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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 Charity 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.

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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 same.

"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

Dion told the group gathered last Tuesday that the reason there is a funding crisis is because the State Funding Allowance has not been able to keep up with the rate of inflation. In the last seven years, funding has risen 6 percent, while inflation has risen 20 percent.

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Accident shuts down eastbound I-96 for three hours

Three taken to hospital with nonlife-threatening injuries

BY NATHAN MUELLER
STAFF WRITER

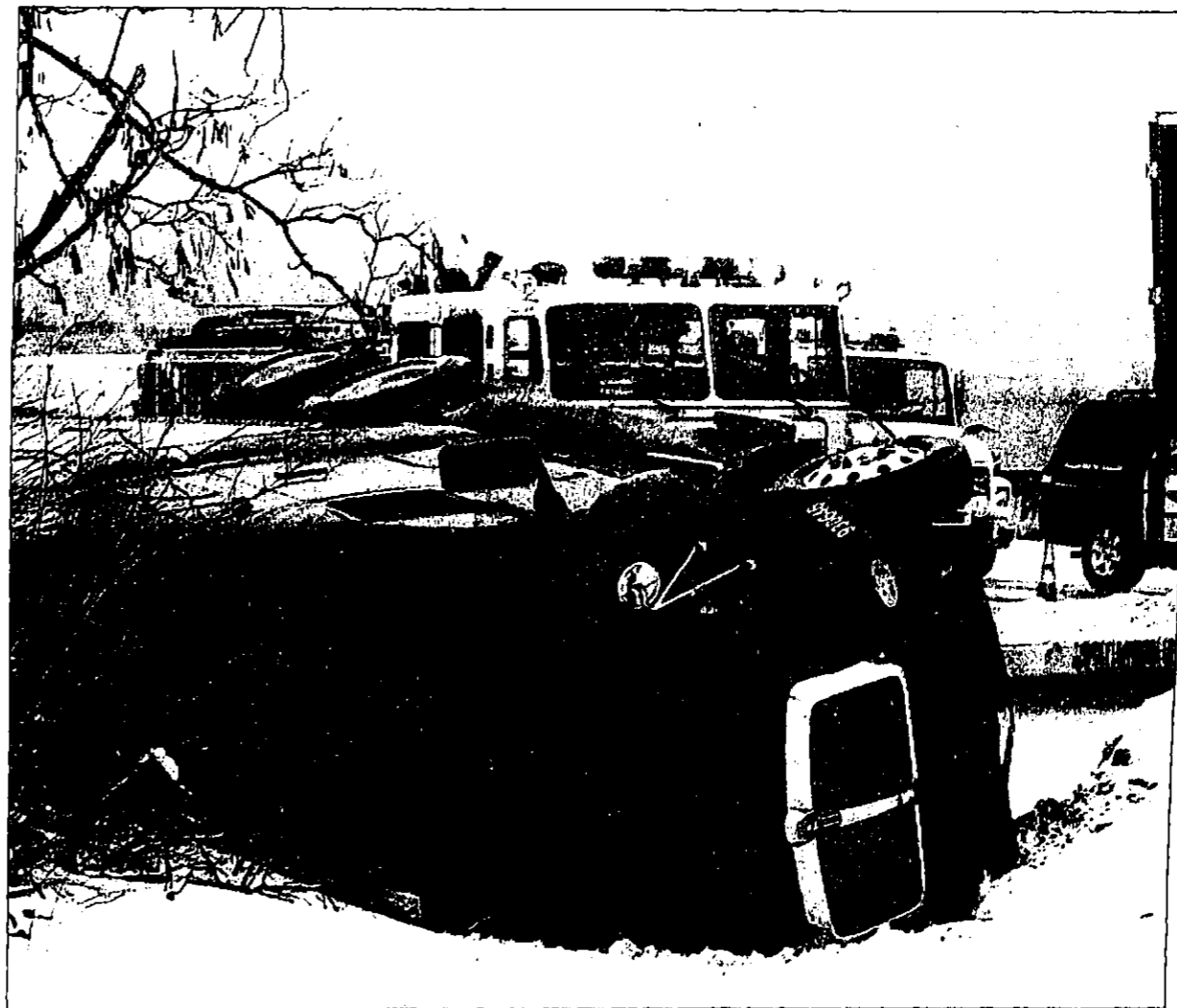
Eastbound I-96 after Beck Road was closed for about three hours Friday after a passenger vehicle lost control and was struck by a semi-truck.

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



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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 semi-truck trailer to offload the remaining product so the trailer could be

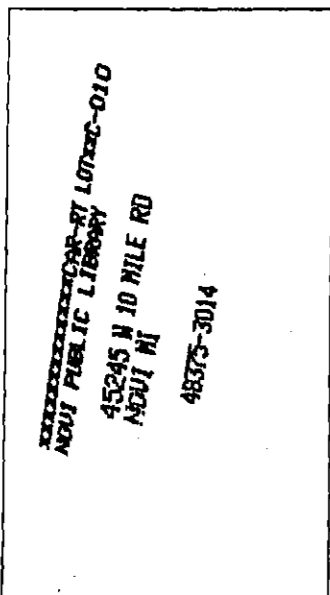
uprighted.

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
STAFF WRITER

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-



Gatt

suant to certain rules, and allow certain, more public events conducted by a nonprofit with 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 community-wide event.

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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 parades. "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 Perafina, 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."

FORUMS

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He also shared the bleak outlook for next year, as the district is looking at a decrease of \$733 per student, amounting to \$4.1 million total. "I think people are starting to 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 to help save money are reopen collective bargaining, early severance incentive, furlough days, 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 online 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 mandated special education runs.

"Logistically, eliminating transportation would be very difficult," said Assistant

Superintendent Gail Credit. On the extracurricular side of things, the district has several clubs and sponsors 71 separate athletic teams competing in 22 different sports.

Athletic Director Curt Ellis said for the 2008-09 school year the general fund transfer for athletics was \$550,000, which is only 77 percent of the total general fund budget.

The department has already taken steps recently, saving more than \$800,000 through reductions or revenue enhancements since 2008.

"Our goal is to continue to offer the total school experience," Ellis said.

The discussion at the elementary level to save money included increasing class sizes, eliminating extra gym periods at Novi Meadows and only offering half-day kindergarten.

People who missed the forums can get all of the information online at www.novi.k12.mi.us. The survey also is available until March 19.

"We feel at the elementary level we are already pretty

skinny," she said. "We don't have a lot to cut at this point."

District-wide changes have already taken place to combat the funding crisis including capped health insurance, reducing supplies and materials, wage concessions, privatizing custodians, grants, pay-to-participate fees, energy initiatives and more.

Mark Davies, a Novi resident who no longer has children in the school district, said one of the reasons why he moved to Novi was because of the school system.

"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. From May to June is not enough time. I really would like to look at the budget and go over it with them."

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The decision to move forward with looking at the issue passed by a 5-2 vote, with Mayor Pro Tem Bob Gatt and council member Kathy Crawford dissenting.

"This building was built in the 1970s and the people who built it and the committee that put it together and the council that followed certainly talked about this issue several times," Gatt said. "It was agreed back in those days they didn't want alcohol in the civic center for obvious reasons. Alcohol and parties usually meant trouble, not always obviously, but it can."

"Nothing has changed since those days other than the fact the economy is worse and now

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 from."

Gatt said he doesn't like the idea of the city competing with private places such as Rock Financial Showplaces.

"We are a government, I don't think we should be a business."

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 city.

"I don't feel a social responsibility for not offering a drink in a facility that is a private party because someone is going to drink too much," he

said. "... I think it makes a lot of sense ... and I think we can watch this carefully."

Much of the concern about the policy revolved around liability, but the city's insurance risk agent said it can limit or avoid those issues by having the host of a private party sign a hold harmless agreement or by hiring a professional caterer who could provide a higher standard of care to the event.

In the nonprofit special event license situation, the license holder is typically held liable. Tia Marie Sanders, an Novi resident, said she is against the policy because the facilities are a family-oriented places and alcohol doesn't mix with that.

"When we talk about the library and what it stands for and what community stands for, the first thing that comes to mind about Novi is family," she said. "I cannot imagine my

daughter is in karate in one room and down the hall there is a party where there is drinking."

If implemented, it would be on a short-term basis followed by an assessment that will allow city officials to establish future policies. The policy could be back before council as soon as March 8.

Regardless of any changes, Gatt will not be in favor.

"When we start renting this building out and letting alcohol in, we are putting the citizens of Novi at risk," he said. "Sure as heck someone is going to have one too many and when he drives down 10 Mile and kills a family, the city of Novi will be liable. I don't care about all the insurance they will have to carry, the city of Novi and the residents will be liable."

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City seeks public input for Landings Property grant

Development unlikely without outside funding

BY NATHAN MUELLER
STAFF WRITER

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 \$619,929, 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 opportunities.

Nancy Cowan, superintendent of recreation, said she is not sure when or if the project will get done if the city does not receive the grant.

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 are 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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Collage Concert
March 13
The college's Wind Ensemble, Jazz Ensemble, Jazz Improvisation, Choral Union, Synthesizer Ensemble and soloists perform at 8 p.m. in the VisiTech Center. Tickets: \$8 for adults, \$5 for students, \$3 for children under 12 and senior citizens. Tickets available at www.schoolcraft.edu 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 VisiTech 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 Boivert and Pauline Martin in concert
March 19
Violinist Boivert and pianist Martin perform as part of the Friday Evening Concert Series at 8 p.m. in the VisiTech Center. Tickets: \$20 per person (\$10 for students) available at www.schoolcraft.edu. More information at www.schoolcraft.edu/music or 734-462-4403.

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Exhibit and author visit explore 1947 riots
March 8-26
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Resident concerned about CVS site plan

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

BY NATHAN MUELLER
STAFF WRITER

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 it.

"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 said.

City Planner Mark Spencer is recommending approval of the preliminary site plan and special land use permit as long as CVS meets certain stipulations or variances from the zoning board of appeals.

The chiller is going to have a 8-foot-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 ZBA.

Mitts also has a concern about another issue that is not on Wednesday's agenda. She recently received a notice from the Department of National Resources and Environment that CVS Pharmacy is proposing to fill wetland and discharge storm water to wetland to create additional parking. A total of 2,345-cubic-yards of fill will be placed in two areas.

The city has yet to receive an application for the parking lot expansion.

Mitts said years ago CVS said they would never touch the wetlands to build a bigger parking lot for their trucks.

"They've just gotten too big for the area and someone needs to tell them that."

Deputy Community Development Director Barb McBeth said they have heard about the wetlands application, but that is not what CVS is proposing at this time.

"If they did want to do that they would have to come back before the planning commission," she said.

The planning commission meeting Wednesday starts at 7 p.m. at the Novi Civic Center.

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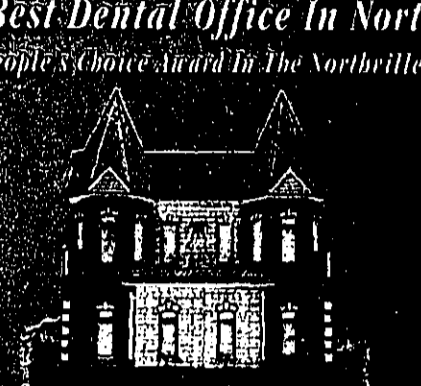
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Snow day
Jeff Weber clears a neighbor's driveway of the eight inches of snow that fell on Feb. 22. Weber is a Novi High School student - and had the day off as school was cancelled due to the accumulation.

EDUCATION

Giving the gift of reading

Deerfield students donating books to school in Detroit

BY NATHAN MUELLER
STAFF WRITER

Deerfield Elementary third grader Lauren Gudeman loves to read.

She has numerous books and spends 10 to 15 minutes every night reading before bed.

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

In an effort to help these 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 heartwarming story.

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 that they didn't have any books at home for him and his sister



to read.

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 enjoy."

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," she said.

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 classrooms.

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."

Students at Deerfield Elementary are collecting new or gently used books until March 19 to donate to Phoenix Academy in Detroit. The majority of the books will go home with students, with the remainder being placed in the school's library.

ON CAMPUS

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 Dubro and Taylor Fouts; Walled Lake: Vitaliy Grodzinskiy, William Robertson and Brittany Rogoza; Wixom: 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 (l 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.

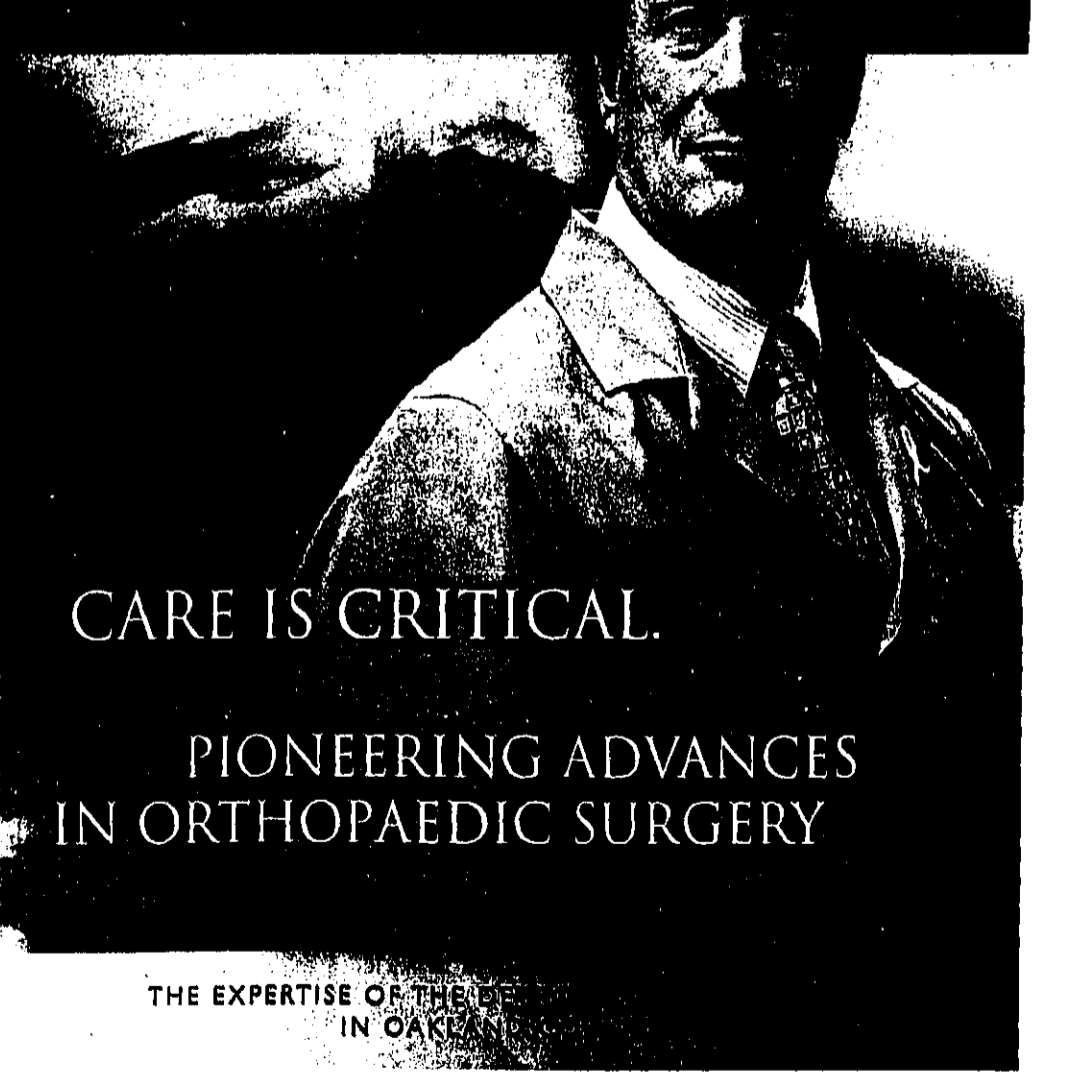
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Orchard Hills Elementary School recently held its Bagels With a Buddy event. Max Robbins, second grader, is shown with his grandmother, Lorrie Gage. Sponsors for the event included Town & Country Eyecare; Spillone & Reynolds Orthodontics; Busch's; Panera and Dunkin' Donuts.

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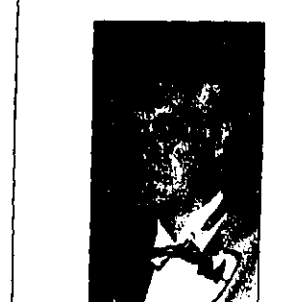
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PATRICIA (MAYNES) KERNS
Pat passed away at the age of 83 at Brighton Gardens Assisted Living in Northville. She is preceded in death by her husband of 59 years, Robert Kerns. Pat was a graduate of Gwinn Michigan High School. She moved to Detroit to attend the Henry Ford Hospital Nursing School and Wayne State University. She became an RN and worked at Henry Ford Hospital and later as a public health nurse in Detroit. Later she obtained Master's Degrees in Math and Education from U of M. She taught high school math in Allen Park and later in Bloomfield Hills. Pat changed careers again in her forties and became a nursing instructor at Henry Ford Community College where she worked until retirement. Pat and Bob spent their retirement years mainly in Northville MI but also enjoyed Camp (their cottage) on Big Sag Lake near Gwinn, and later a summer house they built in Sugar Springs near Gladwin MI. Pat was an avid reader, a seamstress, and enjoyed traveling. She was very active even as she aged and would walk the halls of Brighton Gardens after she became too frail to take daily outdoor walks. Pat was an amazing, loving woman who had many good friends and was loved and endeared by many people over the years. Relatives and friends knew that they could count on her for love and support. She will be missed by many. She is survived by her 3 children: Don (the late Barbara), Don (the late Shirley) Bridges; brother-in-law William (the late Carol) Brink; the late Donald Robert Brink, and Sally Melton; many nieces and nephews and dear friends. Memorial Service was held February 27, 2010 at Lynch & Sons Funeral Home, Milford, Michigan. Burial will be held at 10:00 AM on Friday followed by the funeral home in Northville. Pat will be interred at Glen Eden Cemetery in a double crypt with her husband Bob. They will be placed head to head.

THERESA ANTONIETTE KOSLAKIEWICZ (NEE FLAGG)
Age 82, died Feb. 23, 2010. A Funeral Mass was held Feb. 27 at St. Joseph Catholic Church. Arrangements by PHILLIPS FUNERAL HOME, Online Guestbook: www.phillipsfuneral.com

LAVERNE L. KULLING
Age 67, of Wixom, passed away suddenly Feb. 24, 2010. Funeral service held Feb. 27 at Casterline Funeral Home, Inc. Contributions would be appreciated to the Arthritis Foundation or Meals on Wheels.

GLENDAVID LOUIS PERRY
Age 50, died Feb. 25, 2010. Survived by wife Mabel; children Jack, Ron, Tim (Kelly); 2 grandchildren & 3 great-grandchildren. Private family services were held. Arrangements by PHILLIPS FUNERAL HOME.

IVAN PETER SHADKO
Age 65, of Novi, passed away Feb. 23, 2010. Beloved husband of Lena. Loving father of Frederick and Jacqueline. Private services held. Contributions to WSU Student Scholarship Fund. Arrangements by Casterline Funeral Home.

SYLVIA DORTHEA SROKA, NEE STRZESZEWSKI
Age 83, longtime resident of South Lyon, passed away February 25, 2010. Sylvia was born on May 28, 1926, in Detroit, to the late Thaddeus and Sophia Strzeszewska. Brave wife, mother, grandmother and friend; Sylvia is survived by her loving husband of 63 years, James; sons: Jimmy (Ludy) Vroman, Corey (Joanne); daughter: Kerry (Frank) Jarvis; grandsons: Joshua Jarvis and Adam Sroka; and grandpup Zamboni Sroka. A memorial gathering was held on March 2, at Phillips Funeral Home, South Lyon. Funeral Mass was held March 3 at St. Joseph Catholic Church, South Lyon. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to St. John Health Foundation - Hospice. Online guestbook: www.phillipsfuneral.com

PHILIP J. KIRKPATRICK
Age 76, of Northville, passed away February 23, 2010. He was born September 19, 1933 in Detroit, Michigan to Arthur and Rosemary (Higgins) Heslip. Thomas a resident of Northville for most of his life, was united in marriage to Mildred E. Jones on April 21, 1955. He received a Doctorate in Veterinary Medicine from Michigan State University, and most will remember him as the owner of Northville Veterinary Clinic, located at 7 Mile and Napier, for 42 years. An active member of OLV, he was also a member of American Veterinary Medical Association and Michigan State University Alumni Association. Dr. Heslip loved his family, and especially loved his grandchildren. He enjoyed traveling, and whether it was cross country in his motor home or a trip to his cabin at Stuart Lake in the U.P., the time was always shared with his family. Another of his favorite pastimes was tagging at MSU football games. He also enjoyed gardening and baking. He is survived by his beloved wife Mildred E. Heslip; his children Kathleen (Tom) Brokham, Maureen (Karmolinski) Michael Heslip, Brian (Elizabeth) Heslip, Kevin (Debi) Heslip, Mary (R. Michael) Stuart, Timothy (Amy) Heslip, and Margaret (Paul) Heslip; his siblings John (Marlene) Heslip; Patrick (Diane) Heslip, Richard (Patricia) Heslip, Michael Heslip, and Henry (Donald) Kosciuszka; his sisters-in-law Elva Heslip and Judy Heslip; 22 grandchildren; and 1 great grandchild. He was preceded in death by his parents, his brothers James, Robert, and William, and his sister-in-law Colleen. A Funeral Mass was held Friday, February 26, 2010 at Our Lady of Victory Catholic Church of Northville. Father Denis Theroux officiated the service. The family would appreciate memorial contributions to St. Paul of the Cross Retreat Center, 2333 Schoolcraft, Detroit, MI 48223. Arrangements were entrusted to Casterline Funeral Home, Inc. of Northville.

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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 by 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 self-esteem 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-evening from 7 to 8:00 p.m. at the Novi Civic Center. For more information about the program, please contact Susan Stevens, Recreation Coordinator at (248) 347-0400 or stevens@cityofnovi.org or stevens@cityofnovi.org.

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 9-April 5. CBS College Sports Network complements CBS Sports' exclusive live broadcast work 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 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 for any calls to land lines or cell phone numbers in Chile.

Customers who are making 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 hassles and no need to do anything else. Credits for all calls made during the program 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 at the usual rate.

Etch your name in Botsford's history

Do you have cherished memories of the Botsford Inn? For generations, families and friends celebrated special days at the Botsford Inn on Grand River Avenue -- engagements, weddings, anniversaries, birthdays, holidays and Sunday dinners. Built



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Lookin' sharp

Peggy Wright poses with her son Matthew, 6, 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 wear in kimonos, fold 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 is \$250 and 6" x 8" bricks are \$400. As a special offer, Botsford is offering a \$50 discount on these prices. For more information on how you can share in the Botsford Inn's history with a personalized brick, please call (248) 442-6045 or visit www.botsford.org. Facebook users can also join the group "Botsford Inn Commemorative Brick Plaza" to reminisce about the Inn, post photos or share stories.

"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 one of Cole Porter's magical songs. Terrific songs include "It's De-Lovely," "Friendship" "I Get a Kick Out of You," "All Through the Night," "Anything Goes," "You're the Top" and "Bow, Gabriel, Bow." It's a wonder that all the romances are sorted out and disaster is averted above the magical ship where anything goes! Performances are Friday and Saturday, March 5-6 and 12-13 at 7:30 p.m. and Sunday, 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) 947-0400 or visit cityofnovi.org.

Oscar® contest

Choose the winners of several major Academy Awards® categories for the chance to

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Fitness guru at Health and Fitness

At the age of 15, Peter Nielsen was diagnosed with Crohn's Disease and weighed a mere 96 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. This is the foundation of Nielsen's message of health, fitness and personal power that audiences have come to crave. Understanding physical, mental and daily life challenges, Nielsen is able to connect with people on every level and his personal triumphs motivate even the most non-motivated person.

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.msueastern.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, A6

NORTHVILLE / NOVI CHURCH EVENTS

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Sunday Worship: 8:00, 9:15 & 11:00 a.m.
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with Praise Band, children's Sunday School and Adult Bible Fellowship; 10:15 a.m. Fellowship and refreshments, 11 a.m. Traditional Worship Service, Children's Church, Youth Sunday School and Adult Bible Fellowship; 6 p.m. Evening Service, Children's program, Youth Worship Service
Tuesday Schedule: Tuesday 9:30-10:15 a.m. Women of the Word Bible Study with childcare available for through age 5, 6:45 p.m. Ladies Evening Bible Study, 7 p.m. Men's Evening Bible Study
Wednesday Schedule: 5:30 p.m. Family Meal, \$4 per person, \$12 per family, 7 p.m. Children's Caravan, Club 56, Bible Study, Quilting, Adult Classes, Youth Blast
Thursday Schedule: 6 a.m. Men of Purpose Prayer Group; 7 p.m. Tae Kwon Do
Women of the Word
Time/Date: 9:25-11:45 a.m.
Details: The W.O.W. Tuesday Ladies Bible Study welcomes you to their study of the Book of

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Contact: (248) 427-1175 or churchofholycross.com
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LOCAL EVENTS

Leukemia & Lymphoma Society (LL&S) Fundraiser

Time/Date: 5:7 p.m. Saturday, March 6
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://lls.org> or lls@lls.org

The All-Dimension Garden

Time/Date: 7 p.m. Tuesday, March 9
Location: Walpole Lake City Library
Details: Master gardener Janet Macounich will present the workshop. This event is free and open to the public, but seating is limited.
Contact: Walpole Lake City Library at (248) 624-3772 to reserve a seat or send an email to admin@walpolelibrary.org.

Novi Lions Club

Fourth Annual Charity Auction Dinner
Time/Date: 6 p.m. Saturday, March 13
Location: Novi Sheraton Hotel (on Hagerty Road, north of Eight Mile Road)
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, 4164 Kenilworth Lane, Novi, MI 48377. Visa, MasterCard and Discover accepted. Tickets will not be available at the door; must be pre-ordered.
Contact: Doc Bar at (248) 960-3092 or wbarr@wlmf.com

American Legion Post 19

Monthly Meeting
Time/Date: 7:30 p.m. on third Tuesdays
Location: Rock Financial Showplace, Grand River Avenue between Taft and Beck roads
Details: Comrades and fellow vet-

erans, please join these monthly meetings; attendance is needed to maintain and grow the Post.
Contact: Commander Dennis Strickland (248) 378-7841 or dstrickland@wlmf.com or Service Officer Paul Erickson (248) 344-7193 or pnerick@aol.com.

Novi Community Education

Contact: To register, call (248) 449-1206 or visit us online at www.novi.k12.mi.us/district/communityeducation.
Details: Renee Chodkowska 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 Eggstravaganza
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 of the easiest and most affordable proteins out there. Cost is \$34.

THE BUSINESS

Metro Novi BNI
Time/Date: 7:30 a.m. every Wednesday
Location: On the Border Restaurant, 21091 Hagerty 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/education on networking more efficiently. Guests are invited to attend free of charge. Continental breakfast provided.
Contact: For more information, contact Julie Paquette at 248-797-1665 or juliepaquette67@gmail.com; www.metrobninovi.com.

Novi Chamber of Commerce

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

Business to Business Breakfast

Time/Date: 8-9 a.m. Wednesday, March 10
Location: Salon D'MARS, 24079 Meadowbrook (Peachtree Plaza), Novi
Details: Join us for networking and a light breakfast; \$5 payable at door.
After 5 Networking
Time/Date: 5:7 p.m. Thursday, March 18
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.
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Time/Date: 8-9 a.m. Tuesday, March 23
Location: Walsh College, 4500 Gardenbrook Rd., Novi
Details: Join us for networking and a light breakfast; \$5 payable at door.

Novi Toastmasters Club

Time/Date: 7-9 p.m., every first and third Tuesday
Location: Novi Civic Center, Activities Room, 45175 West 10 Mile Road, Novi, Michigan 48375
Details: Novi Toastmasters is a community-based club which is part of Toastmasters International. Our diverse group provides a mutually supportive atmosphere in which all can develop and refine their public speaking and leadership skills. Our members also have fun while building confidence in day-to-day communications and mentoring toward professional and personal excellence. Guests are welcome - and bring a friend. Visit www.novifreetoastmasters.com.
Contact: Paulette Alioa, V.P. of Public Relations at greenpace@mr.com or (248) 756-0907.

Novi Rotary Club

Time/Date: Noon every Thursday
Location: Novi Methodist Church, 41671 W. 10 Mile Road
Details: Lunch is \$10 at meeting.



AAUW luncheon

The Northville-Novi branch of the American Association of University Women held their annual luncheon Feb. 13 at the VistaTech Center at Schoolcraft in conjunction with the Transitions Center of Schoolcraft. The speaker was Dr. Gail Meijcher (front) author of *A Worth Woman: Victory Over Domestic Violence*. She was presented a thank you bouquet by Susan Schanne of AAUWN (back). Meijcher 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). Meijcher 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 breakout sessions from the Appliance Doctor, Kelly Brothers Heating and Cooling, Johnny on the Spot Carpet Maintenance and Easy Plumbing Repairs from ACE.

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Bouquet

Time/Date: 7-9:30 p.m. Wednesday, March 17
Location: Novi Meadows 6th Grade House
Details: Why pay top dollar for these very popular, edible centerpieces when you can make your own? Create a beautiful bouquet overflowing with fresh pineapple hearts, sweet strawberries, juicy cantaloupe or honeydew crescents, and towering grape spirals, all nestled in a lovely container. Once learned you'll be able to duplicate any other fruit bouquet design you see, big or small.
Contact: Email the instructor at suppliylist@gmail.com or call (586) 731-4681 for supply list (approx. cost \$15-20).
Fee: \$ 35
Create a Gourmet Fresh Fruit Bouquet
Time/Date: 7-9:30 p.m. Wednesday, March 24
Location: Novi Meadows 6th Grade House
Details: These decadent "designer" cupcakes sell for \$4-\$7 each in specialty stores! Make and take home an assortment of 12 unbelievably delicious cupcake creations "stuffed" with a variety of stuffily sweet fillings, professionally decorated, and sprinkled with lots of toppings.
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Mixx Lounge

Location: 43155 Main Street, Novi
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Thursday-Saturday, DJ

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Sunday Worship
Time: 9:30, 11 a.m.
Walking in the Park
Time/Date: 10-11 a.m. every Saturday
Location: Meet at the Visitor's Center of Heritage Park (Farmington Road between 10 and 11 Mile roads)
Details: Group meets for lunch after wards.
Contact: Sue (734) 459-0016

Single Place Ministries

Time/Date: 7:30 p.m. social time; 7:45 p.m. opening; 8:30 p.m. program, every Thursday.
Details: Informative and entertaining programs of interest to singles; \$5 per person. Check Web site for details singleplace.org.

First United Methodist Church of Northville

A Stephen Ministry Church
Location: 777 W. 8 Mile Road at Taft Rd.
Contact: (248) 349-1144 or www.lumc-northville.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 Sturnevon
Coffee Hour: Sunday at 10:15 a.m.
Healing Service: 4 p.m. First Monday of every month
Radical Joy: 6-8 p.m. first and third Thursday for all women
Men's Club: 8 a.m. the second Saturday
Career Ministry: 7 p.m. first and third Monday

Good Shepherd Lutheran Church

Location: 4145 Nine Mile Road, corner of Meadowbrook Road, Novi
Contact: (248) 349-0565
Sundays
Time: 8:45 a.m. Sunday School and Bible Study; 10 a.m. Worship
Lydia's Church of Christ
Location: 1543 Merriman Road, Livonia
Contact: For further information, please contact NSO Douglas K. Wells at (313) 964-6595.

Northville Christian Assembly

Location: 41355 Six Mile Road
Contact: (248) 348-9030
Sundays
9-10 a.m.: Sunday School for Adults / Youth / Children
9 a.m.: Contemporary service in multi-purpose gymnasium
10:15 a.m.: Contemporary service in worship center; children's super church on the second level (208/210)
Tuesday Morning Ladies Bible Study
8:45-10:30 a.m. (call)
Wednesday Family Night
7 p.m.: Adult elective classes; jr. and sr. high student ministries; children's programs (Hi-Pact Girls Club & Royal Rangers Boys Club) Nursery and Preschool Program on Sundays and Wednesdays Home of Northville Christian School (day care; preschool through eighth grade) - contact (248) 348-9031

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 social events.
Contact: Rabbi Avrohom & Leah Susskind at (248) 190-6075 or rabbinovjewishcenter.com

Our Lady of Good Counsel Catholic Church

Location: 47650 N. Territorial Road, Plymouth
Contact: (734) 453-0326, ext. 221

Our Lady of Victory Catholic Church

Location: 770 Thayer, Northville
Contact: (248) 349-2621 or olvnorthville.org

Novi United Methodist

Location: 41671 W. 10 Mile Road
Contact: (248) 349-2652 or visit umcnovi.com
Sunday Worship
Time: 9:45 a.m.
Healing Service and Holy Communion
Time/Date: 9:45 a.m. first Sunday of every month
Peace Vigil
Time/Date: Noon, first Sunday of every month
Location: In front of the church
Details: Members of the congregation and the community will stand united in prayer for peace.
Advent Service
Time/Date: 9:45 a.m. Sunday

Oak Pointe Church

Location: 50200 W. 10 Mile Road
Contact: (248) 912-0043 or visit oakpointe.org
Worship Services
Time: 5:15 p.m. Saturday; 9:15 and 11:15 a.m. Sunday
Renew Life Ministries
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 perspective.
Contact: For more information or to register call (248) 912-0043 or visit oakpointe.org.
Charmed Influence
Time/Date: 9:30 a.m. every Wednesday
Details: Studying the book "Surviving a Spiritual Mismatch in Marriage".
Contact: Joy Ruby at joy@oakpointe.org or call the church

Orchard Hills Baptist Church

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OUR VIEWS

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 constituents.

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 problems.

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 their own.

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"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."

Terry Heilsen
Novi



"I'm going to Guatemala on a mission trip to a remote village and I'll help a dentist provide service."

Mary MacIssac
Westland



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

Kim Bibik
Livonia

LETTERS

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. The Novi teachers would never force the

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 this country.

Tom Brenner
President, Novi Education Association

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 pompon 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 pompon competition. These champions deserve an apology from your newspaper.

Helen Lofft
Novi

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

Most 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 billion fishing industry.

But this whole saga also offers some significant insight into how government works ... and doesn't work.

The outlines of the story are well known. The carp were brought more than two decades ago to fish farms along the lower Mississippi River, where they were primarily used to clean up algae.

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

carp was discovered in Lake Michigan. That finally got everyone's attention.

The carp have been on their way for years, both the giant Bighead variety, 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 boaters.

For years, environmentalists have been sounding the alarm about possible disaster the carp got into Lake Michigan. That's because they vacuum up food supplies, wiping out all the other fish.

Eventually, the government did run electric cables under the canal to deter the fish, thanks in large part to evidence of carp were discovered in the Chicago canals past the electric fence, and all hell broke loose.

Michigan Attorney General Mike Cox asked the state of Illinois to immediately close the shipping canals and locks connecting the Mississippi

and Lake Michigan. But the local barge industry complained that it would lose too much money, and Illinois Gov. Pat Quinn said no. Cox then went directly to the U.S. Supreme Court.

But the Obama 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 opinions.

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 \$150 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 the National Wildlife Federation's Midwest office

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

"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 population," he said.

"But the only way of finding out for sure is when it's too late."

Moreover, there is a big dispute about the effectiveness of shutting the O'Brien, Wilmette and Chicago locks to barge traffic. Michigan officials seem to have an all-or-nothing attitude, but the locks are not watertight, and thinking about closing the locks needs to be done as part of a management strategy that uses other tools as well.

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 Engineers ... (have) got to get off their butts to do it and quit listening only to the

barge owners."

The real question: how long will it take 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 year.

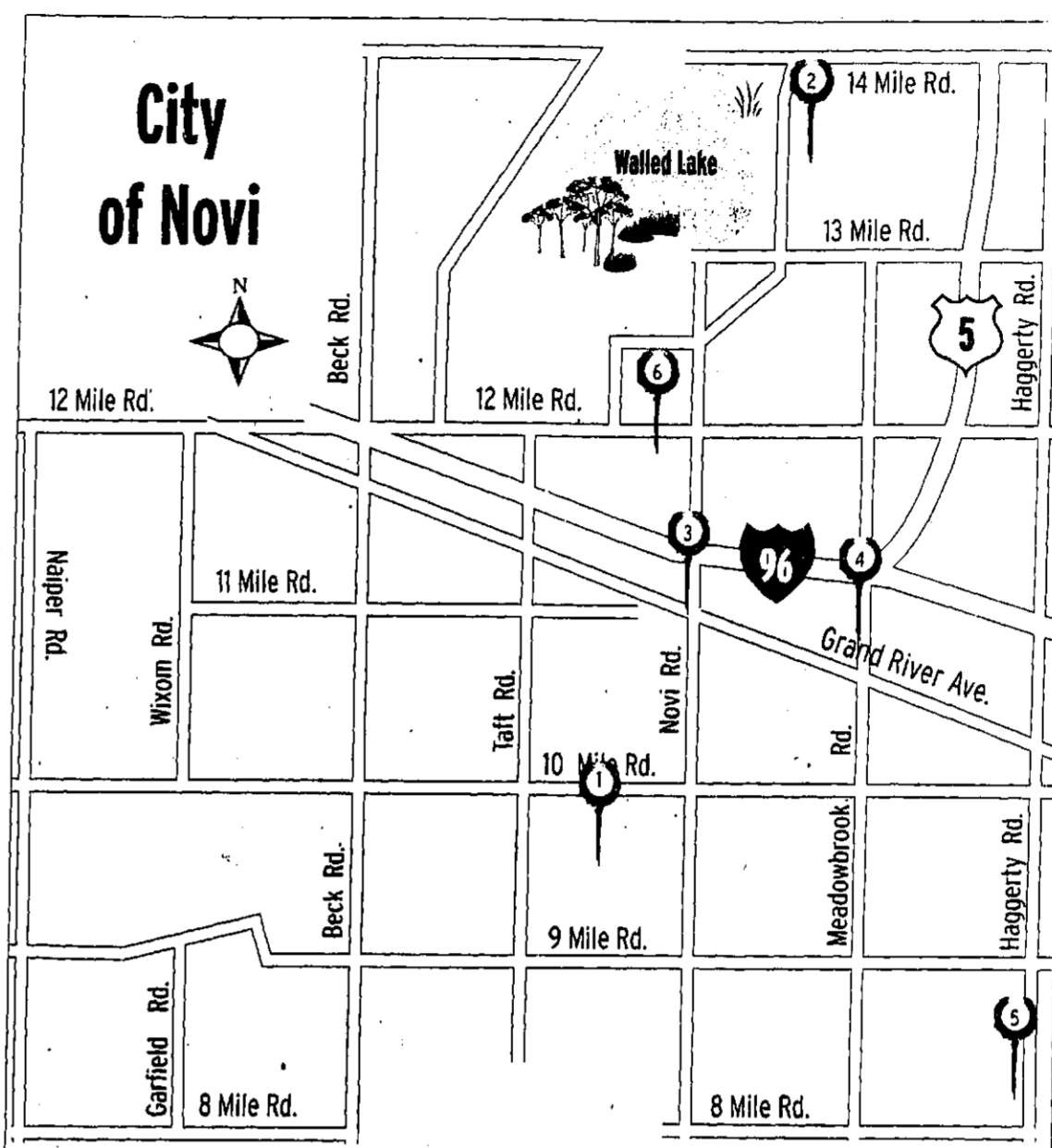
"This is a crisis staring us in the face ... at heart the problem is a political and institutional one. The desire to avoid making tough decisions that upset the status quo, and the overall lack of accountability for failing to make those tough decisions," he said.

Which says a lot about how government does ... and doesn't ... work:

1) To work, governments have to be convinced there 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 barge industry on the other represent enough money to grab government attention.

PUBLIC SAFETY

NOVI POLICE BRIEFS



Driver arrested for pot possession

1 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 vehicle.

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 stop.

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 vehicle.

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

2 Several vehicles were broken into and items 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 mini-van broken into. Stolen from the vehicle was a Tom-Tom GPS and taken from the mini-van was the back-up/reverse camera screen.

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.

Man caught with joint

3 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

vehicle had a loud exhaust.

When the officer approached the vehicle, both windows were down and he could smell a 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 observa-

tions and did not show he was under the influence or impaired at the time of the stop.

He was issued a citation and released on bond.

Generator stolen by unknown party

4 A Cummins generator was stolen at 4:30 p.m. on Feb. 23 and Feb. 21 from a location on the 2600P 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 on it.

Police have no more information at this time.

SUV broken into, items stolen

5 An unlocked Dodge Durango was entered between 2:30 p.m. on Feb. 27 and 12:50 a.m. on Feb. 28 while it was parked at the Sheraton Hotel on Haggerty Road.

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 make-up.

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 Road.

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 card but it had already been canceled.

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Setting the right tone in a landlord-tenant relationship

In 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 explaining 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 places."

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 obligations. Let's examine a more productive way for tenants seeking an ideal location for their business to gain concessions from the landlord.

I have found that landlords appreciate preparedness and focus matched by capability. Tenants beginning with this foundation can negotiate from a 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.

Can you show a list of vendors or companies with whom

you do business that also demonstrates you pay your bills?



Jonathan Brateman

Next, what kind of business do you own? Providing an outline of your business, perhaps a catalog or brochure, simplifies the "learning curve" for the landlord.

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 economy.

This is not the time to be 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 interviews.

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 of these elements attached 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 for such matters as a personal guarantee, clause language, option to renew, early termination, is often more valuable than rent concessions.

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

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PISSOS BY DARRIA FELTA

Thinking spring

Artists Darría Felta and Peggy Kerwan, both of Novi, are exhibiting a mix of paintings at Picasso's Cafe for the month of March. Working in various different mediums, you will see a colorful selection of still life paintings, landscapes, and some figurative. Picasso's is located at 39915 Grand River Avenue in Novi. Hours are 7 a.m.-7 p.m. Monday-Friday; 9-5 Saturday.



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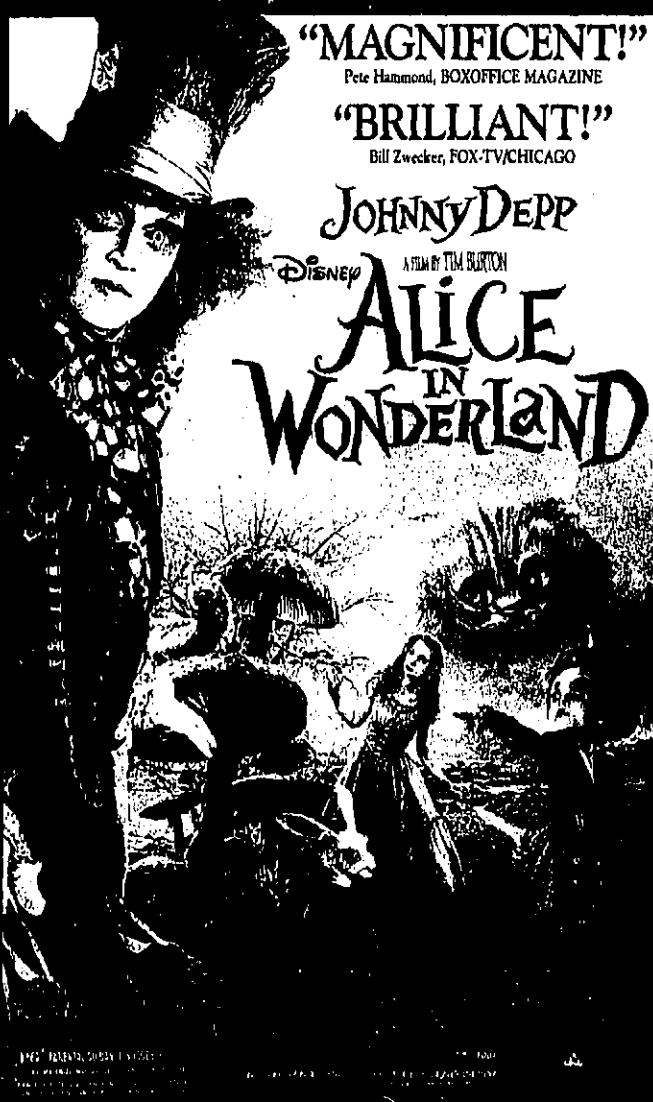
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Material facts are important to any case

Most 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 is important.

There are two elements to a material fact: what should be disclosed, and how should it be disclosed.

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 securities laws to protect someone pondering an investment.

Disclosures are also mandated 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 disclosed (such as on an insurance application), it may be presumed that this failure is intentional 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 trier-of-fact or jury would be called upon to decide "yes, under the circumstances, Mr. Defendant, you should have told Mrs. Plaintiff that the roof leaked



Dan Hoops

before you sold her the house." The problem with the "reasonableness" standard is that it may be a moving target - what is reasonable on Monday may not be on Friday, or what someone may find unreasonable, another person may find completely reasonable.

This brings us to element two: how do you disclose everything? People will often laugh about the "fine print" that is just about everywhere in our daily lives; this fine print is simply an absolute disclosure of everything under the sun. Although this may be easy enough or may be necessary if you are Best Buy, it does not translate well in ordinary living. So what do you do?

The first consideration in any transaction is to think about what you would want to know. What would you consider important. Should 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 to get them thinking about backing out of the deal? Well... the easy answer for me to you is yes. Does it always happen? No. And when it does not happen, this is when litigation results.

Which brings us to litigation. If you failed to disclose a potentially material fact, was it because you did not consider

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" that are reasonable under the 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 I can give anyone about to transact any business transaction is to use a questionnaire, or a document with a list of disclosures or have some written understanding between the parties as to what they consider important and what they do not consider important, then sign it. If the other person did not think to ask 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 opportunity.

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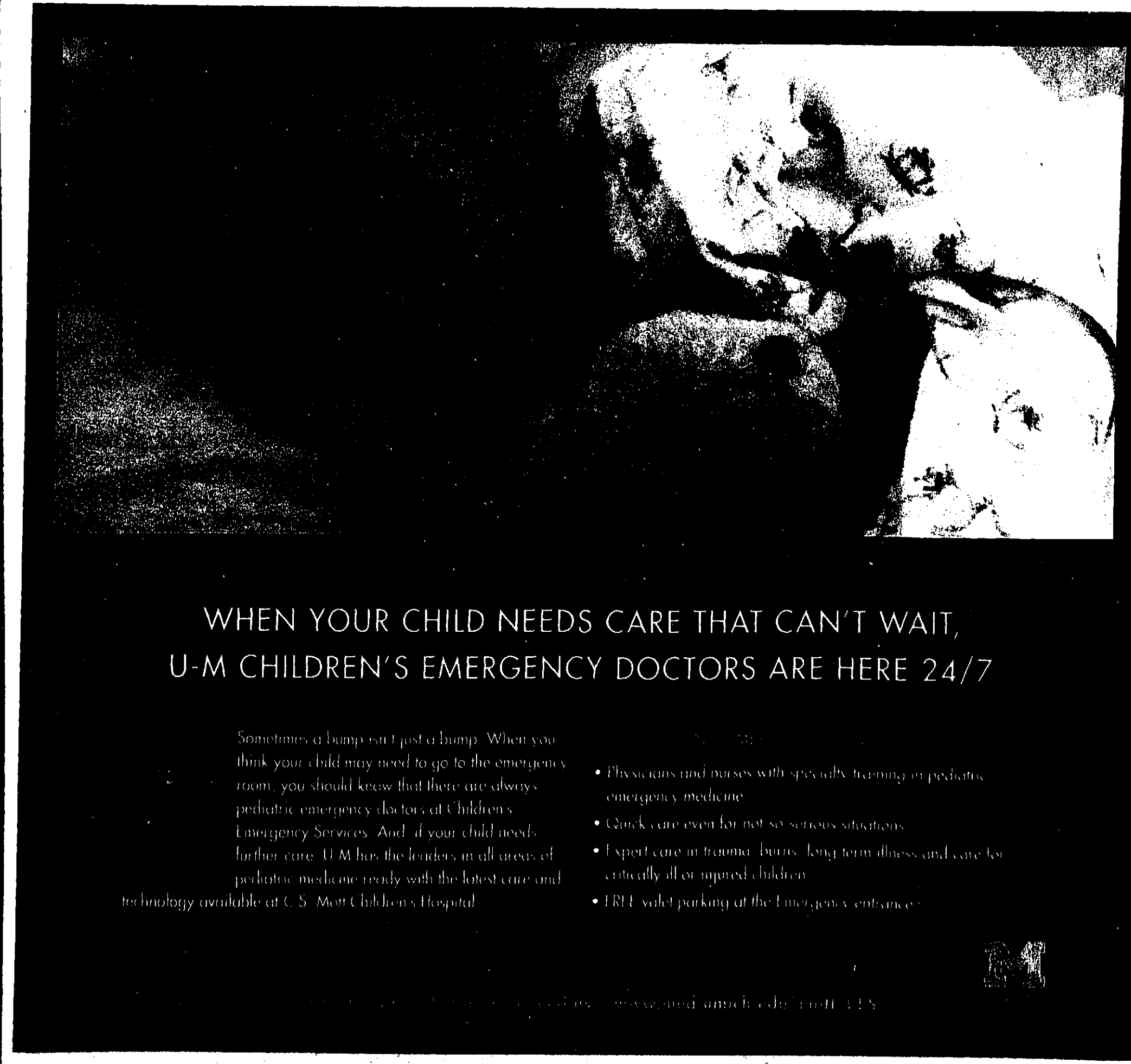
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Levin & Earl

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 High School and earned a bachelor's degree in broadcasting from 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 from Central Michigan University. She is employed by Chicago Public Schools. An August wedding is planned.



Fader & Novac

Hillary Fader of South Lyon is engaged to marry 2nd Lt. Kyle Novac. Fader, the daughter of Corinn and the late Donald Fader, graduated from South Lyon High School in 2008. Novac, the son of Phillip and Ashley Novac of Ohio, will graduate from the Air Force Academy in Colorado Springs in May. They met on a Carnival cruise ship in 2008. A June 2010 wedding is planned in Millford.

Local dog owners, breeders head for DKC Dog Show this weekend



BY PAM FLEMING
STAFF WRITER

Adriana Chefan doesn't 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 cart loaded with her purchases at the May-November outdoor market.

Chefan, of Novi, will take Guinness to Cobo Hall for the annual Detroit Kennel Club Dog Show this weekend. He will be displaying his carting talent, known as drafting, in several presentations called "GO Drafting!" with other dogs.

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

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.

EDUCATING THE PUBLIC

Chefan, who works as a receptionist at DePortre 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.

"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 anything like this. We want to get the concept of drafting out into the public."

Cook said all handlers will be from Michigan in the demonstrations.

WHAT IS DRAFTING?

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.

"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 Detroit and surrounding areas to Detroit's Cobo Center.

This year marks the show's 60th anniversary.

TICKET INFORMATION

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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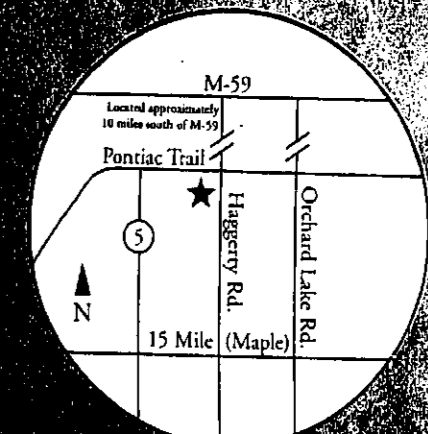


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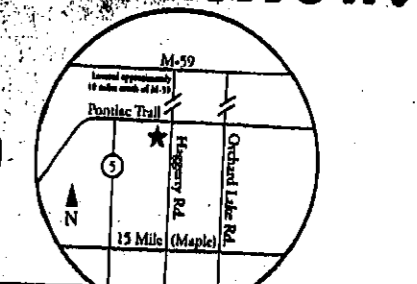
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Wildcats sixth in conference



Wildcat Alex Baumgarten swims the backstroke during the conference finals.

Eight tankers prepare for States

BY CHRIS JACKETT
CORRESPONDENT

In a true showing of the KLA 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 Novi.

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 Stevenson.

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

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Wildcat Erich Sawaya swims the breaststroke at the conference finals on Feb. 25.



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

CC grapplers tops in Division I

BY PERRY A. FARRELL
GANNETT NEWS SERVICE

Hoping to add to its football and cross-country titles this season, Novi Detroit Catholic Central faced a formidable opponent in powerful Rockford, the defending state champion, for the Division I 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 a 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 student who is going to West Point next year. That's what our program is all about. That kid started wrestling as a freshman. He has the endurance on and off the mat. That's the kind of kid we build at Catholic Central."

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

called the little cannons." Thompson then pinned Chris Barrentine at 119 to secure the championship.

"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 year."

CC — which had won seven previous team wrestling titles, the last in 1986 — 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 consecutive victories would eliminate Oxford (30-4), 35-25.

After Kinville won, the Shamrocks won the 103- to 135-pound weight classes. "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 lightweight have been our anchors all year long. We knew Oxford would be a battle. They are a well-coached 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 be growing pains. Our team had them, and I had them as a coach. Our team had 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 ENOS
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

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

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

Wayne, now 15-3 overall, punched 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 feel 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 than he had the previous 20 years of his professional career." The team includes (l to r) Mike Gaverilla, Rick Janssens, John Janssens, Dave Miller and Bart Knowles.

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Injuries make end of ski season painful

'Cats slip on slopes in postseason action

BY CHRIS JACKETT
CORRESPONDENT

Novi's ski teams wrapped up their season Feb. 16 at Mount Holly with junior Austin Feight as the lone Wildcat competitor at the SEMSL meet.

Feight competed as an individual, but his two-run slalom time of 1:17.60 would have been good for 57th 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.

Austin had to qualify for this meet from the divisional meet. He did a great job racing in the divisional meet, placing 10th (in giant slalom), which earned 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 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 lineups against us knowing the Wildcats are a contender."

Two days after their last 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 4:17-second time, good for 14th overall. Johnson fared slightly better in the giant slalom, finishing in a two-run 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 236 fell shy of fifth-place West Bloomfield's 226.5, as both teams watched Bloomfield Hills Marian win

the division title with a dominant points.
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 overall in the giant slalom with a total of 40.31 seconds as the Wildcats finished fifth of 10 squads with a 185 score, close behind Walled Lake Northern's 180, but a sizeable distance from division champion Bloomfield Hills Brother Rice's 63.

The Wildcats didn't have much better luck in the 13-team KLA meet. The boys finished sixth with a 205.5 score as Grand Blanc won with 45. The girls landed in 12th with 325.5, as Northern won the association with a score of 50.

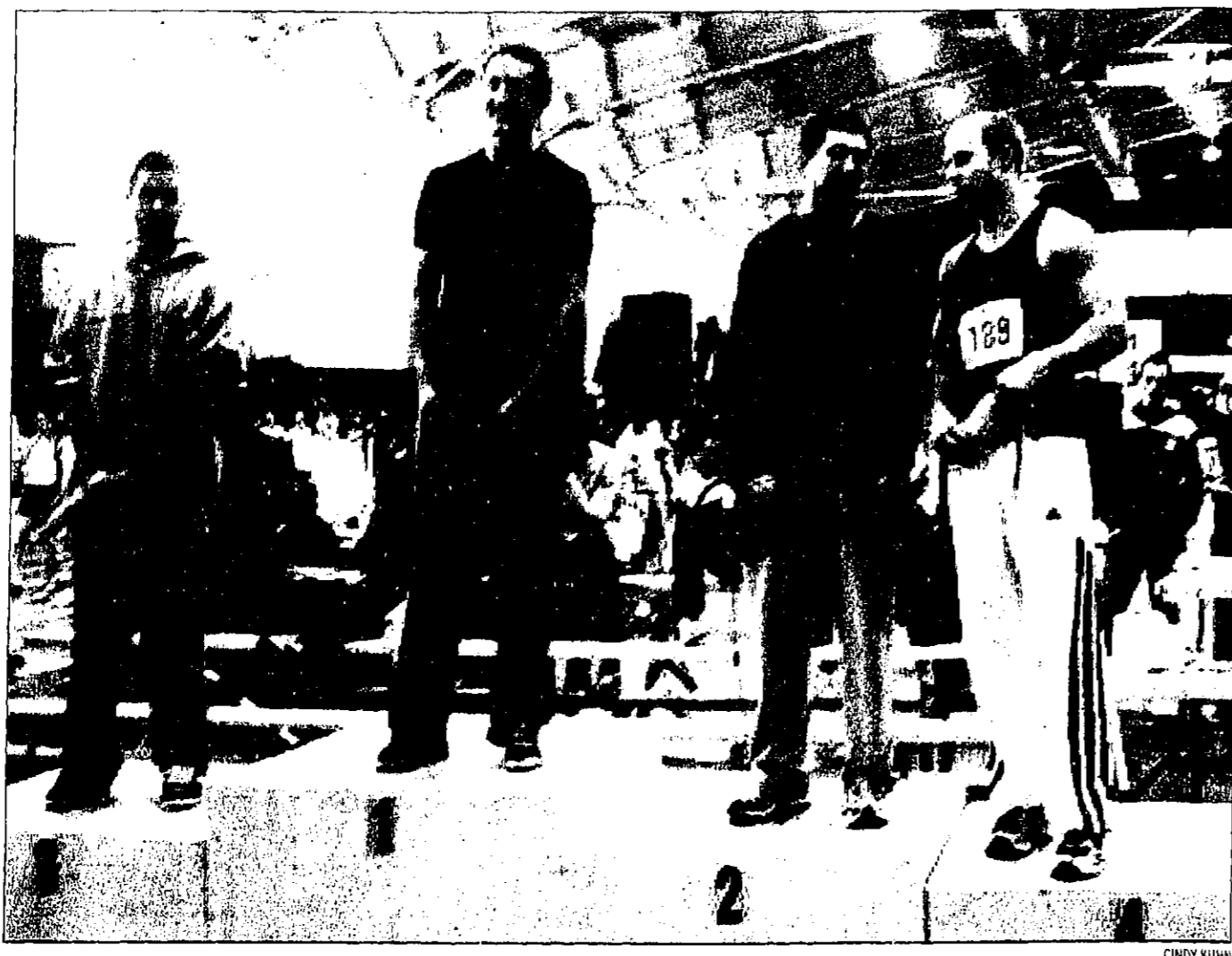
Junior Kuni Hotta led Novi's boys in the slalom race with a two-run 45.76-second total to finish 23rd overall, while Johnson landed in 14th for the girls with a time of 44.32 seconds. Senior Jake Walczak took 10th overall in the giant slalom in 51.08 seconds, while senior Sara Arne finished 23rd overall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

The injury followed a previous one to the Wildcats' other top skier, senior Kaylee 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 KLA meet saw the boys team ski a consistent display that landed them in sixth place with a 240.5 score, two points behind South Lyon unified, but well off the pace of regional champion Detroit Catholic Central's 61 score. Walczak skied a two-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 389 points, 22 behind Walled Lake Western. Marian won the regional title with a score of 30.

Chris Jackett is a freelance writer and former Novi News staff writer.



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

BY CHRIS JACKETT
CORRESPONDENT

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 on Feb. 19.

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

Glubzinski helped Concordia College finish the meet with 254 points to claim seventh place, their highest finish in five years.

A junior, Glubzinski won the 3-meter diving event Feb. 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 points Feb. 20. Trudeau took second with 405.80 and Glubzinski took third with 365.00.

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Amy Glubzinski won the 3-meter dive and finished third in the 1-meter dive at the Minnesota 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 Women's Diver of the Year.

Novi's competitive cheer squad competes at a regional meet last Saturday in Brighton. The Wildcats finished sixth of 12 squads, capping their season as one of the top 12 groups in the state.

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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 first-quarter lead over visiting Plymouth Salem last Friday. Up 31-10 at halftime, Novi cruised to a 61-42 victory to move to 15-4 and set up a

battle with Brighton (17-2) for fifth place in the KLA. 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 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, with proper gym shoes, shirts and shorts. A parent or guardian also needs to be

present to fill out paperwork and pay the \$20 tryout fee. Tryouts for the 14-and-under team will take place Friday, March 5, from 6:30-8:30 p.m. at Village Oaks Elementary School, 23333 Willowbrook Drive. Tryouts for the 13-and-under team will take place Monday, March 8, from 6:30-8:30 p.m. at St. James Church, 46325 10 Mile Road.

Novi Athletics online
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Vincent teamed for the 200-yard freestyle relay to finish fourth in 1:32.55. Northville won in 1:29.63.

The Wildcats capped off relay competition with the 400-yard freestyle, where Ao, Kim, Vincent and Chung teamed to finish fifth in 3:22.15. Stevenson won with a meet-record 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 seconds. He was just 1.15 seconds back from Stevenson's Kellen Schreff 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 100-yard breaststroke, finishing fourth in 1:02.96.

Vincent had a pair of top-eight individual finishes for Novi as well, taking fourth in the 500-yard freestyle in 4:56.40 and sixth in the 200-yard freestyle in 1:49.47. He trailed Salem's Adam Seroka by 10.2 seconds in the 500 free and Northville's Nate Lynn 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 the top eight, Lynn also praised Novi's top swimmers in the



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

100-yard butterfly and 100-yard 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 different events.

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. Ao, Lu, Vincent and Chung also qualified in the 400-freestyle



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

breaststroke, while Vincent qualified in the 500-yard freestyle.

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

HOOPS

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Wednesday night's semifinal between Livonia Churchill (9-7) 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 go 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 to play.

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 good, went 6-for-6 in that third overtime. We blow a layup in the second OT to put 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 Samer Ozeir. Senior point

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 one."

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

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 were pretty clutch," Woodard said. "I think we're below 70 percent as a team, but they just had it in their mind they're 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 the 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 with this."

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'Dogs bite 'Cats

Novi icers finish eighth in KLAAs despite state ranking

BY CHRIS JACKETT
CORRESPONDENT

It was a simple matter of 'Cats and 'Dogs in last Thursday's KLAAs 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 KLAAs. 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 to score, which led to Novi's first two-game losing streak of the season.

"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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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 Fre-Region 29 winner from Hartland. With a win, Novi can advance to the state quarterfinals 5 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.

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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 to do."

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 when 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-out side of the 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 season.

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 said.

Outshot 24-21 by the Bulldogs, then-No. 6 Novi fell to 17-5-2 while Brighton improved to 14-9-1 and claimed seventh place in the KLAAs thanks to a 2-for-4 power play. Novi was 0-for-3.



Predators win District 4 title

The Novi Predators' district record of 8-0-1 earned them a Squirt B District 4 championship with a 4-0 win 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 season with an impressive 34-4-0 record. 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, l to r) Craig Hawley, Matthew Jassur, Brett Somerville, Jason Pecora; (second) Alex Garback, 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 Finn, Harry Youmans, Joe Vig and Dave Duff.

'Cats advance in Districts after two KLAAs losses

BY CHRIS JACKETT
CORRESPONDENT

Plymouth Salem headed Novi their first loss of the season on Jan. 12. On Monday, Novi ended Salem's season, defeating the Rocks 4-6-39 in the opening round of Class A District 18 action at Novi High.

"The lady cagers grinded out a tough three-point game," Kelp said. "That's why those kids play varsity basketball."

The series by Sinkovitch (five points) ignited the crowd and the Wildcats would never trail again, closing out the game on a 17-7 run, including 9-for-10 free-throw shooting in the fourth quarter. Novi outscored 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.

"I liked how well we played in the first half. I like how, when we gave up the lead, we bounced back," Kelp said as his team improved to 18-3. "We wanted the chance to play Canton again since they beat us."

The game served as more than a trophy for the season series - since Novi also won 39-28 at Salem Feb. 2 - but set the Wildcats up for a rematch with Canton (19-1), who defeated Novi 46-33 for the Kensington Conference title Feb. 23.

Novi and Canton, ranked No. 2 in Class A, were scheduled to meet in the district semifinal last night and the winner will face either Northville (9-11) or Plymouth (6-14) at 7 p.m. tomorrow for the district title.

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

"We know what she's going to do. Not much you can do but make her make the tough shot," Kelp said of Stone. "It's a game within a game. They have two big players. We faceguard Stone and didn't leave DeBear. It's a game of runs. Offensively, we stood around."

Coming out of a time out, Novi junior Alyssa Armiak (five points) broke the Rock's streak with a layup. Coming off the bench, 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, l to r) Craig Hawley, Matthew Jassur, Brett Somerville, Jason Pecora; (second) Alex Garback, 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 Finn, Harry Youmans, Joe Vig and Dave Duff.

The Wildcats shot 29.2 percent from the field, but had 20 more shots than the Rocks. Both teams made 14 field goals, but the two more free throws that Grand Blanc shot proved to be the difference maker. Masserant led Novi with 14 points and seven rebounds, while Cingel added six points and seven rebounds.

Junior varsity Novi varsity squad split their final two games to finish the season 15-5 last week. Behind a tough defense, transition offense and strong play inside, the JV Wildcats defeated Grand 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 play at the point.

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 Shannon Sherwood (15 points, seven rebounds), sophomore Anna Lausch added five points and Scott had four points.

FRESHMAN A thrilling season of wins from the freshmen aged ended with a 35-30 overtime loss at Grand Blanc last Thursday.

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 Drexler (four points, four steals), Kasey Lowmyer (three points, five rebounds), Serene Ozeir (two points, three rebounds) and Kelly Cauchi (two points) also chipped in.

It was the second overtime game in two nights for Novi. Lowmyer (four points, four steals) scored a layup with 79 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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BUSINESS BRIEFS

ABWA welcomes Kathy Crawford

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. Pre-paid 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 Center director, Crawford authored several workbooks, including "Start 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 Michigan-based companies in an effort to stimulate the local economy. Dan Glisky, CEO of Digital 10 Network, made the announcement at a press conference. "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 rebuild 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 Detroit-based 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."

Schoolcraft College offers seminars for small business owners, entrepreneurs

Schoolcraft College's Small Business and Technology Development Center is offering several seminars in March that cater to the unique needs of entrepreneurs and small business owners. Reservations are required. To reserve a seat for these or any other SBTDC seminars, call (734) 462-4438 or visit www.schoolcraft.edu/bdc/sbdtc_seminars.asp for registration instructions. All of the seminars are held at the VistaTech Center on Schoolcraft College's main campus in Livonia, Haggerty Road between Six and Seven Mile roads. The Entrepreneur Series includes:

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- Business Legal Issues: Tues., March 16, 9:30 a.m.-noon, \$40
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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 nine-step, 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 downingddd@aol.com.

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 Chicago.

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 2008.

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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. Gilliat, staff accountant.

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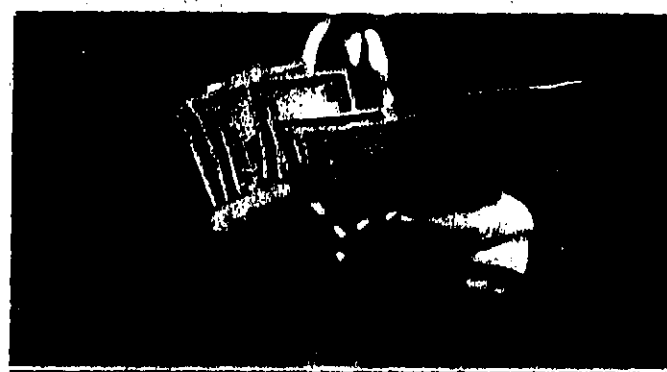
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In tough economic times, this kind of job sounds like a fantasy. But it's a reality for the health-care industry. Unlike many fields, health care can't be outsourced — unless you want to go overseas to fix your sprained ankle. With a growing population that's living longer, the need for medical personnel continues to rise.

Another attractive aspect of working in health care is that education requirements for various positions range from a high school diploma with some training to advanced medical degrees combined with extensive training.

If you're considering a job in health care, here are 13 jobs that you might want to consider, along with their projected employment growth and mean annual wage, according to the Bureau of Labor Statistics.

Emergency medical technicians and paramedics respond to emergency calls as instructed by dispatchers. They arrive on the scene to address medical emergencies, which can require on-site treatment or transportation to a hospital.
2006 employment: 200,000;
Projected 2016 employment: 240,000; Mean annual wage: \$30,370

Police, fire and ambulance dispatchers answer 911 calls and decide what emergency personnel, such as paramedics or firefighters, need to respond to the situation.
2006 employment: 99,000;
Projected 2016 employment: 113,000; Mean annual wage: \$34,060

Chiropractors treat patients who suffer from pain or conditions associated with their muscles and bones, most often the spine.
2006 employment: 53,000;
Projected 2016 employment: 60,000; Mean annual wage: \$81,390

Dental hygienists perform examinations on patients' teeth and gums and assess overall dental health. They often prepare records and reports on patients for the dentist.
2006 employment: 167,000;
Projected 2016 employment: 217,000; Mean annual wage: \$64,910

Dental assistants prepare the patient before meeting with the dentist and also prepare materials for the dentist to use during the appointment. They are not licensed to perform any dental procedures.
2006 employment: 280,000;
Projected 2016 employment: 362,000; Mean annual wage: \$32,280



Home health aides work with patients who are living at home and provide assistance with everyday tasks, such as eating and bathing. They also help patients follow doctor's instructions for routine exercise.
2006 employment: 787,000;
Projected 2016 employment: 1.17 million; Mean annual wage: \$20,850

Optometrists check the visual health of a patient. They prescribe glasses or contacts and treat eye diseases or other conditions.
2006 employment: 33,000;
Projected 2016 employment: 36,000; Mean annual wage: \$101,840

Oral and maxillofacial surgeons perform surgery on a patient's jaw or mouth. For many people, the first time they see an oral surgeon is for problems with wisdom teeth.
2006 employment: 7,700;
Projected 2016 employment: 8,400; Mean annual wage: \$178,440

Orthodontists treat patients who need braces or retainers to straighten their teeth.
2006 employment: 9,200;
Projected 2016 employment: 10,000; Mean annual wage: \$185,340

Nursing aides, orderlies and attendants work in hospitals or health-care facilities, helping patients perform routine tasks such as walking, bathing or eating.
2006 employment: 1,447,000;
Projected 2016 employment: 1.71 million; Mean annual wage: \$23,920

Pharmaceutical and medicine manufacturers produce medications that have been created by scientists and medical experts. They ensure that medication passes all the necessary tests for human consumption as decided by government guidelines.
2006 employment: 292,000;
Projected 2016 employment: 361,204; Mean annual wage: n/a

Registered nurses help patients by treating their conditions or ailments and teaching them how to properly care for themselves. They work in a variety of medical care facilities, including hospitals and clinics.
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29 Baby bangle	85 An disco	85 An disco	138 Shelley's	24 Sika's st.	76 As many as	125 Daisy
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35 Lava heater	88 Humble	88 Humble	141 New	33 Cover the	80 Movie piglet	128 Glasgow
38 One of the	89 Gershwin	89 Gershwin	142 Hog	38 City	81 Church's	129 Down
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