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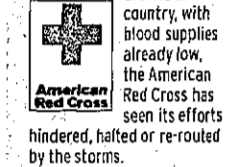
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NOVI NOW Supplies low, so blood drives are scheduled

The treacherous winter weather throughout much of the United States over the last few weeks has caused horrific driving conditions and power outages. But these winter storms have had another consequence that was more subtle, though no less important: their impact on our nation's blood supply. In many communities around the country, with blood supplies already low, the American Red Cross has seen its efforts hindered, halted or re-routed by the storms.



Some 300 blood drives have been cancelled so far, causing a shortfall of more than 14,000 pints of blood since January 1. To this week's cancer patients and accident victims, who will require anywhere from one to 40 pints in their treatment, that loss could be significant. Additionally, the supply of type O-negative blood at the American Red Cross has dropped to critical levels. Currently the local Red Cross is not able to fully fill requests from hospitals for type O-negative, and is moving blood among hospitals to where it is needed most while supplies are critically low.

- A number of local blood drives are scheduled:
 - Sunday, Jan. 30 8 a.m.-1:45 p.m.; Our Lady of Victory, 133 Orchard Drive, Northville
 - Saturday, Feb. 5 9 a.m.-2:45 p.m.; Amerman Elementary, 847 N. Center, Northville
 - Wednesday, Feb. 9 2-7:45 p.m.; Deerfield Elementary, 26500 Wiscom Road, Novi
 - Friday, Feb. 11 8:30-7:15 p.m.; Orchard Hills Elementary, 41900 Quincy, Novi
 - Sunday, Feb. 13 7:30 a.m.-1:15 p.m.; First United Methodist Church, 777 W. Eight Mile, Northville
 - Wednesday, Feb. 23 2-7:45 p.m.; Hillside Middle School, 775 W. Eight Mile, Northville
 - Monday, Feb. 28 2:15-8 p.m.; Novi Middle School, 49000 Eleven Mile, Novi
- Now 16-year-olds can donate blood with a signed parental consent form. Call Diane Rusko, DRD, American Red Cross, to obtain a form and to schedule an appointment at (313) 569-7052. Walk-ins will be taken when possible.

Board mulls decision on next superintendent

Lewis-Lakin, Matthews make final cut

BY NATHAN MUELLER
STAFF WRITER

The final interviews should be complete and now all that remains for the Novi Board of Education is making a decision on who will be the next leader of the Novi Community Schools district.

Three days worth of interviews last week narrowed the candidates from five to two, and the final candidates, Shawn Lewis-Lakin and Steve Matthews, were supposed to finish their daylong interviews Tuesday and Wednesday, after press time.

Lewis-Lakin **Matthews**

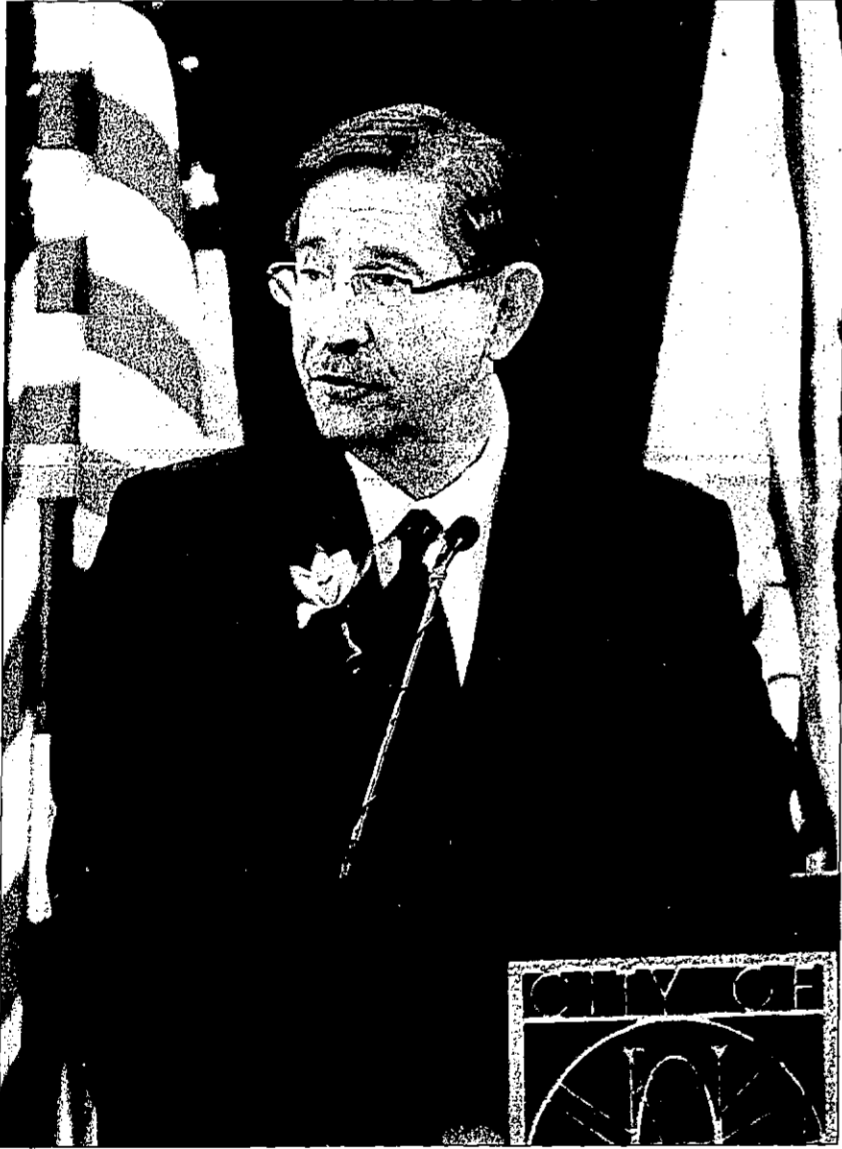
the superintendent for Manchester Community Schools since 2007, and Matthews the superintendent for Grand Ledge Public Schools since 2008.

Prior to his stint in Grand Ledge, Matthews was the director of curriculum for the Troy school district for 10 years.

Lewis-Lakin, who also was a finalist for the Northville Public Schools superintendent position in December, served as the executive director for student performance for better than the other.

Both finalists have a wealth of experience in the state and currently work in Michigan. Lewis-Lakin has been

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Novi Mayor David Landry gives his State of the City address at the Baronette Renaissance hotel on Jan. 20.

Mayor says city 'alive' and 'strong'

Landry's final State of the City address draws standing ovation

BY NATHAN MUELLER
STAFF WRITER

Novi Mayor David Landry said he is not going to make excuses or blame anyone for the struggles the city has had to endure the last few years.

Because as he said simply last Thursday at the State of the City address at the Baronette Renaissance, "these are our times, and no matter how bad the times may be, Novi is going to emerge better and stronger."

"We are alive. We are strong. And we are moving forward because we consider, we engage and we act," he said. "As a group, it is going to require more than a recession to take us down."

Landry's speech, which touched on highlights from 2010 and looked forward to this year, brought the crowd to their feet.

This was Landry's final State of the City address as his two-year term as mayor is up at the end of the year and he said he will not be running for re-election.

Landry has been a public official in Novi since 2001, and the city's mayor since 2005.

He called Thursday's moment "bittersweet," but is ready to hand the reins to someone else.

"Everyone has their time," he said. "I am proud of all the hard work that has been put in, and what is very satisfying is when you see so many people work-

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Tax credit keeps Novi business in town

Macprofessionals to add 119 jobs in next five years

BY NATHAN MUELLER
STAFF WRITER

It appears that while everything may be bigger in Texas, it's not necessarily better.

That was the case for the Novi-based company Macprofessionals, which chose to stay in Novi after receiving approval from the Michigan Economic Growth

Authority board for a state tax credit valued at \$568,578 over five years to expand their operations and add jobs.

The company, which has been in Novi seven of its 10 years, will be moving from its current Meadowbrook Road location to a new 40,000-square-foot facility on Hudson Drive.

Kris Westman, marketing and public relations coordinator for Macprofessionals, said they like the "spirit of the area."

"We want to stay here," she said. "And part of the incentive to move is we are expanding and growing rapidly with our employee count."

Macprofessionals, which

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ing so hard and it comes to fruition." His address on Thursday gave kudos to those working for the city, praising their accomplishments and ability to run the city more efficiently.

Some of Landry's major points were that while Novi is the ninth largest city in Oakland County, property values are decreasing less than any others.

Novi also was third in additions to the tax base behind Auburn Hills and West Bloomfield. Of those additions, 51 percent were commercial and industrial while 49 percent were residential.

"Balanced growth is long-term growth," Landry said. Also over the last three years, Novi's general fund revenue has decreased \$3.7 million and they have seen a 16 percent decrease in employment from 284 employees to 239.

Still, Landry pointed out, the millage rate of 10.5416 mills has not changed since 1999.

"That is something I don't mind telling you that makes



The attendees of the city of Novi's State of the City event on Jan. 20.



Attendees of the State of the City event listen to Mayor Landry's address.

me proud," he said. Landry noted the key to success in the future is "we

have to get not only leaner, but faster and smarter." A main focus is on economic development, something the city has been having success with.



The Novi City Police Color Guard presents the U.S. and city's flags at the beginning of the State of the City event.

In 2010, 411 new jobs were created in the city. "In Novi we believe to be successful in the 21st century

we must be cutting edge and we must be global," he said. And despite all the obstacles that may be in the way, Landry

is certain about one thing. "We don't fear change."

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the Chelsea school district for five years before moving to Manchester.

The search for current Supt. Peter Dion's replacement began in September, and 40 candidates completed the interview process with School Exec Connect, the consulting firm hired to assist the dis-

trict, before it was narrowed to five.

Bagdady said there is now a sense of excitement among the board members as the selection process winds down, as opposed to the nervous feeling that was prevalent before they saw the slate of candidates.

He also said the two, day-long interviews Lewis-Lakin and Matthews took part in would be very important as

it forces them to be "on their game" the entire day and would give the board members a chance to see how they interact with the community, staff and administration.

"No matter how good you are on paper or in your interview, if you are not a good fit in the community that is not the direction we should be going in," he said.

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is a leading technology integration and service company, expects to invest \$2.2 million for the project and create up to 119 new jobs.

Arta Topouzian, economic development director for the city of Novi, said usually the project requires a local contri-

bution, and the Novi Economic Development Corporation ponied up \$5,000 for the application fee.

He said he knew the company did not have to stay in Novi due to the nature of the business, but is glad they aren't going anywhere.

"In this day and age, business retention comes first outside of attraction," he said. "We want to help the businesses here grow. These are the busi-

nesses that make up what Novi is about and it's vitally important to keep businesses here when we can."

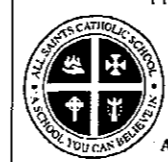
Topouzian also pointed out that Macproservices was the only Oakland County business to go before the MEGA board, and this is approximately the 13th MEGA grant a business in the city of Novi has received in the last five years.

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and much more. The show is part of the National Home & Garden Series presented by Dish Network.

Featured at the show is a special "Home for all Ages" informational area dedicated to home modifications and services that allow people to occupy their residences safely, confidently, and comfortably throughout their later years. Find appliance deals from Big George's Home Appliance Mart and Witbeck Home Appliance Mart. Special appearances will be made by "America's Master Handyman" Glenn Haege of WJR and The Inside/Outside Guys of WMUZ. WJR's Real Estate 411 will conduct workshops on various topics for homeowners in today's real estate market. Habitat for Humanity will work a coat check for donations on all days of the show.

At the show, enter to win valuable giveaways, including:

- The Annual "House of Nails" contest returns, sponsored by Wallside Windows and WXYZ-TV-7, where attendees can estimate the number of nails in the house container for a chance to win \$10,000 worth of custom windows.
- A 1kw photovoltaic (solar) system connected to the energy grid, courtesy of Rapid Roofing. Prize is valued at \$12,000.
- A 10' x 10' Equinox Awning, valued at \$4,200, courtesy of Mr. Enclosure.
- A full, stainless steel kitchen appliance giveaway, including an Energy Star refrigerator, dishwasher, stove and microwave by Whirlpool. Prize is awarded by Wholesale Builders Supply and valued at \$5,000.


DETAILS

The Novi Home Improvement Show will be held at the Suburban Collections Showplace and is open Friday 2-9 p.m., Saturday 11 a.m.-9 p.m. and Sunday 11 a.m.-6 p.m. The cost for adult admission (ages 13 and up) is \$8; children ages 12 and under are admitted free. Seniors (ages 55 and over) are admitted for just \$7. Attendees can purchase advance tickets online at www.novihomeshow.com and receive a 1 year subscription to Better Homes & Gardens, or buy advance tickets on sale at Metro Detroit Home Depot stores for \$6 (a \$2 discount).

New this year, attendees of the 2011 North American International Auto Show (NAIAS) can bring their used Auto Show ticket stub and receive \$1 off admission to the home improvement show. The Building Industry Association of Southeastern Michigan (BIA) was a team partner with 2011 NAIAS in creating the Smarter Living Exhibit, featuring sustainable technologies from across North America, during the 2011 North American International Auto Show.

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Nicholas Doinidis

Local chiropractor Nicholas Doinidis, DC, attended a seminar last October sponsored by Texas Chiropractic College. The topic was "Lumbar Differential Assessment", taught by Dr. Daniel Dock of Duluth, Minnesota, a well known lecturer throughout the United States and abroad. Topics included lumbar disc problems, hip and knee problems, leg symptoms, Restless Legs Syndrome, fallen arches and TMJ problems.

Doinidis has his office in Meadowbrook Road at Ten Mile, in the Peachtree Center, and can be reached at (248) 348-7530.

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Groovin' to the music
Kids hit the gymnasium at Novi Woods on Jan. 21 and dance to some tunes during the school's Family Fun Night.

St. Catherine of Siena Academy appoints Polakovic



St. Catherine of Siena Academy welcomes Terry Polakovic to the Foundation Board. Located at 28700 Beck Road in Wixom, St. Catherine of Siena Academy is an all-girls Catholic high school offering a challenging college-preparatory curriculum and vibrant Catholic student-life experiences rooted in the Theology and Philosophy of Pope John Paul II and his understanding of the "Feminine Genius."

Polakovic is the co-founder, executive director and chief editor of ENDOW (Educating on the Nature and Dignity of Women), a Catholic educational organization. ENDOW brings women together to discover their God-given dignity and to understand their role in humanizing and transforming society. Utilizing small study groups, conferences and retreats, ENDOW cultivates faith, fellowship, and formation among women. ENDOW also provides educational programs for teens: Their True Beauty Revealed, A High School Study. This program educates young women about their authentic femininity based on Pope John Paul II's writings regarding the New

Feminism. Founded in 2003, ENDOW is one of the fastest growing Catholic educational organizations in the world today with over 6,500 women having participated in the program. Polakovic has spent nearly 25 years working in the non-profit arena in the areas of management, fund-raising, and volunteer coordination. Prior to founding ENDOW, she was the chief executive officer of Seeds of Hope Charitable Trust for the Archdiocese of Denver. In addition to leading ENDOW, she has served as a board member for numerous non-profit organizations. She is currently serving as a trustee for The Catholic Foundation for the Roman Catholic Church in Northern Colorado and also is a member of the Leadership Council for the St. Thomas Aquinas Catholic Center in Boulder, Colorado. She and her husband, Mike, have two young adult children. She enjoys spending time with her family, reading, traveling

Policy changes help board, students

Guidelines could aid students as soon as this year

BY NATHAN MUELLER
STAFF WRITER

Barring any changes during the final reading, it appears the Novi Board of Education will be able to accomplish its goal of exercising the flexibility that is permitted by law as it relates to the Michigan Merit Curriculum, while also preserving the integrity of the Novi diploma.

The board has spent time over the last several months discussing the issues and will soon have a policy in place to address Personal Curriculum plans, including administrative guidelines that would allow the individual consideration of such plans.

"I think we are on a good path," said Donna Tinberg, director of student services for the Novi Community School District. "I think this policy gives us the framework to make good decisions."

As a result of the discussions, the district is defining proficiency as 60 percent and also identified an alternate cut score for students with disabilities. That score will help Individualized Education Program teams make a decision for students without requiring a Personal Curriculum plan that would take the student to the essential standards rather than all the standards.

"Although we wrestled with the concept of proficiency — and traditionally we equate proficiency with excellence — in the case of the merit curriculum, proficiency equals credits so it's important to keep that in mind," Tinberg said. "While it feels OK to say 60 percent equals credit, sometimes it's a little bit uncomfortable to say 60 percent equals proficiency, but that is the way the term is used in legislation."

Melinda Dush, whose son Nick needs an IEP, was concerned that he would earn a high school diploma but lack necessary skills because he would have to take classes he cannot handle.

The Michigan Merit Curriculum requires four years of math, including geometry and algebra, four years of English and three science classes as well as one online learning experience.

Her son struggles in math. And while he has a 2.93 grade point average, he would not do well in courses such as trigonometry and Algebra 2, she said. For him to get a personal curriculum, it still has to meet merit curriculum expectations.

Tinberg said the changes now "open the door" for students in similar situations.

"I am pleased the proposed policy matches the legislation passed by the state of Michigan last spring, and am hopeful the administrative guidelines will provide students greater opportunities for a diploma than originally planned," Melinda Bush said.

Tinberg said there are some students who could benefit from a Personal Curriculum plan this year and receive a diploma so approving the new policy is ideal.

The board is expected to review it again at its Feb. 3 meeting.

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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. 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. Information may be obtained by contacting Dana Nussio at nussio@earthlink.net or Anne Lewis at alewis13@gmm.rr.com.


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Location: Ridge Wood Elementary School, 49775 Six Mile Road, Northville. Contact: DestinyW33@gmail.com

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Emmanuel Lutheran Church

Location: 34567 Seven Mile Road, Livonia. Contact: (248) 442-8822 or www.nwhepocenter.org

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

First Baptist Church of Northville

Location: 200 E. Main St. Contact: (248) 349-9191 or visit firstbaptist-nv.org

Details: Informative and entertaining programs of interest to singles; \$5 per person.

Good Shepherd Lutheran Church

Location: 4445 Nine Mile Road, corner of Meadowbrook Road, Novi. Contact: (248) 349-0565

Men's Club: 8 a.m. second Saturdays. Contact: Heather J. Wallas, communications director.

Lakes Baptist Church

Location: 309 Decker Road, Walled Lake. Contact: (248) 349-0565

Location: 2355 Meadowbrook Road, between Eight and Nine Mile roads.

Livonia Church of Christ

Location: 7543 Meridian Road, Livonia. Contact: (734) 427-8743 or visit www.livoniachurch.net

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

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CHARLES RAYMOND ALLEN

Passed away at the age of 72. Born Sept. 5, 1938, in Ferrisville as the second son of the late Ernest and Ida (Kittila) Allen...



ERNEST D. "BUD" ELLSWORTH

Age 66, passed away, January 6, 2011. He was born on April 9, 1944, in Farmington, son of the late Ernest and Wilma Ellsworth...



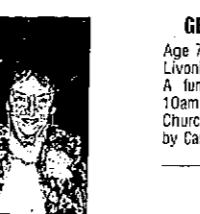
KEVIN A. LAFLECHE

64, Laurel, Md., died Tuesday, 1/18/11 of heart failure. Always light-hearted, his contagious smile and razor sharp wit could put a smile on the most stoic of faces...



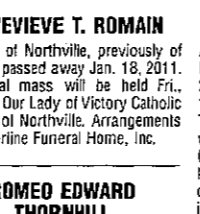
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Passed away on January 17, 2011, of Northville, previously of Livonia, passed away on January 23, 2011. She was born October 23, 1955 to Andrew and Genell (Rood) Torok...



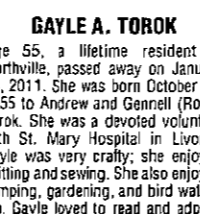
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Age 87, of Alma, formerly of South Lyon, passed away Thursday, January 20, 2011 at Masonic Pathways in Alma...



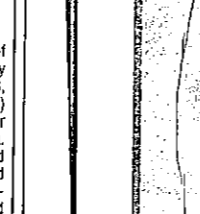
GAYLE A. TOROK

Age 65, a lifetime resident of Northville, passed away on October 23, 2011. She was born October 23, 1955 to Andrew and Genell (Rood) Torok...



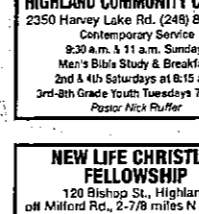
JACK E. RILEY

Age 59, passed away, January 21, 2011 at his home in the care of his loving family. He was born on June 19, 1951 in Hamtramck, son of the late Jack & Sophie Riley...



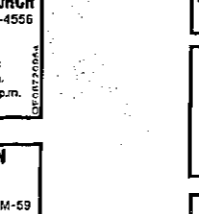
DOROTHY MERRYWEATHER

January 8, 2011, age 97. Funeral was Jan. 14 at the O'Brien/Sullivan Funeral Home, Novi, interment at Grand Lawn Cemetery. Online condolences: www.obriensullivanfuneralhome.com



MARY LOU FLETCHER

Age 75, passed away, January 19, 2011. She was born on May 16, 1935 in Holly, daughter of the late Harold and Rhea Bartel. Mary Lou was a loving and devoted wife, mother and grandmother...



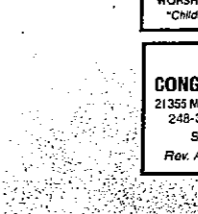
JOSEPH MICHAEL BERNEK

January 16, 2011, age 29. Funeral service was Jan. 22 at O'Brien/Sullivan Funeral Home, Novi. Online condolences: www.obriensullivanfuneralhome.com



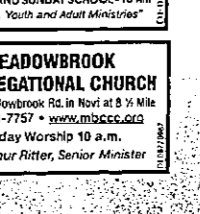
EDWARD JOSEPH BOBROWSKI

Age 84, Husband of Evelyn for 64 years. Funeral: Thurs. Jan. 27th, 10am, St. Theodore Church, 8200 N. Wayne Rd., Westland. Memorials: In-House Hospice or St. Jude Children's Hospital. Online condolences: www.obriensullivanfuneralhome.com



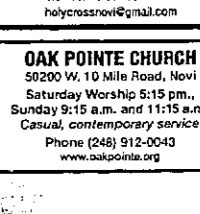
MARTHA CALLAHAN

January 13, 2011, age 86. Beloved wife of William for 63 years. Funeral was Jan. 17th at Holy Family Church, Novi. Donations: St. John's Hospice. Online condolences: www.obriensullivanfuneralhome.com



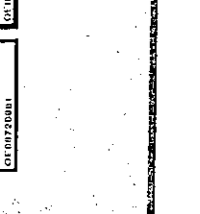
ISABEL A. CULLUM

Age 90, Jan. 16, 2011. Funeral Service was Jan. 20th at O'Brien/Sullivan Funeral Home, Novi. Donations: Angela Hospice or Cystic Fibrosis Foundation. Online condolences: www.obriensullivanfuneralhome.com



MARY G. FRANKLIN

(Aug. 21, 1929 - Jan. 12, 2011) Funeral was Jan. 17th, 10:00 a.m. at Phillips Funeral Home, Novi. Donations: St. John's Hospice. Online condolences: www.obriensullivanfuneralhome.com



JANICE GROBBEL

January 9, 2011, age 61. Funeral was Jan. 11th at O'Brien/Sullivan Funeral Home, Novi. Interment: Holy Sepulchre Cemetery, Southfield. Online condolences: www.obriensullivanfuneralhome.com

CHURCH FROM PAGE A6

First Presbyterian Church of Northville

Location: 200 E. Main St. Contact: (248) 349-9191 or visit firstpres-nv.org

First Baptist Church of Novi-Family Integrated Church

Location: 45301 W. 11 Mile Road. Contact: (248) 349-3647 or firstbaptistchurchnovi.org

Immanuel Lutheran Church

Location: 34567 Seven Mile Road, Livonia. Contact: (248) 442-8822 or www.nwhepocenter.org

Episcopal Church of the Holy Cross

Location: 40700 W. 10 Mile Road. Contact: (248) 427-1175 or churchoftheholycross.com

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LOCAL EVENTS

Novi Co-op Preschool Open House

Time/Date: 10 a.m.-noon, Saturday, Jan. 29. Location: 41671 West Ten Mile Road (In the Novi Methodist Church).

Weight Watchers Chef Jesse

Time/Date: 6 p.m. Monday, Jan. 31. Location: Novi Weight Watchers Center, Novi 10 Shopping Center at 41720 W. 10 Mile Road at Meadowbrook.

Retirement Planning seminar

Time/Date: 7-8:30 p.m., Feb. 3. Location: Walsh College, Novi Campus, 41500 Gardenbrook Road.

Borders Books

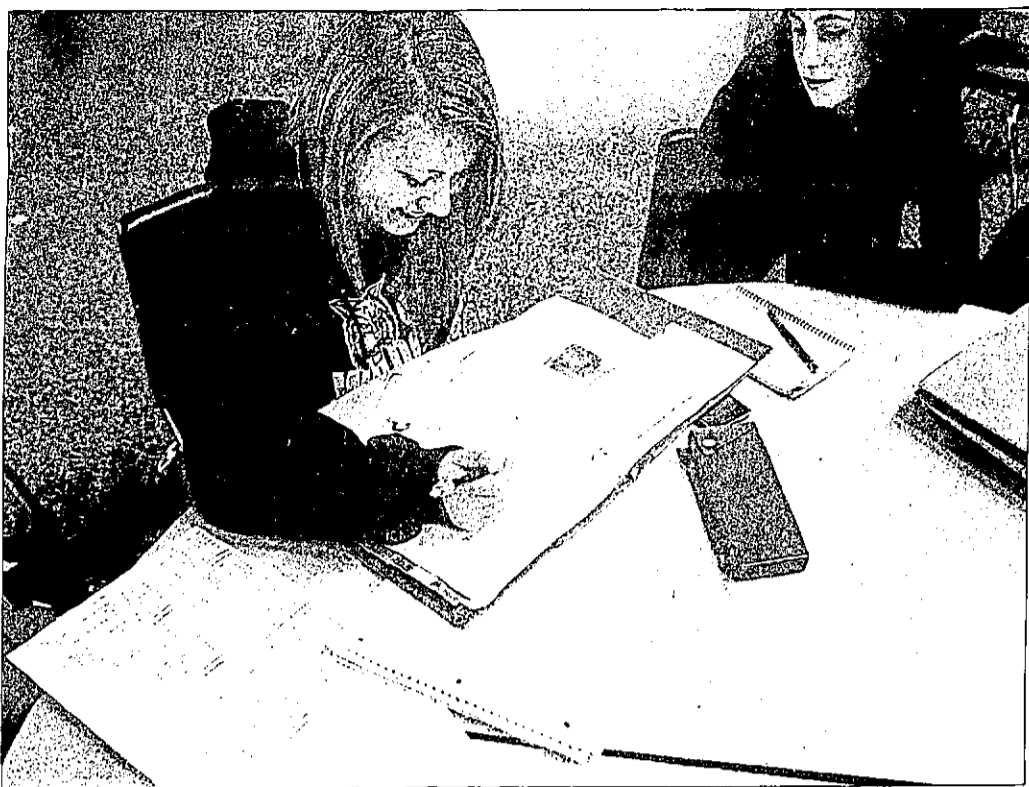
Location: Novi Town Center. Contact: (248) 347-0760. Family Game Night. Time/Date: 6 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 27.

Providence Park Hospital

Lecture - Atrial Fibrillation. Time/Date: 10:30-11:30 a.m., Tuesday, Feb. 8. Location: Providence Park Hospital, Novi, Conference Rooms A and B.

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Novi High School freshman Nicole Lazzara (above right) watches as her friend and fellow freshman Breanna Thomas studies for an upcoming mid-term during the Jan. 20 'Cocoa and Cram' event.



Novi staff at Providence Hospital and Providence Park Hospital. There will be free blood pressure screening at this lecture.

Northville & Novi Garden Club Meeting. Time/Date: 6:30 p.m. Monday, Feb. 14. Location: Northville Art House, 215 W. Cady.

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43350 Arena Drive, Novi. Details: Join for networking and a light breakfast; \$5 payable at door; non-members \$10 at door.

Novi Toastmasters Club. Time/Date: 7-9 p.m., every first and third Tuesday. Location: Novi Civic Center, Activities Room, 45175 West 10 Mile Road, Novi, Michigan 48375.

Novi Rotary Club. Time/Date: Noon every Thursday. Location: Novi Methodist Church, 41671 W. 10 Mile Road.

Rock Financial Showplace. Location: 46100 Grand River Avenue, Novi. Contact: (248) 348-5600.

Novi Chamber of Commerce. The Novi Chamber of Commerce is an active, progressive chamber offering a variety of events, educational programs, an enhanced Web site, and involvement with local charities.

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Metro Novi BNI. Time/Date: 7-8 a.m. every Wednesday. Location: On the Border Restaurant, 21091 Haggerly Road (north of 8 Mile), Novi.

Novi Writers' Group. Time/Date: 10 a.m.-noon Saturday, Jan. 29. Details: Writer's groups can be a great way to make connections in the writing and publishing world.

Novi Public Library. Location: 45255 W. Ten Mile Road. Hours: Monday-Thursday, 10 a.m.-9 p.m.; Friday-Saturday, 10 a.m.-5 p.m.; Sunday, 1-5 p.m.

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New owner sets sights on improving Twelve Mile Crossing

Spigel already in talks with possible tenants

BY NATHAN MUELLER STAFF WRITER

It didn't take long for Stanley Spigel to start making moves on his newest investment. Spigel, who owns the San Antonio-based Spigel Properties, purchased the Twelve Mile Crossing at Fountain Walk complex over the weekend and already has signed current tenants to lease extensions and is reaching out to others to join the retail and entertainment center.



joint venture between Transwestern Investment Company and Arthur Hill & Co. The bank recently took over the center before selling it to Spigel Properties.

The current businesses in the complex include the Imagine Theatre, Buffalo Wild Wings, Hooters, The Great Indoors, Dick's Sporting Goods, Bar Louie, Lucky Strike, Chuck E. Cheese's, Fusion Health Club, The Family Puppy, M-Bar-Go, Liquor Store, Rojo Mexican Bistro, Putting Edge Fun Centers, Gjet's Salon and Day Spa and Coldstone Creamery. Spigel said he has talked to existing tenants who say sales are good, and he also is in talks with six others to possibly join the center.

CALENDAR FROM PAGE A10

noted below, all programs take place at the Library. Contact: (248) 349-0720. Website: www.novipubliclibrary.org

ESL Book Discussion. Time/Date: 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m., Tuesday, Feb. 1 and 8. Details: If English is your second language and you would like to be more proficient in reading and discussing books written in English, then join our ESL Book Discussion.

Pokémon Tournament. Time/Date: 2-4 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 29. Details: Come to the Library and play Pokémon with other kids who enjoy the game as much as you do!

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Novi Community Education. Contact: (248) 449-4206. Web: www.novicommunityed.org

Novi Senior Center. Location: 25075 Meadowbrook Road, Novi. Contact: (248) 347-0414. Blood Pressure Checks Time/Date: 11:15-11:45 a.m. Wednesdays

Walled Lake City Library. Location: 1499 E. West Maple Road, Walled Lake. Phone: (248) 624-3772. Foreclosure Prevention Time/Date: 6 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 10. Details: Those struggling to make mortgage payments or at risk of losing their homes are invited to attend.

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OUR VIEWS

Business breaks State must review as it deals with \$1.8 billion deficit

Your views on tax breaks may be shaped by whether you directly benefit from them. Those that benefit you or your business are likely seen as incentives that produce jobs and keep more money in your pocket...

But it's not that simple. For one thing, although tax breaks bring to mind huge breaks for big business, the fact is that only \$2 billion of the \$36 billion amount to tax exemptions for businesses.

Conventional wisdom and recent experience suggest that the bulk of the rest are politically untouchable. That figure, for instance, includes the lack of sales tax on food and drugs. It is difficult to imagine lawmakers of either party who would suggest reinstating that tax. It also includes \$11 billion not paid to the state because of property-tax credits and another \$9 billion for income-tax credits and deductions.

There is similar poison, apparently, in expanding the state sales tax to include services. Former Gov. Jennifer Granholm floated that idea during the end of her term of office to no success, even though she tried to sweeten the deal by lowering the 6-percent sales tax on other products.

Why not, then, go after the \$2 billion in tax breaks to businesses? Surely it's only fair to even the playing field for these favored taxpayers. Again, it's not that simple and not just because some interests have carried favor with lawmakers.

The credits were given in many cases to encourage job creation or to prevent jobs from leaving. It's unclear how effective this strategy really is, but no governor in recent memory has been willing to risk losing jobs to states that play fast and loose with tax credits.

Even when studies show that a program gives away more taxes than it brings in — such as with Michigan's overly generous film tax credits — defenders argue that there is a greater good that must be considered, such as creating a new industry in Michigan.

Then what else is there to cut? One target is the \$338 million Earned Income Tax Credit for low-income taxpayers. Snyder has also zeroed in on state employee pay and benefits, as well as other public employees including schoolteachers.

Such a strategy would seem heartless, though, without a more complete review of business tax exemptions. Otherwise, Lansing would be pursuing a budget strategy of protecting business while placing the budget-cutting burden on public servants and the state's most vulnerable citizens.

That can't be the reinvented state that Snyder envisions.

This editorial originally appeared in the Livingston County Daily Press & Argus.

COMMUNITY VOICE

We asked Parkview Elementary students "What kind of books do you like to read?"



"I like to read Harry Potter. I like that it's detailed and mysterious. I'm on the fourth one."

Jessica Cherniavsky Third grade



"I like to read 'Oliver the Other Reindeer.' It's funny that the dog thinks that he's a reindeer."

Alyssa Gauthier Third grade



"I like to read 'The Dork Diaries.' They're like the 'Diary of a Wimpy Kid' series. It's funny and it's not popular."

Anna Rogers Third grade



"I like reading 'Geronimo Stilton.' He's a mouse and he's afraid of a lot of things, but he also has a lot of adventures."

Lauryn Mezigan Third grade

LETTERS

What's wrong with this country

In November, America voted to slow down Obamacare. A lobbyist manufactured proposal, mostly unread by our elected, it appeared one step toward Marxism pushing the view of no choice, a restraint seen by chickens in a chicken factory, next to demolish competition by heaving a population into placid acceptance.

Once elected, our chosen are frozen and become unwilling to make any structural changes needed to slow down the endless bureaucratic creep — promoted as brilliant and wondrous of economic growth revealing performance lifted for the Gong Show.

America's tea parties did plenty to disrupt several political wastrels. The opportunity to lead should be a gift of trust not an escalator. Yet some places needing leadership might remain vacant.

Ross Peret sensed giant sucking sounds from Mexico; now they come again from unrestrained public service unions and

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people and the determination for reform. We will see if it is done. So sad that some politicians can linger for generations unchallenged, riding a wave and hugging a fiction of indispensability. Many incumbents run short of useful ideas and achievement but still remain. Term limits may be a blessing as better farmers point out periodic crop rotation is vital to enhance productivity and avoid unhealthful ground.

Jim Nowka Northville

NHS faculty shines

As I reflect on the events that reached the national news, on Thursday, Jan. 20, 2011, at Northville High School, the Hemingway quote, "Courage is grace under pressure," comes to mind. I am proud to be counted among the faculty of Northville High School. You have all gone above and beyond as public school teachers. We have faced many obstacles over the years and we continue to prove the teachers at Northville High School are the most tenacious and devoted individuals in education.

Thank you, Northville High School teachers. May we continue to have a positive influence on the youth in the Northville community. Henry Brooks Adam said, "A teacher affects eternity; he can never tell where his influence stops." The students you kept calm and safe will remember your influence for a lifetime.

Ambler Lee Furst Northville High School special education teacher

Two arrested with marijuana

Novi police arrested two men at 11:06 p.m. on Jan. 23 for possession of marijuana after they were caught with the drug while sitting in a parked car on Worcester Drive.

According to the police report, the officer approached the car and when the driver rolled his window down a strong odor of marijuana was detected. The men told police they were waiting for a friend, and the driver said there were two bags of weed in the car.

One bag was taken from the center console, and the passenger in the backseat had another bag in his pocket. The total amount of the drug in the car was just over seven grams.

Both men were arrested and transported to the Novi Police Department where they were issued citations and released after posting bond.

Woman's purse stolen from car

A woman had her black Coach purse stolen from inside her vehicle between 6:40 p.m. and 8:40 p.m. while it was parked in front of Raza Yoga on Novi Road on Jan. 13.

The woman said the unknown suspect broke her front passenger side window and took her purse that was under the seat. The purse contained her wallet, cash, debit and gift cards, her social security card and her driver's license.

Police have no suspects at this time.

Man caught with weed after speeding

A 47-year-old was arrested at 1:53 a.m. on Jan. 16 for possession of marijuana and speeding after being stopped at Thirteen Mile and Haggerty roads.

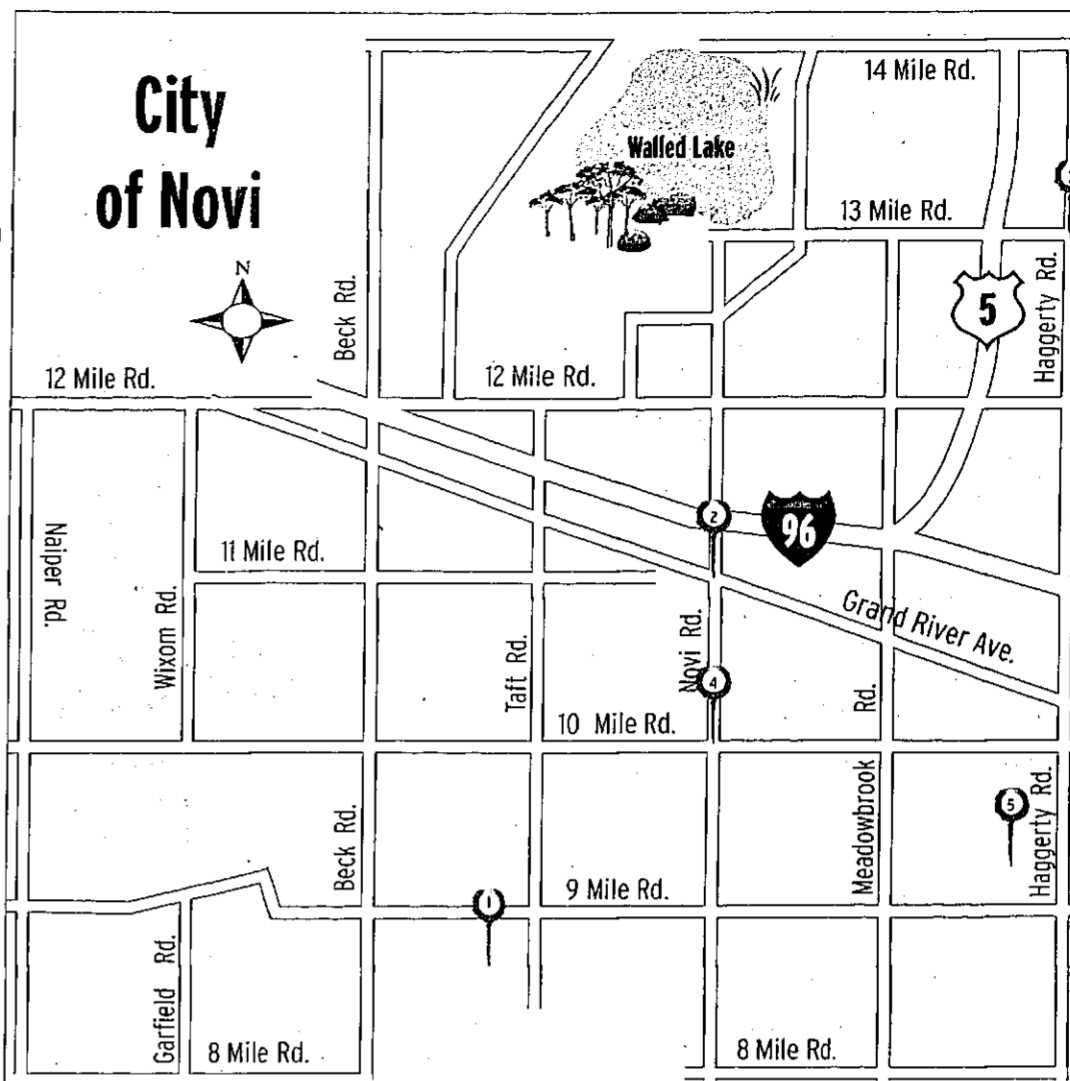
The officer observed the vehicle traveling 60 miles per hour in a 45 mph zone, and when he approached the car could smell the odor of marijuana coming from inside.

The man said there was nothing illegal in the car and consented to a search.

Police found about 4 grams in a plastic bag in a backpack, and the man said he recently bought the bag and the drug was not his.

He was arrested and transported to the Novi Police Department, and while there issued a written statement saying the drug was his and

NOVI POLICE BRIEFS



Novi roads after the officer observed his vehicle in front of him swerving in its lane and that it also did not have a working plate light.

According to the report, the officer could detect a strong odor of intoxicants and the man admitted to leaving the bar but said he felt "OK" to drive.

The man failed field sobriety tests, but refused to take a preliminary breath test and asked the officer what the fine would be if he refused it. The officer said he did not have the information and the courts were closed, and the man said he would not take the test until he had an answer.

He was arrested and transported to the Novi Police Department and asked to take a breath test. He once again refused because he wanted an answer to his previous question.

The officer then got a warrant for a blood draw and when a medical crew arrived he at first declined before eventually complying.

The man was processed, but continued to argue.

He was released pending the issuance of a warrant.

Softball bag taken from trunk

A Novi man had his 2002 Chevy Malibu broken into overnight on Jan. 22 while it was parked in the parking lot on Talford Circle.

The man said he noticed something was wrong when he got in his car and his personal items were

thrown throughout the car. When he looked in the trunk his daughter's softball bag was missing.

The bag contained various softball-related items including catcher's gear.

The cost of the items is unknown at the time and police have no suspects.

that he thought he left it at the house.

He was issued a citation for possession of marijuana and speeding.

Driver caught drinking, refuses breath tests

Novi police arrested a man at 2:15 a.m. on Jan. 24 for drunk driving at Ten Mile and

Compiled by staff writer Nathan Mueller

The impossible isn't! Reinvent our schools for the 21st century

Henry Ford once remarked in the early days of the 20th century, "You can have any color car you like — as long as it is black."

Fast forward to the second decade of the 21st century and far too many of our public schools are making the same comment to our kids when it comes to the educational model being delivered.

We can change that. Change requires vision, leadership, and effort, but our schools must be challenged to innovate, not continue the fight to contain the change.

There is a need to fundamentally redesign our K-12 educational system around the student. We cannot reinvent Michigan without reinventing education — a requirement for our state's future success.

We live in a world where ideas and jobs can and do move around the globe effortlessly. Other states and nations are passing us by, educating their citizens to thrive in a disruptive, technologically driven, knowledge economy.

The research is clear: We know how to make effective learners, yet there is a powerful anchor attached to the status quo. We can use technology to personalize learning so that it is emotionally engaging, interactive, and social, allowing children to be active and lifelong learners.

Today to improve learning. We need leaders willing to take bold steps to lead change. Leaders who help others understand the present, and envision a better future.

We can lead the way in inventing a 21st century educational model built on learning sciences that use existing and developing technologies. How can we move into the information age/knowledge economy if our No. 1 information industry, education, remains mired in the Industrial Age?

Existing school system. Until we can demonstrate how additional investments in education will help teachers teach and children learn, gaining 21st century skills and knowledge, there should be no additional money for the educational system.

Tom Watkins is a business and educational consultant in the U.S. and China. He served as the Michigan state superintendent of schools, 2001-05 and president and CEO of the economic council of Palm Beach County, Fla., 1996 to 2001. He can be reached at twatkins@aol.com.

Advertisement for Bud Light and Ferndale Blues Festival. Includes text: 'BUD LIGHT 10th Annual FERNDALE BLUES FESTIVAL Jan. 28 to Feb. 5'. Lists sponsors like Blue Card Network, Level One Bank, and various local businesses.

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Thousands mourn slain officer Livonia police chief: 'He died saving our way of life'

BY KEN ABRAMCZYK
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Thousands of mourners lined the pews Friday at Our Lady of Good Counsel Church in Plymouth, Mich., for the funeral of Livonia Police Officer Larry Nehasil.

Nehasil, 48, died Monday after he was shot while pursuing a home invasion suspect.

Police officers and officials from law enforcement agencies from Michigan and across the country gathered to pay respects to Nehasil, a 20-year veteran of the Livonia Police Department.

The 100-car procession of family members and Livonia police officers drove from the Harry J. Will Funeral Home on Six Mile Road to Farmington Road past police headquarters.

Fire trucks from Livonia and Farmington Hills flew a giant American flag, which spanned the northbound lanes of Farmington Road. The hearse stopped underneath the flag for a few moments, while Livonia and Farmington Hills firefighters saluted.

Onlookers from buildings and businesses along Farmington Road gathered to pay their respects and watch the procession go by.

Traffic was rerouted for the procession with closures on Six Mile Road, Farmington, I-96 entrance and exit ramps, Beck Road and North Territorial Road.

During the eulogy, Police Chief Robert Stevenson spoke of the dedication of all police officers that citizens may not understand; the willingness to die to protect the public.

"Larry didn't die arresting a burglar, he died saving our way of life," Stevenson said. "He died serving our community and he died for the children walking the streets."

'A KIND AND LOVING MAN'
Sons Aaron and Adam Nehasil talked about the values their father taught them, their love for their father and how much they will miss their father.

The Rev. William Tindall spoke of Nehasil's life, pulling words from the Gospel reading describing Jesus Christ. "He (Jesus) is the truth, the way and the life," Tindall said. Nehasil was "an example for us."

Tindall spoke of Nehasil's devotion to family. "This is a family that really truly came together, they have fun



The family of Officer Larry Nehasil leaves the church.

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together and they spend a lot of time together," Tindall said. "He was a great husband, father and a kind and loving man."

Nehasil was a social person and very strong man, taking pride in his appearance, yet he also enjoyed cooking and working in his garden, Tindall said. "You know how much your dad loves you and he was so very proud of you," Tindall said to Adam and Aaron Nehasil.

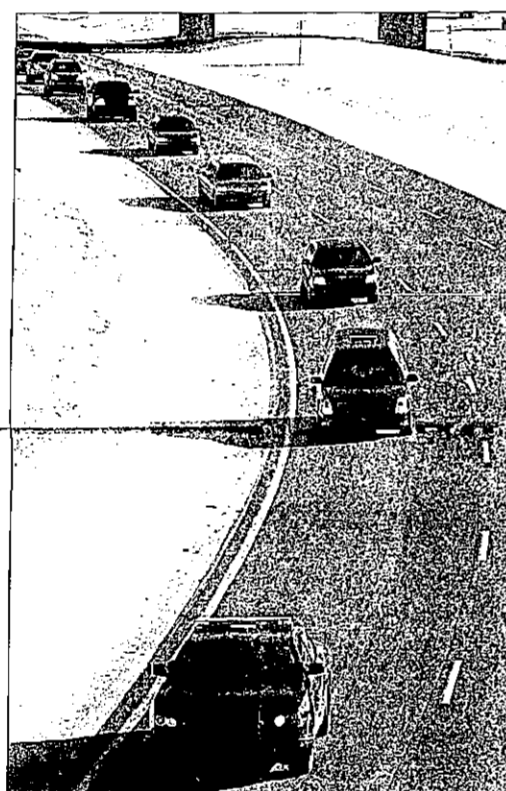
"You are fortunate to have a good dad. He cared about you and wanted to be a part of your lives. He's given you a tremendous legacy in what it means to be a man, to be a husband and to be a dad."

Tindall told them to hold their father alive in their hearts, whether they are playing sports to the day when they have children of their own.

Nehasil was "always smiling, always happy and always willing to give of himself," Tindall said.

Tindall also spoke to the hundreds of police officers, expressing his sympathy and condolences to the Livonia Police Department. "I thank you for what you have done," Tindall said. "And to all who protect and serve, I thank you. I thank you for sharing in this ministry."

Tindall ended his homily



Traffic stopped on westbound I-96 and M-14 for the funeral procession.

by asking the family to trust in Christ's resurrection during this time of great pain and sorrow.

'A COP'S COP'
During his eulogy, Stevenson pointed at Nehasil's photograph and reiterated what he had said earlier that week about how Nehasil was always smiling. Stevenson thanked all of the officers, police departments and law enforcement agencies that offered support during the week and who attended the funeral.



Livonia Fire Department salutes as the procession passes.

home. Departments from as far away as California and Texas came into town to pay respects. Stevenson said. Officers were seen from Toronto and Chicago, along with numerous metro Detroit and Michigan agencies.

Stevenson said Nehasil was a cop's cop, aggressive and highly motivated. "He wanted to catch the bag guy, and wanted to be the first one on it," he said.

Stevenson shared lighter moments about Nehasil, too. Nehasil had the nickname of Waldo, because some officers said he could not be found when they needed him, but Nehasil responded to the needling that he was already there ahead of them, Stevenson said.

Stevenson remembered one time that Nehasil threw stop sticks in busy traffic on I-96 and flattened the tires of a suspect's vehicle, but he also happened to flatten a scout car's tires in pursuit of the suspect, a story which drew a

laugh from the crowd. But Nehasil also got into his vehicle and chased the suspect, then pursued him on foot after the suspect pulled off the road because of the flat tires. The suspect pretended to pull a weapon, which happened to be a cell phone, with an intention to commit suicide, Stevenson said. Nehasil fired his weapon, wounded the suspect and apprehended him.

"Larry showed a passion in the intelligence bureau," Stevenson said. "He tracked down and arrested the most dangerous felons."

Stevenson also offered continued help to the Nehasil family.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Dunmead & Oberschlake
Lindsay Marie Dunmead and Robert Carl Oberschlake announce their engagement.

The bride-to-be, daughter of Connie & Terry Kogowski, Wymouth, is a 2002 graduate of Northville High School, a 2006 graduate of Miami University, Oxford, Ohio, with a bachelor of science degree in special education. She earned four varsity letters as a defender while on a soccer scholarship from Miami of Ohio. She obtained her master's of education from Ashland University in 2010. She is employed with the Dublin City Schools in Ohio.

Her fiancé, Bobby Oberschlake, is the son of Dawn and James Oberschlake of Hamersville, Ohio. He is a 2004 graduate of Western Brown High School and a 2008 graduate of Miami University, Oxford, Ohio with a bachelor of arts degree in psychology. He earned three



They are planning a July 2011 wedding.
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Agoston & Hinkle
Gregory and Sandra Agoston of Novi announce the engagement of their daughter, Jessica Elizabeth Agoston, to Kevin Ross Hinkle, son of Wayne and Karen Hinkle of Marengo, Ohio.

The bride-to-be graduated from Northville High School in 2005 and received a bachelor of science degree in chemical engineering from the University of Dayton. She is employed by General Electric Corporation's Healthcare Division as a project engineer in Arlington Heights, Ill.

The groom-elect is a graduate of the University of Dayton with a bachelor of science in chemical engineering and is currently working towards his doctorate degree in biochemical engineering at The Ohio State University in Columbus, Ohio.

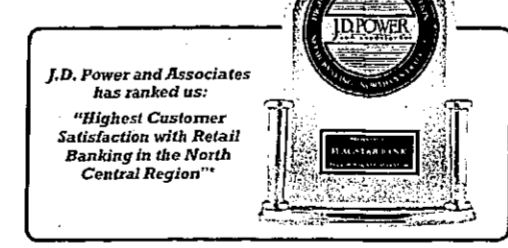
They are planning a June 18 wedding in Orchard Lake, Mich.



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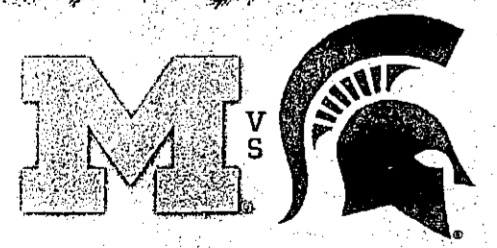
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If you are a registered voter and interested in volunteering to serve on a City Board or Commission, information about the various Boards and Commissions is available at www.cityofnovi.org or at the office of the City Clerk, 45175 West Ten Mile Road, Novi, MI 48375, 248-347-0456.

The deadline for filing an application (available on the website or at the City Clerk's office) is Wednesday, February 2, 2011 at 4:00 p.m. All applicants will be required to be present at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, February 7, 2011 in the Council Chambers to be interviewed by City Council. All City Council meetings are televised.

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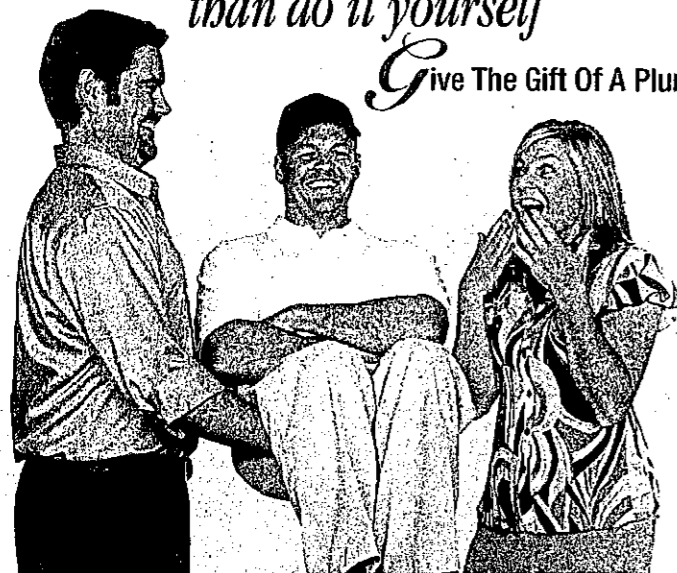
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A new beginning

In recent weeks, I've heard from voters who wanted more details from Governor Rick Snyder about how he intends to turn around our economy. On Wednesday, he provided those details.

In a wide-ranging State of the State Address, the governor called for the elimination of the Michigan Business Tax, the reduction of excessive regulations, structural reforms and participation by all our citizens. The governor also called for a culture change in the form of less partisanship and more cooperation.

It was an ambitious speech. And one in which I found myself often nodding in agreement.

The governor made clear that the road ahead won't be easy, and many of the tasks before us will be painful, but we must undertake them if we are to give our kids and grandkids the type of future that they deserve.

The past ten years have been Michigan's Lost Decade because we -- Republicans and Democrats -- did not have the intestinal fortitude necessary to make the difficult decisions to turn our state around.



Mike Kowall

During the past ten years, we've lost a million jobs. Stop and think about that figure for a moment. It's as if nine of the ten most populated Michigan cities disappeared, leaving only Detroit. During Michigan's Lost Decade we've depopulated and gone from being a wealthy state to being a poor state.

As a father and grandfather, it breaks my heart to read about so many of our young people moving away because they cannot find work and opportunity here in Michigan.

Many of the proposals we heard Wednesday will be assigned to the Senate's Economic Development Committee. I am the chairman of that committee. And I am mindful of the enormous task we have ahead of us.

I am up to the task. We cannot fail where we've failed for the past ten years. The stakes

are too high.

The governor has called on you to become engaged in the process. He gave a website where you can track our progress. The website can be found at www.michigan.gov/accountability. I encourage you to bookmark it and visit it often.

Finally, my personal e-mail address is senmkowall@senate.michigan.gov. I read my e-mails every day and do my best to personally respond to each one of them. Let's begin a dialogue. I want to hear your ideas and suggestions on how we can work together to turn our state around, for ourselves and for future generations.

Mike Kowall (R-White Lake) is State Senator for the 15th District, which includes the townships of Commerce, Highland, Holly, Lyon, Milford, Novi, Rose, West Bloomfield and White Lake, as well as the villages of Holly, Milford and Wolverine Lake and the cities of Novi, Northville (the Oakland County portion), Orchard Lake, South Lyon, Walled Lake and Westland. He can be reached at senmkowall@senate.michigan.gov.

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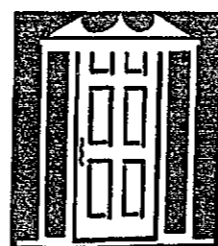
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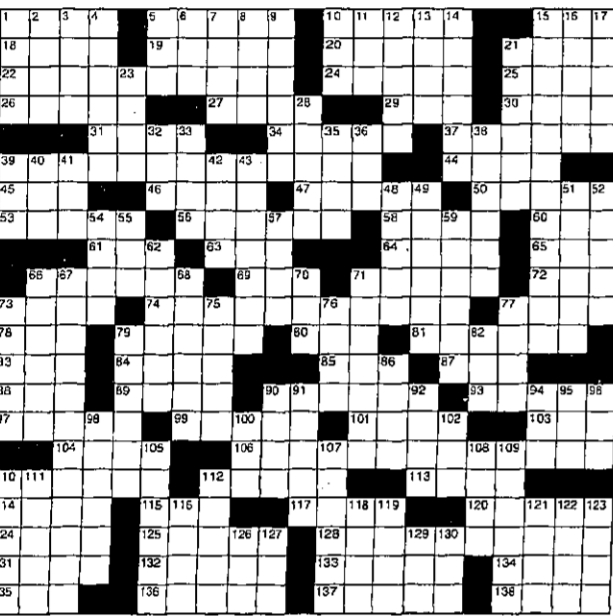
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Answer to Last Week's Puzzle

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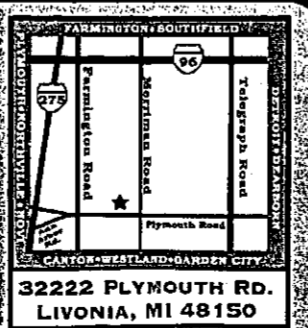
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