michigan State Police said Hicks died just after 10:30 p.m. been traveling the wrong way Friday at Sparrow Hospital in Lansing from injuries he suf-

fered earlier that day. such as dementia, that contrib-Police said Hicks was traveluted to his driving behavior. ing westbound on eastbound Police said the man was not wearing his seat belt and alco-2 a.m. Friday when his vehicle hol is not believed to be a factor hit a semi head-on. The truck in the accident, which remains jack-knifed and then rolled. It was not immediately

under investigation. Daily Press & Argus reporters Leah Boyd and Lisa Roose Church contributed to this

**Got Game?** Yep, got scores, too.



OAK POINTE CHURCH LOCATION: 50200 W. 10 Mile Road

CONTACT: (248) 349-0911 or visit firstpresnville. CONTACT: (248) 912-0043 or visit dakpointe.org **Worship Services** Sunday Worship TIME: 9:30, 11 a.m. Sunday

Walking in the Park ReNew Life Ministries TIME/DATE: 7:15-9 p.m. every Monday TIME/DATE: 10-11 a.m. every Saturday LOCATION: Meet at the Visitor's Center of **DETAILS:** Ongoing Life Groups that support and Heritage Park (Farmington Road between 10 and

change from a Christian perspective. **DETAILS:** Group meets for lunch afterwards CONTACT: Sue (734) 459-0016 call (248) 912-0043 or visit pakopinte.org. Single Place Ministries Charmed Influence TIME/DATE: 7:30 p.m. social time; 7:45 p.m.

this workshop helps in a healthy recovery.

TIME/DATE: 7:30 to 9 p.m. Thursdays Jan. 8 to

opening; 8-9 p.m. program, every Thursday.

DETAILS: Informative and entertaining pro-

grams of interest to singles; \$5 per person.

Check Web site for details singleplace.org.

Divorce Recovery Workshop

Sunday Worship

TIME: 5:15 n.m. Saturday: 9:15 and 10:15 a.m.

facilitate personal growth, healing, learning and CONTACT: For more information or to register

TIME/DATE: 9:30 a.m. every Wednesday DETAILS: Studying the book "Surviving a Spiritual Mismatch in Marriage". CONTACT: Joy Ruby at joy@oakpointe.org or call the church

FIRST UNITED METHODIST OF MORTHVILLE A Stephen Ministry church LOCATION: 777 W. Eight Mile Road

**DETAILS:** Regardless of age or circumstances

Coffee hour at 11 a.m. Healing Service

Radical Joy TIME/DATE: 6.8 p.m. first and third Thursday of every month.

DETAILS: All women seeking to strengthen their faith and connect with other women are invited to attend, irrespective of church affiliation. Cost is \$25 per four-week session. Sign up for the entire year for only \$60. Dinner is served and child care is available on request. Logos Youth Club

TIME/DATE: 5:15-8:15 p.m. every Wednesday. through May.

DETAILS: For children in grades 4-12, Every week, this four part program includes Bible study, dinner, choir/worship and activities.

NOVI UNITED KETHODIST LOCATION: 41671 W. 10 Mile Road CONTACT: (248) 349-1144 or fumchorthyille.org CONTACT: (248) 349-2652 or visit umcnovi.com

TIME: 9:45 a.m. TIME: 8, 9:15 and 11 a.m. TIME/DATE: 4 p.m. first Monday of every month

Peace Vigil TIME/DATE: Noon, first Sunday of every month LOCATION: In front of the church

Sunday Worship

DETAILS: Members of the congregation and the community will stand united in prayer for peace. Advent Service TIME/DATE: 9:45 a.m. Sunday

WARD EVANGELICAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH LOCATION: 40000 Six Mile Road

CONTACT: (248) 374-7400 or (248) 374-5978 Sunday Worship TIME: 8 a.m., 9:30 a.m. and 11:0 a.m. Traditional 9:30 a.m. Contemporary, Nursery and Sunday

School during the 9:30 a.m. and 11 a.m. services. Service Broadcast DETAILS: 11 a.m. every Sunday on WRDT-AM 560,

The WMUZ Word Station.

Healing Service and Holy Communion TIME/DATE: 9:45 a.m. first Sunday of every

information. CONTACT: (248) 374-5920

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11:15 a.m. Contemporary

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## HIGHLAND COMMUNITY

rvey Lake Rd. (248) 887-455 Contemporary Service 9:30 a.m. & 11 a.m. Sundays Men's Bible Study & Breakfast: 2nd & 4th Saturdays at 8:15 a.m. 3rd-8th Grade Youth Tuesdays 7-8 p.m.

## HIGHLAND CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE

1211 W. Livingston Rd., Highland 248-887-14 9:45 a.m.: Sunday School for all ages 11:00 a.m.: Worship Service & Children's Chur Wednesday - 7 p.m.: Adult Bible Study w/full children's program

### **NEW LIFE CHRISTIAN** FELLOWSHIP

120 Bishop St., Highland f Milford Rd., 2-7/8 miles N of M-5 Sunday School 9:30 a.m.
 Morning Worship 10:00 a.m.
 Bible Study Wed. 7:00 p.m.

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680 W. Livingston Rd. • Highland, MI 48357 248.887.1311 • www.humc.us Sunday Worship 8:30, 10 & 11:30 a.m. Youth Night - Wed, 7:00 - 8:30 p.m. Plus Young Adults, Recovery, Diverse 4 등학자, 상태 & mor

## CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH 1605 N. Hickory Ridge Ad. (248) 887-1515

9:30 a.m. - Sunday School For All Ages 10:30 a.m. - Worship Service & Kids Church (4 yrs. - 4th grade) Child Care Provided Vednesday Ministries For All Ages At 7 p.m

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Rev. Leo T. Lulko, Pastor

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Contessions - Saburdays 11 a.m. å 6:15 p.m.

## Milford

### CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH PRESCHOOL & KDG. - Mo. Synod 620 General Motors Rd., Milford Church office: (248) 684-0895 egular Sunday Service: 8:30 & 11:00 a.m Sunday School: 9:45 a.m.

FIRST BAPTIST OF MILFORD VISITORS WELCOME! 133 Detroit St., Milford • 684-5698 Pastor Steve Swayze

## Sunday School [all ages] 9:45 a.m. nday Worship - 11 a.m. + Prayer Service - 6:00 p.: Wednesday Bible Study 7:00 p.m. Awana for ago 3 to 5th grades Middle & Senior High programs

SOUTH HILL CHURCH, S.B.C. 1250 South Hill Rd. Just south all downtown Milita 1201 South Hel Ho. Just South of powtment Million (248) 685-3560 www.AboutSouthHill.co. Contemporary Worship Service 19:30 a.m. KIDS' Worship 12:16 a.m. Bible Study for all ages 9:15 a.m. Tuesday 7 p.m. Children - 8th Grade | 5 groups Wednesday 7 p.m. - High School Youth

### all about our current small group stud **WEST HIGHLAND**

**BAPTIST CHURCH** 166 S. Hickory Ridge Rd., Milford, MI 483 248-887-1218 Sunday Worship 9:30 a.m. Bible Ministries 11:00 a.m. Vednesday All Ages: 7:00 p.m

### MILFORD PRESBYTERIAN 238 N. Main Street, Milford Mf (248) 684-28

Sunday Worship: 8:00 a.m. & 10:00 a.m. unday School age 3 thru 5th grade @ 10:00 a.m. Nursery care available @ 10:00 a.m. A heritage of area worship since 1836

## **New Hudson**

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unday Celebration of Life Service 10:30 a.t Rev. Suzanne Paul. Minister

## Northville

**NORTHVILLE CHRISTIAN** Experience Life Each Week inday Worship - 9:00 am & 10:15 am nday School and Children's Progra www.ncalife.org

## FIRST UNITED METHODIST **CHURCH OF NORTHVILLE**

349-1144 8 Mile & Taft Roads Sunday Worship Services 8:00, 9:15 & 11:00 a.m. lev. Dr. Steve Buck \* Rev. Lisa Coo

## Childcare Available at All Services Logos Prog.-Wed. 4:15 Gr. 1-5; 5:00 M.S/Sr.

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770 Thayer, Northville WFFKFND LITURGIES Saturday 5:00 c hurch 349-2621, School 349-361 Religious Education 349-2559 Rev. Denis Theroux, Pastor

## **LUTHERAN CHURCH** 9 Mile & Meadowbrook Wisconsin Ev. Lutheran Synod

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## prend George Charnley, P. Parish Office: 347-7778

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH 4400 W. 10 Mile, Novi, 248-349-234 1/2 mile west of Novi Rd. Sunday 10:00 a.m. Service

Dr. Richard J. Henderson, Pastor

### **MEADOWBROOK** CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

21355 Meadowbrook Rd. in Novi at 8 % Mil 248-348-7757 • www.mbccc.org Sunday Worship 10 a.m.

## **CHURCH OF THE HOLY FAMILY** Weekend Hours Saturday: 5 p.m. (English) & 6:30 p.m. (Spanish

HOLY CROSS EPISCOPAL ggerty, Novi • Phone 427-1175 Sundays 7:45 a.m. and 10 a.m.

## Rev. Dr. Ray Babin, Interim Recto.

## Saturday Worship 5:15 pm., Sunday 9:15 a.m. and 11:15 a.m. Phone (248) 912-0043

CROSS OF CHRIST LUTHERAN [Missouri Synod] Pastor Terry Ne 37-8810 • 486-4335 • Griswold Rd. at 10 Mile

### Worship 8 a.m. & 10:30 a.m. Adult Bible Class 9:30 a.m. Sunday School 10:30 a.m.

Fellowship Evangelical Presbyterian Church 00 Portiac Trail, South Lyon (souther 9 Mers. Sunday Worship P:30 a.m. Sunday School 11:00 a.m. Sr. High Sunday at 6:30 p.m. Mid High Wednesday at 7 p.m. Hev. Devid Brown, Pastor 248-437-2222 \* www.tellowshipepc.org

### The Church of Christ 21860 Pontiac Trail . South Lyon, MI 48178

248-437-3585 • www.southly 9:30 a.m. Sunday School, 10:30 a.m. Praise and Worship nesdav Midweek Ministries 7 p.r Rob Callicott, Pastor

### **FELLOWSHIP BAPTIST CHURCH** 10774 Nine Mile Road Sunday School, 9:45 a.m. Worship, 11:00 a.m. & 6:30 p.m. Wednesday Evening, 7:00 p.m.

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ontiac Trail and 9 Mile Busch's Shopping (Nursery & Children's programs) Office 248-486-4400

## Single Point Ministries

DETAILS: For single adults 35 years and older. Active ministry offering various Bible study classes, volleyball bicycling group, tennis group, support groups, support group for widowed over age 50, fellowship, friendships and more. Contact the number below for more

TIME/DATE: eight week beginning on February 9 from 7 to 8:45 p.m.

DETAILS: Grief workshop, From Grief to New Hope. This free workshop is open to the community and will be presented by Cathy Clough, Director of New Hope Center for Grief Support, Each session will begin with a presentation about one aspect of grief followed by small group participation led by trained facilitators. Attendees will be placed in groups with others who have had similar losses. The workshop will meel for eight

Please see CHURCH, A13

For information

Directory, please

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at 734-582-8342

dhart@dnps.com

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Whitmore Lake High School

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Dan Flynn, Minister

734-426-4006 • www.livingwatermi.org

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## **GOOD SHEPHERD**

unday School & Adult Bible Class 8:45 a. Worship 10:00 a.m Thomas E. Schroeder, Pastor - 349-0565

## NOVI 46325 10 Mile Rd. • Novi, MI 48374 Saturday 5:00 p.m. Sunday 8, 8:30 & 11:30 a.m.

FAITH COMMUNITY

Rev. Arthur Ritter, Senior Ministe

## Sunday: 7:30 a.m., 9 a.m., 10:30 a.m. & 12:15 p.m. Fr. Timothy Hogan, Pastor Rev. Henry Sands, Associate Pastor Parish Office: 349-8847 • www.holyfamilynovi.or

Holy Eucharist • Sunday School & Nursery 10 a.m.

## **OAK POINTE CHURCH**

## South Lyon

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH 640 S. Lafayette (248) 437-0760 Sunday Worship: 8:15 a.m. and 11:00 a.m Nursery Provided Reverend Sondra Willobee

### **FAMILY LIFE COMMUNITY** CHURCH A/G 52345 W. 8 Mile Road 437-1472 • www.familifecc. Sr. Pastor Joseph R. Tabbi day Christian Education 9:00 a.m Sunday Worship 10:45 a.m. dnesday Christian Education and nesday Christian Education Family Nite 7:00 p.m.

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FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF SOUTH LYON 60820 Marjorie Ann St., South Ly Phone: 248-437-2983 Sunday School 9:45 a.m. • Worship Service 11:00 a.c enior Pastor, Rob Freshour I Assoc Pastor, Randy W

### CROSSROADS COMMUNITY CHURCH 8900 Pontiac Trail (Across from Erwin's Orchard Saturday Service 5 p.m. Sundays at 9:30 a.m. and 11 a.m.

IMMANUEL LUTHERAN Visconsin Synod • Reynold Sweet I at Liberty St. Sunday Service 10:00 a.m.

All Classes 9:00

Pastor Scott Miller, (248) 437-2289

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## CROSSPOINT

## **COMMUNITY CHURCH** vices held at: Kent Lake Elementary 30181 Kent Lake Rd.-S. Lyon Sunday Service Times 9:30 a.m. - Meet & Greet 10:30 a.m. - Morning Service Kenneth Warren-586-531-

## **FELLOWSHIP**

Parking lot is NW Comer of Levan & Schoolcra Sunday School 9:30 a.m.; Worship 10:30 a.m. r. James N. McGuire • Nursery Provide

## Livonia

Services held at: Madonna University's Kresge Hall 36600 Schoolcraft Road - Livonia

## PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

41355 Six Mile Road 248+348+9030

## FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF NORTHVILLE 200 E. Main St. al Hutton - (248) 349-0911 Worship & Church School - 9:30 e.m. & 11 a.m

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH Sunday Worship 8 a.m., 9:30 a.m.

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### LOCAL EVENTS

Democrats to celebrate TIME/DATE: 7-8:30 p.m. Jan. 20 LOCATION: Manies Reslaurant on 14 Mile between M-5 and Novi Road DETAILS: The Democrats of West Dakland County are enthusiastically celebrating the U.S. Presidential inauguration of Barack Obaina at the monthly meeting of

Provident Dentistry Collection TIME: Regular business hours **EOCATION: Provident Dentistry of Novi** OFFAICS: Accepting donations of new hats. scarves, mittens and gloves to help warm the hands and hearts of those in need during these challenging economic times Drop off contributions during regular business hours. For hours and directions contact us at www.providentdent-stry.com

Comfe Couch Concerts TIME/DATE: Doors open 7 p.m. for potluck, concert begins 8 p.m., one Saturday per LOCATION: Newport Furnishings, 29240 Lyon Oaks, Dr., Wixoni **DETAILS:** Monthly concert series featuring live acoustic music. Casual, comfortable, smoke-free family friendly event. Bring a dish to share and join the potluck before

the show. CONTACT: comfycouchconcerts.

### BUSINESS

Novi Rotary Club TIME/DATE: Noon every Thursday LOCATION: Novi Melhodist Church, 41671 W DETAILS: Lunch is \$10 at meeting. Visitors welcome. Check Web site for speaker information; novirolary.org.

American Business Nomen's Association Meeling TIME/DATE: 6:15 p.m. second Wednesday of every month ISCATION: Crowne Plaza Holei, 27000 Sheraton Or. (west off Novi Road, north-

**DETAILS:** Get into the spirit of the holidays A casual dinner, including wrealh-making demonstration. Local chapter provides many advantages to today's working en and offers a strong commu service program which includes raising CONTACT: (248)-330-6315 or abwa-novi.org

### LIBRARY LINES

Novi Public Library LOCATION: 45245 W. 10 Mile Road · HOURS: 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. Monday Thursday 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday and Saturday, 1-5 p.m. Sunday. The Library will be closed Monday, January 19 in observance of CONTACT: (248) 349-0720 or novilibrary or o Untess noted below; all programs take place at the library.

Huseam Adventure Pass DETAILS: Card holders can check out free nasses, for two to four people, to many area museums, cultural centers and historical sites. See detroitadventurenass org for more information.

Airfare not included

Attendees of last weekend's Ultimate Fishing Show at Novi's Rock Financial Showplace went one-on-one with

a simulated fishing game, trying to reel in a big one. The show also had plenty of rods, reels, lures, and boats

LOCATION: Novi Civic Center City Council

**DETAILS:** General meeting of the entire

channel 13.

Library Board, Broadcast live on rable

TIME/DATE: 10:30:1F a.m. Safurday, January

DETAILS: Children 18 months to 4 years can

create a work of art. Child must be accom-

anied by an adult. Registration required.

TIME/DATE: 7 8 p.m. Tuesday, January 20

**PETAILS:** Join Now neighbors in a great

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Sotice is given that the Novi City Council will be meeting nterview applicants for appointment to the Beautification Board of Review, Building Authority, Construction Board of Anneals, Economic Development Corporation, Historica Commission, Library Board, Planning Commission, Public Acces Promotion Commission and the Stormwater Management and Watershed Stewardship Committee.

TIME/DATE: 7:4 p.m. third Wednesday of each discussions of liction and non-fiction titles.

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LOCATION: 1499 E. West Mapte Read, Walled

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Saturday 3-5 p.m. Sunday; crosed Friday.

CONTACT: (248) 624-3772 or e-mail to

TIME/DATE: 2 p.m. first Tuesday of each

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If you are a registered voter in the City of Novi and interested it volunteering to serve on a City Board or Commission, applications and information about the various Boards and Commissions at available on the City Web Site at <a href="cityOhovi.org">cityOhovi.org</a> or at the office of the City Clerk, 45175 West Ten Mile Road, Novi, MI 48375. You may contact the City Clerk's office by phone at (248) 347-0456 or ema the City Clerk at mcornelius@entyofnovi.org to receive an application

The deadline for filing an application is Tuesday, January 27, 2009 at 4:00 p.m. All applicants will be required to be present at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, February 2, 2009 in the Council Chambers to be interviewe by City Council. All City Council meetings are televised.

MARYANNE CORNELIUS, City Clerk

Friends of the library Heeling IME/DATE: I p.m. second Tuesday of month. Library Board of Trustees Meeting IME/DATE: 1 p.m. second fitiday of every

Adult Book Discussion Group TIME/DATE: 12.30 p.m. third Tuesday of each DETAILS: Orop in for informal discussion

Bridg a bag lynch, check library for curent baak selection. andman Evening Story Hour TIME/DATE: 7-7-45 n m levary Thursday OFFARS: Children, ages 2-5 are invited to iear stories Crafts games puppets treats and music are included.

TIME/DATE: 7 p.m. on Tuesday, Jan. 20 DETAILS: Maureen Gault of College chalarship Organizational Services will speak to parents and their students in: gurter 8 - 12 about how to inset on legcosts, with an emphasis on scholarship opportunities. This event is free and ou to the public. Those interested in attending are isked to riall the Library or send.

Vixom Peblic Library LOCATION: 40015 Pontrac Trac Winem HOURS: 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. Monday-Turusday: IC a.m. to 5 pm. Friday Saturday, 1-5 pm CONTACT: 1248) 624-7512 or visit wixomb

Nuseum Adventure Pass DETAILS: Card holders can check out free masses, for two to four people, to many area museums, cultural centers and his torical sites. See defroitadventure pass. org for more information visit novi.k12.mi.us/district/communitye

TIME/MIE: 3:30 p.m. every "hursday **DETAILS:** Coffee and conversation. Improve your English speaking skills by speaking with people from other countries trying to improve their English, No lests, instructor CONTACT: Karın al the information Desk

## SENIORS

Novi Senior Activities Center LOCATION: Located in the Meadowbrook Commons Senior Complex, 25075 CONTACT: (248) 347:0414 Massage by appointment: 1-4 p.m. Tuesday-

riday and 9 a.n. -noon Salurday 9-11 a.m.: Line Dance \$2:15 p.m. Contract Bridge 1:30-3 p.in.: Book Discussion "Fay and the Miracle Manil by Fanore Fragg

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Noon: Lunch 12:30 p.m.: Pinochle 8:30 a.m.: Panera Bread 10 a.m.: Asian Pacific 10:30-11:30 a.m.; Bookmobile 1 p.m.: Bingo

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Wallonwood at Twelve Daks Retirement Community Independent Living Residence; Licensed Assisted

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IME/DATE: 10 a.m. to 6 a.m. dadw DETAILS: Join us for tours and refresh

> LOCATION: 41000 W. 13 Mile Road DETAILS: More than 800 people live at Fox Run in Novi, an Erickson full-service retirement community that combines a vibrant maintenance-free, active lifesty:e with an ever-expanding host of amenitie social activities and wellness and medical

CONTACT: Please call (248) 926-5200 for addit-anal information on the commun matien\_call (248) 668-8610.

SCHOOL & GOVERNMENT Novi City Council Meeting TIME/DATE; 7 p.m. first and third Monday LOCATION: No vi Civic Center, 45175 W. 10

CONTACT: (248) 347-0470 News Youth Assistance General Citizens Meeting TIME/DATE: 6 p.m. first Tuesday of each LOCATION: Nov: Civic Center, 45175 W. 10

Mile Road CONTACT: (248) 347-0410 CONTACT: To register, call (248) 449-1206 or

## CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

Novi Chamber of Commerce

LOCATION: 41875 Eleven Mile Rd. #201, Novi CONTACT: For more information call (248) 349-3743 or www.novichamber.com Aller 5 Networking at Gina Agosta Salon TIME/DATE: 5-7-p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 20 LOCATION: Gina Agosta Salon, Pheasant Run DETAILS: Networking food, drink, raffles specials/promo, and mini spa services. Register online at www.novichamber.com or call (248) 349-3743 \$15 pre-registration:

State of the City Address and Juncheon TIME/DATE: 11:30 a.m. Thursday, January 22 LOCATION: Rock Financial Showplace, 46100 Grand River Ave. DETAILS: Novi's Mayor David B. Landry wil deliver the Stale of the City Address, \$25 per person

Lakes Area Chamber of Commerce Since 1963, the Lakes Area Chamber of Commerce has proudly served as Wes Oakland's Regional Chamber, servicing the communities of Commerce Township Inion Lake, Walled Lake, Waterford, Wixom, Wolverine Lake and White Lake Our purpose is to improve the quality of lile for businesses and residents in the Lakes area. We act as a unified voice on a forum to discuss and chylew topics of interest, serve as a soc. of information and develop proprams that are responsive to the needs of the communities we serve LOCATION: 305 N. Pontiac Trail, Ste. B. Walled

CONTACT: For more information, visit lakesa reachamber.com or (248) 624-2826. DATE: Thursday, Jan. 29 DETAILS: Save the date for this new program

Johnston Technical Services

Please see BOARD, A9

CITY OF NOVI NOTICE OF PROVISION OF THE SNOW EMERGENCY ORDINANCE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that in accordance with Chapte 33, Article III, Division 5, of the Code of Ordinances, City of Novi Michigan, a snow emergency shall be deemed to exist whenever (1) freezing rain, sleet or four (4) or more inches of snow has been forecast for the area by a newspaper circulated in the city, or by a radio or television station with a normal operating range covering the city; or (2) freezing rains or sleet has fallen or four (4) or more inches of snow have accumulated in the city

Whenever any vehicle without an operator is found parked or left in violation of any provision of this division, the Director of the Department of Public Services, or his designee, or the Police Department may immediately remove the vehicle or cause the rehicle to be removed to a place of safekeeping at the expense of the registered owner of the vehicle.

Failure to comply with the requirements set forth in Chapter 33, Article III, Division 5, of the Code of Ordinance, City of Novi, Michigan, may also result in the prosecution for same, and liability to the extent of the penalty therein provided.

> Benny McCusker, Director Department of Public Works

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TIME/DATE: 7:30 p.m. third Tuesday every LOCATION: Rock Financial Center, East Entrance 46100 Grand River Avenue DETAILS: Commades and fellow veterans inin our monthly meetings. Attendance is needed to grow our Post. If you are not a nember, consider joining, CONTACT: Commander Dennis Strikulis (248) 378-7841, dstrikulis@twmi.rr.com or

Service Officer Paul Erickson (248) 344-

SWOCC Studio Tours LOCATION: 33300 Nine Mile Road. farminoton.

7193, prierick@aol.com

DETAILS: Come in for an up-close look at the Southwest Oakland Caple Commission Studios Iccal community television studio CONTACT: Melissa Colin (248) 473-2840 Gardeners of Northville and Novi Thyme for Tea-Growing and Harvesting Herbs with

Pal Sagert TIME/DATE: 6:30 p.m. second Monday of month. Sept.: May IOCATION: Northville Art House at 215 W Cady Street, Northville DETAILS: Visitors welcome CONTACT: Contact: Marcia (248)349-2352 or

visit gardenersnorthville-novi org DATE: Mondays and Fridays TIME: 6:30-7:30 p.m. beginners; 7:30-9:30

om intermediate LOCATION: Novi Civic Center, 45175 W.10 DETAILS: No partner needed; pay-as-you-go. Novi residents \$5, non-residents \$6.

TIME/DATE: 7-8:45 p.m. first and third Tuesday of each month LOCATION: Novi Civic Center Activities Room. 45175 W. 10 Mile Road DETAILS: Toastmasters will help you improve your communication skills: voice your opinion; polish your presentations and practice leadership.

ROCK FINANCIAL SHOWPLACE 46100 Grand Liver Ave CONTACT: Call (248) 348-5600 or visit http:// rocklinarkialshowplace.com/for more

CONTACT: Any (248) 752-2800.

Parking is \$1 for most events. Bridal Expo2009 TIME/DATE Saturday Noon to 5 p.m. & Sunday: Noon to 7 p.m. Jan. 17 & 18 LOCATION: Hall A

DETAILS: Admission: \$9 available at door Michigan's Largest Bridal Expo. Unito \$100,000 in prizes, gift coupons and giveaways. Three completely different fashion shows daily. Hundreds of experts, plenty of fun, On Saturday from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. is an After Hours Party with a male review. Web Site: www.thebridalexpo.com

Novi Home Improvement Show TIME/BITE: Friday: Noon to 9 p.m., Saturday: 10 a.m. to 9 p.m., Sunday: 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Jan. 23-25 DETAILS: Admission - Adults: \$8, Seniors:

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Great Lakes Art Fair TIME/DATE: 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Friday, April 17:10 a.m.- 6 p.m. Saturday and Sunday April 18-19 OFTAILS: The Great Lakes Art Fair replaces

the successful touring Sugarloaf Art Fair. which has visited the area brannually for the past 10 years. The Great Lakes Art fair will combine exclusive and desirable works from local, regional and national artists and be supported by an extensive marketing and

HEALTH St. John Providence Hospital LOCATION: \$7601 Grand River New Longer of Beck Road, use Beck Road entrance Providence Center for the Healing Aits http://stjohn. org/ProvidenceHealingArts LOCATION: Assarian Cancer Center, 4760° Grand River Ave.

CONTACT: (248) 465-5455 pp. e-mail. James Tester i stjohn org Colored Pencil Workshop TIME/DATE: 1-3 p.m. second Tuesday of every DETAILS: Beginners welcome.

TIME/DATE: IC a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday-Thursday DETAILS: Explore the Art of playing with clay Express yourself in this three dimensional art form. \$10 lab lee. Call to verify class.

Acittin' Yarns TIME/DATE: 1-3 p.m. Wednesday **DETAILS:** Join others and create hats and shawls for those in need.

TIME/DATE: Meditation for individuals or groups by appointment. DETAILS: Learn proper preathing techniques that can be used at home or on the job to help reduce stress; class held in reflection space; Cancer Center.

Therapeutic Yoga TIME/DATE: 12:30-1:30 p.m. Monday-Yoga for Backs; 1:30-1:50 p.m. Monday-Meditation; 4:15-5 p.m. Monday-Kio's Yoga II; 5:05-5:50 p.m. Monday-Kid's Yoga I; 6-7 p.m. Monday Yoga for Special Needs Children; 8:30-9:30 a.m. Tuesday-Vinyasa; 9:30-10:30 Tuesday-Yoga for Backs; 11-11:45 a.m. Tuesday Meditation: 12:30-1:30 p.m. Tuesday-Yoga for Seniors; 1:30-1:50 Tuesday-Meditation 6:45-7:45 p.m. Tuesday-Night Life Yoga: 10-11:30 a.m. Wednesday Level II, 11:45

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a.m. Friday-Ashtanga; 12:30-1:30 p.m.

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\$45/5-class card. Lunch and Learn Yoga

week session is \$60. Registration required.

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Bereavement Support Group TIME/DATE: 7:30-9 p.m. Third Tuesday of each LOCAHON: Nevi Civic Center, 45175 W. ID Nac-

Classes also held at Providence Hospital, Monroe Bank & Trust Northvillo Granch 113 West Main Street (Northville Square) DETAILS: Provides the opportunity for those Please RSVP (248) 449-3700

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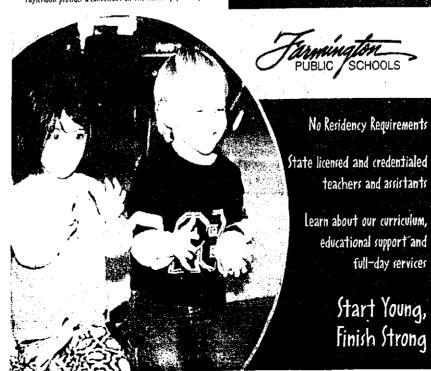
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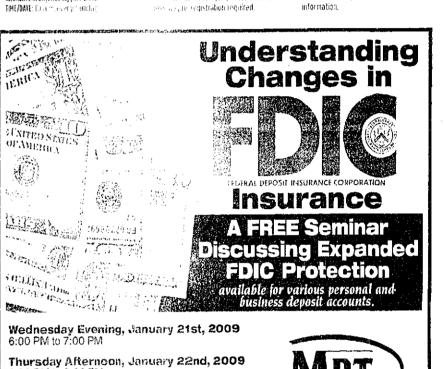
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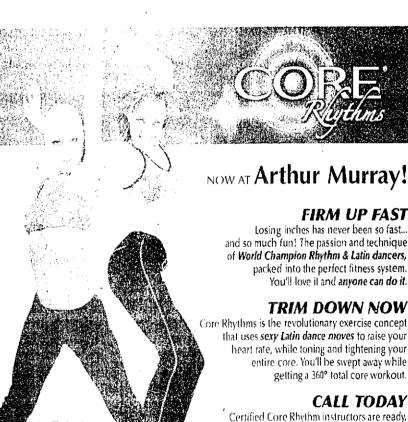
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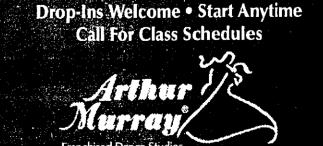
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OUR VIEWS

## In our opinion now is time to act

With New Year's weeks behind us, The Novi News is curious to know if becoming more politically active, or civic minded was at the top of the resolution list for Novi residents?

And if so, how is it working? Now is the perfect time to assess and if you're lacking,

This is an impressive month for the city, state and

On Monday, the Novi High School Students Promoting Unity and Diversity group will host its annual Unity in the Community event, celebrating the life and legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. inside the Fuerst Auditorium at the high school.

If the event is half as passionate as the group's students, teacher Korey Nuckolls and administrator Nicole Carter, it will be a memorable program. This celebration will take place one day before the first black American is sworn in as president of the United States. Another momentous occasion.

On Feb. 3, Gov. Jennifer Granholm will deliver her State of the State address.

With a 2010 budget deficit projected as large as \$1.4 billion, every Novi resident should be actively listening to what our governor will say. Her words will have a widesweeping impact on everyone.

And locally, now is also the time to get involved. In the past seven days, there have been many calls to

the community for input. Last Thursday, The Novi Parks, Recreation and Forestry Commission held a public input meeting to hear residents' feedback on the proposed Signature Park

slated for the southwest corner of 11 Mile and If the event is half as passionate Beck roads. The project is reliant on voter, bond as the group's students,

teacher Korey Huckolls and approval. Possible components administrator Nicole Carter, it of the park, outlined by the city, include a rec- will be a memorable program. reation center, space for This celebration will take senior and youth programs, a theater, gym- place one day before the first nasium, ball fields and black American is sworn in as outdoor festival space. president of the United States.

The project will be funded by your tax dol- Another momentous occasion. lars. Here is your chance to say if you want the

park, and if so, what amenities you would like to enjoy. Monday, a special city council meeting was held to hear Walled Lake area residents' input on the formation of a

Many residents came out to voice their opinions on the invasive weed problem in the lake and commented on the actual board formation.

Tonight, the Novi School District is hosting an informational meeting to discuss Novi High School schedule changes possibly for the 2010-11 school year. The community forum will take place 6:30 p.m. inside

the Instructional Technology Center on Taft Road. School administrators were originally planning on implementing schedule changes for the 2009-10 school year, but postponed the decision for greater public input. School officials wanted to make sure members of the community were informed of the proposal and their rea-

sons behind the decision. A second community forum will be held 6:30 p.m. Monday, Jan. 26 at the Instructional Technology Center on Taft Road.

So, if you have not yet started your resolution to become more involved in your country, state, or city, now is the time to take action.

## WHAT DO YOU THINK?

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

## Farewell, Mr. President

With great pride and admiration I say, "Thank you, George W. Bush, for all you have done for our country these last eight

For all you have endured with grace, confidence and forgiveness while your critics rarely offered any support, encouragement or help.

For loving and admiring and supporting our protectors, men and women who go into harms way to keep us free.

For keeping me safe from our enemies. For bringing minorities into your administration, not for political gain, but our country's needs.

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guidelines of the constitution even if your were so envious of you succeeding in your goals, always so fearful that the truth may I would also like to thank you for what actually show your success.

## Let's build bridges with China

This is part two in a two-part series. Despite the economic success story that is unparalleled in world history, China remains

nce Deng Xiaoping opened China to the world, the Chinese have experienced an average annual economic growth rate of nearly 10 percent for the past three decades. China, by attracting nearly one trillion U.S. dollars in direct foreign investment, is the third biggest player in international trade. It is the largest holder of U.S. debt in the world. Over the past 30 years, while the United States has been borrow-

ing and spending, China has been expanding and saving. The 2008 Beijing Olympics helped China celebrate its 21st century coming out party and burst into the world's consciousness. The fom Watkins Olympic theme, "One World-One Dream," will

Wuhan. During my travels I have seen control?

would take you back centuries. that is unparalleled in world history. China remains a developing nation. It has rampant air and water pollution, income inequity, a rapidly aging when it comes to China. They both population and religious and minority repression (especially the Falun Gong and the Tibetan and Uyghur people). problem," "currency manipulation" and These issues pose major environmental and social challenges to its contin- find ways to make the China wave ued long-term harmonious develop- work for Michigan families. Patterson Crossing The River By Feeling

It is reported that China has boosted Oakland County and the teaching of more than 300 million people out of Chinese in all Oakland Schools. Ficano abject poverty during the period fol- has established trade offices in China lowing the 10-year Cultural Revolution and recruited Chinese businesses to (1966-1976). Despite all the progress, locate, appropriately, in Canton. Their China's per-capita income remains respective vision and leadership has behind the income levels of many to the potential opportunities with developed countries.

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States, Japan or Taiwan, as a means are serious about thriving in this glob- of Palm Beach County, Fla. from 1996 to 2001. He to divert attention from internal probare serious about thirving in this good can be reached at: tdwatkins@aol.com.

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becoming more open and brazen in of my Chinese colleagues feel I should their demand for change, only to feel not point out the blemishes in China the heavy hand of the Chinese govern- and are quick to highlight U.S. flaws ment crack down on those bold enough in defense of their country. Many to speak out. Recently, more than 300 Americans, on the other hand, have Chinese activists have signed a mani- been conditioned to believe China is festo, "Charter 08," demanding greater the root of all evil and a significant political freedoms. Charter 08 takes a factor in what ails our country and

the ultramodern as well as scenes that

All Politics Are Local

Despite the economic success story

Perhaps at no time since the demonstrations in Tianamen Square nearly the necessary "guanxi," or social capistones." 20 years ago are the people ripe for tal and relationships, critical in China demanding their government become for long-term success. They undermore responsive to the needs of ordistand the old Chinese sayings that the nary Chinese citizens. It is reported longest journey begins with a single

world's, is faltering. The China Daily. in our communities in the future. the Communist party's largest English Into The Future newspaper, recently reported that 7,000 companies in the Pearl River strategy to benefit from China's rise. It months of 2008, throwing hundreds of thousands of migrants out of work. As Americans stop spending and conjobs for our citizens. This error should be corrected - soon.

world" have gone bust. China's three decades of growth, opening up to the west, official corruption, and now the economic decline that is exacerbating social instability, (Channel 50), Carol Cain, produced an a successful long term strategy. bave made Chinese leaders vulnerable Emmy Award winning documentary to demands by the people for internal political and social change. Chinese Lakes To The Great Wall" as part of ten extensively about China. He is an education leaders have demonstrated they are the station's "Eye On The Future" and business consultant in the U.S. and China ist fever, usually against the United should be required as a series. This two-hour documentary who was Michigan's superintendent of schools

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be put to the test as we collectively harsh swipe at the ruling Communist believe we should put trade shield address the world's growing problems. Party for "disastrous denigration of around the United States to keep out." I have traveled throughout China freedom, equality and human rights" the Chinese. numerous times since 1989, to cit- that impact the Charter 08 will have Given the economic anxiety gripies many have heard of such as on the Chinese government, and how ping our state and country, there is a Beijing, Hong Kong, Shanghai, and the government reacts to its support- growing trend to become more isola-Lasha, Tibet, and others less familiar ers, remains to be seen. Will the gov-tionist, xenophobic and protectionist. such as Beichuan Beichun, Bengbu, ernment address the concerns or will While good for politica Changchun, Mianyang, Nanjing, it use traditional tactics and means history has demonstrated these moves Shenzhen, Turpan, Urumqi and to suppress its citizens to keep total hurt the American consumer and will

prolong and worsen the global economic downturn. Our national leaders should pursue not only free trade, but L. Brooks Patterson and Robert also fair trade. It is unfortunate when Ficano, the County Executives from large-scale economic change gets Oakland and Wayne Counties respecdragged into political gamesmanship tively, have been visionary leaders to garner votes at the expense of real solutions. The tendency to spend time have concluded that they could sit casting blame, seeking a scapegoat back and complain about the "China or bogeyman would be better spent searching for solutions that benefit "unfair trade practices" or, instead, American families and communities.

## has pushed Chinese investment in For Stones

The past 30 years in China have been like a roller-coaster on steroids. I suspect the next thirty will be like a bumper car ride during an earth-

Together, the United States and well below the world average and far been beneficial in opening more eyes China should follow the cautionary approach embodied in Deng Xiaoping's phrase, "Mozhe shitou guo Both executives have set out to build he" or "Crossing the river by feeling for

My hope is we will continue to build governmental and people-to-people bridges between the United States and that there is growing social unrest as step and society grows great when that there is growing social unrest as that there is growing social unless as people plant trees whose shade they and trust that is necessary for our two the world economy slows down and thousands of Chinese factories close will never sit under. Their efforts are countries to prosper. And unstable beginning to pay off and will be eco-China, makes for an unstable world. China's economy, along with the nomic magnets for Chinese investment We need to keep in mind our destinies are inextricably linked and that how we manage the upcoming issues, ten-What is missing here at home is a sions and problems will impact not statewide, comprehensive, global only our children, but all of humanity. There is a reputed Chinese curse is absurd that we are nearly a decade which says, "May he live in interesting into the 21st century and no statewide times." Like it or not, cursed or not. elected leader has been to China to we live in interesting times ... and they develop the relationships, "guanxi," will become more interesting in the

necessary to cultivate investment and months and years ahead. Let's move forward with our eyes wide open, building bridges between WWJ-TV (Channel 50), under the two great nations with the clear direction of Detroit Free Press colum- understanding that digging moats or nist and editorial director at WWJ-TV building Great Walls have never been

"Building Bridges - From the Great Tom Watkins is a freelance writer who has writshould be required viewing for all who from 2001-05 and CEO of the Economic Council

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You never used the presidency to I know that history will show you not as the stupid, bumbling fool that you are too Your personal needs never came before often portrayed, but as the intelligent, kind and humble man I have come to revere.

## Now for a little good news we could all use

eneral Motors announcement Monday that it will build a bat-tery plant in Michigan and fund an advanced battery research lab at the University of Michigan is a game

For the time being, GM will use lithium-ion battery packs made in Korea to power the Volt plug-in. But it's clear the company intends battery research and development, as well as manufacturing, right here in Michigan. It's hiring several hundred engineers to work on alternative power and plans to make the U-M lab into the biggest in the country.

So now there are two advanced battery companies with eyes on ns. Last week, A123 Systems, a Massachusetts-based battery designer, announced plans to build the first of several lithium ion plants in southeastern Michigan.

This is more than significant -- given the dramatic changes under way in automotive technology. "This is a really huge, huge sten for the State of Michigan," says Jim Epolito, head of the Michigan Economic Development Corporation, which is putting mega bucks into supporting these efforts. Tuesday, Gov. Granholm signed a bill that

industry.

Moreover, these Phil Power announcements are just the tip of the iceberg of an audacious, very far-reaching, multi faceted effort to change the entire energy model in America - and put

batteries, which are at the heart of the auto industry's plans for energysaving hybrid and plug-in vehicles. True, advanced battery technology and manufacturing migrated out of the U.S. to Asia years ago. But it's teries are not confined just to cars. tary applications, electric power distribution, and who knows what else.

home? Well, that might be tough ... but it's not impossible. Nor is A123 Systems the only

battery companies in Michigan, a deal similar to the one worked out last year to help the movie

Michigan at the head of the process. All this starts with "advanced energy storage systems," i.e. new-fangled now become clear that high-tech bat-They'll play a role in computers, mili

ership of the battery industry back

But can we really bring world lead-

American company in the thick of it. Another is Sakti3, a start-up spun out of the University of Michigan's College of Engineering by professor Ann Marie Sastry, a firm which concentrates on optimal molecular structures for batteries. And GM says it's putting \$1 billion into battery research, and maybe the feds will shower economic stimulus money on the effort, as well.

In Michigan, however, the idea goes well beyond batteries into what the experts call "distributed power generation." Most power these days comes from big central plants run by the utility companies. But slap photovoltaic solar panels in your roof, and you generate your own electricity. nowered by the sun.

Already, Michigan companies like Dow Chemical and Hemlock Semiconductor are on top of the heap in making polycrystalline silicon, a key base material for solar panels, Also in Michigan, United Solar Ovonics of Auburn Hills has pioneered the physics and chemistry ınderlying solar panels and is gearing up vastly increased production of the thin films that go into making energy out of sunlight.

If other local entrepreneurs get smart, they will move quickly to

capture the entire value proposition around distributed power systems: Research and development; making the base feedstock and photovoltaic film; manufacturing the panels; and engineering, installing, servicing and managing complex electrical grids.

Wind is another power source in

the mix. Michigan lost most of the win d turbine manufacturing business to Iowa a couple years ago. But local firms with engineering and manufacturing experience are getting new business. Vextas, the big Danish firm, is reportedly negotiating with Dowding Industries in Eaton Rapids to

made components for turbines. Dowding, in turn, needs to hire and re-train hundreds of former auto parts workers to make wind turbine components. It's working with Lansing Community College to develop customized training, financed in part by the state's No Worker Left

Behind program. Building and training a skilled alternative energy workforce -- truly "green jobs" – is another key part of the effort to transform large portions

If you connect the dots, they form a very complex, interconnected, and audacious economic vision for

Capitol.

 $\mbox{And}\,\bar{a}$  lot of it has to do with vision and hard work put in by the state of Michigan. Governor Granholm gets much credit for realizing that alternative energy could be the next very big thing in our economic future. She reached deep into the state bureaucracy to pluck Stanley "Skip" Pruss to be her chief energy advisor. A lawyer, Pruss has, over the years, built a reputation as among the smartest and hardest-work-

ing folks in state government. "This is the single greatest economic opportunity that we have before us," says Pruss, "We need to work fast to get 'first mover' advantage in what will be a very competitive field. But we're working hard and, so far, we're making a lot of progress."

Former newspaper publisher and University of Michigan Regent Phil Power is a longtime observer of Michigan politics and economics, and a former chairman of the Michigan chapter of the Nature Conservancy. He is also the founder and president of The Center for Michigan, a centrist think-and-do tank which publishes the Michigan Scorecard. The opinions expressed here are Power's own and do not represent the official views of The Center. He welcomes your comments at poower@

## LEGISLATIVE UPDATE - STATE SEN, NANCY CASSIS

### THE NEW YEAR BEGINS WITH POSITIVE CHANGE

Following up on my last column, an important business tay relief measure that I sponsored was recently signed into law by the governor. Enacting Senate Bill 1038 marks a positive step for Michigan as the

new year begins. My legislation, now Public Act 433 of 2008, exempts sales taxes and fees from the gross receipts portion of the Michigan Business Tax, and exempts interest and dividend income from tax-exempt fed-

eral or state securities. The state's bizarre 'tax on a tax' had stood as a barrier to job creation and business investment growth. An esti-

mated 50,000 Michigan job

ousiness tax liability reduced. Lifting this unfair tax off the shoulders of Michigan job providers will help invigorate the state's economy and get people back to work. It will also help our small businesses stay in

Michigan. Small businesses

provide nearly 70 percent of

the state's jobs, and reducing

providers will now see their

their tax burden will allow them to continue to provide jobs for our residents, while helping spur new investment and job creation. This pro-job creation legislation is especially important in light of the recent Revenue

Estimating Conference. The conference brought together the nonpartisan House and Senate Fiscal Agency directors, state treasurer and

economists whose conclusions underscored the need for Michigan to fundamentally reform the way it operates when it announced that the state's structural deficit for 2009 will be more than \$917 million. The budget shortfall

for 2010 could be as large as

\$1.4 billion. This forecast will certainly bring challenges for the next two years. We now await the governor's state of the state address and her budget proposal, where she will lay out her legislative goals for 2009 along with her budget priori-

Michigan needs to adopt structural reforms that are crucial to our future prosperity. Our state government must transform while continuing to

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"Right now, hands down, I

would say that Bill Schuette

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But we still have 20 months

before this thing plays out."

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For more information, visit my Web site at www.SenatorNancyCassis. com, or contact me toll free at (888)

## Patterson hints at run for attorney general

BY KURT KUBAN

ORSERVER STAFF WRITER State Sen. Bruce Patterson says he is seriously thinking about running for Michigan attorney general in 2010. The Republican senator from Canton, who is in his second term, says he is "kicking around the idea" and will make a decision in the coming

"I've got some people interested in helping me get elected to the position," Patterson said Wednesday from Texas, where

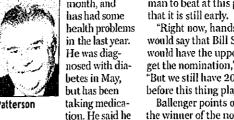
he is on a business trip. Patterson, who also served two terms in the State House of Representatives before running for the Senate, said he has a long interest in law enforcement, and running for attorney general makes sense for him. He will be term limited

in the Senate after his current term expires in 2010. "It's a logical progression for me," he said of the attorney general position. "I want to serve, but I don't need to serve. I just need some time to think

it through. Patterson turns 62 next

Patterson

Northville Township. Bill Ballenger, editor/publisher of the Inside Michigan



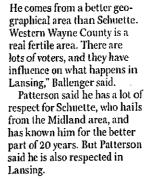
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He was diagnosed with dia betes in May, but has been taking medica-

tion will be selected at the has lost about 40 pounds and is Republican convention, not by exercising regularly. voters, so candidates will have At this point it appears to court support "among real his main opposition to get insiders, not the rank and file the Republican nomination will be former Congressman Republicans. and outgoing Appeals Court Judge Bill Schuette, who is Patterson, because he comes from an area that has clout in considered the frontrunner and State Senate Majority Lansing. Leader Mike Bishop, who has

yet to announce his intentions. Patterson and Bishop, who will also be term limited in 2010, have had an ongoing feud over the course of the last year, beginning when Bishop failed to support Patterson's attempt to thwart Livonia's annexation plans of the former state psychiatric hospital property in

Politics, said Schuette is the







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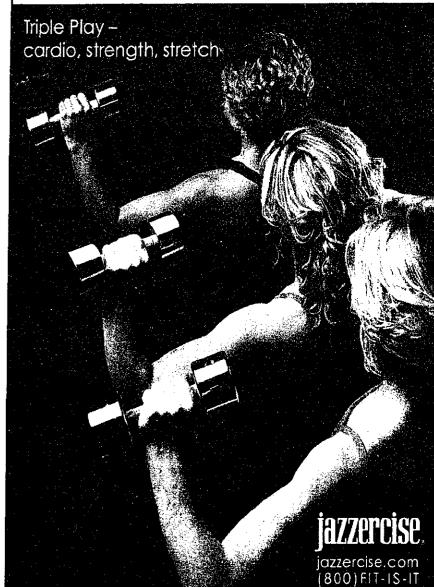
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make them," says Grabowski

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adult should be active at least

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It's okay to break it up. As a

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Half of the total time, or 75

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**DETAILS:** Nursery staffed by Nanny

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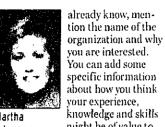
quoting Vince Lombardi.

## Networking

🖁 ost job seekers are familiar with the term networking, but few utilize the skill of networking to find a job. While most of us are comfortable searching for a hairdresser, doctor or lawyer through networking, we are reluctant to use that process to find a job.

That's a shame, because study after study confirms that networking remains the best way to land a job. Networking can help you learn more about employers that are of interest to you, help you discover unpublicized openings that fit your skills, and introduce you to key decision makers in organizations that can use

your talents. If you keep in mind that you are seeking AND providing information with others like you, you can begin to break down your barriers to using networking. Begin with people you know and a specific bit of information you want to obtain. For example, if you are interested in learning more about a specific organization, in your conversations with people you



knowledge and skills might be of value to that organization. Ask your contact if they know of anyone who might be

able to tell you more about the organization. You will probably find that most of your contacts can't introduce you to someone inside the organization directly, but may be able to refer you to someone who they think might help you get closer or get more infor-Your next step is to get in contact

with the person you were referred to. You may want to ask the referring contact to call the person they are referring you to in order to alert them that you will be calling, or you can call the new contact directly and let them know that you were referred to them by a mutual friend. This hand-off from one person to

another is extremely important because it builds a level of trust that you wouldn't otherwise have. You may wish to introduce yourself by mentioning how you know your mutual friend and take a bit of time to learn more about your know

acquaintance. Be sure to explain why you are calling and be clear in describing what kind of information or assistance you are seeking. If you can offer information or assistance to your new contact, be sure to do so. You are building a relationship based on trust and mutual respect. Usually, you will be seeking information to help you move forward with your job search, but you will always also want to get referrals to one or more additional people who might be able to help you further.

Networkers usually find that they can be referred to a key contact within three to four introductions. Your goal is to eventually uncover and be referred to a decision maker in the organizations of interest to you. The referral to this person is the most important step, because a personal introduction will create trust between you and the decision maker which will open doors for your dis-

Along the way, remember to be a helpful resource to your network contacts. You will want to provide each of them with information or assistance if possible, because networking is a two way street. Be sure to keep in touch with key contacts who have helped you along the way, both as a courtesy and as a means for maintaining your network over time, always remembering to provide them with assistance whenever possible. Send handwritten thank you notes to contacts who are especially helpful, and send emails to others to add to vour address book.

Try online social networking as well. LinkedIn (www.linkedin.com) is a site which specifically promotes itself as a way to extend trusted professional contacts and Facebook (www.facebook.com) is a popular site which is getting more and more business use. Both allow you to set up profiles, search for contacts you already know, and build your network through connections to people you already know and trust. Online social networking will undoubtedly

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high-tech options that provide

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become more and more important in the world of business and iob searching. You can build a huge network very quickly and tap into many more resources than you can by using your telephone or personal meetings.

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Remember, though, the personal touch in job seeking is still very important. Make sure you build your relationships carefully, try to know who you are adding to your network, and give as well as receive. You'll find the process rewarding in many ways.

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## High-Tech for Low Vision

Dear Savvy Senior, What types of products or technology can you recommend to belo people with severe vision impairment? My wife has macular degeneration and I'm looking for some good low vision helpers Looking Around

Dear Looking, With around 14 million Americans living with incurable vision impairment today, more and more low-vision products are being developed that can

help with almost any need. Here's what you should know.

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For example, to help with

a wide array of "talking" or

as clocks, watches, remote

variety of magnifiers. There

devices that can dial a person

are even home telephone

controls, thermostats and

"jumbo-sized" products such

kitchen aids, as well as a buge

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and drink indicators that you can hook onto your coffee cup that beep when it's almost full. You can find these products of products on the market that and many others online at sites can help improve the quality of like www.independentliving.com or call 800-537-2118, and www. maxiaids.com or 800-522-6294. daily living tasks, you can find Or visit www.abledata.com. a Web portal that lists almost every type of low vision product

by simply saying their name,

and where you can buy it. In addition to daily living helpers, there are some newer high-tech devices you should know about that offer some incredible features. Here are some to check out.

Desktop video magnifiers: Also known as closed circuit TVs, these are devices that help with reading, writing and looking at pictures. While this type of technology

has been around for a while. more styles and variations are available today with prices ranging from several hundred to several thousand dollars. Some good places to find these are at: www.enhancedvision. com or 888-811-3161; www. freedomyision.net, 800-961-1334: www.humanware.com. 800 722-3393; www.optelec. com, 800 826'4200; www.clar-

ityusa.com, 800-575-1456; and around \$250 to over \$1,000. www.freedomscientific.com, You can find these devices at 800-444-4443 - which also many of the same sites that sell the desktop video magnifiers sells a machine (called SARA) that can read printed material previously listed (http://www. freedomscientific.com/), or aloud without a computer. Portable video magnifiers: if you're looking a hands-free While hand-held magnifiers magnifier the JORDY glasses have been around for years, (\$2,795; www.enhancedvision.

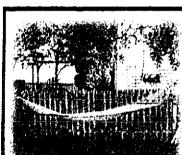
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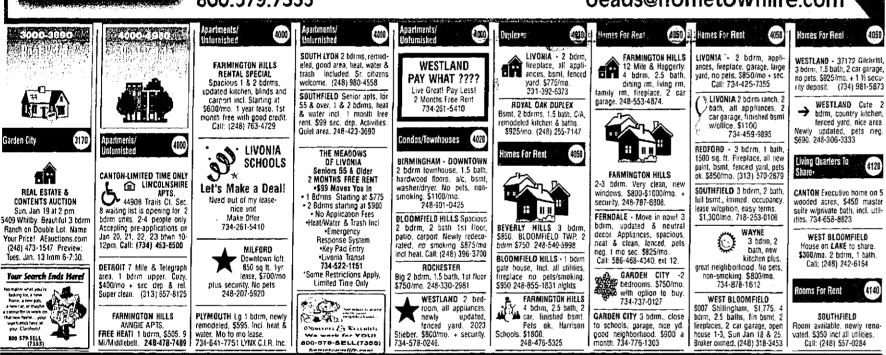


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## Fitness should be a focus in the new year

BY ANNETTE JAWORSKI SPECIAL TO THE TIMES

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It's no surprise that nearly half of the most popular New Year's resolutions are health and fitness related. Maybe you've tried to keep one of these promises. They're the tough ones, like losing weight, getting fit, eating right, drinking less alcohol or kicking the

nicotine habit Before your resolution gets tossed aside like Christmas wrapping paper, try these helpful suggestions from local fitness experts for a healthier

**EASY DOES IT** 

John Dzahristos, co-owner of Powerhouse Fitness in South Lyon and Milford believes a healthy lifestyle is a journey. Think of it as a marathon not a sprint.

"Consistency is a big key. By working out three to four times a week, you're doing your body a lot of good." Two days on and one day off is a nice balance and gives your body time to recover, said

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Presbyterian Church at (248) 374-

5943. For information about other

age and loss specific grief support

groups offered by New Hope Center

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LOCATION: 24505 Meadowbrook Road

CONTACT: (248) 349-8847 or visit holy-

TIME/DAY: 7:30, 9, 10:30 a.m. and

12:15 p.m. Sunday; 9 a.m. Monday,

Wednesday, Thursday, Friday; 6:30 a.m.

Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday: 7 p.m.

Holy Days: 9 a.m., 5:30 and 7:30 p.m.

TIME/DATE: 10:11 a.m. last Wednesday

DETAILS: Free, Informational meet-

ing open to all adoptive families in

Registration is required.

of Eight Mile Road

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LOCATION: 21260 Haggerty Road, north

CONTACT: (248) 348-7600 or visit dfc-

Sunday Schedule; 9:15 a.m. Worship

service with Praise Band, children's

Fellowship; 10:15 a.m. Fellowship and

refreshments: 11 a.m. Traditional

worship service. Children's Church

Youth Sunday School and Adult Bible

Fellowship; 6 p.m. Evening Service,

Children's program, Youth Worship

Tuesday Schedule: 6:45 p.m. Ladies

Wednesday Schedule: 5:30 p.m. Family

Meal, \$4 per person, \$12 per family; 7 p.m. Children's Caravan, Club 56, Bible Study, Duilting, Adult Classes, Youth

Thursday Schedule: 6 a.m. Men of Purpose Prayer Group; 7 p.m. Tae Kwon

LOCATION: 46325 10 Mile Road, Novi

TIME/DAY: 8, 9:30 and 11:30 a.m.

Sunday: 9 a.m. Monday-Tuesday; 7 p.m. Wednesday; 5 p.m. Saturday Mothers Group

TIME/DATE: 9:30-11 a.m. first and third Nednesday every month, through May

DETAILS: Providing fellowship, support and opportunities to grow faith. Childcare available. Suggested donation \$20. Don't have to be a parishione CONTACT: Becky at (248) 305-5924 or Jeanne at (248) 380-6361

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF HORTHYILLE

LOCATION: 217 N. Wing

NEW FURNACE?

CONTACT: (248) 347-777B

Evening Bible Study; 7 p.m. Men's

Evenina Bible Study

ST. JAMES CATROLIC

Mass Schedule

Sunday School and Adult Bible

Reconciliation: beginning 9 a.m.

Saturdays or by appointment

Tuesday: 5 p.m. (English), 6:30 p.m.

Mass Schedule

(Spanish) Saturday

of each month

Coordinator for Huron Valley YMCA, Karen Flowerday says that although it may sound tedious, the safest and most successful way to lose weight is

Wellness Center

about a pound a week. "You don't have to go crazy Set a simple goal for yourself. When you start your workout program it should begin slow and steady and increase in intensity."

To lose a pound a week you need to cut back by about 500 calories a day. Start by cutting intake by 250 calories; this can even be something like two cookies. The remaining 250 calories you can burn with extra activity.

\*Thirty minutes of walking at 3 mph can burn 150 calories for the average person," she pointed out.

SET SIMPLE GOALS A blanket statement like

CONTACT: (248) 348-1020

Sunday Worship: 10:45 a.m. and 5:45

HAVE SOME FUN

for an hour.'

I want to lose weight probably won't work, Flowerday observed. Set a specific goal. but make it small and achievable. Something like losing

five pounds in a month will give you a better chance of success in the long run. Even a lofty goal such as losing 100 pounds can be made easier by breaking it down into smaller

Suzy Morris, personal trainer for Huron Valley Pools and Fitness as well as Michigan Rehabilitation in Hartland suggests you get out of the gym sometimes and varying your exercise routine.

"Think of what's fun for you and then get moving. Do something like walking the dog, go to the park with your kids, or go out dancing. In the summer it can be gardening. When you think of exercise you might think I don't want to go to the gym and work out

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TIME/DATE: 10 a.m. January 20

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CONTACT: (248) 349-3140 TIME/DATE: 9:30 a.m. Jan. 17 Sunday Worship: 8:30 a.m. Blended;

Sunday School: 9:30 a.m. Ladies Bible Study: 9:30 a.m. and 7 MEADOWBROOK CONGREGATIONAL Men's Bible Study: 9 a.m. first LOCATION: 21355 Meadowbrook Road Saturday of every month between Eight and Nine Mile roads

FAITH COMMUNITY PRESBYTERIAN LOCATION: 44400 W.10 Mile Road CONTACT: (248) 349-2345 or visit faithcommunity-novi.org Sunday Worship: 10 a.m. TIME/DATE: 4:30 p.m. every

**DETAILS:** For children in kindergarten to 6th grade. Enjoy recreation, Bible study, music and dinner,

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TIME/DATE: 11:30 a.m. fourth Thursday of each month Spiritual Journey's TIME/DATE: 11:30 a.m. every Sunday Nutrition for the New Year

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DON'T BE INTIMIDATED

of Anytime Fitness in Milford says don't be discouraged or intimidated. Rest assured, even the models on the Fitness magazines have their flaws. and have their photos are enhanced. Fitness is an individual thing; it's different for everybody he believes. The gym won't be filled with people that look like Mr. America. "We're here for everybody.

Mark Grabowski, manager

We're adamant on being just a regular gym for regular people. If you're a golfer it'll make you a better golfer. If you're a walker or biker, it'll make you better at that, too," he said.

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CONTACT: Rev. Brian C. Sleeth, Pastor

(248) 497-3178 or gracepointe@mac.

com, and gracepointepca.org

Saturday Worship

TIME: 5 p.m.

Sunday Worship

Council Chambers

Sunday Worship

CONTACT: (248) 349-2621 or olynorth

FRAME OF MIND "Don't think of exercise so scheduling time for a work-

TIME: 10 a m

**KEEP A POSITIVE** 

on a treadmill

punishment for bad eating," said Flowerday. The wrong "There no short cuts, no secret attitude can set you up for failure. Dzahristos agrees, "Think potion. You've got to move it or of your workout time as time Age is not a factor, either. Over to yourself, after you've dedicated time to everyone else. his 86 year old member commits Pay attention to the intensity of your workout, by that he means try to improve with

painful, time consuming or a

each workout and make the most of your time.

Make the most of your time outside of the gym. Once you've devoted your time into a health workout don't wipe out all the positive benefits by returning to negative habits like smoking, excess drinking and eating pizza and burgers excessively, said

PATIENCE

Don't be discouraged if you don't see immediate results. "If you lose weight too quickly it'll usually come back. It's usually not a healthy way and it's not

sustainable," said Flowerday. It generally takes about six weeks to notice results.

Family Worship: 11 a.m.

Bible Study: 6 p.m.

OUR SHEPHERD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH LOCATION: 140 N. Center, above Tutto's

in Old Church Square, Northville CONTACT: Pastor Bill Burke at (734) 927-0891 Sunday Worship: 11:30 a.m. with fellow ship and food after service

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF NOVI-FAMILY INTEGRATED CHURCH LOCATION: 45301 W. 11 Mile Road CONTACT: (248) 349-3647 or firstbap tistchurchofnovi.org

Family Bible Hour: 9:45 a.m.

Sunday of every month. MORTHVILLE CHRISTIAN ASSEMBLY

Family Movie Night: 5:30 p.m.: fourth

LOCATION: 41355 Six Mile Road CONTACT: (248) 348-9030

ORCHARD HILLS BAPTIST CHURCH LOCATION: 23455 Novi Road CONTACT: Pastor Jon Hix (248) 349-5665 Preschool/Kids Choir TIME/DATE: 7-8:15 p.m. every

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### SPECIAL EVENTS

I dining voucher.

bd's Mongolian Grill bd's Mongolian Grill launched "Fun Fit food" this month. The focus of the campaign is to educate diners that healthful eating can be delicious and enjoyable. bd's is among the restaurants features on HealthyDiningFinder.com in recognition of the many healthy options offered. During the six-week campaign

patrons, including the Novi Main Street

location, will have an opportunity to try one of three featured recipes in addition to creating their own stir-fry from the wide selection of meats, seafood, fresh vegetables and sauces. All three of the featured recipes are intended for individuals who are on heart healthy. pluten free or vegetarian diets. Visit www.GoMongo.com for more informa-

In an effort to assist Charity Preview, Art Van Furniture donated furnishings for use at the Cobo Center Charity Preview night in support of the annual black-tie fundraiser. Furniture donated included living and diging

room furnishings from a variety of national and international furniture manufacturers. The furniture will be used at Cobo Center during Charity Preview night for on site receptions and activities. After the Charity Preview is over, Art Van Furniture will donate

the furniture to the Charity Preview charities. Art Van Furniture is Michigan's largest furniture netailer, with its Novi location at West Oaks Mall. For more information, visit www.artvan.com. A group of volunteers, the National

Day of Service, is answering the call to service by launching a Breakfast & Blankets Drive to benefit area residents in need. The group seeks donations of new blankets and nonperishable foods. especially breaklast items that don't require eggs or milk, such as hot cereals, pancake mix and breakfast bars. Drop-off boxes will be located at several sites including the Novi Big Boy at Eight Mile and Happerty roads. The drive will take place Jan. 9-18. Donations may also be made by calling Susan at (248) 374-3992 or Connie at (248) 347-1257.

Sports Club of Novi The Sports Club of Novi is offering a free 30-day, no obligation membership until Jan. 31. Located at 42500 Arena

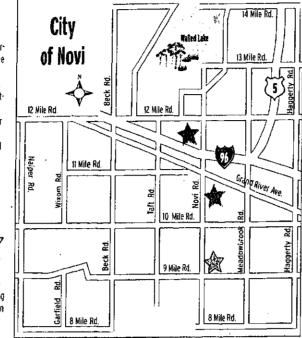
Orive, the fitness center includes cardio equipment with personal enter tainment systems; resistance and free weight equipment; state-of-the-art yoga studio and classes; Stott Pilates mat classes; 12 tennis courts; an eight lane, 25-meter lap pool; individual steam, sauna and whirloool rooms for men and women: luxurious, safe and secure locker rooms with towels: cool

### ANNIVERSARY Navis Pack & Ship Navis Pack & Ship in Novi is celebrating its third anniversary

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down cafe: and a kids center is avail-

this mooth. The commany ships and packages fragile. large, awkward and valuable merchandise worldwide. Navis won the recognition of being the fastest growing franchise in its network and was chosen as the Detroit Tigers Stadium memorabilia shipper by their auction company.



## IT'S YOUR BUSINESS Q&A



Patrons at bd's Mongolian Grill enjoy fresh food at the Main Street Novi location.

## bd's Mongolian offers great grilling in Novi

A. Billy Downs, founder Q. Your hometown?

A. Northville Q. When did this location open? A. bd's originally opened its doors in Royal Oak in 1992 and expanded to Novi in 1999. Q. How many employees do you

A. 56 in Novi Q. Your business specialty? A. Stir-Fry! We specialize in

extraordinary and fun dining Q. Tell us about your business, including the types of services and products you feature? A. bd's Mongolian Grill is a

bd's, it's all about CHOICE. create-your-own stir-fry casual Nothing showcases that fact dining restaurant where guests more than our current Fun choose their meal from choice Fit Food promotion – two meats, fresh vegetables and flavor-packed sauces. Each our guests about the options

NUMBER AND ADDRESS OF THE PARTY OF THE PARTY.

After 5 Networking at Gina Agosta Salon 5-7 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 20 in the Pheasant Run Plaza, 39831 Grand River Ave. Join us for networking, food, drink, raffles, specials/promos and mini spa services. Register online at www.novichamber.com or call (248) 349-3743. Pre-registra-

tion is \$15 and \$20 at the door. www.novichamber.com for The State of the City Address and Luncheon will take place 11:30 a.m. Thursday, Tables: Jan. 22, at the Rock Financial Showplace, 46100 Grand River 8:30 a.m. Picasso Café. Ave. Mayor David Landry will provide Novi citizens and business partners an opportunity to reflect on 2008 accomolishments and goals to strive Committee 11:30 a.m. at Chamber office. toward in 2009. Call the City

the 10th Annual Threads of the event program, media more information.

• Jan. 15 – Sales Leads 2, Jan. 19 – Healthy Lifestyles 7:30 a.m. Providence Hospital's new cafeteria. • Jan. 20 - Ambassador

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restaurant. When I was working in London after graduating from Michigan State, I was introduced to the "Mongolian grill" concept and just knew that months dedicated to educating I could make it successful back

available to them at bd's.

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Q. What makes your business unique?

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• Jan. 21 - Events Committee, 4 p.m. at

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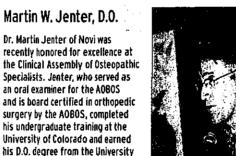
### BUSINESS NEWSMAKERS



Paul LaCasse, D.O., was named president and CEO of Botsford Health Care. He will also continue his role as President and CEO of Botsford Hospital. LaCasse replaces Gerson Cooper who served as president and CEO of Botsford Health Care for more than 20 years. LaCasse has been a member of the Botsford Hospital medical staff since 1979. He has served various roles at Botsford Hospital including Emergency Department physician, medical director and executive vice president and chief operating officer. LaCasse is a graduate of Michigan State University College of Osteopathic Medicine. He also earned a master's degree in Public Health. Health

Services Management and Policy from the University of Michigan School of Public Botsford Health Care is an integrated system of care, which includes Botsford Hospital, the Botsford Physician Network, Community Emergency Medical Service, the Botsford Commons Senior Community and the Botsford Center for Health 8779 111-11

mprovement in Novi. Botsford's Web address is www.botsford.org.



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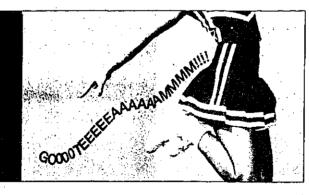
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## Will new administration influence your investment moves?

As you review possible changes in your investment strategy due to moves made by the new

administration, you may want to take the opportunity to "rebalance" your portfolio by adjusting

your investment mix. Under normal circumstances, such rebalancing could involve capital gains

considerations, since you might be selling appreciated assets. However, given the steep market

decline of recent months, it's quite possible that you can now sell part of your assets at a loss to

offset any gains you might have - and if you don't have any gains, you can carry the loss forward to

Next week, President-elect Barack Obama will become

President Obama. Like people across the country, you will no doubt be greatly interested in how his actions will affect a wide varicty of domestic and foreignpolicy issues.

But from a personal point of future years. view, you may also be thinking about what an Obama Administration will mean for your investment strategy. In reality, the actions of any administration generally have

financial markets. In our complex, interconnected world, a variety of factors - from actions of the Federal Reserve to corporate profits to oil prices to political instability abroad - all play a key role in determining the fortunes of the stock and bond

Consequently, you need to progress of new legislation take a truly global perspective proposed by the Obama on your investment strategy

 and avoid getting caught only a limited impact on the up in the potential ramifications of who's in charge in Washington. Nonetheless, you may still want to pay some attention to potential changes introduced by the new administration. Here are a couple of areas to consider:

■ New legislation— You may want to follow the

Administration, For example will a successful push toward "green" energy benefit renewable energy companies? Right now, no one can answer this question. In fact, even if these changes are enacted, it will take some time to sort them out to determine what, if any, impact they could have on various market sectors. So. your best bet is to watch the course of legislation and its

aftermath. ■ Investment taxes — It

seems likely that the Obama Administration and Congress will allow the Bush tax cuts on capital gains and dividends to expire. While you need to be aware of this development, you don't necessarily have to make major changes to your investment strategy. In the case of capital gains taxes, you can delay them by simly holding on to your stocks for the long term — which

dend-paying stocks may still be good investment choices. because they usually represent solid, profitable companies that seek to reward their investors. However, if you are concerned about the effect of higher capital gains and divi-

dend taxes, you might want

such as tax-exempt municipal

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future years. So, pay attention to what's happening in Washington, and, at the same time, look for opportunities to rebalance. But keep in mind that your long-term investment strategy should be based on your individual needs, goals, risk tolerstrategy due to moves made by ance and time horizon. And that's true in all political and economic environments.

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## Former Walled Lake-based train travel company sold

Train Travel, Inc., formerly based in Walled Lake; was sold to the Patterson Consulting Group of Buffalo

New York as of Jan. 1. For the past 24 years Train Travel, Inc. has been the lessee and operator of three local rail attractions Michigan Star Clipper Dinner Train, the Walled Lake Scenic Railway and Pullman Palace Bed & Breakfast.

The rail equipment, branding rights of the trains and other assets are owned by subsidiaries of Railmark

Holdings, Inc. Patterson Consulting Group, Inc. of Buffalo New York purchased the corporation and certain marketing rights and plans to transform the company from a rail attraction operator into a full-service rail travel agency specializing in organizing and offering rail tours and experiences from a variety of rail organizations in North America and abroad. -Soon to be featured is its

customer service Web site. www.rideourtrains.com. Train Travel, Inc. will be permanently relocating to next 30 days.

Guy G. Patterson, Jr., president and CEO of the Patterson Consulting Group Inc., said, "This acquisition fits well into our corporate objectives. The travel industry needs a simple customer service solution to address the public's growing interest in rail tours. The name and internet positioning offered by this acquisition will allow us to move more quickly towards our goals."

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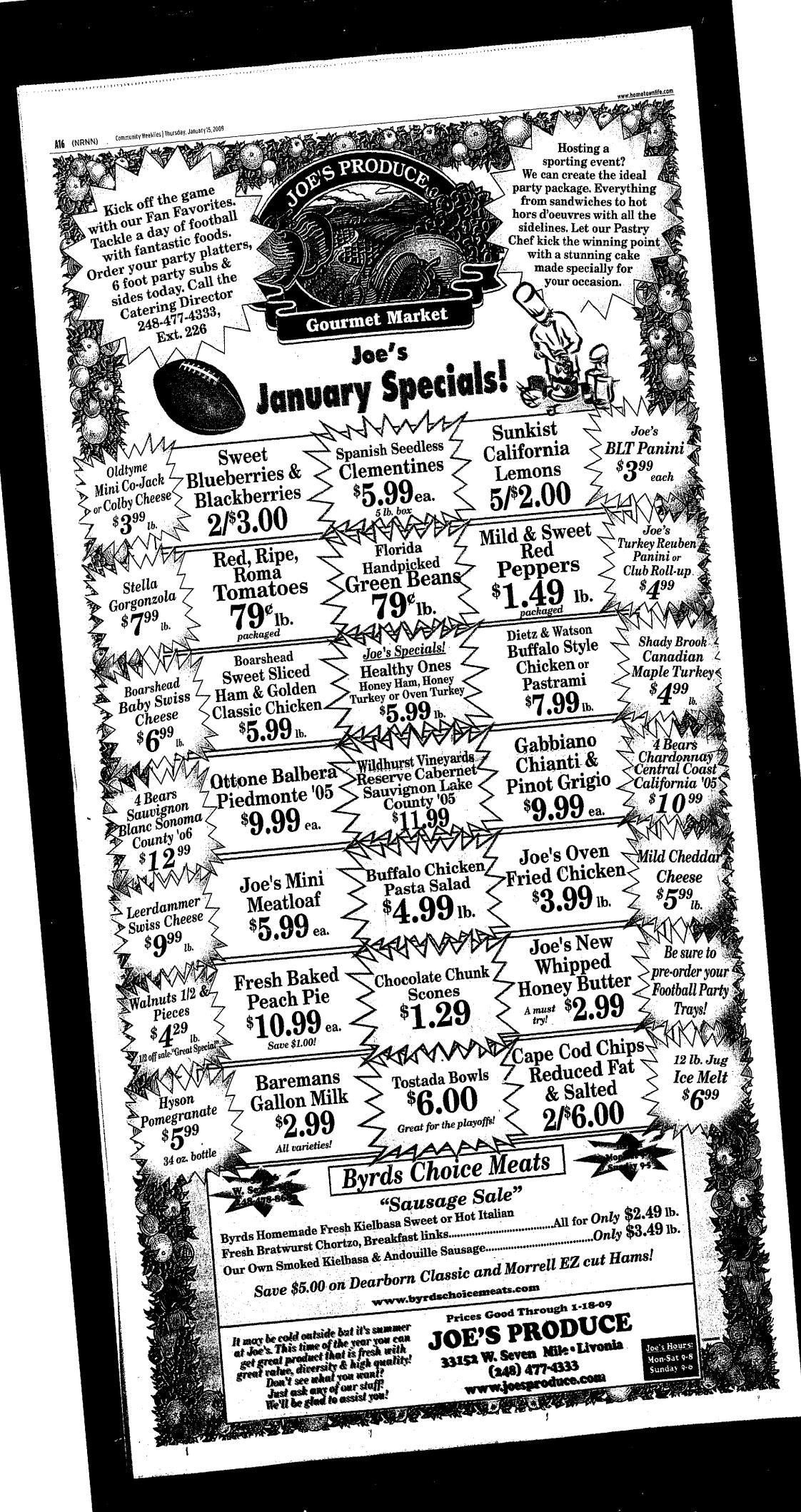
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# CC's Gatt leads All-Area soccer squad

## Novi's Gauruder, Brockman earn First Team honors

BY MIKE ROSENBAUM

Area soccer teams take note
— Catholic Central's Josh Gatt
may play with a senior's smarts
and skill, but you haven't seen
the last of him. Just a junior,
Gatt led the Shamrocks in
goals (14) and assists (10) this
season while earning almost
every honor a player can gain.
The Shamrocks scored 43 goals
this year, and Gatt was directly
responsible for 24 of them.

"Josh is a scoring machine," CC head coach Joe Nora said. "He can flat out finish. He always has been able to put the ball in the net.

This year he really raised his game to the next level. He showed an amazing ability to defend, to organize the team and to be an affective leader.

He was an All-State Dream Team selection, gained All-Region and All-District honors and was selected First Team All-Catholic for the secondconsecutive season.

A member of the Under-18 national team, Gatt is the All-

Area Soccer Player of the Year.
"What's great about Josh is
he just wants to be part of the
team, and he has a very strong
will to win and get better every
day," Nora said. "He does all
this with a huge smile on his
face everyday. He loves the
game and loves to compete."

## ALL-AREA FIRST TEAM

The All-Area team was selected by a consensus of the area's coaches. Northville coaches did not respond to requests for information.

Remaining All-Area forwards include Novi's Garrett Gauruder, a three-year starter who scored 11 goals and added three assists last season, during which he also played midfield and defense. He was a Third Team All-State choice and a First Team All-KLAA selection.

Lakeland's Trevor Stevens netted 14 goals to set a new single-season school record. He was voted the team's top offensive player and earned All-District and All-KLAA honors.

Northville's Alex Marilley was an All-KLAA and Honorable Mention All-State selection.

Fellow Mustang Latif Alashe leads the midfield contingent. He was an All-State Dream Team and All-KLAA selection this season.

Other midfielders include Lakeland's Bryan Bouck. The Eagles' captain scored eight goals and was voted the team's Most Valuable Player. He earned Honorable Mention All-State notice along with

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PHOTO SUBMITTE

## Catholic Central's Josh Gatt is the All-Area Player of the Year.

# Quick starts lead to two victories in Upper Peninsula

SPORTS WRITER

The Novi hockey team completed its annual trek to the Upper Peninsula with great results. The Wildcats improved to 9-3-1 with wins against Calumet (Jan. 9) and Houghton (Jan. 10).

## NOVI 4, CALUMENT 2

Novi scored all four of its goals in the opening period.

Tyler Manning lit the lamp with 9:33 left, followed by Tyler Perpich at 7:39, Manning again at 5:14 and Erik Aepelbacher with 4:02 left. Nolan Valleau and Nick Hansen each picked

up a pair of assists during the scoring frenzy.

Calumet stopped the tie with a goal in the second and another in the third.

Michael Pesendorfer stopped 16 of 18 shots for the win.

## NOVI 5, HOUGHTON 1

The Wildcats again came out on fire early, racing out to a 3-0 lead by the end of the first

period.
Valleau found the back of the net just 46
seconds in. Kyle Masiarczyk was next midway
through the period, and Taylor Howell put the
Cats up 3-0 with 3:24 left in the first.

Perpich added a goal in the second, and Valleau netted another in the third to cap the scoring.

The Wildcat power play was on fire, accounting for four of the five goals.

Pesendorfer stopped 18 of 19 shots for the win.

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The Novi hockey team swept both games during its annual trip to the Upper Peninsula.

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PREP BASKETBALL

## Wildcat Chris Bellamy plays-close defense against Walled Lake Northern's Brandon Alexander in Tuesday night's home game. Cats stumbled out of the gate in '09



A quintet of Wildcats hits the floor in a game against Walled Lake Northern. From left: Tyler Wenson, Brad Kotylo, Chris Bellamy, Nick Brockman and Brandon Bryant.

> BY JEFF THEISEN SPORTS WRITER

The new year did not start as planned for the Wildcats. A wild ending results in Novi's first

loss, 66-64, at John Glenn. The Wildcats trailed by 11 midway through the fourth quarter before rallying back.

Chris Bellamy hit a three-pointer, and Jeremy Mims sole the inbound and hit the bucket to pull within one. A steal followed by a Bellamy layup put the Wildcats up 64-63 with just more than 30 seconds to play. John Glenn took the lead on Jon

Swaggerty's only basket of the game

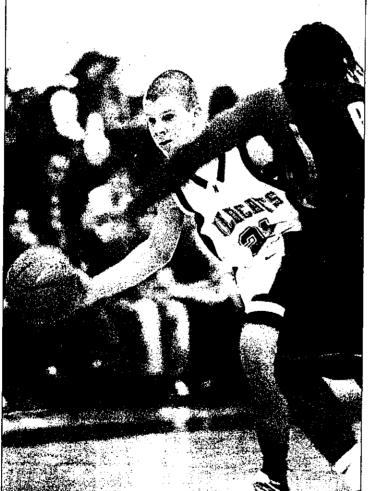
to regain the lead. Bellamy's driving shot did not fall and the Cats were forced to foul.

After a split with three second left, Bellamy hoisted a half-court shot that hit the front of the rim as the clock expired.

Bellamy led all scorers with 27 points, including 14 in the fourth quarter. Nick Brockman and Brandon Bryant each contributed eight points. Samer Ozeir led Novi with eight

rebounds and two blocks. "As disappointing as it feels to come out on the short end, when I look at this game in the proper perspective, we will have a lot of positives come out of it," Novi head coach Cory Heitsch said. "We were put in situations that can only be experienced live and, for the most part, handled it very well."

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Novi's Brad Kotylo brings the ball up court against Walled Lake Northern.

## Wildcat girls basketball off to strong start in 2009

bling its total through the first

Novi was strong at the free

three quarters with 17 points.

BY JEFF THEISEN SPORTS WRITER

Caroline Johnson accounted for almost half of Novi's 36 points in Friday's 36-31 win

against Plymouth. Johnson scored a game-high 16 points, on a night when the Novi offense was almost nonexistent in the first half. The game was tied at 10

after the first quarter, but the Wildcats (4-2) were held scoreless in the second quarter and trailed by seven at the break. Novi's defense came alive in the second half, holding Plymouth (3-3) to just three points in the third, cutting the

final quarter.

NOVI 55, JOHN GLENN 28 The Novi girls were sparked by the return of Caroline Johnson. lead to 20-19 heading into the She pitched in 11 points to help The Wildcat offense came lead the offense. Jessica Cingel alive in the fourth, almost douwas high with 13 points.

The Wildcat defense took center stage, not allowing double-digit scoring in any of throw line, making eight of nine the four quarters. Novi led 10-7 after one, 22-13 at the half and 38-20 heading into the fourth.

The Freshman team continues to mow down its opponents. The Wildcats hammered John Glenn 69-9 and beat Plymouth 36-28, improving to 6-0.

In the 60-point win, Elyssa Kozak was the high scorer with 12 points. Abby Robinson and Maddie Haustein each scored

Against Plymouth, Natalie Paul led with seven points. Haustein scored five points and snagged six steals.

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## **ALL-AREA**

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PLAYER OF THE YEAR Josh Gatt, Catholic Central

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All-Region, All-District and All-KLAA honors, Bouck "had a great year as our playmaker in the middle," said Lakeland

coach Mark Janssen. Novi's Nick Brockman was also an All-KLAA and Honorable Mention All-State "He did a great job of con-

tributing defensively and offensively as the game would allow," said Novi coach Brian O'Leary. Area defenders are led by Third Team All-State choice Nick Kristock of Catholic

Central. A four-year starter, Kristock was a member of the Under-18 regional team, a twotime All-Catholic choice as well as earning All-District and All-Region honors. Kristock was "our leader on the field," said CC coach Joe Nora. South Lyon senior Adam

Gentile was a strong two-way player who tallied 11 goals and eight assists this season The four-year letterman is third on South Lyon's all-time list with 27 career goals and fourth in career points with 42. He earned All-KLAA and All-District honors this season and will play for Spring Arbor College.

Honorable Mention All-State choice Nick Sclabasi of Northville rounds out the defensive corps. Sclabasi also gained All-KLAA honors this

The All-Area goalkeeper is Brian Young of South Lyon. Young had eight shutouts and 148 saves playing in the tough KLAA Central Division this season, including a 17save effort in a 1-1 tie with Northville plus 22 saves in a 2-1 loss to Livonia Stevenson. The four-year letterman

Acitelli, Naveed Firoozgan, Matt Salciccioli; Milford: Steve Lovera, Drew Newell, Dylan Polcyn, Devon Rusas; Novi: Dan Kilger, Bobby Laski, Max Wujczyk; South Lyon: Curt Green; South Lyon East: Richard Kleitch, Brian McElroy, Matt McGlinnen, Nolan Nunez, Andrew Rudd.

HONORABLE MENTION

Catholic Central: Joe Bellino, Brandon Waterstradt; Lakeland: Matt

games, winning 38, with 22 shutouts. He contributed to the Lions' offense with 11 assists, including seven this season. Young holds school records for shutouts in one season (11) and a career (19),

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as well as for career saves (370) and career goals-against average (.966 goals per game). He earned All-KLAA and All-District honors this season and will play for Jackson Community College.

## CC basketball stays red hot

SPORTS WRITER

The Shamrock basketball train keeps rolling with a 65-50 victory Tuesday night against Taylor Kennedy. CC (5-0) was paced by 28 points by Steve Harding. Tim Dezelski was next with 12. The Shamrocks tallied 17 points in each of the first two

ing into the game.

The Shamrocks lost a pair of year at a tri-meet. 32-30. quarters for a 34-21 halftime

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lead they wouldn't relinquish. Kennedy was also 4-0 head-

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close matches against Hudson and Dundee to start the new Hudson beat CC 38-28, and Dundee edged the Shamrocks

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Todd Melick at 103 pounds, Alec Mooradian at 112, Justin Melic at 119, Charlie Joseph at 125 and Kevin Sullivan at 140. Winning against Dundce were Mooradian, Trevor

Erickson at 160. John Worth at

189, Mike Kinville at 215 and Andrew Johnson at 285.

O'Connor at 152, Andy

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## Novi cheer third at home meet

The Novi boys ski team

Against Lakeland, Garrett

Against West Bloomfield,

Farley again led the way with a

second-place finish in the slalom

(58.68) and a third-place finish

Bloomfield on Monday.

giant slalom (29.43).

SPORTS WRITER

The Novi competitive cheer team finished third at its home invite Saturday.

Utica Eisenhower won with 726.8902 points, followed by Troy High with 722.3936 and Novi with 710.828 in the seventeam field. Scores by round for the

Wildcats were 211, 216.228 and 283.6 for a season-high total. The Wildcats are back in action 10 a.m. Saturday at Wayndotte-Roosevelt High

The Novi girls also earned a split Monday against the same

The Wildcats beat West defeated Lakeland 17-19 and just fell short in a 18-19 loss to West Bloomfield 14-23 but lost to Lakeland 17-19. In the win, Novi went 2-3-4 Farley led the Wildcats with a in the overall standings. Megan second-place finish in the slalom Burns was second with slalom and giant slalom combined time (28.26). He was also the leader of 1:04.65. Danielle Falsoome with a third-place finish in the was third in 1:04.83 and Hailey

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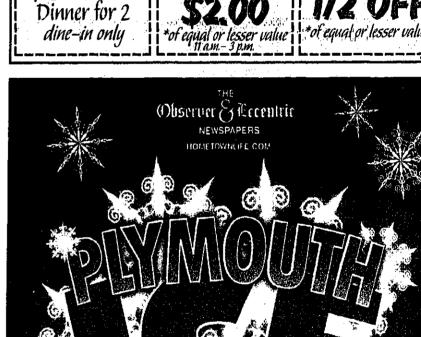






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## CC's Darnell scores all 3 to thwart Stevenson

BY BRAD EMONS

**GANNETT NEWS SERVICE** 

Brent Darnell was the straw that stirred the drink in Novi-Detroit Catholic Central's come-from-behind 3-2 hockey win Friday night over host Livonia Stevenson in a game played at Edgar Arena.

The 6-foot, 180-pound junior forward, who has already committed to

Michigan State, scored all three goals, including two in the final period, to propel the state-ranked Shamrocks to victory.

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CC is now 8-1-1 overall, while Stevenson falls to 5-4-1. Stevenson took a 2-1 lead into the final 15 minutes of action on a pair of secondperiod goals by Justin Shureb.

The sophomore scored on a

power-play at 2:26 from Cole

and Tony Thomas.

Rochowiak and Evan Malick followed by a nifty effort splitting a pair of CC defensemen at 12:43 off an assist from R.J. Kierdorf.

But Darnell, who scored the game's first goal (unassisted) at 12:24 of the opening period, evened the count at 2-all just 42 seconds into the third off assists from Steven Hensley

Darnell then bagged the

game-winner with 9:12 remaining on a shot that caromed off the inside post with assists going to Hensley and Ryan Obuchowski.

Stevenson head coach David Mitchell knows Darnell all too well. He was an assistant coach on a Compuware youth team where Darnell played as an 11- and 12-year-old.

"They (CC) are a solid and deep team, and Darnell is an

elite player who did what they needed him to do to win," Mitchell said. "He's a great hockey player."

Stevenson junior netminder Danny Sager stood out as he stopped 25-of-28 CC shots.

Danny is a good, hardworking kid and it's good to see him play well against a strong and experienced team like CC," Mitchell said.

Despite the loss, Mitchell

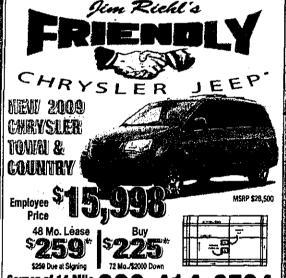
was pleased with his team's

play.
"I think we grew up tonight as a hockey team," he said. "I'm happy with the effort, not necessarily the outcome. We still have to work on consistency and we need to get better. That's been our motto since the beginning of the

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