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50 cents to 75 cents. This is the first single copy price increase in 21 years and I hope you - our loyal hometown readers - understand why it is necessary at this time. I hope you agree that the price

of a local newspaper voice is worth this increase. We want to continue to offer the Novi area news and information on local life -- births, engagements, weddings, anniversaries -- proposed developments, school news, election information, high school sports scores, local pho-tographs and more.

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Thank you for your continued support. As always, I welcome your comments.

Sincerely, Susan M. Rosiek, executive editor. srosiek@hometownlife.con

### NOVI NUTSHELL College hoops

Bright House Networks is offering customers a free preview of CBS College Sports Network, the official cable home of the NCAA Division 1 Men's Basketball



Championship, from March 13-April 7. The network will be available to Bright House

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#### Senior event

Area seniors are invited to enjoy a little taste of Italy Mamma Mia Style at the Italian Festival Super Saturday event 4-6 p.m. March 28 at the Novi Senior Center 25075 Meadowhrook Road. Enjoy the savory flavors of Tuscany when served a great Italian meal. Entertainment is provided, but tickets are limited. The cost is \$7 for residents and \$8.50 for non-residents For more information, call (248) 347-

### **Providence Park receives gift to** complete neurosciences center

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online at hometownlife.com

BY KELLY MURAD Staff Writer

Providence Park Hospital's neurosciences program will be complete years ahead of what was previously projected, thanks to a generous dona-tion by Art Van Elslander, owner of Art Van furniture stores.

"We knew it would be a matter of years, but this certainly has allowed our progress to take a huge step for-ward," said Ben Miles, director of neurosciences for Providence. "We're extremely honored that he would partner with us on this gift."

Although the amount of the donation is not being released, it is the largest gift St. John Health System

has ever received, and will be used to further develop what will be known as the Van Elslander Neurosciences Center at Providence Park Hospital in Novi located at Beck Road and Grand River Avenue.

The money will be used for the previously planned purchase of an intra-operative Magnetic Resonance Imaging, which is the first of its kind in the Midwest, allowing doctors to

In the Markes, intowing outcost to take high quality images during a surgical procedure. "This is going to have multiple lev-els of functionality," Miles said. Other areas that will benefit from Van Elslander's donation include admared technologue for the borni advanced technology for the hospi-tal's stroke unit, epilepsy center and

balance and falls clinic, as well as the completion of a surgical skills lab and teaching center in the medical office

"We've cleared a huge hurdle here since these things require a signifi-cant investment," Miles said. "(And) the advancements we'll make in our basic sciences and clinical research protocols will be astounding." Providence Park Hospital's fifth

floor is expected to open Monday. "The entire fifth floor, ultimately will be dedicated to neurosciences, said Miles, noting they are opening with 18 beds, but have the ability to

expand as the need progresses. The Van Elslander family is a long-time supporter of the St. John Health (248) 349-1700, Ext. 263



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Ben Miles, director of neurosciences for Providence Park, stands in the Novi hospital's soon-to-be-completed intra-operative MRI surgical room, which will allow doctors to take precise scans during neurological procedures.

System, Previous donations have funded projects at Detroit's St. John Hospital & Medical Center, including the Van Elslander Cancer Center and the Van Elslander Pavilion

### Novi family: We feel attacked for our religious beliefs

**BY KELLY MURAD** Staff Writer

The Samona family, of Novi, feels their religious beliefs are being attacked, again, by the Tollgate Woods homeowners association. The Samonas received a letter last Wednesday claiming a Virgin Mary statue, situated in their front lawn, is in violation of the rules governed by the association. The letter recommends the Samona family petition for an architectural request for the statue, but remove

the item WATCH VIDEO OF FAMILY'S VIEWPOINT AT HOMETOWNLIFE.COM. granted.

an attack on religion," said Joe Samona, 19. "I went around and counted 36 homes in the subdivision with some sort of lawn ornament.

Attorney Mark Makower, of Dickinson Wright, said the issue is not about the Samonas' religious beliefs, but about them not receiving prior approval to place the statue in their lawn.

The recorded declaration of restrictions for Tollgate Woods states no lawn ornaments, statues or outdoor art shall be placed on any lot without prior approval of the committee.

"We don't need approval to put a Virgin Mary statue in the lawn of a home we pay close to \$10,000 a year in taxes on," said Samona, who lives in the Tollgate Woods home with his parents, Farouk and Batoul Samona, and his grand-mother. "It's not like we're putting it out there to offend anyone

Although Makower said the Tollgate Woods homeowners asso-

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Batoul Samona and her son, Joe stand outside their Novi home with their statue of the Virgin Mary. The Samona's subdivision has asked the family to remove the statue because it violates the rules governed by the association

ciation is a client of the law firm they have not asked for legal coun-sel at this time.

In 2005, the family disputed the association over a nativity scene displayed in their lawn at Christmas time. After the Chaldean family's fight made national headlines, the association backed down.

"We've already retained counsel on this matter," Samona said. "They told us to take it down, and we're not going to take it down. "We've had it up for five years, and they're just complaining about

it now? Makower said from a legal stand-

point, the amount of time it's been

there doesn't matter if the family

never obtained approval. According to Samona, the woman who complained to the association said she didn't want anybody in the subdivision to be offended by the two-foot statue.

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### Egg-stravaganza

Novi Parks offers annual Easter events

#### BY KELLY MURAD STAFF WRITER

The Novi Parks Department is revving up for its annual offer-ing of Easter events for kids and canines in the holiday spirit. Recreation Supervisor Derek Smith is expecting a large turn-out at the City's two events, scheduled for March 28 and April 1. Registration for the Easter

Haute Dog Mutt Strut and Flashlight Egg Hunt is available at www.cityofnovi.org.

#### Haute Dog Mutt Strut

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Online registration ends tomorrow for Saturday's Easter Haute Dog Mutt Strut at

EASTER EVENTS Mott Strut 1-3 p.m. March 28 Lakeshore Park Register online \$5, in person \$10 Flashlight Egg Hunt 8-9 p.m. April 1 Novi Civic Center Register anline \$5, in person \$10

Lakeshore Park. Canine owners can also register their furry friends at the event, which takes place from 1-3 p.m. All pets must be people- and

animal-friendly, and have proof of current vaccinations.

Last year, about 25 dogs par-ticipated in the event, which includes a milk bone hunt and

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### Novi kids battle with books

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#### BY KELLY MURAD STAFF WRITER

More than 60 students battled it out at Novi Public Library's sixth annual Battle of the Books event at the Civic Center last Saturday, The 12 teams, which consisted of four to six par ticipants in fifth and sixth grades, had read and re-read the six books required to par-ticipate since December. The books, which were selected by Phyllis Weeks

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and Suzanne Carpenter of the library's youth and teen said. "The bard thing in all the preparation is coming up services department, include with hard enough question: "Down the Rabbit Hole" by Peter Abrahams; "Iqbal" by to try and stump them. And last Saturday, there was only one question out of 30 that stumped the winning Liberation of Gabriel King" by K.L. Going; 'Jeremy Fink team Rising Readers. and the Meaning of Life" by "It wasn't hard, it was just Wendy Mass; "Al Capone Docs My Shirts" by Gennifer that we were really tense, said team member Tejaswi Bayya. Ember" by Jeanne DuPran. "We try to have a balance of Other members of Rising Readers included Sahitya genre, gender of the protago-nist and reading level," Weeks Karra, Subas Kodali, Anuragi

Koduri, Manogjna Satyavolu and Abhay Mayank Vora. "It feels like a great honor." Karra said after winning the event. The second-place team. Battle Blasters, included Palvi Bhardwaj, Anjali

Joshi, Levo Maliekal, Siya Takawale, Nupur Vora and Asritha Vinnakota; and the third-place team was the

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character was Ingrid

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Vora said he liked the bio

graphical-style of "Iqbal."

Fighting Farkleberry Falcons with Jaclyn Gregoire, Vincet aren't always things to do, so this gives them something to identify with." Bayya said he was able to Jammalamadaka, Kevin Li, Vainsi Nimmagaddu, Bryce Paputa and Nilin Vedamuthu. "They form their own relate with the main characteams, they find their own coaches," said Weeks, noting ter of "Jeremy Fink and the Meaning of Life" because they the teams must have a mini both like candy, comies and um of three members and

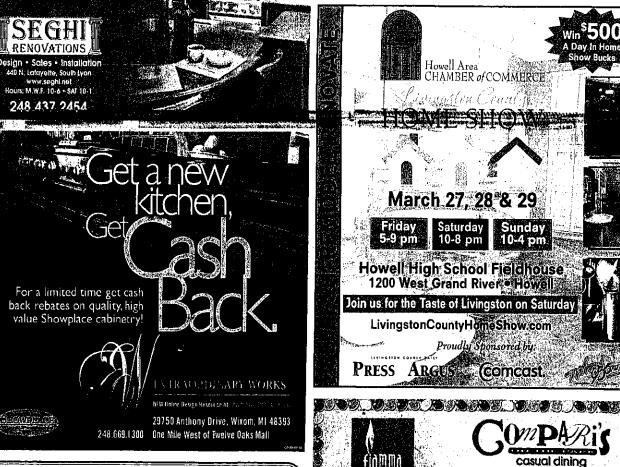


PHOTOS BY JOHN HEIDER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER Members of team "RZO2" celebrate a correct answer during last Saturday's Battle of the Books competition at the

a maximum of six. "If you're a reader or a smart kid, there ave a taste for adventure. Other Rising Readers elected different reading "Mine was 'Down the Rabbit Hole," Satyavolu said. "It was nysterious and my favorite

Members of team "Sunday Views" are amazed by a correct answer during

the Novi Public Library's Battle of the Books competition.



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Coffee with Hugh

R-Novi, will begin hosting coffee chats, providing the opportunity for local residents

to meet with him in the com-

munity. Coffee with Crawford will

take place 9-11 a.m. Saturday, March 28, at the Coffee 'N

More, 48992 Pontiac Trail in

Wixom. An appointment is not necessary. Residents unable to meet Crawford during the

scheduled office hours may contact him at (517) 373-0827

or by e-mail at hughcrawford@

Novi Parks receives youth

The City of Novi is a proud recipient of a National

Association USA Football Youth

Football Grant. The grant was

made available as part of a

three-year partnership of the NRPA, USA Football and the

National Football League. The grant will be used to purchase

new football equipment and provide coach training for the

Novi Parks Department's foot-

ball summer camp and flag

football leagues. Registration for the summer

football camp and fall flag foot-

ball league begins April 13 via

www.cityofnovi.org. The camp

is scheduled for July 27-30 for children in fourth-sixth grades

The fall league begins Aug. 24

for children in kindergarten-

sixth grades. For more information, visit

www.cityofnovi.org or contact

recreation supervisor Wendy

Duvall at wduvall@cityofnovi

The City of Novi is looking for young adults to serve as stu dent representatives on boards

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and the Senior to Senior Prom

www.cityofnovi.org, and will be accepted at the City Clerk's Office, inside the Novi Civic

Center, 45175 W. 10 Mile Road,

Applications are available at

City of Novi Youth Council

Historical Commission;

Advisory Committee

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ITEMS OF INTEREST FROM NOVI CITY COUNCIL consultant review committee. ■ Council approved, by a 6-0 vote, the resolution for a member of the library staff to serve as a líaison for the Novi Historica Commission. The Historical Commission now falls under the jurisdiction of the Novi Public Library, but its budget still comes from the City's general fund. The library has worked with the Historical Commission on projects in the past, and currently houses many of the historical documents of the City of Novi. Council unanimously approved to award the contract for Civil Engineering Field

The consultant is responsible for providing engineering services related to private development through the review of residential plot plans, construction inspection, project close-out paperwork assistance and the completion of record drawings. Council postponed the approval of the second reading to amend the City of Novi Code of Ordinances regarding alter-nate-day lawn watering. Mayor Pro Tem Bob Gatt removed the usage. item from the consent agenda to address the concerns of a resident. If approved, the ordinance Services to Spalding DeDecker until 4 p.m. April 17. Associates, Inc. for a two-yea The City Council will conduct term with one year renewal Associates, Inc. for a two-year will include a requirement to operate underground irrigation interviews in Council Chambers 7 p.m. April 27, for all appli-option. Approval was also rec-ommended by city staff and the systems during non-peak hours of 11 p.m. to 5 a.m. According

approved to receive federal fundto Gatt, the resident said the 5 a.m. cut-off for watering their lawn could cause fungus to grow ing for three projects including Meadowbrook Road, between Eight Mile and Nine Mile on the grass. Gatt requested postponing approval until city ids; Nine Mile Road, between staff could provide sufficient Haggerty and Meadowbrook information regarding the issue. The City of Novi purchases its water through Detroit Water and roads; and Nine Mile Road, hetween Novi and Taft roads The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 will Sewer Department, and they have indicated a reduced water rate is possible, contingent upon cover the cost of the projects, estimated at about \$1 million but the City of Novi is respon Novi's commitment to lower maximum day and peak hour sible for the design fees Notes were taken from the Council approved to award

the contract for design engi-neering services for the three March 23 Novi City Council regular meeting. Councilcon federally funded road projects Terry Margolis was excused to Orchard, Hiltz & McCliment absent. Next regular meeting: 7 p.m. April 6 at the Novi Civid Center, 45175 W. 10 Mile Road. for a total not-to-exceed design fee of \$56,900. The city was

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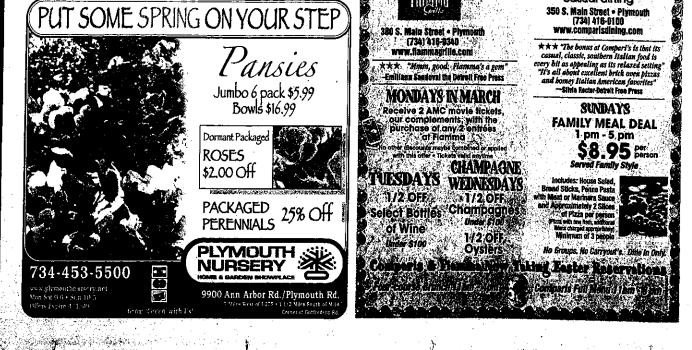
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living environment catego-ries including in-ground and above-ground pools, spas, hot tub, swim spas, decks, patios, fencing, outdoor liv ing spaces, patio furniture, outdoor court systems, patio enclosures, sunrooms and accessories.

Rock Financial Showplace located at 46100 Grand River Avenue between Novi and Beek Road in Novi. Show hours v are from 3-9:30 p.m Friday: 11 a.m. to 9:30 p.m Saturday and 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Sunday.

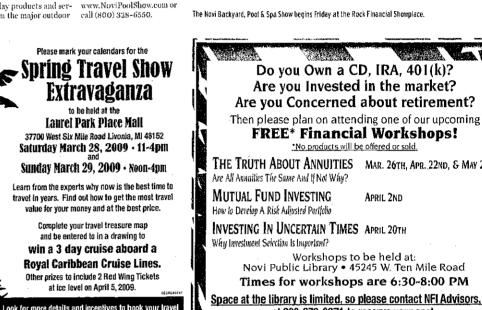
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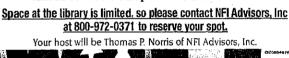
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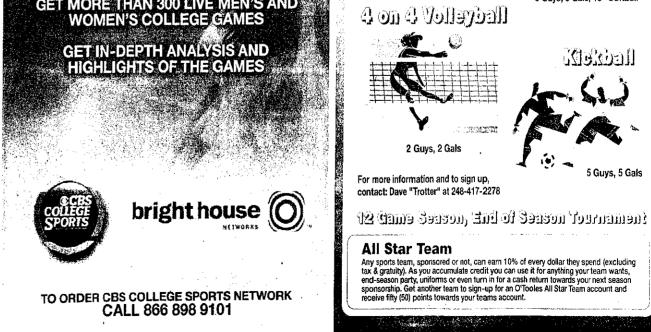
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Age 88, passed away March 17, 2009. She was born on December 13, 1920, in Detroit, to the late Harry

and Marion (Borrusch) Dale. She was a member of the Ladies Auxiliary

was preceded in death by her sib-

lings: Barney Dale, Lewis Dale, and Gladys Conn. Visitation was held on

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was a member of the Ladies Audilary Post #2502. Mary is survived by har children: John (Diane) Noel of South Lyon, Maurzen Noel of Crossville, TN, Jaan Roel of Howell; siblings: Divite Ferguson, Jacqueline Knuelis, Joyce Martin, Grant (Arliene) Dale; grandchildren: Kelly, Donald (Rita), Michelle, Melissa (Bob); great-grand-kander Kanne, Nalasch Kass-RAY WELLS DAVIS ge 87, of South Lyon, passed away children: Brianne, Natasha, Kass-andra, Chris, Tyler, and Nicholas. She

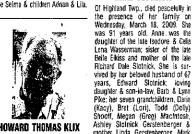
at Caretell inn of Brighton on Thursday, March 19, 2009. Aay was born on October 30, 1921, in Detroit, to the late LaRay and Gertrude Davis to the tale LaRay and Certrude Davis. After serving in the Army during WWII. Ray returned home to enjoy his life as a local artist and picture framing sales representative, resid-ing in Rochester, Michigan – but his biggest role was being a very lowing husband and taher. He is survived by his wife of 51 years, Veilma; son and daughter-In-law Jeff and Tracy Friday, A funeral service was held on Saturday, March 21, at PHILIPS FUNERAL HOME, South Lyon. Online guestbook www.phillipsfuneral.com

and daughter-In-law Jeff and Tracy (Hogan) Davis of Brighton, daughter and son-in-law Sally (Davis) and Bill Ruterbusch of Harland; grandsons: John and Jordan Rulerbusch and many other loving family members Gardens. On-line condolences www.obriensullivanfuneralhome.con many other toking tamky members, His greatest logs were spending time playing cards with his friends, walk-ing through parks, trips for an Ice cream cone and spending time with his family. A memorial service was held on Wednesday, March 25, at Green Dak Free Methodite Church Green Oak Free Methodist Church, Brighton, MI. In lieu of flowers,

Age 85. dl Lyon Twp., MI, passed away 3/17/2009. Beloved husband of Irene. Loving faither of Laurie Sawyer, Karen, James, Robert, and the late David. Donallons suggested to Active Faith. Casterline Funeral Home Inc of South Lyon memorial contributions may be made to the Juvenile Diabeles Research Foundation, 24359 Northwestern Home, Inc. of South Lyon. Highway, Ste. 225, Southfield, Mi Arrangements by PHILLIPS FUNER-AL HOME, South Lyon. Online guestbook: www.phillipsfuneral.com



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 Ashtey Stolfnick Gerstenberger, Mark
 Of Northville, age 82, passed avay
 suddenly March 18, 2009, following
 (gran), Jeff (Dona) Pike, her great-grandchildren, whom were the light ashtri filness. Howard, a lowing hus-band and caring faitner, was born
 Mekenna Shooff, Hadley and Aubrey MacIntosh, Dylan, Olivia, Seth, Jaron,
 Park, Michigan, to the late Gerhardt and Annie (Thomas) Kix. He gradu-stefer in 1944, from Cooley High School, Detroit, On May 2, 1974, her
 Vasserman, sisters and Beatrice was united in marriage this year.
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Time to enjoy hearty basic meals It seems that heartier basic meals are most popular in this weather: pot roast, short ribs, pot pies, osso bucco and my favorite, lamb shanks. These dishes bring to mind inv mom's cooking, warm and tasty. Sit on the stove, "all day kind of food" and better the econd-day fare. The cooking methods and cuts of meat are what make these dishes unique. Both dry and moist heats are applied to less tender, and thus, less expensive cuts of meat. These dishes are often referred to as "peasant"

dishes and traditionally have a

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robust, hearty flavor. Combination methods are Mary Brady most often used for foods conrelatively small amount of liq-uid is needed in relation to the sidered flavorful, but only after long cooking times. The first step in cooking this type of meat is to sear the main item. Searing the meat functions as size of the main item. Stocks. vegetable jaices and wine are examples of good braising liquids. Mixing and matching is permissible. A hed of vegetables, called a scaler for the meat's juices. As the protein touches the hot pan the surface is seared or a mirepoix, is placed on the bottom of the pan first. This provides additional flavor closed, preventing any of the wonderful juices containing all of the flavor from escaping. When searing, always have a very hot pan and use just a little bit of fat. Be careful of and moisture to the product. Although braising has been a traditional cooking method the splattering fat that will pop for tough cuts, chefs today are using braising on deliente seafood and fish. An example out al you. When braising, the item is would be to olive oil poach

then cooked in a liquid medi-um. Braising is used for the salmon for 4 hours. It is impor cuts of more exercised portions tant, in this case, to reduce of an animal or older, mature the oven temperature, cook for a shorter period of time and birds. The main benefit is decrease the amount of liquid. that the tougher cuts become Does braising and stewing sound similar? Well, stewtender as the liquid penetrates the tough connect

March 22, 2009, age 86. Instate Thursday, 10am at Holy Family Church, 24505 Meadowbrook, Nevi, EASTER FROM PAGE AI until Funeral Liturgy at 10:30am Entombment Oakland Hills Memoria

> Mutt Strut costume contest but I think the Flashlight Egg Hunt gives a new twist to an old "I don't even think we had two dogs that were the same breed," said Smith. "It was favorite," Smith said. "Because Easter is a little bit later this crazy Smith said they are hoping for year and because of daylightlarger turnout this year. Prizes will be awarded based saving (time), we're going to judge by how dark it is as to when we start the egg hunt.' The event is scheduled to on categories such as best costume and best trick.

> begin at 8 p.m. and kids must brink their own thanhet or of a participate. "Our 'Best Costume' is kind of like the Best in Show award. It doesn't have to be thensed to Smith said about 150 kids Easter." Smith said. "We also had some consolation prizes for the youngest dog, oldest dog, biggest and smallest dog." attended the egg hunt last year, and expects a similar number at this year's event, which includes Sponsors of the event include Petland, VetSelect Animal activities such as crafts, an inflatable bouncer and pictures with the Easter Bunny. Sponsors include Pump It Up, Novi Oaks Dental, Hospital, Animal Neurology & MRI Center and Animal Energy Center.

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garnished with mushrooms Mary Brady is a certified executive chef and owner of Diamond Jim and pearl onions. The sauce is thickened with egg yolks and heavy cream. Bouillabaisse is a Town Center. If you have culinary Mediterranean style fish stew. questions or comments for Mary, you Fricassee is a white stew often - can contact her via e-mail at dibis boasting dumplings and goutro@aol.com



Ed Slawinski decked his dog "Sadie" out in an appropriate costume for last year's dog parade at Lakeshore Park. This year's Easter Haute Dog Mutt Strutt takes place Saturday.



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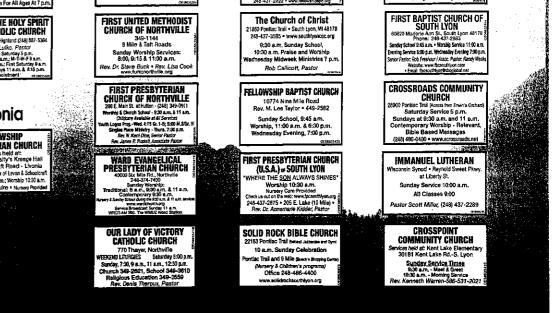
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about 10 p.m.

Marijuana possession Police arrested a man for possession of marijuana at Rotary Park, near Nine Mile and Novi roads, reports said. A patrol officer observed a white Buick Rendezvous, narked in the lot off Soethe Drive, at about 9:30 p.m. March 18. The park was closed at the time, as it is only open at the time, as it is only open sunrise to sunset. As the officer approached the unoccupied vehicle, a man walked over from the picnic area and early he use sitting area and said he was sitting in the park trying to think of something to do for the evening. Police smelled an odor of marijuana, reports said. The man first denied being in possession of anything illegal, but as another officer arrived to assist with the incident: he admitted there was a

bag of marijuana located in the center console of the vehicle. Officers searched the vehicle and found 4 grams of marijuana.

City trees damaged City of Novi forestry crews orted two city-owned

trees were damaged at about 11 registered the man's blood a.m. March 12. alcohol concentration at .17 A large pine tree in the area of Main Street and Novi Road percent. Tires slashed appeared to be damaged by a ain saw, but not cut in a way The driver-side, front tire of that it would fall on the side vehicle was slashed between 11 p.m. March 15 and 3 p.m. walk or street, reports said. March 16, reports said. The vehicle was parked on Springlake Boulevard, near West Park Drive and Pontiac A Boxelder tree near Nine Mile and Chase Drive was also cut with a chain saw, but the crew had to remove it to prevent injury because if it fell i Trail. Officers observed four small would land on the sidewalk. cut marks about three-quar-ters of an inch wide in the tire 'She wanted to race' 3 A man was arrested for 3 operating while interior reports said. Soperating while intoxicated at about 10:30 p.m. March 12, The victim did not see or hear anything suspicious. reports said. Police observed a black GPS suspected stolen Cadillac CTS traveling south-bound Michigan 5 at 12 Mile Road, at a speed of 86 mph in vehicle on Manor Park Drive 70 mph zone, reports said. The officer initiated a trafnear Meadowbrook and 10 Mile roads, reports said. fic stop and could smell an odor of intoxicants coming According to reports, the Mercury was parked under a from the driver, who said h consumed his last beer at he front, driver-side window According to reports, the was broken. man told police he was driving

**4** A global position system is suspected stolen from a carport between 7 p.m. March 17 and 8 p.m. March 18, when The navigation system along

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tives. The foundation has be bonoring the achievements of students, teachers and high schools that excel in the College Board's AP program

math and science exams for 11 years. Deb Carley, Novi High in 2006, 2007 and 2008 School math teacher and "Only 50 schools in the country receive the Siemen AP coordinator, said this is the first year the school has received the honor after receiving invitations to apply

Award each year, only one in the state of Michigan," she said. "It is very rewarding to



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Novi High School receives top honors

Students in Novi High School's advanced placement chemistry class listen to teacher Jim Hanson as he discusses an upcoming chemistry test.

> be recognized nationally for the outstanding work that our students and staff do every day." The Novi High School AP program has grown thr

out the years, in the number of courses offered and in the number of students enrolled i these courses. "Novi offers a large variety

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novi.k12.mi.us Congratulations Four Deerfield Elementary Math Seminar School teachers, Penny

Hamblin, Myla Lee, Ron McCurdy and Jessica Rance, Sylvan Learning of Novi is hosting the free seminar were selected from a field Forgotten Math for Parents of 220 schools to receive a 2-3 p.m. Sunday at the center, 22034 Novi Road. \$9,000 grant to advance The interactive 90-minute Lechnology in the district seminar will help parents overcome their math fears

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ody," Carley said. "Students ing science, technology, engiwho score well on the tests ncering and math initiatives from grade school through graduate school and provides in May may receive college "AP classes are an excellent more than \$7 million annupreparation for the type of rigor seen at the college level. ally in support of educational initiatives. "As AP coordinators, Maggie Lane and I are very proud of our staff and students who Schools receive a \$1,000 grant awarded from the foun lation for use supporting math and science education

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work hard all through the school year," Carley said homework time with chil-

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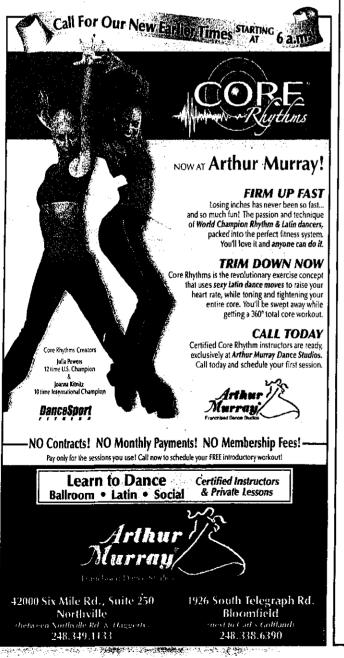
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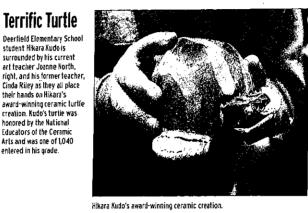
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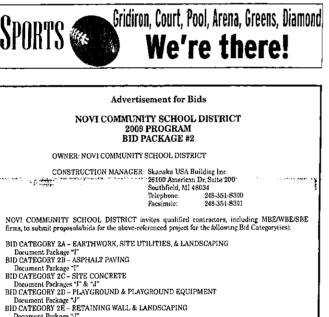
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A Pre-Bid walk-through has been scheduled for Monday, March 30, 2009 from 4:30 p.m. - 5:45 p.m. as follows

Village Oaks (meet at main entrance) Parkview (meet at main entrance) 4:30 - 5:00 pm 5:15 - 5:45 pm

Novi Community School District will receive scaled proposals for the above project at the Novi Educational Services Building, 25345 Taft Rd, Novi, MI 48374, Attention: Ms. Gail Credit, until the stipulated bid due date and time. Bids received after the stipulated date and time will not be considered and will be returned unopened. Bids will be opened at a public meeting to be convened at 2:15 p.m. on April 8, 2009 at Novi Educational Services Building, 25345 Taft Rd, Novi, MI 48374. Bids must be clearly marked with the project name and bid category (ies).

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For bids \$20,959 or more, a minimum of 5% bid security, either in the form of a Bid Bond or Cashiers' Check payable to Novi Community School District, must accompany each bid. In accordance with Michigan Compiled Laws Section 129.201, successful contractorial must obtain Performance and Payment Bonds for any Bid Category exceeding \$50,000. The Performance and Payment Bonds shall be in an amount equal to the contract amount. The Performance and Payment Bonds shall be able to fixed the protection of Novi Community School District and Skanska USA Building Inc. as dual obligees. The Performance and Payment Bonds shall be executed by a surety company authorized to do business in the State of Michigan and be listed in the Federal Register or have an AM Best Rating of Cashiers' Check or better. Check or better.

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### **OUR VIEWS** Generosity prevails

Providence Park Hospital in Novi recently received an assumed large dona-

The donation by Art Van Elslander, owner of Art Van Elslander, mere magnified in this economic climate. The money will be used to further develop what will be known as the Van Elslander Neurosciences Center at the hospital located at Beck road and Grand River Avenue.

"We knew it would be a matter of years, but this certainly has allowed our prog-ress to take a huge step forward," said Ben Miles, director of neurosciences for Providence. "We're extremely honored that he would partner with us on this gift.

Although the amount of the donation is not being released, it is the largest gift St. John Health System has ever received Other areas that will benefit from Van Elslander's donation include advanced technology for the hospital's stroke unit, epilepsy center and balance and falls clinic, as well as the completion of a surgical skills lab and teaching center in the medical office building. The Van Elslander family is a longtime

supporter of the St. John Health System. The family also has an Art Van furniture store in Novi at West Oaks Mall.

We applaud the family for making such an important, much-needed donation benefitting our community during our state's economic tumble

#### BLOGS-

#### Weather, beer or basketball?

Posted 3/20/2009 4:49 PM EDT on homelownlife.com

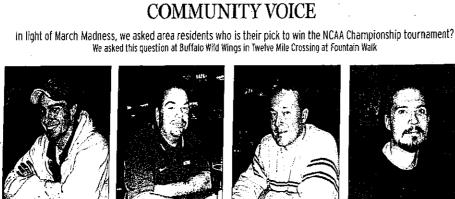
MindBodySoul wrote: I've blogged before about the difficulties I've had with trying to approach people in the "Man on the Street" fashion to fill the Community Voice section of our newspaper, but today, I had a surreal experience. In honor of March Madness, I decided a good question to approach people with was who they think will win the NCAA tournament overall. And what better place to find subjects than a sports bar, right? Now mind you before, I have spent hours. upon hours trying to find four subjects will-

upon nours trying to find four subjects with-ing to not only talk to me, but allow me to take their picture. Today, I walked in the door of Buffalo Wild Wings in Novi at about 3:35 p.m. and walked out 10 minutes later with four people's names, pictures and picks.

So what gives ... was it the weather, beer or basketball? In response, chrismaverick wrote:

My vote is with the basketball. haha. Everyone loves to voice their sports opinions, regardless of what it may be.

In response, Ralpho wrote: I used to do same thing for O&E papers, and secret seemed to be asking a question that didn't make people think too hard. One time in a West Bloomfield mall I asked, "What's your biggest problem?" One girl who didn't have benefit of English as first language said, "It's big. More big than the mall."



Mike Frankfort

diology, Providence Hospital & Providence

Park; Major Raymond Casher, APM Non-line of Sight Cannon, US Army; Dr. John

& Goodman Orthodontics: Rachael Hunter

radio broadcasting anchor, 99.5 WYCD

Detroit: George Kacan; executive director, principal and architect, Fanning/Howey

Community Recreation Center: Dr. Shane

Stanley, chiropractor and owner, Novi Spina

All of you and the many parent volunteers helped to make the Novi Middle School

Ellen Hutverson, Cathy Schramm, Tricla Dooley,

Career Day 2009 another huge success

Fire Department; Rob Murphy, dir

Thank you!

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- Marc Godman

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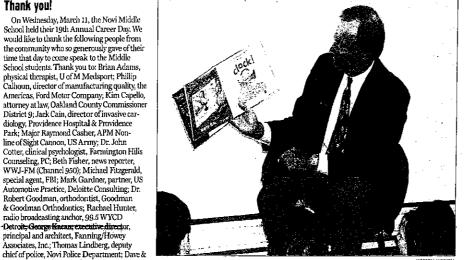
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LETTERS

- Brian Lefranc



#### Elaine Maylen, photographers, Crescent Rose Photography; Brad McFaul, fire captain, Nov Tell me a story! ctor of sales & marketing, CCHA; Dr. Natalie Nazark, pediatrician, Henry Ford Health System; Scott

Novi Community School District Superintendent Peter Dion reads to children last week at the March is Spahr, fitness and wellness coordinator, Livonia Reading month event held at the Novi library and sponsored by Community Financial.

#### WHAT DO YOU THINK? Care Institute; and Michael Zerkich, writer and

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#### E-mail: vemitchell@gannett.com Deadline: Letters must be received by 10 a.m. Monday to be published in the Thursday edition. Blog: You may also let your opinions be heard with your own blog at hometownlife.com

Sue Subject, Jane Gardner, Michael Lyn Hanson, Kim Wesner, Ange Yaughan and Cathy Robbins The Novi Middle School Career Day Committee WHAT'S YOUR

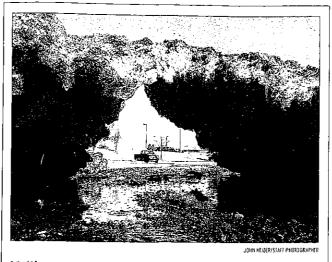
### **GUEST COLUMN** Adolescents and drugs: A primary illness

A s the director of an agency that treats adolescent addiction and as a Novi resident, I read last Thursdays' using, they learn from consequence and the consequences diminish. Not so, when a yourg person has a drug problem. In addiction, consequences multiply. Addicts don't learn from consequence; they only story about heroin use with great inter-est and consternation. While the article was reporting about the death of a young get into deeper trouble. Controlling their behavior and trying to talk them out of it adult, I think it is important to point out that, as suggested in the story, most doesn't work.

We're looking for you! The Novi News is currently looking to interview local resi-dents regarding the following topics: Are you a resident who recently returned to work or lost your job? Are you a Novi resident interested in sharing a story about how your religious faith has carried you through tough

STORY?

#### online at hometownlife.com



#### Melting away

The last vestiges of a 50 inch-plus Michigan winter snowlall melt away in the parking lot of the Northville Township Meijer on a recent sunny Thursday afternoon. At one time, the snowplow piles in this lot were close

#### Sunday School: 9:30 a.m CHURCH Ladies Bible Study: 9:30 a.m. and 7 p.m. Tuesdays Men's Bible Study: 9 a.m. first Saturday of every month Bible Studies and Prayer Night . Learner's Bible Study TIME/DATE: 7 p.m. Nondays Room AI01 Men's Bible Study TIME/DATE: 6:30 a.m. Wednesday Single Adult Ministries office Single's Bible Study TIME/DATE: 7 p.m. second and fourth Mondays, Room C309 Singles Book Club Discussion Group TIME/DATE: 12:30 p.m., April 5 **DETAILS**: Discussions from a single adult, Christian perspective. Currently reading "Under the Overpass" by Mike Easter Worship Yankoski

CHURCH OF THE HOLY FAMILY LOCATION: 24505 Meadowbrook Road CONTACT: (248) 349-8847 or visit holy

> Traditional Open House TIME/DATE: 6-8 p.m., March 26 Children are encouraged to come with their parents. St. Paul's is located on



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

Youth Sunday School and Adult Bible

TIME/DATE: 7:30 p.m. every Monday DETAILS: Fight weeks, \$55 continuou or \$8 per drop in session SAVE THE DATES

#### preparation will help you formulate the best possible of each month Spiritual Journey's answers TIME/DATE: 11:30 a.m. every Sunday You should be able to articulate your strengths Lenten Programs Potluck and Theatre and abilities. You should TIME/DATE: 6:15 p.m., Wednesday, develop a short description April 1 of your career, highlight-Palm Sunday ing one or two accomplishfime/date: 10:00 a.m., April 5 ments that you are proud of DETAILS: Worship followed by Pancake that showcase your talents. Breakfast Your answer to this question Maundy Thursday Worship should be practiced until TIME/DATE: 7:30 p.m., Thursday, you can say it without hesi-April 9 tation in one minute or less. Community Good Friday Service TIME: Noon strengths? LOCATION: Holy Family Catholic knowledge areas, skills Easter Sunday and demonstrated abilities. For example, "I'm a Civil Engineer with a TIME/DATE: 9 a.m., April 12 OETAILS: Worship with youth participation, 10 a.m. Easter Egg Hunt Professional Engineering license. I'm particularly Easter Sunday FIME: 11 a.m. Traditional Easter service YogaFit classes TIME/DATE: 7:30 p.m., Mondays DETAILS: \$55/8 weeks, \$8 a drop in

Merry Widows Luncheor

TIME/DATE: 11:30 a.m. fourth Thursday

class Rumma<mark>ne S</mark>ale TIME/DATE: 9 a.m., Friday, March 27 



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### How to prep for job interview

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extent on your preparation for the interview. This prepknowledgable about storm water systems and road aration should cover three construction. I've designed systems for municipalities airports, industrial parks A. Your own self-assessment to understand your and commercial develop-

strengths - knowledge, ments." Then add in some of your personal qualities: "I'm recognized for my focus skills and on quality and meeting cus-tomer standards." 3. What are your weakabilities as well as weak nesses and nesses? how you've Describe one weakness overcome hose.

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C. Industry research to

understand the strengths and challenges that all busi-

nesses in that sector face. Let's look at (ypical inter-view questions and how this

1. Tell me about vourself.

2. What are your

Provide some of your

mation about the areas that you are targeting.

that you have identified B. Employer and learned to manage. For research example, I'm a very quick to see potential solutions to includes some a problem, and sometimes history of the organization, I get frustrated when I'm their mission, size, business working in teams because

others do not underbetter vou will be able to stand how I come up with my ideas so quickly. I've answer questions with their needs in mind. If you also learned to wait and listen to learn about the challenges everyone on the team before overwhelming them with their industry faces and ar able to discuss how you can my solutions, and I've found help address those needs. you will begin to rise above that their input can often most other candidates as improve my own ideas. 4. Tell me about an well prepared and knowl-edgable.

accomplishment that you are proud of. Select one of the accom-Martha D. Adamson is a conplishments that you have previously identified and

sulting professional with a diverse background in Human analyzed that demonstrates Resource Management and Caree abilities that fit this oppor tunity. Tell the story from Development. She is a Certified Career Development Facilitator, the beginning - What was the situation that you faced? a Certified Career & Job Search Coach, and a Certified What actions did you take Professional Resume Writer. She - try to break this down is the co-author of Job Search into a step by step recounting. Finally, what was the result? Describe very clearly the result of your actions. Add in measures or descriptions that give an idea of the impact your accomplish

Navigator, a workbook-style guide to assessing yourself and managing your job search (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 ment had on your employer. 5. Tell me what you know authored a monthly column "Your about our organization. Job Search" in the Saratoga Springs, NY newspaper - The

Relate what you have learned about this employer Saratogian.



### EXCEPT FOR SIX

CONTACT: (248) 374-5920

familynovi.org Mass Schedul 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 loly Days: 9 a.m., 5:30 and 7:30 p.m. Reconciliation: beginning 9 a.m. Salurdays or by appointmen Adoptive Parent Networking TIME/DATE: 10-11 a.m. last Wednesday of each month

DETAILS: Free, informational meet the hill behind Hiller's Market. ing open to all adoptive families in Oakland County. Child care is available. Registration is required.

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worship service, Children's Church,

ellowship; 6 p.m. Evening Service, Children's program, Youlh Worship Tuesday Schedule: Tuesday 9:30 - 11:15 a.m. Women of the Word Bible Study with childcare available for through age 5: 6:45 p.m. Ladies Evening Bible

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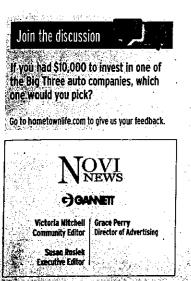
FAITH COMMUNITY PRESBYTERIAL LOCATION: 44400 W. 10 Mile Road CONTACT: (248) 349-2345 or visit faith community-nevi.org Sunday Worship; 10 a.m. Cantata "I Believe" TIME/DATE: 4:30 p.m. every DETAILS: A celebration of the Apostle's Creed in scripture and song. Maundy Thursday and Seder Meal

TIME/DATE: 7:30 p.m. April 9 TIME/DATE: 7 a.m. sunrise worship; 10 a.m. tradilional worship and reception of confirmands

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

DETAILS: Open House for parents of children from preschool through eighth grade. Visitors will tour th school, meet the teachers, and learn about the curriculum and the unique ness of an education at St. Paul's.

But in your case it probably had something to do with alcohol.



young people that wind up as dependent young adults, began their drug use as sional help. Dealing with a young person escents. using drugs is not the same as dealing Most young people will use drugs for with a youth afflicted by other mental about two years before parents will see some indication of their son or daughter's disorders. Drug dependency is very treatable, if we intervene early enough and use. During that time, their teen will match treatment against the youth's typically change friends, drop out of once cherished activities, and suffer a decline needs. This process requires that the youth and family obtain a quality substance use assessment, performed by someone with a background in adolescen addiction, not an adolescent or famin school performance. Maybe most important, the parent will feel like they don't know their child anymore. Often parents will think their son or daughter ilv therapist and receive treatment, not will outgrow their use and the "partying," confusing their child's behavior with norcounseling, from a program with a back-ground in adolescent addiction and recov mal adolescent development. One of the characteristics of adolescent ery. Addiction is a primary illness, not a symptom of some underlying pathology. It needs to be addressed in that vein, if the dependency is that the involved youth will go to great lengths to cover up his or her young person is to be given the opportuuse, especially with their parents. They will typically live "underground" lives; they will lie about their actions to proity and tools to reco Most important, as parents we need to come to terms with not just the lethal they that it using, Hence, the key question in dealing with an adolescent suspected of regular use is not whether he or she is nature of drug use in its late stages, but how our denial does such a great disservice to our children. There is no such using drugs, but when was the last use, and the time before that. thing as social use of a drug for anybody, let alone an adolescent, because we canno When narents are looking for ways of predict the course their involvement with that drug will take, nor can we control it. redirecting their child's behavior away from drugs, they will often try to manage

This quest column was submitted by Novi resident every minute of their kid's day or try to ajole them out of using. When kids aren't Dale Yagiela.

Parents may decide to get some profestimes

■ Do you spend more than \$200 a week on groceries?

Do you have an interesting hobby? Do you have an unusual pet?
Are you addicted to social networking sites like MySpace, Facebock and Twitter Are you a family that has pulled together during difficult times? E-mail Novi News editor Victoria Mitchell at vemitchell@gannett.com.

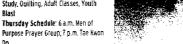
ON THE WEB

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

chrismaverick wrote in response to the story Novi photo competition winners

Those are all great photos. I personally love the one of the Civic Center at night.

chrismaverick wrote in response to the Good in-depth work, Kelly. I'm sur-prised you let John get you on video though. haha. story Hemin: The demon a



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#### LOCAL EVENTS Childtime's Spring Festival (248) 465-9077 TIME/DATE: 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, March 28 Professional Children's Theater LOCATION: Childtime Learning Center, TIME/DATE: All shows 7-8 p.m. Roland 45678 Heim Sireet DETAILS: The event is free open to the Minstrel Pig. Wild Swap Theater. ocal families and includes refresh Friday, April 3; Cirque Amongus, Friday ments, face painting, pony rides, arts April 24 and reafts an end bunt flower plant LOCATION: Novi Middle School ing and much more. There are activi-Performing Arts Center. DETAILS: Providence Park is sponsor ties for children and adults of all-ages. CONTACT: (734) 455-5490 ing Novi Community Education in offering a Professional Children's Theater Series. Each show is \$5 per Food Drive DATE: March 24-April 4 ticket, or all four shows can be pur LOCATION: Salon D'MARS, 24079 Meadowbrook Road (south of 10 Mile in chased for \$17. CONTACT: (248) 449-1206 the Peachtree Plaza DETAILS: Receive one raffle ticket for each non-perishable food item

Forgotten Math Seminar for Parents TIME/DATE: 2-3:30 p.m. Sunday, March you donate. The raffle is for a gift ertificate to Salon D'MARS. Food will LOCATION: Sylvan Learning of Nov 22034 Novi Road be distributed locally through the

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Faith Community Presbyterian Church DETAILS: This interactive 90-minute Food Closet, For more information, call seminar will help overcome math fear bomework time with your child will be fun, not frightful. Move from math station to math station, revisit ing some of the skills forgotten a time. It is a fun way to show a child that learning is a life-long process. Reserve a spot **Comfy Couch Concerts** TIME/DATE: Doors open 7 p.m. for poblick, concert begins 8 p.m., one Saturday per month

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#### Novi Rotary Club TIME/DATE: Noon every Thursday

LOCATION: Novi Methodist Church.

DETAILS: Lunch is \$10 at meeting

American Business Women's

Association Meetings TIME/DATE: 6:15 p.m. second

Wednesday of every month

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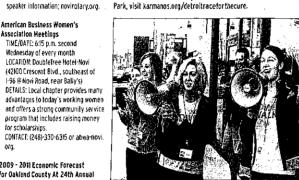
Economic Luncheon

Thursday, April 30

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41671 W. 10 Mile Road

**Revved up Racers** Walkers taking part in a warm-up for May 30th's Race for the Cure, finish their lap around Novi's Fountain Walk Plaza last Saturday afternoon. For Visitors welcome. Check Web site for more information on the May 30 Race for the Cure at Detroit's Comerica



Participants in last Saturday's Race for the Cure warm-up walk are greeted TIME/DATE: 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m by supporters at Novi's Fountain Walk Plaza. LOCATION: Rock Financial Showplace

DETAILS: Top economists from the of Dakland County at the 24th Annual University of Michigan will present Economic Outlook Luncheon. The 2009-2011 Employment Forecast for their report on the economic future

NOTICE OF CLOSE OF REGISTRATION For the SPECIAL ELECTION to be held on TUESDAY, MAY 5, 2009 CITY OF NOVI

To the Qualified Electors of the City of Novi, Oakland County, Michigan.

Notice is hereby given that the Novi City Clerk's office, 45175 W. 10 Mile Road, Novi, MI. 48375 will be open. MONDAY, April 6, 2059 from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. LAST DAY TO RECISTER FOR THE FURPOSE OF RECEIVING APPLICATIONS FOR THE RECISTRATION OF THE QUALIFIED ELECTORS IN THE CITY OF MOVI MOVI AL PRADY RECISTERED.

Novi Public Library LOCATION: 45245 W. 10 Mile Road If you are not currently registered to vote in the City of Novi at your esent address, you may do so in any of the following ways

- At the Novi City Clerk's Office, 45175 W. Ten Mile Road Monday-Friday, 8-5 p.m. At any of the Secretary of State Branch Offices locates throughout the State during normal business hours.
- Mail-in voter registration applications may be obtained by visiting the city's website at cityofnovi.org or dick on forms, then click on Voter Registration Form. By Mai
  - By obtaining and completing a Mail-in Voter Registration Application and forwarding to the Novi City Clerk's office by the close of registration deadline, April 6, 2009 or contacting: Novi City Clerk's Office, 248-347-0456 or by email to: mcornelius@citvofnovi.org

The May 5, 2009 Election will be conducted for the consideration of the following proposal: Shall the Novi.City Charter be amended to add a new Section 9.1.a, authorizing the City to levy an amount not to exceed fifty cents (\$0.50) per one thousand dollars (\$1,000) (one-half of one mill) of taxable value on all taxable property in the City for a period of twenty-five (25) years, for the purposes of acquiring, developing constructions equipations multiplicity in a description of execution of the sector of the sector of acquiring. leveloping, constructing, equipping, maintaining, and operating parks and recreational programs and facilities in the City, such levy to be in addition to the existing parks and recreation levy, resulting in the authorization to collect an estimated \$1,731,547 if first levide

For this election only, the following Precincts will be consolidated: Precincts 1 and 2 - Meadowbroek Congregational Church Precincts 6 and 7 - Holy Family Catholic Church Precincts 9 and 11 - Brightmoor Christian Church Precincts 16 and 17 – Novi Civic Center Precincts 20 and 21 – Deerfield Elementary

#### please call to join. ibrary Board Meeting IME/DATE: 7-9 p.m. third Wednesday of each month LOCATION: Novi Civic Center, City Council Chambers DE TAILS: General meeting of the entire Library Board, Broadcast live on cable

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Oakland County, a joint venture of

Development Services (PEDS) and

the Institute for Research on Labo

Employment and the Economy at

the University of Michigan, will be

from Hosts for the luncheon are

Chase, Oakland Community Coller

CONTACT: Register online at www

Nancy Nagy at 248-858-8706.

oakgov.com/peos/calendar/outlook

lunch.html. For more information, call

LIBRARY LINES

HOURS: 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. Monday-

Saturday, 1-5 p.m. Sunday,

place at the library.

Museum Adventure Pass

Senior Book Discussion

Thursday of each month

brary.org

Thursday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday and

CONTACI: (248) 349-0720 or novili-

Unless noted below: all programs take

DETAILS: Card holders can check out

per person.

and Dakland County. The cost is \$40

presented at the luncheon, scheduled

Oakland County Planning & Economic

thannel 13. Novi Writers' Group TIME/DATE: 10 a.m. to noon Wednesday. March 28 DE TAILS: Provide an inspirational envi opment for writers to collaborate. critique and create with other writers The group is facilitated by local writer Kathy Mutch, Writers of all genres are encouraged to participate. For 18 years and older. Please register online or call the library. "Twilight" Movie Premiere

online at hometownlife.com

#### TIME/DATE: 1-4:30 p.m. Saturday, March --DETAILS: Watch "Twilight " then stick around afterwards to talk about the movie and how it compared to the book! For grades 9-12

Leao Club TIME /DATE: 6-6:45 p.m. Monday, March DETAILS: Join us once a month for

Lego show and tell and building activi-ties. We supply the Legos, you supply the imagination. For grades 8-4. Tuesday Evening Book Discussion TINE/DATE: 7-8 p.m. Tuesday, March 31 DETAILS: Join your Novi neighbors in a meat discussion of fiction and non-fic ion titles. Please register. Limited to 20 participants. Discussing Ireland by Frank Defaney. Library Tech Time DATE: Wednesday, April 1

TIME: 1, 1:15, 1:30 p.m. DETAILS: Fifteen-minute one-on-one tutoring with either a librarian or omputer tech on a topic of your choice. Investigating your family tree Microsoft Word have you stumped? We have the lools to help. Registration required.

Citizenship and You Program TIME/DATE: 7-8 p.m., Wednesday, April 1 DETAILS: Learn the ins and outs of becoming a U.S. citizen including information about the revised citi ship testing presented by the Office of Citizenship of the U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services. Please register Mastering the Mouse for Seniors TIME/DATE: 10:30-11:30 a.m. Thursday. DETAILS: This 100 percent hands-on class is designed to introduce seniors to using the computer mouse. We will complete a self-quided tutorial on the computer. learning and practicing all of the basic functions of the mouse. This class for adults age 55+ and is free. Registration required Racing to Win - Novi vs. Livonia TIME/DATE: 2-3:30 p.m. Saturday; April®

DETAILS: Calling all Mario Kart drivers. Novi's all star driving team will race against Livonia teens to determine once and for all who has the best racers. The race will take place at the Livonia Civic Center library, Come and cheer on the NPL team at the Livonia Civic Center library. Friends Special Used Book Sale TIME/DATE: 1 p.m. Sunday, April 5 Kiddie Crafts TIME/DATE: 10:30-11 a.m. Monday, Apri

free passes, for two to four people, to DETAILS: Toddiers and preschoolers many area museums, cultural centers will have the opportunity to create a work of art using their imaginations and historical sites. See detroitadver turepass.org for more information and the supplies that we will provide We may get messy so dress appropri TIME/DATE: Noon to 1:30 p.m. second ately. Each child must be accompanied DETAILS: Book discussion group for by an adult helper. Registration is older adults facilitated by librarian required.

#### CITY OF NOVI PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT the Zoning Board of Appeals for the City of Novi will hold a public hearing on **Tuesday, April** 14, 2009 at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers Novi Civic Center 45175 W. Ten Mile Road to consider:

Case No. 08-061 Filed by Ace Family Hardware located east of Novi Road and south of Nine Mile Road

or Novi Road and south of Nine Mile Road Ase Family Hardware is requesting approval for placement of an outdoor propane exchange rack on the west elevation of the building at 22104 Novi Road in the Oakpointe Plaza. The property is zoned I-1, but is subject to a consent judgment that makes the regulations of the B-1 District applicable to the property and is located east of Novi Road and south of Nine Mile Road.

### Novi Strictly Business

#### CHAMBER CHAT

The Novi Business and before April 1, 2009, Call the Taste Expo will take place 3-7 p.m. Wednesday, April Chamber office to reserve your table, (248) 349-3743 29 at the Hotel Baronette An After Five Networking 27790 Novi Road. The first event takes place 5-7 p.m. Thursday, March 26 at Urgent all business expo presented by the Novi Chamber Care of Novi, 44000 12 Mile of Commerce and the City of Road, Suite 101. Join us for Novi. Join us for this excitnetworking and refreshments. ing networking opportunity. Advance registration is \$15; About 60 local businesses will \$25 after Tuesday, March 24. have vendor tables and share Membership Lunchcon 11:30 a.m.-I p.m. Wednesday, April 1 at the DoubleTree in Novi, 42100 Crescent Blvd. information about their services and how they can benefit you both personally and professionally. Local restaurants Join us for networking and will provide samples: cash bar provided. Relationships matter! Keynote Speaker Tara Michener, expert on social networking, will show you how to market your busirequired ness through the web and LinkedIn. Early bird special

for vendor tables reserved

Rosen Shingle Creek Resort

n Orlando, Fla. The final

ists were chosen by a panel

and sales people in radio.

of respected industry judges, honoring the top managers

Cyburt joined Greater Media

Detroit in January of 2000 as

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online at hometownlife.com

chamber members? Voluntcer for the Event Committee and work with other local business people who help us put on these great Novi Chamber sponsored events. Contact Dawn Peters at dawn@nov chamber.com. The Novi Chamber of Commerce is an active, pro gressive chamber offering a variety of events, educational

& Customer Operations

for Madison-based TDS

is a subsidiary.

Telecommunications Corp., of

which TDS Metrocom in Novi

Butman joined TDS in

Government and Regulatory

Affairs department. During

Mile Crossing at Fountain

Walk restaurants Bar Louie,

Buffalo Wild Wings, Hooters

and Lucky's. Last week a similar event

was held with The Ticket's

ing basketball and winning

Emagine Theatre, Buffalo

Wild Wings, Putting Edge

Twelve Mile Crossing at

Fountain Walk is located

off Interstate 96, just west

of Novi Road. For more

information, visit shopt-

welvemilecrossing.com

answer for everyone, but to

really attain proper diversifi-

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sification, by itself, cannot

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and Bar Louie.

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the General Sales Manager of WMGC-FM (Magic 105.1). at the 2009 Radio Advertis Bureau Conference at the

his tenure at TDS, he has held a variety of execu-James W. Butman tive leadership positions The national trade asso n many areas of the company. He holds a Master of ciation for the competitive local telecom industry Business Administration in (COMPTEL) has elected Finance from the Universit James W. Butman as treaof Wisconsin-Madison and surer for a two-year term (2009-11). Butman, currently is a certified management

### College hoops and big bucks in Novi

To celebrate the March col- code to "crack" a Plexiglas lege basketball tournament in safe and win the cash if they Detroit, Twelve Mile Crossing can sink a specified number at Fountain Walk is joining of free throws first vith radio station 97.1 The 'Fusion is all about taking a healthy approach to mind and body, so why not afford some individuals the oppor-Ticket for a Saturday event that will test hoop proves for a chance to "Crack the Safe" and win \$97.100. tunity to pump up their pock-et books?" said Paul Wright, The event will take place owner of Fusion Health & from 6-8 p.m. Saturday at Fitness. "Ninety-seven thou-sand one hundred dollars Twelve Mile Crossing at Fountain Walk's latest offer ing: Fusion Health & Fitness will take anyone a long way towards fiscal fitness. The Ticket's on-air host Bill Potential safecrackers will McAllister will oversee the also be registered in drawings festivities, which will feature an opportunity for partici-pants to decipher a four-digit

Upgrade your portfolio in 2009

It's no secret that 2008 was folio. In fact, it's a good idea to rebalance your holdings at rough on most investors. And 2009 didn't get off to a parleast once a year, no matter ticularly good start, eith what's going on in the markets Yet there's still plenty of time or in your life. Increase your portfolio's left this year to upgrade your investment portfolio in a way quality. Right now, you can

hold a Job Fair 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. ABC Warehouse Saturday Apr. 25 at the Novi Civic Center, 45175 W. 10 Mile ABC Warehouse is offering free cook Road. Call (248) 767-8626 for ing classes and tastings at its Novi location in West Oaks Mall Would you like to network Tonight Mary Spencer presand get to know other active ents Polish Cuisine, featur ing an international journey with polish dishes. On April 2. Francine Pamela Salvatore presents Easter Brunch. Ham it up with unusual fresh spring selections for Easter, All classes begin at 6:30 p.m. Fitness Together Novi

CLASSES

rogram with a bold results guaran tee: if the participant does not achieve his or her prede termined weight loss or fitness goals within 12 weeks, a 100 percent refund will be issued. ifestyle intervention Program recruits must agree they will adhere to specific nutritional quidelines and ttend at least three scheduled se sions each week for a 12-week period

SPECIAL HAPPENINGS

March 24 April 4 at their business ocated 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 be distributed locally through the Faith Community Presbyterian Church food closet. For more infor mation, call (248) 465-9077. Healthy Jones Healthy Jones in the Novi Town Center is holding a fund-raising event for the Glover family 11 a.m.-6 p.m. March 27 and 28 The Glover family

recently adopted three children from

the Ukraine. Event festivities will



Call (248) 348.5600.

include a bake sale, several gift bas

BUSINESS MILESTONES

Naiper Rd.

Boyne Country Sports in the Novi Town Center is closing its doors on March 22 and will reopen this summer in the Twelve Oaks parking lo

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Olga's Kitchen

Thursday, March 26, 2009

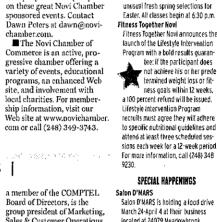
(NN) **A15** 

Olga's Kitchen will support the kets to raffle, a kids clothesline art exhibit, coloring contest and more. The store is located in the Novi Town Center, just Michigan community by providing a Free Original® Olga sandwich on Wednesday, April 8 through Friday south of Border's Books and April 10 to anyone presenting a ticke Music, Call Linda or Jim Amick for stub from Jay Leno's show at the Palace, Tuesday, April 7. The offer more information, (248) 305-8880. Rock Financial Showplace will be good at all Olga's Kitchen res-The Easter Family Brunch returns to

taurants, including the Novi location the Diamond Banquet Center in the on Grand River Avenue, west of Beck Rock Financial Showplace 10 a.m.-2 Road. The offer will be limited to one per person per ticket stub, dine-in only, no substitutions. Visit www. plgas.com for more information RELOCATION Boyne Country Sport

are suggested, walk-ins are welcome across from Macv's.

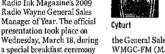






BUSINESS NEWSMAKERS

Greater Media, Inc. nounced Novi resident Marcy Cyburt has been named as the recipient of Radio Ink Magazine's 2009



Bids must be addressed to the attention of Ms. Gail Credit, Assistant Superintendent - Business. Bidders <u>MUST</u> use the bid form(s) in the specification package. <u>RETURN TWO COMPLETE</u> <u>COPIES OF BID SUBMITTAL</u>. Bids will be submitted in a scaled envelope. The face of the envelope will contain, in addition to the above address, the bid title and the date and time of the bid

All bids shall be accompanied by a sworn and notarized statement disclosing any familial relationship(s) that exist between the owner(s) or any employee of the bidder and any member of the Board of Education of the School District or the Superintendent of the School District. The Board of Education shall not accept a bid that does not include a sworn and notarized familial rel lischsure statement.

disclosure statement. For bids \$20,959 or more, a minimum of 5% bid security, either in the form of a Bid Bond or Cashier' Check payable to Novi Community School District, must accompany each bid. In accordance with Michigan Compiled Laws Section 129,201, auccessful contractor(s) must obtain Performance and Payment Bonds for any Bid Category exceeding \$50,000. The Performance and Payment Bonds shall be in an amount equal to the contract mount. The Performance and Payment Bonds shall be solely for the protection of Novi Community School District and Skanaka USA Building Inc. as dual obligees. The Performance and Payment Bonds shall be executed by a surety company authorized to do buinness in the State of Nichigan and be listed in the Federal Hegister or have an AM Best Rating of A or better.

Novi Community School District and Skanska USA Building Inc. reserve the right to reject any or all bids in whole or in part and to waive irregularities in bids and to accept any bid which is in the Gwang's best interest. Voluntary alternates may be a basis for ward of a contract

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COUNTY TREASURER'S STATEMENT AS REQUIRED BY ACT NO. 62 OF THE PUBLIC ACTS OF 1933 AS AMENDED

I, Patrick M. Dohany, County Treasurer of the County of a partick M. Donany, councy reasoner of the county of Oakland, State of Michigan, do hereby certify that according to the records in my office, as of March 17, 2009, the total of all vote rereases in the tax rate limitation above the 15 mills established by dection 6 of Article IX of the Michigan Constitution of 1963 affecting usable property in the City of Nevi, in said County, is as follows: YEARS INCREASE LOAN UNITY OF A STATE AND A STATE AND A STATE AND A STATE VEARS INCREASE

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Patrick M. Dohany, Treasurer Oakland County		Maryanne Cornelius, CMC City Clerk	
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#### Case No. 08-069 Filed by ServMan, LLC for 46100 Grand River Avenue \_Rock Financial ServMan, LLC is requesting 5 variances to install an off-premise

advertising pole sign of 672 square feet to be mounted with the top of the sign at 50° above grade. This sign is proposed to be located within 1200 feet of existing off premises advertising signs. The property is zoned EXO and is located north of Grand River and west of Taft Road.

#### Case 09-012 Filed by Stone City Inc. for 26940 Taft Road

the petitioner is requesting a variance to continue the use of tidoor storage in an 1-1 zoning district for the business known as toole City Incorporated located at 26940 Taft Road. Applicant is questing a 5 year variance. Property is located north of Grand iver and east of Taft Road.

#### Case 09-013 Filed by Euko Design Signs Inc. for 47440 Grand River Avanue

Case 08-013 Filed by KUKO Design Signs Live OF THE Grand River Avenue Guko Design-Signs Inc. is requesting a variance to allow installation of one additional 21 square foot wall sign on the north tower for Comerica Bank located at 47440 Grand River Avenue -West Market Square Shopping Center. The property is zoned B-2 located north of Grand River Avenue and west of Beck Road

### Case 09-014 Filed by SignGraphiz Inc. for 46500 Humboldt Drive - A123 Systems

SignGraphix Inc. is requesting a variance to install one (1) 45 square foot internally illuminated wall size in addition Signor for internally illuminated wall sign in addition to the allowed existing ground sign on the property located at 46500 Humbold Drive in the Beck West Corporate Park. The property is zoned I-2 and is north of Twelve Mile Road and east of Beck Road. Zobei 1-2 and 15 forth of 1 werve Amie rooks and east of Deck Ausa. Case 09-015 Filed by SignGraphix Inc. for 47601 Grand Biver Arenue SignGraphix is requesting a variante to erect a 107.67 square foot "mail sign at the south and of the infiliesat elevation for Providence Part Hospital located at 47601 Grand River Avenue In be property is samed OSC and is south of Grand River Avenue and west of Beck Pand

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that can help you stay on track find many quality investment toward your long-term goals. But what exactly does that are very attractively priced. In past market recovit mean to "ungrade" your eries, these types of investportfolio? Do you have to sys-tematically go through your investments and eliminate all ments usually have recovered faster than lower-quality ones. And because the biggest gains those that performed poorly last year? Or should you just usually occur early in market rallies, you don't want to sell of any investments that wait too long to explore these ou think are risky? opportunities. Don't overload on a single Neither one of these ideas are good solutions. In the first investment. In general, it's not to 20, depending on your situce, a severe bear market a good idea to have a single stock take up more than five uch as we've experienced tends to drag everything percent of your portfolio. In down, even quality invest-ments. Furthermore, you can't recent months many investors have learned the hard way about the dangers of holding get rid of all investments that carry some risk - because all too much stock in a single company - even one that once appeared to be a "blue chip" investments carry some risk So, instead of taking either of these two drastic approach-es, consider the following firm. And the same principle applies to your employer's stock — if it's offered as an Review your portfolio

option in your 401(k), don't go overboard on it. • Own a sufficient number bjectives. Your investment objectives are based in large t on your risk toleran of stocks. How many stocks should you own to diversify ind your stage of life. If these factors have changed, you may the equity portion of your need to rebalance your port-

income securities. Just as you need to own a reasonable amount of stocks, you should also own a number of fixedincome vehicles - perhaps 10 ation. You can diversify these holdings by purchasing differ-ent types of bonds -- corporate, municipal and Treasury - and certificates of denosi To further diversify, buy fixed income vehicles with varying

> maturities. You can't control the economy or the financial markets. But by following the proven techniques described above, you can help control your own financial destiny. Take action soon.

This article was provided by Mark the equity portion of your Whilfield, Novi financial adviser, portfolio? There's no one right 43290 11 Mile Road, Novi, Mi 48375.



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Wixom Public Library EOCATION, 49015 Pontiac Trad, Wixom HOURS: 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. Monday Noon: Lunch 12:15 p.m. Contract Bridge friday Thursday: 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday 9 a m : Stretch & Strength Saturday, and 1-5 p m. Sunday 10 a.m.: Body Recall CONTACT: (248) 624-2512 or visit wix Noon: Lunch oinlibrary.org Museum Adventure Pass 12:30 p.m.: Dupl. Bridge 1 p.m.: Bingo DETAILS: Card holders can check out Monday free passes, for two to four people, to 9 a.m.: Stretch and Strength many area museums, cultural centers 10 a.m.: Body Recall and historical sites. See detroitadven-Noon: Lunch furepassiong for more information 12:30 p.m.; Pinochle ESL Cafe TIME/DATE: 3:30 p.m. every Thursday 6-7 p.m.: Pilates Mat Work 6-7 p.m.: Yoga DETAILS: Enfine and conversation Tuesday Improve your English speaking skills 8:30 a.m.: Panera Bread by speaking with people from other 9-11 a.m.: Line Dance countries trying to improve their Noon: Lunch English: No lests; instructor help; 1 p.m.: Bingo Wednesday **CONTACT:** Karin at the Information 9 a.m.: Stretch and Strength 10 a.m.: Body Recall 11 a.m.: TOPS; Blood Pressure **NOVI SENIORS** Naon: Lunch 1:30 p.m.: Humana Presentation Novi Senior Activities Center 6-7 p.m.: Dancing with the Stars LOCATION: Located in the Meadowbrook Commons Senio Complex, 25075 Meadowbrook Road. Waitonwood at Twelve Daks CONTACT: (248) 347-0414 Retirement Community Massage by appointment: 1-4 p.m. Independent Living Residence; luesday-Friday and 9 a.m. noon Licensed Assisted Living; Licensed Dementia Care Saturday

LOCATION: 27475 Huron Circle (adja Thursday 9-IF a.m.: Line Dance cent to Twelve Oaks Mall) CONTACT: (248) 735-1500 or e-mail 9-3:15 p.m.: Hearing exams by waltonwoodtwelveoaks@singhmail appointment 10 a m. to 2 p.m.; Income taxes by com Open House



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BULLETIN BOARD TIME/DATE: 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. daily DETAILS: Join us for tours and refreshments. Crescent Blvd., Novi Fox Run LOCATION: 41000 W. 13 Mile Road DETAILS: More than 800 people live at Fox Run in Novi, an Erickson full-service relirement community that Economy." combines a vibrant maintenancefree, active lifestyle with an ever expanding host of amenities, social activities and wellness and medical centers. CONTACT: Please call (248) 926-5200 for additional information on the Grand River, Novi community's apartment homes. For general information, call (248) breaklasi. \$5 at door 668·8610. Job Fair SCHOOL & GOVERNMENT Apr. 25 Novi City Council Meeting TIME/DATE: 7 p.m. first and third Monday of month LOCATION: Novi Civic Center, 45175 W information. 10 Mile Road CONTACT: (248) 347-0470 April 29 **Novi Youth Assistance General** Citizens Meeting TIME/DATE: 6 p.m. first Tuesday of each month LOCATION: Novi Civic Center, 45175 W. 10 Mile Road CONTACT: (248) 347-0410 Novi Community Education ONGOING CONFACT: To register, call (248) 449-1206 or visit novi,k12.mi.us/district/ communityeducation Meeting CHAMBER OF COMMERCE NOVI CHAMBER OF COMMERCE LOCATION: 41875 11 Mile Road. #201. CONTACT: For more information call (248) 349-3743 or www.novichamber. sider joining CONTACT: Commander Dennis Membership Luncheor TH ANNIVERSARY HIS 2009 EUROPEAN & MEDITERRANEAN COLLECTION

online at hometownlife.com Strikulis (248) 378-7841, dstrikulis@ TIME/DATE: 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. twmi.rr.com or Service Officer Paul Erickson (248) 344-7193, pnerick@ Wednesday, April 1 LOCATION: DoubleTree in Novi, 42100 aol.com DETAILS: Join a delicious lunch and SWOCC Studio Tours networking at the Our sponsor, Tom Norris of NFI Advisors, will speak on LOCATION, 33300 Nine Mile Road Farmington. DETAILS: Come in for an up-close he topic, "How to Prosper in Today" Please pre-repister, no pranks look at the Southwest Oakland Cable allowed, even on April Fool's Day! Business to Business Breakfast Commission Studios local community lelevision studio. CONTACT: Melissa Cohn (24B) 473 TIME/DATE: 8-9 a.m. Wednesday, April 15 LOCATION: Comerica Bank, 47440 Gardeners of Northville and Novi Monthly Meeting Gardeners Of Northville & Novi DETAILS: Networking and a light Social Time & Garden Lecture on Pruning Plants. TIME/DATE: 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., Salurday TIME/DATE: 6:30 p.m. second Monday of month, Sept. May LOCATION: Novi Civic Center LOCATION: Northville Art House at 215 W. Cady Street, Northville DETAILS: Visitors welcome. DETAILS: Hosted by The Relational Church, Call (248) 767-8626 for more CONTACT: Contact: Narcia (248)349 2352 or visit gardenersnorthville ovi Busines: and Taste Expo TIME/DAT, 13-7 p.m. Wednesday, novi.org I OCATION: Hotel Baronette, 27790 Line Dancing DATE: Mondays and Fridays TIME: 6/30-7:30 p.m. beginners: 7:30-Novi Road DETAILS: Sponsored by the Novi Chamber of Commerce and the City 9:30 p.m. intermediate LOCATION: Novi Civic Center, 45175 W. of Novi. Networking, cash bar, and refreshments. Early bird special 10 Mile Road for Vendor tables reserved before DETAILS: No partner needed: pay-as you-go. Novi residents \$5, non-residents \$6. Novi Toastmasters American Legion Post 19 Monthly TIME/DATE: 7-8:45 p.m. first and third Juesday of each month TIME/DATE: 7:30 p.m. third Tuesday LOCATION: Novi Civic Center every month LOCATION: Rock Financial Center, ctivities Room, 45175 W. 10 Mile Road East Entrance, 4610D Grand River DETAILS: Toastmasters will help you improve your communication skills DETAILS: Comrades and fellow velvoice your opinion; polish your presentations and practice leadership CONTACT: Amy (248) 752-2800. erans, join our monthly meetings. Atlendance is needed to grow our Post, if you are not a member, con ROCK FINANCIAL SHOWPLACE

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### **Pre-teen girls** gain self-esteem through running

BY KELLY MURAD

#### **GIRLS ON THE RUN** INTERNATIONAL

Novi girls grades three through six will hit the ground running Monday, as the sec-Girls on the Run is a non-profit prevention program encouraging ond annual Girls on the Run preteen girls to develop self nternational program begins The 10-week program comrespect and healthy lifestyles bines physical training for a 5K through running, while addressrunning event, with encouring their physical, emotional, agement of a greater sense of mental, social and spiritual wellself and healthy living habits among pre-teen girls. being. For more information on the pro-"It's not only to keep the

gram visit www.girfsontherun.org kids in shape, but also, the main part is about self-esteem self confidence," said Wendy the June 20 5K race at Metro Duvall, recreation supervisor of the Novi Parks Department. Beach in Harrison Township. Volunteer coaches will lead "It's a great program that we're really trying to build here." As of Tuesday, Duvall said the girls in a variety of running activities and discussion focused on common issues among adolescent-aged girls. "There's a theme each week 20 girls were signed up for the after-school program, which will run twice a week at Novi that the coaches work on." Duvall said unting topics Meadows, Novi Woods and Deerfield elementary schools include gossiping, bullying Online registration is availdrugs, being a girl of your able at www.cityofnovi.org. "We'll take them up until the word, physical health and standing up for oneself. 30th," Duvall said. "The more Duvall said there are cur rently enough volunteers signed up to have two or three the merrier.' The \$130 fee includes daily

snacks, T-shirt, water bottle, coaches at each school discount on New Balance For more information con tact Duvall at (248) 735-5616 running shoes and entry into

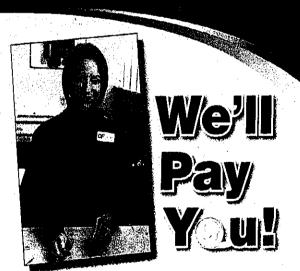


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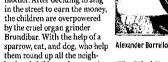
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#### NOVI RESIDENT TAKES THE LEAD IN 'BRUNDIBAR'

Novi teen Alexander Borrello ook the lead last Saturday in the Michigan Opera Theatre Children's production of Borrello, 13, played the role of Little Joe, the lead boy who with his sister, Annette go looking for milk for their sick

mom. "Brundibar" is the story of two children who desperately need to buy milk for their sick nother. After deciding to sing in the street to earn the mon

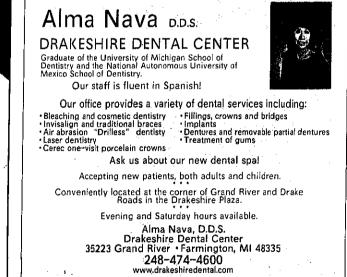


The Gifted Hands, the Ben borhood children, they out-sing the tyrant Brundibar and conquer evil. Borrello has been in close to 30 productions, starting at the Marquis Theatre in Northville, and most recently was seen in

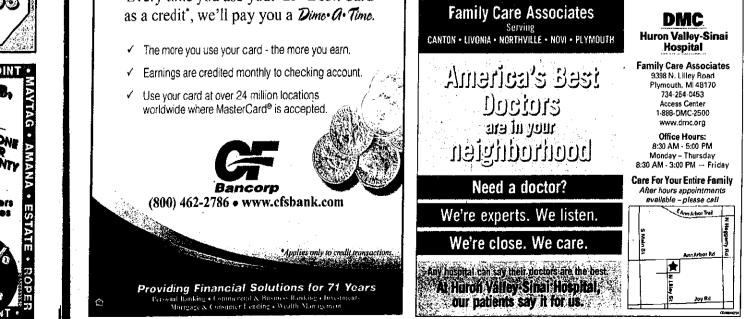
Carson Story" on TNT. He has also done a feature film, "DeadHeads" a horror comedy that is in post production, and a Radio Disney com











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# Rough shooting night dooms Shamrocks

#### BY JEFF THEISEN SPORTS WRITER

The Shamrocks hit just three of 19 shots in the first half and fell 45-41 to Romulus on Tuesday at Caliban Hall. Catholic Central showed a lot

of grit coming out in the second half with an 8-0 run and eventually tied the game, but CC couldn't take the lead. Romulus (21-5) answered with an 9-2 run and held off the Shamrocks (19-7) the rest of the way. We just were slow starting

in the first half," CC head coach Bill Dver said, "It was a terrible on our part in the first half. We didn't play fast enough. "It's a little disappointing that we're not (going to be) playing up in East Lansing. As far as

an overall season, it was a great

season with some great kids I think people outside of this locker room think we exceeding expectations, but our expecta-tions were this high." The Shamrocks missed their first six shots, a precursor of

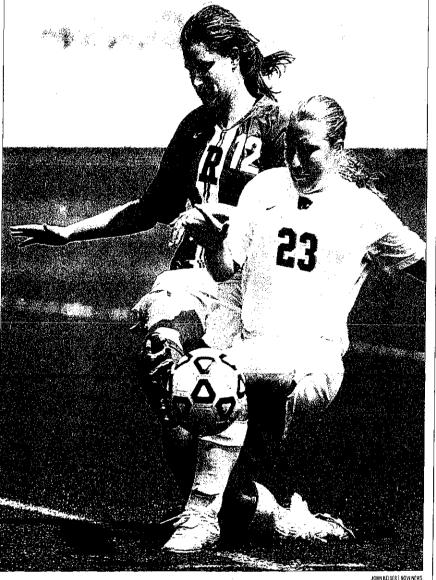
bad things to come.

Chris Barnas hit the lone basket in 10 attempts for CC in the first, but the Shamrocks still only trailed 12-8. Catholic Central went 6-for-7 at the line to stay afloat. The teams battled even for most of the second quarter until

a 6-0 run toward the end of the half led Romahus to a 25-16 lead at the break. The Shamrocks came out

firing on all cylinders to start the second half. Brett Smith

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Megan Burns tries to Reep possession of the ball as a Rochester Adams player bears down last season

### Novi enters brutal KLAA Central Wildcats face Northville, Stevenson, Salem, S. Lyon in division

BY JEFF THEISEN SPORTS WRITER

Novi soccer coach Brian O'Leary returns for his ninth year with the Wildcats. Stevenson, Salem and South Lyon. Stevenson captured a state title in 1998, Northville in 2004 and Novi went on its run starting in 2005. The biggest key to o

downs, so sticking together through the downs will be important. The Wildcats lost six starters to graduation, but back

fourth-year on varsity. All three will be captains. Joining the returnees are Morgan Haffey and Taylor Pyden after being picked for the All-District team last year

Pitching will determine Cats' season

#### BY JEFF THEISEN SPORTS WRITER

Replacing a major hole left by No. 1 and 2 starting pitch-ers Tyler Scott and Mark Heard will determine how the Wildcats fair. Jake Walker has worked into

the No. 1 roll this year. He was

the No. 3 last year. Adam Paulk will also be part of the rotation along with sev-eral different players expected to see time on the mound. "On the mound. I've been pleasantly surprised with how the kids have been throwing," Novi head coach Rick Green said. nead coach Rick Green said. "I'm looking forward to coach-ing these guys. They've been working hard." The Wildcats return several postdom players from last year's

district-winning squad that

finished 22-15. Green's son, Garrett, returns after batting .356 with five home runs and 26 RBI as the leadoff batter. He will hit out of the three hole this year and is the captain. Centerfielder Nagami

Masaru will move into the top

spot in the lineup. Dan Kilger batted .394 last year and will be an assistant captain along with outfielder Bobby Mitchell. The offense won't be as

power packed as last year, but coach Green will try to put up runs in a different fashion.

"We're going to play some small ball. We're not going to hit 30 home runs," he said. "We're going to be a scrappy ball team. We're going to work hard and not quit.

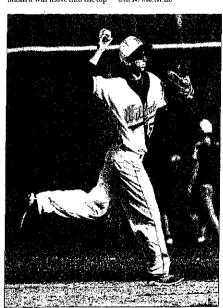
"We're a very athletic and fast team. We're very solid up the middle."

The main competition in the Central Division will come from rival Northville and South Lyon.

Coach Green said the team goals include winning the first KLAA title, but putting it all on the field every game is going to be the real goal.

"Our goal is to come out and play hard every game, don't quit, play hard and play scrap-py," he said.

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He has seen plenty of highs with three-straight State titles, but O'Leary has never seen anything like the Central Division of the KLAA.

The Wildcats are pitted with rival Northville and high-quality teams Livonia

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team this year will be how we come together as a team," he said. "With our division being said so difficult - Northville. Salem, Stevenson and South Lyon are quality teams we have to play twice - we will experience some ups and

etter-winners from last are 17 year's 15-4-3 KVC and district champion squad.

Erin Zerio returns for her fourth year in net. She was oted Third Team All-State last year.

Megan Burns and Rachel Barndt are also back for their

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With a team used to winning, O'Leary said the team goals include competing for the Central Division title as well as a district title.

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Wildcat second baseman Garret Green prepares to fire to first base during a game last year.



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### Confessions of a soon to be 50-year-old

O and for many of you 1 am sure you are thinking big

deal; but for a guy involved with fitness training of adults over 50 since I was age 18, (let's see that would over 30 years, (Yikes!), l nave to come clean. While I was on the youngr side of the 50-year fence, training so many of you on the opposite side, I know I shared many of my wonder ful insightful and inspirational statements such as .. just work through the pain, or age is just a number, or calories don't change for someone over 50 or weight loss is basic and simple Thank you all for not killing me! I am sure so many of you silently thought (as I do now), "What do you know -you 18-year-old, single, living at home with mommy

GUEST COLUMN am dealing with so many of life's challenges that so many of you were and are dealing with. My hip and back have arthritis, and when I play my favorite sport, my beloved basketball, I basically can't walk for the next couple of days. It seems I eat less and am busy as ever but weight control is much more difficult. (Yes, I admit it!) Healing of a muscle or joint injury seems to take double or triple the time and on and on. My attempt here is not to depress myself or you, or admit that us 50-plus people are over the hill; but rather to let you know I feel it is more important now than ever to continue a health and fitness lifestyle with

Jamie Morris split a pair at the

Romulus finished the third

on a 7-2 run and hit the open-

ing basket of the fourth for a

with 5.9 remaining for CC

Smith led the Shamrocks with

line to tie the game at 27.

our teens.

fit into my existing clothing is now vital. The latest research still strongly supports proper and consisten weight bearing activity and cardiovascular activity com bined with flexibility movements such as stretching or yoga, to achieve and main tain this vitality. While I now have to listen to my 18-year-old trainers tell me how it "really is," and the thought of this continued commitment to a healthy lifestyle doesn't seem any easier over the next 50 years. The thought of doing nothing scares me much, much more. So to all my fellow 50-year-olds (not ready to say seniors yet), see you on the bike trail, at the gym or at the lake swimming this summer or, like

my dad, who is my shining

example - on the softball field. modifications than it was in Yes, as I look over my new AARP membership infor-Chris Klebba owns and oper-ales Planet Fitness in Northville mation, my goals of looking buff on a beach may have and Waterford, and is a regular columnist and public speaker. Fo faded in importance, but fitness questions, e-mail planet-fi being able to continue my ness@sbcglobal.net and for more lifestyle pain free, strong and flexible. Being able to information, call 248-449-7634 or go to www.planetfilness.com.

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sons ago.

Dyer was sorry to see the sea-

son end, but he has been more

than impressed with what his

seniors accomplished coming

from a three-win team two sea

"It's an amazing experience

to be on the outside of that and

see those kids mature physical-

ly, emotionally and grow into

young men that are also great

students," Dyer said. "I guess you could say I've been lucky to

be around them.

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and daddy trainer."

Sorry. While my belief in fitness

remains as strong as 30 years ago, it is now combined with that invaluable ingre-

dient, personal experience

And yes, I continue to work to stay in shape, but now I

hit a hoop, followed by an old-36-29 lead. The Shanrocks pulled with-in three on Dezelski's triple with 1:03 to play, but it would be the last basket until a layup with 5.0 remaining of CC fashioned three-point play by Steven Harding. Tim Dezelski capped the run with a three to trail 25-24 less than a minute and a half in. "We came out and played at the speed we should have in the first half," Dyer said. "When 12 points, followed by Dezelski with 11 and Harding with 10. Romulus was led by Cody you see us do that, it's frustrat-ing that we don't do that all the Barnes and Valdez Green with 10 points each. Romulus

With 5:11 left in the third.



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#### The Catholic Central ski team won the CHSL title and finished the year by claiming ninth at the State meet.

### **Catholic Central wraps up** strong season at State

BY JEFF THEISEN Sports Writer meet.

The Catholic Central ski team finished the season with plenty of medals and hardware after winning the Catholic League title and placing ninth at State. Derek Turowski led the way with a 15th-place finish Hicks.

in the giant slalom at states. He also placed second in the slalom and giant slalom at the regional and won three giant slalom races in league meets throughout the season Turowski was voted All-League and All-Region. Spencer Hicks was also voted All-League and All-Region after six top-three Kyle Tarter.

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finishes and placing second in both races at the CHSL focused and committed the entire season while enjoying a top-10 State ranking from Greg Barilovich had six early on," CC head coach Ton Gable said. top-15 finishes throughout the year and also competed "Favored to win the Region

3 meet, when the top point setters experienced trouble at the State meet with fellow captains Turowski and the supporting cast showed its depth with strong per-formances to capture the Freshman Damon Rottermond stepped it up at State and placed 15th in the last qualifying position and advance the boys to the State finals again." nolele The Shamrocks received Gable said it will be tough supporting contributions from seniors Alex Hamilton, Jacob Blossfeld, Mark Kempa to replace the seniors, but wanted to thank them for and Brian Kempa throughout leaving an example for next the year. Also helping out year's team. were juniors Jim DiMilia and

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player skills within a positive coaching environment. The ladservice.com or at (734) The AAU-Community season is approximately from based program is very com-petitive and volunteer coaches December to March, with about five hours of practice are focused on developing time a week.

### CC wins regional against Hartland

BY TOM MORELL PECIAL TO NOVI NEWS For the first time in 26 years, Detroit

olic Central returned to the winner's circle as regional champions following a scrappy effort against Hartland last week at host Lakeland High School. This was by no means an easy win for the Shamrocks (19-6 overall), who were behind on the scoreboard before rallying late in the

second to get within a point of the Eagles at halftime. For the majority of the third, it was all offense at both ends as CC pulled ahead, only to see Hartland (21-3 overall) answer pack on the following possession. This tedious process went on until the final min-ute, when Steve Harding passed the ball to Brett Smith for an easy two that gave CC a one-point advantage. On the ensuing play, Smith returned the favor by stealing the ball and sending it to Harding in the paint. A Hartland foul allowed Harding to sink a pair of free throws, which put the Shamrocks ahead, 39-36 at the end of the

quarter. "We had a bad stretch early in the second quarter, so I think our team fought back and was a bit more patient in the third," said CC head coach Bill Dyer. "Our put-backs and rebounds really helped us out tonight." To their credit, the Eagles remained in contention well throughout the final quarter, but their inability to make free throws down the stretch proved costly. Senior forward Jamie Morris led all CC players with 20 points, which included a 6or-9 performance at the charity stripe. The ther player to score in double figures for the Shamrocks was Harding with 16. For Hartland, sophomore guard Matthew Poches posted team highs with 19 points and 10 rebounds. Senior guard Vonn Jones omplemented his 14-point performance with seven rebounds and five assists. "In the second half, we got into foul trouble and that hurt us," said Eagles head coach Frank Leppek. "We didn't have any good looks on offense and Catholic Central took advantage. They're a very disciplined team that's able to move the ball and speed-up the

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Chris Barnas brings the ball up the court during the CHSL finals at Caliban Hall.

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movement part II for Novi softball BY JEFF THEISEN Sports writer

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Will a youth movement last year pay off this year. That's the biggest ques-tion facing the Wildcat softball team. Second-year head coach Bob Lulek played a boatload of freshmen last year and finished 11-21. There were ups and plenty of downs. Several games were ended before the final inning, and yet there was the upset of Lakeland toward the end of the ear. This year's team could feature a senior-less lineup with a sophomore dominated squad. Sophomores Coleen Kolis (third base), Meghan Robinson (shortstop) Maddie Sinkovich (center), Kaitiynn Marra (catcher). Rebecca Richter (pitcher) and Kimberly Powers will see extended playing time. Junior Kristin Blonde (DH - C) will be one of the elder statesman or the team. Freshman Katie Enright will push for playing time. "We're young, but with a lot of talent," said Lulek. "My main concern will be pitching. "We should be very good on defense with good team speed." The Wildcats enter the KLAA Central Division with rival Northville, Salem, Stevenson, KLAA holdover South Lyon and new to varsity sports South Lyon East.

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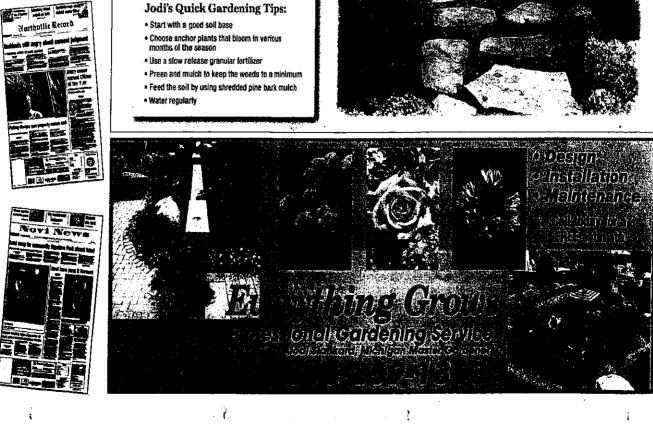
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pring has arrived and it is time to add some color to your landscape! Advanced Master Gardener Jodi Slankard. owner of Everything Grows in South Lyon, can assist you in making your home, neigh-horhood entrance or busi-ness full of color and interest throughout the growing

"I am into big, showy flow-ers that have a long bloom time such as peonies, roses and hydrangeas," she said. "Accent those anchor plants with colorful annuals such as geraniums and wave petunias and you have a benutiful outdoor space." Everything Grows is a

small business that works with gardens of all sizes. Jodi is happy to work with homeowners, business and subdivision public spaces with larger gardens - or those who just need some renovation work on their existing landscapes. She also can take an older, overgrown garden space and renovate it to give your home or busi-ness a fresh, new look. Her landscaping services have extended this season and she is adding planting larger trees to her extensive list of

services. A familiar face among many neighborhoods in South Lyon, Brighton, Milford, Novi and Northville since 2001, Jodi ahs worked with many to create custom-ized gardens and landscap-

ing. Everything Grows offers a wide range of services and

Adding well-groomed landscape to public places within subdivisions has attract and retain residents in a struggling economy. Jodi works with subdivisions homeowners.



She chooses perennials that

look great not only when they are blooming, but after the bloom as well. She also likes

to use reblooming perennials to get an extra hang for your

But color isn't the only key to maintaining a gar-den; Jodi also considers

the unique features of the yard, such as sun exposure, soil condition and trouble spots. "The location of your

garden and its soil base are garden and its soil base are really the most important factors," she added. Even the healthiest and most beautiful plants will not thrive without the night multitum. "Mont

the right conditions. "Most plants need four to six hours of sunshine to bloom and thrive," she said. "Shade gar-

dens are a little more challenging, with fewer planting options. However, shade

planning."

adens can be made incredibly beautiful with good

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are looking to revitalize the look of their businesses in order to attract customers and give their commercial buildings a more professional

"I have been specializing in custom gardens for homes and businesses, and I also take care of several subdivision entrances and common spaces," she said. "I haven't raised my rates in three years raised my rates in three years and 1 will not this year due to the economic downturn. I am willing to work in proj-ects big and small, within all budgets." Each customer, whether they big: that in clean up.

they hire Jodi to clean up and design their gardens or ask her to maintain gardens on a regular basis, with know what to expect the moment they meet with her. Specializing in flower gardens, Jodi designs a com-bination of bulbs, perennials and annuals that will flower through spring, summer and fall

#### The garden as an extension of you

each customer's personality and taste as well. Jodi sits down with each customer to determine his or her color and flower preferences. She considers color schemes that range from monochromatic (shades of the same color) or ever colors are the customer's

through all seasons is

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and her Michigan roots to put a valuable stamp on every garden she creates. Not only can she renovate an existing bed that is over-grown or planting haphazardly, she can also change the soil composition to make it the most ideal for growing annuals and perennials. She starts at the very beginning, enhancing the soil so it will produce positive results throughout the year. "I'd rather do it right the first time instead of having Lo take out plants that have died or will not thrive after a year of struggling in poor soil.<sup>9</sup> Jodi added, TL's impor-tant that the plants get the nutrients they need from the soil.<sup>9</sup>

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Jodi Slankard, owner 248-259-1363

Developing the right soil has been made much easier by the compost provided to Everything Grows by local business Tuthill Farms. "They take our garden waste and turn it into black gold.

They are also terrific people to work with," Jodi said. Just knowing what mate-rials to use and who to rely on has made Jodi a popular choice for many home and business owners. She comes from a long line of avid gar-deners and championship rose growers. "I love growing roses in Michigan," he said. "They are not as tricky as you think, and they are one of the few mersonials that Hoem few perennials that bloom in most cases from June to November."

Flexibility is a must Jodi's customers have found that she is very

adaptable to whatever they need. She said that many of her customers hire her to cleanup, plant and maintain (weeding and deadhead-ing) their gardens every year. Other customers have Everything Grows come out two or three times and year and weed and spruce things up. Customers can pick and choose from an array of services, even individuals that love to work their own gardens, they just need a little help with the heavy lifting and a new outlook to enhance their beds.

The team at Everything Grows is excited for spring and is looking forward to making your gardens more vibrant and lovely this sea-son. Tlease call her at 248-259-1363 or contact her at jaslankard@cablespeed.com

