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## **NOVI** NUTSHELL

#### NYA Bowl-A-Thon

Novi Youth Assistance's 28th Annual Bowl-A-Thon will be held from 1-4 p.m. on Saturday, March 13 at Novi Bowl (Novi Road between Eight and Nine Mile roads).

Novi Youth Assistance is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization; all funds raised stay in the Novi community, and donations are tax deductible. The NYA Jeanne Clarke Summer Teen Center opens June 21.

The goal is to raise \$25,000. Help by forming a team, sponsoring a bowler or sponsoring a lane. The bowling, pizza and refreshments are free, and there will be prizes for all bowlers.

For pledge sheets or information regarding sponsorship, contact 248-347-0410 or visit www. cityofnovi.org.

#### **Lions Club** fund-raiser

The fourth annual Lions Club harity Dinner and Auction starts at 6 p.m. on March 13 at the Novi Sheraton Hotel.

The dinner costs \$20, and several live and silent auction items will be on display for open bidding. The auctions will feature such items as vacations, dinners, sports memorabilia and more. The Novi High School Jazz Band also will perform.

Proceeds will benefit the Michigan Eye-Bank which provides a second chance for sight to people throughout the state. In 2009, it helped 1,097 people who were facing blindness. The goal for this year's event is \$5,000.

For more information about the event or to purchase tickets, call Barr at (248) 960-3092.

#### EXPOSED 2010

Lisa Glickoff and George Stager have teamed up with The Dirty Martini of Novi for EXPOSED 2010. On Friday, March 12, the Dirty will be transformed into the scene of Michigan Face, Film, and Fashion. Say bonjour to spring with models, actors and the creative people of Metro Detroit. There will be three fashion shows; socialize with fashionistas, producers, directors and creative people of the Michigan fashion and film industries who make it happen. Tickets available now at www.Neptix.com. For ,more information, call (248) 477-5548 or visit www.AstuteArtistry.com.

# School forums give insight into funding crisis

## District asking for both input and solutions

BY NATHAN MUELLER STAFF WRITER

The Novi Community Schools district wrapped up its Focus on our Future forums last week, but Superintendent Pete Dion's message remains the

"We need to continue to put pressure on Lansing ... and we have to join together to change the way schools are funded," he said.

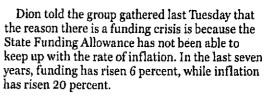
The five forums gave residents and staff mem-

bers a look into how the school district is funded and also offered ideas for cuts if the funding crisis continues. The main goals were to solicit input from the community as to what they valued in the school district, and to take under advisement ideas for how to deal with the problem.

Those who attended the forums had the chance to sit in on five different presentations (wages and benefits, transportation, extracurriculars, elementary education and secondary education) before being able to ask questions or give ideas to administration.

'I think people are starting to understand the shortage of revenue and seriousness of the cuts.'

PETER DION, Novi schools superintendent



Please see FORUMS, A2

# Accident shuts down eastbound I-96 for three hours

#### Three taken to hospital with nonlifethreatening injuries

BY NATHAN MUELLER

Eastbound I-96 after Beck Road as closed for about three hour. Friday after a passenger vehicle lost control and was struck by a semitruck.

Three people were injured in the accident, but none had life-threatening injuries. The two females in the passenger car had to be extricated from the vehicle by Novi Fire Department personnel and were transported to Royal Oak Beaumont Hospital with potential head injuries. Director of Public Safety/Chief of Police David Molloy said initially the driver was unconscious.

The driver of the semi-truck got out of the cab on his own, but was taken to Providence Park Hospital after complaining of head and neck pain.

According to police, the accident occurred around 11:43 a.m., with emergency personnel arriving at 11:51 a.m., and the preliminary investigation suggests the driver of the passenger car was traveling too fast for the snowy conditions. The semi-truck swerved to the right to avoid the car but could not and eventually ended up hitting temporary concrete barriers before rolling onto its passenger side in a water-filled ditch. The car was forced into the center wall and the passengers were trapped inside.

Emergency personnel closed the freeway at Beck Road around noon while they handled the situation. They also called the Western Wayne Hazardous Material Team because



JOHN HEIDER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Three people were transported to the hospital with non-life threatening injuries following a semi-truck and car collision on eastbound I-96 after Beck Road a little before noon on Friday. The freeway was closed for about three hours as emergency personnel cleaned up the scene.

they were not sure exactly what the truck was transporting. The team identified the shipment to be 47,000 pounds of laundry soap in five gallon containers. The truck also was leaking diesel fuel.

"Until we could confirm what was in the truck, we had to assume it could be dangerous material," said Director

of Emergency Medical Services and Fire Operations Jeff Johnson.

The freeway reopened just after 3 p.m. with only the right lane remaining closed while Vac-All handled the clean up duties. The Swift Trucking company also sent another semitruck trailer to offload the remaining product so the trailer could be

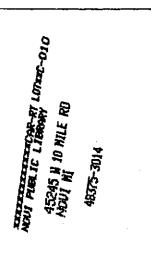
uprighted.

The accident is still under investigation by the Michigan State Police. "It's been a pretty harsh winter here of late and people need to be more cautious when the weather conditions worsen," Johnson said.

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# City looking at policy to allow alcohol at civic center, library

Gatt strongly opposed, says risk too high

BY NATHAN MUELLER

The Novi City Council is constantly looking at ways to increase revenue for the city. And allowing alcohol at the Novi Civic Center and Novi Public Library for events could be the next step.

Nothing is finalized, but the council agreed on Feb. 22 to direct city administration to draft a policy for review. The policy could allow the possession or consumption of alcohol at private event without a liquor license tied to the city facility, but pur-



rules, and allow certain, more public events conducted by a nonprofit with

suant to certain

a special event liquor license. A license would not be

required for special events like a wedding shower or reception, but a special license would be needed for public-type events like a cultural festival or a communitywide event.

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arate athletic teams competing combat the funding crisis

skinny," she said. "We don't

District-wide changes

have already taken place to

have a lot to cut at this point."

including capped health insur-

ance, reducing supplies and

materials, wage concessions,

privatizing custodians, grants,

Mark Davies, a Novi resi-

said one of the reasons why he

moved to Novi was because of

"(The school board) has a

tough job regardless," he said.

"I just hope they provide more

of an opportunity for input

into the budget from people.

enough time. I really would

People who missed the

mation online at www.novi.

k12.mi.us. The survey also is

daughter is in karate in one

available until March 19.

forums can get all of the infor-

like to look at the budget and

From May to June is not

go over it with them."

dent who no longer has chil-

dren in the school district.

initiatives and more.

the school system.

pay-to-participate fees, energy

#### Mardi Gras

The men and women who live and work at Fox Run in Novi made the most of celebrating Mardi Gras this year with an all-campus Make a Mask event, complete with festively decorated masks, glittering beads and paczki. "It's a toss-up which part of the event was more fun — making the masks, admiring others' creations or wearing our own masks with the beaded necklaces for dinner in the Signatures Restaurant," said Andrea Peragine, senior community services manager. "It was great fun to see how everyone's personality came through with all the feathers, paints, jewels and glitter they chose to decorate their masks. The traditional pastries also were a big hit with us all."

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He also shared the bleak outlook for next year, as the district is looking at a decrease of \$713 per student, amounting to \$4.4 million total. "I think people are starting o understand the shortage of

revenue and seriousness of the cuts," Dion said when asked if he thinks the forums have been effective. During the wage and

benefits portion, Assistant Superintendent Bob Schram showed how much staffing levels have changed over the last 30 years, up 231 percent, and where the majority of the general fund money goes — to staff. In terms of expenses, 59 percent is salaries, 11 percent fringe benefits, 10 percent retirement, 5 percent FICA and 15 percent other. Some ideas being thought of

The decision to move for-

with Mayor Pro tem Bob Gatt

"This building was built in

built it and the committee that

the 1970s and the people who

put it together and the coun-

cils that followed certainly

eral times," Gatt said. "It was

agreed back in those days they

didn't want alcohol in the civic

talked about this issue sev-

center for obvious reasons.

ously, but it can.

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Alcohol and parties usually

mean trouble, not always obvi-

"Nothing has changed since

those days other than the fact

the economy is worse and now

ward with looking at the

issue passed by a 5-2 vote,

and council member Kathy

Crawford dissenting.

o help save money are reopen collective bargaining, early everance incentive, furlough ing transportation would be lays, retire and rehire and

privatization. Some of these ideas are currently in place. At the secondary level, some ideas for cuts included increasing class sizes at the middle school and high school, reworking instructional support services, increasing use of 2008-09 school year the genonline learning and restructuring the department head responsibilities.

"The more we can do to protect the instruction, the better off our kids are going to be," said Novi High School Principal John Lawrence. Changes to transportation services started earlier this

year when the union group

took major wage concessions, but still more could come down the road. Some ideas are eliminating busing for the high school or middle school, developing partial service programs or eliminating the program all together except for the

"Logistically, eliminat-

the city may be looking for

ways to get money."

The idea behind renting the

space has been talked about

in the past and would allow

the city to more fully use its

resources and provide other

options for people to choose

Gatt said he doesn't like the

idea of the city competing with

private places such as Rock

"We are a government, I

don't think we should be a

Council member David

Staudt was one of the five who

thought the city should pursue

the idea and possibly extend

it to other public places in the

"I don't feel a social respon-

sibility for not offering a drink

in a facility that is a private

going to drink too much," he

party because someone is

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business.

Parkview Elementary mandated special education Principal Jenifer Michos said any cuts to elementary education would hurt. "We feel at the elementary very difficult," said Assistant level we are already pretty

Superintendent Gail Credit.

On the extracurricular side

eral clubs and sponsors 71 sep-

in 22 different sports. Athletic

Director Curt Ellis said for the

eral fund transfer for athletics

.77 percent of the total general

The department has already

through reductions or revenue

"Our goal is to continue to

taken steps recently, sav-

ing more than \$800,000.

enhancements since 2003.

offer the total school experi-

The discussion at the ele-

mentary level to save money

included increasing class sizes,

eliminating extra gym periods

at Novi Meadows and only

offering half-day kindergar-

said. "... I think it makes a lot

who could provide a higher

"When we talk about the

for, the first thing that comes

to mind about Novi is family,"

was \$550,902, which is only

fund budget.

ence," Ellis said.

of things, the district has sev-

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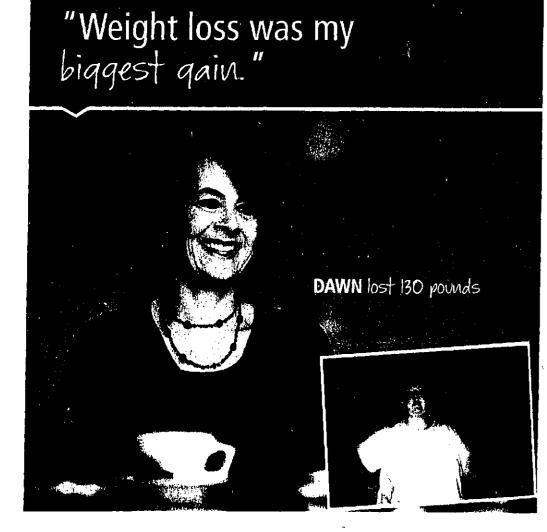
of sense ... and I think we can room and down the hall there watch this carefully." is a party where there is drink-Much of the concern about the policy revolved around lia-If implemented, it would be bility, but the city's insurance on a short-term basis followed by an assessment that will risk agent said it can limit or avoid those issues by having allow city officials to establish the host of a private party sign future policies. The policy a hold harmless agreement or could be back before council as by hiring a professional caterer soon as March 8. Regardless of any changes,

standard of care to the event. Gatt will not be in favor. In the nonprofit/ special event "When we start renting this license situation, the license building out and letting alcohol holder is typically held liable. in, we are putting the citizens Tia Marie Sanders, an Novi of Novi at risk," he said. "Sure resident, said she is against the as heck someone is going to policy because the facilities are have one too many and when he drives down 10 Mile and a family-oriented places and alcohol doesn't mix with that. kills a family, the city of Novi will be liable, I don't care about library and what it stands for all the insurance they will have to carry, the city of Novi and and what community stands

she said. "I cannot imagine my nmueller@gannett.com | (248) 437-2011, ext. 255

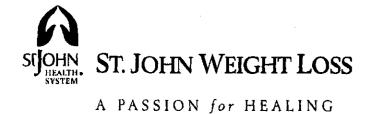
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# City seeks public input for **Landings Property grant**

Development unlikely without outside funding

BY NATHAN MUELLER STAFF WRITER

online at hometownlife.com

Turning the Landings Property into a park the public can use is the ultimate goal.

But in order for that dream to become a reality, the city needs money, and the Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund (MNRTF) Park Development Grant would provide just that.

Total design, engineering and construction costs are estimated at \$619,329, with \$500,000 of it being funded by the grant. The maximum city match would be \$125,000, and city officials do not plan on using general fund money for it. Instead, they are looking at private donations and naming rights oppor-Nancy Cowan, superintendent of recre-

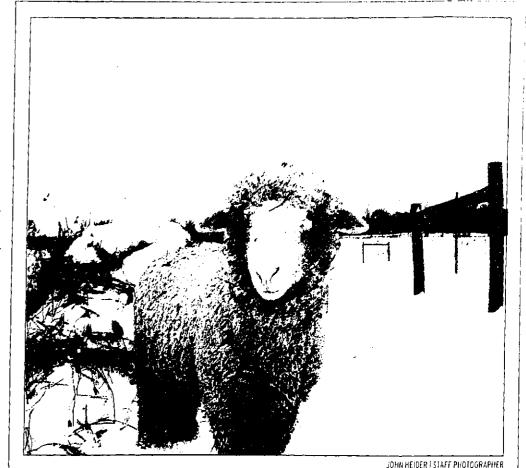
ation, said she is not sure when or if the project will get done if the city does not receive And developing the park located at Thirteen

Mile Road and Old Novi Road is a priority. "To have a preserved open space on a lake

of this caliber and in this community is so unique," she said. "We really want to highlight this property and make it another jewel of Novi, and I don't know if a lot of people know we have that property or who owns it and they can use it."

As part of the grant process, the parks, recreation and cultural services commission will hold a public hearing at 7 p.m. on March 11 at the Novi Civic Center to get public input. People are asked to attend the meeting and provide any written or verbal comments. Cowan said they want people involved in the process of creating the park because they

will be the ones using it. The initial development calls for developing the park infrastructure, the promenade walkway, tree-lined arc walkway, a small fishing pier, install some landscaping and signage, and other infrastructure items such as grading, utilities and the waterfront sea wall stabilization. The grant application is due April 1.



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A sheep stands in the pasture of Novi's Tollgate Farms on Feb. 22 after the big snowfall.



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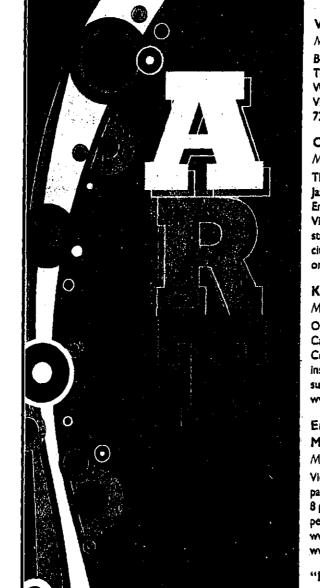
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Collage Concert

March 13 The college's Wind Ensemble, Jazz Ensemble, lazz Improvisation, Choral Union, Synthesizer Ensemble and soloists perform at 8 p.m. in the VisTaTech Center. Tickets: \$8 for adults, \$5 for students, \$3 for children under 12 and senior citizens. Tickets available at www.scboxoffice.com or 734-462-4403.

Kids can discover their creative side March 16

Open House for Kids on Campus Summer Camp programs at 5:30 p.m. in the VisTaTech Center. Parents and kids (grades 1-12) can meet instructors, see demonstrations, and sign up for summer sessions. More information at www.schoolcraft.edu/koc or 734-462-4448.

Emmanuelle Boisvert and Pauline Martin in concert March 19

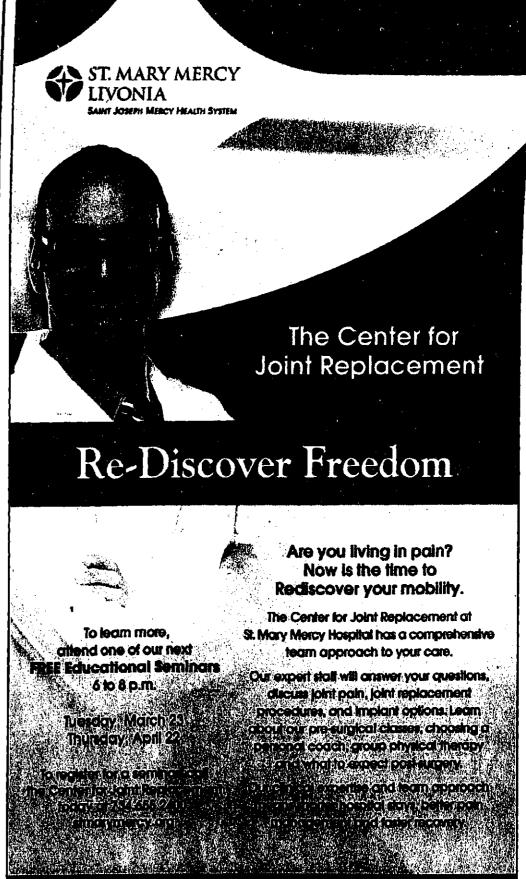
Violinist Boivert and planist Martin perform as part of the Friday Evening Concert Series at 8 p.m. in the VisTaTech Center. Tickets: \$20 per person (\$10 for students) available at www.scboxoffice.com. More information at www.schoolcraft.edu/music or 734-462-4403.

"King Lear"

Weekends in March and April Tickets for the Dinner Theatre performances March 19-20 and 26-27 are \$24 per person. Dinner 6:30 p.m. in the VisTaTech Center, performance 8 p.m. in the Liberal Arts Theatre. Tickets for the April 9-10 performance only are \$12 per person. Tickets and more information at www.scbaxoffice.com.

Exhibit and author visit explore 1967 riots March 8-26

"Smoldering Fire of Civil Unrest" exhibit, on loan from the Detroit Historical Museum, weekdays 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. in the VisTaTech Center. "Motown Burning" author John Jeffire speaks March 25 at 6:30 p.m. in the VisTaTech Center. More information at www.schoolcraft.edu or 734-462-4422.



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# Resident concerned about CVS site plan

Mitts says they have 'gotten too big for the area'

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BY NATHAN MUELLER

The Novi Planning Commission is set to review a plan Wednesday that would allow the CVS distribution center to put a chiller unit on the east side of the building, additional piping on the roof and add 11 parking spots. But resident Nancy Mitts is not in favor of the idea. Mitts, who lives on Stassen Avenue

west of the building located on Gen-Mar Drive, said she and other residents in the area have had several problems with noise issues over the years and this is only going to add to

"I don't care if it's on the other side of the building, it's going to be loud if they have it on all night long," she

City Planner Mark Spencer is recommending approval of the prelimi-

permit as long as CVS meets certain stipulations or variances from the zoning board of appeals. The chiller is going to have a

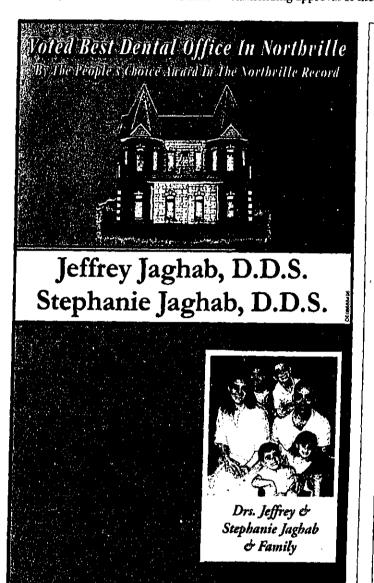
8-feet-5-inch screen wall around three sides of it, and the piping is going to have to be removed or lowered and screened, or the applicant will have to get a variance from the

Mitts also has a concern about another issue that is not on Wednesday's agenda. She recently received a notice from the and Environment that CVS

Pharmacy is proposing to fill wetland Deputy Community Development Director Barb McBeth said they have and discharge storm water to wetland to create additional parking. A heard about the wetlands application, but that is not what CVS is proposing total of 2,345-cubic-yards of fill will at this time.

"If they did want to do that they would have to come back before the planning commission," she said. Mitts said years ago CVS said they The planning commission meeting Wednesday starts at 7 p.m. at the Novi Civic Center.

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be placed in two areas.

expansion.

The city has yet to receive an

would never touch the wetlands to

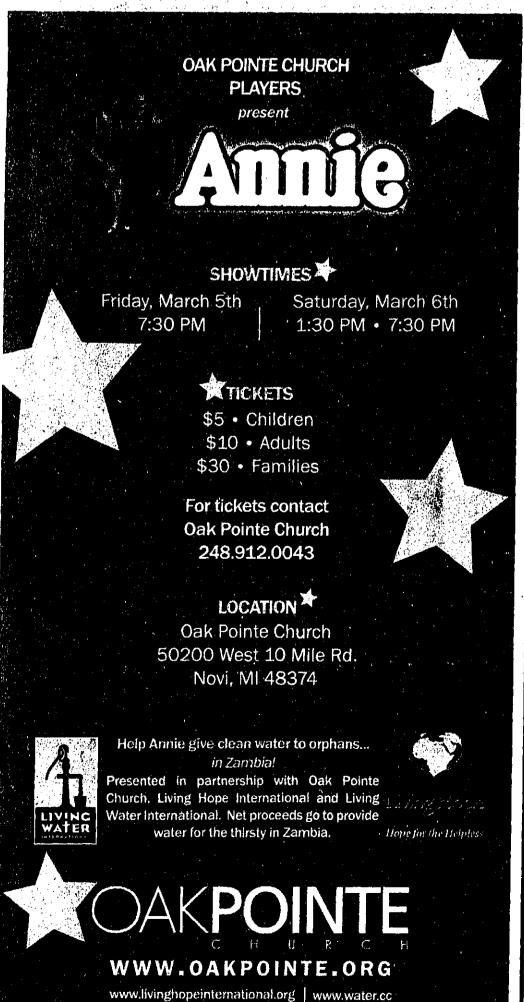
build a bigger parking lot for their

application for the parking lot

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Jeff Weber clears a neighbor's driveway of the eight inches of snow that fell on Feb. 22. Weber is a Novi High School student - and had the day off as school was cancelled due to the accumulation.





# EDUCATION Giving the gift of reading

Deerfield students donating books to school in Detroit

online at hometownlife.com

Deerfield Elementary third grader Lauren Gudeman loves She has numerous books and spends 10 to 15 minutes

But at Phoenix Academy in Detroit, many of the students her age do not have that same

every night reading before

In an effort to help those students. Deerfield Elementary has been collecting books to eventually donate to the school.

Gudeman has donated 30 books so far. "I love to read and encouraging others to read is great," she

said. "I'm very happy because they will get the chance to read. The collection started a couple weeks ago and is being done in conjunction with March is Reading Month. A group of volunteers heard about Phoenix Academy's struggles, and during a recent visit were taken aback by a

Norma Hernandez, principal at Phoenix Academy, told the volunteers about a young boy who found a box of old textbooks marked "free." The boy was dragging the box down an alley when Hernandez asked him what he was doing and he said simply

heartwarming story.



that they didn't have any books Students at Deerfield Elementary are collecting new or gently used books until March 19 to donated to Phoenix Academy in Detroit. The majority of the at home for him and his sister books will go home with students, with the remainder being placed in the school's library.

She then went on to tell the group that about 70-to-80 percent of the students at the school have no books at home "It was a terrific story," said Jackie Abraham, one of the volunteers. "We have so many resources here, but the children there are just children and enjoy the same things ours

The group quickly organized the book drive and the results thus far have been good. Abraham said they have collected more than 1,500 books, including two full sets of encyclopedias, and still have until March 19 when the drive ends. They plan on presenting all

the books to the Deerfield students to show them how many they collected before taking them to Phoenix Academy. "So many of us have books our children have outgrown,

Most of the books will be sent home with the individual students and the remaining books will be donated to their school's library and class-

Also if people do not have books to donate, Scholastic Books is allowing Phoenix Academy to purchase some books for \$1 each. Cash donations can be dropped off at the Deerfield office in an envelope marked Phoenix Academy Book Drive.

Said Gudeman: "I'm just glad someone gets to read them."

Lawrence Technological University

The following local students were named to the Dean's Honor Roll for the fall 2009 semester. To be named, a student must maintain at

least 3.5 grade point average for the term. Novi: Jonathan Dishmon, Michael Dulzo and Taylor Fouts; Walled Lake: Vitaliy Grodzinskiy, William Robertson and Brittany Rogoza; Wixoom: Darin Dalton and Ashley Dragan.



#### **Mentor of the Year**

A celebration was held Jan. 27 at the Palace of Auburn Hills to recognize mentors who currently serve with Oakland County Youth Assistance. Known as the Mentors PLUS (People Listening, Understanding, and Sharing) Program, Oakland County Youth Assistance organized the special event to honor the program volunteers who unselfishly give their time to mentor a child. Bruce Dyer, a mentor from Novi Youth Assistance (NYA), was selected as Mentor of the Year after being nominated from his fellow committee members. Dyer has been a mentor for NYA for the past 10 years. During those years, he has mentored seven boys since joining the Novi Mentors PLUS program. He has been an exceptional mentor who goes out of his way to be a positive role model. Dyer is a kind, thoughtful persistent and non-judgmental person — qualities that many of the children have not had in their relationships with other adults. Among many of his talents Bruce is a great community leader. He has served as a PLUS chair and a member of the General Citizens Committee and attends the Oakland County Youth Assistance meetings, as well. Pictured (I to r) are Oakland County Judge Edward Sosnick, Oakland County Youth Assistance Chief Mary Schusterbauer, Novi Youth Assistance Mentor Bruce Dyer and Mentee Alex Champagne.

## **Bagel buddies**

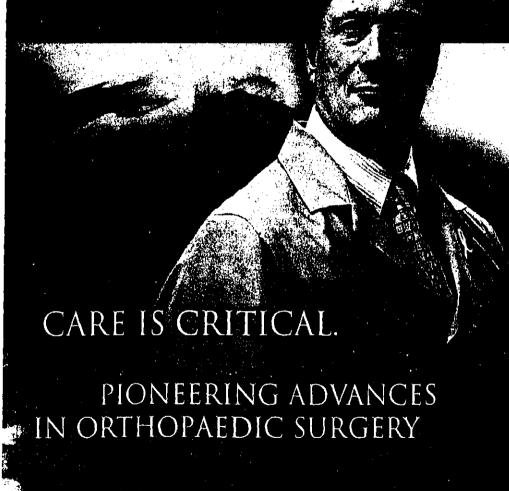
School recently held its Bagels With a Buddy event. Max Robbins, second grader, is shown with is grandmother, Lorrie Gage. Sponsors for the event included Town & Country Eyecare; Spillane



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Age 77 of Milford and Champion, Michigan, and a former resident of in Allen Park and later in Bloomfield Funeral Home, Inc. Contributions Negaunee, Michigan and Palm Beach Hills. Pat changed careers again in would be appreciated to the Arthritis Gardens, Florida, died on Wednes- her forties and became a nursing Foundation or Meals on Wheels. day, February 24, 2010 after a long instructor at Henry Ford Community battle with Parkinson's Disease. Mr. Bridges practiced Law in Negaunee. College where she worked until retirement. Pat and Bob spent their Michigan for many years. He began retirement years mainly in Northville Age 90, died Feb. 25, 2010. Survived DeFant & Bridges law firm with MI but also enjoyed Camp (their cot- by wife Mabel; children: Jack (Carol) Michael DeFant--the practice later tage on Big Shag Lake near Gwinn), Ron, Tim (Kelly); 2 grandchildren & became Bridges & Collins, and today and later a summer house they built 3 great-grandchildren. Private family Bridges & Bridges. He served as the in Sugar Springs near Gladwin MI. services were held. Arrangements by Negaunee City Attorney for nearly Pat was an avid reader, a seamstress. PHILLIPS FUNERAL HOME. thirty years and was a charter mem- and enjoyed traveling. She was very ber of the Michigan Commission For active even as she aged and would The Blind. He is survived by Marilyn, walk the halls of Brighton Gardens his beloved wife of fifty-four years; after she became too frail to take Age 95, of Novi, passed away Feb. daughters, Marilyn (Jeff) Keating of daily outdoor walks. Pat was an 23, 2010. Beloved husband of Lena. TX and Caroline Bridges of amazing, loving woman who had Loving father of Frederick and Negaunee; sons, Nickolas E. Bridges many good friends and was loved Jacqueline. Private services held. of Milford Twp. and Lloyd Bridges of and endeared by many people over Contributions to WSU Student Negaunee; and grandchildren, the years. Relatives and friends knew Scholarship Fund. Arrangements by Matthew, Melanie, and Heather that they could count on her for love Casterline Funeral Home. Keating. Brother of the late Charles and support. She will be missed by (Violet), Richard (the late Rose), the many. She is survived by her 3 chillate Lloyd (the late Barbara), Don (the dren, Jim (Becky) Kerns, Tom (Mary) SYLVIA DORTHEA SROKA. late Shirley) Bridges; brother-in-law Kerns, and Jennifer (Tom) Prescott. of William (the late Carol) Brink, the Pat has 7 grandchildren; Betsy (Jack) late Donald Robert Brink, and Sally McCann, Rachel Kerns, Bill Kerns, Age 83, longtime resident of South Mellon; many nieces and nephews Tricia Kerns, Robert Prescott, Lyon, passed away February 25, and dear friends. Memorial Service Andrew Prescott, and Edward 2010. Sylvia was born on May 29, was held February 27, 2010 at Lynch Prescott. We will all miss her. 1926, in Detroit, to the late & Sons Funeral Home, Milford. Chaplain Bob Finkbeiner of Arbor from 5:00 to 8:00pm and from 10:00 Brave wife, mother, grandmothe Hospice officiated. Memorial contri- to noon Friday followed by the funer- and friend; Sylvia is survived by he butions encouraged to: Foundation al at Casterline in Northville. She will loving husband of 63 years James Fighting Blindness and the National be interred at Glen Eden Cemetery in sons: Jimmy (Judy Vroman), Core Parkinson Foundation. For further a double crypt with her husband Bob. (Jolayne); daughter: Kerry (Frank) They will be placed head to head nformation, please phone: 248.684.6645 or visit:

DR. THOMAS N. HESLIP Whitmore Lake, MI, age 73, born May 16, 1936

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Age 76, of Northville, ly life to his eternal reward in heaven to receive the blessing of "activations and the second sec passed away February 23. to receive the blessing of "well done, 2010. He was born good and faithful servant" on Health Foundation - Hospice. Online September 19, 1933 in February 24, 2010. He has lived the guestbook www.phillipsfuneral.com Detroit, Michigan to Arthur and last 40 years with his wife, Cleta - Rosemary (Higgins) Heslip. Thomas (MacDonald) Kirkpatrick in Whitmore a resident of Northville for most of Lake, MI. He is survived by his wife his life, was united in marriage to Cleta (MacDonald) Kirkpatrick of 48 Mildred E. Jones on April 21, 1956. years, his daughter Sheila Boyer He received a Doctorate in Veterinary (Dan), his son Daniel Kirkpatrick Medicine from Michigan State (Lori) and his daughter Kelly Huige University; and most will remember (Kurdt) and six grandchildren who him as the owner of Northville will all dearly miss their dad and Veterinary Clinic, located at 7 Mile grandpa. Born in McCarron, MI to and Napier, for 42 years. An active Goldie Kirkpatrick, mother of English member of OLV, he was also a mem-descent and to Carl Kirkpatrick father ber of American Veterinary Medical of Irish/Swedish descent, both who Association and Michigan State preceded him to glory, he was also a University Alumni Association. Dr. brother to Stanley Kirkpatrick and Heslip loved his family, and especial- Carlene Askew (Frank). Early on he ly adored his grandchildren. He helped his father with farming and a Augusta, GA - Mr. Gerard "Jerry" enjoyed traveling; and whether it was 'sawmill before going to serve his Joseph Sweeney entered into rest on cross country in his motor home or a country in the Korean conflict (peace Monday, January 11, 2010. Jerry rip to his cabin at Stuart Lake in the time). Upon returning, he married his was a former parishioner of St. Mary U.P. the time was always shared with his family. Another of his Ste. Marie, MI doing carpenter work Milford, Michigan. Jerry is survived favorite pastimes was tailgating at MSU football games. He also enjoyed gardening and baking. He is survived for Kincheloe Air Base in Kinross, M. Dianne, David, Michael File and Michael File a y his beloved wife Mildred E. Heslip; He then moved to the greater Ann Greg; his son in law Michael; h his children Kathleen (George) Arbor, Washtenaw County area to be three daughters in law: Kirstin, Shell Buckham, Maureen Karmolinski, a union commercial finish carpenter, and Ellen; and his five grandchildren: Michael Heslip, Brian (Elizabeth) Heslip, Kevin (Deb) Heslip, Mary (R. including one in Beulah, MI and end-Michael) Stuart, Timothy (Amy) ing up in Whitmore Lake, Mt, finally Heslip, and Margaret (Paul) Perry; held on Saturday, March 6, 2010 at 10:00 A.M. at St. Mary of the Snows retiring in 1995. Hobbies included his siblings John (Marlene) Heslip, hunting, fishing, flying model air-Patrick (Diane) Heslip, Richard planes, entertaining the grandkids Anderson celebrant. Burial will be at (Patricia) Heslip, Michael Heslip, and and enjoying quality times with good a later date. Memorials may be made Mary (Donald) Koscielniak; his sis-ter-in-laws Elva Heslip and Judy Haslin 22 crandabildes; and 1 crast Heslip; 22 grandchildren; and 1 great He was a quiet man but his Christian Dr., Evans, GA 30809. Thomas grandchild. He was preceded in faith and lifestyle spoke volumes. Poteet & Son Funeral Directors, 214 death by his parents, his brothers along with a strong Free Methodist Davis Rd., Augusta, GA 30907 (706) James, Robert, and William, and his heritage, serving his church in many 364-8484. Please sign the guestsister-in-law Colleen. A Funeral Mass capacities. Visitation will be held at book at www.thomaspoteet.com was held Friday, February 26, 2010 at Borek-Jennings Funeral Home in — Our Lady of Victory Catholic Church Hamburg, MI on Friday evening

Center, 23333 Schoolcraft, Detroit, Brighton, MI (was a member there

entrusted to Casterline Funeral Hamburg Cemetery, Hamburg, MI

at Green Oak Free Methodist Church.

In lieu of flowers, contributions are

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symbols, etc.)

<u>radline: Tuesday at 10 am for Thursday</u> Obituaries received after these deadline will be placed in the next available issue

#### PATRICIA (MAYNES) KERNS THERESA ANTIONETTE KOSLAKIEWICZ Pat passed away at the age of 83 at Brighten Gardens Assisted Living in (NEE FLAGA) Northville. She is preceded in death by her husband of 59 years, Robert Age 82, died Feb. 23, 2010. A Funeral

Kerns. Pat was a graduate of Gwinn Mass was held Feb. 27 at St. Joseph Michigan High School, She moved to Catholic Church. Arrangements by Detroit to attend the Henry Ford PHILLIPS FUNERAL HOME. Online Hospital Nursing School and Wayne guestbook www.phillipsfuneral.com

LAVERNE L. KULLING and later as a public health nurse in Detroit, Later, she obtained Master Age 67, of Wixom, passed away Degrees in Math and Education from suddenly Feb. 24, 2010. Funeral U of M. She taught high school math service held Feb. 27 at Casterline

IVAN PETER SHADKO

NEE STRZESZEWSKI

Visitation will be Thursday March 4 Thaddeus and Sophia Strzeszewski Jarvis; grandsons: Joshua Jarvis and Adam Sroka; and grandpup Zamboni Sroka. A memorial gather PHILIP J. KIRKPATRICK ing was held on March 2, at Phillips Funeral Home, South Lyon, Funera Mass was held March 3 at St journeyed from this earth- Joseph Catholic Church, South Lyon. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made St. John



MR. GERARD "JERRY"

JOSEPH SWEENEY where he also built several houses, Allison, Emily, Connor, Kaitlyn and



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#### Tackling childhood obesity

Novi Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services announces a partnership with the Family Health Institute (FHI) to encourage healthy, active lifestyles for area families. FHI evolved from the merger of respected programs from two leaders in the field of childhood obesity - Keith Levik, Ph.D., founder of the Center for Childhood Weight Management and Paul Ehrman, DO founder of Children's Health Initiative Program. Together Drs. Levik and Ehrman have over 20 years experience with treating overweight children and their families.

The Childhood Weight Management Program (CWMP) is an on-going weight management program designed for children ages five to 14 and their families. CWMP meets once per week to change the behavioral habits of families and children by practicing C.A.N.D.E.E. principles. The C.A.N.D.E.E. principals focus on:

· Controlling behaviors associated with being overweight Attitudes of responsible behaviors and habits Nutritional habits Diet

 Exercise • Esteem that increases y developing positive and healthy skills

"The Childhood Weight Management Program provides an opportunity for children and their families to work together towards an enhanced lifestyle and increased selfesteem through eating modification and recreation This program is a great partnership with Novi Parks because it will encourage children and their families to participate in opportunities within their community", stated Fran Cohen of the Family Health

Institute. Registration is on-going at cityofnovi.org and is \$120 per participant for a nine-week session. Classes are Monday evenings from 7 to 8:30 p.m. at the Novi Civic Center. For more information about the program, please contact Susan Stevens, Recreation Coordinator at (248) 347.0400 or sstevens@cityofnovi.org. To learn more about the Family Health Institute, visit familyhealthinstitute.com.

#### Free preview of sports network

Bright House Networks is offering customers a free preview of CBS College Sports Network, the official cable home of the NCAA Division I Men's Basketball Championship, from March 8-April 5. CBS College Sports Network complements CBS Sports' exclusive live network game broadcasts by providing over 80 hours of coverage of the 2010 NCAA Division I Men's Basketball Championship. The Network will be available to Bright House Network customers on Channel 557\* and 657\* in HD. Call Chile for free

In order to ease concerns as customers reach out to friends and family members in post-photos or share stories. Chile, Bright House Networks announced its commitment to make all home phone customer calls to Chile free of charge through the end of March. Retroactive to calls beginning Feb. 27 and continuing through March 31, Bright House Networks' home phone customers will not be charged cell phone numbers in Chile. Customers who are mak-

for any calls to land lines or ing calls to Chile during the program timeframe will be issued a credit on their home phone account for any direct dial calls made to Chile, with no hassle and no need to do anything else. Credits for all calls made during the program 12-13 at 7:30 p.m. and Sunday, time period will appear on customer accounts in May. Calls to operators or directory assistance are not direct dial calls, so these will be charged

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#### Lookin' sharp

Peggy Wright poses with her son Matthew, 8, in a pair of kimonos at Village Oaks Elementary's Japanese Day on Feb. 23. Every three years the school invites Japanese residents of Novi to bring some of their culture to the school and teach the students how to write in Kanji, fold some origami and put on a kimono.

in Michigan's pioneer days of 1836, the Inn has been witness to more than 170 years of Michigan history. Its current owner, Botsford Hospital, has restored the Inn's exterior to its 1925 Henry Ford era appearance. For the past year, The

Botsford Foundation, the philanthropic arm of Botsford Hospital, has been selling commemorative bricks in the plaza directly outside the Inn. A purchase of a brick will support the renovation and restoration of the Inn's interior, and your brick will be displayed in the Botsford Inn Commemorative Brick Plaza for future generations to share in the importance of this historic landmark. Whether you want to preserve the past or look to the future. the bricks allow you to honor or

remember loved ones or special events. This is the last chance to order bricks for installation that will take place in May. Bricks include a personalized inscription and orders must be received by Wednesday, March 10 for the May installation. The price of 4" x 8" bricks more information on how you

is \$250 and 8" x 8" bricks are \$400. As a special offer, Botsford is offering a \$50 discount on these prices. For can share in the Botsford Inn's history with a personalized brick, please call (248) 442-5045 or visit www.botsford. org. Facebook users can also join the group "Botsford Inn Commemorative Brick Plaza" to reminisce about the Inn,

"Anything Goes" Get your tickets now to see the Novi Theatres bring the classic musical "Anything Goes" to Novi. This show is an amusing story wrapped around 20, Nielsen will host a free one of Cole Porter's magical scores. Terrific songs include "It's De-Lovely," "Friendship," "I Get A Kick Out Of You," "All Goes," "You're The Top" and "Blow, Gabriel, Blow." It's a wonder that all the romances are sorted out and disaster is averted aboard the magical ship where anything goes! Performances are Friday

and Saturday, March 5-6 and March 7 and 14 at 2 p.m. The Novi Civic Center is located at 45175 W. Ten Mile Road, between Taft and Novi roads. Tickets are available online at cityofnovi.org or at the Novi Parks office in the Novi Civic Center. Tickets are \$18/adults, \$15/children and seniors and all seats are reserved. For more information, please call the Novi Parks office at (248) 347.0400 or visit cityofnovi.org.

Oscar® contest Choose the winners of sevwin some great prizes, courtesy of Emagine Theatres of Canton and Novi and the Observer & Eccentric/ Hometown Newspapers. First prize is a 12-month pass for two to Emagine, second prize is four movie passes and a \$25 concession gift card and third prize is two movie passes and a \$15 concession gift card.

JOHN HEIDER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

It's easy to enter — just predict how the academy will vote in seven major categories: best film, director, actor, actress, supporting actor, supporting actress and animated film. Tiebreaker categories include winner for best musical score and best documentary feature. In the event that there is a tie, a name will be randomly selected.

Select your choices by 11:59 p.m. Friday, March 5, to be eligible for this year's contest. Go to www.hometownlife.com and click on Oscar Contest. Fitness guru at Health and Fitness

At the age of 15, Peter Nielsen was diagnosed with Crohn's Disease and weighed a mere 86 pounds. The writing on the wall seemed to say that Nielsen's life was going to be a limited one. However, a pivotal period of soul searching revealed truths that transformed his attitude toward his health, his body and especially his life.

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Nielsen's message of health,

fitness and personal power that audiences have come to crave. Understanding physical, mental and daily life challenges, Nielson is able to connect with people on every level and his personal triumphs motivate even the most nonmotivated person. At noon on Saturday, March truly life changing seminar called Shape Up For Summer at Better Health market in Novi, 42875 Grand River. Through The Night," "Anything Seating for these free seminars is limited and reservations are strongly suggested; call (248) 735-8100

Evenings in the Garden MSU Extension Oakland County in cooperation with the Tollgate Garden Volunteers is now offering the Evenings in the Garden series. These workshops cover a variety of topics that will be of interest to gardeners. For detail information about each session, visit www.msue.msu.edu/oakland and click on upcoming events. Advanced registration is recommended to ensure a seat. Classes are held at MSU Extension Tollgate Education Center, 28115 Meadowbrook Road, Novi from 6:30-8:30 p.m. The cost is \$20 per... person. For further details, call 248-858-0887 or e-mail

smithlin@oakgov.com. Please see BRIEFS. A8

#### NORTHVILLE / NOVI CHURCH EVENTS

**Submit**: Send calendar submissions via e-mail appointment to cstone@gannett.com; by fax to (248) 685-2892; or by mail to Church Events/Northville-Novi, 101 N. Lafayette, South Lyon, MI 48178. Items must be received by noon on Monday to Mile Road be included in Thursday's newspaper.

Church of the Holy Family Location: 24505 Meadowbrook Road Contact: (248) 349-8847 or visit holyfamilynovi.

Mass Schedule TIME/DAY: 7:30, 9, 10:30 a.m. and 12:15 p.m. Sunday: 9 a.m. Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday; 6:30 a.m. Tuesday, Thursday Friday; 7 p.m.

Tuesday; 5 p.m. (English), 6:30 p.m. (Spanish)

Saturday Holy Days: 9 a.m., 5:30 and 7:30 p.m. Crosspointe Meadows Church

Location: 29000 Meadowbrook Road, south of 13 Contact: (248) 669-9400, 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Monday-

Sunday Worship: 11:15 a.m. Bible study classes: 10 a.m., for all ages **Details:** Nursery and older children programs available. Worship blends traditional and contemporary elements resulting in a multi-sensory worship experience.

Detroit First Church of the Nazarene **Location**: 21260 Haggerty Road, north of Eight

Mile Road Reconciliation: beginning 9 a.m. Saturdays or by

Sunday Schedule: 9:15 a.m. Worship service welcomes you to their study of the Book of

Adult Bible Fellowship; 10:15 a.m. Fellowship and refreshments; 11 a.m. Traditional worship service, Children's Church, Youth Sunday School and Adult Bible Fellowship; 6 p.m. Evening Service, Children's program, Youth

Worship Service Tuesday Schedule: Tuesday 9:30-11:15 a.m. Women of the Word Bible Study with childcare Thursday or visit www.crosspointemeadows.org. available for through age 5; 6:45 p.m. Ladies Evening Bible Study; 7 p.m. Men's Evening Bible

> Wednesday Schedule: 5:30 p.m. Family Meal, \$4 per person, \$12 per family; 7 p.m. Children's Caravan, Club 56, Bible Study, Quilting, Adult Classes, Youth Blast Thursday Schedule: 6 a.m. Men of Purpose

Prayer Group; 7 p.m. Tae Kwon Do Women of the Word Time/Date: 9:25-11:15 a.m. 

with Praise Band, children's Sunday School and Exodus. There is a \$15 registration fee, which First Baptist Church of Northville includes interdenominational study materials. Childcare will be available in the morning for children through age 5.

> Episcopal Church of the Holy Cross Location: 40700 W. 10 Mile Road Contact: (248) 427-1175 or churchoftheholycross.com Sunday Worship: 7:45 a.m., 10 a.m. Sunday School and Nursery Care: 10 a.m.

Worship Service Alzheimer's Support Group Time/Date: 10 a.m. second Saturday of month

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

Location: 217 N. Wing Contact: (248) 348-1020 Sunday Worship 10:45 a in and 5:45 p.

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Sunday School: 9:30 a.m.

First Baptist Church of Novi-Family Integrated Church

Location: 45301 W. 11 Mile Road Contact: (248) 349-3647 or firstbaptistchurrhof-

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or Social Lutheron School - Pre-school 8th grade

(248) 8B7-1300

Sunday Service: 820 & 1139 am Sunday School & Bible Class: 1030 am

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46325 10 Mile Rd. • Novi, MI 48374 Saturday 5:00 p.m. Sunday 8, 9:30 & 11:30 a.m. Reverend George Charnley, Pas Parish Office: 347-7778 FAITH COMMUNITY

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH 14400 W. 10 Mile. Novi. 248-349-234 1/2 mile west of Novi Rd. www.faithcommunity-novi.org WORSHIP AND SUNDAY SCHOOL - 10 AM "Children, Youth and Adult Ministries"

**GOOD SHEPHERD** 

**LUTHERAN CHURCH** 

9 Mile & Meadowbrook Wisconsin Ev. Lutheran Synod

Sunday School & Adult Bible Class will resume September 13

nday Worship 10:00 a.m., Monday 7:00 p.r

Thomas E. Schroeder, Pastor - 349-0565

ST. JAMES ROMAN

CATHOLIC CHURCH

NOVI

MEADOWBROOK CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH 21355 Meadowbrook Rd. in Novi at 8 ½ Mile 248-348-7757 • www.mbccc.org Sunday Worship 10 a.m.

50200 W. 10 Mile Road, Nov Saturday Worship 5:15 pm.. Sunday 9:15 a.m. and 11:15 a.m Casual, contemporary service Phone (248) 912-0043

South Lyon

**CROSS OF CHRIST LUTHERAN** (Missouri Synod) Pastor Terry Nelso 37-8810 • 486-4335 • Griswold Rd. at 10 M. Worship 8 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.

Rev. Arthur Ritter, Senior Ministe

Adult Bible Class 9:30 a.m. Sunday School 10:30 a.m. Fellowship Evangelical Presbyterian Church

Dentiac Trail, South Lyon (South of 9 M Sunday Worship 9:30 a.m. Sunday School 11:00 a.m. Refuel Wednesday at 6:00 p.m. Youth at 6:30 p.m. Rev. David Brown, Pastor 248-437-2222 • www.fellowshipepc.o

> The Church of Christ 21860 Pontiac Trail • South Lyon, MI 4817 248-437-3585 • www.southlyoncoc.org 9:30 a.m. Sunday School. 10:30 a.m. Praise and Worship lnesday Midweek Ministries 7 p Rob Callicott, Pastor

**FELLOWSHIP BAPTIST CHURCH** 10774 Nine Mile Road Rev. M. Lee Taylor • 449-2582 Sunday School, 9:45 a.m. Worship, 11:00 a.m. & 6:30 p.m. Wednesday Evening, 7:00 p.m.

IRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH (U.S.A.) of SOUTH LYON Sunday School 11:30 a.m. Worship 10:00 a.m. Nursery Care Provided theck us out on the web: www.fpcsouthlyon.c 248-437-2875 • 205 E. Lake (10 Mile) • Rev. Dr. Annemarie Kidder, Pastor

IMMANUEL LUTHERAN Visconsin Synod • Reynold Sweet Pky Sunday Service 10:00 a.m. All Classes 9:00 Pastor Scott Miller, (248) 437-2289

**FAMILY LIFE COMMUNITY CHURCH A/G** 52345 W. 8 Mile Road 437-1472 • www.famlifecc.n Sr. Pastor Joseph R. Tabbi Sunday Christian Education 9:00 a.n Sunday Worship 10:45 a.m. ednesday Christian Education an Family Nite 7:00 p.m.

Family Life Community Presents **Wherehouse Churc**l with Merge Worship Saturday's 6PM CLUB 3:16 8 PM 45 West Eight Mile Rond, South Lyon, MI 4817 Visit us on facebook=Wherehouse

t. John's Episcopal Church A church that shares the lordal love of Christ 574 S. Sheldon Rd. • Plymouth, Mi 48170 734-453-0190

Wixom

CROSSPOINT COMMUNITY CHURCH 28930 Wixom Rd. Wixom, MI 48393 9:30 a.m. - Sunday School 10:30 a.m. - Morning Worship Rev. Kenneth Warren - 586-531-2021

Services on Sunday mornings at: 7:45 AM - Eucharist - meditative (without musi 9:00 AM - Eucharist with Contemporary Musi 11:00 AM - Eucharist with Traditional Music

# Bowling for a good cause

Hometown Weeklies | Thursday, March 4, 2010

#### Event to raise money for Novi Youth Assistance

BY NATHAN MUELLER STAFF WRITER

Lace up your bowling shoes and oil down the lanes. The 28th annual Bowl-A-Thon to benefit Novi Youth Assistance takes place March 13 at Novi Bowl, and organizers are excited about another competitive and fun event. "It's great that 100 percent of the money goes back into the community to make Novi a better place and build stronger families and stronger kids,"

said chairperson John O'Brien. The Bowl-A-Thon is the organization's biggest fundraiser, and comes at a time when the demand for services is increasing and funds are decreasing.

Novi Youth Assistance, which has been around for more than 50 years, provides prevention and diversion services for students in the area. And while many people may think Novi doesn't have as many problems as other cities, O'Brien said that is not the

"I think some people have the misconception that Novi doesn't have kids that need this," he said. "But it's not for kids who have made wrong choices, it's really a prevention program to divert the kids so they don't have to go to the other part."

Some of the programs organized by Novi Youth Assistance are Mentors PLUS, camp, youth recognition, alcohol awareness, educational and recreation scholarships and the Jeanne Clarke Teen Center. O'Brien said without fund-

ing, these programs would

have to be scaled back or cut

all together. The Bowl-A-Thon runs from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. and bowlers can register their team by visiting, www.cityofnovi.org or by calling (248) 347-0410. The group is hoping each bowler can come up with at least a \$100 donation, which includes free bowling, food and refreshments and prizes. People or businesses also can sponsor a lane for \$100.

"We couldn't do this without the help of the community," O'Brien said.

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

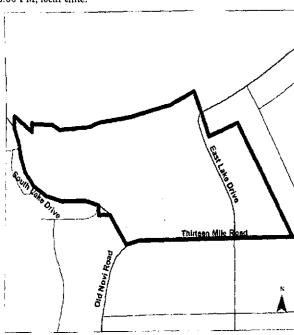
#### CITY OF NOVI NOTICE OF ENACTMENT – ZONING MAP **AMENDMENT 18.693**

THE CITY OF NOVI ORDAINS: 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. 18.693 attached hereto and made a part of this

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

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 enactment. The effective date of this Ordinance is March 9, 2010.

MADE AND PASSED by the City Council of the City of Novi, Michigan this 22nd 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.



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#### ORDINANCE NO. 18.693

ZONING MAP AMENDMENT NO. 693 CITY OF NOVI, MICHIGAN

Maryanne Cornelius, City Clerk

Puhliith: March 4, 2010

Check us out on the Web every day Nancy Cowan, CPRP Superintendent of Recreation at hometownlife.com Publish: March 4, 2010



online at hometownlife.com

Rosemary Krest (left)

eads a line dancing

class (above) at the

Novi Civic Center on

Feb. 23. Krest teaches

number of classes

in Novi through the

Parks and Recreation

Senior Center and

and also instructs

dance classes in



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LEAP! event March 16 The 19 members of the Novi

Youth Council (NYC) have been hard at work planning their second teen convention, LEAP!, Living Extraordinarily 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 first annual teen convention 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 2010, LEAP! will take the

convention to new heights, by offering more group break-out sessions, hands-on activities, presentations, performances, (248) 735-5628. and interactive booths by a variety of area organiza-

tions. Additionally, nationally acclaimed speaker, Sarah Panzau will share her experience and the consequences of over indulging with alcohol. As a two-time member of the National Junior College Athletic Association woman's volleyball All-America team, Sarah knew what it is like to be on top of her game - and on top of the world, before some bad choices made her nearly

lose it all. The cost to attend LEAP! is \$5 per person and includes lunch. Please note this does not include transportation to the event, as that will need to be provided by those attending. For more information

CITY OF NOVI, PARKS, RECREATION AND CULTURAL SERVICES NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING MICHIGAN NATURAL RESOURCES TRUST FUND GRANT APPLICATION

NOTICE is hereby given that the City of Novi, Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services Commission (PRCSC) will hold a public hearing at its regularly scheduled meeting on Thursday, March 11, 7:00pm, in the Novi Civic Center, Council Chambers, 45175 West Ten Mile Road, Novi, Michigan, for the purpose of obtaining public input for the Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund (MNRTF) Park Development Grant Application. This grant is requesting funding for the initial development of a park located at 13 Mile Road and Old Novi Road, commonly referred to as the

All interested citizens are requested to attend this Hearing to provide any written or verbal comments. Arrangements to reasonably accommodate special needs, including handicap accessibility or interpreter will be made upon receiving 72-hour advance. Contact Maryanne Cornelius at 248.347.0456 for special

Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services

about LEAP!, including a bio of the keynote speaker, call the Bruce M. Silverman, D.O.; and Community Relations office at Teck-Mun Soo, M.D., will be

Camp Invention 2010

Creativity and brainstorming are the building blocks to your child's future. Camp Invention® emphasizes those skills and more, and Novi Middle School is proud to be among the select schools in Michigan that will serve as a host site during the week of June 28-July 2.

Children will create exciting new games and transform ordinary household items into extraordinary inventions during this weeklong summer adventure for those currently in grades K-5. Children will participate daily in five activity-oriented, hands-on modules focused on science literacy, math, history and the arts. There is also a heavy emphasis on the STEM subjects (Science, Technology,

Engineering and Math). Registration for this camp is limited to 110 children, so register early. Contact Seth Furlow, Camp Director, at (248) 449-1600 or sfurlow@ novi.k12.mi.us for more information. You may also visit Camp Invention's Web site at www.campinvention.org to find out more.

#### 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.; the recipients of the Caduceus Society Physician of the Year

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 the duodenum. The multidisciplinary team for the HPB program is dedicated to the consistent evaluation and improvement of patient care outcomes across the continuum of inpatient and

outpatient care.

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 for the event are Julie Curry and Charlotte Walker. Committee members include Andria Bojrab, Lauri Bolo-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 Schwartz, Nina Shah, Carol Shaya, Jennifer Stewart, Courtney Teeple, Betsy Thompson, Sandy Tobar and

Marilyn Wick. To become a corporate sponsor for the event, place an ad in the program book or donate an item to the silent auction, please contact Providence Health Foundation at (248)

849-5744.

LANSING CONNECTION WITH STATE SEN. NANCY CASSIS

# Bill protects privately-employed workers from forced unionization

Maher Restoration & Construction will unveil the newly renovated Historic Quonset-Hut on Pontiac Trail on Thursday, March 4. The celebration

will begin at 4 p.m. for the ribbon cutting Ceremony followed immediately at 5 p.m. with the grand opening celebration to showcase the Maher

To protect

small busi-

ness owners

from being

headquarters. The grounds have been cleared and landscaped, while the inside has a contemporary feel.

Restoration 'Center for Excellence.' Maher completely razed the interior of the historic structure and constructed a two-story office space for their

n July 2006, the Michigan Department of Human Services (DHS) signed an agreement with Mott Community College to form the Michigan Home Based Child Care Counci Two and a half years later, approximately 40,000 home day care

Grand opening

Nancy Cassis forced to join a union in owners in Michigan were the future, I recently introshocked to receive a notice in the mail informing duced Senate Bill 1173. them that they were now a dues-paying member of an individual who receives a direct or indirect governthe newly-formed Child Care Providers Together ment subsidy in his or her Michigan union. The private employment is not a public employee. The bill states that a public employer or the Michigan Employment Relations Commission shall not hold

union is a joint venture of the United Auto Workers (UAW) and the American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees (AFSCME). an election or recognize the DHS claimed that the day results of an election that care providers were state unionizes private employemployees working for the child care council, and began withholding union that the changes are the dues from subsidy checks original intent of the sent to the home-based day Legislature and retroactive,

care providers, who help low income parents who provide to low-income residents is wrong. Who's

next? Doctors who provide.

Medicaid services?

qualify for assistance from the state. Calling privatelyemployed child day care providers and home health care workers "state employees" simply because they receive money from the state for the services they

home health care workers and private day care providers.

CITY OF NOVI

NOTICE OF ADOPTION

**ORDINANCE NO. 18.239** 

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE NOVI CITY

COUNCIL HAS ADOPTED ORDINANCE NO. 18.239 to amend

Ordinance No. 97-18, as amended, the City of Novi Zoning

Ordinance at Article 2, "Construction of Language and Definitions,

Zoning Districts Map, Section 201, "Definitions," to amend the

definition of gasoline service stations to specify permitted accessory

"General Provisions," Section 2505, "Off-Street Parking

Requirements" to revise the parking requirements for solf-service

The ordinance was adopted by the City Council on Monday,

February 22, 2010 and the provisions of the ordinance shall become

effective seven (7) days after its publication. A complete copy of the

ordinance is available for public use and inspection at the office of

the City Clerk, 45175 W. Ten Mile Road, during the hours of 8:00

a.m. and 5:00 p.m., prevailing local time.

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uses with a limited prohibition on the sale of alcohol and Article 25,

Patrick Wright of the Mackinac Center Legal Foundation said similar unionizing efforts are underway in at least eight other states. Wright calculates that by adding up to . 400,000 new members, the unions could generate \$37 million in dues

Maryanne Cornelius, City Clerk

My measure also states

which would invalidate

the unionization of private

My bill will stand up for the individual freedoms of those people willing to take the risk of being their own boss. I am dedicated to working with my Senate and House colleagues to correct this wrong and prelike this one, which

vent any future schemes could force thousands of Michigan residents into unions at taxpayer expense. SB 1173 would clarify that Small business owners should not have the state take money from them to support a union that the workers don't know, didn't want and will never see any benefit from.

Michigan Senate calls for Medicaid policy changes that reward results

I recently joined my Senate Republican colleagues in calling on the federal government to change its Medicaid policies to reward states that maintain the health of Medicaid recipients, staying healthy and spending

Centers for Medicare

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and Medicaid Services to change Medicaid policies to reward states that maintain the health of Medicaid recipients and administer to the children. efficient, cost-effective pro- • Married with no chilgrams. Currently, if a state

The Senate passed Senate Concurrent Resolution 34 and Senate Resolution 117, which ask the U.S. Congress, the President, the Secretary of Health and Human Services, and the Director of the

spends more money, then

the state gets more match money from the federal government; but if the state operates a more efficient Medicaid program and spends less money, then the state receives less money from the federal government. This encourages states to spend more

on inefficient and costly services in order to receive greater matching funds, while states struggling to stay afloat, like Michigan, are left out in the cold. These resolutions ask

the federal government to change its Medicaid match dollar policies to encourage states to operate efficient Medicaid programs. Nancy Cassis is the state sena-

tor for Oakland County's 15th District: Commerce Twp, Highland Twp, Holly Twp, Lyon Twp, Milford Twp, Northville city (part), Novi city, Novi Twp, Orchard Lake city, Rose Twp. South Lyon city. Wailed Lake city, West Bloomfield Twp, White Lake Twp and Wixom city. Visit www.SenatorNancyCassis. com for the latest information and updates on issues in Lansing, or contact her toll free at 1-888-38-NANCY.

#### CITY OF NOVI NOTICE OF ADOPTION ORDINANCE NO. 18.238

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE NOVI CITY COUNCIL HAS ADOPTED ORDINANCE NO. 18.238 to amend Ordinance No. 97-18 as amended, the City of Novi Zoning Ordinance, at Article 15, B-3, General Business District, Section 1502, Principal Permitted Uses Permitted Subject to Special Conditions, at Article 25, General Provisions, Section 2505, Off-Street Parking Requirements, and at Section 2506, Off-Street Stacking Space, Layout Standards, Construction and Maintenance in order to include drive-through uses in the B-3 District and clarify the requirements for fast food parking standards and stacking space requirements.

The ordinance was adopted by the City Council on Monday, February 22, 2010 and the provisions of the ordinance shall become effective seven (7) days after its publication. A complete conv of the ordinance is available for public use and inspection at the office of the City Clerk, 45175 W. Ten Mile Road, during the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., prevailing local time.

Maryanne Cornelius, City Clerk

#### SAVVY SENIOR

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Dear Savvy Senior What will happen to my property and money if I die without a will? Don't Have Much

Dear Don't If you die without a will, what happens to your assets will depend on the state you live in, and which of your family members are living at the time of your death. Here's what you should know.

Who Gets What No one ever really dies without a will. That's because even if you don't get around to creating one yourself, the state you resided in will make one for you. But that also means the state gets to determine who get's your property and money - not you.

The state laws that determine how your estate will be distributed if you die without a will are called intestacy laws, and they can vary greatly from state-to-state. The best way to find out how your state works is to go to MyStateWill.com. This s a free, user-friendly site that has an intestacy calculator for every state so you can get an exact breakdown of how your estate would be distributed.

In the meantime, here is a general (not state specific) breakdown of what can happen to a person's assets depending on who they leave

• Married with children: When a married person with children dies without a will, all property, investments and financial accounts that are jointly held automatically goes to the surviving spouse, without going through probate, which is the legal process that distributes a deceased person's assets. But for all other separately owned property or individual financial accounts, the laws of most states award onethird to one-half to the surviv-

ing spouse, while the rest goes dren or grandchildren: Some states award the entire estate to the surviving spouse, or everything up to a certain amount (for example the first \$200,000). But many other states award only one-third to one-half of the decedent's separately owned assets to the surviving spouse, with the

remainder generally going to the deceased person's parents, or if the parents are dead, to brothers and sisters. (Note: Jointly owned property, investments, financial accounts, or community property automatically goes to the surviving • Single with children: All

state laws provide that the entire estate goes to the children, in equal shares. If an adult child of the decedent has died, then that child's children (the decedent's grandchildren) split their parent's share. Single with no children: In this situation, most state laws favor the deceased person's parents. If both parents are deceased, many states divide the property among the brothers and sisters, or if they are not living, their children (your nieces and nephews). If there are none of them, it goes to the next of kin, and if there is no living family, the state takes it.

If you don't like the idea of your state handling your financial affairs after you're gone, you can change that by creating a simple will, and with all the self-help resources available today it's quick, easy and inexpensive. For example, Web sites like Buildawill.com and Legacywriter.com create a will for you by asking you questions and inserting your answers. The whole process takes less than 30 minutes from start to finish and costs only around \$20. Or if you need a little extra help, try Legalzoom. com for \$69. This site works like the others, but then has a specialist double-check your answers for completeness.

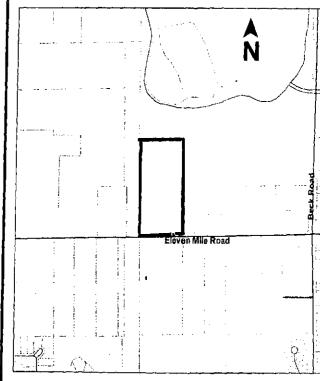
Or, if you don't find the online resources appealing check out Nolo's "Quicken WillMaker Plus 2010" (Nolo: com, 800-728-3555), which offers a downloadable computer software program for \$40, or a CD for \$42. Nolo also offers a new online will service for \$50. And if you don't have a computer, there's Nolo's "Quick & Legal Will Book" (\$13) which comes with legal forms and step-by-step instructions

Send your senior questions to: Sayvy Senior, P.O. Box 5443, Norman, OK 73070, or visit SavvySenior.org. Jim Miller is a contributor to the NBC Today show and author of "The Savvy

#### CITY OF NOVI

PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Planning Commission fo the City of Novi will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, March 24, 2010 at 7:00 P.M. in the Novi Civic Center, 45175 W. Ten Mile Road Novi, MI to consider MEDILODGE OF NOVI, SITE PLAN NUMBER 10-05A FOR PRELIMINARY SITE PLAN, WOODLAND PERMIT. WETLAND PERMIT AND SPECIAL LAND USE PERMIT APPROVAL. The subject property totals approximately 20.05 acres and is located in Section 17, north of Eleven Mile Road between Beck Road and Wixom Road, parcel number 5022-17-400-002. The applicant is proposing a 120 bed 78,560 square foot convalescent (nursing) home building.



\*\*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 by 4:00 P.M., Wednesday, March 24, 2010. Novi Planning Commission

David Greco, Secretary

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Hollywood

with DJ Joey "A" & mc Jevon

Thursdays: DJ Tommy Holiday

Contact: (248) 347-6499 or mixx-

a.m.-5 p.m.; Sunday, 1 a.m.-5: p.m.

**Details:** Unless noted below, all

Contact: (248) 349-0720

Website: www.novilibrary.org

Story Times: Please see the

Library website or story time bro-

programs take place at the Library

(September-May).

chure for details.

Discussion

Genealogy Roundtable

Time/Date: 1-2 p.m. Saturday,

**Details**: Join us for a meeting of

fellow genealogists to share hints,

resources, and solutions to dead

ends. This is not a class, YOU decide

& mc Jevon Hollywood

mail to Novi News, 101 N. Lafayette, pnerick@aol.com. South Lyon, MI 48178. Items must be Novi Community Education received by noon on Monday to be included in Thursday's newspaper.

#### **LOCAL EVENTS** Leukemia & Lymphoma Society (LL&S) Fundraiser

Time/Date: 5-7 p.m. Saturday, Location: Bar Louie in Fountain Walk, 44375 West 12 Mile Road, Novi **Details**: All proceeds will be donated to Leukemia & Lymphoma Society. Advance tickets are \$15; \$20 at the door; includes light appetizers and one raffle ticket for a pair of roundtrip tickets on AirTran. A percentage of food/beverage proceeds will be donated to the cause. Contact: http://pages.teamintrain-

ing.org/ga/anttry10/DR The All-Dimension Garden **Time/Date**: 7 p.m. Tuesday, March 9 of the easiest and most affordable **Location**: Walled Lake City Library **Details:** Master gardener Janet Macunovich will present the workshop. This event is free and open to the public, but seating is limited. Contact: Walled Lake City Library at (248) 624-3772 to reserve a seat or send an email to admin@walled-

#### lakelibrary.org. Novi Lions Club Fourth Annual Charity Auction

Time/Date: 6 p.m. Saturday, March **Location**: Novi Sheraton Hotel (on Haggerty Road, north of Eight Mile

Details: Enjoy an evening out while helping the Lions continue to give the gift of sight. All proceeds will go to the Michigan Eye Bank in Ann Arbor, Tickets (\$20) include a complete carved beef dinner and access to the live and silent auctions; cash bar. Make checks payable to Novi Lions Club. 41614 Kenilworth Lane, Novi, MI 48377; Visa, Mastercard and Discover accepted. Tickets will not be avail-

able at the door; must be pre-Contact: Doc Bar at (248) 960-3092 or wbarr@twmi.rr.com

American Legion Post 19 Monthly Meeting Time/Date: 7:30 p.m. on third

Location: Rock Financial Showplace, Grand River Avenue between Taft and Beck roads Details: Comrades and fellow vet-

Open 7 Days:

erans, please join these monthly meetings; attendance is needed to Contact: Commander Dennis lis@twmi.rr.com or Service Officer Paul Erickson (248) 344-7193 or

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Contact: To register, call (248) 449-1206 or visit us online at www.novi. k12.mi.us/district/communityeduca-

**Details**: Renee Chodkowski has been teaching Community Education cooking classes for over 20 years. She loves to share her passion for cooking and all things food with her students. Renee's emphasis is on making the process efficient and delicious while teaching little known tips and tricks for ingredients, techniques and cooking utensils. Visit her blog at www. greatfoodini.com. An 'Egg'stravaganza Time/Date: 6:30-8:30 p.m. Thursday, March 11 Location: Novi Middle School **DETAILS**: From Appetizers to Entree- Let's wow your taste buds with the incredible, edible egg. One proteins out there. Cost is \$34.

#### BUSINESS Metro Novi BNI

Time/Date: 7-8:30 a.m. every

Wednesday **Location**: On the Border Restaurant, 21091 Haggerty Road (north of 8 Mile), Novi 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/educa-

Guests are invited to attend free of charge. Continental breakfast **Contact**: For more information, contact Julie Paquette at 248-797-

tion on networking more efficiently.

www.metronovibni.com, Novi Chamber of Commerce The Novi Chamber of Commerce is an active, progressive chamber offering a variety of events, educa-

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

Contact: For more information, call (248) 349-3743 or www.novicham-Business to Business Breakfast

WALK-INS WELCOME

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Time: 10 p.m. Friday: 11 p.m. Details: March 5-6 - Mark Klein and Chad Miller

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The Northville-Novi branch of the American Association of University Women 731-4681 for supply list. held their annual luncheon Feb. 13 at the VisTaTech Center at Schoolcraft in conjunction with the Tranistions Center of Schoolcraft, The speaker was Dr. Gail Majcher (front) author of A Worth Woman: Victory Over Domestic Violence. She was presented a thank you bouquet by Susan Schanne of AAUWNN (back). Majcher is a fully licensed psychologist and marriage counselor who has been in private practice for more than 20 years. She is a co-host of 'Sunday Sessions' on WJR (760am). Majcher is an expert in communication training with individuals, couples and groups. Throughout the years, couples counseling has been a large part of her practice. Although she specializes in a diversity of issues such as anxiety and depression, it is the topic of domestic violence that tugs most at her heart. Speaking to the women who attended the luncheon meeting, the doctor told of her personal experience as a victim of domestic violence and her escape. Today she has a successful life, a good marriage and her two children have become well-respected adults with loving spouses. She wants victims of domestic violence to know that there is hope for them — if she could turn her life around so can other women. The next monthly meeting of AAUW will take place at the ACE Hardware on Novi Road with the topic Ladies at the Hardware. There will be break-out sessions from the Appliance Doctor, Kelly Drothers Heating and Cooling, Johnny on the Spot Carpet Maintenance and

Visitors welcome. Check Web site

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Web: www.novi.k12.mi.us/district/

Time/Date: Thursday, March 18 &

25: 6:30-8 p.m.; Saturday, March 20

Location: Novi Middle School and

**Details:** Have fun learning the

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tions in southeast Michigan and

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Details: Join us for networking and a light breakfast; \$5 payable After 5 Networking

Time/Date: 5-7 p.m. Thursday, Location: Gus O'Connor's, 42875 Grand River, Novi Details: Join us for delicious, complimentary appetizers, non-alcoholic beverages and a cash bar; \$10

pre-registration; \$15 at the door. Business to Business Breakfast Time/Date: 8-9 a.m. Tuesday. Location: Walsh College, 41500 Gardenbrook Rd., Novi **Details:** Join us for networking and a light breakfast; \$5 payable

Time/Date: 7-9 p.m., every first

Location: Novi Civic Center, Activities Room, 45175 West 10 Mile Road, Novi, Michigan 48375 **Details:** Novi Toastmasters is a community-based club which is part of Toastmasters International. mutually supportive atmosphere in which all can develop and refine their public speaking and leadership skills. Our members also have fun while building confidence in day-to-day communications and mentoring toward professional and personal excellence. Guests are

welcome - and bring a friend. Visit Contact: Paulette Alioa, V.P. of Public Relations at greenspace@ Time/Date: Noon every Thursday Location: Novi Methodist Church.

Details: Lunch is \$10 at meeting.

Mixx Lounge Location: 43155 Main Street, Novi Thursday-Saturday: DJ container. Once learned you'll be able Novi Public Library Library Hours Location: 45245 W. Ten Mile Road Hours: Monday-Thursday, 10 a.m.-9 p.m.; Friday-Saturday, 10

Create a Gourmet Fresh Fruit Time/Date: 7-9:30 p.m. Wednesday,

> the topics. For all genealogists; beginner to advanced. Microsoft Word 2007. Introduction for Adults Time/Date: 2:30-4 p.m. Saturday,

> > March 6 **Details**: This one-night session will provide hands-on instruction on the popular program Microsoft Word 2007. Learn to create, modify and save a document. Proficiency with the mouse and keyboard and com fort with a computer are required. Please register. Use it or Move it Craft Session

Time/Date: 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Tuesday, March 9 Details: Help us get rid of the last of our craft supplies so that we don't have to move them to the new building. Create an art project all your own with the odds and ends that we have left in our craft closet

Investing 101: The Basics of Developing a Retirement Portfolio Time/Date: 7-8:30 p.m. Tuesday, March 9

Details: Rick Bloom, registered investment advisor and president of Bloom Asset Management, Inc., will offer a program that will appeal to investors of all ages. Plan now for the future with great tips from Rick Bloom! Please register. Booked for Lunch

Time/Date: 12-1 p.m. Wednesday, **Details:** Join your neighbors in a lively book discussion during your lunch hour. Bring your lunch and the library will provide a beverage This month's selection to be discussed is the Great Michigan Read titled Stealing Buddha's Dinner by

Bich Minh Nguyen. **English Conversation Group** Time/Date: 1-2 p.m. Wednesdays, March 10 and March 17 Details: Make friends while you practice your English pronunciation and conversation skills. No need to

Introduction to the Internet for Time/Date: 1-3 p.m. Wednesday,

**Details**: This class introduces the basics of the internet in a relaxed, supportive environment. You will discover how the Internet works. practice using a web browser, and learn about using search engines to find information. The class includes interactive discussion and hands-

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Location: 200 E. Main St.

First Presbyterian Church of Northville

Contact: (248) 349-0911 or visit firstpresn-

and 11 Mile roads) Details: Group meets for lunch afterwards Contact: Sue (734) 459-0016 Single Place Ministries Time/Date: 7:30 p.m. social time; 7:45 p.m. opening; 8-9 p.m. program, every Thursday. Details: Informative and entertaining programs of interest to singles; \$5 per person. Check Web site for details singleplace.org.

online at hometownlife.com

First United Methodist Church of Northville A Stephen Ministry Church

Location: 777 W. 8 Mile Road at Taft Rd. Contact: (248) 349-1144 or www.fumcnorthville.org SUNDAY WORSHIP Times: (September-June) 8, 9:15 and 11 a.m.; (July and August) 8:30 and 10 a.m.

Pastors: Rev. Dr. Steven J. Buck, Rev. Jeff Coffee Hour: Sunday at 10:15 a.m.

Healing Service: 4 p.m. First Monday of Logo Youth Club: 5 p.m. Wednesday for fourth-12th grades.

Radical Joy: 6-8 p.m. first and third Thursday Men's Club: 8 a.m. the second Saturday Career Ministry: 7 p.m. first and third

Good Shepherd Lutheran Church Location: 41415 Nine Mile Road, corner of Meadowbrook Road, Novi

Contact: (248) 349-0565 Time: 8:45 a.m. Sunday School and Bible Study; 10 am. Worship Livonia Church of Christ Location: 15431 Merriman Road, Livonia **Contact**: For further information, please contact NSO Douglas K. Wells at (313) 964-6595.

Meadowbrook Congregational

Location: 21355 Meadowbrook Road, between Eight and Nine Mile roads Novi United Methodist Contact: Rev. Arthur P. Ritter, Senior Minister Location: 41671 W. 10 Mile Road (248) 348-7757, visit mbccc.org or e-rnail to office@mbccc.org. Sunday Worship: 10 a.m. Sunday Worship Sermon: Having a Plan Time: 9:45 a.m. Church School: 10-11 a.m.

Fellowship Hour: 11 a.m. Merry Widows Luncheon Time/Date: 11:30 a.m. fourth Thursday of Peace Vigil each month Pilgrim Fellowship Time/Date: 6 p.m. Sundays **Location**: In front of the church

Asking Questions adult education class Time/Date: 10 a.m. Tuesdays Cross Walk for beace. Time/Date: 5 p.m. April 2 Advent Service **Details**: Join us in a somber remembrance Time/Date: 9:45 a.m. Sunday of Christ's final walk; from Meadowbrook

Congregational Church to Novi United Methodist. Maundy Thursday Time/Date: 6:14 p.m. April 1 Details: Potluck and worship service

Northville Christian Assembly Location: 41355 Six Mile Road **Renew Life Ministries** Contact: (248) 348-9030 9-10 a.m.: Sunday School for Adults / Youth / Children 9 a.m.: Contemporary service in multi-pur-

pose gymnasium 10:15 a.m. Contemporary service in worship center; children's super church on the second Charmed Influence level (208/210) Tuesday Morning Ladies Bible Study 8:45-10:30 a.m. (café) Spiritual Mismatch in Marriage".

Contact: Joy Ruby at joy@oakpointe.org or 7 p.m.: Adult elective classes; jr. and sr. call the church high student ministries; children's programs (M-Pact Girls Club & Royal Rangers Boys Orchard Hills Baptist Church Club) Nursery and Preschool Program on Location: 23455 Novi Road Sundays and Wednesdays Home of Northville Christian School (day care; preschool Preschool/Kids Choir through eighth grade) - contact (248) 348-

Novi - Northville Center for Jewish Life Details: A Jewish center with events, programs and activities for all ages throughout the year - children's programs, Sunday school, adult Jewish classes, youth clubs, holiday services and programs, community

Our Lady of Victory Catholic Church Location: 770 Thayer, Northville

ter.com; www.novijewishcenter.com

Contact: (248) 349-2652 or visit umcnovi.

Healing Service and Holy Communion Time/Date: 9:45 a.m. first Sunday of every Time/Date: Noon, first Sunday of every

**Details:** Members of the congregation and the community will stand united in prayer

Oak Pointe Church Location: 50200 W, 10 Mile Road Contact: (248) 912-0043 or visit oakpointe.

**Worship Services** Time: 5:15 p.m. Saturday: 9:15 and 11:15 a.m.

Time/Date: 7:15-9 p.m. every Monday **Details:** Ongoing Life Groups that support and facilitate personal growth, healing, learning and change from a Christian per-

**Contact**: For more information or to register call (248) 912-0043 or visit oakpointe.org. Time/Date: 9:30 a.m. every Wednesday **Details:** Studying the book "Surviving a

**Contact**: Pastor Jon Hix (248) 349-5665 Time/Date: 7-8:15 p.m. every Wednesday **Details:** For ages three to six; ongoing event;

Our Lady of Good Counsel Catholic Church Location: 47650 N. Territorial Road, Contact: (734) 453-0326, ext. 221

no need to pre-register; all are welcome.

Contact: (248) 349-2621 or olynorthyille.

Saturday Worship Time: 5 p.m. Sunday Worship Time: 7:30, 9:30, 11:30 a.m.

Our Shepherd Presbyterian Church Location: 1200 S. Sheldon Road, Plymouth Contact: Pastor Bill Burke at (734) 927-

Wednesday Bible Study: 7 p.m. Sunday Bible Study: 9:30 a.m. Sunday Worship: 10:30 a.m. with fellowship and food after service

St. James Catholic Location: 46325 10 Mile Road, Novi Contact: (248) 347-7778 Mass Schedule

TIME/DAY: 8, 9:30 and 11:30 a.m. Sunday; ! 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 during

**Contact**: Kris Endreszl (248) 946-4080

St. John's Episcopal Church Location: 574 S. Sheldon Road, Plymouth St. John Lutheran Location: 23225 Gill Road, Farmington Hills Contact: (248) 474-0584 or visit stjohnlutheran.com Saturday Worship **Time**: 5:30 p.m. Sunday Worship **Time**: 9, 11:15 a.m.

St. Paul's Lutheran Church Location: 201 Elm St., Northville Contact: (248) 349-3140 Sunday Worship: 8:30 a.m. Blended; 11 a.m. Contemporary; 11:30 a.m. Traditional

Sunday School

**Time**: 10:15 a.m.

Unitarian Universalist Church of Farmington Location: 25301 Halstead Road, Farmington Hills Contact: www.uufarmington.org Youth Interfaith Journey Time/Date: 9:30 and 11 a.m. Sundays **Details**: This religious education program is open to the public and currently enrolling new students. The UUCF Interfaith Journey curriculum encompasses the Unitarian Universalism philosophy of individual worth and the power of community with a study of the World Religions that are practiced around the globe. This program compliments the mission of UUCF Religious Education of teaching youth inclusion, compassion and peace and provides the environment to live and learn in a culturally diverse community. Classes are grouped into grades K-5, 6-8 and 9-12 with age specific education

Ward Evangelical Presbyterian Church Location: 40000 Six Mile Road Contact: (248) 374-7400 or (248) 374-5978

Contact: Jennifer Teed at 248/478-7272 or dre@

materials for all.

uufarmington.org

Sunday Worship Time: 8 a.m., 9:30 a.m. and 1) a.m. Traditional; 9:30 and 11 a.m. Contemporary, Nursery and Sunday School during the 9:30 a.m. and 11 a.m. services.

Service Broadcast Details: il a.m. every Sunday on WRDT-AM 560, The WMUZ Word Station. Single Point Ministries (45 and older) Time/Date: 11 a.m. Sunday for fellowship and

Bible study. Single Point Ministries (35-50 years old) Time/Date: 9:30 a.m. Sunday to deepen your personal relationship with Christ.

Single Purpose Connexsions (20-30 years Time/Date: 11 a.m. Sunday in the Chapel for singing, Bible study, and fellowship. **Details:** For single adults. Active ministry offering various Bible study classes, volleyball, bicycling group, tennis group, support groups. support group for widowed over age 50, fellow ship, friendships and more. Contact the numbe below for more information. Contact: (248) 374-5920 Learner's Bible Study Time/Date: 7 p.m. Mondays Room A101

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**OUR VIEWS** 

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# Heed former governors' advice, state office candidates

Former Govs. John Engler and James Blanchard were in Livonia last week offering advice to current and future state leaders. Speaking at Michigan State University's

Michigan Political Leadership Program at Laurel Manor, the two former political adversaries agreed that Republicans and Democrats must work together to turn Michigan's economy around.

Blanchard said candidates should run because they love Michigan, not just themselves. "Make sure you want to serve," he told them.

These are wise words. We hope everyone running for a state office or considering running for a state office takes them to heart.

This is an election year. Michigan voters will choose a new governor as well as state senators and state representatives.

The state can't afford politics as usual any longer. That includes partisanship so polarizing that problems remain unsolved and elected officials who'd rather serve themselves than their con-

The state faces a projected budget deficit of \$1.5 billion next budget year and high unemployment for at least another two years, among other

Elected officials work together to find ways to balance the budget but still provide essential government services.

That means state lawmakers must be willing to lead by example and do their share to cut costs, like giving up their lifetime health care benefits. The August primary is five months away, and candidates are only beginning to file. We hope both parties attract candidates willing to work across the aisle and put the state's needs ahead of

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**COMMUNITY VOICE** 

Do you have any vacation plans this winter?



"No. I've already done my travel for the winter."

"Yes, I do. I'm planning on heading south in April. I'll be driving for four to six weeks once skiing season's over. I'm going to Florida to visit my sister then I'll head back when I feel like it."

provide service." Mary MacIssac

"I'm going to Guatemala on

village and I'll help a dentist

a mission trip to a remote



"I'm going to Disney World - I've never been there

Kim Bibik

#### **LETTERS**

Terry Neilsen

#### Don't lose sight of school funding problem

For many years, the Novi educational community has been fortunate to enjoy the rare combination of involved parents, bright students, financial resources, growing businesses, professional educators and a caring community. We have truly been partners and have kept our focus on doing what we felt was best for the students. Unfortunately, political agendas unmask underlying motives.

Attacks on organized labor by organizations such as the Education Action Group out of Muskegon (re: Feb. 25, 2010, Letter to the Editor) contain several fundamental flaws. Their argument is framed by saying that bargaining in good faith a contract with health insurance puts our "selfish" interests above those of the students. If they were familiar with Novi, they would know that MESSA health care coverage costs the district \$3,000 less than the alternative plan. Teachers all over the nation have consistently bargained for good health care coverage over the years. Most of us come into contact with hundreds (2,000-plus at the high school) of individuals every day. It is akin to traveling through three busy international airports daily.

district into a situation that would bring harm to our students. We have consistently bargained fair contracts with the district and will continue to do so. The bickering at the local level, however, deflects attention from the real source of the problem, to secure a stable funding mechanism for our schools. The presentation by Arch Lewis never asserted that the district ought to eliminate its athletic programs. For many students, participating in extracurriculars provides a well-rounded education and can be just as rewarding as writing an essay or two for government class.

Lastly, they portray our contract as being overly generous. Teaching is a unique profession in this country, and I wouldn't want to do anything else. To be fair, I was attracted to apply for a position in the district by its reputation for excellence, good pay and benefits and the support the community, the school board and administration afforded. As one parent said at last Thursday's district forum, you get what you pay for. Novi is a world class educational community, and its students have excelled in many different arenas of human endeavor. Our district should be held up as a model of what K-12 education can look like in

Better coverage for girls

Your Feb. 18 issue of Local Sports highlighted a large picture of the Novi wrestling team members, accompanying the lead article pertaining to their recent meet. Below the picture of the wrestlers is the beginning of your coverage of the Novi High School pom pon State Championship for both the varsity and JV squads. It was the first championship in nine years for the varsity squad. The coverage continues on page three with small pictures appearing of both squads.

Don't these champions deserve to be the lead story with a large picture on page one? This is a true example of discrimination, viewing girls' accomplishments as not as newsworthy as boys sports in the eyes of the high school and the community of Novi. Perhaps your paper is not familiar with the amount of time and effort needed to win a State Championship at a pom pon competition. These champions deserve an apology from your newspa-

Tom Brenner

#### The Novi teachers would never force the President, Novi Education Association

a st of us now know there's a possibility that Asian carp could establish themselves in Lake Michigan, and then move into the other Great Lakes, potentially wiping out the \$7 billionplus fishing industry. But this

The outstory are

River, where they were pri-Then, however, they got into the Mississippi, apparently as a result of flooding. Since then, they've been traveling steadily north. Years ago, nature would

have stopped them before Chicago. But since then man has gone to work, and the Mississippi River system is now artificially connected to the Great Lakes, via something called the Chicago Sanitary and Ship Canal. Late last year, for the first time ever, DNA from Asian

Michigan. That finally got everyone's attention. The carp have been on the giant Bighead variety,

| Grace Perry

their way for years, both

alarm about possible disaster if the carp got into Lake Michigan. That's because they vacuum up food sup-

Eventually, the government did run electric cables under the canal to deter the fish, thanks in large part to the funding.

exploring and testing the cables -- and listening to ered in the Chicago canals past the electric fence, and all hell broke loose.

connecting the Mississippi

local barge industry com-

But the Obama

For years, environmentalists have been sounding the plies, wiping out all the other

Congressman Vern Ehlers of But the feds fooled around

pleas not to turn them on full strength. Then late last year evidence of carp were discov-

Michigan Attorney General Mike Cox asked the state of Illinois to immediately close the shipping canals and locks often seen.

There's something fishy here: Carp issue typical of how government doesn't work

population," he said.

too late." Moreover, there is a big dispute about the effectiveto barge traffic. Michigan officials seem to have an all-or-nothing attitude, but and thinking about closing

The real question: how over the long run to save the Great Lakes from these invasive carp. "We've got to

have a complete ecologic and hydrological separation of the Chicago River and Lake Michigan," Buchsbaum said. He reports that the Corps of Engineers says it will take two years to study how to do that. But he thinks it could be done by the end of this "This is a crisis staring us

in the face ... at heart the problem is a political and to avoid making tough decisions that upset the status quo, and the overall lack of Which says a lot about

how government does ... and doesn't ... work: 1) To work, governments have to be convinced there

barge industry on the other

there is no way Michigan and its environmentalists can trump Chicago Mayor Richard Daley or President Obama, who is from Chicago. So much for the largest fresh water system on the globe. Democracies seem constitutionally unable to act timely to anticipate problems and solve them at a point when it is easy and cheap to do so. Instead, they wait until everybody recognizes a crisis, at which time fixing the problem is much harder and far more expensive. It

2) All politics is still

local. Center for Michigan

Executive Director John

the Chicago Tribune, says

Bebow, who has worked for

took years to overcome governmental inertia about the carp, even though everybody knew they were coming. these days can be counted on to do the right thing ... but only if there is no other

They don't seem able to "seize the day" to take action. Ironically enough, that's "carpe diem" in Latin.

# PUBLIC SAFETY

**NOVI POLICE BRIEFS** 

12 Mile Rd.

Novi police arrested a man at 10:48 p.m. on Feb. 27 for possession of marijuana after being dispatched to the area of Culvert Isle Court about a suspicious

Driver arrested for pot possession

online at hometownlife.com

There were no cars in the area when the officer arrived, but when leaving he noticed a car speeding on Drakes Bay. The car made a sharp turn onto Reeds Point before pulling into a driveway, and it was there that the officer initiated the traffic

When he approached the car he could smell a strong odor of marijuana, and when initially asked if there was anything illegal in the car the driver said "no." The driver also refused to let the officer search the

The officer put the driver in his squad car and asked the rear passenger if there was any weed in the car, he told the officer "yes. The driver was asked again if his car could be searched and he finally agreed.

During the search, police found a total of 6.6 grams of marijuana, and the driver admitted that the drug was his. He was arrested and taken to the Novi Police Department.

Rash of thefts on N. Haven

Several vehicles were broken into and Litems were stolen from them around 4 a.m. on Feb. 28 while they were parked at

residences on N. Haven Street. One victim had his Jeep Liberty broken into and his Kodak Digital Camera valued at \$300 was taken from the SUV. Another resident had both his vehicle and minivan broken into. Stolen from the vehicle was a Tom-Tom GPS and taken from the mini-van was the back-up/reverse camera

The third case involved an Oldsmobile that had a J Crew lap top bag containing prescription medication stolen as well as a Tom-Tom GPS. The contents of the glove box also had been emptied. In this incident the homeowner woke up at 4 a.m. to her son's car door slamming in the driveway. When she looked outside she saw a white Ford Ranger-style pickup driving away from her home. Four more cars in the area also were entered

on N. Haven Street and several others were

attempted to be opened but were locked. All the vehicles that had items stolen from them were left unlocked. Police have no suspects at this time.

11 Mile Rd.

Man caught with joint

A 29-year-old man was arrested at 7:03 a.m. on Feb. 23 for possession of marijuana after being stopped at Novi Road and Grand River Avenue for not wearing a seat belt and his

9 Mile Rd. 8 Mile Rd. vehicle had a loud exhaust. When the officer approached the vehicle, both windows were down and he could smell a

2 14 Mile Rd.

13 Mile Rd.

strong odor of burnt marijuana. The man said he was going to his job as a carpenter building the new Novi Public Library. The driver said the only marijuana he

had was the joint he was smoking and a search of him and the car came back negative. He was put through sobriety observations and did not show he was under the influence or impaired at the time of He was issued a citation and released on

Generator stolen by unknown party 4A Cummins generator was stolen at some time between Jan. 23 and Feb.

21 from a location on the 26000 block of Meadowbrook Road. The site has a gate, but it was believed to have been left unlocked. The site also is not visited on a regular basis. The generator is valued at \$12,000 and the victim said he believes the generator has LoJack

Police have no more information at this

SUV broken into, items stolen

**5**An unlocked Dodge Durango was entered between 3:30 p.m. on Feb. 27 and 12:50 a.m. on Feb. 28 while it was parked at the Sheraton Hotel on Haggerty

Taken from the vehicle was a black Coach purse containing a driver's license but no credit cards or cash, a Tom-Tom GPS and a black suitcase containing clothing and

The woman said she usually locks her car but couldn't remember if she did that night. Police were unable to locate fingerprints and have no suspects at this time.

Wallet snatched at bar

6 A woman had her wallet stolen from her purse around 1 a.m. on Feb. 20 while she was at the Liquor Store Bar on Twelve Mile

The woman said she left her purse on a ledge and when she returned to it a short while later her wallet was missing. Stolen was a Coach wallet containing a debit card, credit card, license and some money. The car was used twice on Saturday at the

Meijer on Eight Mile and Haggerty Roads for a total of \$434.09. The suspect also tried to use another eard but it had already been

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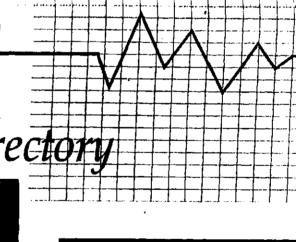
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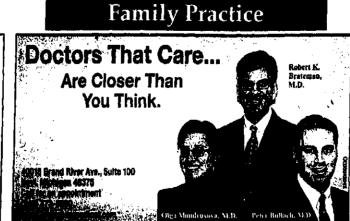
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lines of the well known. The carp were brought more than two decades ago to fish farms along the lower Mississippi marily used to clean up algae.

carp was discovered in Lake

which can easily get over 100 pounds, and the Silver carp, which get only half that size -- but which have a tendency to jump, resulting in serious injuries to swimmers and

Grand Rapids, who fought for

and Lake Michigan. But the plained they'd lose too much money, and Illinois Gov. Pat Quinn said no. Cox then went directly to the U.S. Supreme

Administration backed Illinois, and the nation's highest court refused to order the locks shut immediately -- though it is still considering Michigan's demand for long-term closure. Governor Jennifer

Granholm then demanded, and got, a White House-led "Carp Summit." Prior to the Feb. 8 meeting, there was certainly a lot of carping. Governors, environmentalists, fishing writers and fishermen all, um, spawned Illinois officials and the

shipping industry claimed that shutting the locks to barge traffic would "devastate" the economies of Chicago and the entire region, costing more than \$190 million annually. Two Wayne State University economists rebutted the claim by producing evidence that the total burden would be less than \$70 million a year. I spoke with Andy Buchsbaum, head of Engineers ... (have) got to

the National Wildlife

Federation's Midwest office

in Ann Arbor. He's an old friend, a very able lawyer and the major environmental figure in the carp fight. He offered some perspectives not

"The danger is not that an isolated carp or two get into Lake Michigan. The danger is that some number - 200-400 is the figure most often used - would make up a breeding "But the only way of finding out for sure is when it's

ness of shutting the O'Brien, Wilmette and Chicago locks the locks are not watertight, the locks needs to be done as part of a management strat-

egy that uses other tools as Buchsbaum says these should include poisoning (using biodegradable Rotenone), electrofishing (shocking and killing live carp) and temporary lock closures. "Taking all these elements together is a rational plan," says Buchsbaum. "But the Corps of

get off their butts to do it

and quit listening only to the

institutional one: The desire accountability for failing to make those tough decisions,"

is both an urgent crisis and a lot of money involved. Michigan lawmakers passed big school reforms when they realized Michigan might get a big piece of the "Race To The Top" money. A \$7 billion fishing industry on the one hand and a \$200 million

represent enough money to

So governments at all levels

Phil Power is a longtime observer of Michigan politics and economics the founder and president of The Center for Michigan. He welcomes your comments at ppower@thecenterformichi-

# Setting the right tone in a landlordtenant relationship

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n my 25 years of commercial real estate brokerage, potential tenants often ask me how I achieve the best price on a space for lease. Let me share with you the elements of creating a negotiating strategy designed to save you money, obtain value on issues other than price and, beyond that, create a strong bond with a tenant's essential partner, the landlord. First, let's begin by explain-

ing what not to do. Giving the landlord, directly or indirectly, a hard time by using unfriendly or belligerent language with the listing broker is counter-productive. Examples of this could be the "What are you going to do for me?" remark before the landlord/broker even has a chance to say hello. Or, that unfortunate opening, "Just before we get started, you should know I've already looked at 20

Most landlords, met with such a reception, are likely to think, "If this is what it is like now, it's only going to get worse - and - let's be honest, for 1000 square feet, who needs this treatment?"

Unless you are a Fortune 500 company, or heir to a multi million-dollar fortune, most real estate professionals will take a pass on the "pain in the neck" tenant. Moreover, my experience has been that Fortune 500 real estate representatives do not act that way nor do wealthy individuals. This type of behavior will not result in a better deal for tenants. A landlord would not consider such business people likely to meet their lease obli-

Let's examine a more productive way for tenants seeking an ideal location for their from the landlord.

appreciate preparedness and Tenants beginning with this foundation can negotiate from and you will have greater suca position of strength.

Always present the positives about yourself and your business. If you have been on time with your rental payments for the last year, or generally over the time of your recent or current lease, you have accomplished something landlords want to hear.

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what kind of business lo vou own? Providing an outline of your business, perhaps a catalog or brochure, simplifies

the "learning

Financial statements are helpful, because landlords are interested to see if you have the ability to pay, and can weather the "ups and downs" of the business cycle and the

modest. If you have ever received an award, certificate of merit or similar recognition, show a copy of it, as it speaks to your character and personal qualities. We call this "third-party endorsement." Also include in your package, any positive newspaper articles written about you, and transcripts of broadcast

Perhaps you may not give all of these to the landlord or his agent at the time of a showing but, certainly, at a meeting to negotiate the lease. In today's technological business world, sending a proposal by e-mail is helpful but, without some and without a face-to-face approach, there is usually less of a chance to be successful.

Don't overlook another important fact. Obtaining inclusion or favorable terms guarantee, clause language, option to renew, early termination, is often more valuable than rent concessions

From the start, set the tone I have found that landlords for a positive landlord-tenant relationship and negotiate from strength. Show yourself to be the right kind of tenant cess in attaining a satisfactory lease arrangement. The outcome will be having a landlord who is more responsive to your needs during the length

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# Material facts are important to any case

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any transaction is to think

about what you would want

to know. What would you

you tell the other person

something that, in your mind,

has the possibility of being a

dealbreaker? Should you ask

the other person any questions

backing out of the deal? Well.

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ost civil litigation or lawsuits are the result of one party believing the other did not disclose something important. In the law, these are referred to as 'material facts". If a material fact is not disclosed, it may be the result of simple oversight or negligence, or the result of scienter or intentional deceit. Litigation involving material facts is usually grounded in fraud or misrepresentation. Understanding these concepts s important.

There are two elements to a material fact: what should be disclosed, and how should it be The law does provide some

specifics as to what a material fact is and when it must be disclosed. Mandatory disclosures are often found in the securioondering an investment. under the insurance disclosure rules when a party applies for insurance coverage. If a fact is not disclosed when there is a specific requirement that it be isclosed (such as on an insurance application), it may be presumed that this failure is ntentional and fraud may be

the root cause. Where the law is silent on material facts and disclosure, the fall-back standard is to consider what would be reasonable under the circumstances. This is where a trierof-fact or jury would be called upon to decide "yes, under the you should have told Mrs. Plaintiff that the roof leaked

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you is yes. Does it always happen? No. And when it does not happen, this is when litigation Which brings us to litigation. If you failed to disclose a potentially material fact, was

before you sold — it important or did you intentionally omit it, or maybe you were not aware of it to begin with. The standard is not for you to list every remote, potential fact to the other person; it is to disclose 'material facts circumstances'. If you do not have any way to demonstrate your mindset, it will be left to a jury to decide if you were being fraudulent or not. Now what do you do to protect yourself? The best advice

This brings us to element I can give anyone about to transact any business transaceverything? People will often tion is to use a questionnaire, laugh about the "fine print" or a document with a list of disclosures or have some writthat is just about everywhere ten understanding between the parties as to what they disclosure of everything under consider important and what the sun. Although this may be they do not consider important, then sign it. If the other easy enough or may be necessary if you are Best Buy, it does person did not think to ask not translate well in ordinary other questions or investigate while the transaction was pending, a jury could find that it is their own fault for not asking when they had the oppor-

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Levin & Earl

Dave and Laraine Levin of Novi announce the engagement of their son, Mark, to Abby Earl, daughter of Tim and Sharon Earl of Elk Rapids, Mich. The groom-elect is a 2002 graduate of Novi Novac, the son of Philip and High School and earned a bachelor's degree in broadcasting from Asheley Novac of Ohio, will Central Michigan University. He is employed at Cars.com in Chicago. The bride-to-be is a 2003 graduate of Elk Rapids High School and earned her bachelor's degree in elementary education in May. They met on a Carnival from Central Michigan University. She is employed by Chicago Public Schools. An August wedding is planned.



Kyle Novac. Fader, the daughter of Corinn and the late Donald Fader, graduated from South Lyon High School in 2008. graduate from the Air force Academy in Colorado Springs

Local dog owners, breeders head



Burnese mountain dog owners Carla Cook, left, with Charlie, and Adriana Chefan with Guinness will be showing their pets at the dog show at Cobo this other dogs. cruise ship in 2008. A June 2010 weekend and utilizing them to demonstrate their "drafting" or cart carrying abilities. Cook is from Northville and Chefan is a Novi resident.

have to worry about buying more than she can carry at Northville's Farmers' Market. That's because she has Guinness, a Burmese Mountain Dog who can pull a at the May-November outdoor market Chefan, of Novi, will take Guinness to Cobo Hall for the

He will be displaying his ing, in several presentations called "GO Drafting!" with The presentation was devel-

oped by Carla Cook of Northville Township, dog breeder and co-owner of Guinness along with Chefan Cook will also have her 2year-old Burmese Mountain Dog Charlie in this weekend's

The presentations will be at 10:30 a.m., noon, 1:30 and 3 p.m. both Saturday and Sunday at the DKC Show.

Chefan and Guinness were featured on an episode on drafting on the cable TV show Animal Planet and on WXYZ-TV Channel 7 on Tuesday. Guinness is 7 years old. "He's considered a veteran

now," Chefan said.

"This is a group of people with different breeds who have gotten together to teach the public about drafting," Chefan said. "We want to get everybody excited," she said. "It's something new at Cobo. This is the first time they've ever had anythe concept of drafting out into Cook said all handlers will be

Drafting is an activity where dogs can either work individually or in teams of two or four where they pull carts. In competition, sometimes there's nothing in the carts. But, at home, drafting dogs can help their owners with chores, such as carting soil or wood chips around the yard.

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The Detroit Kennel Club Dog Show Saturday and Sunday at Cobo Center, presented by Purina, allows visitors up-close and personal time with breeders owners, handlers and more than 3,000 dogs from the 161 breeds recognized by the American Kennel Club. Tickets are \$12 for adults and \$8 for children under 12 and senior citizens. Children under 2 are admitted free. Family packs (two adults, three children) are \$35. Group rates are available. Dogs will be on display from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., with special events run throughout the day from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Tickets are available at the door, For more information, go to www. detroitkennelclub.com.

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Chefan, who works as a receptionist at DePorre Veterinary Hospital in Bloomfield Hills, is a passionate educator when it comes to her favorite breed, and is excited to help Cook present "GO Drafting!" demonstrations as a new element to the DKC Dog Show.

from Michigan in the demon-

WHAT IS DRAFTING?

"I have friends who own a horse farm, and their dogs

help them pull carts of hay or chopped wood," Chefan said. "It's very cool. It's so handy. The annual Detroit Kennel Club Dog Show draws 60,000-65,000 people from Metro

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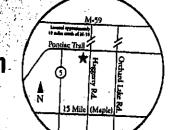


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# Wildcats sixth in conference



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Wildcat Alex Baumgarten swims the backstroke during the conference

BY CHRIS JACKETT

In a true showing of the KLAA Central Division's swim and dive power, all five Central Division teams placed in the top six at the 11-team Kensington Conference meet last Saturday in

The Wildcats followed their fifth-place division meet performance by placing sixth at the conference meet with 452 points, just three back from fifth-place Plymouth Salem. Northville won the meet by 274 points, earning 981 to surpass Livonia

The strength of Novi's relay teams once again led the Wildcats to big point gains, as all three placed in the top five. The 200-yard medley relay team consisting of juniors Joon

Chung, Tiger Bourque, sophomores Jong Min Kim and Eugene Song finished fourth in 1:42.66, not far off South Lyon unified, who won with a meet-record 1:39.55. Senior John Lu, freshman Andrew Ao, Song and junior Travis

Please see SWIM, B3



Wildcat Erich Sawaya swims the breaststroke at the conference finals on

# Catholic Central's grapplers defeated Rockford Saturday at Kellogg Arena to earn the Division I state title. CC grapplers tops in Division I

Hoping to add to its football and crosscountry titles this season, Novi Detroit Catholic Central faced a formidable opponent in powerful Rockford, the defending tate champion, for the Division 1 wrestling team title Saturday.

Leading, 17-4, the second-ranked Shamrocks then fell behind, 24-17. But coach Mitch Hancock's "little cannons" - led by Matt Thompson at 119 pounds rallied to claim the championship with 39-24 victory at Kellogg Arena.

"Incredible - these guys have been training for 365 days for this," said Hancock. "We lost a tough one last year in the quarterfinals. Matt Thompson is a 4.6 tive victories would eliminate Oxford (30student who is going to West Point next 4), 35-25. year. That's what our program is all about. After Kinville won, the Shamrocks won be growing pains. Our team had them, That kid started wrestling as a freshman. the 103- to 135-pound weight classes. He has the endurance on and off the mat. That's the kind of kid we build at Catholic

The Shamrocks (27-4) lost six matches in row before getting a victory at 103 from Ken Bade, then Todd Melick pinned his opponent to give CC a 27-24 lead.

"We were kind of planning the whole thing out," said Melick. "We were trying not to get worried about it. It's cool being

Thompson then pinned Chris Barrentine at 119 to secure the champion-

"This feels better than football," said senior Mike Kinville, who was a linebacker on the football team. "We knew they'd come at us with the heavier weights, but our smaller weights have been great all

CC — which had won seven previous team wrestling titles, the last in 1988 - forged a tremendous comeback in the semifinals. Trailing Oxford, 25-3, the Shamrocks

scored the next 32 points, riding the momentum of a pin by Kinville against Nick Hadorn. A streak of seven consecu-

"We needed to get the ball rolling, and it was important for us to get something going," said Kinville. "We were in that position last year; we were up a lot and Lake Orion knocked us out. Last year I was the last match and we had already lost. I wanted a pin. Nothing else would

have mattered." Hancock said he told his team it had to

weather the storm.

"We didn't think we'd be down that much, but when we got the starting weight we knew we'd be in a hole," said Hancock. "I told the guys to allow us to get to our 215 and heavyweight and we'd get going. Our lightweights have been our anchors all year long. We knew Oxford would be a battle. They are a wellcoached team.'

No. 4 Rockford (22-6) had advanced to the championship with a 29-25 win over Hartland (28-4).

Brian Richardson, a 12-year assistant under former coach Don Rinehart, said moving one seat over had its challenges "Don was a fantastic mentor and helped set me up," said Richardson. "He's still a very good confidant - someone I can bounce ideas off.

Anytime you change, there is going to and I had them as a coach. Our team ha them as far as getting used to the new guy and doing things my way.

"I honestly think that's the fire we had to get through to get to this point. You care about each and every one of these 28 kids down here and their families, and you want the absolute best for them.'

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# Novi falls to Wayne in three overtimes

BY BRAD EMONS OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Tightly-contested games have been the norm this season for the Wayne Memorial boys basketball team.

Tuesday night's (Feb. 23) KLAA Kensington Conference playoff semifinal was another example, as the Zebras needed three overtimes to subdue host Novi, 67-62.

Wayne, now 15-3 overall, ounched its ticket to play in the conference championship game beginning 7 p.m. Friday at home against the winner of

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St. Ignace tourney

The Ice Outlaws from Novi, who skate and train on the Ashbury Pond in the Riverbridge subdivision (Nine Mile and Novi roads), made their second trip north to the St. Ignace hockey tournament -- and with only five players, won the Labatt Blue Cup. There were 130 teams and the Ice Outlaws played in the 21-and-over Gold Novice division. Their slogan, "Rock Bottom No Fear," and the team name were chosen for people who are going through hard times during the current economic condition, according to player John Janssens. "We fee that our motto can relate to just about everyone. Just last year in 2009, my dad, Rick Janssens, lost his job after returning home from this weekend trip. After four months of non-stop job searching, he was able to find a better job with more responsibility then he had the previous 20 years of his professional career." The team includes (I to r) Mike Ciaverilla, Rick Janssens, John Janssens, Dave Miller and Bart Knowles.

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# Injuries make end of ski season painful

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Cats slip on slopes the division title with a dominant 28 points. in postseason action

BY CHRIS JACKETT

Novi's ski teams wrapped up overall in the giant slalom their season Feb. 16 at Mount with a total of 40.51 seconds Holly with junior Austin Feight as the Wildcats finished fifth as the lone Wildcat competitor of 10 squads with a 185 score,

good for 67th of the 90 best area individuals. He finished the giant slalom in 48.85 seconds, which would have been tied for 40th of 84 competitors. finished sixth with a 205.5 "Austin had to qualify for

this meet from the divisional meet. He did a great job racing in the divisional meet, placing the association with a score of 10th (in giant slalom), which earn him a spot to race in the SEMSL meet," Novi coach Wendy Whiteside said.

The SEMSL was the last of four multi-team meets in the final two weeks of the season for Novi skiers.

The team wrapped up their dual meet season back on Feb. 2 by hosting Walled Lake Western at Alpine Valley in White Lake. The boys pulled out a 19-20 win behind Feight's a season-ending knee injury. second-place finish to wrap up the regular season 4-5 in dual competition. The girls had the opposite luck, losing 18-19 despite a second-place run by senior Lindsey Johnson. They

finished 3-6 in dual meets. "The Novi ski team was a force to contend with. This was the first season we have four-year veterans on the team, being as we started the team four years ago," co-coach Benjamin Fisher said. "When we started, most schools were not worried about competing with us due to our inexperience. Now, teams run their best off the pace of regional chamlineups against us knowing the pion Detroit Catholic Central's Glubzinski helped

dual meet, Johnson turned in a pair of strong runs to lead the Wildcat girls in both the slalom and giant slalom races at the Alpine Division meet. Her two slalom runs combined for a 47.17-second time, good for 14th overall. Johnson fared slightly better in the giant slalom, finishing in a tworun total of 40.07 seconds to claim 12th overall in the event. She paced Novi's girls to a sixth-place team finish. The Wildcats' score of 238 fell shy of fifth-place West Bloomfield's 226.5, as both teams watched Chris Jackett is a freelance writer

The boys had a similar

result at the division meet, as senior Harper Halley led Novi's slalom racers with a two-run 40.93 seconds to take 19th overall. Feight took 10th close behind Walled Lake Feight competed as an indi- Northern's 180, but a sizeable vidual, but his two-run slalom distance from division chamtime of 1:17.60 would have been pion Bloomfield Hills Brother

Rice's 63. The Wildcats didn't have much better luck in the 13team KLAA meet. The boys score as Grand Blanc won with 45. The girls landed in 12th with 325.5, as Northern won

Junior Kuni Hotta led Novi's boys in the slalom race with a two-run 45.76-second total to finish 23rd overall, while Johnson landed in 14th for the girls with a time of 44.32 seconds. Senior Jake Walczak took 10th overall in the giant slalom in 51.08 seconds, while senior Sara Arne finished 23rd overall for the girls in 57.08 seconds after Johnson went down with The injury followed a previous one to the Wildcats' other top

skier, senior Hailey Spillane. "Spillane hurt her knee practicing over a weekend clinic," Whiteside said. "She then skied on it for two weeks and was still placing and giving the team points before she found out her leg was broken."

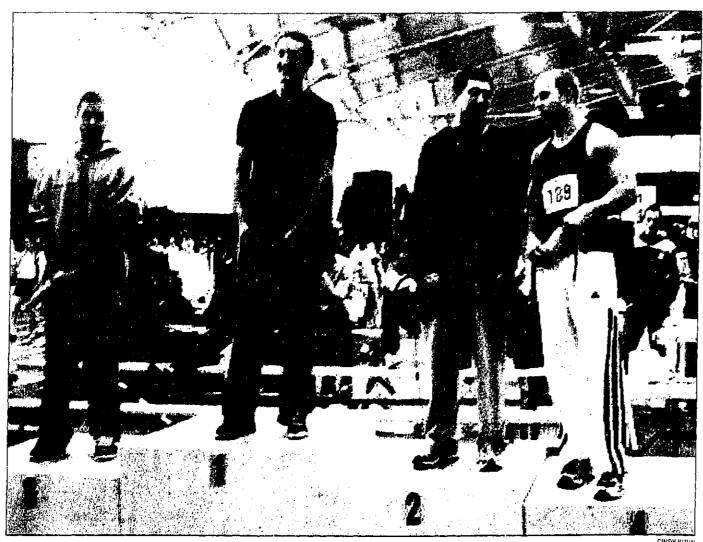
A 15-team regional meet three days after the KLAA meet saw the boys team ski a consistent display that landed them in sixth place with a South Lyon unified, but well 61 score. Walczak skied a two- Concordia College finish run 43.79 seconds in a slalom performance that tied for 25th overall, while Feight finished

21st in the giant slalom with a two-run 40.93-second time. With Johnson and Spillane dealing with knee injuries, Arne led the Wildcats in both the slalom (44.27 seconds for 22nd overall) and giant slalom (48.63 seconds for 29th overall). The girls finished 15th of the 15 squads with 399 points, 22 behind Walled Lake Western. Marian won the 366.00. regional title with a score of 30.

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Novi senior Brett Kuhn placed second in the triple jump with a leap of 41 feet, 10.25 inches at the MITS Indoor State Championship last Saturday. The feat earned Kuhn All-State status in track and field among athletes from all MHSAA divisions,

#### **NOVI HIGH ROUNDUP**

CORRESPONDENT

BY CHRIS JACKETT

Diver of the Year

Amy Glubzinski, a 2007 graduate of Novi High School, was named the Minnesota Intercollegiate Athletic Conference's Women's Diver of the Year or Feb. 19.

Participating in the Minnesota Intercollegiate Athletic Association Conference swim and dive meet Feb. 18-20 in Minneapolis, Glubzinski 240.5 score, two points behind won the 3-meter dive and finished third in the 1-meter

claim seventh place, their highest finish in five years. A junior, Glubzinski won the 3-meter diving event Feb. Ottawa (782.7296 points),

19 with 386.60 points, edging out teammate Lauren Trudeau's 377.15 points. St. Catherine sophomore Sarah Moody won the women's 1-meter dive with 407.10 Jenison and 11 points ahead points Feb. 20. Trudeau took second with 405.80 and Glubzinski took third with

The Wildcats' competitive cheer squad wrapped up their season as one of the top 12 Division I teams in the state last Saturday. Novi finished sixth of 12 schools in Brighton at one of just two divisions. regional meets in the state. The top four teams from

athletes from all MHSAA

Boys Basketball Novi's battle for third place in the Kensington Conference didn't stay close for very long, as the Wildcats raced out to a 20-6 firstquarter lead over visiting Plymouth Salem last Friday. Up 31-10 at halftime, Novi cruised to a 61-42 victory

Amy Glubzinski won the 3-meter

dive and finished third in the

1-meter dive at the Minnesota

Women's Diver of the Year.

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Novi senior Brett Kuhn

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Boys Track

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COURTESY OF MINNESOTA INTERCOLLEGIATE ATHLETIC CONFERENCE Intercollegiate Athletic Association Conference swim and dive meet Feb. 18-20 in Minneapolis. The 2007 Novi graduate was named the Minnesota Intercollegiate Athletic Conference's KATHY FORCHE

Novi's competitive cheer squad competes at a regional meet last Saturday each regional meet advanced in Brighton. The Wildcats finished sixth of 12 squads, capping their season is one of the top 12 groups in the state. present to fill out paperwork and pay the \$20 tryout fee.

East Kentwood, Hudsonville battle with Brighton (17-2) for fifth place in the KLAA. Junior Samer Ozeir led the way with 20 points, while senior Jeremy Mims added 10 points and six assists. Senior Ryan Jok led the defensive charge while junior Chris Milon pulled down 11 rebounds to go with his seven points. Seniors Brandon Rydzewski and Nick Regnier also had seven points apiece.

Novi kicks off district play by hosting Detroit Catholic Central (9-8) Monday at 7 tus in track and field among p.m. The winner will play Plymouth (10-9) at 7 p.m. Wednesday.

Novi Motion AAU Girls Basketball Tryouts

Tryouts for the Novi Motion AAU girls basketball teams are this weekend. Players should arrive 20 minutes before tryouts begin, Web pages. with proper gym shoes, shirts and shorts. A parent

8:30 p.m. at Village Oaks Elementary School, 23333 Tryouts for the 13-and-

Tryouts for the 14-and-

under team will take place

Friday, March 5, from 6:30-

Willowbrook Drive. under team will take place Monday, March 8, from 6-7:30 p.m. at St. James Church, 46325 10 Mile Road.

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 both

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Vincent teamed for the 200yard freestyle relay to finish fourth in 1:32.55. Northville

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won in 1:29.63. The Wildcats capped off relay competition with the 400yard freestyle, where Ao, Kim, Vincent and Chung teamed to finish fifth in 3:22.15. Stevenson won with a meetrecord 3:14.33.

"We swam how we deserved to, and we placed accordingly. The guys who made it back on Saturday swam much better than they did on Friday," Novi coach Eric Lynn said. Several Wildcats finished in the top eight individually among dozens of conference swimmers.

Chung saw the most success Having played a hand in two of the relay swims, Chung also took third in the 200-yard individual medley in 1:57.29 and second in the 100-yard breaststroke in 59.46.4 seconds. He was just 1.15 seconds back from Stevenson's Kellen Schoff in the 200 IM and 0.49 seconds back from South Lyon's Adam Oxner in the 100 breaststroke, each who won those events.

Kim also had a strong 100yard breaststroke, finishing

fourth in 1:02.96. Vincent had a pair of topeight individual finishes for Novi as well, taking fourth in the 500-yard freestyle in 4:56.40 and sixth in the 200yard freestyle in 1:49.47. He trailed Salem's Adam Seroka by 10.2 seconds in the 500 free and Northville's Nate Lunn by 4.42 seconds in the 200 free, who each won those events.

Ao was just 2.16 seconds behind Vincent in the 200-yard freestyle, finishing eighth in 1:51.63.

Although they didn't finish in Novi's top swimmers in the



Sophomore Jong Min Kim finished fourth in the 100-yard breaststroke in 1:02.70 at last weekend's Kensington

100-yard butterfly and 100yard backstroke. "The top performances came from Tiger Bourque and Vivek Iyer, who both broke the 1:00

barrier for the first time ever in

100 fly and 100 back, respectively," Lynn said. Bourque finished the 100 fly 16th in 59.07 and Iyer was 15th in the 100 back with a time of 59.74 seconds.

The Wildcats now have two weeks off until the state meet March 12-13 at the Holland Aquatic Center. Eight Novi swimmers qualified during the season, making the grade in six Iyer, Chung, Bourque and

Song qualified in the 200-yard medley relay, while Ao, Lu, Song and Vincent qualified for the 200-yard freestyle relay. the top eight, Lynn also praised Ao, Lu, Vincent and Chung also qualified in the 400-freestyle

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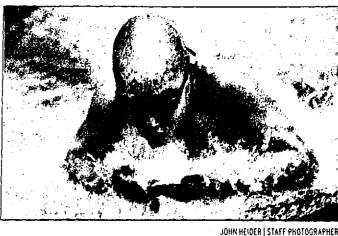
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Novi's Dennis Kim plows through the water as he swims the breaststroke during the Feb. 25 conference finals.

For individual races, Chung qualified for both the 200-yard individual medley and 100yard breaststroke. Kim also made the grade in the 100-yard

breaststroke, while Vincent qualified in the 500-yard free-

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between Livonia Churchill (9-') and Salem (9-8). The Zebras trailed 50-42 with 4:40 to go in regulation, but clawed their way back to pull even, 50-50, with only 3.2 seconds to on a putback by 6-

foot-3 senior Daniel Hill. Things looked bleak, however, when Hill, who finished with a team-high 20 points, fouled out with 3:04 left in the second OT.

"Every game, whether won or lost, have been close," Wayne coach Wayne Woodard said. "A couple of guys had their shoulders slouched and maybe thought it was over. But I reminded them every game we played this year has been close - this is our second triple OT, we've had overtime, and been down many, many times this year. They're resilient and somehow they find a way to pull it out."

It was 53-53 after the first four-minute OT and 55-55 after the second thanks to junior guard James Jackson's

driving layup with 33.3 seconds Wayne then took control in the third OT, making eight straight foul shots, six from

Brian Gray. "They did some nice things to get Gray ball at the end," Novi coach Cory Heitsch said. "He's very good foul shooter, has been all year. He stepped up big, went 6-for-6 in that third overtime. We blow a layup in the second OT to put up us up four — we come back because we're frustrated and we commit a foul, and they tie the game on that foul. Plays like that from

kids you don't expect." Novi got a game-high 21 points from 6-8 junior center guard Jeremy Mims added 14. The Wildcats' downfall was free-throw shooting. They were only 9-of-23 for the game, including a woeful 5-of-15 during the final quarter and 12

extra minutes. "The last three games, we've been atrocious from the line," Heitsch said. "I don't know if it's focus, I don't know if they're just not falling, or I don't know if it's just bad free-throw shooting. I'm sort of at a loss on that

Derric Horton added 15 points for the victorious Zebras, while Jamiel Strickland and Brian Gray added 12 and 11,

Jackson added nine as Wayne made 18-of-22 foul shots on the night (81.8 percent). "We have not been great all year, but kids stepped up and we're pretty clutch," Woodard said. "I think we're below 70

percent as a team, but they just had it in their mind they're were going to make it." Meanwhile, the playoff loss will haunt Heitsch and the Wildcats.

"Somehow in the first two overtimes we still had a chance to win the ballgame," Heitsch said. "We could not do it tonight. I don't know why. It's frustrating. But all the credit in world to Wayne, they kept their composure and somehow found a way to win."

Novi, 14-4 overall, will play of the loser of Wednesday's game between Churchill and Salem on Friday.

"As I told them in locker room, my hope is you have to learn from it," Heitsch said. "And understand how important things are in practice to win things in the district and state tournament. It's going to be a slippery slope for 48 hours

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# **Dogs bite 'Cats'**

#### Novi icers finish eighth in KLAA despite state ranking

It was a simple matter of 'Cats and 'Dogs in last Thursday's KLAA ice hockey contest at Kensington Valley Ice House.

Ranked No. 6 in the state. Novi's Wildcats battled the No. 16 Brighton Bulldogs for seventh place in the KLAA. As was the case in the Kensington Conference third-place game against Livonia Churchill Feb. 19, Novi found themselves on the wrong end of a road loss as Brighton added two late goals to clinch a 3-0 victory. It was the first time in 24 games this season that the Wildcats failed

"I think, for whatever reason, our guys weren't as focused as I'd like them to be. I think a lot of guys were thinking they wanted to start the playoffs," Novi coach Todd Krygier said "When we don't come prepared to play, everyone we play comes prepared to play."

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game the way we practice it.

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to score, which led to Novi's

first two-game losing streak of

The Wildcats started off well enough, keeping offensive pressure down in Brighton's end, but the Bulldogs outmuscled Novi along the boards and kept the Wildcats out of the center of three saves in a single sequence their offensive third.

Despite the rough play, it placed defenders. wasn't until 8:05 remained that the first and only penalty of the a four-minute double minor period was called, a roughing minor on Novi junior Nolan Valleau. Brighton capitalized 1:39 later when junior Cameron during the power play, record-Miglia skated in along the left goal line and put a low wrist shot past Novi junior netmind-After spending 2:43 on the er Michael Pesendorfer and into the far corner of the goal. Senior captain Reid Sturos and Shuster was whistled for tripsenior Mark Keranen assisted. ping with 13 seconds remain-"Getting scored on is not a

We had too many individuals 1:17, including more than a put themselves in front of the team." Krygier said. "We've got before Keranen returned to to get production on a consis- make it a five-on-four power man advantage, the Wildcats Both teams got some prime couldn't draw even on the scoring opportunities in the

Ranked No. 4 in Division II and No. 9 in the state, Novi (18-5-2) faced Walled Lake Northern (16-8-2) in last night's regional semifinal at Novi ice Arena. A win would put Novi into the regional final 6 p.m. tomorrow at Novi Ice Arena against

> the Pre-Region 29 winner from Hartland, With a win, Novi can advance to the state quarterfinals 6 p.m. Tuesday at Novi Ice Arena and, potentially, a spot in next Thursday's 8 p.m. state semifinal at Compuware Arena in Plymouth for the second straight year. The Division II State Championship game will take place 11 a.m. Feb. 13 at

Compuware Arena. "I feel like we've got more talent than we've ever had in the history of the program. It's just whether we play with grit and determination," Novi coach Todd Krygier said.

second period, but Pesendorfer and Brighton junior Eric Lipon each came up big in net, sometimes making two or because of rebounds and mis-

After Keranen was called for for slashing and crosschecking with 2:56 remaining, Novi struggled to get shots on net minutes of the power play. penalty kill, Brighton slipped up again, as senior Michael

This led to a five-on-three power play for Novi that lasted minute to start the third period play. Despite a straight 4:43 of

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"Twice we had opportunities on the power play that we didn't get goals. Not only that, but we barely got shots. When teams play aggressive, we've got to get dirty and we didn't play dirty, didn't get into the corners," Krygier said. "We just weren't willing to do what we needed

Novi turned up their intensity as the final period wore on, with both teams trading penalties throughout. Senior Tyler Manning was

called for a slashing penalty with 7:49 to go while Novi had 13 seconds left on a power play from a Sturos tripping penalty. Sturos came out of the box and made his presence felt again less than a minute later. He received the puck on the go outside the top of Novi's blue line, put the puck between a Novi defender's legs while skating toward the right post and put a wrist shot over Pesendorfer and into the top left corner to give Brighton a 2-0 lead. Junior Sean Nelson and Keranen assisted with 6:43 remaining.

"I thought Michael did a nice job. First goal, a kind of weird goal. Second goal, our defender got walked around," Krygier said of his netminder, who dropped to 14-4-2 on the Novi seniors Tyler Perpich

and Alec Latin had a few good opportunities, but Lipon was able to cover up the puck to keep the Wildcats off the board. With 2:49 to go, Miglia streaked up the left, received the puck with open space, deked to the right across the goal mouth and put his second goal of the night low past Pesendorfer to give the Bulldogs a 3-0 lead. Sophomore Thomas Kivisto and Keranen assisted, his third of the night.

"Brighton's got one good line. Their top line can play with anyone in the state," Krygier Bulldogs, then-No. 6 Novi fell to 17-5-2 while Brighton

seventh place in the KLAA

Novi was 0-for-3.

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improved to 14-9-1 and claimed a shot and take the ball away. thanks to a 2-for-4 power play. Passing the ball off, she streaked up court and got it back to hit another three pointer, drawing a time out by Salem coach Fred Thomann, Johnson went 4-for-7

"The last two games, she his guard's recovery.

defensive assignments were of reater importance than usual. to take a 29-19 lead, Novi's offense went cold and Salem's caught fire. The Rocks (13-7) went on a tear to cut Novi's lead to 29-28 at the end of the third quarter and finish a 13-0 run early in the fourth quarter to take a 32-29 lead of

Salem senior Sara Stone led the way with team-highs of 17 points, five rebounds and four steals. Senior Bret deBear added 10 points and junior Heidi Schmidt had seven points as they helped

her make the tough shot," Kelp

'Cats advance in Districts after two KLAA losses

BY CHRIS JACKETT

Finn, Harry Youmans, Joe Vig and Dave Duff.

Plymouth Salem handed Novi their first loss of the season on Jan. 12. On Monday, Novi ended Salem's season, defeating the of Class A District 18 action at

The lady cagers grinded out a tough first quarter with both teams deadlocked at 10 after eight minutes. After a free throw put Salem ahead 11-10, the Wildcats rattled off a 15-2 run and took a

Senior Caroline Johnson started closing out the game on a 17-7 then retreated to defense to block from three-point land en route to a game-high 22 points, 15 of which

fuel the comeback. "We know what she's going to said of Stone. "It's a game within a game. They have two big players. We faceguarded Stone and didn't leave deBear. It's a game of runs.

broke the Rock's streak with a layup. Coming off the bench, junior Maddy Sinkovich took an offensive charge from deBear and teams made 14 field goals, but the

The Novi Predators' district record of 8-0-1 earned them a Souirt B District 4 championship with a 4-0 win

season with an impressive 34-4-10 record. Throughout the year, they have won the Little Caesars Division

#2 title, along with tournament championships in Port Huron and Big Rapids. The Predators defensive play

has been a key to their success, only allowing 69 goals against. Their offensive attack has been potent with

223 goals. The Predators are comprised of 9- and 10-year-olds from Novi, Northville, Commerce, Walled Lake

and South Lyon (front, I to r) Craig Hawley, Matthew Jasgur, Brett Somerville, Jaxon Pecora; (second) Alex

Garbacik, Coleman Carlstein, Aaron Youmans, Zachary Ingrao, Ryan Wexler, Madison Duff; (third) Zachary

Douville, Cole Dupuis, Akash Naidu, Derek DuBois, Collin Finn, Jake Vig; (back) coaches Jason DuPuis, Pete

over Livingston Lightning. The Predators now advance to the state championship March 12-14 in Grand Rapids,

where they will battle the top eight teams in Michigan for the state title. The Predators have had a successful

the Wildcats, 34-32. huge thing taking the charge and hitting the three pointer," Kelp said. "That's why those kids play varsity basketball."

The series by Sinkovich (five points) ignited the crowd and the Wildcats would never trail again, shooting in the fourth quarter. Novi outrebounded Salem 24-13 despite making 15 turnovers to the Rock's five. Senior Jessica Cingel had six points and six rebounds for the 'Cats after a slow start.

Coming out of a time out, Novi to lose a 38-36 decision and finish junior Alyssa Armiak (five points) fourth in the association.

The Wildcats shot 29.2 percent from the field, but had 20 more shots than the Bobcats. Both followed the defensive effort with a two more free throws that Grand Rocks 46-39 in the opening round three pointer to regain the lead for Blanc shot proved to be the difference maker. Masserant led Novi "She stepped up big. That was a with 14 points and seven rebounds, while Cingel added six points and seven rebounds.

The Wildcats' junior varsity squad split their final two games to finish the season 15-5 last week. Behind a tough defense, transithe run with a three pointer. She run, including 9-for-10 free-throw tion offense and strong play inside, Blanc 44-35 to win their final game of the season. Sophomore Taylor Scott led Novi with 12 points, while sophomore Abby Robinson had nine points and sophomore Kelli Timar controlled

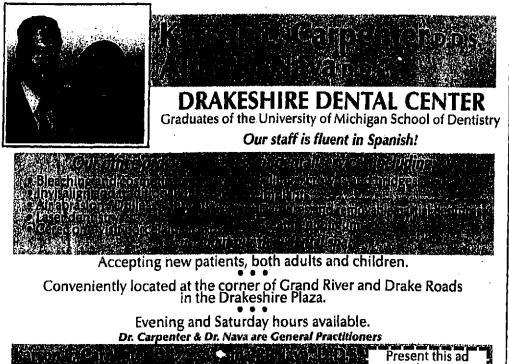
The win came one day after a 39-37 loss to Canton Feb. 23. After leading nearly all game, Canton's full court pressure led to several baskets and the win. The Wildcats were led by sophomore Shannen Sherwood (13 points, seven rebounds). Sophomore Anna Lausch added five points and Scott

Tied 30-30 at the end of regulation, the Wildcats finished the season with a 16-2 record. Kelly Lewis led Novi with 17 points and nine rebounds. Anna Greulich (five points), Erin Dircks (four points, four steals), Kasey Lowney (three points, five rebounds), Serene Ozeir (two points, three rebounds) and Kelly Cauchi (two points) also

It was the second overtime game in two nights for Novi. Lowney (four points, four steals) scored a layup with 7.9 seconds left in regulation at Canton to tie the game 45-45 before the Wildcats won 54-45 after some extra court time.

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ABWA welcomes Kathy Crawford

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Novi City Council Member Kathy S. Crawford will be the featured speaker at the next dinner meeting of the American Business Women's Association (ABWA). This event is held in Novi at

the DoubleTree Hotel (42100 Crescent Blvd., southeast of I-96 at Novi Road, near Bally's) on Wednesday, March 10, with networking at 6:15 p.m. and the dinner/presentation at 6:45 p.m. Everyone is welcome. Prepaid registration is required: \$16 via U.S. mail or \$17 per

person via PayPal; RSVP by March 5 at www. abwa-novi.org. In her career as Novi's Senior Citizen Coordinator, Kathy authored several workbooks, including "Stir Up Some Fun" and "Programs With Pizzazz." In 2005, she was selected by Attorney General Mike Cox to conduct programs on identity theft and fraud, and she was also appointed by Congressman Thad McCotter to be a delegate to the 2005 Whitehouse Conference on Aging.

Pro-Michigan show launched

Novi-based Digital 10 Network (D10TV) has partnered with Buy Michigan Now to develop television programming to highlight Michiganbased companies in an effort to stimulate the local economy. Dan Glisky, CEO of Digital 10 Network, made the announcement.

"The partnership will consist of D10TV producing a new segment entitled, 'Buy Michigan Now, which will run as part of our 30-minute programming loop airing throughout Michigan in over 100 Secretary of State locations," said Glisky. "We are committed to helping Michigan rebound and this new program will provide a unique platform to spotlight great Michigan companies. There is a lot of under-reported good news out there, and we want to share those stories."

The new segment, to be hosted by Detroitbased television personality, Lila Lazarus, will begin airing on April 1 across the state. Lazarus will take audiences inside the featured businesses and showcase their products, services, and history, as well as their commitment to Michigan and their local communities.

"I was delighted when the team at D10TV approached me with this idea," said Lisa Diggs, founder of the Buy Michigan Now campaign. "Our campaign is all about educating Michigan residents on products and services that come from Michigan-based companies, and this gives us an amazing outlet to not only educate, but to entertain people while they wait." Diggs continued, "The more we all know, the more likely we are to support local businesses. Together we

can help transform our economy, one product, one purchase, one person at a time." Cassis sponsors bill to protect privately-employed workers from forced unionization

State Sen. Nancy Cassis (R-Novi) introduced legislation in the Michigan Senate last week to protect privately-employed individuals, like home health care and day care providers, from being forced to join a union. "Times are tough for small business owners. and they should not have to worry about being

forced into a union because they may receive a payment by the state for their services." In December 2008, approximately 40,000 home day care owners in Michigan received notices in the mail that they were now members of the newly-formed Child Care Providers Together Michigan union, which is a joint venture of the United Auto Workers (UAW) and the American Federation of State, County and

Municipal Employees (AFSCME). SB 1173 was referred to the Senate Families and Human Services Committee for consider-

Schoolcraft College offers seminars for small business owners,

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9:30 a.m.-noon, \$40 \* Writing a Business Plan: Wed., March 17, 9:30 a.m.-noon, \$40 \* Marketing Your Business: Thurs., March 18, 6-9 p.m., \$40

Finance: Wed., Feb. 24, 6-9 p.m., or Wed., March 31, 9:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m., \$40 In addition, the SBTDC will offer "Working for Yourself: The Ins and Outs of Becoming a Consultant, a Contractor, or other Service Provider," Wednesday, February 24, 9:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. and again on Wednesday, March 24, from 6-9 p.m. The cost is \$40.

A brand new course, "Whale Hunting: Landing Big Sales and Transform Your Company," will be held Friday, March 12, from 8 a.m.-5 p.m. This course provides a ninestep, team-sales approach to closing deals using existing resources to better serve large accounts. The cost of this course is \$299.

Women: Create Your New Economy 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 for success and how to make an 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 attendees. The cost of attendance is \$45 per person, or \$120 for three tickets, if registered by March 1. Thereafter, tickets will be \$55 per person. Lunch provided by Baker's

of Milford is included in the ticket price.

Vendor space is available to promote your: business to attendees. The cost for an 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 the cost of admission. For more information or to purchase tickets, contact Debra Downing at (248) 252-2952 or

Michigan retailers off to better start in 2010

Michigan retailers began 2010 with an upswing in sales and confidence, according to the latest Michigan Retail Index survey, a joint project of Michigan Retailers Association (MRA) and the Federal Reserve Bank of

The survey found that more than 40 percent of retailers increased sales in January, the highest level since November 2007. In addition, 49 percent project better sales for the rest of the winter and early spring, the best since March

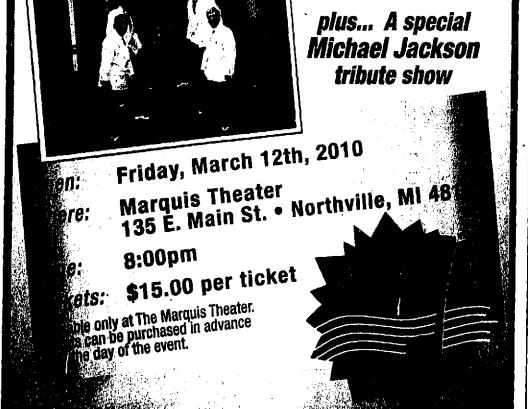
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Brenda Smith, CPA (center) provides expert tax and accounting services along with her full-time staff (from left) Laurie Mathis, bookkeeper, Timothy Dilworth, EA, CPA and Bradley L. Gilliatt, staff accountant.

professionals including CPAs and Enrolled Agents round out the firm family.

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the long run," Dilworth said. "We guide our clients through the process of setting up their tax ID numbers and getting registered with the state if they're collecting sales tax. We're QuickBooks ProAdvisor certified, the tax software used by 90 percent of small business. We offer just about any accounting service except for actually cutting the paychecks."

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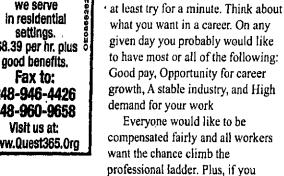


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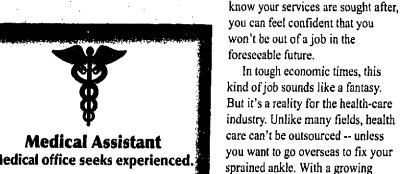


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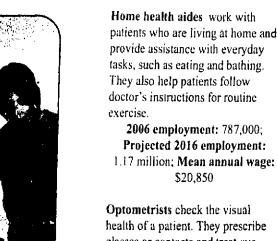
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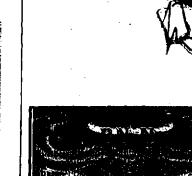
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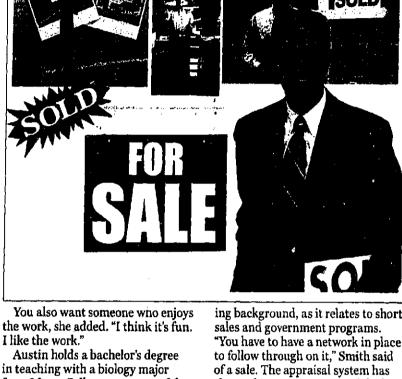
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in teaching with a biology major from Mercy College, now part of the University of Detroit Mercy. Realtors don't need to have a bachelor's degree to be effective, however, "as long as they know and love the business." Dale E. Smith, executive vice presilishing rapport and working well with dent of WWOCAR, one of the local

Typically, buyers and sellers don't contact the Better Business Bureau on Realtors, Austin said. In addition to referrals from friends and colleagues, local associations like the Association of Realtors can help.

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Nancy Austin of Canton's been a

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Her Keller Williams Realty office in

Ann Arbor has her serving Plymouth,

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tant, Austin said. "I think it's a trust

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The field differentiates between

the latter a member of the National

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Association of Realtors and a local

Austin recommends looking for

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Realtor has pursued additional train-

"I think the person should have a

passion for their business, not just

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time," she said of a Realtor for buying

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associations, agreed with Austin.

"The most important think out there is education," Smith said of knowledge needed to benefit buyers and sellers. "We provide some great education," he added of the

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ing background, as it relates to short

changed in recent years, and dealing with title companies and mortgage companies takes skill and contacts. You can ask at an agency if they deal primarily with buyers or sellers, Smith said. "The game has changed a little bit," he said of real estate in recent years. "Today, the market has

changed dramatically." Realtors who succeed have adapted their business models, he said. Realtor Gary J. Reggish is broker/ owner of Remerica United Realty of These days, Realtors need a financ- of WWOCAR. He noted so many

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"You don't want to list with somebody where you are their guinea pig,' he said. "You don't want them to be learning on you." There's training with designation courses for such

"Experience is key," said Reggish, who's been in the field since 1999 and in real estate investing before that. Newer agents may have time to give on a listing, he said, but you should find out what support system is in place as well.

"What does that office have in place as that go-to trainer?" he said. The professional needs to be well-trained with experience.

Reggish, who earned a bachelor's degree with a double major in biology and physiological psychology from the University of Michigan, agreed a college degree is not required. "Education, training and practical experience is absolutely required," he

That's especially true now in changing market conditions, he said. You want a professional, much like a lawyer or doctor, who goes above what additional training is required by law. You need someone with a passion for the industry, Reggish said. He agreed referrals are critical

for business. You need to look into qualifications, and not just take someone's word a person is qualified. "Professionals sit down and have a consultation with those buyers," Reggish said. He cited the differences among

private sales, short sales and sales of bank-owned properties. The bankowned properties often now sell for full price or even above, drawing mul-

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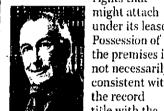
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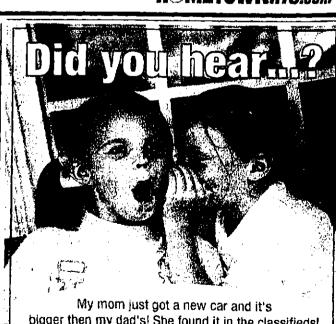
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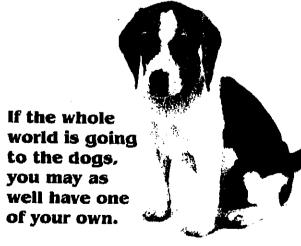
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By Dale Buss

You're not dead yet. That's why you're still attracted as heck to the growling new Chevrolet Camaro even though it makes you feel like you're sitting inside a tunnel and your butt hurts when you drive it. Or you really hate to give up your Z4.

But you're an aging boomer now, and there are more reasons than ever for you to be practical in your automotive choices. That's not just because good mileage and decent cargo capacity make sense for someone who's raised a family and has got a lot of stuff. Unwelcome things have come with "maturity" as well, such as a greater need for comfort and convenience in your vehicle - and less tolerance when you don't have that.

According to AutoTrader.com, here are six 2010 models that offer features for practical boomers that you might want to consider:

2010 Audi A8: This car is big and powerful enough to lull you to sleep once you get comfortable behind its responsive wheel. That's why A8's best feature is its radar-assisted Adaptive Cruise Control.

The option automatically keeps you at the speed that you choose but always at a safe distance - which you also program - from the vehicle in front of you. It's a great check on chronic tailgaters. It allows you flagrant inattention to your speed so that you can TXT more accurately. And if you do

nod off and are about to snuff yourself out, the Audi system first will slow down - then wake you up with an alarm. The rest is up to you.

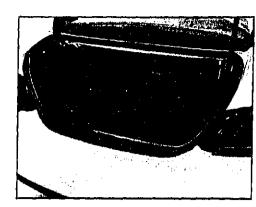
2010 Toyota Avalon: A really mature boomer would tolerate the fact that this full-size sedan is even more boring than most Toyotas. Avalon's awesome trunk is the thing to focus on.

Some competing models do offer more room (such as Ford Taurus's 21.2 cubic feet of trunk space). But Avalon's 14.4cubic-foot-trunk is elegantly accessed through a low-cut, wide lip so you can shove four sets of golf clubs back there or all the lifetime supplies of foods from Costco that you want.

A raised compartment on the side will hold a gallon of milk. And Avalon's trunk lid actually rises when you pop it remotely, which many don't do.

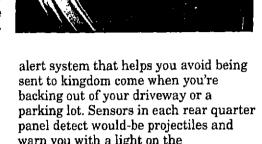
2010 Chevrolet Equinox: Every grandparent learns that grandkids are a mixed blessing. It's not all buying them Sno-Cones and taking them to the zoo. Part of the experience is having to repeat many of the same annoying tasks that you did with your kids.

That's why this crossover's greatest feature is its power child-safety locks for the rear doors that you control from the dash. No more getting your fingers greasy by having to set child-safety locks manually. And when you're out on the town with another couple, it's just as easy to disengage the devices.



the Toyota Avaion is spacious and shaped just right for maximum practicality and access.

Got grandkids In the rear seat of the Chevrolet Equinox? Control the childproof locks from the



among the nifty features that makes this vehicle one of the best all-around luxury movers in the market is something just for your aching knees: the driver's Easy Exit system. When you turn the car off, the driver's seat automatically slides back two

2010 Lexus RX 350: You already know

that this crossover drives and rides as

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that. What you might not know is that

inches, and the steering wheel tilts upward and slides forward, to make your egress smoother. And when you reenter and push the "on" button, the wheel and seat slide back to their memory-set positions. 2010 Ford Taurus: You remember the

jelly-bean-shaped original Taurus, right which became America's best-selling vehicle? Well, Ford finally has come up with a worthy successor to the inspired original with this version of Taurus. It's got lots of nifty features for a reasonably priced sedan, including a cross-traffic

warn you with a light on the corresponding side-view mirror - and then an audible alarm.

2010 Honda Accord Crosstour: We're not sure why Honda chose to include "Accord" in the name of this vehicle because it is not the Accord of your youth. This new model specializes in providing you with significant utility and well-used space without the height and vehicle size that you'd normally have to lug around to get it.

For example, the tailgate opens large and offers a low lift-over height, since you can't throw around tree stumps as easily as you once did. There's also under-floor storage back there and even reversible floor panels so the dirt from your tree stump won't soil the carpet.



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