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stand 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, anniversarics — proposed devel-opments, school news, election information, high school sports scores, local photographs and

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

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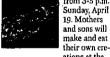
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proposal increasing the parks and recreation levy by .5 mills.

Mom-son pizzas

California Pizza Kitchen is hosting a mother-son cook off from 3-5 p.m



their own creations at the event, which takes place at the pizzeria in Twelve Oaks Mall.

Orchard Hills

The Orchard Hills Elementary School community and the Novi Community School District invites residents to celebrate the 50th Anniversary of Orchard Hills I-4 p.m. Saturday, May 9. R.S.V.P. by calling (248) 449-1400 or by e-mailing Becky Hurst at bhurst@novik12.mi.us.

Burke running for council; Landry to run again

BY KELLY MURAD Staff Writer Councilman Brian Burke announced last Wednesday he will run for Novi City Council in the November election. Burke was appointed in January to fill the remaining one-year term of for-mer Mayor Pro Tem Kim Capello, who was elected Oakland County commissioner last November. mayor

"I hadn't intended to get appointed and not run again," Burke said. "I'm in. I'm all in.' If elected, Burke will serve a full four-

year term. Other seats up for re-election

include Councilwoman Terry Margolis, Councilman Andrew Mutch and Mayor David Landry, whose name is expected

November ballot "I'm going to run one more time," he said last Thursday.

Landry has been on the City Council since 2001, and is currently serving his second two-year term as

As of late last week, Mutch had not made a final decision as to whether he would run for re-election and Margolis could not be reached for comment.

Burke previously served on the Planning Commission, Zoning Board of Appeals and Parks, Recreation and Forestry Commission. "The single most important thing on



what is going to hap-pen to their taxes,"he said. "The taxpayers trust us to make sure their money is going where it's supposed to go. It's important for the city to not cut any services and not rais

taxes. As a taxpayer, homeowner, business owner and a parent of five, Burke said he can relate to the concerns of Novi residents.

"I, like my colleagues, ann not any dif-ferent than anyone in this city," he said. "The decisions we make on City Council affect the whole city, iucluding us." The last Novi City Council race in

2007 was uncontested

"I would expect there will probably be a few more people that will put their names in and make a race of it," said Mutch of the November election.

Zoning Board of Appeals member Justin Fischer already threw his hat in the race in January.

The deadline for those interested in running for city council is 4 p.m. June 5. Candidates must file a petition with no less than 100 signatures or pay a \$100 filing fee. Mayor Pro Tem Bob Gatt, whose

term expires in 2011, announced his candidacy in January for the Michigan Senate, representing the Republican Party in November 2010. Sen. Nancy Cassis currently holds the position and is term-limited.

Mighty Readers!

Village Oaks Elementary School students parade around the school on Friday, March 27, with their favorite books held high to celebrate the end of their March is Reading Month activities. Parents and siblings line the parade route.



Like father, like son Firefighting duo brings their work home

BY KELLY MURAD STAFF WRITER

Fire protection officer Jim Morris remembers hoisting his son, AJ, up on a Novi fire engine when he was just a boy. Now, his 23-year-old son rides

shotgun. 've always kind of wanted to do this," said AJ, who was recently hired as a paid-on-call firefighter with the Novi department. "It's probably influ-

enced by growing up around it." AJ is following in the footsteps of his father, who has been with the Novi

Fire Department for 21 years. "I wanted to do this stince I was a lit-tle guy," Jim said. "I grew up (in Novi) so one of my goals was to get ou this fire department. This was home." But Jim wanted more opportunities

for his only son. "His dad told him that he needed to go to college," said AJ's mother, Nancy Morris. "With (Jim's) experience, he felt it helped to be more mature and have some life experiences behind you.

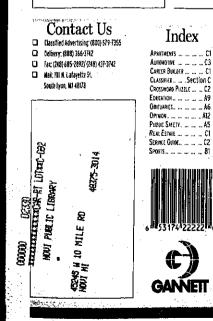
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AJ joins his father Jim, right, as a Novi firefighter at Station No. 3 on Nine Mile Road.



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Millage proposal goes before Novi voters in May

This is the first installment in a series of stories leading up to the May 5 election.

BY KELLY MURAD STAFF WRITER

A May 5 special election will ask Novi voters if they want to approve a millage proposal increasing the parks and recre-ation levy by .5 mills, an esti-mated \$75 a year for a resident with a \$300,000 home

Although the ballot language isn't project-specific, city offi-cials said the funds are pro-posed for the development of a 73 acre Signature Park, at the southwest corner of 11 Mile and Beck roads. Obviously, the commitment

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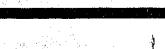
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March 27 with a copy lines, effective Oct. 1, 2008 Cable Commission Studios A much wider array of goods are now accepted for recycling including all numbers of plastic Registration is required by Friday, April 17. Contact of "The Bears Picnic held high as he and other students City seeks youth access coordinator Katherine bottles with caps and labels, drink boxes, phone books, volunteers celebrate the end Georgas at (248) 473-2837 of March is Reading or kgeorgas@fhgov.com. For more information, visit www. The City of Novi is looking, Yonth with a parade ceramics, plastic bags and for young adults to serve as student representatives on boards and commissions, and through the school's household scrap metal such as swoccstudios.com. pots, pans and metal toasters. neighborhood mber communities include U.S. Rep. Pete Hoekstra JOHN HEIDER Staff Phidiographer Farmington, Farmington Youth Council. 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Mothers and sons Students involved with the Permanent Select Committee City of Novi Youth Council on Intelligence and is a will make and eat their own senior member of the House will serve as a voting member reations at the event, which akes place at the California and participate in initiatives, including Project Sticker Committee on Education and Labor. Pizza Kitchen in Twelve Oaks Hockstra served as vice Shock, Addicted to Movies, president of marketing at Zeeland-based Fortune 500 Mall. Register online by April not Drugs, and the Senior to 5 for \$10 per person. For more Senior Prom. Applications are available information, visit www.citvofoffice furniture manufactures at www.cityofnovi.org, and will be accepted at the City Clerk's Office, inside the Novi Herman Miller, Inc. for 15 novi.org. years prior to his election to Steve lost 46 lbs. and SWOCC spring Congress. Alma Nava D.D.S. Hoekstra holds a Bachelor Civic Center, 45175 W. 10 Mile dropped 4 pant sizes! **Rachel lost 16 dress sizes!** of Arts degree in political sci-ence from Hope College in Holland and holds a Master orientation Road, until 4 p.m. April 17. The City Council will con-DRAKESHIRE DENTAL CENTER Ω duct interviews in Council Chambers 7 p.m. April 27, for Don't just view television, Graduate of the University of Michigan School of Dentistry and the National Autonomous University of Mexico School of Dentistry. "After neglecting my health for many years, I finally "Fitness Together broke my plateau and it really lo television. Orientation of Business Administration for SWOCC Studios TV profrom the University of all applicants. started coming off quickly! I am down 16 dress decided I needed to do something before it was too late. Fitness Together was my solution. The one on sizes. 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No testimonies taken in court for Novi's BB shooting case

STAFF WRITER

Novi resident Alexander Jay Schmidt, 21, and 17-year-old Ashley Beane of South Lyon of Oakland County Circuit Court in Pontiac April 7. Beane's court date was are facing charges of malicious destruction of property, which is a felony carrying a penalty of up to five years in prison and a \$5.000 fine. to gather more informa-According to Sgt. Matt Conquest of the Novi Police Department, Schmidt waived Bean The suspects were alleg-

NOVI POLICE BRIEFS

an officer on patrol traveling southbound on Novi Road,

observed a black Ford Escor

zone. The officer initiated a traffic stop and smelled an odor of intoxicants coming

from the driver, who said she

drank one beer. While exit-ing the vehicle, the woman lost her balance. The officer

conducted field sobriety tests

and a preliminary breath

test, which registered her blood alcohol concentration

at .12 percent, reports said.

• At about 11:15 p.m.

March 23, an officer trav-

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observed two vchicles

Road near West Oaks Drive,

stopped at a green light. The

first car, which was a Saturn,

finally proceeded through

the light after it had turned

red, reports said. The offi-cer initiated a traffic stop

and could smell an odor of

intoxicants coming from the

driver. According to reports,

the woman, who said she had

one beer about an hour prior.

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edly involved in the incident the preliminary exam, and is which occurred at about 2:41 p.m. Jan. 8 as five occupied Novi Community School District buses were leaving the area of Novi Middle adjourned until April 15. They adjourned the trial School, at 11 Mile and Wixom roads. Police have also been investigating a Jan. 7 incident where BBs were shot at Novi's Detroit Catholic Central cross tion," said Beane's father, Jeff

country runners. No one was injured in either of the shootings. Jeff Beane believes investigation will reveal his daughter's innocence and expects

includes a 2006 conviction for the charges will be dropped. identity theft in Novi, and a 2004 conviction for breaking We are still currently investigating the incidents and entering in Garden City in regards to Ashley Beane, Conquest said.

kmurad@gannett.com Beane has no previous (248) 349-1700, Ext. 263

Schmidt is currently on

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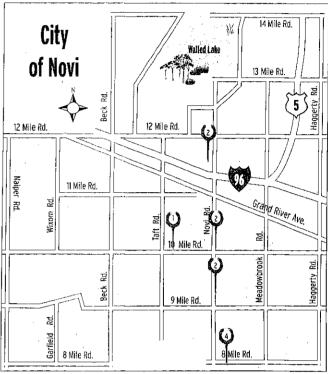
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Citv took them off. A preliminary breath test registered her Walled Lake blood alcohol concentration of Novi Just before midnight March 24, an officer observed a driver, on south-bound Novi Road, disregard a red traffic signal while Beck turning left on 10 Mile Road, reports said. The officer 12 Mile Rd. 12 Mile Rd. initiated a traffic stop and nmediately noticed an odo of intoxicants coming from the driver, who said he drank three beers. According to 11 Mile Rd. reports, a preliminary breath test registered the man's blood alcohol level at .09 per-R \mathbf{O} • At about 3 a.m. March 24, an officer on patrol near Eight Mile Road and aft 10 Mile Rd. Griswold Street observed a white Honda traveling 58 mph in a 45 mph zone. reports said. The officer got behind the vehicle and Beck noticed the driver was drift-9 Mile Rd ing between both lanes of traffic. According to reports, an odor of intoxicants was 0 coming from the woman. A preliminary breath test reg-



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Since Jim's position is full time, 6 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Friday, and he responde to calls from Fire Station No. 3, their paths rarely cross. "We've been on one run together when he was doing clinical work," Jim said. "There was a little banter going on." Playful joking aside, Nancy said Jim is proud AJ is follow-ing in his footsteps. "It's something my husband dedicated his life to," she said. "When we're out in the conimunity. I have to tell him to stop looking for fire exits and extinguishers. He feels his job is looking out for the citizens in his community." And like father, like son, Nancy sees fire services as a good fit for AJ's personality. "He really likes to help people and he likes the camaraderie o working with a group," she said "Safety-wise, I'd love him work ing in an office every day, but I've always told myself they're trained, they're profession-als, and I use that as my logic. When I go to work, I expect them to come home.

As a paid-on-call firefighter, AJ responds to calls for Fire Station No. 4 from 6 p.m. to 6

a.m. Monday through Friday, and nights and weekends.

"I like the fact that it's a men

tally and obysically tasking job. and you get to help out the com munity," he said. "My ultimate

goal is to end up in a full-time





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ond overall in 2003. But after

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been out of the NFL since

before the 2006 season. He has

CHARLA "CHACHA" **GERALDINE J: KOHS** ANDRESEN Geraldine J. Kohs. age 97. (

Northville, passed away peacefully or March 29, 2009. She was borr Age 75, of Northville, passed way peacefully on March 24. 2009 after a long and valiant fight with cancer. She was born July August 4, 1911 in Detroit, Michigan to William and Blanche Kincald Geraldine was united in marriage 25, 1933 in Council Bluffs, lowa to George W. Kohs on September 7, 1940, and they spent 52 loving years Joseph and Signa (Freeman) Snyder. Charla was united in marriage to Gard on June 10, 1962; they spent together until his death in 1992. Geraldine, a homemaker, was an more than 46 loving years together. She was a member of Holy Cross active member of Our Lady of Vici Catholic Church for many years. Sh Lutheran Church since 1965. Charla was also a life member and past oved to bowl; she was the President president of both the Northville Women's Club and Northville Garden of the Strikes and Spares bowling league at Merribowl for over 30 years. She enjoyed stamp collecting, scrap booking, and golfing; she got a was an avid pardener, liked to arran hole-in-one at Idyr Wyld Golf Course. flowers, and is described by her far Charla loved to entertain family and friends and was a gournet cook. She is survived by her husband Gard; her Kobe Gard W Kobe and Genran H children, Christi (Terry) Clontz, Kohs, Gary W. Kohs, and George V (Sharon) Kohs, Jr.; her grandchildrei Greg (Andrea), Carrie, Amy, Brianne Johny (Margaret), and Erik (Lisa); her grandchildren, Kristian, Anneka, Ryan, Tyler, Steven, Stephanie, Kara, Kate, and Kristin; and her great grandchildren Grayson, Cameron Sophia, and Memphis. She was pre Travis, and Kimberly; her greatgrandchildren Bailey, Bryson, and Emma. She will be missed greatly by Sverre and Unni, brother and sisterceded in death by her husband, he parents, two sisters, and one brothe uneral Mass will be held today. Apr in-law in Norway, and many friends 2, 2009 at 11 a.m., with visitatio and bowling buddles. Services were held last Saturday at Holy Cross Lutheran Church in Livonia. Pastor beginning at 10:30 a.m. at Our Lad of Victory Catholic Church, 13 Orchard, Northville, Father Deni Theroux will officiate the service Dana Runestad and Pastor William Lindholm officialed the service. Mrs. Andresen was laid to rest at Glen Mrs. Kohs will be laid to rest at Rura Hill Cemetery in Northville. The fami Eden Memorial Park. In lieu of flow ly would appreciate memorial contri butions to Northville Garden Club ers the family requests donations be made to St. John's Hospice or Global Autism Network. Arrangements 18341 Laraugh, Northville, MI 48168 attn: Barbara O'Brien, Arrangement entrusted to Casterline Funeral Home Inc of Northville Home, Inc. of Northville.



FRANK XAVIER MERCIECA Age 80, died March 23, 2009, A Funeral Mass was held March 28, at HAROLD DEAN CULLUM St. Joseph Catholic Church Age 92, March 25, 2009 Arrangements by PHILLIPS FUNER-AL HOME, South Lyon. Online eloved husband of Isabel nee Wendt, married for

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Funeral Mass was held on March 30

at St. Joseph Catholic Church. Arrangements by PHILLIPS FUNER-AL HOME, South Lyon. Online

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Age 90, died March 26, 2009.

60 years. He will be greatly missed by his sister, Ruth (Bennett) Cullume, two nieces, three great-nieces, CAROL KAY ROSEY six great-nepheves, five great-great nieces and six great-opreat nepheves. Mr. Cullum was born in Oetroit. He graduated from U of O with a degree in Mechanical Engineering. He served in the US Air Force as a 1st served in the US Air Force as a 1st Lin the European Theatre a triving LL in the European Theater arriving Edwards, her sons, Michael and in France on D-Day +12. After the David Edwards and her sister, Gayle war he jinned his fathers business, Rosey. She was a Physician's Dean L. Cullum Building in the rest. Assistant at the Henry Ford Hospital. Assistant at the Henry Ford Hospita dential building business. After the in Detroit and St. Joseph's Hospital death of his father, Dean, he continin Ann Arbor. She was a member ued the business until his retirement Southlyon Methodist Church. in 1990, ending a family business of memorial service will be held or 75 years. Funeral services were held April 4, 2009 at 11 a.m. at the Nardin Saturday, March 28, 2009. Park Methodist Church, 29887 W. Eleven Mile Rd., Farmington Hills, Mi. 48336 Memorials may be made Memorial contributions may be made to Hospice of Michigan. Online condolence messages obriensullivanfuneralhome.com. to Litwin-Zucker Dementia Research, Attn Ted Huey, 350 Community Dr., Manhasset, NY 11030.

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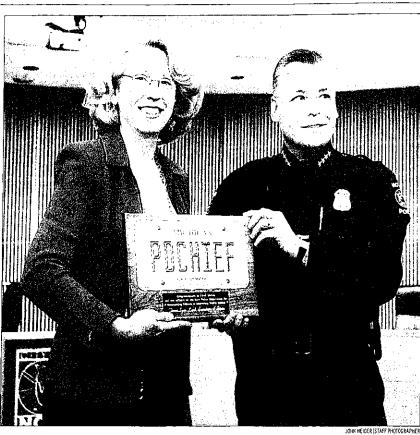


Novi judge jails ex-Lion Charles Rogers GANNETT NEWS SERVICE

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 September in Novi, and charged
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 with credit for 15 days served.

 Alcoholic Anonymous meet The Lions drafted Rogers see The Lions drafted Rogers see 52-1 District Court Judge Brian MacKenzie jailed former later plead no contest to a lesser Michigan State and Detroit charge of trespassing and was Lions wide receiver Charles sentenced to probation, said Novi Police Chief David Molloy. Rogers for violating probation in a domestic violence case. Court records show the 27-



Top Honors Novi Chief of Police David Molloy accepts an award on behalf of the department from Michigan Secretary of State Terri Lynn Land on March 31. Land

gave Novi the award for improving traffic safety in the city overall, its efforts to crack down on drunk driving and its continual driver's education program for senior citizen drivers.

Oakland-lures, but 2010 auto show stays at Cobo

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BY KATHLEEN GRAY AND JOHN WISELY County if a judge ruled against a regional authority operating the center was a FREE PRESS STAFF WRITERS

The North American bad idea. The Detroit Auto Dealers International Auto Show won't move out of Detroit's Association, which operates Cobo Center, at least not in the auto show, is focused on the near future, said spokesremaining at Cobo, said Rod man Sam Locricchio. Alberts, executive director. "We've got a show in 2010 "But if someone has a good idea, we'd be foolish not to listen." and it's going to be in Cobo. Any discussions going beyond

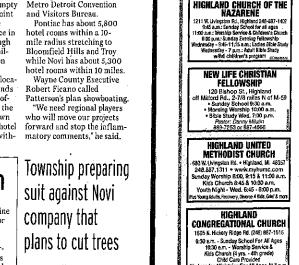
Patterson said he's tired of that is premature," he said. the fight over Cobo and he'll try to get the auto show to . Jennifer Granholm Go said Monday that a proposal by Oakland County L. Brooks an Oakland site if a deal falls

chief operating officer of the county, he said, would be the vacant Silverdome, the empty Metro Detroit Convention General Motors Centerpoint and Visitors Bureau. campus in Pontiac or the Rock Financial Showplace in hotel rooms within a 10-Novi. The latter has enough mile radius stretching to extra land to grow to 1 mil lion square feet, Patterson But could one of those locations work for the thousands Robert Ficano called

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tops or laptops, and each comes with an HP color printer. And for E-MAIL ONLY If your mom doesn't feel coman additional cost you can get an oversized keyboard or trackball fortable with the SeniorPC or MSN TV options, she can still join the e-mail world with a Celery (www. mouse that makes typing and mouse pointing easier. For more mycelery.com; 866-692-3537). information, see www.microsoft which lets her receive e-mails com/enable/aging/seniorpc.aspx or pictures and documents, as well call 888-640-1999. as send handwritten letters as e mails, all without a computer. It uses a color fax/printer connected Another option to consider that to a standard phone line instead will let your mom access the Web and send and receive e-mails is of a computer. How does it work? Sending an e-mail to a Celery is just like sending one to any other the MSN TV 2 (www.msntv.com; 866-466-7688). This is a small e-mail address (vou choose a Celery e-mail when you signup box (with a wireless keyboard and remote control) that hooks up to - for example mom@mycelery. her TV and into her existing phone com). After you send your morn an e-mail, Celery calls her announcline. While this system is limited to wide range of accessibility features — Internet and e-mail use, it is very ing she has a message being sent user-friendly and costs only \$200 and is automatically printed out or you can get a refurbished unit on paper. Then to reply, she simply for \$150) plus a monthly service fee handwrites a letter putting your name in block print at the top.

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She then places the letter into her service fee that starts at \$12.50 per Celery, pushes two buttons and the month letter is sent to your e-mail address as an image document. The system uses handwriting-recognition software to match your name to an -mail address stored in her Celery address book. And to eliminate spam, Celery only delivers messages from people you allow. The cost is \$119 for the lax/printer machine and a monthly service fee of \$14 or 140 per year. Another neat device to check out is the Presto (www.presto.com; 866-428-0970). This is similar to the Celery where your mom can receive printed e-mails, photos and even newsletters without a computer, but this device doesn't offe a way to respond, unless she does it the old fashioned way - by telephone. Presto works using a special HP printer called the Printing

Savvy Tips: If your mom does get a computer and is interested n taking a beginner's class, her local public library, nearby college or area aging agency (call 800 677-1116 to get the local number) are good resources to find out what's available in her area. Also check at SeniorNet.org, a national organization for people, age 50 and older, that offers a variety of basic online computer courses as well as instructor-led workshops at 130 earning centers throughout the U.S. A first year membership fee of

\$40 is required. Send your senior questions to: Savvy Senior, P.D. Box 5443, Norman, OK 73070. or visit www.savvysenior.org. Jim Miller is a contributor to the NBC Today show Mailbox which costs \$150, plus a and author of "The Savvy Senior" book



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Couple wins trip to Hawaii

Novi residents shed 100 pounds using Jenny Craig

BY PHILIP ALLMEN STAFF WRITER

When Colleen Turner visited her husband. Chris at his teaching job last week, she had no idea she'd soon be winning a trip to Hawaii The Novi couple entered the Jenny Craig-sponsored "Great Take-Off" challenge, and they vere told they were among the finalists. So Colleen, a teacher at Ladywood High School in Livonia, took the

day off for interviews related to the contest. While Chris was out of his classroom at Oak Valley Middle School in the Huron Valley school district, his room was decorated, and his students were all given leis to wear Even when the Dirners walked into Chris' decorated classroom, they didn't realize they'd won

It wasn't until a video message from Valerie Bertinelli the program. a spokeswoman for Jenn Craig - was played congratulating the couple on winning the trip that they realized they won. "Wow! You got us," said

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Chris and Colleen Turner watch a video of Jenny Craig spokeswoman Valerie Bertinelli telling them they won a trip to Hawaii

"I'm speechless." with a consultant, which When the two started the made the whole process less Jenny Craig weight-loss pro-gram, Chris weighed close to 300 pounds; Colleen was impersonal. Their favorites? Chris likes the fish and chips, and at 200 pounds. About five Colleen prefers the chicken month later, the two shed carbonara. more than 100 pounds with "It's been an amazing jour ney, but we're still not done," said Chris. Chris admitted that he likes Chris at 229 pounds and Colleen at 153 pounds. That translates to a combined 48 inches lost along their waists. Neither has hit their ultimate to sit around and play video games, among other things. But this program has helped Joining Jenny Craig was Colleen's idea, who saw some changed his life, and he realized it's a daily conscious of her colleagues at Ladywood decision. succeed on the program. She had to convince Chris to join "You need to balance you life," he said. "Eat healthy. Make little changes. Those The diet involves provided add up. I'm finally getting to meals to the couple, who then supplement the food with a point where I can be a role model. I'm leading a healthier fruits, vegetables and grains. They also meet with a Jenny life." As part of the "Great Take-Off" challenge, clients could create a video essay describ-Craig consultant every week Both agree they liked the ing their weight loss story program because they met

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and how Jenny Craig can help turn'a dream into reality. Married last June, the Turners explained how they honeymooned in Jamaica, but because of their weight, most of their pictures were of the scenery "We didn't feel comfort-able," said Colleen. "We deleted pictures because we didn't like how we looked." Their video essay made them the first winner of the contest. Five more winners will be selected before the end of the year. People can still enter the contest, but yo have to be a current or new client of Jenny Craig. Entries must be submitted by the end of April. For more information, visit Michaels' ability to push him to www.jennycraig.com/great-takeoff.

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But there was a noticeable lifference in the shirts, especially Detroit Catholic Central Iovi alumnus Michael Morelli's brown one, in that hey were a significantly Morelli, who has lost 124 ounds since coming to the ouse, the most of anyone on the show, was amazed when shown his old shirt and handed



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he max. He left it to the flip of a coin,



Becky also was surprised by the decision, but thinks either trainer would have been fine. She said Michaels gave him more opportunities to do dif ferent things that he enjoyed like boxing and surfing. "I think he had some regrets at the beginning and kind of second guessed himself, but once he got into it

he felt like he made the right decision," she said. "But it was hard because I really like Bob a lot and to see he was truly hurt by it, I felt bad for him and I know Michael did The challenge for the con-

testants last week was to pull weighted car a half-mile Michael finished second to Tara Costa, while Ron was helped across the finish line by his son and Cheney. At the weigh-in Michael lost six pounds, putting him in jeopardy of elimination, and Ron 10 pounds. Michael is nov down to 264 pounds and Ron to 327 pounds. However, the last contestant to weigh in, Filipe Fa, lost only four, putting him and Chency below the yel low line. Cheney was eventually voted off, and heading into this week's show only eight contes-tants remained in the fight for the \$250,000 grand prize.

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which came up Michaels, leav-ing Ron to say, "My son is 18 years old. He's an idiot." (248) 437-2011 Ext. 255

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Novi medical students take learning experience to state Capitol

BY VICTORIA MITCHELI an informational presentation on the medical careers exploration course, just one part of the Partners in Excellence STAFT WRITER Student Ryan Dougherty always program.

knew he wanted to be a doctor. But it wasn't until he took the medical careers exploration course last semester that Teevens plans on attending Grand Valley State University in the fall and is now positive that nursing is her desired he began aspiring for a career with the Doctors Without Borders program. The Novi High School senior learned career path.

'She and Laski have spent time in the humanitarian aid would be his medical career path after the class spent time working hands-on with doctors at sroom and in the hospital learning about the different nursing professions Providence Park Hospital in Novi. and job shadowing "I learned I'm not the kind of person Bill Dunbar, Novi High School seiwho could be in a hospital all of the ence department chair and partnership

time," he said. coordinator, also made the Capitol trip The course offered to Novi High Dunbar explains other components School students provides them with the of the state-recognized Partners in Excellence program include special needs students vocational training, th opportunity to learn about many of the different careers available in the medical field. Read and be Well program and partici-

"The class beloed expand our views pation with the school's art department on what is available," senior Kristen Laski said. tions course is the cornerstone of the Laski said after taking the course

partnership. Dunbar created the course after real last semester she learned every role in hospital setting is important and it isn't izing his AP biology students all wanted just about being a doctor. to be doctors, but didn't even know The students' learning opportuniwhat that really meant. Now students are learning all of the ties are possible through the Partners

in Excellence program that teams Providence Park Hospital and the Novi possibilities a medical career can pro vide -- from an X-Ray technician to a Community School District. surgeon - through first-hand experi Dougherty and Laski, along with ssmate Erica Teevens, were invited

"There is power in real-world, hand to the state Capitol last week to provide on experience," Dunbar said

DEAN'S LIST Grand Valley State University Grand Valley State University announces the names of stu dents placed on the dean's list for the Fall 2008 semester. The list includes those students who have maintained a 3.5 grade-point average and been enrolled in a minimum of 12 credits. Included from Novi are: Kristen Barden, Eric



Baumoarten, Amanda Brandemihl Danielle Matley, April Meyers, Sleven Carn, Aimee Cooper, Tanya Nicole Moisan, Daniel Piligian, Lauren Ricca, Nelissa Schmidt Cripps, Jennifer DeClerck, Chase Debne Amanda Diacono Paula Katherine Schulhoff, Joseph Shada Dietz, Jordan Duif, Kristin Fiscus, Laura Stinar, Andrew Stratton Jonathan Sulzer and Michaela Andrew Gorley, Ann Gracz, Keya Green, Abigail Greulich, Sara Halle Wasek Eric Hepler, Jaclyn Horning, Linda lthaca College Janik, Chelsea Johnston, Allie Kelly Weicksel, daughter of Jeffre Karagozian, Kara Kelly, Lindsay and Janet Weicksel of Novi, was Kohls, Natalie Kuczajda, Julie Kuhn, named to the Dean's List at Ithac Helissa Ludke, Breanna Malear, College's School of Health Science

But Dunbar said the medical explora

ON CAMPUS and Human Performance for the fall 2008 term. To qualify for this academic nonor, students must attain a minimum grade-noint average of 3.5 and complete a minimum of 15 credit hours, o which at least 12 are graded. Ithaca ollege is a nationally recognized Independent college located in Ithaca, New York. GRADUATION

Kettering University Matthew James Bobzien of Novi graduated from Kettering University with a computer science pachelor's degree in December 2008. ACHIEVEMENTS Central Michigan University Central Michigan University senior Becky Goodeart of Novi will par ticipate this April in the world

premiere of Max Bush's "Crystal Beach," a play commissioned b CMU's University Theatre and its Theatre for Young Audiences initia tive. Goodearl, a Novi High School graduate and daughter of Gregory and Christine Goodearl of Novi will play the role of Becky. She is majoring in speech education at CMU. For more information regarding University Theatre, visit www cda.cmich.edu/ut.htm

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"I explained why I took the class and wit has benefitted me," Teevens said

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Novi High School student Rvan Bell is tended to by paramedic Maureen Wilke, left, and EMT Julie Curry as Bell and his medical careers

ation class learn about ambulance care providers. The class is offered in partnership with Novi's Providence Park Hospital and is part



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Anniversary of Orchard Hills

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unasium and 3-4 p.m. Sock

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locate "2009 Career Focused Education (CFE) Summer

Course Catalog" under Today @ Oakland Schools. Classes

\$565 and are held in the four

Campuses (Clarkston, Pontiac

Royal Oak and Wixom). Class

start dates vary from June 22 through the end of July on a

first come, first served basis The registration deadline is

June 18, 2009. For program

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Schools Web site at www.

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arts, GIS, robotics, vehicle

Novi Athletic Booster Meeting p.m. tours of Orchard Hills, 2 The next Novi Athletic Booster meeting will be held at 7 p.m. Wednesday, April 15, in room 160 at the Novi High School, 24062 Taft Road. Meetings cover the various fund-raising efforts of the boosters along with update Oakland Schools Summer on athletics at the high and iddle schools

Programs The Novi Athletic Boosters raise money to support Novi Wildcat student athletes at Are you looking for exciting, the Novi High School and the able learning opportunities Novi Middle School, Proceeds for your children this summer? Oakland Schools Career are used to purchase uniforms Focused Education is offering equipment, strength training and conditioning so that more students can participate in Novi athletics at a higher level. 72 classes throughout the sum mer to students in grades 4-12 who are interested in exploring their interests in various career

Novi Quiz Bowl On Saturday, March 28, Novi Quiz Bowl competed in the March Madness Tournament at Michigan State University, Two Novi teams competed in Varsity competi tion. Varsity White edged out

DeWitt, winning by a 10-point margin and taking second place overall out of 30 teams. Varsity Green finished fifth. with several impressive come-from-behind victories. Due to the fact both teams finished in the top 15 percent of the competitive field, Novi quali fied two teams for the second consecutive year to compete a nationals, held in Chicago at

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the end of May. Novi's teams consist of Stephanic Chen, Peter Jiang, Emaline Maxfield, Yunbo Nie, Andrew Phillips, Conni Robbins, Anand Salem Eshwar Sundararaju, Zhao Wang, Claire Weber and TJ Weinenger, This was Quiz Bowl's last opportunity to qualify for nationals.

Orchard Hills is Having a Birthday The Orchard Hills

questions contact Paula Todd. Oakland Schools, Carcer Elementary School commu-nity and the Novi Community Focused Education at (248) School District invites resi-209-2194 or Paula.Todd@oak land.k12.mi.us. dents to celebrate the 50th



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DATE: March 24-April 4	Novi Community Education in offering a	University of Michigan will present
LOCATION: Salon D'MARS, 24079	Professional Children's Theater Series.	their report on the economic future
Meadowbrook Road (south of 10 Mile in	Each show is \$5 per ticket.	of Oakland County at the 24th Annual
the Peachtree Plaza)	CONTACT: (248) 449-1206	Economic Outlook Luncheon. The
DETAILS: Receive one raffle ticket for		2009-2011 Employment Forecast for
each non-perishable food item you	How to Backpack Around the World	Oakland County, a joint venture of
donate. The raffle is for a gift certificate	TIME/DATE: 3 p.m. Saturday, April 18	Oakland County Planning & Economic
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ed locally through the Failh Community	Novi	the Institute for Research on Labor,
Presbyterian Church Food Closet. For	DETAILS: Backpacking around the world	Employment and the Economy at the
more information, call (248) 465-9077.	is "the last epic adventure that is pos-	University of Michigan, will be presented
	sible for the average person to achieve,"	at the luncheon, scheduled from Hosts
Leadership Assessment	says Robert Downes, author of the new	for the luncheon are Chase, Oakland
TIME/DATE: 9 a.m. to noon Friday, April 3	book, "Planet Backpacker," Downes	Community College and Oakland
LOCATION: Walsh College Novi campus	should know: in 2007, the Traverse City	County. The cost is \$40 per person.
DETAILS: Instructor will be Tammé Quinn	author lived the dream of a lifetime,	CONTACT: Register online at www.
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TIME/DATE: 8-11 a.m. Saturday, April 4		and historical sites. See detroitadven-
LOCATION: Novi Applebee's located at	American Business Women's	turepass.org for more information.
47900 Grand River Ave.	Association Meetings	Senior Book Discussion
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Hunt at 11 a.m. (weather permitting), col-	for scholarships.	Chambers
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an exploration of artists from the DIA's American Art collection that parallel those in the Picturing America initiative. TIME/DATE: 1-3 p.m. Wednesday, April 8 DETAILS: This class introduces the



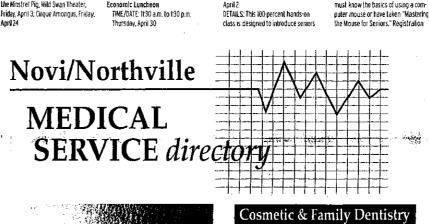
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as it could. The two fastest cars from each Den advanced to the Pack 54 Grand Finals. After the dust settled, Aditya Narayan ended in first place with the fastest time of 216.2 mph. In a very close second was Tyler Paparella with a time of 215.8 mph. Shortly behind in third place was Connor Blaszkiewicz with a time of 213.6 mph. Meadowbrook Congregational Church of Novi and many parents helped make the event a success.



Counting on Success

This weekend, Akhil Nistala, Nishant Kakar, Mark Xu and Raj Raina from Hovi Middle School participated in the Mathcounts State Championship. The team exhibited an outstanding performance and placed second at the State fevel during a very close competition. Also, Akhil Nistala placed first as an individual at the State level. Nistala, along with three other students, will be representing Michigan at the Matheourts hadroad the Orlando, Fia. Photographed from right to left are: Lynn Serenson (coach), Mark Xu, Akhil Nistala, Nishant Kakar and Raj Raina.



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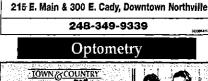
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OUR VIEWS Residents, parks would benefit from fee change

A proposal to change the way Michigan state park fees are paid could end up being the best of both worlds: it could save money for the people who use the parks, and bring in an additional \$47 million to help maintain and improve the facilities. Bipartisan legislation introduced last month would eliminate the \$6 daily and \$24 annual fees state residents currently pay to enter state parks or use boat launches.

Instead, motorists would pay an additional \$10 in vehicle registration fees and motorcyclists would pay \$5 more. The fee would rise with the rate of inflation each year, creating a long-term source of fund-ing for park systems and local recreation programs.

Anyone with Michigan plates would have free access to the state's 98 parks and recreation areas, five park trails, more than 1,000 boat sites and forest campgrounds. Nightly camping fees would stay intact. The additional fees would be voluptary

with licensees opting out if they promise not to use the parks. Gov. Jennifer Granholm has yet to take a position on the proposal, but it enjoys

widespread support in Lansing among lawmakers from both parties. We're guessing she'll end up backing the proposal. We hope so, because it come like hope so, because it seems like a

great deal all the way around. With a few tweaks, this could be a change for the better for both residents and the state park Michigan's state parks and recreation

areas are truly gems, and in this economy, they're a great source of cheap family entertainment

For any family that enjoys outdoor recreation, they've been a great deal at just \$24 a year. They'd be an even better deal at just \$10 a year.

Around here, that \$10 will let you take your family fishing, swimming, hiking and horseback riding all summer at Prou Lake, Highland state recreation areas and Maybury State Park in Northville

If you want to venture outstate, you can visit some of the beautiful state parks that line Lake Michigan or Lake Huron, or along Lake Superior in the Upper Peninsula

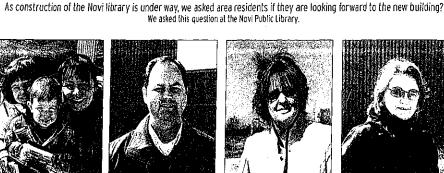
As beautiful as they are, though, the state's parks and recreation areas are badly in need of maintenance and renovation. That's where the additional \$47 mil-lion a year (estimated) will come in.

Sen. Patricia Birkholz, R-Saugatuck sponsored the bill with Rep. Rebekah Warren, D-Ann Arbor; Rep. Arlan Meekhof, R-West Olive; and Sen. Ray Basham, D-Taylor. It's that rare proposal that enjoys true bipartisan support, which is refreshing to see.

Sally Durfee, Birkholz's chief of staff, estimated about 65 percent of residents would pay the \$10 fee.

She said the state of Montana, which approved a similar fee collection system a few years ago, has a 70 percent participa-tion rate. Michigan's proposal is based on

Montana's system. The bill does need some tweaking (the "honor system" of asking people who don't pay the fee not to visit the parks



"Yes, very much so. We "I'm verv much looking come here on a regular basis forward to it. I think it will be a great place to work." and are very excited."

 Laura Stroup, Novi Novi Public Library employee

Reading between the lines

Here are some excerpts from the consultants Signature Park and Indoor Facility Feasibility Study Report (pages 22-24) regarding the City of Novi's May

5 tax increase proposal: Although it is believed that the information and assumptions constitute a reasonable basis for preparation of the ojections, the achievement of any nancial projection may be affected by fluctuating economic conditions and are dependent upon the occurrence of future events that cannot be assured. Therefore, actual results may vary from the projections and such variations could be material. Volatility of the current economic climate and unknown cyclical fluctuations could lead to under performing pro-

grams and ultimately, the projected proj ect performance not meeting outcome expectations (recover 60 percent of total costs including capital investment.) The desire to have project facility recover 60 percent of total costs - opera

tional an capital investment - is demandng of any facility; capital funding is not typically recovered in community based nulti-generational recreation facilities Outcome expectations (immediate success) and feasibility determinants (recover 60 percent of total costs includ-

capital investment) are rarely attainable for a center that is geared toward Hot preparation community wide multi-generational programming. The ability to attract a contract opera-Merle Baker watches as steams comes off the boiler at Novi's Tollgate Farms last Saturday as he and a bunch of volunteers prepared to make maple syrup

tor for the indoor facility is hindered by the feasibility determinants and outcome expectations which place an Siya Takawale, Nupur Vora, Asrigha Vinnakota and coach Sapna Takawale Third Place: Fighting Farkleberry importance on the public good and use of the park and facility; typically, a contract operator will prioritize usage for a recreation center/facility as 1. Rentals, 2. Tournaments, 3. Leagues, 4. Public use; this business model allows the contrac-Falcons: Jaclyn Gregoire, Vineet Jammalamadaka, Kevin Li, Vamsi tor to generate a profit.

Nimmagaddu, Bryce Paputa, Nitin Vedamuthu and coach Sridevi Jammalamadaka A4: Ava Bianchi, Aastha Dharia, Translating the feasibility analysis into the financial plan while attempt-Ashna Jain, Aria Thakore and coach Rajshree Thakore. Book Bees: MariaElkin, Emily Richmond, Carolyn ing to meet the outcome expectation. and feasibility determinants required an Watson, Adeline Zamora and coach Kim aggressive program plan build around the ability of the Department to capture Richmond. the customer base. Market penetration and product development - the ability to capture the user with a new service in

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wouldn't be possible. Novi Bowl was kind enough to donate coupons to each participant.

Since we know that reading habits begin in childhood, it behooves us to focus a substantial amount of our energy on making reading and library use relevant to this segment of our population. Activities like Battle of the Books, we believe, do this in a entertaining manner.

Kelly Kolchuk, Suzanne Carpenter, Jennife Preston and Phyllis Weeks Novi Public Library Youth and Teen Services librarians

Local photo contest a time-waster

I wish to write to your Novi News Opinion page of my extreme displea-sure with the way the last "Novi Photo Contest" was done/handled. Here is the way I see it: The Novi Photo Contest is a farce. Consider these important points: The contest's theme clearly was, "The Faces of Novi." Faces like a Girl Scout selling cookies, a policeman helping someone in need, a young person helping an elderly person or a fireman showing a child the fire truck. Not, a barn door. Not, a front of a building. Furthermore, since when did any contest of this type, allow the same person to win two out of three places? The only thing more absurd would have been to have the same person win all three places. I will never enter again, as it is a waste of my time.

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When head, heart and hands experience disconnect

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involves a realignment of the head, heart and hands by way of a surgical reconstruction of the spirit. Jobs, careers and lifestyles are managed patterns of living, tied to individual competence, self-confidence and personal standards achieved through consistent play in a game in which the known and respect rules were known and respected. When the game changes, answer. the rules are abandoucd and other forces are unleashed, the real effort comes in knowing how NOT to be a victim, but to move forward and regain your sense of individual achievement and reclaim your right to existence. The process for returning to 'form' starts with tions to consider.

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ents that were injured.

that fuels the spirit. It reacts to stability and instability, it on injury reserve, the process for returning to playing form Most of what goes on in the 'head' is the culmination of can paralyze or propel and it does so knowing that your core being is completely tied to your consistent experiences that ake place in our organizational 'homes'. The automotive industry has been the organiouter self. When the self takes an unexpected hit, the results are felt and interpreted by the zational home for thous: of residents and a huge arena in which all of the players inderstood the game. We think automotive, and consequently, our job, career and lifestyle questions have an automotive The current downturn has forced a kind of thinking out-side the 'chassis' approach to reconstructing your mental

does not understand what the head is now pondering. Our hands tie us to activity. We do those things connected to our head and heart. We get use to consistent activity and, as is said in the sports world, we develop a 'mental muscle' processes to explore other kinds of answers. The head for doing a certain thing. When we are no longer doing what we have developed a mental has to wrap itself around the notion that there are new que The heart feels the passion, drive and sense of purpose

use to heal your way back into heart. Feelings are real and can be immobilizing if the heart that it takes time and it takes getting started Lee E. Meadows. Ph.D., is a profes sor of management at Walsh College working at the Novi Campus. He teaches Leadership and Managemen n the M.B.A. and doctoral programs and provides a number of consulting services for the surrounding community. He is the author of the leadership fable, 'Take the Lull By the Horns Closing the Leadership Gap. He can be

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to a reconstruction of internal

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sense of self-recovery. The trick

is in knowing what process to

keep us linked to our own

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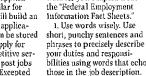
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doesn't seem workable), but on the whole it appears to be a terrific idea. We hope it's adopted, and we urge our lawmakers to throw their support behind it, as well.

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Lee, Yujin Lee Gyumin Park, Kevin Yoo, coach Sonya Choi Reading Mavericks: Janhavi Deshpande, Brent George, Ram Kapistalam, Steven Macpherson, Akshay Raman, Kaushik Ravi and coach Barb countless hours preparing these young-sters for the competition. To us, every one of these young persons is a winner Macpherson Sunday Views: Aly Boivin, Lauren Kim, Nimesha Liyanage, Raveena Munnangi, Swahi Sampath, Jessica Smak and coach Liz Yoon. for participating in our event.

The names of the teams and their members are as follows: First Place: Rising Readers: Tejaswi The following teen volunteers donated a Saturday afternoon to help: Jackie Bayya, Ramasahitya Karra, Suhas Kodali, Anuragi Koduri, Manogina Cha, John Damrath, Jessica Dennis, Hannah Duvall, Lauren Li, Marissa Stayavolu, Abhay Mayank Vora, coach Lovett, Dhivya Sridar, Unsh Thakor Malathy Padmanabhan, coach Sachin Alicia Vignoe, Catherine Yang and Angie Zuo, Satyavoni. Second Place: Battle Blasters: Palvi Bhardwaj, Anjali Joshi, Leya Maliekal,

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Monday-Meditation: 4:15-5 p.m. Monday-Kio's Yoga II; 5:05-5:50 p.m. Monday-Kid's Yoga I; 6-7 p.m Monday-Yona for Special Needs Children; 8:30-9:30 a.m. Tuesday Yinyasa; 9:30-10:30 Tuesday-Yoga for Backs; 11-11:45 a.m. Tuesday Meditation; 12:30 1:30 p.m. Tuesday-Yoga for Seniors; 1.30-1:50 Tuesday Meditation: 6:45-7:45 p.m. Tuesday-Night Lite Yoga; 10-11:30 a.m Wednesday-Level II; 11:45 a.m. to 12:15 o.m. Wednesday-Medilation: 12:30-1:30 p.m. Wednesday-Yoga for Backs 130-150 p.m. Wednesday-Meditation 6:45-7:45 p.m. Wednesday-Teen Yog 8:30-9:30 a.m. Thursday-Vinyasa; 12:30-1:30 p.m. Thursday-Yoga for Backs; 6:45-7:45 p.m. Thursday-Yog for Backs; 5:30-6:30 p.m. Thursday-IO years. The Great Lakes Art Fair Slow Flow with Prenatal: 6:45-7:45 p.m. Thursday-Yoga for Backs; 8:30 10 a.m. Friday-Ashlanga; 12:30-1:30 will combine exclusive and desir-able works from local, regional and 2009-11 Economic Forecast for

p.m. Friday-Yoga for Backs: 1:30-2 o.m. Friday-Meditation: 9:30-10:30 a.m. Saturday-Level 1/1; 10:45-11:45 Oakland County at 24th Annual a.m. Saturday-Yoga for Backs; 1:15-2 p.m. Saturday-Kid's Yoga L 215-3 p.m TINE/DATE: 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. ay Kid's Yoga II. DETAILS: SHD/walk-in \$80/10-class DETAILS: Ton economists from the



Visit the Easter Bunny

Melissa Christensen poses with her children Soren. 6 months, and Keira, 3, with the Easter Bunny at Novi's Twelve Oaks Mall. Area residents may visit the Easter Bunny at the mall through Saturday, April 11. The Easter Bunny will be located in the Central Park Garden n the lower level center court from 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. Monday through Saturday, and from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Sunday, with brief breaks throughout the day. Photos of the children with the Easter Bunny will be available for purchase. For a complete list of photo packages and prices, visit www.shoptwelveoaks.com.

Io all adoptive families in Oakland County. No charge, Child care available; registration required. CONTACT: Lisa Molloy (248) 334-3595 Bereavement Support Group TIME/DATE: 7:30-9 p.m. third Tuesday of each month OCATION: Novi Civic Center, 45175 W. 10 Mile Road **DETAILS:** Provides the opportunity for those in grief to share their story excellent water resistance while still and to learn about the phases and being able to Louch. Free for BCHL lasks of grief. All are welcome; no mbers. Non-members may pur-

CONTACT: Michael M. Meyer. chase a \$75 10-visit punch card. For information or to register, call (248) **Doctorate of Ministry** Yoga Balance Basics Angela Hospice Groups TIME/DATE: 11:15 a.m.-noon every LOCATION: Angela Hospice Care Tuesday DETAILS: Create harmony and bal-Center, 14100 Newburgh Road, Livopla DERAILS, Striet support groups ance in your life while becoming include general grief, loss of a spóllse, Women's grief, parents

stronger, more flexible and balanced A chair or ballet bar is provided for who have lost a child and a grief assistance. Free for BCHI Members support quilters group. Groups led Non-members may purchase a \$75 10-visit punch card. For information trained volunteers CONTACT: Joan Lee (734) 953-6012 or to register, call (248) 473-3100. General Grief Support Groups **Dakland Physical Therapy Classes** TIME/DATE: 1-6:30 p.m. second and LOCATION: 26850 Provid ourth Tuesday of month Parkway, Suite 365, Novi DETAILS: Open to all losses CONTACT: (24B) 380-3550 Classes are free of charge

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Yoga Classes TIME/DAY: 7:15 p.m. Mondays; 10:15 a.m. and 6 p.m. Wednesdays LOCATION: Pure Barre Fitness Studio, 133 W. Main St., Northville DETAILS: Classes feature "Pure Yoga" to increase one awareness of breath and body while building a strong, exible back and core. CONTACT: (248) 305-8414

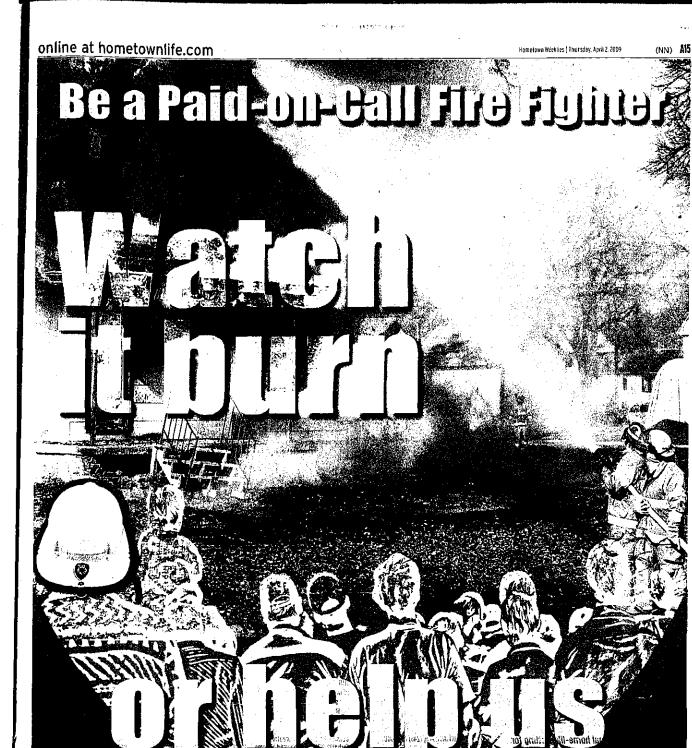
SUPPORT GROUPS Drugs 101: What Parents Need to TIME/DATE: 6:30-8:30 p.m. April 9 Ypsilanti; May 14, Howell

Wednesday of month DETAILS: Register by calling (734) 953-6012 Livingston Hospital in Ypsilanti and Neighborhood Baby-sitting Co-oc DETAILS: It's so true that parents

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Loss of Spouse/Significant Othe Support Group TIME/DATE: 6:30-8 p.m. first Tuesday of month . Men in Grief IME/DATE: 6:30-8 p.m. fourth Monday of month ' Suicide Loss Support Services DETAILS: Individual and family services offered free for those who have lost a loved one through suicide; call (734) 464-7810 for more information. Heartstrings: Parents Who Have Lost a Child

TIME/DATE: 7-8:30 p.m. first Thursday of month Grief Support Quilter's Group TIME/DATE: 1-3 p.m, first and third LOCATION: St. Joseph Mercy

DETAILS: Using the co-op; you and et what you need accomplished

a recording of the latest in class changes. **Botsford Center for Health** LOCATION: 39750 Grand River Ave CONTACT: (248) 473-3100 Aqua Boot Camp IME/DATE: 4-5 p.m. every Friday DETAILS: Get fit with a combo of strength and cardio in the lap pool. Pool is four feet deep providing

Proposals for PROFESSIONAL AUDIT SERVICES will be received by the Newi Community School District, located at 25345 TM. Road, Nori, Michigan, 48374, by mail or hand delivered by 2:00 p.m. local time on Friday, April 17, 2009, when the proposals will be opened and dated. See Request for Proposal occuments for details. Proposals received after the specified date and time will not be considered or accepted. Paxed or — e-mailed responses will be accepted. All submissions should include <u>One (1) original</u> and <u>four (4) printed copies</u> and shall be delivered in a sealed package, addressed as follows: Is for PROFESSIONAL AUDIT SERVICES will be

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Request for Proposal documents will be available for examination and distribution beginning March 31, 2003. Specifications and proposal documents may be obtained and/or examined at Novi Community School District, 25345 Taft Road, Novi, Michigan 48374, and are also available online at http://www.novi.k12.mi.us

Your proposal form shall be accompanied by a sworn and notarized statement disclosing any familial relationship that exists between the Owner or any employee of the Proposer and any member of the Board or the Superintendent of the school district.

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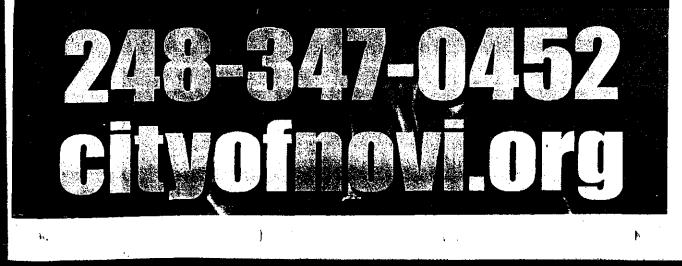
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is why Saint Joseph Mercy Health enjoy a mom's night out and other System has developed a resource to help parents. This program seeks to CONTACT: Sue Tracz (248) 380-0998. educate parents about the various forms of drugs and the peer pres-Friendship Circle sures facing students to use them. TIME/DATE: 1 p.m. second Thursday of Signs, symptoms and current trends each month of alcohol, marijuana, inhalants LOCATION: St. James Catholic Church, tobacco, heroin, methamohetamine 46325 10 Mile Road, between Taft and and prescription drups are dis-Beck toads DETAILS: Social group for all widows cussed. The program will include demonstrations to help parents and widowers. initiate conversations with their CONTACT: Norbert Monson (248) child and to show parents ways they 851-6730, Florence Voight (248) 477-3032, Joy lovaldi (248) 348-9138 or can help their child beat peer pressure. The goal of this program is to empower parents with the knowledg joyiovaldi@earthlink.nel they need to spot warning signs of Kensington Valley Mothers of drug abuse in time to prevent it. Multiples CONTACT: To register for the program TIME/DATE: 7 p.m. second Thursday visit www.simercyhealth.org and of each month click on Classes and Events, For LOCATION: Witch's Hat Depot; 300 more information please call, (734) Dorothy St., South Lyon. DETAILS: This group provides infor mation; support and social activi-ties for mothers of multiple birth Adoptive Parent Networking Meeting TIME/DATE: 10-11 a.m. last Wednesday children and their families. Mothers of multiples living in and around the Contraction of the second seco Kensington Valley school conference Church, 24505 Meadowbrook Road are all welcome. CONTACT: (248) 437 DETAILS: Informational meeting open 5496 for more information

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FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CRURCH OF HORTHVILLE per person. Check Web site for details TIME/DATE: 9:30 a.m. every Wednesday DETAILS: Studying the book "Surviving a LOCATION: 200 E. Main St. single place org. piritual Mismatch in Marriage". CONTACT: (248) 349-0911 or visil firstpresnville.org CONTACT: Joy Ruby at joy@oakpointe OAK POINTE CHURCH Sunday Worshie org or call the church LOCATION: 50200 W. IO Mile Road TIME: 9:30, 11 a.m. CONTACT: (248) 912-0043 or visit pail Walking in the Pari FIRST UNITED WETHODIST OF HONTHVILLE TIME/DATE: 10-11 a.m. every Salurday pointe.org Worship Services A Stephen Ministry church LOCATION: Meet at the Visitor's Cente. LOCATION: 777 W. Eight Mile Road TIME: 5:15 p.m. Saturday: 9:15 and 11:15 of Heritage Park (Farmington Road a.m. Sunday CONTACT: (248) 349-1144 or fumenorthbetween 10 and 11 Mile roads) ReNew Life Ministries ville.org DETAILS: Group meets for lunch after TIME/DATE: 7:15-9 p.m. every Monday Sunday Worship DETAILS: Ongoing Life Groups that TIME: 8, 9:15 and 1i a.m CONTACT: Sue (734) 459-0016 support and facilitate personal growth Coffee hour at 10:15 a.m. Single Place Ministries healing, learning and change from a **Heating Service** TIME/DATE: 7:30 o m social time: 7:45 TIME/DATE: 4 p.m. first Monday of every Christian perspective. p.m. opening; 8-9 p.m. program, every **CONTACT:** For more information or to month Thursday, register call (248) 912-0043 pr visit pak Radical Joy DETAILS: Informative and entertain-TIME/DATE: 6-8 p.m. first and third pointe.org. ing programs of interest to singles; \$5 Charmed Influence

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Bag bunnies

Ben Corrington, 3, tries out the paper bag bunny that he's made with his nanny Danielle Domanik at last Thursday's spring crafts gathering at the Northville District Library. Kids and parents got to make rabbit puppets out of paper bugs to celebrate the coming of the Easter bunny. Youngster Natalia Soss, 10, aided in the preparation for the afternoon's activity.

DETAILS: All women seeking to strengthen their failth and connect with other women are invited to attend, irre- spective of church alfiliation. Logos Youth Club TIME/DATE: 535-8:15 p.m. every Wednesday, Ihrough May. DETAILS: For children in grades 4-12. Every week, Ihis four part program includes Bible study, dinner, choir/wor- ship and activities.	work, candles, wine lamps, children's books, face peinting, frames, mud mats and UMW bake sale. CONTACT: For an application to this juried show, e-mail your request to Pam Davis. WARD EVANEELICAL PRESEVTERIAN CHURCH LOCATION: 40000 Six Mile Road CONTACT: (248) 374-7400 or (248) 374- 5978	Yankoski. CONTACT: (248) 374-5920. Palm Sunday TIME/DATE: Traditional Worship Services B a.m., Hess Chapel; 9:30 and M a.m. Sanctuary: Contemporary Worship Service 9:30 a.m., Knox Halt Easter Concert in the Sanctuary at 5 p.m., April 5 Maundy Thursday
NOW WITTED METUDDUST LOCATION: 4671 W. 10 Mife Road CONTACT: (248) 349:2652 or visit umc- novi.com Sunday Worship (TIME: 9.45 a.m. Healing Service and Holy Communiton IME/DATE: 9.45 a.m. first Sunday of very month Peace Vigil IME/DATE: Noon, first Sunday of every nonth OCATION: In front of the church DETAILS: Members of the congregation	Sunday Worship TIME: 8 a.m. 9:30 a.m. Contemporary. Traditional; 9:30 a.m. Contemporary. Nursery and Sunday School during the 9:30 a.m. and il a.m. services. Service Broadcast DETAILS: 11 a.m. severy Sunday on WRDT- AM 560, The WMU2 Word Station. Single Point Ministries - 45 and older TIME/DATE: 11 a.m. Sunday for fellow- ship and Bible study. Single Focus Ministries - 35-50 years TIME/DATE: 9:30 a.m. Sunday to deepen your personal relationship with Christ.	THE/DATE: Service of Shadows and Haly Communion 7:30 p.m., April 9 LOCATION: Sanctuary (Childcare thru Age 4) Good Friday TIME/DATE: Noon:3 p.m., April 10, LOCATION: Sanctuary DETALS: Come when you can, leave when you must Easter Sunday TIME/DATE: Traditional Worship Services at 8 am Hess Chapel; 9:30 and 11 am Knox Hall, April 12
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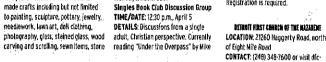
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belween Eight and Nine Mile roads GRACEPOINTE PRESDYTERIAN CHURCH CHURCH CONTACT: Rev. Arthur P. Ritter, Senior LOCATION: The Novi Civic Center, Minister (248) 348-7757, visit mbccc.org Council Chambers FROM PAGE A16 or e-mail to office@mbccc.org. CONTACT: Rev. Brian C. Sleeth, Pasto nday Worship: 10 a.m. (248) 497-3178 pr gracepointe@mac. Jeanne al (248) 380-6361 om, and gracepointepca.org YogaFit Classes TIME/DATE: 7:30 p.m. every Monday Sunday Worship **DETAILS:** Eight weeks, \$55 continuou: TIME: ID a m. FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF NORTHYILLE or \$8 per drop in session. DETAILS: Nursery staffed by Nann LOCATION: 217 N. Wind CONTACT: (248) 348-1020 Merry Widows Luncheor Poppinz. TIME/DATE: 11:30 a.m. fourth Thursday Sunday Worship: 10:45 a.m. and 5:45 of each month DAS CHERNERS DEFCRYTERIAN CHERCH Sunday School: 9:30 a.m. Spiritual Journey's LOCATION: 140 N. Center, above Tullo's TIME/DATE: 11:30 a.m. every Sunday Ladies Bible Study: 9:30 a.m. and 7 In Old Church Square, Northville Lenten Programs p.m. Tuesdays CONTACT: Pastor Bill Burke at (734 Palm Sunday . TIME/DATE: 10:00 a.m., April 5 len's Bible Study: 9 a.m. first 927-0891 Saturday of every month Sunday Worship: 11:30 a.m. with fellow DETAILS: Worship followed by Pancak ship and food after service Breakfast FAITH COMMUNITY PRESBYTERIAN Maundy Thursday Worship LOCATION: 44400 W. 10 Mile Road TIME/DATE: 7.30 p.m., Thursday, April CONTACT: (248) 349-2345 or visit faithmmunity-novi.org Community Good Friday Service 29th Annual Sunday Worship: 10 a.m. TIME: Noon Handerafters Cantata "I Belleve" LOCATION: Holy Family Catholic Church TIME/DATE: 4:30 p.m. every Wednesday Easter Sunday DETAILS: A celebration of the Apostle's TIME/DATE: 9 a.m., April 12 Creed in scripture and song. **DETAILS: Worship with youth partici** Maundy Thursday and Seder Meal pation, 10 a.m. Easter Egg Hunt Easter Sunday TIME/DATE: 7:30 p.m. April 9 Easter Worship TIME: 11 a.m. Traditional Easter service TIME/DATE: 7 a.m. sunrise worship; 10 YogaFlt classes TIME/DATE: 7:30 p.m., Mondays AN ECLECTIC COLLECTION OF GOODS & GIFTS a.m. traditional worship and reception of confirmands DETAILS: \$55/8 weeks, \$8 a drop in We've moved back downtown class and brought back the SY. PAUL'S LUTHERAN CHURCH OUR LARY OF VICTORY CATHOLIC CAURCH 9am-9pm shopping on Friday! LOCATION: 201 Eim St., Northville CONTACT: (248) 349-3140 LOCATION: 770 Thayer, Northville CONTACT: (248) 349-2621 or olynorth-Bring in this ad and receive a Sunday Worship: 8:30 a.m. Blended: 11 a.m. Contemporary; 11:30 a.m. ville.org Saturday Worship fraditional TEME: 5 p.m. Sunday Worship MEADOWBHOOK CONGREGATIONAL TIME: 7:30, 9:11 a.m. and 12:30 n.m. LOCATION: 21355 Meadowbrook Road. Luxurious, Affordable, Independent Senior Living! sana Allana Abbey Park NUN April 3rd-5th, 2009 Northville Community Abbey Park at Mill River Senior Center 28413 Abbey Lane, New Hudson, MI 48165 across from Covote Golf Course) 303 W. Main • Northville, MI 48167 144 (248) 437-6550 Hours: Friday 9am-9pm Saturday 9am-5pm • Sunday 11am-4pm GANDERT e abbeyparkatmillriver.com NWW abbeypark.com DAGAR..... BSSCO

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Sunday of every month. NORTHVILLE CHRISTLEN ASSEMBLY LOCATION: 41355 Six Mile Road CONTACT: (248) 348-9030 ages ORCHARD HILLS BAPTIST CRURCH LOCATION: 23455 Novi Road CONTACT: Pastor Jon Hix (248) 349-

Preschool/Kids Choir **DETAILS:** Nursery and older children TIME/DATE: 7-815 n.m. every proprams available. Worship blends traditional and contemporary elements DETAILS: For ages three to six: ongoing event; no need to pre-register; all are

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CROSSPOINTE NEADOWS CHURCH LOCATION: 29000 Meadowbrook Road south of 13 Mile Road CONTACT: (248) 669-9400, 9 a.m.-3 n m. Monday-Thursday or visit www crosspointe meadows.org Sunday Worship: 11:15 a.m Bible study classes: 10 a.m. for all

resulting in a multi-sensory worship EPISCOPAL CHURCH OF THE HOLY CROSS LOCATION: 40700 W. 10 Mile Road CONTACT: (248) 427-1175 or churcholtheholycross.com Sunday Worship: 7:45 a.m., 10 a.m. iay School and Nursery Care TIME: 10 a.m. Worship Service Alzheimer's Support Group TIME/DATE: 10 a.m. second Saturday

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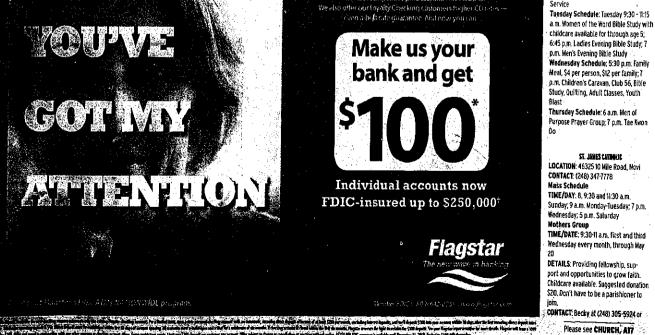
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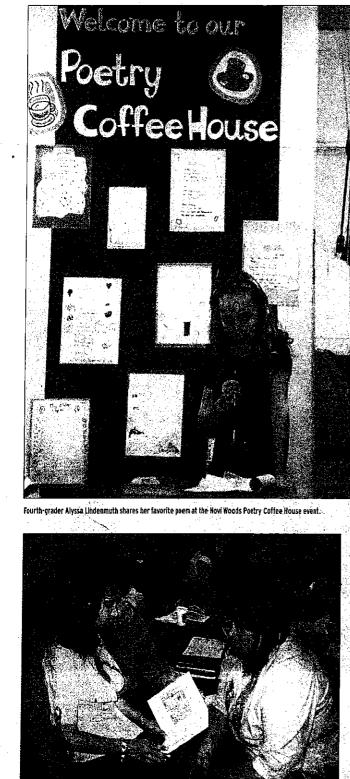
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Novi Woods student Auslin Morton shares from his poetry book with his mother at the school's fourth-grade Poetry Coffee House event held last month. At the Coffee House, the fourth-graders shared poems that they authored ranging from couplets to pattern poems to nonfiction poems to free-verse poetry. to nonfiction poems to free-verse poetry. About 100 parents or grandparents came to watch their fourth-graders share their works. Local businesses including Biggby Coffee, McDonald's at Twelve Oaks Mall, Meijer and Kroger donated items to help make the event a success. success.

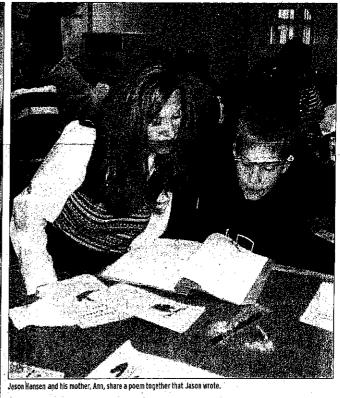
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Compelling prose Novi Woods holds fourth-grade Poetry Coffee House event



Novi Woods student Gabrielle Broche shares some poetry with her parents.

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Novi Woods students Katie McMaster, left, Brandon Kour, Ryan Welch and Jessica Lypka are eager to share their poems with their parents at their coffee house event.

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Young Cats bring loads of experience

BY JEFF THEISER SPORTS WRITER

Novi's tennis team will look very familiar. The Wildcats fill all but one spot in singles through third

doubles with returnees. "We have nine kids back," Jim Hanson said. "I'm pleased with how things have gone so far. The kids have worked on their games.

Amanda Border, now a junior, returns to the top singles spot. She went 22-5 last year with a

trip to the quarterfinals at State. Sara Carlson (25-3) made a run to the State semifinals at No. 3 singles, and moves into the No. 2 spot, vacated by the graduated Jackie Wang.

Abby Wang, Jackie's younger sister, will play No. 3 singles as a freshman.

Senior Jennifer Felcher (20-4) stays at No. 4 singles after mak-ing it to the semifinals at State

last year. "There is no doubt that the singles players are our best play-ers, but I like to say our doubles are the most important," said Hanson.

What Hanson is referring to is every point counts the same, whether at No. 1 singles or No. 5

doubles in team scoring. Doubles will get quite a shake-up with four girls no longer with the program because of gradua-tion and one moved. Lauren Felcher (No. 2 doubles last user) will team with Julia

last year) will team with Julia Thomas (No. 4 doubles) to form the No. 1 doubles tandem.

Megan Wenzl will pair with Jenna Snyder at No. 2 doubles,



Novi senior Jennifer Felcher returns to the No. 4 singles position

and last year's No. 5 doubles duo of Adrea Lollo and Meggie Riegel moves up to No. 3 doubles. The No. 4 and 5 doubles teams

are still being worked out with heavy competition from six girls for the four spots. From singles through No. 3 doubles, the Wildcats only have

We're experienced, but we're still young, 'Hanson said. 'I'm looking forward to it.' Novi finished tied for fourth at State, matching its best finish

Hanson would like to win the first KLAA Central title, with

rival Northville expected to be the main competition. But big-ger goals still remain. "We want to try to win the conference meet," Hanson said. "We're hosting the regional. We want to with that and make some want to win that and make some noise at the state meet."



Novi No. 1 singles player Amanda Border eyes a serve during a match last season.

Novi girls track team features depth Distance won't be the only

BY JEFF THEISEN SPORTS WRITER

Coaching the cross country, and track teams gives head coach Marsha Reid the inside track on getting a strong dis-tance group out in the spring. The Wildcats will feature the

top seven runners from the cross country team that qualified for state out for the track team. Elle Robinson is the leader of

we only graduated one ath-lete from our state qualifying 4x100 meter relay." the distance runners. She was All-State in cross country. Brooke McMahan and Abby Chandler (No. 2 and No. 3

the Central Division of the KLAA with rival Northville,

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Despite missing its top two singles player, Novi managed to finish second at the Okemos Invite on

Saturday. The Wildcats placed first at No. 1 (Lauren Felcher, Julia Thomas) and No. 2 doubles (Jenna Snyder, Megan Wenzl). Winning two matches

on the day were Jennifer Felcher at No. 2 singles, the No. 3 doubles team of Andrea Lollo and Meggie Riegel and the No. 4 doubles team of Ashley Aljadah and Natalie

Murphy. Okemos won with 15 noints, with Novi onepoint back in the four-team invite.

WILDCAT SOFTBALL FALLS IN OPENER

Novi struggled in the

season opener Friday against Canton. The Chiefs won the first game of the doubleheader

8-0, tossing a no-hitter. The Wildcats played much better in the second game, trailing 3-2 after five innings, but ultimately fall-

"We played much bet-ter defense in the second game," Novi head coach Bob Lulek said.

Meaghan Robinson and Aubrey Quinley had two hits each for Novi in the second game.

NOVI'S JV SOCCER TEAM UNDEFEATED AFTER FIRST WEEK OF PLAY

The Novi junior varsity soccer team ended its first week of regular season play undefeated after matches against Grosse Pointe South, Ann Arbor Pioneer and Livonia Stevenson. In the March 23 sea-

son opener against Gross Pointe South, the Wildcats claimed a I-0 victory. Novi freshman Andrea Rybicki scoring the lone goal late in the first half. Freshman goalkeeper Maddie Haustein secured the shutout with a critical save in

the final minutes of play. After Ann Arbor Pioneer handed the team its first tie in a scoreless match March 25. The Wildcats returned to earn a second shutout Friday against Central Division foe Livonia Stevenson in the KLAA Kensington Conference. Wildcat sophomore Naomi Kiura opened scoring with a header goal early in the second half, and freshman Katie Scelenbinder provided the insurance goal with an assist by sophomore Laura Subject.

The Wildcats will enter a second busy week of play,



Huge numbers out for Wildcat boys track team

BY JEFF THEISEN

Novi track head coach Chris Payton enters his second year with the team, and it's a good thing it's not his first year with 140 kids out. Payton admits his second year with the team is

going much smoother. Knowing how to handle the numbers is pretty

tough," said Payton. "It's pretty tough to get to everybody. You've got to be creative in practice. It's only going to get better.

"The first year was pretty hectic." Novi will continue to lead with its powerful

distance team.

Mike Blaszczyk returns after a trip to the State eet (last year) in track and cross country earlier this school year.

Dan Egner will be another key contributor, along with Will Mikkelson helping out in middle

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JOHN HEIDER/STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER Members of the Novi High School boys track team take a run around the field in preparation for the

2009 campaign.

cross country runners) went cross country runners) went out for track instead of soccer this year, giving Reid more depth in distance. "I am looking forward to this year," Reid said. "We are

returning several veteran ath-letes."

Stevenson, Salem and both South Lyon schools. Reid expects Northville and

The Wildcats move into

events with a strong core.

top sprinter, Emily Hall will

run middle distance, Katelyn Shelar is back at pole vault and Heather Armiak will handle

high-jumping duties. "All of these athletes have the

potential to be state meet ath-letes," Reid said. "In addition,

Brittany, Davis returns as the

Stevenson to be the main competition in the division.

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facing three competitors at home: Kensington Central Division rival Northville, Lakes Conference's Walled Lake Northern and Kensington South Division's Canton, Novi's record stands at 2-0-1.



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Extremely good

Club Extreme ASICS UI3 regional volleyball team won its first tournament of the season at the Mt. Norris AAU tournament March 21. The team consists of seventh graders from Novi, Northville, Farmington Hills, Milford and Commerce Township.

Pictured are (front row, from left) Jaclyn Ruffolo (St. Fabian), Jacqueline Kirouac (St. William), Theresa Fictore are chore tow, nomency activity revision correlation, acqueence encode Correlation, interessa Micallef (St. William), Erma Abole (Hilliste MS), (back row), coach Alissa Lowman, Sarah Garon (Novi MS), Megan Buckingham (Hillside MS), Christa Greenwood (St. Fabian), Julia Colasanti (Hillside MS) and coach Kara Florey.

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Novi baseball scores first win game at that point, with the score 1-1.

Kilger again led the hitting attack with two more hits and Green contributed with a The Novi baseball team lost its season opener 7-3 to Canton in the first game of a doubleeader triple Dan Kilger led the Wildcat offense with two hits, including

NOVI PUBLICAD PARKARY

GABRIEL RICHARD 3, NOVI 1; NOVI 11, SWARTZ CREEK 1 a double. Other Novi players with hits were Garrett Green, Novi faced off against Nick Regnier, and Michael Gabriel Richard and Swartz The nightcap featured strong Creek in a doubleheader at

Eastern Michigan University. Novi again had strong pitch itching performances from oth teams. Novi's Adam Paulk ing performances in both was getting the better of his Canton counterpart and took games In the first game, Alex a 1-0 lead and a no-hitter into Karras pitched well, only surrendering one hit. Unfortunately, the hit was he top half of the fifth inning. As darkness began to settle in. Canton was able to push cross the tying run on its only

hit of the game.

the difference in the game - a three-run homer which plated three-run homer which placed all Gabriel Richard's runs in a The unpires suspended the

CC baseball has very familiar look

BY JEFF THEISEN Sports Writer Expectations are up for Catholic Central baseball, and the cause is 17 returning play-ers from last year's 15-19 squad. ers from last year's 15-19 squad. "Several of these players have been on the varsity level for three years," said head coach Kevin Walters. "We have all of our pitchers back from our each year. njury-prone season last year." Returning pitchers are seniors Gordy Hao, Brett Gossett, Eric Becker and Jack Nelson to fill out the rotation.

Key position players include outfielder Tony Thomas, infielder Steve Harding, utility Walters said. "Our team goals are to win the Catholic League and State Championship. "Our goal is always to have man Tim Dezelski, infielder John Rose and infielder success at this level but, more mportantly, to prepare them Keenan Hart. Competing in the Catholic vell for the next level. League is no easy task. Brother Rice and Divine Child both The Shamrocks will get a first-hand look at some past glory this year as the 1979 and 1999 State Championship teams will be honored on their 30th and 10th anniversaries May 2. itheisen@gannett.com

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3-1 victory

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Novi's offense managed seven hits, but was unable to put them together. Masaru Nagami and Bobby Mitchell each had two hits to lead the

hitting and Jake Walker added

a triple. In the second game, Novi was strong in all three facets of the game hitting, defense and pitching to defeat Swartz Creek

Mike Leppek started for

Novi and earned the win, giv-ing up the one run in four

innings of work. Novi batters accounted for 10 hits in the five-inning game.

Keyin Zak had two hits and

an RBI to go along with some steady fielding at third base.

Kilger contributed two RBI.

captured State titles last year. U-D also brings a tough squad "I have to believe that Rice gets the nod as the pre-season favorite given their success las season and the strength and experience of their lineup," (248) 349-1700, ext. 228

a little older we're going to be super solid," Payton said. "I'm The Wildcats enter the KLAA Central Division not sure if we've got the flat-ou with rival Northville, Salem. speed, but we've got consistent Stevenson and both South Lyon guys that are going to do real schools. Mark Zheng and Evan VanBuhler will be the key hur-"I'm super excited. I think the eam is going to surprise itself," said Payton. "With the new dlers. Key players in the field events include Gautam Muthusamy, Shane Dunbar and Joe Betro in league, I think we match up really well. We're used to going against a distance-domina the throws. Kevin Pasquale is a big freshman who could also "This year, when we go up make some noise in the throws - Also helping in the field Will be Garrett Farley in the strength - distance - is going to pull a lot of points."

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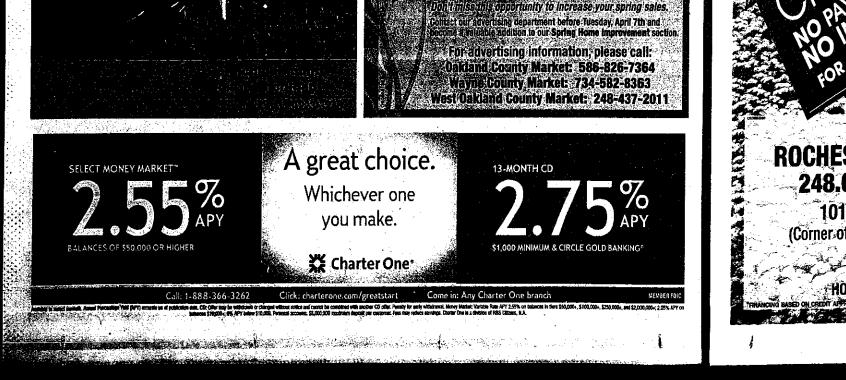
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breaststroke (40.71).

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She placed third in the 50

free (25.86), fifth in the 100

individual medley (1:04.66),

sixth in the 500 free (5:31.93)

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free (58.84). Washko placed 15th in the high-point for 11-12

Building on the success of the past two years, the Spar Aquatic Club placed eighth out of 60 teams at the 2009 Michigan Swimming 12 & Under Short Course State Championship Meet. The Spartans only had 10

swimmers represent them at this year's meet, but still 18th in the 50 breaststroke cracked the top 10 Leading the team for the (40.71), 24th in the 50 free (31.12), 27th in the 100 backboys was Camden Murphy (9), stroke (I:22.51) and 33rd in the who is the State champion in 50 butterfly (28.71), second in 50 butterfly (36.78). The swimmers of Connor, 50 free (27,51) and 100 but-Murphy, Yang and Zhao placed terfly (1:06.88), third in 100

free (1:02.11) & 100 individ medley (1:10.19) as well as fifth in the 50 breaststroke (38.07). Murphy placed third overall in the race for the best 10 & under boy swimmer in the State igh-point winner). Murphy is looking forward to next year's state meet when he will he 10 years old and will be the oldest of his group instead of the youngest. Several other Spartans

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swimming in their first State year-old girls Mallory Buha (11) had Championship Meet put in top performances another successful meet. Bulia Andrew Connor (10) finished moved up to the 11-12 divi-



The Spartan Aquatic Club re nded up several medals at the State finals. Back row (from left): Mallory Buha, Andrew Connor, Amanda Washko, Kelsey Maccadino and Alexandra Cortez; (front row) Emily Mayoras, Morgan Jones, Camden Murphy, Matthew Yang and Larry Zhao

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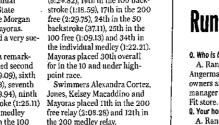
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the 100 backstroke (1:06.13), ninth in the 400 individual nedley (5:08.51), 12th in the 100 butterfly (1:06.40), 14th in the 50 backstroke (31.18) and

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15th in the 50 butterfly (30.05). Mayoras (10) had a fantastic Buha placed 19th in the highswim, moving up many spots to finish eighth in the 500 free Swimming individual (6:24.82), 14th in the 100 backraces in their first State Championship were Morgan Jones and Emily Mayoras. Both swimmers had a very suc Jones (10) swam a remarkable race and finished second in the 500 free (5:59.09), sixth n the 50 free (29.33), seventh in the 200 free (2:19.94), ninth in the 100 breaststroke (1:25.11) and 200 individual medley (2:42.82) and 11th in the 100 the 200 medley relay. free (1:06.29). Jones placed 12th overall in the high-poin

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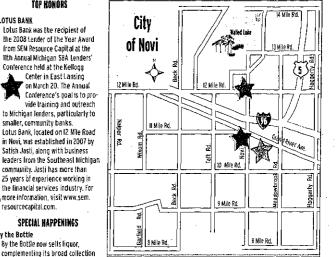
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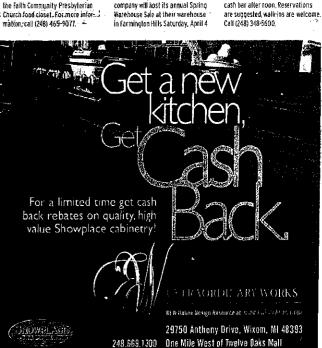
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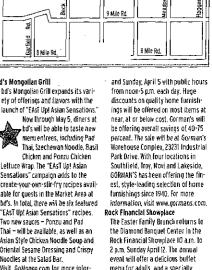
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Bell's Landscaping transforms homes with exquisite design

BY ALISON BERGSIEKER ADVERIORIAL COORDINATOR

t's no secret that many Metro Detroiters are facing some impor-tant decisions about their homes.

In a tight housing market, hom-cowners across the region have decid-ed to keep their homes rather than sell them. Many are looking for ways to increase the value of their homes while making them more comfort-able and livable.

able and hyable. By adding on exciting new outdoor living areas and architectural land-scaping, Michigan homeowners can take pride in their well-maintained

scenery. One local landscaping company is ready to help any homeowner spruce up their home with manicured lawns, custom decks, gor-geous gardens and

more. Bell's Landscape Services of Wixom has served customers in the Metro Detroit area for 30 years.

Owner Mike Bell, his son Scott, and an experienced staff area ready to turn any home into a palace by designing and building awardwinning landscapes and outdoor living areas

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Mike has slways said, "I want to provide clients with quality services and not have them deal with several contractors. We can do it all; one call can have your property managed for the entire season.

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Landscape Services can install a custom deck, retaining wall or gazebo

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