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NOVI NUTSHELL



Free fries, chili for a year

Known for their always-madefresh burgers, a new Bagger Dave's restaurant is slated to open Sunday, Feb. 21 at noon in Novi Town Center.

The restaurant will be giving away free fries and chili for a year to the first 100 people in line when they open at noon. Winners will receive a coupon book with 52 coupons they can use each week for either their Amazingly Delicious Turkey Black Bean Chili, fresh-cut fries, Dave's Sweet Potato Chips or Dave's Diced

"Bagger Dave's burgers are made from a never-frozen, premium beef blend. With more than 30 toppings available, guests can build their own legendary burgers." said Jim Clear, Novi Town Center manager, "Diners of all ages will enjoy the warm, inviting atmosphere in Bagger Dave's, from their friendly and memorable rvice to the historical community photos and the electric train that runs above the dining room and bar

Bagger Dave's is located at 26054 Novi Road and will be open 7 a.m.-10 p.m. Sunday-Thursday and 7-10 Friday-Saturday.

Help with stress

have you reaching for pain pills or a heating pad to relieve back pain, Dr. Tom Neuner of the Michigan Head & Spine Institute has another option. Dr. Neuner will host a free seminar on how to relieve and prevent stress through chiropractic techniques. Join him from 5-7 p.m., Thursday, Feb. 18 at the Keystone Medical Center, 46325 W. 12 Mile Road, Suite 100 in Novi. Refreshments will be served and attendees are eligible to win two tickets to a Red Wings game. Register at www.mhsi.us.

Tax appeal talk

State Rep. Hugh D. Crawford today announced a Tax Appeal Town Hall for property owners who wish to appeal their property tax assessment.

The free "How to Appeal your Property Tax Assessment" seminar takes place Monday, Feb. 22 from 7-9 p.m. at the Rock Financial Showplace.

Enrollment numbers on the rise

Novi tallies an estimated 6,243 students

BY NATHAN MUELLER STAFF WRITER

It appears enrollment in the Novi Community School District is stabilizing as figures from count day Feb. 11 show the district is up 26 students from September.

Officials have seen an increase of 58 students since last February, a welcome sign since the district saw a drop of 14 students in September two years ago and a loss of 114 students in September last school year.

Supt. Peter Dion said he is happy to see the numbers starting to balance out, but still has concerns.

"That's a hard one to try to esti-

mate because we are a professional, transient community and are dependent on the economy," he said. "If the economy bottoms out, and from all I hear we are at the bottom, I don't know if we can get worse. How long we stay here is the huge question."

The unofficial count last Thursday was 6,243 students, which includes primary special education, K-12 and alternative education. Enrolled students who have an unexcused absence on count day may be counted as long as they show up within 10 school days following count day, or

30 days if the absences are excused. This count, combined with the September 2010 count, helps deter-

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mine how much state funding the district will receive. The fall numbers count for 75 percent of the enrollment figure and a February count determines the other 25 percent.

This current school year, the district received \$8,799 per pupil, but in October and November was cut \$445.

FOCUS ON FUTURE

The school district is continuing its Focus On Our Future forums to

get input from staff and community members about how to handle budget cuts from the state.

Two forums remain, Feb. 24 at Parkview Elementary and Feb. 25 at Village Oaks Elementary. Both forums start at 7 p.m.

The district also has a survey on its Web site at www.novi.k12.mi.us/ that officials want residents to complete.

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Special guest

Ibrahim Aminou, a member of the Ghanese drumming group "Sunkwa," visits Novi's Orchard Hills Elementary on Feb. 12 and tells students of how there are "talking drums" in Africa that communicate between villages. See our online video at hometownlife.com.

Volunteers help ease stresses of tax season

Free program helps senior citizens and low-income families

BY NATHAN MUELLER STAFF WRITER

Wixom resident Jean Demetri has always paid someone to do

her taxes for her. But finally she got fed up paying the outrageous prices to get simple tax

help and **APPOINTMENT** decided SCHEDULE to try the AARP Feb. 25; March 4, 11, Tax-Aide 18, 25; April 1, 8, 15

program Appointments run at the Novi from 10 a.m. to 2 Public p.m. Call (248) 347-Library. 0414 to schedule a The free program is time. available

to senior citizens and low- and middleincome families in the area and has becoming a popular offer-

"Last year was the first time I used them and it was great," Demetri said Monday as she filed her taxes. "I'm going to keep coming back.

Jim Lane, AARP district coordinator, is one of several volunteers who help people prepare their state and federal taxes. The two sessions at the library were filled immediately and ones at the Novi Senior Center also are filling quickly.

"For quite a few people, the program is very important," he

it. It's very fulfilling. Taxes are done on a computer and electronically filed for faster returns. Direct deposit also can be done.

Each appointment lasts about one hour, and if the counselor, who is recertified every year, cannot solve an issue, they will recommend the person visit a paid tax preparer. None of the counselors has been trained to prepare taxes for small businesses, farm subsidy, rental properties, if a person has sold more than four investments and military.

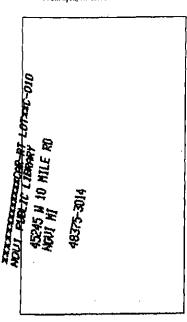
The service is available from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Feb. 25, March 4, 11, 18 and 25 and April 1, 8 and 15 at the Novi Senior Center. The service is by appointment only, and counselors cannot be paid for their work. Call (248) 347-0414 to schedule an appointment:

The Novi Public Library also is hosting Walter Powrozek, an independent wealth manager from SIGMA Financial Corp., at 1 p.m. Feb. 23 to educate people about the new tax law changes to Roth IRAs that are being introduced. Call the library at (248) 349-0720 to sign up.

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Former council member, House speaker DeRoche suspected of drunken driving

Saline city attorney to decide on charges

The former speaker of the Michigan House issued an apology Monday after being arrested last week on suspicion of drunken driving after

police said he was

so inebriated that

he couldn't stand

up on his own.



Witnesses called police Feb. 9 to report

they saw a man. DeRoche who police later identified as former Republican Speaker Craig DeRoche, drunkenly leave his car and walk up to a store in Saline, near Ann Arbor, Saline police Chief Paul Bunten

Officers arrived at about 5:30 p.m. to find DeRoche stumbling in the snow, Bunten said. A breath test showed his blood-alcohol content was 0.249 percent, more than three times Michigan's legal limit for driving of .08, police said.

"The officers were very concerned because, although that's a very high blood-alcohol level, he couldn't stand up without being helped," Bunten said.

Police took DeRoche to a hospital, where he was evaluated and a blood test was administered. Test results won't come back for a few

City attorney Allan Grossman

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STAFF WRITER

The majority of residents in

Novi will notice a taxable value

notice of assessment, taxable

valuation and property classifi-

cation in the mail in the coming

That is good news for home-

owners who will likely see prop-

erty tax decreases, but bad news

for the city which relies on that

money to provide services.

effecting values in neighbor-

hoods, including transfers of

Glenn Lemmon, city asses-

sor, said he looked at everything

ownership through foreclosure or

transfer between two individuals

"We've tried to make an effort

to recognize the economic con-

ditions going on in the world,

so we have reduced quite a few

assessments," he said. "I'm not

sales from foreclosure, but am

giving considerable weight in an

effort to recognize what is going

Homeowners who have con-

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value and taxable value are too

appeal in writing or in person.

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their house for \$10,000 below

he said. "What people need to

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large turnout this year.

Ron Boron, one of four board

"People have this impression

high can appeal to the Novi

Board of Review. They can

giving 100-percent weight to

rather than transfers with the

bank getting rid of a property.

decrease when they receive their

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Powerful

The Novi Chamber of Commerce held it's 11th annual Threads of Power breakfast at the Cafe Bistro, located on the second floor of Nordstrom in the 12 Oaks Mall. Sponsors included 12 Oaks, Telcom Credit Union, Town & Country Eyecare, and Two Men and a Truck. Attendees are asked to bring gently-used business clothing for individuals wanting to re-enter the workforce. The items were given to three organizations to distribute: The Transition Center at Schoolcraft College (represented by Christa Cipparone, left); The Woomen's Center of Southeastern Michigan (represented by Angela Moore, second from left); and The Clothes Closet at Church of Holy Family in Novi. Also pictured are Linda Daley, Novi Chamber of Commerce; and Cindy Tschirhart and Tyler Ross of Telcom Credit Union.

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Taxable values expected to decrease throughout Novi

sense to us. You cannot just come say. 'I want my taxes GLENN LENNON, Novi city assessor

The free "How to Appeal realize is we use current sales. We do not use foreclosures and bank sales; those are never figured into assessing the true

Also the assessments are done in December, and the assessor is great forum to learn the process not sure what values will be like come March. "They cannot worry about what today's value is, but make property values keep falling,

value of a house and neighbor-

their point to the board of review but not property taxes. I'll keep what their value was on Dec. 31," Lemmon said. Boron said the best advice he can give to residents who want to appeal before the board is to be prepared.

"Make a presentation that

makes sense to us," he said. "You

cannot just come say 'I want my taxes lowered." that because their neighbor sold The Board of Review will meet March 8-10 in the counmarket, that is what they should cil chambers at the Novi Civic be taxed at -- and that is false," Center. For more information. call (248) 347-0485.

Monday, March 8 - 9 a.m. to noon and 2 p.m. to 6 p.m. Tuesday, March 9 - 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. and 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. Wednesday, March 10 - 9 a.m. to noon and 2 p.m. to 6 p.m. * Appearances before the Board of Review are by appointment only

ASSESSMENT SEMINAR Residents looking to learn more about assessments can participate in a tax appeal town hall meeting for property owners led by State Rep. Hugh D. Crawford, R-Novi.

"Over the last several years,

the appeals process."

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your Property Tax Assessment' seminar takes place 7-9 p.m. on Feb. 22 at the Rock Financial "It's your right to appeal your

but a good friend. assessment, and this will be a "I know she's not moving of how to appeal your property anywhere, but it was good to taxes," said Crawford R-Novi. have someone in that position who you can trust," Cornelius said. "She was very detail-oriented and that was extremely working diligently in Lansing to helpful, and she always made address this issue, but while it certain that everything that needed to be followed up on got works its way through the legisthe right kind of attention." lative process, this free seminar will help residents interested in

And after 30 years of working for the city in several different capacities, Blashfield is excited about the next step in She started as a police dis-

patcher, hired by former police chief Lee BeGole in 1980, before moving to city hall ing department for 10 years. Following that she began to work in the clerk's office and spent five of her 10 years there as deputy clerk.

"Novi is a great place to work and live," she said. "The citizens are very nice and my co-workresident Brennan ers were very hard-working and dedicated. I've made some of my best friends working here."

> BY NATHAN MUELLER STAFF WRITER

Lifelong Novi

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After 30 years with city, deputy clerk Blashfield retires

As Debra Blashfield worked her final day for the city of Novi last Friday, city clerk Maryanne Cornelius still did not want to believe it was

The two worked closely together for several years, including the last five years when Blashfield

served as depu-

ty clerk, and Cornelius was sad

traveling.

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to fill her position Since she started working for the city, she has watched

it grow from a small town, worked under three city managers and seen several people come and go. Cornelius said her knowledge of the city and the history will

be missed, and she admired Blashfield because she was always looking for different ways to accomplish goals. "She always questioned if we were doing things because it was the way we always did it or could we do it in a different way," she said. "For me that was a valuable trait."

Up next for Blashfield is "not setting an alarm clock and probably after a little to not just be losing a colleague time to myself, doing some volunteer work in the area." She also plans on doing some

Taking her place as deputy clerk is Novi resident Cortney Brennan, who has been working in the clerk's office since 2003. She is a graduate of Novi High School and just recently finished her bachelor's degree in business administration. She said she "learned a ton from Deb," and is looking forward to the next step in her

Cornelius said it should be a seamless transition for the city. "Cortney has done every job in the department so she has experience with everything," where she worked in the assess- she said. "And also being born and raised and in Novi, she will be a very good asset."

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Pigeon Party

Novi Public Library staff member Suzanne Carpenter reads "Pigeon Party" by Mo Willems on Tues., Feb. 16 to an assembly of youngsters.



Camper and RV show comes to town

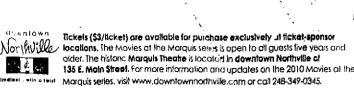
Visitors to this past weekend's Camper and RV show at Novi's Rock Financial Showplace check out one of the many pop-up campers available for perusal at the four-day event. Some visitors were in the looking mood, others were getting ready for next summer's travel season and buying new vehicles Some customized camper vans were available for more than \$75,000.

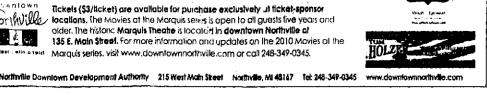


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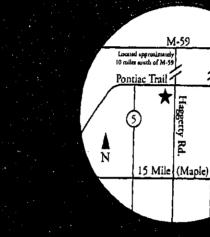




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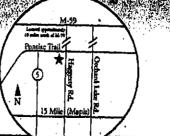
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Novi Woods Elementary helped raise money to send to the Red Cross for the Haiti Relief Fund. Students have been doing chores around the house the past two weeks to earn money to donate. They ended their collection for the Red Cross with a special incentive Feb. 5. For the donation of \$1 per student, the students were able to wear their pajamas to school. The grand total of what Novi Woods donated last week and today for pajama day was \$1,508.78! Pictured (I to r) are fourth graders Paulo Burgess, Kesia George, and Molly Anderson. In the second photo, first graders Jenya Patel and Toko

NOVI ON CAMPUS

Lawrence Technological

The following students from Novi graduated May 17, 2009: Saad Syoufly, master's in electrical and computer engineering; Arundhati Umesh, master's in information systems; Saad Alazemi, master's Charlene Ramos, master's of tsiness administration; and Rebecka Myers, master's of

Central Michigan University The following Novi students

graduated in summer 2009: Diane Bivins; Jay Edillo; Brittany Fillipps; Jillian Foraker; Sandra Kalinowsky; Julie Longo; Alice Mieth; Stephen Modic; Ashley of mechanical engineering; O'Connor; Evan Plumley; Matthew Wehrly, bachelor's in Matthew Simich; Alexander architecture; John Avdoulos, St. Clair; and Amy Weston.

ST. MARY MERCY

Hope College The following Novi students were named to the Dean's List for the first semester of

the 2009-2010 school year (to be named, students must have a minimum 3.5 grade Gasparotto; Sarah Carr; Amanda Sutton; Nicole Nordstrom; and Andrew

Virginia Tech

Derek Richard, of Novi, was named to the Dean's List for the fall 2009 semester. To juality, students must attemp at least 12 credit hours graded on the A-F option and earn a. 3.4 grade point average (on a 4.0 scale) during the semester

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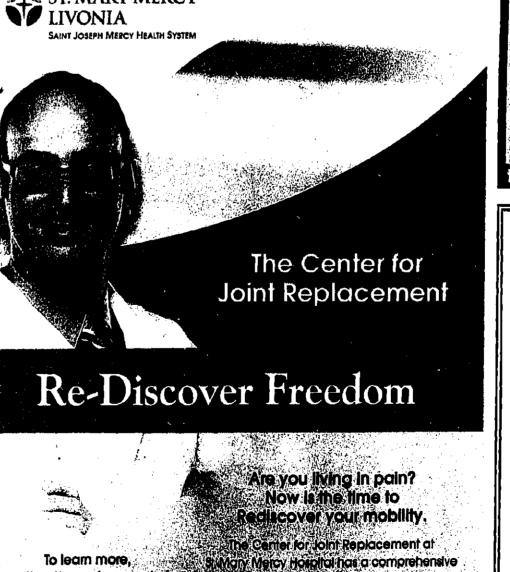
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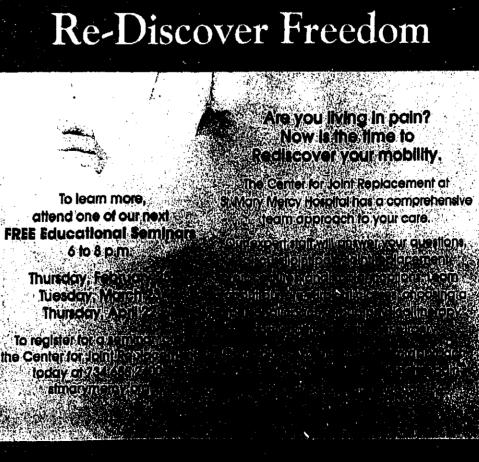
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Nutrition program

Fitness Together, 24276 Novi Road, Novi, is launching a proprietary nutrition program. Modeled after the same one-on-one approach used for Fitness Together's personal training, Nutrition Together provides clients nutrition guidance in tandem with fitness training to help achieve

and maintain a healthy life-With the motto "Eat healthy. Eat light. Eat often," Nutrition Africa. LHI has recently Together is designed to offer sensible solutions and a common-sense approach to nutrition. The program is adminispersonal trainers in a series of one-on-one sessions that go hand-in-hand with the client's dren will have clean water to personal training regimen.

"Because fitness and nutrition are inseparable components of an overall wellness plan, this program brings our approach full circle to helpng clients achieve their goals and live healthier lives," said Boo Sadikot, owner of Fitness Together in Novi. "We have always encouraged and provided guidance for eating well, but with Nutrition Together we now have a solid, sensible program that completely complements our personal

promote stronger results."

together.com/novi.

"Annie" to aid Zambians The musical "Annie" will be performed March 5-6 by the Oak Pointe Players of

Oak Pointe Church, including Chuck Gaidica of WDIV whose first annual teen convendaughter Riley plays Annie. The net proceeds will go to Living Hope International, a non-profit organization that runs an orphanage in Zambia, received land to expand the orphanage to include a school and more housing for up to 100 orphans. Using the funds raised from the show, LHI will presentations, performances, be drilling two water wells on and interactive booths by the new property so the chil-

Show times are Friday at 7:30 p.m. and Saturday at 1:30 and 7:30 p.m. Tickets are over indulging with alcohol. \$5 per child; \$10 per adult and a limit of \$30 per family. Call Oak Pointe Church at (248) 912-0043 or visit www. Oakpointe.org for more infor- Sarah knew what it is like to mation. Oak Pointe Church is a non-denominational community located at 50200 W. 10 bad choices made her nearly Mile Road in Novi.

LEAP! event March 16

The 19 members of the Novi training services and will help Youth Council (NYC) have been hard at work planning

For more information contheir second teen convention, tact Fitness Together at (248) LEAP!, Living Extraordinarily ing. For more information 348 9230 or visit www.fitness- and Positively. This year's event will focus on wise choices and will take place on Tuesday, March 16 from

9 a.m.-1 p.m. at Oak Pointe Church in Novi. In 2009, the City of Novi Youth Council presented its tion with over 300 local high school students participating in the educational day focusing on raising awareness for a major issue facing students

today: teen depression. For

volleyball All-America team,

The cost to attend LEAP!

lunch. Please note this does

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Registration for this camp be on top of her game – and on is limited to 110 children, so top of the world, before some register early. Contact Seth Furlow, Camp Director, at 248-449-1600 Or sfurlow@ novi.k12.mi.us for more inforis \$5 per person and includes mation. You may also visit Camp Invention's Web site at not include transportation to www.campinvention.org to the event, as that will need to find out more about this exciting program.

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Looking for some unique crafts for the home or some interesting ideas for crafts of your own? Check out the craft show on March 20 and 21 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Hometown Novi Manufactured Home Community Clubhouse off Thirteen Mile Road between M-5 and Novi Road. On hand will be homemade household decorations, clay hermit crabs, jelly bean bunnies, ornaments, cross stitch, crocheted dishcloths, concession stand, ceramics, sugar scrub and much more! Free admission.

Andiamo brings latenight laughs Friday and Saturday nights

The Andiamo Novi Theatre

has announced "Late Night

the world." Seating for each of these just got a whole lot funnier.

on-going entertainment line- com. up with tickets at \$15.

Comedy Series" as part of their www.thebetterhealthstore.

of the keynote speaker, call the "Late Night Comedy Series" Community Relations office at will be part of the Andiamo Novi Theatre's weekly entertainment line-up on Friday (10 p.m.) and Saturday (11 p.m.) evenings. Comedians scheduled to perform during "Late Night Comedy Series" at the Andiamo Novi Theatre for February and March 2010

> • Feb. 19-20 - Sid Davis • Feb. 26-27 - Shaun Jones and Ross Duncliffe March 5-6 - Mark Klein and Chad Miller March 12-13 – Mark Knope and Roy Haber • March 19-20 - Dan Swartout and Nicholas

Tickets are available at the theater's box office, by phone at 248-348-4448 (box office) 1-800-745-3000 (Ticketmaster) or on-line at www.ticketmaster.com. For more information on "Late Night Comedy Series" call the Andiamo Novi Theatre at (248) 348-4448. The Andiamo the duodenum. The multidis-Novi Theatre is located at 42705 Grand River Avenue,

Whole food vs. synthetic Which is better and why is the subject of a seminar being hosted at select Better Health locations featuring natural health expert, Chris Herbert from North American Herb and Spice, who will speak at the Novi Better Health (42875

"There has been a myth that Committee members include all supplements have been cre- Andria Bojrab, Lauri Boloated equally," says Herbert. "This myth is not true and this lecture is here to expose it. People will learn what most vitamins and minerals are made from and why choosing supplements from whole food sources is the best option. I will show why whole food supplements give you the best Schwartz, Nina Shah, Carol nutrition and how to use them Shaya, Jennifer Stewart. properly. People will also learn Courtney Teeple, Betsy about wild spices, berries, herbs, mushrooms and other autritious plants from around

vations are strongly suggested. please contact Providence For more information, please call (248) 735-8100 or visit

Friends' Ball to benefit Providence

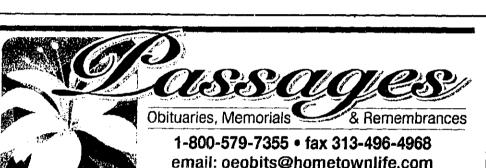
The Providence Health Foundation 2010 Friends' Ball will be held on Saturday, April 24, at 6 p.m. at the Diamond Center at Rock Financial Showplace, Novi. This year, Art Van Elslander will receive the prestigious Order of Charity award and physicians Bruce H. Kole, M.D.; Daniel R. Piper, M.D.; Bruce M. Silverman, D.O.; and Teck-Mun Soo, M.D., will be the recipients of the Caduceus Society Physician of the Year award.

Proceeds from this year's event will benefit the Hepato-Pancreato-Biliary program. The program is designed to offer a comprehensive approach to the surgical and medical management of patients with malignancies, neoplasms and diseases involving the liver, gallbladder, bile ducts, pancreas and ciplinary team for the HPB program is dedicated to the consistent evaluation and improvement of patient care outcomes across the continuum of inpatient and outpatient

The evening will feature a champagne raffle, a chance to have your photo taken in a photo booth and dancing to the sounds of the Simone Vitale Band. The co-chairs Grand River Avenue) at 2 p.m. for the event are Julie Curry and Charlotte Walker. Schreuder, MCN, NP-C; Ann Conrad, Susan Glassford, Lou Grieshaber, Kathie Hautamaki, Michael Jacobs. M.D.; Sue Kolachalam, JoAnne Leslie, Maureen McCorry, Denise McLean, Beverly J. Moore, M. Elizabeth Moore, Rita Raina, OD; Jackie

Marilyn Wick. To become a co sor for the event, place an ad in the program book or donate seminars is limited and reser- an item to the silent auction, Health Foundation at (248) 849-5744.

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EDWIN DWIGHT

LOUIS JAMES KATZBECK ARMSTRONG JR. Of New Hudson, Age 57, born to the February 12, 2010. Kim was an edu-Nge 82, passed away February 10, late Louis and Mary (Wooton) cator with the Detroit Public Schools Katzbeck. Survived by his daughter for over 30 years, prior to his retire-1927, in Detroit, to the late Edwin Kelly (Ken) Wakefield of Livonia; ment. He is survived by: his loving Sr. and Helen (Novotny) Armstrong. grandchildren Kody, Jamie and wife Jeanne, his loving daughters, Edwin enjoyed many hobbies includ-(Chung) Katzbeck of VA; neices sister, his step-mother, Lee Morris woodworking. Edwin is survived by Susan (Jamie) Katzbeck-Stone and and his mother in-law, Beverly his beloved wife Marjorie; children: David (Jackie) Armstrong, Garv (Darlene) Armstrong, Patricia (Bill) Anderson, and daughter in law Judy Armstrong; grandchildren: Kristen. Pamela, Bryan, Corv. Elise, Jennifer, Age 81. of Highland, MI passed St., South Lyon, Liturgy of the Word and Kevin; great grandchildren: January 29, 2010. Surviving are two funeral service will be conducted on sisters. Marilyn Foisy and Robert Armstrong. Services were held on Saturday, February 13, 2010 at Church of the Holy Cross in Novi. Arrangements by Phillips Funeral Home, South Lyon, Memorial contri-

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the Holy Cross Episcopal Church,

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48374 or Alzheimer's Association,

107 April Dr. Suite 1, Ann Arbor, Mi

BRENDA SUE COOPER www.phillipsfuneral.com



RUTH M. GENOVA Age 88, longtime resident of South Lyon, passed away February 15 2010. Ruth was born on July 3: 1921, in Detroit, to the late Raigh V. and Julia C. Thomas, Loving wife of Thomas Arthur Genova Jr.: dearest mother of Thomas A., and Gregory . (Margaret), and the late Kenneth . and Robert Genova. Beloved grandmother of Nicholas, Christopher and Michael. Ruth was preceded in death by her dear brothr Ralph M. (Audrey) Thomas. Visitation Thursday, February 18, 2010 from 2-9 p.m. with a rosary at 8 p.m. at Phillips Funeral Home, 122 please offer any donations to Doris W. Lake St., South Lyon, A Funeral Mass will be held on Friday, 122 W. Lake St., South Lyon, MI February 19, 2010 at 11:00 a.m. with 48178. Online guestbook final visitation beginning at 10:30 www.phillipsfuneral.com a.m. at St. Joseph Catholic Church, 830 S. Lafavette, South Lyon, Online guestbook www.phillipsfuneral.com

GEORGE EDWARD PLANKEY

BEULAH M. OXFORD

Age 58, passed away peacefully on February 9, 2010. Brenda was born on June 19, 1951, in Harlan, Kentucky, to Sherman and Agnes Thursday, Feb. 12, 2010. He fought a (Kinder) Strunk. Brenda is survived courageous battle with heart disease by her loving mother Agnes Strunk; and with a positive attitude, a strong beloved siblings: Georgia Saylor, will and a great sense of humor. He 83, longtime resident of Northville Roger Strunk, Angela Johnson, and David Strunk; and many nieces and postwar Japan. He enjoyed playing Mass Feb. 15 at OLV and burial at nephews. Brenda was preceded in independent basketball, was a semi. Aural Hill Cemetery. Contributions to death by her father Sherman Strunk pro softball player in Oregon, enjoyed OLV Building Fund. Arrangements and her brother Clarence Strunk. A ocean fishing in Florida and he was by Casterline Funeral Home. funeral service was held at 11.00am always there when a friend needed a on Monday, February 15, 2010 at helping hand. He retired from the PHILLIPS FUNERAL HOME, South Operating Engineers Local 324 after 50 years of faithful service. He always carried a lunch bucket and never missed a day of work. He was

commander of Lt. Edmond Gamble Post 4626 in Detroit three times, was 2nd District Commander and devoted his adult life helping the veterans and service organizations. He was a lifetime member and had recently joined VFV post 2502 in South Lyon. He is survived by his loving wife Doris Mae (Antilla) of 61 years. They fell in love the day they met and never stopped loving each other and always will. A

classic love story. Surviving are two sisters: Mary (Jerry Joki), Carol (Jerry Ekdahl) of Champion, M1 and one brother James of Ishpeming, MI. He was a loving father to his two sons: Gene (Karen), of Republic, MI and James (Judi) of Salem, MI. Grandkids: Jeffrey, Kristopher, Kim, James Jr., and Tammy, Great grandkids: Jessica, Kristen, Jordan, Mya. Kaitivn, Kayla and Leslie. The kids

enjoyed calling him 'Pumpkin'. George was preceded in death also by a brother John of Champion, Mi. VFW post 2502, 125 E. McHattle St. South Lyon, Ml. 48178, at 6 P.M., Friday, Feb. 19. In lieu of flowers. Plankey c/o Phillips Funeral Home. 122 W. Lake St., South Lyon, MI Loved One

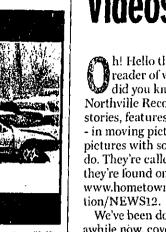


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Clearing a path

Cathy Kuczajda uses a snowblower to clear the walk of a Buckminster Street neighbor in Novi on Feb. 9. Novi saw about eight inches of total snowfall on that day, for the most accumulation so far of the winter.

Videos: Newspaper isn't just printed word any more



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h! Hello there, you reader of words. Say, did you know that the Northville Record offers news stories, features and sports - in moving pictures? Moving pictures with sound? Well, we do. They're called videos and they're found online at http:// www.hometownlife.com/sec-

We've been doing videos for awhile now, covering our community and its news-worthy happenings that we put online. They're accessible 24 hours a day and can be linked and email-forwarded if you wish. The video player window is located about halfway down

You can also watch the Ghana drummers during their

on the right side of the front page of the Northville Record/Novi News. In the last three weeks.

we've put videos online about the ice-rescue training that Northville Township firefighters were undergoing. the snowstorm that walloped Northville and one about the Mustang varsity hockey team. In short, a good cross section of Northville's happenings.

visit to Novi schools, the Novi High School pom pon team performing their routine, and the Cat's Eye TV broadcast by Novi students. We're also doing a series of high school sports preview videos that feature our sports

> out their cross-town rivals and what's upcoming as the seasons progress. So, if you have a minute, check out the Northville Record's/Novi News online video offerings at www.hometownlife.com/section/NEWS12.

teams and their opponents.

We'll do our best to keep you informed and entertained with what's going on in our dynamic and energetic community. And I'd like to hear from you -- our loval print and online readers. Send me-your suggestions for upcoming video features. And, if you've shot LOCAL videos you think our readers would be inter-

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Michener feels it is impor-

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NEIGHBORS

Longtime Novi dentist hangs up his drill

BY NATHAN MUELLER STAFF WRITER

It sure hasn't felt like 38 years to Dr. Terry Nielsen. But when the dentist walks out of his office at Provident Dentistry for the final time March 11, he will do so proud of what he has accomplished and glad he had the chance to do what he loved for so long. "I never saw myself looking back at 38 years and never thought it could go by so

fast," he said Monday, "When I first announced my retirement, I was about 75 percent into it, now I'm about 105 percent. I'm ready." Nielsen came to Novi in 1972, opening his dental practice at 10 Mile and Meadowbrook roads. He was one of only two or three dentists in the area at the time and even referred to the city as "Novi-tucky" because there

times before settling in its current location on Grand River Avenue in 1999. Now the population of the city is more than 50,000 and more than 30 dentists serve the community. Still, he withstood the test of time and Provident Dentistry with

wasn't much around. The

practice moved three more

its nearly 6,000 patients will continue on without him, led by partners Mark Angelocci and Alan Kessler.

"I was in the right place at the right time," Nielsen said of settling in Novi. "And if you didn't evolve, you were

He said two of the biggest keys were keeping up with technology and staying on top of marketing efforts. He and his partners have

been active in the Novi community throughout the years as they have collected hats, mittens and scarves for children in the Novi Community Schools District, participated as sponsors in the Live Like Andi Cancer Run and gone into elementary schools in Novi to teach dental hygiene. They also have donated

money to the parks and recreation department in Novi, sponsored teams and donated dental products to people in India and Africa through Nielsen said he is blessed to

have the success he has had. "(Being a dentist) is what I do and it makes it easy when you have a good staff, great partners and patients who trust you," he said.

Angelocci said he is going



Dr. Terry Nielsen laughs in his Grand River Avenue office as he shares some stories about his 38 years in dentistry in Novi.

to miss being able to bounce ideas off him and values Nielsen's professionalism. "I learned that you treat

people as people and not for heir pocket book," he said. Since Neilsen announced his retirement, most office visits now end with story sharing and a hug. And even in retirement, Nielsen plans to help a friend who lives near Boyne City with his practice which helps lowincome people.

"I'll miss my friends and the people I've met over the years, but I won't miss giving another shot," he said.

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Retiring Novi dentist Dr. Terry Nielsen looks into the mouth of employee Helena Klosinski at Provident Dentistry.

NOV! NEWSMAKERS

Chris Grindrod, a Noví High School graduate, received the Golden Mic Award for southern gospel music as program director of WEEC in Springfield,

Grindrod, a DJ at Novi's WOVI in high school, worked at the campus radio station, WORB, at Oakland Community College's Farmington Hills campus, where he earned an associate's degree in liberal arts. He later worked at campus radio stations WCHP and WMHW at Central Michigan University. where he earned a degree in broadcast and cinematic arts.

Grindrod became music director and DJ at WBNO in Bryan, Ohio in 1989 and was later promoted to program director. He worked at WLZZ ir Montpelier, Ohio from 1992-99, eventually become that station's manager after being hired as an advertising salesperson. His nex two years were at Trans World Radio on Bonaire, Netherlaands Antilles, where he and his wife, Ketra, performed missions work He eventually became the sales and marketing director of the Caribbean Gospel Network. Grindrod is in his sixth year in southern gospel radio and at WEEC, where he began as production director and DJ before eing promoted to program

director in 2006. The station

broadcasts a strictly Christian



LOCAL NEWS

Author teaches children, adults not to be defined by skin color

Author Tara Michener with her first book, "Who I Am, Not What I Am!".

you believe in something and Novi, credits her success are passionate, anything can to hard work and her past career experiences in sales. media buying and human

online at hometownlife.com

BY VICTORIA MITCHELL

GANNETT NEWS SERVICE

When area author Tara

book she never imagined the

Michener wrote her first

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"Who I Am, Not What I

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captivating young readers

The book stars Janelle

a biracial 6-year-old, who

learns she is not defined by

The book and intelligently

pulted Michener into a world

delivered message has cata-

of book signings and public

speaking opportunities she

feels honored to embrace.

Since the book's 2008

diversity training at uni-

versities and corporations,

traveled the east coast on

visited elementary schools,

including her alma mater

school district, Pontiac.

Michener created the

Diversity Roundtable, is

Paralyzed Veterans of

Princeton Prize in Race

Relations Committee.

working with the Michigan

America and is chair of the

"It's been pretty incredi-

ble," she said. "It shows when

Novi Chamber of Commerce

a book-signing tour and

release, Michener has hosted

around Metro Detroit.

the color of her skin.

come her way.

supposed to be doing," she resources. She also credits having a supportive husband and her faith

Among the current proj-

includes a Feb. 26-28 virtual "100% Real." children's book fair, partnering with Operation: Kid

ects Michener is working on Equip to provide low-income ext. 262

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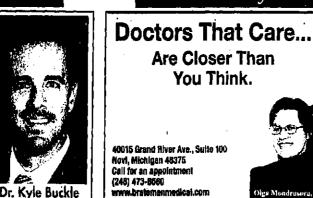
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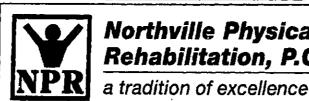
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Applicants for county's mental health authority sought

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application forms to: Oakland County Board of Commissioners, 1200 N. Telegraph Road, Dept. 470, Pontiac, MI 48341 or fax to (248) 858-1572.

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Services Department

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The City of Novi's Parks,

sidered for solo and group shows. Specific project requests and site specific works are welcome. Please contact Kathryn Knapp at kknapp@cityofnovi.org or (248) 347-0509 for more information and application 15. NYBL services play-PRSC is also accepting submissions for qualified and enthusiastic art educa-

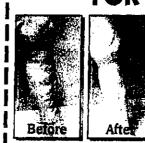
creative arts programs.

tors to teach youth and adult Please send cover letter and résumé to: Kathryn Knapp, Creative Arts Coordinator, Novi Parks, Recreation & Cultural Services, 45175 W. Ten Mile Road, Novi, MI

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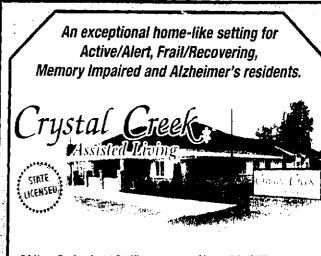
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CITY OF NOVI NOTICE OF ENACTMENT - ZONING MAP AMENDMENT 18,692

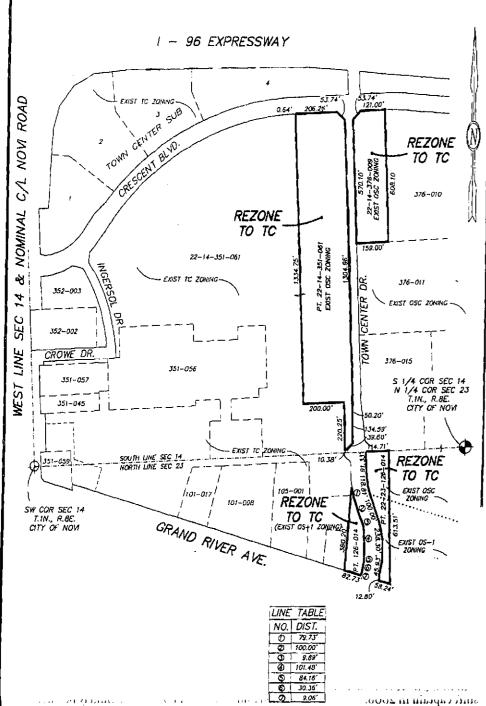
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Part I. That Ordinance No. 97-18, known as the Zoning Ordinance of the City of Novi is hereby amended as indicated on ZONING MAP NO. 18.692 attached hereto and

Part II. CONFLICTING PROVISIONS REPEALED. Any Ordinance or parts of any Ordinance in conflict with any of the provisions of this Ordinance are hereby

Part III. WHEN EFFECTIVE. The provisions of this ordinance are hereby declared to be necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety and is hereby ordered to take effect fifteen (15) days after final enacement. The effective date of this Ordinance is February 23, 2010.

MADE AND PASSED by the City Council of the City of Novi, Michigan this 8th day of February, 2010. Copies of the Ordinance Amendment may be purchased or inspected at the Office of the City Clerk, Novi, Michigan, weekdays between 8:00 AM and 5:00 PM. local time.



To rezone a part of the Southwest ¼ of Section 14 and a part of the Northwest ¼ of Section 23, T.1N., R.BE., City of Novi, Oakland County, Michigan being parcel 22-14-376-009, part of parcel 22-14-351-061 and parcel 22-23-126-014 more particularly described as follows:

Commencing at the South 1/4 corner of Section 14; thence S87'28'51"W, 1050.77 feet along the North line of Section 23 to a point on the East line of Town Center Drive; thence NO2'40'33"W, 963.00 feet to the point of beginning; thence continuing along said East line NO2'40'33"W, 570.10 feet; thence N42'79'27"E, 53.74 feet to a point on the Southerly line of Crescent Blvd.; thence N87'19'41"E, 121.00 feet; thence S02'40'33"E, 608.10 feet; thence \$8719'27"W, 159.00 feet to the point of beginning. Containing 2.20 acres.

FROM: OSC OFFICE SERVICE COMMERCIAL DISTRICT
TO: TC TOWN CENTER DISTRICT

Part of Parcel 22-14-351-061

Commencing at the Southwest corner of Section 14; thence NO2'40'33"W, 1320.77 feet along the West line of Section 14 (nominal C/L of Novi Rd.) to a point being the NE corner of "Supervisors Plat No. 4" as recorded in Liber 54A of Plats, Page 83, Oakland County Records: thence N86'49'27"E, 119.55 feet to a point on the Michigan State Highway Department Right-Of-Way (Interstate 96); thence the following seven courses being along said Right-OF-Way line: (1) NO3'19'27"E, 227.97 feet and (2) N14'52'02"E, 113.62 feet and (3) N38'03'11"E, 113.62 feet and (4) N61'12'20"E, 113.62 feet and (5) N83'45'51"E, 178.46 feet and (6) N88'46'54"E, 719.62 feet and (7) \$89'43'08"E, 86.26 feet to the East line of the West 1/2 of the SW 1/4 of Section 14; thence along said line SO2*45'01"E, 214.66 feet to the point of beginning; thence N87'18'30"E, 0.64 feet; thence N87'19'27"E, 206.26 feet; to a point on the West line of Town Center Drive; thence the following six courses being along said West line (1) \$47.40'33"E, 53.74 feet and (2) \$02'40'33"E, 1304.96 feet and (3) S02"28'01"W, 50.20 feet and (4) S02"40"33"E, 134.59 feet and (5) S42"19"27"W, 39.60 feet and (6) \$87'19'27"W, 10.38 feet; thence NO2'45'01"W, 220.25 feet; thence \$87'28'51"W, 200.00 feet; thence NO2'45'01"W, 1334.75 feet to the point of beginning. Containing 7.65

FROM: OSC OFFICE SERVICE COMMERCIAL DISTRICT TC TOWN CENTER DISTRICT

Parcel 22-23-126-014 Commencing at the North 1/4 corner of Section 23; thence \$87'28'51"W, 916.81 feet along the North line of Section 23 to the point of beginning; thence 502'05'09"E, 613.51 feet to a point on the Northerly Right-Of-Way line of Grand River Ave.; thence N7476'33"W, 58.24 feet along said Northerly line to a point on the Easterly Right-Of-Way line of Town center Drive; thence the following six courses being along said Easterly line (1) NOT 10'45"W, 12.80 feet and (2) N10'00'00"E, 45.93 feet and (3) along a curve to the left 238.30 feet, said curve having a radius of 435.50 feet, a central angle of 31'21'06", and a long chord bearing of N05'40'33"W, 235.34 feet and (4) N21'21'06"W, 100.00 feet and (5) along a curve to the right 118.81 feet, said curve having a radius of 364.50 feet, a central angle of 18'40'33". and a long chard bearing of N12'00'50"W, 118.28 feet and (6) N02'40'33"W, 91.33 feet to a point on the north line of Section 23; thence N87'28'51"E, 114.71 feet to the point of beginning, Containing 1.0 acre.

FROM: OSC OFFICE SERVICE COMMERCIAL DISTRICT

OS-1 OFFICE SERVICE DISTRICT TO: TO TOWN CENTER DISTRICT

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FROM: OS-1 OFFICE SERVICE DISTRICT TO: TO TOWN CENTER DISTRICT

Publish:February 18, 2010

ORDINANCE NO. 18.692

ZONING MAP AMENDMEN'T NO. 692 CITY OF NOVI. MICHIGAN



Cast members rehearse a scene from "You Can't Take it With You," at the Farmington Players Barn. Back row, from left: Joseph Munem, Laurel Stroud, Jim Moll, Mary Ann Tweedie, Katie Aumann; front row: Bob McSweeney.

Hilarious clash unfolds in 'You Can't Take it With You'

Show dates

Friday, Feb. 19 at 8 p.m.

Saturday, March 6 at 8 p.m.

produced the show 25 years

ago, will portray the Grand

It is love American style when two people fall for each other and their mismatched

families finally meet. The Farmington Players opened Valentine's Day weekend with You Can't Take It with You, a screwball comedy that has been stealing hearts since it debuted on Broadway in 1936.

The play runs to March 6 at the Players' Barn Theater in Farmington Hills. It is sponsored by Mall Malisow & Cooney, P.C. - Holistic Estate & Eldercare Planning Attorneys in Farmington Hills. The classic by George S.

eccentric momun wacky-dad

who cooks up homemade

"tickling fün."

as when it was written."

first performed You Can't

Take It With You in 1985.

Some of the original cast

Duchess of Russia, now work-Kaufman & Moss Hart won ing as a waitress. the Pulitzer Prize in 1937. This tale of two families The story follows the carefree from both sides of the tracks Sycamores as they cross paths takes audiences on a delightful with the uptight Kirbys in a journey loaded with laughcomedic clash of classes and able high jinks. Along the way the show demonstrates how Alice Sycamore is the only goodness and love can prosper normal one in the family of if people are bold and brave free spirits that includes an enough to be themselves.

TICKET INFO explosives in the basement, Tickets are available at farmand an odd snake-collecting ingtonplayers.org or at the box

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office (248) 553-2955. grandpa. The secretary Alice, is in **ABOUT THE BARN** love with her boss's son, Tony. The Farmington Players However, she fears her strange family won't pass muster with Tony's stuffy, Wall Street father American Association of

began as an off-shoot of the University Women. Their first and snobbish socialite mother. production, The Torchbearers, When the play premiered, the New York Times called it, was performed at a local church. Later in the 1950s, Director Emily McSweeney after performing in various of Farmington Hills says, "The city and educational locations, subject matter is as timely now the Farmington Players moved into an old dairy barn located McSweeney stage directed on the site of their present facility on 12 Mile.

when The Farmington Players Initially, productions were staged downstairs on a dirt floor. Over the years, improvemembers have returned for ments to the original Barn the 2010 version. McSweeney's transformed it into a more husband Bob is reprising his finished space, with the therole as the offbeat Grandpa, ater itself eventually moving who tells the tax collector he upstairs into a traditional and finished setting. doesn't believe in taxes. This Since 1953, the Farmington Players have staged more than

time. Bob McSweeney is the perfect age. Brian Tupper of Farmington 180 different musicals, dra-Hills now plays the IRS Agent. mas, mysteries and comedies, Last time, he portrayed Ed all as a community theater Carmichael, the amateur with 100 percent volunteer printer, who prints anything membership. that sounds good to him. Also, The Farmington Players Tupper's wife Cynthia, who Barn is located at: 32332

is Limited!

'YOU CAN'T TAKE IT WITH YOU' side of 12 Mile, half-way between Orchard Lake and

Saturday, Feb. 20 at 8 p.m Sunday, Feb. 21 at 2 p.m. • Penelope Sycamore, played by Mary Ann Tweedie, of Novi Thursday, Feb. 25 at 8 p.m Friday, Feb. 26 at 8 p.m. • Essie, played by Laurel Saturday, Feb. 27 at 8 p.m. Stroud, of Redford Twp. Sunday, Feb. 28 at 2 p.m. · Rheba, played by Sarah Wilder, of Detroit Thursday, March 4 at 8 p.m Friday, March 5 at 8 p.m.

 Paul Sycamore, played by Jim Moll, of Farmington Hills • Mr. DePinna, played by Phil Hadley, of West Bloomfield · Ed, played by Joseph

Munem, of Warren · Donald, played by Walter Middlebrook, of Detroit Martin Vanderhof (Grandpa), played by Bob McSweeney, of Farmington

• Alice, played by Katie Aumann, of Royal Oak Henderson, played by Brian Tupper, of Farmington Hills Tony Kirby, played our ov Armund Banooni, of Farmington Hills

 Boris Kolenkhov, played by Ari Kirsch, of West Bloomfield • Gay Wellington, played by Marge Wetzel, of Farmington Mr. Kirby, played by Michael Schacherbauer, of

Plymouth • Mrs. Kirby, played by Jan Jacobs, of Farmington Hills · Grand Duchess, played by Cynthia Tupper, of Farmington

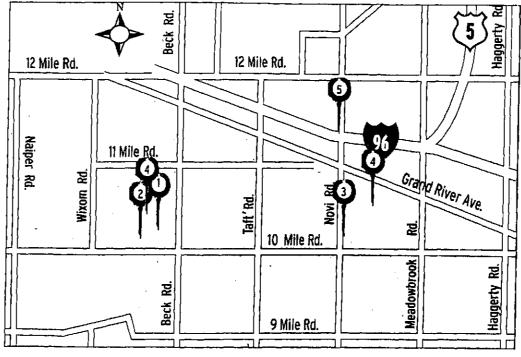
• The "G" Men, played by: Pat Doman, of West Bloomfield, Chuck Fisher, of Franklin, Craig Forhan, of Commerce Twp., Jerry Gaas, of Novi, Frank Marcus, of Royal Oak, Mike Carraway, Lisa Muscio, of Farmington Hills, Steve Nelson, of Farmington Hills, Mike Smith, of Royal

PRODUCTION CREW Director: Emily McSweeney,

of Farmington Hills Assistant Director: Stacey Nellis, of Chesterfield Twp. Producer: Tim Timmer, of Wavne

Stage Manager: Bonnie Fitch, of Southfield Stage Manager: Mary Kay Nelson, of Farmington Hills.

PUBLIC SAFETY



NOVI POLICE BRIEFS

Pair of vehicles broken

online at hometownlife.com

Two Ford vehicles, one a Flex and the other a Fusion, were broken into overnight on Feb. 4 while they were parked in the driveway of a home on Salem Court.

According to the police report, both vehicles were locked and the passenger side driver was less than a vehicle's front windows were smashed to gain entry.

Stolen from the Flex were a Garmin GPS, Verizon Blackberry cell phone and a Motorola flip phone. Taken from the Fusion was a Garmin GPS. The GPS units were mounted on the wind-

pects at this time. Items stolen from truck

There was no evidence to

process and there are no sus-

A Novi man had his Chevrolet truck broken on Feb. 4 in the driveway of a residence on Woodham

The man said he believed he locked his truck but it might have been unlocked. Taken from the truck were a Garmin GPS and his wallet containing his driver's license, credit cards, \$200 in was intact when he dropped off cash and other miscellaneous

There are no suspects at

Drunken driver reportedly seat, but it was not taken. No other vehicles in the garage were stopped by police Novi police arrested a man Another incident took place overnight on Feb. 4 on Nantucket

its passenger side rear window

was an empty Xbox 360 box in

the back seat, and that is likely

why the suspect broke the win-

car. Police have no suspects in

either incident.

of for drunken driving at 10:45 p.m. on Feb. 7 after an officer reportedly observed the man tailgating the car in front of him broken. The victim said there while driving south on Novi Road near Ten Mile Road.

According to the report, the length behind the car in front of him and applied the brakes sev-

Police reportedly snag When stopped, the officer could smell a strong odor of drunken driver intoxicants coming from the 5A 21-year-old Ann Arbor man was arrested at 1:48 a.m. on car, police said. The man passed alphabet and counting sobriety tests, but failed walking and one-Feb. 7 for drunken driving after leg stand tests, police said. A pre- a Novi police officer reportedly liminary breath test registered a observed the car he was driving blood alcohol content of .14 per-cent, police said. The legal limit for adult drivers in Michigan is

He was arrested for operating while intoxicated and transported to the Novi Police while it was parked overnight Department where he was issued the driver reportedly said he had a citation and lodged until sober. two beers at a friend's house in

> A silver Buick had its driver's side window smashed while it was parked in the Main Street Parking Garage overnight on

The owner said the window his coat at 11:30 p.m., but when he returned the next day it was He had his backpack in the

sober.

West Bloomfield.

Fire chief Frank Smith's career coming to an end

BY NATHAN MUELLER

Frank Smith did a little bit of everything during his 35 year firefighting career. He worked part-time as a paid-on-call firefighter, became a paramedic, served as lieutenant and captain and

the fire chief. His three-year reign in Novi ends with many highlights, and a future of spending time with family and traveling awaits

closes his career tomorrow as

"I'm not exactly sure what to expect," Smith said of not coming into the station any-

Drive as a Chevrolet Malibu had more. "But on the other hand I can sleep a little later in the mornings and try to visit all 50 states and some other coun-Smith said he started condow. Nothing was taken from the templating retirement recently when a couple of former co-

workers died. He spoke with his wife and city manager Clay Pearson several times and decided he was ready to hang

"I thought maybe it's time I should start getting out and enjoying life," he said. His career started in 1974 on a part-time basis with

speeding on Novi Road at I-96. the Farmington Hills Fire The officer clocked the car Department while he was traveling 56 mph in a 40 mph going to school to be an archizone and initiated a traffic stop. tect. He enjoyed it so much that When the officer approached he dropped out of school and the car he reportedly could smell applied for a full-time job in a strong odor of intoxicants, and 1976 in Bloomfield Township.

a lieutenant in 1987 and cap-He failed field sobriety tests tain in 1991. He retired as a and a preliminary breath test shift captain in 2006. registered a blood alcohol con-The city of Novi swooped tent of .12 percent, police said. him up in 2006 to replace for-The driver was arrested for mer chief Art Lenaghan, who operating while intoxicated and retired after 27 years with the transported to the Novi Police

Department where he was issued "I never thought about being a chief but it sounded like a good job and a challenge," he said. "It has been a lot of fun."

Compiled by staff writer Nathan Mueller During his career in Novi

a citation and released when

Novi Fire Chief Frank Smith is retiring tomorrow after a three and a half year stint in Novi and more than 35 years in the business.

half years, Smith helped the department purchase two new engines and a rescue unit, pushed for a \$750,000 remodeling of one of the fire stations and ushered in new-look red fire trucks.

"Complete strangers would walk up to me and say 'I love the red fire truck," he said. "It happened a lot and was kind of fun because I got to meet a

million people.' Deputy Fire Chief Jeff Johnson said he learned a great deal from Smith's leadership style and enjoyed working with

"He listened to my ideas and I listened to him and we with the goals we wanted to He stayed there for 30 years, accomplish," he said. "He was becoming a paramedic in 1978, good at listening to people and considered for the position. He supporting those ideas."

When Smith walks out of the station for the final time tomorrow, he has some advice for whoever follows him. First is to take the advice of the

people you work with and those in other departments, do not try to stay late all the time to get everything done because it is still there the next morning and come in early to work before the work day hits full

He also encourages the next person to market the department and all it does because often people do not know what a firefighter does on a regular

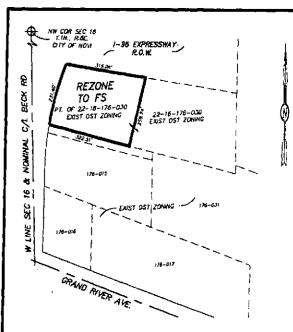
"Being a public servant there is a lot of responsibility involved but a whole heckuva lot of satisfaction," he said. "It's very satisfying when someone thanks you, unlike any other time someone thanks you."

The city has not announced a replacement for Smith, but Johnson said he would like to be listening to their ideas and has worked for the department for over 10 years and "would definitely be interested in ful filling the leadership role."

> nmueller@gannett.com (248) 437-2011 ext. 255

CITY OF NOVI PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Planning Commission for the City of Novi will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, March 10, 2010 at 7:00 P.M. in the Novi Civic Center, 45175 W. Ten Mile Road. Novi, MI to consider **ZONING MAP AMENDMENT 18.694 FOR** A RECOMMENDATION TO CITY COUNCIL FOR REZONING OF PROPERTY IN SECTION 16. EAST OF BECK ROAD BETWEEN 1-96 AND GRAND RIVER AVENUE, FROM OST, PLANNED OFFICE SERVICE TECHNOLOGY. TO FS. FREEWAY SERVICE DISTRICT WITH A PLANNED REZONING OVERLAY (PRO), The subject property i approximately 1.81 acres.



o rezone a part of the Harthwest 1/4 of Section 16, T.IN., R.B.E., City of Novi, Oakland auxity, Michigan being part of parcel 22–16–176–030 mans particularly described as follows

FROM: OST OFFICE SERVICE TECHNOLOGY TO: FS FREEWAY SERVICE DISTRICT

ORDINANCE NO. 18.694 ZONING MAP AMENDMENT NO. 694 CITY OF NOVI, MICHIGAN

IN ACCORDANCE WITH MCL 125.3103. THE MANAGER OR OWNER OF A SINGLE STRUCTURE CONTAINING MORE THAN 4 DWELLING UNITS OR OTHER DISTINCT SPATIAL AREAS OWNED OR LEASED BY DIFFERENT PERSONS. IS HEREBY REQUESTED TO POST THE NOTICE AT A PRIMARY ENTRANCE TO THE STRUCTURE(S).

All interested persons are invited to attend. Verbal comments may be heard at the hearing and any written comments must be received by the Planning Department, 45175 W. Ten Mile Road, Novi, MI 48375 until 4:00 P.M., Wednesday, March 10, 2010.

Novi Planning Commission David Greco, Secretary

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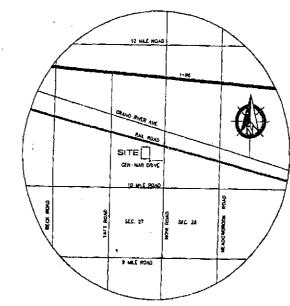
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approximately 22 acres and the applicant is proposing to remove 7 parking spaces in order to place 888 square foot chiller equipment and screen wall compound on the east side of the building and add an additional 11 parking spaces to serve the existing 460,000 square foot CVS distribution center building.



SITE LOCATION MAP

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Publish: February 18, 2010

NO SAD DOGS!

CITY OF NOVI NOTICE OF MEETING OF BOARD OF REVIEW

Notice is hereby given that the Board of Review shall convene in its first session at 9:00 a.m. EST, Monday, March 2nd, 2010 in the Novi Assessing Department at 45175 W. Ten Mile Road for the purpose of reviewing and correcting the assessment roll.

Notice is further given that the second session of the Board of Review will meet for the purpose of hearing and considering assessment appeals in the Novi City Council Chambers at 45175 W. Ten Mile Road on March 8, 9 & 10, 2010. All appearances before the Board will be by appointment only. If you or your representative want to appear in person, the appointment must be made on or before 5:00 p.m. EST, Friday, March 5, 2010. Appearances before the Board of Review are limited to five (5) minutes or less. Petitions are available at the Assessor's Office or at www.cityofnovi.org. NO APPOINTMENTS WILL BE GIVEN UNTIL A PETITION IS RECEIVED BY THE ASSESSING

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OUR VIEWS

Certain issues can't cloud constitution question in Michigan

This November, Michigan voters will decide - as they do every 16 years - whether it is time to convene a convention to draft a new state con-

There are legitimate concerns as to whether an entire rewrite of the constitution is necessary, or whether it is better to surgically make changes one at a time. It is also true that a new constitution isn't a panacea for the problems facing Michigan that must be addressed immediately.

While these are legitimate issues to debate over the next eight or nine months, there are a number of objections to calling a new convention that should be quickly dismissed.

For instance, some would argue that at a projected cost of \$45 million, it is too expensive to call a new convention. Really? This would be an odd time for lawmak-

If the constitution can fix some of what ails state government, then surely the state can finance a one-time \$45 million expenditure from a state spending plan that well exceeds \$40 billion.

about unnecessary costs. Lawmakers easily allocate triple that amount annually for taxpayer subsides of filmmaking, even though they are forbidden to take even a cursory view of how that money is spent. If the constitution

ers to suddenly worry

can fix some of what ails state government, then surely the state can finance a one-time \$45 million expenditure from a state spending plan that well exceeds \$40 bil-

Some argue that there is no need to rewrite a constitution when the document can be amended by a public vote. But the two methods for proposed amendments to reach the ballot two-thirds votes by both chambers of the state Legislature or a citizen petition drive - are

Lawmakers can't always get the majority votes needed for sensible budget reform, much less a two-thirds vote for meaningful constitutional change. Far from grassroots efforts, most petition drives are funded by special interest and out-of-state groups.

Look at it this way. Most lawmakers say they think that term limits should be changed. But they haven't been able to muster an amendment

Third, there is understandable but misplaced fear that a convention would draw extreme supporters of narrowly focused social issues, such as gay rights and abortion. Maybe so. But if the convention drafts a constitution that is dominated by unacceptable changes, then the public can be trusted to vote it down.

Finally, among the strangest of the objections is the fear that Michigan's next governor will be frozen into inaction by the knowledge that just down the street a convention is meeting that might radically change the state's constitution.

Such a concern presumes that the state government has been aggressively tackling budget and unemployment issues in the absence of such a distraction. If so, we haven't seen the results. If the next governor is going to be sidetracked by a constitutional convention, then he or she shouldn't have run for the job in the first place.

This is not to say that a new constitution is a good idea. The process is hampered by two factors: the partisan nature of the way that convention delegates will be elected and the fact that those elections will be held shortly after the November vote.

Delegates who are elected as Republicans or Democrats representing current state House and Senate districts could produce a convention that is every bit as partisan and nonproductive as the current Legislature. The fact that convention primary candidates must file within weeks of the November vote could limit qualified contenders.

If a convention does come to pass, voters will need to pay close attention to the type of change delegate candidates are proposing. Then they need to get out and vote, so that a small February turnout doesn't determine the architects of the new document.

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COMMUNITY VOICE

"What is the one thing you think the Novi School District should do to save money?"



We heard this suggestion in a meeting last night: When there's a drop in the student population, there needs to be corresponding drop in

Rick Lombardi

music and art, I'd be all for



That is a hard one. You We have a brand new know what I'd like to do, stadium, with new lights but which we can't, is and a scoreboard, but we charge for transportation. If don't spend money on kids' charging for transportation education. kept my kids in specials like



we are doing. We have to look at creative ways to purchase goods. Overall, we're ahead of the game, but we have to look at this year and next if Granholm is going to cut funds again.

LETTERS

Questions Cassis' film industry

I read the article ("Local leaders react to governor's State of the State address"), and here some of my comments:

One of Gov. Granholm's points was "Let's be candid ... The budget process is broken; it's a last-minute crisis driven disaster." Wait! Wasn't the process OK for 44 years since the last constitution was adopted? What changed in the last few years? Maybe the participants?

It just brings us back to the accountability factor, including Sen. Cassis and her colleagues. Government holds us accountable to pay our taxes but it doesn't hold itself accountable on how taxes are spent and or if they are spending according to the budget. It's always easier to point fingers at tax incentives, governors and who-knows-who

than to be accountable. With all due respect to Sen. Cassis, instead of her comments sidelining the film industry there should be an apology since she is also part of the budget problem. It is not the taxpayers of Michigan on the brink

WHAT DO YOU THINK?

Jeryl Thibaudeau

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(again) of not meeting their state budget; it's the participants. As one of Nancy's constituents, I would like to see her put as much effort into balancing the budget as she does bashing a new industry that is trying to take roots in Michigan. After all, the film industry and incentives have been around less than two years and the budget problem has been here for the last seven

It really doesn't matter how many tax incentives you give or who you give them to or who you don't give them to. The bottom line is, if you can't live within your means (budget) and you overspend (Michigan's current government participants), the outcome will always be the same.

By the way, her figures are grossly inaccurate as to how much refunding the state is giving the film industry. If you go online to the Michigan Film Office you will find the state-audited figures for April 2008 to April 2009 to be rounded to \$32 million with approx a 32-percent return out of the possible 42 percent. That's a far cry from Nancy's figures of \$100 million. The April 2010 to April 2011 figures haven't been audited yet. Just a thought - received 100 percent and returned 32 percent. Hmm ... is that really that bad?

> Edie Derusha Walled Lake

Michigan — a great leap of faith

he 2010 State of the Union and the State of the State addresses have been delivered by the president and now Michigan's governor, respectively. But as a union and a state, we need a whole lot more than mere inspiration and optimism.

How about some honesty? Like the state of our state and the state of our nation is NOT good. Here in Michigan, formerly a bellwether state (one that influenced trends and foretold future events), we have been No. 1 in all the wrong things for nearly a

decade. Both the president and the governor, in an attempt to instill hope Tom Watkins

and motivate us to greatness once again, invoked an

inspirational tone in their messages, telling us that on the other side of the pain and sacrifice, better days lie ahead. Yet here in Michigan, we need that dose of optimism and inspiration along with action plans to get us

out of the ditch. As I listened to both speeches, my mind drifted to children's The Little Engine that Could, a story that inspires optimism and hard work. While it might be a metaphor for the American Dream with its "I think I can, I think I can" refrain, it also inspires a belief that if

we work hard enough, there "ain't no mountain high enough" that we can't con-

So, in the spirit of The Little Engine that Could here are some other famous quotes to keep you going until "this too shall pass" and "happy days are here again": "Plans are only good intentions unless they immediately

degenerate into hard work" Peter Drucker "If you're afraid of the future, then get out of the way, stand aside. The people of this country are ready to move again" - Ronald Reagan

"I dwell in possibilities" - Emily Dickinson "Usually when people are sad, they don't do anything. They just cry over their condition. But when they get angry, they bring about change" - Malcolm X

"Human salvation lies in the hand of the creatively maladjusted" - Martin Luther King Jr. "If we take care of the

moments, the years will take care of themselves" - Maria Edgeworth "A gem cannot be polished without friction, nor man perfected without trials"

- Chinese proverb "Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed citizens can change the world. Indeed, it is the only thing that ever has"

- Margaret Mead "But first you must believe" – Peter Pan "Do not spoil what you

have by desiring what you have not, but remember that what you now have was once among the things you only hoped for" - Epicurus "A Wise man's day is worth a fool's life" - Arabic proverb

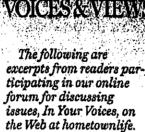
"Hope is a waking dream" – Aristotle "I pledge to you, I pledge to myself, to a New Deal for the American people" - Franklin D. Roosevelt.

"He who doesn't look ahead remains behind" - Mexican "Public sentiment is everything. With public sentiment, nothing can fail, without it nothing can succeed"

- Abraham Lincoln Clearly at this period in our history, we need to come together as a state and nation. Let's end the partisan bickering and work instead to develop a shared vision — a plan of action to get us work-

ing and winning again. Rhetoric without action is nothing more than a verbal pogo stick. We can ill afford to jump up and down - without going anywhere! We must have hope but also ACT on change. Inspiration without action is pure fantasy.

Tom Watkins is the former state superintendent of schools (2001-05) and state mental health director (1986-90). He is currently a business consultant. He can be reached at tdwatkins@aoi.com.



School administrators

agree to pay cut Did I read that right? Some gave up their jobs? Some took 20% pay cut and ONE guy said no thanks to a 1% raise?

Yes you read that

right. Only in Novi can this happen. No one seemed to care about the custodians keeping the toilets clean and respecting our young teens at the high school. So we got a cheaper \$8.50 an hour crew who have asked teen girls out on dates and then have been fired. So I have ben told the top of the school district pay is because "you have to pay well to get good people." The school board forgot that theory when they hired the private company to clean

for us.

MARY456

Awrey's still fires up ovens after 100 years "I can make good homemade bread and we will sell it to our neighbors

BY KEN ABRAMCZYK **OBSERVER STAFF WRITER**

- Elizabeth Awrey

and perhaps get something started.

Elizabeth Awrey and her usband Fletcher got something started, all right. With the spartan beginnings of fresh breads baked on a coal-fired range in a house in Detroit in 1910 to a 235,000-square-foot plant on Farmington Road in Livonia housing more than 400 employees, Awrey's Bakeries continues to bake Danishes, croissants, cakes and biscuits for everyone from corporate customers to local residents who shop at the thrift store next to the plant. On Feb. 9, the company celebrated its 100th year in busi-

The Awrey family no longer owns the company, The company was sold in 2005 to Hilco Equity of Chicago and Monomoy Capital to help the company emerge from Chapter 11 bankruptcy.

The company is looking forward and ahead with business beyond its 100th birthday. "(Hilco and Monomoy) are very pleased with the performance of the company and very proud to build on the Awrey legacy," said Bob Wallace, president and CEO of Awrey

The company has evolved and is expanding its base of national customers, according to Wallace, a Novi resident. At one time the business sold 100 percent of its products in Michigan; today it's only 10 percent, Wallace said.

Wallace is tight-lipped on the identity of some of the company's national clients as the company maintains confidentiality agreements with them. Wallace doesn't hesitate to promote the Michigan companies doing business with Awrey's. Locally, Awrey's sells to

Sysco Food Service, Gordon Awrey's employs 400 people. Food Service and Lipari. Gross sales total \$90 million. Hiller's and Busch's do a The facility mixes batters and great job promoting Michigan bakes croissants, biscuits, products, Wallace said. "If brownies, muffins, cake layers everybody spent \$10 a week on for the high-end cheesecakes Michigan products, it would made in Indiana and sheet inject \$36 million into the cakes, producing 26 million Michigan economy," Wallace pounds of food products using said. "People would be buy-7.5 million pounds of flour and

ing more groceries, support-

ing their local communities

by spending more money and

the community) for people to

buy other items, like cars. We

really like that campaign."

Bob Wallace, president and CEO of Awrey's Bakeries, discusses the company's past and future.

6.3 million pounds of sugar annually. "Most of what we produce there would be more money (in has a 12-month shelf life because it is frozen," Wallace said. The company also has eliminated trans fats from all Other customers include the of its products, he said.

military, airlines, hotels, grocery chains and national food service chains, including Sam's dent Betty Jean Awrey and is each other. We all look out for sales and marketing manager, In June 2009, Awrey's purchased Athens Elegant Dessert ness bearing the family's name or indirectly." in Noblesville, Ind., which specializes in the company's cheese- awesome. "A company that can kabramcz@hometownlife.com

lenges says a lot about the family and the new management," Awrey said. "It's excellent that it's 100 years old. Kurt Eddy, who is the nephew of Betty Jean Awrey, said

in a time of economic chal-

Awrey's is much more than just the "Awrey" family. "It is the entire family of people that walk through our doors every day to make our fine baked goods," Eddy said. "Three and even four generations of families have called Awrey's their home away from home."

"This place gets in your blood, and you feel emotion-John Awrey, who is the step- ally invested in its success, the son of former bakery vice presi-success of the company, and for each other and the company. said that the fact that the busi- Awrey's is family, if it is directly

Awrey's a sweet production on Farmington Road

BY KEN ABRAMCZYK

and eventually bought a

horse-drawn carriages

factory and headquarters

in Livonia on Farmington

between Schoolcraft and

they made from scratch.

Up until the sale of the

company five years ago, it-

was run by several members

of the Awrey family's third

and fourth generation, led-

Robert Awrey, grandson of

Fletcher and Elizabeth, and

munity service in Livonia. week.

the company's vice president The company ships out

and actively involved in com- 40.000 to 70,000 cases a

by chairman of the board

baked goods

The plant production slows in the winter, but there is Awrey's Bal . . . ba still activity inside the plant. sweetened many a table. the day of a recent visit by a throughout the Detroit area. reporter and photographer. for generation-Today the flour is carted Elizabeth As to three large silos by railbaking bread for the meighroad car. Flour is blown into bors in a coal-fired coal. the silos, then distributed to dough mixers throughout the Street and instailing a larger — plant. band, Fletcher Awres, at first - baked in the afternoon. The

Cinnamon Danish will be sold the breads from a bicycle—flour will be mixed with butnorse and wagon to transport - will be folded, beat down into him from house to house and a sheet, then folded again, nto different neighborhoods. into a 28- to 32-layer sheet, The couple's sons, Elton, which once baked will create a flaky texture in the dough, said Mike Kaldorf, vice presipieveles and a Ford Model-T dent of operations. The dough goes through

truck to make deliveries. The Awrey sons later were key a cooling chamber, then the players in the family business cinnamon filling is poured which evolved and grew into into it. The dough, now one of the country's largest rolled into giant "ropes," is privately owned producers of cut by a guillotine; then the dough rolls are placed into The family found a locaracks which resemble muftion for the family husiness fin tins and "proofed" at 98 on Tireman Avenue, "a littledegrees for about one hour. store in front and room to Once the Danish dough bake in the back," accordrises, it is baked, "We can ing to a letter written by do assorted packs, with Elizabeth Awrey in 1950, At separate rows (of dough) for that time, the company had cheese, apple and cinna-125 retail bakeries inside mon." Kaldorf said. Danish supermarkets in Michigan. rolls also are created in sizes

In 1967, the family business—ranging from two to five built a new mass-production inches. A second Rademaker line creates croissants and muffins, but that one is inactive Plymouth. The new Awrey's the day of the tour. facility allowed the company The Danish will cook in to mass-produce the products tunnel ovens. The lines can produce 1,500 in one hour. Kaldorf said.

The baked goods enter a spiral cooler, then get shrink wrapped for individual or bulk sales. The foods are all baked to be frozen. The freezer is shaped like a giant "L," houshis wife Betty Jean, who was — ing 250,000 food products.

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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 Kwan Do

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every month Location: In front of the church Details: Members of the congregation and the community will stand united in prayer for peace. Advent Service Time/Date: 9:45 a.m. Sunday

Oak Pointe Church Location: 50200 W. 10 Mile Road Contact: (248) 912-0043 or visit oakpointe.org **Worship Services** Time: 5:15 p.m. Saturday; 9:15 and 11:15 a.m. Sunday Renew Life Ministries

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Details: Studying the book "Surviving a Spiritual Mismatch in Contact: Joy Ruby at joy@oakpointe.org or call the church. Orchard Hills Baptist Church Location: 23455 Novi Road Contact: Pastor Jon Hix (248) 349-5665 Preschool/Kids Choir

Time/Date: 7-8:15 p.m. every **Details**: For ages three to six; ongoing event; no need to pre-register; all are welcome. Our Lady of Good Counsel Catholic Church Location: 47650 N. Territorial Road, Plymouth

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Location: 770 Thayer, Northville

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Contact: (248) 349-2621 or olvnorthville.org Saturday Worship **Time**: 5 p.m. Sunday Worship Time: 7:30, 9:30, 11:30 a.m.

Our Shepherd Presbyterian Location: 1200 S. Sheldon Road, Plymouth Contact: Pastor Bill Burke at (734)

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Contact: (248) 347-7778 Mass Schedule TIME/DAY: 8, 9:30 and 11:30 a.m. Sunday; 9 a.m. Monday-Tuesday; 7 p.m. Wednesday; 5 p.m. Saturday Mothers Group Time/Date: 9:30-11 a.m. monthly, first and third Wednesday through

May 19, 2010 Location: St. James Parish Hall A Details: We provide mothers with fellowship, support and opportunities to grow their faith in order to nurture their children with confidence and Christian values. Through activities such as article discussion, crafts, and speakers, moms are given the opportunity to connect with other moms in support and friendship. Free childcare is available but children are also welcome to join their mothers

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Details: BNI is a structured networking environment for professionals. The Metro Novi BNI team members are committed to providing bona fide referrals to each other. Members learn how to create and refine an 'elevator speech,' develop a broad network of other business professionals in the community and receive training/education on networking more efficiently. Guests are invited to attend free of charge. Continental

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Novi Chamber of Commerce The Novi Chamber of Commerce is an

programs, an enhanced Web site, and Saturday. involvement with local charities. Location: 41875 11 Mile Road, #201,

Contact: For more information, call (248) 349-3743 or www.novichamber.

Business to Business Breakfast teaching Community Education cook- Location: Hagopian World of Rugs, Details: Join us for networking and a light breakfast; \$5 payable at the

> Time/Date: 7-9 p.m., every first and third Tuesday 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.

Contact: Paulette Alioa, V.P. of Public Relations at greenspace@mi.rr.com

Novi Rotary Club Time/Date: Noon every Thursday Location: Novi Methodist Church. 41671 W. 10 Mile Road Details: Lunch is \$10 at meeting. speaker information; novirotary.org.

Andiamo Novi / Dirty Martini Lounge / Andiamo Theater

Contact: (248) 348-3838 **Andiamo Lounge**: local entertainers 8 p.m. Wednesdays; Old Vegas Night 6:30 p.m. and Dave Croon 8:30 p.m. Thursdays; Pete Dimascio 8:30 p.m.

8 and 10 p.m. Friday, 7 and 9 p.m. Saturday, and 5 p.m. Sunday Dirty Martini Lounge: Killer Flamingos 10 p.m. Thursday

Details: Renee Chodkowski has been Time/Date: 8-9 a.m. Tuesday, Feb. 23 Liquor Store Location: Twelve Mile Crossing at Contact: (248) 305.8135

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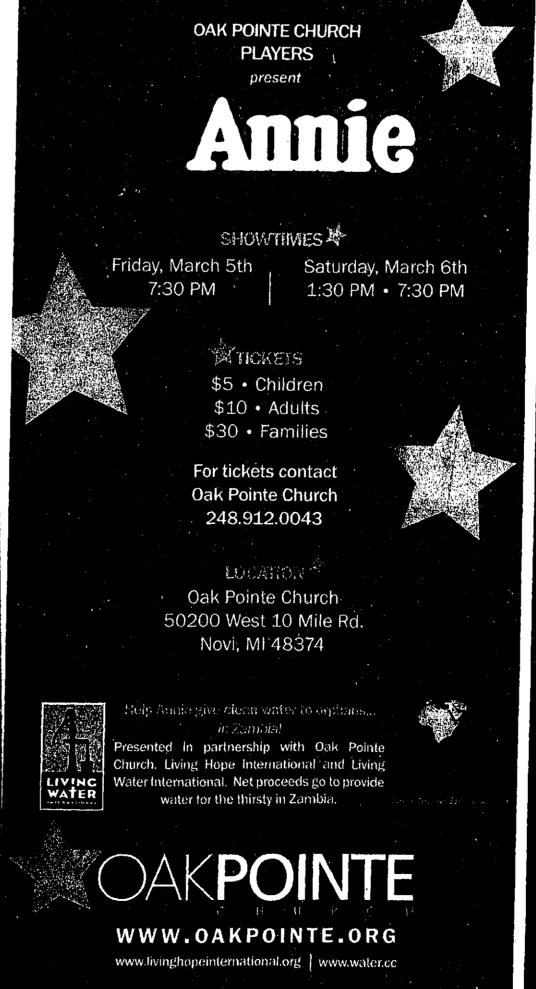
Tamil Story Time Time/Date: 10:30-11 a.m. Thursday

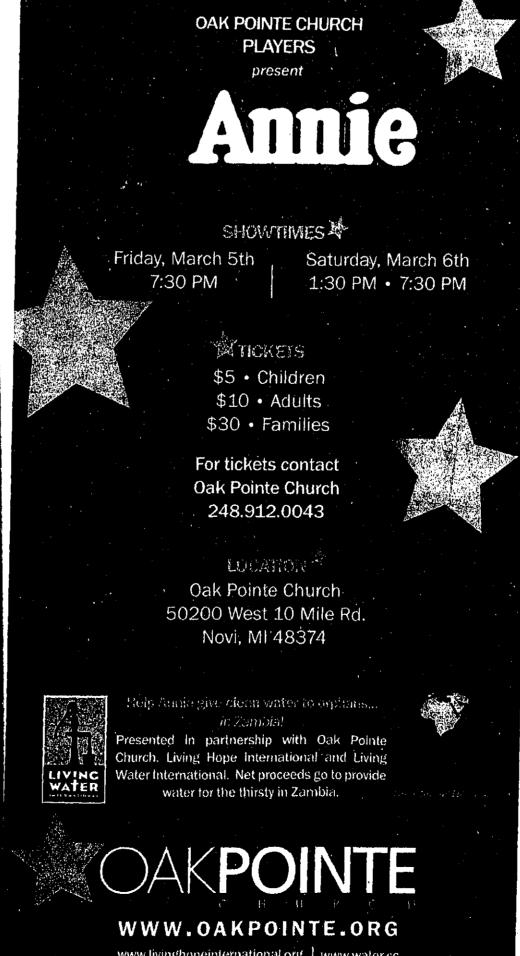
Details: Tamil-speaking volunteer LIBRARY LINES storytellers read Tamil picture books to preschool aged children. Novi Public Library Home Decor Location: 45245 W. Ten Mile Road

Time/Date: 2-3 p.m. Thursday, Feb. Hours: Monday-Thursday, 10 a.m.-9

Details: Is your room in need of a p.m.; Friday-Saturday, 10 a.m.-5 p.m.; little makeover? Come to the library and make some new stuff for your room. For grades 5-12. Registration Details: Unless noted below, all pro-

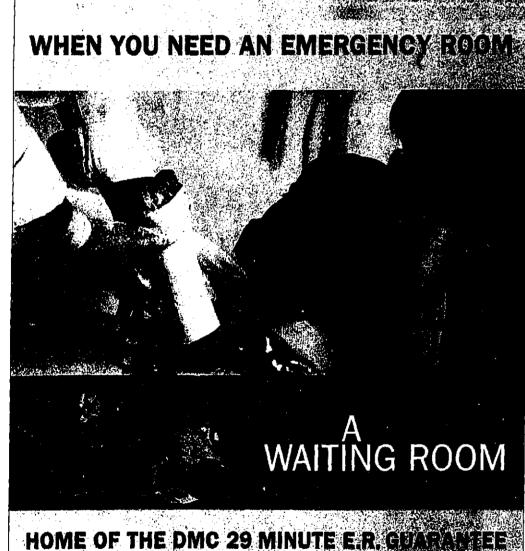












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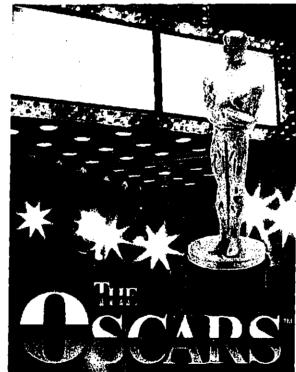
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Governor relies on raising taxes in her 2011 budget proposal

unveiled her fiscal year 2011 budget proposal to the Legislature. Michigan faces a budget deficit of more than

\$1.6 billion next year, and the governor is planning on raising taxes and getting more federal stimu-

cover most of Her budget proposal includes some good ideas, like making \$450 million in government reforms, phasing ment that your government out the 22 percent Michigan Business Tax surcharge and reducing the MBT's gross

eccipts tax rate. However, the governor's plan would expand the state's sales tax on services and reduce the rate from 6 percent to 5.5 percent. The number of services affected would increase from 27 to

tax expansion would bring in more than \$550 million in tax revenue in 2011. According to the state treasurer, the cost to an average Michigan family would be

roughly \$140 per year. The governor also wants to bring in more than \$100 million in revenue through a 3-percent tax on doctors. Senate Republicans and I have a different vision to solve the budget problem. Our plan to restructure and

downsize state government could result in more than \$2 billion in savings. It also makes an important stateshould follow your lead and tighten its belt. Over the upcoming weeks, every member of the

Legislature will be seriously budget problems. I know we can do more in way of reform. Major business tax revisions are forthcoming that will help make our state a place where job providers want to locate and grow.

Drs. Jeffrey &

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I welcome comments on the governor's budget proposal from my constituents. Please feel free to contact me the Pure Michigan camwith your thoughts at 1-800- paign, called the Michigan 38-NANCY or e-mail me at senncassis@senate.michi-

SENATE PANEL APPROVES "PURE MICHIGAN" CAMPAIGN FUNDING

Recognizing the importance of tourism to many areas of our state, the Senate Finance Committee approved funding to support the popular "Pure Michigan"

advertising campaign. As chair of the committee, I know that Michigan faces many challenges. Although we are inspired by the tourism campaign, out state still engaged in solving our state's faces a \$1.6 billion budget shortfall and 14.6 percent unemployment. Whenever the state invests taxpayer dollars, I want to make sure we have all the information we need to make a fiscally responsible decision.

Because of a lack of disclosure, I have serious

concerns about a report on 2009 Tourism Advertising Evaluation and Image Study. According to the report by Longwoods International, Pure Michigan's return on investment to the state was \$2.86 per dollar spent on the regional campaign in 2008 and in 2009 that return increased to \$5.34 per dol-

My problem with the study is that the methodology and statistics are not included with the report. In fact, I was informed by the Michigan Economic Development Corporation that the complete 2009 study would not be available for another 60 days. Without this information there is no Novi Twp, Orchard Lake city, Rose way to verify or substantiate Twp, South Lyon city, Walled Lake the findings. This is a seri-

ous flaw that casts doubt on

the reported findings and

the way the MEDC reports

this information.

Understanding the

in Michigan, the panel approved Senate Bill 619 and Michigan Promotional Fund and allocate \$9.5 million for the fund this year. That is in addition to the \$5.4 million already appropriated for the

\$14.9 million. This represents a significant commitment to the tourism industry that balances supporting Michigan job providers who depend on tourism with prioritizing our limited financial resources.

campaign, making the total

investment in tourism pro-

motion in 2010 more than

for Oakland County's 15th District: Commerce Twp, Highland Twp, Holly Twp, Lyon Twp, Milford Twp, Northville city (part), Novi city, city, West Bloomfield Twp, White Lake Twp and Wixom city. Visit www.SenatorNancyCassis.com for the latest information and updates Friday. on issues in Lansing, or contact

her toll free at 1-888-38-NANCY.

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will decide whether to charge DeRoche. A message seeking comment was left Monday with

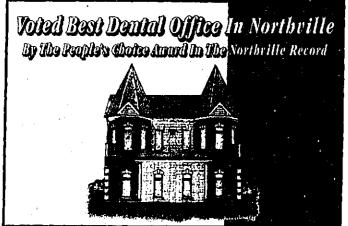
"I'll cooperate fully with the House Bill 5018 to create the police and the court," DeRoche said. "No ticket has been issued." Police didn't see DeRoche driving, but Bunten said witnesses did. DeRoche appeared to hit a curb, and his car had a

> "Just because I wasn't driving my car at the time doesn't mean I don't accept responsibility for drinking more than I should have and hope to learn from my mistake and never put myself in that situation again," DeRoche

DeRoche, 39, told police he was in the area for a business meeting and also spent time at a local bar. But Bunten said one or where it was."

DeRoche, of Novi, was House speaker in 2005-06 and left office after six years because of term limits. He owns an insurance quoting service. AnnArbor.com reported details of DeRoche's arrest on

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Quartet of Novi grapplers qualify for Regionals

Engebretson, Bunney, Mencer, Sidhu claw way to top-four district finishes

BY CHRIS JACKETT

The Wildcats headed to the 49th annual MHSAA Individual Districts at Plymouth last Saturday and had four grapplers advance to Regionals at Saline this Saturday by placing in the top four within their weight

Senior captains Alex Engebretson (160 pounds), Martin Bunney (145), junior Al Mencer (215) and sophomore Shahbaig Sidhu (125) all extend their seasons for, at least, one more week following strong performances last week. With the Wildcats' most impressive performance of the day, Engebretson captured third place by defeating Oak Park's Roy Edwards 9-2. Following an opening 5-3 win over Plymouth Salem's Colin Gross, Engebretson lost a 9-8 quadruple overtime thriller to Kevin Lee of Southfield. Lee entered the match with a 38-3

"While the loss to Lee was a

Four Novi wrestlers advanced to regional competition Saturday at Saline. Qualifying with thirdand fourth-place finishes at last weekend's Individual District meet in Plymouth, senior captains Alex Engebretson (160 pounds), Martin Bunney (145), junior Al Mencer (215) and sopho-

more Shahbaig Sidhu (125) will all hit the mats this weekend in a bid to qualify for the individual state meet March 4-6 at The Palace of Auburn Hills. "The whole team is training this week. They will be there to support their teammates," assistant coach Dan Jilg said.

light a fire under Engebretson as he completely controlled the matches against his next three opponents," assistant coach Dan Jilg said. Engebretson continued on to demolish Livonia Stevenson's

Josh Siebert 9-0 and Curtis

At 26, Rzepka, a 2001 Novi High

primary push position (called a

brakeman) on the United States'

top two-crew women's bobsied

Rohbock of Utah, Rzepka won the

silver medal in 2006 with Valerie

Brighton (9-6-1, 8-2-0 West).

Novi's competitive cheer

squad finished ahead of

Kensington Conference

champion Livonia Franklin

KLAA Association Cheer

from a clear path to the

With 431.4360 points

after two rounds, Novi was

poised for a strong finish, but

to fourth of 23 KLAA squads.

Please see ROUNDUP, B4

Northville and Westland John

Association title.

at last Saturday's Novi-hosted

other Kensington Conference

team Feb. 23-24 with Shauna

alum, will participate at the



BY CHRIS JACKETT

Ranked No. 5 in the state No. 2 in Division II and No. 35 in the nation, Novi's icers went 2-1-0 last week in a series of high-profile games.

The 'Cats kicked off the week Feb. 8 with a 7-0 win over baseline rival Northville. After winning the KLAA's **Kensington Conference last** season, the Mustangs are 9-12-0 (3-6-0 Kensington) and ranked No. 48 in the state. Novi faced another nearby team last Saturday in No. 1 Detroit Catholic Central. As part of the MIHL Showcase, the game took place in Trenton

though, as the Shamrocks defeated the Wildcats 6-2. Bouncing back the following day, Novi defeated No. 6

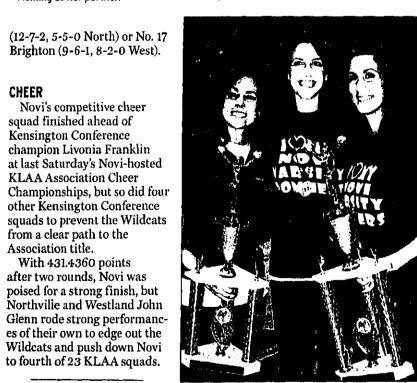
Birmingham Brother Rice 6-4 Sunday to improve to 17-3-2 on (12-7-2, 5-5-0 North) or No. 17 the season. With the KLAA playoffs starting this week, Central No. 2 Novi (7-1-1 Kensington) will face the South Division No. 2 on the road Thursday at

6 p.m. The No. 2 South team? Livonia Churchill, who handed Novi its only conference loss of the season in a 5-4 game Jan. 20 at Novi Ice Arena. With Novi tying Livonia Stevenson in both contests, the loss cost Novi a share of the Central Division title despite Churchill's position in the South Division. Coach Todd Krygier's 'Cats

will head to Eddie Edgar Ice Arena in Livonia to avenge the loss against the No. 22 Chargers (13-6-1, 5-3-1) in hopes of advancing to the Jan. 25 road game against either No. 33 Walled Lake Northern

Tune into the Winter Olympics on NBC (Channel 4) and see if dents Emily Samuelson or Mickie Rzepka in Vancouver. A 2008 Novi High alum, the 19year-old Samuelson will compete in the pairs ice dancing competition Feb. 19-22 with her partner, Evan Bates of Ann Arbor. It's the first trip for both skaters.

The Novi competitive cheer squad competes at the Kensington Lakes Athletic Association meet last weekend. The Wildcats finished fourth of 23



JV coach Erin Bartos (left to right), varsity head coach Kristy Renaud and varsity assistant April Brousseau hold the pair of state titles the JV and varsity squads won last weekend at Eastern Michigan University, Novi's varsity pom pon squad won the Class A Division I state title for the 2001 and the junior

the JV state title for the first time since 2004. This is the fifth time both teams won the state title during the same

Novi pom-pon takes State Championship

Varsity, JV squads both edge out Plymouth for titles

BY CHRIS JACKETT CORRESPONDENT

It's been nearly a decade. but the Novi Wildcats' pompon squad can once again call themselves state cham-

Last Saturday's Mid American Pom-Pon Competition at Eastern Michigan University had one-dozen Class A Division I pom-pon squads looking to knock off a Garden City program that has been did it, edging out Plymouth

tune of Burn Halo's "Our "I have been blessed with a lot of great moments in sweet. This was such a hard fought victory and I wanted so much for my girls to have this feeling," coach Kristy Renaud said. "Seeing their smiling faces and the happy tears in their eyes just made me realize that the hours of work and stress were worth it. Nothing can take this moment away from them and I am just so happy to have played a part in that. I'm as proud as any coach

The squad has been fine tuning their performance for months, regularly practicing and performing at halftime of Novi basketball games, including the evening before the championship competition. Earning their first varsity state title since 2001, Renaud said she

knew her group had it in "We knew at the beginning of the season that we had the talent to be very competitive. Heading into and it was Novi's group that the final week of practice, we knew we needed to find with a performance to the that extra level of perfor-

mance and showmanship if the team wanted to win As a team, the girls came together and made it work, she said. "In general, the entire team stepped up their level of performance. It was something we were lacking throughout the year, but the girls found the 'wow factor' we needed just in time." Captains Macaire Schlaff and Nicole Lang led the team to the school's sixth state title and fifth in Class A Division I since 1996. The team's championship

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rebounds. Sophomore Taylor

Scott finished with eight points

down the stretch to help seal

The team followed the win

with a dominant 53-15 vic-

tory over South Lyon East last

Friday. Sophomore Shannen

Sherwood led Novi with a huge

while sophomore Emily Bielski

15 rebounds and eight points,

led all scorers with 10 points.

Sophomore Abby Robinson

Since South Lyon East

doesn't have a freshmen team,

with a 44-35 win over Livonia

Stevenson to finish with a 13-1

Three Wildcats finished in

double digits. Erin Dircks (13

points, five steals), Kelly Lewis

and Kasey Lowney (10 points,

five assists) led the team, as

Anna Greulich (four points,

three assists), Kelly Cauchi

steals), Serene Ozeir (two

points, three rebounds) and

Hannah Fan (two points) con-

AVERAGE WINNINGS

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220.30 \$3,000

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before avenging that loss with

"I don't believe it, it's amaz-

ing." said Planko. "Every match

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worked out perfect, except for

my second place finish in the

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worth \$16,000." he said.

Planko averaged 220.3 for 20

the 418-390 triumph.

games of competition.

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(two points, five assists, three

(11 points, seven rebounds)

Novis freshmen wrapped up

their regular season Feb. 9

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Novi's Planko wins

\$3,000 in senior

bowling tourney

Novi

added seven points.

Lions upset Rocks, drop title in Novi's hands

seed in the newly formatted

KLAA tournament, Novi (15-1, 9-1

Central) kicked off play Tuesday

Glenn (5-11, 4-6 South). A win at

Glenn would set up the Wildcats

against the winner of Central No.

against No. 4 Westland John

to host a 7 p.m. game tonight

3 (10-6 South Lyon) and South

"Both good teams. It would be

tough to beat someone three

has the experience of playing

last year - so anyone we play

will be tough," Novi coach Bill

Kelp said. "Have no idea what to

expect in tourney - it's the first

year of a four-game tourney.

Going to use it to get prepared

A win tonight over the Lions or

Patriots would put Novi in the

Kensington Conference title

game on the road 7 p.m. Tuesday

and then, potentially, the KLAA

Conference champion Feb. 25.

ing out pretty well against East

as 11 players scored, but only

seven players got on the board

Senior Jeremy Mims led the

way against the Spartans with

blocks, followed by junior Samer

13 points, five assists and three

Ozeir (12 points, six rebounds)

Rydzewski (six points), Hopton

nine rebounds) and senior Nick

Regnier (one point) also contrib-

uted as Novi had just 13 baskets,

Against East, several Wildcats

had success in limited floor time. Ozeir led the way with 14

points, 11 rebounds and three

blocks. No other 'Cats made it

to double digits, but, along with

Hopton and Jok's stellar spurts,

Mims (seven points), Rydzewski

(six points, eight rebounds) and

Batwo (five points) also played

Loren Branch each had four

Sheldon and Brian Bush both

had three points. Junior Chris

Milon added two points and six

Despite allowing the Cougars

to mount a second-half come-

back, Novi had 19 assists on

23 baskets, while their bench

outscored East 31-8, largely

bench so Regnier could start on

Following Wedesky, Jones

and Mapley, the Cougars had

limited contributors. Junior

Dominick Silvio (six points),

(two points) chipped in.

points), Christian Shortt (three

points) and junior Steve Kopeck

Chris Jackett is a freelance writer and

points, while juniors Brady

rebounds off the bench.

pivotal roles. Regnier and junior came back after losing his

and senior Antwan Batwo

(10 points). Senior Brandon

but shot 17-for-23 from the

charity stripe.

championship at the Lakes

times (South Lyon) and Franklin

*deep into the MHSAA tournament

No. 2 (12-4 Livonia Franklin).

'Cats wins over Stevenson, SL East clinch division title ON TAP

BY CHRIS JACKETT

Last week's KLAA Central Division matchups started with a pair of girls basketball teams deadlocked at 7-1 in the division standings, having beaten each other once each. Both Novi and Plymouth Salem just needed to win out and both would claim a share of the division title with 9-1 records. Novi can thank South Lyon for handing Salem a loss Feb. 9, resulting in the Wildcats' earning an outright Central Division champion-

The Lions (10-6, 6-4) defeated Salem 41-39 in South Lyon the same night Novi hosted and demolished Livonia Stevenson 64-47. Salem (11-4, 8-2) then edged out 8-8 (4-6) Northville 44-42 on the road last Friday, but Novi wasn't about to let the title slip through their hands, consequently defeating South Lyon East 72-40 to keep sole posses-

sion of the title "I don't think there was pressure. We just didn't want any letdowns and (to) keep trying to get better," Novi coach Bill Kelp said. "Either way, we would have won the division – either as co-champs or by our-

outright with some help from South Lyon. Friday, they didn't want to share it with Salem." Although the division title wasn't officially theirs yet, Novi set the tone for the end

of their season on Feb. 9 with a dominant senior night performance against Stevenson. The Wildcats were plagued by 16 turnovers, but a 12-2 assist a tough 7-5 first quarter to out-points, five rebounds) and score the Spartans 22-8 in the second quarter. "We got some easy buckets

either in transition or inside the paint," Kelp said. Senior Caroline Johnson (eight rebounds, five assists, four blocks) and junior Alyssa Armiak each had 12 points led the way as the Wildcats turned their 29-13 halftime lead into a 50-23 lead to start the fourth

"I thought our seniors came out a little slow but really picked it up in the second and third quarters," Kelp said. With a comfortable lead, Kelp was able to spread out playing time among some of his younger players. Eleven of 12 players scored for Novi as the 'Cats cruised to a 64-47 "Thought our bench got

half and dominated under the

of the half to put the Wildcats

ahead by 20, but the Cougars

Wedesky found himself able to

draw fouls underneath the bas-

ket, as he went 8-for-14 from the

line and scored a game-high 16

points. As Novi's starters tried

to cover the big man, Wedesky's

fellow Cougar twin tower, senior

Drew Mapley, scored all eight of

making shots. It tends to tighten

up one way or another," Heitsch

said of his team's second-half

That was probably the best I've

seen him do. Unfortunately, it

happened against us. He played

more composed in the second

Although Novi outscored

to maintain a 45-28 lead, the

Wildcats had 10 fouls called

time there was three minutes

remaining in the game. East

had two called on them. The

10th foul on the Wildcats sent

Jones to the line for a pair of

baskets that cut Novi's lead to

to a slew of fouls from East in

the free throw line to cap a 62-

Outscoring Novi 23-17 in the

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The foul count for the half was

54-45.

on them in the half by the

East 13-10 in the third quarter

half and killed us."

struggles. "Forty's a big body.

his points on four tip-ins as he

rebounded over the Wildcats.

"Our mental focus. Forty

(Wedesky) for them started

East junior center Colin

started battling back.

boards for the first six points

'Cats lose division title, prepare

for conference title run

BY CHRIS JACKETT

Novi's boys basketball squad

wanted to finish the regular

season with a bang on senior

night last Friday after losing

the division title to Livonia

Stevenson three days prior.

The Wildcats (13-3, 8-2

KLAA Central) roared out to

a 14-0 lead before East senior

Blake Jones (12 points) scored

the game. The 'Cats led 18-7 at

the end of the first quarter and

scored the first three baskets

of the second quarter to go up

25-7 thanks to a hot hand from

scored all eight of his points in

"They shot the ball well in

the first half," Novi coach Cory

Heitsch said of his team. "I did

not think we were very good.

The first 12 minutes we were

good. We weren't very smart,

Leading 25-8 after East

drained a free throw with three

minutes left in the half, Novi's

and gave fans a glimpse of what

next year's team may look like.

East (4-11, 3-7 Central) out-

scored the reserves 10-7, but

Novi led 32-18 at the break.

They practice hard and help

Novi senior Ryan Jok (six

assists) came out in the second

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Heitsch said.

us. They did some nice things,"

"They've waited their turn.

reserves finished the quarter

senior Justin Hopton, who

the first 12 minutes.

weren't very poised."

on a three pointer 6:25 into

things interesting.

The team got off to a hot start

Cougars came back and made

against South Lyon east, but the

Boys basketball team holds off East

selves - so it was nice to win it some valuable minutes because they got pressed the whole time they were in and struggled at times," Kelp said. "However, that experience will only help us down the line." Senior starters Kelsey

Jessica Cingel (eight points, -five rebounds) both had solid nights for Novi, as juniors Meaghan Robinson (six advantage helped Novi get past points), Maddy Sinkovich (five sophomore Abby Chandler (four points) also contributed. Senior Katie Barry, junior Megan Henry and sophomore Katie Seelenbinder all shot 1-for-1 from the field to finish with two points apiece. Sophomore Ally D'Annibale

Masserant (nine points) and

A 72-40 win over South Lyon East (1-15, 0-10) improved Novi to 15-1 (9-1 Central) last Friday. Despite making 28 turnovers, Kelp's 'Cats shot 48.4 percent on the floor, compared to 26.7 percent for East. Novi also had 16 assists, compared to one for the Cougars. Both teams had 14 steals, as East made 23 turnovers.

Failing to win the KLAA Central

Wildcats (13-3, 8-2 Central) will be

a No. 2 seed going into the newly

formatted KLAA tournament.

Novi will kick off competition 7

p.m. tomorrow at Plymouth (9-7,

6-4 South), who is a No. 3 seed

If Novi wins, they'll advance to

host the winner of the Central

No. 1 (11-5 Canton) game 7 p.m.

Tuesday. The winner of that

No. 4 (6-10 South Lyon) and South

game will play in the Kensington

Conference Championship Feb.

26 before the two conference

champions square off March 4

fourth quarter, the Cougars

couldn't complete the come-

back, similar to Novi's effort

The Wildcats started slow

against the Spartans, down 18-

12 at the end of the first quarter

battled back from as much as

14 down to drawn within one at

42-41 with 4:14 remaining. But

rattled off a 7-0 run to win 56-

Jan. 19 and claiming the KLAA

"We just didn't shoot well;

and Novi ahead 57-47, which led 14," Heitsch said. "We had a shot seniors Mike Griffin (four

us. We couldn't get over the

that looked great that could've

Central Division title.

later 12-4 with 1:03 remaining 4-of-24 in the first half, down

an attempt to regain possession been a backbreaker for them,

that instead sent the Wildcats to but (missed and) just deflated

49, avenging a 71-54 loss to Novi senior night.

the Spartans (12-3, 9-1 Central) because Ozeir came off the

Novi's cagers spread the scor- former Novi News staff writer.

and 29-20 at the half. Novi

against Stevenson Feb. 9.

ons' gym.

at the Lakes Conference champi-

Division title from Livonia

Stevenson last week, the

was 2-for-2 from the char-

ity stripe to finish with two

Johnson (11 points, seven Masserant led all scorers rebounds, four assists, three with 17 points as Novi scored blocks, four steals) and Barry 48 points in the paint, while (nine points) also had solid

for Districts."

games. Cingle (eight points, (four points, nine rebounds) both came up big on the boards and sophomore Dominique for Novi, who led 44-17 at half- Felice hit a few big free throws

Twelve of 13 Wildcats scored, with Henry (six points) and Chandler (four points, three steals) contributing. Robinson, Sinkovich and D'Annibale each scored three, while freshman Brittany Berchulka and Seelenbinder (five rebounds) scored two apiece.

"Total team effort. Everyone scored except Joanna Beaton, who has been dealing with an illness for the last two weeks. Alyssa Armiak had nine rebounds and Caroline Johnson breaking the press were keys," Kelp said. The win secured Novi's first KLAA Central Division title, although the team won the final Kensington Valley Conference title two years ago before the new association was

JUNIOR VARSITY With two wins, the junior varsity 'Cats finished the regular season with a 12-4 record. Novi kicked off the week Feb. 9 with a 33-27 win over Livonia Stevenson's JV squad. Starting and finishing strong, the Wildcats stayed ahead to earn the win. Novi was led by sophomore Natalie

2-David Silverman

3-Harold Sullins

5-Timothy Magyar

8-Robert Caliguire

10-John Milletics

28-Mark Hatchigian

31-Patrick Ramsey

9-Mitchell Jabczenski Si

Richard Planko of Novi

first match in the finals to

defeat David

Silverman of

Hills 418-390,

winning the

Senior Masters

Wyandotte and Planko

the top prize of \$3,000.

After qualifying 12th with a

six-game total of 1,391, Planko

beat Mitchell Jabczenski Sr. of

Novi 408-363; Steven Hubble

Milletics of Sandusky 508-469;

seed. After Silverman emerged

of Westland 424-404; John

Rick Capaldi of Canton 444-

441; and Silverman the first

lost to Silverman 403-376

title at Indian

taking home

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Lanes in

Farmington

6-Frederick Bauss III

4-Rick Capaldi

7-Nick Cipiti

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performance is posted on YouTube, along with past performances, by user pomfreakk247. "As soon as the girls hit

their most complicated stunt

in the middle of the routine I knew they could finish strong. They walked onto the floor with confidence and attacked each move," Renaud said. "When the routine was done, I knew the girls had done everything they could to earn the win. It was in the judges' hands at that point. Regardless of the results, the team knew they had a performance to be proud of."

Garden City's 1999 pom-pon squad, whose other members now coach Northville and Garden City's varsity squads. Novi assistant coach April Brousseau is also a Garden City alum from 2003 who went on to coach poms at Garden City Middle School for six years before joining the Wildcats this season.

Renaud was a member of

"My expectations are high for next season. This is my first year with Novi pom and I am very impressed with how the program is run. Myself, Kristy and (JV coach) Erin (Bartos) all have such a passion for pom. We work well together and are always brainstorming about the

future," Brousseau said. JUNIOR VARSITY The future is promising for

Novi's pom-pon program, as the junior varsity squad won the JV state championship via a tiebreaker with Plymouth. "My expectations heading into the state competition

was of course for the girls to do their absolute best. We had an excellent season leading up to the state competition and I believed that the team had unbelievable talent for a JV-level squad," Bartos said. "I was confident that the team could place high due to the skill difficulty that including a phenomenal kick line and multiple jumps in

their routine. Bartos brought her choreographing experience over to Novi's program from four years on Livonia Churchill's varsity squad, three of which she was captain before grad-

uating in 2004. A strong performance to the spliced tune of Escape the Fate's "This War is Ours" was enough to get the JV squad through both competing with some injured pommers and a state championship of the

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the rest of the performance for the slip in the routine. It was the runner up and there

look to and that is why Novi came out on top in the JV Captains Mary Favorite and Angela Sherman led the JV squad to their second

school year, as the team had

occur during the perfor-

mance and I really had no

would be able to make up

was very down to the wire,"

Bartos said. "Plymouth JV

was a tiebreaker for first

place. Fortunately, chore-

ography is the tiebreaker

category that the judges

and first since 2004. hardest working team I have ever coached or seen. They champions," Bartos said. The JV state champion squad includes the captains

Jamrog, Sara Hudgens, Desi

Sheppard, Paige Gurizzian,

Kaley Kennedy, Rachel Murray, Maddie Egner,

In addition to the captains, members of the varsity state

Alexa Boron, Taylor Boron, Nicole Rigdon, Kimberly Powers, Kelsie Autterson Brooke McKnight, Emily Sciriha, Paige Juzswik, Katie Groechel, Ashley Wojtylo, Mackenzie Kelley, Jessica Dipaola, Mikaela Falsetti, Juliana Parks, Marisa Giampa, Jillian Kaminski, Ashley Miller, Meghan Stickler, Morgan Shepard,

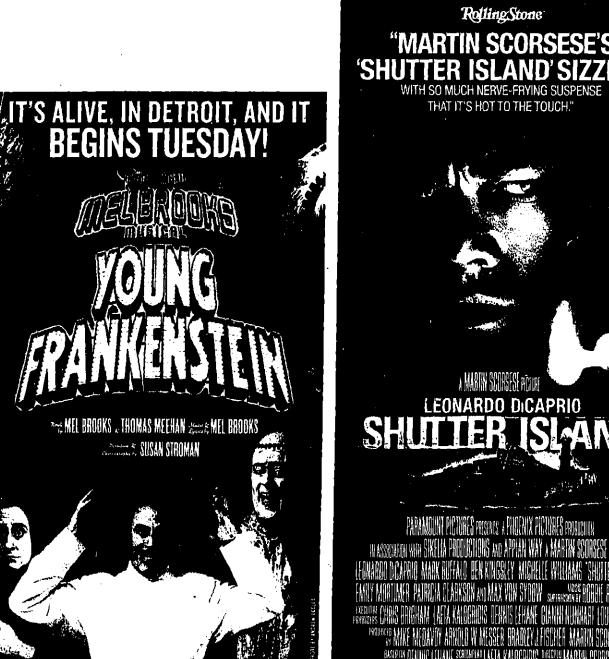
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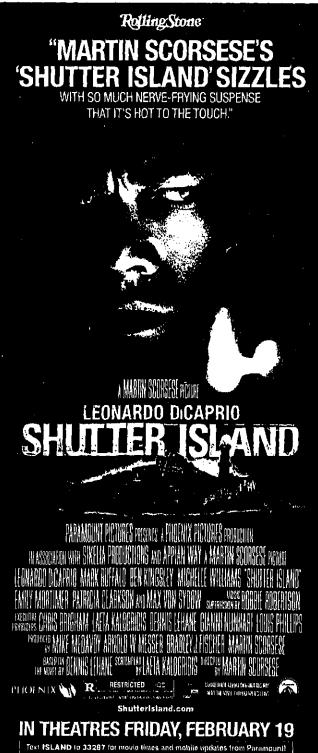


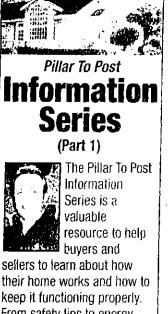
Coach Erin Bartos (far right) stands with her junior varsity pom pon squad last weekend at Eastern Michigan University after winning the JV division's state title for the first time since 2004.

"JV had a 'freak' accident Jackie Mullins and Annie won their first-ever High Kick State Championship in the fall. Saturday's JV idea if the choreography and Division state title was the "These girls have been the

> definitely paid the price to be and members Kailey Oppat, Delaney Ulle, Aditi Chadha. Mackenzie Betts, Renee Weil, Emma Weil, Lauren Collins, Christy Lyon and Alex De La Drew Thomasson, Meghan







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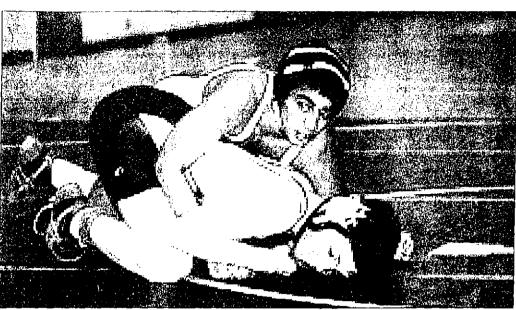


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Sophomore Shahbaig Sidu looks to roll over his 125-pound opponent last week.

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WRESTLING

Crosier (Plymouth) 10-1 before defeating Edwards in the 160pound third-place match. Also finishing in third place was Mencer in the 215-pound weight class. Mencer beat Justin Roe (Farmington) 13-3 and Blake Abbey (Salem) 6-3, but was pinned by eventual district champion Mike Kinville (Detroit Catholic Central). The lost put Mencer in the third-place match, where he defeated Canton's

Ben Porier 4-3. "Mencer used his defensive wrestling style to frustrate his opponents and eventually used his strength to wear each of them down," Jilg said. Bunney and Sidhu also advanced to the third-place matches in their weight classes, but neither could come through with the victory, as

both finished with fourthplace finishes. Starting off with a quick pinfall victory over Salem's Joe Williams, Bunney lost a tough 6-5 decision to Josh Wright (Northville) in his second match. He responded by beating Jake Mailloux (Stevenson) 9-3 and Josh Hatfield (Livonia Franklin) 10-2 before losing 7-5 to Farmington's Nick

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Senior captain Alex Engebretson looks to gain position on his 160-pound

Tomski, who entered the match with a 39-6 record. "Bunney was on the verge of pulling off the upset when Tomski scored the final take-

down to secure the match,"

opponent last week.

Jilg said.

Sidhu faced a familiar opponent to start his district run, pitted against teammate and fellow sophomore Alejandro Albuerne. Sidhu used the familiarity of Albuerne to post a 15-6 victory before losing his next match by pin fall to Salem's Devin Stratton. Responding with a 13-3 victory over Franklin's Eric Czech, Sidhu won his next match by injury default over Devin

Thomas (Oak Park) before losing the third-place match to Stratton in a rematch ending with a pin fall. "Qualifying for Individual Regionals is a great accom-

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round out the match. plishment for these four guys,"

be ready to rock and roll on

Saturday.' Junior David Sparling (189) and sophomores Guidiani Albuerne (119) and Jake Dobras (171) were all within one victory of moving onto

YOUNG 'CATS

The Novi Middle School wrestling team got off to a fast start Feb. 8 with an 81-36 win over Livonia Frost. The young 'Cats won the first nine Gamm, Alex Caprara, Mark Spears, Matt George, Matt Wingfield, Brett Guiboux, Charlie Kanka, Tom McMaster won an exciting 15-13 match, followed by pin fall victories from Dave Gardner, Ethan Roy and Raymond Wen to

Jilg said. "Our goal this week is **Chris Jackett** is a freelance writer to train hard, stay focused and — and former Novi News staff writer.

724.4272 points, very close second-place Northville's 726.2552 and Glenn's 724.9380. Hartland won the first-ever association title with 764.6824 and will host and 12 other squads at this weekend's District Championships. With less than a five-point ouffer between Novi and fifth-place Livonia Churchill's 719.9784 points, the Wildcats need a similar top-four finish at Districts 10 a.m. Saturday to qualify for Regionals 2 p.m. Feb. 27 at Brighton.

BOYS SWIM The Wildcat swimmers came up short against KLAA North Division champion Walled Lake North last

Thursday, falling 94-92 on the "Walled Lake Northern was very close meet. I made the nistake of underestimating them and, in an effort to make the meet close and enjoyable for both teams, I put my guys in off events and in exhibition events. They came up strong in a couple of races and got us by 2." Novi coach Eric Lynn said.

The loss dropped Novi to 1-4 in dual meets, while Northern improved to 7-0. The team prepares for the Central Division meet Friday and Saturday before hosting the Kensington Conference meet Feb. 26-27. "The division meet this

weekend should be a lot of fun. We have one of the toughest divisions in the state with toplevel state swimmers, as well as plenty of depth, from each team," Lynn said. "The divimatches with pin falls by Jeoff sion meet is just to establish a division champion and does not count towards the KLAA Championships the following weekend, so I have given the and Carston Cook. Josh Hefler swimmers the choice of what events they will swim and (I'm) waiting for (the) KLAA championships to put together

"(At the KLAA finals), once again, our division of big gun teams will be duking it out in and second place will be a dog our division. Canton from the Stay informed in the new year with

my best line up.



Novi Wildcat swimmer Travis Vincent in action at Walled Lake Northern.

196 to secure the tie.

The boys squad came out

strong at Westland Bowl Feb.

to against Plymouth and dom-

inated with a 24.5-5.5 victory,

win of the season. Sophomore

Andrew Thorwall scored two

The girls squad didn't have

as much luck, falling 24-6 to

At Super Bowl the follow-

host Canton, Sophomore Chad

their Wildcat counterparts.

ing day, both teams lost to

Smith had the high game of

the day with 208 as the boys

lost 22-8 to fall to 2-13-1 on

the season. The 24-6 loss by

the girls dropped them to 0-

The teams were scheduled

to host Plymouth Salem last

Tuesday at Novi Bowl before

the association meet Tuesday

15-1 on the season.

in Westland.

points with a high game of 214.

the Wildcats' most lopsided



Wildcat Jong-min Kim swims on Feb.

other side will be tough too."

Novi's bowlers got some points out of their last three meets the past week and a half, but are now looking to make up ground in Tuesday's KLAA Conference Tournament at Town N Country Lanes in Westland. The teams took on Livonia

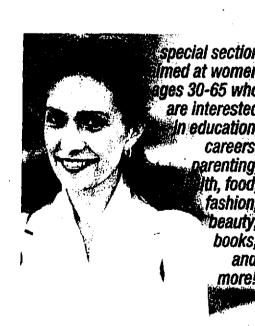
Clarenceville Feb. 2 at Super Bowl in Canton. The boys lost a close 16-14 decision as junior Brandon Gillespie and senior Ben VanZoest qualified for doubles finals and lost in the first round in an exciting 417-405 match. The girls got their first points of the seaeach event. I think Northville son with a 15-15 tie as freshshould walk away with the title — man Callie Wright and junior Krithika Mahesh each scored two points and senior Brittney Chris Jackett is a freelance writer Affholter struck out, shooting and former Novi News staff writer.

NOVI ATHLETICS ONLINE The Wildcats' athletic department has joined the world of social media

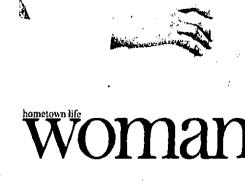
with Twitter and Facebook accounts. To join in and receive free mid-game updates and news on other Novi athletics happenings, search "NoviSports" on Twitter and "Novi Athletics" on Facebook. A familiar Wildcat icon serves as the thumbnail image for

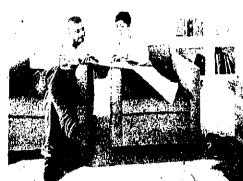
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How did you first decide to open Abir Faraj's dental practice, which she acquired five years ago, is located at 23985 Novi Road in Novi. your business? I purchased the existing practice from a retiring

and staff.

Why did you choose this area? The area is filled with history and charm. The people here are friendly. courteous and warm.

What makes your business My staff and I make a wonderful

years (2008-2009). How has it changed since you opened? My staff and I are

team. We enjoy and love to

practice dentistry. Most

importantly, we really do

care. I was nominated as a top dentist by my peers and was featured in Detroit Hour Magazine for two consecutive

procedures including advances in metal-free procedures. We attend

continually educating

ourselves in all aspects of

general dentistry including

new materials and tools as well as the newest cosmetic restorations and whitening many continuing education

seminars. I am also a member two daughters, 8 and 6, of the American Dental

Association, and the Detroit District Dental Society Do you have a funny tidbit or

Association, Michigan Dental

story about your experience as a small business owner to share with our readers? Not only am I a dentist, I am also a mother. I have and a 2-year-old son. My

retaining the key staff mem-Number of Employees: Dawn, office manager 20+ years; Karen: hygienist 15+ years; Simona: assistant 10+ years: Lindsay: hygienist 6+years; Wendy: receptionist/assistant

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daughters wish "our mom had a different job." When asked why, they say, "Then we wouldn't have to floss our teeth every night." Otherwise, I really enjoy my daily interactions with my patients and look forward to servicing them and their

families in the future.

How has the recent economy affected your business?

We educate our patients on dental health and the different types of tools, materials, lifestyles and procedures available to help maintain healthy teeth and gums for life. As a result, most of our patients recognize and understand the importance of regular dental check-ups and cleanings. Fortunately, we have been able to provide the best possible dental care during this down economy and managed to keep our pricing competitive and affordable. We do offer programs that assist our

patients in paying for their

Any advice for business owners?

Maintaining the highest

standard for any product

or service that you offer.

In today's society this is truly something people are yearning for. Having honesty

> What's in store for the future of your business? dental care.

integrity and pride in your work. Always be professional and knowledgeable. And remember to always love and enjoy what you do.

We hope for continued growth and success of our practice! To continue providing our patients with the highest standard of

BUSINESS BRIEFS

percent and profitability by

Network, learn about BAT grow revenue by more than 10

The Novi Business Assistance Team is presenting a free networking event with information on the Business Administration Team (BAT) on Tuesday, March 2 at Walsh College in Novi.

The mission of the BAT is to identify small and medium size businesses within the Novi community that would benefit from the business and planning experience the team is able to offer.

The goal is to provide knowledge, guidance and useful tools for these businesses to utilize in order to maintain and grow their business in an effective and efficient way. There are no sales involved in this assis-

The specific types of assistance the team can offer,

 Sounding board for poten-· Review existing business

· Marketing, advertising, public relation advice Networking within the community

 SBA financing/loan options To reserve your spot and for more information, please contact Sarah Marchioni at smarchioni@cityofnovi.org or (248) 1. Thereafter, tickets will be 347-0580 by Feb. 26. Building customer loyalty

Gerald W. Bricker, managing principal and founder of the Northville-based business consultancy Aadvise Consulting, will conduct a seminar on the importance of building a customer loyalty strategy to grow sales, improve profitability and enhance employee relations. Wednesday, March 3, from 10- the cost of admission. 11:30 a.m., at the Double Tree Hotel, 42100 Crescent Blvd.,

Bricker is a 30-year professional in general and sales management, having served most recently as vice president and general sales manager of a major global automotive electronics firm. He will present the strategic value of building customer loyalty in helping

Executive Office Building Conference Center, 2100 peds/calendar or call (248) 858-0783. Business Basics

or call (248) 974-1537. Women: Create Your New

Women's Business Network will host "Create Your New Economy!" business and networking expo on March 20 at Baker's of Milford, 2025 S.

Milford Road, Milford. The all-day event will include eight dynamic women presenting pertinent information on the legal, financial, marketing and other important aspects of running a business. Pointers excellent personal impression on prospective clients will also be presented. Several example makeovers will be completed. There will be numerous opportunities for networking with

other local women professionals throughout the day. The organization expects 100 The cost of attendance is \$45 per person, or \$120 for three tickets, if registered by March \$55 per person. Lunch pro-

vided by Baker's of Milford is included in the ticket price. Vendor space is available to promote your business to eight-foot table display is \$30, plus the cost of admission. Vendors may choose to share their space and the rental cost among multiple businesses if desired. Each vendor in attendance will be responsible for

For more information or to purchase tickets, contact Debra a Business - Thursday. March Downing at (248) 252-2952 or downingddd@aol.com. Oakland offers business workshops

Business owners and entrepreneurs who need assistance are invited to attend seminars offered at the Oakland County refunds

more than 25 percent, all with Pontiac Lake Road, west of Telegraph, Waterford. For locaa minimal amount of investtion specifics and pre-registration, visit www.oakgov.com/ go to www.novichamber.com and click on the Events button; workshops are now offered in the evenings on alternating

Pre-Business Research Thursday, March 4, 9 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

Are you thinking of starting vour own business and want to research your business idea? Are you a business owner who wants to understand which research sources to use for your business plan and where to find the information you need? Presented by The Oakland County Business Center. The Entrepreneur's Source, for success and how to make an Oakland County Market Research Department, and a Business Reference Librarian. This workshop is free, but preregistration is required.

Fiscal Fitness for the Growing Business - Fiscal Management Tools for the Non-financial Manager - Wednesday, March 10, 8 a.m.-

This workshop provides the

business owner an in-depth

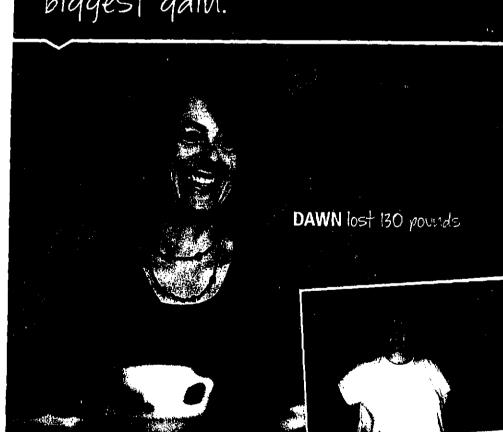
look at the essentials of using financial information to make effective decisions about improving their business performance. Topics include Ways to improve your company's cash flow, How to use the balance sheet and income statement to diagnose business problems and opportunities, how breakeven analysis helps you make better pricing and business decisions and How to insure you have enough working capital to support growth. The fee is \$50. No refunds.

Fundamentals of Starting

11. 9 a..m.-noon This is a seminar for anyone thinking about going into business. Participants examine their entrepreneurial skills, learn how to implement their ideas and receive a list of pitfalls to avoid when starting a business. The fee is \$30. No

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ADVERTORIAL COORDINATOR

There's always something going on in downtown Northville.
Unique restaurants, clothing and art shops, Mill Race Village activities, a seasonal farmers market, parades and more make Main Street a happening location for families and shoppers.

With access peaceful parks and sidewalks of endless shops, Northville is the perfect place West Oakland County's newest senior living community, Northville Senior Living.

"Northville is looking for more people to live downtown," said co-owner Rodger Barton. "Our residents will be part of the real world, not just a nursing home. We are going to have the most affordable housing in the area."

The 7,000-square-foot center is located at 311 Main St. on the second floor above Dr. Phillip Mayer's office and adjacent to Northville Physical Rehabilitation, which will be offering free fitness memberships to all Northville Senior Living residents.

"The residents will have access to free fitness membership with us and will be able to stroll into town for coffee, the nearby Marquis Theatre, other doctors and more," said Dennis Engerer, Director of Rehab at Northville Physical Rehabilitation.

An intimate setting with curb appeal

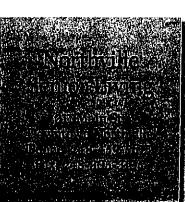
Comfort, convenience and a scenic view of downtown Northville make Northville Senior Living an attractive place to live. The facility will host living arrangements for 17 interactive seniors looking forward to meeting new friends and building lasting relationships.

"Residents can feel at home with their personal belongings in their private bedrooms while



Submitted Photo

Northville Senior Living, located on the second floor of 311 Main St., opens January 2010.



sharing multiple warm family living spaces including a dining area, two sundecks and a private library," Barton said: "Everyone will know everyone in an intimate

setting. It's like a big family."
Floor plans include nine private bedrooms with individual bathrooms, and eight private bedrooms with shared bathrooms.

"The elderly congregate where they can feel the most comfortable, and that is where the sunshine is," Barton said. "All of the outside windows fall into the hallways, and most of the bedrooms have windows. We've maximized wall space to let natural light into the rooms."

Personalized, affordable care

The smaller number of residents at Northville Senior Living allows extremely personal one-on-one care and assistance.

Onsite services include three nutritionally balanced meals, laundry, medication management, shower services and house-keeping — all at a flat rate.

"There are no extra charges for personal service," Barton said.
"Everything is included in one

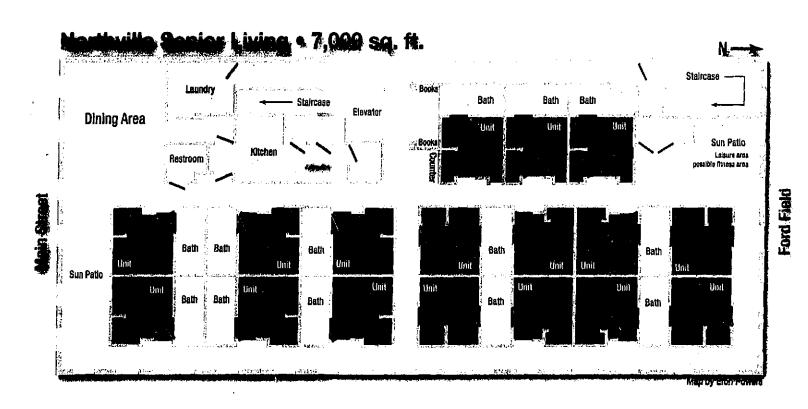
Visiting nutritionists, physical therapists, podiatrists, medical doctors and nurses will visit the facility on a regular schedule.

price across the board."

"We have a full kitchen that can cook anything from scrambled eggs in the morning to a full Thanksgiving dinner," Barton said. "We can meet any special diet needs. It comes down to finding out what the residents want, and we'll get it, as long as it's nutritionally balanced."

Senior transportation will be scheduled on a regular and semiregular basis, depending on the needs of residents.

"We're already getting applications and a few new residents," Barton said. "We look forward to welcoming our seniors to downtown Northville and offering a family-friendly, scenic place to live."



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