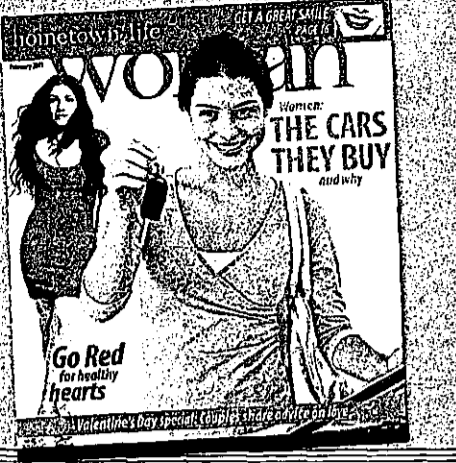


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Novi students honor fallen classmate

Teen killed after being hit on freeway

Classmate Sahil Mehta, a friend of the teenager, created an event Wednesday on Facebook to honor his friend, asking everyone to wear blue Thursday in Farooq's honor. 'Blue often represents a time of sorrow and mourning,' he wrote. 'It also is symbolic for happiness and optimism. We are sad for the loss of the Farooqs must...'

Novi High School senior Nathan Farooq was remembered last Thursday by his classmates as they wore blue to school in his honor. Farooq was killed Tuesday after being hit by a car on the Southfield Freeway.



NOVI NOW No snow in roadway The Road Commission for Oakland County (RCOC) reminds residents and business owners that it is illegal under Michigan law to shovel or plow snow or ice onto any road or highway, or to deposit snow on a road or road shoulder in such a way that it blocks motorists' views of traffic. Pushing snow from a driveway or parking lot onto a road or depositing snow in a way that blocks a driver's 'safety vision' is specifically prohibited in section 257.677(a) of the Michigan Vehicle Code. Doing so is a misdemeanor punishable by a fine of up to \$100 and/or a jail sentence of up to 90 days.

Daddy Daughter Dance The City of Novi Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services Department will host its annual Daddy Daughter Dance on Friday, Feb. 11 and Saturday, Feb. 12 from 7-9 p.m. at the Novi Civic Center. Wear fun disco-dancing clothes and be ready to boogie under a mirror ball. Back for 2011 are the chocolate fountain, sno-cone machine, great refreshments and goodie bag. Corsages and silver commemorative charms are available for purchase upon registration and ready for pick-up at the dance. Photo packages are sold separately. Registration for the Daddy Daughter Dance is available online at cityofnovi.org. Tickets are \$12 per person for residents and \$15 for non-residents. For more information about the Daddy Daughter Dance, please contact Sandy Fisher, Recreation Programmer, at (248) 347-0414 or sfisher@cityofnovi.org.

Stop pain, inflammation There is a way to overcome the debilitating pain associated with inflammation by attending a free seminar, 'Inflammation-Building a Natural Fountain of Youth', at 1 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 5 at the Better Health Market, 42675 Grand River, in Novi. Dr. Taryn Forreli will share her vast knowledge on how herbs, nutrition and simple lifestyle changes will help you to live better and longer lasting lives. Reservations for this free seminar are available by calling (248) 735-8100 or www.thebetterhealthstore.com.

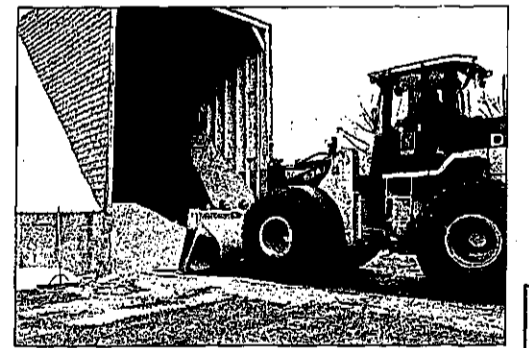


City of Novi Department of Public Works employee Dean Reid climbs into his plow truck on Tuesday as he and other workers got ready to hit the road for a night of plowing as the big storm bore down on the area.

City shares plan of attack for big storm

Crews expected to start clearing subdivisions today

The city of Novi is asking residents to 'be patient' as snow removal crews will likely be working until the weekend to ensure all major and neighborhood roads in the city are cleared. As of press time Tuesday, the National Weather Service was calling for more than a foot of snow that was expected to start Tuesday evening and continue until Wednesday afternoon. Rob Hayes, public services director for the city of Novi, said Tuesday morning they plan on having snowplows on the road as soon as the snow starts falling, and crews will sleep at the department of public services or fire station No. 1 overnight. 'I anticipate if we get the 12 inches of snow forecasted it is going to take us the better part of Wednesday and Wednesday evening before we have (the major roads) cleared,' he said. 'I don't think we will be getting into any subdivisions until Thursday at the soonest, and...'



Workers unload tons of salt at Novi's DPW yards on Tuesday as the city prepared for the big storm. crews will work around the clock until the subdivisions are cleared. The city will employ three crews, with an average of eight employees per crew, to take on the storm and clear the 500 lane miles of pavement in the city. Hayes also expects to have the city's 16 plow trucks on the road the entire time as well. Some spot salting started Tuesday at primary intersections.

Novi schools to pick new superintendent tonight

Candidates imply Novi would be last job

view process they would like Novi to be their final stop. Lewis-Lakin, who also was a finalist for Northville's open superintendent position, has been in Manchester Community Schools since 2007, and Matthews in Grand Ledge Public Schools since 2008. During the last part of the interview, the finalists gave mock presentations to the board acting as though they were the superintendent of Novi, and answered a few questions. When asked what excites them most about coming to Novi, both men touched on the district's standards. Lewis-Lakin said he heard a lot about the district continuing to have high expectations despite undergoing change. 'How can we maintain this because we are not the same community that established these standards for the schools?' he asked. 'The...'



Superintendent candidate Shawn Lewis-Lakin took time to meet with parents during his day-long interview on Jan. 25.

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CLASSMATE

FROM PAGE A1 deal with, but we hope for nothing but the best for them. As Nathan's peers, it is our job to support him and make sure he is remembered through Novi High School for this one day." Diglio said the response was "fantastic," and also said several other students and teachers throughout the district and in other states donned blue in Farooq's honor.

he said. "He is one of the best competitors I have ever had in my 40 years of coaching." "Nathan will always be part of our tennis program here at Novi." Other Facebook groups have popped up throughout the last week, with friends and even those who did know Farooq sharing their memories and condolences. "I couldn't believe it when I heard the news and I still can't get it to sink in," wrote a user named Shanna Satyavolu on Wednesday. "I still remember how you helped me out with my tennis strokes and that definitely made me a better player. You were a really cool guy and you will definitely be missed."

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SUPER

FROM PAGE A1 challenge of addressing that excites me." Matthews said the high expectations excite him for a couple reasons. "One it suggests to me there is a very supportive community who wants students to be successful, and it also suggests to me we have a great staff who understand what students need and works with students to help them be successful," he said. They also spoke about the legacy they would like to leave behind. Said Matthews: "The legacy I would like to leave and have people remember me by is one, that he cared for kids and the value of students was important to him, and secondly I would hope the staff would believe I was a person who supported them, who helped them get better, who challenged them to see what they could become if they gave their heart and soul to the district and the students in the district."



Novi Community School District superintendent candidate Steve Matthews, right, spoke with community members on Jan. 26 as part of his final interview. To his right is school board secretary George Kortlandt.



Shawn Lewis-Lakin, a finalist for the Novi Community School District superintendent's position, met with parents on Jan. 25 at the ITC forum.

The board also asked the finalists to address some concerns they heard from the community. For Lewis-Lakin, it was about his lack of experience leading a large district as Manchester has only three schools. He said regardless of size, there are common things in the job description of a superintendent that do not change, and he also pointed out his previous experience as the executive director for student performance for the Chelsea school district. "I have experience doing the job," he said. "I come with larger district experience as well as with my leadership

experience in Manchester." For Matthews, the concerns were that he had only been a teacher in the K-12 level for one year, never was a principal and that he has had several jobs. He pointed out that he has a doctorate in teacher education and a master's degree in reading, "so I have a lot of knowledge about what good instruction looks like, what good teachers do."

"I think leadership in the district is about establishing a vision and then having the capacity to work with people to create an energy toward achieving that vision and I think I have the passion to do that," he said. When asked about the budget, both candidates said it would take a group effort and neither was willing to say anything was off limits. "Whatever we need to decide we need to decide together," Lewis-Lakin said. "If there is a budget reduction, we are choosing from the least bad idea. There is nothing left people think is good to reduce."

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STORM

FROM PAGE A1 Haines, hills and curves, but Haines said with the temperatures expected to be in the single digits, the salt "isn't as effective" so he does not want to waste it. "Our main effort is blading

the snow off," he said. Once all the major roads are cleared, the plows will head into the subdivisions. Haines said residents can help the snow removal efforts by getting their cars off the street as it "makes it real difficult for plows to get through."

number of trucks being used dependent on how heavy the snow is. "Based on current forecasts, we're expecting to have the full fleet in around midnight or earlier if needed," said Craig Bryson, public information officer for the ROCO in an e-mail Tuesday morning.

DeRoche gun possession case tossed out of court

BY AILEEN WINGLOD STAFF WRITER A charge of possessing a firearm while intoxicated against former state Speaker of the House Craig DeRoche was tossed out of court today, with 52-1 District Judge Brian MacKenzie stating that the constitutional right to own a gun isn't negated just because someone is drinking in their own home. "The judge had it right on these two rulings and would have had it right on any other ruling that he saw when the facts came out," DeRoche said. "It's all I wanted."



Craig DeRoche (right) pictured here with attorney Steven Vitale, was cleared of a charge of possessing a firearm while intoxicated after 52-1 District Judge Brian MacKenzie tossed the case out of court.

entered the home, there was no evidence (DeRoche) was in possession of a firearm," he said. DeRoche's attorney, Steven Vitale, had argued a dismissal was warranted based on rights guaranteed by both the federal and state Constitutions. "In American jurisprudence — I don't think there is anything more sacred than the American home. When we look at what's required of law enforcement to invade a home, normally a warrant is required. "We have protections that don't apply anywhere else," Vitale said.

MacKenzie said the case boiled down to the question "does intoxication remove an individual's Second Amendment right to legally possess a firearm in the home." In dismissing the case, MacKenzie stated: "The court understands that these are often complex situations and does not wish its decision to be understood to hold that officers may never arrest under this statute, but rather that the prosecution of an individual who becomes intoxicated in his own home simply because he happens to legally own a handgun. MacKenzie also said there were questions relating to police access to DeRoche's home, granted by his mother-in-law, and whether she had the authority to do so since she didn't live there. Following the dismissal, Vitale said the Second Amendment is "nothing the government can regulate."

Camper, RV show coming to Suburban Collection Showplace

The Michigan Association of Recreation Vehicles and Campgrounds (MARVAC) is sponsoring the 45th Annual Detroit Camper & RV Show Feb. 16-20 in Novi at the Suburban Collection Showplace, formerly Rock Financial Showplace (located on Grand River, one mile west of Novi Road). Over 250 new recreation vehicles will be on display including folding campers, motorhomes, travel trailers, truck campers, toy haulers and fifth wheel travel trailers.

DETAILS The 45th Annual Detroit Camper & RV Show will be open weekdays 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 \$9; senior admission is \$8; children ages 12 and under are admitted free. Plus, manufacturer rebates on select RVs. Booths featuring parts and accessories, campground information, on-site RV financing and RV rentals make this the complete RV show experience. At the show, enter to win the Ultimate MIS Race Experience package from Michigan International Speedway. Includes tickets, camping and VIP access (valued at nearly \$3,000). A coupon is available at www.marvac.org, southeast Michigan CVS Pharmacies, Big Boy restaurants and in area newspapers. With this special coupon, all consumers can get a \$1 off any adult or senior admission. Consumers can also register to win free tickets on www.marvac.org, courtesy of Big Boy. The show is sponsored by the Michigan Association of Recreation Vehicles and Campgrounds (MARVAC), a member organization representing all aspects of the camping and RV industries. Consumers can call 317-319-8881 or visit marvac.org for additional information on the RV show.

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Novi trainer uses life experiences to help others

BY NATAM MUELLER
STAFF WRITER

The temptation never goes away for Jimi Varner. Not even after taunts of "fat boy" forced him to re-evaluate his life and lose weight.

Not even after being a professional wrestler and having to be in extreme physical shape.

Not even after obtaining 3.5 percent body fat and winning several fitness competitions.

And not even after working with clients who look much like he did and face similar challenges.

Varner, a personal trainer at the Sports Club of Novi, will always face temptation when it comes to eating and exercising — he even pulled into the McDonald's drive-through the other day but got out of line because the wait was so long he talked himself out of eating it — but he has fought the battle long enough to know how to not let it win.

"It has to become a habit and a lifestyle," he said. "My parents said I was either going to join the Army or work at Ford putting bumpers on cars. But I wanted (to become a personal trainer) and believed I could do it."

"I knew anything was possible with hard work." And even after achieving his goals, and setting new ones, Varner still hasn't slowed. He is up at 3 a.m. studying trends in the industry and is at the gym at 5 a.m. waiting for the employee with keys to open



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Sports Club of Novi trainer Jimi Varner demonstrates one of the many exercises he uses with clients in the gym. Varner, who has been in the business 11 years, is a trainer on the MTV show "I Used to Be Fat," which airs Feb. 9.

the doors.

It's a far cry from the man he was in his 20s, whose Italian family told him he was destined to be big because they said "we just eat and that is what we do."

THE BEGINNING

A New Year's Eve party Varner attended while he was in his mid-20s spurred the change. He weighed 215 pounds at the time and had a 42-inch waist. When someone ordered a pizza later in the night, Varner overheard someone say they needed to hide it from "fat boy." "I just started making better choices," he said, explain he cut down on portion sizes and ate healthier foods.

In nine months, he had lost nearly 60 pounds and was gaining confidence. That confidence — and the

fact he was tired of working dead-end jobs — led him travel to Lima, Ohio, with a friend to try out to become a professional wrestler.

Former World Wrestling Entertainment wrestler Al Snow was running the gym, and of the 60 people who tried out, six made the final cut. Varner was one of them, and "Jimi V The Comeback Kid" was born.

"It was one of the hardest things I ever did but one of the most rewarding, too," he said. Varner, now 37 and living in Livonia, said it was during his time as a wrestler that he learned the most about diet and exercise, but it was also when he found his calling.

The preparation was what kept Varner wrestling, not the sport itself, and after suffering several injuries and facing the temptation to use steroids he knew he had to stop.



Sports Club of Novi trainer Jimi Varner, right, gives some tips to Jamie Reynolds during a Jan. 21 workout session.

Said Varner: "Something said to me you have to get out before you are dead at 30. And I knew I couldn't look a kid in the eyes and tell him not to do drugs if I did it."

THE JOURNEY

When Varner made the decision to step out of the ring and into the classroom, he knew he was ready for the commitment it would take.

He attended classes at Henry Ford Community College and Wayne State University, and is now an ACE-certified personal trainer and lifestyle and weight management consultant.

In 2000 when he was looking for his first job, Varner stumbled across the Sports Club of Novi by accident. He was looking for a Lifetime Fitness in the area, but got lost, and with one resume left handed it to the staff before walking out.

He was called back as he was leaving and hired shortly after.

"I had a gut feeling I was in the right place," he said. It will be 11 years in February, and Varner has no plans to leave.

"I've fallen in love with the community and I work with some amazing talent," he said. "There is something to be said about stability."

CAREER ACCOMPLISHMENTS Throughout Varner's 11 years, he has worked with

hundreds of clients ranging from professional athletes such as current NHL player Shawn Horcoff and former NBA player Ira Newble to the average person looking to lose weight or get fit.

And while he takes every client's success personally, the process is usually kept between the two of them.

"That is until when Varner became the trainer for Detroit Catholic Central graduate Mike Morelli on the NBC reality show "The Biggest Loser."

Morelli worked out daily with Varner at the Sports Club and his transformation took place before a national television audience. Morelli finished second in his season, losing 207 pounds, and has continued to keep the weight off.

Two years after helping Morelli, Varner is back in the national spotlight as a trainer on the MTV show "I Used to Be Fat."

The show is a documentary about teenagers who are trying to lose weight before college, and Varner's goal was to help a girl named Kirsten change her attitude and eating habits to make that happen in three months.

His episode with Kirsten is expected to air on MTV at 10 p.m. on Feb. 9.

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THE PLAN FOR SUCCESS

Varner, who also has authored several books regarding weight loss and exercise, has a simple credo for people — "start today with what you know."

It was a model that worked for Jayson Torres, a tennis pro at the Sports Club and one of Varner's clients.

Torres said he has lost more than 30 pounds working with Varner, and attributes that to his ability to motivate him and the style of training Varner employs.

He believes in something called "metacardio," which is a metabolism-raising workout that combines both cardio and weights into one workout.

"He has a ton of clients and the biggest thing I notice is I feel like I'm his only one," he said, noting that what he has learned he has passed on to his family. "It's not anything crazy, but he helps you with the whole package, how to eat and how to mix up your workout."

Mark Romney, a Northville resident, has lost nearly 40 pounds since starting to work with Varner in September. He said he has been with other trainers, but none like him.

"He took the time to talk with me and see what my pitfalls were and what my needs were," he said. "And then he put together a program to help me lose my weight quickly and in such a way that I will not gain it back right away."

If Varner needs to be can always dip into arsenal and pull out his own story as well. "I understand the psychology of a fat person because I was there and that equips me to deal with someone going through this," he said.

And it also helps him deal with his own struggles — because the temptation is always there.

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Parkview Elementary putting students in charge

Parkview Elementary hosted an event Jan. 25 to share a leadership and character building process they are piloting throughout the school that helps kids learn how to be in charge of their own success and become leaders of their own lives. Parents, school and district leaders, and PTO members from all K-6 schools in the district were invited to come to hear about "The Leader in Me," a book written by Stephen R. Covey about transforming schools into leadership schools based in teaching kids the principals of "The Seven Habits of Highly Effective People."

Parkview Principal Jennifer Michos and her staff are leading the way for Parkview and hoping to create a movement toward implementing the program throughout our K-6 schools. She believes that in order to proactively prepare students for today's and tomorrow's world, we must be deliberate with a common language to equip students with the skills that parents and businesses want. "We want children to have the influence, attitude, adaptability, personal management, and group effectiveness skills that will set them apart from mediocrity," said Michos. "These new skills must be acquired by all students."

Fifty people attended the 90-minute session which included an overview of the goals of a leadership school and the history of the movement, followed by short, four-minute "speed sharing" sessions in which attendees were introduced to each of the seven habits. "The energy and response was really positive," said Heather Kirby, Parkview PTO president. "The parents of Novi are excited about this for themselves and their children. Empowering our children by helping them live the seven habits would provide such an amazing foundation of character and morale. We are planning another informational session soon."

The goal is to teach students skills that will help them believe in themselves and be confident that they have the tools to create success for themselves. Lessons focus on things like being proactive, listening and understanding others, and thinking about what they need to do to keep themselves happy and healthy. They are encouraged to remember to "stop and think before reacting" and "to put first things first," for exam-

ple. Students are then encouraged to use what they've learned in all aspects of their school and home lives.

Parkview has trained eight teachers formally in the seven habits, and is rolling out this shift in culture across all grades. The first graders began the school year introducing The seven habits within their classrooms. First grade teacher Bridget Zahradnik has been trained in the seven habits two times and is very passionate about teaching these timeless principles to children. She has been teaching elementary school for 14 years. She says she can see the kids making positive changes in their thoughts and actions.

"I truly believe that all children should have the opportunity to learn the timeless principles of the seven habits because it has had such a profound impact in my own life," said Zahradnik. "It is so gratifying to see the positive impact it has had on the students thus far."

Parents were enthusiastic about what they learned about how these lessons are beneficial for elementary school kids. Parkview parent Tracy Richcreek said, "Even though the seven habits were originally intended for adults, I believe the messages are just as important for kids. I wish that my elementary school teachers would have taught me about setting priorities, working together for a common goal, and being responsible for the choices I made. Learning these habits will definitely help prepare students for the future."

A parent group from Parkview Elementary will be starting a book study group focusing on the seven habits to help keep the momentum and parent learning going.

It is important to note that this is not just another character education program, but a shift in culture. "The school's culture has a direct impact on student achievement," said Michos. "Culture is not created by one person, but through the synergy of parents, students, and staff that contribute in this community of learners."

To learn more about "The Leader in Me," please visit www.TheLeaderInMe.org.

—By Krista Cherniawsky



Parkview first-grade teacher Lyn Fischer conducts one of the seven habits speed sharing sessions mentioned in the article with a group of parents.

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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. 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@mmr.com.

The SANP Donations Committee is seeking raffle prize and monetary donations to cover the cost of decorations, entertainment and additional raffle prizes. Organizers encourage those planning to make financial contributions to do so as soon as possible so the committee can plan a budget.

ON CAMPUS

Missouri University of Science and Technology

Engineering freshman Jason Matthew Gassel, of Novi, has been named to the honor list for the 2010 fall semester. Honor list recipients must have carried a minimum of 12 hours and had grade point averages of 3.2 or above out of a possible 4.0.

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Fancy Cindy Lyon's and Heather Stewart's kindergarten classes celebrate reading and literature with "Fancy Nancy Day" at Deerfield Elementary.



Spelling bee Joshua Brainard was one of about forty students who took part in the Jan. 26 Novi Middle School Spelling Bee in the school's auditorium. Words were chosen from a list generated by the Scripps National Spelling Bee association.

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Owners asking city to allow restaurants in Briar Pointe Plaza

Public hearing scheduled for Monday

**BY NATHAN MUELLER
STAFF WRITER**

The owners of the Briar Pointe Plaza are asking the Novi City Council to modify a consent judgement to allow sit-down restaurants to their shopping center.

The consent judgement in place limits commercial uses in the shopping center at the corner of Ten Mile

and Beck roads to only B-1 uses, local business district, and not B-2 or B-3 uses, which permits sit-down restaurants, fast food sit-down restaurants and fast food carry-out restaurants.

The request to amend the consent judgement would be to permit only sit-down and carry-out restaurants.

Barb McBeth, deputy community development director for the city of Novi, said city staff is recommending

positive consideration with specific restrictions to protect neighboring properties.

The city council also will be holding a public hearing at 7 p.m. on Monday at the regular city council meeting to hear from residents in the area.

A similar application to allow restaurant uses came before the City Council in 2003 and was denied.

"A public hearing is not required, but it is something we are doing because there may be some concerns neighbors would like to express,"

McBeth said.

Some of the conditions mentioned if approval is granted are: limiting restaurant space to 20 percent of the center, limit business hours from 6 a.m. to 10 p.m., prohibit outdoor storage of grease, fats and oils and require that it is placed in a covered dumpster and require all roof mounted equipment to be screened.

The staff also is recommending the applicant agree to pay for all the legal costs involved with amending the consent judgement.

Also included in the recommendation is that most retail centers in the city can have restaurants and have not had a negative impact on the area, and by allowing restaurants it would benefit the residents and add to the city's tax roll.

McBeth said the owner indicated in a letter that the 30,000-square-foot shopping center is currently about 20 percent vacant and restaurants have expressed interest about locating in the area.

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RUTH BAXTER
93, passed away on January 18, 2011 after a prolonged illness. She was the wife of Joseph Baxter (deceased) and loving mother to Michael (Marlyn) of Laurel, Maryland, Jan (Judy) of Charlotte, MI and Mary Furlong (Doris) of Canton, MI. She had 11 grandchildren, 20 great-grandchildren and three great, great-grandchildren. She was devoted to her family and they are comforted knowing she is with her Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. Remembrances can be made in her name to 3f0rs.org.

ROBERT (BOB) OMAR CARTER
84, of South Lyon, Michigan left this world to claim his place in heaven on Friday, January 28, 2011. He was born September 13, 1926 in Whitmore Lake, MI to the late Fred C. and Ada N. (Nash) Carter. Bob retired from Hoover NSK as a machine set-up engineer. Bob was preceded in death by Darlene, his best friend and loving wife of 58 years, his brother Lewis and sisters Evelyn and Betty. His children survive him: Darlene (Bruce) Westrook of Hartland, Mich. (part) Koch of South Lyon, Mich. (John) (Sheri) of South Lyon, Mich. (Dennis) Swane of Brighton, Mich. (Donald) of South Lyon, Mich. (2 great-grandchildren, 2 great-granddaughters). A Celebration of Bob's life will be held at 11:00 a.m., February 7, 2011 at Phillips Funeral Home in South Lyon. Burial will be held at 11:00 a.m. on Saturday, February 5, 9-9 p.m. and Sunday, February 6, 2-9 p.m. In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to The American Cancer Society or The American Diabetes Association or Benar's Beavers.

GLORIA GOTCH
Age 85, passed away January 28, 2011. She was born on March 12, 1925, in Stockdale, Pennsylvania, daughter of the late Michael and Elizabeth Pawick. On July 3, 1948, Gloria was united in marriage to the love of her life, Pete Gotch. They spent 43 loving years together until his death in 1989. Gloria was a member of St. Joseph Catholic Church, the St. Joseph Altar Society and St. Vincent De Paul. She is survived by her sister-in-law Sophie (Mae) Obrenovich, her nieces and nephews and her dear friends and neighbors: Chuck and Joetta Bahr and Don and Linda Filtgenburg and many other loving friends. Visitation was held on Sunday, January 30, from 3:00 p.m. until 6:00 p.m. at Phillips Funeral Home, 2445 Northwestern Hwy., Suite 100, Southfield, MI 48075. A funeral Mass will be held on Monday, January 31, at 11:00 a.m. at St. Joseph Catholic Church, South Lyon. Memorial contributions may be made to St. Vincent De Paul or St. Joseph Catholic Church for Masses to be celebrated in Gloria's memory. Online Guestbook: www.phillipsfuneral.com

SHIRLEY POWRIE GREEN
Age 86, of Northville, passed away on January 30, 2011. Shirley attended and graduated from Groves High School in Detroit. She graduated from the Grace Hospital School of Nursing in 1945 and received a Bachelor of Science Degree from Wayne State University. She was an Army Cadet Nurse in California at the end of World War II. After a brief appointment at Stantford University Hospital as a pediatric nurse, she returned to Detroit to work at Grace Hospital in delivery and newborn care. She then went on to work for the Detroit Health Department as a Public Health Nurse with responsibilities associated with hospital licensing. Shirley later served in the Wayne County Health Department. She spent the last 10 years of her career as a teacher at Groves High School in Birmingham. She was a great lover of all things wild and enjoyed the outdoors, particularly Michigan's Upper Peninsula. Her joyful and outgoing personality will be greatly missed. She is survived by her beloved husband Ray of 46 years and her loving son Raymond James. She was preceded in death by her brother James Powrie. The family will be receiving friends Friday from 2-8pm at Castner Funeral Home, Inc. 122 West Dunlap, Northville, Mich. Memorial contributions suggested to the American Heart Association, 2445 Northwestern Hwy., Suite 100, Southfield, MI 48075 or the Lillian Diabetes Research Foundation, 24355 Northwestern Hwy., Suite 225, Southfield, MI 48075

BEA MARIE DE YOUNG
Of Grand Rapids passed away peacefully on January 28, 2011 surrounded by her loving family. She is survived by her devoted husband, Gary De Young of Grand Rapids; children, Nancy Hughes (Victor) of Cabot, Ariz., Ronnell De Young of Green Valley, Ariz., Robert De Young (Vicky) of Rochester Hills, MI; grandsons, Alexander De Young, sister, Maxine Horgan; brother, Joe Cooper (Dorothy); sister-in-law, Maureen McKay. She was preceded in death by her beautiful granddaughter, Adrianna Klossow. Bea spent many years as a successful business professional in Grand Rapids. She was one of the first women to enter into the field of real estate in the city. She was also an experienced and respected antique appraiser and dealer. She has been known for her business, Bea's Estate Sales Service, which held prestigious estate sales for many Michigan families. She enjoyed spending time with her family and cherished her grandchildren. Her loving, generous and compassionate spirit was a gift to her family and friends. The vibrant and dynamic presence she possessed will be missed by all whose lives she touched. A Funeral Service was held at Lynch & Sons Funeral Home, Midland on Tuesday, February 1, 2011. Burial Dayton Ohio officiated. Rural Midland Memorial Cemetery.

ROBERT "BOB" JANOSKA
Age 73, of Highland, died January 25, 2011. Funeral Service was held at Lynch & Sons, 2415 Grand Lakes National Cemetery, Memorials: American Legion Post #216 Youth Fund, Call 248-684-6645 or visit: www.LynchFuneralDirectors.com

LOUIS TOKAR
Age 88, passed away January 24, 2011. He was born in Wisconsin; son of the late Jan and Rose Tokar. Louis is survived by his loving wife, his son Gary (Pamela) Tokar. He is also survived by his dear grandchildren: John Tokar, Wendy (Robert) Tokar-Siem, Michael (Carrie) Tokar, David Tokar and his great-grandchildren: Andrew, Anna, Shyria, and Brielle. He was preceded in death by his son Thomas (Pat) Tokar and 5 of his brothers and sisters. Visitation was held at Phillips Funeral Home on January 27 and January 28th. On-line guestbook at: www.phillipsfuneral.com

PATRICK H. WINDEY
Age 62, of Commerce Twp., January 26, 2011. Patrick is survived by his loving wife Deborah, son, Shawn; mother, Bette Windey; siblings, Michael (Sandra), Cyndi Windey; parents-in-law, Glendal and Dolly Taylor; brothers-in-law, Gary Taylor, Alan Taylor, David Taylor and many loving extended family members and dear friends. A Funeral Mass was held at Orchard Lake St. Mary's Shrine Chapel on January 31, 2011. Msgr. Stanley Milewski officiated. Memorials may be made to Orchard Lake St. Mary's Schools or Think Detroit PA. For further information please call: Lynch & Sons Funeral Directors, Midland at 248-684-6645 or visit: www.LynchFuneralDirectors.com

COMMUNITY BRIEFS



Puppet master
Met Hatfield-Douglas hams it up with a backpack puppet during her week-closing show on Friday, Jan. 21, at Novi Woods. Douglass gave a week-long seminar in puppetry at the Novi School and allowed students to join her on the last day in a performance.

Bowling and Jobs
Goodwill Industries of Greater Detroit and Blue Ribbon Bowling Centers invite Metro Detroiters to "Bowl for Jobs" and "Donate for Jobs" at locations in nine area cities, including Novi Bowl. Each location will accept monetary donations and gently used clothing or other items through Sunday, March 6. The best donated items will be among those sold at Goodwill's new flagship upscale resale store in Canton.

Kensington Metropark Cross-Country Ski Center open one more weekend
With a tempest of white powder expected to blanket Kensington Metropark come mid-week, the Ski Center at Kensington Metropark will remain open one additional weekend to accommodate skiers who wish to enjoy excellent snow conditions. Originally scheduled to close Jan. 31, the Ski Center will now be open until Feb. 7, after which the Golf Starter Building/Cross-Country Ski Center will close as site preparation begins for construction of a new Golf Starter/Ski Center Building.

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:

- 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 Wixom Road, Novi
- Friday, Feb. 11 1:30-7:15 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. Eighth Mile, Northville
- Wednesday, Feb. 23 2-7:45 p.m.; Hillside Middle School, 775 W. Eighth 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) 549-7052. Walk-ins will be taken when possible.

Every donor will receive a coupon for one free game of bowling with the purchase of another game.

Participating centers also will raise funds for the campaign through 50/50 raffles during league bowling. Donation and raffle activities supporting Goodwill are in conjunction with the Blue Ribbon Bowling Centers league "St. Patrick's Pot of Gold Tournament."

All donations support the employment training and education programs of Goodwill Industries of Greater Detroit, the only organization in Southeast Michigan dedicated solely to helping local people overcome employment challenges and earn jobs.

Novi Bowl is located at 21700 Novi Road.

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Andiamo Novi shows

"You Say Tomato, I Say Shut Up: A Love Story" is the critically-acclaimed hilarious memoir of Annabelle Gurwih and Jeff Kahn who after 13 years of marriage, the authors have discovered "We're just not that into us." The actors/comedians/writers and real-life married couple bring a moving chronicle about marriage told in a raw, honest, and humorous way that is sure to strike terror and laughs into the hearts of all couples, as well as every single man and woman who has ever contemplated walking down the aisle.

"You Say Tomato, I Say Shut Up: A Love Story" will be at Andiamo Novi for a limited engagement Feb. 9-5.

Men Fake Foreplay. What is this all about? Well, it's not about sex but a simple look at how the word "foreplay" quickly shifts into a humorous and insightful look of the male psyche and the cultural influences that shape a man's character. Emmy Award-winning "Tonight Show" comedian Mike Dugan brings "Men Fake Foreplay" - which takes a hilarious and uncompromising look at the trials and tribulations encountered on the road to becoming a man in a "boys will be boys" world - to the Andiamo Novi Theatre for a two-week run. Performances run Wednesdays-Sundays from Feb. 9-20.

Individual tickets may be purchased at the Andiamo Novi Theatre box office, by phone at (248) 948-4448 (theater box office) or 1-800-745-3000 (Ticketmaster) or on-line at www.ticketmaster.com. Dinner & Show packages can only be purchased at the Andiamo Novi Theatre box office. The Andiamo Novi Theatre is located at 42705 Grand River Avenue, Novi.

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BRIEFS

Health Authority
The Oakland County Board of Commissioners is seeking interested citizens to volunteer to serve the community through appointment to the Oakland Community Mental Health Authority. The Authority is responsible for assuring provisions for services and support to those individuals in our county faced with mental, emotional and developmental disabilities. Individuals selected by the Oakland County Board of Commissioners will serve a three-year term. There are currently four vacancies which need to be filled for the following positions:

- Citizen representatives are sought to serve as a General Public Representative.

For more information, call (248) 446-0411.

Cooking classes

Better Health Market (42875 Grand River Avenue, Novi) will present a free cooking class, Intro to Raw Foods, by Michael Dwyer on 11 a.m. Saturday Feb. 19.

It is becoming more clear every day that eating a diet primarily existing of Raw Foods which are rich in fiber leads to significant weight loss, clearer skin, greater energy and even an improved and more rewarding sex life. Raw foods have even been proven to stop the progression of some serious and chronic diseases many of us battle every day of our lives.

Susan Parker Stewart will offer a free seminar, Begin Your Journey

Citizens sought to serve on Oakland Community Mental Health Authority

Everyone who attends the free seminar or free cooking class will receive a complimentary copy of Jordan Rubin's book, "Raw Truth," which deals with the raw food phenomenon.

The Menagerie Room @ Co Reutter the Salon, located at 116 N. Lafayette in South Lyon, will be hosting an upcoming student art show. Students of all ages and mediums can enter up to three pieces of art work for free. The entry deadline is Saturday, March 12. There will be a reception Saturday, April 2 from 6-8 p.m. The student show will run until Saturday, May 28.

MSU Extension offers program

Mental Health Providers or those having a working involvement with CMH are sought to serve.

- Primary Consumers are sought to serve.

To apply or receive more information about these positions, submit an application, no later than Monday, Feb. 28. To obtain an application, go to www.oakgov.com, click on the Oakland County Board of Commissioners, then click Boards, Commissions, and Committees link and the Oakland Community Mental Health Authority. Click on the application form and print out the form, or call 248-858-0103 to request an application.

Mail completed application forms to: Oakland County Board of Commissioners, 1200 N. Telegraph Road, Dept. 470, Pontiac, MI 48341 or fax to (248) 858-1572.

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Rev. Richard E. Papp, Pastor

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Sunday Service 9:30 & 11 AM
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www.solidrockbiblechurch.org

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Northville

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Monday - Tuesday 9:30 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.
Wednesday - Thursday 9:30 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.
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Bible Study Thursday at 7:00 PM

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BRIEFS
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ning sessions are held at the Oakland County Executive Office Building Conference Center. Saturday sessions will be held at the MSU Tollgate Education Center, Indian Springs Metropark, and Independence Oaks County Park. Registration fee is \$275. Obtain an application packet online at <http://www.oakgov.com/msu/> or call (248) 858-0887 to request an application by mail. The deadline to submit applications is Feb. 4. Please call (248) 858-0887 for more information.

See our online images

You can see staff photographer John Heider's photos in print in the Novi News and Northville Record, but don't miss his videos of the Super

Gardener, a young moth rancher and the Novi girls state soccer mascot. His photo galleries feature the Farmers' Market, Bay Michigan Now Festival, the Michigan Art Institute's open house, Novi High's Band Camp and much, much more. Visit hometownlife.com every day and see what's new!

Wanted: vacation photos!

Take a copy of your Northville Record along on your vacation and we'll publish a photo of you and your travel companions in the paper with the headline: Wish You Were Here. Just be sure to include the newspaper in your photo. Send your photo in a jpg format to estono@gannett.com. Identify everyone in the photo (first and last names) and tell us where they live. Tell us when the photo was taken and where. Tell us what was special about your trip, if you

wish. Include a day time phone number so we can contact you if necessary.

Then look for your photo in the newspaper and on our Facebook site under WISH YOU WERE HERE!

Cleaning for a reason

If you know any woman currently undergoing chemotherapy, please pass the word to her that there is a cleaning service that provides free housecleaning once per month for four months while she is in treatment. All she has to do is sign up and have her doctor fax a note confirming the treatment. Cleaning for a Reason will have a participating maid service in her zip code area arrange for the service. This organization serves the entire USA and currently has 547 partners to help these women. Find out more at <http://www.cleaningforareason.org/>.



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Goin' to the dogs

Trisha Till (left) greets her 13-inch beagle 'Sandy' during the Jan. 21 Livonia Kennel Club Show at Novi's Suburban Collection Showcase. Northville's Derek Beatty (above) says hi to his weimaraner 'Foster'.

More: For a complete listing of local and regional events, see the Novi Calendar online at www.hometownlife.com.

Submit: Send calendar submissions via e-mail to csone@gannett.com; by fax to (248) 349-9832; or by mail to Novi News, 101 N. Lafayette, South Lyon, MI 48178. Items must be received by noon on Monday to be included in Thursday's newspaper.

LOCAL EVENTS

Retirement Planning seminar

Time/Date: 7-8:30 p.m. Feb. 3
Location: Walsh College, Novi Campus, 41500 Gardenbrook Road
Details: "Retirement Planning for Every Age and Stage of Life" presented by Paul E. Housey, president, Financial Planning Group Snook Housey Advisors, Inc., in rooms 507-508
Contact: (248) 349-5454

Borders Books

Location: Novi Town Center
Contact: (248) 347 0780
Children's Storytime
Time: 2 p.m. Saturdays
Details: Gather round for a fun story suitable for children of 6 years old and under.

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
Description: Some people with atrial fibrillation (AF) have no symptoms and are unaware of their condition. The likelihood of developing AF increases as you age and also increases your risk of stroke. February is Heart Month. Learn all about the most common abnormal



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A helping hand

Mel Hatfield-Douglas gets some help in working a skit during the puppeteer's show on Jan. 21.

heart rhythm and the treatments that are available. The presenter will be Dr. Dipak Shah, Cardiologist on staff at Providence Hospital and Providence Park Hospital. There will be free blood pressure screening at this lecture.
Contact: To reserve your seat or for more information, please contact St. John SeniorLink at 888-751-5465.

Northville & Novi Garden Club

Meeting
Time/Date: 6:30 p.m. Monday, Feb. 14
Location: Northville Art House, 215 W. Cady
Details: The topic will be "Bees-sweeter than Honey" with Dave Zurek.
Contact: Fran Gunderson (248)

349-6457 Sun, Water & Seeds 4-H Club

Time/Date: 6:30 p.m. Wednesdays
Location: Tollgate Education Center, 28115 Meadowbrook Road, Novi
Details: A 4-H youth garden and farm stand where kids learn about plant science, nutrition and entrepreneurship by raising produce for

sale. The Club is seeking new members to join in the planting, planning and more.

Contact: sunwaterseeds@gmail.com or (248) 956-0029
TOPS (Take Off Pounds Sensibly) Time/Date: 11 a.m.-noon every Wednesday

Location: The group has moved from the Senior Center to the Belmont Clubhouse at Fox Run on 15 Mile between M-5 and Meadowbrook.
Contact: Deloris Roman at (248) 668-8600 for additional information.

American Legion Post 19 Monthly Meeting

Time/Date: 7 p.m. third Tuesdays
Location: Rock Financial Showplace, Grand River Avenue between Taft and Beck roads
Details: Comrades and fellow veterans, please join these monthly meetings; attendance is needed to maintain and grow the Post.
Contact: Commander Dennis Srikulis (248) 378-7841 or dsrikulis@wmlr.com or Service Officer Paul Erickson (248) 344-7193 or pnerick@aol.com.

Suburban Collections Showplace

Location: 46100 Grand River Avenue, Novi
Contact: (248) 348-5600 or www.suburbancollectionsshowplace.com.
Antique Arms Show/Wolverine Knife Collectors Showplace
DATE: Feb. 5-6

Details: The show will feature antiques and collectible firearms from the Revolutionary War to modern times. Items are available for purchase, sale, and trade. Appraisals are available as well.

Michigan Antique Arms Collector's Inc. offers the public arms dealers from over 15 states and Canada. Wolverine Knife Collectors Club Shows are well known, with dealers from Canada, Japan, and all across the U.S. Highlighted also are some of the finest historical arms displays that can be found at any show anywhere. This is the largest antique arms collectors show in Michigan. Admission is free to children 12 years old and under and to all MCCA and WFFC members. Doors open to the public at 9 a.m.

BUSINESS

American Business Women's Association - Novi/Oaks Charter Chapter

Time/Date: 6:15 p.m. (networking), 6:45 (dinner); second Wednesday of each month
Location: DoubleTree Hotel in Novi
Details: ABWA is an active business group offering networking, professional development and leadership opportunities. Cost is \$16 which includes dinner and presentation. Guests are welcome!
Contact: For more information or to RSVP for dinner, please contact president@abwnov.org.
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OUR VIEWS

Super search Which man will lead our children?

The man who succeeds Peter Dion as superintendent of Novi schools will have his hands full, to say the least. We'll know who that is tonight when the Novi Board of Education picks either Shawn Lewis-Lakin or Steve Matthews.

Here are some of things one of them will deal with:

- Nearly 6,300 students
650 employees
Nine buildings

Those are the givens, the easy part. Not so much for these:

- A general fund budget of \$71 million that can sway drastically up or down, depending on how much the State of Michigan decides to give ... or take. It also fluctuates according to the economy; the number of students; and increases in the district's health care costs. And he'll get to deal with it every year.

- Community expectations: How do you keep up the outstanding reputation of the district, which attracts people to Novi? How do you maintain programs and opportunities for students in a climate of having to cut all the time?

- Assessment and accountability are going to play bigger roles in education with less mandates from the state and more from the feds.

- Novi's diverse population is one of the great things about the district, but it's also a huge challenge. As we continue to diversify, more resources are needed.

- The succession plan for the district's new administrators is in place, but the new superintendent will have to jump right in to that selection process as new seats are to be filled by July 1.

- He'll have to learn the complex culture of the Novi community quickly.

October began this entire selection process of finding the next person to administer the Novi school district — to be accountable for the safety of its students, its academic programs, and its budget. Search consultants were interviewed and one was eventually chosen to develop a candidate profile, screen applicants and then present five worthy individuals to the board.

And now we're down to two — both are currently superintendents, and both have said they want to end their careers here. What super wouldn't want to? Yes, the expectations and challenges are extremely high here, but so are the rewards.

COMMUNITY VOICE

Who do you think will win the Super Bowl on Sunday — the Pittsburgh Steelers or the Green Bay Packers?



"I'm going to have to go with Green Bay. I think they're the better team, and I picked 'em to win the conference title, too."

Doda Sinishtag Novi



"Green Bay because they just look too strong. They've shown more 'oomph' - going to be hard to beat."

Aron Redditt Novi



"I think Green Bay will win, even though the Steelers have a really good defense. But Green Bay's playing real tough right now."

Chad Godfrey Novi firefighter



"I'll say the Steelers. They played a lot tougher opponents to get to the Super Bowl than the Packers."

Mike Jacobs Novi firefighter, Commerce Township

LETTERS

Road woes

I go to Northville Public Schools, and I would like to present to you my opinion on the subject of plowing and fixing the streets of our two great communities. In Michigan we get a lot of snow during the winter. The streets, including neighborhoods, need to be plowed well and adequately. When the job of plowing is not done there is a chance of possible accidents that could take place. For instance, my brother was driving to school one early morning, and it had snowed the night before and the roads were not plowed or salted. He took a turn like he normally would except he began to slide and was caught in the middle of the intersection and almost got T-boned by another motorist.

The second subject I would like to bring up

is how the roads that need to be repaired in the summer aren't and the roads that do get repaired don't need it. After the winter the roads begin to unfreeze, causing cracks and potholes. The roads with these dangerous obstacles need to be fixed as soon as possible. Accidents can be avoided if the right action is taken by plowing and salt/sand is applied. The correct roads need to be fixed in the spring time.

I hope that me sharing my opinion with you has made you think about the seasons to come and how to keep Novi/Northville motorists safe.

Max Eitelman Novi

Cross, one of the donors was from out of town and staying in Novi. She would walk around the perimeter of Novi Town Center each morning for exercise since she was staying in hotel across the street.

She mentioned the impending Walmart store and voluntarily said how Walmart will put the small businesses out of business when it moves in. She'd seen it happen in North Carolina where she lives.

So, will Dave Landry's forceful desire/influence to see that Walmart was approved to build have a disastrous outcome to the existing businesses and be a legacy that the businesses and residents regretfully pay the price? Time will tell.

Connie Varana Novi

What will Walmart bring?

While working at the Auto Show for the Red

ONLINE VOICES & VIEWS

The following are excerpts from readers participating in our online forum for discussing issues in our voices. Find more comments or join the discussion on the Web at hometownlife.com.

First in state - Tony Sacco pizza eatery opens in Novi Town Center

So far we have been to Tony Sacco's twice and it has only been open 13 days ... lol! Pizza was great. The crust was so thin and tasty and toppings were fresh. Delicious. I love the Caesar salad and our friends thought the antipasto was the best. Keep up the great service and food. Don't forget the wings and that sausage appetizer.

bolu1925

Letters to the Editor: Problems with Walmart

Ms. Argonis, you are correct 100 percent and I particularly like your assessment of the City in how they behaved with your Point #2. Point #1 is well-documented history that Novi is avoiding. Traffic? What a short memory the city has ... our lovely traffic engineer suggests they won't have more of an impact than Mervyn's? Come again? Mervyn's closed because NOBODY WENT THERE enough to keep it open. The worst performing Walmart will bring in 10x the amount of traffic than Mervyn's ever did. There is a large contingent of Walmart supporters that think their life is enhanced by having the most amount of "stuff" and buying it at the absolute least amount of money. If they are successful here it will be on the backs of other stores (not necessarily mom-and-pops, mind you, but the Kroger's, Targets, Busch's and others, too) because there just isn't that much to go around. I can tell you this — they will be an ugly stain on this community.

Wait and see, Novi ... WelcomingChange

Point #1 - What retail jobs bring high paying, educated workers? None. Walmart is no different than Meijer, Target, Costco, etc. Point #2 - There is a huge difference between rezoning and a site plan approval. Both the 10 & Beck and 10 & Novi developments were rezoning and would have added retail zoned parcels to the City. The Walmart development was site approval and they did not require any rezoning. Point #3 - Any new retail in Town Center will increase traffic in that area. Should the owners of Town Center be kept from accepting new tenants? Of course not. Traffic is a byproduct of a robust retail area. It can be managed and controlled. It is not a good reason to restrict new business in the area. Point #4 - Completely pointless. What happened novi

GUEST COLUMN

Education, creativity and innovation — our salvation in modern-day economy

Will China dominate in the 21st century? That is the question that permeates economists' thinking in this hyper-competitive, disruptive, global, knowledge economy where ideas and jobs can and do move around the world effortlessly. Exactly where is Michigan's and America's edge? Today our future lies in our classrooms, garages, and entrepreneurial mindsets! The viability of our society and democracy — the very strength of our economy, the quality of our lives, and our place in the world — all depend on our system of education, governance and freedom.

Our competitive edge lives in America's DNA and the Constitution. It is ingrained in our ability to use our creativity, imagination and our unbridled freedom to invent. Everything that is great about America began in someone's imagination. We live in an innovation incubator, a ripe for dreaming!

I have been traveling and working in China for over two decades and the one question that dominates through the years — asked by everyone from top government officials to teachers in the classrooms and entrepreneurs — is: "How do you teach creativity, how do we make more Bill Gates, Edisons, and Henry Fords?"

America doesn't need more people than China to compete with them, we just need to ratchet up creativity, imagination, innovation and risk-tak-

ers while asking, "What if the impossible isn't?" and then move those ideas from the R&D labs and into world markets. In his State of the Union Address, President Obama did not call China by name when he stated, "Our students don't just memorize equations, but answer questions like "What do you think of that idea?", "What would you change about the world", and "What do you want to be when you grow up?" In America and increasingly in China, you can grow up to be anything you want to be. America's strength is our ability to fail and fail again until we succeed! In response to a question about his light bulb invention, Thomas Edison once replied, "I have not failed. I've just found 10,000 ways that won't work"

THE AMERICAN GARAGE Unlike in China, in America there is not just one way, the government's way of doing business. We are a nation of "tinkers" with the advantage of having the world as our garage, where ideas are born this very second. The Chinese educational system is considered as being efficient at sorting their country's best test-takers from the worst, then struggling to create an intellectual environment ripe for innovation. The albatross that has held China back all these years is the Chinese leaders' historic fear of losing control over its people. That fear of chaos spreading from allowing nonconformity, is a drag on their very desire to break the mold of China's being a nation of copy-cats, unable to break through to becoming a nation of innovators.

Thomas Edison got it right here as well when he said, "Hell, there are no rules here — we're trying to accomplish something." Nonconformity spurs ideas. The future will belong to the nation, state and communities that invest in its people. Investing in research and development, innovation, knowledge, creativity coupled with the American can-do spirit will propel us forward. China, not content to remain the low-cost "factory to the world," is not stagnant, ripe with ideas to keep their economy humming, its masses working, and the Communist Party in power. In China's quest to become the "innovation nation," many are studying how we create the next Bill Gates. Though China's economic growth is phenomenal, they are also facing rising anger from its people, especially from discouraged students unable to find employment as well as farmers who see rising inequities and blatant government corruption. Communist Party officials are attempting to spur creativity and innovation in a controlled society — a formula that has not been found to be sustainable. America's and Michigan's competitive edge lies in our freedom to rebel, then create and innovate. Long live the chaos of the American Dream.

Tom Watkins of Northville is a business and educational consultant. He served the citizens of the state as superintendent of public instruction (2001-05) and mental health director (1986-90) and an elected member of the Wayne County Charter Commission 1980-82. Write to him at to Watkins@aol.com.

CALENDAR

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

Contact: For more information, call (248) 349-3743 or www.novichamber.com. Business to Business Breakfast Time/Date: 8-9 a.m. Tuesday, Feb. 8.

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

Detroit Red Wings Networking Event Date: Wednesday, Feb. 9 Details: Call Chamber office.

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

Details: BNI is a structured networking environment for professionals. The Metro Novi BNI team members are committed to providing bona fide referrals to each other. Members learn how to create and refine an "elevator speech," develop a broad network of other business professionals in the community and receive training/education on networking more efficiently. Guests are invited to attend free of charge. Continental breakfast provided.

Contact: For more information, contact Julie Paquette at 248-797-1665 or juliepaquette67@gmail.com; www.metrobninovi.com. Novi Toastmasters Club Time/Date: 7-9 p.m., every first and third Tuesday Location: Novi Civic Center,

Activities Room, 45175 West 10 Mile Road, Novi, Michigan 48375

Details: Novi Toastmasters is a community-based club which is part of Toastmasters International. Our diverse group provides a mutually supportive atmosphere in which all can develop and refine their public speaking and leadership skills. Our members also have fun while building confidence in day-to-day communications and mentoring toward professional and personal excellence. Guests are welcome — and bring a friend. Visit www.nvtoasthostus.com. Contact: Linda Kreuter at PR@novi.toasthostus.us

Novi Rotary Club Time/Date: Noon every Thursday Location: Novi Methodist Church, 41671 W. 10 Mile Road Details: Lunch is \$10 at meeting. Visitors welcome. Check Web site for speaker information; novirotaory.org.

NIGHTLIFE Andiamo Novi / Dirty Martini Lounge / Andiamo Theater Location: 42705 Grand River Avenue, Novi Contact: (248) 348-3838 Off-Broadway Series Details: Space is limited to approximately 200 guests per show. Feb. 3-5: "I Say Tomato, You Say Shut Up" A Love Story featuring Annabelle Gurwitch & Jeff Kahn Feb. 9-20: Mike Dugan's "Men Fake Foreplay"

Feb. 24-26: "One Man Star Wars" March 2-20: "The Godfather Workout" March 23-April 10: "I Love You, You're Perfect, Now Change" April 13-24: Robert Dubac's - "Male Intellect - An Oxymoron?" April 29-May 1: "Celebrity Autobiography" May 4-22: "Bad Dates" May 25-June indefinitely: "The Last Five Years" Contact: www.ticketmaster.com or call (248) 348-4448

Friends' Monthly Board Meeting Time/Date: 7-9 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 9 Details: The Friends of the Novi Public Library typically hold their Board Meetings on the second Wednesday of each month at 7 p.m. at the Library. Everyone cordially invited to attend. Understanding Autism Time/Date: 7-8 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 10 Details: Adam Brode, Speech-Language Pathologist and Play Project Home Counselor will inform and answer questions about autism that will help you recognize the signs and symptoms of autism spectrum disorders. Please register. AARP Tax Day Time/Date: 10:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m. Monday, Feb. 14 Details: AARP volunteers will be available to assist with the preparation of taxes for those with middle and low incomes, with special attention given to those aged 60 and older beginning every hour at 10:30 a.m. with the last appointment at 2:30 p.m. Assistance is limited to simple tax returns only. Registration is required prior to receiving assistance. This is a free service sponsored by AARP and the Novi Public Library. Chinese Story Time Time/Date: 10:30-11 a.m. Monday, Feb. 14 Details: Chinese speaking volunteer storytellers read Chinese picture books to preschool aged children.

Booked for Lunch Time/Date: noon-1 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 16 Details: Join your neighbors and bring a lunch for this afternoon book discussion of The Hearts of Horses by Molly Gloss. Library Board Meeting Time/Date: 7-9 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 16 Details: Come join the Library Board at their new locations - The Whole Meeting room at the Novi Public Library. Topics could include planning for the future, policy decisions, annual budget, and broad operational oversight. 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. There is no charge for admission. Lighthouse of Oakland County, a nonprofit HUD-certified agency, will have housing counselors available to help people learn how to work with their lenders to prevent foreclosure. Contact: Those interested in attending are asked to call the library or e-mail admin@walledlakelibrary.org to register for this event.

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Spanish Story Time Time/Date: 10:30 a.m.-11 a.m. Tuesday, Feb. 15 Details: Spanish speaking volunteer storytellers read Spanish picture books to preschool aged children. 4H Exploration Time/Date: 7-8 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 15 Details: If you think that 4H is just about farm kids taking their prize cut to the show, think again! There are lots of 4H clubs that focus on activities of interest to kids living in a more urban environment. If you are between 5 and 19 years old, you should join us as NSU Tollgate Farm Manager, Roy Prentice, talks about 4H and Novi's local 4H Club called Sun, Water and Seeds. It focuses on growing vegetables, learning about healthy eating and developing entrepreneurial skills. Registration required. Hindi Story Time Time/Date: 10:30 a.m.-11:00 a.m. Wednesday, February 16 Details: Hindi speaking volunteer storytellers read Hindi picture books to preschool aged children.

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NOVI POLICE BRIEFS

Men arrested with drug paraphernalia

1 A 20-year-old man was arrested at 10:33 p.m. on Jan. 27 for possession of paraphernalia and minor in possession and a 32-year-old man was arrested for possession of paraphernalia after the vehicle they were in was stopped for speeding at M-5 and Twelve Mile Road.

According to the police report, the officer estimated the vehicle was traveling 70 miles per hour in a 55 mph zone before he initiated the traffic stop.

When he approached the car he could smell the odor of intoxicants coming from inside and the driver admitted to drinking a beer. He registered .03 percent on the preliminary breath test, below the legal limit of .08 percent.

The passenger then was asked to exit the car and told police he had a syringe in his sock because he was a heroin addict.

During a search of the car, the officer also found a bong made out of a plastic water bottle.

Both men were issued misdemeanor citations and released after posting bond.

Wallet taken from locker at gym

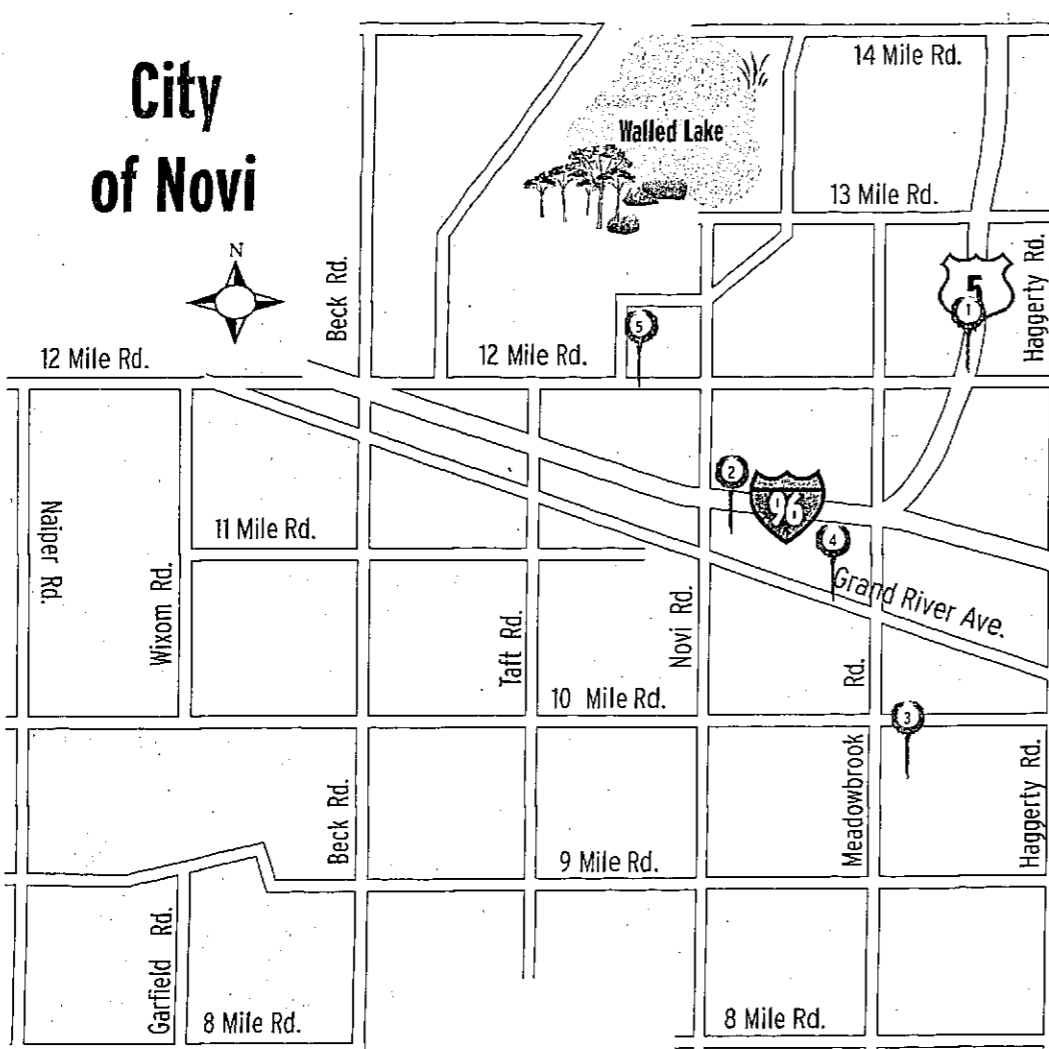
2 A man had his wallet stolen from a locker inside the men's locker room at Bally Total Fitness between 12:30 p.m. and 1:30 p.m. on Jan. 27 while he was working out.

The man said he put a combination lock on his locker when he left, but it was gone when he returned. The wallet contained several credit cards, driver's license and money.

The business is looking into the theft, but police have no suspects at this time.

Drunk puts car in ditch

3 A 32-year-old man was arrested at 6:20 a.m. on Jan. 29 for drunk driving after being found by police



passed out in his car in a ditch off W. Le Bost.

According to the police report, a neighbor in the area called police after looking out his window and seeing the van in the ditch. When police arrived, they observed where the car hit the ground and concluded that the driver went straight instead of making the curve.

The car was not running, and when the officer opened the door he observed the driver slumped over at the wheel. He woke up shortly after the officer opened the door and admitted to drinking.

A bottle of vodka was found in the van and the man said he did not know how he ended up in the ditch. He failed field sobriety tests and a preliminary breath test registered a blood alcohol content of .13 percent. The legal limit for adult drivers in Michigan is .08 percent.

The man was taken to the Novi Police Department where he was held until sober. A report has been submitted for review for operating while intoxicated and open intox in a motor vehicle.

The driver failed field sobriety tests and a preliminary breath test registered a blood alcohol content of .16 percent. The legal limit for adult drivers is .08 percent.

The man was transported to the police department where he was issued a citation for operating while intoxicated and released after posting bond.

When police arrived, the man said he was traveling south on Cabard when he "gunned" it and lost control of the car. He admitted to drinking at the bar.

—Compiled by staff writer Nathan Mueller

Driver caught with weed

4 A 22-year-old man was arrested at 8:50 p.m. on Jan. 30 for possession of marijuana and improper plate after he was stopped for having an expired plate at Grand River Avenue, west of Meadowbrook Road.

The officer said the man was very nervous looking when he approached the car and could smell the odor of burnt marijuana coming from inside.

The driver said the drug was in the center console, and when the officer searched the car he found some in a small glass container. There also was a pipe and grinder used for the drug.

He was arrested and transported to the Novi Police Department where he was issued two citations and released after posting bond.

Drunk nearly drives into pond

5 A 27-year-old man was arrested at 2:04 a.m. on Jan. 29 for drunk driving after losing control of his car and crashing into a ditch near a pond off Twelve Mile Road, near the Twelve Mile Crossing at Fountain Walk.

Police were called to the area after a tow truck driver on the scene called them because he thought the driver was intoxicated.

When police arrived, the man said he was traveling south on Cabard when he "gunned" it and lost control of the car. He admitted to drinking at the bar.

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NORTHVILLE/NOVI CHURCH EVENTS

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Church of the Holy Family
Location: 24505 Meadowbrook Road
Contact: (248) 349-8847 or visit holyfamilynovi.org

Mass Schedule
Time/Day: 8:30 a.m., 10:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. Sunday; 9 a.m. Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday; 6:30 a.m. Tuesday; 4:30 p.m. (English), 6:30 p.m. (Spanish) Saturday
Holy Days: 9 a.m., 5:30 and 7:30 p.m. Saturdays or by appointment
Priests: Father Timothy Hogan, pastor and Father Michael Zurech, associate pastor

Crosspointe Meadows Church
Location: 29000 Meadowbrook Road, south of 13 Mile Road
Contact: (248) 669-9400, 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Monday-Thursday or visit www.crosspointemeadows.org

Sunday Worship: 11:15 a.m.
Bible study classes: 10 a.m. for all ages
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Destiny Worship Center
Location: Ridge Wood Elementary School, 49775 Six Mile Road, Northville
Contact: DestinyW30@gmail.com or visit www.DW3C.org

Grand opening/launch
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Detroit First Church of the Nazarene
Location: 21260 Haggerty Road, north of Eight Mile Road
Contact: (248) 348-7600 or visit dcnazarene.org

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a.m. Traditional worship service, Children's Church, Youth Sunday School and Adult Bible Fellowship; 6 p.m. Evening Service, Children's program, Youth Worship Service
Tuesday Schedule: Tuesday 9:25-11:15 a.m. Women of the Word Bible Study with childcare available for through age 5; 6:45 p.m. Ladies Evening Bible Study

Wednesday Schedule: 5:30 p.m. Family Meal, \$4 per person, \$12 per family; 7 p.m. Children's Caravan, Club 56, Bible Study, Quilting, Adult Classes, Youth Blast

Thursday Schedule: 6 a.m. Men of Purpose Prayer Group; 7 p.m. Tee Kwon Do

Women of the Word
Time/Date: 9:25-11:15 a.m.
Details: The W.O.W. Tuesday Ladies Bible Study welcomes you to their study of the Ephesians. There is a \$15 registration fee, which includes interdenominational study materials. Childcare will be available in the morning for children through age 5.

Emmanuel Lutheran Church
Location: 34567 Seven Mile Road, Livonia
Contact: (248) 442-8822 or www.newhopecenter.com

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

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

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

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

Sunday Worship: 10 a.m.

First Baptist Church of Northville
Location: 217 N. Wing
Contact: (248) 348-1020

Sunday Worship: 10:45 a.m. and 5:45 p.m.
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Ladies Bible Study: 9:30 a.m. and 7 p.m. Tuesdays

Men's Bible Study: 9 a.m. first Saturday of every month
First Baptist Church of Novi-Family Integrated Church
Location: 45301 W. 11 Mile Road
Contact: (248) 349-3647 or firstbaptistchurchofnovi.org

NEWSMAKERS



McKenney among national tax news providers' top professionals

Varnum attorney Paul McKenney was named one of 10 newsmakers of the year by Tax Notes. The announcement was made in the publication's Jan. 3 issue.

McKenney, who is a tax partner in Varnum's Novi office, was recognized for his work in cross-border tax issues. He shares honors with the Chair of the U.S. House Budget Committee and Switzerland's head of finance.

Covering all federal tax laws, regulations, and policy developments, Tax Notes offers thorough news and commentary service through daily and weekly online and print publications. Tax Notes is a publication of Tax Analysts.

McKenney's practice focuses upon representation of business and individual tax-

payers in federal tax controversies at administrative levels as well as the tax court and before federal courts. McKenney has served as a past adjunct professor in the Graduate Tax Program at Walsh College and is also a committee chair and frequent speaker at the American Bar Association Taxation Committee meetings.

McKenney is an active member of the Taxation Section of the Michigan State Bar Association and served on its Taxation Council. He also serves as a committee Chair of the American Bar Association Taxation Section. McKenney has spoken at more Institute of Continuing Education programs than any attorney in the State. He is a past chairperson of the Detroit and Oakland County Bar Associations.

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Hey, Novi! It's Time to Pick Your PEOPLE'S CHOICE AWARDS

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- Best coffee
- Best place for breakfast
- Best steaks
- Best deli
- Best fast food restaurant
- Best family restaurant
- Best place for soup
- Best place for salad
- Best place for burgers
- Best place for hot dogs/cones
- Best place for subs
- Best place for desserts
- Best Sushi restaurant
- Best Italian restaurant
- Best Asian restaurant
- Best Mexican restaurant
- Best Greek restaurant
- Best place for pizza
- Best martini
- Best wine selection (store)
- Best wine selection (restaurant)
- Best beer selection (store)
- Best beer selection (restaurant)
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- Best insurance agency

All Entries Must Be Received By February 18th

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Ireland raffle

Catholic Central Dads' Club announced The Claddagh Irish Pub of Livonia as this year's sponsor for their 11th annual St. Patrick's Day Ireland Raffle. The club raises money each year by holding the Ireland Raffle. First place includes a five-night stay at the Ashford Castle in Ireland, round trip airfare for two, and ground transportation. Second place is \$1,000. Rick Bloomfield, John Doyle and Jim Govan, Catholic Central Dads' Club St. Patrick's Day Ireland Raffle Co-Chairs, presented Mike Prusak of The Claddagh Irish Pub of Livonia, a banner introducing the raffle's IrelandRaffle.com website to hang in their restaurant. "After last year's highly successful fund-raiser with The Claddagh, our team is very excited to be working with them again this year," said Bloomfield. Prusak, General Manager of The Claddagh Irish Pub of Livonia, said, "This is a great way for The Claddagh Irish Pub to be more involved with the community. We are glad we can help the Catholic Central Dads' Club and are ecstatic to be involved with such an outstanding local organization. Anytime we can build business and help a local cause at the same time, count us in." The Catholic Central Dads' Club would like to thank The Claddagh Irish Pub of Livonia for their sponsorship of this year's St. Patrick's Day Ireland Raffle. The drawing will be held at The Claddagh Irish Pub of Livonia on St. Patrick's Day March 17. The Claddagh is located at 17800 Haggerty Road, Livonia, (734) 542-8141. Pictured (from left) are Doyle, Bloomfield, Prusak and Govan.

BUSINESS NEWSMAKERS

Kroger helps feed Michigan's hungry

You can help feed a hungry family when you buy a 24 oz. loaf of Kroger Buttercrust Wheat Bread during Kroger's bread donation campaign to benefit The Salvation Army Bed & Bread Club program. The bread donation campaign launches today and continues through Feb. 28, with Kroger donating 24 loaves of Kroger Buttercrust Wheat Bread for every loaf purchased.

Kroger is teaming up with 104.3 WOMC radio to promote the campaign, with all 132 Michigan Kroger stores participating. A 24 oz. loaf of Kroger Buttercrust Wheat Bread sells for \$1.95, and Kroger has set a goal to donate 20,000 loaves in 2011, exceeding the 2010 goal of 17,500 loaves. Kroger also offers coin boxes at each register to collect monetary contributions.

"Job losses and a struggling economy have created greater demand for staples—such as bread—to feed the homeless and hungry," said Rick Going, president, The Kroger Co. of Michigan. "During The Salvation Army Bed & Bread Club campaign, the simple act of purchasing a single loaf of bread for one's own family can go a long way in helping meet the nutritional needs of Michigan's less fortunate."

Kroger is participating in The Salvation Army Bed & Bread Club program for the sixth year. For further details about the grocery chain's efforts to feed the hungry, visit the Kroger web site at www.kroger.com.

Michigan retailers upbeat to start 2011

The latest Michigan Retail Index survey confirms what many believed: the 2010 holiday shopping season was the best in more than a decade for Michigan retailers.

More than three out of four retailers (76 percent) reported sales gains over the previous year, with more than half reporting increases greater than 5 percent. The average gain for survey respondents was 11 percent, highest since 1994, the first year of the survey conducted by Michigan Retailers Association (MRA) and the Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago.

Retailers remain upbeat coming off the holiday season. Their short-term sales projections rose for the fourth consecutive month.

"The season started strong, posting excellent numbers in November and good numbers in December," said James P. Hallan, MRA president and chief executive officer. "This was the year shoppers' spending exceeded even retailers' optimistic projections."

Retailers had gone into the season project-

ing sales increases averaging 6 percent, a figure some thought was overly optimistic. It was retailers' highest forecast since 2004.

The Michigan Retail Index for December-only found that 48 percent of retailers increased sales over the same month last year, while 24 percent recorded declines and 18 percent saw no change. The results create a seasonally adjusted performance index of 69.1, down from 68.1 in November. It was the best December since 1998. A year ago December, the sales performance index was 47.8.

Index values above 50 generally indicate an increase in overall retail activity.

Looking forward, 48 percent of retailers expect sales during the First Quarter to increase over the same period last year, while 14 percent project a decrease and 38 percent no change.

That puts the seasonally adjusted outlook index at 77.2, up from 73.2 in November and 67.4 in October. A year ago December, the sales outlook index stood at 57.1.

ITC supports 'Go Green Youth Challenge'

Michigan Arbor Day Alliance announced that ITC Holdings is stepping up to contribute \$10,000 to support its "Go Green Youth Challenge" initiative.

The "Go Green Youth Challenge" will engage Michigan youth in environmental stewardship, community development and service-learning through a statewide effort to plant trees in Michigan. Children, pre-K through 12th grade, are challenged to collect coins, as an individual, classroom or club, from Jan. 15-April 1. The coins collected will directly fund community tree plantings.

The team that raises the most for the "Go Green Youth Challenge" will be awarded a tree planting in their community and an invitation to the State Arbor Day Celebration on April 29 at Potter Park Zoo in Lansing.

For more information or to sign up for the "Go Green Youth Challenge," contact Michigan Arbor Day Alliance at greengreentyouthchallenge@gmail.com.

Business Avenue: TV program

If you are a small business located in Novi, you qualify to be part of the cable television lineup on Business Avenue. This 15-minute program airs on Novi Television and highlights your business. There is no charge to be included in this program. If you are interested in being featured on this show, e-mail smarchioni@cityofnovi.org.

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How to fix 'the morale problem' at work

"We have a serious morale problem in this department and I want it to stop, now!"

As those words go ringing around the tomb-like atmosphere of a quiet office where the only sounds of life come from the clacking of the keyboards and the clicking of a mouse, it brings little reaction from the cubed denizens of department Z on the 13th floor of the refurbished corporate headquarters. The nice, peaceful offices are seen as places where the overtasked, employed, working dead search for meaning in the midst of higher levels of productivity and sinking levels of passion.

"Just trying to make it through the day"—the therapeutic platitude often uttered to explain the reason behind the humdrum. Someone dialed down the energy flow from fear of its operational costs, not its unintended outcomes. The convergence of Attitude, Behavior and Consequences (another ABC's euphemism) is directly connected to the larger elements that exist outside the boundaries of individual control. The end result being we aren't "Living the Dream," but we're "Doing the Job" and saving the reward for another lifetime.

There is a lot that goes on between the start of the commute and the clacking in the cube. These consistent bouts of employee withdrawal have little to do with their talents and skills and everything to do with their mental adjustments to



Takin' Care of Business
Lee Meadows

the unpredictable nature of forced change. It becomes an Attitude problem that spreads throughout the department encountering little resistance except for the over-stretched manager who is making it through the day without the higher ups pouring water down a chimney and wondering why the fire won't burn."

Attached to the Attitude problem is our inability to shake it loose and leave it somewhere for unsuspecting caregivers to chew on until their jaws lock shut. The short days and long winter nights add little sunshine to a mind that has already gone dark. What remains is a cavernous echo of silence in search of an ear that will listen and a mind that is open. Attitudes are not treated in a vacuum, and can only be evaluated in a larger context. We pursue careers as one spoke on our life wheel, yet so much of who we are is welded to hub or core of our being that when the career spoke isn't functioning it tends to affect the other 35.

"The wheel wobbles as we roll down hill forcing us to hit the tree to avoid the wall. Thus, we fear movement. The reigning hill-toppers look down that jaded slope into that valley and wonder why there is a morale problem.

Demanding that it has to stop only strengthens the resolve and prolongs the duration.

What is needed is demonstrated evidence that the rough patches are becoming smoother and the seemingly dark road has an emerging, brighter future. Inspirational words, whether to up lift or push down, have no meaning when factual truths are needed. The workplace has transcended the boundaries that once separated the in-basket from the picket fence. We take what we are, attitude and all, across these blurred boundaries such that that a reduction in the market share of water hoses causes a firestorm of activity at home. We need evidence that the toxic downpour from an open faucet can be turned off, cleaned out and shined up to catch the reflective light of a visible future.

Attitudes change toward the positive when prevailing evidence leads away from the negative. Consequently, morale improves, behavior is more focused and productivity is a passionate choice. There is much that has contributed to the commonly understood 'morale' problem. So, rather than fuel the fire by insisting that the 'morale' problem has got to stop, fan the flames by focusing on positive evidence that supports attitudinal change.

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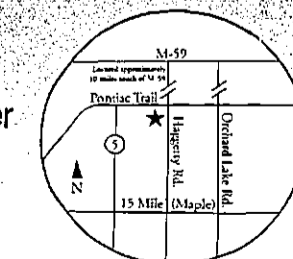
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Novi skates circles around Chargers

BY BRAD EMONS
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This one never made it to the third period.

State-ranked Novi raised more than a few eyebrows Wednesday night with an 8-0 K.L.A.A. Kensington Conference boys hockey victory over host Livonia Churchill at Edgar Arena.

The Wildcats, getting a five-point performance from Curtis Herzog, improved to 13-3 overall and 6-2 in the K.L.A.A.'s Central Division.

"When your players are ready to play the game and focused, they'll do well," Novi coach Todd Krygiar said. "But this is just one game."

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Catholic Central's Ken Bade (front) captured the 125-pound Observerland title Saturday over Novi's Alejandro Albuerna.

CC dominates wrestling invite

BY BRAD EMONS
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

To nobody's surprise, Novi Detroit Catholic Central put on the most dominating display in the 20-year history of the Observerland Invitational wrestling tournament Saturday at Livonia Churchill.

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"We preached this week attack and use an aggressive style of wrestling," CC coach Mitch Hancock said. "I was happy with the way our guys performed. They were very aggressive and I thought we pushed the pace. It was a nice challenge for our guys. They trained extremely hard and they did nice job today. I'm pleased with their effort."

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Novi cagers survive week with split record

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The Wildcats (10-2, 5-1 Central) were scheduled to visit Plymouth Salem (10-2, 4-2 Central) two nights ago before hosting Northville (5-6, 2-4 Central) tomorrow and Livonia Stevenson (11, 6-0 Central) Tuesday. All games tip off at 7 p.m. and will shape the division title race.

Novi coach Cory Heitsch said last Sunday that senior Rob Laney was expected to return to the lineup against Salem after missing five games with an injury since the Jan. 11 contest against Salem.

Chris Milton (10 points, seven rebounds, two blocks).

"I would take Chris and Sam over any combo of forwards we have or will see this year," Heitsch said. "In our biggest games this year, they have really shown up, especially in the division."

The pair shot 12-for-26 (46.2 percent) from the floor in the Kensington Conference crossover battle between two potential division champions. The rest of the team combined to go 8-for-21 (38.1 percent), with seniors Brian Bush and

Brady Sheldon notching seven points apiece.

But Novi's cagers couldn't recover from falling behind 21-14 in the first quarter. The "Cats narrowed the deficit to three at 31-28 going into the break, but a 37-26 second half by Plymouth gave them a 68-54 victory over the Central Division leaders.

"We were very flat and disinterested, which I thought may be an issue with the latter contest, dropping in 31 points, 17 rebounds, two blocks and three assists to lead the Wildcats. He again led the team in three of those categories, while Milton (seven points, eight rebounds) led the way in blocks with three.

"Sam continues to prove he is one of the best players in the state," Heitsch said. "He is doing it in a variety of ways despite the fact every team focuses most of their

Troublesome quarters doom South Lyon girls

Novi cagers earn 38-25 win

BY JEFF THEISEN
SPORTS WRITER

For three quarters, South Lyon played dead even with Novi.

Unfortunately for the Lions, it took a couple of minutes in, Novi went on a 12-0 run that changed the game.

Madeline Sinkovich hit six of her eight points during the run, starting with a three-pointer.

South Lyon ended the run with a make with a foul for a three-point play by Jessica Mehr.

Both teams showcased their defense early in the game with

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Shamrocks dominate Port Huron Northern

Catholic Central skaters turn match into a score fest

BY SAM EGLESTON
CORRESPONDENT

In high school hockey, a 3-0 victory can easily be considered a convincing win. So what does that make Catholic Central's victory last week? A slaughter. The Shamrocks rolled over the Port Huron Northern Huskies, 6-0, at Compuware Arena.

Catholic Central got on the board with 8:02 left in the first period when Sean Gaffney found the back of the net on a power play for a 1-0 lead. Carson Gatt and

GIRLS HOOPS

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Kristin Short and a bucket by Emily Slavik trimmed the lead to 33-23 heading into the fourth. But any hopes of coming back were dashed when Novi slowed down the pace and South Lyon finished in just two points in the final eight minutes.

Short was most of the offense for South Lyon, finishing with a game-high 13 points.

"I thought last week we had found the complimentary pieces," said Thomas. "We had people scoring from all over the place. Today, we were limited by the fact that we did not run offensive sets. We just kept trying to get quick shots. That's, going to hurt your shooting percentage."

Novi (11-1, 5-1) got seven points from speedy freshman guard Kerri McMahon and six from Ally D'Annunzio.

"We don't have one main scorer, so the more kids that are scoring the better for us," said Kelp. "That means we're sharing the basketball."

SHAMROCKS

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The Shamrocks' Ken Bado (22 points) and Alec Moonmian (10) both repeated as Observeland champions.

Other CC weight class winners included Evan Taha (103), Malik Amine (119), Logan Marckicki (130), Drew Garcia (152), Andrew Erickson (160), Kevin Bentley (171) and Miles Trealtout (182).

"I'm really happy with Malik Amine," Hancock said. "He's our 112-pounder who we asked to bump to 119 for the team this week because we had an injury at 119. He bumped up a weight and did a phenomenal job."

"I was also very proud of our 135-pounder Riley Hanson, a sophomore. He lost (Brendan) Papin (of Belleville) in the finals and he's really been coming on lately. He did a nice job. He's going to contend for a state title, so we're pretty excited for him."

In the best match of the finals, Plymouth's 112-pound sophomore Terry Berry raised his overall record to 38-6 with a 6-4 decision over CC's Zach Colone.

Berry had pinned Colone in the third period broke a 4-11 deadlock and it earned him the vote of the coaches for Lower Weights MVP.

Berry had pinned Colone in a previous meeting this season.

"I knew it was going to be a little bit tougher and he (Colone) was going to come after me and he was coming for me," Berry said. "My strategy was pretty much and go out and get a win, and not to wrestle stupid. This is one of the best days I've had this year."

Meanwhile, Farmington senior Nick Tomski captured the 145-pound class with a 12-4 major decision over Wayne senior Jan Jones.

Tomski reached the final with a narrow 5-4 semifinal victory over CC's Mike Babicz.

"He (Tomski) wrestled three matches and pretty much was in control of most of them," Farmington coach Al Boyer said. "He had a little trouble with the CC kid, but was able to overcome a couple of tough situations and came through with a one-point victory."

"He's the kind of kid that you want on your team. You want to have 14 like him. He finished third at the same weight last year - he was due."

Tomski, meanwhile, was slated to come away with an Observeland title.

"It was definitely a tough tournament," he said. "The first two rounds went pretty smoothly. My semifinal match was really hard. It came down to the wire and it was a pretty good match. I came into the finals pretty confident so I just tried to wrestle the match."

Wayne junior Dimitrus Renfro improved to 37-3 overall and earned the Upper Weights MVP honors with a 12-6 decision over Farmington's Justin Rose.

"He (Renfro) has been working hard, and to be honest, this performance is what we expected out of him," said Wayne coach Dave Vasiloff, who had three finalists. "He went out there and wrestled to form. He went out there and wrestled great. He did what he exactly was coached to do and what we expected out of him, and we couldn't be happier with him."

"He's a great kid, a model student, a 3.5 G.P.A., only a junior. I expect big things and to be on the podium at 'states,' for sure."

NOVI CAGERS

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energy and efforts in stopping him.

After taking a 14-12 lead, the Lions edged back into things and took a 32-29 halftime lead. The Wildcats got back on top 43-40 by the end of the third quarter, but allowed South Lyon to tie the score at 55 at the end of regulation.

"I was disappointed with our transition defense and lack of urgency early," Heitsch said. "But with the things our students at Novi have had to deal with this past half week, that would be expected. We showed a lot of character to get that win out."

With the thoughts of senior tennis player Nathan Paroski's unexpected Jan. 25, the Wildcats managed to outscore South Lyon 9-1 to clinch the victory in overtime and stay in the Central Division title race.

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



Plymouth sophomore Terry Berry (top) captured the 119-pound title with a 6-4 decision over CC's Zach Colone (bottom).

CATHOLIC CENTRAL SPORTS ROUNDUP

BY SAM EGLESTON
CORRESPONDENT

Shamrocks skiing well

The Detroit Catholic Central Shamrocks skiers scored another important league win last Tuesday's MBISA slalom race at Mt. Brighton.

Jan Pierce and Jim Herzog finished third and fourth, respectively, to collect valuable points toward the team's victory.

Coach Tom Gable stated Tuesday's first-place finish by the Shamrocks was "a great example of how what is often viewed as an individual sport can only be successful with a full team effort."

All of Catholic Central's five varsity racers finished both runs of the slalom, which is ultimately scored on how well the overall team competes.

Two days later, the Catholic Central skiers scored another decisive victory on the slopes at Mt. Brighton. The Shamrocks delivered a full-team effort with four racers finishing in the points in the top 20.

The team outpaced their closest two competitors, leaving both Okemos and Birmingham United to scrap for second and

BOWLING

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third place team finishes, respectively.

Catholic Central's Danon Rotermund, Pierce and Herzog all recorded impressive second-run times to help the team complete a perfect sweep of races for the week.

Wrestling team B-squad takes third at Allen Park

The varsity wrestling team at Catholic Central once again split into two teams to maximize the experience they could gain this weekend. The A-team competed in the Observeland Tournament and won (see full story in this week's sports section) and the B-team headed to Allen Park to compete in a dual tournament.

The B-team went 4-1 at the Allen Park Duals, defeating Monroe St. Mary's Catholic Central, 63-15, Dexter, 48-22, Northville, 58-12, and Flint Carmen Ainsworth, 42-39.

The B-team's only loss came to Allen Park in the Pool Finals, 34-30.

Joe Silvestri led the team with four pins and a technical fall.

NOVI SPORTS ROUNDUP

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NOVI HOCKEY

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WRESTLING RESULTS

2010 OBSERVELAND INVITATIONAL WRESTLING TOURNAMENT
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CHAMPIONSHIP RESULTS

103 pounds: Dan Taha (CC) pinned Jon Lockhart (CC), 12:35. 3rd place: Mohamed Toubss (Ply) and Ken Arlio (Belleville), double forfeit. 5th place: Jeromy House (Bel) / Bryan Garland (Nov), 0-42.

112: Terry Berry (Ply) defeated Zach Colone (CC), 6-4. 3rd: Nimahe Ibrahim (Farm) dec. Rob Dowe (CC), 8-2. 5th: Kyle Galowski (Noville) and Josh Perry (CC), double forfeit.

125: Mike Jones (CC) dec. Kevin Kenerly (Farm), 8-4. 3rd: Jake Moates (CC) dec. Ian Stinson (Nov), 5-3. 5th: Foster Jarskovic (Nov) and Jordan Russell (Bel), double forfeit.

155: Ken Sade (Nov) won by technical fall over Alejandro Albarra (Nov), 21-3. 3rd: Saici Housley (Ply) and Matty Grooms (Farm), double forfeit. 5th: Ryan (Bel) dec. Evan Doyle (Ply), 10-3.

180: Logan Marckicki (CC) / Andre Sanders (Farm), 12-6. 3rd: Kevin Raboin (Bel) / Breckevor (Ply), double forfeit. 5th: Corey Davis (Liv) and Matthew Apun (Nov), double forfeit.

195: Brendan Pajin (Bel) dec. Riley Hanson (CC), 10-2. 3rd: Josh Hall (Nov) won by tech. fall over Travis George (Liv), 23-5. 5th: Scott Schell (Farm) and Sander Sheak (Liv), double forfeit.

220: Alec Moonmian (CC) won by tech. fall over James Rabinovich (Bel), 12-0. 3rd: Brad (Nov) dec. Jonny Banoura (Liv), 5-4. 5th: Cody Roy (Liv) and Mike Rankin (Farm), double forfeit.

285: Nick Tomski (Farm) won by major dec. over John Jones (Nov), 14-3. 3rd: Mike Babicz (CC) dec. Chris Carver (Nov), 4-0. 5th: Ale Herring (Bel) and Gabe Ulica (Ply), double forfeit.

313: Drew Garcia (CC) / Kevin Newbin (Nov), 2-34. 3rd: Kyle Lake (Ply) dec. Jonathan Montgomery (Liv), 14-8. 5th: Josh Marder (Bel) and Frederick Howard (Bel), double forfeit.

350: Andrew Edelson (CC) won by major dec. over John Davis (Nov), 13-6. 3rd: Zach Juchart (Bel) dec. Tyler Gross (Nov), 5-3. 5th: Martin Kemp (Liv) / Jackson Chalmers (Ply), 3-18.

415: Kevin Beasley (CC) dec. Kevin Miller (Nov), 9-3. 3rd: Shames Delavie (Bel) dec. Trevor / Maron (Liv), 4-3. 5th: Jake McCabe (Liv) and Lucas Hoffbauer (Bel), double forfeit.

485: Miles Trealtout (CC) / Matt Foley (Bel), 15-6. 3rd: Courtney Drew (Ply) dec. Joe Scott (Liv), 9-5. 5th: Justin Michael (Nov) and Devin Korze (Nov), double forfeit.

550: Dimitrus Renfro (Nov) dec. Justin Rose (Farm), 12-6. 3rd: David Spauling (Nov) / Dylan Hennessey (Liv), 2-35. 5th: Jay Peterson (CC) won by injury default over Adam Pate (CC).

615: Jake Range (Liv) dec. Malc Moates (Bel), 6-1. 3rd: Robert Cox (CC) / Manny Maddox (Liv), 12-0. 5th: Jacob Chiles (Nov) / Tyler Syrak (Bel), 1-3.

Lower weights MVP: Terry Berry (Liv), Plymouth. Upper weights MVP: Dimitrus Renfro, 215, Wayne.

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NOVI SPORTS ROUNDUP

HOCKEY

After breaking a five-year losing streak against No. 27 Northville Churchill (6-7-0) Jan. 26 with an 8-0 mercy victory over the Chargers, the No. 5 Wildcats (14-3-0) defeated up-and-coming No. 50 South Lyon (5-11-1) by a 5-1 score on the road last Monday with a successful start to their eight-game road trip.

Next up is a trip to No. 42 Northville (5-9-3) tomorrow and No. 20 Brighton (7-7-2) Saturday. The puck drops at 6 p.m. for both contests. At 4:45 p.m. Thursday and 7 p.m. Feb. 10, Novi will compete in the Public High School Showcase against No. 48 Ulica Eisenhower (15-2-0) and No. 12 Howell (12-2-0) at the Arctic Coliseum in Chelsea.

GIRLS BASKETBALL

Neither team shot a high percentage, but Novi (11-1, 5-1 KLA) Central won the battle of the Wildcats at home Jan. 25 with a 38-30 victory over Plymouth (5-7, 3-3 South). Making 12 of 39 shots (30.8 percent), Novi edged out Plymouth, who hit 10 of 34 (29.4 percent). The teams combined for 0-0-for-5 from distance and Plymouth outbounded Novi 27-20.

Despite the poor shooting night, freshman Kerri McMahon (10 points, five rebounds), junior Ally D'Annunzio (seven points) and senior Joanna Beaton (six points, six rebounds, three steals) combined with strong defense from Beaton and senior Alyssa Armiak (four points, four steals) to secure a Kensington Conference victory.

Next up for Novi's squad was a contest last Tuesday against Plymouth Salem (5-6, 4-2 Central) before they flew Northville (6-4, 3-2 Central) 7 p.m. tomorrow and Livonia Stevenson (8-2, 4-1 Central) 7 p.m. Tuesday. The Cats won the first contest against Northville 41-26 and Stevenson 45-46, but dropped a 52-46 decision to Salem in the first leg of division play.

SOFTBALL CAMP

Fourth through eighth graders are invited to join the Novi softball coaching staff and Wildcat student-athletes for a softball hitting camp from 1-5 p.m. Feb. 19 at the Novi High School gym, 24062 Taft Road. Sign-in runs from 12:30-12:50 p.m. The camp, which costs \$40 in advance or \$50 at the door, will cover hitting and bunting techniques with an opportunity to practice skills through drills and station work. If players have their own bat, they should make sure it has their name on it and bring it with them to the camp.

For more information, contact Novi High School softball coach Bob Lulek at (248) 363-5679, (616) 686-5867 or MightyHatters78@aol.com. Players can also register in advance by mailing their name, home phone number, age and grade to the high school with attention to Athletics and Physical Education. Checks should be made out to Bob Lulek.

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Novi's Derrick Becker has Stevenson's Kody Roy in a near-pin early on their Jan. 26 match, but Roy pulled out victory.

Novi wrestlers win division title

'Cats place fifth in first trip to Oberverland

BY CHRIS JACKETT
CORRESPONDENT

The wrestling mats of Novi High School are those of the KLAAs Central Division champions once again.

The Wildcats (15-6, 5-0 Central) clinched the championship in convincing fashion, defeating Livonia Stevenson (3-18, 2-3 Central) by a 60-10 decision Jan. 26.

Starting off quick with a 25-0 lead, Novi's grapplers piled it on to win 11 of 14 matches against the Spartans.

"This is a great accomplishment for the guys," Novi coach Dan Jilly said. "We are proud of the hard work they put in to win the Central Division championships. It was awesome seeing them grow and succeed as a team."

Seniors Shahbaig Sidhu (30 pounds), Chris Caverly (146), Diamanti Turner (160), junior Alejandro Abuerne (125), Jake Dobras (171) and sophomores Ben Landry (152) and Zach Roush (160) all pulled off key wins at the meet for the Wildcats.

Caverly, Dobras and senior David Spurling (215) all capped perfect 5-0 seasons within the division, while seniors Matt Aoun (130), Alan Mencer (215) and sophomore Dan DeNova (103) all finished 4-1 in the Central Division.

The 'Cats followed up the division title-clinching win with their first-ever visit to the Oberverland Invitational last Saturday at Livonia Churchill. Novi finished fifth of 15 teams and six wrestlers landed on the podium at the end of the day.

Abuerne finished in second place after a loss by technical fall to Detroit Catholic Central's Ken Bode in the finals.

Two Wildcats finished third at the tournament. Spurling pinned Churchill's Dylan Morantes at the 2:53 mark of the consolation match and senior Beau Bielecki (140) defeated Churchill's Jonny Bannoura by a 5-4 decision.

Novi also got a fourth-place finish from Caverly, who dropped a 4-0 decision to CC's Mike Bahiez in the consolation match.

Aoun and junior Justin Michael (189) also both finished tied for fifth in their weight classes after a pair of double forfeit matches.

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

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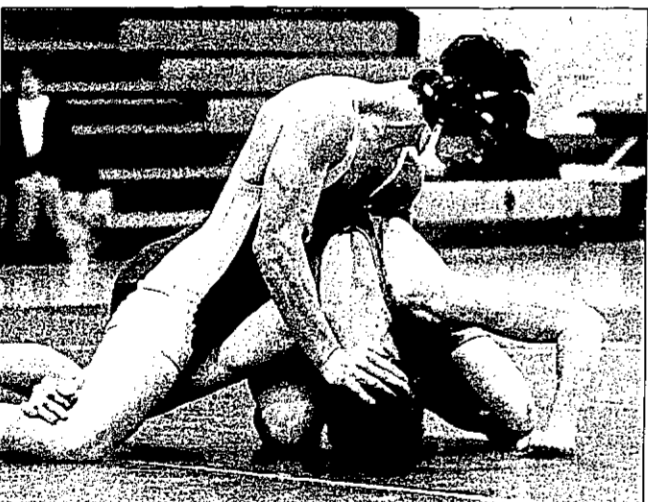
The Central Division champion Novi wrestlers (15-6, 5-0 Central) were scheduled to compete last night at the Conference Championships at South Division champion Canton against the Chiefs, North champ Waterford Kettering and defending KLAAs champ Hartland, who repeated as the West Division champ. The Wildcats compete next 9 a.m. Saturday in the Individual Association Championship at the Lakes champion, either Hartland or Kettering. Districts then begin Thursday at Northville.



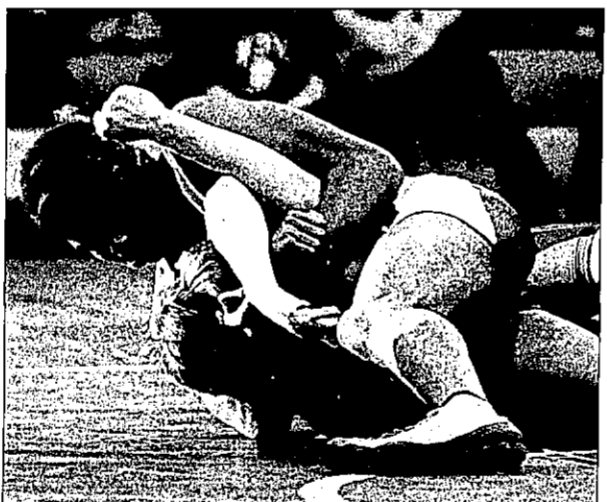
Livonia Stevenson's Corey Davis, left, battles Novi's Alejandro Abuerne in a Jan. 26 match.



Novi varsity wrestling coach Dan Jilly yells some encouragement to his wrestler during a Jan. 26 home meet.



Wildcat David Spurling in action on Jan. 26.



Wildcat Diamanti Turner in action.



Novi's Chris Caverly has the upper hand on Livonia Stevenson's Zach Auner.



Stevenson's Samer Shebak, left, and Novi's Matt Aoun wrestle on Jan. 26.

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Regional fire grant to make communities safer

The National Fire Protection Association's Fire Safety Educational Memorial Fund Committee has selected the Western Wayne County Hazardous Materials Response Team (HMRT) from Livonia as the recipient of the 2011 Warren E. Isman Educational Grant.

"The Western Wayne County HMRT has demonstrated the leadership, communication and training skills needed to effectively mitigate a wide range of hazmat incidents within their region," said Ken Isman, chair of the Warren E. Isman Task Force, a subcommittee of the Fire Safety Educational Memorial Fund Committee and son of the late Chief Warren Isman. "We are very pleased to support their achievements, and help further their efforts in protecting the public."

Award recipients select a conference where they can attend specialized hazardous materials training and education sessions. The selected team has the opportunity to gain knowledge and enhance their ability to excel in this specialized field. The funds from the 2011 Isman Grant will make it possible for the Western Wayne County HMRT to attend the IAPFC International Hazardous Materials Response Teams Conference in Baltimore, Md., May 2011. The Western Wayne County HMRT is comprised of 45 members from Mutual Aid Associations fire departments within the Detroit metropolitan area, collectively protecting more than 2.9 million residents. Since becoming one of Michigan's 18 Regional Response Teams (RRT) in 2005, the Western Wayne County HMRT is also responsible for responding to larger incidents, including those involving weapons of mass destruction, with a response area that incorporates the entire state.

The \$5,000 grant is available to any established incident response team from a fire department, police department or other public-funded

program. Qualified applicants are evaluated on leadership qualities, communication abilities, and must have been trained in accordance with NFPA 472, Standard for Competence of Responders to Hazardous Materials/Weapons of Mass Destruction Incidents, and NFPA 473, Standard for Competencies for EMS Personnel Responding to Hazardous Materials/Weapons of Mass Destruction Incidents. The closing date for 2012 applications is Sept. 15, 2011.

Established by the International Association of Fire Chiefs (IAFC) following Isman's death in 1991, the grant is named in honor of a man who was known to value training and education. He was the former fire chief in Fairfax County, Virginia, a senior instructor for the University of Maryland Fire Service Extension Program, and author of three fire-related textbooks. Isman served on the IAFC board of directors and was chair of both NFPA's Technical Committee on Hazardous Materials Response Personnel and IAFC's Committee on Hazardous Materials. NFPA's Fire Safety Educational Memorial Fund was established in 1992. Upon request of IAFC, NFPA assumed administrative responsibilities of the Isman Grant in 1993.

To make a contribution to the Fire Safety Educational Memorial Fund or for more information regarding the application process, visit NFPA's website or contact Christine Ellis at (617) 984-7244.

NFPA is a worldwide leader in providing fire, electrical, building, and life safety to the public since 1896. The mission of the international nonprofit organization is to reduce the worldwide burden of fire and other hazards on the quality of life by providing and advocating consensus codes and standards,



Dog could be aid to disabled

Q: We have a dog in our condominium that we need to assist us in gaining access to certain areas of our condominium which we cannot reach. The association is not willing to allow us to keep the dog on that basis. Do we have any recourse?

A: It all depends on whether your disability is such that it allows you to have a dog perform services for you that will meet the criteria necessary in order for you to comply with the protection of the Fair Housing Act. It is important that you document the disability that you have and get a doctor's opinion letter stating the basis by which you believe you must have the dog in your unit; then present it to the association and if they reject your request, see an attorney or otherwise consider contacting the various state and federal agencies who assist persons who claim improper discrimination.

Q: Our management company insists upon us hiring the same lawyer that they have used at other projects claiming that he is close to their office and works well with them. The board is desirous of considering other attorneys but the managing attorney is somewhat brash. Is insisting upon using this attorney. How can I as a board member dissuade the board otherwise?

A: Show them an article which was written in the Community Association Institute's Common Ground in the September/October 2009 issue wherein we discuss the unwholy alliance between many condominium association attorneys and management companies. This management company may desire this attorney for more than just the benefit of the association and I would seriously consider not only looking for a new attorney, but a new management company after you ask whether the lawyer will sue the management company for your association, if necessary, and he or she answers in the negative.

Robert M. Meisner is a lawyer and the author of Condominium Operation: Getting Started & Staying on the Right Track, second edition. It is available for \$9.95 plus \$1 shipping and handling. He also wrote Condo Living: A Survival Guide to Buying, Owning and Selling a Condominium, available for \$24.95 plus \$5 shipping and handling. Call (248) 644-4333 or visit rmeisner@meisner-associates.com. This column shouldn't be construed as legal advice.

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HOMES SOLD-WAYNE

These are the area residential real estate closings recorded the week of Oct. 18-22, 2010, at the Wayne County Register of Deeds office. Listed below are cities, addresses, and sales prices.

6328 Wendenham Dr \$139,000	14255 Rosette Ln \$138,000	24749 Jay Rd \$102,000
4068 Sarah Ann Dr \$145,000	9910 Sunset St \$135,000	15617 Lincoln \$620,000
43389 Soaprock Dr \$240,000	32498 Washington St \$194,000	11754 Maroon \$627,000
1877 Trinity Rd \$425,000	16228 Webster St \$145,000	17146 Olympia \$222,000
35550 Florence St \$85,000	48326 Binghampton Dr \$144,000	16235 Pocononia \$18,000
32428 Florence St \$44,000	522 DuBois St \$280,000	49125 Potomac \$15,000
6731 Henry Huff Pl \$174,000	14524 Lockwood Ct E \$234,000	12846 Reumstein \$80,000
861 Rockwell St \$80,000	42084 Queen Anne Ct \$55,000	27822 Ann Arbor Trl \$170,000
29029 Silverdawn St \$80,000	15907 Schoonhouse Ct \$65,000	37146 Baker Dr \$130,000
41673 Bradford Dr \$60,000	1429 Aspen Dr \$125,000	7431 Covert St \$141,000
53554 Bluffs Horse Ln \$250,000	41831 Deer Run Rd \$71,000	37198 Colonial Dr \$50,000
3384 Breckenridge Dr \$173,000	2029 Hawthorne Dr \$188,000	8253 Creekside Dr \$185,000
39394 Chevalier Rd \$116,000	7146 Wagon Wheel Rd \$188,000	7551 Dyer St \$60,000
45121 Glen Laysa Ln \$83,000	19254 Wagon Wheel Rd \$188,000	38032 Mulford Pl \$50,000
4399 Hunters Cr E \$90,000	13881 Shelburne Dr \$188,000	25506 Silver Blvd \$63,000
45901 Laska Ln \$95,000	8992 Tavistock Ct \$110,000	601 Lansdowne Dr \$107,000
103 McHane Dr \$178,000	24407 Grove Dr \$125,000	7531 Easters Dr \$37,000
3959 Norwichee Dr \$178,000	14455 Lincoln Rd \$85,000	84158 Myers Hall Rd \$100,000
1820 Newland Ct \$175,000	31863 Milton St \$85,000	329 Surrey Hills \$75,000
800 President Woods Dr \$158,000	1101 Dabow St \$85,000	
6318 Powderhorn Dr \$170,000	1807 Parker St \$85,000	

HOMES SOLD-OAKLAND

These are the area residential real estate closings recorded the week of Oct. 18-22, 2010, at the Oakland County Register of Deeds office. Listed below are cities, addresses, and sales prices.

514 E Fox Hills Dr \$49,000	34408 Quaker Valley Rd \$550,000	28227 Pica \$182,000
147 Great Oaks Dr \$39,000	3621 Valley Ridge Dr \$215,000	47231 Sunnygrove Ln \$440,000
95 Amber Rd \$55,000	1625 Hopkins Rd \$210,000	800 Huntington St \$125,000
1652 Woodlands Rd \$210,000	2907 Hillock Rd \$48,000	840 Knottwood Cir \$145,000
1836 S Hill Blvd \$110,000	171 Burmore Ct \$230,000	499 Skyway Dr \$40,000
930 S Shady Hollow Cir \$99,000	1284 Weststone Valley Dr \$20,000	27745 Aberdeen St \$101,000
1641 Lakeside Dr \$125,000	43373 Ashbury Dr \$240,000	30949 Brentwood St \$70,000
5144 Woodwind Dr \$324,000	4935 Aspen Dr \$297,000	21200 Lyster St \$18,000
	45137 Bartlett Dr \$346,000	23731 Wern Ave \$38,000
	44975 Cobblestone \$276,000	78328 Binghamton Dr \$145,000
	43116 Emerson Way \$230,000	51000 Shoshone St \$104,000
	42729 Gauleter Dr \$225,000	10721 Silver Springs St \$85,000
	22018 Greenstone Ln \$232,000	19550 W. Oak Rd \$25,000
	22001 Heatherbark Way \$178,000	9913 Burgess Ct \$126,000
	45230 Midway Ridge Dr \$122,000	88412 Cumber St \$92,000
	45276 Jacar Dr \$198,000	789 Lakewood Dr \$155,000
	49531 Lenox Park Dr \$278,000	1225 Cobblestone Dr \$46,000
	44975 Cobblestone \$228,000	437 Roselawn \$60,000
	23935 Lynwood St \$160,000	
	23851 Maude Lea St \$113,000	
	41818 Monahan Dr \$145,000	
	28023 Pica \$154,000	

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Recognition
Gwen Daubenneyer, associate broker and team leader at RE/MAX in the Hills, received an unexpected early Christmas present, recently when she was named Certified Distressed Property Expert (CDPE) of the Year by the Distressed Property Institute. CDPE certification means that the holder really knows what they are talking about when discussing short sales and dealing with banks and other mortgage holders on their clients' behalf. Daubenneyer achieved her designation in 2008, before the economic downturn truly began to squeeze the property market so she was well-placed to help local people buy and sell homes in unusual market conditions such as these.

She had no idea that she was eligible for any award, let alone the Expert of the Year. "I got a call from their office thanking me for my commitment to helping homeowners in Michigan and they invited me to fly in for their company Christmas party. I assumed that other CDPE holders would also be invited and I had no idea what was happening until they announced my name during their awards presentation. "I was speechless. There are plenty of agents doing short sales out there, some doing more than I but I believe in 'people over things' - every single time. Customers are very savvy today. When you care more about their situation than a commission then they recognize it - it's a quality that you can't imitate or fake."

Daubenneyer has been a licensed Realtor since 1985 and has traded through recessions previously but is consciously aware of how the situation has affected Michigan directly. "I see everywhere we can. If you need more information about buying or selling a home in the Bloomfield Hills area, contact Daubenneyer or her team at www.gwendahelp.com or www.theintegrityteam.net or visit their office at 36700 N. Woodward Ave., Suite 100, Bloomfield Hills, MI, 48304.

Tax appeals
Kelly Sweeney, CEO of Coldwell Banker Weir Manuel, will be conducting a property tax appeal seminar Wednesday, Feb. 16, 6:30-9:30 p.m. at The Community House, 380 S. Bates in Birmingham. Sweeney will educate homeowners on the ins and outs of the property tax appeal process. Topics will include: Differentiating between State Equalized Value, Capped Value and Taxable Value; Explanation of the uncapping process; Breaking down the appeal process at local and state levels; How to read and interpret property assessment notices for 2011. This is the third year the seminar has been held. R.S.M.P. to events@cbweirmanuel.com.

Career Seminar
There will be a Real Estate Career Seminar 6:30-7:30 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 17, at Keller Williams Realty, 40600 Ann Arbor Road, Suite 100, Plymouth. Learn about a free prelicensing course. For more information, contact Lesley Aiello at (734) 459-1700 or liaello@kw.com.

Investors
The Real Estate Investor Association of Wayne County holds monthly meetings the first Tuesday of each month at the Holiday Inn, 17201 Northline Road, Southgate. Entrance fee is \$20 for non-members to be applied to annual membership. For information, call (313) 819-0919 or visit www.reiwaynecounty.org. On Tuesday, Feb. 1, the group will host H&R Block. Learn the tax implications of a short sale, foreclosures, home/office writeoffs and more.

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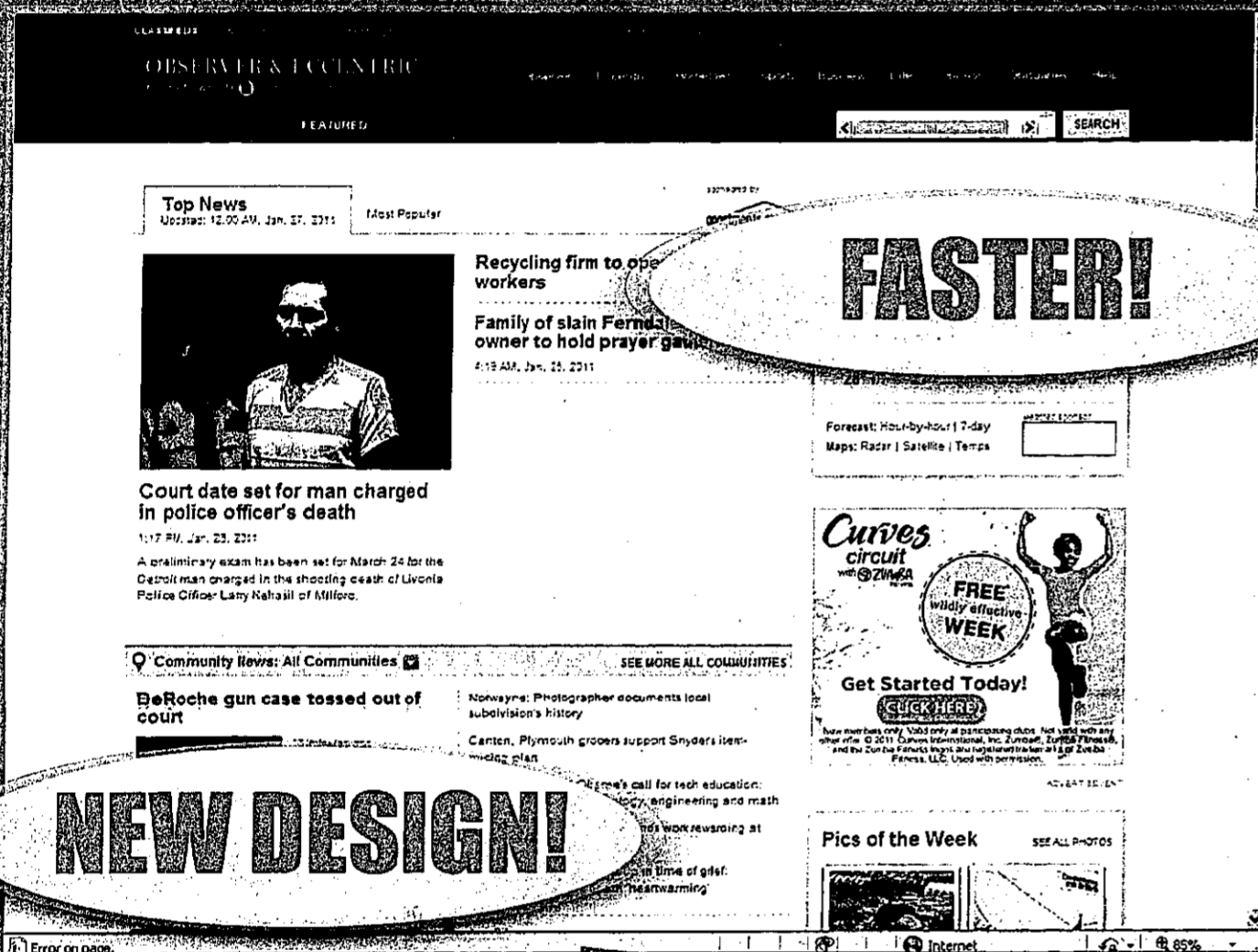
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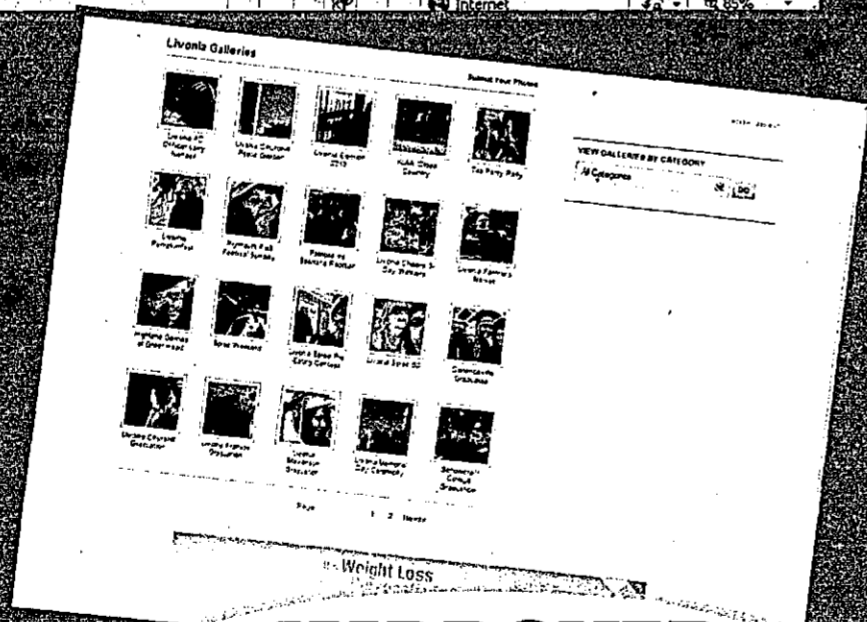
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