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---- Crawford sworn in Jan. 5 The Oakland County Board of Commissioners' Inaugural Swearing-In Ceremony will be held at 5:30 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 5 in the Oakland County Board of Commissioners Auditorium, located at 1200 N. Telegraph Road in Pontiac.

> Participating will be Oakland County Chief Judge of the Circuit Court Nanci J. Grant, Oakland County **Prosecutor Jessica Cooper** and the new Oakland County Clerk/Register of Deeds and former Oakland County Board Chairman Bill Bullard, Jr., along with a color guard presentation from the Oakland County Sheriff's Color Guard. The Commissioners, including Kathy Crawford (R-Novi, Novi Township and Oakland County portion of Northville) will take their oath of office and begin a

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# **2010: Year in Review**

2010 - YEAR IN REVIEW

The Novi News takes a look back at 2010, with January-June highlighted this week. Next week we'll focus on July-December. Summaries are by staff writer Nathan Mueller; photos by staff photographer John Heider, Enjoy ... and Happy New Year!

### JANUARY

### New custodians start in schools

The Novi Community School District kicked off the new year with several new faces in the schools after the Board of Education decided to privatize custodial services late last vear.

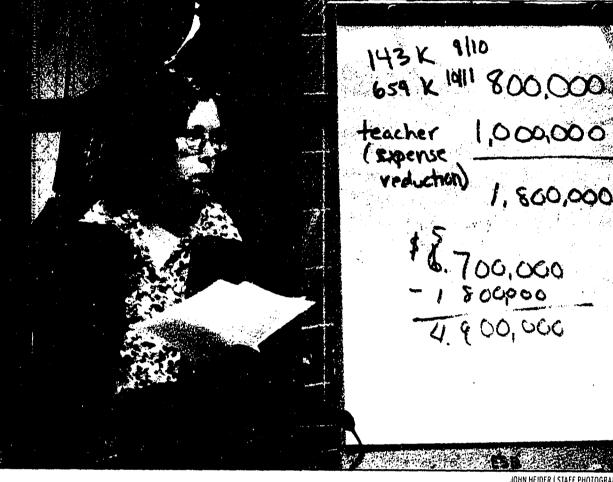
GCA Services Group was brought in to replace 39 full-time district employees and in turn save the school district an estimated \$3.6 million.

Only one of the former employees decided to work for the private company, with the rest hitting the unemployment line.

There were some initial issues with the company, but most of the reviews from administrators were positive.

### Novi Town Center looks to future

A new ownership group has businesses in the Novi Town Center optimistic about the future. Since Simon Property Group took



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Novi school board member Ann Glubzinski takes input from fellow board members on May 20 as they begin to do the math to arrive at the

under the photo. The top vote-getter will receive tickets for two to Emagine Theater (Canton or Novi). The second and third place winners will receive a coupon for a free four-square cheese and onetopping Buddy's pizza. Contest ends midnight Dec. 31. Share your holiday spirit with others! Go to hometownlife.com.

### Holiday closures

The offices of the Northville Record and Novi news will be closed Friday, Dec. 31; however, readers can look for their local newspapers as usual on Thursday. Also, Secretary of State Terri Lynn Land reminds customers that all branch offices and the Office of the Great Seal will be closed in obser-

vance of Christmas and New Year's holidays. The closures are: Thursday, Dec. 30 and Friday, Dec. 31 for New Year's. SUPER!Centers will be closed on Saturday, Jan. 1. Licenses and plates that expire on a day when state offices are closed, such as a holiday or weekend, can be renewed the following day without penalty.

### over the third-party leasing, and the entire facility underwent several physical changes, including updating the facade, new businesses have been inquiring about space.

À new AT&T store as well as a Bagger Dave's are two of the newer businesses.

### Mayor says city will thrive in 2010

Mayor David Landry assured the residents of Novi that their city will continue to flourish despite a bleak economic forecast.

He said there would be some "belt tightening," but not to the extent that it would compromise city services. The key to success, he said, will be economic development.

"We will not panic and we will not manage this city out of fear," he said.

### **FEBRUARY**

### Fire chief announces retirement

Novi Fire Chief Frank Smith announced his retirement in late January after four years in the position.

Smith, who came to Novi after spending 30 years at the Bloomfield Township Fire Department, replaced former Chief Art Lenaghan, who retired after 27 years with the city.

necessary cuts for the 2010-2011 school year budget.

"It's never easy following a long-time leader like we had before, and we very much appreciate what he did," Novi City Manager Clay Pearson said.

### School administrators take pay cut

### Administrators in the Novi

Community School District agreed to a 1.5-percent wage reduction for the 2009-10 school year.

The reduction, which effects 30 administrators, saved the district an estimated \$57,000.

"We know the district has to save money and the administrators stepped up and showed leadership," Supt. Pete Dion said.

### Local woman competes for Miss America title

Nicole Blaszczyk did not make it to the top 15 in the competition for the Miss America crown, but the Novi resident didn't go home empty-handed.

The 24-year-old Novi High School graduate and 2009 Miss Michigan won the talent competition with her lyrical dance to Lifetime.

"It was a little controversial because it wasn't your typical pageant talent, it was more expressive. But that is the kind of dancer I am," she said.

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Cigarette smoker Scott Daubner lights up at Novi's The Post before that venue and all other bars and restaurants in the state had to comply with Michigan's ban on smoking.



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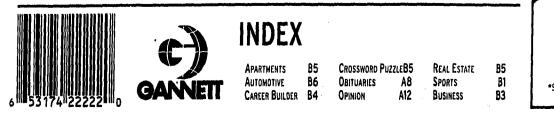
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Gavin Shelburne, 4, enjoys a quick sled down the hill at Novi Woods Elementary on Jan. 14. There was still a bit of snow left on the ground at that time, but after a recent warm-up, most of the white stuff in Novi was gone ... but only for a while.



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of drunken driving. Witnesses told police they saw him drunkenly leave his car and walk up to a store in Saline. Officers then arrived to find him stumbling in the snow. A breath test registered a blood-alcohol content of 0.249 percent, more than tree times Michigan's legal limit for

driving of 0.08 percent. Police didn't see DeRoche driving, but witnesses did. His car appeared to have hit a curb and had a flat tire. "Just because I wasn't driv-

ing my car at the time doesn't mean I don't accept responsibility for drinking more than I should have," he said.

Novi merges police, fire administration Novi officials chose to not replace outgoi**ng Fire Chief** 

Frank Smith and instead moved David Molloy into a dual role as the director of public safety/chief of police. Former Deputy Fire Chief Jeff Johnson also was promoted to director of emergency medical services and fire operations.

The move saved the city

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After 3½ years as Novi's fire chief and more than 35 in business in total, Frank Smith retired from the firefighting profession

\$15,000 this year, and they by not replacing the fire chief. "The expectation is we are going to get better with less resources, and the only way you can do that is by changing and trying new things," City Manager Clay Pearson said.

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Road Link project finally expect to save \$100,000 next year received approval from Road Commission for Oakland County

> In October 2009, the project was on the back burner when federal funding for the project was taken away. However, that changed by March and the \$28 million project was ready to go.

The project calls for widening Novi Road between 10 Mile Road and Grand River Avenue from two lanes to five and putting a bridge over the

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Novi High School media technology instructor David Legg retired after being with the school since it opened 33 years ago.

Assistant city manager leaves for California Assistant City Manager Pam Antil headed west to

California after a 3<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub>-year stint in Novi. Antil was hired as the assistant city manager in Palo Alto. Calif., where she works as the chief operating officer and

helps the city manager with day-to-day operations.

### "Every day is going to be an exciting adventure and challenge," she said. Dion finalist for position

in Washington state Novi Supt. Peter Dion was one of two finalist for the top job at Federal Way School District in Washington state.

Dion, who has been in Novi five years, competed for the

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Novi High Principal John Lawrence shakes the hands of Novi High graduates before retiring at the end of the 2009-2010 school year.

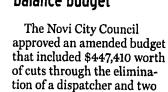
> job with Waterford School District Supt. Robert Neu. Neu eventually was offered the job, while Dion has continued to work in Novi. APRIL

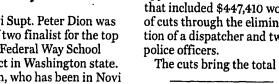
Alcohol now allowed at civic center, library

The Novi City Council approved a policy to allow residents to consume alcohol at two public facilities. The policy was approved by a 4-2 vote and contained sev-

eral stipulations to protect the city from being liable for any incidents that could happen. Mayor Pro Tem Bob Gatt and council member Kathy Crawford were the two who

opposed it, saying it puts too many people in danger. City makes more cuts to balance budget





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number of full-time staff cuts for 2010-11 to 18 employees. The city planned to use its fund balance to make up the \$1.069.300 difference between revenues and expenditures, but the fund balance

will remain in the council's desired range of 14-18 percent. Baronette gets new look The 20-year-old Hotel Baronette looks nothing like its age thanks to a top-to-bottom face lift and new name. Co-owner Stephen Wickens knew he couldn't do it alone,

so he partnered with Marriott International Inc., to make the changes to the 155-room hotel. With the change came the new name - the Baronette Renaissance Detroit-Novi Hotel.

### Novi High School principal retires

John Lawrence, a 36-year veteran of the Novi Community School District, called it quits after his seventh year as principal at Novi High School. Lawrence worked his way up from teaching positions to

the top spot at the high school, never once leaving to pursue other endeavors. Supt. Pete Dion called Lawrence "the best high school principal he has ever worked

with.' Even some students expressed concern about his departure.

"It was a big shock to everyone when they heard," senior Sarah Letson said.

### Organizers cancel '50s Festival

A one-vear hiatus was not enough time for the Michigan '50s Festival Board of Directors to raise enough money to bring the once annual event back to Novi.

The festival has been sponsored by Bright House Networks for the last 15 years, and included a carnival, live

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the event was about \$150,000 annually and the volunteers could not come up with the money. School district looks at \$6.7 million cut

more.

The proposed 2010-11 Novi Community School District budget called for a reduction of \$6.7 million, with most of that coming from the elimination of 75 staff members. District officials proposed several other alternatives ranging from increasing class sizes to eliminating programs to help balance the budget. "This is pretty daunting to everyone in this room," Supt. Pete Dion said. "In my 37 years as an educator, I have never

entertainment, crafters and

The estimated cost to run

### been faced with a budget like Teacher returns after

sentencing A Novi Meadows teacher who pleaded guilty to two misdemeanor counts of larceny under \$200 went back to work after being sentenced.

Thomas Peronis, 39, was New Novi Public Library sentenced to six months prohas people in awe bation, 10 hours of community service and is required to attend the misdemeanor offender program. He also was

fined \$440. The school district suspended him when he was charged, but allowed him to return to work. He was caught on camera stealing money from an envelope in the mail room. "People are going to make

mistakes and people should learn from their mistakes and move forward," Supt. Pete Dion said. Gatt pulls out of Senate

гасе Novi Mayor Pro Tem Bob

Gatt decided the best place for him was on the Novi City Council. The Novi resident and for-

mer police officer pulled his name out of the race for 15th District state Senate because he felt he was needed there

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"It's a dream come true," library Director Julie Farkas

Potter dies

It was a shock to many



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With the Novi Public Library open, work continued on its parking lot, located in the spot of the previous library buildina.

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when they heard the news dedicate as much time to camthat Oakland County Commissioner Jeff Potter had died from an apparent heart attack The 58-year-old Potter had

lived in South Lyon since 1984 and was active in the community immediately. He was elected to the South Lyon City Council in 1987 and elected mayor in 1989.

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In 2002, he was elected to the Oakland County Board of Commissioners serving several communities, including Novi. "He is truly the most amazing person I have ever met," his daughter Jessica said.

School district to replace three top positions

Three of the Novi School Community School District's superintendents are gone at the end of the school year.

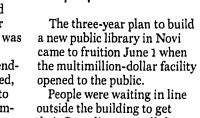
Supt. Pete Dion and Assistant Supts. Gail Credit und Bob Schram were scheduled to leave at the end of the 2009-10 school year, but were granted retirement extensions to remain with the district for

one more year. The Board of Education hopes to have its new superintendent in place by March 2011.

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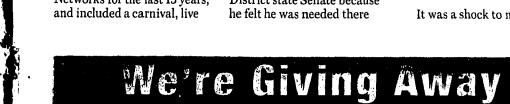
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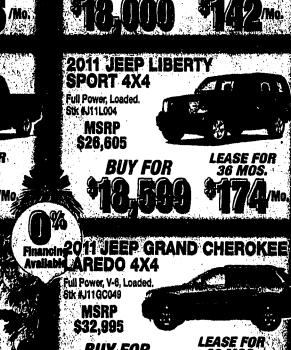


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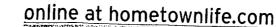
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### ON CAMPUS

Sen. Stabenow nominates 34 Michigan students to service academies

U.S. Senator Debbie Stabenow (D-MI) has nominated 34 Michigan students, including three locals, for placement at the U.S. Military Academy at West Point, N.Y., the U.S. Naval Academy in Annapolis, M.D., the U.S. Air Force Academy in Colorado Springs, C.O., and the U.S. Merchant Marine Academy in Kings Point, NY.

United States Military Academy: Joonmo Chung of Novi United States Naval Academy: Sean Carrigan of Commerce Township

United States Merchant Marine Academy: Cameron Albrant of Northville

Donations needed for Senior All Night Party Organizers for the Novi High School Senior All Night Party are hard at work planning for the 2011 event and are requesting donations from parents, businesses and community members to make this year's event the best one yet.

"I am proud that so many exceptional students from our state are willing to serve our country through military service," said Senator Stabenow. "These individuals have demonstrated their excellence in and out of the classroom, and I am confident that they will represent Michigan well."

Students seeking appointment to a service academy must first obtain the nomination of their U.S. Senator, their U.S. Representative or the President. Students nominated by Senator Stabenow's office went through a competitive application process that included interviews by community leaders. Now that the students have been nominated, they must await acceptance for admission by the academy to which they have applied.

### SCHOOL BRIEFS

The annual Senior All Night Party, scheduled for June 4 at Novi High School, offers food, activities and prizes, allowing graduating seniors to celebrate in a safe, supervised environment. The SANP Donations Committee is seeking raffle prize and monetary donations to cover the cost of decorations, entertainment and addi-

tional raffle prizes. Organizers encourage those planning to make financial contributions to do so as soon as possible so the committee can plan a budget. Checks may be made payable to NHS Senior All Night Party and should be sent to: NHS Senior All Night Party, C/O Dana Nussio, 22041 Shadybrook Drive, Novi, MI 48375.

## Sharing the gift of reading

A group of Deerfield Elementary students show off the books they donated for children in other schools as part of the Gift of Reading program. The Deerfield Community Council bought each Deerfield student a book from the book fair, and in return, the students donated one of their own gently used books to others.



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Art students use metroparks as their canvas

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the classroom and into the outdoor world? For University of Michigan art professor Michael Rodemer, creating a whole new course centered on the Huron-Clinton Metropark system was a perfect opportunity to get his students out of the classroom and into the field, literally.

How do you take art out of

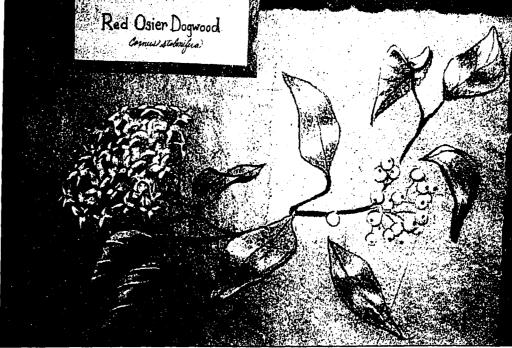
Using nature as the cornerstone of the course "Metroparks: Engaging the Environment," Rodemer paired up with metroparks staff to offer students the opportunity to use their artistic talent to showcase important commentaries on

the environment, preservation, ecological issues and more, while at the same time drawing attention to the park system and all it has to offer to the surrounding communities. For their coursework, 20 students developed 13 projects at three metroparks on display both indoors and outdoors.

The projects range from a canvas collage to woven willow branches and feature a wide variety of materials, shapes, sizes and messages. Hudson Mills, Kensington

and Indian Springs metroparks are playing host to these pieces of art. Most are on display or are in the process of being installed. nature" as intended by students

importance of native species by



Trisha Previte and Nora Green created work focused on reclaiming Michigan's botanical heritage.



Penn Greene's soil percolation display at Hudson Mills doubles as a coin donation device.

and other native plants, and "pulp derived from invasive spe-then reading the accompanying "cies; embedded into some of

the paper are seeds of native

Children can also see how local sawmills once operated by turning the gears on Andrew Hainen's sawmill display, or see how soil filters water through a

coin-drop display. A walk along the park's Acorn Trail leads to several works of art, including "Oriental Bittersweet Installation" by Brijit Spencer. By constructing a rope-like web incorporating the notoriously invasive non-native plant bittersweet, Spencer actually conveys how invasive species crowd native populations by "crowding" hikers who must pass beneath the archway to continue down the trail. Hudson Mills projects:

• Oriental Bittersweet Installation - Brijit Spencer • Wunderkammer – Lauren

Sopher • Butterfly Display – Elyse Shapiro

• Organic-shaped Benches -Laura Gillmore, Katie Barrie, Ekta Shah, Teshia Treuhaft

 Outdoor Canvas Collage Series – Anne Schulte Reclaiming Michigan's Botanical Heritage – Trisha

Previte, Nora Green





willow structures at Hudson Mills. The work will eventually be reclaimed by the environment.

 Hudson Mills Sawmill Display - Andrew Hainen • Soil Percolation Display (Coin Donation Device) – Penn Colors of Nature Photography Display – Kristin

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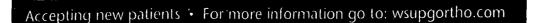
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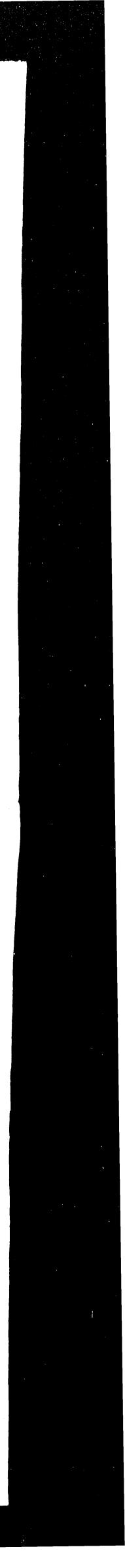
park interpreter. The artists plants, so that one can plant made the paper on which the the paper to encourage the plant images are printed using growth of more native species.

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**JOYCE HONSINGER** 

Age 61, of Bancroft, passed away

December 11, 2010. She lived in the

was employed by South Lyon

Schools. Joyce is survived by her

loving husband Jeffrey: and her chil-

Hoskins. She is also survived by her

and her parents Russell and Amanda

Burgess. A funeral service was held

are requested to the American Kidney

Foundation. Online guestbook at

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TERRY LAFFERTY

Age 50, of Green Oak Twp., passed

away December 26, 2010. A private

family service was held at PHILLIPS

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### ARTHUR KEITH ANDERSON

Of White Lake, formerly of Age 86, of Westland, formerly of Waterford and Milford. Ypsilanti, passed away peacefully 🖡 Dec. 24, 2010, age 88. Dec. 25, 2010. Funeral Service was Beloved husband of Helen. Preceded held Dec. 28, 2010 at Casterline in death by his first wife, Della. Dear Funeral Home, Inc. Contributions to father of Belinda (Dennis) Castagna Gideon's International appreciated. of White Lake, Diana (David) Dugall of Highland, and Keith "Sonny" Anderson of White Lake. Also many grandchildren and great-grandchildren whom he loved dearly, and a brother, Carr (Adeline) Anderson, A Funeral Service was held at Lynch & Sons Funeral Home, Milford, December 28th, 2010. Graveside services with military honors followed at dren: Lee and Joseph (Cindv) Highland Cemetery, Rev. Dr. R. John Harris and Pastor Rick Sowles offi- dear grandchildren: Kayla, Dustin 248-684-6645 or visit: www.LvnchFuneralDirectors.com

LUKE A. BEAUCHEMIN Age 23. December 20, 2010. Loving son of Greg and Janine. Dear broth-

er of Nicholas. Grandson of Donald and June Beauchemin of Port Huron, MI Also survived by numerous aunts and uncles. Funeral services were held at St James Church, Novi. Online condolences obriensullivanfuneralhome.com

### **ADEANA BEATRICE** (WINKLER) CAREY NEE GLEASON

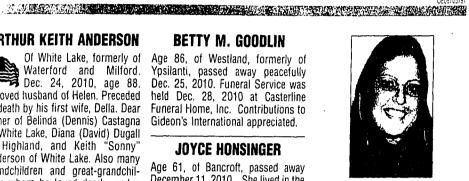
Age 73, most recently a resident of Island, NY. He served in the U.S. of Kelly with us. Thank you to PBK, White Lake, died at Angela Hospice Army Signal Corp during WWII and Kelly's special doctor. It is so often Care Center in Livonia. She was worked for the City of Detroit - we don't really fully appreciate the born in Detroit on September 6. Forestry Dept. Frank is survived by great things in life until they are 1937; a welcome interruption for her his loving wife, Serafina Lewis; chil- taken away. We are simply blown family to that year's Labor Day dren. Christine (Doug) Colegrove, away by your expressions of love for Deanie was raised in parade. Northville and then enjoyed a full and Dennis (Vicki) Lewis, Marie Gleeton; 12 – 8 p.m. at Phillips Funeral Home, active life spending time with family, gardening, cooking, crafting, golfing children, 8 great-grandchildren, and 12:30 p.m. at Family Life Community and being outdoors. Adeana and many nieces and nephews. Church, 62345 W. Eight Mile Rd., husband Leo were faithful fans of the Visitation was held on Dec. 27 at South Lyon. Memorial contributions University of Michigan football team, PHILLIPS FUNERAL HOME, South may be made to Kelly Moscarello and spent many a Saturday tailoait- Lyon. Funeral Mass was held on trust Fund, Citizens Bank, South ing with friends and enjoying the Dec. 28, St. Joseph Catholic Church, Lyon, MI. Online guestbook: games. She also spent many years South Lyon. Memorial contributions as a volunteer for Ronald McDonald may be made to the V.F.W. Post House in Ann Arbor. Adeana is sur- #1224, Hamburg, or to the family. vived by her loving husband Leo Online guestbook www.phillipsfu-Carey, and children Wendy Winkler. neral.com Terri (Steve) Jensen and John Denny Winkler. She will be forever remem bered as a fun-loving grandma by grandchildren Ari Breshgold, Elana (Breshoold) and Bret Hopman, Josh Breshoold, Emily Jensen, Patrick Jensen and Stefani Winkler. Adeana had the rare gift of two loving marriages. She was preceeded in death by her first husband, John Denny Winkler, parents Albert and Beatrice Gleason and brother Neal Gleason. Adeana spent her final days in comfort, enjoying a parade of visitors from every aspect of her life, while being cared for by her husband, children, family, friends and the Angela Age 82 of Farmington and Harrison Hospice team. In lieu of flowers, died December 26, 2010. Beloved donations in Adeana's memory may husband of 57 years to Helen. Loving be made to Angela Hospice 14100 father of Andrea (Eric) Mounts, Newburgh Road, Livonia MI 48154 Shelly (Carl) Manning, Eric (Terry). at 866.464.7810 and www.angela- Connie (Bill) Culhane, Wendy (Tom) hospice.org, or Pancreatic Cancer Hollman and Ruth (Nathan) Amos. Action Network at 872.272.6226 and Grandfather of Caleb, Ben, Abbey,

### MARION DAVIS

memorial in late Spring 2011.

www.pancan.org. There will be a Machala, Connor, Lydia, Zachary,

Age 90, formerly of Milford, Gardens. Friends may visit Lynch & December 21, 2010. Services were Sons Funeral Home 340 N. Pontiac held at Lynch & Sons Funeral Home, Tr., Walled Lake (3 Biks South of Milford, December 28, 2010. Burial; Maple Rd.) Wednesday 1pm to 8pm. New Hudson Cemetery. For informa- Memorials to Hospice of Michigan tion please call 248-684-6645 or visit appreciated. Condolences at:



South Lyon area for many years and KELLY SUE MOSCARELLO Age 32, passed away December 26 2010 surrounded by her loving familv and friends in her last moments. She was born on Aug. 4 1978 at 1:30 a.m. to Guy and Beverly (Hunt) Moscarello. She was a dedicated ciated. For further information call and Brandon; her siblings: Lowell, employee at CVS, where she loved Carolyn, Sherri, and James. She was her customers and they loved her. preceded in death by her sister Barb Kelly is survived by her parents Guy and Beverly; her fiancée Keith Lewis. his son Christopher: her brothers: on Dec. 13 at PHILLIPS FUNERAL Scott (Annabelle) and Joe; beloved HOME, South Lyon. Memorial con-niece Chasity Hope who brought tributions in loving memory of Joyce great joy and happiness to Kelly's life from the moment she was born; her Uncle Jimmy, Uncle Mike, Aunt Heather, Aunt Betty (Harry); her orandmother Dorothy: cousins: Spencer, Madison, Allie, Sheri, Harry Jr; and a ton of loving friends and customers. She was preceded in death by her Aunt Janet; paternal grandfather Guy, maternal Granny Grace, and maternal grandpa James. Kelly had a bright lighted smile and

> was a friend to everyone who was fortunate enough to have met her. A special thank you to Sheree, Freda, and Candy for loving her so much and sharing your best gifts of life with her. It is with special gratitude Age 89, passed away December 21, that we as a Family thank you for 2010. He was born on Staten sharing your stories and experiences Frank "Jim" Lewis, Carol Walsh, Kelly, Visitation Dec. 30, Thursda his sister, Marie Dacey; 10 grand- South Lyon. Funeral Dec. 31, Friday, www.phillipsfuneral.com

### PATRICIA S. STEPHEN

Age 93 of Northville, passed away Dec. 24, 2010. Loving mother of Dianne (Don) McCulloch & Roger (Jo Ann Gish) Stephen. Adored grandmother of four & great-grandmother of nine. Memorial service was held Dec. 29, 2010 at the First Presbyterian Church of Northville. Casterline Funeral Home, Inc.

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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; or by mail to Church Events/Northville-Novi, 101 N. Lafavette. South Lyon, MI 48178. Items must be received by noon on 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: 8:30 a.m., 10:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. Sunday;

9 a.m. Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday; 6:30 a.m. Tuesday, Wednesday Friday; 7 p.m. Tuesday; 4:30 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 Priests: Father Timothy Hogan, pastor and Father

Michael Zuelch, associate pastor Crosspointe Meadows Church

Location: 29000 Meadowbrook Road, south of 13 Mile

Contact: (248) 669-9400, 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Monday-Thursday 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. Worship blends traditional and contemporary elements resulting in a multi-sensory worship experience.

Destiny Worship Center Location: Ridge Wood Elementary School, 49775 Six

Mile Road, Northville Contact: DestinyW3C@Gmail.com or visit www.DW3C.

Meet & Greet for new Northville area Pastors Robb

& Cheri Stancer Time/Date: 9-10:30 a.m. Jan. 2 Location: Stonehouse Coffee & Tea Co., 16923 Ridge

Road, Northville. **Details**: Come out and have a coffee and meet the pastors, leadership and families of the new Destiny

Worship Center. Feel free to ask guestions about the ministry, youth, missions, community service, children, singles, married, and any area where you or your family may need help.

Grand opening/launch

Time/Date: 6 p.m. Jan. 8 All services will be held on Saturdays. First service is Jan. 8 at 6 p.m. Come be a part of a new, cutting edge, creative and innovative worship experience! This new ministry is preparing to have performing arts, dance, youth, women/men ministries, missions, community service, single/married ministry and much more.. Come get in on the ground floor of a diverse ministry that is destined to do a great work

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 Sunday School and Adult Bible Fellowship; 6 p.m. Evening Service, Children's program, Youth Worship Service

Tuesday Schedule: Tuesday 9:25-11:15 a.m. Women of the Word Bible Study with childcare available for through age 5; 6:45 p.m. Ladies Evening Bible Study Wednesday Schedule: 5:30 p.m. Family Meal, \$4 per person, \$12 per family; 7 p.m. Children's Caravan, Club 56, Bible Study, Quilting, Adult Classes, Youth Blast Thursday Schedule: 6 a.m. Men of Purpose Prayer Group; 7 p.m. Tae Kwon Do Women of the Word

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

Details: The W.O.W. Tuesday Ladies Bible Study welcomes you to their study of the Ephesians. 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 Contact: (248) 442-8822 or www.newhopecenter.

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

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

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

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

Sunday Worship: 10 a.m.

First Baptist Church of Northville Location: 217 N. Wing Contact: (248) 348-1020 Sunday Worship: 10:45 a.m. and 5:45 p.m. Sunday School: 9:30 a.m. Ladies Bible Study: 9:30 a.m. and 7 p.m. Tuesdays

Men's Bible Study: 9 a.m. first Saturday of every First Baptist Church of

Novi-Family Integrated Church Location: 45301 W. 11 Mile Road Contact: (248) 349-3647 or firstbaptistchurchofnovi.org Family Movie Night: 5:30 p.m.; fourth Sunday of every

Sunday Worship **Time**: 9:30, 11 a.m. Walking in the Park Time/Date: 10-11 a.m. every Saturday Location: Meet at the Visitor's Center of Heritage Park (Farmington Road between 10 and 11 Mile roads) **Details**: Group meet for lunch afterwards. Contact: Sue (734) 459-0016 Single Place Ministries Time/Date: 7:30 p.m. social time; 7:45 p.m. opening; 8-9 p.m. program, every Thursday. Details: Informative and entertaining programs of interest to singles; \$5 per person. Check Web site for

details singleplace.org. First United Methodist

Church of Northville

A Stephen Ministry Church

Location: 777 W. 8 Mile Road at Taft Rd. Contact: (248) 349-1144 or www.fumcnorthville.org Sunday worship:

Times: 8:30 and 10 a.m. (Memorial Day weekend through Labor Day weekend); 8, 9:15 and 11 a.m. (Sept.-Pastors: Rev. Dr. Steven J. Buck, senior pastor and Rev.

Jeff Sturgeon, associate pastor Coffee Hour: 9:30 a.m. Sunday ((Memorial Day weekend through Labor Day weekend); 10:15 a.m. Sundays (Sept.-May)

Healing Service: 4 p.m. first Monday of every month Logo Youth Club: 5 p.m. Wednesdays for fourth-12th graders (Sept.-April)

Men's Club: 8 a.m. second Saturdays Contact: Heather J. Wallas, communications director, (248) 349-1144, Ext. 26, or e-mail hwallas@fumcnorth-

ville.org Good Shepherd Lutheran Church Location: 41415 Nine Mile Road, corner of Meadowbrook

Road, Novi Contact: (248) 349-0565

Sundays Time: 8:45 a.m. Sunday School and Bible Study; 10 am. Worship

Lakes Baptist Church

Location: 309 Decker Road, Walled Lake Livonia Church of Christ Location: 15431 Merriman Road, Livonia Contact: 734-427-8743 or visit www.livoniachurch.net Sunday Worship: 11 a.m.

Bible School: Sunday 10 a.m.; Wednesday 7 p.m. Meadowbrook Congregational Location: 21355 Meadowbrook Road, between Eight and

Nine Mile roads Contact: Rev. Arthur P. Ritter, Senior Minister (248) 348-

7757, visit mbccc.org or e-mail to office@mbccc.org. Sunday Worship: 10 a.m. Sermon: Better Than You

Church School: 10-11 a.m.

Fellowship Hour: 11 a.m. Merry Widows Luncheon

Time/Date: 11:30 a.m. fourth Thursday of each month **Pilgrim Fellowship** Time/Date: 6 p.m. Sundays

Asking Questions adult education class Time/Date: 10 a.m. Tuesdays

Vespers

Time/Date: 7:30 p.m. **Details:** This traditional-contemporary service is led by Reverend Ritter with musical accompaniment of guitar

and piano. Northville Christian Assembly Location: 41355 Six Mile Road Contact: (248) 348-9030 Sundavs

9-10 a.m.: Sunday School for Adults / Youth / Children 9 a.m.: Contemporary service in multi-purpose gymnasium

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

Wednesday Family Night 7 p.m.: Adult elective classes; jr. and sr. high student

ministries; children's programs (M-Pact Girls Club & Royal Rangers Boys Club) Nursery and Preschool Program on Sundays and Wednesdays Home of Northville Christian School (day care; preschool through eighth grade) - contact (248) 348-9031

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

events Contact: Rabbi Avrohhom & Leah Susskind at (248) 790-6075 or rabbi@novijewishcenter.com; www.novijewishcenter.com

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

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

**ReNew Life Group Ministries** 

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month

Family Bible Hour: 9:45 a.m. Family Worship: 11 a.m. Bible Study: 6 p.m. month

> First Presbyterian Church of Northville Location: 200 E. Main St Contact: (248) 349-0911 or visit firstpresnville.org



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no need to pre-register; all are welcome. Our Lady of Good Counsel Catholic Church Location: 47650 N. Territorial Road, Pivmouth Contact: (734) 453-0326, Ext. 221 Our Lady of Victory Catholic Church Location: 770 Thaver, Northville Contact: (248) 349-2621 or olynorthyille.org Saturday Worship Time: 5 p.m. Sunday Worship Time: 7:30, 9:30, 11:30 a.m. Our Shepherd Presbyterian Church

Time/Date: 7-8:15 p.m. every Wednesday

Details: For ages three to six; ongoing event; 0891

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Wednesday Bible Study: 7 p.m.

Sunday Bible Study: 9:30 a.m.

and food after service

www.stjohnsplymouth.org

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Mass Schedule

p.m. Saturday

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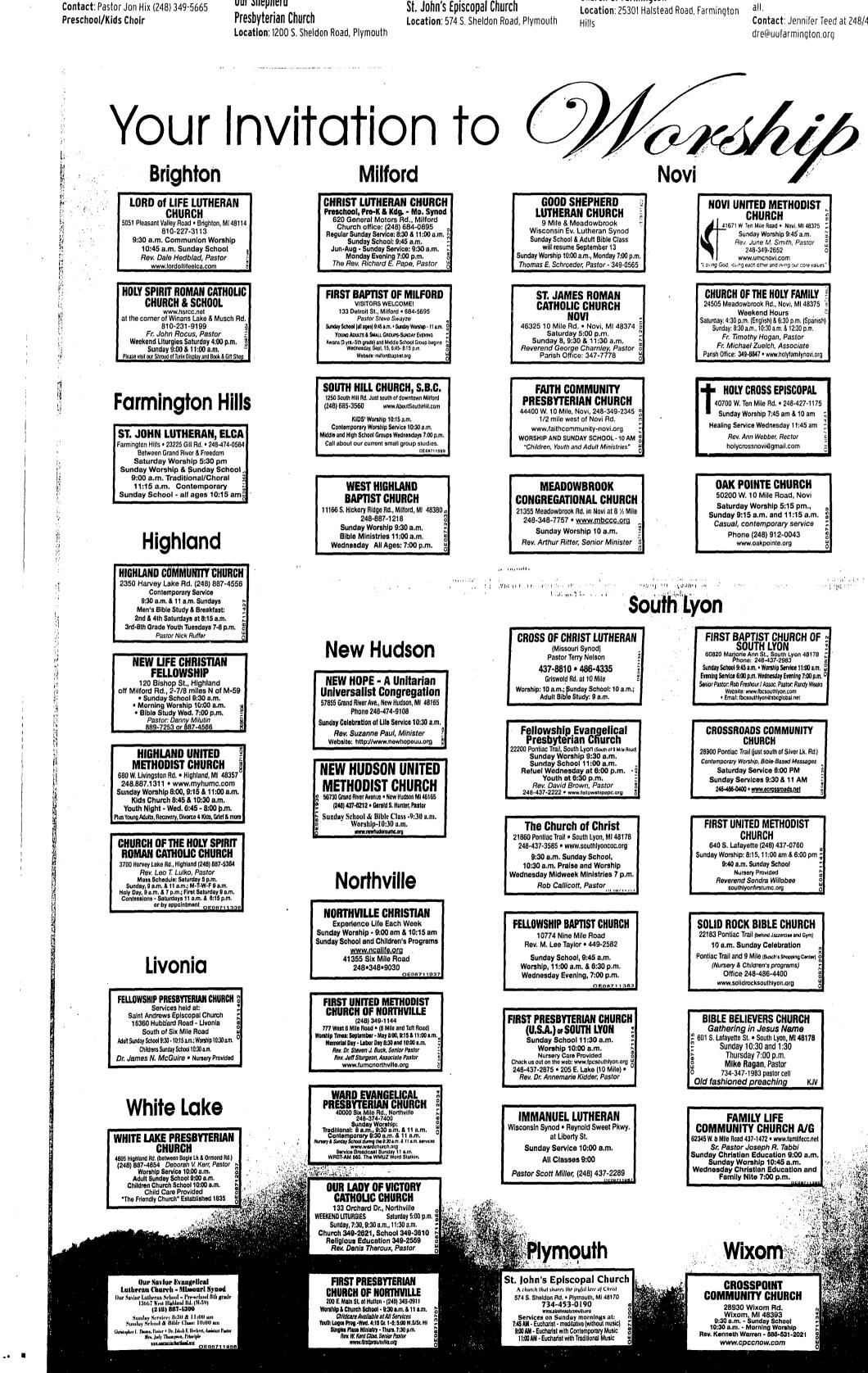
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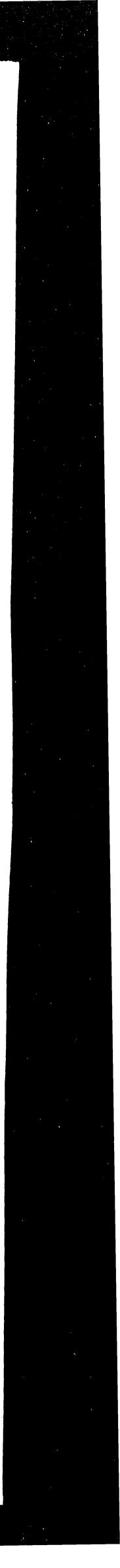
Contact: Pastor Bill Burke at (734) 927 St. John Lutheran Location: 23225 Gill Road, Farmington Hills Contact: (248) 474-0584 or visit stjohnlutheran.com Sunday Worship: 10:30 a.m. with fellowship Saturday Worship **Time**: 5:30 p.m. Plymouth-St. John's Episcopal Church Sunday Worship Time: 9, 11:15 a.m. Location: 574 S. Sheldon Road in Plymouth **Contact**: 734-453-0190, ext. 16, or visit Sunday School **Time**: 10:15 a.m. St. Paul's Lutheran Church Location: 201 Elm St., Northville Contact: (248) 349-3140 Sunday Worship: 8:30 a.m. Blended; 11 a.m. TIME/DAY: 8, 9:30 and 11:30 a.m. Sunday; 9 Contemporary a.m. Monday-Tuesday; 7 p.m. Wednesday; 5 Unitarian Universalist

> Church of Farmington Location: 25301 Halstead Road, Farmington

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

Contact: Jennifer Teed at 248/478-7272 or





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# HGTV show 'Cash & Cari' debut party slated in Northville Jan. 3

## Public invited to world premiere airing at former restaurant

Cari Cucksey, who recently opened the consignment store Soul" series. **RePurpose in Northville** Square, will debut her new HGTV show "Cash & Cari"

with a party in the downtown Northville mall on Jan. 3. The self-made treasure hunter and broker, who is said to give new life to dusty relics, will have a special event at 8 p.m. at 133 W. Main Street in the space formerly occupied by

NOMI restaurant. Doors will open at 7:30 p.m., with a special viewing of the cable TV show at 10 p.m. Beverages and hors d'oeuvres will be served, with a VIP area reserved for special guests. The guest speaker will be best-selling author Mark Victor Hansen, co-author

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**ABOUT THE SHOW** In the show, Cucksey finds, restores and sells items for a homeowner for personal profit. During the series, that officially premieres at 10 p.m. Eastern Standard Time on HGTV, Cucksey and her team are shown searching estate sales, flea markets, attics and garages to find hidden or overlooked antique furniture, decorative accessories, collectibles and memorabilia

Whether it's a vintage Chanel gown left behind a the dry cleaners, a limited-edition pink vinyl copy of Michael Jackson's "Thriller" album or a Capodimonte porcelain statu-

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Nearly 9 of 10 drivers say that motor-

ists who drive after drinking are a very

serious threat to their personal safety,

according to the AAA Foundation for

Traffic Safety. And 98 percent say they

consider it unacceptable for a driver to

ette, Cucksey's expert eye can spot the undiscovered gems that could lead to big bucks. Viewers can follow her as she helps families dig through piles of personal possessions and then prepare the bounty for sale. For Cucksey, it's about the thrill of the hunt. So, in some instances, she buys the

contents of an entire home, packing up the goods and refurbishing the items for sale at RePurpose, her shop in Northville Square at W. Main and Wing streets.

COUNCIL MEETING EARLY The city of Northville invites the community to come celebrate the world premiere of Cucksey's new national cable TV show.

Northville City Council members voted Monday night to move the Jan. 3 city council meeting to 5:30 p.m. to accommodate Cucksey's special 8 p.m. event.

ABOUT HGTV HGTV, America's leader in home and lifestyle programming, is distributed to more

than 99 million U.S. households and is one of cable TV's top-rated networks. HGTV's website, HGTV.com, is the nation's leading online homeand-garden site and attracts an average of five million visitors a month. For more information, call

Cucksey's store RePurpose at (248) 735-0500 or write her at Jan. 3 debut party at Northville Square. info@RePurposeShop.com.

> AAA Michigan offers these party tips to stay safe on the roads: • Plan ahead and designate a nondrinking driver before any holiday party or celebration begins.

• Be a responsible host in remind-

Sparkling Pineapple Sunset: Submitted by The Grand Hotel Mackinac Island 1 cup pineapple juice Splash grenadine Cherry for garnish In a large glass filled halfway with

Nonalcoholic Bellini:

St. Paul, Minn.

Submitted by The 1913 Room Amway Grand Plaza Hotel

½ cup freshly squeezed lemon juice 4 dashes Tabasco In a cocktail shaker, mix all ingre dients with crushed ice, shaking

1 ounce fresh peac Pour nectar into glass. Slowly add champagne. Stir gently. May garnish with peach slice.

## Karen Snider, left, and Linda Colwell share a smile during the Dec. 16 treated to a warm meal in colorful holiday decorated surroundings

and then to a concert by the local senior band Special Blend.

• Do not hesitate to take the keys from friends or family members who may be impaired. those in need. • Never get behind the wheel of a car when you've been drinking - even hol-free beverages.

• Be a real friend: Call a taxi for ing guests to stay safe and offer alco-

### 1 ounce Monin kiwi syrup 4 ounces 7UP, Sierra Mist or Sprite Build in mixer/shaker with ice. Combine all ingredients and shake to a light froth. Strain and pour 1 cup Perrier

over ice. May garnish with lemon wedge and kiwi slice. 1913 Room indulgence:

Grand Rapids 1 cup pomegranate juice 1½ cups alcohol-free red wine ½ cup orange juice ½ cup club soda

after just one drink.

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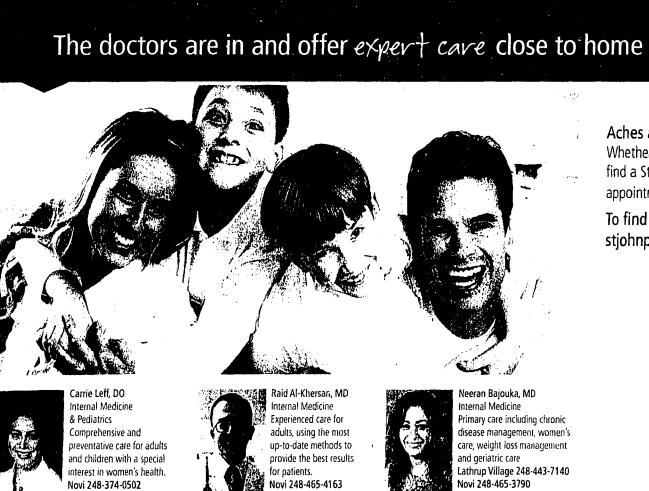
vigorously. Serve in martini glass and garnish with orange twist.



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Here are a few recipes for nonalcoholic cocktails from AAA Michigan's newest edition of its annual Great Pretenders Party Guide. For more recipes, visit a AAA Michigan office or go online at www.aaa.com/ Pretenders.

Bora Bora:

Submitted by Iridescence Motor City Casino & Hotel 3 ounces pineapple juice

2 ounces passion fruit juice ounce lemon juice /> ounce grenadine

hake ingredients with ice. Pour into glass. Garnish with lemon wedge and cherry.

Creamelon Submitted by Sixteen Trump International Hotel & Tower Chicago, III.

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they may have had too much to drink.

als are killed in alcohol-related crashes,

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vehicle accidents. More than a million

under the influence of alcohol each year.

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3 cups chopped seedless watermelon 1 cup chilled green tea

1 cup chilled cream soda ½ teaspoon ground cinnamon 1 teaspoon light brown sugar Ice cubes

and serve in a tall glass. Garnish with big watermelon slice.

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4 ounces sweet and sour mix **Canton Animal Hospital** Our mission is to keep your pet happy, healthy and pain-free at affordable prices. Full Service Pet Hospital
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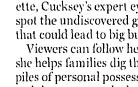
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people for so many years." Cassis got her start in local government as a member of the Novi City Council in 1985.

She was a school psycholo-

School District at the time

when she was elected to

serve the first of her three

terms in the state House of

The decision to give up

her "passion as an educator"

was not easy, but she felt the

opportunity to help citizens at

the state level was too impor-

"I knew when I left I wasn't

Cassis immediately made

coming back," she said.

history upon her election

to the House, when she was

appointed the first female

chair of the House Tax Policy

state Senate after her House

terms, she was selected as

chair of the Senate Finance

Committee because of her pre-

**Outgoing Senate Majority** 

Leader Mike Bishop, who

called Cassis a "mentor" to

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gist in the Novi Community

and worked there until 1996.

about the premiere of her new HGTV show 'Cash & Cari' on Jan. 3 at 10 p.m. An episode will also air at 2 p.m. on Jan. 1. The two came to Tuesday's Northville Downtown Development Authority meeting to announce the 8 p.m.

# Party responsibly with these alcohol-free cocktails

ice, add equal parts pineapple juice and Perrier (or any sparkling water). Shake well. Add a splash of grenadine. Garnish with maraschino cherry.

Submitted by The Saint Paul Hotel 4 ounces nonalcoholic brut cham-





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JOHN HEIDER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHE State Sen. Nancy Cassis points to a collage of her career in the state Legislature that was compiled by her husband

him in many ways, was the one Michigan residents and busiwho selected her. "I had no problem making that decision, and she proved me right in every respect," he said

Bishop also said filling Cassis's shoes is going to be tough because "14 years of experience doesn't develop overnight." "She is a person who

believes in good government," he said. "We are losing the institutional knowledge and expertise and tax knowledge, and that is going to be hard to replace.

"She also is a fantastic people person who is respected by everyone. Cassis's list of accomplishments during her 25 years

could go on and on, but the most important ones to her were supporting education, improving transportation and reducing the tax burden on

nesses. Her SAVE the Children legislation, which prevented early learning failure and gives panies and construction joint students the skills they need to succeed, maximized the use of school resources without costing most money.

Longtime Northville Public Schools Supt. Leonard Rezmierski was a proponent of the legislation and said Cassis has been a "very positive force for us in the Senate." "She has been stellar rep-

resenting what schools are about," he said. "She never ran away from issues regarding kids. And when push comes to shove, I know where she sits and what she backs." Even though Cassis knew

her term was coming to an end, she didn't use it as an excuse to let up. On the final day of the Senate session, Cassis was able to get a Senate bill passed that eliminated double-taxation in the Michigan Business Tax for freight transportation comventures.

Earlier in December, her bills aimed at increasing transparency and reporting requirements within the state's film credits were passed by the Legislature.

Cassis calls it her "enduring legacy" because it will benefit all the legislators that follow

"It puts openness on the activity of government," she said. "It had never been done before. It was a closed door."

Cassis has seen the state go through its ups and downs, but she never wavered on her beliefs.

"My focus from day one and my passion has been on good public policy," she said. "I love policy, not politics."

And the Novi resident also sees a bright future for Michigan. "There is a new optimism and we are seeing some positive signs," she said. "We are

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suing her "lifelong dream" of learning how to play the piano, spending time with her children and 11 grandchildren, taking a trip to Florida with her husband Victor and relaxing. "It's wonderful to be free to

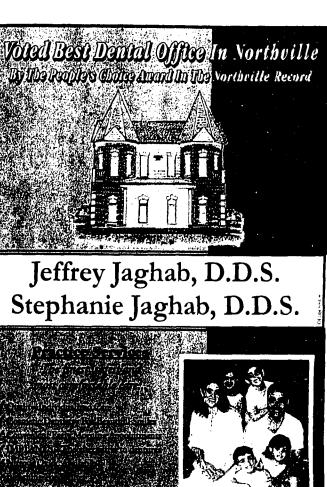
As far as the future for Cassis, it will consist of pur-

not out of the woods yet, but

believe we are making prog-

choose," she said.

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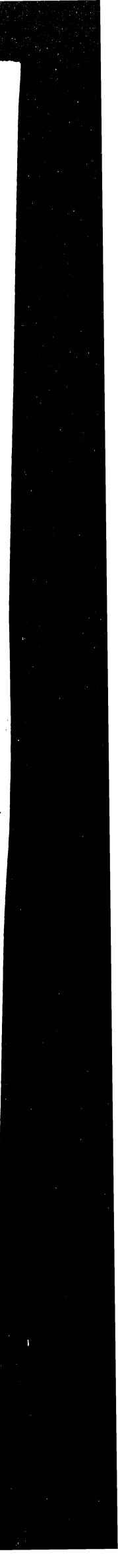
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**OUR VIEWS** 

# 2011 Make it a year of change, solutions

As 2010 winds down local residents are talking about what the state and in particular the southeast Michigan region needs in 2011.

The start of a new year is often about personally resolving to ... lose weight, pay off debts, save more, volunteer more, study more, be kinder - we all know the drill.



new beginning for the state of Michigan. Gov-Elect Rick Snyder takes over Jan. 1. He'll have a Republican House and Senate so Michigan residents are expecting progress. Since being elected in November, Snyder hasn't wasted anytime tackling issues, announcing appointments and generally getting ready to hit the ground running. He has a tough task ahead

January 2011 signals a

but Michiganders are hungry (and hoping) for change and some good news. Snyder has stated several times that he's not looking for incremental change but rather "sound structural

change.' We believe local city, township and school officials need to heed Snyder's words and resolve to act in 2011.

s Gov.-Elect Snyder stated in a recent interview, "the old ways of doing things just doesn't really work. The new ways of doing things need to be looked upon

as opportunities not as threats upon someone's turf. Elected officials are in office to serve and to lead. Many have done so in these tough times. Some, however, have been reluctant to propose and/or enact major changes needed. We encourage local municipal and school leaders to be bold in 2011. Look for solutions that will move cities, townships and school districts forward. As Snyder stated recently — "stop focusing on what

went wrong and who to blame." Instead look to the future and solutions that people can buy into. The last 10 years have delivered all but the knock-

out punch to our state and region reeling from high employment, foreclosures and business failures. No one community or school district has been untouched by the economy. It was enough to drive even the most optimistic persons to flee. And, according to the recently released census data, many did just that. Nearly 54,000 residents left Michigan in the last 10 years. The ramifications will present other challenges in terms of clout in Congress and loss of federal dollars. It makes the Synder Administration's job that much more difficult.

Moving Michigan municipalities, school districts and businesses forward is a tall task. A lot needs fixing but it can be done.

Resolve to make 2011 a year of real change.

## **COMMUNITY VOICE**

How was the year 2010 for you?



"Personally and professionally it was exciting. I moved to Novi, so now I live and work in Novi. I'm looking forward to an even better 2011." Courtney Teeple



"This was a good year. I'm a show promoter at Novi's Rock Financial Showplace, and we had good attendance and we're looking forward to an even better 2011."

**Kate Griswold** Madison Heights



"No complaints. It was a good year. Good for my family and my business. I think things are looking

Linda Daly

"It was a very good year that had its challenges and its blessings. We've focused on doing good thinas.

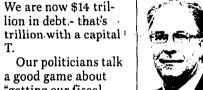
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## **GUEST COLUMNS**

## Michigan and America are in debt – stop digging!

ven if you haven't been paying attention, you know something has gone terribly wrong with America. We have become a debtor nation.

Today, we borrow 40 cents of every dollar spent by our national government.



a good game about "getting our fiscal house in order." Yet Tom Watkins

both Republicans and Democrats continue to

has changed. We pretend we can afford to fight two wars, bail out Wall Street, give tax breaks to everyone, all the while promising no changes in entitlement spending.

It was with this thought in mind

a kindred spirit. McTevia writes, "It appears possible the most powerful nation on earth will find a way to loot the future all the way to our great-great-grand children's bank accounts before we come to our senses -- and repay what we borrowed". He goes on: we are "mindlessly leveraging the future to serve

he presen Those would be strong words if written today, yet Jim McTevia is a bit of a prophet. He actually wrote these words in a book, "Bankrupt," that he

hand-delivered to every member of Congress ... in 1993! Nearly a quarter century ago, he was telling our elected leaders that it was "time to get real," don't whine about Congress "shooting the messen-

ger -- he just got mortally ignored". Mr. McTevia is not the sort of chap to say, "I told ya so," but he did. Rightfully, he was saying, "shame

on us" for running up such a debt as a nation that unless addressed, "several future generations might never get a chance to taste prosperity or even

Dealing with debt is quite simple if you are disciplined. There are only three ways to eliminate debt: 1) Increase revenue. 2) decrease expenditures. 3) A combination of 1 and 2. It is that simple -- and that difficult! Do I agree with every word in his book? Of course not. However, it IS a

Our politicians talk a good game about "getting our fiscal house in order." Yet both Republicans and Democrats continue to spend and pretend as though nothing has changed when EVERYTHING has changed.

man, our neighbor, who advises clients and businesses on how to climb out of debt and offering policy makers advice on how to do it. David Littmann, senior economist, Mackinac Center for Public Policy, summed up the book this way: "... Modern citizens have broken the moral code by living at the expense

of future generations. The crime of 'intergenerational theft'." True, this book is no cure for depression, but it IS a dose of straight talk and tough medicine for what ails us as a nation.

The question remains, "Is anyone listening"? The Culture of Debt is available on www.amazon.com and www.mctevia.

Tom Watkins is a US/China business and educational consultant. He was Michigan's state superintendent of schools, 2001-05 and president and CEO of the economic council of Palm Beach County, Fla., 1996-2001. He can be reached at: tdwatkins@aol.com.

# What you should know about the 2010 Tax Relief Act

🔊 n Dec. 17, Congress passed and President Obama signed he Tax Relief, Unemployment Insurance Reauthorization and Job Creation Act of 2010 (2010 Tax Relief

Act). This law provides some relief and certainty for Americans; at least until the end of 2012. Far from a complete overhaul of the Internal Revenue

Code, many of the items in 2010 Tax **Relief Act** are merely "extensions" or "renewals" of various tax provisions that were set to expire on

12/31/2010. In other Dan Hoops words, Congress and Obama essentially punted any real tax relief until the

2012 Presidential Election. The increase in the estate tax

credit amount to \$5 million is a very significant change to the tax code. Considering the greatest amount excluded under any previous estate tax was \$3.5 million, \$5 million is a nice relief under the 2010 Tax Relief Act. Without this revision to the estate tax, only \$1 million in assets would be sheltered for persons who died after 1/1/2011.

The problem with the estate tax

relief under 2010 Tax Relief Act is that it is very shortsighted. Although married individuals will be allowed to shelter up to \$10 million in estate tax, taking advantage of this tax windfall would require both spouses to die before 12/31/2012. I do expect an extension of the estate tax relief enacted (maybe even an increase to the sheltered amount), but estate

planners and clients will need to monitor congressional action until such time as any longer-term relief is approved. The reduction in the employee por-

tion of social security withholding (from 6.2 percent to 4.2 percent) for the year 2011 will provide immediate savings for all employees. An equivalent portion of the self-employment tax is also reduced in 2011 (10.4 percent). This is a welcome relief, as these savings will be immediately felt in all employee paychecks.

For example, if an employee earns \$100,000 in taxable wages in 2011, without this reduction, the amount of social security taxes withheld would be \$6,200. With the relief under the 2010 Tax Relief Act, the social security taxes withheld is \$4,200. The \$2,000 savings will be seen incrementally in every paycheck the employee receives.

The individual tax rates are also temporarily frozen at the graduated rates that are currently in place (10 percent-35 percent). Without the 2010 Tax Relief Act, the rates would have increased to 15 percent-39.6 percent. The capital gains rates were also expected to increase from 0-15 percent to 10-20 percent, fortunately the lower rates will remain

in place through 12/31/2012. More importantly is that the reduced capital gains rate will continue to be applied against "qualified dividends". For many individual shareholders, dividends are the income that they expect to receive throughout the year, paying a reduced rate of tax on that income is appealing. If this "type of income" were taxed at the higher ordinary income tax rates, they could have been more inclined to make drastic investment decisions before the end of 2010. In other words, individuals may have taken an immediate capital gain on shares of dividendpaying stock and replaced those shares with investments that would not generate additional ordinary

income tax, such as tax-free bonds. The 2010 Tax Relief Act also provides some extensions of various tax for two more years. The itembenefits to individual taxpayers for ized deduction for student loan

another two years. The limitation or reduction for itemized deductions and the personal exemption for individuals with adjusted gross income in excess of \$169,500 will not be in place on 1/1/2011. In addition, the "marriage penalty" will not effect the standard deduction for married filers for the next two

vears. The new tax bill also continues various credits to benefit taxpayers with children. The Child Tax Credit, Earned Income Tax Credit, Adoption Credit, Dependent Care Credit and Employer-Provided Child Care Credits are all extended through 12/31/2012.

Education costs were also given a priority (or protected) under the 2010 Tax Relief Act with several provisions being extended. Employees will be allowed to exclude up to \$5,250 from their income and payroll taxes for employer-provided tuition and education expenses. Students with "qualified higher education" expenses may continue to take advantage of the American Opportunity Tax Credit (previously known as the "Hope Credit"

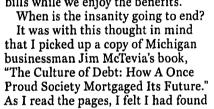
12/31/2012, as is the Coverdell Education Savings Accounts, the Armed Forces Scholarship and National Health Service Corps scholarship programs. While I am unhappy that a longterm "fix" was not be approved by Congress, we are left to play with the cards that have been dealt. The best advice I can give clients is to

remain patient and not panic about anything they may perceive in the short-term; sometimes surprising results can occur when you remain cool. That was my advice before passage of the 2010 Tax Relief Act

and that will remain my advice for the next two years; the short-term. Daniel S. Hoops is an associate professor at Walsh Business College teaching undergraduate and graduate courses in the Business Law and Taxation Department Professor Hoops holds a master of laws degree in estate planning from the University of Miami School of Law, a juris doctor from the Michigan State University Detroit College of Law and a bachelor of musical arts from the University of Michigan. He is also a 1987 graduate of Novi High School. He can be reached at Walsh College at (248) 823-1334 or dhoops@ walshcollege.edu.

security".

Meanwhile, the existing debt piles up leaving a growing bill for the next 2-3 generations to pay. It is as if our country is saying to our children: "Here - YOU pay the bills while we enjoy the benefits." When is the insanity going to end? that I picked up a copy of Michigan businessman Jim McTevia's book, "The Culture of Debt: How A Once



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# **Expect to ride a rocky road this winter on maintenance**

"cried wolf." This time last year, I warned that the Road Commission for Oakland County would not be able to provide the level of winter maintenance motorists have been used to, due to a shortage of snowplow/salt truck drivers. However, because last year's winter was not severe, the reduced service level was not

I feel like the boy who

that noticeable. I have no choice but to "cry wolf" again. Last year we had 40 fewer drivers than in 2007. This year we are down 48. We are short drivers because we have not had the funds to fill vacant positions. In fact, we have a total of 105 vacant positions, nearly 20 percent of the 2007 workforce. Today, we well. For example, RCOC have 97 fewer employees than we had in 1974, but a larger road system and a lot more traffic to deal with than back then. Our service levels are declining rapidly due to the lack of funding. Here is what will happen

this winter. When a storm hits,

106 salt trucks on the road. Our drivers must stop driving after 16 hours for rest, and at that time we will have only 36 backup drivers to climb in the trucks and keep plowing and salting. In 2007 we had 84 backup drivers. That means it is going to take us longer to clear the roads, especially if

a storm continues for a long period of time. If it takes us longer to clear the main roads, it will take us even longer than before to get into subdivisions. The main roads with higher speeds and traffic volumes must come

first. But the main roads and freeways will be affected as maintains the state highways in the county on behalf of the Michigan Department of Transportation. Once again, MDOT, due to lack of funds. has directed RCOC not to use overtime (evenings and weekends) to clean up after storms on Woodward (M-1), Square

we will be able to put all of our Lake Road (BR-24), Ortonville Road (M-15), Northwestern Highway (M-10), Grand River in Farmington Hills (M-5) and a couple of others. You may not see clear pavement over the weekends on those roads. A reader last year stated that winter maintenance should be cut only after we cut other things. We've done that.

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Consider: • We have also not filled 56 non-plow-driver positions that became vacant. • This will be the third year we will not be able to replace any of our deteriorating salt trucks and graders. Our equipment will be down more for repairs, but we now have fewer mechanics to do those repairs. • Our employees went more than three years without a pay increase, while at the same time covering more of their health care costs.

• We have not been putting new gravel on our gravel roads unless we have matching funds

• We are only resurfacing

paved roads to eliminate potholes where we can get matching money, i.e., federal funds, to pay for most of the cost. At the current rate of federal funding, it will take us 143 years to resurface those roads eligible for use of federal funds. Our revenues from the state gas tax and vehicle registration fees (our two main funding sources) are down 5 percent compared to 10 year ago, and yet we are now paying almost two and a half times more than we did 10 years ago for salt (we expect to pay \$4.3 million this winter) and fuel (\$1.9 million this year). Equipment and construction costs are up substantially also. RCOC's situation is also being experienced by all other road agencies across the state. Please drive carefully and give yourself a little extra travel time this winter. RCOC will do the best it can to get you there safely.

Brent Bair is managing director of the Road Commission for Oakland County

## Novi co-locates Public Safety Administrative team to one central office

Novi Police Department offering pistol safety class

ticipants will move to the Novi Firearms

Training Center to complete the training.

Participants must be 21 years old and

can register either online at cityofnovi.org

or pick up a registration form at the Novi

Earlier this year, the City of Novi created a Public Safety Administration to provide the management accountability for Police and Fire functions. our most critical service. This consolidation has provided several strategic enhancements, including a more flexible and integrated delivery of emergency and routine public safety services as measured by data the administration collects from the City's computer aided dispatch system and the feedback received from the National Citizen Survey

Civilian pistol safety class from 8 a.m.-5

This course fulfills both the classroom

Michigan Concealed Pistol License (CPL).

The CPL class is held at the Novi Police

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Department Training Center, located at

and shooting requirements to obtain a

p.m. Saturday, Jan. 22.

and the City's website (cityofnovi.org); a closer connection between public safety services planning, service delivery and staff utilization; and a more focused and deliberate management of all members of the Police and Fire teams. To further enhance administrative operations, the team recently consolidated offices

and relocated the Director of EMS/Fire Operations and Fire Marshall to the Public Safety Administrative Offices at Police Headquarters, located at 45125 W. Ten Mile Road on

The Novi Police Department will host a 45125 W. Ten Mile Road. After lunch, par-

the Novi Civic Center Campus. "This move provides for an enhancement in communication and further operational efficiencies," notes David E. Molloy, Director of Public Safety/Chief of Police. "Director Johnson will continue to provide direct oversight and expertise for the City's contracted EMS and fire suppression/response services, while Fire Marshall Evans responsibilities continue to support fire prevention and public safety awareness within the community. Both these positions

Police Department. The course costs \$200 information, visit cityotnovilorg of contact

and can be paid with cash or money order. Sgt. Michael Warren at (248) 347-0572.

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will now have access to onsite resources such as public safety records management, coordinated budget preparation, and other support services."

Another benefit of the relocation is consolidated training and development through the sharing of resources and combined weekly COMPSTAT (computerized statistic) meetings allowing Police and Fire personnel to make data driven decisions to further enhance public safety operations while providing a cost savings

through combined resources.

All participants are subject to a criminal

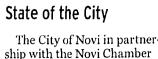
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Novi City Council members for

activities to heal and maintain a healthy mind and body," said Lisa Berthold, administrator. The Manor of Novi.

> The exercise program will take place on the second and fourth Wednesday of the month starting on Dec. 8 at 11 a.m. Reservations are required and can be made by contacting the Activities Department at (248) 477-2000, or novi\_admissions@cienafacilities.com.

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The Manor of Novi is located at 24500 Meadowbrook Road. Fitness classes offered

As 2010 comes to a close, the tradition of setting a New Year's Resolution is upon us. Millions of New Year's Resolutions are made each year and some of the most common ones are to lose weight and improve overall physical health. The Novi Parks Department achieves its mission of Enriching Lives and Strengthening Community, in part, by offering a wide variety of programs which promote healthy and active lifestyles. Classes begin Jan. 22 and registration is going on now at cityofnovi.org and the Novi Parks office (45175 West Ten Mile Road). Online registrations receive a \$5 discount. For a full listing of classes, visit cityofnovi. org or see the January-April edition of Engage!, which will be in Novi mailboxes this week.

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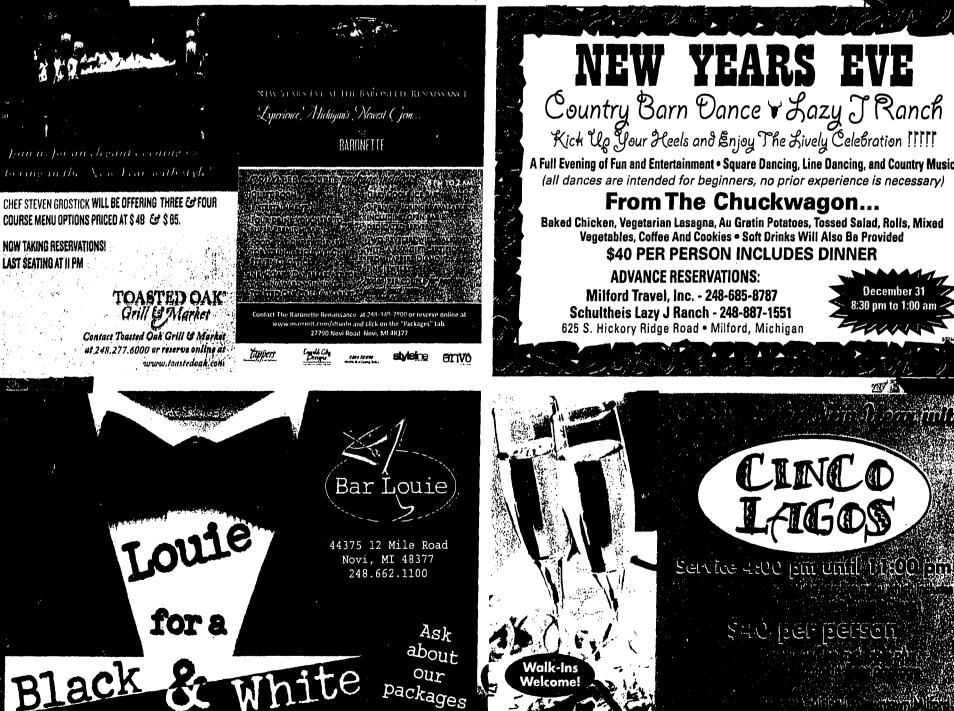
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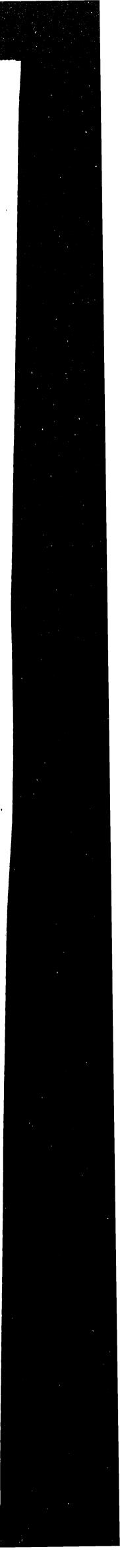
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### **COMMUNITY BRIEFS**



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### Dreyfus & Staab

Charles and Becky Staab, of Novi, announce the engagement of their son, Charles Staab II, to Sarah Dreyfus, daughter of Rick and Cyndi Dreyfus, of Chesterfield, Mo. The bride-to-be graduated from Parkway Central High School and United States Military Academy at West Point. She is a captain in the United States Army.

The groom-elect graduated from Novi High School and United States Military Academy at West Point. He is a captain in the United States

The couple is planning a Jan. 15 wedding in Savannah, Ga.



### NEIGHBORS

Potter & Krupansky New Yorkers Lauren Potter and Andrew Krupansky were married July 17, 2010, at Harkness Estate, Waterford, Conn. with Gail Swanker-Mayer officiating.

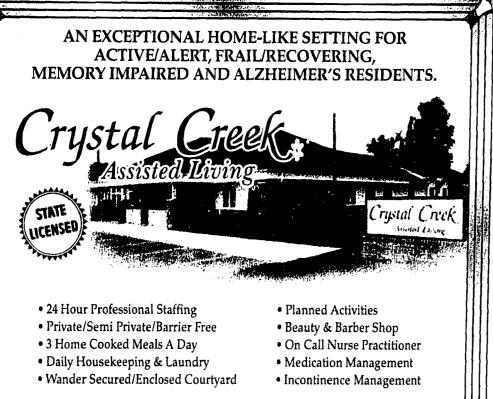
The bride is the daughter f Larry and Nancy Potter of Waterford. She earned a achelor's degree in gender studies from Brown University n 2007 and is a designer at Britanica Home Fashions. Her attendants were lifelong friends Julia Carey and Laura

McCormick. The groom is the son of Frank and Paula Krupansky of Novi. He earned a bachelor's degree in international relations from Brown University and is an investment banking analyst at Bank of Montreal. His attendants were Phillip Potter, brother of the bride,

and Gokul Dhingra, friend of the groom. A reception was held at Eiola Mansion at Harkness Estate, and the couple honeymooned in Napa Valley, Calif. before making their home in New fork, N.Y.









Jackett announce their engage- 👯 The bride-to-be, daughter of Mary and Ron Robertson of Livonia, attended Eastern Michigan University and is employed by Container and Pooling Solutions in Livonia. Her fiance, son of Nancy and Bill Jackett of Redford, attended Michigan State University and is a freelance writer for the Novi News. An April 2012 wedding is

planned in Plymouth.

# SHEN YUN PERFORMING ARTS Classical Chinese Dance & Music in an Unforgettable Production

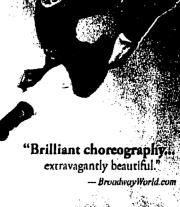
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### A GIFT FROM A DIVINE LAND

THERE WAS A TIME long, long ago when China was known as Shen Zhou-The Land of the Divine. The arts and the culture there were considered so exquisite and so vibrant that they could only have been bestowed by the heavens. And thus the people of the land strove to hold themselves to a higher standard so as to be worthy of such gifts. Today, Shen Yun brings these gifts to you.

Perhaps it is the quiet gentleness of the heavenly maidens that reminds us of a better, time and a better world. Perhaps it is the conviction of warriors dashing across the plains that tells us that good always defeats evil in the end. Or maybe it's just the timeless stories of courage and compassion, kindness and kinship.

Whatever it is, Shen Yun has touched the hearts of millions. "I cried a few times," one audience member confessed. "What I saw was power, honesty, and integrity-I am grateful for that." The show has graced some of the most prestigious stages in the world, from the Royal Fes-



tival Hall in London to the Kennedy Center in Washington, D.C. Shen Yun is more than just the world's premier classical Chinese performing arts company. It is an experience you won't want to miss.

### A PERFORMANCE 5,000 YEARS IN THE MAKING

A performance by Shen Yun is'traditional Chinese culture as it was meant to be: a study in grace, wisdom, and all the virtues distilled from millennia of Chinese civilization. The classically trained dancers, musicians, and singers of Shen Yun Performing Arts share a vision: to revive and restore Chinese culture to its former, glorious state.

Based in New York, Shen Yun Performing Arts is distinguished by its conscious effort to remain independent of China's communist regime, which has abused and impoverished the arts for decades. In fact, a show like Shen Yun's can no longer be found in China today. As one well-traveled New Yorker noted: "I've seen China before with my eyes, but this show had me experience China with my soul."

show is based on Chinese culture, but mesmerizing sound. the values it portrays belong to all of humanity.

### ONE OF THE MOST DEMAND-ING ART FORMS IN THE WORLD

No other art form in the world boasts such strong expressive qualities and diversity of technique as classical Chinese dance. It takes years of rigorous training to master the many leaps, flips, and delicate gestures. Dancers must also be versed in Chinese culture to achieve the bearing needed to ures to life.

In addition to the classical forms, Shen Yun features the distinctive colors and styles of ethnic and folk dance. Choreographers draw upon over 20 dynasties and 50 ethnic groups to create pieces that range from the northern steppes of Mongolia to the lush forests of Yunnan. Among the most impressive elements of any Shen Yun show are the large-scale ensemble pieces in which dozens of dancers appear to move as Falun Dafa, which teaches truthfulness, one body across the stage.

Shen Yun has also created its very own brand of story-based dance, which often deals with universal, thought-provoking themes. As one distinguished ballet dancer noted, "There's a lot of and composers. No other Chinese perdepth and meaning. It's a new realm of forming arts group in the world can dance.

### TWO GREAT CLASSICAL MUSIC TRADITIONS ONE FRESH, UNEX-PECTED SOUND

Some remarkable instruments such as the *pipa* or *erhu* date back more than 3,500 years, but the reality is very few Chinese instruments have made it to the world stage. To remedy this, the composers of Shen Yun bathe the distinctly Chinese sounds in a rich sea

For those who find all things Chi-nese a little foreign, never fear. The winds, and brass. The result? A new and

Each season, the composers create over 20 original scores. They work closely with the choreographers to ensure a seamless blending of the music with each and every dance.

### **EXTRAORDINARY ARTISTS**

"There's just something about them," udience members often remark.

At a time when the influence of Taoism, Buddhism, and Confucianism was strong in the Middle Kingdom, art was bring ancient legends and heroic fig- a means to explore the connection between mankind and the higher universe. Poets and artists cultivated virtue and engaged in study and meditation because they believed that to create true art worthy of the heavens, there must first be inner beauty and purity.

> Today, the artists of Shen Yun follow in that noble tradition. Their training regimen requires focus and a mindful lifestyle. Many draw inspiration from traditional cultivation practices such as compassion, and forbearance.

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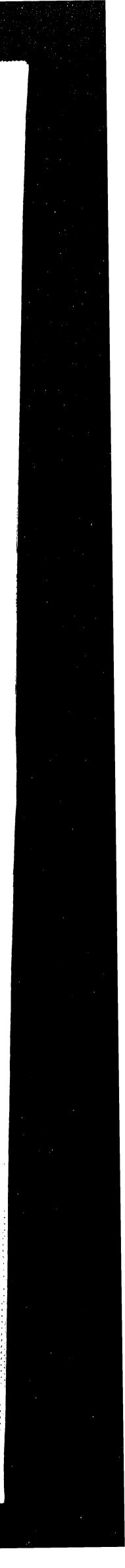
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# Cagers dominate Warriors in home opener

Mustang Ally Coppock looks to pass the ball near the net during Northville's Dec. 20th home game.

BY SAM EGGLESTON CORRESPONDENT

It was the kind of game that started off as a competition and then turned into an all-out onslaught Thankfully for the Northville Mustangs girls

basketball team and their fans, they were on the right side of the dominating victory as they stomped Walled Lake Western, 43-18.

found their stride as they ncreased their lead to 23-12 by the end of the first half. "After the first quarter we were better organized and did a better job of handling the

us," said Northville head coacl Fodd Gudith. "It was a comolete team effort. It was nice to get back on track after the rough game last week at (John)

forced 26 turnovers and held the Warriors to just 16-percent shooting. The team also had 21 Moynes added seven points in steals as they climbed to 3-1 on the season. Leading the way for

Northville was Meredith Williams, who scored 10. Alex



Mustang Sam Sergi races down the court in a fast-break situation against the Warriors of Walled Lake.

# Mustangs bow to Lakeland/Milford in gymnastics opener

Northville will be back to work come Jan.

5 when they visit Plymouth at 6:30 p.m.

Squad picking up valuable experience BY SAM EGGLESTON

CORRESPONDENT

It wasn't the ideal way for the

Northville Mustangs gymnastics

a ton of experience right out of the

The team, coached by Erin

McWatt, took a tough 136.5-124.5 loss to the combined Lakeland/ Milford squad to kick of the season. Despite the loss, Northville gained some valuable experience fr their team to open their season, but it lent fairly young team. itself to giving the girls on the team "Our six graduating seniors last year left some big shoes to fill,"

admitted McWatt. "Qur remaining

veterans and new rookies, includ-

ing one freshman, are working hard and looking great. We are rebuild-

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ing and looking forward to the sea-Northville had some pretty tough performances in the match. Victoria

Clay had an 8.5 on the vault while

Taylor Dempsey put up an 8.325 on the bars and an 8.55 with her floor routine. Erin Warwood contributed a strong score, too, earning an 8.2 on the beam.

Northville will be looking to follow the lead of senior captain Allison Kemp this year. "(She) will contribute in a big way



Mustang starting goalie David Ketelhut makes some saves during warm ups.

# Hockey team takes down Brighton despite being short-handed

There's no doubt about it: Northville's oys hockey team is serious this season. The squad, coached by Jeff Hatley, s learning from their mistakes, keeping their heads on straight and playing hockey like everyone hoped they could

The result? Wins, of course. Northville's latest game resulted in a 4-1 victory over a tough Brighton Bulldogs team--and that was without three defenders able to play and after falling behind 1-0 in the first period on a short-handed goal.

"I am really proud of the kids," said Hatley. "We have had a tough stretch of games and faced a tough challenge in playing a quality Brighton team without some of our defensemen. It was a total team effort. Everyone contributed to the win and played well. I gotta tip my

play in the Ann Arbor Pioneer Tournament come Jan. 6 at 5 p.m.

cap to the seniors on this one because they did a great job of keeping the team together and keeping it positive in the locker room."

Northville skated into the second period down 1-0, but you wouldn't have been able to tell by the way they played. The Mustangs hit the ice like they owned it, scoring two in the second period and two more in the third to secure the win.

Scoring in the second was Matt Sopha with an assist by Robbie Thornburg. Thornburg and Sopha combined again with reversed roles for the second goal



and a 2-1 lead.

BY SAM EGGLESTON ON TAP CORRESPONDENT Northville will be back in action when they

on all events," said McWatt. "She is a very powerful vaulter and our most consistent beam worker." Northville does have some big hur-

the victory. Sam Eggleston is a free-lance writer and former staff sports writer for the Northville Record and Novi News



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# Cutting edge

Young figure skaters excelling at something they love to do

BY TIM SMITH OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Off the ice, words tumble softly and measured out of the mouths of Isabella Falsetti and Delaney Hoberecht. But when 12-year-old "Izzy" and Delaney, 13, hit the ice at Canton Arctic Edge for another round of precisionpacked spins and jumps, their eyes become the size of gold medals Forget interviews. Both

Arctic Figure Skating Club members love to skate and compete - which they will do later this week at the 2011 U.S. Junior Figure Skating Championships in Salt Lake City, Utah.

Isabella and Delaney qualified for junior nationals in individual freestyle (singles), while Isabella also earned a spot in the pairs competition with 16-year-old Justin Highgate-Brutman of Detroit. "She speaks more on the ice with her skating," said Isabella's dad, Rodney Falsetti of Novi. "I've noticed that Izzy really comes alive more out on the ice."

And why not? It's that exhilarating frozen stage that beckons her and Delaney both. Delaney's mom certainly

understands the attraction. "If you're not a skater, I don't think you know what that feeling is like," said Canton's Becky Hoberecht, watching her daughter's latest practice. "Because for those kids who have moved on, to college or whatever, that ice always calls them back. There's just something about that." Becky's daughter took to

the sport as soon as she was introduced to it, skating on a pond in Oxford about seven

"It was so much fun that I wanted to start with the basic skills," Delaney said. "It was Fast forward to December 2010. That joy is still written - By Chris Jackett all over her face. It's not just because she still skates, but because she can "show people

what I can do," Delaney said with a grin. The same goes for Izzy, who ike Delaney is making her second appearance at the junior nationals. Both made the cut at October's Eastern Great

Lakes Regionals in Nashville,

### WORKING IT OUT

Tenn.

That's pretty fast for someone who at age 7 gave up gymnastics for figure skating to follow the lead of her older sister, Mikaela. "The jumps I really like,

and the speed," Izzy said. "I'm proud of myself and I can do better there and get better and confidence comes up auto-



on a routine at Canton Arctic Edge in preparation for this week's U.S. Junior Figure Skating Championships in Utah.

better as I keep skating." Her early morning and late school days, and one gets the impression she'd never leave the rink if she didn't have to.

able to chauffeur her to and from Arctic Edge? "It's kind of a family affair," Rodney Falsetti said. "I take her, her grandfather takes her and her mom (Sally) takes her. She's here sometimes twice a day, four times a week."

Skating Club primary coach Theresa McKendry, going to junior nationals is a byproduct of that willingness to put in so many hours - and

become supremely confident young athletes in the process. "All of the kids have started out with the goal of making junior nationals," said McKendry, who teams up with secondary coach Lisa Kirby. "And they all worked really hard, practiced extra, came in extra, did off-ice strength training and did what it took and they all succeeded in doing it."

their jumps," Pottenger said. "That's fun for me, and they're also really good jumpers, so it's easy on my part. They really enjoy coming to the rink and attacking it every day. These are probably some of the hardest workers you'll find here."

be represented by Daniel Li and the pairs tandem of 11year-old Sophia Dai of Canton and Jeffrey Fishman. Also going are Justin and Daniel Takayama, who train out of

McKendry, a Canton resident, said "the more they skate and the better they get, their

Shamrocks won nearly every

of three. Earning wins were

Jimmy Russell (285), Malak

tsmith@hometownlife.com CC grapplers topple two ranked teams

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### BY SAM EGGLESTON CORRESPONDENT

The Shamrocks will be back on There's a reason the Detroit the mat today in the Goodrich Catholic Central Shamrocks Tournament of Champions startwrestling team is ranked No. ing at 9:30 a.m. The team will 1 in the state for Division I then take a break until Jan. 6 schools--They are, quite simwhen they travel to Toledo to ply, the best in the business take on Toledo Catholic Central and Findlay.

The team continued to prove their ranking is no fluke as they dominated No. 8 Rockford, 48-9, last week in a Division I match-up. The weight class with the exception team then toppled Division II Stevensville Lakeshore, which Jay Peterson (215 pounds), is ranked No. 2, 52-19. Against Rockford, the Amine (112), TJ Fagain

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right now.

Northville's final tally came unassisted as Stephen Champagne put the puck into the back of an empty net to end the contest. Northville played without Logan Hill, Richard Cortapasi and Connor Brown on defense. Forward Brady Marotta, a scoring threat in every game, took one for the team and filled in on defense to help his team to the victory.

back end," said Hatley. "What more can you ask for Earning the win in goal was David Ketelhut.

consecutive games against state-ranked teams. Sam Eggleston is a free-lance writer and former staff sports



afternoon ice sessions bookend And why not, as long as she has parents and grandparents

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NO STOPPING THEM

Both girls train with jumps coach Steven Pottenger of Canton, who is wowed by their work ethic.

"I'm hired to help them with rung at a time. tines and reaching for the

In addition to Izzy and stars. Delaney, the skating club will

Arctic Edge. for not having the right stuff. It comes through loud and clear that they do.

> (119), Ken Bade (125), Logan Marcicki (130), Riley Hanson

(135), Alec Mooradian (140), Nick Mason (145), Mike Babicz (160) and Miles Trealout (189). Against Lakeshore, the result was pretty much the same, though Catholic Central lost in four weight classes. Earning wins were Amine (112), Fagan (119), Bade (125), Mooradian (135), Hanson (140), Mason (145), Andrew Garcia (152), Babicz (160), Joe Silvestri (171) and Trealout (189).

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Mustang Stephen Champagne works against a Brighton opponent during their Dec. 22 match at the Novi Ice Arena.

The Horny Rams coed soccer team won the White Division championship at Total Sports Complex in Novi with an 8-5 victory Dec. 20 over Newport Pleasure!. The team finished 7-1-0. Team members are (back, left to right) Drew Edmonds (Wixom/Walled Lake Western), Andrew Stratton (Novi/Walled Lake Western), Chris Jackett (Redford/ Redford Union), Adam Stacey (Livonia/Catholic Central). Middle row is Victoria Maxe (Livonia/Livonia Churchill), Karen Jackett (Redford/Redford Union), Melanie LaDuke (Redford/Redford Thurston), Megan Kelley (Redford/ Redford Union). Front row is Nick Giammarco (Northville/Northville), Andrew Brockie (Garden City/Garden City), Andy Rushlow (Commerce/Redford Union). **NOVI SPORTS ROUNDUP** 

Ranked No. 9 in the state, Novi's ice hockey team (7-2-0) won the Clarkston Christmas Tournament last weekend. The 'Cats defeated No. 86 Davison (1-5-1) with an 8-0 mercy last Friday before knocking off No. 34 Hartland (5-2-1) with a 7-3 decision last Saturday. Novi had defeated Hartland 4-3 in last season's regional

championship. The Wildcats are off for the holidays until a three-game road trip in the Upper Peninsula Jan. 7-9 when they face No. 10 Calumet (4-2-0), No. 51 Houghton (3-3-0) and No. 16 Marquette (5-0-0) before returning home for a Jan. 17 contest against No. 98 Livonia Franklin (2-5-0). Bowlina

Novi's bowling squads had their hands full last Thursday as they faced off with local powerhouse Westland John Glenn at Super Bowl in Canton.

The boys team (1-1-1) threw games of 999 and 1.061. but lost 29-1 to Glenn (2-0-0). "The second game of 1,061 is an average of 12 per bowler, yet w e game by 117 pm Glenn shot games of 1,098 and 1,178, averaging 227.6 per man per game," Novi coach John

Andrew Thorwall (215, 224), junior Chad Smith (215, 233) and senior Brandon Ross (224, 244) led the way for Novi. The girls team (0-3-0) lost their match 27-3 to Glenn (1-1-0), with junior Callie Wright lead-

ever, so is our competition."

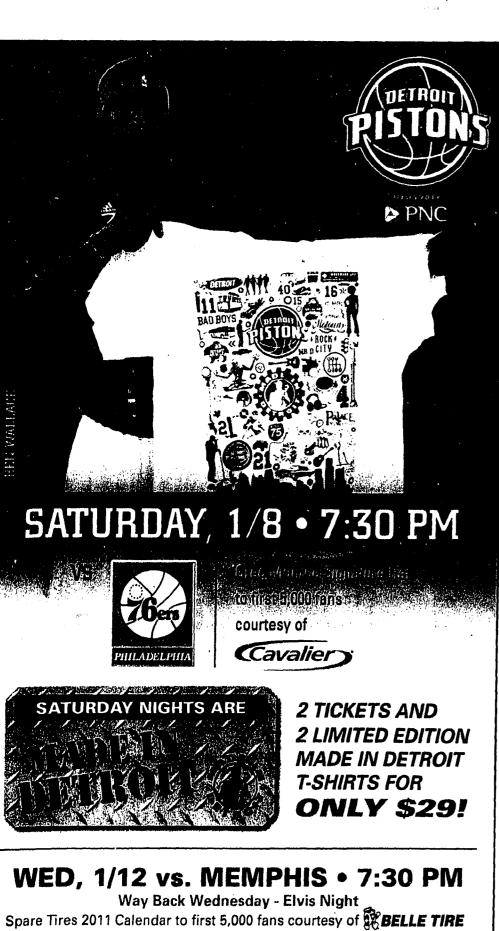
ing the way with games of 165 and 155. The teams are back in action 3:30 p.m. Jan. 6 when a strong Wayne Memorial team comes to Novi Bowl. The Zebras' boys team were Division I runners-up in 2009.

Osborne said. "Our team is bowling well; how-

Senior Brandon Gillespie (212, 212), junior

### Competitive cheer

The Wildcats' competitive cheer squad had a tough break Dec. 8 at Livonia Franklin, as the host Patriots won the tri-meet behind 665.3872 points. Walled Lake Western (640.7408), Novi (632.1820) and Grand Blanc (594.8810) closed out the scoring. years ago. The girls were scheduled to compete in last Saturday's Brandon Invitational before taking some time off for the holiday break. Competition resumes Jan. 4 when the Wildcats just like this pure joy and I host South Lyon East and Livonia Stevenson in wanted to continue.



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"(Brady) battled hard and played solid on the from a kid?"

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Northville is now 4-5-1 on the season after six

writer for the Northville Record and Novi News.



It doesn't matter to Canton's Delaney Hoberecht, 13, where she skates – even the junior nationals this week. She just loves to show

That certainly applies among those in the Utah con-"I don't worry about anything, just skating," Isabella

any kinks in her singles or pairs programs — the latter including her spin-your-partner "death spiral" move with Justin - the big thing for Izzy is practice makes perfect. "It makes us feel good that we can get it down," Isabella said. "That we know it's clean."

Meanwhile, Delaney's mom said for as much as her daugh ter loves to skate, she also has a very serious, competitive side. When it's showtime, it's the place she wants to be. "She loves to compete. That's her very favorite thing to do," Becky said. "One thing that's nice is she doesn't ever seem to get nervous. The stiffer the competition, the more she sort of rises to the challenge."

One gets the feeling Izzy and Delaney don't plan on stopping their competitive ascent, When asked about longterm goals, Delaney said she

just moves up the ladder one "I just take the short-term goals because I know the long-

term goals will come," Delaney said, still speaking quietly. Izzy merely wants to keep working, perfecting her rou-

"First it's doing my double axle, and then getting all my other jumps, triples, then going to Olympics when I get all those done," she said. These girls might be softspoken, but don't mistake that





retailer spirits bright Improved November sales kept Michigan retailers' fore-

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Liz Houston (center), Community Financial's Novi branch manager, presents a check from the credit union's Community Shares program for the Novi Educational Foundation to Peter Dion, Novi Community School District superintendent. Also attending are (left) Orchard Hills Elementary Principal Paul LePlae and students from Dawn Capling's fourth grade class who volunteer for the school's student-run credit union, along with (right) Bob Schram, Novi Educational Foundation Executive Director and Michelle Richards, education partnership coordinator for Community Financial.

# **Novi Educational Foundation receives** contribution from Community Financial

Community Financial Credit port the foundation's commit-Union recently presented a check to the Novi Educational community." Foundation (NEF) to further local educational programs. The Community Financial's Novi donation was made possible by office, made the presentation Community Financial's continto Peter Dion, superintendent ued financial strength in 2010. of Novi Community School The NEF is among seven recipi- District.

ents of the credit union's annual According to NEF's Community Shares program. Executive Director Bob "We began this program 11 Schram, Community years ago to benefit a variety of Financial's contribution will educational programs and pro- be used for the middle school vide resources for enhancing career day and reality store. "The NEF values its comstudents' learning experiences in the communities we serve," munity partners, including credit union CEO Bill Lawton Community Financial, in said. "We are pleased to sup- accomplishing its mission to

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casts upbeat for the rest of Cell phones for soldiers what might turn out to be the Pulte Homes and Del Webb best holiday shopping season

in several years. The Michigan Retail Index for November showed the best monthly year-over-year select communities and turn it sales gains since 1999 and the highest level of retailer optimism since this past April. The Index is a joint project of Michigan Retailers Association (MRA) and the Federal Reserve Bank of

profit organization that collects Chicago. "Michigan retailers went old cell phones and sends them into the season with enthusiasm and high expectations. November's sales added purchase prepaid calling cards, more encouragement," said James P. Hallan, MRA presi-

which are sent to troops overseas. Approximately half of the dent and chief executive offiphones ReCellular processes cer. are reconditioned and resold to "The Michigan economy is showing signs of life. wholesale companies in more than 40 countries around the Consumers appear to be feel-

ing more confident about the world. Phones and components that cannot be refurbished are future and making purchases they had put off in recent years."

Prior to the start of the season, 58 percent of the state's retailers said they expected better sales this holiday season. On average, they projected a 6 percent gain in sales over last year – the best

forecast since 2004. The Michigan Retail Index survey for November found easy way metro Detroiters can that 54 percent of retailers increased sales over the same month last year, while 26 percent recorded declines and 20 percent saw no change. The results create a seasonally January 2011 by donating their adjusted performance index of 68.1, up significantly from

Pulte Homes, 48927 Freestone 51.0 in October and 56.7 in Drive in Northville (248-735- September. Îndex values above 50 gen-0012) or Liberty Park by Pulte Homes, 44831 Stockton Drive erally indicate an increase in overall retail activity. A year ago November, the sales per-

formance index was 39.7. Looking forward, 40 perties open for sales, visit www. cent of retailers expect sales during December–February to increase over the same period last year, while 17 percent project a decrease and 43 percent no change. That puts the seasonally adjusted outlook index at 73.2, up from 67.4 in October and

students from Dawn Capling's fourth grade class who volunteer at the school's student-run credit union, which is sponsored by Community Financial. "Our partnership with

**Community Financial gives** students a hands-on way to learn basic personal finance," Dion said. "The student-run credit union program is a fun and rewarding educationa experience."

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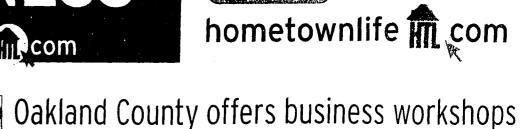
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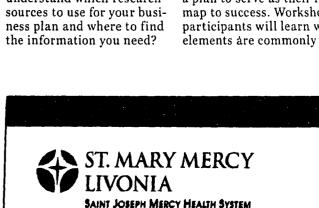
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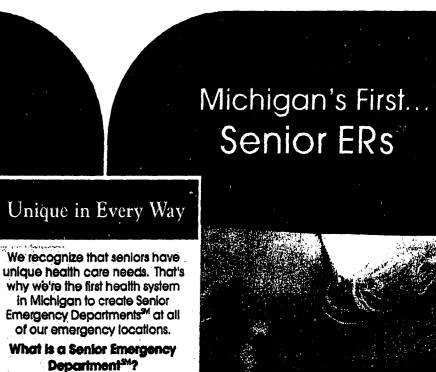
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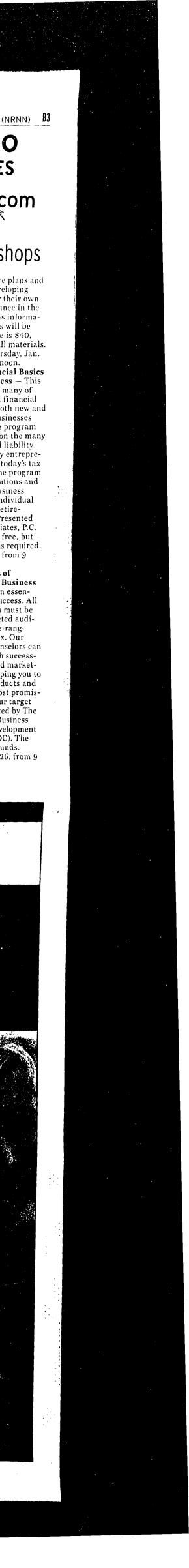
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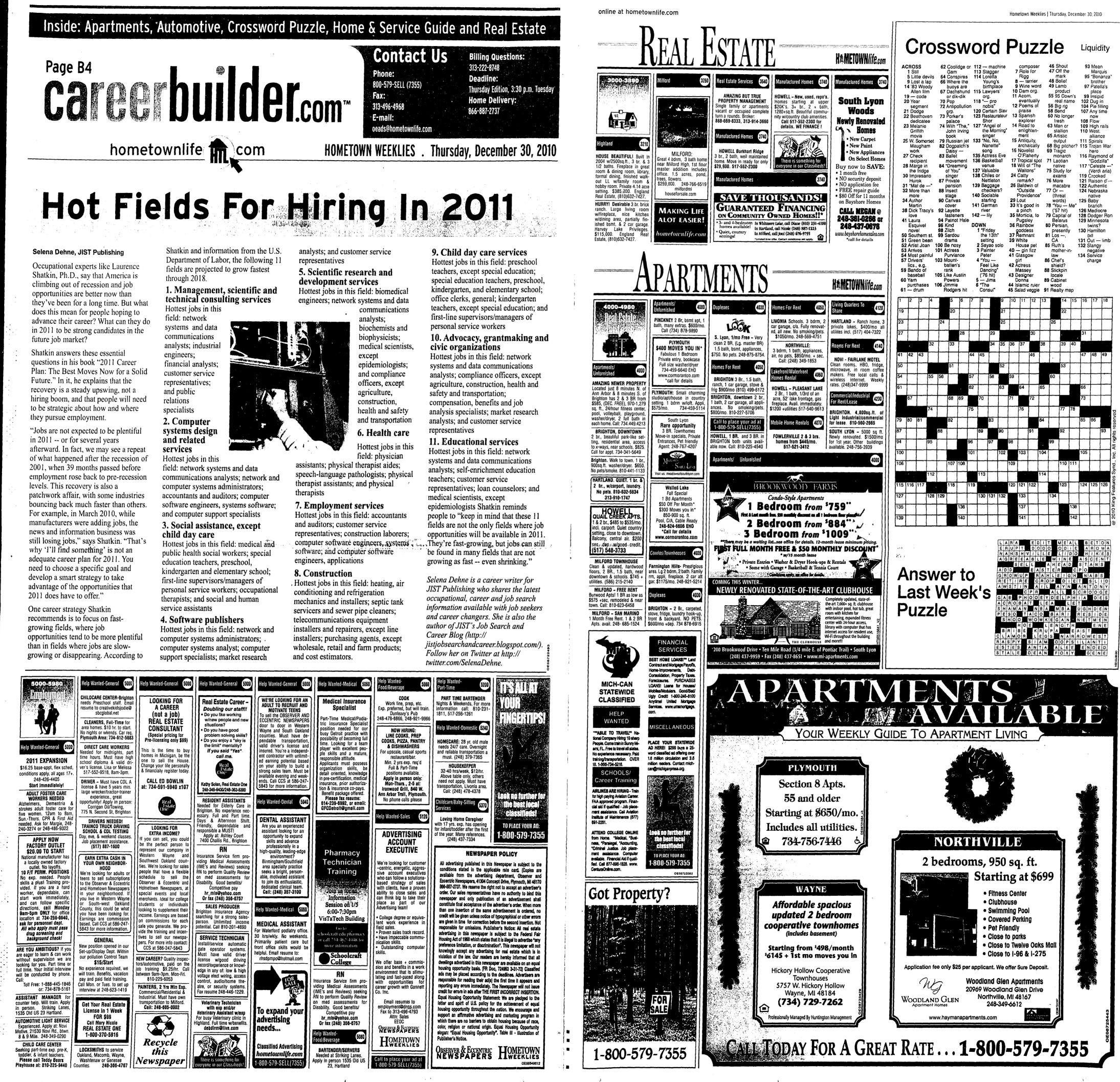
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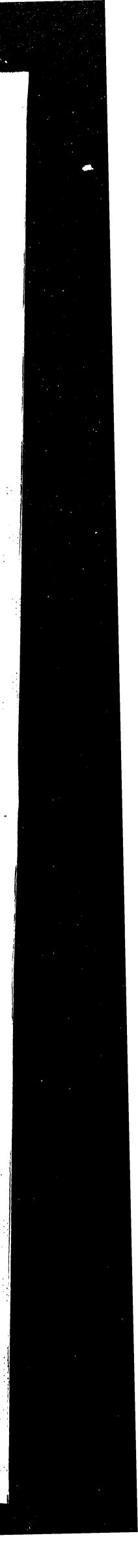
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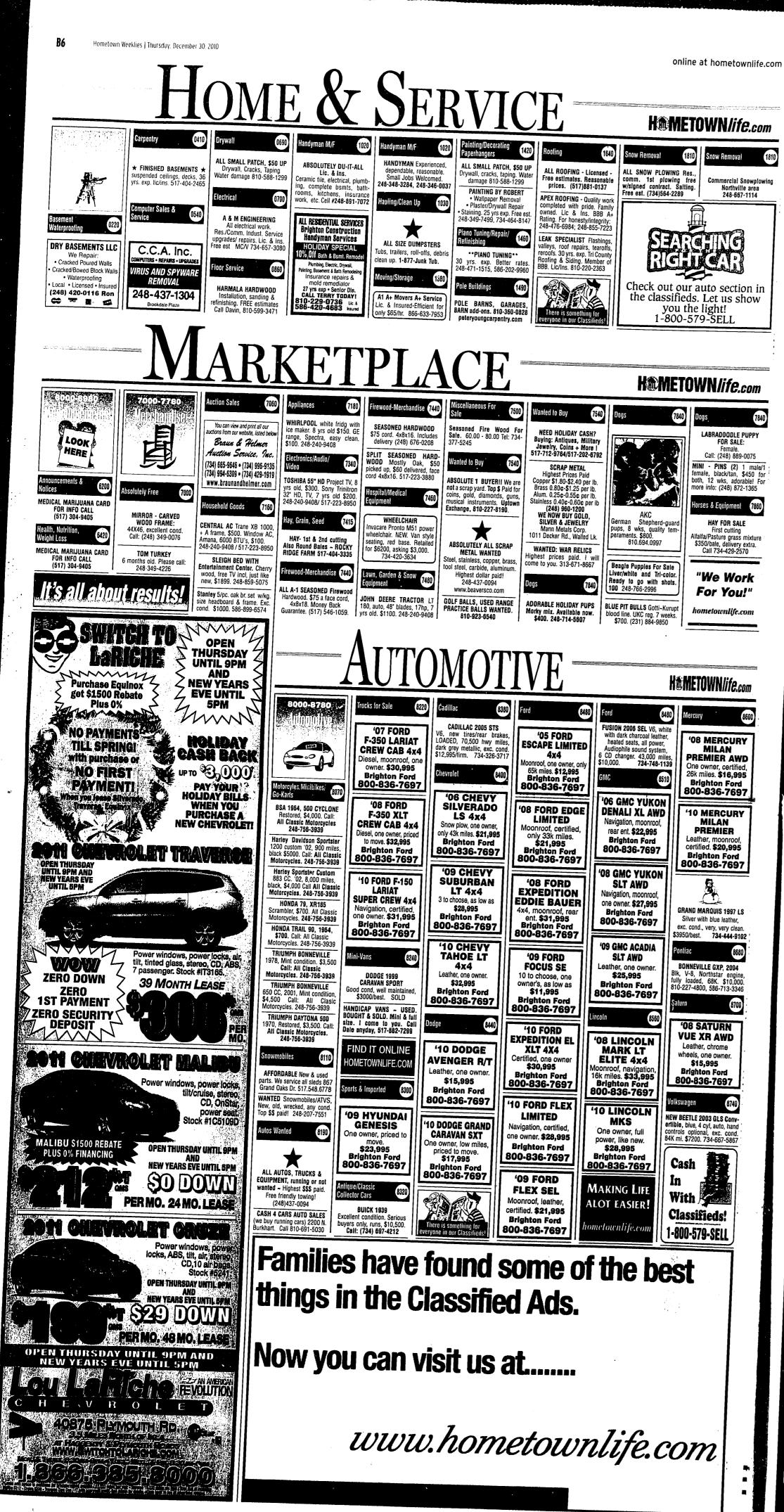
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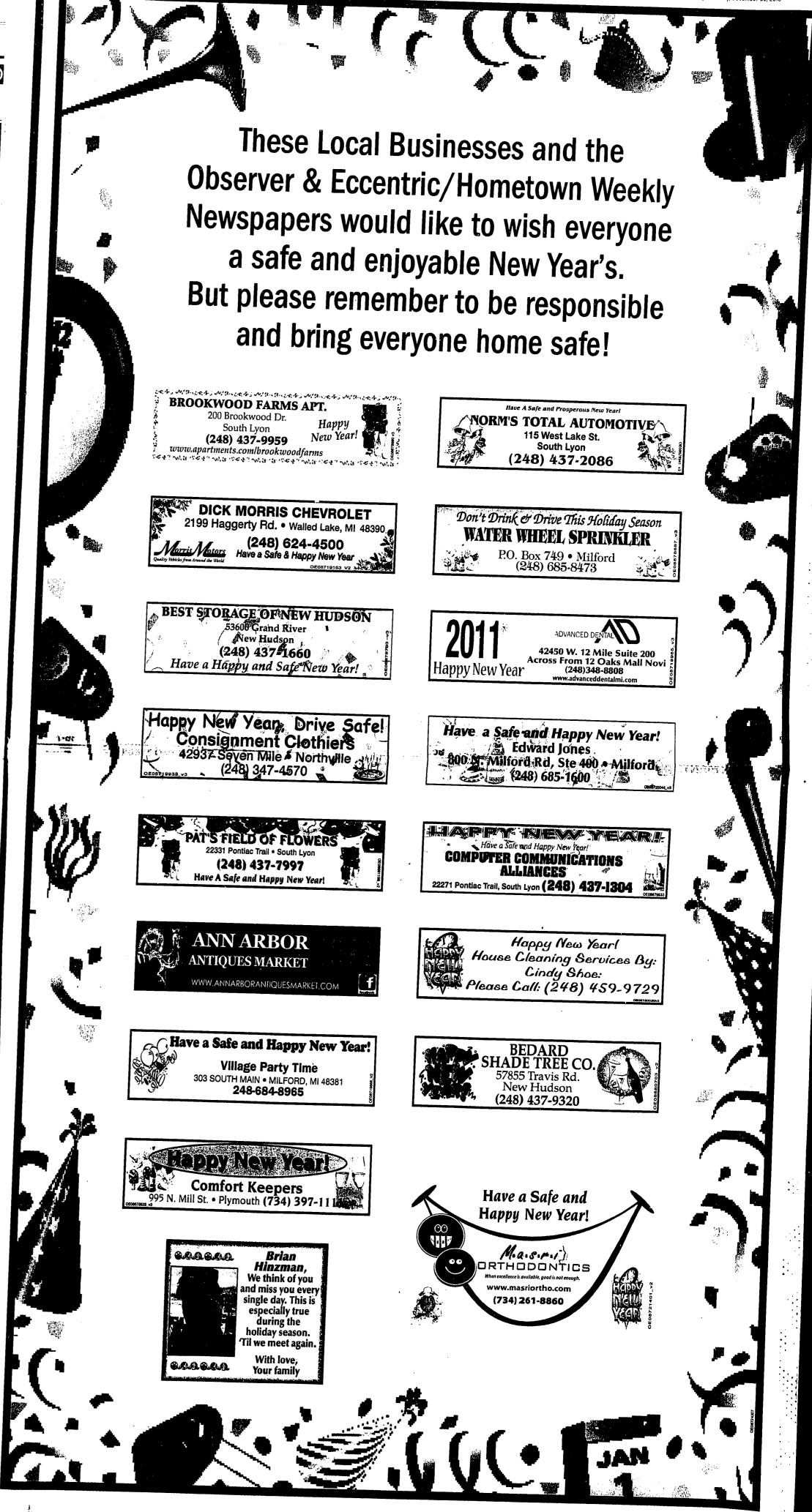


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