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### **NOVI** NUTSHELL Free dental screenings

In honor of February's National



Children's Dental Health Month. Dr. Justin Geller, of Novi-based JMG Dentistry, is offering free child dental screenings from 4-7 p.m. today at his office, 31202 Novi Road.

No appointments necessary. For more information, call (248) 926-4030.

### Review board

The 2009 Board of Review hearings will be held March 9-11 in council chambers at the Novi Civic Center, 45175 W. 10 Mile Road. All appearances before the Board of Review will be by appointment only and an appointment must be made by 5 p.m. Friday, March 6. Blank petition forms are available by visiting www.cityofnovi.org.

### 2009 Green Gala

The Novi Educational Foundation annual Green Gala will take place Saturday, March 21. Join the NEF for an evening of fun and excitement all in suppor of the Novi Community Schools. The gala includes casino night gambling, hors doeures and desserts, live and silent auction, music and dancing, games and more. Make your reservation now. For more information, visit www.novieducationalfoundation.com.

### Library lot closes

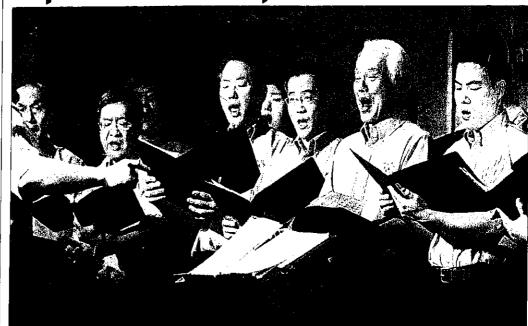
The Novi Public Library's west lot will be closed effective Monday, March 2. Until further notice, the main entrance driveway will remain open for traf-fic to route to the north and east

parking lots. Additional parking is available in the north lot of Novi High School.

### Reel Talk

Film Critic Tom Long is host-Film Critic form Long is nost-ing Reel Talk, a preview and movie discussion group 7 p.m. tonight at Emagine Novi, 44425 W. 12 Mile Road. The event also includes trivia questions and prizes. Registration is \$50 a year and is nonrefundable. Seating for Reel Talk is on a first-come, firstserved basis. For more information, call (313) 222-1457.

# Japanese exhibit opens at Civic Center



Members of the White Pine Glee Club sing "Iza tate ikusabito" during last Thursday night's The Spirit of Budô: The History of Japan's Martial Arts presentation at the Hovi Civic Center. The song, adapted from a British hymm, is about soldiers' loyalty.

### Novi chosen as only Michigan community to host event

BY KELEY MURAD STAFF WRITER

Residents of Novi and its surrounding communities attended Thursday evening's Welcome Reception of the Japanese exhibit, The Spirit of Budô: The History of Japan's Martial Arts, in the Atrium of the Novi Civic

Center.

"It's a good representation of the (Japanese) culture, the martial arts For exhibit schedule of events, see page A2

aspect," said Satoru Ono, a native of Japan, who currently resides in Bloomfield Hills.

The traditional weapons and armor of Japan's martial arts culture, are on display and available for public view-

ing through March 13.
"They are not close to our modern

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Brian Burke, left, takes a look Japanese martial arts swords on display in the Novi Civic Center Atrium for the The Spirit of Budő: The History of Japan's Martial Arts



Novi hopes to tackle pavement repairs along Nine Mile Road between Meadowbrook and Haggerty roads, if approved for funding through the Federal Economic Stimulus Package.

# City submits 'shovel ready' road projects for stimulus consideration

BY KELLY MURAD

The City of Novi submitted a list of road projects, totaling about \$5 million, to be considered for funding through the Federal Economic Stimulus

Package, signed into law Tuesday. "First dollars would be for infrastructure, and we have a number of road projects that we're already in the Transportation Improvement Plan (which is required for eligibility)," Novi

City Manager Clay Pearson said. Novi's list of candidate road projects that meet the criteria to be eligible for

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funding are:

Nine Mile Road, from

Meadowbrook to Haggerty roads

Nine Mile Road, from Novi to Taft

■ Meadowbrook Road, from Eight

■ Meadowbrook Road, from 10 Mile

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# Moving on from job loss

Novi neighbor helps career seekers find their match

> BY VICTORIA MITCHELL STAFF WRITER

When someone tells Ronald Ward they can't find a job, the Novi neighbor and coach knows just what to say.

I make is very simple," Ward said. "Unemployment is a state of mind. No one is unemployed. Ward, who is also a business growth consultant, is billed as a

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and career growth strategies with more than 40 years of business

"My experience is shop floor to board room," he said. But it is Ward's caring demeand

But it is Wards carting demeans that surely gets the job done. He recently hosted a free job searching seminar titled "The Seven Secrets of a Highly Effective Job Search" at the Novi Public Library and plans to host an all-day job seakers workston for a small fracseekers workshop for a small frac-tion of what his fees normally cost.

During his seminars, Ward covers how to cut your job search time in half, how to write a compelling resume that will get res how to identify your professional assets and strengths, about 30 power-packed job posting Web sites, secrets on how to control an

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# WARD

interview and what it take to manage a successful job scarch

FRESH START Ward begins his career coach-ing sessions helping the jobless look deep inside.

"I'm looking for information as to what is their next step," he Ward said his initial step is to move seekers beyond the initial

impact of job loss, where denial and resistance may set in. His purpose is to move seekers to the next step — moving forward into exploration and taking

He also offers encouraging "Every four to five years there is going to be a business cycle "Most of us don't realize this has

action to commit to the future.

THE SEARCH BEGINS

in each person, including their employable qualifications. "Everyone has an expertise They have a hard asset," he said.

Tools Ward uses to investigate

■ Beck Road, from Nine Mile Road to Cheltenham Drive The Oakland Federal Aid

Committee will meet Tuesday to

review all proposed county proj-

ects, and determine how best to

distribute the funds.

Ward said the job of a career coach is to draw out the best

sonal assessment survey, resume review and interviews regarding what they did at their former job

his clients' worth include a per-

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The career coach points out that many job seekers are worn down from their job elimination situation and need to remember and value what they do best, and what tasks they are experts at doing. Ward recommends visiting

a job is landed, not by a resume salary.com to seek wage refer ence guidelines to see exactly what certain skills demand in this market. And, he said, be prepared to look outside of the box. A job

seekers' skill set may not be in a job will find a job," he said.

THE SALES BROCHURE One of Ward's great secrets

is the importance of a winning "it is your sales brochure," he said. "That is what makes it

important." Ward said he is often shocked by what clients are sending out to employers. "The resume is so important

because it is the description of who you are," he said. Not only can Ward advise on n successful resume and cover

etter, but he also advises clients

to match the company and more

on how to tailer their resumes

determined how much fund-

estimates about \$27 million

will be available for use on Oakland roads, said the Road

Commission for Oakland

County. President Obama signed

the American Recovery and

Reinvestment Act as a nation

wide effort to jump-start the

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ing the city, county or state will receive, The Southeast Michigar specifically, the job they are

applying for,
"You must include the job title in your resume summary," Ward said, describing some of the most often overlooked mistakes job seekers make.

MORE THAN THE SEARCH Ward said more often than not

sent in response to a job adver-tisement, but by networking. "Networking will get you to a job 50 percent faster," he said. Ward references the Web site Linked In, as an example of online networking, and also

of online networking, and also dvises seekers to dedicate face time to appropriate groups and And when looking for a career

coach, Ward suggests finding someone who has a business background.
"For example, I sell my understanding of the market," he said. Ward has a broad business

resume includes Budco Corp. Comerica Bank Corp., Echlin Corp. and Raytech Corp. He also advises job searches

packground and his client

seek professional help.
"It is an investment in yourself," he said. For more information, contact Ward & Associates Inc. at (248) 345-2468 or wardplans@

economy. The \$787 billion stim-

ulus plan includes job creation.

to take advantage and put into

use the Federal stimulus mon-

ies," said Pearson, noting one example is Novi City Council's

action Tuesday night approving

design engineering for the Ring Road project, located northwest

of the Novi Road and Grand

River Avenue intersection. "It's not federally eligible right now,

but we are looking to see if it

could qualify under the list of eligible roadways."

# Experience Japan

The Japan Foundation has chosen Novi as the only Michigan stop for its world xperience. touring exhibit, The Spirit of Budô: The History of Japan's Martial Arts. The exhibit will be available for public viewing 8 a.m. to 9 p.m. Monday through Saturday, until March 13 in the Atrium of the Novi Civic Center, 45175 W. 10 Mile

> Origami & Tea Ceremony Learn about the Japanese traditions and celebrate Japan's Girl's Day Location: Novi Civic Center

■ 7-8 p.m. Wednesday.

Event: Haiku is Within You - In partnership with Novi unity School District, invited to learn how to write beautiful Japanese poetry. Location: Novi Public Library

■ 6-7 p.m. Monday, March 9 Event: Kendo & Judo Kendo and Judo with local ractitioners. To learn more detroitkendodojo.com and nichiganjudo.org. Location: Novi Civic Cente

visit www.cityofnovi.org.

■ 6-7 p.m. Wednesday,

Event: Manga/Anime - Meet Mark Crilley, manga creator and author, and see him demonstrate his drawing tech niques, and tell stories of his many visits to Japan. Ages 8 and older welcome. Location: Novi Civic Center

■ Japan Photo Display Event: Photos from School Superintendent Peter Dion's trip to Japan in 2006 will be on display throughout February and March. Origami created by Novi Meadows students will also be on display. Location: Novi Public

Library. For more information regarding the activities and events.

"It's really an honor for the

city to have Japanese officials

" former Novi Mayor

ove from White Lake to

'Novi is going to be the

George Ganoff and his two

"We like the culture and

# **EXHIBIT**

tax cuts, economic investment and public spending on infrastructure, among other effores. "We're definitely queuing up

cling since 2007, visiting other

"I think it really demonstrates how dedicated we are unity," said Tracie Ringle, communications spe cialist for the City of Novi

All approved projects must be "shovel ready." Governments' most recent census, about 9 percent of Novi's 54,000 residents are of Asian "This is one of the most important places to exhibit

the traditional items." Consul General Tamotsu Shinotsuka

(Michigan) source to have the display," former Novi Mayor Matt Quinn said. "It should draw people from all over. attend the event. to see what it was all about.

concentration of Japanese resihas hosted through the Japan , Foundation and Consulate said. Novi has a very heavy. General of Japan in Detroit.

Food was provided by local restaurants Cherry Blossom, Pei Wei, Hotel Baronette.

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iving, but I can relate myself," One said.

A partnership between the

Consulate General of Japan

in Detroit, the City of Novi.

Novi Public Library, Novi Community Schools, Novi

Chamber of Commerce, Suzuki

Myers & Associates and Arts Novi has created a number of

opportunities for community

in the Japanese culture while

■ 6:30-8:30 p.m. today Event: Samurai Time Movie

Night - Join fellow community

mbers at the library for an

action-packed Samurai movie.

■ 7-8 p.m. Tuesclay, March 3 Event: Kimonos, Calligraphy,

Adults only.

Location: Novi Public

Library, 45245 W. 10 Mile

the exhibit is in town.

bers to learn and take par

The exhibition has been travcountries such as Uruguay and Brazil, and is heading to Paris once it leaves Novi.

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# **NEIGHBORS**

# **Novi resident presents** cuff links to President

Gift created by local jewelers

online at hometownlife.com

BY KELLY MURAD

Dr. Billy Taylor of Novi said he knew garly on that Barack Obama would be the next President of the United States. So when the opportunity presented itself for Taylor to meet then Sen. Obama, he wasn't going

empty-handed.
"I felt like getting him a gift," he said. "I tried to think f something nice that would be appreciated by him."

Before going to a fundraising event at the Detroit Marriott in June, Taylor, turned to his personal jeweler at Novi Jewclers, for assistance.

"I love my jewelry and they had a nice set of cuff links," he said. "Cuff links are something a man will wear, and especially he will have an occasion to wear them to. Novi Jewelers owner Erica Nadjarian said Taylor picked out a set of 14-karat gold,

custom cuff links with moth er of pearl in the center. "We had them already made and he loved them she said. "Our President has a piece of jewelry of ours. It

feels so good.' Nadjarian said the store has been open in Novi for about 10 years. Along with the cuff links, Taylor presented Obama with a copy of his autobiography, "Get Back Up - The Billy

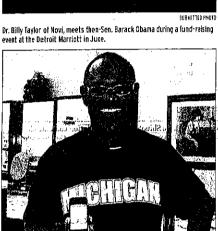
Taylor Story."

The former University of Michigan football player's life is one of tragedy, addiction, faith and determination. Taylor is now the founder. ident and CEO of Get Back Up Inc., a substance

"Next time I see him, I am going to ask him 'Mr.
President, did you read my
book? And have you worn
your cuff links?"
A doctor in educational

abuse treatment facility in

leadership, Taylor hopes to inspire others to get back up when life knocks them down "One day I hope to get the



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Dr. Billy Taylor of Novi displays a pair of cuff links he purchased from Novi Jewefers before giving the gift to President Barack Obama during a fundraising event in June.

Detroit," Taylor said of the Taylor and Get Back Up Inc., 160-bed residential sub-

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### Fun in the Great Outdoors!

Novi Boy Scout Troop 407 enjoys the annual beach party camp out held last weekend at camp Holaka in Lapeer. Festivities included a beach camp fire and water balloon launching contest.

### **NOVI ANNIVERSARY**

urneyman welder for sev-

where she became skilled at

electrical board wiring, retir

area. He retired in 1991.

William R. and Janet M. Kurin William R. and Janet M. (Korpi) Kurin of Novi are cel-ebrating their 50th wedding

anniversary on Feb. 28.
They were married Feb. 28,
1959 at St. Paul's Catholic Church in Negaunee. Their Coskie of Yorba Linda, Ca. and Doris Miliour (Campain)

fandchildren and three

ing in 2007. of Waterford.
The couple has lived in the William and Janet are Novi area for 41 years. The Kurin's had six chil-

the Finnish Center of Livonia. Association dren, Sherry Kurin of Novi Teri Jones (deceased), Justin Dunn (Michael) of Commer Twp., William L. Kurin of Novi, Kristine Ditzhazy of Kurin of Novi. The have 12

William studied account

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ing at Walsh College and then They enjoy traveling, going to sporting events, eating out, spending time with their children and grandchildren spent most of his career as a and their many friends. Their Janet spent several years as a stay-at-home mom before most cherished memories include spending time in the venturing into the work force

Upper Peninsula.
Their children have planned a celebration for Saturday, Feb. 28 with a renewal of active members of St. William ner at the Detroit Finnish
Church in Walled Lake and
Cooperative Summer Cam Cooperative Summer Camp





The Uncerity Manual are back With a Great New Family Show The Proceeds Wasters at the Lyon Theater, 126 E. Lake St, South Lyon Gueen Fridays, March 6th &13th at 7:30 p.m. jaderella Saturdays, March 7th &14th at 7p.m. Fridays, March 6th &13th at 7:30 p.m. Sundays, March 8th &15th at 2 p.m. Cat juggling? Stealing ather characters out of their tarry tale.

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The Novi Youth Assistance is still seeking teams and donations for its 27th annual Bowl-A-Thon, which is I-4 p.m. Saturday, March 7, at Novi

"I think we could use some bowlers and we could definitely use some prizes," said John P. O'Brien, chair of the volunteerdriven organization, "We're looking to get as many people as possible, but we generally average well over 100 bowlers." O'Brien is hoping to have a better estimate of the number

Teams usually consist of four to six bowlers, collecting pledges prior to the event. Sponsorship opportunities are also available for \$100 a lane, or for individual bowlers. Participants receive three

of participants by the end of

BOWL-A-THON When: I-4 p.m. Saturday, March 7

Where: Novi Bowl, 21700 Novi Road How to get involved: Form a team and raise pledges; sponsor a bowler; sponsor a lane; donate prizes. Contact; Novi Youth Assistance at

**Bowling event to benefit Novi youth** 

the more than 20 years we've ocen doing this," Ó'Brien said For a number of participants this is the only time of year they bowl, so teams play ninepin, no tap — meaning nine pins knocked down counts as a strike. All ages are welcome to

attend and bumpers are avail-

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able upon request.
"You don't have to be a good bowler," O'Brien said, "But we do have a rivalry between the police and fire departments, and there's usually some friend

who raises the most money, and eam, male, female and youth nigh scores. The goal of this year's Bowl-

bags filled with prizes from

A-Thon is to raise \$25,000. The Novi Youth Assistance, which is a branch of the Oakland County Youth Assistance, serves several hun-dred local children and families

\*One hundred percent of the money that is raised at the Bowl-A-Thon goes right back into the community," O'Brien said. "It's just to help out those who might be in need. Given the economy, we've seen an increase in demand of our services."

Through programs and services, including the Jeanne Clarke Summer Teen Center, Mentor Plus program, scholar ship opportunities, and drug and alcohol awareness, the youth assistance provides sup

### I-96 road projects set to begin

Motorists can expect to see plenty of orange construction cones along Interstate 96 in eastern Livingston County as a

The Michigan Department of Transportation plans to tear down and completely rebuild the Kensington Road bridge, resurface four miles of I-96 and repair the Pleasant Valley Roas bridge. The resurfacing on I-96 Il occur from U.S. 23 east to the county line.

The work is expected to start March 2 and won't be complet ed until fall. "This is one of the biggest, high-impact projects in the county this year," MDOT

okeswoman Kari Arend said Drivers who make it through these projects won't be clear vhen they reach Novi. Arend said there are some big road

Recognizing the in

2009 OAKLAND COUNTY ROAD CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS

■ A two-year project to repair 196 from west of Novi Road to Halsted Road in Oakland County. The project includes repairs to eight bridges, including the span that carries I-96 over the CSX rail road in the Novi.

■ Repair nearly 13 miles of roadway, including 42 bridges, on I-696 between Drake and Campbell-Hilton roads in Oakland County.

on traffic, Arend said MDOT is taking several steps to inform motorists about the construction. She said MDOT will be using Intelligent Transportation System tech-

nology so motorists can view images of the area online to see how traffic is moving. Cameras and message boards will be posted in the area. She also

be closed as early as March

The ramps at Kensington Road and I-96 will remain open, but those ramps will be resurfaced later this year

Arend said all three lanes of I-96 will remain open dur ing morning and evening rush hours, but there could be single-lane closures during the weekend and at night rfacing of the four miles o

I-96 will occur at night. The Kensington Road bridge which Arend said is outdated — will be completely rebuilt; crews are scheduled to start work on March 2. Arend said I-96 in both directions would be closed at night for short periods bridge project.

The Pleasant Valley bridge will be repaired and resur-faced. Arend said it will be reduced to one lane, and a temporary traffic signal will be

posted in the area. She also said motorists can sign up to state's five year plan to make receive conal updates the said motorists can sign up to state's five year plan to make the constant updates the said motorists. The project is part of the state's five year plan to make the constant updates the said motorists of the project is part of the project is part of the state's five year plan to make the project is part of

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any research studies have found that children who are read to or read on their own at home do better in school. The National Assessment of Educational Progress (NAEP) 2004 national reading assessment found that reading for fun had a positive relationship to per-formance on NAEP reading scores. The 87 percent of stu dents who reported reading for fun on their own time onc a month or more performed at the Proficient level, while students who never or hardly ever read for fun performed at the Basic level. Students who

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the highest. According to the Sylvan Learning Center of Novi encouraging children to read helps transform reading n a basic skill to a learned behavior and an intellec-tual habit. The more children read, the more they'll enjoy reading, and the better read ers they're likely to become. Reading must be consistently presented as a positive, engaging, interesting and rewarding activity. The following reading tips motivation program that

ead for fun every day scored

are for parents scarching for ways to engage and interest their children in the wonder-

ful world of reading:
■ Read with your child. You can't start too early. You can't read too much. Reading to young children nurtures an interest in language, words and communication. For older kids, reading together can be fun and interesting. Consider reading one book together every month aloud. Take turns reading pages, chapters or major sections of the book routine, it will not only help develop your child's reading skills, but will also create a basis for ongoing dialogue and

Read together regularly. Sylvan Learning Center recommends that parents spend an average of 10 to 15 minutes a day reading with young readers. It establishes reading

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last Saturday at Casterline Funeral Home, Inc. of South Lyon. Contrib-utions to American Cancer Society

Provide different kinds of general interest magazines for your child. Children need to understand that there is more to a news event than the 30-second sound bite they hear on the television. Introduce your child to weekly and monthly general interest magazines. These publications explore news events in much greater detail through words and vivid photographs. Read an article together, and help your child with difficult words or abstract concepts.

as a regular, daily habit. and introduce your child ■ Encourage your child to build his or her own library. From stamps to comic books to the children's librarian Almost every library has at least one librarian who is very to autographs to baseball cards and stuffed animals, knowledgeable about chil-dren's literature. He or she can children have always been suggest book titles, guide your child through research proj-ects and keep you informed natural collectors. By encouraging book collecting and the creation of a personal library, regarding any special reading events that may be planned at the library or elsewhere in the you introduce your child to a world of resources. Help your child start his or her own library by including a visit to a local bookstore in your weekly Get a riddle book at the

library or bookstore. Children enjoy riddles and jokes that rely on wordplay. Laughing together at elever jokes and riddles can make a Starday or monthly shopping outings.

Search for reading activities on the Internet. There are an abundance of great Web sites that provide reading lists for children. Visit Book trip to soccer or hockey practice more enjoyable and Adventure, a free Sylvan-crememorable. ated interactive, reading,

■ Create a vocabulary game. Compile a word list, or ask your children's teacher for BookAdventure.com. Students a word list, and make a daily choose their own books from or weekly vocabulary game on index cards. Whether your child is just learning how to short comprehension quizzes and redeem their accumulated read or is preparing for high points for small prizes. Book school exams, seeing, saying Adventure also offers teacher and learning new words is and parent resources and tips important Make a book. Encourage to help children develop a life-

your children to write origina stories and illustrate them with their own drawings, It's a great way to increase comfort and familiarity with words. Learn new words on the

road. Use every new experience to introduce new words to your child. Every journey trip or vacation, regardless o the distance, introduces new ideas and objectives to your child and can enlarge his or her vocabulary.

This article was submitted by Kathy B. Michel, center director of the Sylvan Learning Center of Novi.

**Quilters Needed** 

Novi Middle School stu-

making a Spirit Quilt a few years ago. The quilt was about 18x38 feet. And now it

is time to make a new quilt

for this year. The project will

be a Celebration of Diversity quilt representing the coun-

tries of origin of the school's student body. Project orga-nizers would love to involve

the community, parents and

grandparents in the making of this intergenerational-

book would be made by one

nity member after school, here at Novi Middle School.

some project, but with our community's help we are up

for the challenge. Assistant

sewers are also needed. If

you can help, contact Novi Middle School teacher and

international pride quilt. Each quilted, country-titled

student and one commu-

Yes, this is an adventure-

dents donated T-shirts for



Adapa, Pavan Rao, and Krithika Swaminathan.

# Making math count

### Teacher motivates students to arithmetic success

BY VICTORIA MITCHELL

Lynn Serenson has been counting on her students for 31

The Novi Middle School teacher is enjoying a success-ful ride as math club coach of many winning teams "I have cases of trophies in

the attic." Screnson said. Recently, a group of four stu dents from the club competed successfully in The Detroit Country Day Invitational Math Competition, coming home with three trophies, including two first place awards. The competition is a mix of parochial, private and select school districts through invitation

Competing in the Country Day competition was eighthgrader Pavan Rao, seventhgrader Nithin Adapa, seventh-grader Apurua Shrivastava and eighth-grader Krithika Swaminathan joined the club

after moving from India this year.
"We've done phenomenal." Screnson said.

include The Detroit Country Day Invitational, MathCounts, AMC to and AMC 8 where the has placed in the top 10 across the nation in the past six years. rìght, with fellow math Rao and Krithika waminathan hit he blackboard o solve a few rath problems

School student

Club students compete in five competitions in the month of February alone.

Novi Middle School will host the Oakland Chapter of the MathCounts competition this Saturday — an endeavor Screnson is on her top game

Winners of the important event will move on to the county- and then state-level competitive arena. For this weekend's event Screnson will select 10 kids to

compete.

She said the students' dedi-The club's main competitions cation to arithmetic is impres-

"These kids come in at 7 a.m. to do competitions with me," Serensen said.
She is elated by her students'

"It's just a passion about math and seeing the students faces," she said, "And when they do get it, it's amazing.

In addition to coming in before school, club members take math packets home to complete with their parents and practice on the weekends Competition activities

include rapid relays, individual testing and team sprint rounds.
"It's fun and challenging to do a lot of math challenges. Rao said. This is his first year

in the club. Rao is already taking math classes at the high school. "I like the speed rounds," Adapa said. "We all depend on each other. It makes it harder,

And no, you don't always have to show your work

# **CLASS NOTES**

reaction to math



Novi Middle School students seek support with their quilting community project. The project will be a Celebration of Diversity quilt representing the countries of origin of the student body.

### NICHULAS J. PLENNERI Age 87, passed away February 17 2009. He was born on Jan. 1, 1922 Detroit, to the late Eberhartt and a (Wingle) Plennert. He lived fo family. Nicholas is survived b

hls loving wife Irene Plennert; his children: John (Mary) Plennert Linda (Bob) Fenech, Nick M. (Angle Tennert; his sister Betty Loch; randchildren. 21 great-grandch fren and one great-great-grand-hild. He was preceded in death by his grandson Ron. A funeral was held Saturday, February 21, 2009 a PHILLIPS FUNERAL HOME, South o, Online guestbook www.phillipsfuneral.com



THURMAN lge 65, of New Hudson, died 1/19/2009. Funeral service was held Our beloved mother die peacefully on February 19 2009 surrounded by her family. She was preceded in death by he whend of 59 years 2 average and husband of 59 years, Lawrence, at two children, Rhoda and Paula, S is survived by her children, John (Mary Alice), Eunice (Jim) and James (Michelle); grandchildren Michael, Katie and Luis; step-grane children, Paul and Peter; great grandchildren, Ryann, Britt, Erik also many other dear family mem also many other dear raining meni-bers, friends and caring church members. Besides being a failhful and caring mother, Margaret worked many years in health care serving older adults. Most importantly, she was fainful to feet Lott and some held at St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Northville, Memorials may be made to Bethesda Lutheran Home, Watertown Wisconsin, St. Paul Lutheran School, Northville.

CANDIS M. WOODSTOCK Age 62, of Lyon Twp., passed away 2/17/2009. Beloved wife of Robert Loving mother of Robert T., Scott and Melanie Hatton, Adored gran nother of 8. Services were held last Saturday at Casterline Funeral Home, Inc. of South Lyon (248) 446.1171.

OBITUARY POLICY e-mail your obit to: HTWObits@hometownlife, Or fax to: Attn: Obits c/o Jennifer Muss :: Obits c/o Jennifer I 586-826-7318 of the sales of the first seven 'billed' lines of any are published at no cost, insul lines will be charged at 35 y You may place a photo of your lev for an additional cost of 8 you pile emblems may be included.

### volunteer club sponsor, Judy Williams at jwilliams@novi.k12.mi.us

Green Gala Event The Novi Educational Foundation's third annual Green Gala event is 7 p.m. aturday, March 21 at the Rock Financial Showplace. This is an evening of fun, food and dance - all to ben efit Novi Community School District students.

**CC** freezes tuition The Detroit Catholic Central High School Board of Directors adopted the budget for the 2009-10 aca demic year. It has been the practice to raise tuition a small amount each year to keep up with inflation and to keep salaries competitive ever, in recognition of

facing many of the school's families, there will be no tuition increase for next vear, and further, all salaries are frozen at this year's level.

Novi Athletic Boosters The next Novi Athletic

Booster meeting will be 7 p.m. Wednesday, March 11 i room 160 at the Novi High School, 24062 Taft Road. Meetings cover the various fund-raising efforts of the Boosters along with updates on athletics at the high and middle schools. In February, the Navi Athletic Baosters donated \$29,000 to Novi High School spring sports teams for items including \$12,650 for a pole vault pit \$2,000 for a softball pitching machine and \$6,000

to continue the on-site

the extreme financial strains strength and conditioning training for all NHS stu-dent athletes. The donation also included various items for the boys lacrosse, baseball and golf teams along with the girls soccer team The Novi Athletic Boosters raise money to support Novi Wildcat student athletes.

Blood drive The Novi High School Blood Drive for the American Red Cross will be Friday, Feb. 27 in the perfor-mance gym. Student Council members will take the lead on recruiting and signing up

Mad Hatter Tea Party The Providence Center for the Healing Arts presents

its Seventh Annual Mad

of original artwork featur ing a spectacle of playful and imaginative teapots created by a variety of local artists. All teapots were handmade, by patients, families, staff, volunteers and community members. In addition to the teapots that were created in the Providence Healing Arts' ceramics studio, the exhibit also features teapots made by Novi High School students. The Mad Hatter Tea Party has been an integral part of the ongoing partner-ship between Providence Community School District for more than six years The show will be on display through tomorrow. The Nancy A. Fox Art Gallery is open 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday-Friday.

Hatter Tea Party; a showing

### online at hometownlife.com Portfolios and work samples

Have you accumulated a file of certificates for all the training and development courses you've completed over the years? Do you have copies of letters of recommendation, letters of appreciation, employer or professional awards, or other recognition of your efforts? Where is your diploma? How about copies of performance reviews? Do you have samples of the projects you've been part of that you can use to showcase your talents?

This is a good time for you to find all of these documents and put them together into a portfolio. A three ring binder will work well. Use clear plastic sheet protectors that will hold a full 8.5" x 11" sheet of paper. These plastic holders have a tab on one side that has holes for the binder rings. If you use a binder that has a clear overlay, you can create a nice looking cover sheet to slip into it to personalize your ortiolio. You can dso add index tabs t organize your port-folio by what type of

document you have You may wish to

put your resume in

Adamson

the front of the portfolio. Follow that with your diplomas and certificates from training or certification courses. If you have licenses related to business, these can come

Samples of projects you have managed or contributed to can also be included. If you intend to show these samples to prospective employers, be careful not to divulge confidential information. You may need to black

out client names, dollar amounts or other specific information which should not be shared outside of the company. Photographs of projects or finished products might also be ncluded, but only if you are not violating confidentiality.

If you have copies of your per-formance evaluations, you should include these in your portfolio for your own use. It may be helpful to you to review these past evaluations to help recall specific strengths and weaknesses that you discussed during your reviews. This information can be useful during interviews if you are asked the dreaded "Tell me about your strengths" or "Tell me about your

weaknesses" questions. Spreadsheets your created, databases you designed or managed, designs and business writing that

you produced may also be useful to include if they showcase your ability to use or manipulate software, gener ate reports, or create effective, attractive or powerful messages.

Once you've assembled your port-tolio including work samples, keep it somewhere accessible during your job search. You may wish to use some of the items to demonstrate your abilities or accomplishments during a job interview. You will probably never nced to carry the complete portfolio with you, but you may need to document that your licenses are cur-rent, that you actually did receive a Bachelor's degree from the University of Michigan, or prove that you com oleted a certain type of required training.

Once you have your portfolio created, be sure to keep it up to date by adding certificates, performance reviews, letters or rewards, and work samples to it as you continue your career. You will always know exactly where to find the documents that might be crucial to your landing you next job.

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### **Brighton**

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248.887.1311 • www.humc.us Sunday Worship 8:30, 10 & 11:30 a.m. Kids Church 9:30 - 11:30 a.m. Youth Night • Wed. 7:00 - 8:30 p.m.

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### Livonia

FELLOWSHIP Presbyterian Church arking lot is NW Comer of Levan & Schooler Sunday School 9:30 a.m.; Worship 10:30 a.r ir. James N. McGuire \* Nursey Provid

### Milford

# CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH Jun-Aug - Sunday Service: 9:30 a.m. Monday Evening 7:00 p.m.

FIRST BAPTIST OF MILFORD 133 Detroit St., Milford • 684-5695 Pastor Steve Swayze

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rship 10:30 a.m. 248-437-6212

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### WARD EVANGELICAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH 40000 Slx Mire Rd., Northvele 246-374-7400 Sunday Worship: Traditional: 8 sm., 9:30 s.m. & 11 s.m.

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# CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

355 Meadowbrook Rd. in Novi at 8 % Mile 248-348-7757 • www.mbccc.org Sunday Worship 10 a.m. Rev. Anthur Ritter. Sonior Minister CHURCH OF THE HOLY FAMILY

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### **OUR VIEWS**

# Novi: An example of diversity

Japanese exhibit, The Spirit of Budô: The History of Japan's Martial Arts, in the Atrium of the Novi Civic Center last week.

The traditional weapons and armor of Japan's martial arts culture, are on display and available for public viewing through March 13.

"This is one of the most important places to exhibit the traditional items," Consul General Tamotsu Shinotsuka said. "Novi has a very heavy concentration of Japanese residents living here.

The exhibition has been traveling since 2007, visiting other countries such as Uruguay and Brazil, and is heading to Paris once it leaves

As part of the reception the Japanese male chorus, the White Pine Glee Club performed and martial arts practices of Judo and Kyudo were

The City of Novi will also be hosting additional programs on Japanese culture including a rare opportunity to see a newly released Japanese film, "Zen," the true story of Zen Buddhist Monk Doven, his spiritual journey to enlightenment and founding of the Zen sect of Buddhism in

According to the Southeast Michigan Council of Governments' most recent census, about 9 percent of Novi's 54,000 residents are of Asian

In Mayor David Landry's State of the City address he stated the Novi Community School District is one-third Asian-Indian, with one ele-

This is the third exhibit Novi has hosted through the Japan Foundation and Consulate General of Japan in Detroit.

Novi is also home to the Japanese Festival, Japanese Business Society of Detroit Pop Concert, Novi Public Library English Conversation Group, India Day at the Rock Financial Showplace and Japanese language and immersion programs through the school district.

We applaud the City for taking a proactive approach to embracing the diversity of our grow-

### Join the discussion



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### ONLINE **VOICES & VIEWS**

Here is what you had to say online after reading the Novi News:

NoviResident wrote in response to the story Millage proposal slated for may: Is Novi's City Council living with their heads in the sand? Do they not know that we are experiencing the worst economic situa-tion since the Great Depression? Have they missed the headlines ..."Market Hits New Crisis Low" (WSJ, Feb. 20, 2009). Michigan has the highest unemployment rate in the country! People are losing their homes, and those of us lucky enough to still be able to pay our mortgages are seeing the value of our homes plummet! People can barely pay for necessities and Novi City Council wants its residents to give up their hard earned money for a PARK??? Unbelievable! You need to be looking for ways to run the City of Novi more and save its residents money, NOT

### NOVI NEWS c) GANNETT

**Executive Editor** 

Victoria Mitcheli Jeannie Parent
Community Editor Senior Director of Sales & Marketing

# COMMUNITY VOICE

What are some ways diversity is represented in Novi?



"The Asian students are great achievers in our schools."

- Steve Myers

"My grandkids went to Novi schools and there are a lot of kids of Asian descent." - Fred Ciampa,

fair every year and they open it up to everyone, young and old."

- Florence Baptist

"They have an international



– Lil Greka,

### LETTERS

### The survey says

Based upon the following results of the recent Novi Citizen surveys, is the City's proposed Signature Park project a citizen "need" or a City council "want?"

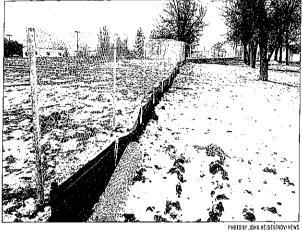
Of those who responded to the 2008 National Citizen Survey: 55 percent never used Novi recreation centers in 12 months; 21 percent used Novi recreation centers once or twice; 6 percent never participated in a recreation program or activity in 12 months: 16 percent participated once or twice; 23 percent never visited a neigh-borhood park or City park in 12 months; 29 percent visited once or twice; 20 percent rated recreational opportunities as excellent; 51 percent rated opportunities as good: 21 percent rated the quality of recreation centers of facilities as excel-lent; 54 percent rated the quality as good; 25 percent rated the quality of recreation programs or classes as excellent; 51 per-cent rated the quality as good; 29 percent rated the quality of City parks as excellent; 51 percent rated the quality as good; 29 percent rated the quality of City parks as excellent; and 51 percent rated the quality

as good.
Of those who responded to the 2007 Community Assessment Survey for Older Adults: 86 percent never used the Novi Senior Center in 12 months; 10 percent used the Center once or twice; 5 percent never used a recreation center in Novi in 12 months; 95 percent used a Novi center once or twice; 58 percent never participated in a recreation program or group activity during a typical week; 25 percent participated one-three hours; 40 percent never visited

percent visited a park once or twice. I look forward to the News providing additional facts in order for Novi taxpayers to make an informed decision.

### Cap recycling program in Novi

We would like to bring to your attention an important fact about the recycling of plastic caps and lids. Our city recycles metal, glass and plastic bottles. Many people recycle plastic bottles with their caps on, but we should not be doing so. Most municipal recycling programs do not accept plastic lids. This is mainly because



### Waiting game

Even though fencing has nearly surrounded the construction site, work on the new Novi Public Library has

### WHAT DO YOU THINK?

We welcome your Letter to the Editor. Please include your name, address and phone number for verification. We ask your letters be 400 words or less. We may edit for clarity, space

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New Deadline: Letters must be received by 10 a.m. Monday to be published in the Thursday Blog: You may also let your oninions he

heard with your own blog at hometownlife.com

as their plastic container. Plastics can be recycled, but mixing two different plastics reduces and contaminates the materials. Also, when plastic bottles are compressed with the lids on them, they do not comp

Plastic caps and lids do not belong in

the garbage. They make their way into the landfills, and they also end up in waterways. Birds and marine animals mistake them for food and end up dying. This endangers animals and pollutes oceans

Aveda is the only company in the USA that has started a plastic bottle cap recycling program. The caps they collect include shampoo, water, soda, milk and other beverage bottles, flip top caps on ubes and food product bottles su ketchup and mayonnaise, laundry detergents and peanut butter. Aveda's cap collec-tion center is located in Aveda Experience Center in Twelve Oaks Mall.

We urge the residents and business of Novi to be part of the solution by joining Recycle Caps with Aveda. Schools and businesses can get involved in the program by contacting capcollection@aveda.com.

Thank you for helping us keep the envi-

Dhivya Sridar and Asawari Kanitkar

### **BLOGS**

### Open letter of apology to the Berkley school district

Posted 2/18/2009 10:34 AM EST on hometownlife.com

Fantasygeek wrote: Every morning at about 4 a.m. I wake up with a revelation. It is always work related, and usually leads to another thought, which leads to another thought, which takes me to about 6 a.m. when I fall back asleep to

wake up minutes later to start my day.

This has been going on for about three years now. But the oddest thing happened this morning. Yes, I woke up at 4 a.m., but my shocking thought wasn't about the

paper.
It hit me like a brick over my head ... I left a banana in my daughter's school cubby. Like Novi, my daughter's school is on winter break, so that means the banana is just sitting in the classroom since Friday

and won't be discovered until Monday So, there are two scenarios, one, she did so, there are two scenarios, one; sue the open it and eat some, so it is completely rotting and smelling up the entire classroom, and possibly the entire elementary school; or two, she didn't open it and therefore it is at least contained If the second scenario is the case, I'm not sure of the outcome. The banana was reaching questionable browning when I sent it with her, but I was in a rush and it seemed fine for that day.

I want to say I'm sorry to the Berkley School District for what might happen when they open up on Monday. In my defense, I don't ever do the pickup, just the dropoff, (good thing) so my cubby-checking proficiency is lame at best. I was not aware of the routine of activities and responsibili ties assigned to the picker-upper.

From now on, I'll stick to being the dropper-offer because I do just fine at that.

### Appalled by asking for money durino a recession Posted 2/20/2009 2:12 PM EST on hometownlife.com

jazz-cat wrote: I have to add my two cents here. I saw the article today in the paper about Signature park, and I was appalled that the city would ever consider asking for more money from the taxpayers in this time of recession. People are losing jobs daily, our 401K's are

dropping, our house values are dwindling, homes are being foreclosed. But the city wants to ask for additional money for a PARK? I mean, honestly, what are they

### Better late than never ...

Posted 2/17/2009 8:42 PM EST on hometownii/e.com

MindBodySoul wrote: So I had every intention of blogging at the Novi City Council meeting tonight, but for some reason, the wireless connection in council chambers wasn't working. I wonder if they disable it intentionally to keep coun-cil members from surfing the Web or if the problem was simply with my not-so-tech-

savy self? I'll have to look into that and get back with you. The Farm Lady, Margaret Schmidt spoke during audience participation about the Garlic Mustard plant. She's offering to the Garne Musician promote and rid the city volunteer her time to try and rid the city of the invasive species, and asked council for \$100 toward her efforts. Do you think they will oblige the community activists'

### LEGISLATIVE UPDATE WITH STATE SEN. NANCY CASSIS

### and were unable to verify key data. My hat process taught don't have access to

government spends their money. Their trust in government has been shaken due to the recent federal bailout of the banks and the stimulus bill subsidized by taxpayers. The lack Nancy Cassis of accountability in those measures has made the need for transparency

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greater than ever.
Our new president and his administration has touted the benefits of transparency and already signed executive orders to make the federal process more open. Michigan Attorney General Mike Cox has been a leader on this issue and forged impor-tant ground with transparency in his department. Additionally, several states including Texas, Minnesota Missouri and South Carolina have passed legislation requiring free, searchable Web sites with detailed

TAXPAYERS WANT TRANSPARENT,

OPEN AND EFFECTIVE GOVERNMENT

People in Michigan, and nation-

wide, are concerned about how their

This is not a partisan issue. Transparency is a good governmen yer-friendly policy.

taxpayer-friendly policy.
While rewriting the main business tax my fellow lawmakers and I "There's a lot of Asian and

tion that will bring transparency to Michigan government and the package of bills was recently approved by the State Senate. My bills were mod-eled after an acclaimed program in the state of Washington Senate Bill 70 will require the Department of Treasury to share aggregate tax information by business category with the chair of the Senate Finance Committee, the chair information about state expenditure of the House Tax Policy Committee

> SB 71, specifically requires that the Michigan Economic Growth Authority (MEGA) annual reports

critical information when writing bills, even well-meaning 'legislation can be credits available to businesses, how many companies are claiming the credits and how much is claimed annually.
This essential legislation is good inaccurate or incomplete. Requiring disclosure of this information can help avoid unintended consequences

To bring sunshine to the decisionmaking process, I introduced legisla-I am heartened as the legislation

and the directors of the House and Senate fiscal agencies.

include specific information, such as the actual number of jobs created by MEGA credit recipients.

Another proposal, SB 72, would ing all of the Michigan Business Tax

public policy that bolsters a system of checks and balances as well as safeguards our companies privacy and confidentiality.

eration, because a group of 25 House Republicans recently joined Minority Leader Kevin Elsenheimer and the attorney general at a press conference ing their support of govern-ansparency. House members from both parties pledged to make

### COMMITTED TO ADDRESSING

My resolve to address our state's

been stronger. Recently, the Senate Banking and Financial Institutions Committee, of which I am a member, heard from the Filene Research of Technology on how to reduce fore-

closures. The research team identified major factors that have contributed to the rise of mortgage foreclosures and recommended 10 policy changes that could help decrease the forcelo rate. The report is a valuable guide for policymakers working to help Michigan families stay in their hor

The full 56-page report is available at http://filene.org/filestore/sec-tion/27/Filene\_Michigan\_Report\_ Final2.5.09.pdf.

In addition, I will be reintroducing legislation to allow county registers to calculate a home's redemptive value in an effort to help hom ers keep their homes. I introduced SB 1390 last year with the support of Oakland County Clerk Ruth Johnson. The measure was approved by the Senate but died in the House.

### FREE MICHIGAN TAX GUIDES AVAILABLE

able resource informs residents about changes in the tax laws and how the changes may affect them. The booklet contains information on Michigan's taxes and tax credits and includes a year-long taxpayer's calendar with reference to impor-

Taxpayer's Guide are now available

through my office. The 2009 guide is designed to help residents prepare

their tax forms. This extremely valu

tant tax dates and filing deadlines. Also inside are copies of the most commonly used tax forms, as well as addresses and phone numbers for obtaining state agency tax informa-

tion assistance. For free copies of the tax guides please visit my Web site at www. SenatorNancyCassis.com and click on Publications. Or contact my office toll free at (888) 38-NANCY to have a

State Senator Nancy Cassis, R-Novi, represents the 15th Senate District, which includes the townships of Commerce, Highland, Holly, Lyon, Milford, Novi, Rose, West Bloomfield and White Lake, as well as the villages of Holly. Milford and Wolverine Lake and the cities of Novi, Northville (the Oakland County portion),

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the whole family. Africa have reserved space. It's also a selling show. A

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ing techniques. Make a fire with a bow-

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Outdoorama show hours are 2-9:30 p.m. Thursday and Friday; 10

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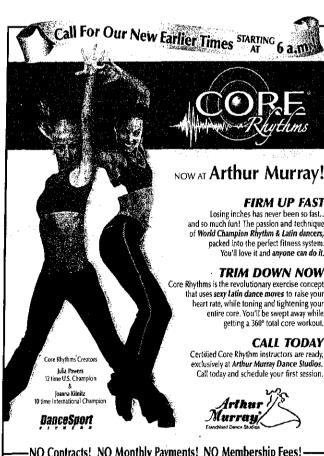
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Walking in the Park TIME/DATE: 10-11 a.m. every Saturday LOCATION: Meet at the Visitor's Center of Heritage Park (Farmington Road between 10 and 11 Mile roads) **DETAILS:** Group meets for lunch after

wards. CONTACT: Sue (734) 459-0016 Reliew Life Ministries TIME/DATE: 7:15-9 p.m. every Monday DETAILS: Ongoing Life Groups that TIME/DATE: 7:30 p.m. social time: 7:45 support and facilitate personal growth p.m. opening; 8·9 p.m. program, every

nealing, learning and change from a Christian perspective. **DETAILS: Informative and entertain** ing programs of interest to singles; \$5 register call (248) 912-0043 or visit per person. Check Web site for details

Charmed Influence The Best of Bach Concert TIME/DATE: 9:30 a.m. every Celebrating the Master of Baroque TIME/DATE: 7 p.m., Sunday, March 1 DETAILS: Studying the book "Surviving DETAILS: Effervescent, joyful, clarion a Spiritual Mismatch In Marriage". music will be contrasted with the CONTACT: Joy Ruby at joy@cakpointe. peaceful and serene. The Northville Concert Chorale will sing some of his greatest works for chorus and orchestra including a powerful setting FIRST UNITED WETHODIST OF WORTHVILLE

of "A Mighty Fortress is Our God" and A Stephen Ministry church LOCATION: 777 W. Eight Mile Road Mary). Orchestral works include the CONTACT: (248) 349-1144 or fumenorth: 'Orchestral Suite" and an instrumenta ville.org version of "Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring" Sunday Worship The orchestra and chorus will be con ducted by: Darlene Kuperus. Tickets Coffee hour at 11 a.m. available in our church office or during coffee hour on Sunday mornings. TIME/DATE: 4 p.m. first Monday of Adults \$20/Seniors \$15/Students \$10/11 Radical Joy

ducted by: Darlene Kuperus. Tickets

available in THE church office or dur

CONTACT: For ticket information call T:ME/DATE: 6-8 p.m. first and third Thursday of every month. The Best of Bach Concert: **DETAILS:** All women seeking to Celebrating the Master of Barogu strengthen their faith and connect with TIME/DATE: 7 p.m., Sunday, March 1 other women are invited to attend DETAILS: Effervescent, joyful, clario music will be contrasted with the is \$25 per four-week session. Sign up neaceful and serene. The Northville Concert Chorale will sing some of is served and child care is available on his greatest works for chorus and orchestra including a powerful setting Logos Youth Club of "A Mighty Fortress is Our God" and

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**Musical Notes** 

DATE: Sunday, April 5

LOCATION: in front of the church

T!ME/DATE: 9:45 a.m. Sunday

Starting out the new year on the right foot is the goal at First Baptist Northville. Pastor Jon Wilkes' church is in a 10-week contest centered on the TV show 'The Biggest Loser.' Those who wanted to parlicipate were divided into three teams. To date, the church has lost 230 pounds. Each week the congregation hears a message based on the Scripture in Matthew 16 where Jesus says "Whoever loses his life for my sake will find it." The goal is for veryone to be the biggest Joser.

LOCATION: 41671 W. 10 Mile Road WRDT-AM 560. The WMUZ Word Station CONTACT: (248) 349-2652 or visit umc-Single Point Ministries - 45 and FIME/DATE: 11 a.m. Sunday for fellow TIME: 9:45 a.m. ship and Bible study.

TIME/DATE: 9:45 a.m. first Sunday of TIME/DATE: 9:30 a.m. Sunday to Peace Vigil deepen your personal relationship with TIME/DATE: Noon, first Sunday of

Single Purpose ConneXions - 20-30 **DETAILS:** Members of the congregation and the community will stand united in Chapel for singing, Bible study, and

**DETAILS:** For single adults, Active ministry offering various Bible study classes, volleyball, bicycling group, ennis group, support groups, suppor **DETAILS**: The Easter Cantata will be group for widowed over age 50, fellow presented during the Sunday morning ship, friendships and more. Contact the worship service. The Cantata this sea number below for more information. son will be Save in the Cross, Created CONTACT: (248) 374-5920 by Mike Harland and Chris Machen with Bible Studies and Prayer Nights arrangements by Richard Kingsmore Learner's Blble Study This lyrical drama is written from the perspective of Paul's evangelistic Men's Bible Study preaching about the sacrifice of Jesus.

TIME/DATE: 7 p.m. Mondays Room A101 TIME/DATE: 6:30 a.m. Wednesday Single Adult Ministries office TIME/DAYE: 7 p.m. second and fourth Mondays, Room 0309 Lighthouse Café TIME/DATE: 7 p.m., Feb. 27 LOCATION: Knox Hall

DETAILS: Special music presentation Snacks and refreshments are provided. Admission is \$5 at the door. Free child care will be available for kids up to 12 DETROIT FIRST CHUNCH OF THE NAZARENE

CONTACT: Single Adult Ministries office of Eight Mile Road Scrapbook Fellowship nazarene.org

DETAILS; Crafting, sewing, knitting. CONTACT Register at Jessica.sle masz@wardchurch.org (248) 374-5978 Leave name, contact number for. Walk-ins welcome if space is

ST. JAMES CATHOLIC LOCATION: 46325 10 Mile Road, Novi CONTACT: (248) 347-7778 TIME/DAY: 8, 9:30 and 11:30 a.m. Sunday: 9 a.m. Monday-Tuesday: 7 p.m. Wednesday; 5 p.m. Saturday

> DETAILS: Providing fellowship, support and opportunities to grow faith. Childcare

have to be a parishioner to join

LOCATION: 217 N. Wind CONTACT: (248) 348-1020 Sunday Worship: 10:45 a.m. and 5:45 p.m. Sunday School: 9:30 a.m. Ladies Bible Study: 9:30 a.m. and 7 Men's Bible Study: 9 a.m. first Saturday of every month Souls Harbor

nusic will be held at First Baptist Church featuring the music of Souls of Southeastern, Michigan. This group consists of Ron Brown, David Brown and Joy Brown. Ron and David, father and son, have been singing for over 17 years and Joy, David's wife, began singing with Souls Harbor in December of 2005. Completing the family affair i Charlene, Roo's wife, who manages the



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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 Thursday evenings at 6:15 and 7:30 p.m Meal, \$4 per person, \$12 per family, 7 p.m. Children's Caravan, Club 56. Bible Study, Ouilting, Adult Classes, Youth

DATE: March 1 **DETAILS:** Sign up begins for adult singles. Leagues play Monday eve nings at Fox Creek beginning (May 4) Whispering Willows (April 30). Cost is \$259: \$90 due with registration.

Singles Book Club Discussion Group TIME/DATE: 12:30 p.m., April 5 **DETAILS:** Discussions from a single adull, Christian perspective. Current reading "Under the Overpass" by Mike CONTACT: (248) 374-5920

Divorce Recovery TIME/DATE: 7-9:30 p.m., Thursday evenings through March 19 DETAILS: \$35 at the door includes mate rials and refreshments. Free child care able for infants through 6th grade.

CONTACT: (248) 374-5920. CHURCH OF THE HOLY FAMILY LOCATION: 24505 Meadowbrook Road CONTACT: (248) 349-8847 or visit hely-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. Saturdays or by appointment TIME/DATE: 10-11 a.m. last Wednesday DETAILS: Free, informational meet

ng open to all adoptive families in Oakland County, Child care is available CONTACT: (248) 348-7600 or visit dic-

Study, 7 p.m. Men's Evening Bible Study Wednesday Schedule: 5:30 p.m. family

Purpose Prayer Group; 7 p.m. Tae Kwon Do

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Vehicle suspected stolen, driven through fence

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stolen vehicle was driven through the fence of Service Pro Plumbing and Electrical on Grand River Avenue, between Taft and Novi roads, reports

Investigation determined the neident occurred between 5 p.m. Feb. 16 and 1 a.m. Feb. 17. According to the report. several businesses lease space inside the storage yard, but the subject vehicle is believed to be pick-up truck with a Bobcat-

Police located a front plastic grill of a vehicle along the driveway, near the gate. About \$3,000 worth of damage was caused to the two-sided entry gate and lock, reports said.

Reports: Drunken driver comes clean to police

**7** Al about 8 p.m. Feb. 19, a police were dispatched to Pierre Drive, near Novi and 13 Mile roads, by a complain ant who reported a vehicle hit entered a residence across the

Upon arrival, police observed a Ford Explorer parked in the driveway of a residence on Charlemagne Drive with severe

front-end damage.

The man who answered the door immediately told police he drove his vehicle into a tree and that he was drunk, reports said. He said he had about eight mixed drinks with vodka at his residence and left to drive a friend home.

Police performed field man said he didn't need them because he knew he was drunk and wanted to be arrested. The preliminary breath test ered his blood alcohol oncentration at .22 percent,

Police arrest man after receiving complaint

3 Police reported to Bramblewood Court, near

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10 Mile and Beck roads, on a complaint of a suspicious vehicle parked at the end of the road, just before 8 p.m.

8 Mile Rd.

Officers approached the run ning tan van and found a male subject seated behind the driver's seat. They smelled an odor subject, reports said.

When asked why he was ked in the street, the man said he was waiting for his wife to come home because they got in a fight when she didn't cook him dinner. Police asked the man where he lived and he said Bramblewood Drive, which is the street adjacent to where he

was parked. The man refused to provide his wife's name and driver's license, but police were able

they didn't have an argument Swerving steers police and there was no reason for A man was arrested for him to be on Bramblewood

operating while intoxicated just before 10 p.m. Feb. 19, The officer then observed the man exit the vehicle and reports said. ice were dispatched to Nov attempt to walk through the woods to get to his residence Road, near Interstate 96 on report of a possible drunk driver An officer followed the black

8 Mile Rd

reports said.
The man originally told
police he had not been driv-Lexus as it headed west on 12 ng, but then when asked how Mile Road and observed the vehicle got there, he said driver swerve into the right it did not get there on its own, lane several times, before reports said. switching lanes and turning onto Declaration Road, who Police attempted to per-

form field sobriety tests and a traffic stop was initiated. a preliminary breath test, but The driver said be had one the officer asked for his license and refused. He was arrested and taken to the police station where a chemical breath test the man provided his business card, reports said. A preliminary breath test regregistered his blood alcohol concentration at .21 percent

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# Police: Area resident steals vehicle, purse to support drug habit

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Novi area resident Steven Leigh Jozwiak, 48, was arraigned Monday following separate reports of automo-bile theft and purse snatching

"Yesterday, the suspect with unlawfully driving away of a motor vehicle and larceny from Jozwiak

Police Chief David Molloy said Tuesday, adding the sus-pect is a habitual offender with an extensive criminal Jozwiak is facing charges of

larceny from person, a 10-year felony, and unlawfully driving away of a motor vehicle, which is a five-year felony.

Just before 9 a.m. Feb. 21, a

resident at 26228 Louisiana. in the Novi Meadows Mobile and Napier roads, observed a suspect, later identified as Jozwiak, drive off in the 2000 black Ford Ranger, which was warming up in her

"It's a good example for residents," Molloy said, "I realize it's cold, but you can't leave vehicles running in your drive-

way." Witnesses identified the suspect as a man who often rels snow for money in the About 30 minutes later, police responded to a situ-ation at Busch's market, at 10 Mile and Meadowbroo roads, where two females, 87

man while loading groceries into their vehicle. The suspect later identified as Jozwiak, asked the women for directions, then stole a purse from inside the vehicle, which contained credit card, keys and about \$100.

The suspect was not armed, and neither of the women were Jozwiak then fled the scene

n the stolen pick-up truck.
Livonia Police located the vehicle on eastbound Interstate 96 near Middlebelt Road, but terminated the pursuit due to high speeds in excess of 90 mph, Molloy said Jozwiak was arrested Sunday morning, while police patrolled the area of the first

crime and located a man walk He said he was staying with a friend in the 26000 block of

an address on Pontiac Trail in South Lyon. According to police, Jozwiak admitted to having a \$50 a day heroin problem and said he took the vehicle to return

some items at Busch's, but was

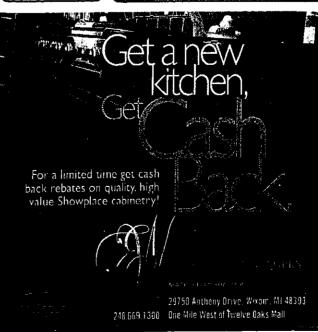
'We recovered the purse and we recovered the vehicle in the area of Kendall and Vaughn, in the City of Detroit, Molloy said. "He purchased about \$50 worth of heroin then left the vehicle, knowing

it would be reported stolen Jozwiak is being held at Oakland County Jail on a \$100,000 bond. A pre-exam conference is scheduled for March 4 in front of Judge Dennis Powers of the 52-1

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### LOCAL EVENTS

### 27th Annual Bowl-A-Thon TIME/DATE:1-4 p.m. Saturday, Mar. 7 LOCATION: Novi Bowl is located on Nov Road between 8 and 9 Mile roads the Novi Community, Goal \$25,000 - form a leam - snonsor a bowler - sponsor a lane for \$100 - free bowling - free pizza

and refreshments - prizes for all bowlers NYA Jeanne Clarke Summer Teen Center opens June 22. CONTACT: For pledge sheets or information call Novi Youth Assistance (248)

### Two Broads Abroad! TIME/DATE: 6:15 p.m. Networking - 6:45

p.m. Dinner Meeting, Wednesday, LOCATION: DoubleTree Hotel, 42100

DETAILS: The Novi Daks Charter Chapter of The American Business Women's Association presents Kathy Crawford. Kalhy Crawford entertains wherever she

Enjoy her hilarious stories and interest ing information on how she and her good friend went to tretand to "meet people who took like us," and then published an account of their adventures.

Professional Children's Theater Series TIME/DATE: All shows 7-8 p.m.: Rob Reider's Mime Show, Friday, March 20; Roland the Minstref Pig, Wild

### Amongus, Friday, April 24 LOCATION: Novi Middle School Performing

DETAILS: Providence Park is sponsoring Novi Community Education in offering a Each show is \$5 per ticket, or all four shows can be purchased for \$17. CONTACT: (248) 449-1206

### Comfy Couch Concerts TIME/DATE: Doors open 7 p.m. for polluck, concert begins 8 p.m., one Saturday per

LOCATION: Newport Furnishings, 29240 Lyon Oaks, Dr., Wixom DETAILS: Monthly concert series featuring live acoustic music. Casual, comfort

### able, smoke-free family friendly event Bring a dish to share and join the potluct Contact: comfycouchconcerts.com

### TIME/DATE: Noon every Thursday LOCATION: Novi Methodist Church. 41671

DETAILS: Lunch is \$10 at meeting. Visitors welcome. Check Web site for speaker information; novirotary.org.

## Meetings TIME/DATE: 6:15 p.m. second Wednesday

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DETAILS: Card holders can check out free passes, for two to four people, to many area museums, cultural centers and historical sites. See detroitadventurepass org for more information Senior Book Discussion

TIME/DATE: Noon to 1:30 p.m. second Thursday of each month DETAILS: Book discussion group for older

Library Board Meeting IIME/DATE: 7-9 p.m. third Wednesday of LOCATION: Novi Civic Center, City Council

Chambers DETAILS: General meeting of the entire Library Board, Broadcast live on cable channel 13. Bagels and Books

TIME/DATE: 3 p.m. Friday, Feb. 27 by Terry Trueman and join us for bagels and discussion. Ages 9-12.

TIME/DATE: 10 a.m.-noon Saturday, Feb. 28 DETAILS: Provide an inspirational environ and create with other writers. The group is (acilitated by local writer Kathy Mutch. Writers of all genres are encouraged to

register online or call the library Friends' Special Used Book Sale DETAILS: Purchase a bag of used books

for \$6 a bag! Monday Evening Book Discussion TIME/DATE: 7-8 p.m. Monday, March 2 DETAILS: Join your Novi neighbors in a great discussion of fiction and non-fiction littles. Please register. Limited to 20 participants. Discussing Me Talk Pretty

TIME/DATE: 7 n m. Turesday March 3 story time led by a librarian. No registra

TIME/DATE: Noon-I p.m., Tuesday, March

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Wixom Public Library LOCATION: 49035 Pontiac Trail Wixom HOURS: 10 a.m.: 8 p.m. Monday-Thursday 10 a.m.-5 p.m Friday-Salurday; and 1-5 p.m. Sunday CONTACT: (248) 624-2512 or visit wixom

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### Mighty Maneuvers

Ryan Rabinowitz, 11, works his way through an obstacle course at the Novi Ice Arena during its "Sticks and Pucks" hockey camp last week.



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### CITY OF NOVI

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT the Zoning Board of Appeals for the City of Novi will hold a public hearing on Tuesday, March 17, 2009 at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers Novi Civic Center 45175 W. Ten Mile Road to consider:

17. 200 M 1700 Jm. III the cultic that may reverse the chart 45175 W. Ten Mile Road to consider:

Case 09-005 Filed by LaYanway Sign. Co, for 44125 W. Twelve Mile Rd = E124

The petitioner is requesting a variance to allow installation of a 114.7 SF will sign or a variance to allow an alternative method of sign area calculations for Pusion Health & Pitness Clubs, a suite within Twelve Mile Crossing. The property is zoned RC and located west of Novi Road and south of Twelve Mile Road.

Case 99-004 Filed by Sign Fabricators for 24270 Novi Rd

The petitioner is requesting a variance to allow installation of one additional 39 square foot wall sign for the Bentic's Pizza suite located at 24270 Novi Road. The property is zoned B-3 and is located east of Novi Road and north of Rn Mile Road.

Case 99-005 Filed by CB Richard Ellis for 43700 Expo Center Drive

The petitioner is requesting to renew the ZBA 07-100 variance to allow one 98 square foot oversize real estate lessing wall sign to be located on the building at 43700 Expo Center Drive from the Novi Road and 18700 Expo Center Drive for the Novi Road 18700 Expo Center Order for the Novi Road 1870 Expo Cen

Drive
The petitioner is requesting to renew the ZBA 07-100 variance to sillow one 96 square foot oversize real estate leasing wall sign to be located on the building at 43700 Expo Center Drive for the Novi Expo Center. Property is zoned EXPO and is located south of 1-96 and west of Novi Road.

Case 09-006 Filed by Colliers International for 26800 Meadowbrook Rd

The petitioner is requesting a renewal of one (1) sign under the first property of the content of the petitions of the petitions.

esting a renewal of one (1) sign variance for a

of square for real estate leasing sign located at 26800 Meadowbrook Road. The property is zoned OST and located south of Twelve Rule and east of Meadowbrook Road.

Case 99-907 Filed by Singh Development LLC - 27475 Huron Circle
The Petitioner is requesting renewal of a variance to allow continued placement of a 41 square foot temporary leasing sign, 11 feet in height located at 24746 Huron Circle. Walknowod. The property is zoned RM-1 and is located south of Twelve Mile Road and east of Novi Road.

Case 98-908 Filed by Bistro of Grace LLC - 28750 Novi Road

and east of Novi Road.

Case 09-008 Filed by Bistro of Grace LLC - 25750 Novi Road

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Ste 102

The petitioner is requesting a variance to permit the installation of a 36 seat restaurant area in the Basic Asian Market located at 25750 Novi Road - Suite 102 without installing any additional parking spaces as required by the Zoning Ordinance. The property is zoned TC-1 and is located on the east side of Novi Road, south of Main Sirvet and north of the CSX railroad tracks.

Case 09-009 Filed by Boyne Country Sports - 27782 Novi Road

The petitioner is requesting a variance to allow a wall sign on the east elevation of the building located at 27782 Novi Road. The property is zoned RC and is located east of Novi Road and south of Twelve Mile Road.

Case 93-010 Fired by Signaturania man are view as an are Avenue.

The petitioner is requesting a variance to erect a wall sign on the north elevation for Providence Park Hospital located at 47601 Grand River Avenue. The property is zoned OSC and is south of Grand River Avenue and west of Beck Road.

Case 09-011 Filed by CSFB 2001-CP4 Haggerty Rd for 27175 — 27275 Haggerty Road

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Novi City Council Meeting TIME/DATE: 7 p.m. first and third Monday of month LOCATION: Novi Civic Center, 45175 W. 1D Mile Road CONTACT: (248) 347-0470

### Novi Youth Assistance General Citizens Meeting TIME/DATE: 6 p.m. first Tuesday of each

month LDCATION: Novi Civic Center, 45175 W. 10 CONTACT: (24B) 347-04IO

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### CHAMBER OF COMMERCE Novi Chamber of Commerce LOCATION: 41875 11 Mile Rd, #201, Novi

CONTACT: For more information call (248) 349-3743 or www.novichamber.com Membership Luncheon TIME/DATE: 11:30 a.m. Wednesday, March 4 LOCATION: Novi Civic Center, amid the acclaimed "Budo" (the spirit of martial

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stop in Michigan. A 5th degree master of SK martial arts will provide a short neesentation. You will be surprised at how relevant this presentation will be to your daily and business lives. \$20 pre-registra tion: \$30 at door

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Lewis Dr. Novi DETAILS: Networking and refreshments Bonus Business to Business Breakfast TIME/DATE: 8-9 a.m. Tuesday March 17

LOCATION: Modern Floors, 1145 N. Pontiac Trail, Walled Lake DETAILS: Network with local business professionals on this celebratory holiday. \$5 payable at door

TIME/DATE: 9 a.m.: 2 p.m.. Saturday Apr. 25 LOCATION Novi Civic Center DETAILS: Hosted by The Relational Church. Call (248) 767-8626 for more information.

### ONGOING American Legion Post 19 Monthly Meeting TIME/DATE: 7:30 p.m. third Tuesday every

LOCATION: Rock Financial Center, East Entrance, 46100 Grand River Avenue DETAILS: Comrades and fellow veterans,

join our monthly meetings. Attendance is

CONTACT: Commander Dennis Strikulis (248) 378-7841, dstrikulis@twmi.rr.co.n or Service Officer Paul Erickson (248) 34-1-7193, pnerick@aol.com

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Farmington. DETAILS: Come in for an up-close look at the Southwest Oakland Cable Commission Studios local community television studio. CONTACT: Melissa Cohn (248) 473-2840 Gardeners of Northville and Novi Monthly Meeting Gardeners Of Northville & Novi

Social Time & Garden Lecture on Pruning TIME/DATE: 6:30 p.m. second Monday of

month, Sept.-May LOCATION: Northville Art House at 215 W. Cady Street, Northville DETAILS: Visitors welcome CONTACT: Contact: Marcia (248)349-2352 or visit gardenersnorthville-novi.org

### Line Dancing

DATE: Mondays and Fridays TIME: 6:30-7:30 p.m. beginners; 7:30-9:30 p.m. intermediate LOCATION: Novi Civic Center, 45175 W. 10 Mile Road DETAILS: No partner needed; pay-as-you

go. Novi residents \$5, non-residents \$6. Novi Toastmasters TIME/DATE: 7-8:45 p.m. lirst and third

Tuesday of each month LOCATION Novi Civic Center Activities Room, 45175 W, 10 Mile Road
DETAILS: Toastmasters will help you improve your communication skills; voice your opinion; polish your presentations and practice leadership. CONTACT: Amy (248) 752-2800.

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TIME/DATE: 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Friday, April 17, 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Salurday and Sunday,

DETAILS: The Great Lakes Art Fair replaces the successful touring Sugarloaf Art Fair, which has visited the area bi-annually for the nast 10 years. The Great Lakes Art Fair will combine exclusive and desirable works from local, regional and national artists.

TIME/DATE: 2-9:30 p.m. Thursday and Friday, 10 a.m.-9 p.m. Saturday; and 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 26 to March 1 DETAILS: Produced by the Michigan United Conservation Clubs, Although hunting and fishing are at the show's core, information for people who hike camp, boat and cance, mushroom pick ing, bird watching, photographing wildlife and other outdoor pursuits.



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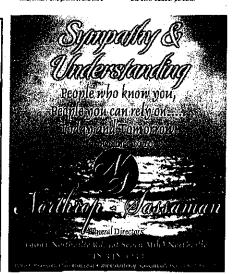
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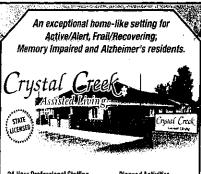
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Notice is further given that the second session of the Board of Notice is further given that the second session of the Board of Review will meet for the purpose of hearing and considering assessment appeals in the Novi City Council Chambers at 45176 W. Ten Mile Road on March 9, 10 & 11, 2009. All appearances before the Board will be by appointment only. If you or your representative want to appear in person, the appointment must be made on or before 5:00 p.m. EST, Friday, March 6, 2009. Appearances before the Board of Review are limited to five (5) minutes or less. Petitions are available at the Assessor's Office or at www.cityofnoviorg NO APPOINTMENTS WILL BE GIVEN UNTIL A PETITION IS RECEIVED BY THE ASSESSING DEPARTMENT.

Letters of protest will be accepted on or before 5:00 p.m. EST, Tuesday, March 10, 2009. Postmarks will not be considered. When submitting a letter of protest for the Board of Review consideration, you must attach a completed petition along with any supporting information.

All agents protesting values on property, other than their own, MUST HAVE written authorization from each property owner they are representing.

Persons on fixed or limited income may be eligible for a reduction in property taxes due to poverty. Applications are available at the Assessing Department, or at www.cityofnovi.org

BOARD OF REVIEW SCHEDULE Monday, March 9, 2009 - 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. Tuesday, March 10, 2009 - 1:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. Vednesday, March 11, 2009 - 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

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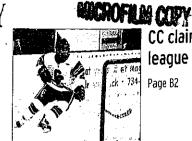
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# **Wildcats** pounced on by Lions

BY JEFF THESIEN SPORTS WRITER

It was all there for the taking. And South Lyon took defended the home court in mighty fashion to win the first-

coart in migray rasmon to win the first ever KLAA Central Division title. South Lyon jumped ahead early and took advantage of 42 free throws to knock off Novi 62-42 Friday. "They just started from the get go,"

South Lyon head coach Doug Host said. "Tm just so proud of them. I don't know what to say. They played great tonight. They really did."

The Wildcats normal in-your-face defense was getting whistled for fouls at an alarming pace. South Lyon was in the bonus with 3:24 left in the first quarter. The Lions would shoot 42 free throws on

The Ladas would state #2 free throws on the night, making 25.

"We've never been put in that situation before," Novi head coach Cory Heitsch said. "When you're put in those situations you need to react and make adjustments, but nobody has ever seen that before.

"I can't blame the kids for this. It just fall like no matter what heaves when

felt like no matter what happened, they were put in a position where they weren't going to succeed on the defensive end. I think it really effected us on the offensive

But referees aside, South Lyon took it

to Novi early and often.
The Lions trailed 4-2 early before ripping off an 11-0 run, and they would



South Eyon's Justin Hartman holds the ball over Novi's Nick Regnier.

Novi trailed 17-13 after the first and scored the first point of the second before South Lyon went on an 18-7 run the rest of the quarter for a 35-21 halftime lead.

Novi was called for 14 fouls in the first half and Chris Bellamy picked up a tech-nical foul late in the second quarter. He was held scoreless in the first half and finished with just five points.

The Lions didn't offer Novi a chance to

get back in it by ripping off the first eight points of the third for a commanding 43-21 lead.

"Novi is just an awesome team," Host said. "For us to do what we did tonight ...

They just brought it."
South Lyon's Jordan Short led all scorers with 19 points. Chance Bennett also hit double digits, scoring all 11 of his in the first half. Center Eric Wedesky scored eight points. In all 10 Lions made the scorebook with the fourth quarter being mostly played by the subs.

mostry played by the subs.
"This is so big to the whole team, the
championship. It's nice," Short said. "I
just had a good night.
"Novi is a good team. We had to bring

the hard pressure the whole game." Jeremy Mims led Novi with 11 points.

Samer Ozeir was next with nine. Heading into the fourth quarter, Novi hit just 11 of 36 shots and only one of nine from behind the arc.

"We couldn't get in a rhythm," Heitsch said. "With all the free throws, everything

was choppy, everything was choppy. "It is what it is. They beat us twice and

they deserve the championship."

# Wildcats pound Stevenson, fall to South Lyon

BY JEFF THEISEN SPORTS WRITER

The Wildcats played two strong games last week but came up with just one win. Novi buried Stevenson by win-

ning big in each of the first three

The Wildcats battled South Lyon hard on Friday, but came up just

### NOV! 53, STEVENSON 35

Balanced scoring helped lead the Wildcats to a big win against Stevenson on Feb. 17.

Caroline Johnson led 11 Novi players in the scorebook with 10. She also dished out four assists, snagged five steals and blocked four shots.

The Cats exploded out to a 20-5

lead by the end of the first quarter and a 34-10 halftime lead. Novi put the game to rest with a 14-7 advanin the third for a 48-22 lead

eading into the fourth.

Chantel Hill scored eight points, passed out four assists and four

steals.

Kelsey Masserant chipped in seven points.

### SOUTH LYON 49, NOVI 45

The Lions proved to be a much tougher task Friday. The teams were tied at nine after

the first quarter, but South Lyon ent ahead 25-17 by halftime. Novi (12-6, 7-3) pulled within



Wildcat Alyssa Armiak looks to make a pass.

37-33 heading into the fourth but couldn't pull off the win.

Heather Armiak scored 14 points to lead the Wildcats. Johnson was next with 13, and Masserant pitched

in eight points.
The Lions (14-5, 7-3) were led by center Danielle Gotham with a game-high 17 points. Kristin Short pitched in 11 points, and Courtney Harrison contributed eight points.

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Novi's Caroline Johnson puts up a shot with a Livonia Stevenson player's hand on her arm.

### **GAME** WRAPS

### Caldwell wrestles into regionals

Clayton Caldwell was the lone Wildcat to advance out of individu-

al districts Saturday. He placed third, beat-ing Churchill's John Bannoura 4-0 to move on. Caldwell has a 22-13 record heading into Saturday's regionals at Woodhaven. The top four placers at region-als advance to the state

### KLAA CONFERENCE WRESTLING MEET

Novi had four wrestlers place at the Lakes Conference meet Feb.

Connor Caldwell
led the charge with a
fourth-place finish at
112 pounds.
Three Wildcats fin-

ished in fifth - Clayton Caldwell at 130, Glenn MaLear at 140 and Adam Paul at 171.

### NOVI 52, PLYMOUTH 45

The Novi boys bounced back well after Friday's setback in the Central Division show-

Novi got 21 points from Bellamy (4 three-pointers) and 12 from Brandon Rydzewski (all on three-pointers) to pace the offense. Samer Ozeir added nine points to the win.

Novi (14-3) took a 30-25 lead into the half. Plymouth (8-9) trimmed the lead to 41-38 head-ing into the fourth, but Novi held on for the vic-

### NOVI 58, STEVENSON 41

Novi outscored Stevenson 24-10 in the third quarter to blow open a 26-21 halftime lead.

Chris Bellamy scored 21 points to lead all scorers. Brandon Bryan and Samer Ozeir were next with eight points

Bobby Naubert led the Spartans with 15 points.

### NOVI FRESHMAN GIRLS STAY UNDEFEATED

The Novi freshman girls basketball team improved to 18-0 with a 60-20 win against South Lyon. Natalie Paul led all

scorers with 15 points. Taylor Scott added 10

points.
The Wildcats knocked off Stevenson 53-13-ear-lier in the week. Anna Lausch scored 24 points to lead all scorers. Maddie Haustein was

### CATHOLIC CENTRAL 39, **BIRMINGHAM BROTHER**

The Shamrocks advanced in the Catholic League tournament with a tough, 39-33 win against rival Brother Rice on Saturday at Calihan Hall.

Brett Smith poured in a game-high 18 points to lead CC. Steve Harding

added 13.
Each team held small leads after the first and second quarters, but they went into the fourth quarter tied at 25. The Shamrocks (13-4) fought past the Warriors (6-11) in the

### NOVI 6, CANTON 0 The Wildcats rolled

past Canton in a Saturday KLAA cross-over hockey game.

# Shamrocks wrestle district title from Novi, Northville

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BY JEFF THEISEN Sports Writer

Catholic Central blasted past Novi and held off Northville to win the team district title Feb.

18 at home. The Shamrocks had little trouble in getting past Novi. The Wildcats' Glenn Malcar won by pin at 140 for Novi's Gee (6-3) at 145, Miles Trealout (4-1) at 160, Brendan Cox (6-0)

For the Shamrocks, wins by pin came from Alec Mooradian at 112 pounds. Justin Melick at 119, Charlie Joseph at 125,

CC hockey

wraps up

CHSL title

The Catholic Central hockey team wrapped up the Catholic

Also adding goals were Tony Thomas, Micahel Zuma, Kyle Nelson and Austin Hervey.

Zach Cisek got the shutout in goal for the Shamrocks (18-

and two assists and Thomas had one goal and two assists for Catholic Central.

Two days earlier, the Shamrocks blasted Fort Huron Northern 7-1. Brent Darnell had two goals CATHOLIC CENTRAL 41, **NORTHVILLE 27** 

Trevor O'Connor at 152, and Mike Kinville at 189. Todd Melick (103) and The Snamrocks dominated the lower weights and fought off the Mustangs in the higher weights to get the win. Todd Melick scored a pin in

Mike Perales won by techni-11 seconds at 103. cal fall (20-5) at 130 pounds. Other wins came from Doug Other pins came from Mooradian at 119, O'Connor at Eldridge (13-3) at 135, Gerid 152 and Kinville at 189.

Wins by decision came from Justin Melick (13-0) at at 171 and Nate Wilkins (3-1) at 125, Joseph (13-2) at 130 and Eldridge (7-4) at 135. Matt Thompson won by void at 112.

Northville posted wins at

heavyweight.

The next round for CC was

yesterday at Novi. If CC won, it will travel to Battle Creek to take part in the state tournament March 6-7.

CC DOMINATES AT INDIVIDUAL DISTRICTS

The Shamrocks won titles in seven weight classes and carned nine total invites to the regional match Saturday at

Todd Melick at 103 (31-2), Mooradian at 112 (40-0), Justin Melick at 119 (30-6), Joseph at 125 (30-11), Eldridge at 130 (32-8), O'Connor at 152 (35-7) and Mike Kinville at 189 (31-9). Also moving on are

Thompson with a fourth-place

finish at 112 (5-3) and Gee at 145, also with a fourth-place finish (23-9).

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CC's Nick Crowley works behind the net during a recent game

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### SPORTS SHORTS

NOVI YOUTH BASEBALL League Novi Youth Baseball League for

all kids ages 7-18. Leagues are as follows:
Pinto (machine pitch) - born
between May 1, 2000 and April

yahoo.com. Must be a Novi 30, 2002. Mustang - May 1, 1998-April

30, 2000 Bronco - May 1, 1996-April

30, 1998 Pony - May 1, 1994-April 30, Colt - May 1, 1992-April 30,

Palomino - May 1, 1990-April 30, 1992 Registration can be done on www.noviyouthbaseball.org with payment due by March 15. Pinto through Bronco cost \$160 and the higher leagues

GREEN AND WHITE GAME

"Green and White" Game is 7-9 p.m. March 27 at the Novi Ice Signification of the Lieutenia Signification of the Signification of the

Middle School student to par-

2009 NOVI WILD SPRING TEAM

The Novi Wild prep hockey team will be holding tryouts for the 2009 Novi Wild spring team 6-7:30 p.m. March 20 at Compuware Ice Arena and from 8-9:30 p.m. March 29 at the Novi Ice Arena. You must attend Novi Schools to participate. Goalies are encouraged to

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### Squirt FireCats win district 4 title

The Novi FireCats district record of 7-0-1 earns them a Squirt B District Championship with a 2-1 win against Livonia Blackhawks. The FireCats advance to the State Championship on March 20-22 in Lapeer, where they will battle the top eight teams in Michigan for the state title

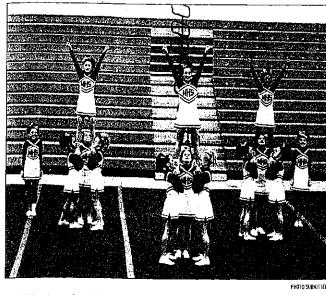
The Firefast have racked up an impressive 391-3 record. Inroughout the year they have won championships in Little Caesars Libbett Division, along with tournament championships in Holland and Brownstown. The FireCats goalie and defensive play has been the backbone to their success, allowing 54 goals while netting

FireCats are comprised of nine and 10-year olds from Novi, Northville, Commerce and Canton. Front Row: Jake Butler, Kyle Isaacson, Ty Kilar, Ryan Sutcliffe and Red YanTiem; Second Row: Nathan Pohl, Sergey Arnold, Dylan Manning, Brenden McCarthy, Cole Dupuis, Cote Carlstein, Jake Blackmore and Joey Berman; Third Row: Brendan Mauhrin, Michael Hrit and Brad Miemiec; Coaches: Brian Niemiec, Kurt Kilar, Troy Isaacson, Stu Durocher and John McCarthy,



Regional bound

Novi's Clayton Caldwell works over an opponent. He will be Novi's Ione representative at Saturday's regional tournament at Woodhaven.



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# **Novi cheer falls just short at districts**

district by scoring 760.35. Rounding out sec-ond through fourth were

(721.83) and South Lyon

SPORTS WRITER

The season came to an abrupt end for the Novi cheer team once the final scorers were announced at the end of the match, and Novi came up just shy of the fourth and final qualifying spot. Hartland ran away with the

Novi finished in fifth with

fourth after scoring 216.84 in the second round.
South Lyon trailed novi by 12 points heading into the final round and outscored the Northville (722.38), Brighton Wildcats 279.9-274.2 to make

701.44.
The Wildcats were in third place after the first round with itheisen@gannett.com 210.4. They were bumped to



Novi's Calla Spillane skis at Alpine Valley.

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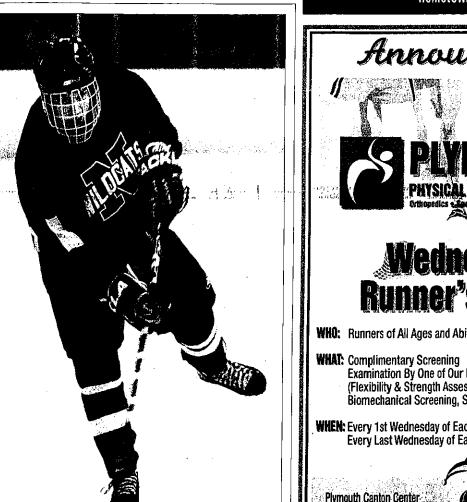
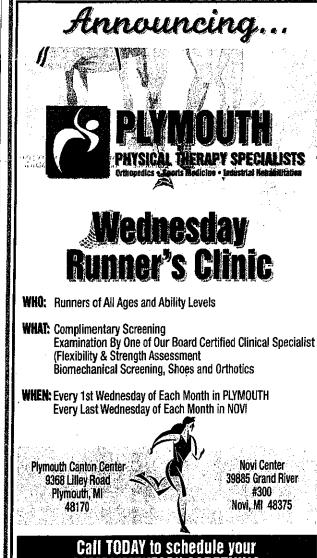


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### Playoffs begin

The Wildcats begin playoff action 6:30 March 4 at home vs. the winner of Walled Lake Western and Walled The minutes argument account of the Novi game advances to the regional final 6:30 p.m. March 6, also at Novi [ce Arena.



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Petland, once again, is among topranked franchises in the United States Overall, Pelland, Inc. ranked 292 in the Entrepreneur Hagazine's 30th Annual Franchise 500. In conducting its annual rating of franchises in the world, Entrepreneur considers numerous factors including financial strength, stability, growth rate and size of the franchise system. The Novi Petland is localed in Twelve Oaks Mall. Visit www.petland.com.

### Cartridge World

As most retailers were feeling the strain of the recession in 2008, Cartridge World, the world's fastest growing ink and toner refill-ing retailer, experienced record-setting growth. As the leader in the \$80 billion printer cartridge industry, Cartridge World in the United States experienced a 13 percent increase in same-store sales over 2007. Cartridge World in Novi is Incated at 41744 W 10 Mile Road

### CLASSES

### **ABC Warehouse**

ABC Warehouse is offering free cook ing classes and lastings at its Novi location in West Oaks Mall, Tonight

Sherry Sundling presents Asian Cuisine, featuring far east flavors to add some spice to these long winter nights. On March 5. Francine Pamela Salvatore presents Spanish Cuisine, leal uring recipes from tapas to Paella. All classes begin at 6:30 p.m. Botsford Center for Health

The Botsford Center for Health Improvement in Novi is offering a golf-conditioning program designed to improve your golf game through education and hands on filness training. Each participant will receive a customized strength and conditioning program that meets the biomechanical and physiological demands of the sport. Classes begin Monday, March 2 from 6-6:45 p.m. or Tuesday, March 3 from 8:30-9:15 a.m. and meet weekly for six weeks. The

cost is \$150 for Batsford Center for Health Improvement members. Nonmembers fees are \$200 and include membership during the six-week program. Seminar attendees can save 10 percent on fees if they sign up for the classes following the fecture. For more information, call (248) 473-3100 or visit www.botsford.org/bchi.

SPECIAL HAPPENINGS **Novi Bowl** 

Goodwill Industries of Greater Detroit announces its Bowling for Jobs program through the month of March. The event will not only raise money for Goodwill to help put people to work, but it's also a great value for lamilies looking for something to do together. The cost to bowl for jobs is \$10 and bowlers will receive five games of bowling at Novi Bowl. Bowlers must call ahead to contirm open-bowling times, and shoe rental is not included. Novi Bowl may be reached at (248) 348-9120. Interested bowlers may also

### visit www.bowlingforjobs.org for more RELOCATION

information.

Novi internal Medicine and Pediatrics Northern Equities Group, recently announced a long-term lease of 5,400 square feet in the Lewis Medical Office Centre (LMOC) to Novi Internal Medicine and Pediatrics, P.L.L.C. A specialist of preventative medicine and health care services for all ages, Novi Internal Medicine and Pediatrics offers: X-ray services, bone density testing, EKG, school/sports physicals, well child care, immunizations, in house laboratory, and other diagnostic testing for the entire family. The practice will move its offices to the LMOC, located at 3975 Lewis Drive, near the 12 Mile and Haggerty roads intersection

in June. Novi Internal Medicine and Pediatrics is currently located at 42450 W. 12 Mile Road, Suite 105 in Novi.

Laser Mechanisms Laser Mechanisms Inc. recently announced the move of its corporate headquarters from Farmington Hills to Novi. The 22 000-square-foot facility houses corporate offices, sales and engineering. In addition, an adjacent 28,000 square foot building is being completed for manufacturing and warehousing operations. The two facilities together will nearly double Laser Mechanisms' previous square foot age. The relocation is in direct response to sustained sales growth and will enable Laser Mechanisms to more effectively serve its expanding customer base. Laser Mechanisms' new address is 25325 Regency Drive.

### **OPENINGS**

lasermech.com.

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a.m. with lunch at noon pro-

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### Welcome!

Novi City Manager Clay Pearson, left, helps welcome the owner of La Fuente along with Mayor David Landry. Novi Director of Community Development Steve Rumple, and Novi Economic Development Director Ara

### BUSINESS NEWSMAKERS



### Jennifer Goulet

Art Serve Michigan, the leading statewide arts and cultural advocacy organization in Michigan, announced its Board of Directors appointed Jennifer H. Goulet as its president Goulet has been serving as ArtServe's interim president since October 2008. Goulet joined Art Serve as its director of development in June 2007. Prior to coming to ArtServe, Goulet was the executive director of the by the belief that arts and culture are portant to the health and welfare of to cultivate the creative potential of Michigan's arts and cultural sector through advocacy, capacity building and strategic communications



Clayton F. Farreli

Novi resident and attorney Clayton F. Farrell will be speaking at the HB Litigation Conference "Introduction of General and Specific Causation Evidence in Toxic Tort Cases" in Philadelphia on Feb. 28. He will serv as moderator of the conference session, Pathological Evidence of Specific Causation. Farrell, a partner at Collins, Einhorn, Farrell and Ulanoff, serves as head of the firm's toxic tort practice group. He focuses his practice on multi-party, complex litigation, including litigation in the areas of toxic torts, environmental torts, product liability and emerging



Elizabeth Morelli, M.D., has joined the Beaumont medical practice located in Novi, to provide family medicine with a focus on women's health. She's teaming up with established Novi doctor. George Nicoloff, M.D., who provides family care and specializes in sports medicine. Dr. Mocelli is a graduate of Purdue University and completed her residency in family practice at Munson Medical Center in Traverse City. She joined Beaumont in 2007. The practice is located at 24230 Karim Blvd.



### Elizabeth Morelli



### CHAMBER CHAT

take on the Orlando Magic. Wednesday, March 4. Join us for The cost is \$85 per person and includes refreshments, but not dinner, Contact J.R. Ativeh for tickets and car pooling information, (248) 380-6669. vided by Cherry Blossom. Tour the acclaimed "Budo" (the spirit of martial arts) Exhibition trav-The Business to Business and New Member Reception is 8-9 a.m. March 11 hosted by

eling North America from Japan and learn lessons on business Network Source One, 39625 Lewis Dr., Suite 900 in Novi. Join us for networking and refreshments. The \$5 event fee is payable at the door.

The Business to Business

and New Member Bonus Reception is 8-9 a.m. March Reception is 8-9 a.m. March 17 hosted by Modern Floors,

1145 N. Pontiac Trail in Walled Lake. Join us for networking and refreshments. The \$5 event fee is payable at the door.

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· Feb. 26 - Sales Leads Group

1 8:30 a.m. Moe's on Ten

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