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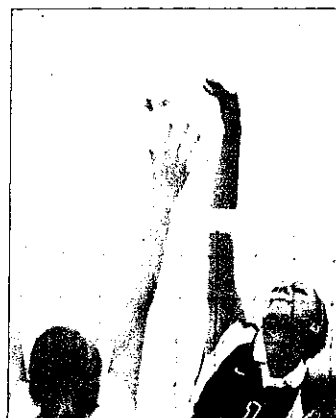
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Thanksgiving Day at Rock

The Diamond Banquet Center at Rock Financial Showplace and Epoch Catering will present a lavish Thanksgiving Day buffet from 11 a.m.-3 p.m. on Thursday, Nov. 26. Prices are adults \$24.95, seniors \$19.95, children under 12 \$12.95, and toddlers 4 and under free. Prices are inclusive of tax and gratuity. Walk-ins welcome, reservations suggested, cash bar and free parking available.

The Diamond Banquet Center is arranged as an expansive combination of living and dining rooms for the annual event, with both dining tables and couches available for fans interested in watching the Lion's game on a huge 6 x 6 screen. Award winning Chef and Northville native Terry Poster will be the creative force behind the Epoch Thanksgiving Day Buffet, featuring turkey and ham carving stations, all the favorite traditional tasty side dishes and Epoch's famous decadent desserts.

Rock is located at 46100 Grand River Ave in Novi; phone (248) 348.5600.

Strike it BIG

African-American fraternities and sororities will "Strike it BIG" for Big Brothers Big Sisters of Metropolitan Detroit (BBBSMD) on Sunday, Nov. 15 from 5-8 p.m. at Lucky Strike in Novi for its Second Annual Black Greek Bowling Challenge. BBBSMD is calling all fraternities and sororities to participate in this bowling challenge to help support at-risk youth of metropolitan Detroit.

This fun-filled event will provide Greek organizations the opportunity to show their support by raising dollars and awareness for mentoring. The Second Annual Black Greek Bowling Challenge is a tremendous opportunity to have friendly competition between the fraternities and sororities while raising money and helping children of metropolitan Detroit.

For more information contact Lola Rushin at 313-309-9240 or via email rushinl@bbbsdetroit.org.

Call out to crafters

The Michigan 50's Festival will hold a holiday craft show Nov. 27-28 at 12 Mile Crossing at Fountainwalk (in the former World Market space next to The Great Indoors). Booths are \$75. Crafters who are interested in participating should visit www.michigan50sfestival.org or call Jeanette (517) 376-0813.

School board to look at privatizing services

Current custodians, bus drivers concerned about jobs

BY NATHAN MUELLER
STAFF WRITER



Dion

The Novi Community Schools Board of Education will be looking at privatizing custodial and transportation services at its meeting next Thursday in an effort to help the district prepare for looming cuts.

Supt. Peter Dion said while privatization is not the ideal situation, the district is forced to do so because of a reduction in funding from the state and an obligation to protect the education of the students.

"It's a product of our economy and funding," he said. "When you are looking at a \$3.5 million cut or a nearly \$2 million cut, we are forced

to look at cost-saving measures."

The administration will make a recommendation to the board next Thursday to approve contracts with both private companies, but the board is not expected to make a decision until its Dec. 3 regular meeting. A public forum will be held Nov. 23 and the board will meet for a work session Nov. 30 prior to approving a contract.

Administration is also meeting with union representatives of the current employees to bargain with them on any concessions.

Gail Credit, assistant superintendent for business and operations, said the district is looking at gaping holes in the budget and have to make some hard decisions.

"We are trying to make reductions that are transparent to the student," she said. "With those services that can be outsourced, we have to look at it. It would be fiscally irresponsible to not look at it."

Dion said the district would save between 15-20 percent on transportation services and 35-40 percent on custodial services by going with a private company.

There are currently 39 custodians and 29 bus drivers that would be impacted if the private companies

are chosen. They also would have the opportunity to interview for jobs with the company.

Pagie Baggett, union representative for the bus drivers and a current bus driver for the past 25 years, said it would be devastating for her and the other drivers if they lost their jobs, which also include health benefits and a pension. She said they are willing to make concessions to stay employed.

"There is no loyalty to us," she said. "We don't want to lose our jobs. We have driven a lot of these kids from kindergarten until they graduate and we are part of the community."

"Private companies are in it to make money, and we are here to serve the community."

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Student-run recycling program produces success

BY NATHAN MUELLER
STAFF WRITER



JOHN HEDBERG STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Novi High School seniors Sarah Letson and Jon Muncie are a vital part of the school's successful recycling program.

Novi High School Principal John Lawrence was understandably skeptical about a student-run recycling program after watching one fail to get off the ground years ago.

But when a pair of seniors approached him last fall with a detailed plan, he was eager to give it another chance.

"I saw a very determined group of students," he said. "And they were able to put this whole thing together with virtually no monitoring by me."

When the original students graduated, they hand-picked another group of four seniors to carry the torch. Sarah Letson, Jon Muncie, Jamie Crist and Jackie Liu were not only charged with keeping the program intact, but also taking it to another level.

In the first year the group only collected paper products, but this year it expanded the program to include plastics. About 50 student volunteers help run the program, with the paper taken out biweekly and the plastics weekly.

Letson said plastic recycling was added this year because "it needed to happen" and because the middle school already had a program in place.

She said it hasn't been hard to get students involved because there are paper boxes and plastic bins everywhere. Each classroom has a box for paper and the cafeteria features 10 bins for plastics.

"The key is accessibility," she said. "People are more apt to use them if they don't have to go out of their way."

Lawrence, who has a paper box in his office, said he sees students at lunch sorting their plastics at the table and credits the teachers for reminding the students to recycle.

"(The students) have recognized we have to do things now to step up and take care of our planet," he said.

Muncie said the impact the program is having is expanding beyond the classroom.

"A couple people have said to me since they were introduced to the program that they have now started using their recycling bins at home," he said.

Several members of the group also were part of the Michigan Environment and Energy Apprentice held in October. The idea behind the program was to bring together industry leaders to talk about environmental and energy issues.

The students presented their recycling work to a group of industry leaders, discussing how they could increase participation by using different media and social network outlets.

The recycling group at Novi High School has a Facebook group called "Novi Highschool Recycling Program" and also is on Twitter at www.twitter.com/NoviRecycling.

"Our hope is to pull people outside of school and get the community involved," Letson said.

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Police hunt continues for bank robbery suspect

BY NATHAN MUELLER
STAFF WRITER

The Novi Police Department is searching for a male suspect who robbed the National City Bank branch on 14 Mile Road around 4 p.m. on Nov. 9.

According to a press release, the man walked into the bank, located near the southwest corner of 14 Mile and Haggerty roads, with a note demanding money. The teller handed the suspect about \$3,000 cash and he fled the bank through the front door.

The teller immediately called 9-11, but the man had left the area before police arrived. No one was injured. Police investigators believe



Police are searching for this man in connection with the robbery of the National City bank on 14 Mile and Haggerty roads.

the suspect purchased gasoline from the Speedway east of the bank before the robbery and parked his vehicle in the area before walking to the bank. The

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Tollgate Center keeping gates open

Governor restores funding to MSU Extension program

BY NATHAN MUELLER
STAFF WRITER

Roy Prentice is breathing easier now after Gov. Jennifer Granholm decided not to veto funding for the Michigan State University Extension Program, allowing him to keep his profession and Novi its landmark.

Prentice, who is the farm manager at the MSU Tollgate Education Center in Novi and lives on the 160-acre farm, said he was initially shocked when he heard funding for the agricultural extension and experiment station programs might get cut because the agricultural industry is one of the few hav-

ing success in Michigan. Now that he knows it will continue, he looks forward to the direction the programs are heading.

"I think there is a real mandate from the governor's office and taken up by the college of agriculture and natural resources (at MSU) to focus on alternative energy production and focus on activities that are going to be more important to the state as a whole," he said.

"And I am going to continue to make sure people know we are here and work on expanding that footprint."

The fear was that Granholm would line item veto the Extension's \$64 million in state funding, which would have resulted in closing the Extension's 82 offices and 17 research stations in the state and the elimination of the 4-H programs.

She decided to restore the funding because she sees it playing an important role in moving the state forward.

"While agriculture and its role in the green economy will continue to be important for MSU Extension, there will also be new areas of emphasis," Granholm said two weeks

PRIVATIZING

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Susie Coolman, another driver in the district, said she is concerned about the reputation some of the private companies have.

"I don't want them to just pull someone off the street to drive my grandkids," she said. "I want to know who they are getting on the bus with."

Dion said the private companies are subject to meeting all the requirements and background checks currently in place in the district.

Phil Light, union representative for the custodians who has been with the district 17 years, said if the current custodians were hired by the private company they would be taking a 50-percent pay cut

and that would "be a big step backwards for the people who work here."

He said they have been looking at making some hourly concessions and changes to their holiday pay and health care to keep their jobs.

"We care about this district and we still want to be here," he said.

Dion admits that losing employees would be a downside, but the district's ultimate purpose is on teaching and learning.

"This is one of the finest school districts in the state," he said. "And how do we continue to improve the quality of this district by making adjustments?"

"That is the challenge we face right now."

The singing voices of Christmas

Novi Choralaires close out 34th season with pair of concerts

BY NATHAN MUELLER
STAFF WRITER

The Novi Choralaires have been kicking off the Christmas season in the Novi area for the past 33 years.

And this December will be no different. In early December, the group will perform its concert titled "I Wish You a Merry Christmas" at Farmington United Methodist Church, 7:30 p.m. Dec. 4 and at the Church of the Holy Family, 4 p.m. Dec. 6.

Thirty-two year director Janet Wasilik said the music is "some of the most beautiful ever written," and the concert is performed in a Christian church so the group can speak to the Christmas aspect of the program.

"Because everyone is being politically correct you don't hear Christmas music as much and it's nice to hear," she said. "It gives people a good way to start their Christmas season."

The Novi Choralaires are a group of about 40 men and women ranging in age from early 20s to late 80s. Anyone in the community can audition for a spot in the group in



Novi resident Becky Stabb, who sings in the Choralaires with her 23-year-old daughter Betsy, said she was hooked after going to the spring concert 28 years ago.

"It's what I do for fun," she said. "I enjoy the people, have made some good friends in the group and it's a great way to get out in the community and meet people."

Stabb said the Christmas concert is very upbeat and she would like to see families with young children come out to enjoy the event.

"I know you can hear them on the radio, but it's totally different hearing them at the church," she said.

The Novi Choralaires also can be found on Dec. 12 and 19 wandering around Novi Town Center singing at the stores.

Tickets for the Christmas concert are \$12 per person or \$10 per person for a group of 10 or more and can be purchased at the door, the Novi Senior Center or at the Parks and Recreation office.

For more information, visit www.novichoralaires.org or call (248) 347-0400.

The Novi Choralaires are warming up for their Christmas concerts on Dec. 4 at First United Methodist Church in Farmington and Dec. 6 at Novi's Church of the Holy Family. From left, front row, are members: Dianne Miller, Mary Campbell and Nancy Melloy. Gentleman photographed are: Jim Inyles, Noel Brown and Dick Bayerl.

September, and they practice every Tuesday night from Labor Day until the first week in May. The group performs two concerts, one at Christmas and the other on the Saturday before Mother's Day.

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A TWIST ON TRADITION

Serve up smoked turkey for a healthier approach

BY ALISON BERGMEYER
ADVERTORIAL WRITER

A local parade, the Detroit Lions game and family dinner are familiar traditions each year for many Milford, Northville, Novi and South Lyon residents on Thanksgiving Day.
Many families have grown to expect a few staple menu items: A turkey, stuffing, assorted casseroles, cranberry sauce and a scrumptious pumpkin pie.
While these traditions never fail, it's always OK to try something new.
Jim Moschini, Chef Instructor at the Culinary Arts Institute at the Art Institute of Novi, teaches classes on classical cuisine, garde manger and basic skills, and is also the executive chef of the school's student-run restaurant, Great Lakes Bistro. Moschini recently taught a class on how to smoke a turkey, an ingredient used in the restaurant for cold sandwiches.
"A lot of folks are buying smokers, and it's becoming more and more common," Moschini said. "A smoked turkey is not exactly a traditional bird, but it's a healthier option. They come out just delicious, and they're so juicy."
Moschini was happy to share his method with those interested in smoking a turkey for this year's Thanksgiving feast.



such as a picnic cooler, paint bucket or brining bag, for about six days.
Remove the bird from the brine, gently rinse off and refrigerate for 24 hours.
"A sticky pellicle will form on the skin of the bird as the sugars and salt draw moisture out of the protein in the bird," Moschini said. "Leave that on there because it helps trap in the smoke."

On Thanksgiving Day
Make sure smoker can achieve and maintain 186 degrees, and select your choice of smoking chips.
"I prefer applewood, but you can use hickory, mesquite or whatever your flavor," Moschini said.
Place bird in smoker for several hours until it achieves an internal temperature of 163-65 degrees. Moschini recommends pulling the bird at 163 degrees to allow for "carry over" cooking that happens a few minutes after the bird is removed from heat.

Preparation
Purchase a smoker, or prepare to use a grill with a lid that keeps a consistent cooking temperature. There are several different smokers to buy, including charcoal, electric, portable propane meat smokers.
"Smokers are available at Lowe's, Home Depot and even sporting good shops," Moschini said.
Purchase a bird and make sure it is completely defrosted. Rinse the turkey inside and out with cold water. Reserve the turkey neck and giblets for stock or gravy if you choose. Next prepare the brine. Completely submerge the bird in the brine in a large container.

RECIPE FOR BRINE

Ingredients
One gallon cold water
One pound kosher salt
One pound brown sugar
Gallon of ice
A couple garlic cloves, one bay leaf and some peppercorns

Directions
Heat up water and add salt, sugar and flavorings. Add three gallons of cold water after all seasonings have dissolved. Add ice to cool.

SAVE ROOM FOR SIDES

Side dish recipes from Chef Dawn Bause

While roast turkey is the star of the Thanksgiving feast, the side dishes play a strong supporting role. These dishes are so impressive they just may steal the show.
Commerce Township resident Dawn Bause is co-author of the cookbook "Romance Begins in the Kitchen," owner of the company "Cooking with Dawn" and host of culinary tours of Italy.
She recently hosted a cooking class at the Birmingham Community House featuring her fabulous side dish recipes, some of which are featured below.
Reach Bause at askdawnnow@aol.com or visit her Web site at www.cookingwithdawn.com.

<p>PARMESAN ROASTED BUTTERNUT SQUASH</p> <p><i>Recipe By: Dawn Bause Serving Size: 6 Categoried: Side Dish</i></p> <p>2 lbs. butternut squash, peeled and cubed 3/4 cup heavy cream 6 fresh sage leaves, coarsely chopped 2/3 cup parmigiano reggiano - freshly grated 1 tsp. salt 1/4 tsp. fresh ground pepper</p> <p>Preheat oven to 400 degrees with rack in the middle of oven. Peel and cut squash into 1" cubes. In a bowl, toss with cream, 1 teaspoon salt, 1/4 tsp. freshly ground pepper, 1/4 of the chopped sage leaves and place in a two-quart shallow baking dish. Bake covered for about 30 minutes. Remove from oven and stir in half the cheese, and sprinkle the remainder on top. Return to the oven and roast uncovered for another 15-20 minutes until the squash is tender and lightly browned. Remove from oven and let sit 5 minutes before serving the cream will thicken. Garnish is remainder of sage leaves and remaining cream.</p>	<p>SPINACH SOUFFLE</p> <p><i>Recipe By: Dawn Bause Serving Size: 6 Categoried: Side Dish</i></p> <p>1 1/2 oz. package Stouffer's Frozen Spinach Souffle Side Dish 1 small white onion, chopped fine 1 cup fresh mushrooms, sliced 1/4 cup extra virgin olive oil 1/2 tsp. salt 3/4 cup mozzarella cheese, shredded</p> <p>Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Thaw Stouffer's Spinach Souffle package. In a saute pan add olive oil, onions and heat over medium heat until onions are translucent. Then add mushrooms all at once, toss quickly in oil and onions, then let sit for 2-4 minutes until the mushrooms start to brown on one side, then toss. Repeat. Remove from heat and toss with salt. In a soufflé dish or casserole dish, mix thawed spinach soufflé, sautéed mushrooms and onions, and grated mozzarella cheese. Wipe sides of dish with a wet paper towel. Place in oven and bake for 50-60 minutes or until a knife inserted in the center comes out clean.</p>
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EDUCATION

Blaszczyk siblings succeed, and then some

Five years apart, duo stands out among peers together

BY CHRIS JACKETT
CORRESPONDENT

Novi resident Nicole Blaszczyk spent Monday evening at Fairlane Town Center in Dearborn, preparing for the silver screen during a filming of "Vanishing on 7th Street."
Just 50 hours prior, Mike Blaszczyk led Novi's boys cross country team to a top 10 finish at the Division I state meet. Neither experience was new for these siblings, as success has been consistent for both of them during the past few years.
Nicole, 22, graduated from Novi High School in 2005 and used her dancing experience earning her current honor, Miss Michigan, last June.
Mike, 17, will graduate in the spring after leading the cross country team to regular success at the state meet and earning an All-State honor his junior year.
"I don't know where either of them got their ability to perform in front of people. They didn't get it from me," mother Carol Blaszczyk said. "They've always both been very determined and set their values high as far as what they wanted to accomplish. As a mother, they have made me the proudest person in the world."

DANCING DAYS
Nicole began dancing at 4 and never stopped, a talent she used to win the 2008 Miss Dance Michigan crown and, later, the 2008 Miss Wayne County and 2008 Miss Michigan titles. She'll go after the Miss America title Jan. 30 in Las Vegas in front of a national television audience.
"Nicole danced since she was 4 because she was a little on the shy side and (we wanted) to try and break her," Carol said. "I can't even say I encouraged her to do dance because she loved it so much. She would take as many classes as I allowed her to take."
Dance was more than just a hobby for Nicole, it was a lifestyle growing up.
"In high school, she'd be up at five in the morning, Nicole was never one to stay home. She's a hard worker," her father said. "She 'aged out' as far as Sheryl's School of Dance. She ate there, did her homework there. It was pretty much her second home."
Nicole's love for dance carried over throughout the Blaszczyk family.
"Long nights at dance competitions, getting driven around by mom and falling asleep in auditoriums," Mike said. "When I was younger, I took some classes in my hip hop. I wanted to be cool like her. She's a good role model."
Although Mike's dancing days ended by the time he started middle school, that's when his running days really began to shape up.
FAST PACE
Mike experienced cross country success right from the start.
"I came into cross country and I was our 10th man when we got second in the state and decided 'wow, I wanted to be a part of that,'" he said.
Mike earned an All-State award as a junior, with a personal-best 15 minutes and 45 seconds time at the 2008 state meet.
"Last year, we built our team around him. He was a very good student of the sport," coach Robert Smith said. "He has that ability to run with oxygen debt, which a lot of runners don't. He gets in trouble and he just keeps going."
"Last year, when the other guys graduated, he became the team leader. Even though we had some talented seniors, he



Siblings Nicole and Mike Blaszczyk at Novi High School. Nicole is a 2005 grad and the current Miss Michigan, Mike is ranked 15th in the state in cross country runners.

become the go-to guy. He kept our traditions alive, our winning tradition."
Leading his team to a 10th-place state finish was a goal Mike and his teammates both set and accomplished this season.
"I think it's just determination. No matter what the obstacles are in front of you, you'll keep going. He keeps going and doesn't complain about it. Does what coach says and listens," Nicole said. "It's difficult because he's doing so well and I'm running all over the place, and he wants to be there for me, too. We're so busy, we appreciate our time together."
The common bond of determination between the two siblings is what spurred them on throughout the years.
"My parents have always taught me to not give up on things. Just stick with the things you really like to do and, if things don't go the way you want, doesn't mean it's the end of it," Mike said. "(Nicole) was involved with the community a lot the past couple years and her talent of dance fit into things. Her talent of

dance is just perfect."
THE PAGEANTRY
"When Nicole was 12-13, the other parents would say she was a pleasure to watch. I knew she'd be good, but I didn't think she'd be Miss Michigan," her mother said.
The pageant world was never given a second thought by Nicole until after high school when a friend from dance told her she could earn scholarship money through the Miss Dance Michigan competition. A victory there transitioned into a victory in the county and state pageants.
"I was quite dead set against it for the longest time," Nicole said, but the realization that the Miss America circuit focused on talent and service, while providing scholarships, interested her more than the more appearance-driven Miss USA circuit. "They're more beauty pageant and we're more about community service."
Nicole earned a \$10,000 scholarship by winning Miss Michigan and could win a \$50,000 scholarship if she's crowned Miss America among 53 contestants in January. All the while, her senior year with Wayne State University's marketing department has been put on hold so she can fulfill her full-time duties of community service through the Muskegon-based Miss Michigan program.
"It's been a whirlwind. Going from being a hometown girl doing my thing to a complete 360 doing community service," Nicole said. "I love working with little ones, 3-4 year-olds. It's been an absolutely eye-opening and humbling experience."
Monday was Nicole's last day off and she found herself being called from Muskegon to the film set in Dearborn.
"I started working on films last spring. A couple different TV shows, different commercials. I wanted to broaden my horizons," she said. "It's been fun. It's been great to see that movie magic in Michigan. There are tons and tons of people working."
She'll appear in both "Up in the Air," as a stewardess for George Clooney, and "Betty Ann Waters," as a law student alongside Hilary Swank, later this year.
"Nicole, I see her going to Hollywood. I expect to see her on the silver screen," her father said.
Although she enjoys the work, Nicole has slightly different plans for her future, although she admits nothing is set.
"As soon as I'm done with my community service, I'll jump into school to finish my last two semesters and maybe jump straight into my career in, hopefully, sports marketing," she said.
KEEP ON TRACK
As for Nicole's younger brother, he plans to keep on running.
"I'm not done running yet. I'm excited going into college," said Mike, who is making the choice between Olivet Nazarian and St. Francis universities in Illinois. "They're both smaller private schools. Kenny MacDonough, a senior freshman year at Novi, went over there to Olivet Nazarian and is in their number one/number two spot."
With the success the sibling duo has had thus far, there is no reason not to believe their luck will continue.
"Things worked out pretty well," their father said. "I'm so proud of them."
Chris Jackett is a free-lance writer.

College competition means new stress for today's teens

The pressure is on. To compete in today's global economy, which includes international students attending North American colleges in record numbers, U.S. teenagers must obtain collegiate degrees now more than ever. According to the latest research of the U.S. Department of Education, college enrollment grew 16 percent between 1985 and 1995. Between 1995 and 2005, enrollment increased at a faster rate (23 percent), from 14.3 million to 17.5 million. The number of graduating high school seniors is expected to peak in 2011, with 67 percent trying to gain admission to an institution of higher learning.
What does this mean for students with college aspirations? Asking the college entrance exam is critical. Most students applying to competitive colleges now take the SAT/ACT® more than once, sometimes as early as the sophomore year.
Our growing global economy has made it necessary for more students to attend college in order to obtain good paying jobs. New tools, such as the common application, encourage students to apply to more schools, which increases the competition; thus, making it more difficult for students to gain acceptance into the top institutions and colleges that were once seen as "saferies."
More students and parents today are learning the secret that top colleges have known for years: systematically preparing for the SAT/ACT gives students more confidence and more confidence can lead to higher SAT/ACT scores.
While new college admissions rules now allow students to score their best by taking the SAT/ACT as many times as they like, educators generally suggest taking the tests no more than two or three times. Sylvan Learning offers the following advice to ensure students make the most of their opportunities to properly prepare for their college entrance exams - Sylvan's 10 STRESSFREE Steps to Reduce the Stress and Ace The Tests.
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• Trust yourself. Rely on your instincts. Never leave a easy question blank.
• Read the questions and answers, critically.
• Easy questions have easy answers.
• Stop and check. After every few questions, ensure the question number on the answer sheet corresponds with the booklet.
• Save time. Make sure you have enough time to answer as many questions as possible, in order to rack up as many points as possible.
• Focus on what the question is really asking. If you don't fully understand the question, finding the correct answer is going to be tough.
• Rushing only hurts you. Keep track of the time remaining for each section.
• Eliminate answers. If you can eliminate at least two incorrect answers, make an educated guess.
• End each section by reviewing. If time permits, revisit the questions you didn't answer.
Kathy Michel is the director of Sylvan Learning in Novi; she can be reached at the office at (248) 344-1474.

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The Novi High School Marching Band was one of 17 teams in all four flights to post a score of 80 or higher at the state championships on Saturday.

Novi band finishes fifth at states Seniors go out with heads held high

BY NATAN MUELLER
STAFF WRITER

The Novi High School Marching Band was at its best when it mattered most, closing out its season Saturday with a fifth-place finish at the Michigan Competing Band Association Championships at Ford Field.

Phymouth-Canton won the Flight 1 championship with a score of 93.51, followed by West Bloomfield and Rockford. Novi posted a score of 81.3.

Assistant director Jon Thomann said it was "by far the best show of the season" and the kids came off the field energetic and proud.

"At the beginning of the year people may have been skeptical or weary of what was going to happen but every rehearsal they gained more confidence in not only what they were doing but what we were doing," he said. "It was a team effort from start to finish."

The team was without director Mark Hourigan, who was on sabbatical for the year, leaving Thomann and Alec Cooper to run the show.

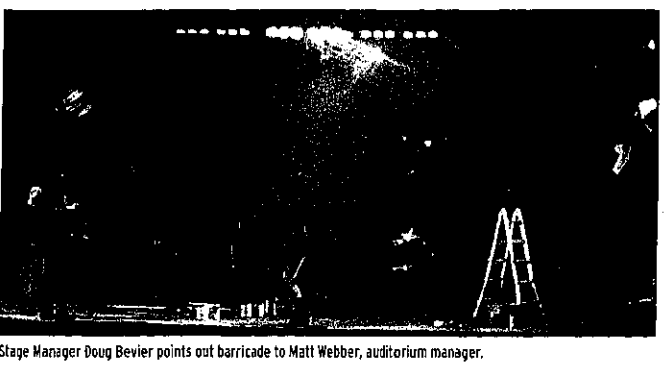
Senior Kristen Sanctorum, section leader for the clarinets, said the show was a great year for her and the 49 other seniors in the band to end their careers.

"I hope everyone's experience was as amazing as mine," she said. "There was so much energy around me, so much raw emotion, and everything just fell into place."

Thomann said it was special for him to watch the seniors one final time, as he had the chance to see them grow from the time they were freshmen.

"Every year the culture of the band is made up from that senior class," he said. "Whether it was getting ready for a competition or rehearsal, it was overwhelming how much these seniors were involved. I know they learned from me, but I definitely learned a lot more from them."

"It was a great class and they will be missed a lot."



Stage Manager Doug Bevier points out barricade to Matt Webber, auditorium manager.

Walled Lake Western High School seniors bring 'Les Miserables-School Edition' to life

Walled Lake Western High School will be performing the musical Les Miserables-School Edition for two consecutive weekends starting November 15.

It is an epic story that recounts its story of the people of 19th century France against the aristocracy.

The cast and crew at Western strive to make each musical they perform as authentic to the Broadway production as possible.

This year, Western's show will again feature a 32-foot revolving motorized stage with a 1-ton, 12-foot-high moving barricade.

"Putting on a big show like this requires a lot of talented students on stage and behind the scenes," said Gregory Cleveland, Walled Lake Western's choir director and producer of the musical.

"This year we are lucky to have four strong male seniors, Josh Gronlund, Ian Saunders, Blake Gronlund and Aaron Tracy in key roles on and off the stage."

Gronlund has appeared in many performances at the Novi Theatres since the sixth grade.

In his fourth appearance in a musical at Western, he is playing the lead role of Jean Valjean.

"I like playing this role because the character is extremely dynamic and very deep. He changes immensely throughout the show because someone had faith in him and he has faith in others," Gronlund said. "This is the most serious show I have ever done. It has taken a lot of focus, dedication and maturity to play this part."

Saunders, a talented "triple threat" who can dance, sing and act, started dancing in preschool, and has been dancing with Dance Dynamics of Walled Lake since his first grade.

"I joy dance because it is a physical art form that allows expression through the body," he said. "When done correctly, I can feel myself really connected to it."

Saunders began performing in Western's musicals his sophomore year and played the role of the Ghost of Christmas Present in last fall's production of A Christmas Carol-The Musical. Les Miserables-School Edition will be performed at Walled Lake Western High School on Nov. 15, 20, 21 at 7:30 p.m. and on the 22 at 2 p.m.

Tickets can be purchased online at <http://www.wlwmusical.com>, by phone at (248) 956-6625 or at the door if still available.

Ticket prices range from \$16-18 for adults and \$12-14 for students and seniors. Discount tickets are also available for groups of 20 or more.

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RUBY E. BOND

Age 81, a lifelong resident of Northville/Salem, passed away Nov. 9, 2009. Funeral service was held last Wednesday at Castleline Funeral Home, Inc. She was laid to rest at Knollwood Cemetery. Contributions to Salem Bible Church appreciated.

SANDRA ELIZABETH JENSEN

Was born April 26, 1934 in Long Grove, Iowa. After high school, Sandra took classes at Iowa State University, where she met her husband Dean. Sandra loved gardening and spending time with her pets and grandchildren. Sandy was a member of the South Lyon Area Players, a member of the New Hudson Methodist Church, and she assisted her husband with a Meals-on-Wheels route. She is survived by her husband Dean, four children & their spouses; Brian & Edna, Brenda & Bob (Mark), Barry & Donna, Brad & Peggy and 5 grandchildren. Memorial service will be held at the New Hudson United Methodist Church, 56730 Grand River, on November 14, 11:30am. Memorials suggested to the New Hudson United Methodist Church.

DAVID ROBERT BODH

November 14, 2008

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MARGARET RUTH KOCH

Age 93, passed away Nov. 2, 2009. A Funeral Mass was held Nov. 6, at St. Joseph Catholic Church, South Lyon. Arrangements by PHILLIPS FUNERAL HOME, South Lyon. Online guest-book is at www.phillipsfuneral.com

MARGARET CARON

November 7, 2009. Age 70. Funeral services held November 10 at O'Brien/Sullivan Funeral Home. Donations may be made to American Cancer Society. Condolences: www.obrien-sullivanfuneralhome.com

WILLIAM PATRICK CLEMENTS

Age 59, passed away Nov 5, 2009. Private family services to be held. Arrangements by Phillips Funeral Home, South Lyon. Online guest-book is www.phillipsfuneral.com

MARY E. CORNETT

Age 81, November 2, 2009, a 40 year Novi resident. Beloved wife of the late Major P. Mother of Roger, Carla (Ooig) Cook and the late Brian. Proud grandmother of 4. Also survived by many loving family and friends. A memorial service will be held on Saturday, November 14, 2009, at 11am at Meadowbrook Congregational Church, 21355 Meadowbrook Rd., Novi, MI 48375. The family suggests donations to Oakeside Vistana Hospice Foundation, 25925 Telegraph Rd., Suite 102, Southfield, MI 48033. Please sign Mary's online guestbook at www.cremationmichigan.com.

ADRIENNE LEIGH MANARINA

June 15, 1961 - October 31, 2009. Daughter of Bill and the late Judy Manarina. Loving wife of Tim Schovays and sister of Michelle. Visitation was last Thursday from 2-5 pm and 7-9 pm at the Harry J. Will Funeral Home, 37000 Six Mile, Livonia. Funeral service was held Friday at 10:30 am at First Presbyterian Church of Northville, 200 E. Main St., Northville. Visit: www.harrywillfuneralhome.com

BARBARA JEAN HOBMAN

Nov. 4, 2009. Visitation was at the O'Brien/Sullivan Funeral Home, Nov. 6. Donations can be made to St. Jude's Children's Hospital, T8tute #2451614. Online condolences: www.obrien-sullivanfuneralhome.com

MARY KAY CEVOY

Nov. 2, 2009. Age 61. Visitation was held at the O'Brien/Sullivan Funeral Home, Sat., Nov. 7. Donations can be made to the American Cancer Society. Online condolences at www.obrien-sullivanfuneralhome.com

JAMES EUGENE UTLEY

Oct. 27, 2009. A memorial service was held Nov. 8 at the American Harvest Restaurant. Donations in James memory can be made to Schoolcraft College Culinary Arts Program. Online condolences at www.obrien-sullivanfuneralhome.com

STELLA BARBARA ZALEWSKI

Age 90, passed away Nov. 5, 2009. A Funeral Service was held Nov. 9 at PHILLIPS FUNERAL HOME, South Lyon. Donations may be made to Harry Ford Hospice. Online guest-book: www.phillipsfuneral.com

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What would you have you do?

Lee Meadows

The soothing aroma of past success can dull the senses into a deep sleep and nostalgic memories can lock behavior into a competency tending pattern that does little to prepare anyone for future challenges.

The hard-fought, well-earned security of a previous economic era created thousands of good employees for whom the large employers could rely on for productivity standards, profit margins and a genuine willingness to invest a lifetime toward a singular measure of individual success. The template was created as the young years of the 19th century transitioned our field dependency from hay to oil and broadened the convenience of everyday living.

The artificial selection of mass achievements came with a price. The love of a lifestyle overshadowed the inherent pursuit of a lifetime and in doing so, the requisite skills of rowing a boat in tranquil waters were left unprepared for this unseasoned and uncharted economic storm. As the floodwaters subside, it is with the hope that everything has remained intact and that a return to the way things were will be the first step in attaining some kind of water stained stability.

Waiting for the past to return may have a Charles Dickens element of "best of times", "worst of times" appeal, but there is no Mr. Scrooge like character for whom we can fight; into restoring order by sending the ghosts of Employment past, Layoff present and Uncertain future. The three would be ineffective apparitions trying to secure a computer graphic image communicating through a videophone from a remote location in cyberspace.

As a result, the anger, frustration and helpless feelings that immobilize productive people is channeled inward and deadened through a series of pain-delaying, self-medicating attempts at coping with the unfairness of what the storm has destroyed. Rowing backward, upstream, against the tide in an effort to retrieve the past cannot provide the focused relief needed to jumpstart the future. At this point, all roads lead to the tenacity of your spirit and the heart of your soul.

What would you have you do? Those toleaves sometimes referred to as "economic indicators" can only interpret the future at the moment it becomes the past. Cable channel business analysts are about as reliable in their daily predictions as the local bookie who tells you to bet it all on Run-like-Give in the third race at Hazlet Park. On a no-account of possibilities, what would you have you do?

The scrabbled answer to that question can be seen in the number of individuals standing their feet to the local community colleges in an urgent desire to achieve certification in growth, or at the very least, stable industries. It can be seen in the number of individuals who attend weekly, sometimes daily job fairs in an attempt to secure immediate employment and remain abreast as to what industries are emerging as key players. It can be seen in the number of individuals

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There are no easy answers and there's no, particularly, road that is easier to take than another. The effort to move forward is what lies at the heart of the matter. The undaunted, adventurous spirit of individual success has not been bred out of our nature. It may have been contained by a dependent relationship with a large, stable employer. As the nature of that relationship has shifted for so many, it may be fitting that you no longer wait for the change you may love to create.

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Fox Run residents proud to assist troops and honor veterans

Donald "Hoppy" Hanson, Deloris Roman and Gloria Theodoroff are happy and honored to be involved with several activities at Fox Run in Novi to support the troops, for Veterans Day and throughout the year.

Hanson is coordinating resident veterans and community singers for the annual Veterans Day program. Roman and members of the Yarners group are handcrafting all-wool helmet liners for soldiers overseas, and Theodoroff and the Cards for Troops group are sorting thousands of playing cards into complete decks also to send to troops.

And each is proud to help support our retired and active service men and women.



Shirley Cook works methodically through thousands of playing cards from a Detroit casino that she and other Fox Run residents sort into decks to send to troops overseas.

Grand Casino in Detroit.

Theodoroff, who coordinates the project, estimates the group has sorted more than 8,000 decks of cards that have been shipped to the troops all over the world.

The women sort the cards by suit and then assemble complete deck plus two joker cards.

"We add a calendar and a greeting card that reads, 'God bless and good luck from Fox Run, in Novi, Michigan,'" she said. "It's satisfying to know we are doing something to contribute to the soldiers, to give them a moment of leisure."

Military Moms of Michigan who coordinate shipments of supplies to U.S. troops. Cassabon provided the pattern for the liners and instructions; for instance, the liners only can be made with wool yarn in shades of black, brown or khaki.

According to Roman, it takes just about one skein of wool yarn (and several hours apiece) to make the liners. The Yarners supply their own yarn or purchase yarn using proceeds from the sale of their afghans, scarves and other items. Fox Run residents also donate wool from their own supplies.

"There could be anywhere from 10-20 members working together at one time," Roman said. "We're a very cohesive group and have a great time visiting while making the helmet liners."

Twice a month, as many as 20 ladies in the Yarners Club gather to snark their magic with needles and yarn, including creating wool helmet liners for U.S. troops serving overseas.

Roman who co-chairs the group with Shirley Handley estimates more than 100 helmet liners have been completed in the past couple of years.

The project came about when Michelle Cassabon, Fox Run Community Resources Coordinator and a U.S. Air Force veteran, connected the Yarners with the

Hoppy, Gloria, Deloris and the others would never consider these projects to be work. Rather, it's a wonderful way for these residents, their friends and neighbors at Fox Run to enjoy each other's company and to help and honor those who serve in the military.

More than 930 men and women live at Fox Run Village, an Erickson full-service retirement community that promotes a vibrant lifestyle.

VETERANS DAY PROGRAM FEATURES RESIDENT STORIES

The program Hanson is planning with fellow members of the Veterans Day Committee will focus on creating pictures in word and song of military service and being on the home front.

During the program, eight resident and staff veterans will share a story or two about their military experiences, including three who served in the U.S. Army, two in the U.S. Navy, one in the U.S. Marine Corps and

one resident and one staff member who served in the U.S. Air Force.

Throughout the program, The Harmonies, the men's singing group at Fox Run, will perform the theme songs for each of the five branches of service and patriotic songs. Resident and former Detroit Tigers announcer Ernie Harwell will lead the prayer and Linda Park-Nielsen will sing the National Anthem.

Hanson has coordinated the event each of the seven years he and his wife Jani have lived at Fox Run.

Hanson served in the U.S. Navy for 22 years as a flight trainer, and retired with the rank of Commander.

"There are more than 100 veterans living at Fox Run and I am proud to work on this program to honor their service and commitment to our country," Hanson said.

PLAYING CARDS FOR SOLDIERS' R&R

For two hours on Thursdays, the Cards for Troops group of 15-20 men and women sort playing cards the campus receives from the MGM



Representing the people

Novi Mayor David Landry takes the oath of office before 52-1 District Court Judge Dennis Powers prior to Monday's Novi City Council meeting. Landry and council members Justin Fisher, Terry Margolis and Andrew Mutch were all sworn into their seats by Powers and fellow district court judges Brian McKenzie and Robert Bondy.

1360 in Kalamazoo from 1 to 3 p.m. Podcasts are available at robertscottbell.blogspot.com. Bell overcame 24 years of chronic illness by learning and applying previously hidden natural healing methods and has since dedicated his life to revealing the healing powers within us all.

Holiday healthy

As part of the Botsford Center for Health Improvement's commitment to teach healthy lifestyle habits, they are hosting a free "Holiday Healthy" panel discussion on Tuesday, Nov. 17 at noon and on Wednesday, Nov. 18 at 7 p.m.

The sessions, led by exercise specialist, Cristina Noble, personal trainer, Cliff Ewald; and dietitian, Denise Marecki, R.D., will give participants advice on avoiding many of the pitfalls of the busy holiday season ahead. Make this the most enjoyable holiday season yet by learning about the following:

- How can you avoid over-eating and maintain your weight while still enjoying the celebrations?
- Just how important is it to take care of yourself by eating right and scheduling some workout time?

* How can you more effectively manage your time and avoid becoming a "stress mess"?

In addition, participants will learn about holiday party survival, recipe modification and healthy appetizers. There will be recipes available for participants to take home.

To learn more about the Botsford Center for Health Improvement or to register for one of these sessions, please call (248) 473-3100 or log on to www.botsford.org/belhi. The Botsford Center for Health Improvement is located at 39750 Grand River Ave. in Novi.

Swim lessons

* How can you be over, but that doesn't mean you can't go to the pool. The Botsford Center for Health Improvement in Novi is offering safe swimming for your kids with American Red Cross swim lessons. Swim classes

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Botsford Hospital, an independent 330-bed community teaching hospital in Farmington Hills, Mich., was founded in 1965. Nationally recognized for quality, safety and medical education programs, Botsford has received the 2007 Governor's Award for Improving Patient Safety and Quality of Care in the Hospital Setting, and, in 2007, a three-year recertification as a Chest Pain Center from the Society of Chest Pain Centers. Botsford's Web address is www.botsford.org.

Ring in the holidays

The City of Novi Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services Department, in partnership with TIC, is gearing up for the holiday season and the annual Ringing in the Holidays event. The event, which includes the Electric Light Parade, Santa visits, children's marshmallow mania area, live performances, great refreshments and more, will take place on Friday, December 4 from 6-9 p.m. at Main Street, Novi.

The crowd-favorite Electric Light Parade, scheduled to begin at 6 p.m., continues to grow bigger and better every year with more Novi area businesses, clubs and civic organizations taking part. This year awards will be presented to outstanding entries in the following categories:

- Ringing Award - most distinctive use of bells
- Electric Light Award - most lights
- Holiday Vehicle Award - imagination & creativity
- Holiday Music Award - utilizes holiday music best
- Mayor's Award - Mayor's personal favorite
- Most Unique Award - sets itself apart from all others

Hundreds of holiday revelers line the parade route to enjoy the festivities and the parade is taped and aired throughout the holiday season on Novi Television cable channels (Brighthouse channel 13 and AT&T U-verse channel 99). To participate in the parade, please visit cityofnovi.org to download a registration form.

Back for the 2009 is the Ringing in the Holidays Craft Show. Space is still available for local crafters to showcase their handmade items at the event. The craft show will take place indoors and an 8 x 12 booth can be reserved for \$30. To request an application, contact Kathryn Knapp, Cultural Arts Coordinator at knapp@cityofnovi.org or (248) 347-0609.

Additional opportunities for involvement include sponsorship and restaurant vendors. For information about Ringing in the Holidays, please contact Derek Smith, Recreation Supervisor, at dsmith@cityofnovi.org or (248) 347-0674.

Novi Chamber holiday shopping bazaar

The Novi Chamber of Commerce invites all in the community to join them for a festive Holiday Shopping Bazaar, Wednesday, Dec. 2 from 4-9 p.m. in the Diamond Center at the Rock Financial Showplace, 46000 Grand River Ave. in Novi.

Presented in conjunction with Emagine Theater of Novi and the Rock Financial Showplace, this fun seasonal event will offer more than 60 participating vendors offering special gifts and values, as well as tempting complimentary appetizers from many popular local restaurants, holiday music and great door prizes for pre-registered guests. Advance reservations are \$2 (payable at entry on the day of the event) and can be made through the Novi Chamber of (248) 349-3473, or online at www.novichamber.com.

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Bob Vila endorses and recommends the famous EdenPURE® portable heater

Millions of Americans now saving on their heating bills and raving about the "heavenly heat"

Does not get hot, cannot start a fire and will not reduce humidity or oxygen

By John Whitehead, Media Services

The famous infrared portable heater, the EdenPURE®, has been greatly improved.

You have probably heard about the remarkable EdenPURE® from Bob Vila, America's Favorite Home Improvement Expert, who endorses and recommends the EdenPURE® and on television features across the nation.

The new EdenPURE® GEN3 heater heats better, faster, saves more on heating bills and runs almost silent.

The EdenPURE® saves you big money on your heating bill, but, you will be toasty warm. The heat it produces is unlike any past heating sources. It produces what customers call "heavenly heat."

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A major cause of residential fires in the United States is portable heaters. But the EdenPURE® cannot cause a fire. That is because the advanced infrared heating element never gets to a temperature that can ignite anything.

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The advanced space-age EdenPURE® Infrared Portable Heater also heats the room evenly, wall-to-wall and floor-to-ceiling. And, as you know, most other portable heaters only heat an area a few feet around the heater.

Unlike other heating sources, the EdenPURE® cannot put poisonous carbon monoxide, any type of fumes or any type of harmful radiation into a room.

For more details on the amazing EdenPURE® GEN3 Quartz Infrared Portable Heater, here is my interview with Bob Vila, America's Favorite TV Home Improvement Expert.

Q. What is the origin of this amazing heating element in the EdenPURE®?

A. This advanced heating technology was discovered accidentally by a man named John Jones. Jones found that a stack of a certain type of copper stored by his coal furnace kept his whole house warm long after the coal fire went out.

Through a great deal of research and development he came up with safe quartz infrared lamps to heat treated copper. This and other technology produced the EdenPURE® infrared portable heater.

Q. This infrared heating process was designed around the three most important consumer benefits:

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fits: economy, comfort, and safety.

Q. Why is it that this quartz infrared heating source uses less energy to create heat than other sources?

A. Actually, there is more than one reason. One of the primary reasons is that heat at combustion level, which is what all other heat sources use, causes the heat to instantly rise to the ceiling. Therefore, the heat is not evenly distributed, causing a very inefficient and uncomfortable heat source.

The EdenPURE® GEN3 Quartz Infrared Portable Heater does not use burning heat. Once the cured copper heat exchanger absorbs the infrared heat, it exhales the heat into the living area which is carried by the existing humidity in the air. This causes the heat to travel rapidly and evenly throughout a room.

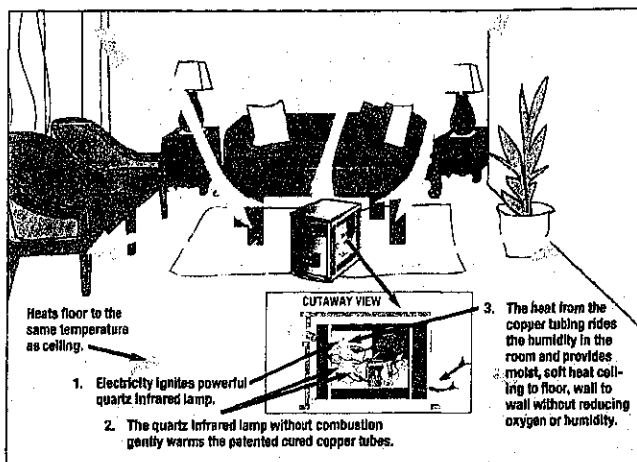
In actual studies, photos using infrared lighting demonstrated that the heat was almost perfectly even from floor-to-ceiling and wall-to-wall. The EdenPURE® Quartz Infrared efficiency is based on the distribution of energized air, not on just fan movement. This heat is coined as "soft heat" due to how comfortable it is. Customers call it "heavenly heat."

Q. What are the other disadvantages of combustion heat sources?

A. Heat sources that are above the burning level have many unhealthy side effects. One of these is that it creates dry, irritating indoor air. It also burns a great deal of oxygen in the air. If you remember, when you sit in front of a fireplace or a portable heater or close to a heat source, you will remember yawning. This is because you are not getting enough oxygen.

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Testimonials from a few of the millions of satisfied EdenPURE® customers

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I recently had an addition that was over 600 square feet added to my home. When it was completed we had to consider a heat source. We investigated everything from upgrading our current furnace, and duct work, to a vent less fireplace. Then I heard about the EdenPURE®. I must admit I was a bit skeptical, however I decided to place one in the room and give it a test. I can't tell you how pleasantly surprised I was. The EdenPURE® heater is our exclusive heat source and is comfortably heating our room at a cost of under \$15.00 per month. It is certainly refreshing to find a product that surpasses its performance claims. *D. Capps, Vancouver, WA*

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Fuel Call button helps disabled at the pump

BY NATHAN MUELLER
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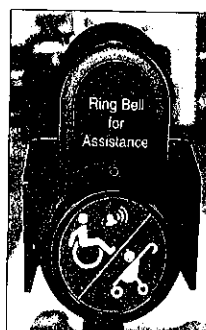
Pumping gas will no longer be a hassle for Michael Harris — at least when he comes to his job in Novi.

Thanks to the installation of a Fuel Call button at the Marathon gas station at 10 Mile and Meadowbrook roads, Harris, executive director of the Michigan Paralyzed Veterans of America, doesn't have to wait to get noticed or hulk his horn for attention.

The button, located on the pump and within reach of the driver, allows him to discreetly notify someone inside the store that he is disabled and needs help pumping gas. The prices are the same as self-serve and it helps the physically disabled feel more independent.

"It's a more dignified way of communicating with the gas station attendant," Harris said.

"It allows the physically disabled to drive without someone having to go with them and get retelling assistance." The Fuel Call button is the latest advancement in helping the physically disabled at gas



One of the two Fuel Call buttons that stands within arm's reach of cars at Novi's Marathon gas station on 10 Mile Road and Meadowbrook.

stations. Harris said about 30 buttons have been installed at Marathon stations across Metro Detroit.

Fueling assistance is required under the Americans with Disabilities Act, and six years ago the MPVA started the Pump Guide to help drivers with disabilities locate stations that would better serve them. The guide has more

than 1,000 stations on board that offer assistance for the disabled.

Harris said the hope is to have at least one station in every city with the Fuel Call button.

"It's really a win-win for everyone because the button is a more appropriate way for their customers to communicate with them," he said.

Kraig Sovel, one of the owners of the Marathon in Novi, said his station has always made it a point to help the handicapped in the Novi area, and adding the Fuel Call button only made sense.

"We are a family business and we care about the people and understand there is a niche of people who cannot do things for themselves, and we like to go the extra distance to help them," he said. "We don't do it because we want to make a dollar, but because we want to help them, it makes you feel good."

For more information about the Fuel Call button and how it works, visit www.disabilitygas.com. To find a handicap accessible station in the state, visit www.thepumpguide.com.



Michigan Paralyzed Veterans of America Executive Director Michael Harris uses the Fuel Call button to summon an attendant at the Marathon gas station in Novi at Ten Mile Road and Meadowbrook. The service station is the first location in Oakland County where the Fuel Call service has been installed for handicapped customers.

Should You Franchise Your Business?

If you have a unique business, you may be asked, "Are you offering franchises?" You may have never thought about franchising, but such questions might prompt you to think about whether you could or should franchise your business.

Why might one business franchise while another does not, even though they are in the same industry? While the profit generated by company-owned units usually exceeds the franchise fees and royalties from franchise units, a franchise system typically grows faster than a system in which all units are company-owned.

Businesses generally decide to franchise because of issues of time, people and money. For a business to expand without franchising, it must do so with its own capital. It must develop and train the personnel for each new location, and it must take the time to search for new locations, negotiate leases, develop sites and train staff. Franchising transfers these problems from the company to highly motivated franchisees, thereby enabling a franchise system to grow much faster than a company-owned system.

How do you know if your business is franchiseable and that people would buy it? Some of the questions you should ask yourself are:

- Do you have a proven concept that produces an adequate return on investment?
- Are systems and operating procedures documented and teachable?
- Does the business have unique elements to distinguish it from competitors and give it a competitive advantage?
- Do you have the administrative structure in place to sell, train and support franchisees?

A decision to franchise should not be made lightly. Much planning and development work is necessary, and substantial legal and accounting fees must be budgeted to comply with federal and state laws. It is important to appreciate that if you franchise your business you must be prepared to conduct two businesses, your original business and your franchise business.

Bruce W. Hatfield is a member of the International Franchise Association and has represented franchisors and franchisees for nearly 30 years. He, Hatfield is a resident of Novi, and a shareholder and member of the Board of Directors of Gormanco, Millers & Horton, P.C. in Troy. If you have a legal question, feel free to contact him at (248) 457-7073 or <mailto:fr@cmhllaw.com>

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OUR VIEWS

Amid budget fight, focusing on films wrong

As she officially approved a state budget that she publicly disapproves of, Gov. Jennifer Granholm put an exclamation point on what must be the worst budget season in the state's history.

In Michigan, that's saying a lot. That's like saying that the Detroit Lions had their worst season in team history. There's a lot of competition for that honor.

The budget that was signed last week was a month late. It will take the place of a temporary, extended budget that was rushed into action when the Legislature was unable to meet its Sept. 30 deadline. That's the first time this bunch of clowns has failed to meet a budget deadline since, well, the last time, which was only two years ago.

That's when some said they were so embarrassed by the buffoonery that temporarily shut down the state government that they promised it would never happen again. It must have been a

Michigan Promise. The Michigan Promise, by the way, was one of the casualties of the budget. After swearing their allegiance to the importance of higher education and "promising" students \$4,000 in college scholarships, the governor and lawmakers broke their promise. Students did their part and got good test scores in high school. That didn't stop the leaders in Lansing from renegeing on their end of the deal.

Politically, tossing out the Michigan Promise was probably wise. Most of these young men and women aren't going to be able to vote in Michigan anyway because they will have to leave the state to find employment.

The assault on education didn't end there. The state slashed nearly \$300 per student off public school budgets. The cut comes four months after the schools are legally required to submit a balanced budget.

The schools across the state complied with the law and submitted their budgets on time. The lawmakers, who write the laws, could not be bothered to do likewise.

Remind us, again, why any of the state representatives, state senators and the governor draws a salary? What exactly do they do to earn their pay?

Do they pass budgets in time? Nope. Do they make higher education a priority? Nope. Do they put a priority on public safety? Not so much. Do they find favor with the film industry? Why, yes they do.

State legislators who couldn't find the money to support state troopers still found \$150 million in taxpayer-funded gifts for filmmakers.

According to an article in *The Detroit Free Press*, the film debate only centered on whether state-funded subsidy should be reduced from 42 percent of production costs to either 39 percent or 37 percent. If these lawmakers were on the *Titanic*, they would have been arguing about whether deck chairs should have been moved 3 feet to the left or 4 feet to the right.

If Michigan had a state ship, the *Titanic* would be an apt symbol. The unemployment rate is generously listed at better than 15 percent, but is likely much higher. The state can't balance its budget even with a gusher of federal stimulus money.

And our governor and lawmakers? Why, they think the prospect of a chance meeting with Clint Eastwood or Hilary Swank is a higher priority than public education or public safety.

What's that on the horizon? It's an iceberg, dead ahead.

COMMUNITY VOICE

How often do you dine out?



"Recently, not that much due to the economy. But before, once or twice a week, usually on weekends."
— Chad Michael, Clarkston



"Maybe six nights a week. Not always at night; sometimes for breakfast or lunch. It's my gift to myself when I retired."
— Judy Grant, Farmington



"Once a week, but it was more before I retired."
— Tim Pinter, Sylvan Lake



"Three times a week, religiously. Always on Wednesday and then Friday and Saturday."
— Mike George, Brighton

LETTERS

Thank you!

As I recently walked many of the neighborhoods in the City on the campaign trail, I was fortunate to meet hundreds upon hundreds of residents who spoke positively of the performance of the City and its Administration. I recently wrote a note of thanks to all the city employees and now I'd like to publicly thank the City Council. I had the pleasure and honor to sit on City Council with Mayor Landry, Mayor Pro-Tem Gatt, council members Margolis, Crawford, Staudt and Mutch for the last nine months. Together, we moved the City forward through the recession and into the recovery period. It will be a long, arduous journey to bring Novi back to where it was previously, but this Council, along with our Administration will succeed. Many tough decisions lay ahead for our city, but under the leadership of Mayor Landry, I'm confident that those decisions will be made with nothing but the best interests of the City and its residents in mind. Thank you to my former colleges for giving me the opportunity to be part of the team.

Thank you to the many supporters, friends and volunteers that worked on my campaign. Without your help, it wouldn't have been possible. Thank you to my wife Lori, and our children who put up with me as I campaigned to keep my Council seat. Finally, thank you to all the voters who placed their faith in me when casting their vote. While less than 15 percent of our registered voters hit the polls, I appreciate your support.

I look forward to serving the City of Novi again in the future.

Brian Burke
Novi

Congrats from contender

Congratulations to Mayor Landry and City Council Members Margolis and Mutch on their recent re-election and to Justin Fischer for his election to the City Council. I would also like to thank all the Novi

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residents who supported and voted for me in my attempt to be elected to the Novi City Council. I was honored to have your support.

Even though my City Council bid was unsuccessful, I intend to remain active and continue to work towards the betterment of Novi and its residents by participating in any city program or position available to me in the future.

Novi has been my home for over 25 years, and I want to be able to continue say in the future that I'm proud to be from Novi.

Wayne M. Wrobel
Vice Chairman, Novi Zoning Board of Appeals
President, Willowbrook Farm Homeowners Association Member, Novi CERT

School use for all?

I watched the question and answer session with Mayor Landry and Laura Lorenzo a couple of weeks ago. I was kind of surprised at what he said about the school system. I don't remember the exact words, but this is how I interpreted it... he said something about the school system can do what they want, the city has no say in

what or how the school system operates. He said the school is gracious enough to let our youth use the gymnasiums for their after school recreational activities.

Don't we pay taxes that support the schools? It seems we the taxpayers should be able to use the facilities when ever we like.

I'm not sure if I even remember this correctly so if someone has information on this please comment.

Years ago, I believe the taxpayers approved a mileage so the high school could add a new "field house." This field house ended up with a huge gymnasium with three basketball courts and a running track above the gym. Outside the gymnasium a weight room was added and I think the pool size was increased. This mileage was passed with the understanding that the citizens would be able to use these new facilities. We did get to use them for a while; Monday and Wednesday evenings we could use the basketball courts, and Tuesday and Thursday evenings the weight room and pool was available. There was a small \$2 or \$3 fee, I recall. As time went on the gym availability started to shrink. Where once we had three basketball courts to use, now was two, then one and finally I do not believe the citizens can use the field house anymore.

It seems the school started using the field house more for their activities. Now I can understand the need for the school to use the field house. More activities necessitated the use of it, but the school had and still has the original gymnasium, which has two full-size basketball courts. It seems the school could make way for citizens to use the field house a few hours in the evening a few times a week.

Landry stated that one reason we needed the Signature Park was so a facility could be built for the community to use. Well, we have facilities/gyms all over this city if the schools would allow us to use them. After all, we are paying for them, right?

Dave Brewer
Novi

Here's 50 suggestions on ways to clean our planet

Remember the 1975 smash hit *50 Ways to Leave Your Lover* by Paul Simon from his album *Still Crazy After All These Years*? Written after Simon's divorce from first wife Peggy Harper, the song is a mistress' humorous advice to a husband on ways to end a relationship: "Just slip out the back, Jacky/Make a new plan, Stan." Well, if there were *50 Ways to Leave Your Lover* in 1975, there must be 50 ideas to help save the planet in 2009.

As it stands now, there is just one planet that we know can support human life and we are living on it. Perhaps one day we will find another place where the billions of people that occupy planet Earth today can hang out but, until that day comes, we better get dead serious about better protecting our environment. It seems the world as a whole is giving more and more lip service to "saving our planet" from environmental degradation.

So, here goes the list of 50 small things we can all do that add up to big savings in costs to our wallets and the planet:

- 1) Get a push lawn mower. It is good for both you and the Earth; 2) Compost your lawn clippings and make your natural fertilizer; 3) Buy a bike and ride it — it is a nice way to reconnect with your neighborhood; 4) Turn off the air conditioner, open



Tom Watkins

the window and turn on a fan; 5) Forget the clothes dryer and hang your clothes out to dry — remember the smell of air-dried clothes?; 6) Recharge and recycle your batteries; 7) Eat locally grown fruits and vegetables; 8) Insist on using recycled paper; 9) Get a low-flow toilet or, better yet, place a brick in the tank to reduce water consumption; 10) Replace incandescent bulbs with compact fluorescent.

11) Take your own mug to the coffee shop; 12) Get a low-flow shower head; 13) Use a water filter instead of bottled water; 14) Use Tupperware-style reusable food containers; 15) Install a programmable thermostat; 16) Place draft excluders at the base of your doors; 17) Use potted plants indoors instead of cut flowers; 18) Use phosphate-free detergent; 19) Lower the temperature of your water heater; 20) Trade in old appliances for energy-efficient ones.

21) Actually recycle — don't place in trash; 22) Return the deposit bottles — don't throw away; 23) Recycle — choose products with less packaging; 24) Don't take a bag if you don't need one; 25) Add insulation to your home; 26) Plant a tree; 27) Dispose of haz-

ardous wastes properly; 28) Don't run the water while brushing your teeth; 29) Drive less, walk more; 30) Car pool even when gas costs \$3.50 a gallon.

31) Seal windows and doors; 32) Insulate the garage, attic and basement; 33) Use compact fluorescent light bulbs; 34) Buy clothing made with recycled garments; 35) Buy "vintage" or secondhand clothes; 36) Live closer to work; 37) Work at home; 38) Use public transit; 39) If you need to own a car, buy a hybrid; 40) Pay bills online.

41) Have your employer pay you by direct deposit to your bank; 42) Turn down the heat and wear a sweater; 43) Have an energy audit of your home and work — and follow the advice; 44) Refuse to use plastic bags; 45) Plant a bamboo fence; 46) Turn off your computer when not in use; 47) Rake, don't blow, your leaves this fall; 48) Share this article with a friend; 49) Follow the First Lady, plant a garden; 50) Keep car tires properly inflated to save gas.

Remember, if everyone else sweeps their own doorstep, the whole world would be clean.

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PUBLIC SAFETY

NOVI POLICE BRIEFS

Man caught with marijuana

1 A Novi police officer arrested a man for possession of marijuana at 5:04 p.m. Nov. 6 after stopping the driver for speeding on Novi Road north of Westford. According to the report, the driver was traveling 51 mph in a 35 mph zone. When the officer approached the car after the stop, he smelled a strong odor of marijuana coming from the vehicle. The man admitted there were drugs in the car, and the officer recovered two bags of marijuana totaling 10.1 grams. He was issued a citation for possession of marijuana and was released after posting bond.

Drunken driver arrested

2 A 27-year-old man was arrested at 2:10 a.m. Nov. 5 at Eight Mile Road and W. Glen Haven for operating while intoxicated after initially being pulled over for having an expired license plate. When the officer approached the car, the driver had his head out the window watching him and appeared to be very nervous.

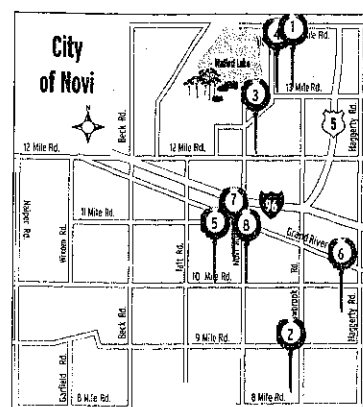
He told the officer he lost his license and the officer could smell a strong odor of intoxicants coming from the car. The man admitted he drank a couple of glasses of wine and then failed field sobriety tests.

He was given a chance to take a preliminary breath test, which he refused because he was "unsure of where he would be."

The man was arrested for operating while intoxicated and no operator's license on person and transported to the Novi Police Department. While there, he was read his chemical test rights and also refused that test. A search warrant was obtained for a blood draw. The man was released when sober and issued a civil infraction for refusal of a preliminary breath test. The case has been forwarded to the prosecutor's office for review.

Rude hand gesture leads to arrest

3 One teen was arrested and another issued a citation after they were stopped by a Novi Police officer because the passenger was not wearing a seat belt. According to the report, the officer was stopped at the light on eastbound 12 Mile Road, west of Novi Road, when he observed the teen's vehicle making a



Michigan left from westbound 12 Mile Road. According to the report, the passenger stuck his middle finger against the glass and smirked at the officer as the car turned.

The officer noticed the teen was not wearing a seat belt and initiated a traffic stop. During the stop, the driver consented to a vehicle search, and the K-9 found a marijuana smoking pipe in the glove box. Three unopened beers also were found in the back seat.

The driver was arrested for possession of marijuana paraphernalia and minor in possession, and the passenger was issued a ticket for no seat belt.

Items stolen from unlocked car

4 A Novi resident living on Worthington Court had his car broken into between 8:30-9:05 p.m. Nov. 4.

A Garmin GPS, black Polo wallet and Social Security card were stolen from the car. The owner said the items were left on the front seat, and whoever broke into the car took out his driver's license and AAA. Blue Cross and credit cards from his wallet.

There are no suspects and the case was forwarded to the detective's bureau.

Bike stolen from library

5 A red mountain bike was stolen from the Novi Public Library between 4:15-4:50 p.m. Nov. 4. The victim said he parked his bike, unlocked, in the bike rack and when he returned it was gone. There

are no suspects.

Taurus found on cinder blocks

6 A Novi resident living on Squire Drive woke up Nov. 7 to find his 2010 Ford Taurus on cinder blocks after the wheels and tires were stolen.

The man said he parked his car in his driveway that night and noticed the theft in the morning. All the lugnuts were left behind and there did not appear to be any damage to the vehicle. A black knit glove was left behind and taken to the police department.

The owner also had another vehicle that was subject to a larceny in June 2009, but police could not determine if it was the same person who was involved in the incident.

Wallet, money taken from car

7 A Coach wallet, \$250 cash and two checks were stolen from a vehicle while it was parked overnight Nov. 8 in a driveway on Thatcher Court.

The owner said he parked his car in his driveway the night before and when he got to his car in the morning, the items were missing. There was no damage to the vehicle, but there were fingerprints on the rear driver's side door.

Police catch drunken driver

8 Novi police arrested a driver for drunken driving at 11:25 p.m. Nov. 8 after an officer observed the driver swerving in his lane and speeding near 10 Mile and Novi roads.

The officer could smell a strong odor of intoxicants when he approached the car, but the driver said he was not drinking and was coming from work.

The man failed field sobriety tests and a PBT registered a blood-alcohol content of 0.15 percent. The legal limit for adult drivers in Michigan is 0.08 percent.

During a vehicle search, the officer found a pint of gin on the passenger's seat that was three-quarters empty. The driver was arrested for operating while intoxicated and open intoxicants and released when sober.

Former Lion Rogers heading back to rehab

NORIE WILKINS
GANNETT NEWS SERVICE

The sentencing of former Detroit Lion Charles Rogers was delayed last Thursday for nine months as he enters into a court-ordered sobriety program.

Rogers, who was scheduled to be sentenced this week after pleading guilty Sept. 21 to operating a motor vehicle while impaired, tested positive for alcohol Oct. 28. He was not to have alcohol or drugs as part of his bond conditions, court officials say.

The 28-year-old Rogers appeared today before 53-1 District Judge Robert Bondy after authorities say he violated the terms of his bond.

He was arrested Sept. 16 in Novi after he was found by police unresponsive behind the wheel of a 2003 Mercedes at Meadowbrook and 8 Mile in Novi. He refused a

Breathalyzer test. Rogers could face up to 93 days in jail.

Rogers' court-appointed attorney Justin Barnett did not return a call seeking comment.

The Lions cut Rogers in 2006, but in September, he was sued by his former team to recover \$6.1 million of his signing bonus.

And this isn't the first time Rogers has been in trouble with the law in Novi. He was charged in 2008 with assault and battery after an incident with a woman. He pleaded no contest to trespassing and entered a drug treatment program, but later tested positive for Vicodin, for which he did not have a prescription.

In March, Rogers was sentenced to 30 days in jail — with credit for 15 days served — after he left the drug program. Rogers was released from probation April 23 on that charge.

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Church of the Holy Family
 Location: 24505 Meadowbrook Road
 Contact: (248) 349-8847 or visit holymfamily.org/mass
TIME/DAY: 7:30, 9, 10:30 a.m. and 12:15 p.m. Sunday; 9 a.m. Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday; 6:30 a.m. Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday; 7 p.m. Tuesday, 5 p.m. (English), 6:30 p.m. (Spanish) Saturday
Holy Days: 9 a.m., 5:30 and 7:30 p.m.
 Reconciliation: beginning 9 a.m. Saturdays or by appointment
ADOPTIVE PARENT NETWORKING MEETING
Time/Date: 10-11 a.m. last Wednesday of each month

Details: Free, informational meeting open to all adoptive families in Oakland County. Child care is available. Registration is required.

Crosspointe Meadows Church
 Location: 29000 Meadowbrook Road, south of 13 Mile Road
 Contact: (248) 669-9400, 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Monday-Thursday or visit www.crosspointemeadows.org
Sunday Worship: 11:15 a.m.
Bible study classes: 10 a.m. for all ages
Details: Nursery and older children programs available. Worship blends traditional and contemporary elements resulting in a multi-sensory worship experience.

Detroit First Church of the Nazarene
 Location: 21260 Haggerty Road, north of Eight Mile Road
 Contact: (248) 348-7600 or visit d1cnazarene.org

Sunday Schedule: 9:15 a.m. Worship service with Praise Band, children's Sunday School and Adult Bible Fellowship; 10:15 a.m. Fellowship and refreshments; 11 a.m. Traditional worship service, Children's Church, Youth Sunday School and Adult Bible Fellowship; 6 p.m. Evening Service, Children's program, Youth Worship Service
Tuesday Schedule: Tuesday 9:30-11:15 a.m. Women of the Word Bible Study with childcare available for through age 5; 6:45 p.m. Ladies Evening Bible Study; 7 p.m. Men's Evening Bible Study
Wednesday Schedule: 5:30 p.m. Family Meal, \$4 per person, \$12 per family; 7 p.m. Children's Caravan, Club 56, Bible Study, Quilting, Adult Classes, Youth Blast
Thursday Schedule: 6 a.m. Men of Purpose Prayer Group; 7 p.m. Tae Kwon Do
Women of the Word
Time/Date: 9:25-11:15 a.m.
Details: The W.O.W. Tuesday Ladies

Bible Study welcomes you to their study of the Book of Exodus. There is a \$15 registration fee, which includes interdenominational study materials. Childcare will be available in the morning for children through age 5.

Episcopal Church of the Holy Cross
 Location: 40700 W. 10 Mile Road
 Contact: (248) 427-4175 or churchoftheholycross.com
Sunday Worship: 7:45 a.m., 10 a.m., Sunday School and Nursery Care: 10 a.m. Worship Service
ALZHEIMER'S SUPPORT GROUP
Time/Date: 10 a.m. second Saturday of month

Faith Community Presbyterian
 Location: 44400 W. 10 Mile Road
 Contact: (248) 349-2345 or visit faithcommunity-novi.org
Sunday Worship: 10 a.m.

First Baptist Church of Northville
 Location: 217 N. Wing
 Contact: (248) 348-1020
Sunday Worship: 10:45 a.m. and 5:45 p.m.
Sunday School: 9:30 a.m.
Ladies Bible Study: 9:30 a.m. and 7 p.m. Tuesdays
Men's Bible Study: 9 a.m. first Saturday of every month
MEN OF GRACE CONCERT
Time/Date: 7 p.m. Friday, Nov. 13

First Baptist Church of Novi-Family Integrated Church
 Location: 45301 W. 11 Mile Road
 Contact: (248) 349-3647 or visit firstbaptistchurchofnovi.org
Family Bible Hour: 9:45 a.m.
Family Worship: 11 a.m.
Bible Study: 6 p.m.
Family Movie Night: 5:30 p.m.; fourth Sunday of every month.

First Presbyterian Church of Northville
 Location: 200 E. Main St.
 Contact: (248) 349-0911 or visit firstpresville.org
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 lunch afterwards.
Contact: Sue (734) 459-0016
SINGLE PLACE MINISTRIES
Time/Date: 7:30 p.m. social time; 7:45 p.m. opening; 8-9 p.m. program, every Thursday.
Details: Informative and entertaining programs of interest to singles; \$5 per person. Check Web site for details singleplace.org.

First United Methodist of Northville
A Stephen Ministry church
 Location: 777 W. Eight Mile Road
 Contact: (248) 349-1144 or northville.org
SUNDAY WORSHIP
Time: 8, 9:15 and 11 a.m.
Details: Rev. Dr. Steve Buck
Coffee hour at 10:15 a.m.
HEALING SERVICE
Time/Date: 4 p.m. first Monday of every month
RADICAL JOY
Time/Date: 6-8 p.m. first and third Thursday of every month.
Details: All women seeking to strengthen their faith and connect with other women are invited to attend, irrespective of church affiliation. Crafters and Vendors are needed

Good Shepherd Lutheran Church
 Location: 41415 Nine Mile Road, corner of Meadowbrook Road, Novi
 Contact: (248) 349-0565
SUNDAY SCHEDULE
Time: 8:45 a.m. Sunday School and Bible Study; 10 a.m. Worship

Northville Christian Assembly
 Location: 41355 Six Mile Road
 Contact: (248) 348-9030
SUNDAY SCHEDULE
 9-10 a.m.: Sunday School for Adults / Youth / Children
 9 a.m.: Contemporary service in multi-purpose gymnasium
 10:15 a.m.: Contemporary service in worship center, children's super church on the second level (208/210)
TUESDAY MORNING LADIES BIBLE STUDY
 8:45-10:30 a.m. (café)
WEDNESDAY FAMILY NIGHT
 7 p.m.: Adult elective classes; jr. and sr. high student ministries; children's programs (M-Pact Girls Club & Royal Rangers Boys Club) Nursery and Preschool Program on Sundays and Wednesdays Home of Northville Christian School (day care; preschool through eighth grade) - contact (248) 348-9031

and members of their families.
Meadowbrook Congregational
 Location: 21355 Meadowbrook Road, between Eight and Nine Mile roads
Contact: Rev. Arthur P. Riller, Senior Minister (248) 348-1757, visit mbccc.org or e-mail to office@mbccc.org
Sunday Worship: 10 a.m.
Sermon: Having a Plan
Church School: 10-11 a.m.
Fellowship Hour: 11 a.m.
YOGA/FIT CLASSES
Time/Date: 7:30 p.m. every Monday
Details: Eight weeks, \$55 continuous or \$8 per drop in session.
MERRY WIDOWS LUNCHEON
Time/Date: 11:30 a.m. fourth Thursday of each month
PILGRIM FELLOWSHIP
Time/Date: 6 p.m. Sundays
ADULT EDUCATION CLASSES
Time/Date: 10 a.m. Tuesdays
EVENING VESPERS
Time/Date: 7:30 p.m. Nov. 15
HARVEST DINNER
Time/Date: 4 p.m. Nov. 22
CHURCH AUCTION
Time/Date: 7 p.m. Nov. 14, \$5 at door

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Single Seniors: Looking for Love and Companionship Online

Dear Savvy Senior,

What can you tell me about online dating? My 84-year-old daughter met her husband-to-be on the Internet and has been encouraging me to give it a try. But at age 60, and eight years divorced, I'm a little gun-shy. What can you tell me?
 Single and 60

SAVVY SENIOR

If you're not sure whether to take the plunge or not, try visiting a few dating sites and look around. Most services allow you to check out their members at no cost or obligation. Then, if you like what you see, you can sign up (fees range between \$20 and \$60 per month) and start e-mailing members you're interested in or they can e-mail you. Most sites also offer instant messaging and chat rooms. Here are some other tips to help you get started.

• Research your options: There are dozens of Internet matchmaking sites out there to choose from including the big general interest ones like Match.com and eHarmony; over-50 dating sites such as PrimeSingles.net, SeniorFriendFinder.com and SeniorMatch.com; and niche sites that match people based on their interests, religion and ethnicity like

ChristianCafe.com, BlackSingles.com and JewishFriendFinder.com. Before choosing, research the differences, looking at things like the percentage of men vs. women and how many of them live in your area. Don't be afraid to try out different sites or more than one at a time. Online-Dating-Zone (www.online-dating-zone.com) is a good resource to help you compare. (Note: If you don't want to spend any money try PlentyOfFish.com, a free dating Web site that's become very popular.)

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• Be safe: When you register with a dating service you remain anonymous. No one gets access to your full name, address, phone number or e-mail address until you decide to give it out at your own discretion. So be very prudent with giving out your personal information. And before meeting in person, chat on the phone at least several times, and always meet in a public place.

• Be skeptical: In an effort to get more responses, many people will exaggerate or flat out lie in their profiles, or post pictures of themselves that are extremely flattering and not very true-to-life. So don't believe everything you see or read. If they look or sound too good to be true, they probably are.

• Make the effort: A lot of times, people - women especially - sit back and let others come to them. Don't be afraid to make the first move. When you find someone you like, send a

short note that says, "I really enjoyed your profile. I think we have some things in common." Keep it simple.

• Don't take rejection personally: If you don't get a response from someone, don't let it get to your head. Just move on. There are many others that will be interested in you and it only takes one person to make Internet dating worthwhile.

ANOTHER OPTION

If dating sites don't appeal to you, consider joining a social-networking site. Today, there are a variety of sites (eBays.com, Boom.com and Rezo.com) created specifically for boomers and beyond that are great places to meet people without the stigma or looming pressure of finding a mate.

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LOCAL EVENTS

Author Maria Dismody Book signings
Time/Date: 6:30-7:30 p.m. Nov. 10
Location: Walled Lake Public Library, 499 E. West Maple Rd., Walled Lake
Time/Date: 10:30-11:30 a.m. Nov. 21
Location: Wixom Public Library, 49015 Pontiac Trail, Wixom
Details: Maria Dismody will be on tour at local facilities, reading, selling and signing her book, "Spaghetti In A Hot Dog Bun." In today's society, it's important to remind children that, although we are different on the outside, we are very much alike on the inside. Unfortunately, bullying has become a major problem in the United States. It's not only painful for children, but occurring at an increasingly young age. Her book empowers children to positively handle tough situations through its timeless mes-

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Date: Nov. 20-22
Details: The Michigan Family Pet Expo will showcase more than 150 exhibits of pet-related products and services; www.petmichigan.com.
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After 5 Networking Event
Time/Date: 5:17 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 19
Location: Home Interior Warehouse, 1017 East Warehouse, Walled Lake
Details: Join us for light appetizers and

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Novi Toastmasters Club
Time/Date: 7-9 p.m., every first and third Tuesday
Location: Novi Civic Center, Activities Room, 45175 West 10 Mile Road, Novi, Michigan 48375
Details: Novi Toastmasters is a community-based club which is part of Toastmasters International. Our diverse group provides a mutually supportive atmosphere in which all can develop and refine their public speaking and leadership skills. Our members also have fun while building confidence in day-to-day communications and mentoring toward professional and personal excellence. Guests are welcome and bring a friend! Visit www.novitoastmasters.com.
Contact: Paulette Alina, V.P. of Public Relations at greenspace@ml.com or (248) 756-0907.
Novi Rotary Club
Time/Date: Noon every Thursday
Location: Novi Methodist Church, 41671 W. 10 Mile Road
Details: Lunch is \$10 at meeting. Visitors welcome. Check Web site for speaker information; novirota.org.
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Library will be closed on Nov. 20. Library will close at 5 p.m. on Nov. 25 and be closed on Nov. 26.
Details: Unless noted below, all programs take place at the Library.
Contact: (248) 349-0720
WEBSITE: www.novilibrary.org
Story Times: Please see the Library web site or story time brochure for details.
Bagels and Books (Grades 9-12)
Date: Friday, Nov. 13
Time: 3-4:30 p.m.
Details: Read "Unwind" by Neal Shusterman and join us for bagels and discussion.
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Time: 10 a.m.-12 p.m.
Details: A monthly writers' group for tweens in 7th-8th grades. Read a piece of your writing (age appropriate, please) and receive constructive feedback from your peers. Please email your piece by the Wednesday before the meeting to Alexana Stock (astock@novi.k12.mi.us) or Phyllis Weeks (weeks@novilibrary.org).
Meet Local Author Jane Alkon and her Dog, Andy
Date: Saturday, Nov. 14
Time: 1-3:30 p.m.
Details: Jane Alkon will read from her book, "Mr. Boy," and bring her Labrador Retriever who is the star of the book. Children attending will have an opportunity to write and read letters to Andy during this fun event! 10% of the proceeds from sales of the book will be donated to Novi Public Library.
Stretch Dollars with Homemade Gifts
Date: Monday, Nov. 16
Time: 7-8:30 p.m.
Details: Jennifer Ackerman-Haywood, Grand Rapids Press columnist and founder of CraftSanity.com, will present a program about making handmade gifts on a budget. Attendees will make a 3-D snowflake to take home and use as a winter decoration, package topper or ornament. Please register.
Tech Time
Date: Tuesday, Nov. 17 and Thursday, Nov. 19
Time: 7 p.m., 7:30 p.m. (Nov. 17) and 10 a.m., 10:30 a.m. (Nov. 19)
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STATE CHAMPIONS

■ Catholic Central boys prove their dominance

BY SAM EGGLESTON
CORRESPONDENT

Healthy runners. That's all Catholic Central coach Tony Magni said his boys cross country team needed in order to have a chance at competing for the State championship this year.

He was right. Magni's harriers showed up Saturday at the Michigan International Speedway without a sniffle or a cough among them and did more than just compete for the title — they went out and won it. The Shamrocks captured 68 points to simply dominate the competition, with Ann Arbor Pioneer coming in second with 96 points and Pinckney in third with 155.

Leading the Shamrocks to victory was none other than Ricardo Galindo, who took second overall with his best race of the year at 15:51.

"Ricky started out strong with strength of mind that would facilitate his robust finish, earning him All-State honors for the second year in a row," noted Magni.

Andrew Garcia-Garrison, who has been a strong finisher all season long, saved his best kick for the last race. As he made the final turn coming into the stadium, and toward the finish line, Garcia-Garrison dug deep and pushed himself past three runners to take eighth place in 16:07.

Viktor Puskorius, who had been suffering from the flu during the regional race last week, turned in a 16:17 for 14th place. Both Garcia-Garrison and Puskorius earned All-State honors, as did Catholic Central's Austin Zebrowski,

who finished 20th in 16:22, finishing just yards ahead of his identical twin, John-Paul Zebrowski, who was 24th in 16:23. Finishers in the top-30 earn All-State honors.

"I don't like to lump them together, but Austin and John-Paul are each other's source of energy and motivation," said Magni. "They demonstrated their connectivity to push one another on, and in this joint effort positioned themselves for a fine race performance."

Also finishing for the Shamrocks were Mackenzi Boyd, who finished 106th in a time of 17:22, and Sean Carney, who was 188th in 19:45.

Magni, who has been coaching at Catholic Central for 36 years, has long told all of his runners that if they did their best, then they won. Last Saturday, that's exactly what happened.

This victory marks the fifth State championship the Detroit Catholic Central Shamrocks have earned since the school began participating in the sport. The Shamrocks earned titles in 1983, 1984, 1989 and 2001.

Galindo is the third Shamrock to finish second in the State Finals. Andy Dillon ran to second in 1979 and John Krawiec was second in 2001. Two Shamrocks have taken first in the State Finals, but neither on a year the Shamrocks earned a championship. Mike Mittman was first in 1992 and Joe Leo was first in 1995.

Sam Eggleston is a freelance writer and former staff sports writer for the Northville Record and Novi News.



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Wildcat Erica Robb jumps up for a spike.

Novi Wildcats win fourth consecutive district title

BY CHRIS JACKETT
CORRESPONDENT

The Canton Chiefs came out on fire Friday night against the host Novi Wildcats in the District 18 championship volleyball match, but couldn't maintain their intensity as Novi came away with a 20-25, 25-17, 25-18, 25-21 win.

Canton took a 3-0 lead early on three errors by Novi and never let the 'Cats get close during the rest of the first game. Down 11-4, Novi took a time out to get situated, but Canton continued to dominate with performances behind the stellar play of sophomore Kristina Muir and senior Jordan Keitly, who helped the Chiefs jump to an 19-8 lead before Novi stopped the match a second time.

"Kristina Muir played the best game I've seen her play," Canton coach Mary Kryska said.

Novi clawed back into the first game, but the 11-point spread was too much to cover. Wildcat junior Laura Subject set up senior Allison Hoomaian for a pair of kills to cut Canton's lead to 21-14, a combination Novi would repeatedly capitalize on throughout the rest of the night.

An 11-5 Novi run moved Canton's lead to just 24-20, but Keitly set Muir up for one of her many thunderous kills that deflected off Novi junior Savannah Green in the back left corner to give the Chiefs a 25-20 game one victory.

"We're not old, but we have a lot of pressure situations. Its important we have kids who have been in those situations," Novi coach Julie Fisetite said of her upperclassmen.

Not breaking under pressure, Novi



Wildcat Julie Thomas works at the net against Canton.

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District title gives Mach 300th career victory

BY SCOTT SHEPHERD
SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT

There had been wins like this one before for Tom Mach — 299 to be exact.

But that doesn't mean that this one was any less special.

The Novi-Detroit Catholic Central coach notched his 300th career victory on Saturday night as his undefeated Shamrocks beat visiting Livonia Stevenson, 38-0, in the Division I-District 2 final.

CC, now 11-0 overall, will face Canton, 10-1, in the Region final beginning at 1 p.m. Saturday at CC.

In typical Mach fashion, it was once again the running game that propelled the Shamrocks to the victory and ended the

Spartans' season at 8-3.

Senior Anthony Capatina led the Shamrocks 155 yards rushing on 18 carries and a touchdown, while fellow senior Niko Palazeti added 145 yards on 29 carries.

The bruising, 6-foot-2, 245 pounder did most of the dirty work for CC offensively, punching in four TDs, all of them from inside the 5-yard line.

"Mr. Inside and Mr. Outside," Tom Mach jokingly referred to his star running backs after the game. "They're a great one-two punch. Capatina has great drive and great heart. Niko, too. They carried us once again tonight."

After fall to the Spartans last year's district final, CC made sure that his-

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CC head coach Tom Mach is presented the game ball after collecting his 300th-career victory in a 38-0 romp against Livonia Stevenson.



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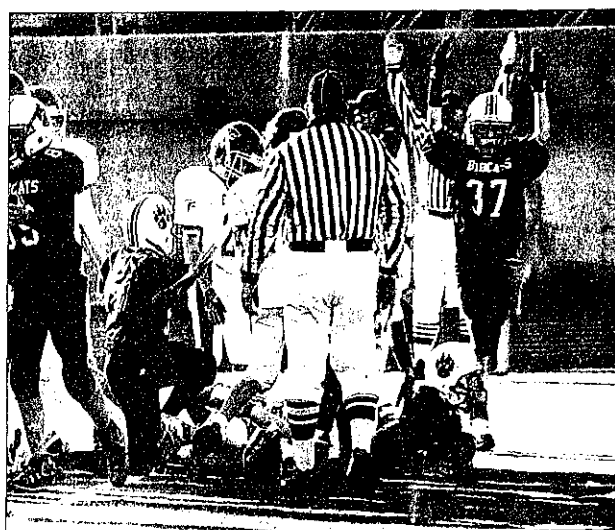
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Colton Neisius scores a touchdown for the Bobcats.

JV Bobcats fall to Falcons

For the third straight year, the JV Bobcats (6-9) closed their way into the W.L.H.L. Super Bowl to defend their back-to-back championships.

The undefeated Livonia Falcons (10-0) entered the game looking to win their first championship after losing to the Bobcats last year.

The game matched the Bobcats' league-leading defense that allowed only 41 points against the Falcons' prolific offense with 284 total points scored.

Julio Fox hammered the opening kickoff, pinning the Falcons back on their 10-yard line. The Falcons earned two first downs before Vince Jenaway broke wide on a 56-yard touchdown. Colton Neisius bled into the backfield and stopped the Falcons' PAT attempt keeping the score 6-0.

The Bobcat defense stopped the Falcons on their 37-yard line, and five plays later Anthony D'Annibale sprinted 11 yards before being forced out of bounds at the four-yard line. Ryan Moore ran a quarterback, kept into the end zone, and Fox kicked the PAT for an 8-6 Bobcats lead early in the second quarter.

The Falcons answered quickly with a five-play, 52-yard touchdown drive, they converted the PAT kick for a 14-6 lead.

On their next possession, the Bobcats' offense could not move the ball and was forced to punt.

The Falcons took over at the 37-yard line and eventually scored when they completed a 16-yard pass for a touchdown. The PAT kick was good, and the first half ended with the Falcons leading 22-6.

D'Annibale received the Falcons' second half kickoff and broke free for a 23-yard return down to the 38-yard line. His contribution to the drive did not stop there. D'Annibale ran for five yards, then busted wide for 16 more yards and a first down at the Falcon 13-yard line.

Andy Mizerowski had three carries down to the two-yard line, and Neisius

powered off tackle behind the blocking of Andrew Schroeder and Christian Durham for a touchdown. Fox kicked the PAT and the Falcon lead was cut to 22-16.

On their next possession, the Falcons started driving again, earning two first downs and reaching the Bobcat 43 before Mizerowski recovered a Falcon's fumble.

Quarterback Moore scrambled for 12 yards and a first down, and D'Annibale raced to the corner for an electrifying 21-yard run down to the Falcons' 10-yard line.

Neisius scored his second touchdown of the game with a one-yard run. The PAT failed and the teams were tied 22-22 early in the fourth quarter.

The Falcons answered again, with a 68-yard touchdown drive, which required two fourth-down conversions to keep the drive alive. They kicked the PAT for a 30-22 lead late in the fourth quarter.

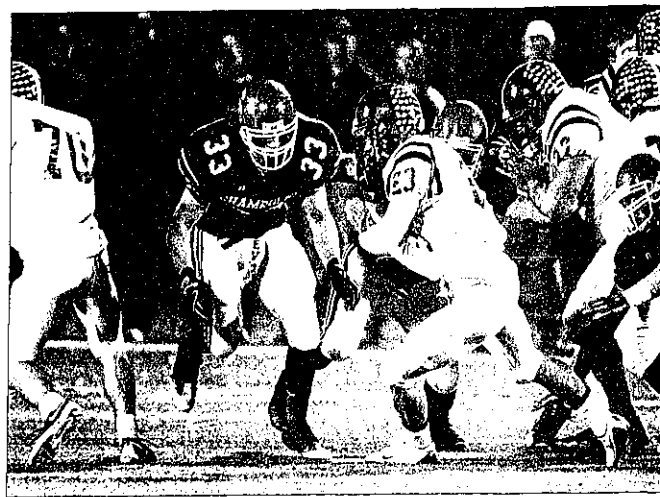
The Bobcat offense failed to convert a difficult fourth-and-10 play and turned the ball back over to the Falcons. The Falcons displayed excellent sportsmanship when they took a knee at the Bobcats' five-yard line to end the game with a 30-22 victory.

D'Annibale led all running backs with seven carries for 67 yards along with a 23-yard kick return. Neisius had eight carries for 21 yards and two touchdowns, followed by Moore's four carries for 16 yards and a touchdown.

Linebacker Spencer Van Kirk led the defense with seven tackles and five assists, followed by Moore with seven tackles and two assists. Mizerowski had six tackles, and Durham and Fox each had five tackles and two assists.

Even though they lost, the Bobcat coaches and parents were extremely proud of the way the players behaved in themselves and battled heroically to eventually tie the score in the fourth quarter.

Submitted by Ken Hixon



Catholic Central's Michael Kirville leaves no room for Stevenson's Austin White to run. CC went on to win 38-0.

Defense and running games to be featured on Saturday

BY SAM EGLESTON CORRESPONDENT

Come 1 p.m. Saturday, there is going to be some hard hitting taking place on the gridiron at Catholic Central High School.

The Shamrocks, coached by Tom Mach, will face off against the Canton Chiefs in a game that will surely find both teams not holding back at all.

The Shamrocks, undefeated at 11-0 after a convincing victory over Livonia Stevenson last week, will be looking to shut down a very potent offense from Canton, 10-1.

The Chiefs bring a very powerful offensive line that includes Ryan Dunleavy, Carter Saffield, Alex Marsh, Alex Gils, Chris Hilton, Joe Galantini and tight ends Dakota Dark Bird and Angelo Lanava.

The line will be pushing for senior fullback Adam Payter — basically Canton's version of Shamrocks standout Niko Palazetti. Payter has more than 1,400 yards this year with 15 touchdowns.

The Chiefs will throw the ball a lot, though not nearly as much as they have traditionally run the ball. Senior quarterback Kevin Delapaz has thrown for just more than 450 yards this year, but is known to play hide-away with the football and run with it, amassing more than 500 yards rushing this year.

The Chiefs have outscored their opponents 442-229, and their only loss came in a late regular-season falling against



CC's Andrew Nelson runs after a reception in the first quarter against Stevenson.

Livonia Stevenson, 36-27. Catholic Central isn't afraid of high-scoring offenses. They've beaten each one they've come across this year, including four that are still alive in their own playoff brackets. Last week, Catholic Central upended Stevenson, 38-0. They've held their opponents to just 30 points this year while scoring 373 of their own.

Catholic Central won't be coming with any fancy plays this week, instead looking to do what they always do: grind the ball. The Shamrocks will rely on Palazetti up the middle as well as the speed of running back Anthony Capatina.

When the running gets tough, the tough will throw the ball and throw it well, with senior quarterback Sam Landry capable of winning a game through the air.

The pride, however, is the defense, which has shut down every major running and passing attack this year.

Canton and Catholic Central have met three other times in the playoffs. In 1990, 2002 and 2003 — all won by the Shamrocks. All three of those seasons, the Catholic Central football team ended the season with a State Championship.

Sam Eggleston is a freelance writer and former staff sports writer for the Northville Record and Novi News.

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tory would not repeat itself Saturday night.

The Shamrocks wasted no time getting on the scoreboard, getting the ball first and marching 70 yards on just eight plays, capped off by a Palazetti 4-yard touchdown run.

After a Stevenson three-and-out, the Shamrocks took the ball straight down the field again, this time going 58 yards on just seven plays, with Palazetti finishing the drive with a 2-yard score that gave CC a 14-0 lead with 3:39 left to play in the opening quarter.

"We definitely remembered what happened last year," said Palazetti after the game. "We wanted to come out and beat them in a devastating fashion tonight."

After the Spartans failed a convert a fourth down deep in CC territory, Capatina took the



CC defenceman Mike Still puts heavy pressure in the Stevenson backfield. The defense remained perfect on the night during a 38-0 victory.

first play of the ensuing drive 67 yards down the right sideline that led to a CC field goal to push the lead to 17-0.

After Stevenson failed on another fourth down conversion attempt in Shamrocks territory, CC answered right back with a 14-play, 69-yard drive that was once again capped off by a Niko Palazetti 2-yard touchdown run, giving CC a 24-0 lead at halftime.

While Mr. Inside and Mr. Outside seemed unstoppable for the Shamrocks, Stevenson's star running back was never able to get it going.

Senior Austin White, who has committed to play at the University of Michigan next season, finished the game with 75 yards on 10 carries for the Spartans, but was unable to use his speed to break a big run against the very solid Shamrocks' defense.

"He's a great back," Mach said. "We know that he likes to cut back, but we played with great technique on defense, played with great discipline, and never let him get to the outside."

A fake punt helped the Spartans advance the ball to the Shamrocks' 49 on the opening series of the second half, but senior quarterback Brendan O'Hara fumbled the next snap and the Shamrocks recovered.

The Spartan turnover led to a Capatina 12-yard TD run to make the score 31-0 halfway through the third quarter.

Palazetti added a 5-yard score late in the game, leading to the 38-0 final count.

The fumble early in the third quarter served as the only play that the Spartans would run in Shamrocks territory in the

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How has the recent economy affected your business?

The economy hasn't affected my business much because my clients' investment portfolios didn't get beat up like others.

Any advice for business owners?

The best advice I can give other business owners is take care of your clients; they will in turn take care of you.

What's in store for the future of your business?

I see more growth for my business as we have recently expanded with a new office in Houghton Lake, Michigan, and I am looking to add two new advisors in Novi.

Once Upon A Child opens

A children's merchandise resale store recently opened in the Novi area to buy gently used and new children's items.

Once Upon A Child of Novi, located at 24277-24281 Novi Road provides parents with a unique, creative and economical solution to their ever-growing children's needs — a solution that makes great sense for their kids' and even more sense for their budgets," said Angie Michalak, owner of the Novi Once Upon A Child.

"Children are constantly outgrowing their clothes, toys, books, furniture and equipment. The dilemma is what to do with all that stuff," Michalak said. "We have come up with a solution for the Novi community by providing a resource for them to bring their kids' stuff in and receive cash in exchange."

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Business owners and entrepreneurs who need assistance are invited to attend seminars in September, offered by the Oakland County Business Center. Business Basics workshops are now offered in the evenings on alternating months.

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services and develops franchisees for retail stores that buy, sell, and trade new and used merchandise. With over 230 stores open in North America, Once Upon A Child is the nation's largest chain of children's resale stores.

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 19 - How to Write a Business Plan Workshop (AM)
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 10 - How to Write a Business Plan Workshop (PM)
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 7 - Pre-Business Research Workshop (AM)
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 15 - Listening to Your Business Plan (AM)
 21 - How to Write a Business Plan (AM)
 26 - Legal & Financial Basics (AM)
 28 - Market Your Business (AM)

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Plante Moran Financial Advisors named Kevin Benson, CFP, of Novi, an associate in the firm's Southfield office. Benson previously served as a staff member with the firm.

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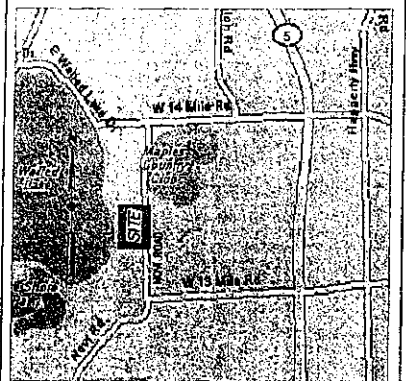
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Novi Planning Commission
 David Green, Secretary



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This Notice of Determination is given pursuant to the provisions of Act 451 of the Public Acts of 1994, as amended, Part 309.

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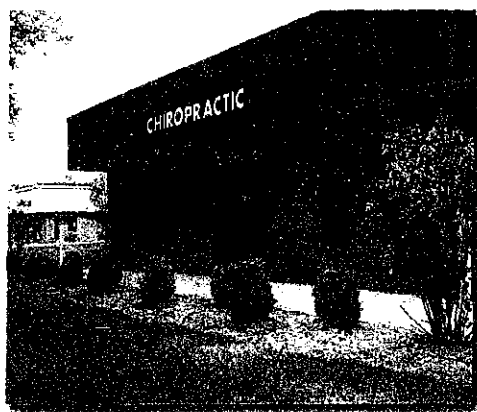
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