



Novi High School Principal John Lawrence to retire after 36 years with district – A5

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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. with the start of the run/ walk beginning at 9 a.m. The preregistration fee for the run is \$25 and the walk is \$10. Registration at the event is \$30.

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



PHOTOS BY JOHN HEIDER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

St. James Catholic Church member Andrew Westick prepares the Fazzini family's home for new hardwood floors during the Rebuilding Together Oakland County volunteer effort on Saturday. The Fazzini's needed hardwood floors installed because Tim Fazzini has trouble maneuvering his wheelchair around on the carpet.

Volunteers lend a helping hand

Rebuilding Together overwhelms two Novi families

BY NATHAN MUELLER STAFF WRITER

Pat Skaja has spent a great deal of his life volunteering to help others. So when the favor was returned to him last

Teachers find new way to eat pie

Charity Week raises money for five nonprofits

BY NATHAN MUELLER STAFF WRITER

Pies were flying Thursday at Novi High School as students got a chance to enact some revenge on their teachers to benefit a good cause. And even though some teachers took several

pies to the face, it was all in the name of entertainment and raising money for the Humane Society.

The fund-raiser was part of the high school's Charity Week, which

CHARITY WEEK RESULTS raised \$2,122.70 to donate to five dif-Monday ferent charities. Autism Society of America (Class Senior Sarah of 2013) - \$116.76 Letson, who is part Tuesday of the student coun-Boys and Girls Club of America cil that organized the pie throwing, (Class of 2012) - \$160.12 said they chose the Wednesday Humane Society Make-A-Wish Foundation (Class of because they wanted 2011) - \$102.00 to do something for Thursday animals and give Humane Society (Class of 2010) back in a way that - \$203.82 impacted Novi Friday

"It was great," she said. "It was a lot of fun to see the interaction between the students and teachers."

Charity Week Cold Stone Creamery also started last year Chipped in \$100 to Teens Aiding

or visit cityofnovi.org.

Learn about Constitution

Obtain a working knowledge of the Declaration of Independence, the Constitution and the Bill of Rights from 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. on Sundays, May 16-Aug. 8.

Reservations are limited (when Sunday is full, evenings during the week can be opened up.) Cost is \$35 per family for materials, and it must be received by May 6.

The program will be located at Novi Christian Community Center, one block south of Grand River on Taft Road in Novi.

For information, visit www. firstbaptistchurchofnovi.com/iotc. htm, e-mail church@chsnovi.org or call (248) 349-3477.

Band Fest

The Novi Concert Band and the Ypsilanti Community Band will present a free combined-band concert of favorite wind ensemble music at 2 p.m. on Sunday, May 2 at the Novi Civic Center; 45175 W. Ten Mile Road at Taft Road, Novi. Both bands will perform a short concert and then join forces to play together in a grand finale., Michigan. Admission and parking are free. from Rebuilding Together Oakland County, the Novi resident didn't know how to react.

Saturday in the form of minor home repairs

Confined to wheelchair after sustaining a spinal cord injury in 2008, Skaja said he was "overwhelmed" by the generosity shown to him and his family and vowed to return the favor.

"I am going to walk, there is no question about it," he said. "And this is encouragement to do that so I can get back to helping people again."

His daughter, Amy Smith, said she was taught by her parents that "you reap what you sow," and that was what was happening to her family.

"My dad volunteered quietly all his life and these people were coming back to bless him and give back to him," she said.

The efforts were headed up by St. James Catholic Church in Novi through the nonprofit organization Rebuilding Together. Rebuilding Together helps low-income residents, senior citizens and those with disabilities with home repairs the last Saturday in April each year.

Two houses in Novi were chosen for projects.

At the Skaja's home, crews widened the bathroom doorway so Skaja's wheelchair could get through, painted walls, did landscaping, fixed a squeaky floor and much more.

Paul Albanelli, president of Albanelli Cement Contractors, donated the concrete to make a sidewalk that would allow Skaja to go from the front of his house to the back patio, and Chris Heff from Tree Man Tree Service had his workers take down a large tree in the backyard.

About 55 volunteers from St. James as well



The Fazzini family was one of two Novi families who benefitted from some help from members of St. James Catholic Church and Rebuilding Together last Saturday. Seen here are Mona and Tim Fazzini and their son Tim, 16. The other family was Pat and Mary Anne Skaja.

as members of the Skaja family worked at the house from 8 a.m. until after 5 p.m., and organizer Bob Harmer said more work will be done to make the shower wheelchair accessible.

Pat's wife, Mary Anne, was brought to tears by what she called "a gift from God," and couldn't believe how many people, many whom the Skaja's didn't know, turned out to help.

"To have this outpouring of love, it is over-

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after the students the Cancer Community. were inspired by getting involved with emother fund misser Boles for Life

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Teens Aiding the Cancer

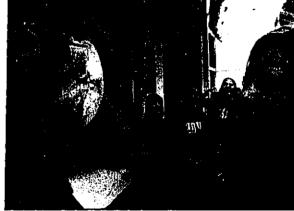
Community (All Student Councils)

Charity Basketball Game - \$1,100

with another fund-raiser — Relay for Life. The week kicked off Monday with the freshman class having a yellow day to raise money for the Autism Society of America. The sophomore class held a team/sports apparel day Tuesday to benefit the Boys and Girls Club of America and the juniors had blue day to help the Make-A-Wish Foundation on Wednesday.

The final day was sponsored by all the student councils and raised money for Teens Aiding the

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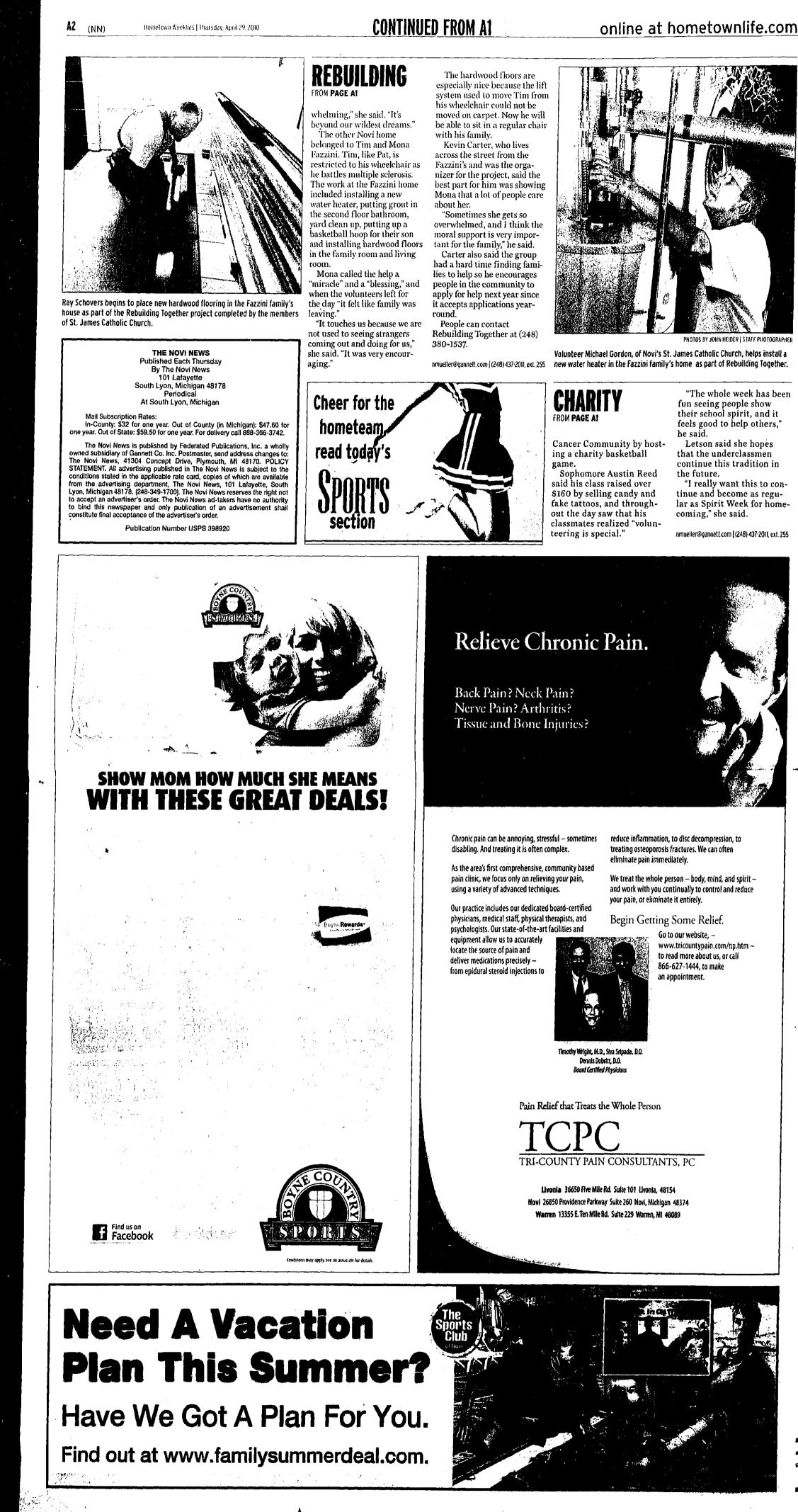


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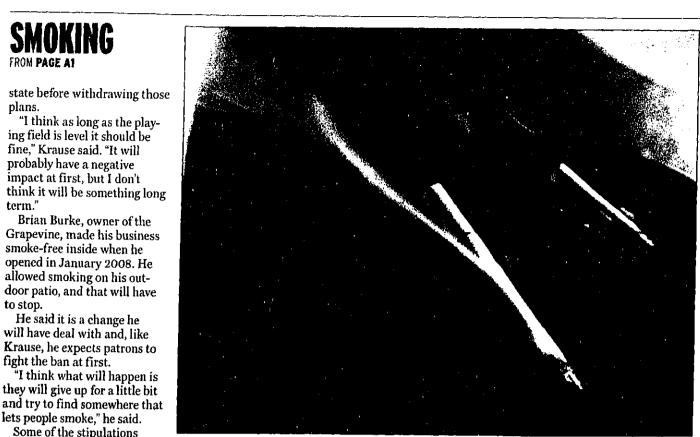
Novi High School teacher Heather McKaig gets a pie in the face from smiling senior Hailey Spillane on April 22 as part of the school's fundraising effort for Charity Week. For a cash donation to the Michigan Humane Society, students got the chance to squish or toss a pie into the face of their favorite teacher or administrator - at least those brave enough to volunteer.











After Friday, ash trays and cigarettes will be a thing of the past at bars and restaurants

but information on how people can file a complaint has yet to be released. Health inspectors will be looking for violations during routine inspections, and a first violation could bring a \$100 civil fine, and up to \$500 could be fined for numerous violations. Novi Director of Public Safety/Chief of Police David Molloy said the police department will not issue citations, but will show up at a business

if a patron is "unruly."

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SMOKING

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businesses to post "no smok-

building and remove ashtrays

Business owners also are in

charge of initial enforcement,

asking people in violation of

the law to stop, refusing ser-

vice if they do not stop and

eventually asking them to

The county health depart-

ment is the ultimate enforcer,

leave the establishment.

and other smoking parapher-

nalia. People are allowed to

leave the building to smoke

and there are no distance

requirements.

ing" signs throughout the

"Really it is the responsibility of the owner to police their own area," he said. The only places exempt from the ban are Detroit's three casinos, tobacco specialty shops and cigar bars. Hookah bars cannot serve food or drinks in the same areas where smoking occurs. Krysten Leight, a bartender at the Post Bar, is a nonsmoker but still thinks the ban

should give owners a choice, especially when there is out-

door seating. "But I am going to be happy that I can come home from work and not smell like smoke," she said. Her co-worker Allison

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Debiasi is a smoker, but is not against prohibiting smoking indoors and does not think it will slow business. "Hopefully, it will have an effect on me and stop me from

smoking," she said. nmueller@gannett.com | (248) 437-2011, ext. 255



Jeffrey H. Miller, MD

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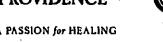
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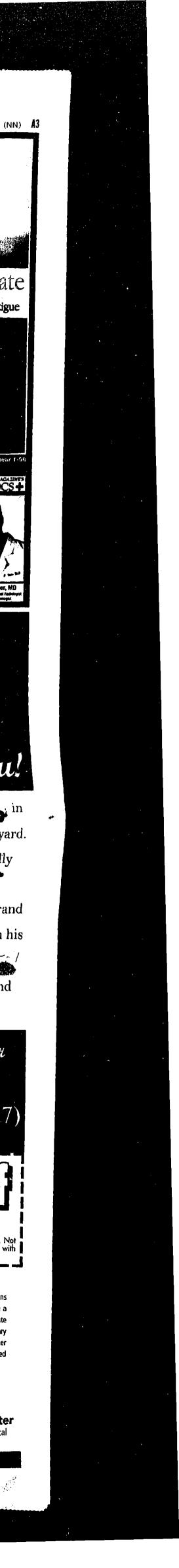
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EDUCATION

End of an era

Lawrence retires after 36 years with school district

BY NATHAN MUELLER STAFF WRITER

Novi High School Principal John Lawrence is ready for life's next experience. The 36-year veteran of the Novi Community Schools district, including the last seven as principal at the high school, has decided this school year will be his last. He said he battled the decision for a couple months before realizing "it just feels

Lawrence started his career in 1974, student teaching at Novi Middle School. He was then hired as the industrial arts and math teacher there before moving to an assistant principal position at the high school after 23 years. He spent six years as the assistant principal before becoming the principal.

"Being in Novi has been a wonderful experience for me," he said. "There hasn't been a day where I don't look and think 'How did this come to be?' I pinch myself every day.' Sarah Letson, a senior at the high school, said when Lawrence announced he wouldn't be back, many underclassmen expressed concern

about next year. "It was a big shock to everyone when they heard," she

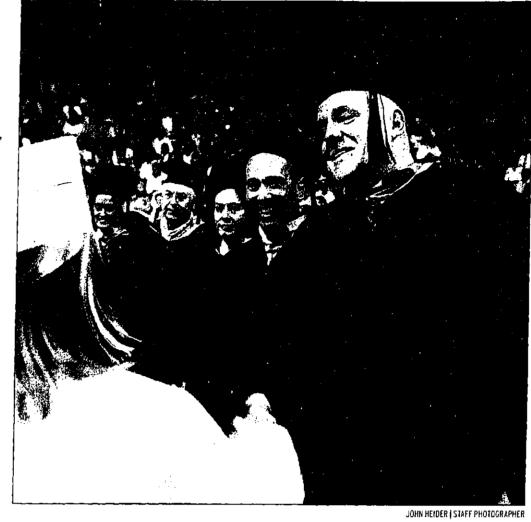
said. Superintendent Pete Dion called Lawrence the "best high school principal he has ever worked with" and that the next person is "going to have extremely large shoes to fill." The kind words are flattering to the outgoing high school cess has been very dynamic," leader, but he refuses to take sole credit for the high school's

Lawrence points to committed staff members, parents, community members and

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Novi High School Principal John Lawrence will shake hands with the high school graduates one final time this June as he will be retiring at the end of the school year after 36 years with the district.

he never wanted to be a high

school principal during his

flown by.

early years, and one that has

He said he doesn't see this

Part of that shift is going to

the students for making Novi High School one of the best public schools in the state. And he is glad to have been

along for the ride. "In 1974, we were building as retiring, rather saying he is a strong school district and "shifting gears." set high expectations, and to be part of that growing proinclude spending more time with his family and wife Sally, he said. "But what has never who also is retiring, and vol-

unteering their time to help changed over the years is the umunity's) commitment to others a level of excellence." "It was time to pass the It has been an eventful jourbaton," he said. "This is a wonney for Lawrence, who said derful high school and it is

going to continue to be." Dion said he is going to take a couple weeks before beginning the search for Lawrence's replacement, and he is going to be looking for a "leader not

a manager.'

"We want someone who is focused on kids, someone innovative and that will sustain the quality of our school district and lead us into the 21st century with a global perspective," he said.

NOVI SCHOOL BRIEFS

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CC second in Quiz Bowl

More than 700 Michigan high school students from across the state gathered at Michigan State University on April 23-24 to participate in the competition former Senate Majority Leader

Dan L. DeGrow began as an annual event 23 years ago. State Quiz Bowl consists of three simultaneously run tourna ments: Class A, Class B and Class C/D. The competition is double-elimination and is open to guiz teams who have won either a

league championship or major tournament. The Class A competition, won by Grosse Pointe North High School, was determined in two final matches. Second place went to Detroit Catholic Central High School, coached by Jason Jones, Ben Herman and Chris Gismondi. The team included Michael Yurko, Matthew Nicholas, George McIntyre, Mitchell Belanger, Ryan Dillon, David Ciccarelli, Matthew Messana, Robert Cernak, Connor Teevans, Christopher Wolfe, Nicholas Baumgartner, Kevin Wegienka, Brett Kusch, Bobby Dorigo-Jones, and Jimmy Haubert.

Novi High School Senior All Night Party

Putting on a Senior All Night Party requires many volunteers and many funds. Organizers still need people to help set up on June 4, work the night of the party June 5 - games, raffle, security, food - and to help tear down and clean up.

. Decorations will be moved to the high school on Thursday, June 3 starting in the afternoon at the decorations site. Set-up will begin at 2 p.m. on Friday, June 4. To volunteer, click on the volunteer form at the Senior All Night Party website at www. novi.k12.mi.us/parentscomm/orgs/WebPages/SeniorParty.aspx. Organizers are also in need of donations for the raffle. If you own

a business that is willing to make a monetary donation or a raffle donation, please contact the party chairperson at the Web site listed above. Donations will also be accepted from individual families. C.A.R.E. now open

Registration for Novi Community Education's Summer Child C.A.R.E. is now open for all Novi residents ages preschool through eighth grade. The program begins Thursday, June 24 and ends Wednesday, August 25.

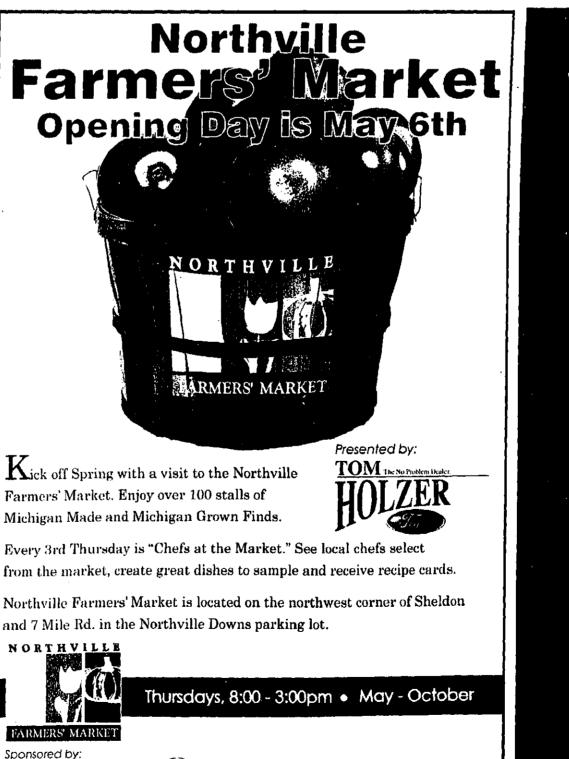
Hours of operation are 7 a.m.-6 p.m. Students will be placed in age appropriate groups and will participate in crafts, sports, field ips, games and free play. This year's location will be at Village Oaks Elementary School.

Lunch and snack are included (except on field trips days). "Call of the Wild" is the theme of this year's program, and students can look forward to plenty of fun-filled activities.

Registration and weekly session fees are available on the Novi School District Web site at www.novi.k12.mi.us under Community Education - C.A.R.E., or call (248) 449-1713 for more information

NOVI ON CAMPUS

Shruti Agrawal of Novi was among 23 Michigan State University students honored April 16 by the MSU Board of Trustees for their academic achievements. Board of Trustees awards are granted at each commencement to graduating senior having the highest cumulative grade point averages at the close of the semester prior to graduation. Agrawal is an accounting major in the Eli Broad College of Business. She is the daughter of Sunil and Sushma Agrawal. A member of the Honors College, she has a nmueller@gannett.com | (248) 437-2011, ext. 255 4.0 GPA. Agrawal is a graduate of Northville High School.



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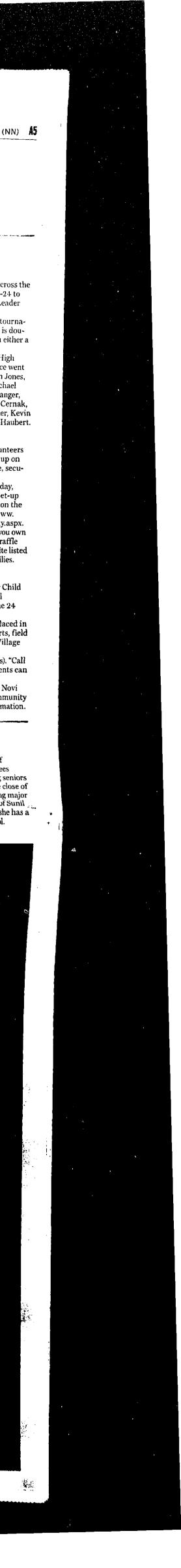
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VIOLA ARINEA

God's loving arms April 21, 2010. home on April 21, 2010. He was born Visitation will be held on Thursday on Gratiot and St. Antoine, next door Township and graduate from Redford conducted on April 30, Friday, at 11 to Wayne State Medical School, from Union High School class of 1974. He a.m. with final visitation beginning at the 1930's until the 1950's. Dear met the love of his life, Barbara J. 10 a.m. at Crosspointe Meadows mother of Anna (Richard) Lingle. Schram, when they were 12 years Church, 29000 Meadowbrook Rd., Grandmother of David and Charlotte. old, but the relationship did not blos- Novi. Memorial contributions may Sister of the late Adeline, Katherine, som until after high school. Mike and be made to Crosspointe Meadows Louis and Steven. Also survived by Barb were united in marriage on July Church. Burial will take place a nieces, nephews and friends Funeral 28, 1978. He was an amazing painter Great Lakes National Cemetery in was Monday, April 26 at Holy Family with Burton Brothers since 1988; he Holly, Online guestbook:

Online condolences at

VELMA JANE BARBER Age 85, died April 19, 2010. ing husband, a devoted son, and a Phillips Funeral Home. Online guest-Survived by her sons: Carl & Dennis proud father. He is survived by his book www.phillipsfuneral.com Stencel. A private service was held. beloved wife Barbara; his daughters, Arrangements entrusted to Phillips Candice (William) Elwell and Amanda Funeral Home, South Lyon. Online Halbert; his parents, Raymond and guestbook: www.phillipsfuneral.com Margaret Halbert; his siblings, Susan

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May You F_{ind} Comfort in Family R Friends

ELIZABETH A. DEPETRO Age 80, of Livonia, passed away April 24, 2010. A memorial service will be held Sat., May 1 at Noon at Salem Bible Church, 9481 Six Mile Road, Salem. In lieu of flowers contributions would be appreciated to Salem Bible Church or Angela Hospice.

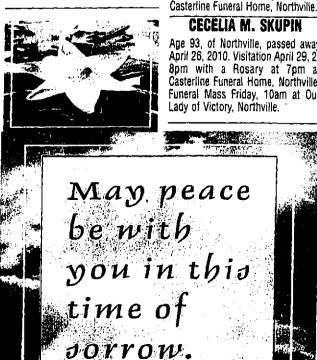
JANE MARIE GAMBLE

at Star Manor in Northville. She was 4 siblings. On April 19, 1947, he Paul Wilson (Kelly), Leah Nilsson born on August 22, 1912. Jane and married Eleanor Narkun at the (Peter) and Jonathan Wilson Ivan moved from Detroit to Silver Church of Assumption in Detroit. (Bernadette); fourteen grandchildren Lake in 1973. Jane loved the lake for Michigan. They were married for 61 and ten great-grandchildren; his swimming and entertaining. She years until the death of Eleanor in brothers Layford Wilson and Alvin enjoyed the many friendships of her 2008. He served in the United States Wilson, his sister Neetcie Buell and neighbors. She served as a babysit- Coast Guard during WWII, managing brother-in-law George Beard, as well ter and dog sitter to many. She was an engine and boiler crew on the as a host of relatives and friends. He known most affectionately as ship Breckenridge in the Philippines. was preceded in death by his par-"Grama Jane." She attended Green Frank was a member of the National ents Mark and Ethel Wilson, brother Oak Free Methodist Church. Jane is Association of Power Engineers and Arnold Wilson, sisters Juanita Jones survived by her sons Bruce (Judy managed construction of major and Marie Beard and son-in-law Cole) Gamble of South Lyon, mails and department stores in Larry Thomason. A Funeral Service Douglas (Mary Kay) Gamble of Chicago and the Detroit Metropolitan was held Saturday, April 24th at Rochester Hills, and daughter Daryl area. He retired from Dayton Good Shepherd Primitive Baptist (Michael) Bush of Mancelona; seven Hudson Properties in 1978, but con- Church, Farmington grandchildren; and two great grand- tinued working in his field until the www.thayer-rock.com children. She was preceded in death age of 80. Frank authored several by her husband, lvan, and by her six articles about the design, installation siblings. A celebration of Jane's life and operation of energy conservation is planned for a later date. systems. He is survived by his son, Arrangements by Phillips Funeral George Patak and daughter Barbara Home, South Lyon. Online guest- Flis, both of Farmington Hills and

LARRY D. GREGG

book www.phillipsfuneral.com

Age 61, of Gregory, passed away April 20, 2010. Funeral service was held Sat. 4/24 at Casterline Funeral Home, Inc. of South Lyon. Contributions appreciated to the Humane Course, 36000 7 Mile Rd, Livonia, Society of Livingston County.





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PEGGY ANN STINSON

Age 70, of South Lyon, passed away

April 25, 2010. She was the loving

and beautiful wife for 54 years t

Richard Stinson. Wonderful mother

to Robin Stinson Kendziorek. Loving

sister to Gerald (Anna) Lilley, Donald

(Bonnie) Lilley. Beloved Aunt to

Donald Lilley, Kim Lilley, Samantha

Lilley, Debbie Lilley, Brooke Lilley and many other nieces and nephews. Peggy was an extremely

pleasant person who loved everyone

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JOSEPH DONALD TILL

KENNETH WILSON

Born on December 7, 1937 i

passed away peacefully at home on

April 21, 2010. He grew up in

Fonde, Kentucky and moved to

Michigan in 1951. He graduated

from Clarenceville High School and

received an Associate Degree in

Community College, He was

employed by McGloughlin Company

and Rapistan Corporation and

retired from Motor Wheel

Corporation in 1996. On June 15,

1969 he was ordained as an elder in

the Primitive Baptist Church. He

served the Monroe Primitive Baptist

1982 until his death. He leaves to

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MICHAEL SCHULTZ

In loving memory of my son Michael

Patricia A. Tornow & Family

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Hills.

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MICHAEL R. HALBERT April 21. 2010.Age 95, formerly of Age 53, a resident of Northville for 32 and everyone loved her. She will be

Detroit and South Lyon, passed into years, passed away peacefully at greatly missed by all who knew her. Beloved wife of the late Joseph June 3, 1956 in Royal Oak, Michigan from 3 - 9 p.m. at Phillips Funeral Arinea who passed away on January to Raymond and Margaret (Wilkie) Home, 122 W. Lake St. (Ten Mile) 12, 1993. He owned a luncheonette Halbert. Mike grew up in Redford South Lyon, Funeral services will be Church, Novi. Donations can be met many longtime friends through made to the charity of your choice. the business. He enjoyed hunting and the outdoors. He loved country music www.obriensullivanfuneralhome.com and was a cowboy at heart. Mike also ____ liked to travel, watch sports, and Age 37, of South Lyon, passed away most of all he like spending time with April 18, 2010. A funeral service his family and friends. He was a lov- was held on Friday, April 23, at (Matthew) Stoney and James (Gale) Halbert: his sister-in-laws, Linda Schram, Gloria (Pietro) Arciero; his Age 96. of Novi, MI, passed away brother-in-law Waldo (Susan) April 25, 2010. Arrangements by Schram; and his beagle grand-dogs THAYER-ROCK FUNERAL HOME, Lola and Hunter, He is also survived my many loving nieces, nephews, and friends. A funeral mass was held Wed., April 28, 2010 at St. Genevieve Catholic Church, 29015 Jamison St. Livonia, MI 48154. Rev. Father Howard Vogan officiated the service. Memorial contributions would be appreciated to St. Genevieve Catholic Pineville, Kentucky to Ethel Harriet Church. Arrangements by Casterline Wilder Wilson and Mark Wilson. He



Funeral Home, Inc. of Northville.

FRANK PATAK Age 88, of Northville, Michigan, died Church as pastor from January of

March 14, 2010, at Clare Bridge Senior Living Center. He was born mourn his passing Diane Elizabeth October 18, 1921 in Detroit, Wilson, his beloved wife of 49 years: Michigan, the son of late Julia and his children Randall Wilson (Nancy). Age 97, passed away April 24, 2010. John Patak. He was the youngest of Deanna Wilson, Bethann Thomason, was a fabulous grandfather to granddaughters Julie Flis of Royal Oak; Sarah Patak of Florida; Mary Flis of Schultz, who died suddenly January Chicago; and Megan Patak of West 25, 2010, he would have been 62 on Bloomfield. As Frank loved to golf, a April 29th. I love and miss you! memorial and luncheon for family and friends will be held at 11 a.m. on Saturday, May 1, at George Murphy's Restaurant, at the Fox Creek Golf Michigan 48152. Arrangements by

> **CECELIA M. SKUPIN** Age 93, of Northville, passed away April 26, 2010. Visitation April 29, 2-8pm with a Rosary at 7pm at Casterline Funeral Home, Northville. Funeral Mass Friday, 10am at Our Lady of Victory, Northville.



Attn: HTWObits For more information call Char Wilson 586-826-7082

Liz Keiser 586-977-7538 The first seven "billed" lines of an obituary are published at no cost. Al additional lines will be charged at \$3 per line. You may place a photo of your love one for an additional cost of \$25. Symbolic emblems may be included at no cost (example: American Flags, religious

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The Novi Choralaires will be performing their spring 2010 concert on May 8 in Novi Middle School's auditorium. From left are Choralaires Diane Miller, Noel Brown, Esther Kerr, Dick Bayerl, Nancy Molloy and Karl Miller.

Sounds of spring

famous by Barbra Streisand, and

like "42nd Street," "My Fair Lady,"

Broadway and Hollywood tunes

"Camelot" and "Singin' in the

small group performances.

There also will be solo and

Wassilak said the group has

been fun to work with because

everyone has a background in

music and enjoys performing.

"They come because they

like to sing, first of all, and it's

their recreation -- one thing

The Novi Choralaires have

been around since 1975 and

they like to do," she said.

perform two main shows

per year, the other being a

Christmas concert. They also

Choralaires close out 35th season with concert at middle school

Rain."

BY NATHAN MUELLER STAFF WRITER

Janet Wassilak has seen many people come and go during her 32 years as director of the Novi Choralaires.

But one thing has remained constant — the group continues to put on a quality show. The talent will be on display for the final time this year as the Choralaires close out their season at 7:30 p.m. May 8 at Novi Middle School with the annual Spring Concert.

"If people like to hear good music it's a good evening of entertainment," Wassilak said. The show is titled "How Can I Keep From Singing," and features perform a few other times dur-

songs such as "People," made

👗 recent study by the Iackinac Center for Public Policy illustrated that, in the two years since Michigan's film credits were signed into law, the state has lost nearly 10 percent of its movie industry jobs. The analysis once again raises serious questions about the effectiveness of the film credits to create jobs and adds to the body of evidence that the refundable film credits are not an economic generator.

With this data in mind, despite giving away \$117 million of taxpayer money in film credits. Michigan's movie industry has lost a higher percentage of jobs than the state as a whole. With the budget problems we face, we cannot afford such an ineffective and costly subsidy.

The Mackinac Center report studied Bureau of Labor Statistics data and found that between the month that the film credits were signed (April 2008) and September 2009 (the most recent month available) the number of people employed in Michigan's "motion picture and sound recording industries" fell from 5,867 to 5,290 - a 9.8 percent decline.

The author and analyst of the report, James Hohman, noted that the estimated \$155 million cost of the film credits in Fiscal Year 2011 is equal to 7 percent of what the Michigan Business Tax extracts from other state businesses.

These refundable credits are being subsidized by taxpayers and small businesses in the form of higher taxes. That is unfair, and I will continue my efforts to help job providers who are struggling to pay the bills and feed their families. While the state is trying to

balance a \$1.7 billion budget deficit, we must use our limited tax dollars wisely and effectively. It is irresponsible to cut funding to key priorities, like our schools, while handing out subsidies to millionaire

The nonpartisan Senate Fiscal Agency says the state only gets 17 cents back for

sible. Bill to help students

> I recently introduced legislation designed to improve academic achievement of struggling students in lowperforming schools by giving teachers the necessary tools to help them succeed. Many Michigan schools

currently lack the evaluation, intervention and review programs that are critical to helping students at risk of failure. With the state's drop-out age expanding from 16 to 18, it is more important than ever to establish these programs to help students gain skills to graduate. To simply force kids to stay in school until age 18

without assisting struggling students is irresponsible and counterproductive. My bill gives schools and teachers the means to identify a student's learning problems,

address his needs and measure his progress. Early intervention programs have proven successful in helping improve student academic success

Nancy Cassis is the state senator for Oakland County's 15th District: Commerce Twp, Highland Twp, Holly Twp, Lyon Twp, Milford Twp, Northville city (part), Novi city, Novi Twp, Orchard Lake city, Rose Twp, South Lyon city, Walled Lake city, West Bloomfield Twp, White Lake Twp and Wixom city. Visit www.

issues in Lansing, or contact her toll free at 1-888-38-NANCY.

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Hollywood producers.



has dropped by almost 6 Lansing percent since Connection the credits were

enacted. That is Nancy Cassis _not sustainable or effective. As the chair of the Senate

Finance Committee, I recently introduced legislation to reduce the business tax burden for thousands of job providers and stabilize the state budget by eliminating the refundability of certain business tax credits going forward.

We would still give producers a credit to eliminate their total tax liability, but would end the practice of cutting them a check. It would make the film incentive program affordable and fiscally respon-

succeed introduced in Michigan Senate

Under my proposal, evaluation and intervention would

application

be required in the failing schools throughout grades K to 3. It would also mandate reviews after grades 4 and 7 and, if determined necessary, intervention in grades 5 and 8. Improving student achievement begins with intervention

before fourth grade and continued review though middle school. To be most effective, this holistic approach includes parent involvement early on and adult advocates or mentors in later grades. Evidence supports our efforts.



JOHN HEIDER I STAFF PHOTOGRAPHE

September to May. This is the first year the 35-member group will be performing at the middle school, and they will be adding some visual expression to the concert to spice it up. Each member has had to memorize the entire set list, which consists of 4-, 6- and 8-

"Compared to some of the other community choruses in the area they are very good," Tickets for the show are \$12,

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Wassilak said.

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ing their season that runs from amueller@gannett.com | (248) 437-2011, ext. 255

and \$10 for a group of 10 or more people. For more information, visit www.novichor-

Senate Bill 1284 would require a school district or public school academy that operates a school among the state's lowest-performing 5 percent of public schools to mplement a plan for providing enhanced instructional services, periodic screenings and early intervention services. My measure requires interventions to ensure that students at all grade levels are achieving at least a level 2 proficiency on the MEAP language arts and math assessments. Laying out this specific benchmark for gauging achievement addresses a key area that was lacking in the state's first Race to the Top So, this reform accomplishes three tasks at once. It will

ensure kids can read and do math at grade level to improve academic performance, give students the ability to succeed in school and in life and boost the chances of Michigan winning additional federal fund-

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NORTHVILLE / NOVI CHURCH EVENTS

Submit: Send calendar submissions via e-mail to cstone@gannett.com; by fax to (248) 685-2892; o/by mail to Church Events/Northville-Novi, 10) N. Lafayette, Monday to be included in Thursday's newspaper. Church of the Holy Family

Location: 24505 Meadowbrook Road Contact: (248) 349-8847 or visit holyfamilynovi.org

Mass Schedule TIME/DAY: 7:30, 9, 10:30 a.m. and 12:15 p.m. Sunday; 9 a.m. Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday; 6:30 a.m. Tuesday, Thursday Friday; 7 p.m. Tuesday; 5 p.m. (English), 6:30 p.m. (Spanish) Saturday

Holy Days: 9 a.m., 5:30 and 7:30 p.m. Reconciliation: beginning 9 a.m. Saturdays or by appointment

Crosspointe Meadows Church Location: 29000 Meadowbrook Road, south of 13 Mile

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Contact: (248) 669-9400, 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Monday-Thursday son, \$12 per family; 7 p.m. Children's Caravan, Club 56, or visit www.crosspointemeadows.org. Sunday Worship: 11:15 a.m.

Bible study classes: 10 a.m. for all ages Details: Nursery and older children programs available. South Lyon, MI 48178. Items must be received by noch on Worship blends traditional and contemporary elements resulting in a multi-sensory worship experience.

Detroit First Church of the Nazarene

Location: 21260 Haggerty Road, north of Eight Mile Road Contact: (248) 348-7600 or visit dfcnazarene.org Sunday Schedule: 9:15 a.m. Worship service with Praise Band, children's Sunday School and Adult Bible Fellowship; 10:15 a.m. Fellowship and refreshments; 11 a.m. Traditional worship service, Children's Church, Youth Contact: (248) 442-8822 or www.newhopecenter. Sunday School and Adult Bible Fellowship; 6 p.m. Evening From Grief to New Hope Service, Children's program, Youth Worship Service Tuesday Schedule: Tuesday 9:30-11:15 a.m. Women of the Word Bble Study with childcare available for through **Details**: Each session will begin with a talk about one age 5; 6:45p.m. Ladies Evening Bible Study; 7 p.m. Men's aspect of grief followed by small group participation led Evening Bille Study

Wednesday Schedule: 5:30 p.m. Family Meal, \$4 per per- group with others who have had similar losses.

Bible Study, Quilting, Adult Classes, Youth Blast Thursday Schedule: 6 a.m. Men of Purpose Prayer Group; 7 p.m. Tae Kwon Do Women of the Word

Time/Date: 9:25-11:15 a.m.

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

Emmanuel Lutheran Church

Location: 34567 Seven Mile Road, Livonia

Time/Date: 7-8:30 p.m.; eight-week workshop beginning

April 14 by trained facilitators. Each person will be placed in a

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Episcopal Church of the Holy Cross Location: 40700 W. 10 Mile Road

Contact: (248) 427-1175 or churchofthaholycross. Sunday Worship: 7:45 a.m., 10 a.m. Sunday School and Nursery Care: 10 a.m. Worship Service

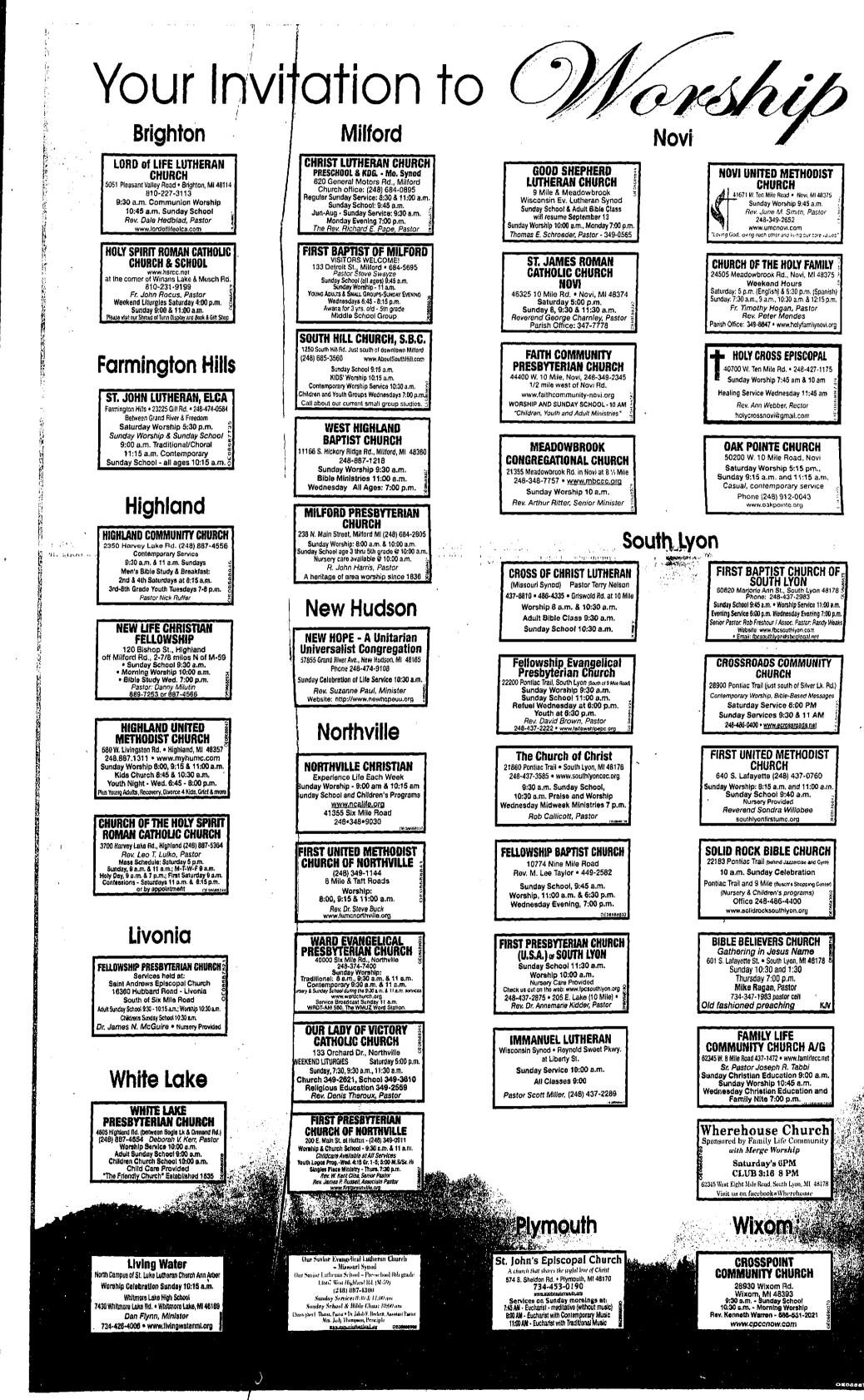
Alzheimer's Support Group Time/Date: 10 a.m. second Saturday of month Faith Community Presbyterian

Location: 44400 W. 10 Mile Road Contact: (248) 349-2345 or visit faitncommunitynovi.ora

Sunday Worship: 10 a.m. Rebekah M. Carter organ recital Time/Date: 12:30 p.m. May 2

Festival of Faith and the Arts Time/Date: 4-8 p.m. May 14; 10 a.m.-4 p.m. May 15 (concert at 4 p.m.)

Please see CHURCH, A10





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Work starts on Metro Trail major overhaul

Crews have started the uuch anticipated repair and construction of the I-275 Metro Trail in Wayne and Jakland counties. In order to theilitate clearing and removal of the existing path, the sec- ion between Hines Drive and Michigan Avenue is now

dused. The I-275 Pathway is a 40wile multi-use recreational tail that parallels the freeway in Oakland, Wayne and slonroe counties. The trail uns through or near some of he most populated communities in southeast Michigan, -neluding Novi, Farmington Hills, Livonia, Plymouth. Northville Township, Canton township and Monroe. It links to many non-motorized paths in these communities, and could ultimately serve as a backbone to the entire south-

cast Michigan recreational (rail system. After decades of neglect, the



Some sections of the trail north of Hines Drive will be replaced. Department of Transportation and local governments to reju-

venate the trail and bring it up to present-day standards. Workers from Angelo Iafrate

south until the project is complete in the fall. This work, which includes construction of four new bridges, will upgrade the trail to present day standards and bring it in line with ADA compliance. Crews also plan to

week and will make their way

close portions of the trail between Hines Drive and Meadowbrook Road in the coming weeks in order to perform spot repairs. Although they don't expect to close the entire section, the path is likely to be shut down in one-mile increments

the north end and complete reconstruction of the middle section, additional work is planned south of Michigan Avenue next year.

the Michigan Department of Transportation held an open house last Tuesday at Fellow Creek Golf Club to explain

active.

In addition to the repairs on

The contractors along with

STAFF WRITER The city of Novi is striving to be a community that inspires its residents to be Providence's leaders looked to develop a full-service

BY NATHAN MUELLER

It has earned the gold level award from the Governor's Council on Physical Fitness through the Promoting Active Communities program is ther first chance to partthree years in a row, and for the first time will be hosting a 5K run and 1-mile walk as part of the Emergency Run with St. John Providence

Park Hospital. The run/walk is being held eventis on Mother's Day, at 8 a.m. on May 8 on the hospital campus, and several mother's tent with things for city leaders and officials will

be participating. "We hope we all want to munity for a great cause," Members of Novi's police said Sheryl Walsh, director of communications for the leaders from Providence Walsh said that when

hospital in Novi they had

a vision of having the com-

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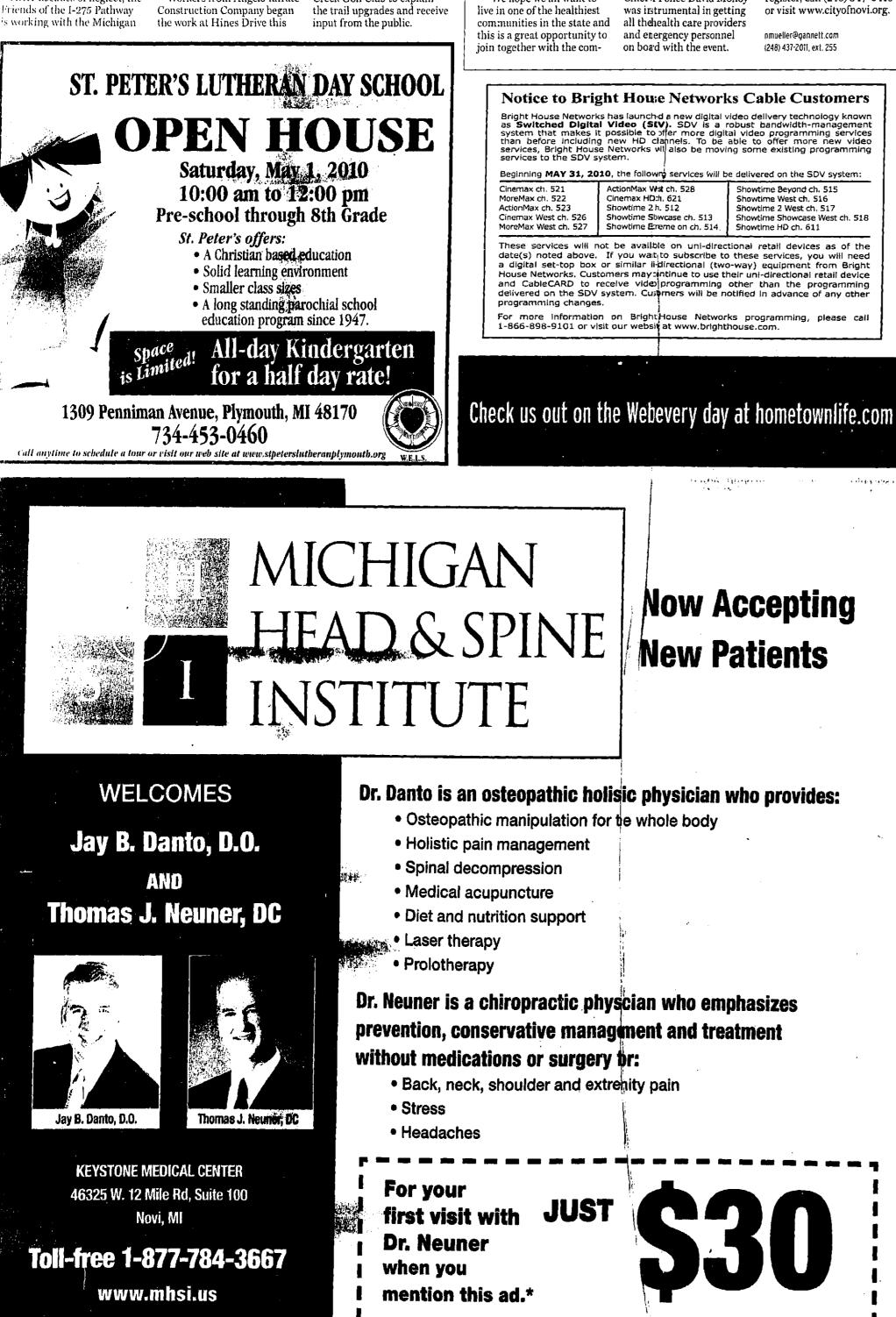
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walk. "We wanted to team up with our partners and put on this event for our community members to take the health munity use the campus for and safety of the community healtly initiatives. And this to the next level," he said. Pre-registration for the 5K run is \$25, cost is \$30 the day of the event. The 1-mile to attend the event as there walk is \$10. Everyone who

> pre-registers is guaranteed a T-shirt. All the proceeds from the Emergency Run will benefit health and safety initiatives in Novi. For more information or to register, call (248) 347-0416

Dirctor of Public Safety/ Chief of Police David Molloy



EXPERTISE MAKES THE DIFFERENCE.

Novi has an Emergency ... Run, that is

Event at St. John Providence to promote healthy living

and fire departments as well as physicians, nurses and will take part in the run and

*Some restrictions apply

A woman had her purse containing several personal items stolen from under the passenger seat of her Ford Fusion between 5:30 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. on April 20 while it was parked in the parking lot at Famous Daves,

online at hometownlife.com

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A ccording to the report, A the woman was told by a patron that her car was broken into and when she went to check on it she saw that the front passenger window had been smashed. Her purse contained her wallet, credit cards and driver's license, and an iPod Touch was taken from the center console. The value of all the items stolen was over

There were no video cameras in the area and police have no suspects at this time.

\$400.

Woman arrested on second drunk driving offense

7A 27-year-old Canton woman was arrested at 2:02 a.m. on April 22 for drunk driving after a Novi Police officer noticed the vehicle stopped at red light on Novi Road and Grand River Avenue without its headlights

on. There were three people in the vehicle when the officer approached it, and a strong odor of intoxicants was coming from inside. The driver said the vehicle was new and she was not sure how to turn the headlights on.

She told the officer she was taking people home from a bar in Novi to Canton and admitted to having one drink. The officer had her step out of the vehicle and she

performed field sobriety tests which she failed. A preliminary breath test registered a blood alcohol content of .13 percent. The legal limit for adult drivers in Michigan is .08 percent. She was arrested for operating while intoxicated and

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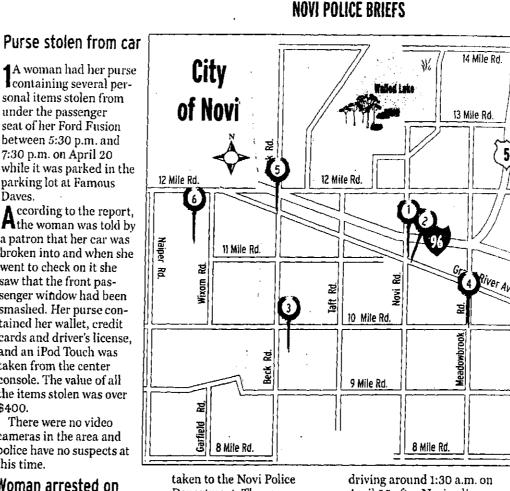
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Department. The case has been forwarded to the Oakland County Prosecutor's Office for review on a possible operating while intoxicated second offense charge. Laptop taken from

unlocked car **A** Novi man had his Dell **J**laptop stolen from his vehicle overnight on April 25 while it was parked in his open garage on Broadmoor Park Lane. The man said he left his vehicle unlocked and did not

notice the theft until a guest who was leaving his home told him his driver's side door was open The laptop was valued at \$1,000 and nothing else was taken from the vehicle. Police have no suspects.

Man caught drunk driving, again A West Bloomfield man

was arrested for drunk

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FURNACE?

April 25 after Novi police were tipped off to an erratic driver in the area of 10 Mile and Meadowbrook Roads. An officer found the vehicle on Novi Road approaching 10 Mile Road and observed it swerve onto the shoulder before initiating a traffic stop. The vehicle pulled over but majority of the car remained in the roadway. When the officer approached the car, the radio was loud and he could smell a strong odor of intoxicants coming from inside. It took him three tries to get

the radio turned down as he turned the air control knob instead. He failed field sobriety tests and a preliminary breath test registered a blood alcohol content of .17 percent. The legal limit for adult drivers in Michigan is .08 percent. He was arrested and trans-

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Department. The case has been forwarded to the Oakland County Prosecutor's Office for review on a possible operating while intoxicated second offense charge. Man caught with marijuana

Novi police arrested a **J**49-year-old man for possession of marijuana on April 24 after an officer stopped at a light on Grand River Avenue and Beck Road ran his license plate and it showed an outstanding warrant. When he approached the vehicle, he smelled an odor of marijuana comng from inside the car and the driver admitted to having "some weed" in the car. The man said he had not used in recent days and the officer did not feel it was under the influence of the drug at the time

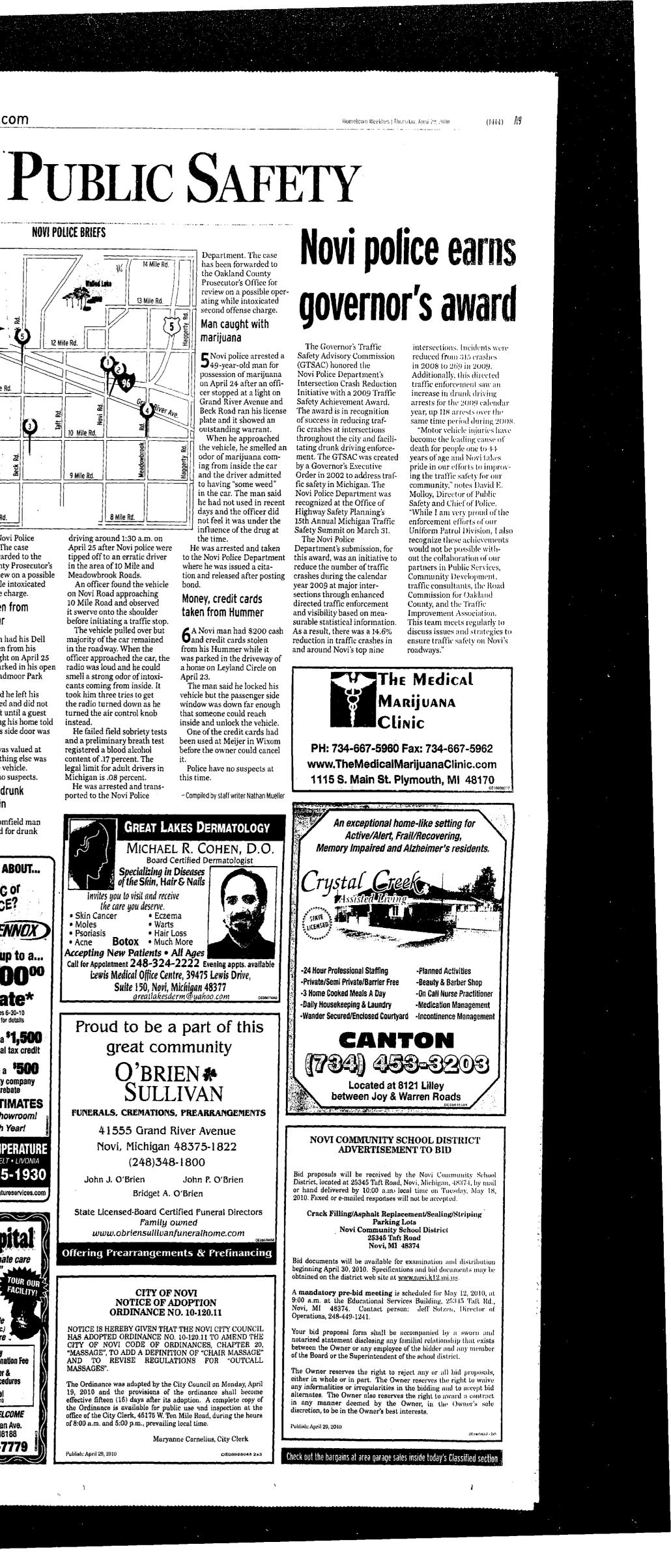
He was arrested and taken to the Novi Police Department where he was issued a citation and released after posting crashes during the calendar bond.

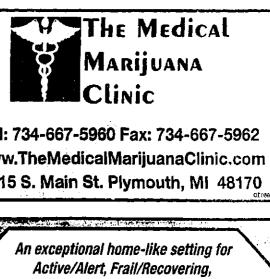
Money, credit cards

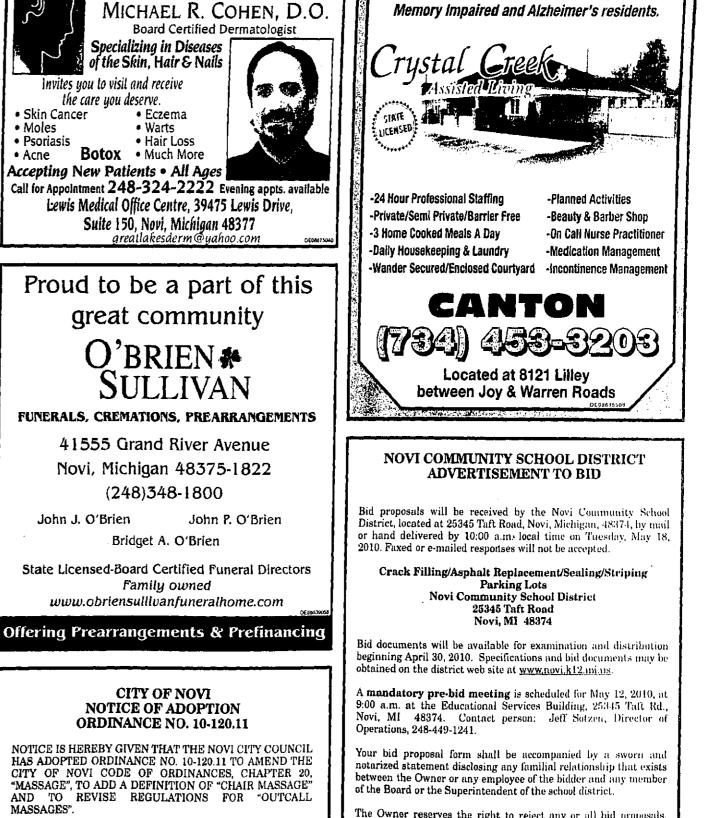
A Novi man had \$200 cash O and credit cards stolen from his Hummer while it was parked in the driveway of a home on Leyland Circle on

The man said he locked his vehicle but the passenger side window was down far enough that someone could reach inside and unlock the vehicle. One of the credit cards had been used at Meijer in Wixom

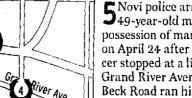
Police have no suspects at







either in whole or in part. The Owner reserves the right to waive any informalities or irregularities in the bidding and to accept bid alternates. The Owner also reserves the right to award a contract in any manner deemed by the Owner, in the Owner's sole discretion, to be in the Owner's best interests



taken from Hummer

April 23.

before the owner could cancel

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GREAT LAKES DERMATOLOGY

Compiled by staff writer Nathan Mueller

(NRNN)

How to create a senior-friendly bathroom

Dear Savvy Senior,

What tips or products can you recommend to make a bathroom more senior-friendly. My husband and I are looking to adapt our home for our elderly years and would like to start with the bathroom. What can you tell us? Aging Gracefully

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Dear Aging

Because more accidents and injuries happen in the bathroom than any other room in the house, this is a great place to start seniorizing. Here's what you should know.

SMALL CHANGES

To avoid hygiene hardships as you get older, let's start with some simple tips and a few lowcost add-ons that can make a big difference in making your bathroom safer and easier to maneuver.

• Floor: To avoid slipping and tripping, get non-skid bath rugs for the floors or secure existing floor mats or rugs with double-sided rug tape.

• Lights: The older we get the more light we need, so install the highest wattage bulbs allowed for your fixtures, and get a plug in

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nightlight that automatically turns on when the room gets dark. Entrance: If the doorway into the bathroom is not wide enough to accommodate a wheelchair or walker, you can easily widen your doorways (two inches) with inexpensive

offset door hinges. • Bath/shower: To make bathing safer, buy a non-slip rubber mat or put down self-stick strips on the tub/shower floor, and install grab bars for support. If you use the shower, it's a good idea to put in a shower curtain rod that screws or bolts into the wall (versus a tensionmounted rod), so that if you lose your balance and grab the shower curtain, the rod won't spring loose. Another safety precaution is to put in a water-resistant, wall-mounted phone in or near the bath/shower in case of a fall. And many seniors with mobility or balance problems need to shower sitting down. If this applies to you, install a hand-held, adjustableheight shower head, and buy a portable bath/ shower chair.

• Toilet: Install grab bars next to the toilet

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too if possible, or purchase a toilet seat riser. This adds two-to-four inches of height making ucts at sites like Accessible-Showers.com and it easier to sit and rise.

• Faucets: If you have twist handles on the sink, bathtub or shower faucets, replace them with lever handles. They re easier to turn, especially for seniors with arthritis or limited hand strength. Also be aware that it takes only and American Standard (AmericanStandard-130-degree water to scald you, so turn your hot water heater down to 120 degrees or get anti-scald devices for your faucets.

BATHROOM PRODUCTS

If you're thinking about remodeling, there are a variety of practical and stylish products on the market that can make your bathroom more age-friendly.

For bathing, prefabricated "curbless showers" and "walk-in bathtubs" are two popular options today. Curbless showers have no threshold to step over so access is a breeze and independent living center (ilru.org, 713-520ideal for wheelchair users. Theses showers also 0232). These are nonprofit centers that protypically come with a built-in seat, grab bars, an adjustable hand-held shower head, and a slip resistant textured floor. Or, if you like to take baths, a walk-in bathtub with a front door good referral resource.

with an ADA compliant "comfort height" toilet that's 17 inches high, versus a standard toilet that's only 15 inches. Kohler (Kohler.com)

Premier-Bathrooms.com.

us.com) make a nice variety. And if you're putting in a new sink, install it at a level that reduces bending. For wheelchair access wall-mounted or pedestal sinks, or a sink built into a cabinet that's open underneath will let you roll in nice and close. And if you get a new faucet, the single lever handle

Savvy Tips: For more information on senior-friendly modification tips visit aarp.org/families/home_design/bath and Homemods.org. Also contact your nearby vide modification information, and many even offer free or low-cost home assessments. Your Area Agency on Aging (800-677-1116) is also a

> Time/Date: 7 p.m. Thursday, May 6 Location: First United Methodist Church of Northville 777 W. Eight Mile Road, Northville (Beck and Taft) in Fellowship Hall. **Details**: The women of Bizarre Bazaar & Radical Joy present Project FUNDway, Fashion show and dessert buffet. Door prizes and store discounts. Fashions by Dress Barn. Hair styling and makeup by Pamela's Salon. Advance ticket sales only through April 25; \$15. All proceeds to

benefit Village Banking. Contact: Norma at (248) 207-3731. All proceeds to benefit Village Banking, **First United Methodist**

Church of Northville A Stephen Ministry Church Location: 777 W. 8 Mile Road at Taft

7:45 p.m. opening; 8-9 p.m. program, every Thursday. 10 a.m.

Contact: (248) 349-1144 or www. fumcnorthville.org SUNDAY WORSHIP Times: (September-June) 8, 9:15 and 11 a.m.; (July and August) 8:30 and

Pastors: Rev. Dr. Steven J. Buck,

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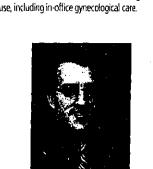
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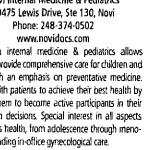






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Center of Heritage Park (Farmington

Road between 10 and 11 Mile roads)

Details: Group meet for lunch after-

Contact: Sue (734) 459-0016

Time/Date: 7:30 p.m. social time;

Single Place Ministries

Location: Meet at the Visitor's

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Bible Study: 6 p.m.

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Sunday Worship

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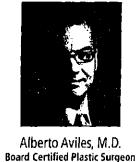
acation Bible School Date: June 21-25 First Baptist Church of Northville Location: 217 N. Wing p.m. p.m. Tuesdays Rummage Sale

> 9-noon April 23 bag sale Emily Samuelson Reception Time/Date: 11:30 a.m. April 25

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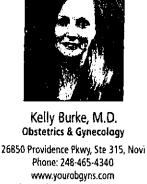
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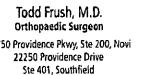
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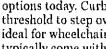
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How to create a senior-friendly bathroom

Dear Savvy Senior, What tips or products can you recommend

to make a bathroom more senior-friendly. My husband and I are looking to adapt our home for our elderly years and would like to start with the bathroom. What can you tell us? Aging Gracefully

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Dear Aging

Because more accidents and injuries happen in the bathroom than any other room in the Here's what you should know.

SMALL CHANGES

To avoid hygiene hardships as you get older. let's start with some simple tips and a few lowcost add-ons that can make a big difference in making your bathroom safer and easier to maneuver.

• Floor: To avoid slipping and tripping, get non-skid bath rugs for the floors or secure existing floor mats or rugs with double-sided

rug tape. • Lights: The older we get the more light we need, so install the highest wattage bulbs allowed for your fixtures, and get a plug in

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nightlight that automatically turns on when the room gets dark. • Entrance: If the doorway into the bathroom is not wide enough to accommodate a wheelchair or walker, you can easily widen your doorways (two inches) with inexpensive

offset door hinges. • Bath/shower: To make bathing safer, buy house, this is a great place to start seniorizing. a non-slip rubber mat or put down self-stick strips on the tub/shower floor, and install grab bars for support. If you use the shower, it's a good idea to put in a shower curtain rod that screws or bolts into the wall (versus a tensionmounted rod), so that if you lose your balance and grab the shower curtain, the rod won't spring loose. Another safety precaution is to put in a water-resistant, wall-mounted phone in or near the bath/shower in case of a fall. And many seniors with mobility or balance problems need to shower sitting down. If this applies to you, install a hand-held, adjustableheight shower head, and buy a portable bath/ shower chair.

• Toilet: Install grab bars next to the toilet

too if possible, or purchase a toilet seat riser. This adds two-to-four inches of height making uets at sites like Accessible-Showers.com and it easier to sit and rise.

• Faucets: If you have twist handles on the sink, bathtub or shower faucets, replace them with lever handles. They're easier to turn, especially for seniors with arthritis or limited hand strength. Also be aware that it takes only 130-degree water to scald you, so turn your hot water heater down to 120 degrees or get anti-scald devices for your faucets.

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If you're thinking about remodeling, there are a variety of practical and stylish products on the market that can make your bathroom more age-friendly.

For bathing, prefabricated "curbless showers" and "walk-in bathtubs" are two popular options today. Curbless showers have no threshold to step over so access is a breeze and – independent living center (ilru.org, 713-520ideal for wheelchair users. Theses showers also 0232). These are nonprofit centers that protypically come with a built-in seat, grab bars, an adjustable hand-held shower head, and a slip resistant textured floor. Or, if you like to take baths, a walk-in bathtub with a front door good referral resource.

Premier-Bathrooms.com. If you're interested in getting a new toilet, go with an ADA compliant "comfort height" toilet that's 17 inches high, versus a standard toilet that's only 15 inches. Kohler (Kohler.com) and American Standard (AmericanStandardus.com) make a nice variety. And if you're putting in a new sink, install it at a level that reduces bending. For wheelchair

access wall-mounted or pedestal sinks, or a sink built into a cabinet that's open underneath will let you roll in nice and close. And if you get a new faucet, the single lever handle style is great for those with arthritis. Savvy Tips: For more information on

senior-friendly modification tips visit aarp.org/families/home_design/bath and Homemods.org. Also contact your nearby vide modification information, and many even offer free or low-cost home assessments. Your Area Agency on Aging (800-677-1116) is also a



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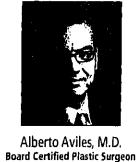
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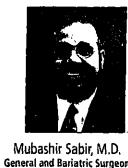
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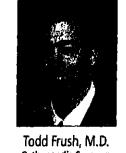
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changes **BY NATHAN MUELLER** STAFF WRITER

Mitchel Huang and Tanaz Naterwala are not the oldest members of their Isshinryu Karate class and they definitely are not the biggest in stature.

But when Huang, 11, and Naterwala, 12, speak during class run by the Family Self Defense Center, everyone lis-They learned early on that

respect is earned, and both lead by example having racked up several awards over the years from the Isshinryu Hall of Fame Board. Huang is up for Junior Male Competitor of the Year and Naterwala up for Outstanding Contribution to Isshinryu Karate this year.

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OUR VIEWS

Tax breaks need serious attention

Recently – thanks in large part to that net-tlesome, drive-by media you hear so much about -a story broke about how the state of Michigan unwittingly awarded a \$9 million tax break to a convicted felon.

Suitably embarrassed, Gov. Jennifer Granholm said she was ordering more extensive background checks as a requirement before further tax credits are granted.

That's a start. But the governor is missing the point if the new rules only rearrange titles and focus only on preventing future grants to convicts.

While annoying, the applicant's criminal background is getting way too much attention. The Michigan Economic Development Corp. should have uncovered Richard A. Short's criminal background had it done even a cursory background check. But the follow-up emphasis should be on the decision-making process that led the state to decide that his RASCO firm had the wherewithal to carry out its business plan.

The failure to uncover his criminal background could be explained away as sloppy procedure. But the failure to adequately vet the company could also reveal an environment that favors promotion over substance, or a good public relations story over critical analysis.

In other words, when the MEDC glossed over Short's application, it could have been doing exactly what it was expected to do. Indeed, Granholm said that the RASCO case was embedded in MEDC procedures dating back to the administration of former Gov. John Engler. While that may have been an attempt to leflect blame back on her Republican predecessor, it also suggests that the program has

been poorly administered during her sevenplus years in office. In other words, it was proken when she got here and she hasn't done anything to fix it. In refusing the fall-on-his-sword resignation of Greg Main, Granholm said the MEDC's top

official is "an incredibly ethical, stand-up guy." While those are nice-sounding words, they came eight days after she said that Short was "doing phenomenal work" in renewable energy. No one, other than the governor, has brought up the integrity or ethics of Main and the

MEDC. The issue is competency. One assumes that the "phenomenal work" line came courtesy of the MEDC, which worked more than a year with Short without discovering his questionable background. A few weeks ago, a process server from Flint said such information was available via a 15-minute Internet search.

So what exactly was MEDC doing? A clue to that answer is offered by MEDC's recent vow to check previous tax-break recipients to see whether they had questionable backgrounds or whether they produced the jobs they promised. That's a troubling statement as it implies that once the tax breaks are granted, no one

checks to see if they are effective. That, in fact, was the conclusion reached a year ago by a study funded by the Michigan Education Association, the statewide teachers' union that is one of Granholm's biggest supporters. Did anyone act on that report? Apparently

Without a thorough investigation into the practices of the MEDC, the public is left with the suspicion that the agency's goal was less to effectively administer a program than to produce public relations events.

As it is, there are two major questions involving MEDC and tax breaks. First, is there effective oversight to make sure that tax breaks are well administered? Second, is there serious analysis to determine that the tax breaks are effective, as opposed to just handing out tax-payer money to those fortunate enough - or connected enough, or devious enough - to win the tax break lottery?

If Granholm is merely applying makeup to the problem, neither of those questions will be addressed, much less answered.





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Equal pay for women

April 20 was National Equal Pay Day.

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national gender wage gap of 80 cents on the

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dollar. With so many women in Michigan

being the chief wage earners, this has a

Currently women in Michigan earn 72

Gretchen Pugsley

"I'd write about philosophy. It's a hobby of mine and an interest."

If you were to write a book, what would it be about?

(Asked of those volunteering for the chain-of-books move at the Novi Library.)

Dan Turner (Novi Library systems admin) Redford



"I would write a book on the Great Lakes because they're just a key part of Michigan." Mary Alice Brunner

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LETTERS

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huge impact on the well-being of families in our state. Federal pay equity legislation was intro-duced in 1945, around the time my mother went to work to support her two daughters. It is ridiculous to think that so little has changed in more than 60 years. It has been over three decades since the

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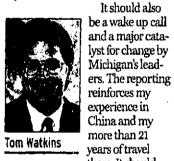
How to assure China's rise doesn't come at our demise backwards to make Michigan a

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relationships.

he statewide reporting on the recent Beijing Auto Show captured the changes both in China's auto market and the country itself.



reinforces my experience in China and my more than 21 years of travel there. It should convince the governor that Michigan needs an

aggressive plan to make China's rise and globalization work for us. China can and must be part of the ingredients necessary to reinvent and revitalize Michigan's economy

Sadly, there is no such plan in Michigan today or the will at the highest levels to begin crafting one. This is unacceptable in a day and age when ideas and jobs can and do move across the globe effortlessly. It is clear that when it comes to

China, Michigan is like the proverbial nine blind men holding an elephant. Each individual describes the animal quite differently

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allocated \$100 million per year.

The Michigan Legislature con-

had an education action group

meeting this March. An issues

guide prepared for that meet-ing revealed that as of two years

Phil Power

depending on the part he is holding. There is no shared vision, no overall direction, no common agenda. It's high time Michigan's leaders stopped using China for division and subtraction and started developing a plan to assure that China's rise results in addition and multipli-

cation of jobs in Michigan. The Asian behemoth is underwriting U.S. debt to the tune of \$1 trillion and growing, has the fastest-growing large economy in the world, is producing more autos than America, and is intent on winning the race for clean, alternative

COMMENTARY

energy technology. Since the opening of China to the world by Deng Xiaoping, the leader who followed Mao Zedong, China is a rising economic superpower. The Chinese economy has grown by double digits for the past 20 years and the auto market remains in its

potentia It all adds up to countless business opportunities in China for Michigan companies willing to be creative and innovative. Further, the Chinese will continue to seek places to invest throughout the

world we should be bending over

hospitable place for such invest-State government has an important role to play, once it stops looking at China through a rearview

mirror and recognizes the reality of the situation and the enormity of the opportunities. The Chinese market, with 1.3 billion people and a rising middle class, is the mother lode of 21st century global commerce. The county executives from Wayne and Oakland, Robert Ficano and L. Brooks Patterson, along with Paul Gieleghem, chairman of the Macomb County Board of Commissioners, together with

Commissioner Ed Bruley, Ken Lampar and state Rep. Fred Miller are doing their part to build tiple trade missions, set up offices n China and encouraged their local community schools to begin to offer Mandarin Chinese to their

Here are some steps that could be taken to enable Michigan to tap the rich China vein: 1. First, drop the China rhetoric that is not conducive to building positive relationships (what the Chinese call "guanxi"), conclude

China is not going away and ask

emphasis on economic, cultural, agricultural, tourism and education nitiatives. The China wave will continue to come, we can do nothing and be swamped - or learn to surf and ride the wave.

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state government.

point for overseeing and coordi-

Our state needs coordinated pre-K spending

GUEST COLUMN

Start Readiness Program. If all to enroll in publicly funded pre-K programs, it would cost \$236 the National Institute for Early

schools from state and federal sources together is about \$11 billion annually

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Lansing last week, talk centered around the hard fact that the capitol is preoccupied with the budget crisis, and that most lawmakers regard advocates for pre-K as another special interest

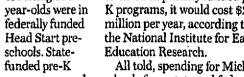
There are 83 organizations in Michigan dealing with childhood and education, according to Judy Samuelson, CEO of the Early Childhood Investment Corporation. These organiza-All told, spending for Michigan tions - one of which is our state itself — are the funding vehicles for \$2.5 billion going to early

childhood programs. This reminded me of the days in the early 1980s when I was picked by then-Gov. Jim Blanchard to chair the Michigan Job Training Coordinating Council. Back then, the state was in the middle of a big recession (what else!), and most of the job training folks were whining about not having enough money.

It turned out that there were a

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

Around 35,000 4-year-olds are eligible but not currently enrolled in either Head Start or the Great legally eligible children law were million per year, according to



programs served another 18 per-But that leaves

Leadership Council (ECLC), a How do we do in comparison with group of 15 influential citizens other states? Currently, Michigan ranks 19th as a proportion of pop-ulation served, while we rank 16th formed to argue for pre-K in Michigan, even during times of budget crisis (Full disclosure: I'm a member, and The Center sidered eliminating all state-fundfor Michigan is helping adminis-

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Gary Gold

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2. Seek advice from knowledgeable individuals inside and outside Michigan on what other states and nations are doing that we should emulate and what is uniquely Michigan that the Chinese want or

3. Convene a cross section of Chinese American community leaders from such groups as the Chinese Association of Greater Detroit, Chinese American Association, Asian and Pacific Islanders Chamber of Commerce, and Detroit Chinese Business Association and ask how the state can leverage their existing China

4. Brainstorm with all the various China experts and pull togeth er an action plan that can position Michigan to take full advantage of the continuing rise of China, with

total of 72 job training programs in Michigan being administered by nine separate departments of The problem wasn't financial. It was managerial. It didn't take

the folks at the Early Childhood Leadership Council long to see that consolidating programs into one place would reduce waste and increase accountability. Those are two key policies for the state worst-hit by the recession. What's needed, then is a focal

nating all the separate funding streams around this field - say a Governor's Office for Early Childhood Education. This is something that might easily be done by executive order. Are you listening, governor?

DETAILS The Michigan International Women's Show is presented by The Detroit News and

paying adult. Advance tickets are available at Kroger for \$7. offered in advance online for is available for \$5. exhibitor coupons, visit www.



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health, cardiology and pedi-DMC Pavilion sponsored by Detroit Medical Center.

Personal safety law expansion proposed

help adults initiate conversations with adolescents and teens. to intervene and or prevent it.



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More: For a complete listing of local and regional events, see the Novi Calendar online at www.hometownlife.com Submit: Send catendar submissions low impact Latin dance moves to via e-mail to cstone@gannett.com; ____ create a dynamic, fun and effective

by fax to (248) 349-9832; or by mail to Novi News, 101 N. Lafayette, 👘 targeted for beginner to intermedi-South Lyon, MI 48178. Items must be — ate level. Diane Quigley, a fitness received by noon on Monday to be included in Thursday's newspaper.

LOCAL EVENTS Emergency 5k run and 1-mile

stroke walk Time/Date: 9 a.m. Saturday, May 8

Location: Providence Park Hospital Campus in Novi (southwest corner of Beck Road and Grand River Avenue) Details: The City of Novi and

Providence Park Hospital's first annual fun, healthy event designed for the whole family. Cost for the run is \$25; the walk is \$10 for adults and free for children 13 and under. Make checks payable to City of Novi. Come share a positive, healthy activity with doctors, nurses and associates from Providence Hospital and Providence Park Hospital as well as area police officers, firefighters and EMS personnel. Contact: cityofnovi.org

Zumba Class

River Avenue, Novi.

Time/Date: 7:30 p.m. Mondays and Thursdays Location: The Botsford Center for Health Improvement, 39750 Grand

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Contact: (248) 473-3100 Details: Zumba is a fusion of Latin and International music combined with high-energy, simple to follow, workout. These Zumba classes are specialist, physical therapist and certified Zumba instructor. teaches both classes. The class is \$2 for Botsford Center for Health Improvement members. Non-members may purchase a punch card for 10 sessions for \$99 or pay a drop-in guest fee of \$15. Registration is not required

Mother's Day Brunch Time/Date: 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Sunday,

Mav 9 Location: Diamond Center at Rock Financial Showplace, Grand River Avenue (between Taft and Beck roads), Novi Details: Presented by awardwinning Epoch Catering, Menu includes a made to order ornelet and waffle station, garlic roasted sirloin, chipotle honey tangerine chicken, and Portobello mushroom ravioli with truffle sauce. Plus, Epoch's famous dessert buffet, including many sugar-free treats. ervations or visit www.rockfinancialshowplace.com.

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BUSINESS Metro Novi BNI

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

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

Contact: For more information, contact Julie Paguette at 248-797-1665 or juliepaquette67@gmail.com; www.metronovibni.com.

Novi Chamber of Commerce The Novi Chamber of Commerce is an active, progressive chamber offering a variety of events, educa tional programs, an enhanced Web site, and involvement with local charities. Location: 41875 11 Mile Road. #201,

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

Business to Business Breakfast Time/Date: 8-9 a.m. Wednesday, May 12

Location: ARIA Facial Care, 39475 Lewis Drive, Ste. 175, Novi Details: Networking and a light breakfast; \$5 payable at door Business to Business Breakfast Time/Date: 8-9 a.m. Tuesday, May

Location: Grand Court of Novi, 45182 West Park Drive, Novi Details: Networking and a delicious full breakfast; \$5 payable at door Luncheon with Tom Izzo Time/Date: 11:30 a.m. Wednesday.

Location: The Baronette Renaissance, 27790 Novi Road Details: A special luncheon with featured speaker Tom Izzo, Michigan State University's head basketball coach; \$25 pre-registration required no later than 4 p.m.

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Earth Day 2010

Monday, May 24

Rodney Lowe volunteers to help clear the grounds of Novi's ITC Park of debris and trash on Sat., April 24 as he and others did their part for the land to celebrate the recent Earth Day. Volunteers also weeded the play structure and kids got to create and plant flower pots out of recycled coffee cans.

Novi Toastmasters Club Fime/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.freetoathost.us. Contact: Paulette Alioa, V.P. of Public Relations at greenspace@

mi.rr.com or (248) 756-0907. Time/Date: Noon every Thursday Location: Novi Methodist Church.

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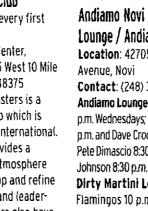
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Any group interested in hosting a "Drugs 101: What Parents Need to Know" program for the parents of their school, district or community, can call 734-398-7518 or email nealthed@trinity-health.org. Botsford Hospital Fair Botsford Hospital is host-

ng its third annual Safety and Injury Prevention Fair on Saturday, May I from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the Community Room of Botsford Hospital's Zieger Administration & Education Building. The free

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event is open to individuals, families and groups of all ages. There will be experts and

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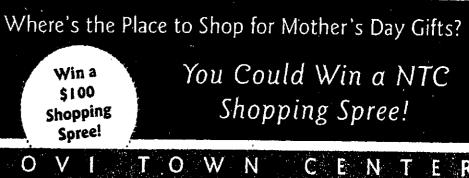
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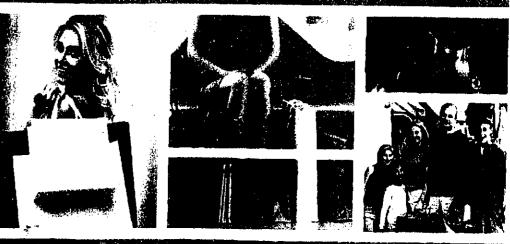
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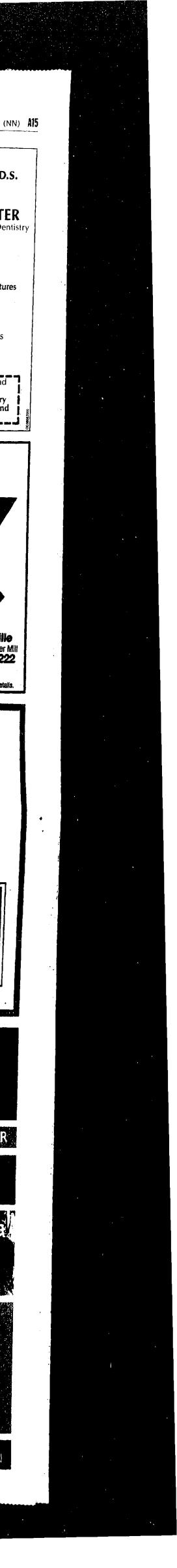
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After dominating South Lyon East in a doubleheader by a combined 25-4 score, Novi struggled in their next three games, allowing 30 total runs. The Wildcats hit the 10-win mark on the season with 15-4 and 10-0 mercy-rule victories over East (4-5, 1-3 Central) on

pitched the six-inning win in the first game, while junior Tyler Root and senior Kevin Zak combined for the fiveinning victory in the second. Senior Masaru Nogami led the way on offense in the first

game, going 3-for-4 with two RBIs and two doubles. "He does everything he can to get on base," Novi coach Rick Green said. "Nogami,

Nick Regnier and (sophomore Jim) Eloff have been the most consistent." Senior Garrett Jewell and Eloff each had a triple while going 2-for-2, and junior Mike Kruse added a triple of his own

to help Novi to the 15-4 victory. A single from Nogami, doubles by Zak, Regnier and senior Please see BASEBALL, B2



Nildcat Michael Kruse hustles around second on his way to third as he attempts to advance on a fly ball to the outfield.



Novi studentathletes earn Academic **All-State honors**

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Cal Stone, editor . (248) 437-2011 cstone@gannet1.com

Wildcat girls swim, girls cagers and boys cagers among smartest teams

BY CHRIS JACKETT CORRESPONDENT

When talking about student-athletes, the "student" part of the equation is often forgotten. For Novi High's teenagers, that's far from the truth as three different varsity squads recently earned Academic All-State team mentions. The Basketball Coaches Association of Michigan and Michigan

Interscholastic Swimming Coaches' Association both dished out their Academic All-State team awards last week and Novi's boys basketball, girls basketball and girls swim and dive squads all had their names show up on the lists.

"We are very proud of the academic achievements of our student-athletes," Novi Athletic Director Curt Ellis said. "Their work in the classroom is simply another demonstration of their championship personalities. Qualities such as determination, dedication, hard work and perseverance not only help our student-athletes achieve on the court and in the pool, but also in the classroom." Novi's girls swim and dive team led the successful trio of Wildcat squads, receiving No. 1 Academic All-State honors from the MISCA for the second straight year. The team's combined 3.83 grade point average was the highest score of not only the girls swim squads in Division I, but of all three divisions for both gen-

"It's a heck of a legacy to establish," Novi swim coach Scott Teeters said. "These Novi swimmers budget or manage their time as good as any high school kid in the United States. The elementary school teachers and middle school teachers gave them the foundation to do it."

Other KLAA swim teams that earned mentions were Northville at seventh in Division I with a 3.58 GPA, while Hartland was ninth with 3.51 and Westland John Glenn was 10th with 3.47. Walled Lake Northern's girls tied Okemos for the top spot in Division II with a 3.75 team GPA. "The nice part about the state ranking academics is we're count-

ing 40-some kids. Its kind of more of a team effort," Teeters said. "I've got to give this all up to the parents. Kids, parents, teachers, in that order. They came to the high school with a really good work

"I had nothing to do with it. Our girls go four mornings a week. I don't know how they do it. In the water, we tell them we're going to prepare them like its college. The girls basketball squad took BCAM honors for the seventh-

straight year with the 10th highest team grade point average in Please see HONORS, B4

Wildcats drop

two of three

after hitting

10-win mark

BY CHRIS JACKETT

CORRESPONDENT

April 21. Senior Nick Regnier

Novi's sluggers hit snag



Wildcat catcher Katie Marra.



Wildcat Colleen Kolis looks a pop-up

into her glove during Novi's April 26

home dame.

Inconsistencies continue to haunt the Wildcats

Novi upsets South Division leader Plymouth 3-0

BY CHRIS JACKET CORRESPONDENT

The Wildcats' softball squad is still looking for some consistent motivation, but a few more wins under the belt should help, as Novi won three of five games last The week began with a doubleheader against South Lyon East. An improved Cougars squad stole a 3-2 decision from Novi in the first game. "They have improved immensely over the last four

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ON TAP After hosting a baseline doubleheader

against Northville (4-1, 1-1 Central) last night, Novi (4-6, 1-3 Central) will visit Livonia Franklin (5-3, 2-2 South) at 4 p.m. Monday. The team will then host Livonia Stevenson (2-4, 1-3 Central) in a doubleheader starting at 4 p.m. Wednesday. "It'll be a tough week, a measuring stick," Novi coach Bob Lulek said.

Wildcat netters sweep through central division competition

ON TAP

Defeat two teams in 87% of 250 games

> BY CHRIS JACKETT CORRESPONDENT

Novi's girls tennis squad padded their position in the KLAA Central Division last week with

a pair of dominating sweeps over both Plymouth Salem and Livonia The Wildcats won 217 of 250 games over the two meets while earning 9-0 wins over both schools to improve to 6-0 (4-0

Central). "This week went as expected," Novi coach Jim Hanson said. 'A lot of the kids are year-round tennis players. A lot of these schools,

the kids only play tennis during the tennis season. The singles players led the way, combining for a 109-8 record

showing why they are some of the best in the state. Senior Amanda Border won her one singles flights 6-0, 6-1 April 20 against Salem and 6-0,

Sophomore Abby Wang took two ngles with 6-0, 6-2 and 6-0, 6-0 victories Senior Sara Carlson only com-

igainst Salem. Moving up a spot for the

One of the most competitive weeks of the season, the No. 2-ranked Wildcats 6-0 (4-0 Central) were scheduled to face off with No. 10 Northville (5-0, 4-0 Central) Tuesday for the KLAA Central Division title before taking on No. 3 Saline (3-0) at 4 p.m. today. All three teams are in Division I.

"This week will be tough, it'll be a good indicator of where we stand," Novi coach Jim Hanson said. Novi will follow the matches

with a pair of KLAA conference crossovers, hosting North Division competition 4 p.m. Tuesday and visiting a West Division team 4 p.m. next Thursday. The Wildcats will face the fellow division champs or runners-up in the crossovers depending on how they

this week. Felcher defeated her Spartan counterpart 6-0, 6-0 last Thursday at three singles after

did against Northville earlier

defeating Salem 6-0, 7-5 at four singles. Taking over four singles against Stevenson was freshman Caitlin O'Brien, who took a 6-0, 6-0 decision

"Our singles played well during the week in both matches. Salem has a nice team. The singles

scores are somewhat misleading Hanson said. "Salem is definitely an improved team from last years so that was a good win for us." Novi's top three doubles teams were in tact and consistent

throughout both meets. Junior Jenna Snyder and senior Julia Thomas took care of business with 6-2, 6-1 and 6-0, 6-2 victories at one doubles, while senior Andrea Lollo and junior Meggie Riegel handled two doubles with 6-3, 6-3 and 6-1, 6-1 wins. Junior Ashley Aljadah and sophomore Ori Nagasaka took the three doubles flights with a 6-1, 6-1 win over Salem and 6-0, 6-0 victory over Stevenson.

"We have to get contributions from both singles and doubles and we did that in these matches," Hanson said. "I'm pleased with how things are going." Sophomore Emily Kwederis

won both of her four doubles meets, but took each with a different partner. Teaming with junior Meng Meng Jie, the pair defeated Salem 6-0, 6-3. She then teamed with junior Tanaya Srini to defeat Stevenson 6-2, 6-3.

Senior Julianna Zuccato had a similar setup at five doubles, earning two victories with different partners. She teamed with senior Shannon Maturi to defeat Salem 6-0, 6-0 and senior Lindsey ohnson for a 6-0, 6-2 win over Stevenson

Johnson and Srini also paired for a 6-2, 6-2 exhibition victory over Salem at six doubles.

"We've just got to strive to continue to improve each match out, each practice," Hanson said.

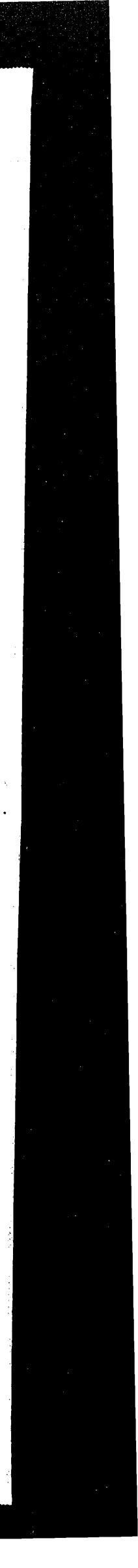
Stevenson

in games during the two meets,

6-0 last Thursday at Stevenson.

peted for the Tuesday meet, takng a three singles match 6-0, 6-0

Stevenson meet, senior Lauren



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WILDCATS ROM PAGE B1

years. They were hitting our pitches pretty hard," Novi coach Bob Lulek said. Junior pitcher Rebecca

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Richter gave up eight hits in seven innings while striking out one and walking none, but Novi's batters had trouble getting runs home.

Senior Allyson Hrit, juniors Maddy Sinkovich (one RBI), Katie Marra, Meaghan Robinson and Kim Powers each had one hit, while junior Colleen Kolis had a triple and Richter earned an RBI on a sacrifice fly.

"This is the hardest team to get them motivated. It's my fault because I can't find the right buttons to push yet. The motivation part, we're not up there yet," Lulek said. "Defensively we were very sound, (3B) Kolis and (CF) Sinkovich had outstanding defensive plays."

The Wildcats turned things around and bounced back in the second game with an 11-1 victory.

"We had eight hits. They had seven errors, four walks," Lulek said Contributing to the offense

were senior Stephanie Hrit (one hit), Allyson Hrit (one hit. one walk, RBI), Sinkovich (one hit, RBI), Kolis (two hits, RBI), Robinson (three hits, RBI) and Marra (one hit, RBI).

Sophomore Taylor Scott got the win behind three strikeouts, three walks and four hits over five mercy-rule innings. The team then took to the

Stacey Shaieb Tournament at Bloomfield Hills Lahser last Saturday, starting off with a 11-2 victory over Bloomfield Hills Andover before dropping a 5-2 decision to Carleton Airport and a 4-1 decision to Madison Heights Bishop Foley. "We played two solid games

and the last one we laid an egg and didn't play very well," Lulek Abby Robinson, Sinkovich and

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A Novi Wildcat takes a swing during their April 27 home game.



said The team got their record back above .500 last Monday with a 3-0 win over KLAA South Division-leading Plymouth (9-2, 4-0 South). Scott allowed just four hits on the mound, while contributing two doubles at the plate to help Novi improve to 4-6 (1-3 Central).

She got help from several other Wildcats, as sophomore

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Powers each added single hits. Meaghan Robinson and Allyson to sophomore Kelli Timar, Hrit each had two hits, while Stephanie Hrit added a single and a double. "I've just got to find the right button to push. One day we'll be consistent," Lulek said. "As a half for the Wildcats' fourth coach, you've got that talent, but goal. you've got to find a way to win.

They've all been close games."

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Wildcat Maddy

Sinkovich runs

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on her way to

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has Novi on top of the KLAA Central Division at 2-0-0 (4-I-I overall). After a 1-0 defeat of

Livonia Stevenson (2-2-2) April 19, the Wildcats took scoring on April care of South Lyon 4-0 last Thursday. "At times we were great, at

> at times we struggled," Novi coach Brian O'Leary said. Junior Gabby Gauruder was flawless, making five saves for the victory.

more shot attempts that weren't on the mark, but it was no match for Novi's 16 shots, 12 that made it on net. The first three that made it into the net all came from junior Nicki Caruso, who completed the first-half hat trick with assists going junior Molli Krick and freshman Natalie Krygier. Senior Lindsey Pehrson set up sophomore Katie Seelenbinder in the second

JUNIOR VARSITY

Last week's contests were similar to the varsity results, as Novi's JV team defeated Livonia Stevenson 2-0 April 19 and then took care of South Lyon 3-0 last Thursday. at 32:14 as Haustein earned Freshman Erin Dircks cored twice in the second half against Stevenson; with ssists going to freshmen Aubrey Soave and Caterina Nussia.

Novi's defense made a stand Chris Jackett is a freelance writer in the final minutes, as soph- and former Novi News staff writer.

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Chris Slack, a triple by Kruse and a home run by Eloff quickly rang up seven runs on six hits in the second inning of the second game as the Wildcats cruised to the 10-0 mercy win. Things didn't go nearly as

well Saturday at Saline. as Novi dropped a 7-2 decision in their first loss of the season. Senior Adam Paulk had a

solid pitching performance against a strong hitting team, but Novi's nine hits weren't enough offense to keep the Wildcats on the winning side of the box score. Managing only singles for the game, RBIs came from Nogami and ophomore Logan Regnier.

"We're not throwing the ball over the plate," Green said of his team's overall pitching on the weekend. The second game of the day at Saline was a pitcher's nightmare against Alpena. Down 14-7 after three innings and 17-9 after five innings, Novi's offense clawed its way to a 18-17 victory over their fellow Wildcats.

Nine different Novi players

Wildcats soccer team shuts out competition

Squad prepares for baseline contest tonight

BY CHRIS JACKETT CORRESPONDENT

A pair of shutouts last week

times we were average and

The Lions (5-4-1) had two

squad is off to a strong start,

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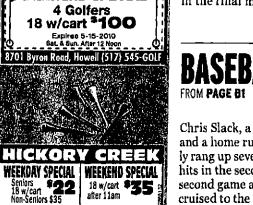
Novi's baseball squad (11-2, 4-0 Central) had a big doubleheader scheduled against baseline rival and defending KLAA Central Division-champion Northville (8-4, 3-1 Central) last night. Novi coach Rick Green hoped his Wildcats could break a minor slump to pull through and head into this weekend's matchups on a positive note. The Wildcats will visit Berkley's Pop Lewis Field for games against Berkley (10-3) and Madison Heights Lamphere (10-1) at 9 a.m. and 11 a.m. Saturday before visiting Livonia Franklin (7-4, 4-2 South) at 4 p.m. Monday. "We don't have too much time to get things back on track. We're going to have a bullpen session tomorrow," Green said on

Monday night.

11 times. with a three-run homer) and Logan Regnier (3-for-3 with two walks and five RBIs).

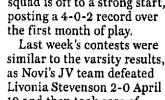
Novi outhit Alpena 24-14. Trailing 17-15 in the bottom track.' of the sixth inning, Novi took the lead with a single from





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Wildcat Kelli Timar.

omore goalkeeper Maddie Haustein saved a header shot with four minutes remaining and freshman defender Hannah Fan made a key stop in the final minute to seal the team's shutout. Dircks was back in the thick of things last Thursday, setting up freshman Kelly remaining in the first half. Dircks then chipped in a goal on a corner kick from sophomore Andrea Rybicki with 42 seconds left in the half. Freshman Rebecca Rush contributed the lone second-half goal on a rebound another shutout. She has yet to allow a goal this season. The pair of victories fol-

lowed a 6-0 against Walled Lake Western on April 14. Mustanos.

Regnier and a three-run long-ball from Zak. Nick Regnier took the mound in the seventh inning to hold Alpena scoreless, grab a save and preserve the win for Zak and his teammates in the 18-17 melee. Picking up five runs in the

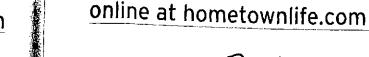
first three innings off Logan Regnier, the visiting Wildcats of Plymouth (6-6, 1-3 South) held the high-scoring Novi 'Cats (11-2, 4-0 Central) hitless last Monday until Slack tripled in the bottom of the sixth inning with two on. Eloff doubled him home for Novi's only three runs. "Jim Eloff has been playing really well," Green said. With bases loaded in the seventh inning, Novi couldn't capitalize, taking their second loss of the season by a

6-3 score. Novi handed over 10 walks, two hit batters and four errors while striking out "We didn't have a hit until the bottom of the sixth inning with two outs," Green said. "We're in a little funk right now. We don't have too much

time to get things back on Chris Jackett is a freelance writer

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After setting up to take care of business at South Lyon East (2-4-1) last Tuesday, Novi (4-1-1) will host Northville (7-0-0) at 7 p.m. tonight. In addition to the baseline rivalry, it'll also be a likely precursor to the division title, as both teams were 8-1-1 in the

JOHN HEIDERISTAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

ON TAP

"My only thought on the Northville game is that if we don't play well for the entire 80 minutes, there is no way we will win. They are just too talented at every position," Novi coach Brian Also undefeated in the division is

Central Division last year and are

currently 2-0-0.

O'Leary said.

Plymouth Salem (6-0-0 overall), who is coincidentally next on Novi's schedule, May 3, after the

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State champs

The inaugural season for the Novi Sisu Volleyball Club has been successful beyond the imagination of Club Director Dennis Belaire. Of the six teams in the club, three made it to the MVDA state finals, with two of those teams bringing home medals. Sisu's 130 Blue Diamonds team was unstoppable as they won game after game to earn the title of State Champions. Beginning at 8 a.m., Coach Devon Schwalm guided his team through eight consecutive games, with no breaks, finally earning the Gold Medal at 1 p.m. Shown are U13 Blue Diamond members Kailey Doty. South Lyon: Colleen Graves, New Hudson; Lainey Gossett, Farmington Hills; Lia Korzeniewski, White Lake; Makenzie Neito, New Hudson; MaryBeth Robert, Novi; Lauren Rosiak, South Lyon; Molly Schwalm, Farmington Hills; Sierra Suter, South Lyon; Savannah Turner, South Lyon, The 14U Blue Diamonds team, coached by Katrina Bezak, also battled through multiple games, finishing as State Runner Up for their age group. Director Belaire states "I struggle to find the words to describe how proud I am of all the Sisu teams. For a first year club, to be able to go to tournaments and effectively compete with established clubs that have been around for years, is something the players, their families and the coaches can be proud of. However, what makes me the proudest is how cohesive our teams are, with players, coaches and parents working so well together." The Sisu Volleyball Club practices at Total Roller Hockey in Novi. To get involved with the Sisu Volleyball Club, please go to SisuVolleyball.com.

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Class A at 3.692.

"We check grades regularly and have an advantage teaching in the school because we are always talking to other teachers about our players," Novi girls basketball coach Bill Kelp said. "I think smarter students can make better athletes because, if they are committed to having good grades, chances are they are committed to being the best in other things like basketball. I look at it as more of a personality trait." Other local girls basketball

squads making the Class A list were Canton (second at 3.807), Walled Lake Central (fifth at 3.760), Northville (13th at 3.683) and South Lyon (42nd at 3.37). The academic honors for the entire team were not the first BCAM honor of the post-season for some team members.

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Senior Caroline Johnson earned a spot on the BCAM "BEST" All-State Class A team and senior Kelsey Masserant earned All-State special mention. Kelp was also a Regional coach

The boys team also showed they were talented in the classroom, earning BCAM Academic All-State honorable mention. Coach Cory Heitsch's Wildcats were 19th in Class A with a 3.32 team GPA. "Academics are very important. Each year, of the three I have been head coach, the team GPA for boys basketball has improved,"

Heitsch said. Other area boys teams listed with BCAM's Class A Academic All-State honors were Detroit Catholic Central (ninth with 3.454), Canton (22nd with 3.24) and Livonia Franklin (23rd with 3.22).

Novi's three teams accomplished Academic All-State

honors following very successful seasons. The girls swim and dive team finished fifth in the state last fall, while the girls basketball squad was ranked in Class A's top 10 much of the season and boys basketball reached their first-ever MHSAA Sweet Sixteen during

the winter. "I think achievement in the classroom does correlate to being a good teammate and to be

coachable. It shows a great deal of accountability and responsibilon their home track by Plymouth Salem on April ity by the young man," Heitsch said. "I think, to a degree, it also demonstrates a young man's ability to be coachable and to adapt; because they are succeeding in the best in the KLAA with a solid 98-39 victory. multiple learning environments." Visit www.bcam.org and www. South Lyon last Tuesday and will host Livonia

miscaonline.net to view the full Stevenson 4 p.m. next Tuesday before their dual Academic All-State teams for bas- meet finale May 11 against Northville. ketball and swimming.

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



The squad fell, 9-6, after a long drive last weekend. They found themselves playing sluggish against a team hat is ranked first out of 475 Midwestern teams from seven states

Kevin Lerg took the loss in goal, despite stopping 17 shots. to the offensive side before Jeff Janer led the Shamrocks with two goals and an assist.

Lacrosse

BY CHRIS JACKETT

CORRESPONDENT

The Wildcats are off to a strong start in the

KLAA Kensington Conference after their first

South Lyon unified 14-7 April 19 to drop the

two in-conference meets last week. Novi defeated

Lions to 2-5-0 and Canton 10-7 April 21 to drop

The junior varsity squad also showed promise

for the future of the program with a 9-8 overtime

win at South Lyon and 13-3 whooping of Canton.

The teams were scheduled to visit Walled

Lake Western (0-9-0) last Monday and a tough

but now prepare to host 3-5-0 Plymouth Salem

Plymouth 8 p.m. Wednesday.

Track

6:30 p.m. Monday and then take a trip to 4-4-0

The boys track squad was edged out 69.5-67.5

The girls' meet with the Rocks wasn't nearly as

close, as the Wildcats showed why they are one of

Both squads were scheduled to race at

Thanks to a fairly deep roster, Novi's golfers took to the fairways at two different invitationals

At the Farmington Invitational, the Wildcats

took fifth place with a 315 score behind four

strong performances. Junior Jon Robinson fin-

Notre Dame Preparatory (8-1-0) squad last night,

the Chiefs to 4-4-0, while improving their own

record to 4-2-0 overall (2-0 Kensington).

Squad bows to Midwest's ON TAP Catholic Central fell to 8-1

with the loss while Dublin Jerome stayed perfect with an

Earlier in the week, the over East Grand Rapids, 8-7, in double overtime in front of their home stands. Leading the way was Mitch Burgin, who slammed home the game-winning goal just 55 seconds into the second overtime period. It was set up by senior defenseman Alex Moore, who picked up a key ground ball and cleared it

Catholic Central called a time out to set up strategy.

NOVI SPORTS ROUNDUP

pair of 40s and Robinson finished with 45. "We played at Coyote (Golf Course) and they do well at their home course and we are still trying to find the right combination of consistent players before we start beating the teams in the KLAA," Novi coach Brad Huss said.

Senior Tommy Goers' 36 led Novi against the Spartans in a 150-154 loss last Thursday, followed by Manning's 37, Palmer's 40 and Rajkovic's 41. "We played well at Fox Creek and Tyler and Tommy were a combined +1 over par but we needed one more good score to beat a very good Stevenson team. Still looking for the consistency," Huss said.

The Wildcats were scheduled to travel to the West Bloomfield Invitational Monday afternoon before visiting South Lyon East for a dual meet. After hosting Northville in baseline contest last night, Novi will compete in the Bryon Invitational Friday and the Seaholm Invitational at Orchard Lake Country Club Monday before visiting Plymouth Salem for a Monday afternoon dual meet and Livonia Stevenson for a Wednesday dual meet.

Girls Youth Basketball Camp

Want to learn how the Novi Wildcats' girls basketball program got so good? Join head coach Bill Kelp at the team's summer camp 8:30 a.m.-noon June 21-25 at Novi High School. The camp will teach all game phases, including dribbling, shooting, passing, pivoting, faking, rebounding, team play, sportsmanship and an introduction to the Wildcats' offensive and defensive schemes. Gym Clothes and shoes are required. All participants will receive a t-shirt and outdoor basketball. Awards and trophies will be given for individual and team competitions. Teams and competitions will be separated by grades (2-5 and 6-9), with the younger group using 8-foot baskets. Cost is \$120 and all registration will be done online at the Novi Athletics Web site and the tick-

ished sixth overall with a career-low 74 and fresh- et tracker program at www.novi.k12.mi.us/athletman Jason Carless was 12th overall with a career- ics up until the first day of camp. Contact Kelp at bkelp@novi.k12.mi.us for more information.

Novi Online

Become a fan of the high school's sports profile on Facebook by searching and joining "Novi Athletics" at www.facebook.com. Cancellations, scores and other tidbits are posted throughout the week. This week was officially designated as "Bring a Friend to Novi Athletics on Facebook" week, so join up, Wildcat fans!

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NOVI SPORTS BRIEFS

Lacrosse camp at Catholic Central High School will be offered to service area players

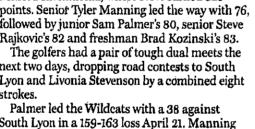
with two sessions from 6-9:30 p.m.: Session 1 June 21-24 for those entering grades

Session 2 June 28-July 1 for those entering

It is not a Catholic Central camp nor is intended to promote the high school. Coaches include Jovan Miller, a two-time National Champion from Syracuse; Jake Marmul, Notre Dame; Pat Nemes and Connor Bush from Michigan State University; Justin Burgin from University of Michigan; and Justin Ronayne from Cranbrook. The fee is \$165. For more information, emailto coachdwilson@yahoo.com.







next two days, dropping road contests to South Lyon and Livonia Stevenson by a combined eight

South Lyon in a 159-163 loss April 21. Manning and sophomore Johnny Walker followed with a

low 77. Junior Alex Willson had a season-low 80 and seniors Kevin Fritzges a season-low 84. The other half of the Wildcats took to the HVS Milford Invitational, where Novi earned 321

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on April 20.

CC Lacrosse suffers first loss

The Shamrocks will be back in action when they take on Brighton at home Saturday at 12:30 p.m. before visiting Brother Rice Tuesday at 6 p.m. and then hosting Cranbrook at 7 p.m. next

Thursday.

The game was intense and chaotic as the Shamrocks picked up 14 penalties and East Grand Rapids earned

Burgin had six goals in the game while Janer collected one goal and six assists. Connor Schwalm had one goal and one assist in the victory.

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

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12: Team SBA Financing Roundtable

13: Fundamentals of Starting a Business

The Novi Chamber of Commerce held its Second Annual Business & Taste Expo April 21 at the newly-renovated Baronette Renaissance hotel. In addition to the opportunity to network with over 50 businesses, attendees could sample food from nine local restaurants, including Carrabba's Italian Grill (with Jeff Wilks serving).

BUSINESS BRIEFS

27: Small Business Loan Workshop

- 1: Pre-Business Research Workshop (PM) 9: Fiscal Fitness for the Growing Business 16: Sales I: Effective Networking
- 17: Fundamentals of Starting a Business (PM) 23: QuickBooks Essentials Part I 23: QuickBooks Essentials Part II
- 24: Fundamentals of Writing a Business Plan (PM)
- 8: Pre-Business Research Workshop (AM) 15: Fundamentals of Starting a Business
- (AM) 20: Legal & Financial Basics for Small
- Business 22: Fundamentals of Writing a Business Plan (AM)
- 28: Sales II: Is Following Up Your Best Sales Strategy?
- 29: Fundamentals of Marketing Your Business



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DETAILS Business Name: Amistee Air Duct Cleaning

Thursday, April 29, 2010

Address: 44485 Grand River Avenue, Novi Your Names: Mike McCowan and Steve Dickinson Your Hometown: both Livonia Business Opened When: Jan. 1,

2005Number of Employees: 12 Hours of Operation: 7 a.m.-7 p.m. Monday-Saturday Your Business Specialty: indoor air quality

Phone: (248) 349-8877 Website: www.Amistee.com

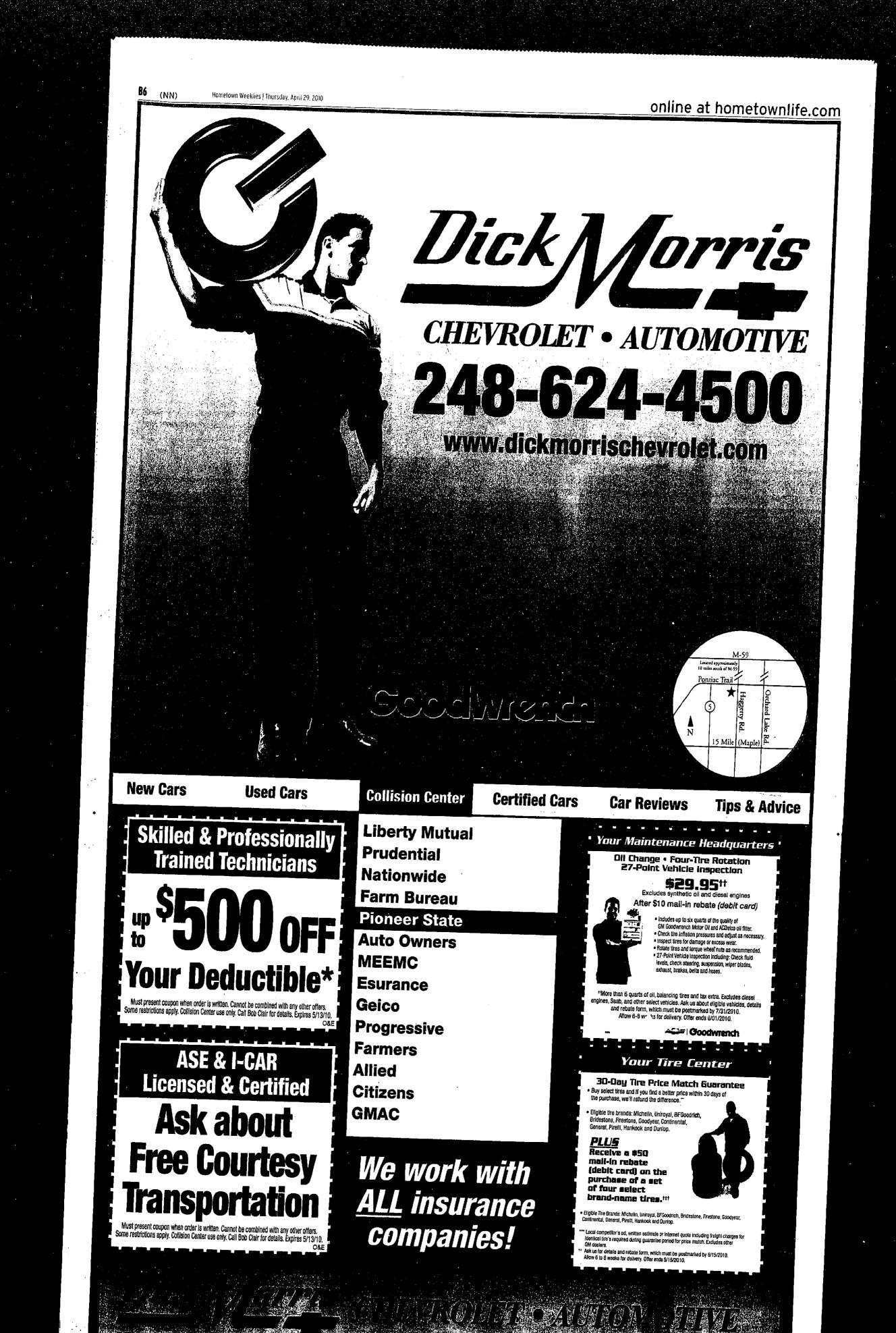
that we have been in business and we are on track to have our biggest growth in 2010. Any advice for business owners? Treating people right is the very best word of advice to give to anyone. In business if you treat your employees how you would want to be treated and your customers how you would want to be treated good things will follow. Don't worry about the money, because if you take care of other people,

the money will follow. What's in store for the future of

your business?

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