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⊃Novi auto show □unlikely

Novi's chance to host the North American International Auto Show in 2011 appears to be dwindling after the state Legislature approved a package of bills on June 26 to all but assure the show remains at the Cobo Center in Detroit.

The package allows the city of Detroit to lease the convention center to a regional authority for 30 years, and the authority would receive \$9 million from the state to start

million from the state to start the expansion and renovations. There is no deadline for the Detroit City Council to approve the plan, but it must be decided by Aug. 1 so that ground can be broken at the Cobo Center or an alternate site if the council chose to reject the plan. However. reject the plan. However, Detroit Mayor Dave Bing has the power to override a rejection by council.

Should it get rejected and Bing not veto it, Oakland County would be allowed to use up to \$154 million in tax revenue to prepare another site, which would likely be the Rock Financial Showplace.

Blair Bowman, president of Rock Financial Showplace, said last week he supports keeping the show at Cobo, but is prepared to go forward with an expansion if necessary.

Farmers and artists wanted

Twelve Mile Crossing at Fountainwalk and ArtsNovi are working on a new project for a weekly Farmer/Artisan Market in the center of the shopping complex. The event would be Saturdays in August and would include live music. If you have some home-grown or hand-made wonderful flow-ers, great vegetables, jams, honey, herbs, paintings, sculp-ture, jewelry, etc., please call (586) 484-8797.

Office closed

In observance of the Fourth of July holiday, the Novi News office (101 N. Lafayette, South Lyon) will be closed, but you can reach us 24/7 on the web at hometownlife.com to sub-mit press releases, letters to the editor or email customer

Mackinac Center recognizes city's effort

■ Novi only second city in state to post public spending online

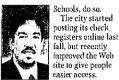
Novi City Council member Andrew Mutch said he has always been a big believer in transparency and accountability when it comes to

spending money.
So it's no surprise that Mutch was behind an effort to put the city's public spending information available online for residents to see how their money is being spent.

"I think it's extremely important

because it helps the communication process," Mutch said. "The more information we put out there, the more informed our residents can be. By opening ourselves up, we are making it clear to the residents and taxpayers that we are willing to let nem see what we are doing." Novi is in the minority when it

comes to posting its check register online, as only one other city, Flint, and 42 public school districts in the state, including Novi Community



As a result of its actions, the city was recognized by the Mackinac Center recognized by the Mackinac Center for Public Policy as a leader in gov-ernment transparency. The Mackinac Center is currently trying to get everyone on board with this practice, and information about all those cur-rently involved can be found at www.

The city started posting its check

site to give people

easier access.

showmichiganthemoney.org.
"It's a great way to connect with
the community and let them know everything is above board," director

The check registers can be found at www.cityofnovi.org under the finance department tab, while information about the stimulus projects is under the community tab.

Kenneth Braun said. "This is a good government thing and we want to praise them for doing it right." Mutch said another reason he pushed for the streamlining of information was because the city has started to do projects with stimulus recover and he apartled resid with stimulus money and he wanted resi-dents to be able to see how the money is being used and keep them up-to-date on the status of those projects.

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Summer reading has its rewards

Library program offers prizes to top vacation readers

BY NATHAN MUELLER

School is out, but reading is defi-nitely in this summer at the Novi Public Library.

Nearly 1,300 people are expected to sign up for the annual Summer

DETAILS

For more information on any of these programs, visit www.novilibrary. org or call (248) 349-0720.

Reading Program which

features more

activities and prizes than ever before.
Signing up
is free, and the

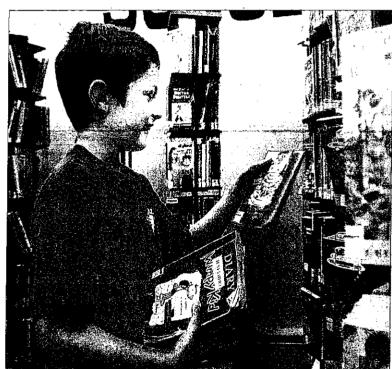
rewards are plentiful. "We want to

encourage kids to read throughout the summer and keep those skills up while they are out of school," said Suzanne Carpenter, youth in team services librarian. "Hopefully they will become life-long readers." Through the first two weeks, more

than 700 kids, teens and adults have Than 100 Nos, teels and durish lave gotten involved with the program. The age groups are broken down to birth through fourth grade, grades fifth through 12th and an adult cat-egory. Readers are rewarded for the number of hours they read, and they can carn up to five entries into the grand prize drawing.

Sarah Dwyer, 10, and her sister Maggie, 8, stopped by the library on Monday to pick up some new books and start logging hours.

Maggic is currently reading Diary of a Wimpy Kid, and her favorite



Nicholas Barron, 8, checks out a handful of books at the Novi Public Library on June 29. Barron and other kids can enroll in the library's summer reading program and keep track of the time spent perusing books for a share of prizes throughout the summer.

type of books are realistic fiction ecause "it makes me feel like it's happening right now

arah just finished with Charlotte's Web, and was on the look-

out for a mystery or fantasy book. "It just takes you to a whole differ-ent world, and it's fun," Sarah said about why she likes to read. Christa Kondraciuk, 14, and

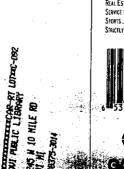
Kristen Lotrey, 15, also were at the library on Monday volunteering to sign people up and log their hours.

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Fire department to benefit from new video technology

BY NATHAN MUELLER STAFF WRITER

Training and group meetings just got a lot easier for the Novi Fire Department thanks to the Assistance to Firefighters Grant program that helped the department install video conferencing equipment at all four fire sta-

The \$1.3 million grant was divided among 16 other com-munities, with Novi receiving \$95,925. The city of Novi also kicked in about \$23,000. "The best part about video

conferencing is that it is two-way communication in real time," Fire Chief Frank Smith said. "The technology being used prior allowed us to talk to other fire

11 ...



them to talk back they had to call on the phone. It cumbersome way of communicat-

ig. With the new

system, the cap-tain does roll call and a five-minute training session every morn-ing from one station that is then questions the firefighters at the other stations have can be asked and answered immediately.

For Smith, allowing his firefighters to remain at their respective stations, especially for

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Ruling Relay

■ Girl, 10, raises \$1,573 to benefit cancer research

Hope Drogmiller was one year-old when her mother Kathleen was diagnosed with an aggressive form of breast

Nine years later the cancer hasn't returned, but Hope understands that it still could. And because of that thought she, along with her mother, nave been part of the Novi Relay for Life the last two

years. "When I knew she was doing it I wanted to join because I knew it was going to help can-cer research," the 10-year-old said, "It's a lot of fun because you get to walk around the track and know you are raising

money for a good cause." Kathleen was one of the captains of the team Hope's Heros. The team was the onl one at the Novi Relay for Life to achieve purple status, which meant it raised more than

with her mom, Hope said simply, "the best." \$10,000. And of that amount, \$1,573 was raised by Hope alone. She solicited businesses, sen

post cards to friends and family and even wrote letters to some well-known leaders in the area, including Oakland County Executive L. Brooks

On top of the fundraising, Hope also got Michael Carluccio, who impersonates Wolverine from X-Men. to make a stop at Relay to pose for pictures with fans. "As a father, I could not be

more proud of my daughter, said Curtis Drogmiller, "She came to bat immediately when my wife said she was going to be a team captain and she continuously surprises me with her efforts

Hope said her favorite part of the day was the luminary remember the people that have passed and the people who are still battling can And when asked what it wa like to be able to walk that lan

Novi Relay for Life 2009



helters and many walkers crowd the infield and track at Novi Middle School at noon on Saturday for Novi's Relay for Life event.



Dariene Campbell, part of Team CVS, implores passers by for money so that she can get out of "jail" during last Saturday's Novi Relay for Life event held walkers stride along the track of Novi Middle School during last week's Novi at Novi Middle School. All money raised went to the American Cancer Society Relay for Life. Hundreds of Novi residents and businesses took part in the



Evan Laybourn, left, and Nick Colacinno, both Novi High juniors, raise money by playing guitar during last Saturday's Relay for Life event at Novi Middle School. All funds raised by the teenagers and others at the 24 hour







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Jacob Blossfeld achieved the Eagle Scout rank after completing his Eagle Project at Holy Family Catholic Church

All in the family

Scouting brings brothers together

Jacob Blossfeld's journey to the rank of Eagle Scout was

There were many long days merit badges and finishing an Eagle Project among several

Blossfeld even thought about litting when all his friends did, but he realized he couldn't let down himself or his two unger brothers that were folring in his scouting footsteps.

"It means a lot to me." Blossfeld said of the Eagle rank I didn't take it seriously until I got older and it took a lot of work, but I was motivated because I like to do stuff that

takes work and helps others. It's that mindset that Blossfeld has passed on to Joshua, 11, and Kevin, 9. oshua is a Boy Scout in troop 407, the same troop Jacob was in, and Kevin is a Cub Scout in pack 50, the same one Jacob and Joshua were in.

The three brothers have

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on one of them Jacob carried Joshua on his back for a little makes you one of the leaders of Kevin has the benefit of

while during a six-mile hike because he was tired. "I think the younger broth ers look up to him and think hat could be me, that is my future," said mother Betty Jane Blossfeld.

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(Left) Jacob Blossfeld, 18, earned the rank of Eagle Scout last fall and has

been a good role model for his younger brothers Joshua, 11, and Kevin, 9,

who plan on achieving Eagle rank themselves.

Joshua said Jacob has always helped him when he stions and wants to

One program I fought for was the Michigan Promise ers go through scouts, and also looks forward to Eagle rank. Grant because the money ple have done it, and I want to

be a leader." he said And with Jacob's help, the prospects of his two brothers . joining him with Eagle honors

State Senate balances 2010 budget with \$1.3 billion in reduced spending

reduced the

grants from

Nancy Cassis

\$2,000 and added a means

testing to ensure that those

my amendment didn't have

the necessary support, I was able to add a placeholder for

the grant program to keep it alive as we work toward a

compromise. Another amendment I

million in the promise grant

arships for kids going to pri-vate colleges. We need to set

the right priorities in budge

decisions. I believe we should

keep the Michigan Pro

Grant, but we need to first

ing to taxpayer-supported

cost to taxpayers by \$3 mil-

lays off 100 troopers due to

Resolution 129, which "urged

to discontinue the project in light of Michigan's strug-

gling economy and limited revenues." When introduced

the resolution had bipartisan

In fact, in December of 2007, I offered Senate

lack of funds.

lion next year while the state

public universities

fund Michigan students head

most in need of the grant would receive it. Even though

e all know that
Michigan's economic recovery will be very slow. And the sluggish recov ery is combining with structural spending problems to severely impact the state oudget. The governor made an executive order with \$350 nillion in cuts to help balance he current year's budget. Even with those cuts. ext year's 2010 budget will require the state to make additional cuts, tap federal

hortfall To this end, my fellow Senate Republicans and I recently led the effort to pas the 2010 budgets with \$1.3 billion in reduced spending ficult cuts to programs I have long supported. The state will receive

approximately \$7 billion dollars in federal stimulus funds over a three year period beginning with fiscal year 008/09. A great majority of this money is already restricted by the federal government. We have \$1.1 billion dollars One example of cutting wasteful spending was a Senate Republican amendof discretionary stimulus money that was used to balance the current 2008/09 budget and over \$900 million for 2009/10. The question is whether we use all of this now The Senate proposed to keep half of it for the 2011 budget cycle because of expected con

inning revenue decreases In the budget process, I made a firm cor not to support any budget that increases spending from the general fund. So when the Department of Military and Veterans Affairs bud get included a 4.3 percent increase in general fund spending, I stood by my principles and voted no.

should be going to student

and not programs. I was the only senator to offer a com-

As difficult as this process has been, the Department of Community Health managed to reduce spending overall by 24 percent, while the Denartment of Corrections restored \$40 imped in with a cut of just 3 he program

I voted against the Corrections budget because it lacked much-needed reforms and restructuring of the department, the second largest general fund spending item in the state

structural spending problem, Michigan will continue to

have budget deficits. The budget bills for 2010 are currently in conference members from the House offered would have saved \$32 and Senate. The conference committee process allows program by eliminating schol the two chambers to work together to reach an agree-ment. Importantly, it is the responsibility of the Governor, Speaker of the House and agree to budget "targets" which set the spending limits of each budget in the conference committee.

I will continue to keep you proactively with both spendg restraint and reductions

ment to the state police bud-get that cut funding for a new ieadquarters in downtown agreement will be reached Lansing that even the depart t considerably streamlines state government spending to bridge the budget gap. It will ment didn't want. I believe it is unconscionable to be moving the state police into a new facility that will increase the not be easy, but it can be done

visit my Web site at www. contact me toll free at 1-888-

State Sen. Nancy Cassis, R-Novi, represents the 15th Senate District which includes the townships of Commerce, Highland, Holly, Lvon, Milford, Novi, Rose, Wesl Bloomfield and White Lake as well as the villages of Holly, Milford and Wolverine Lake and the cities of Novi. Northville (the Oakland County



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He has one brother, Ethan, Grandparents are Pat and Paula grandparents are Theresa Biland and Jeannette Powers.

Marcell Morris and Keith Corlin are engaged to be mar-ried August 29 at Brighton Church of Christ with a reception at Crystal Gardens in

The bride-to-be, of Brighton, is the daughter of John and Norma Morris of Brighton. She is a full-time student at Eastern Michigan University and will be graduating in

The groom-elect, of Portage, is the son of Doug and Joan Corlin of Grand Rapids. He graduated with a degree in engineering from Western Michigan University and has worked for Denso Corporation

The couple are planning a vmoon in Mani. Hawa and will reside in Portage.

Byrwa & Pawlak

Vanessa D. Byrwa and Brent M. Pawlak were married July 18, 2008 at Sts. Constantine and Helen Greek Orthodox Church. Their reception was held at The Inn at Ŝt. Johns in

The bride is the daughter of David and Denise Byrwa of Novi. She is a graduate of Novi High School and earned her bachelor of science degree in engineering from University of Michigan. She is employed with

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Novi High School. He earned a bachelor of science degree from Michigan Technological University and a master's of business administration degree from Michigan State University. He is

Lively Detroit jazz scene is not new, library speakers say

Detroit has produced many great

blues piano players, including Major "Big Macco" Merriweather. "You can tell he's

a fantastic piano player," Bjorn said. "He

of the 1960s traveled to Chicago or New

BIG NAMES, BIG SOUND

York to record, as there weren't recording

Another photo of the Koppin Theater

on Gratiot was part of "Paradise Valley

where such performers as Bessie Smith could be heard in the 1920s. There were

a number of traveling shows that came

Sippie Wallace, born in Texas, also performed in Detroit, later moving onto

gospel after she became convinced other

ond career, encouraged by such musicians

Gallert said Vernon and Irene Castle

teens. "It suddenly became fashionable to

A well-known name in Detroit jazz was Jean Goldkette, born in Greece and

educated in Russia. He was a musician

who did well in the dance band business,

ncluding time as music director for the

Impressive photos of The Graystone, a ballroom Goldkette bought at Woodward and Canfield, show room

for 4.000. "He wants music in that

remained segregated in the 1920s,

although on Monday nights black busi

nen would rent it for use by African

introduced close contact dancing in the

Castles and other dancers.

Detroit Athletic Club.

Americans.

through and admission was a dime

Lars Bjorn and Jim Gallert share a passion for jazz history in Detroit. "They wanted us to tell their story iazz musicians. He and Bjorn, an Ann Arbor resident, began to research Detroit jazz history during the 1970s, and wrote "Before Motown: A History of Jazz in Detroit, 1920-1960," The book was published by the University of Michigan Press in 2001, and includes photos and interviews with

Bjorn and Gallert came to the Novi Public Library the evening of June 25 to share their story. Bjorn, a profes sor of sociology at the University of Michigan-Dearborn, and quality con-trol engineer Gallert, who's done jazz broadcasting, took turns showing pho tos and sharing music with the atten-

The men have acquired from musicians more photos since the book was published. They noted the need to gain musicians' trust to borrow and scan photos.

"The assumption I'm going to use is that you know nothing about jazz," said Bjorn before embarking on his history leson. He showed a photo of Blind (Arthur) Blake, a blues singer who performed "Detroit Bound Blues."

HEADING NORTH

Blake sang of the experience of many blacks of that era, migrating to Detroit to work for Henry Ford. "African Americans ended up disproportionately at Ford," he said, showing a photo of black men working at the Rouge plant foundry, the only job available to them until World War II labor shortages would open up assembly

Bjorn spoke of Detroit jazz including guitar, piano and drums as it became urbanized. There were also "society pands" such as the all-black Leroy Smith Orchestra. Their music, not really jazz, was orchestrated for dances like the foxtrot and started in the teens.

There were a lot of ballrooms along odward and Jefferson, Bjorn said, as he played "St. Louis Blues. This is not exactly a swing version of

The Finzel's Arcadia Orchestra was all-white and didn't do much improvis-ing. Leroy Smith ended up performing in swanky venues in New York City, with the 1930s marking the start of racially mixed

Bjorn and Gallert showed a slide of Hastings Street in Detroit, on the near up through the 1950s. Hastings Street is just about gone now as freeways went

William McKinney had a group that ecame known as McKinney's Cotton Pickers. Those musicians were mostly olleges graduates, and from Ohio, but

> hite audiences. McKinney's Cotton Pickers ended up with a recording Gallert and Bjorn noted many Detroit musicians didn't record their usic, so it's been lost. Detroit's Club Plantation was similar to New York City's Cotton Club, drawing black jazz

Detroit high schools such as Miller figh had terrific music programs that elped boost the local jazz scene.

The men showed a Duke Ellington ster from Detroit's Paradise Theate Biorn said.

Well-known performers such as Billie Holiday performed in the Motor City. A young Dizzy Gillespie showed afayette Theater here, believed to be

The Blue Bird Inn on Tireman was also popular, with Thad Jones leading the house hand. His brother, Hank, is still alive and Bjorn was looking forward to an interview with him: "He still plays beauti-

Bebop music was played that night at the library. A photo of the George Benson Quintet included Benson, who still performs locally. The Yusef Lateet Quintet was a high spot of 1950s jazz in

"Detroit's always been a blues town." Gallert said. Todd Rhodes, who performed blues gospel, was a precursor to

The Flame Show Bar at John R and Canfield drew huge crowds as the primary outlet for black performers in the 1950s. A photo showed Berry Gordy, Motown dance." Black musicians performed for the founder, with Billie Holiday at the Flame,

which closed in 1963.

The men closed their talk with a song from Mary Wells, the first female Motown performer to hit it big in the 1960s. "It was created by musicians," Gallert said. They are the ones responsible for the

You can learn more at www.detroitmusichistory.com. Gallert and Bjorn also manage the Jazz Talk tent at the Their book won the Association for Recorded Sound Collections' 2002 Recorded Sound Research. It was also chosen for the 2002 Read Michigan List



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rience would change their life. "People are losing their jobs,

homes and insurances," says

Dr. Geller. "I have decided to

commitment to community

outreach. In past years, Dr. Geller and the JMG Dentistry

staff have annually chosen

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try to bring something positiv back into the community. Project Smile builds upon JMG Dentistry's continual

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Dr. Justin Geller providing a complete smile makeover to Paul Cade as part

READING

Both also are readers in the

involved with the program for Lotrey is "seeing the kids' faces vhen they get a prize because they are so happy."
For Kondraciuk, the library s like her second home. "Since I was little, the

place for me to come," she said. On top of the summer reading program, the library also is participating in the second annual summer read-

The program offers parents a chance to win \$1.500 toward their child's college education and the library a chance to win \$1,000 toward future summer reading programs. Parents

drop it off at the library. The er and their family will spend a day at the state capital

Rep. Hugh Crawford, R-

Novi, is hosting his first ever Legislator for a Day" contest

that is open to any student

in grades first through sixth. Contestants have to read 10

in Lansing with Crawford.

can register their child at the

TECHNOLOGY

raining programs, is key. "To do that before, we had to have everyone go to one station

Farmington Hills, and allows

their district or it wasn't cov ered," Smith said. "Now their district is covered. Another plus to the system is that it is connected with 15 othe departments, including nearby

and someone else would cover

those departments to cross-train and share programs with each other. The future plans also clude connecting to a total of 56 fire stations, community colleges and local hospitals.

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bound Novi Road entrance closed until mid-September. * Halsted Road in

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

detoured to Haggerty Road.

Ramp from southbound M-5 to westbound 1-96 until late July, Westbound I-96 traffic will be switched towards the median to maintain three through lanes of traffic during peak travel periods on westbound I-96 from the interchanges with I-275/M-5 to Beck Road.

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Chamber golf outing The Novi Chamber of

Commerce's 22nd Annual Golf Outing is Tuesday, Aug. 18 at Tanglewood Golf Course, Fee per golfer of \$145 includes 18 holes of golf, coffee-anddanish breakfast, lunch by Carrabba's Italian Grill and a pig roast dinner; foursomes arc \$560. Call the chamber at

'Oliver' auditions

Novi resident Barbara Bloom will be directing the Spotlight Players upcoming presenta-tion of "Oliver" at the Village Theater at Cherry Hill (504300 Cherry Hill Road, Canton). Auditions will be held at 4:30 p.m. Sunday, July 12 (for ages up to 16); and at 6:30 p.m. on July 13-14 (ages 16 and older).

Performance cates are Sept. 18-20, 25-27, Follow Oliver, an orphan, from the workhouse of his birth to an upper class neighborhood in London and meet all the strange, wicked, miserly and nice people that enter his life including Fagin Nancy and the Artful Dodge through wonderful songs and a light hearted approach to a

For more information contact (734) 480-4945 and leave a message for Barbara Bloom and visit www.spotlightplayersmi.org<http://www.spot lightplayersmi.org>.

ery dark Dickens tale



Dinner tour

The Novi Chamber of Commerce's first No.Vi Dinner Tour was a success and the organization plans to do another next year. Shown are employees of Expert Home Maintenance (owner Denise Walsh treated her staff to a night out) as well as the Crowne Plaza's Laura Martin and her husband Bob, Limousines were

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WILLIAM JAMES ARBLE A long time resident of Milford, died on June 26, 2009, at the age of 86. He is survived by Pauline, his beloved He is survived by Pauline, his beloved passed away June 25, 2009 in wife of sixty years; sons. Tim (the late horlow), Virginia. He was 65. Dick Priscilla) of Wixom, Tom (Joni) of lived in Northwile from 1981 to 1999 Quincy, Greg (Kerry) of Hartland, while working at General Motors Chris of Millord; Adaughter, Wendy (Jeff) the Corporation-retiring as Millord; daughter, Wendy (Jeff) the Corporate Insurance Auditor. He Lawson of Novi: grandchildren, is survived by his loving wife, Shannon, Jeremy, Melissa (Ken) Charflene; parents, Robert A. and Radebaukh, Matthew; and great-

butions appreciated to Recordings for the Blind and Dyslexic, 20 Roszel Road, Princeton, NJ 08540.

LAREE L. BELL

Age 84, June 23, 2009. Beloved wife f the late Duane: Dear mother of Tim (Sandy), Kathleen (Alan) Bond, Tom (Mary), & Steve, Loving grandmother of Joshua, Cody, Adam, and Shawn, Great grandmother of Cohen, Hannah & Chrissa, Visitation at the O'Brien/Sullivan Funeral Hom 41555 Grand River, Novi 248-348-1800, Friday 3-9. Inslate at Novi 1800, Friday 3-9. Instate at Novi United Methodist Church, 41671 W Age 77, of Jacksonville, FL, formerty Ten Mile, Novi, Saturday 9:00am of Rowe Rd, Milford, died January until the funeral service at 10:00am, 1, 2009. He is survived by his wife Onations in Laree's memory can be made to the Novi United Methodist Dolores Moynahan, Lean (Terry) Church or Apole Meselice, Online, Campoli, Collegen (Stevet) Hart, all of made to the Novi United Methodist Church or Angela Hospice. Online condolences at:

PHILLIPS I Contributions to Active Faith Community Services, P.O. Box 188, South Lyon, MI 48178. Online guestbook: www.phillipsfuneral.com

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RICHARD E. "DICK" CUTCHINS

View Passages Online: www.hometownlife.com

A longtime resident of Northville, passed away June 25, 2009 in Norfolk, Virginia. He was 65. Dick lived in Northville from 1981 to 1999 is survived by his loving wife.

Randon, Jeremy, Melissa (Ken)
Radebaught, Matthew, and greatgrandchildren, Paige, Mason, and
Peyton. Also surviving are his brothers, John (Penny) Arble, Ron (Jesse)
Arble, a sister, Winifferd (Dennis)
Sales, and many nieces. nephews
and dear friends. A Funeral Liturg
was held at St. Mary's Catholic
Church, Monday, June 29, with Fr.
Bon Anderson officialing, Burial followed at Oak Grove Cemetery. For
further Information please visit
www.LynchFuneralDirectors.com or
phone 248-684-6645.

JOHN L. BECKER III

Age 40, of Northville, passed away
June 23, 2009, Funeral Service was
held Saturday at Casterline funeral
Home, Inc. of Northville. Contributions appreciated to Recordings
for the Blind and Dyslexic, 20 Roszel
Road, Princeton, NJ 08540. Charlene; parents, Robert A. and Ruth G. Cutchins of Norfolk, VA; a flowers, memorial donations may be made to the Children's Hospital of the King's Daughters, 601 Children's Lane, Norfolk, VA 23507, Condolences may be offered to the family at: www.hollomon-brown.com

BERNARDINE FRY Age 76, died June 28, 2009. Visitation July 1, 3-9pm at Phillips Funeral Home, South Lyon, Funeral July 2, at 11am at Our Lady of Victory Catholic Church, Northville. Online

guestbook www.phillipsfuneral.com LEO F. MOYNAHAN

Denis Theroux officiated the service.

Greg was laid to rest at Forest Hill

Cemetery in Ann Arbor. Memorial

contributions would be appreciated

to St. John Hospice, PO Box 673271,

Detroit, MI 48267-3271,

Arrangements entrusted to Casterline

Funeral Home, Inc. of Northville. Ann, daughters, Cathy Moynahan, Ann, daughters, Cathy Moynahan, Dolores Moynahan, Leann (Terry) Campbell, Colleen (Steve) Hart, all of Jacksonville, FL and sons, Mark (Linda) of Dallas, TX, Gary (Lori) of DARLENE FAYE SHAWVER Www.opriensumwanfuneralhome.com

MARION CROWE

Age 96, died June 25, 2009. Funeral service was held June 28, 2009. A funeral service was

CECIL E. NIRIDER

guestbook at: www.macdonaldsfuneralhome.com

Age 30, of Milford, died sudden Age 87 of Brighton, former-by of Howell, passed away Tuesday, June 23, 2009. He was bom August 15, 1921 in Farina, Illinois, the son of Esty and Anna (Dynot) Nightor Certil year a veteral (Dixon) Nirider. Cecil was a veteran of the U.S. Army 10th Mountain Division and served in the Algutian -Islands and Italy. He was a Purple Heart recipient. Former member of the Howell Lions Club, Howell Rotary

Pines; his step-children, Nicholas

(Devon) Newman and Kendra Newman; his sisters, Deborah (John)

Fredrich and Janice (Dean) Woodbeck; and his granddaughter Erin Newman. He was preceded in

death by his father.
A Funeral Service was held last
Tuesday at Our Lady of Victory
Catholic Church in Northville. Father

RANDY SCOTT TARROW the Howell Lions Club, Howell Rotary Club and Chemung Hills Country Club where he was an avid golfer. He retired as Regional Manager for 0 & C Department Stores, Beloved husband of Tommy M. (Hopper) Nirider. Also survived by several inscess and nephews. Memorial services were held Saturday, June 27th at 2 pm. at MacDonald's Funeral Home, Howell (517-546-2800), Memorial contributions may be made to Howell Lions Age 53, of Union City, TN, died June 14, 2009 at his home. He was born Nov. 2nd, 1955 in Northville, M son of Russell Edward and Ros Marian Tarrow. He is survived by hi daughter Kathleen Lack, his best friend and companion, Sue Petersen of Union City, TN; four sisters, Roxanne Kistler, Renee Manica, Rose Dillion, and Beth Michel; foul brothers. Edward Farrow, Rick Tarrow, Rockey Tarrow and Roland Tarrow, all of Michigan. tions may be made to Howell Lions Club. Please sign the family's online

NOVI POLICE BRIEFS

LOCAL NEWS

A woman was arrested for drunk driving at 1:49 a.m. on June 19 after rear ending another vehicle at a red ligh at Grand River Avenue and Meadowbrook Road.

According to the police report, an officer was driving in the area when he observed two vehicles stopped in the road at the traffic light and one of the drivers was out of his car talking to the other driver. . The man told the officer

he was stopped at the light when he was rear ended by the voman, and she said her foot slipped off the brake causing the accident.

While speaking to the woman, the officer noticed she smelled strongly of intoxicants and her eyes were bloodshot. The woman admitted to drinking two and a half glass-

Police catch drunk driver es of wine prior to the incident. She failed field sobriety tests and a preliminary breath test registered a blood alcohol content of .24 percent. The limit

> .08 percent. The woman was arrested for operating while intoxicated and transported to the Novi Police Department. Drunk driver admits to

having too much to drink A 28-year-old man was arrested for operating while intoxicated at 2:12 a.m. on June 24 at Grand River

The officer on patrol noticed the car swerving in its lane and he initiated the traffic stop.

chauffeur service that usually takes him home could not that

The driver failed field sobri-.08 percent. The man was arrested and

Department. unfocked SUV

Avenue near Meadowbrook Road after leaving Lucky's. The truck was parked near

crossing the center line before According to the report, the man admitted to having "one too many drinks and said the

ety tests and a PBT registered a BAC of .18 percent. The limit for adult drivers in Michigan is

transported to the Novi Police GPS stolen from

A Garmin Nuvi 205W was stolen from an unlocked Ford F-15O between 6 p.m. June 23 and 7:15 a.m. June 24 while parked in the driveway of a nome on Picadilly Circle.

> the garage and the owner thought he locked his vehicle but there were no signs of forced entry. Nothi found missing, and police have no suspects.



The ramp to eastbound I-96 from Novi Road south remains closed in late June as MDOT work on replacing its worn surface continues. Both entrance ramps from Novi Rd. to 1-96 will remain closed through fall of 2009.

CALENDAR

For a complete listing of local and regional events, see the Novi Calendar online at www. metownlife.com. Send calendar submissions via e-mail to cstone@gannett.com; by fax to (248) 349-9832; or by mail to Novi News, 101 N. Lafayette, South Lyon, MI 48178. Items must be received by noon on Monday to be included in Thursday's newspaper.

Local events

Still working

JAYA AND JAZZ JAM TIME/DATE: 9-11 p.m. July 30, Aug. 27

LOCATION: Biggby Coffee, 43346 Grand River at the corner of Grand River Avenue and Novi Road DETAILS: Jazz has found a home once a month at Biggby Coffee, Since the New's Years Eve celebration the Tony Lannen Jazz Quartet has entertained a growing crowd of jazz lovers on the last Thursday of every month. Owner Mike Waltersdorf has committed to continuing the jazz jam through the summer months. \$5 music donation. Musicians - bring your instruments and join the jam. Sign up sheet at the door.

CONTACT: (248) 596-0100 EVENING IN THE GARDENS TIME/DATE: 6:30-8:30 p.m. Thursday, July 9 LOCATION: MSU Extension Tollgate Education Center 28115 Meadowbrook Road, Novi DETAILS: A course for all gardeners interested in learning how to grow rhododendrons and azaleas with instructor Dennis Groh; cost is \$20, CONTACT: Call (248) 858-0887 or email smithlin@

oakçov.com.

Business

ABWA ANNUAL 'PICHIC' AT THE NOVI-DOURLETREE HOTEL

TIME/DATE: 6:30 p.m. July 8

LOCATION: DoubleTree Hotel, 42100 Crescent Blyd., Novi DETAILS: For any women in the community that would like to attend. ABWA is an organization for all women: working, retired, returning to work, or just starting a career. The Novi chapter meets on the second Wednesday of every month at the DoubleTree Hotel & fun irelayed atmosphere complete with spare ribs and a Palm Reader (For those who wish to participate, \$20 fee to the reader); \$16 per per son; \$17 online through PayPal at www.abwa-novi.org

HOY! CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

CONTACT: (248) 344-8800

The Novi Chamber of Commerce is an active, progressive chamber offering a variety of events, educational programs, an enhanced website, and involvement with local charities. LOCATION: 41875 11 Mile Road, #201, Novi CONTACT: For more information, call (248) 349-3743 or

www.novichamber.com 22nd Annual Novi Chamber of Commerce Golf Outing TIME/DATE: 8:30 a.m. registration; 9 a.m. shotgun start on Aug. 18

LOCATION: Tanglewood Golf Course DETAILS: Fee per golfer of \$145 includes 18 holes of golf, continental breakfast, lunch by Carrabba's Italian Grill, and a pin roast dinner. Please register for sponsorship and golfing by calling the Novi Chamber office at (248) 349-3743. Register early - this event sells out every year!

NORTHVILLE / NOVI AREA CHURCH EVENTS

online at hometownlife.com

LOCATION: 41415 Nine Mile Road, corner of CONTACT: (248) 349-0565

TIME: 8:45 a.m. Sunday School and Bible Study; 10 am. Worship PHIST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF NORTHVILLE

CONTACT: (248) 349-0911 or visit first-Sunday Worship **TIME**: 9:30, 11 a.m. Walking in the Park TIME/DATE: 10-11 a.m. every Saturday **LOCATION:** Meet at the Visitor's Center of

Heritage Park (Farmington Road between 10 and 11 Mile roads) **DETAILS**: Group meets for Junch after-

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 single-

CONTACT: (248) 912-0043 or visit oak-Worship Services

OAK POINTE CHURCH LOCATION: 50200 W.10 Mile Road

Sunday ReNew Life Ministries TIME/DATE: 7:15-9 p.m. every Monday

DETAILS: Studying the book "Surviving a

ville.org Sunday Worship TIME: 8:30 and 10 a.m. through Labor Day TIME: 5:15 p.m. Saturday; 9:15 and 11:15 a.m. Rev. Steve D'Angelo

Coffee hour at 10:15 a.m. DETAILS: Ongoing Life Groups that sup-Healing Service port and facilitate personal growth, heal-TIME/DATE: 4 p.m. first Monday of every

ing, learning and change from a Christian CONTACT: For more information or to reg-

ister call (248) 912-0043 or visit oakpointe Charmed Influence TIME/DATE: 9:30 a.m. every Wednesday

Spiritual Mismatch in Marriage". CONTACT: Joy Ruby at joy@oakpointe.org TIME/DATE: 9 a.m.-4 p.m., Saturday.

FIRST HATTER METHODIST OF MORTEVILLE Bazaar to benefit Village Banking at First United Methodist Church Northwile. This is A Stephen Ministry church LOCATION: 777 W Fight Mile Road a nreat poportunity to showcase talent or

DETAILS: Pastors Rev. Dr. Steve Buck and org.

TIME/DATE: 6-8 p.m. first and third

DETAILS: The annual Community Bizarre

business to hundreds of local customers. prayer for peace. As cost is nominal, booth space is filling CONTACT: For details and reserve a space email Pat Breslin at: Bizar reBazaar@

care2.com. for more information regarding Village Banking, www.villagebanking.

hursday of every month. DETAILS: All women seeking to strengthen their faith and connect with other women are invited to attend, irrespective of church affiliation.

> Peace Vigil month LOCATION: In front of the church DETAILS: Members of the congregation

TIME/DATE: 9:45 a.m., Sunday WARD EVANGELICAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH LOCATION: 40000 Six Mile Road CONTACT: (248) 374-7400 or (248) 374-

Sunday Worship

Advent Service

NOVE UNITED HETHODIST LOCATION: 41671 W. 10 Mile Road CONTACT: (248) 349-2652 or visit umcnovi.

and the community will stand united in

Service Broadcast DETAILS: H a.m. every Sunday on WRDT-AM TIME: 945 a.m. Healing Service and Holy Communion 560, The WMUZ Word Station, Single Point Ministries - 45 and older TIME/DATE: 9:45 a.m. first Sunday of TIME/DATE: II a.m., Sunday for fellowship and Bible study. TIME/DATE: Noon, first Sunday of every

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TIME: 8 a.m., 9:30 a.m. and 11:0 a.m.

Traditional; 9:30 a.m. Contemporary.

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for singing, Bible study, and fellowship. DETAILS: For single adults. Active ministry offering various Bible study classes, volleyball, bicycling group, tennis group, support groups, support group for widowed over age 50, fellowship, friendships and

Please see CHURCH, A9

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Saturday Night Service 6:00 p.m.
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Adult Bible Class 9:30 a.m. Sunday School 10:30 a.m.

The Church of Christ

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astor Scott Miller, (248) 437-228

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who grows up in the inner

city "a white woman" and

how it influences her. It's

funny yet heart-warming.

OUR VIEWS

Events in Iran should make us appreciate July 4

When we celebrate the Fourth of July this weekend with our parades, fireworks and barbecues, we should all take a moment to think about what is happening in Iran.

During the past couple weeks, the world has government of Iran has violently cracked down on its own people in the aftermath of a highly contested presidential election.

Against seemingly insurmountable obstacles, hundreds of thousands of Iranians have taken to the streets to protest what appears to have been a bogus election. For standing up for freedom, they have been beaten with clubs, arrested and

Their actions should be a reminder of the challenges faced by the American patriots who braved everything to gain their independence from Great Britain during the American Revolution.

When our forefathers put pen to paper and signed their names to a document in a way there ould be no mistaking their intent, they declared to King George III, and all his British subjects, we are Americans and we are our own masters. The Declaration of Independence, signed by 56 brave souls on July 4, 1776, was an act of defi-

And like the Iranian government has done recently, the British crown, with its great mili-tary, used every means including violence to try and quell the uprising. They broke into homes made arrests and murdered those who chose to side with freedom over blind lovalty to the king.

The brave souls in Iran, who are taking to the streets in the face of thuggish violence, are looking for the same thing as our forefathers - selfdetermination and liberty. It is something that we have probably come to take for granted in America. But the freedom that our forefathers gave all subsequent generations of Americans did not come free. George Washington and his ragtag army overcame immense odds to win that

Watching the protestors in Iran wave the color green — whether on their flags, the ribbons tied around their arms or the burkas covering their heads - should also remind us what or American flag symbolizes. When the patriots waved that flag, with its 13 stars, it was a defiant act against the crown, one that risked great

So wave the Stars and Stripes with great pride this weekend, and take comfort in the fact that we are the heirs to one of the great uprisings in man's struggle for liberty and freedom. And let's hope the people of Iran come to know such free



EDITORIAL: Proposal A: How much longer?

The only problem from the perspective of the er, is the formerly affluent suburbs are the "haves" in this equation and the other school districts in the state are the "have nots.

Proposal A put the majority of the school districts in the state on a fixed dollar per pupi system. Since some districts would be cut too drastically, some districts were allowed an wance. The bulk of these district the state are in the Detroit Burbs (i.e. Novi and

Most other districts get by on less money Before Prop A, rich districts had over a 4:1 funding advantage. After, it's a little over 2:1. In spite of the rhetoric, to many districts pre-Prop A will not be considered "the good old days." There needs to be some type of "lock box" proposal for education funding rather than the "general fund" negotiations that occur at the State level.

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COMMUNITY VOICE

What book would you recommend for summer reading?



"The Shack" by Wm. Paul "The Guernsey Literary and Potato Peel Pie Society" by Young. It's a good seller Mary Ann Shaffer and Annie anyway. It's on the religious order, Christian fiction. I Barrows. It's set in World think it would help people War II in Guernsey, which the Germans occupied. It's written in the form and reread it. of letters with an odd assortment of characters.

with their lives. I've read it Julie Lindow



"The Lightning Thief" is a series of four titles by Rick Riordan. They're good for the whole family - adults as well as children. A combination of Greek mythology and today's fastpaced world.

LETTERS

Buy American

With our nation's birthday again upon us and the increased calls for patriotic spending, I thought I would pass along some Web sites to help in the effort. I buy local whenever pos sible, but sometimes it is necessary to shop online to buy made in the U.S.A. (madeinusa.com, Allamericanclothing.com, Howtobuyamerican.com, Gussetclothing.com, Unionmic.ipower. com. I'm sure there are more.) When given the choice between made

in the U.S.A. and a cheap import, it has always been easy for me to choose American. The problem is now we are not given that choice and more brand name American products are replaced with imports. I always check the label; I owe no allegiance to a brand label or retailer who shows no loyalty to this country and its workers. Some may say I am wasting my time, it is oo late; we have been sold out by the mega corporations. Some may call me a protectionist: if acting this way saves may doubt my motive, say I must be running for office or something. I just

believe in America, and the job I help save just might be yours,

On the auto show and friends

From all news accounts, it appears as if the City of Detroit will come to their senses and claim the monies available to revamp Cobo Hall, thus keeping the North American International to Show there. Good. That's where it belongs. However, Plan B was to come to

And I assure any naysayer that the City Council was on top of things and already had plans in place to secure hundreds of thousands of dollars, each year, to be put into the General Fund to be spent on the residents and their needs. That includes parks, roads, sidewalks, paths, senior citizens, youth, police, fire, etc.

And, there were plans in place to have olice patrols paid for by the show, as well as any other costs associated with it. Roads would have been improved and the citizens of Novi would have enjoyed

the area of the Expo Center, However knowing about that in advance would Chuck Tindall give anyone the opportunity to avoid the area. And, in my analysis, the "good" far outweighed the "bad". The four prominent people highlighted in the Novi News who were asked about it last week agreed with my assessment. Alas, it does not appear as if that is going to happen now

As far as the other shots at me concerning who my friends are, I will close by saying this. I pity anyone who considers the author of that negative letter a friend. Because if you agree with what he wrote about me, it is clear that he will abandon you if you do anything wrong. He will abandon you in times of trouble. On the other hand, if you are my friend, you will always be my friend. Friendship is some-thing that we should all cherish and long for. I will never condone wrongdoing by anyone. That includes my friends and my family. However, I will never run away from them either. I make no apologies for who my friends are, and I earnestly, pubicly, and willingly run as a GOP candidate for state Senate, 15th District, 2010 And, I ask for your support.

Bob Gatt

Michigan's public schools need 'radical reform'

othing short of "radical change" in our education system, from cradle to grave, is what will be required for America to regain its international com-

This is a theme I have been champion for years and was reinforced by a powerful panel presentation at the National Summit

There is a need to hit the 2 to reforming our schools.

We have yet to get it right The National Summit is a bold new initiative to define America's future in the increasingly challeng-

Tom Watkins ing global marketplace.

Beth Chappell, president and CEO of the Detroit Economic Club, the sponsor of the National Summit, said "the goal is to bring together the country's top business, government and academic leaders to create consensu recommendations for increasing America's competitiveness in four critical discipline technology, energy, environment and man-

EDUCATION REQUIRES 'RADICAL REFORM' The panel on Education Innovation

did not pull any punches when it called for education to be 'radically reformed." Comprised of Dr. Jay Noren, president of Wayne State University, Dr. James H. Shelton, III, assistant deputy, Security Innovation and Improvement, U.S. Department of Education, and Linda Hasenfratz, CEO of Linamar Corp., the panel, to a person, said educational change

in human capital compared to the rest of the world," said Noren. "I am not a politi-cian, so I can say it, we need massive new investment in education in this state and nation — let me be clear, this means new

Shelton was blunt. "We need to radically transform our instructional productivity to be competitive on the world stage," the representative of the Obama administra-tion declared. "This radical reform must be accomplished in a time of reductions and resources for our schools — but let me be clear, the future of our country is depen-dent on our success."

Our Canadian neighbor, Hasenfratz, reiterated the others statements when she said. "massive change is required in our schools both in Canada and the U.S. — the rest of the world is not waiting for us to catch up. Change is often the most talked about

and least acted-upon concept in school reform today. Most of our schools believe they have changed. The panel's assessment You have not seen anything yet.
"There has been a lack of political will to

act when we see failure in our schools," said Par too many of our schools are run for the benefit of adults. We have to change the focus of our schools from power, control, politics and adults to a laser-like focus on

teaching, learning and children.

Noren was forceful in saying, "high school for far too many of our students is not serious — we need high national educational standards, having 50 separate sets of state standards does not make sense in this global, knowledge economy. We need a longer school day and year, increased compensation for effective teachers and a minimum of 14 years of basic education,"

RHETORIC HAS NEVER EDUCATED A CHILD

So, there you have it. Radical change is necessary. Yet Noren was equally blunt when he concluded that here in Michigan, the governor's and legislature's rhetoric has not been matched with the resources necessary to make us internationally competitive. Rhetoric from Michigan's and other states' capitols has never educated a single child. Only highly qualified teachers given the support and tools required will get the

Gov. Granholm was equally as blunt in a session on a "Vision For America" when she said, "unless we get more of our students past high school and into college the rest of

the world will eat us for lunch. Change is required and, as Shelton pointed out, it must come even as most states have fewer resources to invest.

U.S. Secretary of Commerce Gary F. Locke reinforced the inextricably link between education and the economy when he said, "Education reform must be part of our national economic agenda for the

"Radical reform." Are we ready to radi-cally reform our schools? Clearly, there is a need to do so. The question remains — do we have the political will to take on the protectors of the status quo, including parents, that will resist the necessary changes called for? According to this group of experts, our very future as a nation is dependent on our success of doing so.

Yet, as we have seen, change is resisted until it can be resisted no longer. Have we reached this point in Michigan and

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need to understand potential employers' concerns. Employers want to know that you can and will do the job you are hired for, that you will

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vice with Praise Band, children's Sunday School and Adult Bible Fellowship: 10:15 a m. Fellowship and refreshments, 11 a.m. Traditional worship service. Children's Church, Youth Sunday School and Adult Bible Fellowship: 6 p.m. Evening Service, Tuesday Schedule: Tuesday 9:30-11:15 a.m.

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checks or during your interview, so you will not be able to hide it. You must find a way to rier reassure notential employ that you have put your prob lems in the past and are ready and able to become a dependable and valuable employee

Before attempting to find a new job, you need to determine what went wrong in past jobs. You should be brutally honest here and recognize ceed in a new problems that resulted in your dismissal. Unless you take the problem, you will not be able to overcome it and may

> Next, use this Ten Step Process, developed by Debra Angel and Elisabeth Harney and explained in their excellent book. No One s Unemployable, to work toward a solution. I. Identify the barrier

2. Identify your perception

perception of the barrier
4. Determine an appro to use in addressing the bar-

5. Eliminate the employer' concerns

6. Identify the selling points you have that meet the employer's needs Turn you barriers into

selling points
8. Develop a way to talk about steps 1-7 9. Practice your sales pitch atil it is easy and natural 10. Match yourself and you

selling points to appropriate

Because you will need to have references from prior employers, you will need to find a way to make amends in order to repair the relationship. Call your past supervisor and apologize for the actions that resulted in being fired. Explain what you've learned and how you've changed and

potential employer to hear what is being said about you so you can prepare for job other references at that job and from other jobs who will say positive things about you Whether the reference is positive, neutral or negative, if you are asked about the termination during your job

know you are job searching

and would appreciate a posi-tive reference from them, even

suggest a statement they can

a statement on why you left

the job. This will sometimes

prompt the employer to put neutral information into you

personnel file that will not

raise 'red flags' if a reference

friend to make a call to the

company as if they were a

make which is true, including

interview, tell your prepared story about the incident that led to the termination and explain that you've apologized and tell the interviewer what

Termination is a painful experience, but the best way to remove it as an obstacle to landing a new job is to experience and prepare a thoughtful, truthful answer questions about it. Your

honesty can help you push the

obstacle aside. sulting professional with a diverse background in Human Development. She is a Certified Career Development Facilitator Coach, and a Certified Professional Resume Writer. She is the co-author book-style quide to assessing your self and managing your job search which was first published in 1999 by Prentice-Hall and revised and reput From 1993 to 1996, she authored a monthly column "Your Job Search"

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Linda Hagan Economic Club Summit gathered prominent business, labor, government, and academic leaders to devel

op a national economic agenda l define America's future Conversations and debates focused on what the National Summit organizers called "four areas of vital importance to America's future in a global conomy: technology, energy, environment, and manufactur ing." During many of the town hall meetings, presenters dis-cussed the need for individuals

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TAKIN' CARE OF BUSINESS should be promoted. Yet, he joked, "In the classroom, team backgrounds and cultures with work is considered cheating different expertise and skill Although it is considered sets come together (and today cheating when students

institutions, especially business schools, are encouraging During a session on Entrepreneurialism and students to work closely with others because teamwork Technology Innovation Drive Competitiveness," one of the panelists said that "no one of the improves an individual's comnunication, critical thinking and problem-solving skills. Bis as smart as us all. We need school professors stress to stu dents that learning how to col to learn together. Vet out ideas with others. We need to adopt a

Dr. Mary Sue Coleman success. Collaboration makes for winning workplace teams. Michigan, said that the uni-According to Mary Ellen Guffey, author of versity has a new mantra for faculty, "partner or perish Communication: Process and Dr. Coleman said that leaders should encourage people to take risks, because risk takin Product, having workers colaborate encourages a diversity stimulates innovation. And, i of ideas and viewpoints, leads people fail, Dr. Coleman said, "don't put them into a Hall of to better decisions, increases worker productivity, decreases

speakers also emphasized the eed for collaborating with

consultation culture."

porate world, teamwork is and since they see sharing their ideas in a group setting as less risky. Collaboration, thus, fosters innovativeness.

> not always easy. For some students and workers, it can be an aggravating experience because there is always the group member who is not the team player Guffey and other business communication researchers recommend several tips to place collaboration.

Tips for better collaboration: 1. Practice good communication techniques 2. Listen

3. Encourage everyone to share ideas 4. Be respectful of others' 5. If you don't understand

another's viewpoint, ask for 6. Show concern for individual relationships and the group 7. Share leadership roles

8. Confront and resolve conflicts quickly and profession-

9. Practice workplace man-

10. Focus on collaboration rather than competition Connect, collaborate, and innovate and help drive America's economy forward. the 1980s hit "Celebration" by Kool and the Gang, "It's time to come together, let's all collabo-

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EDUCATION

Teacher looks to drum up support for new percussion ensemble

BY NATHAN MUELLER STAFF WRITER

Parkview Elementary music teacher Matt Ownby has been working for years to start his own indoor competitive per-

And Ownby got his wish this March with the creation of Number 6 Independent Percussion. Number 6, which plans to open its inaugural season in November, is a non-profit competitive youth musical organization that will be competing at the national and international levels, and is open to musicians between the ages of 16 and 21. Ownby said it is a lot like marching

band, but just with percussio instruments. "It is something I have given a lot of time in my life to and I want to give back to the youth what I have gotten out of it," he said. "It's an activity I feel strongly about and an activity

Ownby is in the process of securing sponsors and lookng for mostly drummers to elp fill out the group. He expects to have 33 members and perform throughout Michigan before closing the season at the 2010 Winter

Guard International World Championships in Dayton,

Ohio, in April. ents who are currently involved with a competitive band program at their high school are not eligible for the team. Ownby said he already has had a strong response from other high school students and graduates who want to join, and there will be tryouts in

"Students like it because it gives them an opportunity to compete against people from all over the world, meet some of the best percussion professionals in the industry and learn a lot about leadership and accomplishing goals," he

and president of the group, and will be aided by several other music professionals. Ownby has two master's degrees in music, and was a member of the The Cavaliers Drum and Bugle Corps from Rosemo Ill. The corps won a World Championship in 1992 and the front ensemble won champions of the champions hip in 1992 and the ships in 1992 and 1993. Ownby also was the 1993 Drum Corps International Solo Multiple-Percussion World Champion



Camp Invention

Invest Now Kids and The Discover Program present Camp Invention coming to Novi Middle School 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.
July 20-24. The summer camp will include the themes of Viking
Treasure Trek: The Quest Begins, Comic Book Science: FlyJack and Jill, LandSled X-Treme, I Can Invent: Fantasy Inventions & Complicated Machines II and Recess Remix. The popular program is once again directed by Novi Middle School science teacher Seth Furlow. The base price is \$220, but if you register three or more siblings, receive \$40 off the base price. Daily snacks and a Camp Invention T-shirt will be provided. For more information, call (248) 449-1600 or e-mail sfurlow@novi.k12.mi.us.



Telcom scholarships

Telcom Credit Union, headquarted in Novi, recently presented five high school seniors with \$1,000 college scholarships, as part of their new FUSE Young Ownby will serve as director Members Program. The five recipients were selected from eligible students who are Tefcom Credit Union members who plan to go to college in the fall. Telcom's FUSE program includes a FUSE Reward Savings account for children of all ages, a FUSE Checking account with a debit card, and a FUSE Visa credit card for members from 16 to 23 years old, as well as the FUSE Scholarship Program for high school seniors. Pictured are Telcom Executive VP/CFO Ron Lang along with scholarship recipients Linnea Jimison, Casey Ayers, Sarah Seewald, James Szymanski, and Beth Wloszek

University of Michigan

Jordan Reilly of Novi has been placed on the Dean's Honor List in recognition of outstanding academic achievement during the fall term 2008 and winter term 2009. Jordan earned a grade point average of 3.8 for both terms in the School of Engineering and is studying

Loyola University

Lovola University New spring 2009 semester for nts completing the point average or higher includes Jenniler Rudolph of





Reading is fun

Village Oaks Elementary School -(above) on Fri. March 27, with their favorite books held high to celebrate is Reading Month. Parents and siblings lines the route. Ian Kinnard (left) walks outside of Village Oaks Elementary on Fri. March 27 with a copy of "The Bears Picnic" held high the end of March is Reading Montl with a parade through the school's



ADVANCED VEIN THERAPIES

Second Opinions: Why many seniors don't, but should get one

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Dear Nelly Yes! A second opinion is good medicine and your right as a patient. Besides. second opinions and will even offer referrals to help you get one. If they don't, you probably ought to find another doctor. Here's what you should know.

SECOND OPINIONS

There's a mountain of evidence that shows that prevents mistakes and uts costs. Yet most older patients choose not to get them because they're either afraid of offending their doctor, don't want to hassle with it, or fear their insurance won't cover it. But get-ting a second opinion from a different doctor may offer you a fresh perspective, new information and additional options for treating your

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more informed decision. Or, if the second doctor agrees with the first, it can give you reassurance.

WHO PAYS

In most cases Medicare under Part B, and will even pay for a third opinion if the first two differ. Most Medicare Advantage plans also cover second on but some plans will require a referral first from your primary physician, If you have private insurance, you'll need to check with

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WHEN TO ASK

The key times you should seek a second opinion are

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Another good resource is Health Grades (www. healthgrades.com) which provides detailed reports on

loctors for \$13. Also see Vitals.com, a free service that lets you search and is usually not covered for top-rated doctors based on their training, expertise, by insurance or Medicare. consumer ratings and recommendations from other

time finding or getting to another doctor for a sec-Internet. Yes, Web-based second opinions are now available from top medi-cal centers that allow you to consult with medical experts regardless of where they're located. Two good ones to check out are the prestigious Cleveland Clinic (eclevelandclinic. com: 800-223-2273) and

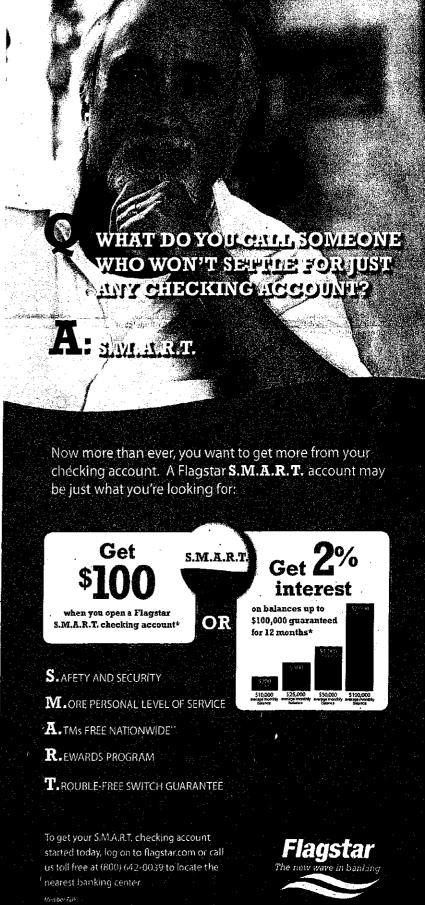
Partners Online Specialty Consultations (econsults. partners.org; 888-456-5003) which is affiliated with Harvard Medical School. The cost for this online advice ranges between \$500 and \$1,000

Savvy Tips: Before you get a second opinion you'll need to have your doctor's records ahead to the sec-ond doctor (you may have to pick them up and deliver them yourself), and be sure he or she knows about your original diagnosis, and the course of treatment recom-mended by your first doctor.

If they disagree, you may want to seek that third opinion, or go back to your original doctor for further

can help you weigh your options is the Ottawa Personal Decision Guide (http://decisionaid.ohri.ca) which provides a worksheet for people facing tough health decisions.

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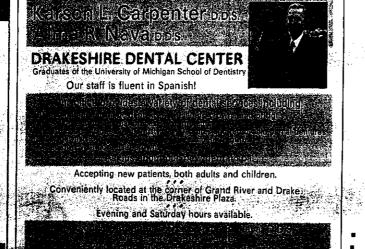
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Wildcat Amanda Border played No. 1 singles for Novi and finished 18makes the All-Area First Team.





Wildcat Sara Carlson finished 21-4 at No. 2 singles and makes the Alf-Area First Team.



Abby Wang played No. 3 singles for Novi and made a run all the way to the State finals. She finished 22-7 makes the All-Area First Team.



Novi's senior Jennifer Feicher No. 4 singles and made the State semifinals. She is on the All-Area First Team

Northville No. 4 tandem best in State

BÝ JEFF THEISEN Sports Writer

Northville tennis coach Sandy Woolfall knew her team was loaded in doubles heading into the season. It was proven by a couple of deep runs at the State tournament, highlighted by a No 4 doubles title by Valerie Juan and Mackenzie Powers.

Juan and Powers are the 2009 All-

Area Tennis Players of the Year.
"They just played really well that weekend ... really determined." Woolfall said. "The depth we have makes them so strong at No. 4 doubles.

Juan is a senior, and Powers is just a freshmen. But they make a perfect tandem on the court.

"Mackenzie is a great ball retriever and Valerie likes to be at the net," Woolfall said. "Mackenzie is very quick, a lot of speed on the court.

"Valerie is a senior, and varsity for

two years. She's done a lot of playing." The lone loss for the duo came in a 7-6, 7-6 loss early in the year at the Grosse Pointe tournament. From there on, it was nothing but wins for

a 29-1 record. a 29-1 record.
"They clicked right from the beginning," Woolfall said. "Mackenzie is the type of kid that never gives up.
She'll be a great addition for us the next three years."

Woolfall also said she was thrilled to have Juan finish her career with a title.

FIRST TEAM

Novi and Northville dominated the area tennis scene, eventually tying each other for fourth place at State. Novi dominated the single matchups between the two, and the

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ALL-AREA TENNIS Players of the Year

Valerie Juan and Mackenzie Powers First Team Amanda Border, Novi Sara Carlson, Novi Abby Wang, Novi Jennifer Felcher, Novi Lauren Felcher, Novi Julia Thomas, Novi Laura Taylor, Northville

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Lakeland's Carlee Meek gets ready to release a pitch against Howell. She finished 35-2 and is

the 2009 All-Area Softball Player of the Year.

Northville's Valerie Juan and Mackenzie Powers finished the season 29-1 and captured the State title at No. 4 doubles.

Queen of diamonds

Lakeland pitcher Meek finished 35-2 with 0.57 ERA

BY JEFF THEISEN Sports Writer

Teams that make a run to the State quarterfinals almost always have one thing in com-

mon - a great pitcher. Lakeland's Carlee Meek was and an anemic 0.57 earned run average for the 38-2 Eagles. She also finished with 287 strikeouts while averaging close to a walk a game.

. For her work. Meek was voted to the All-State First Team.

"She hates to lose," said head coach Joe Alsup. "Her best pitch is probably her drop and then her change-up. She really came on strong with the change-up. When she had her change-up working, batters had a really hard time hitting her. She has tremendous control."

As a freshman, Meek started at first base as the Eagles had star pitcher Lauren Memmer on the mound. After she graduated, Meek took to the mound and has delivered 65 wins the past two years, helping to lead the Eagles to a pair of district and regional

titles.
"She's a heckuva player," said Alsup. "When she comes to play, she comes to win."

When not pitching, Meek

played at short stop, a position



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Wildcat Stephanie Hrit lays down a bunt against South Lyon East.

that will be open next year and filled partially by Meek when she's not on the mound.

She can play a variety of positions," said Alsup. "She's been a real force for us the last years." Alsup said Meek is also one of the pranksters on the team and

helps keep things loose on a team where winning is expected. "She's a great kid. She has a great sense of humor," he said.

"She works hard in the class room. She gets along with all the

FIRST TEAM

Kelsey Cleary Lakeland sophomore The sophomore stepped into a bigger varsity role and moved into the spotlight. She hit .396 and led the team with 37 stolen bases and 41 runs scored.

Cleary earned All-State First Team honors.

"She did a great job in the out-field for us," said Alsup. "In both the regional and semis, she had the game-winning hit."

ie game-winning vii... Kelsey Johnson Lakeland sophomore

more like a veteran. She allowed just four stolen bases all year, while pounding out a 406 aver-age of her own and leading the team with 53 hits and 13 triples.

"She had a phenomenal year as a catcher," said Alsup. "As a freshman, she was OK. She was probably our best hitter (this

Erica Rizzo Lakeland senior

Rizzo saved some of her best play for the playoffs. She had a huge part in a pair of wins to help secure the district title. She finished with a .375 average with a team-high nine doubles and second on the team with seven

triples.
"She was on fire," said Alsup. "She really was a tremendous leader for us this year. She staved after three or four times a week after practice. She was willing to pay her dues and become better.

Anna Armstrong Lakeland junior

Armstrong was used mostly a designated hitter for the



Eagles, but it was easy to see why. She fired out a .394 aver age and was second on the team with 32 RBI. She also connected on three home runs.

"She hit the ball harder than anyone on the team," Alsup said.
"She came in all the time and would stay around an hour or an hour and a half after practice

just hitting. "She will be a captain next

Sara Cupp

Milford junior The numbers from the junior catcher for Milford are staggering She hit 475 (48-for-101) and did it with power She knocked out seven home runs, six doubles and two triples. She also drove in 39 RBI to tie for the team lead. She was one that I could

count on almost every time she came up to bat," said coach Vaughn Richmond. "She's a very strong girl. She hit some of the longest home runs I've ever seen from a girl.

"She played almost the entire season with a pulled hamstring. She was still able to hit that well. She's a tough kid."

Richmond said it was the highest final average for a girl that he has coached, and she is being looked at by several

Lauren Smith Milford sophomore

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SOFTBALL

Richmond calls her a diamond in the rough because she is a three sport player, limiting her practice time in softball.

"This girl has so much raw tal-ent," he said. "I think she is going to be an outstanding softhall player in the future." She batted .365, tied fo the RBI lead with 39, produced six doubles and scored 22 runs. Sarah Rounsifer

Consistency is the best word for Northville catcher Rounsifer. She batted a whopping .511 with 45 hits, knocked in 41 runs and knocked out seven home runs. She is a three time All-Stater and was in the running for Miss Softball, as well as earning

All-Conference, All-District and All-Sarah is a very special athlete, said coach Kary Couchman, "Her drive, dedication and passion are unmatched. She is a joy to watch play the game, and she will do great things at Princeton." Danielle Godair

South Lyon sophomor Versatility was a big part of Godair's game. She pitched, played first and was a major producer at the plate and on the mound. She batted .382, had nine doubles, eight triples, scored 24 runs and 10 runs batted

"Danielle is a tremendous athlete said coach Michelle Stanbury. "She hits for power and is an aggressive oner. She was the starting shortstop last year as a freshn but was moved to first because of her ability to catch any ball throw at her. She was the No. 2 pitcher this year, pitching 88 1/3 innings and walking only five batters."

South Lyon Sophomore The young catcher was anything but raw at or behind the plate. She batted 408 with 12 extra base hits and knocked in 23 mms

innings we played this year," said Stanbury, "Her quick throw to first earned her a reputation around the league, and it was widely known you didn't hang out there too long. Olivia led the team in batting average and on base percentage, as well as home

In six years of coaching, I had never seen anyone hit the ball out at South Lyon. Olivia did it twice this a bright future.

hanie Hrit Novi's leadoff batter knew how to get one base, sporting a .341 average.

ALL-AREA SOFTBALL

Player of the Year Carlee Meek, Lakeland

First Team Kelsey Cleary, Lakeland Kelsey Johnson Takeland Erica Rizzo, Lakeland Anna Armstrong, Lakeland Sara Cupo, Milford Lauren Smith, Millord

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She pounded out 31 hits and added 10 more walks for a .400 on base per centage. She also snagged 11 stolen bases and helped lock down the lef field position for what head coach Bob Lulek called an outstanding

"She put the bat on the ball and only struck out nine times," said Lulek. "She had a good eye as the

SECOND TEAM

Rachel Hammer. Lakeland senior

plate with a .325 average, but her .978 fielding percentage at short allowed her to make plays that would've otherwise ended up as a

Northwood

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for the Eagles. Alsup said she was one of the best defensive outfielders ever at Lakeland. She also sported a .330 average at the plate and will play for Oakland University.

nything hit near her in centerfield

Ashley Landin
Milford junior
She converted from a righthanded hitter to a lefty to utilize her speed.

Richmond said she Batted around .600 during the stretch run of the season. Richmond expects

g things from her as a senior. Brittany Rheaume Milford senior The Mayerick first baseman

knocked out a .327 average, scored 23 runs and knocked in 21 more. She also had five doubles, two triples and a home run. Maddy Sinkovich

Novi sophomore Sinkovich moved into the third spot in the lineup and batted .316 with only six strikeouts. She also held the starting spot in centerfield Sam Doud

Northville senior Doud saved some of her best for the postseason. She didn't allow an earned run in districts or regionals. She finished 13-9 with a 1.59 ERA and 100 strikeouts. She also hit .419 with 31 RBi.

Mary Rounsifer Northville sophomore She rotated between first and second base, but did well at both with a .980 fielding percentage. Sh

also managed a .320 average for the district champs. Courtney Emery South Lyon East junior Emery provided pop and a solid average, hitting .338 with a .558

South Lyon East freshman Richvalsky had no problem step-ping into the varsity role as a freshman. The slapping second baseman piled up a .429 average, scored 16 runs and knocked in nine RBI. She only struck out nine times and only made five errors up the middle

South Lyon junior The Lion centerfielder swatted a 390 average with six doubles and five triples. She also made just one

error for a .950 fielding percentage HONORABLE MENTION Receiving Honorable Mention are Novi's Allyson Hrit; Lakeland's

Kayla Craft and Lindsay Nosek; Milford's Cassandra Platt: Northville's Karly l'isher and She will continue her career at Jennifer Buckingham; and South forthwood. Jennifer Buckingham; and South Danielle Boore and Erin Schöps

Classified Preview...

TENNIS

Mustangs made their points mostly at

doubles. Amanda Border, Novi The No. 1 singles player for Novi didn't back down from anyone, finishing 18-5. The junior finished the year on an 11match win streak before losing in the parterfinals at State. She captured the KLAA Conference and regional titles.

"Amanda showed why she is one of the top players in Michigan with an 18-5 record against many of the best players in the State," said Novi coach Jim Hanson. Sara Carlson, Novi

Sara Carlson, Novi
The No. 2 singles player for Novi also
finished on quite a roll, winning 13-consecutive matches and making a run to
the State sentifinals. The junior finished
21-4, winning the KLAA Conference and regional titles along the way.
"She capped off another outstanding

year with a repeat trip to the semifinals,

Abby Wang, Novi The freshman made quite a name for herself making a run to the State finals before losing in a three-set thriller to West Bloomfield's Morgan Taylor, She started

said Hansor

the year 4-4 before finishing 22-7.
"Abby made a major contribution to this year's tennis team," said Hanson, "She added a KLAA Conference championship o her accomplishments." Jennifer Felcher, Novi

The lone senior in the Novi single's incup, she finished with a 24-4 record at No. 4. Her career ended with a third trip to the State semifinals to the State seminals.
"Her accomplishments include being a four-time conference champion and a two-time regional champ," said Hanson. "She finishes her stellar tennis career at

Novi with an 84-23 record." Laura Taylor and Ursula Cauffiel, orthville The No. 1 doubles tandem for the

Mustangs finished 24-5 and captured a regional title. Cauffiel ends a four-year varsity run, while Taylor has one more year with the program.
"There was a lot of talent between the two of them," said Woolfall.

"Unfortunately they had a tough draw at State. They did get All-State recognition." Abby Grajek and Sabrina Masciulli. Northville The two seniors put it all together for a

run to the State semifinals, finishing the

year 26-4.
They've played together for three years. They know each other's games," said Woolfall. "They wanted to make it to the second day of state, and they made it to "Sabrina is one of the best net players

we've ever had, and Abby is a great base-Maudie Smith and Amy Bernstein,

The No. 3 doubles team made a run to itheisen@gangett.com | (248) 349-1700 ext. 228 the State quarterfinals and finished 27-3.

Smith, a senior, was a two-year varsity player. It was the first varsity season for

ernstein, a junior. "They just get the job done," said Woolfall. "The won regional, conferences and most of the tournaments throughout

Julia Thomas, Lauren Felcher, Novi The juniors proved to be a force by knocking off Northville to win the conference title, which was vital in the team captured the KLAA Kensington title. The duo finished 19-6 and made a run to the State quarterfinals.

The roles are reversed for the All-Area Second Team, with Northville's singles players taking center stage along with Novi's doubles leams.

Haley Johnston, Northville The senior was the No. 1 player for Northville finished 19-10, facing some of the top competition in the State through-

Tanya Joseph, Northville
Also a senior for the Mustangs who
played No. 2. She finished 21-9 and won her first-round match at State

The sophomore held down the No. 3 spot for the Stangs. She capped off her season with a run to the State quarter-finals before losing a three-set match to Wang from Novi. She finished 22-7. Erin Doud, Northville

The freshman fared quite well at No. 4 singles, posting a 19-10 record. She finished her season with a run to the State

Bailee Mamayek, Lakeland Mamayek split time at No. 2 and 3 singles, compiling a 14-6 record. She won the Brandon Tournament and finished runner-up at the KLAA Conference Jenna Snyder and Megan Wenzl,

The Wildcat No. 2 doubles team made a run to the State quarterfinals and fin-ished 20-5. Three of their losses came to the Northville duo. But the sophomore

(Snyder) and senior (Wenzl) beat the Andrea Lollo and Meggie Riegel,

finished 17-9. The duo finished runner up at the KLAA Conference and regional

HONORABLE MENTION

Athletes receiving All-Area Honorable Mention are Novi's Natalie Murphy and Shaheen Sheikh: Northville's Je Grezlik and Caiti Darish; and Lakeland's Rachel Adriansen, Brittany Antonishek, Katelin Deska, Lindsey Dehnbostel, McKenzie McDougall and Autumn

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Examining Rule 20: Lie of ball altered or spot not determinable

By Jeanne Myers

online at hometownlife.com

There are two small sections in Rule 20 that are vitally important but cause most golfers grief. They deal with replacing a golfer's ball when it has been moved and his lie has been altered or when his ball know exactly where it had been

If a golfer's lie has been altered in some way and he knows what the original lie of his ball was, he can proceed in this manner: Excep in a hazard (water or bunker), he places the ball in the nearest lie one club-length of the original lic not nearer the hole and not in a

huzard. For example, it another player plays your ball, taking out a large divot, he has altered your lie. You do not have to place your ball in that divot. You place it in the club-length of the original lie. If this has occurred in a water hazard the procedure is the same, but you must place the ball in the water hazard. In a bunker, if your lie has

For example, your ball and another player's ball lie close together in the bunker. You have a perfect lie. He asks you to mark because your ball interferes with his shot. You mark and lift your ball (not cleaning it) and he plays He has now blasted a hole where

your ball had been. You get to recreate your lie by raking or smoothing the sand, and then place your ball in that lie. Since 2008, a player receives a

penalty for hitting a wrong ball out of a bunker or water hazard. Therefore, it is now necessary to lift a ball in a bunker or water hazard to identify it before playing If the lie of the ball is altered in the been altered, you have to recreate your original lie and place the ball process of lifting to identify the ball, this Rule applies to the

Spot Not Determinable

If your ball gets moved, and you don't know what the original lie was, the procedure is different. Suppose your ball is driven over by a golf cart and pops up in the air.

You have no idea exactly where it had been. Through the green, you will drop the ball as near as possible to the spot where it lay, but you cannot drep it in a hazard

this happens when your ball lies in a hazard, except the ball must be dropped in the hazard. On the putting green, if you do not know the exact spot to replace your ball you will place it as near as possible to where it lay, and again you do your best to estimate that position. ball lies on the putting green and another player plays to the green. His ball hits and moves your ball, which now has to be replaced.

The same process is followed it

your best to estimate

the green and step aside while another group plays through. By mistake one of them removes your ball-marker. You will now have to proceed under the "spot not all as near as possible to where lay on the green, without penalty.

Many of the Rules of Golf, such as these, are there to help the golfer. It will lower your scores if

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Gorman's will be stocking bedroom, living room and din-ing room pieces from the collection. Known for her handcrafted antique reproductions called Antiquaire, August's pieces are comfortable, colorful and emote lifestyle. Lillian White offers more than 33 finishes, designer fabrics and signature upholstery frames defined by distinctive shapes and softened with curved

Preh Wins GM Supplier of the Year Award again

Preh received the General Motors 2008 Supplier of the Year award for the fourth consecutive year for its significant contribu-tions to GM's global product and performance achievements. The 17th annual award was given dur ing ceremonies June 5 at the GM Heritage Center in Warren.

Preh Executive Vice President-Sales and Marketing Christoph Hummel said, "Being recognized once again as one of GM's top suppliers is proof that our commitment to excellence in the development, manufacturing and supply of climate controls has been the right strategy from the

beginning."
The award recognizes the sig-

nificant contributions of GM's suppliers in 2008 as part of the company's global product and performance achievements. The Supplier of the Year program started in 1992, and each year a global team of purchasing, engineering, quality, manufacturing and logistics executives determines the winners. The decisions are based on supplier perfor-mance in the areas of quality, ser-

vice, technology and price. Preh was founded in Germany in 1919. As a full-service supplier, Preh works directly with major automakers in the development interior control systems, sensors and electronic control units.

The company maintains in-house capabilities for plastics injection molding, precision mechanics, light-pipe design, electronics hardware, surface finishing, laser etching and software

development. With sales of \$448.1 million in 2008, Preh employs more than 2,000 people located in Germany, Portugal, France, Romania, Mexico and the U.S. More than 90 percent of Preh's annual revenue comes from its automotive business, Preh's U.S. customer service center is located

ITC, Mitsubishi expand alliance

ITC Holdings Corp. (ITC), Mitsubishi Electric Corporation and Mitsubishi Electric Power Products, Inc. (Mitsubishi Electric Power Products) are expanding their existing business alliance to develop and produce extra high voltage 765 kilovolt . ver transformers

The companies will concentrate on improving product devel-opment lead times, efficiency, technical design, material standardization and life cycle costs. Their efforts will help address a number of transmission industry challenges including the availability and supply of extra high volt age power transformers in North

Mitsubishi Electric will produce 765 kV transformers for use in ITC's Green Power Express project, a 3,000-mile long network of transmission lines that will move renewable energy from remote areas in the Upper Midwest to major Midwest and

East Coast population centers. In addition, TTC and Mitsubishi Electric Power Products have agreed to work jointly on development of a 765 kV circuit breaker that will go into production by 2011 at Mitsubishi Electric Power Products' Warrendale, Pa., mans facturing facility.

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Hampton Hotel offers Webkinz Package Hampton Hotels are offering parents that book the Hampton's Webkinz Package an exclusive Webkinz plush pet upon check-in that they can bring home to

Local hotels are located at 20600 Haggerty in Northville, (734) 462-1119, and at 169 Loop Road in

Commerce Township, (248) 624-8100.

Webkinz' parent company, Ganz, unveiled three new pets as part of the collection that will be available

through the Hampton Webkinz Package: Blossom Bird, Springer Spaniel and Guinea Pig.

Webkinz plush pets are a sensation among 6- to 13-year-olds. The pets are not only a plush toy but a virtual education tool that allow children to build an online version of each pet by accessing the pet's secret

Guests that book the Hampton Webkinz Package online at Hampton.com/toyoffer and complete their stay now through Aug. 30 at participating hotel loca-tions in United States, Canada, and United Kingdom, will receive their choice of Blossom Bird, Springer Spaniel or Guinea Pig upon check-in while supplies last.



Why All the Household Dust?

"In Keith Meadows, owner and operator of American Power Vac, Inc. For years, I've been improving our community's health one family at a time. 90% of the calls I receive everyday are from desperate people complaining about dust. They tell rue they dust the T.V. on Friday, but by Sunday they are pushing

household dust, and the reason is, your cold air returns.

Cold air returns suck in dirty air, and over time it builds up until you have the same type of debris that you would find in your vacuum bag. Cold air returns are so the reason new homeowners are experiencing dust. While your drywall being sanded, your cold air returns sucked all of the dust through the system and it settled on the bottom of the duc

and it settled to the contour of the much thus where a fulle at a time gets blown back into your home. This debris cannot be removed without a professional. Which brings me to my next point; choosing an air duct clearing company. Most companies use truck mounted equipment, which is like a shop vac that you would vacuum out your car with inside, the back of a van, absolutely useless. Visit our website for photos of our equipment vs. truck mounted equipment at

industry. This is where the entire truck is the vacuum and the ruck motor powers the equipment. It's the size of an ambulance and when engaged twelve large air bags will come out of the roof. What makes the difference in equipment? Power! To put things into perspective, your furnace moves 2,000 CFM's (cubic feet of

air per minute), basically what you feel an per minute, nostically what you tee coming out of your register. Truck mount-ed equipment only moves 4,000 CFM's. American Power You moves over 16,000 coubic feet of air per minute, more than quadruple the power of any truck-mounted equipment. The problem is that there are o many companies with inadequate equipment, advertising cheap prices in equipment, advertising wifer, coupon books, that it gives people a false sense of what the jobs worth. The average price to clean your air ducts correctly with the right equipment ranges from \$374 to \$499+ depending on the size of your home, Any company who charges per reg-ister or who has "\$99 Whole House Spe-

cials" are commanies you want to avoid. American Power Vac ctans are companies you want to avoid, American rower vac, tine, is family owned. You never have to worp about inexperi-enced teenagers coming to your home. As always, I will personal-ly be there to make sure the job is done correctly. Stop your dusting and call for our

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