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Thirty-one Cent Scoop Night is back at Baskin-Robbins for its third annual celebration 5-10 p.m. Wednesday, April 29 at all Baskin-Robbins locations nationwide, including the Novi location at 39415 W. 10 Mile Road.

During the event, Baskin-Robbins will reduce the price of all 2.5 ounce ice cream scoops and donate a portion of the proceeds to Novi firefighters.

Plaza party

Join the Pheasant Run Plaza merchants this weekend, as they celebrate spring during a special two-day "Party in the Plaza."

Pheasant Run Plaza is located on Grand River Avenue, just West of Haggerty Road. The weekend event will feature great deals, fun events and family activities. A food-and-funds drive to benefit Gleaners Community Food Bank will also take place.

Gina Agosta

Gina Agosta Haircolor * Design & Spa is hosting an open house 1-4 p.m. Sunday. Learn about new spring trends to update your look. Enter to win the grand prize of free services for a year. Visit www.agosta.com.

Road work

Ramps from both directions of Novi Road to eastbound I-96 are closed through late October. Crews will resurface nearly four miles of I-96 in the City, resulting in the ramp shutdowns.

Cirque Amongus

Providence Park Hospital and Novi Community Education present Cirque Amongus 7 p.m. Friday at the Novi Middle School, 49000 11 Mile Road. Individual tickets are \$5, general admission.



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Earth Day Opportunity

Novi High School senior Stephanie Chen pulls a handful of garlic mustard as she and other Novi students were lead on a trip around the woods of Novi's Lakeshore Park to look for the invasive plant with the "Farm Lady" Margaret Schmidt. Chen and others will soon participate in the garlic mustard pull event noon Sunday at Lakeshore Park. The public is encouraged to attend and participate in the pull.



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Novi Police Department patrol Officer Chris Frankowiak will be honored by MADD for his work keeping drunk drivers off the road.

MADD recognizes Novi officer

BY KELLY MURAD
STAFF WRITER

Working midnight shifts as a Novi Police Department patrol officer keeps Chris Frankowiak busy, and drunken drivers off the road.

"I'm on the midnight shift, which leaves me out on the road at bar closing time," said the 24-year-old officer. "As a police officer, it's my job to ensure people can drive safely throughout Novi."

Frankowiak was selected by the department for the 2008 Mothers Against Drunk Driving Lifesaver Award.

"It is with great pleasure that the Novi Police Department and the City of Novi wish to formally recognize Officer Christopher Frankowiak for his commit-

ment and dedication in the detection and arrest of drunk drivers from the roadways of the City of Novi," said Novi Police Chief David Molloy.

MADD of Southeastern Michigan will honor Frankowiak, along with other police officers from Oakland and Macomb counties next month at its annual Lifesaver Awards luncheon at the Ramada Plaza Hotel in Troy.

"MADD selects an officer from each area department that has made the most alcohol-related driving arrests in 2008," Frankowiak said. "It's a good feeling to know I've prevented a driver who has been consuming alcohol from killing or injuring another driver."

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Budget tops board agenda tonight

Officials begin talks of \$2 million in cuts

This is the first story in a series focusing on the Novi Community Schools district's 2009-10 budget.

BY VICTORIA MITCHELL
STAFF WRITER

The Novi Community School board of education meeting is expected to draw standing-room-only crowds tonight, as \$2.4 million in proposed district-wide cuts are discussed for the first time.

Also up for discussion is \$1.09 million in revenue enhancements to the 2009-10 district budget.

"Revenues are going down, expenses are going up," said

Gail Credit, assistant superintendent for business and operations.

Credit said the dire economic equation results from an increase in district expenses and a decline in student enrollment and state aid. About 80 percent of district revenue comes from the State per pupil foundation allowance.

Credit said this year, the district has experienced a decrease in enrollment of 114 students. About 240 students have left the district between 2007-09.

The bulk of the proposed reductions are cuts or modifications to programs and staffing.

One proposed change includes switching the high

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NOVI POLICE BRIEFS

Lawn equipment suspected stolen

Lawn equipment, belonging to a landscape company, is suspected stolen from a utility trailer between 8-11:30 a.m. April 16, reports said. Employees of the company parked the red Ford F-350, with trailer attached, in the north lot of Life Time Fitness on High Pointe Boulevard, near Haggerty and Eight Mile roads. The trailer was closed, but

not locked, while the three employees were working on the property, reports said. The complainants left the parking lot to get lunch and discovered the missing items when they returned.

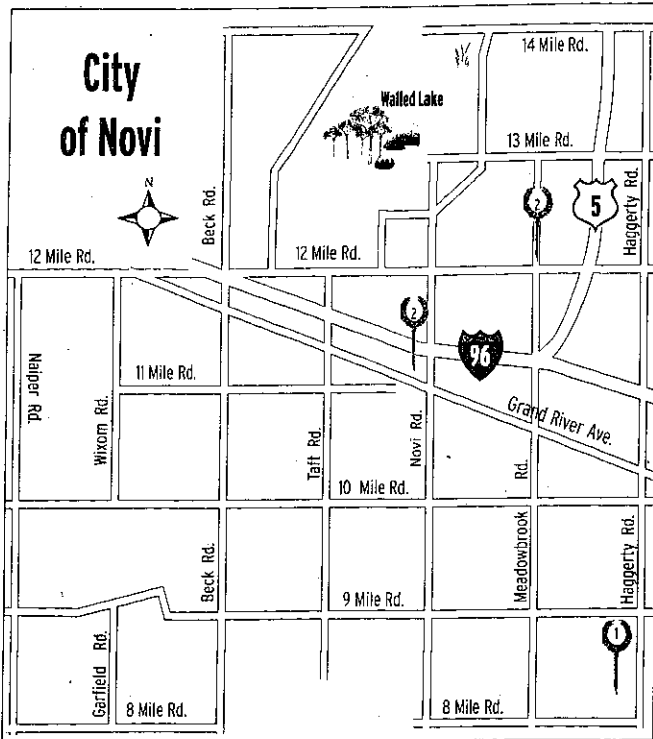
According to reports, an unknown suspect removed two Shindovia blue weed wackers, worth \$400 each; a red Shindovia edger, valued at \$300; and a RedMax backpack blower, worth \$500, from the trailer.

Defective lights lead to arrests

Two drivers, in separate incidents, were arrested for driving with a suspended license between April 15-16, reports said.

At about 10 p.m. April 15, an officer clearing a traffic stop on the entrance ramp to westbound Interstate 96, from southbound Novi Road, observed a vehicle with a defective passenger-side headlight, reports said. The officer followed the black Pontiac Grand Prix, and initiated a traffic stop at Fountain Walk and Donelson drives. The driver was arrested for driving while license suspended.

At about 2:11 a.m. April 16, an officer in the area of 12 Mile and Meadowbrook roads observed a Ford Thunderbird with defective brake lights, reports said. The officer initiated a traffic stop and approached the driver who said he left his driver's license at home. The man identified himself and the officer discovered his license was suspended. The driver was arrested.

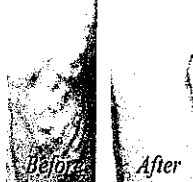


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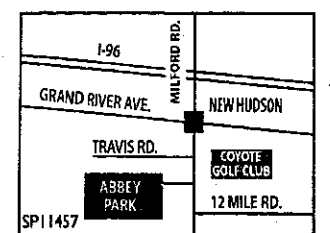
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Improve resume and interview skills at workshop

BY KELLY MURAD STAFF WRITER

Pastor Mike Zerkich of The Relational Church in Novi believes given the state of the economy, now is the time to reach out to the community.

The Relational Church, in partnership with the Novi Chamber of Commerce, is hosting a Job Seekers Workshop and Health Fair 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday at the Novi Civic Center, located at 45175 W. 10 Mile.

"Sometimes communities come together in bad times, and that's what I'm seeing," he said. "The Novi Chamber and the City of Novi have been very supportive, and these speakers we've got are first class, and they're donating their time and expertise."

The Job Seekers Workshop includes presentations on

JOB SEEKERS WORKSHOP AND HEALTH FAIR 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, April 25 Novi Civic Center 45175 W. 10 Mile Road

foreclosure options, by Walsh College; networking and getting the right resume in front of the right person, by Davenport University; and resume writing and interviewing skills.

"A resume and the interview are the very first impressions on an employer," Zerkich said. "You're only going to get one shot. Somehow, you've got to stand away from the pack."

Although participants are encouraged to bring their resumes for critique by experts, it is not a job fair

and attendees will not have an opportunity to apply for employment at the event.

"The biggest problem is there is nobody with jobs," Zerkich said. "We didn't want 1,000 people showing up for 10 part-time jobs. This way, we can hopefully give them the skill sets they need."

Experts will also be on hand to assist with mock interviews. "It's an opportunity to get some really good professional input," Zerkich said. "A person may have a good resume and horrible communications skills in an interview. It takes a long time to get an interview, so you better have your ducks lined up before you go."

The event also includes a health fair, with participants from Oakland County Health Department, Sports Club of Novi, St. Mary's Health

Group and a dental van with services for children and adults.

"The people out of work also need access to free or low cost medical care or resources they may not have known about," Zerkich said. "A lot of times, when people have stress or depression over these things, they let their health go."

The event is free and registration is not required, but presentations are available on a first-come, first-served basis.

"Get there early because we're expecting a lot of people," Zerkich said. "Our main target area is Novi, Walled Lake, Farmington Hills, South Lyon, Northville, but it's open to anyone in the Detroit metropolitan area."

For more information visit www.jobseekersworkshop.com or call 248-349-3106, Ext. 103.

NOVI BRIEFLY

Things you should know about plastic surgery

Providence Park Hospital's Dinner with a Doctor series continues tonight with Dr. Alberto J. Aviles discussing things you should know about plastic surgery.

The free event includes dinner at 6:30 p.m. and a presentation, which begins at 7 p.m. Dinners are held in conference rooms A, B and C on the Providence Park Campus located at Grand River and Beck Roads. Enter the campus off of Beck Road and continue straight to the building's Heart Institute entrance (formerly the southeast entrance). The conference rooms will be to your immediate left. To sign up call (888) 440-7325.

Road construction update

• Northbound and southbound Novi Road entrance ramps to eastbound Interstate 96 are closed until mid September.

• Eastbound I-96 connector to eastbound I-696 reduced to one lane.

• The ramp from northbound I-275 to eastbound I-696 will be reduced to one lane.

• Eastbound and westbound I-696 will have two lanes open over Drake Road for one month.

• Ramp from southbound Michigan 5 to westbound I-96 is closed until late July.

• Westbound I-96 traffic will be routed toward the median to maintain three through lanes of traffic during peak travel periods from the interchanges with I-275 and M-5 to Beck Road.

• Halsted Road in Farmington Hills is closed over I-696. Full closure between Hills Tech Drive and Howard Street is expected until late August and traffic will be detoured to Haggerty Road.

'Two Broads Abroad' tonight

Novi City Councilwoman Kathy Crawford and co-author Karen Schwarcik will share a humorous story of two broads' journey through the United

Kingdom at 7 p.m. tonight, at the Novi Library, located at 45245 W. 10 Mile Road.

The event will take place in the whole meeting room, where they dynamic duo will share stories, show a DVD with highlights from the trip and sign copies of the co-authored book "Two Broads Abroad." For more information visit www.novilibrary.org.

Classic Car Auction

The RM Classic Car Auction is being held this weekend at Rook Financial Showplace, located at 46100 Grand River Avenue.

This is one of the largest indoor classic car auction events in the Mid-West featuring more than 300 classic, sports and muscle cars. The event kicks off Friday with a vehicle preview from 3-8 p.m. There is no charge for admission or parking for the preview.

Doors open for the auction at 9 a.m. Saturday and Sunday. The auction will run from 10:30 a.m. to 8 p.m. Saturday, and 10:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday. Purchase a one-day pass for

\$10, or a two-day weekend pass for \$15. Children 12 and under are free with an adult. There is a \$5 parking fee and privately owned cars can not be displayed for sale on the lot.

For more information visit www.rmrauctions.com or rockfinancialshowplace.com.

Walk, run and fashion walk

The second annual Live Like Andi Walk & Run will take place Saturday May 2 at Catholic Central High School, located at 27225 Wixom Road. The event includes a Fashion Walk, Heroes' 10 mile, 5K run, 5K walk, 10K run, and 1 mile Fun Run for kids.

The fund-raiser is sponsored by the Live Like Andi Foundation, Inc., a not-for-profit 501(c)(3) organization formed to raise money for research to discover a cure for adenoid cystic carcinoma, a rare cancer typically originating in the salivary glands and often spreading to the brain and lungs, and to support ACC families. For more information visit liveandifund.org.

NEIGHBORS

NOVI ENGAGEMENT

Neville-Bezak

Mike and Pam Neville of Novi announce the engagement of their daughter Brittany Lynn Neville of Cleveland Heights, Ohio to Brett Joseph Bezak of Cleveland Heights, Ohio son of Frank and Christine Bezak of Northville.

Brittany is a 2003 graduate of Novi High School and a 2008 graduate of Grand Valley University. She is employed as a special education teacher in Solon, Ohio.

Brett is a 2004 graduate of Northville High School and a 2007 graduate of the University of Michigan and is currently at Case Western Dental School in Cleveland.

The couple plans a July 2009 wedding in Novi.



Neville-Bezak



Happy Birthday!

Ninety-six-year-old Trudy Harradine applauds as she and other 85 and older seniors are recognized at the April 15 85th Birthday Celebration at the Novi Senior Center. All seniors 85 and older were honored at the large birthday party and they also received birthday wishes from Novi Mayor David Landry. Trudy's proudest accomplishment was "bringing up four caring and successful children."

JOHN HEUER/STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Advertisement for The Novi Business & Taste Expo on Wednesday April 29, 2009, 3:00 - 7:00 p.m. at Hotel Baronette, 27790 Novi Rd. Includes details about the expo, ticket prices, and sponsors.

Advertisement for Crystal Creek Assisted Living, featuring services like 24-hour professional staffing, home-cooked meals, and a secure courtyard. Contact: (734) 453-3203.

Advertisement for Snap Fitness seeking 50 volunteers for a FREE 21-day fitness study. Requirements include being 18-80 years old and not currently exercising.

Advertisement for Think Spring & Early Bird Savings! featuring play systems, toys, and home services. Includes a list of services and contact information.

Advertisement for Godspell, described as 'The Bible like you've never seen it.' Performance dates: May 3 & 9, 8:00 p.m. at Oak Pointe Church. Tickets available at Oak Pointe Church.

Advertisement for Walsh College Small Business Conference. Theme: 'LIVE. BREATHE. BUSINESS.' Includes details about the conference and contact information.

Advertisement for gardenviews featuring a 25% OFF discount on any single item. Includes a list of products like planters, benches, and trellises. Contact: 248-380-8881.

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Come rock around the clock with the cast of Novi Theatres production of 'Grease'!

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'With enthusiasm and joy, this exceptionally talented young cast will touch your heart,' said director, Jan Cartwright.

'Grease' opens Friday, May 8 at the Novi Civic Center, 45175 W. 10 Mile Road.

Tickets are available now online at cityofnovi.org or at the Novi Parks office and are \$18 per adult or \$15 per child or senior.

For more information, call the Novi Parks office at (248) 347-0400 or visit cityofnovi.org.

'GREASE' PERFORMANCE DATES AND TIMES: n 7:30 p.m. Friday, May 8; n 2 p.m. Saturday, May 9; n 7:30 p.m. Saturday, May 16; n 2 p.m. Sunday, May 17



The Novi Theatres' production of "Grease" opens Friday, May 8 at the Novi Civic Center.

OBITUARIES

CHARLES 'CHUCK' BANNON Age 44, of Northville, passed away April 18, 2009. A Funeral Mass was held last Wednesday at Our Lady of Victory...

LISA MARIE BOCHENEK Age 35, died April 17, 2009. A Funeral Mass was held April 22 at St. Joseph Catholic Church, South Lyon...

DELBERT FRANK DWANCK Passed away on Friday, April 17, 2009 from cancer. He was born December 1, 1942 in South Lyon, MI...

ERVIN E. FREIMARK Age 74 of Holly and Atlanta, MI, formerly of Highland, MI died Thursday, April 2, 2009. Before retiring, he worked for Volkswagen of America, Inc.

BETTY JANE LOEHR Age 59, of Howell, passed away Monday, April 13, 2009. Born September 14, 1949 in Chicago, IL, she was the daughter of Richard and Laverne (Hawke) Hussey...

PATRICIA A. MCILMURRAY Age 80, of Livonia, passed peacefully on April 12, 2009. Funeral was held last Thursday at Castlerline Funeral Home, Inc.

RITA I. WAYNE Age 91, of Northville, passed away April 18, 2009. A Funeral Mass was held last Wednesday at Our Lady of Victory. Contributions appreciated to St. John Hospice.

KAREN CHARLEEN (OZAGULONES) GERARD Age 40, and a resident of Milford passed away on April 11, 2009, after a long battle with juvenile diabetes. Karen was an inspiration to many and will be dearly missed by her parents, Katie and Dave Stephenson of Milford...

MATTHEW E. MCELHANEY Daughter, Madreen Izzo, in Commerce Township, South Plainfield, NJ - Matthew E. McElhane, 90, died on Friday, April 17, 2009 at the West Hickory Haven Nursing Home in Milford, MI. Born in New Brunswick, NJ, he resided in East Milstone, NJ, before moving to So. Plainfield, NJ in 1951 and most recently to Michigan with his daughter, Madreen Izzo...

JOSEPHINE GRACE (DIBDEN) MERRELL Passed away peacefully at Towsey Village, Chelsea Retirement Center on April 15, 2009 at the age of 86. She was born at Ulica, MI on May 2, 1922 to Rev. Joseph Dibden and Ada Mary (Bette) Dignon. She is survived by her children: Dana (Kanab, UT), Barbara Nell (Denver, CO), Mary Dewey (Lancaster, PA), Kirby (Troy, MI), and Frank (East Point, MI). Josephine also leaves behind 7 grandchildren and 3 great grandchildren. Her husband, Roger, Arthur preceded her in death. Josie graduated from Pigeon High School and Adrian College. She earned her MA at U of M and an Assoc. degree in Music from Schoolcraft College. Josie taught piano lessons, and was an organist and choir director at all the churches her husband served as a United Methodist pastor: Washington, Davis, Marysville, Newburg, Milan, Marble Memorial, and South Lyon. She also served in this capacity at Milford, UMC, Highland UMC, and Commerce Township UMC. Mrs. Merrill taught elementary school, remedial reading and served as high school secretary for many years. She was a member of the American Guild of Organists, secretary of the Detroit Conference, President of the Milford Musicale, and the West Oakland Music Teachers Association. Josie and her husband of 63 years volunteered their musical talents in many venues. In the last decade of their lives, Josie and Roger took up competitive weight lifting, earning recognition in tournaments around the country. In lieu of flowers, donations may be given to CRC Heritage Foundation.

Novi City Council tentatively approved the 2009-10 budget at Monday's special meeting, therefore canceling Saturday's previously scheduled budget session. The \$30 million budget won't be officially adopted until next month, following a May 4 public hearing. Each council member had the opportunity to address administration with questions and concerns, but overall the group was unanimously satisfied with the document. 'I'm proud of what's happening here in Novi,' said Mayor Pro Tem Bob Gatt. 'This budget maintains the same services our citizens have come to expect and demand.' Novi City Manager Clay Pearson addressed the current economic climate, but said administration has been conservative, responsive and responsible with the city's finances. 'The proposed budget projects a decrease in the city's two main sources of revenue - property taxes and state shared revenue - but maintains 17.6 percent in undesignated funds in the general fund. The proposed budget can be found on the City's Web site at www.cityofnovi.org.'

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Open House Michael Harris, executive director of the Michigan chapter of Paralyzed Veterans of America, talks about a Free Call system that the PVA is hoping to establish in local gas stations that would benefit handicapped drivers during the PVA's recent open house at their Grand River Avenue location. The PVA was established to, among other things, promote medical research to cure paralysis and advocate for appropriate health care of paralyzed veterans. The open house took place on April 16.

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Social networking for boomers and beyond

Dear Savvy Senior At age 57, I don't consider myself to be a senior but I do have a question regarding social networking Web sites for older adults. Which ones do you recommend for people in my age bracket? I'm divorced and interested in meeting like-minded people for fun and friendship near my own age. What can you tell me? Mature Site Seeker

Dear Mature, Over the past few years online social networking has become wildly popular, especially among the younger generation - but it's not just for kids. While the youth-oriented social networking sites MySpace and Facebook get most of the attention, a growing number of online communities have sprung up aimed at Web-savvy baby boomers and beyond. Here's what you should know.

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EDUCATION

CLASS NOTES

Cirque Amongus

Providence Park Hospital and Novi Community Education present Cirque Amongus 7 p.m. Friday at the Novi Middle School, 4900 11 Mile Road. Individual tickets are \$5, general admission. All children must have an adult present. For more information, call (248) 449-1206.

Senior All Night Party

The Novi High School Class of 2009 Senior All Night Party fundraiser Drive out and Donatet will take place 4-8 p.m. Thursday, April 30, at Virginia Barbeque, 39723 Grand River Avenue in the Pleasant Run Complex. Present a flier downloadable from the NHS Web

site or in the high school office for the event. Twenty percent of all sales will be donated to the Class of 2009 SANP.

Novi Summer School

Registration for Novi summer school begins Friday, May 1. Class information is now available. Visit the Novi Community Education Web site at www.novi.k12.mi.us/District/communityEducation/default.aspx for summer school information. Call Novi Community Education at (248) 449-1206 for additional assistance.

Orchard Hills birthday

The Orchard Hills Elementary School community invites residents 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. Sock Hop and refreshments. R.S.V.P. by calling (248) 449-1400 or by e-mailing Becky Hurst at bhurst@novi.k12.mi.us.

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 grades 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 design, engineering, health and medical, emergency response training, auto body repair, auto technology, personal watercraft maintenance, digital animation, visual presentations and Web design. Academic classes will also be offered for Algebra, English, Math and Language Arts.

A complete list of courses and registration information is available on the Oakland Schools Web site at www.oakland.k12.mi.us and locate "2009 Career Focused Education (CFE) Summer Course Catalog" under Today @ Oakland Schools. Classes range in cost from \$25 to \$555 and are held in the four Oakland Schools Technical Campuses (Clarkston, Pontiac, Royal Oak and Westland). Class start dates vary from June 22 through the end of July on a first come, first served basis. The registration deadline is June 18, 2009. For program questions contact Paula Todd, Oakland Schools, Career Focused Education at (248) 209-2194 or Paula.Todd@oakland.k12.mi.us.



Back row left: Soma Veluru (Appraiser); middle Tony Lin (Coach); and right Sonali Sathe. Children: Front left Michelle Lin Novi Woods; left front Kiran Rushton Deerfield; Center Mikaela O'Connor Deerfield; right (blue hat) Matthee Sath Orchard Hills; and far right Nikith Veluru Orchard Hills.

Novi third-graders make it to Global Finals

On April 4 in Mt. Pleasant, five Novi elementary kids who call themselves "The Achievers" tied for second place and earned the right to compete at the Global finals in Knoxville, Tenn. in May. Although Novi has had third graders compete for several years, this is the first year that third graders have made it to Global finals. This team will be joined by three additional Novi teams that have also made it to the

Destination Imagination Global finals. Destination Imagination is not really a program; it's a process. Team members engage in creativity, creative problem solving and teamwork all year long by performing DI Challenges - otherwise known as practice drills for the challenges of real life. Participants will develop life-long skills they can carry over into everyday life. Above all, they have fun, discover talents they never knew they had, make new

friends and reap the rewards of teamwork as they grow and learn. Destination Imagination is active in all 50 states and in 40 countries, with more than 12,000 teams supported by more than 40,000 volunteers. The 2007-2008 program season marked the 25th anniversary of DI. Donations in support of the children can be made to Novi Community Schools C/O 3rd Grade DI. For further details please contact Nisha Rushton at nrushton@sbglobal.net.

VOTE

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a year for Novi residents with a \$300,000 market value home, is projected to cover costs to construct, operate and maintain the 73-acre site at the southwest corner of 11 Mile and Beck roads.

The property is part of a land swap agreement, reached

between the City and the Novi Community School District in November.

The district purchased what is known as the Bosco property for \$8.5 million with a 2001 bond, which tax payers are still paying for.

"It's not true that you're paying for the land twice," Pearson said. "The land is being paid for once (with the school bond), and the (.5 mill) would pay for improvements."

Conceptual plans for the Signature Park include a 66,000-square-foot indoor recreation facility including a theatre, gymnasium and multipurpose activity rooms; fields flexible for festivals and sports, such as soccer, cricket and football; and passive recreation opportunities with trails, pathways, woodlands and wetlands.

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OFFICER

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According to MADD, every year, about 14,000 people are killed by drunk drivers with an illegal alcohol level of .08 percent blood alcohol concentration or above, meaning more than 1,000 families every month must live with the

tragic consequences of drunk-driving.

"Officer Franciowski was credited with arresting 28 drivers for the offense of operating while intoxicated," Molloy said. "This total surpasses any other officer in the department. (His) actions bring great credit upon himself, the Novi Police Department and the City of Novi."

This is the first time

Franciowski, who has been with the Novi Police Department for three years, is being recognized for this award.

Macomb County Prosecutor Eric J. Smith will serve as the honorary chairman and keynote speaker of the May 15 event.

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BUDGET

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school schedule to a six-period day, facilitating the elimination of 11 teachers.

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Novi High School administrators were asked to look into implementing the schedule change, beginning with the 2009-10 school year, as part of an economic solution.

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CITY OF NOVI PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT the Zoning Board of Appeals for the City of Novi will hold a public hearing on Tuesday, May 12, 2009 at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers Novi Civic Center 45175 W. Two Mile Road to consider:

Case No. 09-016 for 1300 East Lake Drive

The petitioner is requesting a variance change to allow the proposed demolition of existing and construction of a new home located at 1300 East Lake Road. This request would change 3 of the 4 variances that were granted at the January 13, 2009 ZBA meeting (ZBA08-065) as well as the conditions. Property is zoned R-4 and is located north of Thirteen Mile Road and west of Novi Road.

REQUIRED MINIMUM SIDE YARD SETBACK 10 FEET
PROPOSED MINIMUM SIDE YARD SETBACKS 5.25 FEET, 5.75 FEET
MAXIMUM VARIANCE REQUESTED 4.75 FEET

REQUIRED TOTAL AGGREGATE SIDE YARD SETBACK 25 FEET
PROPOSED AGGREGATE SIDE YARD SETBACK VARIANCE REQUESTED 11 FEET, 14 FEET

MAXIMUM TOTAL LOT COVERAGE 25%
PROPOSED TOTAL LOT COVERAGE VARIANCE REQUESTED 33%
8%

Case No. 09-012 for 44050 Twelve Mile Road
ASI Madonia is requesting a variance to install a 75 square foot ground sign based on 110 foot setback from center line of Twelve Mile Road which would require a 20 square foot variance and a variance to install a second ground sign (54 square feet) to be used for tenant identification at 44050 Twelve Mile Road in the Stonridge Office Park. The property is zoned OS-1 and is south of Twelve Mile Road and west of Novi Road.

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OUR VIEWS

District participation needed now

Novi Community Schools district stakeholders are invited to attend the Board of Education's regular meeting 7 p.m. tonight in the ITC building, 25045 Tift Road.

This will be the first opportunity to discuss \$2.4 million of reductions and \$1.09 million in revenue enhancements to the 2009-10 district budget.

Along with tonight's meeting, there will be a public forum on April 30, a special board meeting on Saturday, May 2, and the May 7 Board of Education regular meeting. All are opportunities to review the district's proposed budget.

The bulk of the reductions are cuts or modifications to programs and staffing. One proposed change includes changing the high school schedule to a six-period day, facilitating the elimination of 11 teachers.

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COMMUNITY VOICE

In honor of Arbor Day, we asked Novi residents what makes trees so important? We asked this question at Orchard Hills Elementary School



"They give us oxygen." - Cindy Huang, Novi



"They give houses to animals." - Rileigh Nielson, Novi



"They take in carbon dioxide and give off oxygen for us." - Mya Brown, Novi



"Trees are important for shade, absorbing carbon dioxide and for adding beauty to our landscapes." - Paul LePia, Novi

LETTERS

Too little, too late

Regarding the guest column by state Sen. Nancy Cassis; she is to be commended for her efforts to save taxpayer funds by reducing her office and staff budget. Hopefully, more of our elected officials are also working with the same work ethic. However, on her vote to cut the pay for the next one to hold the office she currently holds, I see no reason for praise.

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To read a guest column written by City of Novi Mayor David Landry, visit www.hometownlife.com. Landry voices his opinion on why the proposed Signature Park is a need and not a want for this community. Residents will have the opportunity to vote on 5 parks and recreation millage during a special election Tuesday, May 5.

Join the discussion Do you favor a graduated income tax for Michigan residents? Go to hometownlife.com to give us your feedback.

WHAT'S YOUR STORY? We're looking for you! The Novi News is currently looking to interview local residents regarding the following topics: Are you a resident who recently returned to work or lost your job? Are you a Novi resident interested in sharing a story about how your religious faith has carried you through tough times? Do you spend more than \$200 a week on groceries? Do you have an interesting hobby? Do you have an unusual pet? Are you addicted to social networking sites like MySpace, Facebook and Twitter? Are you a family that has pulled together during difficult times? E-mail Novi News editor Victoria Mitchell at vmitchell@gannett.com.

LETTERS

WHAT DO YOU THINK?

We welcome your Letter to the Editor. Please include your name, address and phone number for verification. We ask your letters be 400 words or less. We may edit for clarity, space and content. Submit via Web: www.hometownlife.com Mail: Letters to the Editor, Novi News, 101 N Lafayette St., South Lyon, MI 48178. Fax: (248) 437-3386. E-mail: vmitchell@gannett.com. Deadline: Letters must be received by 10 a.m. Monday to be published in the Thursday edition. Blog: You may also let your opinions be heard with your own blog at hometownlife.com.

list of reasons why the environment is important. If you further press an individual to see if he or she knows the health of their local ecosystems, they will likely be at a loss. Unfortunately, the environmental poster children - the rainforest, giant pandas, abby seals, and the like - receive too much attention. While these are all exceedingly important issues, and the exaltation of baby seals does evoke a strong sense of environmentalism, they overshadow other issues.

Another problem with environmental poster children is that the average individual is detached from them. Sitting at your kitchen table in Novi, you can't really do much to stop Japanese fishermen from hunting whales, save writing to congress.

There are other issues that are being trumped, which are more accessible. One such example of an issue that rarely sees the light of day is Allaria petiolata, an invasive species more commonly known

TOO MUCH FOR A PARK?

Twenty-five x \$1.7 million per year = \$42 million for a park. And we aren't paying for the land. Where are the heads of the people who dreamed up this boondoggle? Why is the council allowing such a waste of time and money promoting this ballot proposal? Do they actually believe Novi voters are oblivious to our economic condition? Patrick M. Downey Northville

Maple syrup at Novi's Tollgate Farms

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As Garlic Mustard. The history of Garlic Mustard, for our purposes, is relatively short; it was brought from Europe for use as a culinary herb and it has been growing uncontrollably ever since. In Europe, there are 68 species of insects and several species of fungi that feed on Garlic Mustard; in the United States, there are none. The result is that this weed is choking out native species and drastically reducing the biodiversity of forests.

This pest has already spread across large parts of the country, and is extremely prevalent in the parks of Novi. Here's the great part: Instead of buying a poster with a giant panda on it, you can have a direct impact on this environmental problem. Garlic Mustard can be removed without herbicides; simply pulling out the plant kills it. By pulling it before it produces seeds, its reproduction is halted.

This is where you come in. We need as many people as possible to participate in the first ever Garlic Mustard Pull night 8 p.m. April 26 at Lakeshore Park on S. Lake Drive. I hope you can join us and make this event a huge success. Also, bring water and a trowel, if you can. Andrew Phillips Novi

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face 2 face at the Palace of Auburn Hills on May 21, 2009 Go to www.hometownlife.com to enter. Enter by 5/9/09

ON THE WEB

Sweat causes cleaning problems and smells... Cleaning problems result in mildew... Mildew... Well I'm sure most readers have been in a gym before. This is a level of 'clean' and janitorial duties that the City has not dealt with before (indoor athletic facilities have been run by the schools). Part time janitor in a 65,000 square foot facility with athletic events as a major activity? (Shared janitorial services from other parts of the Parks system was documented in the original proposal). Very doubtful.

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Financial management during unemployment

YOUR NEXT JOB



Martha D. Adamson

Any period of unemployment will affect your personal finances. Your unemployment benefit from the State of Michigan will replace only a fraction of your usual income, and any salary continuation or severance payment you receive may need to carry you for many months of job searching.

Begin compiling your current expenditures by month for at least six months. If you use money management software such as Quicken or MS-Money, you can generate reports that categorize your spending over the last six months or more. If you don't have access to this software, try the online tool Mint.com, or simply create a list from your checking or debit and credit card statements by paper.

Take some easy steps to cut back on spending. Stop carrying cash and debit cards. Have your salary continuation or unemployment check direct deposited. Put your credit cards away except one to carry for emergency use only.

So, when an otherwise competent individual is escorted down the pink slip runway, it is incumbent on both the individual and the organization to make it clear that the reason for the separation has little to do with the person's competencies and everything to do with the organization's survival. In 2006, the state of Michigan experienced an unusually high number of buyouts, separations and job cuts that created a strain on the support systems needed to assist these individuals in finding new career opportunities.

Make a list of creditors. These should include your loans or mortgages and home equity loans, auto loans or leases, credit card balances, and any other loans or bills with a balance. Prioritize these, review the payment terms, make sure you are paying within the penalty fee period.

If you can maintain your payments on the current schedule, be sure to do so. If this becomes impossible, contact your creditors in a letter and tell them that you have lost your job and would like to arrange a temporary change in repayment terms.

Then get specific: Say "In place of my regular monthly payment of \$_____ due on _____ each month, I am requesting that you accept a payment of \$_____ paid on _____ of the month. I assure you that I will add no further debt until my financial situation improves. I will begin making my normal payments as soon as possible, and will notify you when there is a change in my situation or in 60 days. Your understanding during this difficult time is most appreciated."

Competencies aside, it is generally understood as a matter of cosmic law that the hardest time to find employment is when you're unemployed. While a number of cautions have been put in place to minimize the risk organizations take when bringing on new employees, underneath the bell curve of employee conduct lies a substantial number of people who are competent, hardworking and downsized.

While there is no law that says to give greater consideration to an unemployed, competently downsized person over someone else, there is no reason why they should be thrown in the pile with the other unemployed job seeking applicants.

Persistence, loyalty, dedication and strong work ethics have to be given some credit in the grand financial ledger of life. A person who was not seeking to be unemployed should not be unduly punished because they are. For example, an HR manager mentioned that one of the things she does when interviewing people who have been downsized is to ask them, "When was the last time you interviewed for a job?" Her interviewing process has revealed a high percentage of applicants who last interviewed for a job 20 or so years ago when they first hired into a company.

Find part-time work, but be aware that any earnings you make will impact your unemployment income. Sell unused items, barter your services for services you need - e.g. babysit for a neighbor who can make household repairs for you. Be creative and look for ways to involve your family in making choices that stretch your dollars. Don't focus on the sacrifices you are making, but focus on coming together to help each other during a difficult time.

I want to thank Lois Gibbons, Financial Education Manager for Extra Credit Union for these and additional tips.

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

Advertisement for Billy Elton, Joel John at the Palace of Auburn Hills on May 21, 2009. Includes ticket information and website URL.

Advertisement for Core Rhythms dance studio. Features a woman dancing and text about classes, instructors, and contact information.

NORTHVILLE / NOVI AREA CHURCH EVENTS

6400 SHEPHERD LUTHERAN CHURCH
LOCATION: 4415 Nine Mile Road, corner of Meadowbrook Road, Novi
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Sunday Schedule
TIME: 9:45 a.m. Worship School and Bible Study; 10 a.m. Sunday School; 11 a.m. The Holy Bible
TIME/DATE: 6:30 p.m., Saturday, April 25
DETAILS: Explore and answer questions about the Old and New Testaments. No cost. Light refreshments will be available.

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Walking In The Park
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CONTACT: Joy Ruby at joy@oakpointe.org or call the church

FIRST UNITED METHODIST OF NORTHVILLE
A Stephen Ministry church
LOCATION: 777 W. Eight Mile Road
CONTACT: (248) 349-1144 or funcnorthville.org
Sunday Worship
TIME: 8, 9:15 and 11 a.m.
Coffee hour at 10:15 a.m.
Healing Service
TIME/DATE: 4 p.m., first Monday of every month

OAK POINTE CHURCH
LOCATION: 50200 W. 10 Mile Road
CONTACT: (248) 912-0043 or visit oakpointe.org
Worship Services
TIME: 5:15 p.m., Saturday, 9:15 and 11:15 a.m.
Sunday
New Life Ministries
TIME/DATE: 7:15-9 p.m. every Monday

WYOMING METHODIST
LOCATION: 41571 W. 10 Mile Road
CONTACT: (248) 349-2652 or visit umcnovi.com
Sunday Worship
TIME: 9:45 a.m.
Healing Service and Holy Communion
TIME/DATE: 9:45 a.m., first Sunday of every month

CHURCH OF THE HOLY FAMILY
LOCATION: 24505 Meadowbrook Road
CONTACT: (248) 349-8847 or visit holyfamilynovi.org
Mass Schedule
TIME/DATE: 7:30, 9, 10:30 a.m. and 12:15 p.m. Sunday, 9 a.m. Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, 6:30 a.m. Tuesday, 5 p.m. (English), 6:30 a.m. (Spanish) Saturday
Holy Days: 9 a.m., 5:30 and 7:30 p.m.
Reconciliation: beginning 9 a.m.
Saturdays or by appointment

FAITH COMMUNITY PRESBYTERIAN
LOCATION: 44400 W. 10 Mile Road
CONTACT: (248) 349-2345 or visit faithcommunity-novi.org
Sunday Worship: 10 a.m.
Internet Safety class
TIME/DATE: 7 p.m., April 30
DETAILS: Led by Officer: Gruenwald of the Novi Police Dept.
Parables Bible Class
TIME/DATE: 7 PM, Tuesdays April 28 - June 9

DETROIT FIRST CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE
LOCATION: 22360 Hoagley Rd, north of Eight Mile Road
CONTACT: (248) 349-7600 or visit detfirstchurch.org
Sunday Schedule: 9:15 a.m. Worship service with Praise Band, children's Sunday

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LOCATION: 201 Elm St., Northville
CONTACT: (248) 349-3140
Sunday Worship: 8:30 a.m. Blended; 11 a.m. Traditional

School and Adult Bible Fellowship; 10:15 a.m. Fellowship and refreshments; 11 a.m. Traditional worship service, Children's Church, Youth Sunday School and Adult Bible Fellowship; 6 p.m. Evening Service, Children's program, Youth Worship Service
Tuesday Schedule: Tuesday 9:30-11:15 a.m. Women of the Word Bible Study with childcare available for through age 5; 6:45 p.m. Ladies Evening Bible Study; 7 p.m. Men's Evening Bible Study

EMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH
LOCATION: 34567 Seven Mile Road
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Sunday Worship
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Traditional 9:30 a.m. Contemporary, Nursery and Sunday School during the 9:30 a.m. and 11 a.m. services.
Service Broadcast
DETAILS: 11 a.m. every Sunday on WRDF-AM 540, The WMJ2 Word Station

ST. JAMES CATHOLIC
LOCATION: 46325 10 Mile Road, Novi
CONTACT: (248) 347-7778
Mass Schedule
TIME/DATE: 8, 9:30 and 11:30 a.m. Sunday, 9 a.m. Monday-Tuesday, 7 p.m. Wednesday, 9 p.m. Saturday
Mothers Group
TIME/DATE: 9:30-11 a.m. first and third Wednesday every month, through May 20
DETAILS: Providing fellowship, support and opportunities to grow faith. Childcare available. Suggested donation \$20. Don't have to be a parishioner to join.
CONTACT: Becky at (248) 305-5924 or Jeanne at (248) 380-6361

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Your tax refund: Invest today for tomorrow's goals

The tax-filing deadline arrived this week. Will you be getting a refund? If so, take the time to consider how best to use it — because, when used wisely, your tax refund can give you a few added steps on the road toward achieving your financial goals.

How? Here are a few ideas:
■ Help fund your IRA. In 2008, the average federal tax refund was \$2,429, according to the Internal Revenue Service. If you were to receive that amount, it would cover almost half of your IRA contribution for this year, as the annual limit is \$5,000. You can put in \$6,000 if you're 50 or older. A traditional IRA grows tax deferred, while a Roth IRA grows tax free, provided you have held your account for at least five years and don't take withdrawals until you reach age 59-1/2. Your IRA may have taken a hit last year, but if you find it

Ideally, you should have six to 12 months' worth of living expenses in a liquid account to help pay for unexpected costs, such as a major car repair, a new furnace or a costly medical bill. Without such an emergency fund, you might be forced to dip into your long-term investments to pay for these costs — and that can hurt your progress toward your financial objectives.

With quality investments and avoid making withdrawals until retirement, you can take important steps to help rebuild your portfolio.
■ Help build an emergency fund. You could use part of your refund for an IRA and part to help build an emergency fund. Ideally, you should have six to 12 months' worth of living expenses in a liquid account to help pay for unexpected costs, such as a major car repair, a new furnace or a costly medical bill. Without such an emergency fund, you might be forced to dip into your long-term investments to pay for these costs — and that can hurt your progress toward your financial objectives.

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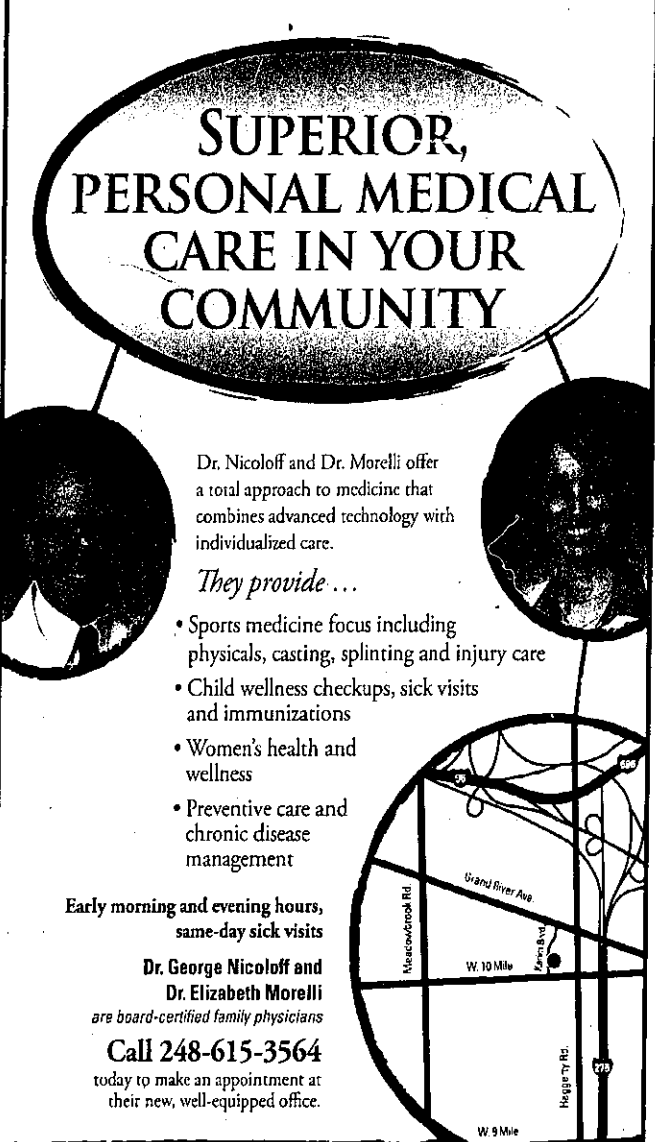
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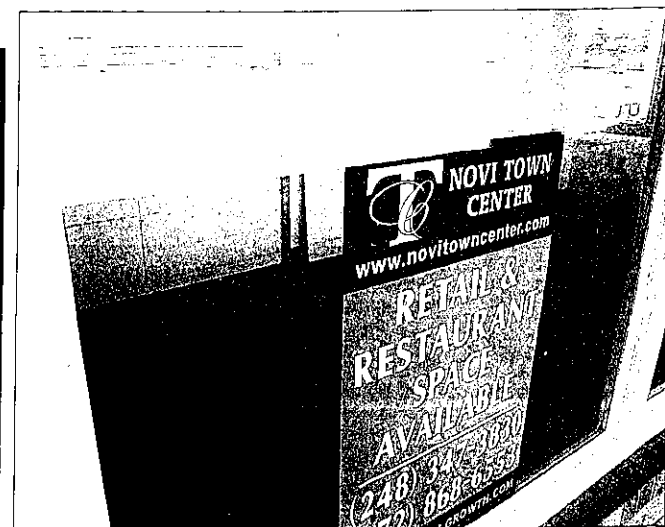
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National mall operator files chapter 11; Novi Town Center not affected

BY KELLY MURAD
STAFF WRITER

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The Chicago-based company is one of the nation's largest mall operators, owning or managing more than 200 regional shopping malls across the country, including the Novi Town Center, Lakeside Mall in Sterling Heights and Southland Center in Taylor.

According to a statement released by the Novi Town Center, General Growth Properties does not own the center, but rather the Novi retail location is managed by General Growth Management Inc., who did not file for chapter 11 protection.

"The Town Center is owned by institutional investors. This news will not impact our stores or our shoppers," said Jim Clear, general manager of the Novi Center. "Novi Town Center will continue to operate without interruption and our stores will all remain open. We are going forward unaffected by the recent GGP news."

Tenants currently residing in the Novi Town Center include Borders, Old Navy, TJ Maxx, Bally's Total Fitness, The Children's Place, Bonefish Grill and Diamond Jim Brady's Bistro, among others.

"I don't anticipate any changes," said Mary Brady, owner and certified executive chef of Diamond Jim Brady's.

The restaurant will celebrate its 28th anniversary in the Novi Town Center location this fall.

In addition to General Growth Properties, about 158 regional shopping centers owned by the company, including the Lakeside and Southland centers, also filed for protection.

"We are not part of that," Clear said.

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CONTACT: Kelly Murad at (248) 473-3100 or kmurad@hometownlife.com

NOVI BULLETIN BOARD

LOCAL EVENTS

Professional Children's Theater Series
TIME/DATE: 7-8 p.m. Cirque Amongus, Friday, April 24
LOCATION: Novi Middle School Performing Arts Center
DETAILS: Providence Park is sponsoring Novi Community Education in offering a Professional Children's Theater Series. Each show is \$5 per ticket.
CONTACT: (248) 449-1206

Guernsey Farms Dairy Open House
TIME/DATE: 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, April 25
LOCATION: Guernsey Farms Dairy
DETAILS: Guernsey Farms Dairy will open its doors to the public for a tour of its dairy products production plant. The tour is free, and guests are asked to bring a non-perishable food item or make a monetary donation for Novi food pantries.
CONTACT: (248) 449-1206

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 Novi
DETAILS: The Botsford Center for Health Improvement is launching this golf season with its third annual expo designed to make your first round of the season successful and pain-free. Botsford exercise physiologists 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 Conditioning" presentation.
CONTACT: Call (248) 473-3100 to register or for questions.

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

Author to speak at Novi Library
TIME/DATE: 7:30 p.m., Friday, May 8; 2 p.m., Saturday, May 9; 7:30 p.m., Saturday, May 16; 2 p.m., Sunday, May 17
LOCATION: Novi Civic Center, 45175 W. Ten Mile Rd.
DETAILS: Come rock around the clock with the cast of Novi Theatre's production of this iconic musical. It is an energy-filled look into the world of being young in 1959, when rock 'n' roll, hot cars, and being cool were teenage priorities. Classic songs from this Rock 'n' Roll musical including: "Summer Nights," "The Go-Getter" and "Greased Lightning" are sure to keep your finger's snapping and toes tapping. Tickets are available now online at cityofnovi.org or at the Novi Parks office. Tickets are \$18 per adult, \$16 per child or senior. All seats are reserved.
CONTACT: For more information, please call the Novi Parks office at (248) 347-6400 or visit cityofnovi.org.

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

American Business Women's Association Meeting
TIME/DATE: 6:15 p.m., second Wednesday of every month
LOCATION: DoubleTree Hotel-Novi (4200 Crescent Blvd., southeast of I-96 @ 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 scholarships.
CONTACT: (248) 330-6315 or abwanovi.org.

2009-11 Economic Forecast for Oakland County At 24th Annual Economic Luncheon
TIME/DATE: 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Thursday, April 30
LOCATION: Rock Financial Showplace in Novi
DETAILS: Top economists from the University of Michigan will present their report on the economic future of Oakland County at the 24th Annual Economic Outlook Luncheon. The 2009-2011 Employment Forecast and Oakland County Planning & Economic Development Services (PEDS) and the Institute for Research on Labor, Employment and the Economy at the University of Michigan, will be presented at the luncheon, scheduled for hosts for the luncheon are Chase, Oakland Community College and Oakland County. The cost is \$40 per person.
CONTACT: Register online at www.oakgov.com/peds/calendar/outlook-nunch.html. For more information, call Nancy Nagy at (248) 858-9706.

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CONTACT: (248) 349-0720 or novibrary.org

Monday Evening Book Discussion Group
LOCATION: Located in the Meadowbrook Commons Senior Center, 25075 Meadowbrook Road, Novi, MI 48240
CONTACT: (248) 347-0414

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Novi Senior Activities Center
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CONTACT: (248) 347-0414



Crafty Creations

Pili Dressel, a wood artist from St. Louis, works on creating a rocking horse out of bass wood at last Friday's Great Lakes Art Fair at the Rock Financial Showplace in Novi.

For additional information on the community's apartment homes, for general information, call (248) 668-8610.

SCHOOL & GOVERNMENT

Novi City Council Meeting
TIME/DATE: 7 p.m. first and third Monday of month
LOCATION: Novi Civic Center, 45175 W. 10 Mile Road

CITY OF NOVI, MICHIGAN NOTICE OF OFFICIAL PUBLIC ACCURACY TEST

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Table with 3 columns: PRECINCT, LOCATION & ADDRESS, and details for each precinct.

FOR THE PURPOSE OF VOTING ON THE FOLLOWING PROPOSAL: Shall the Novi City Charter be amended to add a new Section 9.1.a. authorizing the City to levy an amount not to exceed fifty cents (\$0.50) per one thousand dollars (\$1,000) (one-half of one mill) of taxable value on all taxable property in the City...

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

I, Patrick M. Dohany, County Treasurer of the County of Oakland, State of Michigan, do hereby certify that according to the records in my office, as of March 17, 2009, the total of all voted increases in the tax rate limitation on the 18 mills established by Section 6 of Article IX of the Michigan Constitution of 1963...

Table with 3 columns: LOCAL UNIT, VOTED INCREASE, YEARS INCREASE EFFECTIVE.

Patrick M. Dohany, Treasurer Oakland County

Absentee ballots are available to qualified electors at the Office of the City Clerk, 45175 W. Ten Mile Road. The deadline for the City Clerk's Office to receive applications for ballots to be mailed is 5:00 p.m. Saturday, May 2, 2009.

Published: April 23, 2009

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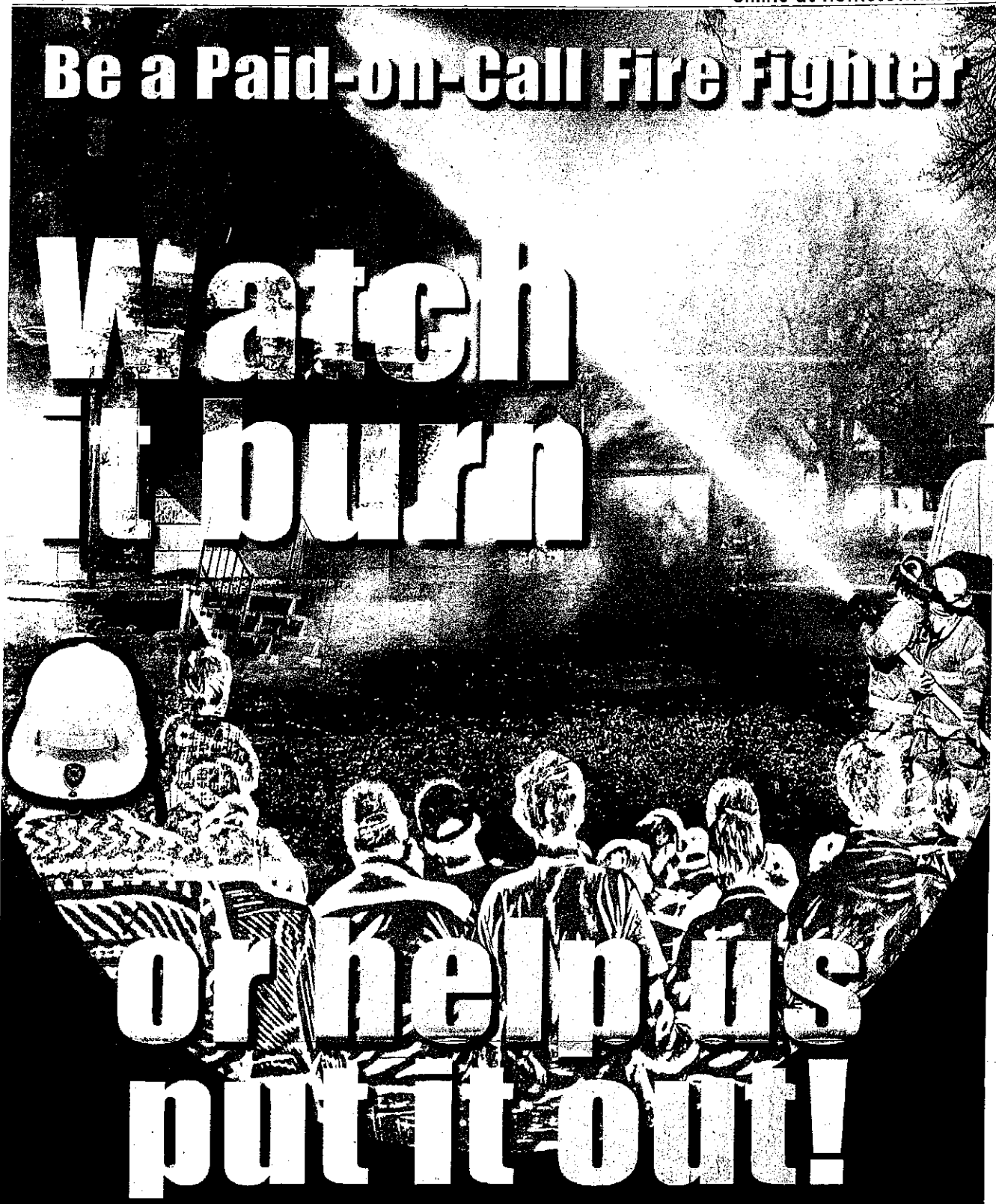
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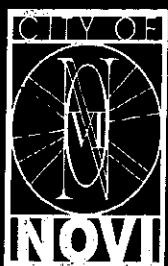


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Strictly Business, B4

CC's Mooradian pins down Wrestler of the Year honors

BY JEFF THEISEN
SPORTS WRITER

It isn't often a freshman is even in the mix for a player of the year in any sport.

But what Catholic Central frosh Alec Mooradian accomplished is even more rare.

The 112-pounder not only captured a State title, he did it without losing a match.

"Alec is one of the smartest wrestlers I have seen at this level," said CC head coach Mitch Hancock. "He finds ways to win close matches and that's because of his confidence."

"The funny thing is, he's never satisfied. He always wants more of himself. The young man is a very dedicated wrestler, and he has plans of winning a national title this summer."

Mooradian finished 50-0 with 32 pins. The titles he collected along the way included the Kent County champ, Oakland County champ, Goodrich champ, CC Invite champ, Observerland champ, Catholic League champ, District champ, Regional champ and State champ.

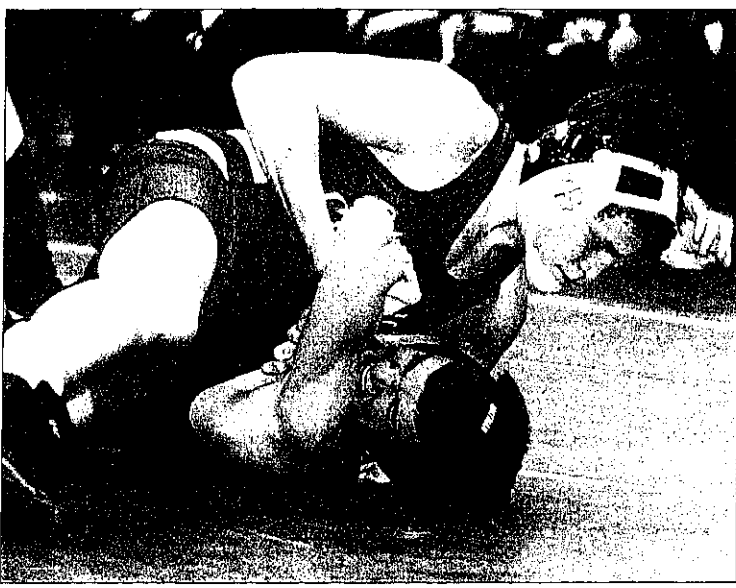
Other highlights included beating three-time champion B.J. Sutor from Swan Valley and two-time champ Victor Vitesses from Avondale.

Mooradian is just the second freshman Shamrock wrestler to win a State title.

As good as Mooradian is on the mat, Hancock says he's just as good off it.

"He's very well mannered and very respectful type of kid," Hancock said. "He's a 3.9, 4.0 kind of student."

"He's the kind of kid that we want our program to be role modeled after."



SUBMITTED

Catholic Central freshman is the 2009 All-Area Wrestler of the Year after going undefeated on his way to a State title at 112 pounds.

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GAME WRAPS

CC SWEEPS LAKE ORION

The Shamrocks took a pair from Lake Orion, winning the first 14-12 and earned the sweep with a 10-2 win.

In the opener, CC trailed 7-2 before scoring five in the fifth and seven in the sixth for a 14-8 lead. Lake Orion scratched out four in the seventh, but it wasn't enough.

Steve Harding had a pair of hits and scored three runs to help lead the offense.

The second game was shortened to five innings because of darkness, but the Shamrocks erupted for seven runs in the third to take control.

Keenan Hart and Tim Dezeliski each pounded out home runs to lead CC (5-6).

BRIGHTON TRIPS UP NOVI 12-5

The Bulldogs fired off eight runs in the first inning and never looked back in a make-up game.

Brighton pounded out 13 hits off five Novi pitchers.

Garrett Green, Kevin Zak and Chris Slack each had two hits.

The loss stopped Novi's five-game winning streak (5-3).

BALAWAJDER CO-ED RELAYS

Novi traveled to Milford to compete in a co-ed relay Saturday. The Wildcats placed fifth out of 15 teams, with Saline placing first.

The Wildcats were second in the 4x3200 relay, second in the 4x100 relay, second in the long jump relay and third in the pole vault relay.

NOVI JV GOLF

Novi finished fourth in a cold-weather tournament April 14 at Hartland Glen. Alex Willson led with an 82 to crack the top 10.

Two days later, the Cats again finished fourth at the 21-team Farmington Invite. Kyle Edwards was low with a 76, followed by 79s from Willson and Kevin Fritzes.

Novi continued to finish fourth at the 11-team Saline Freshman Invite on Friday. Johnny Walker was low for Novi with a 92.

Novi LAX loses first to EGR Pioneers, 12-9

STORY SUBMITTED

When the East Grand Rapids team rolled up in their charter bus, the Wildcats were fired up for the challenge on a beautiful Saturday.

Novi played head-to-head with the two-time State champion EGR lacrosse team, keeping the first and fourth quarters at equal scores. But the Pioneers put three extra goals on the board during the two middle quarters to squeak out a 12-9 victory against the previously unbeaten Wildcats.

Attack Matt Mandeville hit the net with three of his eight shots and landed three assists to teammates Taylor Howell, Joe Mikkelsen and Nathan Haynes. His six points for the day led the team.

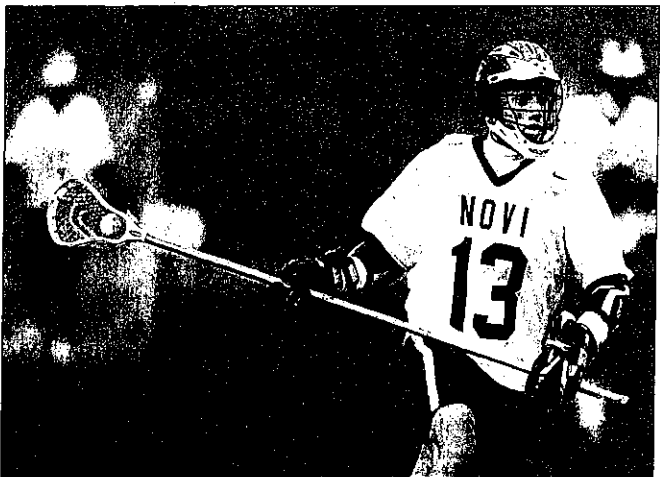
Six Wildcats scored in the matchup, including Paul Favorite with two goals and Joe Burris with a goal. Favorite and Dillon Good both recorded an assist.

Goalie Kody Tipton headed up the defensive unit with 14 saves. Defenseman Jack Petrosky led the team in ground balls with four, while midfielder Sean Murphy added two.

Novi's record goes to 5-1. Monday's game against Northville was rescheduled for 7 p.m. tonight.

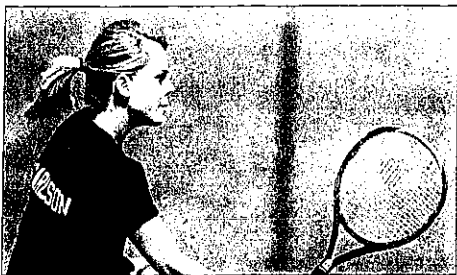


Novi's Matthew Mandeville moves upfield with the ball during a recent home game against South Lyon.



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Wildcat Zachary Mohr looks for his next move as he controls the ball.



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Wildcat Sara Carlson in action at South Lyon East.

Novi tennis hangs with top area teams

BY JEFF THEISEN
SPORTS WRITER

Novi went up against some big names in the area and proved it belonged.

The Wildcats tied 4-all with West Bloomfield on April 15.

West Bloomfield won 1-3 singles. Jennifer Felcher won at No. 4 singles for Novi.

Novi countered by winning 1-3 doubles. Lauren Felcher and Julia Thomas won a three-setter at No. 1, as did Jenna Snyder and Megan Wenzl at No. 2.

Andrea Lollo and Meggie Riegel won in straight sets at No. 3 doubles.

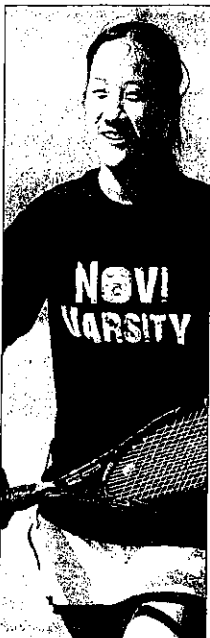
NOVI 9, SL EAST 0

The Wildcats had a much easier time against new-to-varsity South Lyon East. Novi swept the event in straight sets.

SALINE INVITE

Novi saw some of the best teams in the area at the Saline Invite. Ann Arbor Pioneer won the tournament with 20 points, followed by Saline with 16 and Novi with 15.

Novi didn't capture any titles, but the Wildcats did score points at all eight flights, winning two matches in all but one flight.



Abby Wang prepares to play at South Lyon East High.

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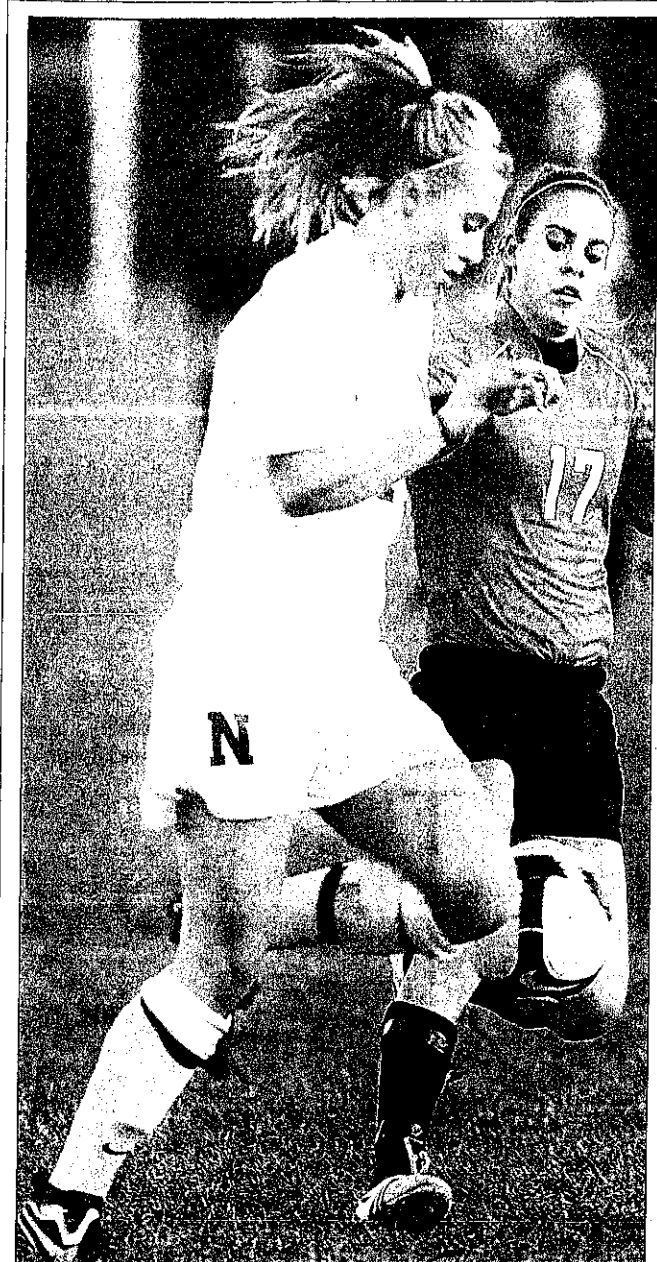
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Wildcat Taylor Pyden tries to get past a Mustang defender.

Wildcat soccer shuts out two

BY JEFF THEISEN
SPORTS WRITER

The Novi girls soccer team improved to 4-2-1 with a pair of KLAAs wins against South Lyon East and Walled Lake Western.

NOVI 8, WL WESTERN 0
Walled Lake Western came in undefeated and recorded a tie against Northville, but Novi blew past the Warriors on Friday.

Mary Reid started the scoring with an assist to Hoover. Haffey scored the other goal of the first half with Greenhalgh getting an assist.

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Novi's Nikki Greenhalgh battles with a Northville Mustang for possession of the ball.

SPORTS SHORTS

CC'S MACH TO RECEIVE DUFFY DAUGHERTY AWARD

Catholic Central football head coach Tom Mach will be honored with the Duffy Daugherty Lifetime Achievement Award on April 22 at Eagle Eye Golf Center in East Lansing.

Mach has won nine State titles, 14 Catholic League championships, 17 League championships and 15 regional titles in 38 years at the helm.

NOVI LADY WILDCAT BASKETBALL CAMP

Novi varsity head coach Bill Kelp will run a basketball camp 9:30 a.m. - noon June 22-26 at the high school for girls entering grades 2-9. The camp will be split into grades 2-5 and 6-9.

The camp will emphasize all phases of the game and includes trophies and a T-shirt and outdoor basketball. Cost of the camp is \$140. To register, call (248) 449-1206.

WRESTLING

FROM PAGE B1

All-Area First Team

TODD MELICK, 103 POUNDS, CC FRESHMAN: Melick turned in a spectacular season, placing fourth at State. He finished 41-5 with 31 of his wins coming by fall.

He captured titles at Kent County, CC Invite, Observerland and at districts. "Todd is a phenomenal athlete with a lot of potential," Hancock said. "He is very exciting to watch, and I predict he will win a State title very soon for the Shamrocks."

JUSTIN MELICK, 119 POUNDS, CC SOPHOMORE: Melick, like his brother, also put in a spectacular season, culminating with a sixth-place finish at State. He finished 38-10, and won titles at Observerland and at districts. He finished runner-up at Oakland County, CC Invite and at regionals.

"Justin has to be one of the strongest pound for pound wrestlers that I have coached," said Hancock. "Once he gets his hands on you, you're in trouble."

CHARLIE JOSEPH, 125 POUNDS, CC JUNIOR: Joseph earned a trip to the State finals after going 36-14 throughout the year.

His highlights include titles at Observerland and at districts. He was voted most improved wrestler for the Shamrocks.

"Charlie worked very hard last summer to have the season he did this year," Hancock said. "He traveled to various camps around the country to gain experience and confidence and it paid off."

"If he can work as hard this summer, as he did last, watch out."

DOUG ELDRIDGE, 130 POUNDS, CC JUNIOR: Eldridge saved some of his best wrestling for the State finals, placing fourth.

He went 41-12 with highlights that included being the Catholic League champ, district champ, Observerland runner-up and third at regionals.

"Doug is one of the most fierce wrestlers on our team," Hancock said. "He is not afraid to get after it and it showed at the State tournament."

NICK BURT, 135 POUNDS, MILFORD JUNIOR: Burt went 31-18 and earned a spot into the State finals.

BILLY CURRY, 140 POUNDS, MILFORD SENIOR: Curry finished off his senior season with an eighth-place finish in his final meet, achieving All-State honors.

JON NELSON, 145 POUNDS, NORTHVILLE JUNIOR: Nelson turned in a 43-11 record on his way to qualifying for State.

He was third at districts and regionals and second at the KLAAs Conference championships.

"He was outstanding from day one for us," Balagna said. "This was his first year in the varsity lineup. I knew he was a special kid, but I didn't

expect this out of him so early. He is one of the hardest workers on the team, and it showed as he improved every week." He peaked at the right time as he qualified for the State Finals and won a match.

TREVOR O'CONNOR, 152 POUNDS, CC SENIOR: O'Connor proved all year he was ready for the State tournament, where he finished seventh. Along the way, O'Connor won titles at Kent County, Observerland and at districts. He finished runner-up at Oakland County, the CC Invite and at regionals.

"Trevor is the epitome of a Captain," Hancock said. "He led this team all year with character and humility, yet dominated on the mat. He was in the finals of every tournament he entered except one."

"If he was healthy going into the state tournament I think he would've been in the mix to win it all."

JOE POWELL, 160 POUNDS, SOUTH LYON SENIOR: Powell captured the South Lyon squad and finished 41-12 in qualifying for State. He was runner-up at the KLAAs Conference meet, second at districts, runner-up at the South Lyon Invite and fourth at regionals.

NICK MUDAR, 171 POUNDS, NORTHVILLE JUNIOR: Mudar finished up medals in five of seven tournaments, four of them championships.

He won the district title and a KLAAs Conference championship.

"Nick is just a work horse," Northville head coach Jeff Balagna said. "He led our team in victories and falls. You could always count on Nick to get your team points, especially in big matches."

He finished the season undefeated in dual meets, which is almost unheard of. I was heartbroken when he didn't qualify for the State finals.

MIKE KINVILLE, 189 POUNDS, CC JUNIOR: Kinville went from the football field to the mat in a seamless transition. He finished seventh at State and compiled a 38-13 record along the way.

Highlights included winning the Observerland, Catholic League and district tournaments.

"It was neat to see Michael continue his family legacy," Hancock said. "He now becomes the third and final brother to accomplish All-State honors in wrestling."

"This young man has a work ethic that is second to none and that's why he was chosen as our captain for the 2009-2010 season."

COLIN MARESH, 215 POUNDS, NORTHVILLE SENIOR: Maresh captained the Mustang ship and ripped off a 43-11 record. He was a regional qualifier.

Rocky Mikulec, heavy-weight, Milford senior. Mikulec finished off his senior year with a trip to the State finals, where he won a match. Mikulec went 43-11.

The rest of the All-Area wrestling teams will be in next week's paper.



Heads up

Wildcat Maddy Sinkovitch tries to get out of the way of the ball.

Sauna myth doesn't hold water

Question: I have a friend who is a trainer and claims if you use an infrared sauna I could burn up to 600 calories in 30 minutes. I want to lose body fat for the summer, is this possible?

I know how tempting these shortcuts appear to all of us but this is not possible unless you weighed roughly 3,000 pounds — because that's approximately what someone of this weight would burn sitting anywhere. The claim that saunas can burn up to 600 calories stems from one study published in 1981 in the Journal of the American Medical Association (JAMA).

The following is a typical (and misinformed) write-up on the Internet for the benefits of infrared saunas and calories burned.

This benefit was recognized in the prestigious Journal of the American Medical Association as long ago as August 1981. "Many of us who run do so to place a demand on our cardiovascular system, not to build big muscles. Regular use of a sauna imparts a similar stress on the cardiovascular system, and its regular use may be as effective, a means of cardiovascular conditioning and burning of calories, as

regular exercise." Obviously someone was not thinking clearly when writing the above, and after searching through JAMA's web site, we found one study published in 1982 by Searle AJ titled "Effects of Sauna."

Unfortunately there is no abstract available for this study, and research on calorie burn using an infrared sauna is scarce. The premise behind infrared saunas burning up to 600 calories in 30 minutes is that infrared light emitted from the sauna penetrates the skin and heats up the internal organs, leading to an increase in calories burned. It has never been researched whether this would lead to an excessive amount of calories burned and weight loss.

With that said, the effects of saunas on weight loss are due to a loss of water from sweating, not actual fat loss. Bottom line, forget it for fat loss.

This column was written by fitness expert Chris Klebba. Chris owns and operates Planet Fitness in Northville and Waterford, and is a regular columnist and public speaker for fitness questions. e-mail planetfitness@planetfitness.net or write to planetfitness.com call 248-449-7334 go to www.planetfitness.com

TEE TIME

Your local golf guide

Marking and lifting a ball

By Jeanne Myers

Marking a golf ball seems to be a simple thing, but most of us haven't spent much time reading the rules dealing with marking. For example, most golfers believe that they have to mark the ball on a cart path before they lift it to take relief, but that is not the case. Rule 20-1 says you only need to mark a ball before lifting it if you are going to have to put it back (replace it). That would be the case on the putting green, or if someone asks you to lift your ball because it interferes with his or her shot. But when you are taking relief from a cart path, you are not going to have to replace the ball on the path — you are going to drop it somewhere else. Therefore, you do not have to mark it. You can, but it is not necessary. This is also true if you are taking relief from any other immovable obstruction, or abnormal ground conditions such as casual water, ground under repair, or a hole made by a burrowing animal.

A ball may be lifted by the player, his or her partner or another person authorized by the player (such as the player's caddy). Just as a side note here, it may be replaced by the player, his or her partner or the person who lifted it. So you can see that if a caddy lifts the ball, the player may replace it. But if the player lifts the ball, the caddy may not replace it. If a fellow competitor lifts your ball without your authority during a stroke play, there is still no penalty and the ball gets replaced. However, in

match play, if your opponent lifts your ball without your authority, he gets a one-stroke penalty. When marking a ball on the green, the marker may be placed behind, to the side of or in front of the ball as long as nothing is done (i.e. pressing down a tuft of grass) to influence the movement of the ball when played. There are lots of ways to mark a ball, many of them not recommended, but they are permissible. You may place the toe of a club at the side of or behind a ball. You may use a tee or a handy loose impediment (make sure it won't blow away). You may not just point out a blemish near your ball and use that as a mark — you must physically mark the position of the ball.

ball and drop your putter on the ball, that will be a penalty of one stroke, and the ball must be replaced. One point to remember: once you mark and lift your ball from the putting green it is no longer the "ball in play" — it has become part of your equipment. Once you replace it on the spot from which you lifted it, it is again the ball in play — even if you leave your marker in place. Therefore, if the wind blows it somewhere else, you must play it from its new location!

Jeanne Myers is currently an Assistant Tournament Director for the Golf Association of Michigan and also served as the Chairman of the USGA Women's Committee and is a Past President of the G&M.

Is there a "correct" way to move a ball-marker to the side because it interferes with someone else's putter?

You may measure from the side of the ball or from the ball-marker, as long as you reverse the exact same process to get the ball back on the spot from which it was lifted.

What happens if the ball or ball-marker is accidentally moved in this marking/lifting process?

There is no penalty provided the movement of the ball or marker is directly attributable to the specific act of marking/lifting. That means if you nudge the ball forward as you are marking, you do not have a problem. But, if you are walking up to mark your

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BY KELLY MURAD
STAFF WRITER

After 12 years inside the Hotel Baromette, the No. VI Chop House is moving less than a mile south of its current location, to the recently renovated 220-room Crowne Plaza Hotel.

"It's being designed to be more beautiful than the existing spot," said Matt Prentice, chief executive officer of the Matt Prentice Restaurant Group, which owns the Chop House. "The Crowne Plaza has undergone a multi-million dollar renovation."

According to Prentice, Hotel Baromette sought after the management group Sage Hospitality to handle hotel operations, including food and beverage.

"It's a bit surprising, but problems can be opportunities," he said. "We wish the Baromette well, but there wasn't enough business for both (No. VI Chop House and Sage Hospitality) of us."

The No. VI Chop House will leave the Baromette May 3, and open its new location May 4.

"We'll be doing 100 percent of the food at the hotel and we'll have some new menu surprises," said Prentice, noting the addition of a bar menu. "We've never had a burger on our menu, but for the bar menu, I told our chef 'I want to have the best burger in town.'"

"Prime beef is always going to be more expensive, but we have a lot of ways you can dine at No. VI. You don't necessarily have to spend a lot of money to have a good time."

While crediting the restaurant's executive chef Jason Hayden and master sommelier



JOHN HEIDEN | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER
Matt Prentice, chief executive officer of the Matt Prentice Restaurant Group, is moving his No. VI Chop House to the recently renovated 220-room Crowne Plaza Hotel.

Madeline Triffon, Prentice guarantees diners will experience the same quality food, wine and service, they have come to expect.

"No. VI is one of the more popular restaurants in Novi. We've got a pretty loyal following," he said. "The executive chef at No. VI is one of the best chefs in the state, and it's got the best wine list in Novi."

In addition to the Chop House, the Matt Prentice Restaurant Group is opening its third Deli Unique location in the Crowne Plaza.

"We're waiting on a permit from the City of Novi, but I'm hoping to have it up by the end

of May," Prentice said. "The deli will give hotel patrons, as well as the local patrons, an awesome place for breakfast and lunch."

Prentice also mentioned the restaurant group is creating jobs in Novi and will soon begin hiring for the deli.

The Matt Prentice Restaurant Group also owns other fine dining locations including Coach Insignia, on top of the Renaissance Center; Northern Lakes Seafood Company, in Bloomfield Hills; and Shiraz, in Bingham Farms.

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BUSINESS MILESTONES

SPECIAL HAPPENINGS

Good Shepherd
Good Shepherd Evangelical Lutheran Church is hosting the seminar "The Holy Bible: Why are these books the word of God?" Event speakers will explore and answer questions about the Old and New Testaments. Light refreshments will be available, and the event is free. The church is located at 4145 W. Nine Mile Road. For more information, call (248) 349-0555.

Baskin-Robbins
Baskin-Robbins is sweetening the spring season by hosting its third annual 31 Cent Scoop Night celebration 5-10 p.m. Wednesday, April 29 at all Baskin-Robbins locations nationwide, including the Novi location at 39415 W 10 Mile Road. During the event, the iconic ice cream brand will thank its loyal customers by reducing the price of all 2.5 oz. ice cream scoops and will donate a portion of the proceeds to local firefighters.

Pheasant Run Plaza
Join the merchants of Pheasant Run Plaza in Novi on Saturday and Sunday, April 25 and 26, as they celebrate spring during a special two-day "Party in the Plaza."

Pheasant Run Plaza is located on Grand River Avenue, just west of Haggerty Road. The weekend event will feature great deals and discounts, fun events and activities for the entire family, and a food-and-funds drive to benefit Gleaners Community Food Bank. Raffles, discounts, delicious free samples from restaurants, games and prizes, and other special offerings will all be part of the fun from noon-5 p.m. each day. On Sunday, April 26, from 2-4 p.m., players from the GLL's Plymouth Whalers will be on-site for conversation and autograph signing for all the hockey fans.

It's a bit surprising, but problems can be opportunities, he said. "We wish the Baromette well, but there wasn't enough business for both (No. VI Chop House and Sage Hospitality) of us."

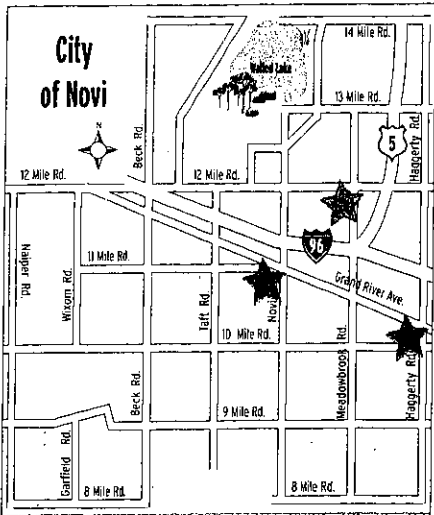
The No. VI Chop House will leave the Baromette May 3, and open its new location May 4.

"We'll be doing 100 percent of the food at the hotel and we'll have some new menu surprises," said Prentice, noting the addition of a bar menu.

"We've never had a burger on our menu, but for the bar menu, I told our chef 'I want to have the best burger in town.'"

"Prime beef is always going to be more expensive, but we have a lot of ways you can dine at No. VI. You don't necessarily have to spend a lot of money to have a good time."

While crediting the restaurant's executive chef Jason Hayden and master sommelier



p.m. Guernsey Farms Dairy will open its doors to the public for a tour of its dairy products production plant. The tour is free, and guests are asked to bring a non-perishable food item or make a monetary donation to the Novi Food Pantries. The family-friendly event will feature free samples of all Guernsey Farms Dairy products. There will be music, entertainment, prizes and more. For more information, call Guernsey at (248) 349-1466 or visit our Web site at www.guernseyfarmsdairy.com.

ANNOUNCEMENTS
Bally Total Fitness
Zumba is red hot at Bally Total Fitness. Zumba, self-described as a "party" rather than a workout, is a latin-infused cardio class that burns up to 800 calories in one class. The class is moderate to high impact but can be done at any level, and the music is fresh and the dances incorporate everything from salsa to reggae to Bollywood. Zumba classes are one hour, held Saturdays at 8 a.m. at the Novi Bally Total Fitness in the Novi Town Center at Grand River

and Novi Road. Classes are \$5 a session and participants don't have to hold a Bally membership to attend, so anyone can join at anytime.

CLASSES
Walsh College is hosting the Third Annual Small Business Conference from 8 a.m.-1:30 p.m. Wednesday, May 6 at the Novi campus, 41500 Gardenbrook Road. Highlights of this year's conference include keynote speaker Jim Hiller, president and CEO, Hiller's Markets, and a chance to sign up to be considered for two small business makeover grants valued at \$50,000 each. In recognition of the economic climate, ticket prices are reduced to \$25 for Walsh alumni and partners and \$50 for the general public. During the half-day conference, participants will learn the results of the extreme small business makeover for Achatz Handmade Pie Co. and Intra Corporation. To register or for more information about the Walsh College Third Annual Small Business Conference, visit www.walshcollege.edu/smb2009.

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CHAMBER CHAT

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

The Novi Business and Taste Expo will take place from 3-7 p.m. Wednesday, April 29, at the Hotel Baromette, 27790 Novi Road. The first small business expo presented by the Novi Chamber of Commerce and the City of Novi. Join us for this exciting networking opportunity. About 60 local businesses will have vendor tables and share information about their services and how they can benefit you both personally and professionally. Featured vendors will include Hampton Inn Detroit/Novi, Red Level Networks, Skyline Exhibits & Services, Famous Dave's, EverClean Restoration & Cleaning Services, Harbor Oxygen, Abir Faraj, DDS, Financial Planning & Investments and Dan Wood Plumbing & Heating. Cash bar and complimentary appetizers provided by Biggby Coffee, Virginia Barbecue, Famous Dave's, California Pizza Kitchen, Nestle Toll House Caffe and Hooters. Relationship matters! Keynote Speaker Tara Michener presents "Linking Up" 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 Chamber of Commerce, Twelve Oaks, Old Maid Cleaning Service, Mercantile Bank of Michigan and EverClean Restoration & Cleaning Services, Lotus Bank and SERVPRO.

The Novi Chamber Membership Luncheon is 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m. Wednesday, May 6 at the Sheraton Detroit Novi, 21111 Haggerty Road. Join us for a delicious lunch and networking. The event is sponsored by Dr. Patrick Qatsba of Dream Dental. \$20 advance registration required.

New Summer BBQ Rib Contest seeks contestants, exhibitors and judges. The West Oakland Rib Cook Off and Family Fest, will take place Sunday, Aug. 9 at the Rock Financial Showplace, 46100 Grand River Ave. The all-day event will feature as many as fifty BBQ Rib Teams, live music, local restaurant tastings, family activities including a furry creature petting zoo and much more. Experience West Oakland, a committee of the Novi Chamber of Commerce, was recently granted a sanction from the Memphis Barbecue Network for the inaugural event, which will offer BBQ competitors the chance to compete for Prize Packages totaling \$10,000. A panel of 40 professional and amateur judges will determine the contest results. The Grand Prize Winner will be invited to compete in the "Memphis in May" Barbecue Network Finals, May 2010. For additional information about the West Oakland Rib Cook Off and Family Fest, please contact Linda Daly at the Novi Chamber of Commerce, (248) 349-3743, or e-mail info@novichamber.com.

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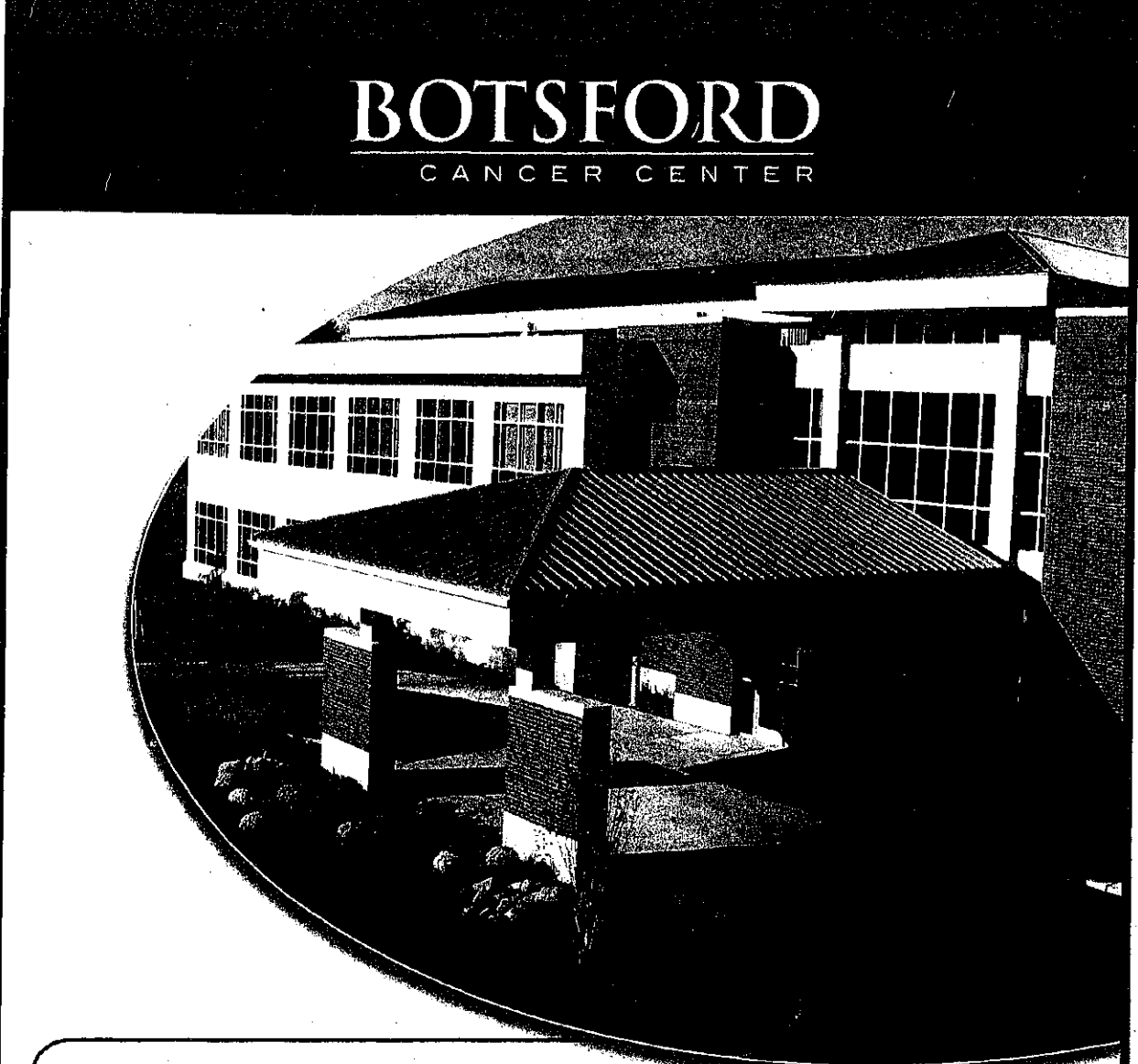
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- 11:30 AM** – Ted Tenenbaum, Cancer Center Administrator and the Radiation Oncology physicians, will present an overview of the **Radiation Oncology Services.**
- 12:30 PM** – Richard Zekman, D.O., The Oakland Medical Group will present **Non-Hodgkin's Lymphoma.**
- 1:30 PM** – Michael Berkovic, D.O., F.A.C.O.I., The Oakland Medical Group, will be providing an update on **Lung Cancer.**

Each presentation will allow time for questions from the audience.

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Casa De Amici 'The House of Friends'

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Every room tells a story. The rooms in Casa De Amici, the "House of Friends," speak volumes.

Anyone that enters this small interior design studio in downtown South Lyon immediately slows down. In just the first room, so many pieces demand attention, whether it's a pleasing postcard, an intriguing sculpture or an engaging armchair. But of anything you'll find in Casa De Amici, the most inviting is owner and interior designer, Mary Kabisa.

"I want them to feel welcomed," Kabisa says of her customers. "I want them to feel better walking in than not."

In Casa De Amici, you'll find many unique furnishings to switch up your setting. The walls are covered with paintings, mirrors, drapes and frames. The shelves hold candles of many sizes, colors and scents. There are vases, pots, books and countless other gifts inside the shop, tucked away in the courtyard of the Chamber Building on north Lafayette Street in South Lyon.

More than a store

Kabisa doesn't just run this shop. She also provides distinctive interior design consultations.

"People are very intimidated by designers, and I'm determined to change that aspect," Kabisa said. "I

want everyone to just feel comfortable."

Comfortable is exactly how Dr. Ruby Sooch describes her home after a redesign from Mary Kabisa. "She's flexible; she hasn't been pushy," Sooch said. "I like to do

things on my own timetable. Now, my rooms are full of things that I love surrounding me."

Local resident Suzanne Cleere came to Kabisa because she was looking for a fresh perspective.

"I knew that she did some consulting, and that was really what I was interested in," Cleere said. "I had no sense of how to put it all together."

After some conversations with Cleere, Kabisa began to adjust her rooms so they would be more pleasing.

"She took my lead as far as what my tastes are," Cleere said. "She got a feel for who we were. She asks questions and she doesn't forget it, and she'll take me as far as my budget allows."

Part of the community

Janice Eldon, of Jan's Skin Spa in downtown South Lyon, met Kabisa when she opened Casa De Amici.

"During all of the work she has done for me and just being neighbors has been a pleasure," Eldon said. "She is able to look beyond the humdrum and create a sense of comfort without being boring."

Kabisa's creativity is not limited to interior design. Last year, Dr. Sooch asked Kabisa to create a piece of art for Providence Hospital. Kabisa's work, the "Tree of Life," is a point of inspiration and pride for Dr. Sooch and others who pass it.

Design for everyone

A self-taught talent, Kabisa believes interior design shouldn't be confined to the rich, and that

it shouldn't be costly to redesign a space. She uses her 15 years of experience to show her customers a new way to look at what they already have, even if it's simply moving objects into different rooms.

"I try to put things together in a way they haven't seen before," Kabisa said. "It's my crazy eye." "She gives you the idea that you can move things around," Cleere said. "You don't have to throw them away. You have memories attached to them."

A good business gives you everything you need. A great business gives you that, plus something you never expected. This is what makes Casa De Amici more than just a great business. You might enter as a customer, but you'll probably leave as a friend.

"I wasn't ever planning on using a designer," Sooch said of her time with Kabisa. "When I walked into Mary's store, I didn't think we would still have this relationship. She's a valuable resource. I know the job's going to get done in the right way."

To Mary Kabisa, Casa De Amici has been a resounding success, thanks in part to the South Lyon community.

"It's so much fun like this," Kabisa said. "I'd rather have a few clients and do a good job and take care of all their needs."

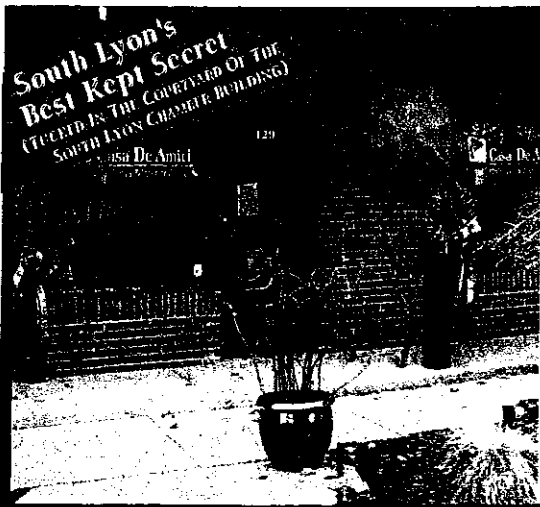
To view Mark Kabisa's "Tree of Life" artwork displayed at Novi's Providence Hospital, visit www.metroalive.com.

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