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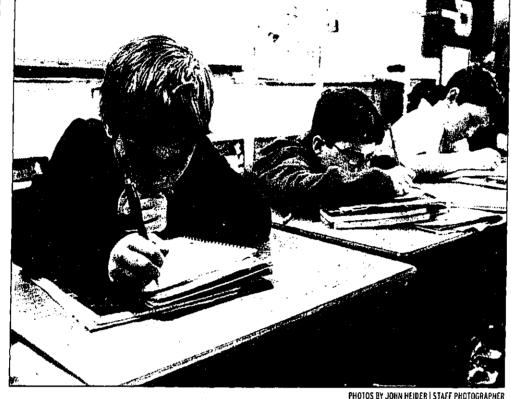
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Join the Novi the Novi Chamber of Commerce and City of Novi in celebrating the grand opening and ribbon cutting ceremony for Healthy Hearing Center from 4-6 p.m. on Thursday, March 25 at 23895 Novi Road, Suite #100. Meet Lisa Berch MA, CCC-A, audiologist/owner of Healthy Hearing Center, along with the mayor and Novi Chamber members. Tour the center and schedule a free hearing screening; refreshments will be provided. Call (248) 348-HEAR for more information.

ArtsNovi update

The Great Lakes Art Fair is April 23-25, and artists who would like to participate are being sought. If you are interested (or know someone) in being a part of the ArtsNovi booth, please call (586) 484-8797 or e-mail to artsnovi@yahoo.com. For general info on the art fair

go to www.greatlakesartfair.com. ArtsNovi is also working on the Twelve Mile Crossing @ Fountain Walk Summer Sidewalk Series, to



Deerfield Elementary School student Ryan Gessler, left, and his fellow students helped Novi continue to post high scores on the MEAP test.

Novi schools continue their MEAP dominance

Civic center, library could soon host parties with alcohol Resident says there is no need

BY NATHAN MUELLER STAFF WRITER

The Novi City Council has moved a step closer to allowing the consumption of alcohol at the Novi Civic Center and Novi Public Library.

A first reading was approved at the March 8 meeting with only Mayor Pro tem Bob Gatt and council member Kathy Crawford not in favor.

Council members Andrew Mutch and Justin Fischer supported the idea, not because it was going to generate revenue, but because it could lead to more resident use.

"I see it as allowing us to give our residents the ability to fully utilize the facilities they pay for on a daily basis with their tax dollars," Mutch said.

If a final reading passes, allowing alcohol at those facilities would be on a trial basis until Oct. 31. The trial period is one of the things that sold council member Terry Margolis.

"I think we put the things in place that makes this a safe policy," she said.

Some of the rules include requiring a \$500 deposit that guarantees compliance with the rules, no alcohol may be consumed at any city facility between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. on Monday through Friday, no alcohol can be taken from the city facility, alcohol service is limite to beer, wine and champagne and hard liquor and beer kegs are not allowed among other stipulations. Also a trained bartender is required for any licensed event or private party over 25 people and insurance and a hold harmless agreement are needed. Gatt, who has opposed the idea from the beginning, said he thinks the council is making a mistake.

be held every Saturday this summer. Two to four artists display their work and there is live music in the center area at Fountain Walk from 4-7 p.m. Contact via the above if interested in participating. Band and artists postings will be at www.2stonesevents.com.

The group is starting up the ArtsNovi Round Table again. Anyone interested in talking about upcoming events, supporting bringing more art, dance, theater and music to Novi, or just chatting about art in general - please join on the fourth Monday of every month (March 22 this month) 5:30-7 p.m. at Bonefish Grill in Novi. Email if you plan on attending for a headcount, but show up anytime as this is a very informal meeting.

Egg hunt time

Kids grab your flashlight and get ready to go egg hunting. The annual Novi Parks Flashlight Egg Hunt takes place at 7:30 p.m. on March 24 at the Novi Civic Center, and will feature eggs filled with candy, crafts, snacks and inflatables. It is open to kids ages 3-10, and cost for a resident to register is \$7 online and \$10 in the office or onsite if space is available. Registration ends March 19. For more information, call (248) 347-0400 or visit www.cityofnovi.org.

Scores are well above state, county average

BY NATHAN MUELLER STAFF WRITER

It's no surprise to anyone in the Novi Community Schools district when MEAP scores are released and the percentages are high.

Since 2006, the district has seen very little change in its already top marks, an accomplishment Monique Beels, assistant superintendent for academic services, attributes to everyone involved with the education of the students.

"We worked hard all year and never let up," she said about how the district maintains its consistency. "We have some very committed parents and committed teachers and we have a lot of motivated children."

Posting top scores in the math category were third- and fourth-graders at Deerfield and Novi Woods elementaries. It was the fourth consecutive year thirdgraders at Deerfield scored 100 percent, second straight for fourth-graders. At Novi Woods, third-graders posted



Deerfield Elementary School student Halley Ducklow works on some inclass writing. Third and fourth graders at the school posted 100 percent on the math portion of the MEAP test this year.

100 percent for the second time in four years and fourth- year. graders posted back to back perfect scores.

Math and reading scores for third-grade students district-wide were 98.1 percent and 96.6 percent, respectively. Scores for fourth-graders were 98.9 percent (math) and 95.1 percent (reading), Both

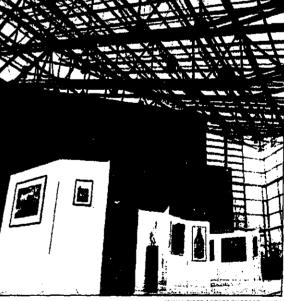
are improvements from last Fifth-graders saw slight dips in math from 95.4 percent to 93.8 percent, reading from 92.6 percent to 92 percent and science from 91.4

percent to 87 percent. Sixth-graders posted scores

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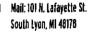


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Rally for Relay

Fight against cancer starts with kickoff event March 24

BY NATHAN MUELLER STAFF WRITER

Claudia Wiseman said every year she participates in Relay for Life she realizes how lucky she is to be there.

The Novi Middle School teacher was diagnosed with breast cancer in 2001, the same year she got involved Relay, but to this day remains free of the disease.

Wiseman is one of the many survivors who takes part in the annual event, and she hopes the community continues to value the importance of raising money for cancer research. Since 2007, the Novi Relay for Life has made almost \$500,000.

"The most enjoyable part is

most people have a connection." she said. "Everyone has been touched by cancer one way or another; it's uplifting and emotional at the same time." The fourth annual Relay for Life gets started at 6 p.m. on March 24 with the kick-off cel-

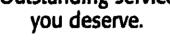
ebration at the Novi Civic Center. Community members are invited to the event to learn more about Relay for Life and how to register their team. "It's definitely a way for people

to be involved as a community to fight back against cancer," said Nicole Abdilla, community representative from the American Cancer Society. "It's kind of like a

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Kindergarten Parent

Kindergarten Parent Orientation will take place in each

elementary building on March 31, 2010 at 7:00 p.m.

Contact the building principal for information.

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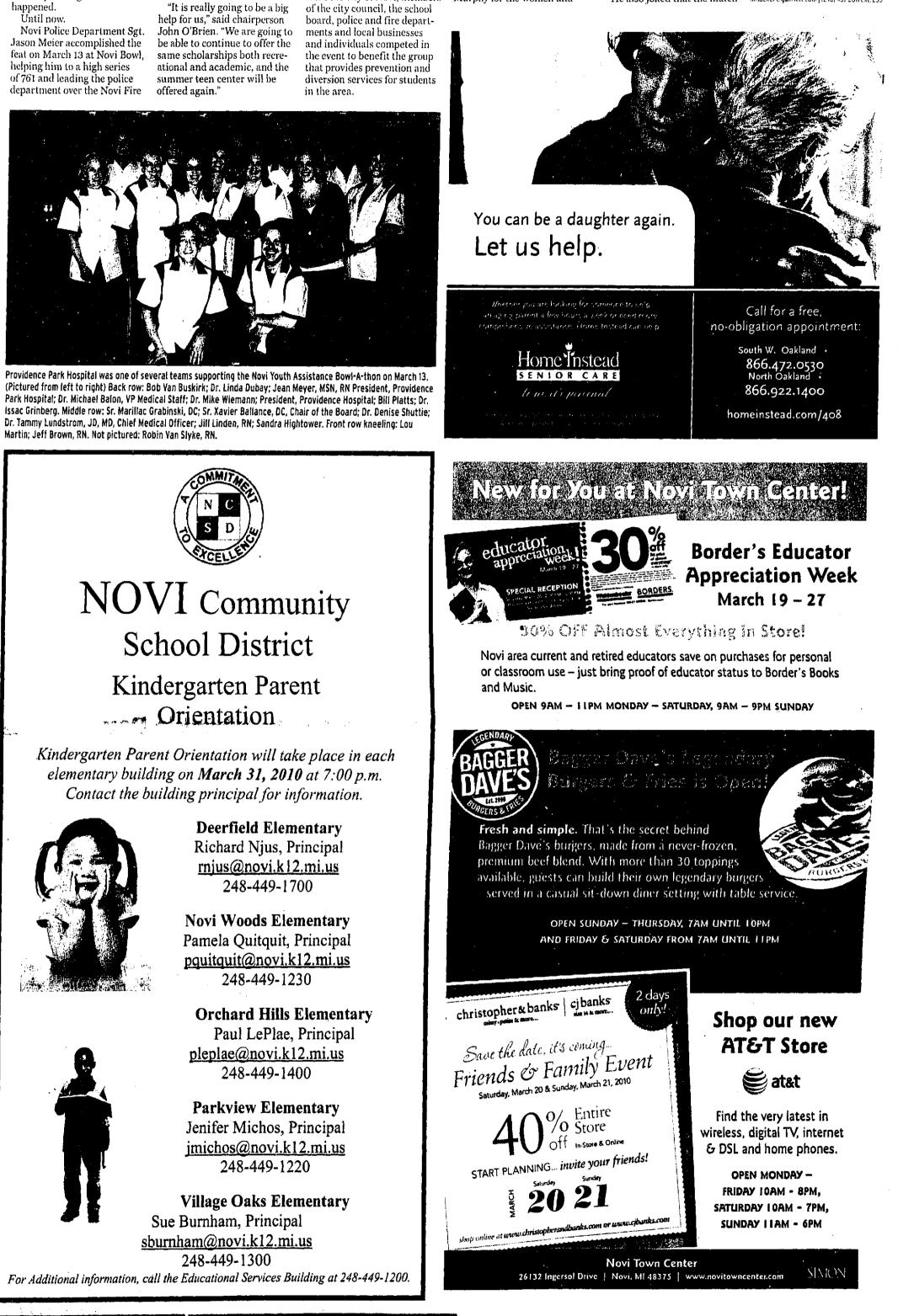
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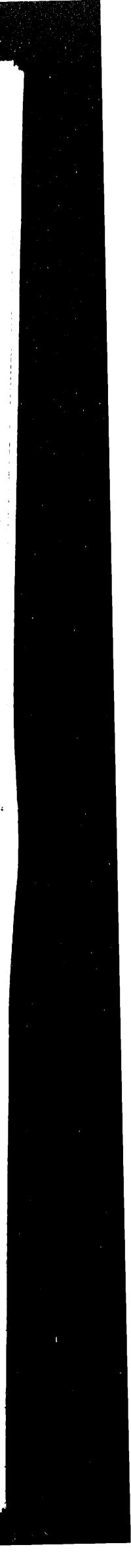
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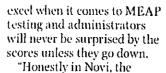
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of 93.1 percent (math), 94.7 percent (reading) and 86.8 percent (science). Students in seventh grade had scores of 95.5 percent (math) and 94.9 percent (reading). Eighthgraders came in at 90.5 percent (math), 91.7 percent (reading) and 90.7 percent

The district did see some minor declines at some schools. from 91.4 percent last year to 87 percent this year in fifth-grade science at Novi Meadows, but still the numbers were high and don't solicit any worry because certain groups of students can perform differently, Beels said Overall, Novi continues to



expectations are high," Beels said. "Parents expect a lot from their kids, the schools and the teachers. And you don't have to put the pedal down because

it is constantly there." nmueller@gannett.com | (248) 437-2011, ext. 255

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block party with a cause." Relay for Life takes place this year on June 12-13. The event features Survivor Lap to celebrate the victory of area cancer survivors like Wiseman, a Luminaria Ceremony to remember those lost to the disease and the Fight Back Ceremony that gives everyone a

chance to take a stand against

cancer. The overnight camp-

out also features several other

Abdilla said all it takes to get

involved is to form a team, usu-

games and activities.



Check 'em out

Ernestine Merlotti, right, checks out a book during the March 16 visit to the Novi Senior Center by the Novi Library's bookmobile. A wide variety of books are brought to the center on the third Tuesday of each month. Patrons can reserve books online and have them delivered during the bookmobile's visit. The visits begin at 10 a.m.



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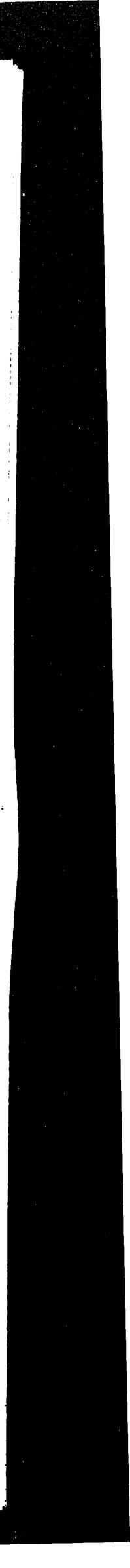
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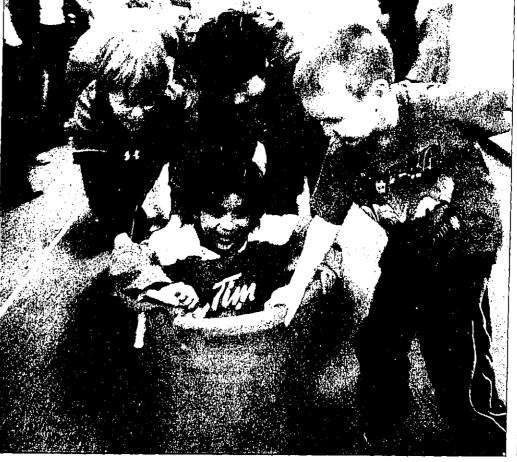
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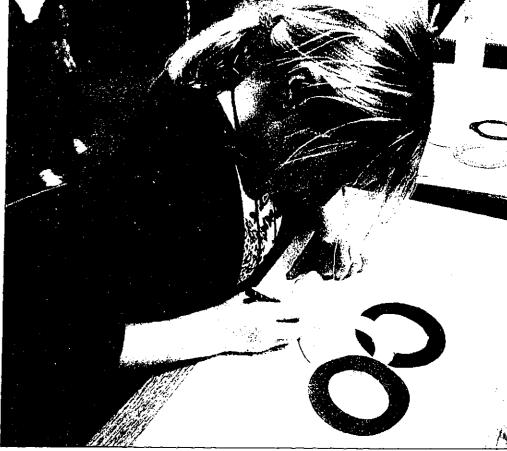
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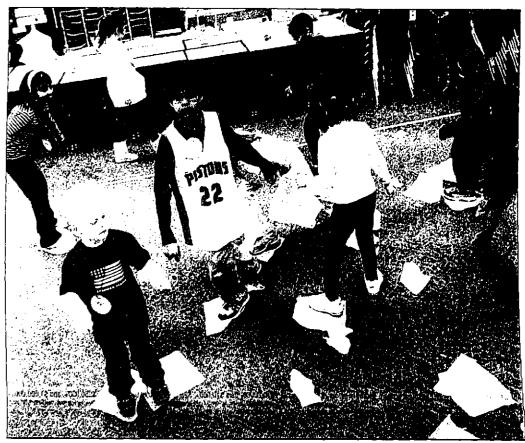




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School games Twirling around the floor on a pair of wax paper skates, Deerfield Elementary School fourth grade tudent Halle Perpich (left) tries to approximate ice dancing as she and other pupils enjoy their school's indoor salute to the winter Olympic games. (Above left) Aniketh Datta, center, a Deerfield second grader, s pulled along the floor by his classmates as they come up with a close-enough copy of the bobsted during the school's Feb. 25th celebration of the winter Olympics. Deerfield Elementary student Gaby Cummings (above right) makes her own olympics flag during the school celebration of the winter games. Deerfield students (right) "skate" around the room on pieces of wax paper as they celebrate the winter ames



Green Gala to raise money for NEF grants

Novi's Olympic athletes to be honored at event

BY NATHAN MUELLER STAFF WRITER

The 2010 Winter Olympics ended late last month but the celebration in Novi is going to continue for at least one more

For the fourth consecutive year, the Novi Educational Foundation is hosting its Green Gala fundraiser to raise money to support educational programs throughout the Novi Community School District. The theme this year is the Olympics, and at the event two Novi graduates, bobsledder Mickie Rzepka and ice dancer Emily Samuelson, will be hon-

ored. The event starts at 7 p.m. on March 27 at Rock Financial Showplace. Tickets can be purchased at the door for \$60 and include casino night gambling, hors d'oeuvres and desserts, live and silent auction, raffle prizes, music and dancing and a cash bar.

NEF Trustee Karl Wizinsky said this is the non-profit organization's largest fundraiser, and the grants they provide are going to becoming increasingly important as the state continues to cut school funding.

"The grants are for teachers who need some additional funding for something they want to try out in the classroom," he said. "It is stuff that may not get into the school

Over the past two years, the NEF, which is in its 23rd year, has awarded more than \$53,000 in grants to 40 recipients. Wizinsky said depending on how much is raised at the Green Gala, they hope to con-



Gala on March 27.



Novi Board of Education Trustee Katle Raeon, Director of Public Safety/Chief of Police David Molloy and Novi City Council member Dave Staudt took in the festivities at last year's Green Gala.

tickets to the event. Novi Another highlight of the event is the chance to bid on

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a pair of pendants designed by Novi students Adrian Hart and Sarah Mueting that were created by Larson Jewelry. Wizinsky said both are beautiful pieces. Schools also have a chance or visit www.NoviEducational

to earn a \$250 grant for their respective Parent Teacher

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> Wizinsky said the commu-nity should attend because "it's a fun party and raises funds for a good cause." For more information about the event, call (248) 449-1206



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Pool, spa show opens at Rock March 26

The 15th annual Novi Backyard, Pool & Spa Show will run from Friday, March 26 through Sunday, March 28 at the Rock Financial Showplace in Novi.

"We have everything you need for the backyard from pools, spas and hot tubs to decks, patios and sunrooms." said Mike Wilbraham, show producer of ShowSpan, Inc. living environment cat-You can create the perfect

setting for vacationing at home every weekend or make your backyard living dream a reality." The show is sponsored by the Michigan Pool & Spa Association, member of enclosures, sunrooms and the Association of Pool & Spa Professionals (APSP).

Hundreds of ideas, products and services are available from the major outdoor egories on display including on purchasing, planning,

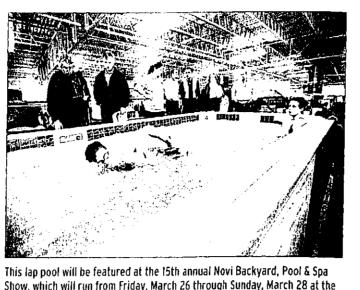
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Homeowners will find the information they need about buying a pool or spa at show exhibits. Experts are available with tips and advice

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maintenance, safety, exercise scaping "Make your home the ideal

location for great memories and enjoyable times with family and friends," said Wilbraham. "Our show offers the perfect opportunity to plan and purchase and professionals are available to provide information for the spring and summer season."



Rock Financial Showplace in Novi.

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Rock Financial Showplace is located at 46100 Grand River Avenue between Novi and Beck Road in Novi. Show hours are from 3-9 p.m. Friday; 11 a.m.-9 p.m. Saturday; and 11 a.m.: 5 p.m. Sunday.

Admission is \$8; \$4 for children 6-14; and free for children 5 and under. Discount coupons for \$2 off adult admission on Friday and Sunday are available at show's Web site and at participating Wendy's restaurants. On site parking is available for a fee. For more information, visit www.NoviPoolShow.com or call (800) 328-6550.



Breeda Miller stars as Sister Mary O'Brien in 'Put the Nuns in Charge' at the Andiamo theater through April 18.

Time to 'Put the Nuns in Charge'

Vicki Quade, the creator and co-author of "Late Nite Catechism," thinks the title of her latest interactive comedy, "Put the Nuns in Charge," says it all: just when you thought it was safe to go back into the classroom, Mother Superior shows up! The production takes the stage at the Andiamo Novi Theatre March 18-April

"Put the Nuns in Charge" as creator Quade calls it "is a funny refresher course in a modern look at the Golden Rule. Mother Superior is in charge and she has her own opinions on just about everything, from the shade of your lipstick to the I-Pod in your pocket."

Originally opened in 2005 at the Royal George Theatre in Chicago, "Put the Nuns in Charge" is still going strong. The Chicago Tribune calls the show "Sharp, funny, and richly humane." The Pioneer Press calls it, "one of the best of Chicago theater." The production at the

Andiamo Novi Theatre stars Breeda Miller as Sister Mary O'Brien. "I always knew there would be a benefit to being Catholic. I just never knew it would happen quite this soon," said Miller, who takes the stage for a five-week run with performances running Wednesdays-Sundays.

"Put the Nuns in Charge" picks up where Quade's acclaimed "Late Night Catechism" left off which resulted from Quade bringing to life an idea that Chicago actress Maripat Donovan - who was fascinated with the lives of the saints and wanted to do a stand-up comedy routine. Initially approaching Quade to write a short skit for her, Quade developed the idea and expanded it into the comedy wonder, "Late Nite Catechism" which has been running in Chicago since 1993, and has become a national and international hit with productions in more than 150 cities. "Schools and parishes

throughout Illinois, Indiana,

and Wisconsin have enjoyed

DETAILS Showtimes for "Put the Nuns in Charge" March 18-April 18: Wednesdays, 8 p.m., \$25 Thursday, 8 p.m.; \$25

Friday, 7:30 p.m.; \$30 Saturday, 7 p.m.; \$30 • Sunday, 5 p.m.; \$25 Dinner and show packages are available on Wednesday, Thursday and Sunday nights for \$59.95 for 2 people. Tickets are \$25 on Wednesday, Thursday and Sunday; \$30 Friday and Saturday; \$59.95 dinner and show packages for two available Wednesday, Thursday and Sunday) may be purchased at the Andiamo Novi Theatre box office, by phone at (248) 348-4448 (theater box office) or 1-800-745-3000 (Ticketmaster) or on-line at www. ticketmaster.com.

For more information on "Put the Nuns in Charge" call the Andiamo Novi Theatre at (248) 348-4448. The Andiamo Novi Theatre is located at 42705 Grand River Avenue, Novi.

my shows as an easy way of raising much-needed money to balance their budgets," said Quade. In addition, each of her

shows is used to raise much needed retirement funds for orders of nuns throughout the country. Through her com-· edies, Quade has helped raise amore than \$2 million and "every penny has been donated to various orders of nuns nationwide," she nsaid. For her work raising awareness of the plight of retired

Sisters, Vicki Quade received the Spirit of Benedict Award in 2003 from the Benedictine Sisters of Chicago, and, in 2005, she was given a Partners in Mission Award by the Sisters of the Living Word in Arlington Heights, Ill. She was honored in 2009 by the Sisters of Providence in Indiana for donations to that order.

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BARRY LEE ALBRIGHT Age 45 of Beileville passed away (nee Mudloff) Mar. 10, 2010. March 11, 2010. He was born on many years prior to moving to www.obriensullivanfuneralhome.com Belleville. He was a member of St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church and the United Automotive Workers. He is survived by his parents Carl and Evelyn of Bear Lake and his siblings Marty (Monica) Albright of Brighton, and Ricky (Gail) Albright f South Lyon. He is also survived by his daughter Jodi Marschall his nephew Brandon, and his grandchildren Christopher, and Alexis, his partner Joel Auten of Belleville and several aunts, uncles, and cousins. service will be held March 21 Sunday, at 2 n.m. at a Cemetery in phillipsfuneral.com

RICHARD N. BALDWIN

away Mar. 12, 2010. A funeral service bered by family and friends as a man was held Monday, March 15 at Ward with a jovial nature who could lighten Presbyterian Church in Northville. any room with his infectious smile Contributions to the AAA Crisis and sterna positive outlook. He Pregnancy Center. Arrangements by brought joy and happiness to all who Casterline Funeral Home, Inc.

HENRY GLEASON COFFEY team at South Lyon High School. Age 76, of Green Oak Township, local golf league at leisure. He also passed away on March 9, 2010. A Funeral Service was held at PHILLIPS ter weekends at Caberfae Peaks in

THOMAS FRANK CRAWFORD

Williams, Marcus Williams, and Aaron Gardner; great-great niece and nephew: Amaira and Lincoln Fultz. A memorial service was held on March 16th, Tuesday, at 2 p.m. at Fellowship Baptist Church, Whitmore Lake. Arrangements entrusted to PHILLIPS FUNERAL HOME, South Lyon. Online guestbook www.phillipsfuneral.com

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eadline: Tuesday at 10 am for Thursday Obituaries received after these deadlines. will be placed in the next available issue.

"CHUCK" FINLAYSON March 8, 2010, Age 79, Funeral was Sat., March 13 at the O'Brien/Sullivan Funeral Home, Novi. Memorials may be made to the Hospice of the Ozarks. Send online condolences www.obriensullivanfuneralhome.com

JACOUELINE MARY GIESEKING

Memorial service was Mar. 15 at



in Management Information and love her. Age 70, of Commerce Twp., passed Systems. Matt will be fondly rememloved him. To know Matt. truly was to love him. Matt was an avid golfer, playing four years on the varsity golf FUNERAL HOME on Saturday, March Mount Pleasant. He is survived by his 13, 2010. View the online guestbook parents Ron and Kathy Kerekes of South Lyon; siblings: Patrick (Megan) Kerekes, Meredith Kerekes; and grandmother Mary Wight. He was preceded in death by his grand-

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NANCY ISABELLA LIDDELL WALTER J. MCKEOWN Of South Lyon Michigan Age 60, Age 94, March 3, 2010 of Northville. passed away Monday, March 8, 2010 Retired Administrative Director of the March 11, 2010. He was born on Guardian Angels Church. Donations at University of Michigan Hospital in City of Detroit Lighting Department May 16, 1964; son of Carl H. and may be made to Alzheimer's Assoc. And Arbor. Nancy was born and long time Officer and Director of Evelyn E. (Zalud) Albright. Barry was or St. John Hospice. Condolences Ann Arbor. Nancy was porn ano long time Oncer and Director or a resident of the South Lyon area for or St. John Hospice. Condolences November 8, 1949, in Ann Arbor, the Detroit Retired City Employees Michigan, the daughter of Eric and Association. Preceded in death by his Isabella Liddell. She graduated from wife, Elvira on July 7, 2001. Mr. South Lyon High School in 1967 and McKeown was descended from a attended Ferris State University. family that migrated from upper New Nancy worked at Greenhills School York State in 1834 and settled near in Ann Arbor as a college counseling Carleton, Michigan. Walter was born to several over a career that spanned in Detroit and educated at the Holy two decades. In 1999, Nancy was Redeemer Schools. As a youth, he diagnosed with ALS, a disease that was active in the boy scouts and she courageously battled with digni- became the first Eagle Scout of Troop ty, tenacity and grace. She confront- 226 in June, 1930. He graduated

every challenge undertaken during He worked his way through college MATTHEW JACOB KEREKES her lifetime. Nancy's battle with ALS employed as a Bookbinder. After will now continue having donated graduating in 1938 with a Bachelor Sunday, at 2 p.m. at a Cemetery in Age 23, passed away on March 13, her body and organs for study to the Degree in Business Administration tions may be made to the family of 2010. He was born on May 2, 1986, University of Maryland and the he was hired as an accountant by Barry Albright c/o Phillips Funeral in Ypsilanti, to Ronald and Kathleen University of Michigan medical Standard Oil. He left that company to Home, 122 West Lake Street. South (O'Shea) Kerekes. He graduated from schools. She is survived by her accept a Civil Service position as a Lyon, MI 48178 On-line guestbook South Lyon High School in 2004 and daughter Abigail Williams and sister Realty Appraiser in the City of Detroit attended Oakland Community College Cynthia Ebaugh. Nancy did so much Assessor's office. He was in the and Central Michigan University. He to enrich the lives of family mem- Army from April, 1941 to November would have graduated in May with a bers, friends and individuals who 1945 serving with the 32nd Infantry Bachelor of Business Administration were fortunate enough to know her Division and the Air Force Training



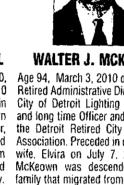
JOAN M. MCINTYRE

Age 69, passed away on March 10, Robert O'Shea and Richard Wight. March 14, 2010. She was born on Mt. Olivet Cemetery in Detroit. 2010. Tom was a lifelong resident of Visitation March 18, Thursday, from April 7, 1931 in Cleveland, Ohio, South Lyon and worked as a 3-9 p.m. with a scripture service at 7 daughter of the late Clarence and mechanic at Norm's Total Automotive p.m. at PHILLIPS FUNERAL HOME, Marie Steckel. Joan was a devoted Service. Tom is survived by his sis- 122 West Lake Street (Ten Mile), member of St. Joseph Catholic Age 87, passed away March 10, ters Doris Crawford and Linda Gault; South Lyon. A Funeral Mass will be Church. She was an energetic 2010. She was born on September nieces and nephews: Linda Pena, held on March 19, Friday, at 11 a.m. woman who loved to dance, laugh 14, 1922, in Canada, to the late Norm (Cindy) Fultz, Shelli Williams, with final visitation at 10:30 a.m. at and meet new people. She was a Russell & Agnes (Rolls) Bell. Doris Darron Williams, and Darlyn St. Joseph Catholic Church, 830 S. very honest and loving wife, mother is survived by her loving children: Gardner; great nieces and nephews: Lafayette, South Lyon. Memorial and grandmother. Joan had a zest June (Donald) Gregory, Roy (Karen) Robert Parrott, Steven (Miranda) donations may be made to the South for life and enjoyed every moment Meadows, Rick Meadows, Darryl Fultz, Jonathon Fultz, Tiffany Lyon Golf Team. Online guestbook she had with her family and friends. Meadows; 6 grandchildren, 10 She is survived by: her beloved hus- great-grandchildren and her siblings band Robert of 56 years, her loving Bernice (Dick) LeMaitre and Carl daughters, Susan Utych, Kathleen (Judy) Bell. She was preceded in

McIntyre and Carol McIntyre, and death by her husband James her grandchildren, Bryan and Ben. Meadows in 2008. A Funeral Service She is also survived by her brothers was held on March 14th, Sunday, at Gerard (Natalie) Steckel and Bill 4:00 p.m. at Phillips Funeral Home, (Pat) Steckel and her mother in-law South Lyon. Memorial contributions Margaret McIntyre. She was preced- may be made to American Holistic ed in death by her brother Jim in Medical Assoc., 23366 Commerce Sunday, March 21st from 3:00pm-9:00pm with Rosary at 7:00pm at Lake St., South Lyon. Funeral Mass

Catholic Church, 830 S. Lafavette. South Lyon. Online guestbook www.phillipsfuneral.com

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& Remembrances

ed this deadly, debilitating disease as from high school in 1933 and entered hard-nosed and resolute as she did Wayne University that September. Command. After World War II, he returned to work at the city as an accountant in the Controller's office and later as Administrative Director of the Lighting Department and retired with more than 30 years of service. Walter earned an MBA at the University of Detroit in 1954 and was a director of the MBA Alumni Association for several years. He was a Past President of the City of Detroit Accountants Association and life member of Monaghan Council, K of C. He participated in many sports. Golf was his favorite game. He was

an active player for sixty years. His estate will be shared by various charitable, educational and environmental organizations. Memorials may be made to: Michigan Humane Society, 26711 Northwestern Hwy. Suite 175, parents Joseph and Dorothy Kerekes, Age 78, of South Lyon, passed away, Southfield, M1 48034. Interment at

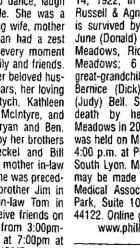
DORIS V. MEADOWS

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will be conducted on Monday, March Age 80, passed away March 8, 2010 22nd at 11:00arn at St. Joseph at home. She was born on June 27, 1929, in Halls, TN, to the late John and Annie Lee (Sayles) Duncan. Mary Alyce is survived by her loving children: Alyce Faye Turner, Dwight David Redman, Stanley Dewayne Redman, Leah Blanchard Haynes; 9 grandchildren: Alycia Turner, Jammie lurner, Drew Redman, Stacy Redman, Jillian Redman, Kristy Redman, Amber Kolar, Rory Blanchard; and 5 great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her daughter Perri Lynn Redman, grandson Lance Redman; siblings: Bonnie Shoebridge, Omer Duncan, Robert Duncan, and Johnnie Duncan. A Funeral service was held on March 13, Saturday, at 1 p.m. at Phillips Funeral Home, South Lyon. Online



2006 and her son in-law Tom in Park, Suite 101B, Beechwood, OH 2005. Family will receive friends on 44122. Online guestbook:





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Association.) Sutton-Smith is Nicky, the dinner hostess and a wound-too-locker, the women are faced with for all performances. Those age tight book editor whose self-cen-

time for embezzlement. Linden is Molly, who's being smothered by a sickly-sweet husband who wants no part of intimacy or givsuburban couples concerned with "The Smell of the Kill," written ing her the one thing she really wants — a baby.

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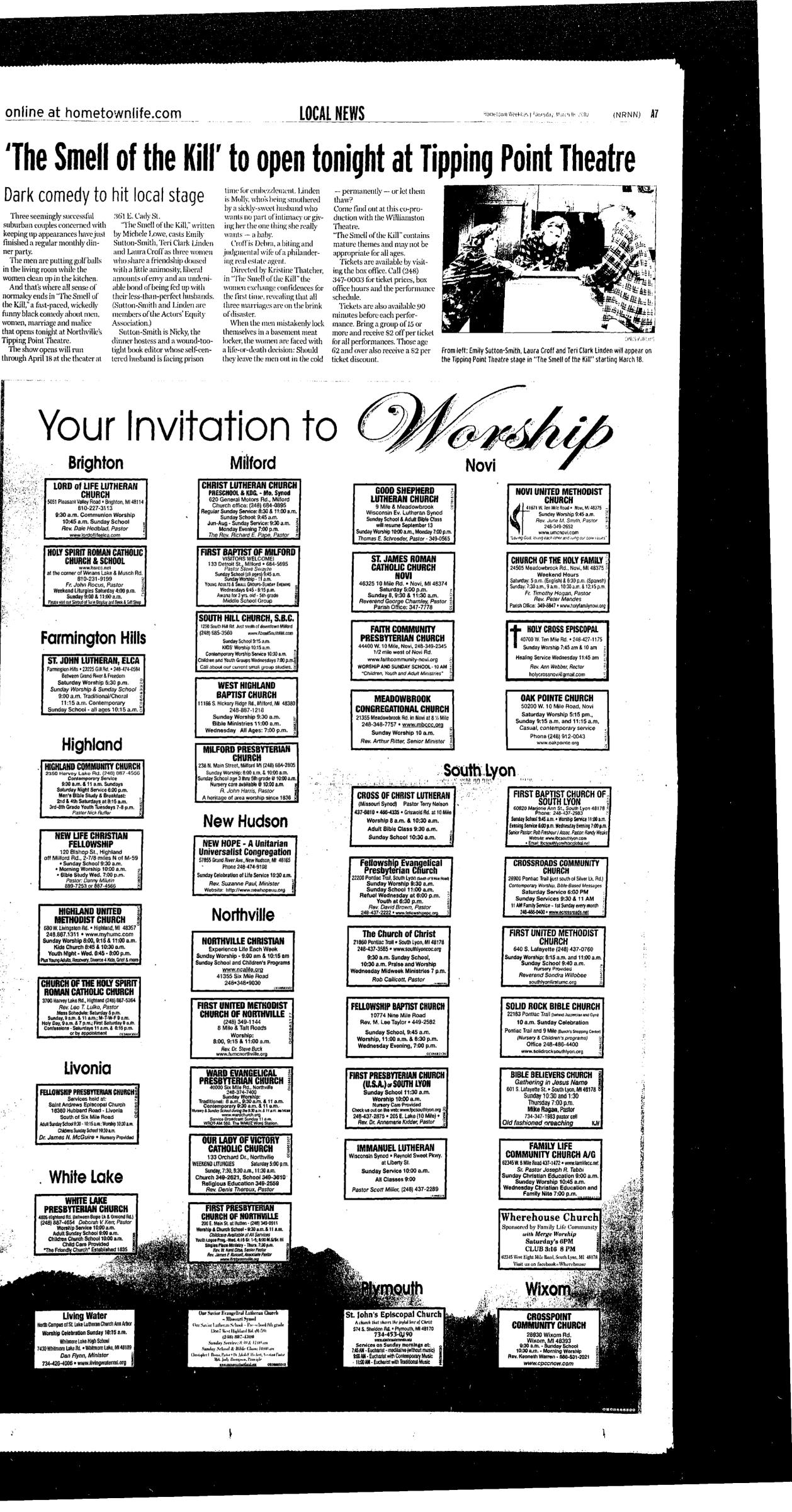
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being stopped on M-5 near

According to the police

report, the officer clocked the

driver doing 90 miles per hour

in a 70 mph zone before stop-

ping him on Fourteen Mile

approached the vehicle he

could smell a strong odor of

intoxicants and the driver

admitted to having a few

He said he was on his way

iome from Detroit Metro

field sobriety tests, which

he failed, and a preliminary

breath test registered a blood

The legal limit for adult driv-

ers in Michigan is .08 percent.

He was transported to the

Novi Police Department where

he was issued a citation for

operating while intoxicated

7A 39-year-old woman was

March 11 for drunk driving after

sign at the corner of Eleven Mile

The officer initiated a traffic

Road and Town Center Drive.

stop and the vehicle jumped

the curb and came to a stop

with the passenger side tires

When he approached the

on the curb.

Carrested at 9:41 p.m. on

she failed to stop at the stop

and released when sober.

Drunk driver blows

through stop sign

dealed content of 19 percent.

Airport, but was lost.

drinks carlier in the evening.

The officer had him perform

Road west of Haggerty.

When the officer

vehicle he could smell the odor Police catch drunk driver of intovicants and the woman-A 31-year-old Royal Oak man said she was drinking with was arrested at 1:31 a.m. on friends at TGI Friday's. She said she did not see the stop sign and March 9 for drunk driving after that is why she drove through it. Twelve Mile Road for speeding She failed field sobriety tests

and a preliminary breath test registered a blood alcohol content of .15 percent. The legal limit for adult drivers is .08 percent. She was transported to the Novi Police Department where she was issued a citation for operating while intoxicated and released when sober. Money, credit card stolen

from vehicle **3** A credit card and \$326 were

J stolen from a Chevrolet Suburban while it was parked in the driveway of a home on Balfour Drive between 1 a.m. and 4:43 a.m. on March 11. The 47-year-old woman said the suspect had already made two transactions with the credit card before she could close it and

was able to gain access to her vehicle because it was unlocked. Police have no suspects at this time.

Bag found near dumpster A blue duffle bag contain-Hing a laptop computer, digital coin bank and clothes

was found in a dumpster near Wedgewood and Walden Court around 10:30 a.m. on March 8. According to the report, a witness said he observed a man near the dumpster and looked as if he had just exited the gates surrounding the dumpsters. He then took his garbage to the dumpster

around 11 a.m. and found the

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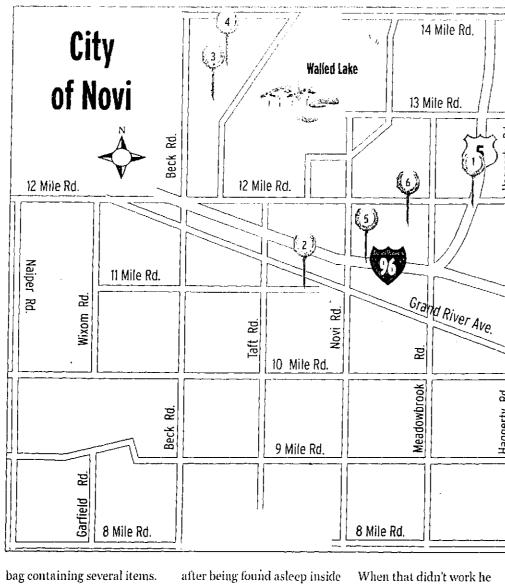
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Police searched the dumpster for further items but did not locate anything else. Drunk driver found on side of highway

🗖 A 45-year-old man was **J**arrested for drunk driving

his running vehicle while it was stopped on the side of westbound I-96 east of Novi Road at 12:30 a.m. on March

When the officer approached the vehicle he attempted to wake the man by pounding on the window.

opened the door and began shaking him in an attempt to wake him. The man eventually woke up but was disoriented. He was unsteady on his feet when he got out of the vehicle and

could not give officers a clear answer of where he was going

A previous complaint had been filed earlier that night about a reckless driver on M-5 near Twelve Mile Road believed to be involving this driver. He was placed in the back

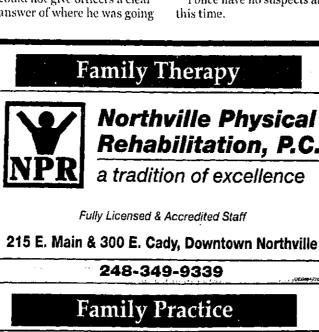
yell at the officer and became sarcastic in his responses. When asked if he had been drinking he said he had three gallons of whiskey after stopping, according to the report. Police checked his vehicle and he fell asleep, but when he

to talk to. He submitted to a preliminary breath test which registered a blood alcohol content of .15 percent. The legal limit for adult drivers is .08 percent. He was transported to the Novi Police Department, issued a citation for operating

while intoxicated and released when sober. Jewelry stolen from woman's home

6 A diamond ring and gold watch were stolen from a home between 3 p.m. on March 10 and 8 a.m. on March 11 from a residence on Huron Circle According to the report,

both items were taken from her room and the only time she left was when she went to dinner. She said no one else was home when she was there, and it was possible someone might have entered when she left. Police have no suspects at



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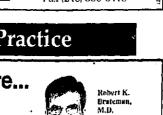
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Fitness guru at Health and Fitness At the age of 15, Peter Nielsen was diagnosed with Crohn's Disease and weighed a mere 86 pounds. The writing on the wall seemed to say that Nielsen's life was going

to be a limited one. However, a pivotal period of soul searching revealed truths that transformed his attitude toward his health, his body and especially his life. 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, Nielson is able to connect with people on every level and his personal triumphs motivate even the most non-motivated person. At noon on Saturday, March 20, Nielsen will host a free truly life changing seminar

called Shape Up For Summer at Better Health market in Novi, 42875 Grand River Seating for these free seminars is limited and reservations are strongly suggested; call (248) 735-8100

Memory lecture

Providence Hospital will be hosting a lecture, Memory Concerns: Is it Normal Aging or Alzheimers?, from 10:30-11:30 a.m. on Tuesday, April 13 in the Novi hospital's

Conference Room A, Outpatient Building. This is a lecture presented by CareLink of St. John Providence Health System. Learn about diagnosis and treatment for memory issues. There will be an optional tour of the Neurology unit following the lecture. The scheduled presenter is Norman Burns, MD, neurologist on staff at Providence and Providence Park Hospitals

To reserve your seat or for more information, please contact St. John SeniorLink at (888) 751-5465.

"Dragon" ticket giveaway

The Observer & Eccentric/ Hometown Newspapers will be giving away five family four-packs to the advanced screening of "How to Train Your Dragon" at 11 a.m. Saturday, March 20 at the AMC Livonia. The movie will be shown in 3D IMAX-. Go to hometownlife.com to enter the contest.

Run, it's an emergency!

The City of Novi and the Novi Police and Fire Departments, in partnership with Providence Park Hospital and Running Fit, announce the first annual Emergency Run. This 5k (3.1 mile) run/1-mile walk event will take place Saturday, May 8 on the Providence Park Hospital Campus (Grand River and Beck roads). In addition to the race, a health, wellness and recreation fair will be open to all community members and offer informational booths, displays, interactive offerings, a children's section, and refreshments.

Registration and the fair begin at 8 a.m.

LOCAL NEWS

NOVI COMMUNITY BRIEFS



Coffee house poetry

The fourth graders at Novi Woods had been studying poetry and as a grand finale, they hosted a Poetry construction, as well as setting Coffee House on Feb. 26. At the Coffee House, the fourth graders enjoyed Cinnamelts from McDonalds and the parents enjoyed coffee from Biggby. Pictured, fourth graders Lauren Bradford, Anna Dixon and will have in the U.S. House of Tristan Kelley are proud to share the poems they had written with their parents and grandparents.

with the start of the run/walk beginning at 9 a.m. The pre-registration fee for the run is \$25 and the walk is \$10. Registration at the event is \$30. Those who pre-register are guaranteed an event T-shirt. Awards and opportunities to win door-prizes are included

Registration forms are available for download at cityofnovi.org and at the Novi Civic Center, Novi Police Department, Providence Park Hospital and Running Fit-Novi. Proceeds from the event will benefit health and safety initiatives for the Novi community.

For more information regarding the Emergency Run, contact Robin Working at (248) 735-5628 or visit cityofnovi.org.

Cassis saves \$.25 million State Sen. Nancy Cassis (R-Novi) announced that during her terms as a senator, she has been able to save more than \$258,580 in her office and committee bud-

gets by being fiscally responsible. In 2009, Cassis returned \$45,497 to the state from her office and committee bud-

Since joining the Michigan Senate in 2003, Cassis has returned \$246,943 from her office and staff budget and \$11,639 from her Senate Finance Committee budget. "As chair of the Senate Finance Committee, I strive to set an example of fiscal responsibility," said Cassis.

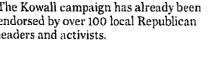
Former State Representative Marc Shulman (R-West Bloomfield) recently endorsed White Lake Township Supervisor Mike Kowall (R-White Lake) to succeed term-limited State Senator Nancy Cassis

Shulman represented West Bloomfield in the Michigan House from 1998 until 2004 and was the Republican Party's nominee for the Michigan Supreme Court in 2006. Shulman will serve as Kowall's campaign

paign's other West Bloomfield co-chair is to be announced.

I'm excited to have him as part of my campaign team." Kowall said.

Shulman's endorsement of Kowall



City encouraging residents to complete census forms

Data used in allocating funding, seats in House

BY NATHAN MUELLER STAFF WRITER

The 2010 U.S. Census forms should be arriving in Novi residents' mailboxes soon. And city officials are urging residents to accurately complete them because of the impact population and demographics have on funding and

economic development. Barb McBeth, community development deputy director, said the data helps determine the allocation of more than \$400 billion per year of federal funds for community services such as school lunch programs, senior citizen centers and new the number of seats the state

Michigan also is required to distribute the Constitutionallymandated portion of State Shared Revenue derived from sales tax collection using the information collected.

"All residents of the community are asked to participate in the census by filling in the census questionnaire," she said. "Members of the community who are not citizens of

the United States, but are living in Novi on Census Day, are encouraged to fill in and mail back the completed census forms. Regardless of citizenship, the census counts all the residents of Novi at their place of residence on April 1, 2010." The 10-question form is the

demographic information such as whether a housing unit is rented or owned; the address; and the names, genders, ages and races of the people living in the home. April 1 is declared Census Day, meaning the responses to the questionnaire should represent the household

as it exists on that day. Census data also is important for economic development as business owners often use the information when deciding locations for businesses or developments.

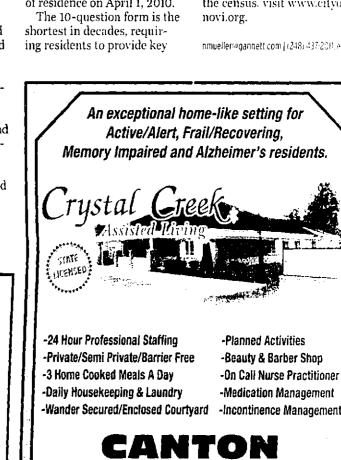
McBeth said residents should return the forms as soon as possible. If a response is not received within a few weeks, another one will be sent out. Finally, if that is not returned, census workers will visit homes to conduct an inperson interview starting in

May and ending in July. The city is providing information about the census English, Japanese and Hindi and also will be hosting U.S. Census Questionnair Assistance Centers at the Novi Civic Center to help those who

are unable to read or understand the forms. "City staff continues to be in contact with key members of the community, including rep resentatives from the schools,

faith-based organizations. civic groups and the chamber of commerce," McBeth said. For more information about the census, visit www.cityof-

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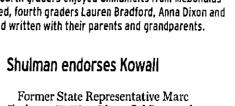
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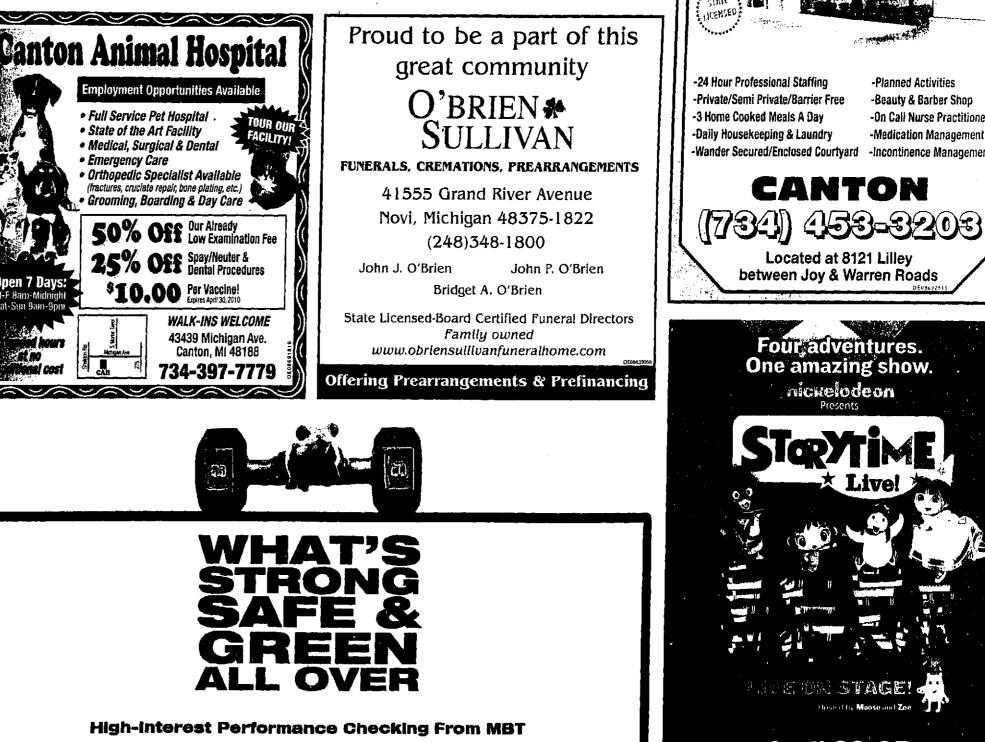
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co-chair for West Bloomfield. The cam-

"Mike Kowall is a small business owner who has grown a company and created jobs. He knows what needs to be done in Lansing to help turn our state around and he's exactly the candidate West Bloomfield Republican voters are looking for. I'm pleased to endorse Mike Kowall for the State Senate and I'm proud to be co-chairing his West Bloomfield team," Shulman

"I'm grateful for Marc's endorsement and

comes after the endorsement by Oakland County Executive Brooks Patterson. The Kowall campaign has already been endorsed by over 100 local Republican leaders and activists.

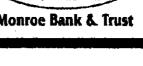


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OUR VIEWS Term limits – enough already

A 12-year study conducted by Wayne State University has confirmed what has been growing increasingly obvious on recent years: Term limits for state legislators don't work. In fact, they are counterproductive.

"... term limits were sold to Michigan voters on the notion that they would sever close ties with lobbyists and cause legislators to be more inde-The proponents of these disastrous limits should finally admit they made a mistake and join in an effort to bring them to an end or at ence at WSU College least modify them to allow competent leaders time to mature into the job of protecting the common good limits. of the people of the state of Michigan.

pendent. In reality, we found them to have the opposite impact," said Marjorie Sarbaugh-Thompson, a professor of political sciof Liberal Arts and Sciences, who led a team of WSU political science faculty members studying term

The team conducted more than 400 interviews, assessing who and what influenced the policy mak-

ing decisions of the legislators. Campaign finance reports were also examined. The research team found, among other things, that the influence of lobbyists increased after term limits were imposed. This hardly comes as a surprise to anyone who has at least than a passing familiarity with Lansing and the legislators who are supposed to watch out for Michigan's best interests. But the study provides data that proves too many legislators care more about their self-interests than they do for the people of Michigan. Currently, state representative are limited to six

years in office while senators are limited to eight years.

Almost as soon are elected, they start planning for their future. For some, who just can't seem to get off the public trough, that means running for different public office, while others seek out positions as lobbyists.

It's a spiral that hurts the state. Just look at the mess were in and the dithering politicians who don't know how to fix it. That can't all be blamed on terms limits, but they do play a part.

Enough already! The proponents of these disas-trous limits should finally admit they made a mistake and join in an effort to bring them to an end or at least modify them to allow competent leaders time to mature into the job of protecting the common good of the people of the state of Michigan.

Use Earth Hour as learning opportunity

Be enlightened by staying in the dark. That's right. It's called Earth Hour — set to

happen from 8:30-9:30 p.m. Saturday, March 27, all around the world. Turn off your lights for one hour on that day as a commitment to conserve. We encourage residents to join this interna-

tional display of solidarity in the commitment to control climate change. Earth Hour is sponsored by the World Wildlife Federation and will take place in more than 80 countries, including the U.S. Major U.S. cities participating include Washington, D.C., Chicago, New York and Las Vegas.

Families could make it a fun and educational event by preparing for it, discussing it and maybe even spending that hour in the back yard, searching for stars while talking about the earth and all of its wonders.

Earth Hour began in Sydney in 2007, when 2.2 million homes and businesses switched off their lights for one hour. In 2009, the message had grown into a global sustainability movement, with 50 million people switching off their lights. Global landmarks such as the Golden Gate Bridge in San Francisco, Rome's Coliseum, the Sydney Opera House, and the Coca-Cola billboard in Times Square all stood in darkness. This year, the goal is to have one billion people

worldwide switch off their lights during Earth Hour. For more information, visit www.earthhourus.org.

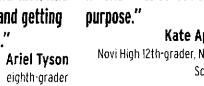




(Asked at Novi Middle School.)

"Shorter, because I'm a 'Cali' (California) girl, and I like it when it's warmer. And no snow - it serves no I hate the snow and getting purpose." snow on my face."

> Ariel Tyson eighth-grader



Do you wish that winter were longer or shorter?

New health program a great idea The number of obese kids in Novi

seems to be rising. More and more parents allow their kids to have unhealthy diets and are unsuccessful encouraging them to participate in enough physical activity. The weird coincidence is that healthy, active kids are usually the ones coming back to recreational sports leagues. The obese kids might try something but they aren't coming back. I feel the fact that they are not comfortable being around athletic kids prevents them from coming back. Therefore, we need a place where obese kids and their families can meet to help each other get healthy and fit.

I read Nathan Mueller's article today. Susan Steven, along with Novi Parks, Recreation, and Cultural Services Department, has teamed up with the Family Health Institute to offer the Childhood Weight Management Program. I thought this program was a brilliant idea. The program offers a place where obese kids and their families can meet once a week to get help on making changes to have a healthier lifestyle. This program seems like an ideal, comfortable place to get these kids moving. Chris Park

Bowl-a-thon kudos

Thank you to all those bowlers, businesses, and sponsors that made the 28th annual Novi Youth Assistance Bowl-athon a success. I would like to thank our sponsor Providence Hospital, Brighton Hospital and St. John's Health. From all the bowlers at Novi Bowl and the following lane sponsors; Dr. Andress & Dr. Elfring, Jr., D.D.S., Dave & Kim Ascher, Lee BeGole, Dr. Robert K. Brateman, M.D., PC, Linda Carpenter, Catholic Central High School, Church of the Holy Family, Dick's Doin's - Richard Whitney, Dan Wood Plumbing & Heating, Efficient Energy Enterprises, Gina Agosta Salon, Mitchell & Sheila Holly, the Nicholson family, Novi Community Education, Novi Fire Fighters, Novi High School, Novi Police Lieutenants & Sergeants Assoc., Novi Vein, Law Firm of Gabe, Quinn & Seymour; PLLC, O'Brien Family-O'Brien / Sullivan Funeral Home, Orchard Hills Elementary, Progressive Dental Group of Novi, R & B Maintenance, Mary Beth Rich, L.M.S.W., D.C.S.W., Spillane & Reynolds Orthodontics, Sylvan Learning Center, TJ Maxx of Novi, Town & Country Eyecare. The following that donated prizes; Ah Wok, Carrabba's Italian Grill, Catholic Central High School, City of Novi, Courtyard by Marriott-Farmington Hills, Dairy Queen, Diamond Jim Brady's of Novi, Dan's Auto Repair, Inc., Dick's Sporting Goods, Dollar General, Double Tree Hotel - Novi, Fitness Together, Gina Agosta Salon, Hooters, Hotel Baronette, Huron-Clinton Metroparks, Hyatt Place Hotel – Livonia, Joan Morris, Lisa DeMeo, Little Flower Shop, Lover's Lane, Lucky Strike, Marriott Hotel – Livonia, Michigan Dyslexia Institute, Inc., Motion Industries, No. VI Salon, Novi Bowl & Recreation, Novi Community Education, Novi Dental Center, Novi Fire Department, Novi Middle School, Novi



"I think it should be shorter. But, if it's just cold and

> Kate Appleman dog's fur gets all matted Novi High 12th-grader, Novi Middle School tutor

LETTERS

"I think that winter should

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Katie Callaway

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Thanks again to all those that help Novi Youth Assistance in our efforts to build strong families and allow NYA to bring the Jeanne Clarke Summer Teen Center, Camp, Mentors PLUS, Youth **Recognition**, Alcohol & Drug Awareness and Scholarships to the families of Novi. John P. O'Brien

Novi Youth Assistance

Start cuts at state level

Recently, there has been a lot of talk about budget cuts in the schools. However, the Novi Community Schools district needs to refocus their efforts and show the governor of Michigan that budget cuts in the school should be last on the list of state cuts. For years the politicians of Michigan have wasted our money without regard to the common person. Being a student in the Novi schools, I feel that education is more important than most of the other budget discussions that take place in Lansing.

The State of Michigan should eliminate all wasted budget money. For example, there is no need for all of the politicians to spend a week in Mackinac for "economic reviews." Why can't they use a local facility and save money? Another example is to make the Secretary of State offices owned by private companies so you don't have to deal with the long lines and workers who don't feel the need to be there. So, Michigan should focus on privatization of public programs to save money for schools. This way the state can make public programs more efficient and cost-

effective. If all of the school districts in Michigan spend more time on creating suggestions for cost savings, then we can protect our school budget where the funds are really needed. We need to stop cutting school transportation or extracurricular activities and start cutting unnecessary budgets in Michigan.

> Megan Miller Novi community student

We need vouchers! :-)

Keep extracurriculars I am writing in response to the article "Presentation puts district finances in the spotlight," that was published in the Feb. 11 Novi News. After reading your article, I felt compelled to provide you my com-

SNOW."

ments and opinions. . The administrators for the Novi Community Schools district need to discontinue discussing cutting back on extracurricular activities, such as athletics and the arts. Many of the noncore educational activities that the district has considered not financing are vital to the city of Novi. This is because the school district gets its money based on the number of children who attend Novi schools. Many families move to Novi not solely based on its academic programs, but on the superiority of our art and music programs, along with our athletic programs. As the funding in these areas decreases, Novi loses opportunities to enroll more children in its schools. Therefore, in the long run, Novi gains additional money by funding these activities and keeping our noncore programs that are important to Novi and its

Novi resident and 10th-grade student

All politics are national

families.

The old adage that all politics is local is dead. It is now evident that an uneven balance of power in Washington has thwarted the will of the people. Two recent examples are cap-and-trade and national health care. The majority of Americans oppose these huge federal programs, but Washington is tone deaf to the will of the

people. So, it is now time to rise up against the imbalance of Democrats in Washington and support Republicans on a national level. I will be voting for Rep. Thad McCotter but will be supporting Rocky Raczkowski, our Novi neighbor, to help defeat Gary Peters in the Michigan 9th Congressional District. Let's get back to the time where all politics can again

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Curtis R. Herzog

Jee Brandis ONLINE

VOICES & VIEWS The following are excerpts from readers participating in our online forum for discussing issues, In Your Voices, on the Teachers voice concerns with Focus on Our Future forums Maybe the people of Novi should start

sending there children to private schools or school of choice. I'm sure other districts would love to have Novi students. That would send a message to the administration. So maybe they will start being honest with the community. lenny12 rebeleightone

online at hometowniife.com

Secretary Land reminds candidates of deadlines for upcoming elections

Secretary of State Terri Lynn than 4 p.m., Tuesday, May 11. Land reminds all candidates seeking a judicial, state, county, township or village office of the filing deadlines for the Aug. 3 primary and Nov. 2 general elections.

"Our democracy depends on citizens who step up and get involved," said Land, Michigan's chief elections officer. "I commend those entering public service for accepting the responsibilities that come with holding elective office. The first step is to follow the proper procedures to become a candidate. Be mindful of all deadlines and submit the neeessary forms. State and local election officials are always ready to help."

The deadlines are as follows: JUDICIAL CANDIDATES:

· Incumbent judicial candidates who are seeking re-election must file an Affidavit of Candidacy and an Affidavit of Identity no later than 5 p.m., Monday, March 22. Judicial incumbents who wish to withdraw from the election must submit a written notice to the filing official no later than 5 p.m., Thursday, March 25. • Non-incumbent judicial candidates are required to file a nonpartisan nominating petition containing the requisite number of valid signatures, an Affidavit of Identity and an Affidavit of Constitutional Qualification no later than 4 p.m., Tuesday,

April 27. – Non-incumbent judicial candidates who wish to withdraw from the election must submit a written notice to the filing official no later than 4 p.m., Friday, April 30.

All judicial candidates for the Court of Appeals, Circuit Court, District Cour and Probate District Court file at the Department of State Bureau of Elections in Lansing, Probate Court candidates file with the county

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• Partisan and nonpartisan candidates for the August primary (other than judicial candidates) must file a nominating petition and an Affidavit of Identity (two copies) no later — 373-2540.

received by noon on Monday to be included in Thursday's newspaper. Candidates for county convention delegate (precinct deltion delegate (precinct del-egate) must file an Affidavit of LOCAL EVENTS Identity by this same deadline. St. Patrick's Day celebration **Republican and Democratic** Time/Date: March 18 candidates who seek the office of state senator, state represen- Location: Diamond Jim Brady's tative or a county office may Bistro, in the Novi Town Center at file a \$100 filing fee in lieu of a 26053 Town Center, Novi (next to petition. Candidates who wish the Novi Town Center Movies). to withdraw from the election Details: In tribute of the holiday must submit a written notice for all of their "Irish" friends, to the filing official no later Diamond Jim Brady's Bistro will than 4 p.m., Friday, May 14. Candidates without be serving authentic Irish food. political party affiliation who Certified executive chef Mary Brady

seek a partisan office in the November general election must file a qualifying petition and an Affidavit of Identity no later than 4 p.m., Thursday, July 15. Candidates who wish to withcome and "sing along."

draw from the election must Contact: (248) 380-8460; reserva submit a written notice to the filing official no later than 4 p.m., Monday, July 19. Candidates who seek a vil-Franklin Road open house

lage office which will appear on the November general election ballot must file a nonpartisan nominating petition and an Affidavit of Identity no later Christian School, 40800 W. 13 Mile than 4 p.m., Tuesday, Aug. 10. Village candidates who wish to withdraw from the election must submit a written notice to the filing official no later than 4 p.m., Friday, Aug. 13.

Candidates for township and village offices file with the township clerk. Candidates for county office file with the county clerk. Candidates for the state Senate, state House of Representatives or the U.S. House of Representatives, whose district is wholly contained in one county, file with the county clerk. Candidates for governor and those state Senate, state House and U.S. House candidates whose districts fall in more than one county file at the Bureau of Elections in Lansing. Affidavit of Identity forms can be obtained from any

county clerk, local clerk or from the Department of State's Bureau of Elections in Lansing. Forms are also available on the Department of State Web site at www. Michigan.gov/sos. Candidates who fail to comply with filing requirements are ineligible to

appear on the ballot. For more information regarding filing requirements and up-to-date listings of the candidates who have filed for judicial and state elective offices, visit the Department of State Web site at www.

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Novi Community Schools

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Time/Date: 10:30 a.m.-3 p.m.

Village Oaks, Sue Burnham, 449-1300,

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March 20

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CALENDAR

Fitness at Fox

Fox Run residents B.A. and Ralph Rays welcome Arika Hundt, of Farmington Hills, the new fitness specialist for the continuing care retirement community in Novi. As part of the Resident Life team, she will teach classes. such as water workout and tone exercise classes, in both the Wellness Center and at Renaissance Gardens. She also orients residents joining Wellness Center activities and programs and serves as a personal trainer. Hundt graduated from Wayne State University in 2009 with a bachelor's degree in Kinesiology from the College of Education. She currently is enrolled in the Exercise Physiology graduate program at the university. Previously she was a lead instructor at the My Gym Children's Fitness Center, research assistant and group fitness instructor at Wayne State and group fitness instructor at Powerhouse Gym.

Sunday, April 4 Location: Hotel Baronette in Novi

(27890 Novi Road) Details: An Easter brunch for the entire family. Children will have the opportunity to choose delectable items from their own Bunny Buffet. In addition to visiting the children's activity craft area and having their picture taken with the Easter Bunny. The cost of the buffet for adults is \$28.95 and \$14.95 for children ages 8-14. There is no cost for children age 7 and under to attend. Valet service will be available.

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 veterans, please join these monthly meetings: attendance is needed b maintain and grow the Post. Contact: Commander Dennis Strikulis (248) 378-7841 or dstrikulis@twmi.rr.com or Service Officer

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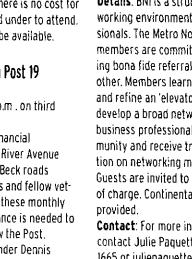
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Metro Novi BNI Time/Date: 7-8:30 a.m. every Wednesday Location: On the Border

Restaurant, 21091 Haggerty Road (north of 8 Mile), Novi Details: BNI is a structured networking environment for professionals. The Metro Novi BNI team members are committed to providing bona fide referrals to each other. Members learn how to create and refine an 'elevator speech.' develop a broad network of other business professionals in the community and receive training/education on networking more efficiently. Guests are invited to attend free of charge. Continental breakfast Contact: For more information,

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charities. Location: 41875 11 Mile Road. #201, Novi

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

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March 18 Location: Gus O'Connor's, 42875 Grand River, Novi Details: Join us for delicious, complimentary appetizers, non-alco-

holic beverages and a cash bar; \$10 pre-registration; \$15 at the door Business to Business Breakfast Time/Date: 8-9 a.m. Tuesday, March 23 Location: Walsh College, 41500

Gardenbrook Rd., Novi Details: Join us for networking and a light breakfast; \$5 payable at door.

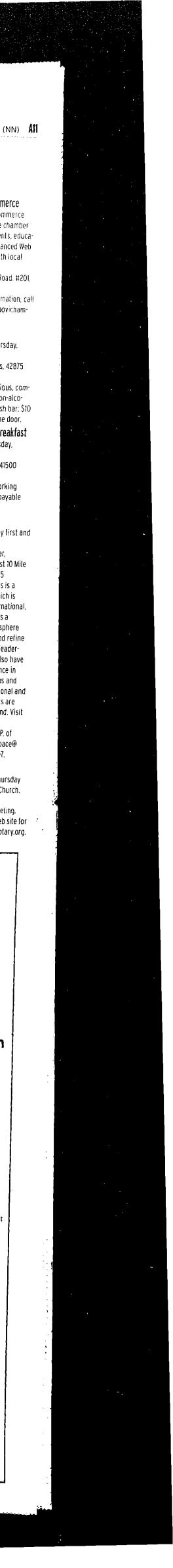
Novi Toastmasters Club Time/Date: 7-9 p.m., every first and

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.novi.freetoatnost.us.

Contact: Paulette Alioa, V.P. of Public Relations at greenspace@ mi.rr.com or (248) 756-0907.

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Northville Candle, Gifts & Yarn to carry new 'Fly Guy' greeting cards

Stationery line idea of South Lyon resident BY PAM FLEMING STAFF WRITER

These days, we could all use something hat makes us smile. And South Lyon resident Margery Fauriainen has created that with her new

line of "Fly Guy" greeting cards. The cards, which feature photos of red wind-sock characters, are now being sold exclusively in Northville by Beverlee Lindeen at Northville Candle, Gifts & Yarn on North Center Street. They are also available at the UPS Store

n New Hudson and at www.FlyGuy13. Recently, Taurianen learned that the

cards will be available at Card-O-Mat in New York City, a store just two doors from Tom's Restaurant (at West 112th Street and Broadway) featured in the "Seinfeld" TV series.

"They're very colorful, and they catch your eye," said Abbie Holden of Northville, a customer in Northville Candle last week. "They're very different, and it's fun to get unusual cards. This is a great store to come to for that purpose. Plus, we like to

support our local merchants." "I chose them today to send them to my relatives and friends to let them know I'm thinking about them," said Bernice Pichler of Farmington, who was also at Northville Candle.

"They're creative, and I think they'll be a hit. They're appropriate for all occasions." Lindeen said Tauriainen e-mailed her and asked if she was interested in carrying

the card line. "They're cute, and we need humor in our lives," Lindeen said. Besides two different sizes of greeting cards, the line also includes party invitations. The small cards are \$1.25 each and the larger cards are \$2.99, with 10 party invitations going for \$8.50.

Writing on the cards includes the words "Look who the wind blew in," "Something's copyrighted." in the wind," "Can't deny it's time to fly," "Thank my lucky stars," "You blow me away," "Fall head over heels," and "The best up on the idea. When I got the copyright, things happen when we dance." There's also a holiday card that can be viewed



Graphic designer Margery Tauriainen displays some of her Fly Guys greeting cards at Northville Candles, Gifts & Yarn on Center St. in Northville.

WHERE TO LEARN MORE

For more information and to see the new "Fly Guy" greeting cards created by South Lyon resident Margery Tauriainen, go to www. FlyGuy13.com, e-mail her at mtauriainen@ sbcglobal.net or call her at (248) 756-7069.

HOW IT ALL BEGAN

Tauriainen has a bachelor's degree in English from Madonna University in Livonia and grew up in Lansing and then Farmington. The story of her Fly Guys cards began when her husband, Randy rented a couple of the wind socks to place in their vard as a 40th birthday present for her, and they took a bunch of

photos of them. She picked 13 of her favorite photos of them, then applied to have the photos

"It took almost a year to get the copyright," Tauriainen said. "I'd almost given

I decided it was a sign to move on." Next she hired a graphic designer, Susana Castro-Pollard of Global Design (www.globaldnet.com), and had Betsy pleming@gannett.com | (248) 437-2011, Ext. 260

Volaric of Dollar Bill Copying, both of Ann Arbor, to assist in the project. Castro-Pollard studied poster art in Poland. "When she presented the project to me, I

thought the idea was very creative," said Castro-Pollard. "We brainstormed about adding interesting backgrounds and words. I think we came up with something attractive. From a design point of view, it was really easy to work with those flying guys. It was a fun project." "I love the Fly Guy cards," Volaric said. "I think they're fresh and unique. I'm glad to be a part of her new project."

"These women have been so supportive," Tauriainen said. Encouraged by the response. Tauriainen hopes to expand the line, creating twice as many cards plus calendars,

gift tags, party decorations, banners, balloons and more. She'll have a booth at the National Stationery Show May 16-19 in New York City.

feel they're a no-brainer," Tauriainen said. "They just make people smile."



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"To me, the sky's the limit," she said. "I

On a Saturday night in Novi in late February, despite temps well below 20 degrees and the threat of snow, a full house of customers was basking in the warmth of Steve & Rocky's eclectic yet cozy dining room. That wasn't all they were enjoying. Featured that night were baked finnan haddie in a light mustard and horseradish sauce; filet mignon and Buffalo Gulf shrimp topped

with a mix of Gorgonzola and black peppercorn; potatocrusted whitefish; and Yankee pot roast served in a Burgundy sauce with garlic mashed potatoes. Each dish was proof positive that even under grim economic circumstances, a restaurateur needn't sacri-

fice the very best cuisine in the quest to offer his guests affordable prices. Asked how he achieves such a difficult balance, award-win- take advantage of in-season

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Allen said, "I've made a promise to my guests that not only can they count on us for fresh, high-quality ingredients, Allen

but we'll work constantly with our purveyors to keep costs down." That means going so far as to challenge distributors to give him the price that fits his budget, even if they have to

take a hit in the process. "Maybe their commissions won't be as big," said Allen, "but if they're willing to negotiate, they'll continue to earn them.

These days it's almost become a cliché in the industry, the menu that changes every 24 hours in order to ning chef and co-owner Steve produce. In Allen's case, it's

Overnight stays

(24-hour care)

Pet care

Doctor appointment

House maintenance

and small repairs

also a safeguard against waste, Another of his strategies is another factor that contributes to shop wisely, relying on his to higher costs. "Because we purchase perishables daily," Allen explained, "if something comes in the door that's not

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up to our standards, we don't accept it. In other words, we're not forced into cooking with sub-par ingredients." Allen would rather alter the menu than risk serving a dish

his guests won't love.

culinary expertise to transform ordinary items into something special. A case in point is his Braised Short Ribs, which he favors over filet

mignon. "In my opinion, short ribs are a more flavorful cut of meat," he said. "Sure, they can [•] be difficult to work with. But our guests trust us to cook them right." The end result

Steve Allen offers fresh ingredients and culinary expertise at affordable prices is an entrée that outsells its high-end counterpart, offered at a much lower price. Allen learned his apprecia-

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tion for simple, genuine food cooked from scratch under Chef Milos at The Golden Mushroom. Today he's teaching the same principles to the young chefs he's mentoring at Steve & Rocky's, 43150 Grand River Avenue.

"The difference," he said,

"between a good cook and a

ers to follow in his footsteps. That includes managing a kitchen, creating menus guests enjoy and purchasing food wisely. Most important of all he makes the business profitable. I guess you could call him a role model." A description that fits Steve Allen perfectly.

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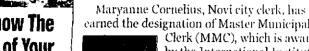


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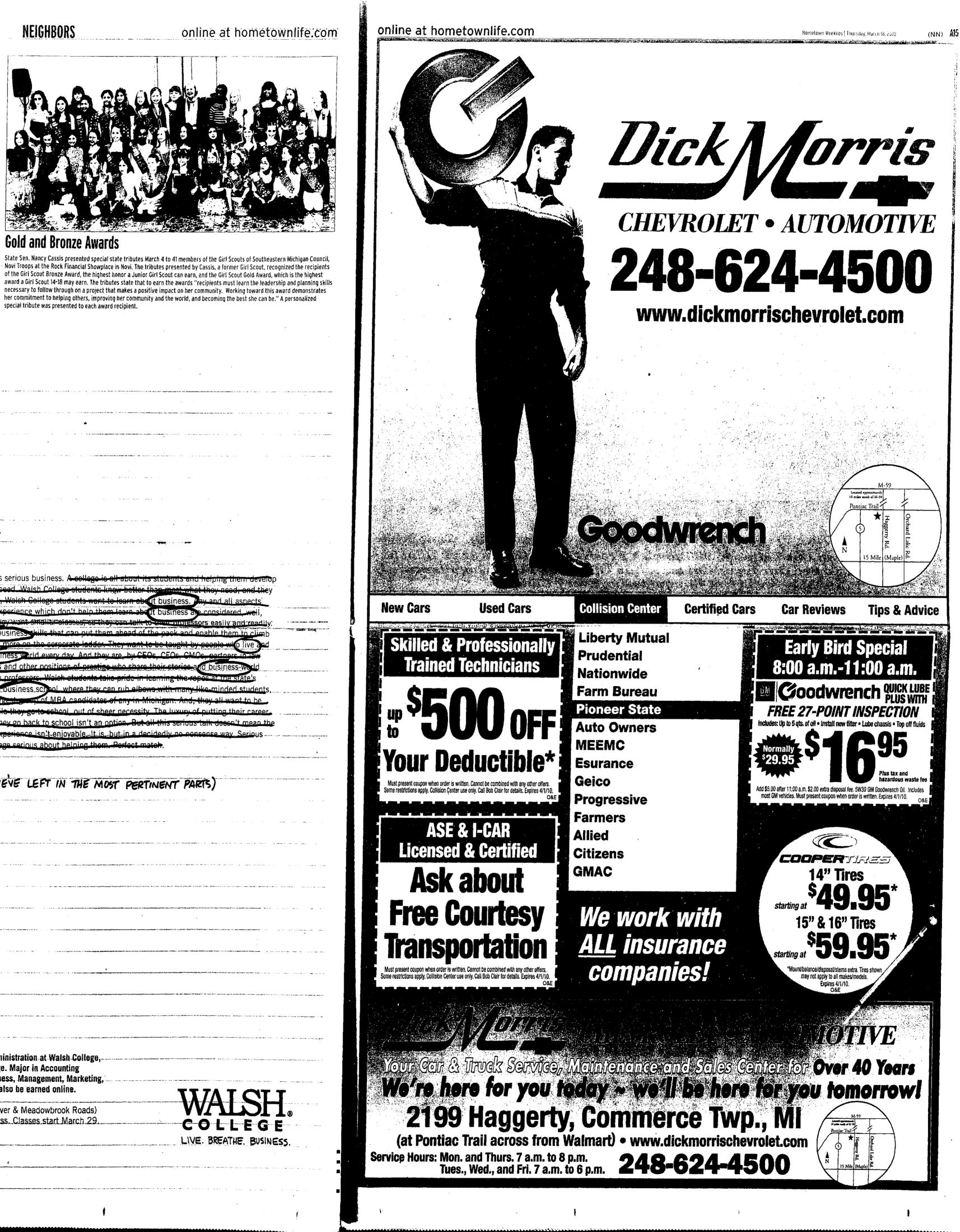


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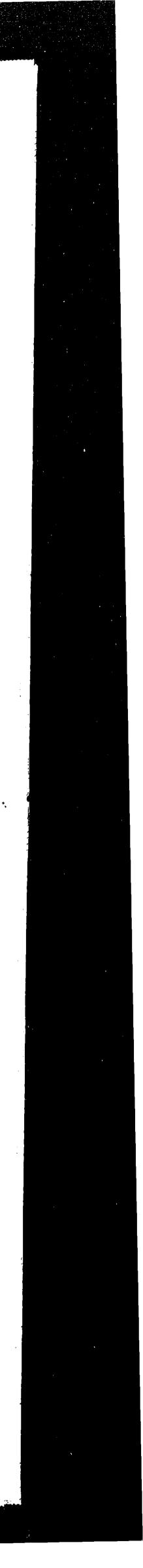
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Cornelius has served the City of Novi since 2000, and in 2001 was recognized as Michigan Clerk of the Year by the Michigan Association of Municipal Clerks.



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CC repeats as

Hockey team showcases talent, heart in latest title

state champion

BY SAM EGGLESTON CORRESPONDENT

their line-up.

to be denied.

the game.

end my career."

The reason was simple:

Davey Middleton, a senior

forward for the Shamrocks

and one of the team's best

scoring threats, was injured.

up the game before and the

Middleton's knee was banged

Shamrocks were preparing to

take the ice in a rematch of last

year's state final game against

Howell in less than an hour. But Middleton wasn't about

"I was at the hospital until

Middleton to the Detroit Free

Press. "They took MRIs and X-

rays. I came to the rink and the

doctors came. I got dressed,

felt pretty good. I was a little

shaky, but the doctor cleared

me to play 40 minutes before

"I've been at CC four years,

and this is such a great way to

And what a way it was.

Middleton scored two goals,

as did junior forward Ryan Keller. as the Shamrocks

title with a 6-1 decision over

the Highlanders in front of a

"The state championship

son as a coach," said Johnson.

really finished off a dream sea-

sold-out crowd at Compuware

skated to their second-straight

did a little warm-up and I

3 a.m. Friday night," said

had a talented, experienced group. However, that is not With just 40 minutes until always a great formula for a true team. I am honored to say the puck was set to drop in the Michigan High School Athletic that we never had to deal with Association Division I state problems that could incur with that scenario. These guys were hockey championship game, the Detroit Catholic Central driven, humble, coachable, and Shamrocks were trying to figexcellent representatives of our ure out how to find a scorer in whole program and school."

The Shamrocks, who finished the year with a 28-1-1 record, found themselves facing a familiar team this year. Last season, in the state finals, it was Howell that the Shamrocks beat 7-0 for the title

"We all knew going in that we

Any chance of redemption by the Highlanders, who dropped to 23-5-2 on the year with the championship loss, was erased when the Shamrocks began taking advantage of every mistake right away.

Catholic Central jumped onto the board at the 6:17 mark when Keller stuck his stick out and deflected a shot by Steven Haydon that skittered past the Howell goalie Zakk Olvin for the 1-0 advantage. That lead expanded early in the opening seconds of the second period during a Shamrock power

play when Keller added his second goal. Assists were credited to Eric Fagoso and Brad Wilhelm.

The Highlanders attempted to make it look like more of a game than it would turn out to be, scoring their lone goal in the early minutes of the second for a 2-1 game. Branden Burton scored for Howell, with assists from Eric Soellian and Alex Burton.

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Team Manager Alex Dixon hoists the Region 15 championship trophy after the Wildcats defeated Hartland 4-3.

Pilots fly past Novi icers

De La Salle ends Wildcats' season with 5-2 loss in state quarterfinal

BY CHRIS JACKETT CORRESPONDENT

In a Division II state quarterfinal battle between two teams ranked in the overall top 10, Warren De La Salle Collegiate prevailed with a 5-2 win over Novi at a standing room-only Novi Ice Arena on March 9.

An interference penalty on senior Andrew Cmolch 31 seconds into the game gave De La Salle (22-6-1) the space they needed to take an early 1-0 lead when senior Bill Coole put home a wrist shot from the left side after a Novi deflection with six seconds remaining on the power play. Senior Matt Gasior assisted on the captainto-captain connection. "To call a penalty 30 seconds into the game, it was coincidental contact. He had the puck. I was kind of surprised,' Novi coach Todd Krygier said. The Pilots controlled much

of the momentum throughout the game, as Novi (20-6-2) failed to generate much offense on their two first period power plays. Their best chance came when Cmolch fed a long pass to junior Matt Stemkoski, who was streaking up the right side toward the back post. Stemkoski beat Pilot senior netminder Matt Neal, but his shot rattled off the crossbar and out to the left corner. Novi outshot De La Salle 12-6 in the period and 25-23 in the game. "We had chances to score on the power play and we didn't," Krygier said.

Killing a penalty 47 seconds

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Brandon Rydzewski drives the lane against Plymouth on March 10.

Novi cagers advance to MHSAA Sweet Sixteen for the first time

20-point turnaround earns win over WL Northern, but 'Cats lose Ozeir

BY CHRIS JACKET CORRESPONDENT

It has been six years since Novi's last trip to a regional semifinal in boys basketball. The Wildcats were 0-3 in regional semifinals, until Monday night Novi's cagers struggled through the

first half against District 26 champion Walled Lake Northern (12-11) and trailed by as many as 10 points, but advanced to the Class A Sweet Sixteen with a 53-43

"They were more controlled defensively," Novi coach Cory Heitsch said of the Knights, who Novi had previously defeated 75-49 on the road Dec. 11 in the Wildcats' second game of the season. "We were nervous and that's to be

expected.' On a neutral court in Hartland last Monday, the crowd was amped and ready to go... for Northern, who had a sizeable student section compared to Novi's.

The Knights jumped out to a 10-8 first-quarter lead behind stellar performances from seniors Brandon Alexander (23 points) and Brian Johnston (11 points). The Northern duo combined for the Knights' first 32 points, until the final four minutes of the game.

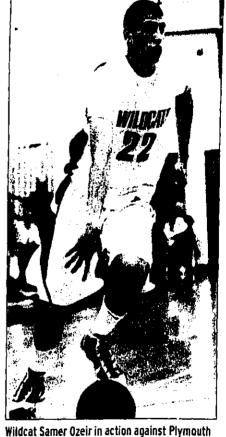
"(Johnston's) a heck of a player. He finishes around the rim. And (Alexander) with his length. Unless you make

them uncomfortable, they're going to go through. We guarded (Alexander). Things happened pretty easy for us last week against three good opponents," Heitsch said regarding handling Northern's pair. "Its tough for kids to adjust. It took us a long time to adjust because of how physical we were allowed to play last week."

The Knights took an 18-8 lead in the second quarter as Novi junior Samer Ozeir (four points) went to the floor hard on his left wrist after ending up horizontal during a layup attempt where he essentially flipped over a Northern defender's shoulder.

"Its not good. We're probably not going to have him the rest of the way," Heitsch said

Ozeir had to leave the game and would not return from the locker room following the halftime break, which Northern led 20-14. It took the Wildcats 6:14 of the second quarter to register their first



point of the period, as senior Brandon Rydzewski (nine points) hit the first of

his three three-pointers Coming out of the locker room after halftime, senior Jeremy Mims (10 points) hit his first basket, a jumper, and Rydzewski hit his other two threes in the first 1:32 before Northern could get anything on target, giving Novi their first lead of the night, 22-20.

"It was absolutely huge. To have the captain and leaders step up is huge," Heitsch said.

After a huge block by Novi junior Chris Milon (10 points, six rebounds), senior Antwan Batwo (four points) hit a layup to put the Wildcats ahead 29-27. Novi would not relinquish the lead the rest of the night, going into the fourth quarter with a 33-29 lead after Milon and senior Nick Regnier (seven points, seven rebounds) had strong performances off the bench to fill Ozeir's role alongside senior Ryan Jok (three points nine rebounds).

ON TAP

The 'Cats (19-5) were scheduled to face District 17 champion Ann Arbor Huron (20 4) at Hartland for the regional hardware last night and a trip to Grand Blanc for an MHSAA Elite Eight matchup against the winner of Saginaw Arthur Hill and Mount Pleasant.

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"It's going to be fun. The bottom line is this is basketball. We have to limit them as much as possible," Novi coach Cory Heitsch said. Huron defeated District 25 champion North Farmington 60-41 behind a pair of 12-point performances from juniors Dante Williams and AJ Mathew. North Farmington senior Kyle Vinales scored 28 for the Raiders. The River Rats followed their Monday evening victory by scouting Novi on the same court afterward.

"(Milon) has limitless potential, Heitsch said. "(Regnier's) taking what's available. You talk about having competitive kids, (Regnier) and Batwo are two we have coming off the bench." Novi pushed their lead to 39-32 with

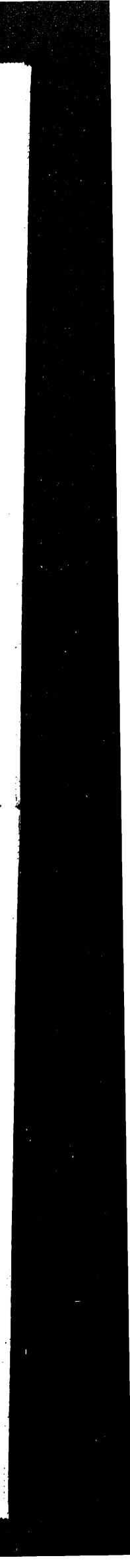
4:21 left in the game after Milon hit a layup when Northern senior Nick Sivyer hit the ground hard, landing on his right shoulder after a block attempt. After Sivyer was helped off the court, Northern senior point guard Adam Chuchla hit two three pointers and senior Austin Rogers hit another three to tally the Knights' only nine points not scored by Alexander or Johnston.

The Knights got within three points with 2:48 to go, but Mims hit a jumper in the lane and went 6-for-8 from the free throw line down the stretch to give the Wildcats their first-ever trip to the regional final with a 53-43 victory. Novi (19-5) earned their trip to Monday's regional semifinal after win-

ning the Class A District 18 championship in its own gym by hosting and defeating Detroit Catholic Central (10-10), Plymouth (11-10) and Canton (16-7) in a five-day span ending last Friday. Ozeir had 16 points and 10 rebounds, Mims 15 points and Regnier 14 points of the bench in the district title game.

Chris Jackett is a free-lance writer and former Novi News staff writer





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Wildcat cagers knock off Plymouth

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BY TIM SMITH **OBSERVER STAFF WRITER**

Home cooking is suiting Novi's varsity boys basketball team just fine. The Wildcats took care of Plymouth, 66-45, in Wednesday's second Class A district semifinal. Canton defeated Northville in the

Novi's big front line of 6-8 Samer Ozeir, 6-6 Chris Milon and 6-5 Ryan Jok pummeled Plymouth and led to numerous extra chances to score.

"They're a tough team right now, they're dialed in." said Plymouth head coach Mike Soukup. "... They're at home and they're really focused. They just came out and beat us up physically tonight, they really did." When Ozier wasn't battling in the paint, he was nailing treys to further complicate matters for the visiting Wildcats. Ozeir scored 16 points including

four treys. "They shot unbelievably from the field," continued the first-year Plymouth coach. "That's something we keyed on and tried to get out on shooters, and obviously we didn't do a good enough job.

"But I put in my second unit and they kept fighting and we came out at the start of the second half and fought back a little bit. We never quit, and that's what I want to be the mark of my program."

Exemplifying that kind of attitude and effort was junior forward Pat Salo, who led the Wildcats with 13 points including the first nine of the third quarter mostly on hard-driving charges to the Novi basket.

"Pat had a great game, he was attacking all night long and we knew he was going to be one of the keys for us," Soukup said. "And he certainly did that."

But Salo's efforts couldn't put a dent into Novi's double-digit lead, which was 26-16 at halftime and 39-25 after his fourth field goal of the third with 3:30 left.

BIG SHOTS A big reason why Plymouth (11-10) couldn't get closer was the host Wildcats ability to hit their shots when needed. Ozeir's triple from the left corner made it 44-25 with 2:45 to go and seniors Brandon Rydzewski and Antwan Batwo connected with treys in the final 1:10 to open up a 52-33 edge

after the third quarter. "We shoot a lot of triples, that's typical," said Novi head coach Cory Heitsch. "We do tend to shoot them much better at home which I think is common. Lately, we've kind of had a sense of calm about us which has helped."

Heitsch said his team (17-5 entering Friday's district final against Canton) needed to iron out a few wrinkles after the first half, despite the 10-point lead. He was satisfied that they did just that.

"We're a big, athletic team. that doesn't mean much if you're not playing hard," Heitsch added. "We started to get to the point where we're fairly consistent effort wise and attitude wise, but we still did some things in the first half that we kind of left on the table. "But that was a heckuva

third quarter and a great response from our kids." Meanwhile, Soukup said there was "marked progress" this year, "but we can't

be happy with that. We have to be happy with ... always trying to push the limits of how far the program can go."

Soukup stressed that his returning players will hopefully learn from the district disannointment

"This moment should discourage but not dishearten us," he said. "We should be thinking about this through our summer workouts, through our shootouts. thinking about how hard we have to play in order to raise our game to a level to compete and beat these types of programs. That's where we're headed.'

WALLED LAKE IMPROVEMENT BOARD NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

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Notice is hereby given that the Walled Lake Improvement Board Cities of Novi and Walled Lake, County of Oakland, will meet at the Novi City Hall located at 45175 West Ten Mile Road, Novi Michigan 48375-3024 on Thursday, March 25, 2010, 7:00 p.m. to review, to hear any objections to, and to consider confirming a five-year Special Assessment Roll for the purpose of implementing a Lake Improvement Program for the years 2010 through 2014. Residential riparian parcels with up to 96 feet of lake frontage are proposed to be assessed at one unit of benefit, or \$217.97 for each year of the Project. Residential riparian parcels with more than 96 feet of lake frontage are proposed to be assessed at one and one-half unit of benefit, or \$326.96 for each year of the Project. Lake access parcels with unknown ownership are proposed to be assessed at two units of benefit, or \$435.94. Commercial riparian parcels are proposed to be assessed at three units of benefit, or \$653.91 for each year of the Project. Lake access parcels are proposed to be assessed at .1 unit of benefit per property serviced, or \$21.80 multiplied by the number of properties serviced for each year of the Project. Waterfront condominium properties are proposed to be assessed at .75 unit of benefit, or \$163.48 for each year of the Project. The Special Assessment Roll will be on file at the City of Novi Clerk's Office and available on the internet at www.cityofnovi.org/lakeboard for public examination.

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Brian Coburn, Walled Lake Improvement Board Secretary

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Chung earns All-State breaststroke honors

Wildcat tankers 24th in Division I BY CHRIS JACKETT CORRESPONDENT

There were a lot of familiar faces at the Division I state swim and dive finals at the Holland Aquatic Center last weekend. All five KLAA Central Division teams had members in attendance and finished within the top 24 in the state Saturday afternoon.

Novi's tankers earned 26 points from three races Saturday to finish 24th in the state. Saline won the state team title with 325 points, while Northville was third (166.5), Livonia Stevenson was sixth (106), South Lyon unified was 11th (73.5), Plymouth Salem was 13th (64) and Detroit Catholic Central tied for 34th with 3.5 points.

"There were a lot of real fast swims. Especially from our division and our association, the KLAA had a big impact at the meet," Novi coach Eric Lynn said. "It was a great way to get some of my younger guys some experience."

Junior Joon Chung earned the Wildcats' first nine points with a ninth-place finish in the 200-yard individual medley in 1:56.50, winning the B race with a time that would've given him All-State honors at seventh in the A race had he qualified at Friday's preliminaries. Saline freshman David Boland won the overall event in 1:53.80.

Being the third event of the day, Chung had to wait a while before his next event, the 100yard breaststroke, which was event 11 of the 12 taking place.

When the time came, Novi's star earned 16 points toward his team's score with an All-State third-place finish in 58.55 seconds. An in-pool rival all season, South Lyon unified senior Adam Oxner won in 58.12 seconds.

Sophomore Jong Min Kim also placed in the 100-yard breaststroke Saturday, finish-

Novi Athletic Boosters helped Novi High School's ath- year letic teams prepare for their spring seasons by approving nearly \$24,000 in equipment requests recently

"Our athletic teams are so privileged to have the Boosters as benefactors," said Curt Ellis, Novi director of athletics. "The funds the organiza-

tion raises make it possible for all of our teams to be properly equipped to compete at their top of their games."

Before the beginning of each fall, winter and spring season, coaches submit equipment requests to Ellis. He evaluates the requests, pares down the list and presents it to the Boosters organization for approval. The organization funds

these requests as part of its total contributions to Novi's high school and middle school athletic programs, which will total \$150,000 this school year and \$744,382 since the begin-

ning of the 2004-05 school "We believe it is important for our organization to tackle larger projects such as the video-display board on the football field and a possible new weight room, but we also want to ensure that our athletic teams are well-equipped so they can be competitive," said Boosters President Jerry

ing 16th in 1:02.20 to earn one

"Joon was All-State in the

100 breast. They both had a

lot of pressure. Jong Min, for

his first state meet, handled

the pressure really well. I am

excited for his future in the

sport," Lynn said. "The 100

swimmers Oxner (South

Lyon East), (Ben) Chodos

(Hartland) and Chung."

breast top three were KLAA

The Wildcats had a handful

of other swimmers qualify for

the meet throughout the sea-

son, but none could beat out

nary rounds Friday.

on Saturday.

the competition in the prelimi-

In the first event of the pre-

senior John Lu finished 21st in

the 200-yard medley relay in

1:41.37. Holland West Ottawa

won the finals race in 1:36.33

Junior Travis Vincent was

liminary races, Chung, Kim,

junior Tiger Bourque and

point for Novi.

Jewell Boosters approved individual spring sports totaled \$15,250 to be divided among the girls' softball, soccer, and tennis teams, the boys' golf, baseball and lacrosse teams and the boys' and girls' track and field team. Requests ranged from DZ Optic Yellow Incrediballs for softball to a Lynx Timing System for track and field.

In addition to the individual team requests, Boosters approved spending \$5,500 for baseball and softball pitchers' mounds and batters' boxes

replace the flake ice machine. used in the athletic trainer's office for injuries. Total spring requests totaled \$23,950.

SEEKING VOLUNTEERS "We know there are other Novi parents who would be happy to become involved with the Boosters and to help support their children's athletic teams, but no one has ever asked them," said Boosters' President Jerry Jewell. "If no one has asked them before, we're asking now."

nominations for officers for the 2010-2011 school year. The positions of president, vicepresident, secretary, treasurer, trustee, fund-raising chair and spirit wear chair are open for next year. Nominations will be accepted through April 30, and the election will be con-

The Boosters is looking for

pated on the district's athletic "In this time of strained school budgets, our district is looking for funding alternatives so that our schools can continue to provide great activities, including athletics," Jewell said. "The Novi Athletic Boosters has been and will continue to be a part of the solution for filling those funding gaps. For parents who want to help us to support these valu-

able programs, there's no time like the present to get involved."

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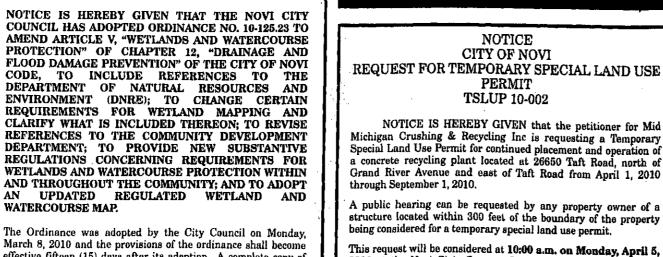
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ducted at the May 12 meeting. For more information: info@noviathleticboosters. Terms run from June to May. Jewell realizes his group com. Recycle this newspaper

be received prior to April 2, 2010.



March 8, 2010 and the provisions of the ordinance shall become effective fifteen (15) days after its adoption. A complete copy of the Ordinance is available for public use and inspection at the office of the City Clerk, 45175 W. Ten Mile Road, during the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., prevailing local time.

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NOTICE OF ADOPTION

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Members of Novi's swim and dive team gather at the state meet (I to r, front): Tiger Bourque, alternate Vivek Iyer, Travis Vincent, alternate David Groechel and Andrew Ao; (back) Joon Chung, John Lu, alternate Tommy Goers and Jong Min Kim. State meet qualifier Eugene Song is not pictured.

> vidual qualifiers, competing in the 500-yard freestyle Friday. He didn't make the preliminary cut for Saturday, despite finishing 25th in Division I in 4:54.12. Ann Arbor Pioneer sophomore Seiji Osawa won Saturday in 4:38.24.

> "Travis had a real nice 500. He started this season as a 5:02 500 guy just hoping to get to go to the state meet. He has made a lot of real nice progress in the last few months," Lynn said. "I was also really impressed with his relay swims. His splits on the relays were some of the fastest the team has had all season."

Novi's final two events were a pair of freestyle relay teams that each finished 20th in the preliminary rounds. Vincent, Lu and freshman Andrew Ao were members of both the

hopes to build on the experience and gear up for 2010-11

upperclassmen.

200- and 400-yard teams, while sophomore Eugene Song

and former Novi News staff writer.





400 team.

The 200-yard freestyle relay team finished in 1:30.98, a small disparity back from firstplace Saline's 1:26.32. The 400yard freestyle relay finished

in 3:19.68, just 11.2 seconds behind champion Grandville's 3:08.48 in the final event. "All three relays were just outside of making it back to finals. Next year, we should be able to squeeze in," Lynn said. The young Wildcats team

season. The team graduates five seniors, but seven of eight state qualifiers could return as "Next season will be real exciting. We have the potential to really make a statement in

the league and move up some places in the state meet," Lynn Chris Jackett is a free-lance writer

could benefit from a large pool of potential volunteers. According to statistics released from the Novi Athletic Office, during the 2008-2009 school year alone. 925 students at Novi High School and 558 students at Novi Middle School partici-



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Novi resident Emily Samuelson stands on the streets of Vancouver with ice dancing partner Evan Bates before the opening ceremonies Feb. 12. The pair went on to finish 11th in Olympic competition.

First Olympic experience

a blast for Novi ice dancer

Samuelson preparing for 2010 World Championships and thinking of 2014 Games

ceremonies the following day

before splitting the next two

taking in the vibrant atmo-

First up was the business

side of things. She and ice

dancing partner Evan Bates

(Ann Arbor) spent two or three

hours per day on the ice at the

Pacific Coliseum during the

five days leading up to their

"We didn't have too much

time to do much else because

we were still training. I liked

the ice a lot over there," Samuelson said, adding that

there during last year's Four

Continents Championships.

The duo place 11th at the

2009 World Championships

around the corner, as the pair

Italy, where they will compete

place or two. It's a kind of key

teams do retire right after the

leaves March 20 for Turin,

"It'd be nice to move up a

competition because some

Olympics," said Samuelson.

who plans to participate in

the 2014 and, possibly, 2018

Olympics. She notes that her

long-term plan is, "each year,

doing better at each interna-

tional competition. We'll just

month's Olympics were Tessa

were Americans Meryl Davis

Taking the gold at last

Virtue and Scott Moir of

take it one at a time."

Olympics, same as their

finish. The 2010 World

March 23-26.

Championships are right

she and Bates had skated

first event on Feb. 19.

sphere herself.

weeks between training and

BY CHRIS JACKETT

CORRESPONDENT

It's not every day that you

get to have lunch with an

Olympic medalist. But for

who was participating in the

Novi's Emily Samuelson,

Olympic Games as an ice

dancer, that was exactly the

with the likes of long-track

speedskater Chad Hedrick

track speedskater Katherine

Routter (silver in 1,000 méter, brônze in 3,000-meter relay)

and U.S. hockey player Jack

to Vancouver last month.

Johnson (silver) during her trip

"There were lots of buildings

split up with one or two coun-

tries in it. It was us with the

Chinese team on the far side,

Samuelson said. "I'd go and

el on and go up and introduce

had a new lunchmate every

Rooming with 17-year-

old individual figure skater

of their building comprised

of all the U.S. figure skating

contenders, so familiar faces

"There's definitely a lot of

U.S. athletes," Samuelson said

Arriving in Vancouver Feb.

camaraderie among all the

11, Samuelson was able to

participate in the opening

of her buildingmates.

surrounded her.

Rachael Flatt, the 19-year-old

Sameulson said the sixth floor

mvself

find someone with U.S. appar-

With 216 U.S. athletes, she

She was able to have lunch

bronze in 1.000 meter), short-

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into the second period, senior Tyler Perpich stole the puck and broke free up the left side. With junior Joey Ferriss drawing the lone defender to the back post, Perpich nearly tied the game with a shorthanded goal, but Neal came up big with a pad save.

Senior Evan Dixon took a tripping penalty 1:24 into the period, spurring De La Salle on an offensive spurt that lasted well beyond when Novi returned to full strength. Junior netminder Michael Pesendorfer came up with one huge save after another to keep the Wildcats in the game.

only became more of a physical contest with careless penalties scattered throughout against both teams, but also a sideshow of odd plays resulting in equally strange decisions by

De La Salle junior Austin Hibner streaked up the left side and across the goalmouth before taking a low shot on Pesendorfer. As Pesendorfer made the save, a Novi defender came in to hit Hibner and ended up landing the ice to a teammate on the left side, who shot it low under was sprawled out across the crease. However, as the Pilot's net, the frame of the net was ushed back off the goal line ing off the likely goal as a dead "I couldn't really see what

to the referees' judgment,' Junior Zach Mohr was hit the whistle on the play - a sign good Russian ice dance coach- of several physical penalty

> De La Salle took two penalties in the next five minutes. but would also have more offensive chances. Pesendorfer stopped a breakaway by Pilot senior Bryan Pike and a seemingly open net rebound opportunity from Coole to keep Novi in the game. Through the first 27:55 of the 45-minute game, Pesendorfer was the reason the Wildcats trailed just 1-0. He made 18 saves on

well. He kept us in the game said. "They didn't score an even-strength goal on him. I

through to tie the game with 2:05 remaining in the second period. Stemkoski ripped a low shot on net and it deflected off the inside of Perpich's skate as he screened Neal and the puck trickled across the goal line

was also credited win an assist slashing penalty after the play. Then, with 57.9 seconds left in the period, senior Ryan McCullough was nailed with a roughing penalty, allow-ing De La Salle to break the brief tie as Gasior slapped

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(NN)

Senior Evan Dixon scores Novi's fourth goal to give the Wildcats a 4-2 lead. The goal was needed to maintain the lead, as Hartland managed to score with 17 seconds left in the game.

seconds on the clock.

intermission

the game."

side and went top shelf on

"I think we beat ourselves.

chance to win and took undis-

We didn't give ourselves a

ciplined penalties," Krygier

said. "It's the power play that

won them the game and our

stupid penalties that cost us

The visitors kept the wheels

turning early in the third peri-

od. Senior Daniel Lipa sent a

pass to Coole from behind the

net and Coole slapped it home

22 seconds into the period,

night against the Pilots.

but the goal was called back

- the second no-goal call of the

Sixty-five seconds later, Novi

senior Brandon Juodikis took

McKenna went on to put home

a wrist shot from the left side

At that point, both teams

decided to turn the game into

a playground affair, going for

hard hits instead of the puck.

Senior Alex Cova and two

De La Salle players went to the

for a combination of roughing

penalty box 19 seconds later

and unsportsmanlike conduct

Pilots' net. With three seconds

to go on those penalties, senior

Nolan Anderson, Mohr and

two Pilots all went to the box

for unsportsmanlike conduct

during a major scrum in front

Neal made a save on a Wildcat

pressure and emotions like we

"We're not handling the

of De La Salle's goal after

power play shot.

infractions in front of the

during a two-on-one break

at the 2:59 mark. Pike and

took a 4-1 lead.

a penalty and junior Shane

The Pilots wanted one more, as Coole skated in up the right Pesendorfer with a close-range lift of a wrist shot to put De La Salle ahead 3-1 at the second saves on the night.

De La Salle senior Bob Penrod was called for interference after a hit on Novi senior Tyler Manning with 2:04 remaining, allowing the Wildcats to capitalize with a power play goal. Mohr sent a pass from the left side of the net to Manning in front for a tip in to the back post. Perpiel also earned an assist as Novi cut the lead to 4-2 with 1:43 left in the game.

Pulling Pesendorfer from goal to get an extra attacker, the Wildcats gave up their final point of the season with 1:09 remaining when Pike took a long shot Hibner tipped in to the empty net from a few feet away.

The 5-2 loss ended the season for a talented Novi squad that captured a regional title and made it to the state pointing finish in the KLAA Novi was ranked ninth in the state and No. 4 in Division

"We had an excellent season I'm obviously disappointed because our goal was to win the state championship," Krygier said. "I'm very proud of our guys. They did play the toughest schedule that's ever been played in the history of this program. I'm just disappointed in the way it ended with undisciplined penalties.

Pesendorfer, who finished the season with a 17-5-2 record in goal, was the last Wildcat off the ice, taking his time to skate off after his teammates and coaches were already in the locker room. As a junior, h could return with a strong core next year alongside Valleau, Stemkoski, Mohr and Ferriss "I don't know who's return-

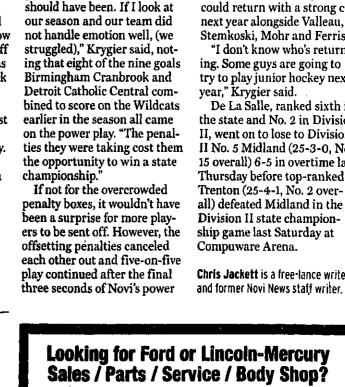
ing. Some guys are going to try to play junior hockey next De La Salle, ranked sixth in

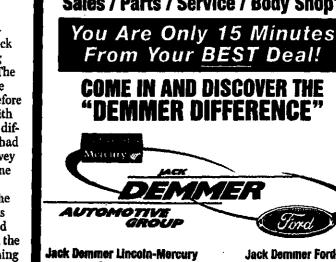
the state and No. 2 in Division II, went on to lose to Division II No. 5 Midland (25-3-0, No 15 overall) 6-5 in overtime las Thursday before top-ranked Trenton (25-4-1, No. 2 overall) defeated Midland in the Division II state championship game last Saturday at

Chris Jackett is a free-lance writer

From that point on, however, it became the Shamrock 10:57 mark for a 3-1 lead before opening the third period with his second goal and the 4-1 difference. Ryan Obuchowski had two assists and Austin Hervey and Sean Gaffney earned one each on the two scores.

Jimmy Peplinski added the fifth tally for the Shamrocks and Chris Waterstreet ended an outstanding season with the final goal of the game. Earning assists were Nick Crowley, Middleton and Haydon. Zack Cisek earned the win in goal for the Shamrocks.





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show with Middleton being the headlining attraction. The senior forward scored at the

League champs

The 2009-10 CYO league champions from St. James Church include (I to r, front) JP Mulcahy, Keaton Figurski, Matt Klura, Zach Wagner, Andrew Turek; (back) Coach Pete Turek, Ben Weber, Michael Dickmann, Kevin Heffernan, Coach Steve Wagner, Jack Twomey, Erik Biberstein and Nick Sweda.

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Pesendorfer on its way to the back of the net. Junior Brad CC FROM PAGE B1

As the battle wore on, it not the officials. With 9:14 remaining, EMILY SAMUELSO

on Pesendorfer's back as the puck squirted free from the pileup against the right post. Hibner passed the puck across Pesendorfer's arm pit - which was in the center of the net and seemingly behind the goal line while the goalkeeper shot was headed toward the (West Bloomfield) and Charlie by Novi's pileup of players, resulting in the referees wavplay once the goal posts were pushed back off the line.

was going on, so I left it up Krygier said. teams are very good friends of it's their coaches. Southeastern with a roughing penalty after

White (Dearborn). Both teams

Figure Skating Club at Arctic

Edge Arena in Canton under

ours," Samuelson said. "I think

Michigan has a lot of really

es, so I'd credit that."

in as much as I could."

games - both gender's gold

"It was incredible. Best

medal losses to Canada.

final

After competition w

coaches Igor Shpilband and

"It was awesome. Both

Marina Zoueva.

train through the Arctic

calls to come between the two

My first hockey game was up there," Samuelson said. "I took

up for the ice dancers Feb. 22, Samuelson was able to enjoy some of the other events, such as alpine skiing, speedskating and her first-ever ice hockey game - the U.S. men's 2-0 quarterfinal win over Switzerland on Feb. 24. "We basically just relaxed 'and took in a couple events.

With the success of both the the night. men's and women's ice hockey "I really thought he played

at a couple points," Krygier

teams, Samuelson also enjoyed her second and third hockey thought it was one of his better His teammates came

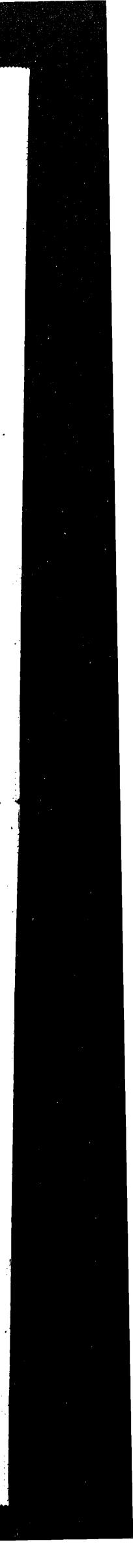
hockey game I've ever been to," games of the season." she said of the men's overtime Returning home last week, Samuelson will already be

leaving the country next week for more competition, but she doesn't mind much. It's the life of Novi's Olympic ice dancer. between Neal's legs. Ferriss Canada. Earning silver medals Chris Jackett is a free-lance writer and Perpich was hit with a and former Novi News staff writer.

home a thunderous shot from the point that just knicked



Valleau combined for a great scoring opportunity with 8:21 remaining, but Valleau's shot sailed over the crossbar and Neal covered the rebound off the back boards. He had 23





Gorman's helps Arc

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Thursday, March 18, 2010

The Arc of Oakland County announced Gorman's Home Furnishings and Interior Design raised nearly \$2,000 for The Arc of Oakland County through its Stressless Recliners by Ekornes event. During the community initiative, shoppers were invited to donate a minimum of \$50 to The Arc when making a purchase of a Stressless recliner at any of Gorman's four stores, including Novi. "The Arc helps make a better life for developmentally disabled children and adults in our community possible," said fom Lias (right), president of Gorman's, with Thomas F. Kendziorski, executive director of the Arc of Oakland County. The funds donated will help defray the annual cost of The Arc of Oakland County's unique advocacy service, which assists more than 2,025 individuals with intellectual impairment. especially those who no longer have families to look after their needs. The Arc provides direct legal, general advocacy, informational and referral services as well as community awareness and recreational programs for children and adults with intellectual impairment or other developmental disabilities and their families.

BUSINESS BRIEFS

Free NHL Network preview

Bright House Networks will be participating in the NHL Network Free Preview Week from March 20-27. The preview will be available to digital customers on channel 559 and high def channel 659.

This preview includes four live NHL games, including the rematch between two of the leagues brightest stars, Sidney Crosby and Alex Ovechkin, when the Pens and The Caps renew their rivalry in late March: 7 p.m. Saturday, March 20, Montreal

Canadiens at Toronto Maple Leafs 7 p.m. Wednesday, March 24, Pittsburgh Penguins at Washington Capitals 10:30 p.m. Thursday, March 25, Dallas Stars

at San Jose Sharks 7 p.m. Saturday, March 27, New Jersey Devils at Montreal Canadiens

For more information, please visit, http:// michigan.brighthouse.com.

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 own-

Reservations are required. To reserve a seat for these or any other SBTDC seminars, call (734) 462-4438 or visit www.schoolcraft. edu/bdc/sbtdc_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:

* Starting a Business: Wed., March 24, 6-9 p.m., \$30

* Marketing Your Business: Thurs., March 18, 6-9 p.m., \$40 * Finance: Wed., Feb. 24, 6-9 p.m., or Wed.

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

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

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

The all-day event will include eight dynamic women presenting pertinent information on the legal, financial, marketing and other important aspects of running a business. Pointers for success and how to make an excellent personal impression on prospective clients will also be presented. Several example makeovers will be completed. There will be numerous opportunities for networking with other local women professionals throughout the day. The organization expects 100 attendees. The cost of attendance is \$45 per person, or \$120 for three tickets, if registered by March 1. Thereafter, tickets will

be \$55 per person. Lunch provided by Baker's of Milford is included in the ticket price. Vendor space is available to promote your business to attendees. The cost for an eight-foot table display is \$30, plus the cost of admission. Vendors may choose to share their space and the rental cost among multiple businesses if desired. Each vendor in attendance will be responsible for the cost of admission.

For more information or to purchase tickets. contact Debra Downing at (248) 252-2952 or downingddd@aol.com.

Oakland offers business workshops Business owners and entrepreneurs who need assistance are invited to attend seminars offered at the Oakland County Executive Office Building Conference Center, 2100 Pontiac Lake Road, west of Telegraph, Waterford. For location specifics and pre-registration, visit www. oakgov.com/peds/calendar or call (248) 858-

Fundamentals of Writing a Business Plan Thursday, March 18, 9 a.m.-noon This is a workshop for small business owners who are developing a plan to serve as their road map to success. The fee is \$40, which includes

all materials. No refunds. QuickBooks® Essentials - Thursday, March 25. 9 a.m.-11:30 for Session One; 12:30-3 p.m. for Session Two.

This introduction to small business financial management provides an overview of accurate recordkeeping, report interpretation and utilization, and management of the variety of tools provided in this system. Presented by Kildal Services, LLC. Session I: \$40/person, Session II: \$40/person. Both Sessions: \$75/person. No refunds. Includes a 60-day QuickBooks® software demo; laptop highly recommended. Future Workshops

(AM) Morning Class 9 a.m.-12/12:30 p.m. (PM) Evening Class 6 p.m. 9/9:30 p.m. April 2010

8: Fundamentals of Marketing Your Business 9: FastTrac[®] Listening To Your Business 15: Pre-Business Research Workshop (PM) 16: FastTrac[®] Growth Venture (Venture Forward)

20: FastTrac[®] New Venture ™ 22: Fundamentals of Starting a Business 23: Oakland County CRA Small Business

Money Smart Forum 27: Legal & Financial Basics for Small

Business 28: Sales II: Is Following Up Your Best Sales

Strategy? 29: Fundamentals of Writing a Business Plan (PM)May 2010

5: WBE Certification Orientation 11: Pre-Business Research Workshop (AM) 12: Team SBA Financing Roundtable

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 (\mathbf{MA}) 27: Small Business Loan Workshop June 2010

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The shortest distance between career points not a straight line

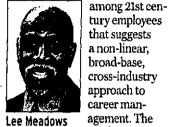
hen told that the 'short-est distance between two points is a straight line', this familiar maxim has an, inherent, link to the topic of avoidance.

A straight line helps us to avoid wasting time, digressive conversations, subtle references to a certain attraction and political malfeasance. The straight-line reference is a way of avoiding behavioral meandering so as to stay focused on what's in front of

In the business sector, the phrase 'cradle to grave' contract was used to describe the linear progression of a career path. Career advancement reflected a climb up a ladder of a silo in which professional perspectives were shaped by the boundaries of that narrow focus. All things linear were viewed as the appropriate, lock-step method for achieving career success.

While there were those individuals for whom broader experiences were essential to their growth, they tended to be the exception to a hard and fast linear form of organizational reinforcement. The 'cradle to grave distance between two points' appeased and supported thousands of employees in their long-term commitment to remain with a certain employer and sustain their long-term survival. Of course, those were different times and the linear way of man-

aging organizations and careers took a drastic Y2K turn of the century. There is a growing trend



agement. The auickest route to the top does not lie on a ladder, but within a portfolio that is linked to a network. While this may blur the lines of what is or is not functional experience, it certainly paves the way for increasing one's skill base by delving into areas outside of one's formal

training. If the truth be told, it is not unusual to learn that the area in which one is working is not the major that was chosen. The need for a job always trumps career interest. The silo days of market dominance and middle management muddling has given way to a generation of employees who, as children, watched their parents endure the first brunt of downsizing and who now, as adults, have experienced the pain of being in an employment world that has turned on its axis. It is not enough to be masterfully functional, and

capable of, only, analyzing and solving organizational problems from that narrow perspective. Whether out of intuition, fear. survival or self-determination. the 21st century employee lacks the luxury and security of a market dominant employer. So, to offset the dependent career relationship, employees are willing to

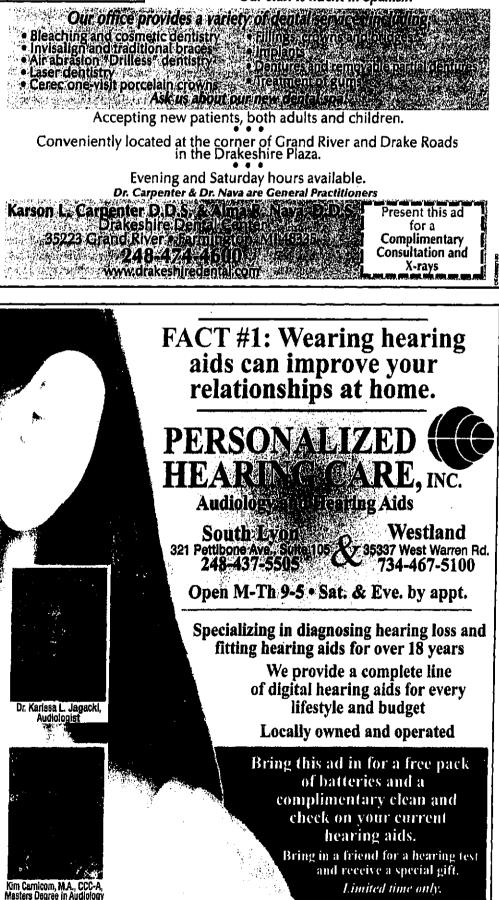
public to private, profit to nonprofit and everything in between. It is an interesting pattern given the current economic climate. While there is a hunkering down and holding on until things get better, the ostrich will still raise its head to see what is going on and if there is an opportunity to move on. It is important for employment managers to consider the 'new rules' that operate in the

Merger & Acquisition, Dot.com and global expansion Wild West show of the 1980's. Career-minded individuals recognized that the forks in the road less traveled offered broader opportunities and would require a mind shift from the tried and true. The shortest distance between career points is not a straight line. Career advancement is not the clear shot through the barrel of the organization, but is dependent upon the ability to manage a

series of experiences both within and outside of the organization. Lee E. Meadows, Ph.D is a professor of management at Walsh College working at the Novi Campus. He teaches leadership and management in the MBA and Doctoral programs and provides a number of consulting services for the

surrounding community. He is the author of the leadership fable, "Take the Lull By the Horns: Closing the Leadership Gap." He can be contacted at Imeadows@walshcollege.edu. Visit his website at www. move to different organizations leemeadows.biz Karson L. Carpenter Das Alma Ransavarense DRAKESHIRE DENTAL CENTER Graduates of the University of Michigan School of Dentistry

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existence?

Doubtful.

job title that makes you go, "Huh?" Either

it's too technical to understand, too hard to

describe or in some cases, people just may

Simple: All the changes that have come

not have heard of it. But, why would

someone not have heard about a job's

about in the past 10 years, from

never could have existed before.

environmental policy to emerging

technologies to the recession, have

contributed to the creation of careers that

example, recently made the switch from

working in research and development at

his company, DollarApp. Sagolla is also

demonstrates the effect of hypertext on

Adobe to creating iPhone applications with

authoring a book, "140 Characters," which

literature by redefining the concept of "the

book" using Twitter and iPhone to start, he

says. Could he have done this 10 years ago?

"I've noticed that the best-of-breed

be on iPhone," Sagolla says. "That is no

iPhone apps incorporate Twitter and social

networks, and the best Twitter apps seem to

roughly the same time. I've worked hard to

position myself at intersection of those two

industries, which form a vortex of attention

Here is a little information about 10

What they do: Bloggers research and write

readers online. They work for themselves or

for corporations, but their goal is the same:

to develop and maintain blogs to promote a

brand, mission or objective. Jimmy Moore,

his blog in April 2005 after losing 180

pounds. He wrote about it while still

owner of "Livin La Vida Low-Carb," started

employed in a customer service position. He

began blogging full time in October 2006.

"My annual income increased from about

\$25,000 a year to nearly \$60,000 now. I get

books, host my twice-weekly health podcast

show on iTunes, do YouTube videos and so

much more. This is literally my dream job,"

to work out of my home, I've written two

careers that didn't exist a decade ago:

and zeal that is unmatched."

1. Bloggers

Dom Sagolla, co-creator of Twitter, for

within industries, different organizations across industries, from

career development arena. These are rules that emerged from the



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2. Community managers or content managers

What they do: Community or content managers are an extension of a typical marketing role, but on a more personal level. They serve as a liaison between the company work. and the public, managing a Web site that allows them to engage with community members and spread the word about the

company. coincidence: The two came to prominence at Erin Bury has been the community manager at Sprouter, a Toronto company that enables collaboration and networking among

entrepreneurs, for almost one year. She says, "A community manager is a nontraditional role, so it requires some unique traits: the multitude of tasks while still keeping a smile on their face, and an innate passion for what blog posts in a conversational style to engage they do. This isn't a 9-to-5 job; it's one that involves being an extension of the brand almost 24/7, which is why loving the company and the job is a prerequisite."

3. Green funeral directors What they do: Green funeral directors

incorporate environmentally friendly options to meet the needs of families who want a green service.

A green funeral may include any or all of the following basic options: no embalming or embalming with formaldehyde-free products: the use of sustainable

biodegradable clothing, shroud or casket; using recycled paper products, locally grown providers and insurance companies; they can organic flowers, organic food; car pooling; he says. "[It] didn't even exist a decade ago." arranging a small memorial gathering in a

natural setting; [or a] natural or green burial," says Elizabeth Fournier, a funeral home owner who works as a green mortician. "It's a fabulous opening for an individual who is green-minded in all aspects of their

4. Interior redesigners

What they do: Instead of spending \$500 on a new couch, why not use that money to hire an interior redesigner who will find new ways to decorate with items you already own? Interior redesigners remodel your Jennifer Schweikert, owner of Just My Style

visiting with the right specialists and taking

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6. Senior move management What they do: Senior move management companies help older adults and families with the physical and emotional demands of downsizing, relocating or modifying their homes.

7. Social media strategists

What they do: Social media strategists use social media tools to help companies interact with customers, increase brand awareness, create buzz, increase traffic and provide information.

8. User experience analyst What they do: User experience analysts look for ways to make using a Web site easier, more pleasant and more engaging for consumers. They want to figure out how to keep you on their site and how to make your experience while you're there memorable

and useful. 9. Video journalists

What they do: In the 1960s, reporters had to shoot and edit their own stories because of lack of manpower and resources. Now, almost 50 years later, this role is back, but now it's called video journalism. To save money, large-market news groups hire small-market reporters as video journalists at a fraction of the cost. They are usually assigned stories to produce for the station Web site, finding content to drive Web traffic

10. Virtual business service providers

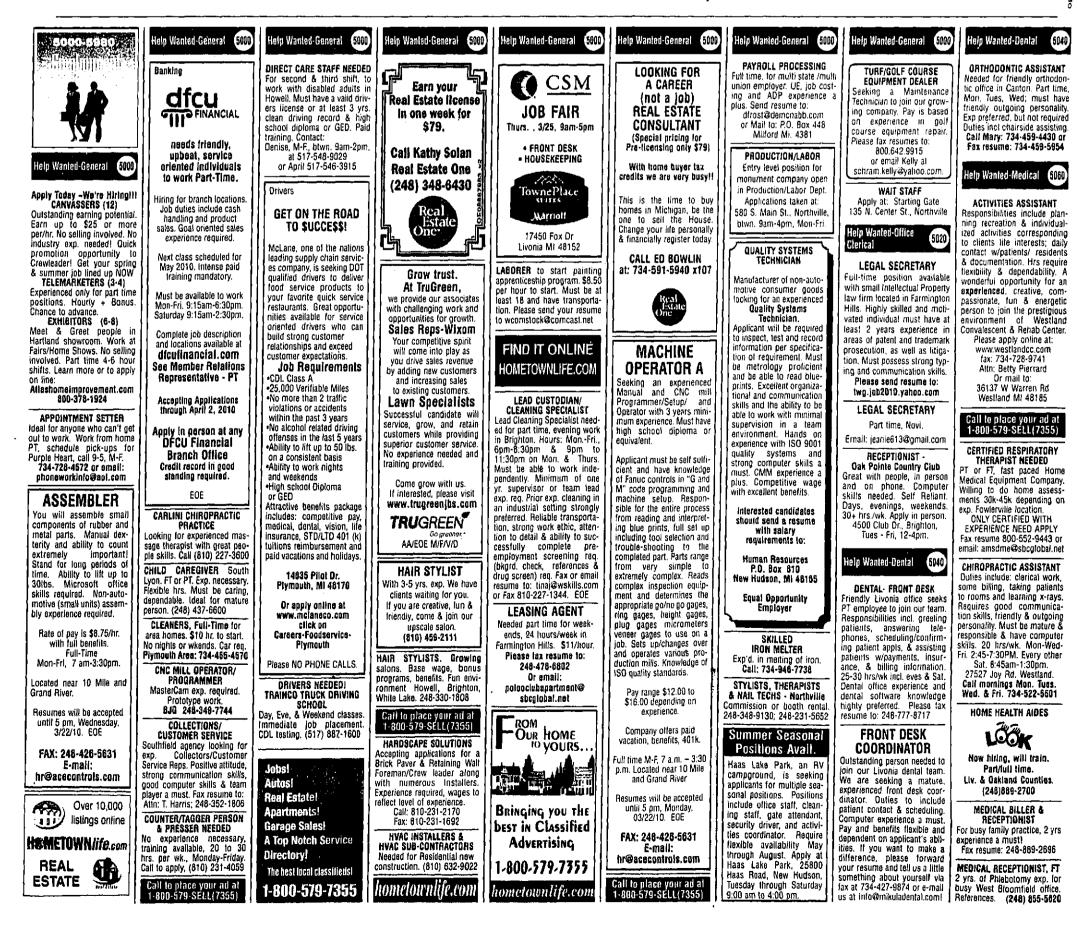
What they do: Many people are forming their own companies by way of telecommuting, offering such virtual services as customer service, concierge services or even public relations from their

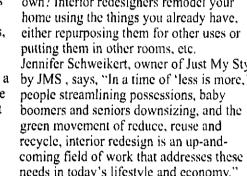
"Thanks to the birth of the Internet and the rise of new industries because of it, my company was born. The rise of virtual companies like ours has provided jobs for lots of people," says Deborah Sittig, owner f Green Room Public Relations

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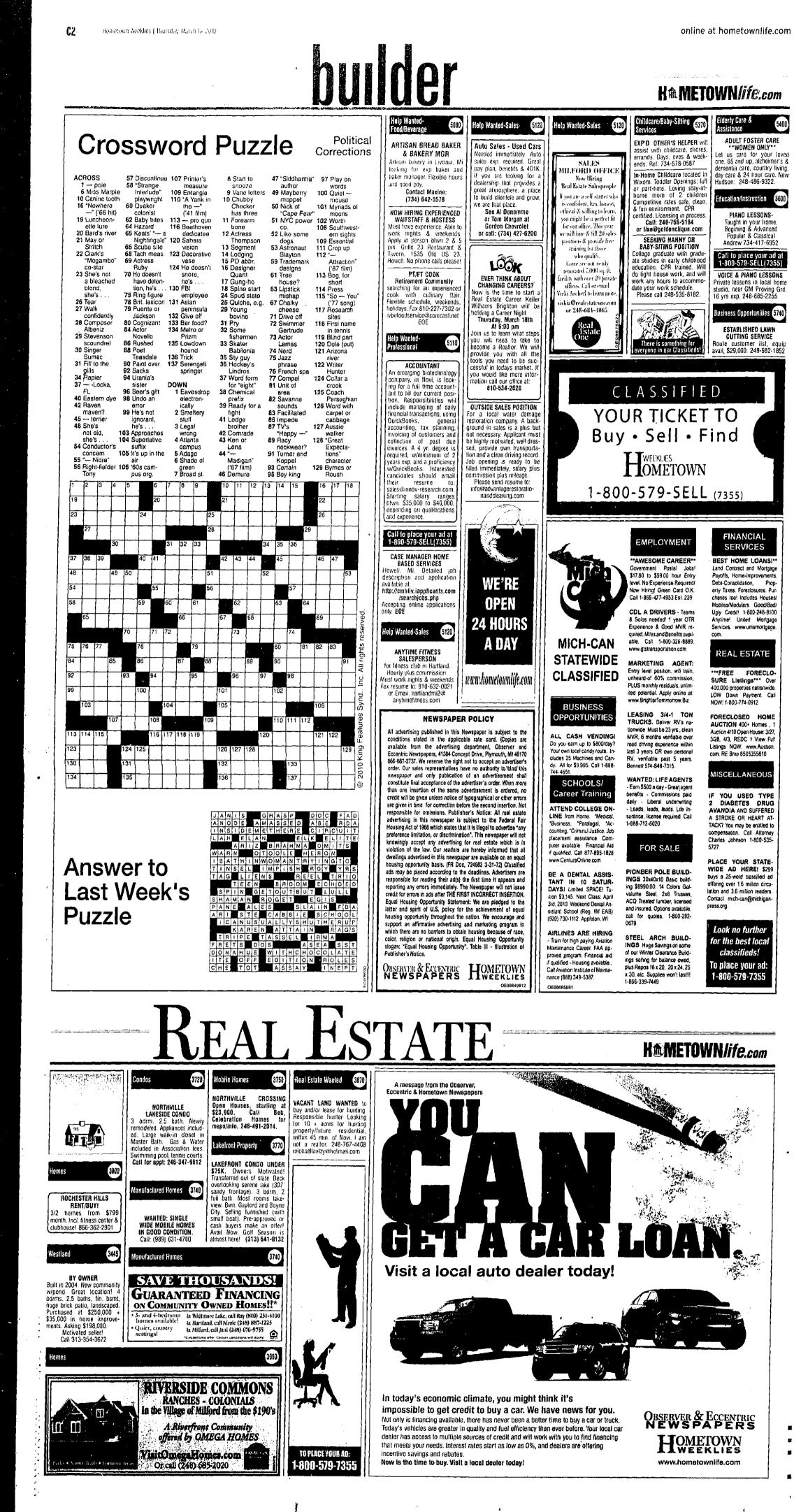
ability to adapt quickly, the ability to juggle a by JMS, says, "In a time of 'less is more," people streamlining possessions, baby boomers and seniors downsizing, and the green movement of reduce, reuse and recycle, interior redesign is an up-andcoming field of work that addresses these needs in today's lifestyle and economy." homes. 5. Patient advocates What they do: There are several types of patient advocates, and although their services vary, all of them want to make sure that the patient and family are informed and to make things easier on everyone. Advocates can go with patients to appointments; ensure they're

the right medicines; sort through medical bills and negotiate fees with health-care even educate family members on proper care for their sick loved one.









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Home show pros: 'Go green' here to stay

BY JULIE BROWN **O&E STAFF WRITER**

"Think Green" was front and center at the recent Canton Home Improvement Expo.

"The big thing is proper insulation on a house," said Patrick Elliott of Livonia, project manager for Canton Construction. He was among vendors at the March 6-7 event at Canton's Summit. "With the proper insulation, you can

really cut your heat bills," he said. You need to look at your home as a whole system. Proper ventilation is needed to avoid condensation, which can lead to mold and attendant health problems.

"People are so much more aware of energy conservation," Elliott said. For roofs, certain materials reflect the sun away, lowering costs.

Not all can afford to go fully green, he said, but when the time comes to, for example, replace a furnace, being green comes into play. Windows are also important part of energy conservation, Elliott said.

The Expo, in its ninth year, was presented by Canton's Building and Inspection Services Division, the Canton Chamber of Commerce and the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers. Marni Carnahan of Belleville was busy representing Sherwin-Williams

Paint Co. on Michigan Avenue in Canton. Paint has Volatile Organic Compounds, she said, or VOCs. "Basically, it's the odor." Sherwin-Williams has some low and zero lines, which don't compromise on quality.

These are the area residential real

estate closings recorded the week

of Nov. 30 to Dec. 4, 2009, at the

Oakland County Register of Deeds

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office. Listed below are cities,

addresses, and sales prices.

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615 Hathaway Dr

3555 South Blvd

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32463 Sheridan Dr

1274 E Lincoln St

764 Lakeview Ave

1713 N Old Woodward Ave # 4

411 S Old Woodward Ave

909 Fairfax St

932 Pierce St

160 Kirkwood Ct

1025 Stratford Pi

1289 Atkinson Ave

3755 Brookside Dr

6181 Indianwood Tr

5025 Kings Gale Way

52 Robinhood Cir

3711 Thornbrier Way

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310 Westwood Dr

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1500 Villa Rd

66 N Vista



Sherwin-Williams also has tools for painting made from recycled materials. "So you could go green for your entire project, which everyone should,"

Carnahan said. She agreed "green" won't go away: "There's a huge demand for it right now. Being green is very big."

The "green" paint is top of the line and washes well, she said. Oil-based paints are being phased out with Sherwin-Williams ahead of the game

in Michigan. Carnahan's pleased with response to a free decorator service with purchase of a \$75 gift card. "That's taken

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Jeanette Schneider, VP/regional

director of RE/MAX of Southeastern

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In a nearby room at the Summit was Lori Mounts of Redford, designer with Long Kitchen & Bath Designs of Northville. Mounts said fixtures and cabinets are now made more with the

environment in mind. "A lot of people are going green," she said. "Some have been there for years." Solvents used are friendlier to the environment "as well as to the consumer."

Faucet components now mean minimal lead content, she added. "Delta's starting to do it and so is Moen." Mounts believes green is here to stay, much like organic food. "It's real- hortonplumbing.com. ly for our health and for our planet,"

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Michigan and Eric Miller, Franchise Sales consultant, received an award from Children's Miracle Network. The award recognizes that agents have raised over \$100 million in personal donations toward the charity and its work with ill and recovering children. The Southeastern Michigan region supports the RE/MAX Communication Station Preschool at Beaumont Hospital, Royal Oak, and has been affiliated with the hospital since 1992. The preschool is the first hospital-based program in Michigan specifically for children with speech and language difficulties. The program is designed for children ages 3-6. Every year, RE/MAX agents and offices make donations to Children's Miracle Network through a variety of ways. Some agents contribute a set amount from every transaction, others donate a flat amount. Some

agents and offices organize special

events over and above their ongo-

ing contributions. One example was

from Danny DeYonker, an associate

with RE/MAX First based in Shelby

\$19,000

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864 Wolverine Dr

Seminar will be held on Tuesday.

March 23, at 7 p.m. at the Livonia

Thursday, March 25, at 7 p.m. at

the Novi Civic Center. This is an

informational meeting for those

interested in understanding the

homebuying Process. Free infor-

mation packets will be provided.

Register at www.MiHomeBuyer.

info or call (248) 747-8653.

Apartment Association of

Michigan's (AAM) Property

Management Council (PMC) will

sponsor a seminar for leasing pro-

fessionals, "Leasing 101: The 2010

a.m. to noon at Association Offices,

30375 Northwestern Highway, Suite

based Success On Site will provide

mmediately. Registration fees are

\$69 for PMC members, \$79 for AAM

or Building Industry Association

members and \$99 for guests. For

registration information, call (248)

862-1002 or register online at www.

ouidelines to increase occupancy

Tour" on Friday, April 23, from 9

100, Farmington Hills.

builders.org.

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Township, who raised \$4,000 for CMN last year with a special "haunted house" fund-raiser in his basement. Schneider said: "I am honored to accept this award on behalf of all the RE/MAX sales associates and broker/owners in Southeastern Michigan who contribute to CMN on a daily basis. It is their commitment to this very worthy cause that makes this award possible.

Career Seminar Keller Williams Realty will hold a Career Seminar 6:30-7:30 p.m. Thursday, March 18, at 40600 Ann Arbor Road, Suite 100. Candidates would benefit from previous experience or successes in: service industries, account management, retail sales, small business operations. marketing or event planning. Candidates should have: good people/communication skills, some computer knowledge, a strong work ethic, an optimistic "can do" attitude and a strong desire to achieve results through helping others. Call (734) 459-4700 to reserve a free seat

Homebuvers A free Homebuyers Educational At Long, business is good with

countertops, mirrors and faucets being replaced. More customers opt for partial work ("They're freshening") with fewer full remodels other than those caused by leaks.

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Accurate

credit

report

Q: Do you have any credit tips

A: Make sure that there are

not any errors on your credit

report. It is also important to

make sure that your report is

up to date and accurate. You

should obtain a copy of your

into www.annualcreditreport

com for more information.

But be careful of making

large purchases right before

on time, contact the lender

to make other arrangements

before it is too late. Do not fall

victim to scams that claim they

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credit report?

Robert Meisner

"I think people are tired of being afraid of spending money," said

Mounts, who hopes that continues. Jason Benward of Canton and Sam Stukel of Plymouth were representing Horton Plumbing & Remodeling of Plymouth. Their remodeling work is going strong, including bathrooms, kitchens and basements. "Everyone's trying to go green lately,

eco-friendly," Benward said. Low-flow toilets are best for that. "You will recoup it in your water bill," he said of cost. "And they flush

better." Low-flow toilets are now higher with better design, for less strain on the back and knees.

Canton Construction, owned by John Sarnecky, is at 5914 N. Lotz, Canton 48187. It can be reached at (734) 844-8420, jsarnecky@ cantonconstructioncorp.com, cantonconstructioncorp.com. Sherwin-Williams Paint is at 46006 Michigan

Ave., Canton 48188, (734) 495-9441, sw1397@ sherwin.com, www.sherwin-williams.com. Long Kitchen & Bath Design is at 190 E. Main, Northville 48167, (248) 349-0373, Imounts@ longkitchenandbathdesign.com, w 🐨 ongkitchenandbathdesign.com.

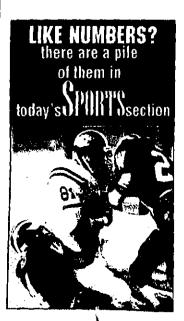
Horton Plumbing & Remodeling is at 1382 S. Main, Plymouth 48170. It's at (734) 455-3332, www.hortonplumbing.com, jasonbenward@

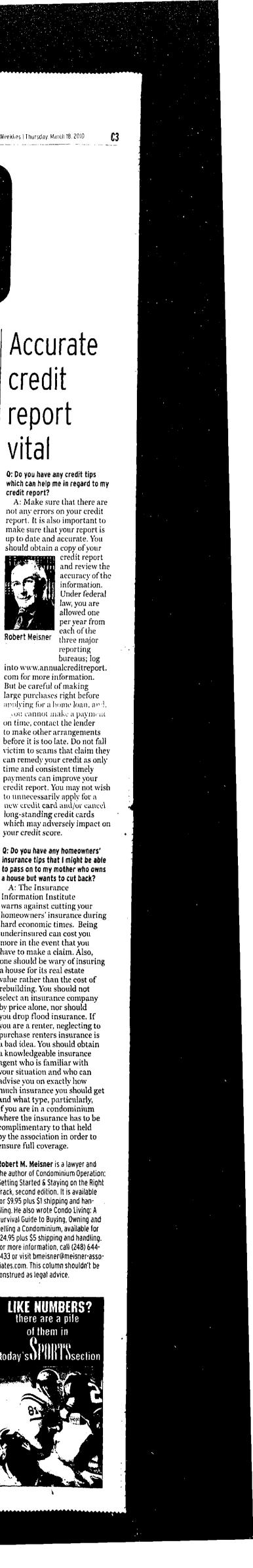
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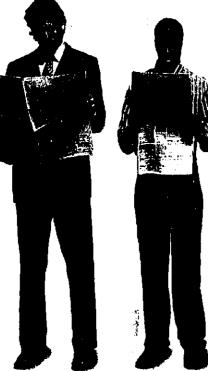
bad idea. You should obtain a knowledgeable insurance gent who is familiar with our situation and who can dvise you on exactly how uich insurance you should get nd what type, particularly, if you are in a condominium where the insurance has to be complimentary to that held by the association in order to ensure full coverage. Robert M. Meisner is a lawyer and the author of Condominium Operation: Getting Started & Staying on the Right Track, second edition. It is available

for \$9.95 plus \$1 shipping and handling. He also wrote Condo Living: A Survival Guide to Buying, Owning and Selling a Condominium, available for \$24.95 plus \$5 shipping and handling For more information, call (248) 644-4433 or visit bmeisner@meisner-associates.com. This column shouldn't be construed as legal advice.





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In the past two years, the newspaper business has faced unprecedented challenges, but make no mistake: newspaper media - print and digital - remains strong and will emerge from the current environment an even stronger multi-platform force.

Number of adults who read a print newspaper every day, more than 115 million on Sunday. That's more than the Super Bowl (94 million), American Idol (23 million) or the average late local news (65 million.)

18-24 year olds and 25-34 year olds who read a newspaper in an average week. 65% of everyone in those age groups read a newspaper or visited a newspaper website that week.

Households with unique visitors

to newspaper

websites in an

average month.

According to Google, percentage of consumers that have researched

or purchased

they saw in a

newspaper.

products

Percentage of people who are more likely to buy a product if it is seen in the paper

Number of creative options for advertisers choosing to utilize the newspaper. From belly bands, polybags, post-it notes, scented ads, taste-it ads. glow-in-the-dark and temporary

tattoos, as

well as event

and database

marketing,

behavioral

targeting,

and more.

e-mail blasts,

e-newsletters

Newspapers make a larger investment in journalism than any other medium. Most of the information you already read from "aggregators" and other media originated with newspapers. No amount of effort from local bloggers, non-profit news entities or TV news sources could match the depth and breadth of newspaperproduced content.

This is not a portrait of a dying industry. It's illustrative of transformation. Newspapers are reinventing themselves to focus on serving distinct audiences with a variety of products, and delivering those audiences effectively to advertisers across media channels.

For more on the power of newspaper media, visit newspapermedia.com.

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ATTITUDE-OR SAFETY?-SOME FIRST CARS FOR TEENS HAVE BOTH

Advertising Feature





By Dale Buss

What you want in a first car depends on whose first car it is.

If you're a teenager whose life is about to change for the better by climbing behind the first steering wheel you own, there's often one set of criteria, usually including killer speed, funky styling, some nasty quirk, maybe a little rust or mismatched paint -- or all of the above.

But if you're a parent and are signing for the car, you may want something entirely different for your son or daughter's first vehicle. Sure, you remember your first wheels – that roaring Charger, or the Bonneville that was big enough to fit eight teenagers, or maybe an original Volkswagen Beetle with the toy-like controls. Yet now you're old and mature enough to realize that your parents were crazy to let you drive around in that thing.

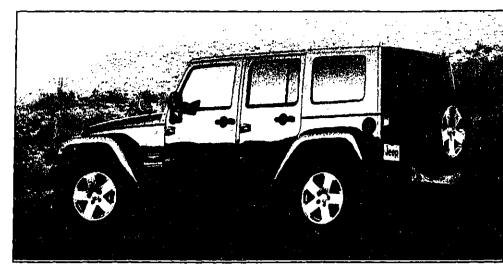
And now that you're the responsible one, you want to make a responsible choice for your offspring.

So we've come up with our Top Picks for First Cars, with features and attributes that will appeal either to the kid or the parent or – in the case of extremely mature people co-existing in a very well-adjusted and mature household – both of you.

One thing you probably can agree on: The best first cars are late-model used cars. If you're the teenager, you're probably realistic enough to understand that you're not going to get a brand new vehicle right out of the chute. And if you're the parent, that decision is one of the biggest no-brainers you've ever made.

Here are some vehicles to consider: 2008 Volvo C30: As if it wasn't enough that the C30 gets a star turn as the sheet-metal object of vampire Edward's desire in the latest Twilight movie, this decidedly un-Volvo-looking little racer has a bunch of other things going for it as well. While it appears as a performance hatchback, with 227 horsepower, it offers ample interior room as well. And with ABS, ESP and traction control - as well as front- and sideimpact airbags - the C30 qualifies as an Insurance Institute for Highway Safety Top Pick. Though Robert Pattinson's character is immortal, kids aren't.

2006 Ford Mustang GT Convertible: There's no reason today's teenagers can't enjoy a Mustang just as their parents used to. The ultimate pony car still represents style and freedom. Parents may want to look for the tamer V6 version rather than the growling 4.6liter V8, however; with 210 horsepower beneath them in the six-cylinder, the wind will still whip through kids' hair as they blow out the sound system. Theoretically there is seating for four, but only a couple of teenagers would be limber enough to squeeze into the car's snug back seat.



The 2009 Jeep Wrangler Unlimited remains one of the most versatile first vehicles for a teenager.

2009 Mini Cooper Hatchback: At first a curiosity, the Mini began climbing on teenagers' wish lists with the chase scenes in the Bourne Conspiracy and the company's growing footprint in the U.S. market. Everything about this runabout is cute. Parents can appreciate that the Mini Cooper retains the go-cart-like handling and looks of the original Austin Mini from the Sixties.

2009 Honda Civic SI Coupe or Sedan: With tuner looks and performance combined with Honda's excellent reputation for quality and safety, this could be an attractive package that appeals to both teens and their parents. With new-for-2009 17inch wheels, fog lamps and an mp3 input, the Civic SI meets the challenges of "peer review." It's also got a 197horsepower VTEC engine and a 60-mph sprint of just six and a half seconds. And like nearly every Honda, it has a stellar safety record to boot.

2009 Jeep Wrangler Unlimited: It's carrying a torch from the X generation to the Millennials as a favorite vehicle of would-be young iconoclasts. But it's surprisingly safe as well, now with four doors, on a longer wheelbase, and with ESC as well as Trailer Sway Control. Also, for kids with green sensibilities, Wrangler is now rated ULEV II for emissions instead of LEV II. Yet clearly, its versatility is a favorite characteristic: removable top off when

it's warm, but able to plow through and over snow with its high clearance. And, of course, Wrangler is more than offroad capable.

2009 Subaru Impreza: Now it's the WRX. Anyway, it's equipped with a 265horsepower, turbocharged four-cylinder Boxer engine that produces a mean growl and zero-to-60-mph time of just 5.2 seconds. Available only in a fivespeed manual transmission, this rally car helps teens learn how to "really" drive a vehicle car - an experience that is increasingly escaping this generation because of the automatic-transmission models that now dominate even low price points. Impreza is more powerful than the sibling 2.5i. With superior handling, unique styling and standard all-wheel-drive traction, it might just be the perfect first car.

