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## 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 year.

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

A 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.

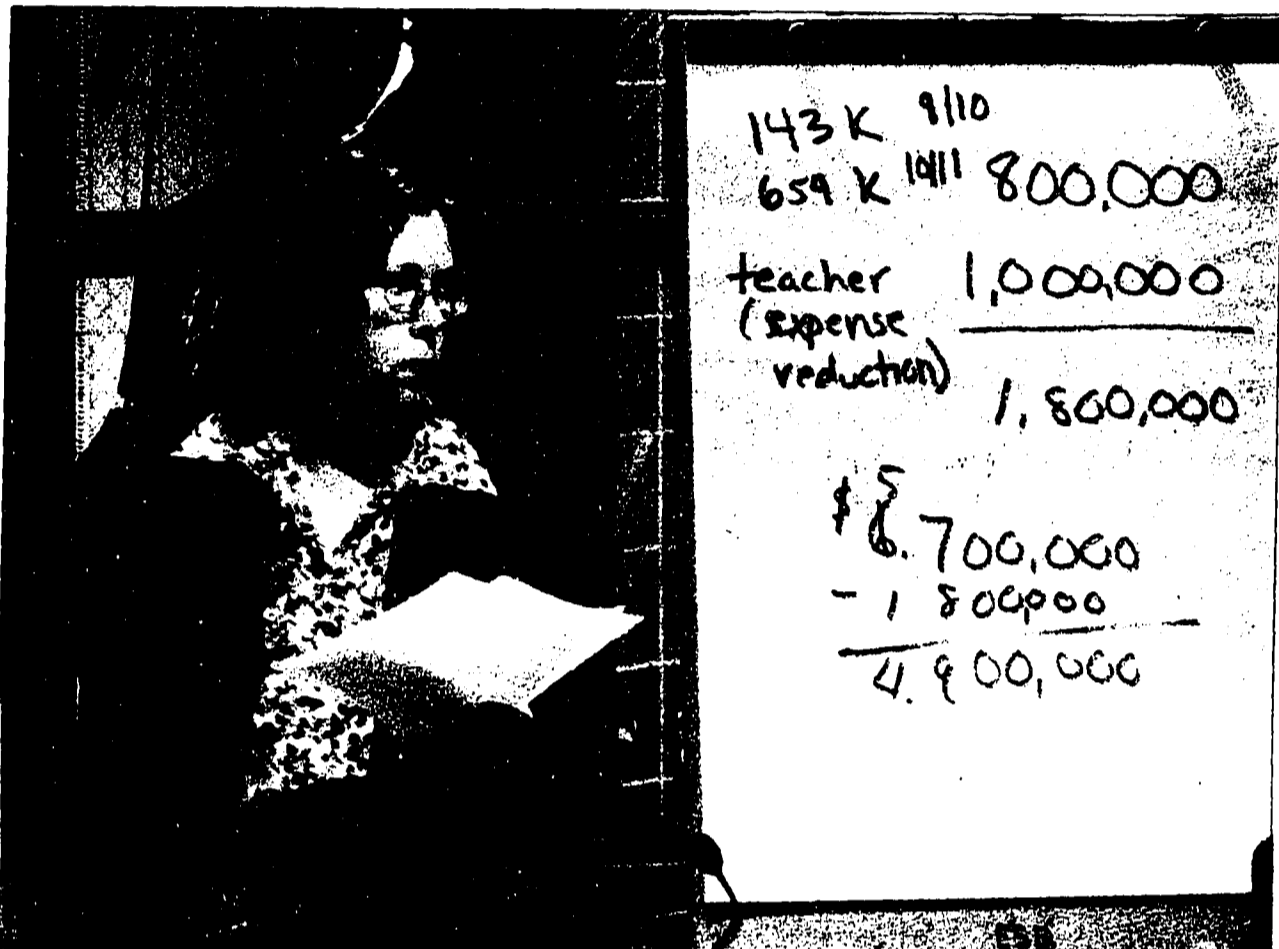
"We will not panic and we will not manage this city out of fear," he said.

### 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.



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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 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 affects 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.

### NOVI NOW

#### 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 Nancy 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 two-year term of service. The board will welcome nine new commissioners to the 2011-2012 Board of Commissioners.

#### Holiday photos win!

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Contest ends midnight Dec. 31. Share your holiday spirit with others! Go to [hometownlife.com](http://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 observance 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.

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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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### REVIEW

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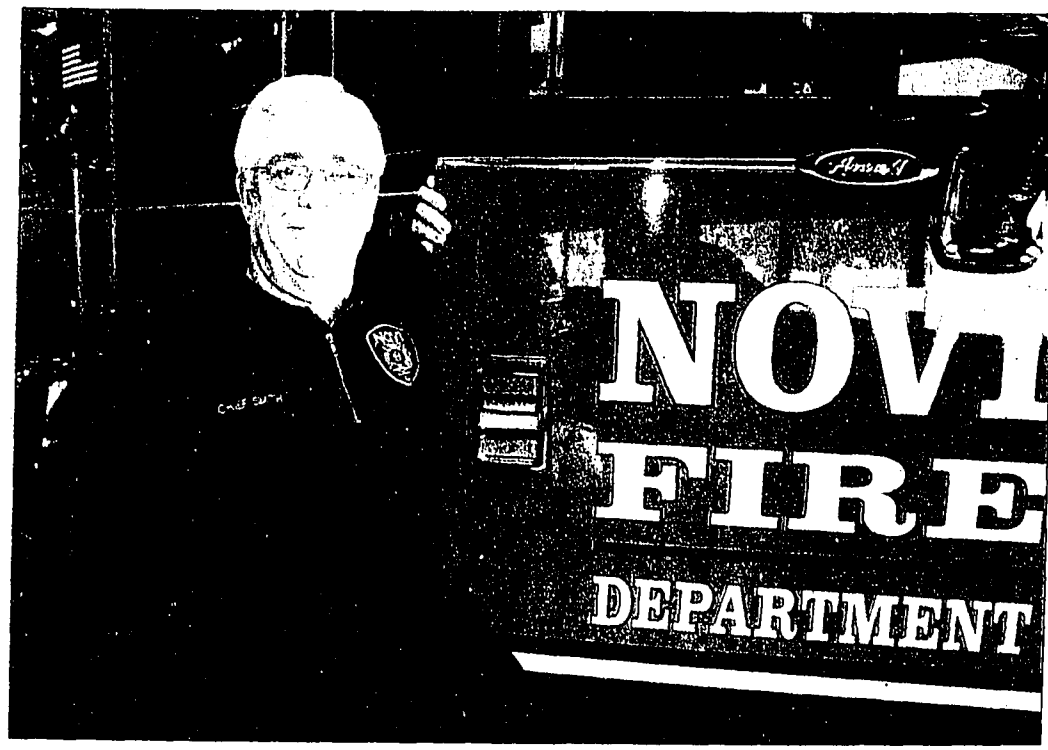
Former Novi City Council member and House speaker Craig DeRoche was arrested in early February on suspicion of drunken driving. Witnesses told police they saw him drunkenly leave his car and walk up to a store in Saline. Officers then arrived to find him stumbling in the snow. A breath test registered a blood-alcohol content of 0.249 percent, more than three 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 driving 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 outgoing Fire Chief Frank Smith and instead moved David Malley 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



After 31 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 expect to save \$100,000 next year 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.

#### Novi Road project approved

The long awaited Novi

Road Link project finally 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 CSX Railroad.

Eighty percent of the project is being paid for with federal dollars and the remaining 20 percent is split between the RCOC and the city of Novi.



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



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 1/2-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 finalists for the top job at Federal Way School District in Washington state. Dion, who has been in Novi five years, competed for the

#### City makes more cuts to balance budget

The Novi City Council approved an amended budget that included \$447,410 worth of cuts through the elimination of a dispatcher and two police officers.

The cuts bring the total

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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 several 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.

#### MAY Organizers cancel '50s Festival

A one-year 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

### REVIEW

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#### 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 165-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."

#### JUNE Novu Public Library has people in awe

The three-year plan to build a new public library in Novi came to fruition June 1 when the multimillion-dollar facility opened to the public.

People were waiting in line outside the building to get their first glimpse at all the library has to offer. It features everything the old building offered and also includes a dropoff box outside that automatically checks in books, double the number of computers, increased circulation, addition of Blu-ray movies and video games, a cafe, outdoor patio, specialized children's area and more.

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

#### County Commissioner Potter dies

Novi Mayor Pro Tem Bob Gatt decided the best place for him was on the Novi City Council.

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entertainment, crafters and more.

The estimated cost to run 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

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 been faced with a budget like this."

#### 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 sentenced to six months probation, 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.

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

most and he was not able to dedicate as much time to campaigning as he wanted to.

"As long as you will have me, I want to continue to serve the people of Novi," he said.

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lived in South Lyon since 1994 and was active in the community immediately. He was elected to the South Lyon City Council in 1997 and elected mayor in 1999.

In 2002, he was elected to the Oakland County Board of Commissioners serving several committees, 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 District's Superintendent's are gone at the end of the school year.

Supt. Pete Dion and Assistant Supts. Gail Credit and 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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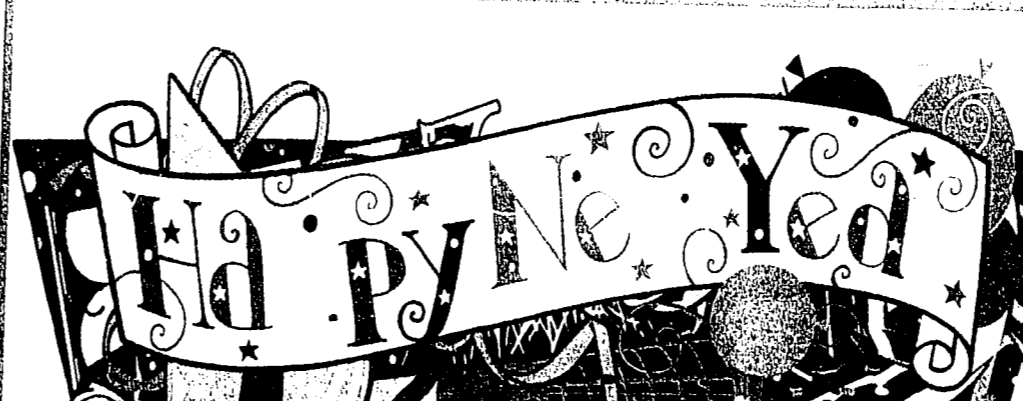
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### Sen. Stabenow nominates 34 Michigan students to service academies

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, N.Y.

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

"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.



### 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.

## SCHOOL BRIEFS

### 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.

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 SANIP 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 NHIS Senior All Night Party and should be sent to: NHIS Senior All Night Party, C/O Dana Nussio, 22041 Shadybrook Drive, Novi, MI 48375.

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# Art students use metroparks as their canvas

How do you take art out of 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.

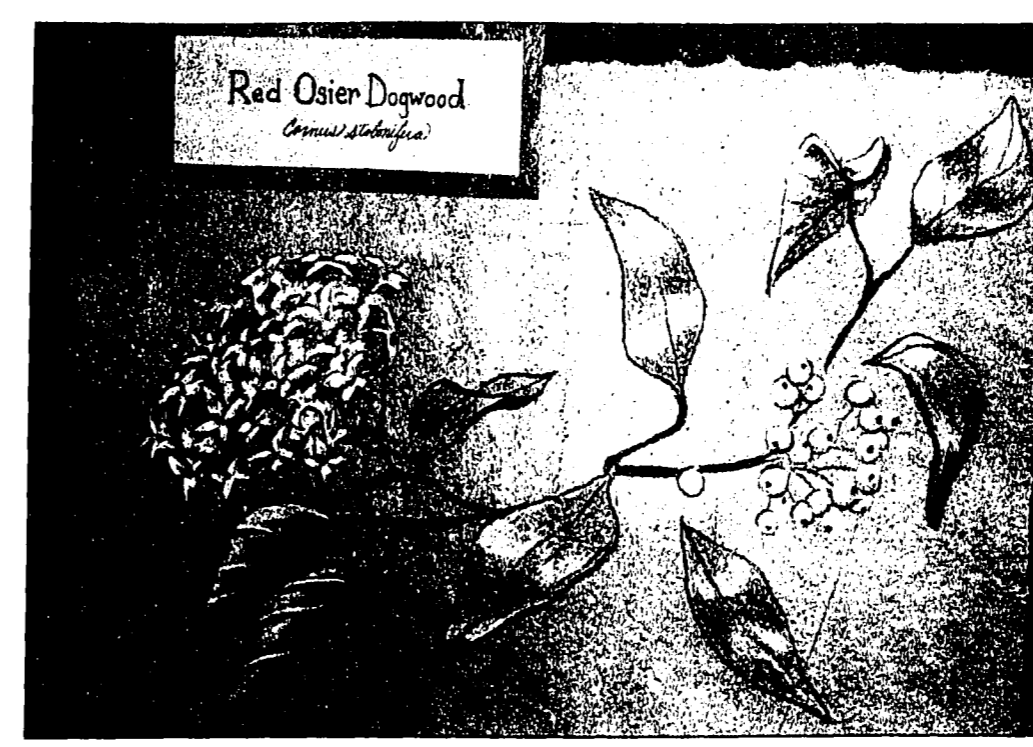
Using nature as the cornerstone of the course "Metroparks: Engaging the Environment," Rodemer paired up with metroparks staff to offer students the opportunity to use their artistic talent to showcase important commentaries on the environment, preservation, ecological issues and more, while at the same 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. Some pieces will remain as permanent exhibits while others will be left to be "reclaimed by nature" as intended by students who used natural materials for their outdoor art.

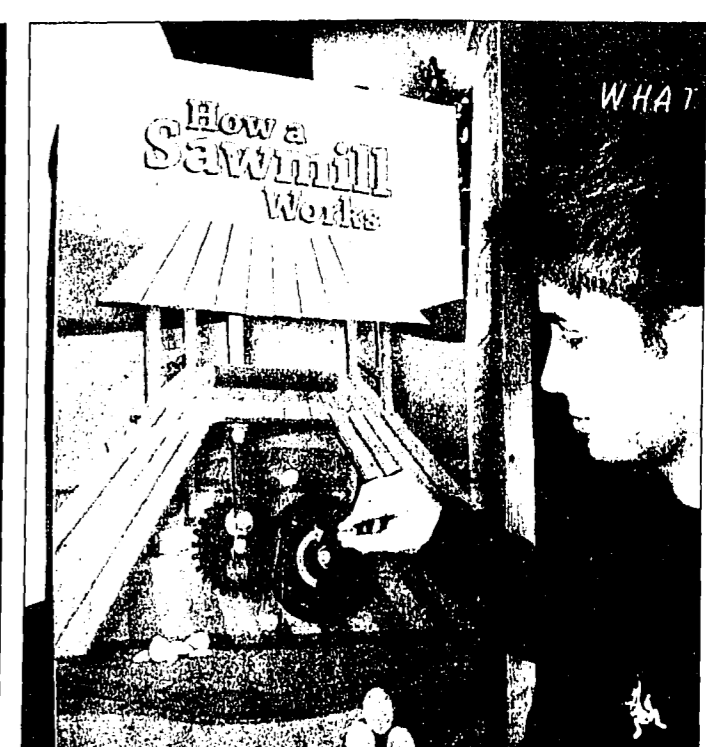
The bulk of the projects are at Hudson Mills. At Kensington Metropark, Alejandra Rivas-Vasto created woodblock prints. Carly Wilhelm, Kyle Kulik focused their project on Engaging Wildlife Identification Resource at Indian Springs. Megan O'Neil created Prairie Grass Root Paintings at the White Lake metropark.

Nine projects can be seen at Hudson Mills Metropark, in the activity Center and along the nearby Acorn Trail. One of the indoor exhibits, "Reclaiming Michigan's Botanical Heritage" by Trisha Previte and Nora Green highlights the native plants found in the park.



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

and other native plants, and then reading the accompanying text," said Jennifer Hollenbeck, park interpreter. The artists made the paper on which the plant images are printed using pulp derived from invasive species, embedded into some of the paper are seeds of native plants, so that one can plant the paper to encourage the growth of more native species.



Andrew Hainen shows off his sawmill display at Hudson Mills Metropark.



U-M Students Allison Hylant, Shaili Das and Mallory Roukema created woven willow structures at Hudson Mills. The work will eventually be reclaimed by the environment.

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 Treuhft
- Outdoor Canvas Collage Series - Anne Schulte
- Reclaiming Michigan's Botanical Heritage - Trisha Previte, Nora Green

Woven Willow Structures - Allison Hylant, Shaili Das, Mallory Roukema

A vehicle entry permit is required to enter any metropark and is \$5 daily or \$25 annually. Visit www.metroparks.com for more.



Student artist Anne Schulte created an outdoor canvas collage series at Huron Meadows Metropark.

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BETTY M. GOODLIN Age 86, of Westland, formerly of Ypsilanti, passed away peacefully Dec. 25, 2010.



KELLY SUE MOSCARELLO Age 32, passed away December 26, 2010 surrounded by her loving family and friends in her last moments.

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TERRY LAFFERTY Age 50, of Green Oak Twp., passed away December 26, 2010. A private funeral service was held at PHILLIPS FUNERAL HOME.

ADEANA BEATRICE (WINKLER) CAREY NEE GLEASON Age 73, most recently a resident of White Lake, died at Angela Hospice Care Center in Livonia.

FRANK JOSEPH LEWIS Age 89, passed away December 21, 2010. He was born in Staten Island, NY. He served in the U.S. Army Signal Corp during WWII and worked for the City of Detroit.

PATRICIA S. STEPHEN Age 93 of Northville, passed away Dec. 24, 2010. Loving mother of Diane (Dora) McCulloch & Roger (Jo Ann Gish) Stephen.



MARION DAVIS Age 90, formerly of Milford, December 21, 2010. Services were held at Lynch & Sons Funeral Home.

EDWARD A. MAC DERMID Age 82 of Farmington and Harrison died December 26, 2010. Beloved husband of 57 years to Helen.

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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 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.

In the show, Cucksey finds, restores and sells items for a homeowner for personal profit. During the series, she 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.

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.



Cari Cucksey and her fiance and business partner Vince Ialano are excited 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. Jan. 3 debut party at Northville Square.

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### TRY THESE!

Here are a few recipes for non-alcoholic 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 Iridescent Motor City Casino & Hotel Detroit. 3 ounces pineapple juice, 2 ounces passion fruit juice, 1/2 ounce lemon juice, 1/2 ounce grenadine. Shake ingredients with ice. Pour into glass. Garnish with lemon wedge and cherry.

Creamelon: Submitted by Sixteen Trump International Hotel & Tower Chicago, Ill. 3 cups chopped seedless watermelon, 1 cup chilled green tea, 1/2 cup chilled cream soda, 1/4 teaspoon ground cinnamon, 1 teaspoon light brown sugar, Ice cubes. Blend everything on a low speed and serve in a tall glass. Garnish with big watermelon slice.

1913 Room Indulgence: Submitted by The 1913 Room Amway Grand Plaza Hotel Grand Rapids. 1 cup pomegranate juice, 1/2 cup alcohol-free red wine, 1/2 cup orange juice, 1/2 cup freshly squeezed lemon juice, 1/2 cup club soda, 4 dashes Tabasco. In a cocktail shaker, mix all ingredients with crushed ice, shaking vigorously. Serve in martini glass and garnish with orange twist.

Sparkling Pineapple Sunset: Submitted by The Grand Hotel Mackinac Island. 1 cup pineapple juice, 1 cup Perrier, Splash grenadine, Cherry for garnish. In a large glass filled halfway with ice, add equal parts pineapple juice and Perrier (or any sparkling water). Shake well. Add a splash of grenadine. Garnish with maraschino cherry.

Nonalcoholic Bellini: Submitted by The Saint Paul Hotel St. Paul, Minn. 1 ounce fresh peach nectar, 4 ounces nonalcoholic brut champagne. Pour nectar into glass. Slowly add champagne. Stir gently. May garnish with peach slice.

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Karen Snider, left, and Linda Colwell share a smile during the Dec. 16 Holiday luncheon and concert at the Novi Senior Center. Seniors were treated to a warm meal in colorful holiday decorated surroundings and then to a concert by the local senior band Special Blend.

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# Leaving her mark on Michigan

## Cassiss remembered for her many accomplishments in political career that spanned two decades

BY NATHAN MUELLER STAFF WRITER

Nancy Cassis wouldn't say her career in politics is finished when she spoke earlier this month at the unveiling of the Suburban Collection Showplace.

But because of term limits, it is done... for now. Cassis, who has represented the state Senate 15th District the last eight years, called her 25 years as a politician a "wonderful journey" and kept the option open that it may still continue.



State Sen. Nancy Cassis points to a collage of her career in the state Legislature that was compiled by her husband Victor.

him in many ways, was the one who 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

Michigan residents and businesses.

Her SAVE the Children legislation, which prevented early learning failure and gives 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 representing 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

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 not out of the woods yet, but I believe we are making progress."

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

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 choose," she said.

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



**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 of Larry and Nancy Potter of Waterford. She earned a bachelor's degree in gender studies from Brown University in 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 Gobal 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 York, N.Y.



**Robertson & Jackett**  
Andrea Robertson and Chris Jackett announce their engagement. 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 fiancé, 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.



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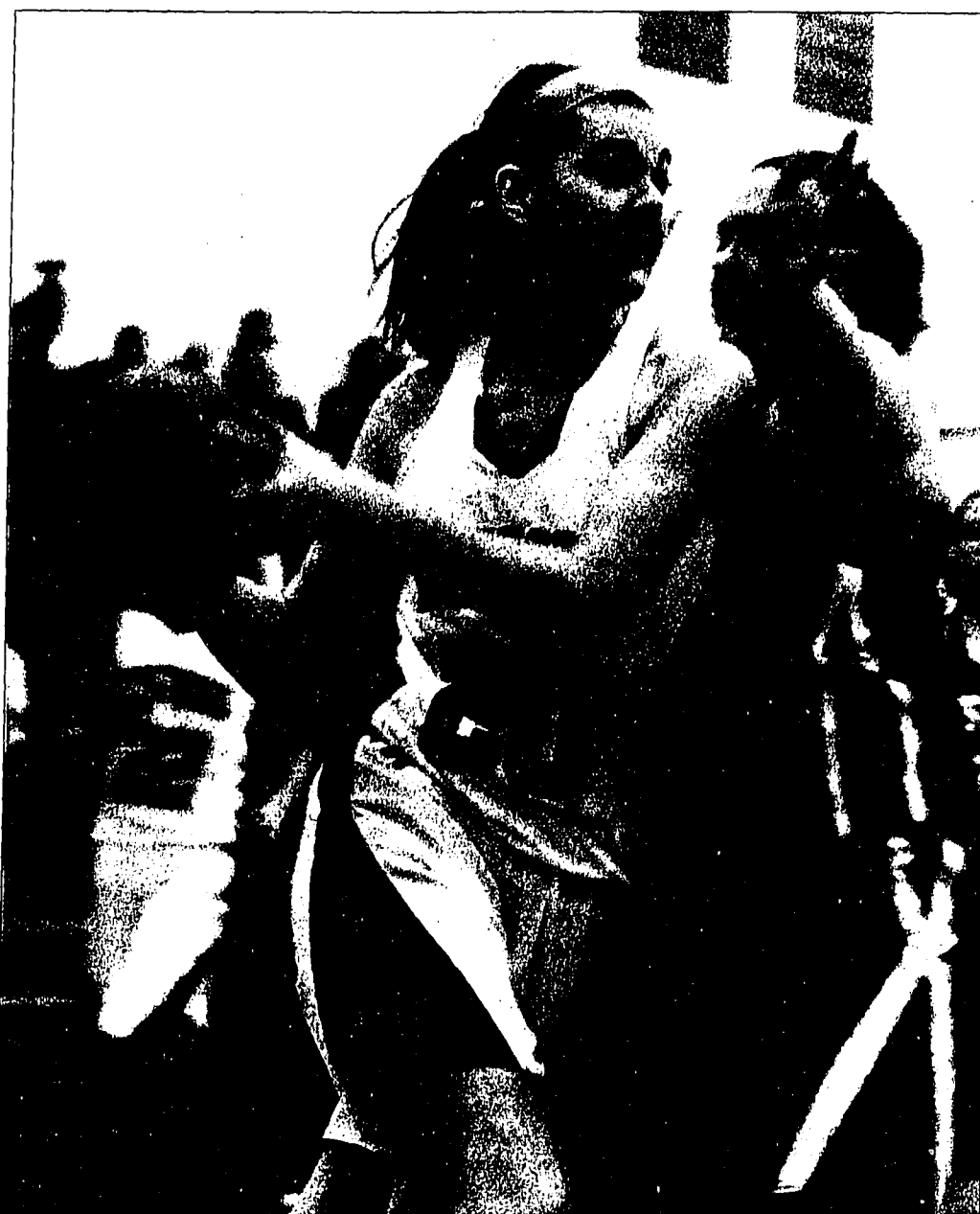
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**Cagers dominate Warriors in home opener**



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

**Northville secures big win against Walled Lake Western**

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.

Northville led, 10-6, after the first quarter, but then found their stride as they increased 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 traps that Western threw at us," said Northville head coach Todd Gudith. "It was a complete team effort. It was nice to get back on track after the rough game last week at (John) Glenn."

Northville increased their lead to 35-16 through the third stanza before ending the game by just allowing two points in the final quarter of play.

The Mustangs' defense forced 26 turnovers and held the Warriors to just 16-percent shooting. The team also had 21 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.

Moynes added seven points in the victory.

**ON TAP**  
Northville will be back in action on Jan. 7 when they visit Livonia Stevenson at 7 p.m.

**Mustangs bow to Lakeland/Milford in gymnastics opener**

**Squad picking up valuable experience**

BY SAM EGGLESTON  
CORRESPONDENT

It wasn't the ideal way for the Northville Mustangs gymnastics team to open their season, but it lent itself to giving the girls on the team a ton of experience right out of the gates.

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 fairly young team.

"Our six graduating seniors last year left some big shoes to fill," admitted McWatt. "Our remaining veterans and new rookies, includ-

ing one freshman, are working hard and looking great. We are rebuilding and looking forward to the season."

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 on all events," said McWatt. "She is a very powerful vaulter and our most consistent beam worker."

Northville does have some big hur-

dles to clear this year and experience is the top of that list.

"Since we currently only have six girls competing, all Northville gymnasts compete as all-arounders, which will really help build confidence and competitive experience for the new girls," said McWatt.

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



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

**Mustangs ring up big triumph**

**Hockey team takes down Brighton despite being short-handed**

BY SAM EGGLESTON  
CORRESPONDENT

There's no doubt about it: Northville's boys hockey team is serious this season.

The squad, coached by Jeff Hatley, is 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 stretch of playing a quality Brighton team without some of our defensesmen. It was a total team effort. Everyone contributed to the win and played well. I gotta tip my

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.

"Matt played for Compuware last season and had the role of grinder and enforcer," said Hatley. "For NHS, Matt has been asked to take on a role similar to what Tomas Holmstrom does for the Detroit Red Wings. We want him to go to the net, own that space and score rebound goals."

Sopha did just that against Brighton as he added a second goal in the beginning of the third period with an assist from Joey Close to go up 3-1 during a power play.

"That is the vision I had for Matt when he joined us and the came up big for our team tonight," Hatley said. "Matt can do more than just hit. He has good hands and hockey sense. He is a kid who plays with a lot of passion and wears his heart on his sleeve, so I couldn't be happier for him."

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Hot Fields For Hiring In 2011

Selena Dehne, JIST Publishing

Occupational experts like Laurence Shatkin, Ph.D., say that America is climbing out of recession and job opportunities are better now than they've been for a long time.

Shatkin answers these essential questions in his book "2011 Career Plan: The Best Moves Now for a Solid Future." In it, he explains that the recovery is a steady upswing, not a hiring boom, and that people will need to be strategic about how and where they pursue employment.

"Jobs are not expected to be plentiful in 2011 -- or for several years afterward. In fact, we may see a repeat of what happened after the recession of 2001, when 39 months passed before employment rose back to pre-recession levels. This recovery is also a patchwork affair, with some industries bouncing back much faster than others. For example, in March 2010, while manufacturers were adding jobs, the news and information business was still losing jobs," says Shatkin.

One career strategy Shatkin recommends is to focus on fast-growing fields, where job opportunities tend to be more plentiful than in fields where jobs are slow-growing or disappearing. According to

Shatkin and information from the U.S. Department of Labor, the following 11 fields are projected to grow fastest through 2018.

1. Management, scientific and technical consulting services

Hottest jobs in this field: network systems and data communications analysts; industrial engineers; financial analysts; customer service representatives; and public relations specialists

2. Computer systems design and related services

Hottest jobs in this field: network systems and data communications analysts; network and computer systems administrators; accountants and auditors; computer software engineers, systems software; and computer support specialists

3. Social assistance, except child day care

Hottest jobs in this field: medical and public health social workers; special education teachers, preschool, kindergarten and elementary school; first-line supervisors/managers of personal service workers; occupational therapists; and social and human service assistants

4. Software publishers

Hottest jobs in this field: network and computer systems administrators; computer systems analyst; computer support specialists; market research

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6. Health care

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8. Construction

Hottest jobs in this field: heating, air conditioning and refrigeration mechanics and installers; septic tank servicers and sewer pipe cleaners; telecommunications equipment installers and repairers, except line installers; purchasing agents, except wholesale, retail and farm products; and cost estimators.

9. Child day care services

Hottest jobs in this field: preschool teachers, except special education; special education teachers, preschool, kindergarten, and elementary school; office clerks, general; kindergarten teachers, except special education; and first-line supervisors/managers of personal service workers

10. Advocacy, grantmaking and civic organizations

Hottest jobs in this field: network systems and data communications analysts; compliance officers, except agriculture, construction, health and safety and transportation

11. Educational services

Hottest jobs in this field: network systems and data communications analysts; self-enrichment education teachers; customer service representatives; loan counselors; and medical scientists, except epidemiologists

Shatkin reminds people to "keep in mind that these 11 fields are not the only fields where job opportunities will be available in 2011. They're fast-growing, but jobs can still be found in many fields that are not growing as fast -- even shrinking."

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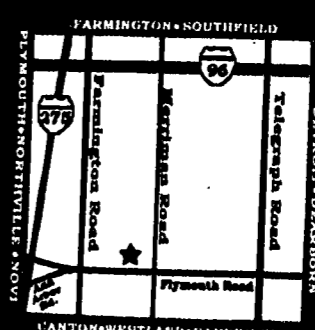
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