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Strong turnout expected at Great Lakes Art Fair - Page A6

NOVI NUTSHELL

Puzzle's back

A week after the Novi News changed its crossword puzzle in the classified sections, the old one has returned. Find your favorite puzzle inside on page C3.

Offices closed

City of Novi offices, the recycling center and the Novi Senior Center, including van services, will be closed tomorrow in observance of Good Friday. The Novi Public Library will also be closed tomorrow and Easter Sunday.

Road work

The full closure of the Halsted Road overpass on Monday kicks off a \$59 million bridge and pavement rehabilitation

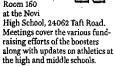
project on I-96 and I-696 in Oakland County. In addi-tion to the bridge repair, crews will resurface nearly 4 miles of I-96 in the city of Novi that will result in closing from both directions

ramps from both direction of Novi Road to eastbound I-96 through late October Hazardous waste

Novi residents can participate in the Wixom Household Hazardous Waste Day from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, at the Wixom Department of Public Works, 2041 Charms Road. Household Hazardous Waste includes items such as cleaners. paints, herbicides, insecticides and solvents. For more information and upcoming dates visit www.rrrasoc.org.

Novi athletics

The next Novi Athletic Booster meeting is 7 p.m. Wednesday, . April 15. in at the Novi



Easter Bunny

It's not too late to visit the Easter Bunny at Twelve Oaks Mall. The big bunny will be in the lower level center court from 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. through Saturday. For more information, visit www shoptweiveoaks.com.

Signature Park conceptual plans revealed

This is the second installment in a series of stories lead-

BY KELLY MURAD

The buzz around town is that the parks and recreation millage proposal coming before vot-ers May 5 is for the development of a Signature Park, but what residents may be wondering is

what the park would entail?
"A Signature Park is something a community becomes known for," said Sheryl Walsh, director of communications for the City of Novi. "A Signature Park is something that would draw people to the community and would further enhance quality of life.

Although conceptual plans have been introduced for the 73-acre site at the southwest corner of 11 Mile and Beck roads, final design

work is contingent upon voter approval.

The proposed plans divide the project into two phases. The first phase would be funded by the millage.

The first phase includes the more active recreation elements of the project, and is proposed for the northeast portion of the site.

The main components include a 66,000-square-foot multi-generational recreation center; fields flexible for community festivals and sports such as football, soccer and cricket;

Please see PARK, A3





and her son, Paul, of Stuart's of Novi let their dog, and the shop namesake, Stuart take a lick of a softserve cone on afternoon. Stuart's of Novi is located on the northeast corner of 10 Mile and roads.

Elaine Gabriei

Ice cream parlor offers variety and family-friendly service

STAFF WRITER

Paul Gabriel believes having an ice cream shop on the northwest corner of 10 Mile and Meadowbrook roads is a tradition in the Novi community.

This has been an ice cream parlor for over 30 years and we have no intention of changing that," said Gabriel, owner of Stuart's of Novi. which opened last Thursday. "We've done a lot of work and cleaned up the place, but we hope to keep the same

STUART'S OF HOYI

41390 10 Mile Road (248) 615-2955 Open 11:30 a.m. to 9 p.m. seven days a

family-friendly feel the place has always had."

Paul's parents, Mike and Elaine, Gabriel, have owned the building since 1985, and initially bought the original ice cream shop, Cone Zone, hack in 1994 and opened it as Twist

"My parents have been part of Novi for a long, long time," said Paul, noting his father also runs the State form losurance agency, which is in the same building. "It's a family-owned and -operated business and we like to treat our customers like that also."

For the past seven years, the ice cream business has been operat-ing under different owners, who switched the name back to Cone

Zone, until it closed last August.
"Ever since we got rid of it, it's been in the back of my head," said Paul, who spent that time going to business and culinary school. "So when the opportunity presented itself, we took it. My business degree is in entrepreneurship and now I'm ready to open

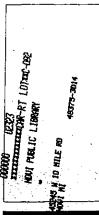
Stuart's, named after Paul's 3-year old Boston terrier, offers a variety of flavors of soft-serve ice cream, frozen

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Walsh helps transitional workers take charge

BY VICTORIA MITCHELL STAFF WRITER

Janet Bloom was watching TV when she learned of an enticing opportunity to enhance her professional knowledge free with the help and advice of area educators.

So, she made a few phone calls, and weeks later found berself enrolled in two Take Charge workshops at Walsh College's Novi Campus.

"It was a phenomenal experi-ence," Bloom said. Walsh announced in January

it was offering a series of Take Charge workshops for workers in transition. A tremendous response from the community resulted and the workshop se sions filled up in four days.

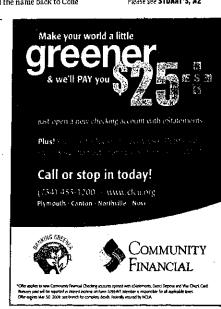
WALSH COLLEGE TAKE CHARGE WORKSHOPS

Spaces for the Take Charge workshops are limited, and registra-

Visit the Walsh College Web site at www.waishcollege.edu/takecharge to register. For more information, e-mail takecharge@walshcollege.edu.

"By the end of March, 800 people signed up," said Stephanie Bergeron, Walsh College president and chief executive officer. "It's been for us, a phenomenal experience." The success of the educational

Please see WALSH, A5



Creations

Navi Fox Run resident

presents her work of art at the Art of Aging Successfully Conference

at Greater Grace Temple

in Detroit on March

26. The purpose of the

conference is to help

older adults celebrate

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the city's budget process, she

If approved, the May balthe parks, recreation and

forestry levy by .5 mills,

which translates to about

\$75 a year for a resident with a \$300,000 home. The initial investment,

estimated at \$15 million, is

expected to cover the costs of Phase I, including park-

ing, infrastructure and site

"As the site develops fur-

NEIGHBORS

MILESTONES

Ruzyski-Birmingham

Donald and Patricia Ruzysk of Northville announce the engagement of their daugh ter Elizabeth Ann Ruzyski son of James and Christine Birmingham of Dexter. Elizabeth is a 1992 gradu-

ate of Novi High School and is currently attending Central Michigan University's offcampus Business program. She is a professional nanny in Bloomfield Hills.

Steve is a 1993 graduate of Dexter High School and Michigan University in logis-



tics. He is employed by Ryder Corporation as a continuous mprovement manager. The couple plan an Aug. 21,

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Novi Fox Run resident Charlotte Wagner displays her watercolor creation



Novi Fox Run Retirement Center resident Phyllis Praski displays her colored during the Art of Aging Successfully Conference at Greater Grace Temple in pencil drawing of Council C



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trails and pathways; and a seasonal sprayground and outdoor ice skating area.

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"When we say spray-grounds, we mean jumping et fountains," Walsh said. "It's a water feature; it's not an aquatic center with slides. Then in the winter that area, conceptually, could be flooded to do outdoor ice skating." Suggested elements of th ecreation center include a theatre; gymnasium space with an indoor walking and jogging track; multi-purpose

activity rooms; and a well-

ness area for fitness classes

such as aerobics and yoga. PHASE 1

Proposed components of Phase II include further connectivity of walking and biking trails and pathways, including the ITC corridor. "In the second phase there

is a dog park, some nature

and protect the natural wettrials ... more passive recreation," Walsh said. lands and woodlands of the

the site will also preserve

the proposed millage, but Walsh said another millage is not planned. Further

Proshop

Main Entrance

ing a variety of Parks and

Recreation teams throughout

"This is a small-town ice

cream parlor, it's not a chain, Paul said.

Phase II are not included in in a variety of ways such as the capital improvements

ther to the southwest, there would be additional parking for the elements of that site as well," Walsh said.

Pending passage of the

millage proposal, the city estimates construction of the first phase of the project will begin next spring, with an anticipated opening of spring or summer

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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 in the lower level center court from 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. Monday through Saturday, 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.

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wards. CONTACT: Sue (734) 459-0016 Single Place Ministries TIME/DATE: 7:30 p.m. social time; 7:45 p.m. opening; 8-9 p.m. program, every

DETAILS: Informative and entertaining programs of interest to singles; \$5 per person. Check Web site for details singleoface.oro

TIME/DATE: noon to 7 p.m., April 10 LOCATION: Boll Hall and the Chapel DETAILS: Labyrinth walking prayer on 36' Chartres-style canvas for Lenten meditation and Easter preparation. Oper to the community for 7 hours with special music, information and guides. Come at CONTACT: (248) 349-5712

OAK POINTE CHURCE LOCATION: 50200 W. 10 Mile Road CONTACT: (248) 912-0043 or visit oak pointe.org Worship Services TIME: 5:15 p.m. Saturday: 9:15 and 11:15

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ing, learning and change from a Christian CONTACT: For more information or to register call (248) 912-0043 or visit oak

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WARD FYANGELICAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH LOCATION: 40000 Six Mile Road CONTACT: (248) 374-7400 or (248) 374-

TIME/DATE: 11 a.m., Sunday in the Chape for singing, Bible study, and fellowship. DETAILS: For single adults. Active ministry affering various Bible study classes, volleyball, bicycling group, tennis group, support groups, support aroun for widowed over age 50, fellowship, friendships and more. Contact the number below for more information.

CONTACT: (248) 374-5920 Bible Studies and Prayer Hight Learner's Bible Study TIME/DATE: 7 p.m. Mondays Room A101 Men's Bible Study TIME/DATE: 6:30 a.m. Wednesday Single CONTACT: For an application to this juried Adult Ministries office

Single's Bible Study TIME/DATE: 7 p.m. second and fourth Mondays, Room C309 TIME/DATE: Noon to 3 p.m., April 10.

LOCATION: Sanctuary DETAILS: Come when you can, Teave Easter Sunday TIME/DATE: Fraditional Worship Services

at 8 a.m. - Hess Chapel; 9:30 and 11 a.m. - Sanctuary: Contemporary Worship Services 9:30 and 11 a.m. - Knox Hall, April 12 Relationship 101 Class TIME/DATE: 7 p.m., May 8, June 12

DETAILS: Biblical guidelines on building relationships along with Jight refreshments and lively conversations. CONTACT: For more information, contact the Single Adult Ministries office at (248) 374-5920.

Singles Book Club Discussion Group. TIME/DATE: 12:30 p.m., June 7 DETAILS: Discussions from a single adult, Christian perspective. Currently reading Lighthouse Café.

TIME/DATE: 7 p.m., May 22, June 26 DETAILS: Also known as game night. This is a great way to end your work week. Guest musicians provide background music, snacks provided, free child care Tickets \$5 at the door, Contact Contact Ward Church (248) 374-5920. Euchre Game Night. **TIME/DATE:** 7 p.m., May 9,

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Participants attend the Leadership Assessment workshop last week at Walsh College in Novi.

"We thought, why don't we show you

And all Walsh locations offer Walk-

"We're easy to talk to, and we're very

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workshops prompted Walsh to offer another round of sessions now through May.
"We do it because we think it is the right

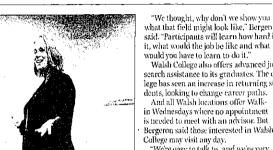
thing to do," Bergeron said. The workshops range from one day to four-week sessions. Course topics include

accounting fundamentals, job search strategies, information technology secu-rity basics, leadership assessment and household budgeting and options in fore

The free workshops are intended for those unemployed or needing to reinvent themselves with a marketable career. **"We** believe that our workforce in Michigan is our greatest strength. Bergeron said.

She said it was Walsh faculty members who came forward and wanted to help by donating their time for the classes. Workshops are taught by the college's professors and adjunct staff.

"If you ask any faculty member, they feel really good about what they did because



An instructor at Walsh College leads a discussion in its Leadership Assessment class, part of the Take Charge program.

people are there to learn," Bergeron said. Walsh staff members emphasize there are opportunities out there, and viable fields of employment.

Bergeron said jobs are available in the fields of accounting, project management and information assurance. The workshops offered cover these

"I think as an institution there are things we hold near and dear to us, Bergeron said, "We feel good about how

Tata puts own name on Novi engineering firm

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oundbreaking Nano vehicle, is been the talk of the world. Yow, the automaker will ecome a more familiar name n metro Detroit. Last week, Novi-based

utomotive engineering firm Incat International, which Tata bought five years ago. will officially become Tata Technologies, as the Indian conglomerate spreads its bran

The name change - which will be apparent to driv-ers along Interstate 96 and nterstate 696 – comes with a

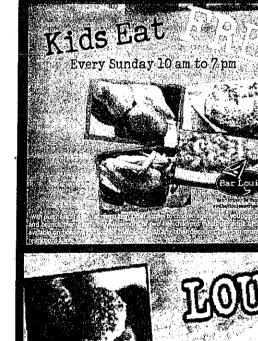
ranks as Incat engineering firm is fully merged into Tata.

Moreover, the change represents the higher profile that Tata's name has garnered since the automaker made beadlines for pitching the world's cheap est car, the Nano. Sales of the Nano are to begin in July. It will start at about \$2,400. Tata quickly made its presence known in the luxury market by purchasing hixury brands mar and Land Rover from aguar and Land (door to ord Motor Co. a year ago. "Tata Technologies" office

in Novi employs about 250 people. Ford Motor Co. and Chrysler LLC are the Novi office's biggest clients



what that field might look like," Bergeron said. "Participants will learn how hard is would you have to learn to do it." Walsh College also offers advanced job search assistance to its graduates. The college has seen an increase in returning stufriendly," Bergeron said, "We are a very, very friendly college." Founded in 1922, Walsh College is Michigan's largest graduate business col-lege. The College offers upper-division undergraduate and graduate business and technology degree and certificate pro-grams to 4,600 students at campuses in Troy, Novi and Clinton Township, as well NOW PLAYING IN THEATRES, TEGLED) 3D AND IMAX 3D









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tatively plans to close I-696

completely for bridge demoli-

Major headaches coming to 1-96, 1-696

Look out, folks. We're in for a hurting on I-696 and I-96 in western Oakland County.

The Michigan Department of Transportation said today it plans to close the Halsted Road overpass above I-696, kicking off a \$59-million proj ect to upgrade 50 bridges and

repair pavement on I-696 and

MDOT spokesman Rob Morosi said crews will close Halsted on Monday between Hills Tech Drive and Howard Street for about three month with traffic rerouted to

Haggerty Road.
The next day, ramps from both directions of Novi Road to eastbound I-96 will close

will be posted for folks headed to I-696 and I-96, including Grand River, 12 Mile and M-5, depending on the destination

The project includes resurfacing about 4 miles of I-96 in Novi. The state said it will try to keep three lanes open each way during peak times through that area, but the free way could go down to one lane roads from 9 p.m. April 17 to

ends. The resurfacing work is expected to start on the east-Road, 8 Mile and M-5 each bound side April 20 and last through the summer, and the westbound side could begin as After that weekend, both

directions of I-696 will be down to two lanes each way soon as late April. Details were at Drake for about a month and then three lanes each way about another month. During the same period, the connector from east I-96 to east I-696 will be down to one lane, as

tions through the summer and fall as the state works on other I-696 bridges including those over Inkster Road and a

I-275 to eastbound I-696. Morosi said drivers should

branch of the Rouge River. On April 21, the state plans to close the south M-5 ramp to west 1-96 until late July, with

submit examples of their work

and a range of their prices." vman said. "They have to

adapt (to the economy) as well

There is a good representa-

tion of the low-price range, and it is hand-made quality work." The event will also include

artist demonstrations, the Marketplace Cafe, children's

activities, spa services by Visions Spa Salon and an 8,000-square-foot garden gallery with local

and understand people may

change their habits

Brenner; seven nephews, a niece, five

GERALD D. BOLLINGER

A resident of Las Vegas, Nevada, and a former resi-dent of Milford, Michigan, passed away on April 5, 2009 at the beloved wite of over 58 years; son, Stephen (Linda) of Commerce Twp.; daughter, Debra McDermott (Todd) of Highland; six grandchildren, one great-grandchild and several nieces and nephews as well as a brother, William. He was preceded in death by loving daughter Mary Kay, Jerry was a long time member of the Millord Presbyterian Church, the Millord Presbyterian Church, the Millord American Legion Post #2 16, Volture 40/8 and the Millord Masonic Lodge. ed wife of over 58 years; son 40/8 and the Millord Masonic Lodge. Gerald was retired from General Telephone Company. A Funeral Service will be held at Lynch & Sons great-nieces and many dear friends from her church. A Funeral Liturgy was held at Church of the Hofy Spirit, Service will be neto at Lynch & Sons Funeral Home, 404 E. Liberty, Millord, on Saturday, April 11th, at 11 a.m. Friends may visit Friday 2-9 p.m. American Legion Memorial Service, Friday at 7 p.m., followed by Masonic Services. Memorials may be made in blis name to Compunity. be made in his name to Community Living Centers or The Diabetics Foundation, For further information please phone 248-684-6645 or visit

OLIVER C. COLLINS

Age 95, a longtime resigent of Northville, passed away April 29, 1992. Tounded by her foving family. She was also a member of Un Lady of Victor Age 80, a resident of Northville, passed away April 6, 2009. Five and the First United Methodist Church or The Glieder and early children. She was also a member of Un Lady of Victor Age 80, a resident of Northville area Living in Northville 9 and leader of Cub Scoot Pack 721. Tounded by her foving family. She was born November 26, 1918 in Macdalene and the Northville of International Arrangements entrusted to Casterline Funeral Home, inc.

MARION JOSEPHINE

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Age 85, passed away April 6, 2009. She was born on April 29, 1932. And they spent 23 loving years modeller with this death in 1934. And they spent 23 loving years modeller with this death in 1934. And they spent 23 loving years and the protection of the Ladies Aurillary Post 4012 of Northville. She was also a member of Un Lady of Victory Catholic Church for 50 years. April 19, 1934. And Arbor Michigan 48104. Victory Catholic Church for 50 years. And Arbor Michigan 48104. Victory Catholic Church for 50 years. And Arbor Michigan 48104. Victory Catholic Church for 50 years. Age 84, a former resident of Rochies and Post of Northville Public Victory Catholic Church for 50 years. Age 84, a former resident of Rochies and Nictory She was also loved by her sister, Mary Reader, Fundal Public Research of Post Northville, Public Lake on April 1, 2009. She is survived by her his band Henry Deklere and her brother was held Wednesday, April 8, 2009 at PHILLIPS FUNGARIA HOME. Online was held Wednesday, April 8, 2009 at PHILLIPS FUNGARIA HOME. Online was held Wednesday, April 8, 2009 at PHILLIPS FUNGARIA HOME. Online was held wednesday, April 8, 2009 at PHILLIPS FUNGARIA HOME. Online was held wednesday, April 8, 2009 at PHILLIPS FUNGARIA HOME. Online was held wednesday, April 8, 2009 at PHILLIPS FUNGARIA HOME. Online was held wednesday, April 8, 2009 at PHILLIPS FUNGARIA HOME. Online was held wedn



GARY MICHAEL LATHAM Age 42. April 4, 2009. Beloved hus band of Tammy. Dear father o Craig, Hannah and Scott, Son of Pete & Betty Latham, Brother of B.J. Barbara Kahl, Also survived by a half was held at Nardin Park United
Methodist Church in Farmington.
Beling surrounded by her family and
Donations in Gary's memory can be
made to The Leukemia to declined after a stroke in 2007 which
Tymphoma Society 1421 E. 12 Mile,
Madison Hts. MJ. 48071. On line
Madison Hts. MJ. 48071. sympathy message at obriensullivantuneralhome.com

OBITUARY POLICY



CATHERINE MARY POWELL

vived by her sister, Shirley (Ray) Varnastek; brother, Joseph (Trudy)

was need at Church of the Holy Spiri, Highland, on Saturday, April 4th, 2009. Memorials may be made in her name to the Arn. Diabetes Assoc. or to the American Cancer Society. For further information please phone 248-584-6645 or visit www.LynchFunerallDirectors.com MAGDALENE MCLEAN

A private service will be held for family and friends. Memorials may be sisters and her grandson Michael McLean, The family would like to thank the caregivers of Ashley Court made in her name to the Alzheimer's Association. For further information or their wonderful care and support. please call Lynch & Sons Funeral Directors at 248-684-6645 or visit www.LynchFuneralDirectors.com A Funeral Mass was held Wednesday, April 8, 2009, at Our Lady of Victory Catholic Church of Northville, Father Catholic Church of Northville, Father Denis Theroux officiated the service. Mrs. McLean was laid to rest at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery in Southfield. The family would appreciate memorial contributions to Odyssey Hospice, 25925 Telegraph Rd., Ste. 102, Southfield, MI 48033 or Our Lady of Victory, Catholic Church, 133.



AUDREY ORTWINE ROBERT MERRILLE TAYLOR

Victory Catholic Church, 133 Orchard, Northville, Mf 48167.

prandchildren. A memorial service is scheduled for SaL, April 11, with vis-

Rd, Novi, MI 48375. In lieu of flow-ers, donations to the United Methodist Church, MS Society or the Alzheimer's Society are appreciated.

Long time Novi resident of 59 years, Audrey Ortwine passed away on Friday, April 3, 2009.

Known for har great sense of humor, and a compassionate soul, she loved with Alta Lee Taylor tis children Roma. d and a compassionate soul, she loved being surrounded by her Family and a friends. Audrey's health had steadily Taylor of South Lyon, Laura Taylor, declined after a stroke in 2007 which declined after a stroke in 2007 which left her unable to walk. She was 78.

Born April 24, 1930 in Royal Oak her indehildren and five great-grand-tamily then moved to Worm. Mr. Sidney Taylor and Evelyn Bruce, also hardly then moved to Worm. Mr. Sidney Taylor and Evelyn Bruce, also san usherette at the Walled Lake Movie Theater. The couple then built heir home in Novi and spent the next were held on Tuesday. April 7th, 61 years together in that house. She raised a family and began he were held on Tuesday. April 7th, 61 years together in that house. She raised a family and began her may be made City Clerks Office in Novi. She was an Association. For further information active member in the United wife Alta Lee Taylor, his children Ror active member in the United Methodist Church, the Rebecca's and dease phone 248-684-6645 or visi Methodist Church, the Rebecca's and the Eastern Star Society. She volunteered at several nursing homes and every election counting absentee battors. "Everyone she met was touched by her and loved her". Mr. Ortwine said. In addition to her husband, Mrs. Ortwine is survived by her sons, Delbert and Mark, daughter, Cindy, and several grandchildren and great-pradichildren. A memorial service is



Mary (McEvoy) Grab, Cathie was the beloved wife of Robert, whom she married on October 9, 1982 at St. Mary's Church in Clayton, New Yor and mother of Julia and Gerard, wh and mother of Julia and Gerard, who graduated from Northville High School in 2003 and 2007, respec-tively. She is also survived by her father William G. Grab, of Lovville, New York; two brothers, William D. Grab of Pittsburgh and John R. Grab of Fort Mill, South Carolina; and three sisters. Seathar J. Cushing of three sisters, Barbara J. Cushing o Lowville, New York, Margaret E Brown of Clinton, New York and Marilyn J. Grab, also of Clinton, Nev York. Catherine is a 1972 graduate of Immaculate Heart Central High School of Watertown, New York a d School of Watertown, New York and a 1976 graduate of St. Francis College, Loretto, Pennsylvania, She aiso earned a Master of Arts degree from Lesley College in Cambridge, Massachusetts, and then worked for many years as a primary school leacher and early childhood coordi-

outs at recent events.
"The attendance is there," he said. "People are wanting to stay closer to home to enjoy events." And Bowman has similar expectations for the first Great Lakes Art Fair, April 17-19 "I personally consider this to be one of the most anticipated

events in our schedule. For this particular event, I'm hoping to do something north of 10,000 still enjoy art and want to spend where quality exists.

The Great Lakes Art Fully will replace the Sugarloaf Art Fair, which Bowman said is concen-

'If people liked the Sugarloaf Art Fair, I believe they are going to love the Great Lakes Art Fair," he said. "They had a traveling show and a lot of the artists

Despite the current recession,

Blair Bowman, owner of Rock

Financial Showplace, said the

Novi exposition center has seen

comparable, if not record, turn-

GREAT LAKES ART FAIR

A number of Novi High School students will have their creations on display at the upcoming Great Lakes Art Fair at Novi's

Thousands expected to attend art fair

Rock Financial Showplace, 46100 Grand River Avenue Admission: Adults \$7, Children 12 and younger free Parking: Free

Hours: 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. April 17-18; 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. April 19 For more information and discount ticket prices, visit www. great/akesartfair.com

was difficult for local artists to get involved. We are trying to showcase the Great Lakes region artists.

Artists are not required to be from the Great Lakes area, but Bowman said the majority of participants are from Midwestern states such as Michigan, Ohio, Illinois and Indiana.

The juried component of the fair will feature more than 100 artists, representing various forms of art including painting, ceramics, glass, jewelry, photography, wood work and sculp-

student art displays, "This is the first time we've actually been featured in an art fair," said Gary Boyer, art teacher at Novi High School Boyer and fellow art depart-

ment teachers selected work grades 9-12, to be displayed at the Great Lakes Art Fair. advanced student work, and a few key pieces," art teacher Erin Harbar said. "It is a really diverse

mix of work."

OPENING NIGHT RECEPTION

The grand opening night reception of the Great Lakes Art Fair at Rock Financial wplace will benefit Wixom based Detroit Public Television and ArtServe Michigan in Novi, a non-profit organization reception, 7-9 p.m. Friday,

seeking to promote, celebrate and strengthen arts and culture in Michigan, present selected works jur-ied for cash and prizes at the

Tickets are \$50 for the event, which will feature hors

For more information visit

NOVI BRIEFLY

Michigan Paralyzed Veterans of America open house The Michigan Paralyzed

Veterans of America (MPVA) years of service to Michigan during PVA Awareness Week, April 13-19. The MPVA is inviting the public to visit the at 40550 Grand River Avenue, for an open house 10:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. April 16. Attendees will find out more about spins cord injury or disease, MPVA ervices and programs and show support for local veterans and residents with disabilities. For more information or sponsorship opportunities contact Jaclyn Kochis at (248) 476-9000 or jkochis@michigan pva

Meijer helps re-stock Hospitality House

Meijer is re-launching its Simply Give food donation program to help restock the shelves of local food pantries including Hospitality Hor Commerce Township, which 30, encourages Meijer shoppers

to purchase a \$10 Food Pantry Donation Card found through out the store, as well as inside Meijer gas stations and convenience stops. The donation cards will then be converted nto Meijer gift cards and giver to the local food pantry. Meijer will donate \$100,000 in gro-cery gift cards, divided equally among the 185 participating

Statewide race to benefit Oiris on the Run

The University of Michigan Running Club is participating in a charity relay run across Michigan April 13 to benefit the Girls on the Run program. The run begins in Detroit along the Detroit River and finishes 178 miles west on the coast of Lake

A group of 40 running club members will cover the dis-tance as a relay race with each member running between five and 10 miles each. The team goal is to finish in less than 24 hours, while raising more than \$5,000 for Girls on the Run of Michigan, a program that encourages preteen girls to develop self respect and healthy lifestyles through running.

race coordinator Elliott Manzon at emanizon@umich.edu. Deadline looms for youth volunteers

The City of Novi is looking for young adults to serve as stu-dent representatives on boards and commissions, and Youth

www.cityofnovi.org, and will

be accepted at the City Clerk's Office, inside the Novi Civic Center, 45175 W. 10 Mile Road. until 4 p.m. April 17. duct interviews in Council

Chambers 7 p.m. April 27, for all applicants interested in serving as an ex-officio including the Parks, Recreation and Forestry Commiss Historical Commission; Beautification Commission: Library Board; and Housing and Community Development Advisory Committee. Students involved with the City of Novi Youth Council will serve as a voting member and participate Sticker Shock, Addicted to Movies, not Drugs, and the Senior to Senior Prom.

KNOW THE SCORE: Check out the numbers in today's **Sports** section

Long-term care aid for veterans and surviving spouses

Dear Savvy Senior

Does the VA provide any financial assistance to help veterans or their spouses pay for longterm care? My father, who served in the army many years ago, receives some in-home care right now, but will eventually need to move into an assisted living facility because his health is deteriorating. Can the VA help?

online at hometownlife.com

Dear Searching,

That's a great question. There's actually a little-known veterans' benefit that helps wartime veterans and their surviving spouses pay for a variety of medical and long-term care costs. Here's what you should know.

The VA benefit that may help your dad is called "Aid and Attendance," a special pension benefit established in 1952 that provides a tax-

free monthly income up to \$1,644 for a veteran; \$1,056 for a surviving spouse; or \$1,949 for a veteran and one dependent. The money can be used to pay for in-home care, assisted living and nursing home care as well medical expenses, prescription drugs and more.

Today, around 150,000 veterans and surviving spouses receive this benefit, but hundreds of thousands more are eligible and either don' know about it, or don't think they can qualify

To qualify, your dad must have served at least 90 days of active military service with at least one day of service during a period of war (state-side or overseas), and was not dishonorably discharged. (Single surviving spouses of war time vets are also eligible if their marriage ended due to death.) Your dad will also have to meet cer-

tain physical and financial requirements to be eligible.

To qualify physically, he must be at least age 65 and need help with basic everyday living tasks such as eating, dressing and undressing, bathing or going to the bathroom. Being blind or in a nursing home or assisted living feelilty. or in a nursing home or assisted living facility for mental incapacity also qualifies. Or if he is under age 65, he must be completely disabled. (Single surviving spouses have no age restric-tions, but they must require help with basic everyday living tasks to be eligible.)

To qualify financially, your dad must have limited assets (usually under \$80,000) exclud-ing his home and vehicle. And his annual income (minus medical and long-term care

expenses) cannot exceed the Maximum
Allowable Pension Rate (MAPR), which in 2009 is \$19,736 for a single veteran; \$12,681 for a surviving spouse; or \$23,396 for a veteran and

To calculate your dad's income qualifications, add up his income over the past year (including Social Security, pensions, interest income from investments, annuities, etc.), minus any out-ofpocket medical expenses and long-term care

To learn more, check to see if your dad is eligible, or to apply for Aid and Attendance, contact your state or local veteran's service organization They can walk you through the process and help you with the paper work. To find your nearby office call the Department of Veteraus Affairs at 800-827-1000 or visit www.va.gov. You can also apply online at http://vabenefits.vba.va.gov/

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

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NOVI POLICE BRIEFS

Retail fraud

Police were dispatched to Sears department store in Twelve Oaks Mall regarding a retail fraud at about 8:35 p.m

When police arrived, a male suspect was in custody for stealing two pairs of cubic zir-conia earrings, valued at about

Sears loss prevention officers observed the suspect, via surveillance cameras, sclect muliple boxes of earrings while in the jewelry department, and exit the area with two pairs in

The suspect went up the escalator, toward the electronics department. He put the two boxes in his zip-up hooded sweatshirt and walked past open registers without attempting to pay for the mer

chandise, reports said. He was arrested and trans-

Stolen computer 7 Items were stolen from a

lot of Buffalo Wild Wings, n Twelve Mile Crossing a Fountain Walk, between 3-5 p.m. March 27, reports said.
According to the complainant, a Dell laptop, lRiver Mp3
player, checkbook and passport
were stolen from the Nissan

There were no signs of forced entry and the victim was unsure if he locked the doors. The laptop was sitting in the backseat, and the Mp3 player

was in the glove box, reports

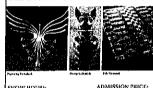
Road rage

3A person in the area of Wixom and 10 Mile roads contacted police at about 10:15 p.m. March 28, regarding a

According to reports, the

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caller stayed on the line with dispatch until police were able to locate the suspect vehicle. was following the driver who

contacted dispatch. The caller told police the van was weaving in the roadway and the driver was holding up his middle finger. Dispatch advised the caller to drive to the Novi Police Department and the van proceeded to fol-low the vehicle, but an officer following the suspect initiated

a traffic stop. According to reports, the driver of the van would not roll down his window, so the officer opened the door and asked him to step out of the vehicle.

The driver admitted to drinking whiskey shots, and told the officer he was upset with the complainant ecause of the way the driver had parked. While speaking was using foul language and became very emotional, reports said.

The driver then told the offi-

cer he had discussed his alcohol problem with his doctor and said he needed help. Police found multiple empty whiskey bottles in the van, reports said. Officers conducted a series of field sobriety tests and a pre liminary breath test registered his blood alcohol level at .22

perating while intoxicated, Lights damaged

Eight electric outdoor, in-

between I-4:30 p.m. March 27, at a residence on Ladene Lane. ear Nine Mile and Haggerty roads, reports said. According to the victim, it

appeared as though someone uprooted the plastic lights, which were anchored in the ground. The unknown suspect also uprooted the electric wire that connected the lights to a

lights.

Morning, near Market Street and Grand River Avenue, not know anyone who might reports said. be responsible, and that The Wixom resident said she she paid about \$150 for the

8 Mile Rd.

didn't notice the damage until the following day, but returned Mirror knocked off to the parking lot and found 5 The passenger-side mirror of a Honda was knocked off between 11 p.m. March 28 and 2 a.m. March 29 while a piece of her mirror on the ground where she had parked other damage to the vehicle.

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- ➤ Were the books copied accurately?
- ➤ How do we know that our translation of the Bible is not based on a lot of guess work?
- ➤ What secrets do the Dead Sea Scrolls reveal?



Join us to learn more about the Bible, its faithfulness, and its reliability. There is no cost. Light refreshments will be available.



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EDUCATION

Novi lands top math MEAP scores

Michigan Educational Assessment Program scores vere released last Thursday, and once again Novi Community School District landed on the top of the county list of schools excelling aca-

demically.

The district has the highest percentage of students meeting but we know we have a lot of or exceeding state expecta-tions on the MEAP exam in the county in the areas of thirdgrade writing, fourth-grade math, seventh-grade math and eighth-grade math.

Scores revealed 100 percent of Deerfield Elementary School students met or exceeded math state standards, along with 100 percent of Novi Woods Elementary School fourthgraders and 100 percent of Parkview Elementary School third-graders.

According to the Michigan Department of Education, MEAP scores on the statewide math test have risen for the fourth consecutive year. More than 75 percent of

through eighth grades tested as proficient or above on the MEAP math tests given in the fall of 2008.

"There is a direct connec-tion between our kids learning more in the classroom and getting the jobs we need in Michigan's economy," stated Gov. Jennifer M. Granholm in a press release. "We are glad to see these signs of success, work to do to give Michigan the best educated workforce in the nation and that must be

our goal."
Michigan students were tested in October 2008 on skills learned through the end of the

previous year. MEAP scores are divided into four performance levels: Not proficient, partially proficient, proficient and advanced. The fall 2008 MEAP results

also include scores in the sub iect areas of reading, writing, science and social studies. Reading and writing are combined to produce an overall

English Language arts score.
For a complete list of MEAI scores, visit www.hometown



Champs!

Novi students from Michigan State University's Winterguard team win the Winter Guard International Finals Championship. Pictured, left to right, are Lauren Murray, Betsy Pilon (current Novi Winterguard coach), Kaitlyn Hinman, and Amanda Portuesi. The world finals competition was held Friday. April 3 in Dayton, Ohio. The MSU Winterquard team competes under the name "State of Art" and beat out 64 other teams to claim the championship

CLASS NOTES

Novi Athletic Booster Meeting

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: on athletics at the high and

middle schools.
The Novi Athletic Boosters raise money to support Novi Wildtat student athletes at the Novi High School and the Novi Middle School, Proceeds are used to purchase uniform equipment, strength training and conditioning so that more students can participate in Novi athletics at a higher level

Oakland Schools Summer **Programs**

Are you looking for exciting, innovative, relevant, affordable learning opportunities for your children this summer? Oakland Schools Career Focused Education is offering 72 classes throughout the summer to students in grade: 4-12 who are interested in exploring their interests in various career fields such as biotechnology, landscape design, employability skills, Microsoft Office, construction, basic home repair, welding, cosmetology, culinary arts, GIS, robotics, vehicle



Placing First

Novi High School student Shannon Liu won first place at the Michigan Japanese Language Speech Contest March 28 at the Novi Civic Center. The top finish was the first for Novi High School.

response training, auto body digital animation, visual prerepair, auto technology, persentations and Web design.

Math and Language Arts.
A complete list of courses and registration informatio is available on the Oakland Schools Web site at www. oakland.k12.mi.us and Education (CFE) Summer Course Catalog" under Today @ Oakland Schools. Classes range in cost from \$25 to \$565 and are held in the fou Oakland Schools Technical Campuses (Clarkston, Pontia Royal Clark and Wixom), Class start dates vary from June 22 through the end of July on a first come, first served basis June 18, 2009. For program Focused Education at (248) 209-2194 or Paula.Todd@oal

offered for Algebra, English,

Orchard Hills is Having a Birthday

The Orchard Hills Elementary School commu-nity and the Novi Community dents to celebrate the 50th Anniversary of Orchard Hills from 1-4 p.m. Saturday, May 9. Event activities include: 1-2 p.m. tours of Orchard Hills. 2 p.m. celebratory program in gymnasium and 3-4 p.m. Socl Hop and refreshments, R.S.V.P. by c-mailing Becky Hurst at



Great Job!

Novi High School senior Brittany Davis was selected as the Outstanding Co-op/Work Experience Student of the Month for March. Davis has worked as a medical office assistant for the past year at the Bone and Joint Surgery Center in the Providence Park complex in Novi. Her supervisors, Susan Haro and Paula Hebert, nominated her for this award based on her strong work ethic, willingness to try new tasks and pleasant personality when working with the patients and the office staff.



It's a Wrap

Guy Louis performed at Novi Woods Elementary for the final March is Reading Month assembly. He incorporated children from all grades into his show while promoting the theme of reading.

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OUR VIEWS

Walsh steps up

The saying - everyone knows someone who has been laid off or is laid off themselves - becomes more prevalent each day with Michigan's downward spiraling econ

But at a time when many feel like victimless followers, there is one member of the Novi community standing up and taking

action — Walsh College.

Walsh College is on its second round of offering Take Charge educational workshops, free to transitional workers. These are area residents out of work or going through a transitional career period in their

The first round of courses included in the Take Charge program was so successful, more courses are being offered now through

"As a leader in the business community and advocate of business growth in Michigan, Walsh College is offering these workshops to assist Michigan workers who are in transition with their job search," said Stephanie Bergeron, president and chief executive officer. "We also want to offer them paths to begin and pursue new careers in business, particularly by focusing on fields with growing demand."

Courses address myriad topics, including

an accounting refresher course, job search strategies, leadership assessment and household budgeting and options in foreclosure.

The classes are taught by Walsh faculty members, donating their time to help unemployed neighbors - or those, like many in the Detroit metropolitan, facing the scary thought of reinventing themselves to find a marketable career.

Walsh is also donating its space and additional resources.

We applaud the college's dedication and willingness to be a helpful, responsible member of the Novi community. Many are benefitting from these workshops and, better yet, are finding a shred of hope.

The workshops range from one day to four-week sessions. Spaces are limited and registration is required. Visit the Walsh College Web site www.walshcollege.edu/ takecharge for more information.

Join the discussion

The Tigers' home opener is Friday. How will the team do this year in the A.L. Central?

Go to hometownlife.com to give us your feedback.



Here is what you had to say online after reading the

CoatsFarm wrote in response to the story Millage proposal goes before Novi voters in

So any Novi Voters leery of this proposa ild rest easy, huh?. After all the Park is the City's intention. Construction begins in

Novi Voters this November, however, will be electing the majority of City Council (4 of 7 seats). The Council that is seated in bids, the final architecture, etc. etc. The next Council Nov 2009 - Nov 2011 will oversee how the bulk of the money is spent. Most likely that Council could also be in place if the nark opens before November 2011. They would get to vote as they wished, with an open ended proposal voted in this May of 2009. Few limitations would be put on them

Vote on the intentions of this Novi City Council. Give your money to the next Novi City Council to spend.

Hope the 2nd installment is as enlighten-

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COMMUNITY VOICE

We asked Novi residents what is their favorite flavor of ice cream? We asked this question at Stuart's of Novi



─ Tom Glossop



- Debbi Glossop,

"Mint chocolate chip chocolate and moose tracks.'



'Moose tracks, vanilla· chocolate swirl and brownie flavor.

~ Katherine Trimmer

- Lillian Trimmer

LETTERS

Middle School says thanks

The Novi Middle School recently held a successful fundraiser to benefit Novi Youth Assistance. The students were asked to bring in dollars and coins in a friendly Coin Wars competition between the 7th and 8th grade. As an inducement to win the competition, the winning grade got to duct tape the assistant principal to the wall during lunch. Thank you to all the students who generously stepped up to the occasion. We donated \$268 to Novi Youth Assistance on March 7th, in connection with their 27th annual Bowl-a-thon. The students earned a chance to put their name in a raffle for special prizes for every dollar donated. We want to thank the following organizations who graciously donated prizes for Domino's Pizzeria (Ten Mile and Meadowbrook), Novi; Paradise Park Novi: Emagine Entertainment, Novi; Dairy Queen, Novi and Zap Zone, Farmington. The duct tape was donated by Home Depot in Novi. Thanks also to Mr. Dennis Faletti, Assistant Principal at the Middle School for eing such a good sport and to the Middle School administration, lunch staff and Brad Miller and his WNMS crew for help-ing to publicize our fundraiser.

> Chris Renner and Renee Puente PTO Bowl-a-thon co-chairs

Pull the garlic mustard plant

As you beginin to read this letter, pull out your calendar and on the 26th of April write in, Garlic Mustard Pull, Lakeshore Park (Novi) - 12P till 3P. I know after readng the following, you will want to take part n this event. Garlic Mustard is an invasive plant species that invades any kind of habitat but does its greatest damage in wood-land environments. If you'll invest 13 min utes, you will understand the problem and the concept of "pull". Go to http://www.in-sitevideo.com/wff/garlicmustard.htm this video was made by Northville resident. Barbara Lucas and gives detailed, inter-

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esting information about garlic mustard Other sites that are really very good are: the city website on invasive species which states that, in Novi, garlic mustard is one of the more threatening species and the site is: www.cityofnovi.org/services/commdev/ environmentalissuesandresources.asp stewardshippetwork.org (they challenged the State of Michigan to pull 120,000 pounds of garlie mustard in 2008 and this mount was surpassed - this year the chalaccomplish their goal) and the final web site is - Ipm.msu.edu/garlic mustard.htm.

These sites tell it all. I became concerned about GM when we found it in our woods. I began a project to educate children who could then educate adults. I was thinking in terms of Island Lake Estates and the land that surrounds our woods. This project grew and has become much more than I anticipated. I contacted Maggie Sheeran (middle school ner) and she has arranged to have me speak to all the science class suggested the high school Science Club and suggested the inglished between the trib land to a figure and we have partnered up in a significant way. Eight of her students have taken on a leadership role. I asked the

uncil for \$100 so that I could attend the Michigan Invasive Species Plant Council symposium and Councilman Staudt sent me a personal check. Steve Printz and Steve Rumple (forester and city development) have been very helpful. The response of these people has led to the development of the first dedicated day for a garlic mustard pull in Lakeshore Park. GM is there. The park is a real asset to this community and we need to get in there and pull.

Well, for now that's it. Please join us on April 26th. We need many hands to stop this invasive plant and because the seeds are viable in the soil for 5 to 10 years, our work has just begun. Margaret Schmidt

Forget the bailouts

The story was inside the business section no doubt to let Big business know they had

The story was about how Wall Street (1991) killed an effort by congress to prevent bonuses from being paid with tax money or from recouping them thru extra taxes. Any level of tax should be acceptable to retrieve taxpayer money that should not have been paid out to begin with. No one in any com pany that is receiving bailout funds should get a bonus for any reason. If they were not ng bailed out they would no doubt be in bankruptcy. If they can afford to give bonuses they must not need a bailout

The lobbying blitz of Congress worked and now we are hearing that several mem bers from both parties have gotten big campaign cash from some of the bailed-out banks and Wall Street firms. This is another glaring example that Big Business and Wall Street are running our country. It should have everyone asking, do we have a government of the people, by the people

nd for the people"? "We the people" must let our elected officials know they are accountable to us, if not

GUEST COLUMN

Senate approves recommendation to cut legislators' pay

Compensation Commission's recom-The State Officer Compensa Commission was empowered with salary decisions when the Constitution was changed in 2002. Lawmakers are only allowed to approve or reject SOCC's recom-

entation of salary changes s delayed for two years, ensuring that no current legislator will have a direct y in their own wage. Earlier this month, the

hancy Cassis by 10 percent of the gover-nor, lieutenant governor, attorney general, secretary of state and legislators elected in 2010. The Senate passed a resolution to cut salaries of lawmakers and top state offi cials by 10 percent beginning in 2011. The al of Senate Concurrent Resolution I marked one of the few times in history that the state Senate cut legislative and

state officer wages.

In addition to voting for the pay reduce tion. I have saved more than \$213,000 in my office and committee budgets during my time in the Senate. Since joining the cham-ber in 2003, I have returned \$203,372 in s from my office and staff budget and \$9,714 from my committee allocation.

As chair of the Senate Finance Committee, I want to set an example of fisthe assessed value of their home decreased as a legislator to reduce spending in these difficult times.

SENATE APPROVES RESOLUTION TO HELP

Michigan homeowners are in desper-ate need of relief. That's why the Michigan Senate overwhelmingly passed a resolution designed to help homeowners with rising property taxes and declining home values.

Intended to moderate rising prop-erty taxes when real estate was booming, Proposal A kept property taxes in check. Before Proposal A, many elderly residents were being forced to sell the homes they had owned for years, due to skyrocketing property taxes. Proposal A's overhaul of the tem allowed these long-time residents t

stay in their homes. However, the collapse of the housing market has shed light on a clear unfairnes in the 1994 reform of Michigan's property tax system. The problem is that while pro erty values have decreased, the taxable values continued to increase. The Senate

resolution fixes that problem.

Senate Joint Resolution H would allow the public to vote on an amendment to the Michigan Constitution that would prevent an individual's residential property taxes

If a homeowner's property tax assessment actually fell below the taxable value of their home, the resolution would allow for the taxable value to decrease reflecting the wer assessment.

Constitutional amendments require two thirds vote for passage in both the House and Senate. The resolution was approved by the Senate 29-8, and now is before the He approved and placed on the ballot, SJR H nust receive 74 yes votes in the House.

If approved by the House and adopted by

Mass Schedul voters in 2010, the resolution would help TIME/DAY: 7:30, 9, 10:30 a.m. and 12:15 nomeowners throughout the state.

I will keep you updated on each of these p.m. Sunday: 9 a.m. Monday, Wednesday Thursday, Friday: 6:30 a.m. Tuesday. Wednesday, Thursday; 7 p.m. Tuesday,

items, and other state issues, in future columns I want to extend my best wishes to you nily as many of you observe 5 p.m. (English), 6:30 p.m. (Spanish) Passover and Easter. Holy Days: 9 a.m., 5:30 and 7:30 p.m.

For more information, visit my Web site ıncyCassis.com. Or contact me toll free at (888) 38-NANCY.

State Sen. Nancy Cassis, R-Novi, represents the 15th Senate District, which includes the townships of Commerce, Highland, Holly, Lyon, Miltord, Novi, Rose, West Bloomfield and White Lake, as well as the villag es of Holly, Milford and Wolverine Lake and the cities of Novi, Northville (the Oakland County portion). Orchard Lake, South Lyon, Walled Lake and Wixorn.

economy, businesses may overlook a ninor" detail and find this ave substanlial consequences. The following are some of issue

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appear to be substantial at first glance, but they can be

fith horried deadlines, somewhat unrealistic

Daniel S. Hoops

1. FAILING TO FILE ANNUAL state charter in Michigan (e.g. limited liability companie to file with the State of Michigan an annual report. These reports are simple status reports that require a nominal filing fee and are du every year. The failure to file an annual report for two conecutive years will result in the State of Michigan revoking the entity's charter and administratively dissolve the company.
Dissolution of a corporation or limited liability company means that the company no longer exists and the business owners (e.g. the shareholders ally liable for the debts and obligations of their business

at the end of the year, be sure

NOT to discard this simple

one-page piece of paper. It

could result in dire conse-

layoffs in all sectors of the

anyone, be sure to properly

nay include the candidate's

to assure yourself that you

ve not hired someone

LOCATION: Emmanuel Lutheran Church. 34567 Seven Mile Road,

DETAILS: Wear comfortable, non-stick

CONTACT: For questions, contact Monica

Adult Ministries office at (248) 374-5920.

TIME/DATE: 6:15-7:30 p.m., Thursday eve

DETAILS: For single guys and gals, all skill

CONTACT: Sign up at Ward Church, 40000

Six Mile Road, Northville (248) 374-5920.

TIME/DATE: noon to 5 p.m., May 25

Northyille Road, between 6 and 7 Mile

DETAILS: Hot doos, hamburgers and

drinks provided. Cost, \$5 at the picnic and

your favorite dish to share. Children and

grandchildren are welcomed. \$3 for ages

LOCATION: 24505 Meadowbrook Road

CONTACT: (248) 349-8847 or visit holy-

econciliation: beginning 9 a.m.

DETAILS: Free, informational meet

ing open to all adoptive families in

Registration is required.

Adontive Parent Networking Meeting

TIME/DATE: 10-11 a.m. last Wednesday of

kland County. Child care is available

Saturdays or by appointment

12 and under.

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evels welcome. \$30 due at sign up.

oes, Minimal admission fee

Softball League Sign-up.

TIME/DATE: 11 a.m., May 25 LOCATION: Hines Park Northville, Eas

ings, May 7-August 6

2. EMPLOYEE VERIFICATION employee job-pool is rich with many qualified individuals seeking work. Before making a firm offer of employment to screen the candidate, which criminal and credit history,

Desperate people make des-perate decisions. This is true with employees who may feel the strains and stresses of the economy both at home and at vork. An unhappy worker is an unproductive worker. It is important to understand that everyone has their problems in life, but a business owner should go to some lengths to assure the employees that their problems do not begin and endwith their employer. Simple acts of gratitude, congratular tion, unexpected acts of kindness and recognition can go a long way with most workers. Knowing that they are appre-

TAKIN' CARE OF BUSINESS

becomes an immediate liability to your business. Simple phone calls to job references and prior employers may be sufficient to discover potential problems; more in-depth investigation may be necessary depending upon the position

3. SUPPLY & DEMAND Decreases in manufactur-

of goods sold are resulting in numerous strains on manu facturers and overall business owners. Although many internal cost-saving mechanisms nay be viable (overhead and employee costs), some busines agreements may not be soible with these economic realities. It is important to review all current and future agreements with any business part-ners, landlords, lenders, suppliers, customers and emi ees to be sure that a sudder revenue down-turn cannot be staved off due to prior contractual arrangements. Most par-ties realize that flexibility in contracts is necessary to their long-term health; ho always better to be safe today than sorry tomorrow. Nothing could be worse than a business with its hands tied because one important business partner is ble to meet an obligation and a decision must be made: collapse or prepare for litiga-tion (breach of contract). So, when the State of Michigan Department of Labor and Economic Growth mails you company the annual report

4. EMPLOYEE MORALE

ciated for their commitm

time-bombs for business owners oes job prospecting really work? Sometimes, es. It is always more effective to combine prosare unhappy, not only will their work product suffer, but pecting with background they can become vengeful, speaking ill of the business to

customers and clients, to co-

than may not be measured or

ever repaired. Every employee should want to be at work and

should want their employer to

tronic mail and when it should

Some individuals refuse to use

e-mail because it results in a

versations. Others believe it is

important to provide a writ-

ing to verify their intent and

schools of thought have their

own validity, my recommenda tion to people is "it depends".

What type of communications

are you making? With whom

are these conversations being

sent? Are these communica-

tions that could be made or

the telephone or in a forma

business letter? Electronic

mail can be tracked, stored

-- very good evidence if a com-

pany ever needed to support its actions or inactions. Alas, it is

also very good evidence in the

dict a company's statements,

casual and informal tone of

electronic mail may stream

business communications, but

sused and misunderstoo

it can also be misinterpreted

by the recipient. A clear and

tronic mail, text messaging

devices and instant messaging

should be a priority of all busi-

professor at Walsh Business College

teaching undergraduate and gradu

ate courses in the Business Law and

axation Department. Hoops holds

a master of laws in estate planning

Michigan State University Detroit

College of Law and a bachelor of

from the University of Miami School

Daniel S. Hoops is an associate

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workers and cause more harm

5 common mistakes can be ticking Cover letters for job prospecting

Martha D.

Adamson 5. E-MAIL AND VERIFICATION

your foot in the door Your prospecting cover letter might generate enough interest to make the employer stop and examine your resume in more detail and be open to talking with you further. Your cover letter is the let ter you send accompanying your resume in response to a job posting or when you

are prospecting for a job with an employer of interest Your cover letter should use the same heading as your resume, and should be writ ten in a business style, with the internal address of the recipient and the date writ-

A prospecting letter should always be sent to the hiring manager in the department or area where your expertise Even if there is no cur-

rent opening in that area, the hiring manager may be impressed enough with you to keep your resume on hand in the event an opening occurs. They may also be able to serve as an additiona network contact to refer you on to other departments or employers. Be sure to double check

that you have the recipient's

name spelled correctly and

hat you have their current

title. You can always double

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check by contacting the

YOUR NEXT JOB

or and administrative assis-

tant in the appropriate department. Usually, a three paragraph ıetworking format on one page works well. Your first paragraph should spark interest. Why but occasion employer of are you writing? What about you? Why are you a good simply not be able to candidate for the position? find anothe For example, this prospecting

way to get

I am interested in exploring any opportunities you organization might have in distribution services, ware-As a logistics supervisor with over five years' combined experience in these areas, the ast two in a supervisory role, I have repeatedly demonstrated my ability to operate an efficient and innovative

letter begins:

esponsible for significant cost savings. The job seeker has estab lished credibility by mentioning a connection to the organization and alluding to his being a good fit. The second paragraph

department and have been

should focus on what you have been able to do for you past employers and selected accomplishments:

cost savings in a high-volume sales organization such as Microcomputers Worldwide is constant attention to small details in logistics. As you can see in the enclosed resume, I have been able to visualize areas of opportunity and implement new programs and services to mprove operations and realize savings. Because of my drive to constantly improve myself and my operation, I have had outstanding perfor mance reviews in all of my

positions. I enjoy working as

part of a team, setting mutu-ally beneficial goals, and I

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tively as a leader or supervi-

The final paragraph focuses on what the next steps will

I am currently interested in relocating to the Scattle rea and have contacted you because of the fine reputa tion of your organization. I believe that I can make significant contributions to you department and your firm, I will contact you soon to dis cuss your current needs and opportunities.

Since you are reaching out to the employer, it is your responsibility to follow up. Allow a few days to pass from hen you mail or e-mail the letter, then call the recipient. Your goal should be at least to have a telephone discussion or their needs in ur area of interest. Ever better is to set up a face to face meeting. Even if they tell you that they do not cur rently have an opening, try to convince them to set aside 20 or 30 minutes to have a networking meeting with you in case of a future opening or to help you connect with other employers who might be able to use your skills and

Martha D. Adamson is a con-One of the primary areas of sulting professional with a cost savings in a high-volume diverse background in Huma Resource Management and Career Development, She is a Certified Career Development Facilitator a Certified Career & Job Search Coach, and a Certified Professiona author of Job Search Navigator, a workbook-style quide to assessing yourself and managing your job search (www.jobsearchnavigator com) which was first published in and republished by Success Press in 2005. From 1993 to 1996, she Job Search" in the Saratoga Springs, NY newspaper - The

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Suspect identified in area school thefts

"She bits during a lunch

Novi Woods Elementary

leaving 10 minutes later

According to Wilson, Hull

classrooms and stole money

from the teachers' purses or

underwent security upgrades, including the installation of

surveillance cameras and door-

locking mechanisms to secure

According to Wilson, Hull

entered the schools behind

a parent who was buzzed-in

through the intercom system.

Last fall, Novi schools

School between I1:30 a.m.-

pied," Wilson said.

tion to the whereabouts of Keri Ann Hull, the



looking for any information if someone can tell us where she's of the Novi Police Department. "If they call Crime Stoppers,

they can remain anonymous, and she can be arrested." Hull, 28, is suspected of Northville, Plymouth, Canton, a possible suspect vehicle as a dark-colored Lincoln Mark

time, or just when school is ending and teachers are occu-In other cases she was in a white 1997 Volkswagen Jetta, ours she was in a different car," On March 11. Hull entered Hull was identified by the 12:40 p.m. and continued to Novi Meadows at 12:42 p.m., Canton Police Department and

Wilson confirmed her identity through her parole officer. "She has a parole violation warrant out for her arrest," said ntered about eight unoccupie Wilson, noting her criminal history includes narcotics and arceny charges. "We're look-

ing at charging her for larceny

from a building.

Although Wils what charges Hull might face at the state-level for violation of parole, he said larceny from a building is a four-year felony Anyone with information to Hall's whereabouts should con tact Crime Stoppers at (877)

Can price-earnings ratio help make investment choices?

by the long and severe market downturn. As a result, you can now find plenty of good, quality stocks selling at low prices. On the other hand, some com panies belong to industries whose near-term future looks uncertain — and even though pensive, they aren't necessarily

ood deals. So, how can you tell the difference between good stocks selling at temporarily low prices and not-so-good stocks selling at deservedly low prices? One tool that may help you s the price/earnings ratio, or

When looked at mathematically, P/E is a simple concept — it's calculated by dividing the current stock price of a compa-ny by its earnings per share. So, for example, a stock that is now riced at \$40 and has \$2 of arnings per share will have a P/E of 20. Generally speaking, stock's P/E reveals how much investors are willing to pay per dollar of earnings. So, for the of 20 implies that investors are willing to pay \$20 for every \$1 of earnings that the company

generates. It follows, therefore, that the higher the P/E, the more "expensive" a stock is per-ceived as being.

Because the average P/E in the stock market has been around 15 over the past 50 years, one might say, in a broad so that a stock with a P/E of 20 is neither terribly expensive nor particularly cheap. Overall, the P/E ratio is

a typically a good indica-

tor of a stock's value - and a much better indicator than the price alone. To illustrate A \$20 stock with a P/E of 70 "expensive" than a \$100 stock with a P/E of 20. As an inves re paying much mor for the future earnings of the \$20 stock than you are for the earnings of the \$100 stock. So, in the present-day situation, with the market still down so P/E to get a clearer sense of which stocks are really priced attractively and which ones are expensive, despite their low market price

Keep in mind, however, that a low P/E doesn't automatically mean that a company

sure of the market's optimism about a company's growth has a P/E that is lower than average, it could mean that the market has low expectations for this company.

Furthermore, just looking at always tell you if it's a good deal. For that, you also need stocks in the same industry. That's because some industries such as utilities, typically have low P/Es, while others, such as technology, generally have higher ones.

As you can see, you'll need nsider a few "wrinkles" in P/E before using it to evaluate whether a stock is priced may want to get some help from a financial advisor. But one thing to keep in mind: Right now, you can find attractive prices on quality stocks may well help you find the best

This article was provided by Mark Whitfield, Novi financial advisor,

World traveler visits Novi, offers backpacking tips times as expensive as a trip through Thailand. We're used to, but those people than 100 Internet cafes, tells not set up in the same way readers how to travel safely. were friendly, too.

If the recession has dashed your dreams of traveling abroad, check out Robert Downes' new book Plane Backpacker and learn liow to see the world without sacrificing your life savings. Or even better, meet Downes in person 3 p.m. April 18, at Border's in Novi at Novi Town Center, south of Interstate 96, east of Novi

online at hometownlife.com

The 1970 Royal Oak Kimball High School graduate - now publisher and founder of Northern Express. a weekly publication in Traverse City - will tell you everything you'd ever need to know about the backpacker lifestyle. And he'll of his biking and hiking trip through Ireland, England, Eastern Europe, Egypt, India and Southeast Asia for five months in 2007

hiked to California when I got out of high school. When you're in the travel (backpacking) world, you're in a ait of alternative reality that I call Planet Backpacker. You meet all these unusual people that you wouldn't bump into in your work-a-day world. I start the book out with that

memory," Downes said.
"I've always had a passion for travel. A lot of people just backpack all around the world, especially people from Europe and Australia

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read today's



Author Robert Downes says you can cut costs on travel and see more by backpacking in the style of travelers from Europe and Australia. He's pictured

States, people equate it with hiking, tents and camping, but in the world at large, there's an estimated 100,000 backpackers traveling at any given moment. We've all beard about Australians who take a year off. In India I'd see thousands of British people on the beaches of Southern India, and people

from France, Scandinavia, Russia and Brazil, all out doing low cost backpacking. Downes began taking steps five years ago to fulfill his lifelong dream of going around the world "in a rough kind of way" that would bring him closer to people in every country he would visit. He saved money for both himself and his wife to make the trip, although she later bowed out to see their daughter off to college, and told his busines

GOODOFF

partner he planned a sabbati-

CHEAPER THAN U.S. Downes figures he has spent about \$11,000 traveling mostly solo - his wife met him in Thailand for the last two weeks -- by staying in hostels, riding local trains, and carefully plan-ning each of his eight flights He pedalled his 20-year-old ntain bike for the first

700 miles through Ireland, England, and along the Danube River, to the Czech costly to give his wheels away

I can travel for thousands of dollars less overseas than I can in America. A week-

for anyone with a passion for travel who wants to travel cheaply." SAFE TRAVEL His book, which he firs

Downes, referring to the

inexpensive hostels and guest

"Backpacking means staying

tels. In Malaysia they were \$6 a night. We don't have that

low-cost travel in the U.S. It's

more about car culture here Downes was surprised to

find middle-aged profession

dents — backpacking abroad

He met doctors, lawyers and

nvestment bankers in their

"It's not necessarily just a

college thing any more. It's

batical and "bumming it.

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ses he found abroad

in cheaper places, like hos-

and credit card numbers, that play That's Alright Mama, an they can access while travel-Elvis Presley tune. He also encountered ele his cash and ATM cards to phants in many locales. It's a access funds, pointing out that "very few people use thrill he'll always remember traveler's checks. walk out of the jungle and walk up to the river where little children would be wash-In post-9-11 you have to have an exit strategy from every country. I had every ing dishes. I was awestruck. flight planned out around the In India there was an elephant that would touch a coin

He got lost at night in the city, formerly called Bombay and wandered for hours. are no street lights. You're walking past people sleeping on the street. That's a little

He "got a little nervous"

iust once, while in Mumbai

as well as inexpensively. He

advises travelers to create

an "electronic safe," in the

form of an e-mail account,

for scans of passports, visa

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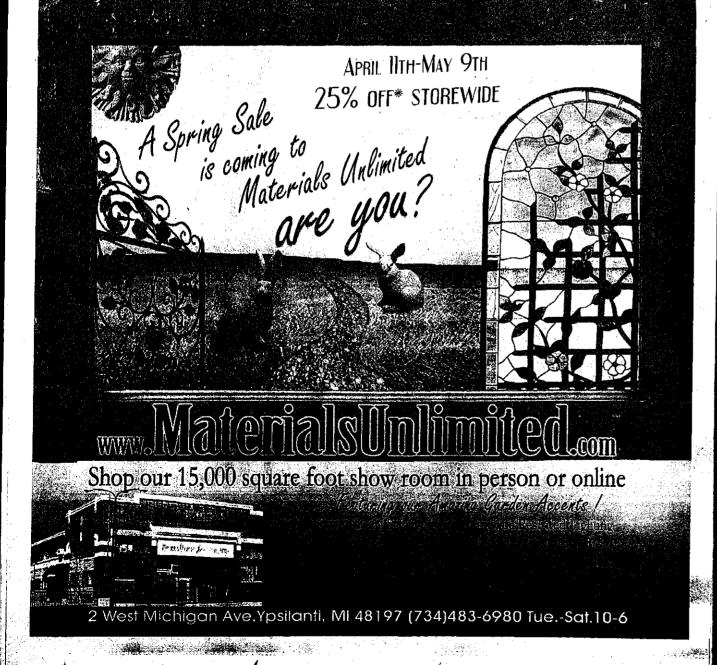
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CONTACT: (248) 449-1206 How to Backpack Around the World TIME/DATE: 3 p.m. Saturday April 18 LOCATION: Borders Books & Music

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TIME/DATE: 7 p.m. Tuesday, April 21 LOCATION: Maple Restaurant and Golf, 31260 Wakefield Drive, on 14 Mile between Novi Road and M-5. DETAILS: Jessica Cooper, recently elected Dakland County prosecutor on the topic Issues and Opportunities for a County Prosecuting Altorney, Bring a can of food for the Oakland County CONTACT: Jim at (248) 624-7228

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Swing Back Into Golf Season at Botsford's Golf Expo TIME/DATE: 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., Saturday, April 25 LOCATION: Botsford Center for Health Improvement located at 39750 Grand

River Ave. in Navi

DETAILS: The Botsford Center for Health Improvement is launching this oolf season with their third annual expo designed to make your first round of the season successful and pain-free. Botsford exercise physi-ologists and a PGA pro from Western Hills Golf & Country Club in Redford will help motivate you and help prepare for the upcoming season. The expo will feature a swing analysis booth and a "Benefits of Golf ditioning" presentation CONTACT: Please call (248) 473-3100 to register or for questions.

TIME/DATE: 4-5 p.m. Sunday, April 26 LOCATION: Choi Kwang-Do Martial Art 24404 Catherine Industrial Road. Suite 306, Novi

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awareness event. Nancy Winston National Awareness associate and member of the Board of Directors for Shared Hope International will be tray eling from Virginia for these present tions. Pre-registration is appreciated. CONTACT: Visit www.christoursavio. ord and click on the events page to register. For more information on sex

trafficking visit www.sharedhope.org

BUSINESS

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

American Business Women's Association Meetings

TIME/DATE: 6:15 p.m. second Vednesday of every month LOCATION: DoubleTree Hotel-Nov. 42ାଣଣ Crescent Blvd., southeast o 6 @ Novi Road, near Bally's) DETAILS: Local chapter provides many advantages to today's working women and offers a strong community service program that includes raising money for scholarship CONTACT: (248)-330-6315 or abwa

Dakland County At 24th Annual

City of Novi staff prepare the prize table for the lucky Easter Ego hunters finding a golden ticket. The city held its annual flashlight egg hunt and ties night for area residents last Wednesday.

Economic Luncheor TIME/DATE: 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Thursday, April 30 10CATION: Rock Financial Showplace

DEFAILS: Top economists from the University of Michigan will present their report on the economic future of Oakland County at the 24th Annual Economic Dutlook Luncheon, The 2009-2011 Employment Forecast for Oakland County, a joint venture of Oakland County Planning & Economic

the Institute for Research on Labor, Employment and the Economy at the University of Michigan, will be presented at the luncheon, sched uled from Hosts for the luncheon are Chase Dakland Community College and Oakland County. The cost is \$40 per person. CONTACT: Register online at www

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April 15

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Unless noted below; all programs take place at the library. Museum Adventure Pass DETAILS: Card holders can check out free passes, for two to four people, to many area museums, cultural centers and historical sites. See detroitativen turepass.org for more information. TIME/DATE: Noon to 1:30 p.m. second Thursday of each month

IME/DATE: 11-11:30 a.m. Saturday, April DETAILS: Book discussion group for older adults facilitated by librarian DETAILS: American Idol for the pre please call to ioin. your child showcase his/her talents in a supportive setting. Sing songs from TIME/DATE: 7-9 p.m. third Wednesday of

each month LOCATION: Novi Civic Center, City Council Chambers DETAILS: General meeting of the entire Library Board. Broadcast live on cable channel 13. Library Tech Time TIME/DATE: 7, 7:15, 7:30 p.m. Monday

DETAILS: Fifteen-minute one-on-one utoring with either a librarian or computer tech on a topic of your choice. Investigating your family tree? Microsoft Word have you stumped? We have the tools to help. Registration

Library Sleuths - Mystery Book Club TIME/DATE: 7-8 p.m. Tuesday, April 14 **RETAILS:** A book discussion group enjoying all types of mysteries. Discussing "Murder in the Library of Congress"by Margaret Truman, Please register. Limited to 20 participants. Picturing America with the DIA

FIME/DATE: 7-9 p.m. Wednesday, April 15 Colonial America to various movements of the twentieth century with the DIA's Speakers Bureau. You will be engaged in an exploration of artists from the DIA's American Art collection

Readers' Theater Organizational TIME/DATE: 7-8 p.m. Tuesday, April 21 DETAILS: Readers' Theater is a presen tation by a group of participants who read from a script and present their show without costumes of scenery. You will be given a part, a script, and



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This notice is given on behalf of the Board of Trustees of the Authority pursuant to the provisions of Act 43, Public Acts of Michigan, 1963 (Second Extra Session). MICHAEL J. CSAPO

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NOVI COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT ADVERTISEMENT - REQUEST FOR

Proposals for PROFESSIONAL AUDIT SERVICES will be received by the Novi Community School District, located at 25345 Taft Road, Novi, Michigan, 48374, by mail or hand delivered by 2:00 p.m. local time on Priday, April 17, 2009, when the proposals will be opened and dated. See Request for Proposal documents for details. Proposals received after the specified date and time will not be considered or accepted. Faxed or e-mailed responses will not be accepted. All submissions should include Oge (1) original and four (4) printed copies and shall be delivered in a sealed package, addressed as follows:

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Request for Proposal documents will be available for examination and distribution beginning March 31, 2009. Specifications and proposal documents may be obtained analor examined at Novi Community School District, 25345 Tafk 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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ers on May 13. All About E-Mail for Seniors TIME/DATE: 1-3:00 p.m. Wednesday

DETAILS: Learn the basics of sending and receiving e-mail, and sign up for a free e-mail account. This class includes interactive discussion and hands-on practice. Registration required. TIME/DATE: 1-3 p.m. Wednesday, April 22 DETAILS: Explore the wonders of the Library, Shows will begin every half our, stacting at 1 p.m., and are limited

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library.org Museum Adventure Pass DETAILS: Card holders can check out free passes, for two to four geople, to and historical sites. See detroitativen

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Business to Business Breakfast TIME/DATE: 8-9 a.m. Wednesday, April 15 LOCATION: Comerica Bank, 47440 Grand DETAILS: Networking and a light break

Job Fair TIME/DATE: 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday

Apr. 25 LOCATION: Novi Civic Center DETAILS: Hosted by The Relational Church, Call (248) 767-8626 for more Novi Business and Taste Expo

TIME/DATE: 3-7 p.m. Wednesday, April LOCATION: Hotel Baronette, 27790 Nov

DETAILS: Sponsored by the Novi Chamber of Commerce and the City of Novi. Networking, cash bar, and efreshments. Membership Luncheon TIME/DATE: 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Wednesday, May 6 LOCATION: Sheraton Detroit Novi, 201 Hagnerty Road Novi DETAILS: Join a delicious lunch and networking at the Sheraton Detroit

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Tough stretch tests Novi soccer

Novi soccer started the season by playing some of the top teams in the state and sits at 2-2-1 heading into Spring Break. The season started with a 2-all tie with

Grosse Pointe South.

Taylor Hoover scored with Taylor Pyden get-ting the assist. Kesley Masserant scored the other with Taylor Hoover getting the helper for a 2-0 halftime lead. South scored two in the second half, and the

game ended in a draw

The second game resulted in a 1-0 loss to Ann Arbor Pioneer.

"We played poorly in the first half and had a hard time adjusting to Pioneers 4-3-3 forma-tion," Novi head coach Brian O'Leary said. "Shots were 6-2 in their favor at halftime, with Pioneer leading 1-0.
"We played much better in the second half as

shots ended up 18-9 in our favor, but we could

Northville handed the Wildcats a secondstraight loss, 2-1.
"It was a very good game, with them having a slight advantage in the first half, and us hav-

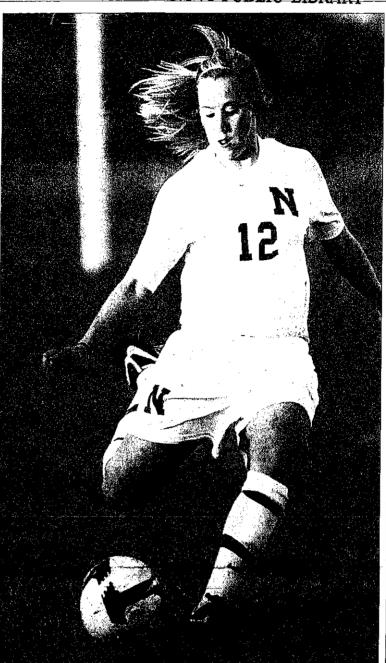
ing the slight advantage in the second half," said O'Leary. Northville led 1-0 at the half. Morgan

Haffey scored to tie the game with Pyden assisting.
The game-winner came with 15 minutes

remaining by Northville.
"We had one good chance with a couple min-utes left in the game as Courtney Milon beat a defender and got the ball by the Northville goalie, but a Northville defender cleared it off the line," O'Leary said.

Novi got back to its winning ways with a 2-0 hutout against Walled Lake Northern.

Please see SOCCER, B2



JOHN HEIDER/STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Novi's Taylor Pyden prepares to boot the balf.

Novi baseball heads into break on winning note

BY JEFF THEISEN SPORTS WRITER

The Wildcats head into Spring Break with a pair of wins, knocking off South Lyon East and Plymouth, improving to

NOVI 18, SL EAST 2

Jake Walker was more than up to the task on he mound. He allowed just two hits while fanning 13 to get his first win of

bashing out 18 hits and staking Walker to a 12-0 lead after the first two innings.

Walker helped his own cause with a 3 for-3 performance that included five RBI. Masaru Nagami and Garrett Green each knocked out three hits, and Nick

Regnier chipped in a pair of hits. Novi also scored five runs in the fifth. NOVI 8. PLYMOUTH 4

Deadlocked at four after seven innings, the Wildcats pushed across four runs in the extra frame to pull out the win. Michael Kruse (2-for-4) drove in the

eventual game-winner by singling in Kevin Zak.

Zak threw three scoreless innings of relief to earn the win.

Regnier (2-for-4) hit a two-run home run in the first to give Novi the early lead. Plymouth scored two in the third and solo runs in the fourth and fifth for a 4-3

The Wildcats tied the game up with a run in the seventh when Nagami scored on an error.

Green smashed out three more hits to help lead the offense, and Walker added two more doubles.

Regneir started the game but did not



Jake Walker releases a Novi's visit to South Lyon

GAME WRAPS

Novi girls track starts on right foot

The Novi girls track team got off to a perfect start by winning every event against South Lyon East for a 121-7 victory. Individual winners

included Regina Barbosa in the 100 hurdles, Jasmine Ward in the 100 and 200, Brooke McMahan in the 1,600, Heather Armiak in the 400, Kelly McCloskey in the 300 hurdles, Emily Hall in the 800, Elle Robinson in the 3,200, Ashliegh Evans in the shot put, Lauren Forche in the long jump and Armiak in the high jump.

NOVI TENNIS WINS TWO

The Wildcats beat both Stevenson and Salem 8-1 in dual meets.

Novi swept singles play and No. 1-4 doubles in both

NOVI SOFTBALL CRUSHED BY PLYMOUTH

Novi head coach Bob Lulck was furning after getting swept in a double-header by Plymouth last Thursday.
It wasn't losing to a solid

team like Plymouth that bothered him, it was losing the games by a combined

34-5 that got his goat.
"We gave up," he said. "It's on me too.

Plymouth won the first game 18-2 in three innings. The second game wasn't much better as Plymouth

left with a 16-3 victory.

In all, Plymouth pounded out 28 bits and three home

NOVI JV SOCCER FACES THREE AT HOME

The Novi JV soccer faced three opponents at home in its second week of competi-tion, maintaining a solid

Northville came to Meadows Stadium on March 30, but neither team walked away with the win. Novi (3-1-2) trailed Northville after a Mustang goal midway through the first half, but the Wildcats came back for the tie in the final minutes of play. Wildcat freshman Jessica Jarvis provided the equalizer on a header goal with 3:45 remaining.

The Wildcats came back strong on April 1, earning a 5-0 victory over Walled Lake Northern. Freshman Shelly Yusko opened scor-ing for the Wildcats at 19:26 in the first half. The Wildcats dominated in the second half, with four freshmen - Jessica Jarvis, Jen Wiegand, Case Sutton and Andrea Rybick - each contributing a goal. Sophomore Allison Jennens earned an assist in the final goal. The shutout was the third this season for freshman goalkeeper Maddie Haustein.

On April 2, Canton served Novi with its first loss, 1-0.



Homelown Weeklies ! Thursday, April 9, 2009



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Gabby Gauruder got the shutout in goal. Megan Burns scored in the first half with an assist to Nikki Greenhalgh, The second-half goal came from Hoover with Nikki Caruso

The Wildcats pulled their record even with a 3-2 win against Canton.

Nikki Greenhalgh rebound 14 minutes in to tie things up. Canton retook the lead

with 19 minutes remaining Five minutes later, Mary Reid scored on a 30-yard shot with Katie Caruso assisting. Caruso scored the game-winner with nine minutes

"Our first five games have been against five quality oppo-nents, so we have learned a lot about ourselves," said O'Leary. "We have struggled to play a

This year, in the state, their is no clear cut favorite and we are right in the mix. We need to work on our set plays and our intensity for 80 minutes, but I have been pleased with the team thus far. Our unity is good and the team is very remaining off an Alli Howard coachable and does a good job of making adjustments after

a very good team.

The Wildcats are off until traveling to South Lyon East on April 14.

CC looking to end skid

Shamrock pitchers provided their own misery, allowing 10

After starting the season with a win, things have not gone the Shamrocks' way. CC has dropped four straight since.

CC 6, DETROIT WESTERN 1,

Gordy Hao took the mound and delivered a two-hit perfor-mance, striking out eight in five innings.
Marc Zughaib and Blake
Smith provided home runs to

lead the offense.

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Three hits for the Shamrocks.

Rose each slammed home run

for CC.

If the first game didn't sting enough, CC fell 5-4 in the nightcap. The Pilots scored the wining run in the hottom AA PIONEER 8, CC 6, MARCH 31 The Shamrocks led 2-0, but Churchill used seven hits and the winning run in the bottom nine walks to take the lead for of the seventh on a throwing

Zughaib homered and Jakubik pounded out three hits to help lead the Shamrock

6-1 deficit with a 10-run fourth (248) 349·1700, ext. 228



lcing on the cake

The 2001 Novi Ice Cats win the Little Caesars Amateur Hockey League title in the Mite A Smythe Division at Joe Louis Arena on March 14

Players: Noah Estes, Christopher Martin, Jackson Hughes, Jake McNeil, Michael Beaudoin, Nate Williams. Jacob Gray, Patrick Lee, Connor Gallagher, Aidan Goodfellow, Rohan Barad, Eric Gal and Aidan McCarthy.



Novi lacrosse team smashes **Rocks**, 17-1

online at hometownlife.com

Novi Lacrosse traveled to play for the second time in a week at Salem High School Last week, Novi soundly defeated the Plymouth Wildcats and this week returned to crumble the Salem Rocks. Novi scored

early and often during the match while the defensive unit held the Rocks to just four total shots. Senior Sean Murphy start-ed the scoring streak in the first quarter. Tom Machisal

was the top scorer with five goals. Paul Favorite had five points with three goals and two assists. Matt Mandeville added four points – two goals and two assists. Taylor Howell ned in the snips with a goal and a pair of assists.

Also scoring were Alec Lemieux (two goals), Nick Gardner, Adam Haynes, and Spencer Rice, Zach Mohr

racked up two assists with Jack Petroskey and Tyler Burnett each logging one. Mohr and Favorite also led the team in ground balls with four each.

The victory came with a Donatto was taken off the field during the first half of play. The knee injury was later diagnosed as a torn ACI which would require surgical epair.

Donatto is one of the top

Wildcat defenders, a captain of the team and an All-State honoree last season. His presence on the field will be missed by the Wildcat team and fans. On April 1. Novi came

home to the Wildcat Studium and beat the Canton Chiefs 13-4 to remain undefeated at

The Wildcats return to the field 6:30 p.m. April 13 to host South Lyon.

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Why You Must Know the Definitions in the Rules of Golf

whiff" looks like.

By Jeanne Myers

In order to apply the rules of golf, or even to find the answer to a rules problem in the rules of golf, you have to know the definitions. There are only 51 of them, but there is a huge amount of nformation in them

More than one golfer has given himself a stroke penalty for causing his ball to oscillate. The rulessavvy golfer, however, knows that oscillating according to the United States Golf Association, is not moving. For a ball to have "moved," it has to leave its position and come to rest in another anot So even if you accidentally nudge

a ball forward, as long as it returns to its original position, you are safe from penalty - because it hasn't come to rest in another spot.

Under the definition of "equipment,

you will find that when you are sharing a golf cart, when your ball is involved, that cart and everything in it belongs to you - unless the cart is being driven by the other person. And, that "everything in it" includes the other person when the cart is stationary. Therefore, assume

another player in your group who is sharing a cart with you, drives the cart and parks it near the green and stays in the cart. You then proceed to play, and your shot hits the person sitting in the stationary cart. You have hit your equipment and will get a one stroke penalty. Hopefully, he will only get a

sore arm. A "stroke" is the forward movement of

the club with the intention of hitting you will know that if retaining walls in a the ball. So, if you check your downswing voluntarily or after your swing path so that you intentionally ball lies outside the hazard. niss the ball, you have not made a stroke. But, don't use this to try to A "provisional ball" is one played for disguise a "whiff." We all know what a

"Through the green" is the whole area of the golf course except the teeing ground and putting green of the hole you are playing and all hazards. Therefore through the green includes fairways and rough. When you look up relief options, you will need to know

A "rub of the green" is not had luck it is when your ball in motion is accidentally stopped or deflected by any outside agency. Therefore, it is a rub of the green if your shot is deflected out of bounds by a piece of mowing equipment, but it is also a rub of the n if it is deflected into the hole by that equipment. There are no sand trans or pins on golf

courses, so you'll have trouble looking up a rule involving either. Instead, there are "bunkers" and "flagsticks," and you will have no problem finding the proper entries in the index to the Rules of Golf to find the answer you need using those

except: 1) objects defining out of bounds, such as walls, fences and stakes, 2) immovable artificial objects located out of bounds; and 3) integral parts of the course. If you know this definition

water hazard have been declared to be integral parts of the course, you will not get free relief from them even if your

an original ball that may be out of bounds or may be lost outside of a The rest of those definitions are up to



tournament director for the Golf Association of Michigan and also Women's Committee and is a past president of the GAM.

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IT'S YOUR BUSINESS Q&A |



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By the Bottle Co-owner Eric Gettel checks out a single malt bottle of whisky that he sells in his Novi Road store, By

Specialty wine and liquor offers personalized service

Q. Who is behind By the Bottle? A. Eric Gettel and Joy Beatty,

o-owners Q. Your hometown:

A. Novi

Q. When was the business opened? A. August 2005

Q. What is your business specialty? A. Wine and liquor
O. Tell us about your business including the types of services and/

A. We are a full service wine and liquor shop, featuring over 700 wines from all the major growing regions. We have recently added liquor to our shop (as of March I), and have been building an inventory of single malt scotches, vodkas, gins, rums and tequilas. We carry wine accessories, gourmet food and wine-themed gifts. We make custom gift baskets

gift baskets. We also offer both public and private wine tastings. Q. What makes your business

and can ship both wine and

A. While there are many places to buy wine these days, wine is our major focus. We always have knowledgeable staff who can offer advice or wine selections. Most customer are served directly by owner and wine buyer Eric Gettel, who has tasted many of the wines we sell. Eric takes the time to answer customers' questions and track down hard to find wines and liquors. We are a family run business, developed

BY THE BOTTLE

Business address: 25875 Novi Road, Novi, MI 48375

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and operated by a husband-and-wife team with high commitment to service, quality and integrity. Our store is well-lit and attractively designed. It is conveniently located in the City Center strip mall, at the corner of Novi Road and Grand River Avenue, with easy

parking. Q. How did you first decide to open your own business?

A. We moved to Novi five years ago and were surprised that there were no specialty wine shops in the neighborhood. Wine is available so many places now, but the world of wine can be confusing and sometimes a little intimidating without some assistance. When we wer new wine drinkers, we had no idea how to select wines! Eric selected based on price and Joy selected based on the label art. And we drank a lot of mediocre wines as we developed our taste for wine. We've since come to appreciate the diversity in and that with a little trial and error you can find a wine to please almost any palette

even for people who don't usually like wine. Even better, we've found that good wine doesn't have to be expensive. We've really enjoyed trying out new wines, finding the hidden gems that aren't available at the grocery stores. Our mission is to share our wine knowledge with

our customers. Q. How did you decide to locate in

the Novi community?

A. We have lived in Novi for five years, and as noted above, felt that the market was perfect for a wine shop. It is important to us to be involved in the community where we live, and the wine shop has allowed us to make lots of friends in the extended communities of Novi, Northville and Milford.

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

A. We recently received our liquor license. It was the first week, the ink barely dry on our license, and we were still in the process of placing our first liquor order on the shelf when customer came in requesting Uzicanka Slivovitzum, which I had never heard of. It turns out to be a Serbian brandy. The customer was thrilled that I took the time to track down the distributor and place her special order for three bottles — and I got to learn more about brandy

BUSINESS MILESTONES

SPECIAL HAPPENINGS

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iuernsey Farms Dairy Saturday, April 25 from 11 a.m.:3 p.m

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friendly event will feature free samples of all Guernsey Farms Dairy products. There will be music entertainment prizes and more For 349-1466 or visit our Web site at www.

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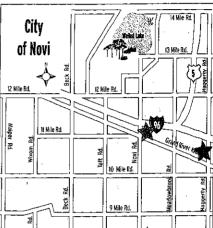
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Rock Financial Showplace

The Easter Family Brunch returns to the Diamond Sanguet Center in the Rock Financial Showplace 10 a.m. 2 p.m. Sunday. The annual event will offer a delicious buffet menu for adults, and a specially tailored sideboard for children. The Easter Bunny will also make an appearance, Adults \$27, Seniors \$25. Children 12 and under \$13 Toddlers 3 and under free. Free parking and cash bar after noon. Walk-ins are welcome, Catl (248) 348-5600.

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Botsford Hospital

Botsford Hospital sent out its first tweet The first tweet was about a community open house at Botsford's new cancer center on Saturday, April 25. How can you follow Botsford Hospital? Sign on to the Web site, www.twitter.com, and you can start following Botsford Hospital. The Botsford

Center for Health Improvement media site, Facebook, Botsford's Center for Health Improvement is localed on

Grand River Avenue, west of Haggerly Road in Novi.

EXPANSIONS

Thru-U.com

Thru-U.com has opened a Novi office and plans to expand its staff. The company, based in Ireland, creates online technical and safety training for engineers, techni cians and operators. Thru-U.com opened its office in Novi last fall and currently employs one person there; howe plans to expand by at least two people

GIVING BACK

Red Robin Red Robin Novi, owned by the Ansara Restaurant Group, recently participated

in a contest to raise money for team in Michigan were challenged by their Regional Managers to collect donations for the Red Robin Giving Fund. The Novi location won the contest, raising over \$1,000 in two weeks. As a reward, all Red

Robin Regional managers will spend April 21, from 11 a.m.-2 p.m. serving tables for charity. All tips the regional managers collect will be donated to the Giving Fund.

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r! Keynote Speaker Tara Michener, presents "LinkedIn, Facebook, Twitter - Making Sense of Marketing on the Internet." The cost is \$5 at the door. Doors open at 2:45 p.m. Pre-registered guests only will be entered to win a \$250 gift card to Twelve Oaks. Hourly door prize drawings for other prizes. The event is sponsored by Northwood University, City of Novi, Novi Chamb Fof Commerce, Twelve Oaks,
Old Maid Cleaning Service,
Mercantille Bank of Michigan and EverClean Restoration &

Cleaning Services.

• A Business to Business Breakfast will take place from 8-9 a.m. Wednesday, April 15, at Comerica Bank, 47440 Grand River Ave. Join us for networking and a light break fast. \$5 at the door.

 The Novi Chamber of Commerce in partnership with the Relational Church will hold a Job Fair from 9 a.m.-2 p.m. Saturday, April 25, at the Novi Civic Center, 45175 W. 10 Mile Road. Call (248) 767-8626 for

information. The Novi Chamber of Commerce presents a new Diversity Round Table with the mission to celebrate diversity among Novi businesses at noon on the fourth Wednesday of each month. A Novi Chamber of Commerce ber restaurant will host each meeting. Network with local experiences and teach/learn about the business practices of other cultures. The first meet-ing will take place noon April 22 at Mirchi Indian Cuisine, 43317 Grand River Ave. Register at www.novichamber. com or by calling the Novi Chamber of Commerce (248)

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