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## Novi Nutshell



### Last Chance

Sixty actors, ages 7-15, will bring Dr. Seuss characters to life in the Novi Theatres production of "Seussical Jr." at the Novi Civic Center, 45175 W. 10 Mile Road. Performances are March 6, 7, 14 and 15. Tickets are \$15 for adults and \$12 for children and seniors and are available online at [www.cityofnovi.org](http://www.cityofnovi.org) or at the Novi Parks office.

### Tonight

The Michigan Department of Transportation will host a public open house from 6-8 p.m. tonight at the Novi Civic Center, 45175 W. 10 Mile Road, regarding the proposed construction of a non-motorized trail on Michigan 5 between 13 Mile and 14 Mile roads. Construction is anticipated to begin in the spring of 2010.

### Novi Band

The Novi High School Pre-District Band Concert will take place 7 p.m. Thursday, March 19 inside the school's auditorium, 24062 Taft Road. The concert is free. On Friday, March 20 and March 21 Novi High School will host the MSBOA District Band Festival.

Performances begin at 3:30 p.m. on Friday and 8 a.m. on Saturday. The public is invited to attend both events.

### Think Green!

Celebrate St. Patrick's Day, Tuesday, March 17, with authentic Irish fare at Diamond Jim Brady's. Live Irish music will be performed by Pete Fetters from 7-10 p.m. Certified executive chef Mary Brady is going all out for the traditional Irish holiday. The Bistro is located inside the Novi Town Center at 26053 Town Center. Call (248) 380-8460 for reservations.

## 50's Festival canceled for '09; economy cited

BY VICTORIA MITCHELL  
STAFF WRITER

The Michigan 50's Festival board of directors announced the festival, originally planned for July 2009, will be postponed for one year.

Festival president Lori Kaplecak cited economic conditions as the main reason.

"After careful consideration it was determined that in order for us to maintain the quality event that residents of Novi have come to enjoy over the last 21 years, we need the support of the business community," she stated in a press release. "During these tough economic times, it is increasingly difficult for businesses to find extra monies to support our community event."

According to Robert McCann, president of Bright House Networks and vice president of the festival board, the festival has not missed a year in the

past 21 years. Bright House was one of the festival's largest sponsors.

It is estimated that it takes up to \$150,000 annually to produce the event, and 100 percent of the net proceeds go back to the community.

"This is by no means a cancellation of this outstanding event, simply a delay in order for the Board of Directors to spend more time raising funds for future events," Kaplecak stated. "The Novi business community has been staunch supporters for many years, and we know they will be back when times warrant."

Kaplecak said she hopes the delay will give organizers the opportunity to move the festival to a permanent venue, such as the proposed Signature Park at 11 Mile and Beck roads should voters support the ballot proposal for creation of the park during the May election.

City of Novi Mayor David Landry



Dancing as they enjoy the music of The Drifters, people hit the floor during last year's performance at the Michigan 50's Fest in Novi.

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said he understands and supports the notion that putting on a festival that is not up to the standards area residents have come to know is not in the best interest of the community.

He said he will continue to work with the Festivals Board of Directors on plans for an even larger event in 2010.

The Michigan 50's Festival is a non-profit 501(c) 4 corporation.

## Revival

### Local business boosts energy drink market

BY KELLY MURAD  
STAFF WRITER

Despite the current recession, Living Essentials of Novi continues to grow, with its top product 5-Hour Energy ranking among big-name competitors such as Monster and Red Bull in the energy drink market.

"We're still growing, we've been very fortunate," said Carl Sperber, director of corporate communications for the company, which is also responsible for Chaser hangover pills. "5-Hour is really keeping us busy, and there's still great potential for growth."

Living Essentials got its start in 2001, and broke into the energy drink market in 2004.

"It really started taking off in 2006 and it's just been a rocket ship," Sperber said. "I say it took us three years to become an overnight success."

5-Hour Energy is a two-ounce shot, intended to boost energy without causing the typical side-effects often associated with energy drinks.

"Our message is that you get energy without the crash and jitters," said Sperber, warning consumers should still only take it when they need it, and can try drinking half the bottle if they're afraid of how it will make them feel.

Original 5-Hour Energy contains about as much caffeine as a cup of



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Carl Sperber, director of corporate communications for Novi-based Living Essentials, shows off the company's top selling product - 5-Hour Energy.

Starbucks coffee, zero sugar, four calories, a big dose of B vitamins and other nutrients, he said.

"It's pretty carefully balanced," Sperber said.

The functionality of the product is targeted toward working adults.

"It's small. You don't have to sit there and nurse a 16-ounce drink," he said. "It's not a fashion statement, it's just something you take when you're

tired at 2 in the afternoon, and you can't take a nap on the job."

5-Hour Energy also comes in Extra Strength and Decaffeinated.

"We came out with a decaf version for the people who are sensitive to caffeine," Sperber said. "Currently, there are no products on the market for that."

5-Hour Energy can be found at local retailers including drug stores,

gas stations and grocery stores, among others.

As the company continues to prosper, Sperber said Living Essentials has outgrown its Novi space and will be relocating its headquarters to Farmington in May.

For more information on 5-Hour Energy, visit [www.5hourenergy.com](http://www.5hourenergy.com).

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## Library main driveway expected to reopen today

BY KELLY MURAD  
STAFF WRITER

The main entrance driveway of the Novi Public Library is expected to reopen today.

The driveway was temporarily closed last Friday due to construction, requiring patrons to enter and exit the parking lot via Wildcat Drive, east of the library.

Signs directing traffic will be posted throughout the construction process of the new 57,000-square-foot library, which is slated for completion summer 2010.

The library's west lot is closed for the duration of the project, but additional park-

### CONSTRUCTION UPDATES

For regular updates or to watch the construction progress via Web cam, visit the Novi Public Library Web site at [www.novilibrary.org](http://www.novilibrary.org).

ing is available in the Novi High School lot, accessible from 10 Mile Road, with walkways connecting the lots.

The east gate of the high school lot will be open during library hours to keep traffic moving.

Library Director Julie Farkas said the library sees the highest traffic volume from 10 a.m. to noon and from 6-9 p.m.

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# Board to hear assessment appeals through Friday

BY KELLY MORAD  
STAFF WRITER

Novi resident Matthew Fahome was one of about 260 property owners scheduling appointments to appeal their assessment values at this week's Board of Review hearings.

Fahome presented the board with documents of recent sales in his subdivision, one of which recently sold for \$350,000 and was similar in size to his 3,600-square-foot home, located on a more valuable parcel of land and has undergone thousands of dollars of upgrades, he said.

Along with sales studies, property owners often present the board with documents such as independent appraisals.

The board reviews property assessments set by the city assessor and will determine whether to grant appeals to the property owners who chose to dispute them.

Chairman Ernie Aruffo said property owners can expect to receive a letter with the board's decision in three to five weeks. If they are still not satisfied with the decision, they may take the appeal to the Michigan Tax Tribunal.

Assessments can be proven incorrect by independent appraisals, or through an assessor's correction, which requires substantial evidence to prove the assessment includes inaccurate information, such as the square footage of the property.

In such a case, the assessor will go to the board on the person's behalf.

"We understand, but there's only so much we can do," said Board of Review member Marjorie Nanan. "We don't have a magic wand."

The majority of the property is currently zoned R-1, single-family residential, with a small portion zoned RA, residential acreage.

On behalf of the City of Novi, Mayor David Landry recognized Tim Shroyer for his service on Planning Commission from 2001-2004 and Zoning Board of Appeals from 2005-09.

Notes were taken from the March 9 Novi City Council regular meeting. All council members were present. Next regular meeting: 7 p.m. March 23 at the Novi Civic Center, 45175 W. 10 Mile Road.

The City of Novi purchases its water through Detroit Water and Sewer Department, who factors elevation and distance from the site, and peak hour usage into its rate. The distance from the



The Cat in the Hat, Thing 1 and Thing 2 suspect trouble is brewing during the Novi Theatres production of "Seussical Jr."

# 'Seussical Jr.' sells out

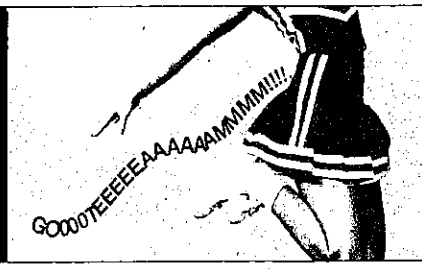
BY ELAINE MAYLEN  
SPECIAL WRITER

Last weekend, the Novi Theatres production of "Seussical Jr." performed to two sold out shows.

The high quality of these young people's voices is outstanding, said theater patron Del McPherson of Farmington. "It is hard to believe that a voice so strong could come from someone so young."

Karen Maxton of Novi brought her two young daughters, ages 4 and 6, to the Saturday performance. "They just loved it," she said. "And so did my husband and I. The actors have so much energy and the sets and costumes are wonderful."

Cheer for the hometown, read today's SPORTS section



# NOVI BRIEFLY

## Public open house on proposed pathway

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## Primitime On Demand

Bright House Networks announces the launch of Primitime On Demand as another convenient way for consumers to catch up on missed shows. Primitime On Demand includes recent episodes of programs including NBC's "Heroes" and "Friday Night Lights," CBS's "Survivor" and "CSI" series, "Monk" from USA, and "Nip/Tuck" from FX. Among others. Episodes appear On Demand the day after the original air date and remain on the service for up to four weeks. Primitime On Demand is available at no additional charge to Bright House Networks Digital Video customers and can be found on channel 123. For more information about services from Bright House Networks visit [www.mybrighthouse.com](http://www.mybrighthouse.com).

# Items of interest from Novi City Council

A request to rezone property on the south-side of 10 Mile Road, between Wixom and Napier roads was unanimously denied by Novi City Council at Monday's meeting. The property owner, Singh Development LLC, was seeking approval to develop the 330-acre property as an active adult community and senior housing facility.

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# Be ready to answer with your personal infomercial

The one thing that every job seeker is likely to hear: "Tell me about yourself." In spite of the frequency encountered, most people aren't sure what to say. Should I mention personal things? Should I focus on my most recent job? How long should I talk?



Martha D. Adams

Since this is often a lead-off question, it is important for you to set the stage for the meeting by answering this question appropriately and effectively. The answer should be crafted in advance, practiced until you can do it without any effort, and then

customized as needed to fit a variety of situations. Start by describing your most recent position and employer. Provide a brief overview of the duties and responsibilities you had in your job, and then include one accomplishment that you feel good about. Then move on to describe your education, your earlier jobs

in chronological order ending with a segue to your most recent job. Describe selected strengths that you want to use in the future and finish with a statement about your job target and how you think you can make a contribution in your field. For example, let's examine the personal infomercial for a fictitious job seeker, Jamie Doe: "I recently took a buyout from General Motors after 30 years in marketing for several of their divisions. I am very proud of my accomplishments while there. In particular, I

developed a plan for the new product introduction of the Cadillac Catera that was one of the most successful product launches in GM history. First year sales figures for the Catera were the highest in GM's history. "After completing a degree in business at Michigan State, I began my career with GM's Oldsmobile Division, working on marketing projects and dealer relations. I moved to the Pontiac Division, GM Trucks, and finally Cadillac, always in product marketing. As part of my responsibilities over the years, I became part

of the team that planned and managed the Detroit and Los Angeles Auto Show displays, which I thoroughly enjoyed. "I'm currently looking for a new opportunity in marketing with a company that can use my skills and knowledge to create new business and increase sales. I'm skilled in writing brochures and product information guides, developing relationships with dealers and business associates, and developing complete marketing plans to reach company goals. I'm looking forward to taking on new challenges in the future."

Notice that this answer is very focused, flows smoothly from one topic to another and provides just enough information for the listener to have a general picture of Jamie's education serves two purposes: One, it establishes credibility, and two, it might result in building rapport, either because the listener also has a connection to Michigan State or is a rival. The work history gives an overview of Jamie's career, but also might help build interest and rapport. Mentioning an accomplishment and some strengths tells the listener about some of Jamie's abilities. Finally, by describing the job target, Jamie has given the listener a sense of direction that can generate some ideas and feedback.

This infomercial can be adapted to fit any situation. You can use it in networking situations, interviews, even casual conversation with someone you know needs to be updated on your situation. You can choose to emphasize different accomplishments or strengths depending on who you are talking with or the outcome you desire. By developing this statement, you will set yourself apart from the majority of job seekers who never quite figure out what to say when they hear, "Tell me about yourself."

Martha D. Adams is a consulting professional with a diverse background in Human Resource Management and Career Development. She is a Certified Career & Job Search Coach, a Certified Professional Resume Writer. She is the co-author of Job Search Navigator, a workbook-style guide to assessing yourself and managing your job search ([www.jobsearchnavigator.com](http://www.jobsearchnavigator.com)) which was first published in 1999 by Prentice-Hall and revised and republished by Success Press in 2005. From 1993 to 1996, she authored a monthly column "Your Job Search" in the Saratoga Springs, NY newspaper - The Saratogian.

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Loops Youth Club  
TIME/DATE: 5:15-8:15 p.m. every Wednesday, through May  
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TIME/DATE: 9:45 a.m. first Sunday of every month  
Peace Vigil  
TIME/DATE: Noon, first Sunday of every month  
LOCATION: In front of the church  
DETAILS: Members of the congregation and the community will stand united in prayer for peace.  
Advent Service  
TIME/DATE: 9:45 a.m. Sunday  
Musical Notes  
DATE: Sunday, April 5  
DETAILS: The Easter Cantata will be presented during the Sunday morning worship service. The Cantata this season will be "Save us in the Cross," created by Mike Magland and Chris Machen with arrangements by Richard Kingsmore. This lyrical drama is written from the perspective of Paul's evangelistic preaching about the sacrifice of Jesus.
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Single Purpose Connections - 20-30 years  
TIME/DATE: 11 a.m. Sunday in the Chapel for singing, Bible study, and fellowship.  
DETAILS: For single adults. Active ministry offering various Bible study classes, volleyball, bicycling group,
- #### tennis group, support groups, support group for widowed over age 50, fellowship, friendships program, Youth Worship Service. CONTACT: (248) 374-5520
- #### CHURCH OF THE HOLY FAMILY
- LOCATION: 24505 Meadowbrook Road  
CONTACT: (248) 349-8847 or visit [holymfamily.org](http://holymfamily.org)  
Mass Schedule  
TIME/DAY: 7:30, 9:10, 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  
Adoptive Parent Networking Meeting  
TIME/DATE: 10-11 a.m. last Wednesday of each month  
DETAILS: Free, informational meeting open to all adoptive families in Oakland County. Child care is available. Registration is required.
- #### DETOIT FIRST CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE
- LOCATION: 26260 Hoegely Road, north of Eight Mile Road  
CONTACT: (248) 348-7660 or visit [denazarene.org](http://denazarene.org)  
Sunday Schedule: 9:15 a.m. Worship service with Praise Band, children's Sunday School and Adult Bible Fellowship: 10:15 a.m. Fellowship and refreshments; 11 a.m. Traditional worship service, Children's
- #### Church, Youth Sunday School and Adult Bible Fellowship: 6 p.m. Evening Service, Children's program, Youth Worship Service 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 Study; 7 p.m. Men's Evening Bible Study Wednesday Schedule: 5:30 p.m. Family Meal, \$4 per person, \$12 per family, 7 p.m. Children's Caravan, Club 56, Bible Study, Quilting, Adult Classes, Youth Blast Thursday Schedule: 6 a.m. Men of Purpose Prayer Group, 7 p.m. The Known Do
- #### ST. JAMES CATHOLIC
- LOCATION: 46325 10 Mile Road, Novi  
CONTACT: (248) 347-7778  
Mass Schedule  
TIME/DAY: 8:30 and 10:30 a.m. Sunday, 9 a.m. Monday-Tuesday, 7 p.m. Wednesday, 9 p.m. Saturday  
Mothers Group  
TIME/DATE: 9:30-11 a.m. first and third Wednesday every month, through May 20  
DETAILS: Providing fellowship, support and opportunities to grow faith. Child care available. Suggested donation \$20. Don't have to be a parishioner to join.  
CONTACT: Becky at (248) 350-5924 or Jeanne at (248) 380-6361
- #### ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN CHURCH
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CONTACT: (248) 339-3310  
Sunday Worship: 8:30 a.m. Blended, 11 a.m. Contemporary, 11:30 a.m. Traditional  
YoYoFit Classes  
TIME/DATE: 7:30 p.m. every Monday
- #### MEMORIAL CONGREGATIONAL
- LOCATION: 2355 Meadowbrook Road, between Eight and Nine Mile roads  
CONTACT: Rev. Arthur P. Riller, Senior Minister (248) 348-1757, visit [mbccc.org](http://mbccc.org) or e-mail [office@mbccc.org](mailto:office@mbccc.org)  
Sunday Worship: 10 a.m.  
YoYoFit Classes  
TIME/DATE: 7:30 p.m. every Monday
- #### DETOIT
- Eight weeks, \$55 continuous or \$8 per drop in session.  
Merry Widows Luncheon  
TIME/DATE: 11:30 a.m. fourth Thursday of each month  
Spiritual Journey's  
TIME/DATE: 11:30 a.m. every Sunday  
Lenten Programs  
Book Discussion and Dessert  
TIME/DATE: 7 p.m., Wednesday, March 18  
Petit Lunch and Theatre  
TIME/DATE: 6:15 p.m., Wednesday, April 1  
Palm Sunday  
TIME/DATE: 10:00 a.m., April 5  
DETAILS: Worship followed by Pancake Breakfast  
Maunty Thursday Worship  
TIME/DATE: 7:30 a.m., Thursday, April 9  
Community Good Friday Service  
TIME: Noon  
LOCATION: Holy Family Catholic Church  
Easter Sunday  
TIME/DATE: 9 a.m., April 12  
DETAILS: Worship with youth participation, 10 a.m. Easter Egg Hunt  
Easter Sunday  
TIME: 11 a.m. Traditional Easter service  
YoYoFit classes  
TIME/DATE: 7:30 p.m., Mondays  
DETAILS: \$55/8 weeks, \$8 a drop in class  
Lenten book discussion and dessert  
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# Create a strategy for maturing CDs

Some things, like fine wines, get better with age. But a certificate of deposit (CD) is not one of them.

If you have a maturing CD, you need to decide what to do with it — and the earlier you make this decision, the better off you'll be.

So if you've got one or more CDs coming due in the next few months, start planning now.

Of course, if you had a specific goal for a maturing CD — such as a college tuition payment — your decision has already been made. But if you've purchased a CD for another reason, you'll have to choose whether to renew it or invest the proceeds elsewhere. If you bought the CD for the income it provides, you may

want to renew it. If prevailing interest rates are the same, or higher, than the rate on your maturing CD, you can purchase a new CD without worrying about reducing your income stream.

But if rates have fallen, you may have a dilemma: How can you reproduce the income you received from your now-maturing CD?

Here are a few alternatives to consider:   
 • Purchase a bond that pays a higher rate. Instead of buying another CD, you could possibly purchase another fixed-income instrument, such as a bond, that pays a higher interest rate. Be aware, though, that if you find a bond that pays a higher rate, you may be taking on more risk, so make sure any bond you purchase is considered "investment grade quality" by the independent rating agencies.

• Buy a longer-term CD. Generally speaking, you can get a higher interest rate when you purchase a longer-term CD. Your money will be locked up for a longer period of time, but it will help provide you with a more stable income stream over time.

• Create a fixed-income "ladder." To combat interest-rate concerns, you might want to build a fixed-income "ladder" by buying several CDs or bonds with varying maturities — short-term, intermediate-term and long-term. When market rates are low, you'll still

have your longer-term vehicles earning higher interest rates. And when market interest rates are high, you can reinvest the maturing short-term bonds and CDs at the higher rates.

Thus far, we've talked about replacing a maturing CD to protect your income stream. But if you bought a CD for another purpose — such as removing some of your money from a volatile stock market — then the CD's maturity gives you a chance to re-evaluate your investment strategy.

As you know, 2008 was a tough year for the stock market, so, at the time, diverting some of your money to a CD might have seemed smart. But history tells us that even the worst bear markets don't last forever, and that the biggest gains in a rally often occur at the early stages. Consequently, you may want to take this opportunity to "rebalance" your portfolio, and, if appropriate for your individual situation, look for ways to invest the proceeds of your CD into quality equities or other securities.

By planning ahead, you won't feel rushed to make a hasty decision when your CD matures or, even worse, be tempted to spend the money and have little to show for it.

Your maturing CD can help you achieve your financial goals — if you give it a chance.

This article was provided by Mark Whitfield, Novi financial adviser, 43290 11 Mile Road, Novi, MI 48375.

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# EDUCATION

## Novi Community Education preschool program registration begins soon

Registration for the 2009-10 Novi Community Education Preschool Program begins March 23 for current students and March 25 for new students.

The mission of Novi Community Education's Early Childhood Program is to promote the physical, emotional and cognitive development of preschoolers.

Program administrators believe positive experiences are critical to healthy development and will establish a foundation from which children can reach their full potential.

The program follows the Michigan Standards of Quality for Preschool and Pre-

Kindergarten, and provides all children with experiences and opportunities allowing them to meet the State Early Learning Expectations for ages 3, 4 and young 5's.

This year, the preschool program is offering three hours for the half-day 3-year-olds, along with the established variety of classes and times. Children must be 3, 4 or 5 by Dec. 1, 2009 to attend classes. Children also must be completely toilet trained.

Program administrators said the staff works at providing a base curriculum that links the students to a smooth transition into kindergarten to ensure a seamless educational

experience. Preschool classes follow the Novi Community School District calendar, from August through June.

To secure a spot in this fall's 2009-10 session, parents must register their child at the Child Care Services office in the Instructional Technology Center, 25345 Taft, between 10 Mile and 11 Mile roads.

Child care is also available for a fee for students attending the preschool. Space is limited. When registering a child (or children), please bring the following:

- A completed registration packet, available on the district's Web site, www.novi.k12.mi.us
- Child's birth certificate or passport
- Non-refundable registration fee payment (\$45 for school district residents, \$50 for non-residents)
- For more information about the classes, please call the Preschool office at (248) 449-1713.

**HALF-DAY PROGRAM**  
The school also provides 16 different half-day preschool options. The options are as follows:  
 ■ Five's - five days a week, three hours daily, a.m., \$2,767; four days a week, three hours daily, p.m., \$2,275  
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Child Care (C.A.R.E.) is available for parents needing child care before or after preschool classes.

Registration information and prices are posted on the Web site at www.novi.k12.mi.us. C.A.R.E. is also available at all of the elementary schools for students in grades kindergarten-eight.

For more information call Child Care Services at (248) 449-1713.

This article was provided by the Novi Community Education Preschool Program.

### CLASS NOTES

#### Congratulations, Novi Quiz Bowl

Novi's quiz bowl teams recently competed at Hartland High School in their culminating league meet of the year. For the final league standings this year, Novi's Varsity team finished third out of 25 teams; the two novice teams finished fifth and seventh out of 17; and the JV team, led by Emilie Masfield, Edwar Sundaarajay, Peter Jiang, Kirtana Ghandikota, Conni Robbins, Samantha Macy and Jay Raina, came in first place out of 20 teams.

#### Green Gala Event

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

#### NHS students participate in math competition

Twenty-one Novi High School students participated in the 60th annual American Mathematics Contest 12, and/or the 10th annual American Mathematics Contest 10. The contest was held on Tuesday, February 10. The students competed for local, regional and national student and school awards. The contest is given in participating schools. Its purpose is to spur interest in mathematics and develop talent through the excitement of friendly competition at problem solving in a timed format. Top scorers at Novi High School were Sadharshan Mohanram (12th), Vinakkota Anirudh (11th), Yumbo Nie (11th), Peter Jiang (11th), Chaitanya Kanitkar (10th), Spencer Kim (10th), Nikhita Surapaonei (10th) and Sachin Padmanabhan (9th). Details concerning the 2009 AMC 10/12 contests for Novi High School, as well as the rest of AMC's programs, are available on the AMC Web site: www.unl.edu/amc/.

**NHS Scholarship Packets**  
Local Scholarship Packets are now available in the Novi High School student service center. Please note that the completed applications must be turned in to the student service center by 2 p.m. Wednesday, March 25. Additional information is available on the Novi High School Web site at <http://www.novi.k12.mi.us/Schools/noviHigh/default.aspx>.



#### Co-op Student of the Month

Novi High School senior Ashley Bush was selected as the Outstanding Co-op-Work Experience Student of the Month for February 2009. Bush has worked as an office assistant at the high school's athletic office since last summer. Her supervisor, Curt Ellis, said, "Ashley continues to do a great job as the athletics co-op. She is a pleasure to work with."

# NEIGHBORS

## Novi alum withdraws from surgeon general consideration



Sanjay Gupta

**BY KELLY MURAD**  
STAFF WRITER

In a live interview with CNN's Larry King last week, former Novi High School graduate Sanjay Gupta announced he's opted out of consideration to be the country's next surgeon general.

Although Gupta was not officially

nominated for the position, he said he had discussions with the senior-most people that would make an offer.

The former Novi resident is a chief medical correspondent for the health and medical unit at CNN and hosts the network's weekend program "House Call." He's also a neurosurgeon and on the faculty at Emory University School of Medicine in

Atlanta, where he currently resides. "Being surgeon general, I probably wouldn't be able to practice neurosurgery," Gupta told King in the interview.

Gupta, 39, also cited his family as a reason for withdrawing his name from consideration for the high-profile job. He and his wife are expecting their third daughter.

"I was flattered, and I have a great deal of respect for that office," he said. "This is really more about my family and my surgical career."

The journalist and surgeon is no stranger to the White House and health care policy. During the Clinton administration, he was a White House fellow and special adviser to then-first lady Hillary Rodham

Clinton. Gupta was a 1986 graduate of Novi High School. He was voted most likely to succeed and class brain. He was also student council vice president. He married Novi High School graduate Rebecca Olson.

Gannett News Service contributed to this report.



**Princesses For a Day!**  
Novi sisters, Lauren and Erin Hudacek, enjoy playing at a special princess breakfast at Art Van in Westland.

**NOVI ENGAGEMENT**

**Westfall-Kok**  
Kevin and Jolene Westfall of Novi are pleased to announce the engagement of their daughter Jessica Kay to Joseph Wayne Kok, son of Bob and Nikki Kok of Manistique.

Jessica is a 2005 graduate of Novi High School and will graduate from Central Michigan University in May 2009. She is employed at Wolverine Human Services, Pioneer Adventure Program in Vassar, which will also fulfill her internship.

Joe is a 2006 graduate of Manistique High School and is currently attending Central Michigan University. He is enlisted in the Army Reserves and will commission as an officer upon graduation.

A September 26, 2009 destination wedding is planned in the Dominican Republic.



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Registration will be open from April 6-20 at the Department of Elementary and Special Program, 15125 Farmington Road, Livonia 48154 from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. All candidates MUST meet the ACAT selection testing criteria.

For complete information on the application process, visit [www.livonia.k12.mi.us](http://www.livonia.k12.mi.us) or contact Charlotte Worthen, Director of Elementary & Special Programs at 734-744-2589.

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**OUR VIEWS**

## Board of Review is good option for homeowners

If you are a homeowner in Novi, you should have received your property tax assessment from the city by now. Considering property values have plummeted in recent years, you may not be happy with your tax bill. You're not alone. Most homeowners will see an increased tax bill. That's largely a result of Proposal A, which was passed years ago to prevent residents from being taxed out of their homes.

Although the state equalized value (SEV) of most homes has come down, the taxable value has steadily risen, and will continue to do so at the rate of inflation or 5 percent annually (whichever is lower) until those two totals intersect.

Despite this formula, which for years worked in favor of property owners, most residents won't be happy to see their tax bill go up in this economy. The Assessor's Office has been receiving a steady stream of calls from people questioning their tax assessment.

If you feel your bill is too high, or out of whack with reality, there is an option: appealing to Novi's Board of Review, which has the authority to lower the bill.

This week, the city of Novi Board of Review is holding hearings until all property owners with appointments have been heard.

Novi City Assessor Glenn Lemmon said about 20 percent of the residential property owners who appealed last year via a hearing or letter received some relief.

But homeowners should be prepared if they are coming before the Board of Review this week.

Bringing documents like a recent home appraisal from a lending institution or a list of homes recently sold in your neighborhood and what they sold for will be helpful. Homeowners may also check with the Assessor's Office to make sure all the data for their home is correct, so people aren't being assessed for owning a swimming pool if they don't have one, for example.

People can also get their tax bill lowered for things like financial hardship.

If you do go before the Board of Review and you don't like the decision it hands down, you do have another option, and that is appealing it to the Michigan Tax Tribunal.

**COMMUNITY VOICE**

In honor of this week's career day, we asked today's youth what they want to do when they get older? We asked this question at Novi Middle School



"Something in broadcasting. Either in video editing or an anchor."

— Preston Dooley, Novi



"Probably a novelist or author. Language arts is my favorite class."

— Mackenzie Betts, Novi



"Maybe a magazine designer. Something with art."

— Christina Oakley, Novi



"I'm not sure. The FBI person was interesting (at last year's career day)."

— Tim McNamara, Novi

**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; 65 percent never participated in a recreation program or activity in 12 months; 16 percent participated once or twice; 23 percent never visited a neighborhood 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 excellent; 54 percent rated the quality as good; 25 percent rated the quality of recreation programs or classes as excellent; 51 percent 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-to-three hours; 40 percent never visited a neighborhood park in 12 months; and 31 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.

Laura J. Lorenzo  
Novi

**Editor's note:** We are rerunning this letter to editor due to a typo appearing in last week's edition. Of those who responded to the 2008 National Citizen Survey: 65 percent never participated in a recreation program or activity in 12 months, not 6 percent as appeared in the Feb. 26 edition.

**Thanks, but no thanks, McCotter**

I had the opportunity to listen to a conference call held by Congressman Thaddeus McCotter regarding the Economic Recovery and Reinvestment Act, which is aimed at trying to right America's economic ship.

During the call, McCotter called for Congress to support the loans to the auto industry during this time of economic turmoil. However, he also said he hopes the "federal government understands we need an American auto industry." Of course, he's right,



JOHN HEIDERSTAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

**Park clearing**

Some Novi residents have voiced concern over the amount of trees recently cut down on the Fuerst Park property, formerly the Fuerst Farmstead.

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however, he has been members of his party, the Republicans, specifically senators from southern states, like Sen. Richard Shelby and Sen. Bob Corker, who have taken the position bankruptcy may be good for the auto industry. I don't know what they're smoking, but losing an additional three-four million jobs isn't good for anyone in this country.

Another opinion Congressman McCotter expressed was his opposition to the Economic Recovery Act and this is where I take exception with what he told those on the conference call. The economic disaster that we are currently facing is the result of the tinkle-down economic policies that have been in

**GUEST COLUMN**

### Library construction begins after long winter

**W**e're on our way. If you've driven down 10 Mile Road this past week, you couldn't help but notice that work has begun on the new library.

There is fencing up in the front of the building and in the West parking lot. This is the first step leading to the opening of our new building in June 2009.

Please always check the library's Web site (www.novilibrary.org) as the latest updates on parking will always be posted on the home page. You can always call the library at (248) 349-0720 before heading out as well.

The first phase of construction involved

the less-visible necessities of water pipes, sewer pipes and other underground work.

There had been hope that digging could start ahead of schedule with the warmer weather in mid-February, but Mother Nature played a cruel trick and dropped the temperature back too quickly for work to begin, due to Michigan's Frost Law (which prohibits heavy truck movement on certain roads).

Reports that the project has been

"delayed" are inaccurate. Our hope of an early start didn't materialize - construction began as planned.

The framing of the new building will be up before we know it, and will be captured on the library's Web cam.

You can always watch the progress on the site by visiting the library's Web page - there is a link to the Web cam on the home page.

Stay tuned for future updates.

This guest column was submitted by Laura Marie Casey, president of the Novi Library Board of Trustees. She may be reached via e-mail at lcasey@novilibrary.org.



**Tree of Life**

At right, The Tree of Life drum group visits Northville's Old Village School recently. The team, hailing from Chelsea, includes Jenabeh Giacomelli, left, Sundance Living Water, center, and Simbo Abbuba. The trio entertained students and faculty with an hour's worth of drumming and dance from Africa, Central America and the U.S. At left, Old Village School student Madison Fierard, right, enjoys a visit from Giacomelli during an assembly at the Northville School on a recent Wednesday morning.



JOHN HEIDERSTAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

## Aerotropolis: Region prime to become a mobility hub

**T**here it is - a ray of economic hope, hiding in plain sight. Michigan today is desperate for anything offering any solid hope of economic development - especially if it involves jobs.

So we should be turning our gaze to Detroit Metropolitan Airport and the newly merged airline created by the merger of Delta and Northwest. They hold the key to what could turn out to be one of the nation's biggest competitive assets.

With the merger, Delta Air Lines looks like one of the few airline companies with a fighting chance to survive the financial crisis. True, size isn't always everything in the airline business. Southwest has prospered as a small niche carrier, thanks to its nimble management and bare-bones operating costs.

But most of the time, being big certainly helps. A big airline can use its marketing muscle to drive passenger traffic through its spoke-and-hub system. A big airline can match existing aircraft to passenger needs. And a big

airline can take millions in costs out of its operating statement - just by eliminating redundant functions.

Part of the advantage of size is marketing and branding. Here in Michigan, the transition from Northwest to Delta is in full swing. Planes are being repainted; seat covers and carpets following suit. Inside the terminals, ticket counters are being consolidated under the Delta nameplate. Delta said it will start rebranding Detroit Metro as its second-biggest hub later this spring.

But to succeed, a big airline needs first-class facilities.

Detroit Metro may well be the best airport in the country now that the spiffy new North Terminal has replaced the shabby, down-at-the-beaks corridors of the past. Further improvements are on the way.

That puts us miles ahead of Northwest's old home base in Minneapolis/St. Paul. Anyone who has tried to make a connection there knows that terminal needs a lot of work. I'd guess Delta will keep that hub.

Yet looking over it all is a possibility with enormous potential: The Michigan Aerotropolis, the dream of creating a big "airport city" with two logical "book-

ends." On the east, serving passenger traffic, Detroit Metro. On the west, for freight, Ypsilanti's Willow Run.

Between the two is a vast expanse of land, 27,000 acres of it, running along I-94. Much of it looks very much the way it did in 1934.

And the development prospects are enormous.

What the region's developers needed to do was frame the concept of the Aerotropolis as a "mobility hub" linking air with road, rail and even water. After all, the Detroit River and, through it, the Great Lakes and the St. Lawrence Seaway are within easy reach.

Looked at that way, the promise of the Aerotropolis puts Michigan among the best potential big development sites in the world.

So what's happening?

Maddeningly, after a good start, forward movement on the Aerotropolis appears to have stalled.

Part of the problem: Local politics.

In order for Willow Run to become a world-class freight facility, it needs to add another half mile to its main runway. But the folks in Canton Township are up in arms.

Why? They fear at the noise.

Another barrier: Regional politics. Willow Run sits on the border between Wayne and Washtenaw counties. But Wayne controls the purse strings for much of the development money, and their county commission is hardly going to put a lot of money into Willow Run if Washtenaw gets most of the benefits.

Another problem: Patterns of land ownership. Much of the land around Detroit Metro is owned by government, either Wayne County or the local townships. The main incentive that leads anyone to take the risk of developing vacant land is the possibility of big profits.

But governments are, sadly seldom motivated along these lines. The pattern seldom varies: Little private land ownership means slow economic development. Case closed.

Last, state government has never made the Aerotropolis a top economic development priority, even though the area has the biggest known potential for generating tens of thousands of jobs.

Fortunately, Detroit Renaissance - the high-level business leadership group - has made this potential "Airport City" one of its main priorities. Here's a novel idea: State lawmakers of both parties ought to consider holding hearings on

the site, where it would be so much easier to glimpse and point to the development potential.

Not to mention pin-pointing areas where progress has been held up.

Granted, the world of today's financial crisis wouldn't seem to be a great climate for a big new development like the Aerotropolis.

But greatness lies in the ability to see around corners and not do what's expected.

With two enormous, distinctive competitive advantages right under its nose - Detroit Metro and Delta Air Lines - Michigan needs to wake up and smell the coffee.

And then get its economic development priorities right.

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

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### ONLINE VOICES & VIEWS

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

**GoatsFarm** wrote in response to the story Investigation of Novi school bus shootings continues:

Mr. Beane, so the Principal, Ronald Webber, of South Lyon High School is willing to testify in court that your daughter attended her 6th hour class. Really? You have a "hands on" Principal with first hand knowledge of the where abouts of several thousand students at South Lyon High? A doubtful premise at best. Perhaps the News should interview Mr. Webber. Somehow I believe his office will respond with "No Comment".

novi99 wrote in response to letters to the editor:

Mr. Fealk, Feel free to support this spendulous package all you want. Most of us support McCotter's decision. I think you need to worry more about the direction we're heading and also finding away from keeping yourself from getting arrested again: <http://www.rockland-politics.com/showDiary.do?diaryId=164>

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# PUBLIC SAFETY

## NOVI POLICE BRIEFS

### Woman arrested while waiting for sober ride

A woman was arrested for operating while intoxicated at about 2 a.m. March 2, while sitting in a parked car with the keys in the ignition, near Main and Market streets in downtown Novi, reports said.

An officer on patrol observed a silver Chevrolet, occupied by two females, parked in the Main Street parking garage. The vehicle was running.

According to reports, the garage has been the site of illegal narcotic activity, underage drinking and graffiti in the past and warrants extra patrol.

The officer asked the women what they were doing and they said they had gone out for a few drinks and were sitting talking about work drama while waiting for a friend to come pick them up.

The woman sitting in the driver's seat with the keys in the ignition was asked to participate in a number of field sobriety tests, and a preliminary breath test registered her blood alcohol level at .15 percent. She was arrested and the passenger was picked up by a friend, reports said.

### Tires replaced with cinder blocks

The tires and rims were stolen from a vehicle parked on Grove Court in the Pavilion Court apartment complex near Niac Mile and Haggerty roads, reports said.

The owner of the Mercury found the vehicle resting on four cinder blocks with the lug nuts laying in the snow.

The vehicle was locked and had not been entered, reports said.

It is unknown if the undercarriage of the vehicle was damaged in the process.

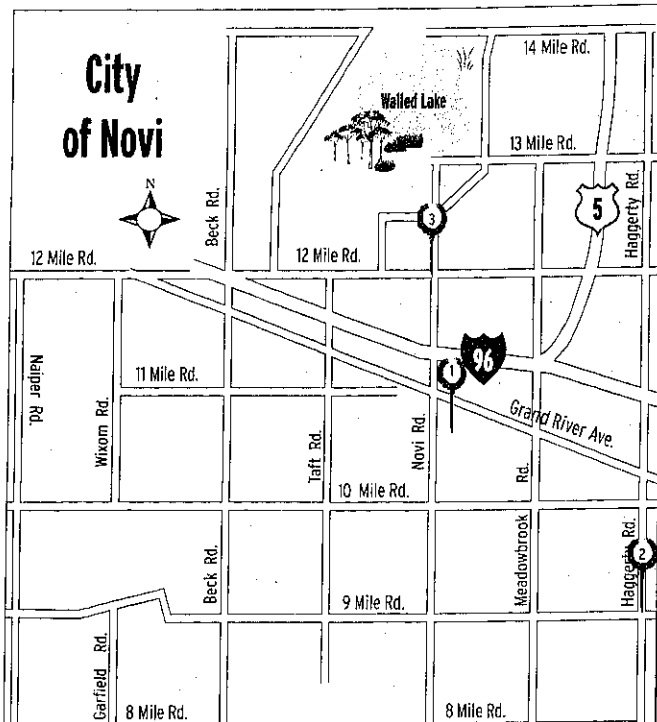
### Speeding in parking lot

A man was arrested for operating while intoxicated and driving with a suspended license in the parking lot of Twelve Mile Crossing, near 12 Mile and Novi roads, just after 2 a.m. Feb. 28, reports said.

An officer observed a Chevrolet Impala traveling at a high rate of speed, squealing its tires as it accelerated. Several pedestrians were walking to their vehicles as the Impala sped through the aisles, reports said.

The officer got behind the vehicle and activated its lights, but the driver continued down other aisles until pulling into a parking space.

A man exited the vehicle and began walking away, until police told him to stop. The suspect put his arms up and said the vehicle wasn't his and he was not driving, reports said.



## Novi Police face off against Red Wing Alumni

BY KELLY MURAD  
STAFF WRITER

The Novi Police Department will face off against players of the Red Wing Alumni team 8 p.m. tonight at Novi Ice Arena, located off Novi Road, south of 10 Mile.

The fourth annual event raises money to benefit the Novi community, and Thursday, more than a dozen police department employees will take to the ice in hopes of beating the Alumni—a feat they have yet to achieve.

Kristie Gruenwald of the Novi Police Department.

The money will be used for things such as a Novi High School scholarship, the Novi Youth Assistance, offices of fallen police officers, parks and recreation and Novi High School's Senior All Night Party.

"We raised about \$6,000 last year," said Gruenwald, who organized the event.

The lineup will consist of 13 players on the police department team and about seven alumni representing the Red

Wing's team. Last year's Alumni roster included players such as Chris Luongo, Brent Redyk, Dennis Hestall, Gerry Abel, Dan Newman and Mike Martilla, among others.

The professional hockey greats will sign autographs during intermission, Gruenwald said. Tickets can be purchased at the event for \$20 per person, \$35 per couple or \$60 per family.

"The overall purpose is for us to be able to help support our community," said Detective

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Board of Appeals Case No. TSLUP 09-003  
Filed by: Busch's  
41840 W Ten Mile Road  
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Notice is hereby given that a Temporary Special Land Use Permit Hearing will be held at 10:00 a.m. on Friday March 27, 2009 in the Mayor's Conference Room, located at the Civic Center 45175 West Ten Mile Road, Novi, Michigan, to consider the following matter:  
The petitioner for Busch's of Novi is requesting renewal of a Temporary Special Land Use Permit for outdoor seasonal display of merchandise accessory to the business to be located on the sidewalk adjacent to the store front located in the Novi Ten Shopping Center at 41840 W. Ten Mile Road north of Ten Mile Road and west of Meadowbrook Road from April 1, 2009 through December 31, 2009.  
All interested persons are invited to attend. Any comments may be directed to the Board during this Public Hearing or by mail to the Community Development Department, City of Novi, 45175 West Ten Mile Road, and must be received prior to March 28, 2009.  
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Photographer Monte Nagler holds up one of his prints exhibited in New York City. Nagler's work is now on display at the Nancy A. Fox Art Gallery located in the Assarian Cancer Center on the Providence Park campus at 47601 Grand River Ave.

## Statements of Light

Providence Center for the Healing Arts proudly presents Statements of Light, a showing of original photography by world renowned artist and photographer Monte Nagler. The extraordinary exhibit features a collection of breathtaking photography from Michigan and around the world. Nagler, a Farmington Hills resident, is a master photographer who studied under Ansel Adams. The artistry of his work will engage and delight your senses. Take a visual tour of Nagler's world and you will discover why he has spent years shooting in difficult and challenging locations. Nagler's work demonstrates mastery of the technical aspects of photography, capturing superb clarity, color and realism in each of his meticulously produced prints. Yet technique is most certainly employed in the service of content, Nagler expresses an unequivocal passion for capturing the spirit of landscapes, architecture or water. His belief that "...a mere fraction of a second of exposure can translate a fleeting image into a lifetime of enjoyment ..." is evident in his use of light and timing. And truly, Nagler's work is a joy to view and devour. The public is cordially invited to view his work in the Nancy A. Fox Art Gallery. The gallery is located in the Assarian Cancer Center on the Providence Park campus at 47601 Grand River Avenue. The show will be on display through April 30. The art gallery is open Monday through Friday 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. The Providence Center for the Healing Arts provides a variety of programs that are designed to help people integrate body, mind and spirit. Programs like Therapeutic Yoga, Massage Therapy, Creative Arts, Ceramics and Meditation all promote wholeness, wellness and living life in balance. Programs are open to patients, families, staff and the greater community. For more information about the show or other programming, contact James Tester at (248) 465-5455 or via e-mail to [James.Tester@stjohn.org](mailto:James.Tester@stjohn.org).

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LOCAL EVENTS

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Dale Carnegie Training facility grand opening. TIME/DATE: 2:30-5:30 p.m. Friday, March 20. LOCATION: Ralph Nichols Group, Inc., 41650 Gardenbrook, Suite 190, Novi. DETAILS: Help celebrate the opening of The new Dale Carnegie Training facility in Novi. Enjoy an afternoon of activities, opportunities for individual coaching, workshops and giveaways. Meet the instructors and performance coaches. Stop by for coffee and dessert. CONTACT: Call (248) 465-9077.

Breast Cancer 3-Day Training Kick-Off. TIME/DATE: Morning session 9 a.m.-afternoon 1 p.m. Saturday, March 21. LOCATION: 12 Mile Crossing at the Fountain Walk in Novi. DETAILS: The Breast Cancer 3-Day Training Kick-Off event signifies the beginning of the 24-week training season for Breast Cancer 3-Day walkers. New Balance staff will conduct a footwear seminar and host a fashion show displaying the right apparel to wear during the journey. CONTACT: Please visit www.The3Day.org or call (800) 996-3DAY for more information.

Community Education Preschool Program. DATE: March 23-current students, and March 25-new students. LOCATION: Novi Community Education Preschool Program. DETAILS: The mission of Novi Community Education's Early Childhood Program is to promote the physical, emotional and cognitive development of preschoolers. Children must be 3, 4 or 5 years old by Dec. 1, 2009 to attend classes. Children also must be completely toilet trained. CONTACT: For more information about the classes, please call the Preschool office at (248) 449-1173.

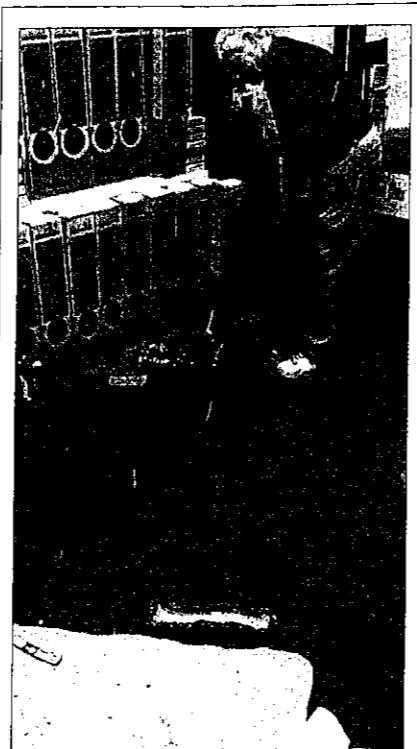
Food Drive. DATE: March 24-April 4. LOCATION: Salon D\*ARS, 24079 Meadowbrook Road, South of 10 Mile in the Peachtree Plaza. DETAILS: Receive one raffle ticket for each non-perishable food item you donate. The raffle is for a gift certificate to Salon D\*ARS. Food will be distributed locally through the Faith Community Presbyterian Church Food Closet. For more information, call (248) 465-9077.

Novi Rotary Club. TIME/DATE: Noon every Thursday. LOCATION: Novi Methodist Church, 41671 W. 10 Mile Road. DETAILS: Lunch is \$10 all meeting. Visitors welcome. Check Web site for speaker information: novirotable.org.

American Business Women's Association Meetings. TIME/DATE: 6:15 p.m., second Wednesday of every month. LOCATION: Doubletree Hotel Novi, 42100 Crescent Blvd., southeast of I-96 @ Novi Road, near Bayly St. DETAILS: Local chapter provides many advantages to today's working women and offers a strong community service program that includes raising money for scholarships. CONTACT: (248) 330-6315 or abwanovi.org.

Novi Children's Theater Series. TIME/DATE: All shows 7:30 p.m.; Rob Reider's Mime Show, Friday, March 20; Roland the Minstrel Pig, Wild Swan Theater, Friday, April 3; Cirque Amongus, Friday, April 24. LOCATION: Novi Middle School Performing Arts Center, 42100 Crescent Blvd., southeast of I-96 @ Novi Road, near Bayly St. DETAILS: Novi Community Education is offering a Professional Children's Theater Series. Each show is \$5 per ticket, or all four shows can be purchased for \$17. CONTACT: (248) 449-1206.

Forgotten Math Seminar for Parents. TIME/DATE: 2:30-3:30 p.m. Sunday, March 29. LOCATION: Sylvan Learning of Novi, 22034 Novi Road. DETAILS: This interactive 90-minute seminar will help overcome math fears - so homework time with your child will be fun, not frightful. Move from math station to math station, revisiting some of the skills forgotten over time. It is a fun way to show a child that learning is a life-long process. Reserve a spot. CONTACT: (248) 449-1173.



**Swing!** Jay Daner of Classic Golf Girls tries out his Arnold Palmer Indoor Golf Game at last weekend's Golf Show at Novi's Rock Financial ShowPlace. The game includes a golf club with an Arnold Palmer character, a variety of clubs and a miniature green.

Special story time. TIME/DATE: 7 p.m. Tuesday, March 17. LOCATION: Novi Public Library on 45248 W. 10 Mile Road. DETAILS: Children are invited to attend special story time hours, sponsored by Community Financial at the Novi library during "March is Reading Month." Malorie McLaughlin, Community Financial's senior education partnership coordinator, is spearheading the effort for local public officials, including school superintendents, police officers and firefighters to read from selected books during special story time hours.

Democrats of West Oakland County. TIME/DATE: 7 p.m., Tuesday, March 17. LOCATION: Maple Restaurant and Golf, 31600 Wakefield Drive, on Fourteen Mile between Novi Rd. and M5. DETAILS: Jack Lessenberry, Senior Political Analyst for Michigan Public Radio, Topic is My Advice for President Obama & All Democrats. Bring a can of food for the Oakland County Foodbank. CONTACT: Jim at (248) 624-7228.

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minutes of Q&A. Students will then be assisted with hands-on searching. Basic computer knowledge and experience using a mouse required. Registration required.

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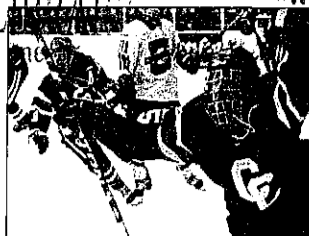
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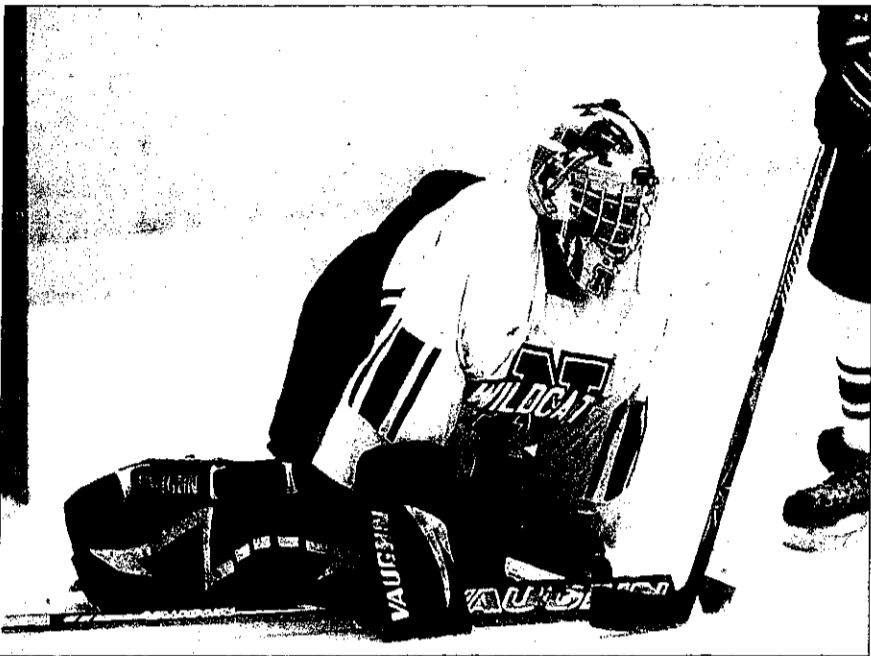
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## CC wins regional

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# Wildcats capture hockey regional title



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Wildcat goalie Michael Pesendorfer covers up the puck against Walled Lake Western.

## Manning's goal puts Novi in Division 2 final four

BY JEFF THEISEN  
SPORTS WRITER

Novi had a couple of lucky breaks go its way, but the Wildcats mostly willed their way to beating Division 2 No. 1-ranked Brother Rice 2-1 Friday to win the regional title.

"I've been telling these guys all year

how good they, how hard they work and that this is what they deserve and need to earn," Novi head coach Todd Krygier said. "I'm tremendously proud."

Wildcat defenders and forwards were launching themselves in front of shots from early in the first to the final seconds. And whatever got through to goaltender Michael Pesendorfer got stopped. He

made 28 of 29 save attempts. "I've never seen more blocks and sacrificing in any high school hockey game than I did tonight," Krygier said.

Things seemed completely in hand for the Wildcats after Zach Mohr converted a breakaway for a 2-0 lead with 5:55 left for a 2-0 lead.

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## NOVI 2, WALLED LAKE NORTHERN 1, OT

Tyler Manning scored what he said was no doubt the biggest goal of his life with 1:03 remaining in overtime to beat Walled Lake Northern on Tuesday at the Novi Ice Arena.

Manning took a pass near the blue line, worked down to the left faceoff circle and cut to his right on goal. He let go a backhand that beat the keeper, sending the Wildcat players and crowd into a frenzy.

"I think I'm dreaming," Manning said. "Zach Mohr made a nice play, passed it over right through the middle, a nice little toe drag and then backhanded it top shelf. All around it was a great team effort. It wasn't just me."

"No one believed in us. Now we're going to the state semis," Northern scored the lone goal of the first period on the power play. Manning answered with his first goal of the game in the second period. The third period went scoreless, setting up the dramatic overtime finish.

"That was a fantastic hockey game," Novi head coach Todd Krygier said. "It could've gone either way."

"I just give our guys credit for finding a way to get it done tonight."

Novi advances to the final four at 6 p.m. Thursday at Compuware Arena.

## GAME WRAPS

### Novi girls blast past Plymouth in district semis

The Wildcats had little trouble in their first game of district play, dismantling Plymouth 42-26 in the semifinals.

Novi received a bye in the opening round.

Novi led 12-5 after the first and upped the lead to 25-10 by half-time. Plymouth was unable to make a serious run in the second half and Plymouth's season came to a close.

Jessica Cingel led Novi with 10 points and nine rebounds. Caroline Johnson was next with nine points, seven assists and five steals. Kelsey Masserant provided eight points and eight boards.

### BROWN FALLS IN MATCH PLAY

Novi bowler Leslie Brown qualified for match play but couldn't get past her opening match.

She bowled strong in qualifying, finishing 10th with a six-game total of 1,218. The top 16 of 70 bowlers advance to match play. Brown's first qualifying game was a 275.

She faced eventual champion Kenna Williams of Taylor Kennedy in match play. Williams won the best-of-three in straight games, 202-190, 226-145.

### CC BOWLING 12TH AFTER QUALIFYING

The Shamrocks made the State tournament as a team, but missed out on making it out of qualifying. The top eight move on to match play, but CC finished 12th.

Rockford got the last spot with a team total of 3,411. The Shamrocks finished with 3,322.

### DETROIT SOUTHEASTERN 56, CC 48

The Shamrocks lost out in the consolation Operation Freedom Game, pitting the top teams of the PSL and Catholic League together.

Brett Smith led the Shamrocks with nine points. Southeastern (17-3) had three players in double digits with Kimani Boynton leading the way with 15.

CC heads into district 15-5.

# Cats beat Salem again, stay alive in districts

BY ED WRIGHT  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Fans watching Monday night's Class A District opener between Salem and Novi probably wouldn't have been shocked if ice water had seeped out of the small cut Wildcat guard Chris Bellamy suffered on his

right hand early in the third quarter.

The senior captain was so cool, calm and collected during the down-to-the-wire thriller, it appeared as if ice water flowed through his veins.

The lighter and deeper Monday's game drew, the steadier Bellamy seemed to play

as he scored 12 of his 25 points in the fourth quarter to help the Wildcats repel the Rocks, 60-55.

Led by Bellamy's 7-for-7 effort in the final stanza, Novi (18-3) drained all 12 of its free throws.

Salem (10-11), which carried a six-game winning streak into

the showdown, managed to drain just 5 of 13 attempts from the charity stripe.

"It's nice to have a kid like Chris on your team in tight games like this," said Novi coach Cory Heitsch. "It definitely calms you a little bit having a kid like that stepping to the free-throw line and extending

the lead like he did tonight."

Bellamy's four free throws during the final 20 seconds put Salem in two-possession holes.

"He just took the game over at the end and put his team on his shoulders," said Salem coach Bob Brodie, referring to

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# CC looking for state titles

BY JEFF THEISEN  
SPORTS WRITER

CC wrestling head coach Mitch Hancock has been a busy man since the regular season ended, and he wouldn't want it any other way.

The Shamrocks came up short in their bid for a team state title last week in Battle Creek, but there will be seven chances for a state title this weekend at the individual finals today through Saturday at the Palace of Auburn Hills.

"In regards to the individual finals, I believe that every guy we are taking has a chance at winning it," Hancock said. "Will it happen, I don't know. Are we preparing to make it happen? Yes. Expectations are high around here, you either win it or you don't. That's the

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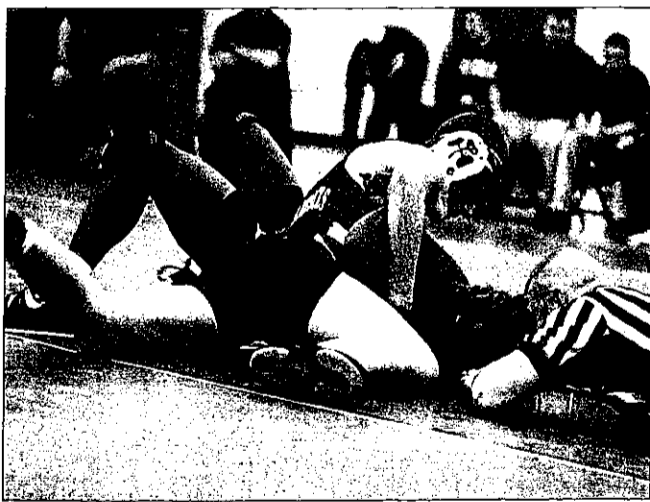
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bottom line.

"It will be an exciting three days of wrestling. This is what we prepare for all year long, these three days."

After a couple of years of being dominated by the middle and upper weights, the Shamrocks enter the

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DENNIS BARNES

CC's Trevor O'Connor finishes off an opponent during regional action. He placed runner-up at 152 pounds to qualify for the individual State Tournament.

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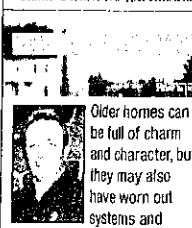
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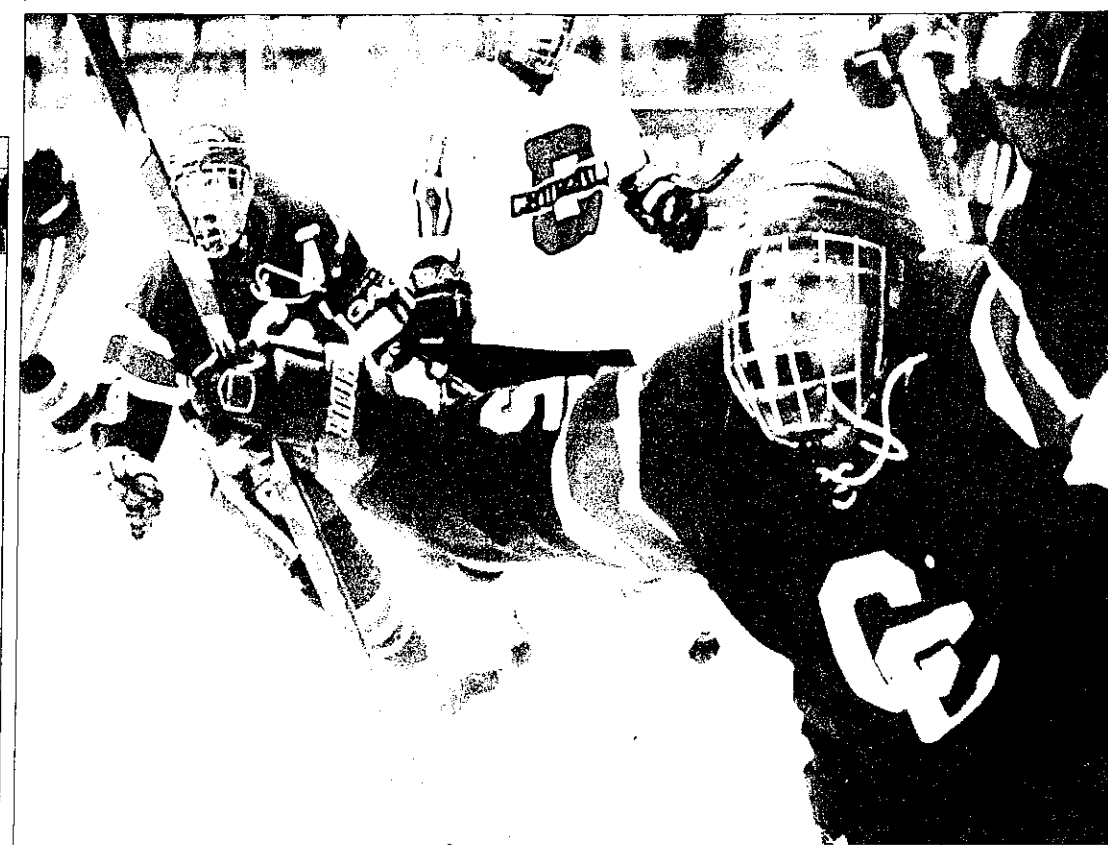
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CC's Mike Zylak celebrates a goal against Churchill.

Catholic Central wins regional

The top teams in Division 1 hockey met for the second time this year, and CC beat Northville 1-0 for the second time this year. Brent Darnell scored a goal with assists from Tony Thomas and Mike Zylak less than three minutes in March 5.

Things didn't look good early for CC, but the offense got cranking in the second as the Shamrocks rallied to win the regional title 6-2 Saturday against Churchill.



Brent Darnell swoops in on the Churchill net.

David Swierszyski scored from Thomas and Gatt to finish off the second period with the Shamrocks holding a 4-1 lead. The Chargers cut the lead to 4-2 to open the scoring in the third, but CC answered with goals from Steve Hensley (assist to Austin Hervey) and Thomas (Mitchell, Gatt) to close out the scoring.

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Asked if Mohr had ever scored a bigger goal, "Not in my life. Not in my life. I was going to shoot it, but the goalie left me his five-hole, so I had to bury it."

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Shamrocks pass first district test Wildcats head into playoffs on winning note

They crashed the boards in waves of blue, outjumping taller opposing players and out-thrusting smaller ones. And because of their blue-collar effort in Monday night's Class A District 25 opener at Novi High School, Novi Catholic Central's boys basketball team will be punching the time clock once again following its 62-46 victory against Plymouth.



Shamrock Brett Smith brings the ball up against DeLaSalle in the CHSL finals.

The Shamrocks (15-6) seized control of the contest in the first half when they out-boarded the Wildcats 29-8, to take a 37-18 lead into the break. They extended their advantage to 68-34 after three quarters before Plymouth eventually gained ground during garbage time.

Novi finished off the regular season with a 70-62 against a quality opponent in Lakeland. The Eagles entered the game with a 17-2 record and feature a three-headed monster in Lakeland all-time leading scorer Michael Fygate, Blake Heiman and Brett Burmeister.

Justus guard Akontae McElaney paced the Wildcats with 11. Sophomore Justin Moss scored eight while four players - Cliff Buttermore, Mike Nadrowski, Dion Johnson and Brannen Beyer - all added six.

Novi's offense met its match Friday against Canton in the district semifinals. The Wildcats were limited to nine first-half points and lost 42-27 to the 20-2 Chiefs.

Novi was whistled for too many men on the ice with 1:55 to play. A second Wildcat penalty for tripping

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Dr. Hurwitz is board certified in Allergy and Immunology, Pediatrics and Pediatric Pulmonology. He is Associate Professor in the Department of Pediatrics at the University of Michigan Medical School and a member of the American Medical Association, the Michigan Allergy Society, the American Academy of Pediatrics and the American Academy of Asthma, Allergy and Immunology.

Dr. Hurwitz practices at Allergy, Asthma and Immunology Associates of Novi located at 26850 Providence Parkway, Suite 503 in Novi. The office number is (248) 349-5752.



**Harvey Leo**

Harvey Leo, M.D., has joined the medical staff at Botsford Hospital.

Dr. Leo is board certified in Allergy and Immunology and Pediatrics. He is a contributing writer for Living Without, a magazine for people with allergies and food sensitivities. He is an assistant research scientist at the Center for Managing Chronic Disease at the University of Michigan School of Public Health.

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**Benjamin Song**

Benjamin Song, M.D., has joined the medical staff at Botsford Hospital.

Dr. Song is board certified in Allergy and Immunology, Pediatrics and Internal Medicine. He is Adjunct Assistant Professor in the Pediatric Pulmonary department at the University of Michigan Medical Center and a member of the American Academy of Allergy, Asthma and Immunology, the American College of Allergy, Asthma and Immunology, the American Academy of Pediatrics and the American College of Physicians.

Dr. Song practices at Allergy, Asthma and Immunology Associates of Novi located at 26850 Providence Parkway, Suite 503 in Novi. The office number is (248) 349-5752.

### SPECIAL HAPPENINGS

#### Tapper's Diamond and Wedding Band Extravaganza

Tapper's Diamonds & Fine Jewelry presents thousands of new designs in Wedding Jewelry on Sunday, March 15. Representatives from the hottest designers in the bridal industry will be showcasing the latest collections, including Scott Kay, Ritani and Precision Set. From vintage to contemporary, 14K White Gold to Platinum, the show provides the largest variety of precious metals, semi-mounts and loose diamonds in Metro Detroit. Tapper's Diamonds & Fine Jewelry will be giving away a five-day Cancun Resort Vacation for two with any engagement ring, wedding band or diamond purchase made during the Diamond and Wedding Band Extravaganza. A minimum purchase required of \$3,990.

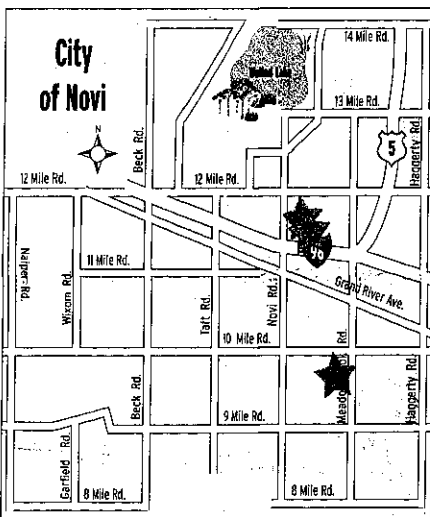
The show begins at 11 a.m. Sunday, March 15 at Tapper's, Twelve Oaks Mall, Novi, ending at 6 p.m. Refreshments and petit fours will be served.

#### Salon D'MARS

Salon D'MARS is holding a food drive March 24-April 4 at their business located at 24079 Meadowbrook Road, south of 10 Mile Road in the Peachtree Plaza. Receive one raffle ticket for each non-perishable food item you donate. The raffle is for a gift certificate to Salon D'MARS. Food will be distributed locally through the Faith Community Presbyterian Church food closet. For more information, call (248) 465-9077.

#### Gorman's Home Furnishings

Gorman's Home Furnishings and Interior Design became the exclusive southeast Michigan retailer for the Better Homes and Gardens™ furniture collections in April 2008 and its introduction has proved to be an enormous success. The collection includes the Cottage View, Classics Today and Modern Outlook collections. Better Homes and Gardens brand furniture is available at Gorman's Novi, located at 27800 Novi Road. For more information, call the Novi



store at (248) 344-0880 or visit [www.gormans.com](http://www.gormans.com).

### RELOCATION

#### Running Fit

The Running Fit store in Novi has once again relocated its position within the confines of the Novi Town Center. Long-time customers often reminisce about the store's previous sites, this being its fourth move in 20 years. The new home for Running Fit's Novi location is situated on 11 Mile Road, the "Grand River side" of the Town Center, in a larger, more noticeable space. Recently the company added triathlon gear to its exceptional stock of running and walking shoes, apparel and equipment. The new store will also house an Endless Pool. The Endless Pool allows the multi sport gang to demo wet suits and analyze their stroke in the mirror on the pool bottom. For more information on Running Fit, visit [www.runningfit.net](http://www.runningfit.net).

### CLASSES

#### ABC Warehouse

ABC Warehouse is offering free cooking classes and tastings at its Novi location in West Oaks Mall.

Tonight Mary Spencer presents Hearty Irish Fare, featuring meat, potatoes and more signature Irish dishes. On March 19, Sherry Sundling presents Tea Time Treats featuring the revival of traditional tea time with delicious bites. All classes begin at 6:30 p.m.

#### Fitness Together Novi

Fitness Together Novi announces the launch of the Lifestyle Intervention Program with a bold result guarantee: if the participant does not achieve his or her predetermined weight loss or fitness goals within 12 weeks, a 100 percent refund will be issued. Lifestyle Intervention Program recruits must agree they will adhere to specific nutritional guidelines and attend at least three scheduled sessions each week for a 12-week period. For more information, call (248) 348 9230.

### OPENING

Faithfully Fit  
37955 Grand River Ave  
(810) 533-0554

### CLOSING

Garnish  
25875 Novi Road



**Julie A. Paquette**

Novi resident Julie A. Paquette has become an associate attorney at the law firm of Donald A. DeLong, P.C. She has been a law clerk with the Southfield firm since 2007. Paquette is a 2008 graduate of Wayne State University Law School. She will practice in the firm's business solutions and estate planning-wealth transfer areas.

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## CHAMBER CHAT

■ The Novi Business and Taste Expo will take place 3-7 p.m. Wednesday, April 29 at the Hotel Baronette, 27790 Novi Road. Sponsored by the Novi Chamber of Commerce and the City of Novi, the inaugural event will include networking, cash bar and refreshments. There is an early-bird special for vendor tables reserved before April 1. Watch your e-mail for the vendor and sponsorship application.

■ Join us for the Ribbon Cutting Optimum Hearing

Care ribbon-cutting ceremony 1-2 p.m. today. Come support a new member at their open house. Enjoy refreshments. Optimum Hearing Care is located at 44150 W. 12 Mile Road, Ste. 200.

■ The Business to Business Breakfast and New Member Bonus 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.

■ An After Five Networking

event is 5-7 p.m. Thursday, March 26 at Urgent Care of Novi, 44000 12 Mile Road, Suite 101. Join us for networking and refreshments. Advance registration is \$15; \$25 after Tuesday, March 24.

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