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## Mayor: Novi is up to the challenges of 2009

BY KELLY MURAD STAFF WRITER

Today, hundreds from the Novi community are expected to gather in the Diamond Ballroom at Rock Financial Showplace to hear Mayor David Landry address the state, health and position of the city, as well as the overall

economy. "While 2009 is certainly going to be a challenge, Novi is definitely up to the challenge," he said. "We are in a position to continue to prosper in this economy.'

**REFLECTING ON THE PAST** 

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After struggling through a year of recession and bailouts, with unemployment and foreSTATE OF THE STATE ADDRESS

Gov. Jennifer Granholm will deliver the 2009 State of the State Address 7 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 3, in the House Chambers at the State Capitol building in Lansing.

closure rates at an all-time high, Landry reflects upon Novi's successes in 2008.

"We're very fortunate that our unemployment rates and our foreclosure rates are lower than the states," he said. "We have been able to attract businesses even in this economy."

Landry recognizes the city's approach to diversifying its tax base as a major reason for Novi's fiscal health.

"In the face of the economy, you don't stop what you're doing, you just get smarter." CITY OF HOVE MAYOR DAVID LAXORY

The mayor notes developments such as ITC Transmission, Ryder Systems, The Art Institute of Michigan, Harman Becker, Staybridge

Suites, JPRA Architects, and a

number of medical facilities as

significant additions to Novi's more than 1,600 businesses. During 2007, Landry said the nonresidential tax base in the City of Novi increased by

\$50 million. "You have to keep a well-balanced tax base and make sure your infrastructure is up to speed," he said.

Substantial improvements

made in 2008 to what Landry refers to as a city's "big three" - roads, public safety and water and sewer - include the addition of two miles of sewer main, improvements to more than two miles of neighborhood roads and the renovation of Fire Station No. 2, located at 13 Mile and Novi roads.

He said safety and the ability to get around the city are among the reasons Novi was selected as one of the top 100 places to live by Money Magazine.

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Oakland County Executive L. Brooks Patterson, left, and Novi Mayor David Landry were in attendance at the grand opening of Novi's ITC headquarters.

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### **Let Freedom Ring**

The Novi Middle School Liberty Belles perform at Monday night's Unity in the Community gathering honoring Martin Luther King Jr. at Novi High School.

### Monday marks last district community forum

Novi High School schedule changes discussed

> BY VICTORIA MITCHELL STAFF WRITER

The last opportunity for residents to learn more about the Novi High School proposed schedule change is Monday.

**NOVI HIGH SCHOOL COMMUNITY FORUM** 

6:30 p.m. Monday, Jan. 26 Instructional Technology Center, 25345 Taft Road

The final community forum will take place 6:30 p.m. in the Instructional Technology Center, 25345 Taft Road behind the Educational Services Building. An initial forum was

held Jan. 15.

The schedule recommended is a 4X4 alternating block, a change from the 4X4 block the high school uses now.

The most notable change is students would take eight yearlong classes on alternating days, one-credit per class, eight credits per year. Students would not change classes and no class would require two credits to complete.

District officials state the

changes are needed for many reasons. The driving force is in 2006, the State of Michigan imposed the Michigan Merit Curriculum, beginning with the Class of 2011, mandating specific courses with a specific curriculum students must pass

in order to graduate. Another reason stated by officials is the change reflects feedback throughout the years

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## **Novi schools, businesses** ax peanut butter products

BY KELLY MURAD STAFF WRITER

Local grocers, as well as the Novi Community School District, are taking precautionary measures in dealing with the salmonella scare recently linked to peanut

"We're going to play it safe and pull off anything containing peanut products. said JoAnn Clements, director of the school district's department.

Ongoing investigations have revealed a nationwide outbreak of salmonella typhimurium has sickened about 475 people, including 25 in Michigan, since early September, and may have contributed to the deaths of at least six people.

"Salmonella is a bacteria that you usually ingest and it generally causes nausea. vomiting, diarrhea and abdominal cramping," said Dr. Tammy Lundstrom, chief medical officer at Providence Park Hospital in Novi. "Some people have to be treated with antibiotics, but most people get better on their own."

Lundstrom, who is an infectious disease specialist, said most people contract the illness within 12-72 hours after eating salmonella-contaminated food, and will be sick for four to seven days.

The latest sources of salmonella were traced to products produced at a Georgia plant, owned by Peanut Corporation of America. The company manufactures peanut butter and peanut paste for distribution to be used in commercially produced products including cakes, cookies, kmurad@gannett.com | (248) 349-1700 Ext. 263

crackers, candies, cereal and ice cream.

According to the government, Peanut Corporation of America does not sell peanut butter directly to consumers, and major national brands of jarred peanut butter do not appear to be affected.

Novi Community Schools food service officials confirmed that no peanut products sold to district cafeterias are part of the current food recall, but to ensure the safeed the sale of peanut products in school cafeterias and vending machines until the health problem is resolved.

"We do serve very minimal peanut products as it is." Clements said.

Due to allergies, no peanut products are sold in K-five and very limited peanut products are sold to students in grades sixth-12.

Many companies have also voluntarily recalled peanut butter products, pending the FDA investigation.

Kroger has recalled Private Selection Peanut Butter Passion Ice Cream, and Meijer has recalled Meijer Cheese and Peanut Butter Sandwich Crackers, Meijer Toasty Peanut Butter Sandwich Crackers, Meijer Peanut Butter and Jelly Ice Cream and Meijer Peanut Butter Cup Ice Cream.

Customers who have purchased any of the recalled items from Kroger or Meijer can return them to the stores for a full refund.

An updated list of recalled products can be found on the Food and Drug Administration Web site at www.fda.gov.

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Getting help for DTV transition

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## **Novi prepares for DTV** transition

BY KELLY MURAD STAFF WRITER

As the deadline looms for the federally mandated digital television transition. local businesses are offering consumers the necessary products and solutions to make the switch as smooth

as possible. Solutions in Walled Lake said households who wish to keep the goal of its Web site is to explain the transition and offer services to help facilitate the change.

As of midnight Feb. 17, all television stations in the United States will stop broadcasting in analog and switch to digital broadcast-

ing.
"If someone is currently using a standard definition television with an over-theair antenna, then on the date of the transition their TVs will just go to snow," said Jerry Chapman, president of the Novi-based Solid Signal.

Those who are currently connected to cable, satellite or any other pay TV service should not be affected. In an effort to assist with ment is offering \$40 TV Converter Box Coupons for

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their analog television sets. The Novi-based Solid Signal is an online retailer of high-tech consumer electronics and a governmentapproved vendor of digital elevision converter boxes.

"We carry a variety of products for those who want a choice," Chapman said, noting his company sells 5,000-7,000 converter boxes a week. "I think people think it's going to give them cable, but it just enhances what you've already got."

On average, Chapman said converter boxes range from \$50-\$90 and are offered with various amenities.

Other transition solutions include purchasing a new television with a built-in digital tuner or subscribing to cable services through a local provider.

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Jerry Chapman, of Novi's Solid Signal, has been selling thousands of these digital TV signal converter boxes through his business off of Haggerty Road.

According to Digital Communication Solutions the transition is happening because broadcasters became interested in high-definition television and providing more channels to viewers,

while Congress backed the move to digital to free up the analog channels for emergency communications and Among the benefits of the

switch to digital, Chapman

. "We want to remind resi-

said it will offer different programming options and a clearer picture. Although the switch day is still Feb. 17, a postponement, supported by the Obama

voted on by lawmakers in coming weeks. For more information regarding the switch, visit www.dtv2009.gov.

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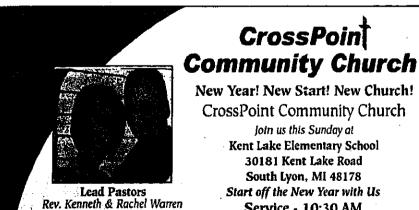
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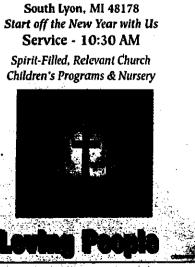




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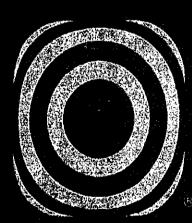
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– if this bleak scene seems familiar, it is because it is. Two years ago, Michigan was facing a cerily similar situation. Gov. Jennifer Granholm then summoned some of the smartest and

changes in government cost and organization. Among them were recommendations to trim generous pension and fringe benefits enjoyed by state employees, achieve comprehensive health most experienced folks in the care reform and, encourage local governments and schools to share administrative ser-

Financial Advisory Board.

a short, comprehensive and

sensible report that called

for far-reaching structural

The report also called for Lansing to get a handle on the skyrocketing costs of our prison system. But to the administration and legislature's disgrace, the report was quickly forgotten, and nearly all these highly sensible recommendations were ignored. Now, after two years of vig-

orously kicking the can down the road, we face much the same situation. This time, however, there are some encouraging signs of change. Corrections spending offers a good example. Nearly everybody recognizes that our

a year on warehousing felons – more than we spend in our The board was co-chaired by colleges and universities — is former governors Bill Milliken a poor idea. Republicans have and Jim Blanchard. EFAP, as generally urged changes in it came to be called, produced prison management, including cutting down millions of dollars in overtime caused by rigid work rules for prison guards and privatizing some functions such as health care and food service.

> ons bulging at the seams. something that is the product of rigid and tough sentencing guidelines. Alas, nobody was willing to meet the other side halfway,

Democrats pointed to pris-

and so year after year, nothing Then late last year, an unprecedented coalition of groups - including vari-

ous chambers of commerce. Detroit Renaissance, the Small Business Association. Michigan Municipal League, Michigan Hospital Association and The Center for Michigan issued an open letter to Michigan citizens calling on the governor and legislature to cut "several hundreds of millions from corrections spending" over the next several years. Eyes widened in sur-

Suddenly, there are signs that the Department of Corrections and legislative leaders have agreed to modify the workings of the parole system so as to get inmates out of the system, thereby saving \$20 million to \$30 million annually. Coalition members, while praising this as a good first step, are calling for more cuts.

On another front. Gov. Granholm last week announced "nothing is off the table" when working to balance the budget, including possible major changes in the organization of state government. Lt. Gov. John Cherry let the obvious be known: That Michigan's overnmental structure is ased on a 1950s manufacturing model and needs to be brought into the 21st century.

There's a long way to go: While the state today has 22,000 fewer workers than it had 30 years ago, it has three times the number of employees working in prisons.

Yet some valuable ideas are already beginning to percolate through Lansing. Kevin Prokop, co-chair of the Legislative Commission on Government Efficiency, said last week that his commission will be proposing \$1.5 billion to \$3 billion savings when it reports later this spring. And a group including Detroit Renaissance, The Center for Michigan and both the Detroit and Michigan Chambers of Commerce will release this week a comprehensive list of ways to save billions, including the kinds of structural changes in state government that both parties have resisted for years.

Without a doubt, Michigan must cut spending in order to get coming deficits under control. Far more important is the need to resolve the structural deficit that will mount to \$10 billion by 2017 if nothing is done. Getting our financial house in order is an essential first step in a long-term program to put Michigan on the right track.

Another important step is to reform the tax system that was jury-rigged with a new Michigan Business Tax two years ago.

The tax itself was at first seen as an improvement on the old Single Business Tax — till lawmakers couldn't agree on a variety of other ways to raise necessary revenue. So at the last moment in September 2007, a 20 percent surcharge was slapped on top of the new MBT. That infuriated many

businesses, who felt betrayed Finally, though it has taken a long time coming, those we elect to lead us seem to be getting the message. This may sound like a cliché, but it just might be that in Michigan's case, the crisis of 2009 will turn out to be much too valuable a thing to put to waste.

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### **Business communication** seminar at Walsh College

The Michigan Chamber of Commerce is hosting a series of communication seminars designed to help businesses communicate news to internal and external audiences during tough economic times. In cooperation with the Michigan Chamber, Rick Kamel, president of PRBYTHEMINUTE. com will present the seminar from 9-11:30 a.m. Thursday, Feb. 5 at Walsh College, Novi campus, 41500 Gardenbrook Road. The seminar costs \$95, or \$75 for Michigan Chamber members. For more information or to register, visit mes2. michamber.com.

### Volunteers needed for city boards and commissions

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. Anyone interested in volunteering to serve on a board 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 applicants must be present at 7 p.m. Monday, Feb. 2 in council chambers for inter-

**NOVI BRIEFLY** 

Jeff Sneed leans over to interpret his daughter Jacqueline's wishes while the two pause on the dance floor at last year's Daddy Daughter Dance.

### Glitter and Glam

Novi Parks is hosting its annual Daddy Daughter Dance 7-9 p.m. Friday, Feb. 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 appetizers, desserts, swag bags and dancing. Photo packages are available for an additional fee.

As the platinum sponsor 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 able. To take advantage of the person for \$17. offer, call (248) 735-8850.

### One month free at Sports Club of Novi

Anyone thinking about joining a health club can register for a free 30-day trial, no obligation membership at the Sports Club of Novi until Jan. 31. Located at 42500 Arena Drive, the fitness center includes cardio equipment with personal entertain ment systems; resistance and free weight equipment; state-ofthe-art yoga studio and classes: Stott Pilates mat classes; 12 tennis courts; an eight-lane, 25-meter lap pool; individual steam, sauna and whirlpool rooms for men and women; lux urious, safe and secure locker rooms with towels; cool down cafe; and a kids center is avail-

## Novi middle schoolers design self-sufficient places to live

FREE PRESS EDUCATION WRITER

Moving walkways, doors that open by pushing a button on a wristband and cities built in layers were a fraction of the ideas from 800 students representing 25 middle schools competing last Wednesday in the Michigan Future City

Competition in Novi. The students' challenge this year was to create a self-sufficient city where homes conserved, recycled and reused water. Their only limit was their imagination. Most teams spent upward of 100 hours developing their projects. "It involves kids from all

walks ... to really develop the city they want to live in in the future," said Ronald Smith, director of education for the Engineering Society of Detroit,

which sponsors the annual event intended to encourage students to study engineering, science and math

This year's winning effort came from St. John Lutheran Middle School in Rochester, but there was no shortage of entries that got the judges' attention. Novi Middle School's city,

Winnersville, used microwa and solar power and collected rainwater from homes Dearborn Heights Montessori School students' Hydropolis was layered so residents could travel mostly by conveyer belt or tram, instead of by ear, All the homes were self-sufficient. using a hydrogen fuel cell and recycled rainwater.

"In the future, there's not so much fossil fuels left, so there's a lot of people to buy our biofuels, so that's the basis of our

Chris Wepler, 13, of Belleville. Students from Shrine Catholic Academy in Royal Oak took apart an outdated computer and used the parts to build Shrineopolis, including CDs for towers and circuits for mechanical parts. They doubled up on water power hydroclectric from a river and tidal from the ocean sur rounding their island city. They

gather even more energy. "The most surprising was probably how all of our ideas melded together," said Daniel Fresnak, 13, an eighth-grader from Royal Oak.

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**Bucket Fillers!** 

High School Daily Schedule Information 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

officially designated a "Bucket-filling" school.

community involvement. To facilitate the process, a community forum will take place 6:30 p.m. Monday, Jan. 26 at the Instructional Technology Center on Taft Road.

On Friday, Jan. 9, the students of Novi Woods had an assembly based on the book by Carol McCloud "Have You

Filled a Bucket Today?" At the end of the assembly, all students pledged to fill buckets and the school was

Curriculum Night

On Wednesday, Feb. 4, Novi

High School will be holding its allow attendees to go through Curriculum Night-Open House the entire class schedule for for all parents and guardians wishing to meet the teachers and see the classrooms their students will be learning and growing in throughout the

Curriculum Night will also provide course information course of the second semester. relative to grading, curriculum, The evening is designed to attendance and general classroom expectations. The event is not for individual parentteacher conferences, as conferences will be held 5-8 p.m. March 18. The schedule for Curriculum Night is as follows:

**CLASS NOTES** 

7-7:15 p.m. Welcome, Fuerst Auditorium 7:15-7:30 p.m. First Block 7:30-7:35 p.m. Hall Passing 7:35-7:50 p.m. Second Block 7:50-7:55 p.m. Hall Passing HD, Asperger Syndrome, RAD, 7:55-8:10 p.m. Third Block 8:10-8:15 p.m. Hall Passing 8:15-8:30 p.in. Fourth Block 8:30-8:35 p.m. Hall Passing Medical Autism Board and 8:35- 8:45 p.m. Seminar

their child, and to be given

brief overviews by the teach-

ers regarding the curriculum

taught in each of the classes.

8:45 p.m. Dismissal Novi High School Winter Drumline

HELEN A. WALLACE The Novi High School Winter Drumline is screen-Age 93, of Plymouth, Passed away ing the popular documentary on August 15, 1915, in Palo, "From the 50 Yard Line" at the Michigan, daughter of Harold R. and Novi High School Auditorium 30 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 31 and 2 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 1. Richard B., Donald S. and Michael A Tickets are \$6. Filmmaker, Doug Lantz's award-winning Memorial Service was held at Lynch Wallace; and her sister, Jeanne film has been shown to audiences across the country and around the world. The film shows marching band as never

the Novi High School Winter

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Novi High School Wind

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created in the Providence

Healing Arts' ceramics studio.

this exhibit also features teapots made by Novi High School International Conference students. The Mad Hatter Tea on Autism Spectrum

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 families with Autism Spectrum Gallery is open 8 a.m. to 4 p.m Monday-Friday.

Save the Date

affect one in 150 children today The Novi Educational Foundation's Green Gala is March 21 at the Rock Financial Shownlace.

> Raising Resilient Kids Novi School District is

OCD and many other developpleased 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 conference will include general 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 emowith ASD, their families, caretional 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

Ski Equipment Wanted

The Novi Meadows Outdoor

Education program needs your help. If you have new or gently used cross-country ski equipment, consider donating it to Novi Meadows Outdoor Education. The program is looking to supply enough 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 at (248) 449-1250. A receipt for tax purposes will be given for

Age 54, passed away January 13,

1954, to the late Marvin and Melva

(Stark) Ramsey. Karen is survived

by her three children: Jelf Lev, Mike

Katy) Ley, Debra Ley; her siblings:

Dennis (Jean) Ramsey, Ken (Sandy)

Ramsey, Jan (Jerry) Suzore, Judy

(Wayne)Versivis: loving companio

Kevin Thomas; and three grandchil-

dren. Visitation was held on

Thursday, A Funeral was held on

MORENO SPADONI

January 11, 2009, Beloved husband

Grandfather of four, Brother of

away 1/13/2009. Beloved husband

Home, Inc. of South Lyon.

GERALDINE G. SUGRUE

Age 84, of Northville, passed away

of Egilda. Dear father of Marco Kevin Wallace, John Wallace

(Laura) & the late Franco. Stephen Wallace, David Wallace,

Roberto (Lia) & Stephano Nirella. Browne. She will be sadly missed by

Services were held at the her many nieces and nephews and

CHARLES A. STROBRIDGE January 17 at the Schrader-Howe

She was born on March 11,



3/25/1929 - 1/6/2009. Formerly of Jan. 16, Friday at PHILLIPS FUNER-South Lyon, MI. Jerry died sudden- AL HOME, South Lyon. Online January 11, 2009. Helen was born ly, peacefully in his sleep at his guestbook www.phillipstuneral.com home in Bonilay, FL. He was the son Frantz-Gorman of Farmington, Ml. Survivors are his wife, Joanne Age 79, and a resident of Milford, Hallman-Gorman and five children: passed away on January 12, 2009. A Wallace, her busband Russell I Michael Leonard (Kelli) of Pearland. TX; Patrick Eugene (Janet) of South & Sons Funeral Home, Milford, on (Robert) Mettetal. She is survived by Lyon, MI; Keith Edmund (Amy) of Friday, January 16, 2009. Memorials ther two sisters, Catharine Sherrick Byron Center, MI; Barbara Ziegler of may be made in his name to the and Doris (Herrick) Close, both of Mooresville, NC; Daniel Joseph American Cancer Society or to St. Northville, Also surviving her are (Kimberly) of Chelsea, MI. Also sur- Jude Children's Hospital. viving are two brothers, nine grand iren and one great-grandchild. Mr. Gorman was a retired Regional Manager of the Hobart Corp. in Belleville, Ml. He was an active Church in South Lyon, MI. He was a nast president of the St. Joseph. Parish Council, was a member of the Mens Club, Ushers Club and became an Extraordinary Minister. O'Brien/Sullivan Funeral Home, Novi. their families, as well as neighbors He was also active in the Boy Scouts, in retirement, he was a Club in Bonilay, FL. His hobbies Age 84, of New Hudson, passed Funeral Home. Burial in Davisburg included Bowling, Golfing, Traveling and playing card games particularly of Rose Funeral Service was held to the American Cancer Society in Most of all, he enjoyed last Friday at Casterline Funeral memory of Helen's son, Michael, and being with his family and friends. A Memorial service will be held in MI Contributions to New Hudson United during the Spring at a date to be Methodist Church appreciated.

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later announced. Donations can be

Marianna Team, 4440 Lafayette St.,

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made to the Covenant Hospice,

peacefully on January 18, 2009. She was born April 30, 1924 in Warren **EMILY S. JARVIS** MI to John and Julia (Blazak) Wolfe. Age 97, of Northville. Passed away Geraldine, a devoted homemaker, peacefully on January 18, 2009. She had been a resident of Northville was born March 8, 1911 in Hartford, since 1957; where she was a life long Connecticut to Joseph and Mary friend to many families. She is sur-(Harnrick) Schwartz, She was raised vived by her loving children, Jay n Dearborn and spent most of her Sugrue, Jack (Connie) Dowd, and life there before moving to Northville Mary Sugrue; her sister Donna (80b)
18 years ago. She graduated from Fltzgerald; four grandchildren; 12 Fordson High School. Emily was a great-grandchildren; and many secretary at Long School in Dearborn nieces and nephews. She was prefor 25 years. She was a devoted ceded in death by her first husband er of St. Paul's Lutheran Jack Dowd, her second husband Jim Church in Northville. Emily is sur- Sugrue, her parents, one brother, vived by her children, Patricia and one sister. A Funeral Mass will be held Monday, January 26, 2009 at Albright Jarvis, Frances Dougher, 10 a.m., with visitation beginning at Jarvis; her sister Sophie Long; her 9:30 a.m. at Our Lady of Victory Catholic Church, 133 Orchard, randchildren Patrick, Shelley, Northville, Father Denis Theroux will Shannon, and Emily; and her greatgrandchildren Sean, Ryan, Lauren, id Maximillen. She was preceded in death by her husband Francis, her 14100 Newburgh Rd., Livonia, MI parents, and four sisters. Visitation 48154 would be appreciated. will be held Friday, January 23 from Arrangements entrusted to Casterline 0-11am with the Funeral Service at 11am at St. Paul's Lutheran Church of Elm St. Northville, MI 48167. ciale the service. Emily will be laid to rest at Rural Hill Cemetery in Northville, Donations are suggested to St. Paul's Lutheran Church.

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(Patricia) Wallace and John (Lorrie)

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Jonathan Foulkes and Rebecca

and the hundreds of friends over the

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Paying Loved One

## Cassis' early intervention legislation signed into law

Legislation to help prevent early learning problems and give students the skills required to succeed in school and life was signed into law. said Sen. Nancy Cassis, sponsor of the SAVE the Children

measure. "This act will support classroom teachers and staffs build upon their knowledge of available to their constituent children to identify problems early and intervene with solutions," said Cassis, R-Novi. "As a former school psychologist, I have seen that a team approach is the most effective way to overcome learning obstacles. Having parents, teachers and educational

specialists working together

is vital to giving our young

learners the best start pos-Cassis' bill, now Public Act 582 of 2008, allows intermediate school districts (ISDs) to expensive special education develop model early interven- services," said Cassis. "This ing programs for children in kindergarten through third grade and make the programs an educator and legislator. I districts and public school

academies. The SAVE program is modeled after the Early Learning Success Initiative, a pilot project in a Northville elementary school that has proven to be very cost effective. Six additional school districts have since initiated early interven-

"Our schools can save money by implementing early intervention programs that help students before they need is one of the most important achievements in my career as am proud to have been a lead-

at www.SenatorNancyCassis.

er in this regard, and I look forward to working with the ISDs to help them become more involved in early intervention." For more information on the SAVE the Children program, visit Cassis' Web site

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### **MAYOR**

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LOOKING AHEAD

As Landry looks to the future, he notes the importance of maintaining the "big three," highlights upcoming developments and addresses challenges expected in the upcoming year.

"As I look to 2009, I think it's important to realize what got us to where we are today." he said. "You have to be smart, you have to be frugal, but you don't have to change a successful formula.

Communities statewide will continue to experience a decrease in state shared revenue, and will be faced with finding other ways to make up for the lost revenue.

"A challenge yes, but we can handle it," he said, adding that raising the general fund, fund balance from 8-12 percent to 14-18 percent has allowed the city to stash more money away. "We're actually becoming more prudent, more fiscally conservative."

faced with a bond proposal in 2009, for the development of a Signature Park on the southwest corner of 11 Mile and Beck roads.

recreation facilities, and we

have a very unique opportunity here," he said. "Any building,

basically for free. Landry expects voters to be

Novi Public Library will con-"We have always pursued Landry said.

enhancements to our parks and "Another project you're going to start to see in Sri

any center, the most expensive part is the land, and we have an opportunity to acquire the land

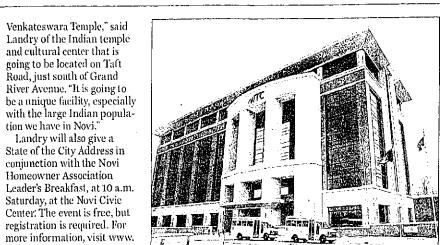
"In the face of the economy, you don't stop what you're doing, you just get smarter. This is exactly the time to be enhancing our parks and rec because we need to stay competitive to keep our tax rates down in the long term." Construction of the new

tinue in 2009 and the majority of the Fuerst Park is slated for completion in the summer,

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tion we have in Novi."



ITC's six-story building can easily be seen from M-5.

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nesday - 9:45-11:15 a.m.: Laures pinne and Wednesday - 7 p.m.: Adult Bible Study w/full children's program George **NEW LIFE CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP** 

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## Update your smile A happy mouth

for a healthy body BY MIKE HOGAN

SPECIAL WRITER Most New Years resolutions have something to do with looking or feeling better, but it can be hard to know where to Local dentists think good

health starts with the mouth. Visiting your dentist can have a great impact on both your health and your appear-

Looking to improve your smile? Teeth whitening is now so commonplace that whitening kits of all prices and varieties can be found local supermarkets. But for a more professional

look, cosmetic dentists offer more effective ways to brighten smiles. Dr. John Halmaghi in Southfield is fully certified

in whitening techniques, like BriteSmile. "It can last up to two years, assuming (the patient) takes care of their teeth," Halmaghi

Halmaghi applies a painless, light-sensitive gel to the teeth. He then uses a special BriteSmile light to activate the gel. The whole process takes iust over an hour. A patient can even have the process completed on the same day as a consult. After a few followup processes at home, a patient

But how white is too white? "If your teeth are transparent, you've gone too far," said Dr. Richard S. Bernstein, Farmington Hills. Bernstein is an expert in the

can see results within a few

Bernstein believes each smile should be as unique

as the person using it. "One size does not fit all," Bernstein said. "I follow certain principles that will bring a more pleasing

nature. It's an art when At-home whitening kits are available at most you're doing supermarkets, but cosmetic dentistry processes are more effective. Bernstein is a member of the American Society for Dental Aesthetics,

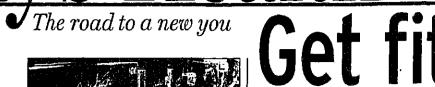
an organization built around the idea that teeth should not only be healthy, but they should also be pleasing to the eye. He is the only member who operates in Michigan.

Designing a smile usually involves shaping the teeth to help them have a proportional nature. In addition to shaping and using veneers, Bernstein also provides Invisalign, the popular, nearly invisible alternative to braces.

Invisalign uses a series of molds that are replaced every two weeks. The molds are expertly made of acrylic and use pressure points to quickly and painlessly set teeth straight. Best of all, Invisalign molds are virtually unnotice-

Smile for health

Visiting the dentist isn't just



The latest in fitness and  $weight\ training\ accessories$ 

BY JOHN R. HALL

Some of the most popular fitness and weight training accessories are also some of the most traditional ones too. Some are steeped in tradition, only to be enhanced and improved for fitness and

weight training routines and

For example, the hula hoop, made popular in the '50s and '60s, has made a comeback as a fitness accessory, albeit more weighted to enhance

The items in the list below represent some of the more popular products used by people who choose to set up their own "in-home gymnasium" in order to achieve the goals they set forth to become fit and healthy in 2009. If you need more information on any of these products and name brand manufacturers, do a word search in your Internet browser. For example, keying in "hula hoop" brings back over five million results!

 Weighted fitness ball - Sometimes known as an exercise ball, it is constructed of elastic soft PVC with a diameter of approximately 14-34 inches. It is most often changes in the child's skeletal used in physical therapy and exercise.

the American Association of • Medicine ball - Weighted Orthodontics recommends. ball usually sold in 2-25 lb. "The result of orthodontic sizes and used in plyometric treatment is not just a beauweight training to increase tiful smile," said Dr. Renee explosive power in athletes in E. Geran, D.D.S., M.S. of all sports. Helps develop core South Lyon Orthodontics. strength and improve coor-"Orthodontic treatment dination, balance and endurensures a functional and healthy bite that lasts a • Kettlebell - A traditional

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lifetime for both adults and Russian cast iron weight children." resembling a cannonball with Between improving your a handle. The kettlebell has appearance and your health, become a popular exercise a new you is just one dentist tool in the United States ... .d

PHOTO BY MIKE HOGAN

A regular checkup can keep

disease. Bacteria from gum

disease can easily travel into

"Once you have gum dis-

"You can only maintain it."

Children as early as age

seven should be seen by an

orthodontist to evaluate if

(jaw) pattern are needed,

case, you never get rid of it,"

the rest of your body.

Bernstein warned.

the whole body healthy, just by

preventing the growth of gum

Some modern kettlebells NEED HELP ACHIEVING feature adjustable weights. YOUR FITNESS GOALS? Kettlebell workouts are intended to increase strength, Check out

endurance, agility and bal-Health & Wellness • Indian clubs - Juggling Fitness Center, equipment that was popular Huron Valley Pool's & Fitness Center and in the late 19th- and early-World Sports Fitness 20th century in Europe, the British Commonwealth and for convenient. the United States. These are local programs! bowling-pin shaped wooden

clubs of varying sizes and

Two types make up this cat-

weights that are swung in certain patterns as part of an strengthen the arms and exercise program. shoulders. This combination • Dumbbells - Possibly the most recognizable of any of an aerobic workout and coordination-building footweight training accessory.

See advertisements below

work has made jumping rope

egory: Adjustable dumbbells, a popular form of exercise for which are weight disks slid athletes, especially boxers and onto the outer portions of the wrestlers. dumbbell and secured with • Exercise mat - Portable clips or collars; and fixedmat that comes in various weight dumbbells, available in sizes and materials, designed a variety of weights and creto give a person the option ated in a dumbbell shape. of working out in a variety of

• Lifting straps - Designed indoor locations. · Weightlifting gloves to alleviate pain associated with heavy lifts but a key - Used for all-purpose trainingredient in weight training, ing and weightlifting. Many i.e. lateral pulldowns, shrugs, of these gloves are made of deadlifts and low rows; any stretch material, including movement, set or exercise mesh, to let fingers and hands

requiring a sure grip. bend naturally. · Resistance band - A por-• Slimmer belt - Can be table alternative to weights for worn for long periods of time strength training. A variety of and adjust to any waist size. exercises have been devised to It "slims and trims" physical target specific muscle groups. appearance immediately and Acrobic step - A comhelps support lower back and mon piece of equipment for

use in many exercise/fitness Pedometer – Used origiprograms. It can come with nally by sports and physical adjustable sizing or stacking fitness enthusiasts and are platforms and is part of lownow popular as an everyday mpact, high-intensity aerobic exercise measurer and motivator. Often worn on the belt • Jump rope - Its use can and kept on all day, it can avoid knee damage that may record how many steps the

occur during running, since wearer has walked that day the impact of each jump or Stopwatch – A handy step is absorbed by both legs. product to time and record Jumping rope also helps: various exercise routines: "



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Novi High School student Treesa Antony gives a speech called "I Believe" during Monday night's Unity in the Community gathering at Novi High School



during Monday night's Unity in the Community celebration of the life of Dr.



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### **FORUM**

that students need to have the opportunity to take more elective classes than under the current

District officials were originally planning on implementing the new schedule for the 2009-10

school year. Superintendent Peter Dion said postponing the decision to change the schedule from the current 4x4 block was made to address the many questions and misconcep-

tions voiced by parents and stu-

dents over the switch. "It is imperative that we modify the existing schedule to accommodate the new state mandated requirements and

educate the whole child in the process," Dion said. Approving the new schedule was on the Novi school board's

Dec. 4 meeting agenda, but was

The new schedule will not be implemented, if adopted by board members, until the 2010-

11 school year. An investigation of possible schedule configurations began two years ago by a 26-member committee, The High School

Scheduling Configuration Committee is made up of teachers, administrators and parents. Some parents and students were concerned the alternate schedule would impact Advanced Placement courses,

change would produce a dis-

while others voiced concern the Once the bride-to-be has said estion, what's the most important



(rightfully sof) and the bridesmands. That leaves the groom and his best man. While the groom is likely diverting all attention (including his town) onto his bride, no one expects much more from the best man than service to customers time and time again. This is the foundation of WEINSTEIN /EWELERS coming up with the wedding band during the ceremony and delivering a memorable toast. What does he get for wonderful selection of gifts for everyone engagement and wedding rings, we have a wonderful selection of gifts for everyone i his effort? Well, in the eyes of an the wedding party. So say "yes" to a visit appreciative groom, the best man may soon at 41990 Grand River Ave. PH: 248 appreciative groom, the best man may be worting party So say "yes" to a visible appreciative groom, the best man may be world his weight in gold! \$\frac{\lambda}{\lambda}\rightarrow \frac{\lambda}{\lambda}\rightarrow \frac{\la

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## **Proactive behavior** applauded in district

Unfortunately, this is the second recall the Novi Community School District has faced in a short period of time.

First, the beef recall, and now, the peanut butter

But in both instances, district officials made the decision to pull the food groups in question before mandates, or more importantly, before anyone fell ill. "We're going to play it safe and pull off anything containing peanut products," said JoAnn Clements, director of the district's nutrition and food services

department. Novi Community Schools food service officials confirmed that no peanut products sold to district cafeterias are part of the current food recall, but they suspended the sale of peanut products in school cafeterias and vending machines until the health problem is

Once FDA approval is issued, the district will restore peanut butter products to its cafeteria and vending

We support the district's decision to pull first, inves-Students are a precious community commodity and

parents can feel reassured their children are in a safe environment. And speaking of a safe environment, it has been a

few months now since district buildings were equipped with security entrance ways. All school visitors must press a buzzer and wait for verification before receiving permission to access a

Is it slightly more time consuming? Possibly, but the new security measures are just another example of the proactive behavior of district decision makers.

### State must fight the urge to raid trust fund

Since the advent of the conservation movement. the state of Michigan has had few successes like the Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund. The fund, which derives its revenue from royalties earned on oil, gas and mineral extraction from state lands, was initiated in 1976. Since then it has provided more than \$600 million for the acquisition of important recreational lands and to develop state and local recreation

During a time of strained budgets, especially in Lansing, the trust fund has been a constant and dependable source of revenue for the Department of Natural Resources to fund important projects and conserve vital natural lands from the onslaught of commercial development. This year alone, it will dole out more than \$48 million to fund 81 projects across the state.

Some of those projects include \$500,000 to develop and renovate the Bald Mountain Shooting Range in Oakland County; \$1,452,500 to acquire 2.5 miles of railway corridor in West Bloomfield for a recreational trail; and \$1,405,000 to acquire 67 acres for a nature preserve along an important tributary of the Huron River in Scio Township. Unfortunately, its dependability is now endangering the Trust Fund. A transportation funding task force created by the state Legislature in 2007 to find ways to fix the state's aging road infrastructure recently released a report recommending the state "redirect all or a portion" of the Trust Fund to address transportation needs.

While we recognize the state needs to address its crumbling roadways, raiding the Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund is not the way to do it. That's not what the voters of this state intended when they overwhelmingly supported the Trust Fund several times. most recently in 2002. Besides, to divert funding from the Trust Fund would require a change in the state's constitution, which makes it unlikely.

Still, environmental groups have raised the red flag, because they know how important the Trust Fund has been in conserving some of the state's most important natural landscapes for current and future generations. State lawmakers should resist the temptation to raid the Trust Fund. It is one of the true environmental success stories in this state - one that has benefitted all Michigan residents. Hopefully, it will continue to do so for many years to come.

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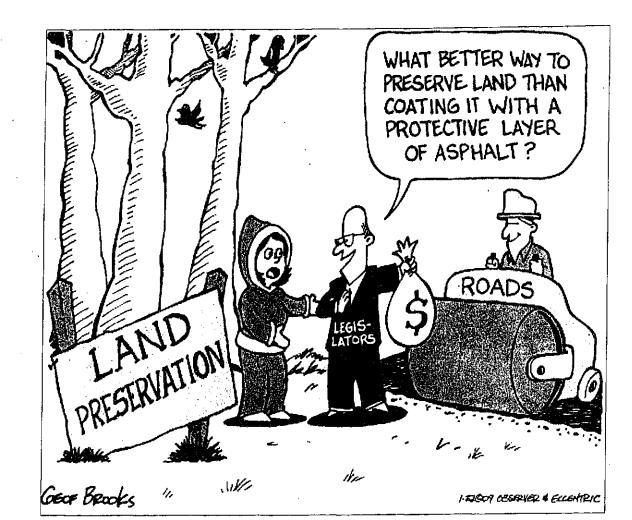
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to the business success of our customers.



I am writing in regard to the letter, "Farewell, Mr. President," by Linda Brandis in the Jan. 15, 2009 edition. All I can say is, "ditto!"

There are none so blind ...

I have one comment regarding the Jan. 15. 2009 letter from Linda Brandis titled: "Farewell, Mr. President." "There are none so blind as those who will not seed to be an analysis additionable

Editor's note: To read Linda Brandis' letter to the editor, visit www.home-

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News link under the Hometown and Levin don't lose sight of the critical to sudden surges in gas prices. Now is Reduce reliance on foreign oil that in two important ways: 1. Support ing and avoiding counter-productive As Congress and the Obama admin- expanded offshore drilling, which has energy taxes. istration work out the details of a already been endorsed by a bipartifinancial aid package for the auto mak- san majority in Congress as well as

the president-elect; and 2. Oppose the so-called windfall profits tax on U.S. energy companies. That tax is intended to punish American companies for the run-up in gas prices that peaked in July. But those \$4 a gallon prices were created in foreign oil markets, not by U.S. companies. It would be worse than illogical for the government to burden the U.S. energy industry with new taxes while at the same time we spend billions to revive the auto industry. The U.S. economy needs both those industries as healthy as possible. Any new energy tax would eventually be passed on to consumers at the gas pump, and we shouldn't be lulled into a false sense of security by the retreat of gas prices since last summer. OPEC has already announced plans to cut oil production to push up prices. As long as we rely on townlife.com and click on the Novi ers, let's hope Michigan Sens. Stabenow foreign oil, we will remain vulnerable and related need to reduce America's the tine to increase America's energy reliance on foreign oil. They can do security by expanding offshore drill-

## Welcome, President Obama - our 21st century FDR

🐧 t the heart of the Great Depression, 🔝 fellow in the world, but I can sure pick President Franklin Delano Roosevelt said, "Do something. If it works, do more of it. If it doesn't, do something else."

These words are worth remembering as President Obama takes the reins of power while America is hogged down in two wars and the worst domestic and international economic conditions since the Great Tom Watkins Depression.

President Roosevelt became an icon of American life and, many would argue, did more than any single person in the 20th century to help shape the course of

our nation and the destiny of the world. Clearly, President Roosevelt was not a creature. He kept his long-standing love affairs and the fact that he suffered from eye while projecting a tower of strength

No one is predicting perfection from President Obama. But we are expecting, and we need, clarity of purpose, vision, leadership and execution of bold plans to make America work for Americans and the world. Ted Morgan, the author of the biography "FDR," argues that President Roosevelt "almost single-handedly inaugurated the New Deal and turned the country from the brink of disaster."

Yet, while FDR is given much credit for creating the emotional climate where we believed in ourselves again and established the government programs to put people back to work, he was also equally quick to point out that it was not he alone that got our country working again. President Roosevelt, like President Obama, surrounded himself with bright reach a port, we must sail, not tie anchor

smart colleagues," President Roosevelt

With a couple exceptions - the withdrawal of Gov. Bill Richardson of New Mexico for Commerce Secretary because of a federal probe of a "Pay-to Play" scheme and the chatter about Leon Panetta being an "intelligence outsider" and more of a "political" choice to oversee the CIA, there has been nearly unanimons acclaim for the picks President Obama has assembled to help lead our nation. Many believe that President Obama has torn a page from historian Doris Kearns Goodwin's book, "Team of Rivals," about how Abraham Lincoln, our 16th president, pulled together a competing band of former challengers to help him lead our nation in a time when

many thought it would spin apart. President Obama has made it very perfect man, if there has ever been such a clear that he is boss and he will set policy for the nation; but he also stresses that he and the nation are best served when polio and wore leg braces from the public he has the advice from the best minds he can assemble. President Obama wants a diversity of opinions and ideas, knowing with confidence that he sets the direction and will make all final decisions on where this country will go.

> CHANGE WE CAN BELIEVE IN President Obama has a vision of a better America for all Americans. He captured the American mood that, as a nation, we are ready for change. He has also challenged us all to discard the negativity and partisanship of the past, arguing that we must come together not as red states or blue states, but the United States of America. Together, we

are truly better. President Obama seems to have latched onto another FDR quote: "To and capable people. Tim not the smartest - sail, not drift." For us to boldly sail into He can be reached at: tdwatkins@aol.com.

the future, it will require the Congress to stop their historical role of dropping anchor and to work with the president to invest in America and Americans. No. Congress should not abdicate its proper oversight role and simply be steamrolled by the new president. (We have witnessed what happens to our country when Congress neglects its role to be our watchdog - does the \$700 billion bank bailout come to mind?) And they should not be obstructionists and load up the president's economic stimulus legislation with needless pork that does not create jobs and a better future for us all. President Obama grasps the sense

of urgency that ordinary Americans are feeling. We are losing jobs in a roaring tsunami and they are being replaced in tear drops. He, like FDR, knows that "not only our future economic soundness but the very soundness of our democratic institutions depends on the determination of our government to give employment to idle (wo)men.

As our new president takes office, let us recall these words of FDR as well, "We are trying to construct a more inclusive society. We are going to make a country in which no one is left out." We need President Obama to be

the 21st century FDR - someone who

embodies the meaning of hope, courage, leadership and boldness to make America work again. Let history unfold and, for the sake of us all, let's hope that starting on Jan. 20, President Obama is the change we can both believe in and count on.

Remember, "The only thing we have to fear is fear itself."

Tom Watkins is a freelance writer and an education and business consultant in the U.S. and China. He served as Michigan's superintendent of schools from 2001-05 and CEO of the Economic Council of Palm Beach County, Fla. from 1996-2001. FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF MORTHYILLE with other women are invited to attend, irrespective of church affilia-CONTACT: (248) 349-0911 or visit firsttion. Cost is \$25 per four-week session. available on request. Logos Youth Club

Walking in the Park TIME/DATE: 10-11 a.m. every Saturday LOCATION: Meet at the Visitor's Center of Heritage Park (Farmington Road between 10 and 11 Mile roads) DETAILS: Group meets for lunch after-CONTACT: Sue (734) 459-0016

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Sunday Worship

TIME: 9:30, 11 a.m.

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**Worship Services** TIME: 5:15 p.m. Saturday: 9:15 and 11:15 a.m. Sunday ReNew Life Ministries TIME/DATE: 7:15-9 p.m. every Monday **DETAILS:** Ongoing Life Groups that support and facilitate personal growth, healing, fearning and change from a Christian perspective. CONTACT: For more information or to register call (248) 912-0043 or visit oakpointe.org.

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org or call the church.

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CONTACT: (248) 349-2652 or visit umc-Sunday Worship TIME: 9:45 a.m. Healing Service and Holy Communion TIME/DATE: 9:45 a.m. first Sunday of every month Peace Vigit

TIME/DATE: Noon, first Sunday of every month LOCATION: In front of the church **DETAILS:** Members of the congrenation 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 FIME: 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 II a.m. services. Service Broadcast **DETAILS:** 11 a.m. every Sunday on WRDT-AM 560. The WMUZ Word Station Single Point Ministries - 45 and

TIME/DATE: 11 a.m. Sunday for fellowship and Bible study. Single Focus Ministries - 35-50

TIME/DATE: 9:30 a.m. Sunday to

deepen your personal relationship

with Christ. Single Purpose Connexions - 20-30 TIME/DATE: 11 a.m. Sunday in the Chapel for singing, Bible study, and

**DETAILS**: For single adults, Active ministry offering various Bible study classes, volleyball, bicycling oroug, tennis group, support groups, support group for widowed over age 50, fellow ship, friendships and more. Contactthe number below for more informa-

Circuit rider pastor Marcus Swift visited the First United Methodist Church of Northville on Jan. 19 to kick of their 175th Anniversary celebration. Reverend Swift, portraved by church member Russell Dor. took the congregation back to 1834 when the church was founded. One Sunday each month there will be a presentation related to the history of the church, culminating in a dinner on Oct. 4 with one of the former pastors, Rev. Dr. Douglas Vernon, as speaker. The church is located at 777 Eight Mile Road and offers services each Sunday at 8, 9:15 and 11 a.m. Rev. Dr. Steven Buck and Rev. Lisa Cook are the pastors.

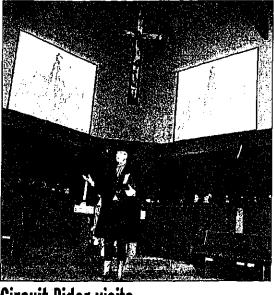
CONTACT: (248) 374-5920 Grief workshop TIME/DATE: eight week beginning or February 9 from 7 to 8:45 p.m. DETAILS: Grief workshop, From Grief

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 meet for eight consecutive Monday nights. For registration information call Barb at Ward Presbyterian Church

> Oakland County, Child care is available at (248) 374-5943. For information Registration is required. about other age and loss specific grief support groups offered by New Hope Center for Grief Support call (248) 348-0115 Bible Studies and Prayer Nights Learner's Bible Study

TIME/DATE: 7 p.m. Mondays Room A10 Men's Bible Study TIME/DATE: 6:30 a.m. Wednesda Single Adult Ministries office Single's Bible Study TIME/DATE: 7 p.m. second and fourth Mondays, Room C309

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### **Circuit Rider visits**

LOCATION: 24505 Meadowbrook Road CONTACT: (248) 349-8847 or visit holyfamilynovi.org Mass Schedule 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.

> Tuesday; 5 p.m. (English), 6:30 p.m. (Spanish) Saturday Holy Days: 9 a.m., 5:30 and 7:30 p.m. Reconciliation: beginning 9 a.m. Adoptive Parent Networking Meeting TIME/DATE: 10-11 a.m. last Wednesday of each month **DETAILS:** Free, informational mee ing open to all adoptive families in

DETROIT FIRST CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE LOCATION: 21260 Haggerty Road, north of Eight Mile Road CONTACT: (248) 348-7600 or visit dfc nazarene.org Sunday Schedule: 9:15 a.m. Worship

service with Praise Band, children's Sunday School and Adult Bible 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: Tuesday 9:30 - 11:15 a.m. Women of the Word Bible Study with childcare available for through age 5; 6:45 p.m. Ladies Evening Bible

Wednesday Schedule: 5:30 p.m. family

Meal, \$4 per person, \$12 per family; 7

p.m. Children's Caravan, Club 56, Bible

Study, Quilting, Adult Classes, Youth Thursday Schedule: 6 a.m. Men of Purpose Prayer Group; 7 p.m. Tae Kwon TIME/DATE: 11:30 a.m. every Sunday

ST. JAMES CATHOLIC LOCATION: 46325 10 Mile Road, Novi CONTACT: (248) 347-7778 Mass Schedule

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 Wednesday every month, through May

DETAILS: Providing fellowship, support and opportunities to grow faith. Childcare available. Suggested donation \$20. Don't have to be a parishioner

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FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF MORTHVILLE LOCATION: 217 N. Wing CONTACT: (248) 348-1020

Sunday Worship: 10:45 a.m. and 5:45 Sunday School: 9:30 a.m. Ladies Bible Study: 9:30 a.m. and 7 p.m Tuesdays Men's Bible Study: 9 a.m. first

Saturday of every month FAITH COMMUNITY PRESBYTERIAN LOCATION: 44400 W 10 Mile Road CONTACT: (248) 349-2345 or visit faith community-novi.org

TIME/DATE: 4:30 p.m. ever Wednesdav **DETAILS:** For children in kindergarten to 6th grade. Enjoy recreation, Bible study, music and dinner

Sunday Worship: 10 a.m.

ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN CHURCH LOCATION: 201 Elm St., Northville CONTACT: (248) 349-3140 Sunday Worship: 8:30 a.m. Blended; 11 a.m. Contemporary: 11:30 a.m.

MEADOMBROOK CONGRECATIONAL. .... LOCATION: 21355 Meadowbrook Road,

Traditional

between Eight and Nine Mile roads CONTACT: Rev. Arthur P. Ritter, Senior Minister (248) 348-7757, visit mbccc. org or e-mail to office@mbccc.org. Sunday Worship: 10 a.m. YogaFit Classes Study; 7 p.m. Men's Evening Bible Study TIME/DATE: 7:30 p.m. every Monday

DETAILS: Eight weeks, \$55 continuous or \$8 per drop in session. Merry Widows Luncheon TIME/DATE: 11:30 a.m. fourth Thursday of each month Spiritual Journey's

OUR LADY OF VICTORY CATHOLIC CHURCH **LOCATION:** 770 Thayer, Northville CONTACT: (248) 349-2621 or olynorth

Saturday Worship TIME: 5 p.m. Sunday Worship TIME: 7:30, 9, 11 a.m. and 12:30 p.m.

GRACEPOINTE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH LOCATION: The Novi Civic Center. Council Chambers CONTACT: Rev. Brian C. Sleeth, Pastor (248) 497-3178 or gracepointe@mac. com, and gracepointenca.org

Sunday Worship **DETAILS:** Nursery staffed by Nanny

OUR SHEPHERN PRESRYTERIAN CHURCH LOCATION: 140 N. Center, above Tutto's in Old Church Square, Northville CONTACT: Pastor Bill Burke at (734)

Sunday Worship: 11:30 a.m. with fellowship and food after service FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF NOVE-FAMILY

> LOCATION: 45301 W. 11 Mife Road CONTACT: (248) 349-3647 or firstbaptistchurchofnovi.org Family Bible Hour: 9:45 a.m Family Worship: 11 a.m. Bible Study: 6 p.m. Family Movie Night: 5:30 p.m.; fourth Sunday of every month.

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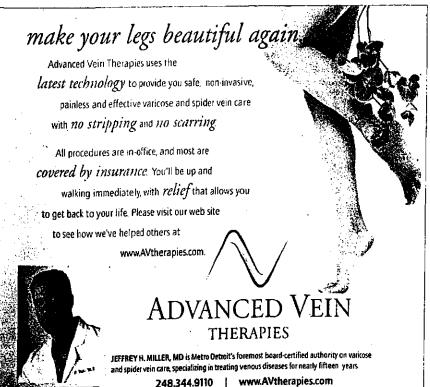
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### K-9 tracks suspects

At about 10:30 p.m. Jan. 19, Novi police requested the assistance of an Oakland County Sheriff's K-9 to track suspects of a breaking and entering in at this time. the Hometown Mobile Home Man punched at store Park, near 13 Mile and Novi roads. The track was about two miles and two suspects were

### Suspect damaged window with spaghetti sauce

According to a recent police report, a jar of homemade spaghetti sauce was thrown through the garage window of near 10 Mile and Novi roads.

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The homeowner made the report on Jan. 3, but is unsure exactly when the incident occurred because she said the residence has been unoccupied. There is no further information

**NOVI POLICE BRIEFS** 

### A 43-year-old Novi man was punched in the face after he commented on another man's parking in a parking place des-

ignated for handicapped driv-

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The victim noticed that a man driving a white Silverado with a red plow had parked in a handicapped parking spot at about 7:25 p.m. Tuesday in a residence on Winthrop Court, the Murray's Auto lot on Eight Mile Road in Livonia. The plow

driver was fixing a broken tail light. As the Novi man passed he made a sarcastic commen that it was the first time he had ever seen a plow truck need a handicapped spot. The man fixing the tail light followed the Novi man into the store and asked him what he had said. The Novi man repeated it. Then the plow driver began punching him several times. The driver then fled and drove eastbound on Eight Mile Road The suspect was described as a black male, about 30 years old 5-feet. 8-inches tall and weigh-

 Compiled by Ken Abramczyk from reports filed with the Livonia Police

ing about 180 pounds.

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garage fire at about 10:30 p.m. Jan. 15 in sub-zero temperatures. No one was injured, but the fire destroyed three cars parked in the garage of the home on Langely Drive. Fire crews had a difficult time gaining access to the attic area above the garage and other crews had to remove the garage doors that had fallen on the three automobifes inside. The estimated loss was \$360,000. The fire is still unde

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1 p.m. - Yoga for Kids

3 p.m. - Yoga for Backs

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Yoga Park, in association with the Yoga Alliance, invites area residents to Yoga Day USA, a history-making celebration where yogis, novices, couch potatoes and athletes young, old and in between joir together to stretch mind, body and spirit through the practice

"Yoga Day USA is an annual event where the Yoga Alliance community comes together to share the health and wellness benefits of yoga and the transformative effects it can have on one's life," said Yoga Alliance President and CEO R. Mark Davis. "The practice is literally for 'every body' - it meets you where you are no matter what your capacity or

state of health A variety of free classes will be a part of the event and instructors will be available to answer questions along with vendors offering a variety of merchandise including

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The Healing Arts program strives to promote wholeness by creating an environment that fosters and nurtures the path to living life in balance. All programs are open to patients, families, staff, volunteers as well as the greater community.

For more information about Yoga Day USA, call (248) 465-5478 or visit http://www.stjohn.org/ ProvidenceHealingArts/classes/YogaDay/.

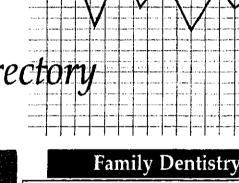
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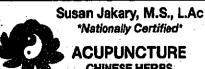
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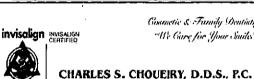
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passes, for two to four people, to many area museums, cultural centers and historical sites. See detroit adventure pass.org for more information. TIME/DATE: Noon to 1:30 p.m. second Thursday

> facilitated by librarian; please call to join. TIME/PATE: 7-9 p.m. third Wednesday of each LOCATION: Novi Civic Center, City Council

TINE/DATE: 7 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 28 DETAILS: The Geek Squad from Best Buy will be conversion as well as HD TV options. By law full-power television stations nation-wide must switch from the old method of trans-

the transition to DTV. Call to register. TIME/DATE: 10 a.m.-noon Saturday, Jan. 31 **DETAILS:** Provide an inspirational environ ment for writers to collaborate, critique an create with other writers. The group is facili

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and typing. This hands-on class will begin with instruction on signing up for a free Wixom Public Library LOCATION: 49015 Pontiac Trail, Wixom web-basede-mail account and hasic e-mail HOURS: 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. Monday Thursday; functions. Students will then be assisted by two librarians with their individual e-mail 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday-Saturday; 1-5 p.m. questions. Participants are encouraged to CONTACT: (248) 624-2512 or visit wixomlibrary come prepared with a few e-mail questions.

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### The two job markets

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Talent Bank. Careerbuilder and Monster, and anywhere else that employers publicly solicit candidates for their open positions. Most people spend nearly 100 percent of their time applying to publicly posted jobs and are frustrated and disheartened when these sources

produce few interviews or offers. The reason for this is that publicly posted openings may account for as few as 20 percent of available jobs AND your competition for these jobs is huge. You are competing with everyone who relies on the same iob posting source which may nundreds, thousands or even

millions of jobseekers. Even if your application is reviewed and you are a strong candidate, you might be among 50 strong candidates with the HR department so overwhelmed by responses that

Most jobseekers don't realize that up to 80 percent of real job opportunities are never advertised anywhere. They are filled by referrals from existing employees or other contacts, by recruiters, or by direct application from jobseckers who targeted that employer. This seems impossible. but it has been verified over and over again in labor and employment studies.

they end up bringing in just the

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for interviews.

How do you tap into this hidden market? There are two basic approaches – research and networking. First, find reliable media sources that cover business news and look for infor-

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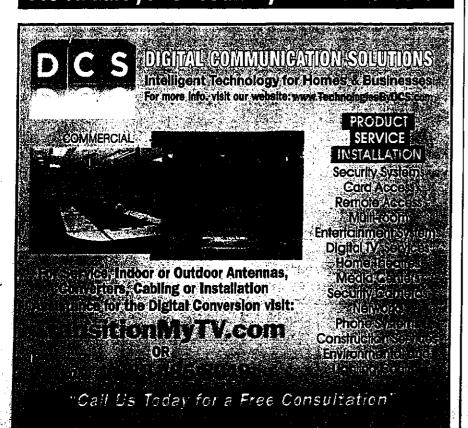
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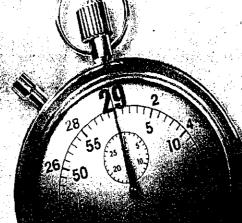
Your networking skills are one

of your best means to learn more about these employers and get a referral to key decision makers in these firms. After you've done some basic research using media sources and the employer's own website and have determined that you might have some skills or experience that would be of value to particular employers, use your network contacts to learn more and to obtain referrals to additional contacts who can help you find your way to key people connected to the firm. Even if the firm requires you to apply for jobs on the website (which they may do for tracking reasons) the internal contacts that you make will ensure that your application gets a thorough look. In fact, the key internal contacts that you make may notify the recruiting staff to look for your application and pull it off as soon as it comes

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Desktop video magnifiers: Also known as closed circuit TVs, these are devices that help with reading, writing and

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LOCAL NEWS

Send your senior questions to: Savvy Senior, P.O. Box 5443, Norman, OK 73070, or visit www.savvvsenior.org Jim Miller is a contributor to the NBC Today show and author of "The Savvy



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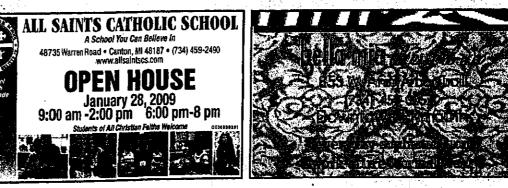
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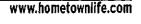
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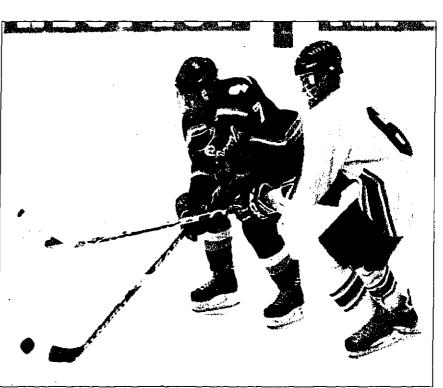
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Novi Wildcat hockey captain Shane McCusker controls the puck Monday against South Lyon.



Novi's Nolan Valleau checks a South Lyon Lion.

## Cats are all tied up

### Novi skates to 1-all ties with Churchill, South Lyon

BY BRAD EMONS OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

The benefits of a tie certainly outweighed any loss Friday night for both the Livonia Churchill and Novi boys hockey

After a scoreless opening period where Novi had a 11-6 shot advantage, the Wildcats

continued to apply even more pressure in the second period and cashed in.

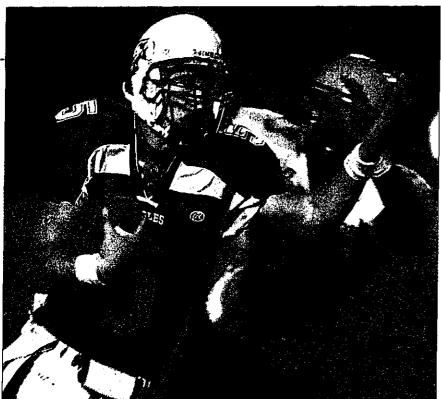
Evan Dixon scored unassisted when he won the draw off right face-off circle, controlled the puck, and slid wrist shot while falling to ice past a stunned Churchill netminder

Adrian Motta at the 7:02 mark. Novi certainly carried the

play through the first two periods, outshooting the Chargers,

"We out-chanced them most of the game and we were in their zone more - we had our chances, but just didn't capitalize," Novi coach Todd Krygier said. "We had one-on-zeros and

Please see HOCKEY, B3



Blake Heiman gains yardage during a recent contest.

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## Conference all-stars lead All-Area gridders

BY MIKE ROSENBAUM STAFF WRITER

The traditionally strong west Oakland football area saw numerous standout performances this season, making the 2008 All-Area team a tough one to crack. All the first team selections from the KLAA schools earned All-KLAA honors, while Catholic Central's picks all received either All-Catholic or All-League notice. The following lineup was selected based on the consensus of area

Lakeland enjoyed its bestever football campaign last season, finishing with a 9-3 record and reaching the state regionals. Leading the way was the Eagles' senior quarterback/safety, Blake Heiman, the All-Area Player of the Year. The 6-foot-1,

185-pound Heiman ran Lakeland's high-powered offense efficiently and made numerous key plays, none bigger than the last-minute, game-winning touchdown pass to Clint Penokie in the district final against

Birmingham Brother Rice. Heiman threw for 1,476 yards and 16 touchdowns while running for another 475 yards (a 7.9-yard per carry average) and five TDs. Heiman was the KLAA North Division Offensive Player of the Year.

Penokie, Heiman's favorite target, also earned All-Area honors. The wide receiver/ defensive back caught 29 passes for 808 yards, for a whopping 27.8 yards per reception. He ran for 206 yards (10.7 yards per carry) and scored 13 touchdowns overall.

Lakeland's Josh Mulligan played guard but really stood out at linebacker, where he was the Defensive Player of the Year for the KLAA North. He finished with 166 tackles, including four quarterback sacks, and returned a fumble.

70 yards for a touchdown. Other Eagle first team honorees include: FB/LB Max Hill (272 yards rushing, 4 TDs, 124 tackles, 4 QB sacks); G/DT Lee Lopez (56 tackles, 5 sacks); and TE/DB Sean McCarthy (15 catches, 228 yards, 69 tackles, 5 QB sacks).

Catholic Central's four first-teamers are led by WR/ DB Steve Harding, who had 20 catches for 324 yards and five touchdowns offensively, 40 tackles and two interceptions defensively.

Please see ALL-AREA, B2

## Cats fend off Canton Chiefs 70-56

### Bellamy's 26 leads three Novi players in double digits

BY JEFF THEISEN SPORTS WRITER

Getting back into the groove was the main point for the Wildcats, playing just their third game in nearly a month because of the holiday

Novi (5-1) ran up a big lead and held off a couple of comeback attempts for a 70-56 win Friday at home against Canton

That's twice in the last three games where we've had very efficient first quarters, and then we just kind of coasted the rest of the game," Heitsch said. "That doesn't cut it.

Chris Bellamy scored 16 of his 26 points in the second half to lead the offense. He also led the team in rebounds with 13 for a double-double.

Brandon Bryant was next with 14 points, 10 of which came in the fourth quarter. Tyler Wenson was the third Wildcat in double digits with 10 points. Nick Brockman pitched in nine points.

"We've been much more balanced the last three times out, which has been nice," Novi head coach Cory Heitsch said. "The most impressive thing is Chris' individual scoring hasn't dipped."

Bryant, inserted into the starting lineup after coming off the bench to start the year, knows how important it is for the Cats not to rely solely on Bellamy to lead the offense.

"We've got to get in the flow," Bryant said. "If we get in the flow, Chris will be in the flow. If we score, than it's going to leave Chris a little open.

the floor, it's hard to run with us. We're not that big, so we have to run. That's our key." Novi wasted little time

"When we go up and down



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Wildcat Nick Brockman dribbles near the net.

running out to a big lead. After trailing 2-0 early, the Wildcats went on a 20-4 run lasting into the opening moments of the second quar-

Following a Canton time-out, the Chiefs caught fire during an 11-0 run to get right back into it. The Wildcats never lost the lead and managed a 30-26 halftime advan-

The Wildcats started the second half with a 10-2 run, but again the Chiefs cut back into the lead, leaving Novi up 46-39 heading into the fourth.

The Chiefs were never able to get within five points throughout the fourth. Bryant got hot in the fourth and hit all four of his free throws when Canton had to foul to try and keep the

clock alive.

"I like starting," he said. When my adrenaline gets pumping, I'm in the flow, and it's hard to stop me."

The Chiefs struggled big time at the line, hitting just five of 19 freebies. Novi went 8-for-11 at the charity stripe. Dietrich Lever led the Chiefs with 15, followed by

Kyle Biega with 10. The win was Novi's first of 2009, following its first loss of the season to open the new

"I thought for the most part, especially that first quarter, that really set a tone," Heitsch said. "(Brad) Kotylo, Wenson and Ryan Jok were really latching onto people. It was a nice thing to see early."

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"Steve is a great competitor and a fine athlete," said CC coach Tom Mach, "He helped our football team in all phas-

es of the game." Other Shamrock choices include: RB/DL Niko Palazeti (104-560 rushing, 11 teamers include: QB Matt TDs, 36.5 tackles, 4.5 sacks), "Niko is a hard nose player that plays with reckless abandon. I like his toughness (40 tackles, 5 sacks); FS and determination," Mach said: C/DL Jeff Sherman (36.5 tackles, 3.5 sacks), "Jeff

... can play any position on the line. He has good athletic ability and is very tough," Mach said: OT/DT Khaled Mheisen (53 tackle), "Khaled improved 100 percent this vear and was the mainstay of the defensive line," Mach

Milford earned a playoff berth last season, led by senior quarterback Steve Buglione. Buglione completed 83 of 163 passes for 1090 yards and eight touchdowns. He also ran 98 times for 590 vards and four TDs.

Other Milford All-Area choices include: RB/DB Kyle Podvin (128-721 rushing, 29-445 receiving, 17 total TDs); LB Joe Grabowski (87 tackles, 2 sacks, 3 fumble recoveries, two interceptions. KLAA West Defensive Player 11 kickoffs for 333 yards, of the Year); and LB Grant Vandenbussche (72 tackles, 3 defense, he contributed 29

Northville's contingent is led by FB/LB Jake Weddle, who led the Mustangs with

64 tackles, and who gained 269 yards on 24 carries with eight touchdowns out of the

"Jake was our most productive two-way player this season," said Northville coach Matt Ladach. "He was a tremendous defender, and he was our go-to guy in the backfield."

Other Mustang first-Kreager (66-115, 902 yards, 6 TDs passing, 51-308 running); DE Kyle Hnatiuk Anthony Sergi (56 tackles, 4 interceptions); and LB Josh Pratt (52 tackles).

Anthony Baskin spent just one year at South Lyon after transferring from Wayne good one, running 126 times for 1015 yards and adding 207 yards on six receptions, with 13 total touchdowns. As a defensive back, Baskin had 86 tackles, with 11 tackles for

loss and five forced fumbles. Other Lions All-Area selections include: LB Jake Geise (65 tackles, 12 tackles for loss); OL/DL Eric Wedesky (36 tackles, 7 TFL, 2 forced fumbles, 12 pancake blocks); and OL/DL Ken Osborne. Novi running back Paul Favorite led the Wildcats in scoring with 15 touchdowns.

He ran 154 times for 790

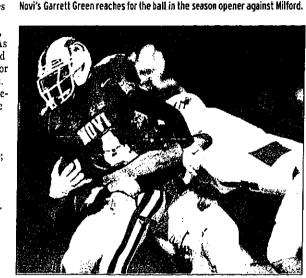
yards and caught 12 passes for 162, while returning including a 96-yard TD. On tackles, including six tackles for loss, and picked off one

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Wildcat Brandon Bryant fights for more yards against Canton.

Other Wildcats include: DB Brandon Bryant (64.5 tackles, 2 interceptions. 2 fumble recoveries); DB Garrett Green (42.5 tackles); FB/LB Brad Kotylo (14-101 rushing with 1 TD, 32.5 tackles, 5 TFL); and OT/DL Jack Petroskey (21 tackles, 2 TFL). South Lyon East produced a pair of standouts in its first varsity football season. In eight games junior QB Collin Hochberg completed 147 of 282 yards for 1550 yards and nine touchdowns and ran 166 times for 705 yards and seven TDs. He also finished with

356 yards in kick returns er including a 100-yard score. "Collin is the best quarterback that I have ever coached in my entire career," said East coach Todd Pennycuff. "He has tremendous speed and a quick release. If Collin had the opportunity to play with seniors this year, his

stats would be tripled." Sophomore Patrick Powers caught 53 passes for 635 yards and three touchdowns and ran for 135 yards and three more TDs. He had 19.5 tackles and quarterbacked



Shamrock All-Area First Teamer Jeff Sherman (68) gets ready to snap the

the Cougars to their firstever victory was injured. kid then Patrick Powers,"

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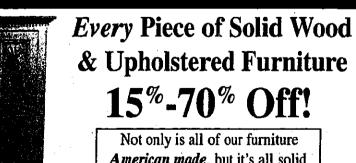
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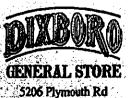
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Į	Khaled Mheisen	OT/DT	Catholic Central	
I	Niko Palazeti	RB/DL	Catholic Central	
	Jeff Sherman	C/DL	Catholic Central	
	Blake Heiman	OB/DB	Lakeland	
	Max Hill	FB/LB	Lakeland	
l	Lee Lopez	G/DT	Lakeland	
ĺ	Sean McCarthy	TE/LB	Lakeland	
l	Josh Mulligan	G/LB	Lakeland	
ĺ	Clint Penokie	WR/DB	Lakeland	
ļ	Steve Buglione	QB .	Milford	
l	Joe Grabowski	LB	Milford	
l	Kyle Podvin	RB/DB	Milford	
	Grant Vandenbussche	LB	Milford	
	Kyle Hnatiuk	DE	Northville .	
	Matt Kreager	0B	Northville	
	Josh Pratt	LB	Northville	
	Anthony Sergi	FS	Northville	
	Jake Weddle	F8/L8	Northville	
	Brandon Bryant	08	Novi	
	Paul favorite	RB	Novi	
	Garrett Green	08	Novi	
	Brad Kotylo	FB	Novi	
	Jack Petroskey	07	Novi	
	Anthony Baskin	RB/S	South Lyon	
	Jake Geise	LB	South Lyon	
	Ken Osborne	OL/DL	South Lyon	
	Eric Wedesky	OL/DL	South Lyon	
	Collin Hochberg	QB .	South Lyon East	
	Patrick Powers	WR	South Lyon East	

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SECOND TEAM			•
	Anthony Capatina	RB/DB	Catholic Centra
	Butch Herzog	RB/LB	Catholic Centra
	Joe Snyder	TE/DE	Catholic Centra
	Brandon Williams	TE/DE	Catholic Centra
Ì	Scott Larson	OL	Lakeland
I	Ben Nicolay	OL	Lakeland
l	Ryan Offutt	RB	Lakeland
i	Dan Schroeter	OT/DE	Lakeland
l	John Bonhard	DB	Milford
I	Joe Goodin	WR	Milford
Ì	Tyler Kohns	K	Milford
	Pat Niebauer	LB	<ul> <li>Milford</li> </ul>
l	Jake Thompson	OL/RB/DL	Milford
	John Westfall	OT	Milford
l	Kris Baumgardner	WR/C8	Northville
	Adam Fuhrman	DE	Northville
	Ryan Gerblick	LB	Northville
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### Novi's Nick Hansen takes a faceoff.

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two-on-ones four or five times and their goalie came up big.' Senior Ken Masiarczyk picked up a puck just inside the blue line and ripped a slap shot into the upper right-hand cor-

ner with 8:38 remaining in the final period to give Churchill a I-1 draw with the Wildcats. "I won't lie, we're not satisfied," Krygier said. "We had plenty of opportunities. Their goalic won it for them. The kid (Motta) did a great job, but our goalie (Michael Pesendorfer) made some key saves for us as

"It was a good high school hockey game. Both teams deserve credit for how hard they worked and played."

Churchill, however, owned the third period outshooting the Wildcats by a 10-1 margin. And the Chargers nearly wou it with nine seconds remaining when Pesendorfer stopped a short back-hand attempt by Steve Klisz.

"The third period we talked about keeping things simple, Churchill coach Pete Mazzoni said. "We had a lot of unforced errors the first two periods. The third period we did a good job of going north and south

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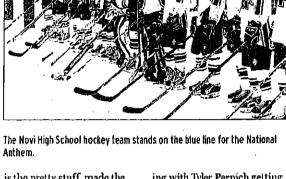
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The Lions tied the game

Michael Pesendorfer

7-4-2, 2-2-2.

with a goal from Christopher

stopped 14 of 15 shots for Novi

(9-3-3, 4-2-2). The Lions are

Novi is back on the ice

6 p.m. Friday against rival

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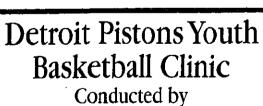
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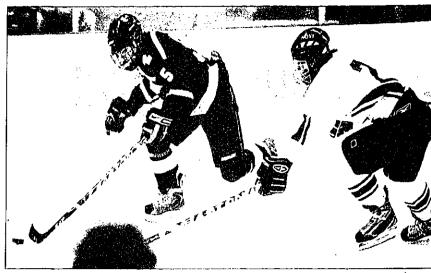
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### Novi cheer claims second at invitational

The Novi cheer took advantage of Churchill's misfortunes and capitalized with a secondplace finish at the sixth annual Wyandotte Invitational.

points), second place to Novi Livonia Churchill (670.6072). rounds 1 and 2 behind Troy

This put Novi ahead for the well- its next competition.

deserved second-place finish newly won hardware

### **Shamrock wrestlers** post trio of wins

Brown and Brent Darnell

the 2-all tie.

41 Friday.

with 14.

Jan. 13.

O-2 Central).

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scored shorthanded goals in

The Shamrocks are ranked

Another game, another win

for the Shamrock basketball

Shamrocks (8-0, 2-0) after

Brett Smith led the

Shamrock offense with 18 points. Matt Doneth was next

Anthony Manno had 18

points for Divine Child (3-5,

Warren DeLaSalle became

the seventh victim in as many

games with a 53-46 decision

Balanced scoring was the

key for the Shamrocks, with

Matt Doneth, Brett Smith

and Steve Harding each

DeLaSalle also had two

in scoring with 10 points.

Big leads were hard to come

by, as the Shamrocks led 12-11

after the first but trailed 25-

The Shamrocks reclaimed

a 38-36 lead after three quar-

24 at the intermission.

dispatching Divine Child 61-

team. It's eight in a row for the

The Shamrock wrestlers won a pair of close duals Jan. 14, beating Clarkston 30-24 and Lake Orion 33-26. Winning against Clarkston were Todd Melick by pin at 103 pounds, Alec Mooradian

by pin at 112, Justin Melick by

pin at 119, Charlie Joseph 4-2 at 125, Doug Eldrige 5-2 at 130, Mike Kinville 5-3 at 189 and Dave Knuth 8-5 at heavy-Winning against Lake Orion were Todd Melick by pin (19 seconds in), Mooradian by pin, Justin

The Shamrocks also had no trouble getting past Brother Rice 54-15.

Treyor O'Connor by pin at

Melick (void), Joseph by pin,

Kevin Sullivan 7-6 at 140 and

HOCKEY

scoring 10 points to pace the CC completed a sweep of Indiana powerhouse Culver Military Academy and tied inplayers tied for the team high state powerhouse Cranbrook during the past week. The Shamrocks beat Culver

and David Swierszczyk scoring for CC. In the second game, Catholic Central won 4-2. Chris Waterstreet scored

3-2 in the first game with

Steven Hensley, Jimmy Botti

ters of play. a pair of goals to lead the

shooting at the free throw line. Chantel Hill was next with eight points, including 6-for-6 The Wildcat girls split a pair free throw shooting. She also

against Franklin.

a 42-34 victory Jan. 13.

Churchill pulled away late for

Johnson with nine and Kelsey

and losing to Franklin 42-34. Against Canton, Novi survived a tightly contested game. The teams were tied at seven after the fist with Novi jumping out to a 22-17 lead by the

SPORTS WRITER

of games, beating Canton 37-33

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Canton cut the lead to 26-23 heading into the fourth. Caroline Johnson led Novi with 11 points, including 4-for-4 Masserant with seven.

The Wildcats improved to 6-1 with a 38-24 win against Franklin.

passed out a team-high five Novi raced out to a 29-6 lead and held off Franklin the rest Kelsey Masserant pitched in of the way. Rachel Staudt led seven points. with 14 points and five boards Things didn't go Novi's way Megan Henry pitched in nine

ond loss, 34-25. Jessica Cingel led Novi with All D'Annibale led the Cats 10 points, followed by Caroline with 12 points.

FRESHMAN GIRLS BASKETBALL

Canton handed Novi its sec-

The Novi freshmen continue to impress, moving to 8-0 with a pair of wins against Franklin

and Canton. The Wildcats hammered Franklin 55-15. Shannen Sherwood led all scorers with 12 points. Natalie Paul tallied 11,

30-25.

the comeback kept the perfect

Wildcat girls hoops beat Canton, fall to Franklin

Winning for the Wildcats were Connor Caldwell at 112 (pin), Beau Bielski at 119 (5and Kelli Timar finished with 2), Ryan Pollard at 125 (4-2), Clayton Caldwell at 130 (pin), Against Canton, Novi won Chris Caverly at 140 (10-6),

The game was tied at the Martin Bunney at 145 (pin), half and the Wildcats trailed Alex Engrebretson at 152 (8heading into the fourth before 6). Adam Troher at 160 (pin). David Sparling at 189 (pin) and

The Cats also competed in the Brighton Manning Vieu Invitational, going 1-4. Holland won the invite. Novi's win came against Pinckney, 36-27. The win was aided by voids,

but winning individual matches were Bielski at 119 (pin) and Bunney at 145 (pin). Novi lost matches to Holland, Fenton, Dewitt and Brighton.

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Eleven Division I teams com-

peted with first-place honors going to Troy Athens (731.042 (684.5376) and third place to Novi was in third place after Athens and Churchill. The

Chargers performed the final round and had several stunting errors which opened the door for The Wildcats took the mat

and executed a clean round, outscoring Churchill 267.8 to 248.9. travel to Grosse Ile on Jan. 24 for

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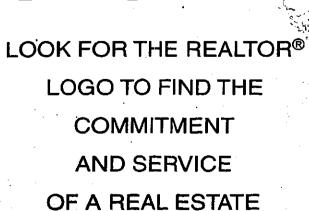




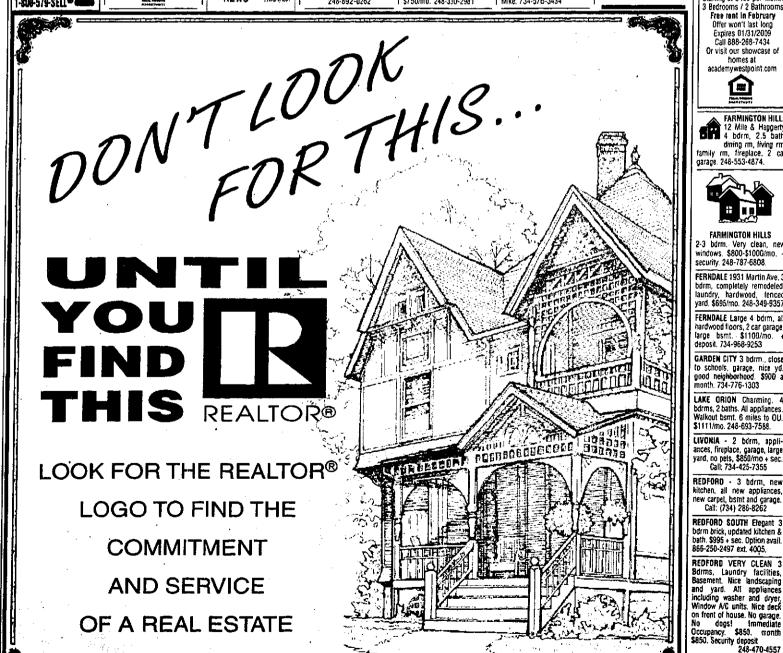
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### **BUSINESS MILESTONES**

### **TOP HONORS**

**JPRA Architects** 

JPRA Architects' new office building in Novi was awarded LEED® Silver certification by the U.S. Green Building Council (USGBC), LEED is the USGBC's leading rating system for designing and constructing the world's greenest, most energy efficient, and highest performing buildings. The office, having the distinction of being Novi's first LEED certified new construction, is siluated on 2.32 acres of the 12-acre Campus Tech Park in Novi, which includes five acres of wetlands and conservation area. JPRA Architects' new office building was designed by the firm's principals to achieve LEED certification for energy use, storm water management, water efficient landscaping, day lighting and material use as well as incorporating a

variety of other sustainable strategies. Low VOC interior materials were used throughout in combination with a highefficiency HVAC system that maintains healthy levels of outside air and CO2.

### SPECIAL EVENTS

**BUILD-A-BEAR WORKSHOP** 

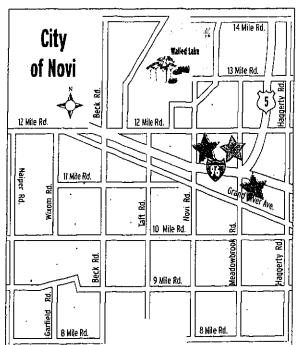
Build-A-Bear Workshop announces its search for the 2009 Huggable Heroes class. Each year, for the last five years, thousands of people have helped identify the best young leaders in the United States and Canada by nominating them to be a Build-A-Bear Workshop Huggable Hero. Participants may nominate a candidate online by visiting www.buildabear.com/huggableheroes or they may pick up an application at the nearest Build-A-Bear Workshop store, including Twelve Daks Mall in Novi. This year, 10 noteworthy young people from the United States

and Puerto Rico and two from Canada will be selected and named Huggable Heroes, Each will receive a prize worth \$10,000 (\$7,500 in the form of an educational scholarship from Build-A-Bear Workshop and \$2,500 from the Build-A-Bear Workshop Foundation to be donated to the 501(c)(3) charity of Their choice). For more information. tall 888,560,8EAR (2327) or visit www. buildabear.com.

### CLASSES

Walsh College

The Michigan Chamber of Commerce is hosting a series of communication seminars at the Walsh College Novi campus. The first seminar presented by Rick Kamel will take place 9-11:30 a.m. Thursday, Feb. 5 at 41500 Gardenbrook Road. The cost is \$75 for chamber members or \$95. E-mail mcs2.michamber.com



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IT'S YOUR BUSINESS Q&A

## **Art Van of Novi offers** neighborhood furnishings

Q. Who is behind Art Van Furniture of Novi?

A. Jim Dierickx, Store Manager

Q. Your hometown?

A. Troy, but I am at the store more than home!

Q. When did this location open? A. 1981 in Novi, Art Van

1959 - celebrating 50 years! Q. How many employees do you have?

A. About 140 Q. Your business specialty? A. Home Furnishings Q. Tell us about your business,

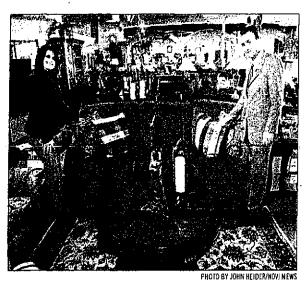
including the types of services and

products you feature?

A. Art Van Furniture is a full-line furniture retailer. It was founded on the philosophy of offering quality merchandise at affordable prices with great customer service. The company offers furnishings for the entire home that is backed by a Total Satisfaction Guarantee, complete delivery service (including next day options), full in-house service and repair support, special order capabilities, consumer financing, interactive Web site and even a Kids Castle supervised play area. We have the largest bedding assortment in Michigan with brand names including: Sealy, Stearns & Foster, King Koil, Kingsdown, Tempur-pedic and Simmons. Popular name brands on our showroom floor include: Broyhill, Huntington House, MaxHome, Natuzzi Leather, Bermex, Gascho, La-Z-Boy and Lane. Our Clearance Center offers new merchandise at

exceptional value. Q. What makes your business

A. Art Van's large in stock position allows the guest to receive their merchandise quickly. Our most popular furniture collections are from our own Michigan H.O.M.E.S. brand that includes two groups: Copper Harbor and Grand Shores. These collections were designed by Michigan native, Dan Yates,



Novi Art Van sales associates Selma Nikoviz and Sami Bayari stand near pieces of the store's Huntington House furniture collection. Art Yan is located along Novi Road in the West Oaks plaza.

### ART VAN FURNITURE

Business address: 27775 Novi

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exclusively for the lifestyle of Michiganders. Art Van offers its own University to train its sales force and backs every purchase with its exclusive Total Satisfaction Guarantee. Art Van Furniture in Novi is one of 30 stores in the chain. The company is family owned and operated and services the entire state of Michigan. This year marks the 50th year of operation. Art Van Elslander, founder and chairman, is still actively involved in the company operations. The company has won the Retailer of the Year Award and Van Elslander has been inducted into the Furniture Hall of

Q. How did you first decide to open the business?

A. Art Van chose to open a location in Novi in 1981. The surrounding community was scheduled to be growing for years to come. As new residential homes are built, consumers look to their neighborhood to purchase their furnishings.

Q. Do you have a funny tidbit or story to share with our readers about your experience so far?

A. Not funny but ... Art Van's success equation includes on-going community support. In past years, the Novi community has benefited from local blood drives, flu clinics, trees donated for Arbor Day, free seminars, promotions with neighboring businesses and furniture donations to local non-profits. As the company celebrates its 50th anniversary, look for monthly events to be hosted in the Novi store that will support community initiatives. This month, \$5,000 will be given to schools as part of a "Sit For School" campaign held in store on Jan. 24 and 25. Visit the events page at artvan.com for details.

### **BUSINESS NEWSMAKERS**



Ryan Barrett Ryan Barrett, D.O., joined the medical staff at Botsford Hospital. Dr. Barrett is a member of the Congress of Neurological Surgeons, the World Spine Society, the Neurocritical Care Society and the American Osteopathic Association. He practices at Michigan Spine & Brain Surgeons, P.L.L.C. located at 26850 Providence Parkway, Suite 215 in Novi along with locations in Southfield and Warren. The office number

for all locations is (248) 569-7745. Dr. Barrett received his medical education from Midwestern University's Chicago College of Osteopathic Medicine and performed his internship at Ohio University

College of Osteopathic Medicine. He completed a Neurological Surgery residency at Providence Hospital in Southfield and a Neuro-Oncology fellowship at H. Lee Moffitt Cancer Center and Research Institute at the University of South Florida.



### Barbara Bloom

Long-time Novi resident Barbara Bloom snagged the lead role in the Spotlight Players comedy "Divine Stella Devine." The role requires several different personalities and all of them are a delight to play, Bloom said. The broad comedy appeals to all age groups with its vividly drawn, over the top characters. Spotlight Players is the resident adult theater group for the Village Theater at Cherry Hill in Canton. Formerly the Plymouth Theater. Guild, Spotlight Players is a non-profit organization.



### CHAMBER CHAT

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The State of the City Address and Luncheon will take place II:30 a.m. today, at the Rock Financial Showplace, 46100 Grand River Ave. Mayor David Landry will provide Novi citizens and business partners an opportunity to reflect on 2008 accomplishments and goals to strive toward in 2009.

The 10th Annual Threads of Power event will take place Wednesday, Feb. 11 at Nordstrom Bistro in Twelve Oaks Mall. Registration is 7:45 a.m. with an 8 a.m. breakfast. Enter at Nordstrom North Entrance. Join us for breakfast and bring a donation 8:30 a.m. Waltonwood 12 of clean, gently used business

attire for men and women. The event is sponsored by Telcom Credit Union, Twelve Oaks Mall, Two Men and a Truck and Modern Floors. The fee is \$20 plus one item of clothing; \$30 at the door.

# A Ribbon Cutting Ceremony will take place 5-6 p.m. Monday, Jan. 26 at Mirchi Indian Restaurant, 43317 Grand River Ave. Enjoy networking and sample food from this new restaurant. No fee. Visit www.novichamber. com for more information.

■ Committees and Round • Jan. 22 - Sales Leads 1,

• Jan. 27 - Sales Leads 3, 8:30 a.m. Picasso Café. Jan. 28 - Financial Round Table 8:30 a.m. Picasso Café.

 The Race in Amazing Novi - a new opportunity to help Rotary of Novi put on a fun community event and raise money for some good causes. Contact gsobotta@finlan.

■ The Novi Chamber of Commerce is an active, progressive chamber offering a variety of events, educational programs, an enhanced Web site, and involvement with local charities. For membership information, visit our Web site at www.novichamber. com or cali (248) 349-3743.

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