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Arena Drive in Novi will be renamed Nick Lidstrom Drive during a ceremony at 5:30 → p.m. on Thursday, March 25 at the Novi Ice Arena (42400 Arena Drive).

Detroit Red Wing Captain алd Novi resident Nicklas Liastrom supports his community in a variety of ways He will be on hand as the contributions and accomplishments with giveaways, refreshments, and hockey related games. The event will take place indoors in the case of inclement weather.

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 Donations can be submit registration at 9 a.m. on the morning of the event. The top fundraises will win movie passes for two (one pass for we for 12 months) redeemable at any Emagine Theatre. logoed apparel and gear.

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Japan tragedy hits close to home

Novi student, resident shocked by tsunami's damage

BY NATHAN MUELLER STAFF WRITER

Atsuko Yuda and Izumi Suzuki did not think much of what was happening in Japan when they saw footage on elevision about a massive earthquake Earthquakes happen all the time,

But as they continued watching and saw the tsunami wreak havoc on the country, their reaction turned to

I thought it was the end of the

world," Yuda said. "It was like a movie." Yuda, whose family is from Kanagawa, Japan, immediately got a hold of her family to make sure they were safe. Kanagawa is near Tokyo and about 200 miles from where the tsunami hit the hardest.

Still, she said her family felt the impact of the 9.0-magnitude quake, and the damage forced her dad to have to walk four hours home from work. She said some of her family and friends could not get home from work

and school because all transportation

was shut down. But, as of Monday,

everyone she knew was home and safe. Yuda is an exchange student at Novi High School and lives with Daniel and Karen Johnson. Their daughter Tina is planning on going to college in Tokyo in August and is supposed to visit the campus in April — if they are allowed.

her want to change her plans and said

When asked if she wanted to see the part of Japan that got hit the hard-est, she said, "I don't want to see the destruction, but I want to see how it

'I thought it was the end of the world. It was like a movie."

AISUM YUM, Japanese exchange student at Novi

For Suzuki, her initial worry was for her brother who was at work in Tokyo. She was able to talk to him just before out to confirm he was safe.

"He said he had never felt such a strong earthquake before," Suzuki said. "He said everything came down from the shelves, and I think he was quite frightened." Suzuki, who lives in Novi, has been

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JOHN HEIDER I STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Champs!

Wildcats Zach Mohr and Michael Kruse share a smile after Novi won the Division 1 hockey state championship. See

Ready to Relay

Kick-off event for annual event slated for Wednesday

BY NATHAN MUELLER

JoAnne North has seen all sides of the annual Relay for Life fundraiser.

teering for the event nine a supporter for all her friends and family who battled can-

A few years later, she cancer.

And now, for the last six years, North has been cel-

ebrating as a survivor.
"It was a pretty emotional process," the art educator at Deerfield Elementary said. "That survivor walk, because of the process it takes for you to go through treatment and become a survivor, is a task-ing thing physically, emotion ally and intellectually.

being part of a club you never wanted to join." But North does want people

to join one club, and that club

awareness and rasing money That club consists of several volunteers and participants

for the 2011 Relay for Life of Novi from 6-7:30 p.m. on March 23 at the Novi Civic Center. The kick-off rally will give people more information about the event, which takes

place on June 11-12 at Fuerst Park, including how to set up their own team and how to raise money.
"There are so many negative things going on around us and this is a positive thing

people are trying to do to help others," said Dina Karim, promotions committee member. "I know the economy is bad but it is such a beautiful and emotional thing to help some-

North, who is the captain of the "Deerfield Explorers Are Searching for a Cure" team,

said this is the first time the whole school has gotten behind a team, and hopes the students can connect with the "In my opinion, Relay for

Life is an opportunity for kids to actually understand that nent of education," she said. "When they are learning about caring for each other and people in the community, there are a lot of charities kids don't have a connection with. But with cancer, there are a number of them who have had

a connection to it with their family or friends." She said the students know cancer is scary but they do not have a real understanding of t, and through Relay for Life she hopes they are empowered

to do more.
People interested in starting their own team or getting more information and joining another team can do so

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REAL ESTATE B7 B1 A9 **Businesses** ready for annual expo

Residents get a look at what Novi community has to offer

Businesses in the Novi area will get a chance to show off once again at the third annual Business and Taste Expo at the Baronette

The event, which takes olace from 3-6 p.m. on March 29, will feature more from home improvement. health and fitness, business coaching and more, as well as six restaurants offering food samplings, including Bagger Dave's, Carrabba's Italian Grill, Chili's, Famous Dave's. Hooter's and Toasted Oak Grill and Market. Linda Daly, executive

director of the chamber, said the event will give business owners a chance to display their products and services to the community in a

unique way.
"The purpose of the Novi Business and Taste Expo is to connect residents and business people with local business owners," she said. "There is a desire among understand what products

and will talk about "Taking Referral Marketing to the

Several of the vendors

der Jimmy Howard. As of Monday, 10 vendor booths remained and electric

and the expo gives the public

are offered in the greater Novi area." Tim Green, of the Referral Institute, is

starts at 3 p.m. Daly said he is one of the top referral marketing experts in the country and tem to kick referral market-

and those who register to attend the keynote speaker will be entered in a drawing for a hockey puck signed by Detroit Red Wings goalten-

ity is available upon request. For more information about the expo or to register for a booth, call (248) 349-3743 or visit www.novichamher.com Tickets for the event are \$5

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Bids rejected for golf course maintenance

more potential cost additions, such

as those related to repairs on court

Along with voting to have the project re-bid, the board also agreed

to extend the pilot program to a three-year period, running 2012-

2014 rather than the one-year that was proposed previously. That will

allow more time to evaluate the ser

vice provided and the metroparks'

Prior to the metropark board's

urged officials to consider the effect

have on the golf course in the off-sea-

country skiers. Roth, who volunteers

at Huron Meadows Metropark's cross

country ski trails, noted that the win-

ter sport is a big draw for the park

and brings in plenty of revenue.

relationship with any private mainte-

paths and irrigation lines.

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America for 30 years but goes back at least twice a year to visit friends and famil She said she has friends living in the north part of the country whom they have not

been able to make contact with. We are very worried about our friends there," she said. "Even the city website (where they live) is not up, and that

Suzuki also talked to a former ca-worker who was in a pool when the earthquake hit and said glass was falling from jumping out of the pool."

The Japanese government also is concerned about their nuclear power plants leaking radiation into the air. Slightl higher-than-normal radiation els were detected in the city and surrounding areas, but officials said people should not worry about health issues. Suzuki said she is looking

for ways to help her fellow Japanese people and is in con-Society of Detroit.

School District also has gotten



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involved as many of the schools are hosting fundraisers to ben-

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efit Japan. Jenifer Michos, principal at Parkview Elementary which has nearly a 16-percent population of Japanese students, said the district's Japanese interpreter Tomoko Takashima came to the school to make sure the students were OK and

Michos said fortunately the school's families were not impacted directly by the dev-"We are in this together and

want to support them any way we can," she said. Gannett News Services contributed to

at the kick-off event - which is open to the public — by visiting www.relayforlife.org. or by contacting Nicole Abdilla at the American Cancer Society.

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Parkview gets 'Big' donation

Big Lots store opens in West Oaks II, donates to school

Parkview Elementary Principal Jenifer Michos said if anyone else was in the school the night she got the news they were getting a \$2,500 check from Big Lots they probably yould have heard her scream with excitement.

"It was a huge gift, and we are greatly appreciative of their donation." she said. "We are nmuel/er@pannelt.com | (248) 437-2011, ext. 255 ecstatic they are supporting the students, and it will have a lasting impact on the entire Novi Community School District." Michos said the money will go toward training the staff

the "The 7 Habits of Highly Effective People," a book written by Stephen R. Covey "In turn, this will be a gift they gave to our students," she

The gift from Big Lots was a show of appreciation for wel-coming the store to Novi, said store manager Gary Novicoff. Big Lots opened in West Oaks II on March 3 and

its grand opening at 9 a.m.

District Manager Bob Craft on

Novi West Oaks II Big Lots employees Lisa Stephens, Michelle Sherrill and Bobby Hatfield pause in the newly opened store on March 11. The retailer had just opened the week before on the north side of the mall and has a grand

"It's a thank you to the community and what better way to do that than helping a school," Novicoff said This is one of 90 stores the

opening celebration set for Friday.

retailer is opening across the nation in 2011 and the first in Novi. The 19,300-square-foot products at discount prices. including everything from home and garden to furniture, small appliances and food. Novicoff said they are always oushing to get more brandname products and thinks the

store will thrive in Novi. and save money." he said. The store already has been mbraced by the community and I think it will be a phe

The store has hired about employees, and expects to

Big Lots employee Bobby Hatfield straightens the shelves on March 11 as the store prepares for its grand opening on March 18.

The store is located at 43480 West Oaks Drive and hours are from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. on 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. on Sunday

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estimated to cost \$135,000. If \$41,000. the grant is approved, it will cover 70 percent of the project.

"The trust fund is looking

If the grant isn't approved the project will be scrapped because it's not part of the metropark's 5-year plan, said Denise Simeon, HCMA chief of communications. She's hop

derful asset." Simeon said. Not only do families stop center, it's also a wonderful

Should the grant money be awarded, work on the project would be under way next vear. "It will be a wonderful

Bob Milligan of Plymouth enjoys a round of golf last fall at Kensington. The metroparks board of directors is considering privalizing the golf course but recently rejected submitted

Grant sought to improve Kensington pond overlook

Extended pilot program to privatize metropark service planned instead

Kensington's budget for golf course maintenance is \$407,000, which

The HCMA Board of Directors decid-

ed in January to seek bids for the

pilot program in an effort to reduce

costs. Kensington's golf course was

that attended a February pre-bid

necting at Kensington and opted

know enough about the course,

not to bid on the job said they didn't

"It made it difficult for them to put

in a good, solid, competitive bid," he

Of the seven companies that

expressed interest earlier this year,

only two submitted bids - which

California-based ValleyCrest Golf

of \$398,000. Davey Golf Course

were opened a few weeks ago.

sive to maintain.

currently doing business and they can evaluate us," Moilanen said.

have already shown interest.

online at hometownlife.com

It will be several months before

a decision is made on the proposed

nance of the Kensington Metropark

golf course, since metropark officials

rejected both bids submitted by com-

anies interested in doing the work.

The Huron-Clinton Metropolitan

Authority Board of Directors voted

March 10 to pass on the bids for a

one-year program and agreed to solicit bids again in late summer or

early fall. That will give potential bidders more time to learn about the

by some who initially had considered the job but decided against pursuing it, said Dave Moilanen, HCMA direc-

In turn, he said, metropark offi-

cials will have an opportunity to find out more about the companies that

course's conditions and to prepare

pilot program to privatize mainte-

One of Kensington Metropark's more popular attractions could be getting a

The Huron-Clinton Metropolitan Authority is pursuing a state grant to rede lop the pond overlook area at the park's nature center.

Project highlights include replacing the now-rusted seavall, asphalt walkways and Nyquist, HCMA chief plan ner, current conditions pose a safety concern and have a degraded appearance. Educational features such

rovements for access are also in the plan. HCMA officials voted

application to the Michigan



This pand overlook at the Kensington Metropark Nature Center could be redeveloped next year if funding is secured through a state grant.

Nyquist noted that MNRTF's "current pot of cash" has a limit of \$300,000, which 30 percent match - or about -- is \$200,000 lower than lastat smaller projects. There is a \$300,000 limit," Nyquist

ing that isn't the case.
"It will definitely be a won-

there on the way to the nature stopping point (in itself). It's a wonderful place to look at the ponds, the plants and the wild

Simcon said.

Angie Napier. Jack's Barber Shop in Downtown Northville, in Old Church Souare zing in Men's, Women's, and Kid's cu

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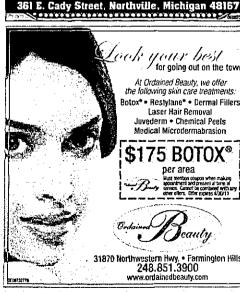
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Tipping Point presents 'The Cocktail Hour'

about his family - warts and all - and before it hits the stage, he knows he better get his father's permission

What better way to do this than over cocktails at the family home? Well, maybe

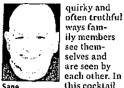
See how it all plays out when the Tipping Point Theatre brings A.R. Gurney's "The Cocktail Hour" to the stage at 361 E. Cady St. from March 24-April 30.

This comedy brings to light the old grudges and stifled hopes of a typical well-to-do and very publicly admired American family.

"John has a classic case of middle child syndrome," said Brian Sage, who is por-traying him in this produc-tion. "He has never felt that he truly fit in with the family or that he really had the love and attention of his parents especially his father. He finds solace and some enjoyment in airing his and the family's baggage in his plays. disapproval.

The crisis that ensues after John's announcement about his play shows the sometimes

cound S,



ways familv members selves and each other. In

this cocktail hour, which is prolonged by a newly hired cook's inability to make a roast, people unravel as well

"There is much comedy to be mined within the dys function of the family," Sage said. "It's almost a modern comedy of manners for the upper middle class, but ere is a lot of heart in their familial struggles as well."

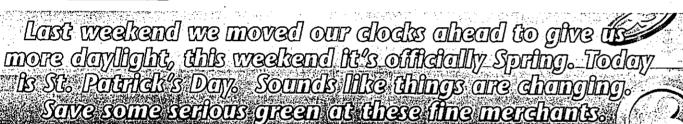
The production is support ed by the Michigan Council for Arts and Cultural Affairs and the National Endowment for the Arts.

.m. Thursdays through Saturdays, with matinees at 3 p.m. Saturday and 2 p.m. Sunday. Tickets are \$28 to \$30 for adults and \$26-\$28 for students and senior citiand available by calling the box office at (248) 347-0003



VOICES & VIEWS: COMMENT ONLINE

The Novi Civic Theatre groduction of Gypsy has its three final shows this weekend. The majority of the show's actors are Novi and Northville adults and children. Novi residents Julie Landry and Bruce Markham have starring roles, as does Livonia resident Kelly Buck, In Gypsy, Mama Rose is a wildly determined stage mother trying to make her two young daughters into famous vaudeville performers. With many hit numbers such as 'Everything's Comin' Up Roses' and 'Let Me Entertain You,' the production is sure to charm audiences. Some content may be inappropriate for those younger than (2. Tickets are \$18/adults, \$15/children and seniors. All seats are reserved. Purchase tickets at the box office or on line at cityofnovi.org. For more information, please call the Novi Parks office at (248) 347-0400. Remaining shows are 7:30 p.m. Friday, March 18; 7:30 p.m. Saturday, March 19; and 2



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Senior All Night Party Organizers for the Novi High

Mark Lane, director of public relations and special events for Goodwill, shakes hands with Mike Feezey, president of southeast Michigan Huntington Banks, for their support of the 'Oollars for Jobs'

Novi students helping put people to work

in Michigan knows no bound-Its impact is being felt by the young and old, wealthy and poor, and Goodwill Industries of Greater Detroit is trying to

do its part to cushion the blow. The nonprofit organization has partnered with Huntington National Bank and high school sports television program STATE CHAMPS! to fight agains for Jobs" High School

hallenge. Novi High School is one southeastern Michigan to get ing fundraising events to raise

some because I know at the high school so many kids, including myself, have been affected by the economy and know parents or other people who have been losing jobs or switching jobs," said student council president Alyssa Miller. "It's a great way to help and hopefully because people have personal ties they will be

more willing to support the program."
The campaign, which runs through April 22, is relatively simple, with each high school receiving envelopes that are passed around until it contains \$25. The filled envea Huntington Bank, and the

money collected is used to help

The \$25 is the approximate

cost for Goodwill to provide one day of job training and other support to unemployed metro Detroit residents. This program is going to help us reeducate more people

and build businesses to put people back to work," said Mark Lane, director of public relations and special events for Goodwill. "It also is a great opportunity for kids to get olved in an easy way and make a huge difference in this

Some of the jobs Goodwill has created include a store in Canton and a recycling center "Over 300,000 metro

there is nothing else I need to

say," Lane said.

Miller said the high school is brainstorming ideas to raise money, including possibly having a charity day where each de battles to see who can

She said her classmates has always responded well to help-"A lot of people realize many of us are fortunate but there are some of us that aren't and we need to help everyone and

raise the most money or host-

ing a charity dance with pro-

ceeds going to the program.

difference in the community. she said. The three schools that raise the most money per student enrolled will win a half-hour STATE CHAMPS! broadcast will receive a dance or othe event sponsored by 98.7 AMP

The individual student leader displaying the most

something that is reward-ing and educational," Lane said. "This program is going to open some doors for Goodwill, but also teach these kids about what is going on in the economy and how they

tion about the program, visit www.GoodwillDetroitPassItl

do so as soon as possible so the

High School, offers food, activities and prizes, allowing gradu community spirit, will win a one-hour studio sit-in with the ating seniors to celebrate in a safe, supervised environment 98.7 morning show. Checks may be made payable "We hope to engage the students and also give them to NHS Senior All Night Party and should be sent to: NHS Senior All Night Party, C/O Dana Nussio, 22041 Shadybroo Drive, Novi, MI 48375. formation may be obtained

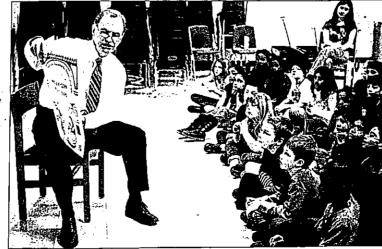
by contacting Dana Nussio at Lewis at alewis13@mm.rr.com. can help."

Anyone can register for the prize and monetary donations tions, entertainment and addi-

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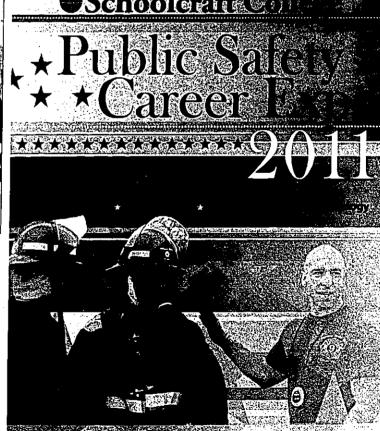


Congratulations to the winners of the Novi Middle School Science Fair. The school science fair held in January. produced a variety of winning projects dealing with computer programming, health, physics, chemistry and environmental issues, just to name a few. The top 10 place winners were (front row, I to r) Emily Awdish, ninth; rine Boileau, third; Bryce Paputa, Brendan Campbell, second; (back) Dhivya Sridar, sixth; Sneha Rajen, eighth; Palvi Bhardwai, seventh: Leva Maliekal, eighth: Ethan Lu, fourth: Emily Richmond, tenth: Raveena Munnangi, seventh Ashna Jain, tenth; Arthur Shi, lifth; Namratha Atluri, fourth; and not pictured is Megan Hartmus, eighth. Overall, a total of S4 students qualified to compete at the Detroit Science and Engineering Fair to be held at Cobo Hall on March 17, 2011. A special 'thank you' goes to the Novi Education Foundation for providing the entry fee for the

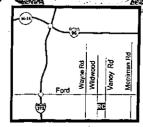


March is for reading

Novi School District Supt. Peter Dion reads 'Strega Nona' to a group of Orchard Hills kindergarten students on March 14. Dion was a guest reader at the school that day for 'March is Reading Month.'



Wednesday March 23 + 4 to 7 pm



Organizations attending include:

★ Canton Fire

★ Dearborn Heights Fire & Police ★ Northville Twp. Police

★ U.S. Drug Enforcement Agency

* Huron Valley Ambulance

Resumes will be accepted * No charge for admission * Open to the public Schoolcraft College-Radcliff Center & Room RC 115 & 1751 Radcliff Street & Garden City, MI

For more information call 734-462-4421 or e-mail kcox@schoolcraft.edu

Sundays (Sept.-May)

(Sept.-April)

Saturdays

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Monday of every month

Logo Youth Club: 5 p.m.

Men's Club: B a.m. second

munications director, (248) 349-

Location: 41415 Nine Mile Road, cor-

Time; 8:45 a.m. Sunday School and

Bible Study; 10 am, Worship

Lakes Baptist Church

Livonia

Wednesdays for fourth-12th graders

Submit: Send calendar submissions via e-mail to cstone@gannett.com; by fax to (248) 685-2892; or by mail to Church Events/Northville-Novi. 101 N. Lafayette, South Lyon, MI 48178. Items must be received by noon on Monday to be included in Thursday's newspaper

Church of the Holy Cross Location: 40700 W 10 Mile Road, Contact: (248) 427-1175

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

Mass Schedule Time/Day: 8:30 a.m., 10:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. Sunday; 9 a.m. Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday: 6:30 a.m. Tuesday, Wednesday Friday; 7

p.m. Tuesday; 4:30 p.m. (English), 6:30 p.m. (Spanish) Saturday Holy Days: 9 a.m., 5:30 and 7:30

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Reconciliation: beginning 9 a.m. Saturdays or by appointment Priests: Father Timothy Hogan pastor and Father Michael Zuelch associate pastor

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

Details: Nursery and older children programs available. Worship blends traditional and contemporary elements resulting in a multi-sensory worship experience,

Destiny Worship Center Location: Ridge Wood Clementary School, 49775 Six Mile Road, Northyille Contact: DeslinyW3C@Gmail.com

or visit www.DW3C org. Detroit First Church of the Nazarene Location: 21260 Haggerly Road,

north of Eight Mile Road

Contact: (2481 348-7600 or visit dfcnazarene.org Sunday Schedule: 9:15 a.m. Worship service with Praise Band, children's Sunday School and Adult Bible Fellowship; 10:15 a.m. Fellowship and refreshments, 11 a.m. fraditional 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, Duilling, Adult Classes, Youth Blast Thursday Schedule: 6 a.m. Men of

Purpose Prayer Group: 7 p.m. Tae Kwon Da

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

Framanuel Lutheran Church Location: 34567 Seven Mile Road. Livonia

Contact: (248) 442-8822 or www newhopecenter. Episcopal Church of the Holv 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 Contact: Heather J. Wallas, com-Location: 44400 W. 10 Mile Road Contact: (248) 349-2345 or visit 1144. Ext. 26, or e-mail hwallas@ facnorthville.org Sunday Worship: 10 a.m. Good Shepherd Lutheran Church Celebration of Confirmation class: 10 a.m. March 27 Gospel of Mark class; 7 p.m. ner of Meadowbrook Road, Novi Contact: (248) 349-0565 Tuesdays, March 8-April 12 Preschool Open House: 9:30-11:30 Sundays

a.m. March 19 First Baptist Church of Northville Location: 217 N. Wing

Contact; (248) 348-1020 Sunday Worship: 10:45 a.m. and 5:45 p.m. Sunday School: 9:30 a.m. Ladies Bible Study: 9:30 a.m. and 7 p.m. Tuesdays Men's Bible Study: 9 a.m. first

baptistchurchofnovi.org

Family Worship: 11 a.m.

fourth Sunday of every month

Bible Study: 6 p.m.

First Presbyterian

firstpresnville.org

Sunday Worship

Time: 9:30, 11 a.m.

Single Place

ice cream social.

Thursday

Church of Northville

Location: 200 E. Main St.

Time/Date: 7:30 p.m. every

Location: First Presbyterian Church

of Northville, 200 E. Main, Northville

Details: Single Place is a social

organization for singles 40 and up

meetings feature speakers, games,

or entertainment followed with an

Contact: For a detailed schedule

of all events (dining out, weekend

activities, etc.) call (248) 349-091

Details: Single Place presents our

St. Patrick's Day traditional din-

ner of corned beef and cabbage.

This will be followed by games

\$10 for the entire evening.

Time/Date: 7:30 p.m. March 24

Details: Place presents our own

"car guy", Mr. Matt Lee who will

lead a very informative discussion

on "Everything you always wanted

to know about your car but were

afraid to ask". Come learn what

you should do to keep your car

Time/Date: 7:30 n m. March 31

informal social evening of games,

conversation, snacks, flavored teas

or coffee, soft drinks, and ice cream

with various toppings. Now that the

weather has hopefully gotten bet-

ter, get out and join the world again

in a sale and friendly environment

Time/Date: 7:30 p.m. April 7

Details: Single Place presents Ms.

Jennifer Vocel, who is a certified

Livonia. She will be speaking on

Finding What Works, exercise and

nutrition planning, for each indi-

vidual person. (One plan does not fit all.) Bring your questions, she

has the answers ice Cream Social

will follow. \$5 donation.

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operating at it's best. Questions are

and a video of the Irish Dancers.

Riverdance. Cost of dinner only is

\$7; for games only, \$3; or a total of

or visit www.singleplace.org.

Time/Date: 7 p.m. March 17

hosted by the First Preshyterian

Church of Northville, Thursday

Contact: (248) 349-0911 or visi

Saturday of every month First Baptist Church of Novi-Family Integrated Church Location: 45301 W 11 Mile Road Contact: (248) 349-3647 or first

Contact: Rev. Arthur P. Ritter Family Bible Hour: 9:45 a.m. Senior Minister (248) 348-7757. Family Movie Night: 5:30 p.m.

> tion class Time/Date: 10 a.m. Tuesdays : Vespers/s Time/Date: 7:30 p.m. Details: This traditional-contemopracy service is led by Reverend Ritter with musical accompaniment

Location! 41355 Six Mile Road Contact: (248) 348-9030 Sundays 9-10 a.m.: Sunday School for Adults / Youth / Children 9 a.m.: Contemporary service in multi-purpose gymnasium 10:15 a.m. Contemporary service in worship center; children's super church on the second level

Tuesday Morning Ladies Bible

Wednesday Family Night 7 p.m.: Adult elective classes; jr. and sr. high student ministries: Club & Royal Rangers Boys Club) Nursery and Preschool Program care; preschool through eighth grade) - contact (248) 348-9031

Jewish Life Details: Single Place Cards & Games Details: A Jewish center with events, programs and activities for all ages throughout the year - chil-

> novijewishcenter.com Novi United Methodist

Time: 9:45 a.m. Healing Service and Holy Communion of every month Peace Vigil

every month Location: In front of the church Details: Members of the congregation and the community will stand united in prayer for peace.

Times: 8:30 and 10 a.m. (Memorial Day weekend through Labor Day weekend); 8, 9:15 and 11 a.m. (Sept.

Pastors; Rev. Dr. Steven J. Buck, Worship Services: 5:15 p.m. Saturday; 9:15 senior pastor and Rev. Jeff and 11:15 a.m. Sunday Sturgeon, associate pastor Coffee Hour: 9:30 a.m. Sunday ReNew Life Group Ministries ((Memorial Day weekend through Time/Date: 7:15-9 p.m. every Monday Details: Ongoing Life Groups that support Labor Day weekend); 10:15 a.m. and facilitate personal growth, healing, Healing Service: 4 p.m. first learning, change from a Christian perspec

> Women's Life Groups Ministries Time/Date: 7 p.m. every Tuesday 9:30 a.m. Men's Life Groups Ministries

Time/Date: 9:45 a.m. Sunday

Incation: 50200 W 10 Mile Road Novi

Contact: (248) 912-0043 or visit oakpointe

Oak Pointe Church

online at hometownlife.com

Time/Date: 6 a.m. every friday morning at various locations For both Women's and Men's Life Groups Ministries, please contact the church office

Catholic Church Location: 770 Thaver Northville Contact: (248) 349-2621 or olynorthville. Saturday Worship

Orchard Hills Baptist Church Sunday Worship Time: 7:30, 9:30, 11:30 a.m. Location: 23455 Novi Road

Contact: Pastor Jon Hix (248) 349-5665

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

event; no need to pre-register; all are wel-

Details: For ages three to six; ongoing

Preschool/Kids Chair

Our Lady of Good

Our Lady of Victory

Plymouth

Time: 5 p.m.

Counsel Catholic Church

Location: 47650 N. Territorial Road

Contact: (734) 453-0326, Ext. 221

Presbyterian Church Location: 1200 S. Sheldon Road, Plymouth Contact: Pastor Bill Burke at (734) 927-

Our Shepherd

Wednesday Bible Study: 7 p.m. Sunday Bible Study: 9:30 a m. Sunday Worship: 10:30 a.m. with fellowship and food after service

Plymouth-St. John's Episcopal Church Location: 574 S. Sheldon Road in Plymouth Contact: 734-453-0190, ext, 16, or visit www.stjohnsplymouth.org St. James Catholic Location: 46325 10 Mile Road, Nov Contact: (248) 347-7778 Mass Schedule TIME/DAY: 8, 9:30 and 11:30 a.m. Sunday: 9

a.m. Monday-Tuesday; 7 p.m. Wednesday; 5 Contact: www.uufarmington.org p.m. Saturday St. John's Episcopal Church Location: 574 S. Sheldon Road, Plymouth St. John Lutheran Location: 23225 Gill Road, Farmington Hills Contact: (248) 474-0584 or visit stjohnlutheran.com Saturday Worship Time: 5:30 p.m. Sunday Worship

Time: 9, 11:15 a.m Sunday School Time: 10:15 a.m. St. Paul's Lutheran Church Location: 201 Elm St., Northville Contact: (248) 349-3140 Unitarian Universalist Church of Farmington

Location: 25301 Halstead Road, Farmington

Youth Interfalth Journey Time/Date: 9:30 and 11 a.m. Sundays Details: This religious education program is open to the public and currently enrolling new students. The UUCF Interfaith lourney curriculum encompasses the Unitarian Universalism philosophy of Individual worth and the power of community with a study of the World Religions that are practiced around the globe. This program compliments the mission of UUCF Religious Education of teaching youth inclusion, compassion and neace and provides the environment to live and learn in a culturally diverse community. Classes are grouped into grades K-5, 6-8 and 9-12 with age specific education materials for all. Contact: Jennifer Teed at 248/478-7272 or dre@uularmington.org

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JEFFREY D. BOWMAN

has served as the Operations Section

spent with his family and he was

and internationally and stored a

ealth of knowledge of world and

American history. He was also an incredibly funny guy, who used humor to entertain and surprise you.

recently joined a co-ed socce

team to spend time with his wife, and

took a new scheduling position with

the South Lyon Soccer Club, Jeff was

nis beloved wite Kristen; his daugh

ters. Lexi and Brooke: his siblings

Carol (Nick) Schenavar, Donald

(Linda), Marguerite "Linda", Dollie, Sheryi (Dr. Mark) Pettoveilo, and Timothy Murphy; his mother-in-law Kathleen Murray; his father-in-law

William (Angela) Calder; and sister

in-law Sara (Dusty) Scott, He is also

survived by many loving aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews, cousins, friends, and colleagues. He was pre-

ceded in death by his parent and his brother James. A funeral service was

held Saturday March 12, 2011 at

Ward Presbyterian Church, Pasto

erry A. Nelson with Cross of Chris

Donations would be appreciated t

the Jeffrey D. Bowman Memoria

Fund, c/o Huntington Bank, 27250

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Funeral Home of South Lyon.

MARILYN H. CAMPBELL assignments in both protection and wish to consider memorial contribu-diplomatic liaison where he achieved tions to the Caro First Presbyterian the rank of Sergeant, Mr. Bowman Church, Friends may share memo-joined the Federal Air Marshal ries, thoughts and prayers online at: ries, thoughts and prayers online at: www.ransfordfuneralhome.com Service in March 2002. Assigned to the Detroit Field Office, Mr. Bowman

Supervisor since April 2007. As the Operations SFAM he would oversee the daily field office operations ensuring an amiable balance between the agency's mission tempo Jeff adored his family. He was a dedof flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the First Baptist Church of South Lyon or Henry Ford icated Dad who was constantly involved in every aspect of his chil-dren's lives. He could regularly be found at Girl Scouts, Brummer Elementary and Millennium Middle Hospice, 1 Ford Place, SA, Detroil, MI 48202. Arrangements entrusted to Phillips Funeral Home, South Lyon School, teacher conferences, fur fairs and more. His social life was

JAMES BRADLEY KINDER survived by his wife, Ivory and

also an active member of Cross of Christ Lutheran Church and had a very strong faith. He is survived by HUGH L. MARSHALL, JR. Age 72, a long time resident of Northville, passed away 3/9/2011. A funeral service was held 3/12/2011 at Casterline Funeral Home, Inc. of Northville. Contributions to charity of giver's choice appreciated.

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POW until spring of 1945. He was (Kristy) MoIntire; his sister Donelda dren Andrew. Matthew. Kathryn, Nathaniel, Angela, Claire. Scott, Anna, Michael, and Cassidy. He was 96011, Washington, DC 20090-601

MARGARET JANE KETT Age 89, passed away March 11, 2011. She was born on September between the agency's mission tempo (domestic and international), training requirement and employee quality of life concerns. Mr. Bowman was promoted to the rank of J-Band in October 2005 and served as a Squad Supervisor managing the daily activities of lifteen FAMs. From March 2002 to October 2005, Mr. Bowman served as a Mission Flying FAM, Acting Supervisor (9 months) and Operations Olificer. Mr. Bowman was presented as a Mission Flying FAM, Acting Supervisor (9 months) and Operations Olificer. Mr. Bowman was instrumental during the stand up phase of the FAMS Detroit Field Office. Mr. Bowman authored and assisted in the creation of numerous field office standard operating processing service will be held on Thursday. field office standard operating proce-dures as well as creating and imple-menting the scheduling procedures hat are still in use. Above all else, Marchi Ann St., South Lyon. In Neu-Marjorie Ann St., South Lyon. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions

daughter Linda (Frank) Sutika. Online condolences: www.obriensutlivanfuneralhome.com

Age 89, passed away March 14 2011, She was bear bear She was born on February 16 1922, in Detroit, to the late Robert F and Marguerite (Locher) Garrity, On September 3, 1960, she married Harry Michael She was a member of St. Joseph Catholic Church, St. d Bradenton, Et ann Harrisville, Mi, OBITUARY POLICY preceded in death by her husband Harry Michael in 2004, and her brothers; James, George and Hugh Garrity and her sister Pauline Ramirez, Visitation, will be held on

HELEN MICHAEL

Whitmore Lake, MI 48189. Online Bridge Whitmore Lake, MI 48189. Online 8.00pm at PHILLIPS FUNERAL Questbook www.phillipstuneral.com HOME, 122 West Lake Street (Ten Mile), South Lyon, A Funeral Mass will be held on Saturday, March 19th, 1870/2009 at 1871 Separation 19th, 1871/2009 at 1871/ at 10:00am at St. Joseph Catholic Church, 830 S. Lafavette, South Evon. Memorial contributions may se made to LHM. Betirement Fund 610 W. Elm St. Monroe, MI 48161. Online guestbook: www.phillipsfuneral.com

ELMER L. MCINTIRE

JAMES STEWART ROWLANDS III Age 87, of Northwije, passed away Age 68, of Ocala, FL, passed away Age 87, 01 reornivers, passed a degree peacefully surround by his seven loving children March 11, 2011. He was born December 13, 1923 in Hinbland Park, Michigan to Albert 1, Born in Pottsville, PA, involved to Novi over 30 years, then moved to Coala, Florida to retire. He retired as an engineer for Ford Motor Co. after 1, veses of service. He attender Highland Park, Michigan to Albert and Mae Michitine. Elmer proudly served his country in the Army during WWII. He was captured in 1944. University and his master's degree university and his master's degree. from Wayne state University. He was a member of Ocala west United Methodist Church and was past sec-Age 45, of South Lyon, passed away suddenly March 6, 2011. He was seed away Sunday, March 6, 2011. He was born August 25, 1965 in Highland Park, Michigan to Donald E. and Ellen C. (McLaughlin) Bowman, Jelfa 1983 graduate of Fordsom High School, married the love of his life, Kristen Galder on August 12, 1994. They moved to South Lyon from Bowie, Maryland in 2002. Jeff was very passionate about his career. He served for over 12 years with the United States Secret Service Uniformed Division. He accepted and appointment as a Police Officer in January 1990 and worked numerous assignments in both protection and diplomatic liaison where he achieved has not careful and an expression of sympathy may displayed by the solution of the proposition of the pr gadgets. He is survived by his loving children. Sue (Frank D'Amico) Mchatire. Wendy McIntire, John (Faye) McIntire, Penelope (Emil) Thode, Paul McIntire, and Robert Michael McHatige the cited Departs and Schaffe of the arrangements. has charge of the arrangements. James S. Rowlands III memori the Alzhelmer's Association, PO

KENNY H. (BIG JAKE) WILLIAMS Age 58, was escorted to heaven b

born on August 24, 1952 and raised in Detroit, Michigan. Ken served South Lyon as a police officer for 7 years. He had a great love for animals, and enjoyed working with the canine unit. He then worked for Detroit Edison for nearly 30 years Ken will be remembered by all for his great love of the outdoors, his warm exuberant personality, his hearty contagious laugh, and his special ability to make everyone feel loved and welcome. He was a true friend, and showed generosity to all. Ken was preceded in death by his father mother, and two sisters. He is sur-vived by the love of his life, Merri (Hamilton), who was his loving wife of nearly 10 years; two sons Jason (Jodi), Jeffery, three grandsons, and his sister Nancy (Ron) Lewis. Ken is also survived by many, many to family members and friends. was a member of Calvary Baptis Church, Whitmore Lake, Michigan He will be greatly missed by thos St. Joseph Cathodic Church, St. Fabians, and St. Bridget Church. She retired as an Executive Secretary from Detroit Diezel, Helen is survived by her brother John F. Garrity of Bradenton, Fl. and Harrisville, M. West Lake St. (Ten Mile). South of Bradenton, FL and Harrisville, MI, West Lake St. (ten Mile), South ber only bookin James Garrity and many directs and mephews. She was preceded in death by her husband Harry Michael in 2004, and her brothers; James. George and Hugh emphysiology (1998). Service Dr. Belleville, MI 48112. made to Calvary Baptist Church "E

Fund", 7527 Whitmore Lake Rd Whitmore Lake, MI 48189. Onlin

Age 82, of South Lyon, passed awa 3/11/2011. A funeral mass was hel 3/14/2011 at St. Joseph Catho at St. Hedwig Cemetery in Dearb Heights. Arrangements entrusted to Casterline Funeral Home.

Location: 309 Decker Road, Walled **Brighton**

Livonia Church of Christ LORD of LIFE LUTHERAN Location: 15431 Merriman Road, lley Road • Brig 10-227-3113 Contact: 734-427-8743 or visit www.livoniachurch.net Sunday Worship: II a.m.

Bible School: Sunday 10 a.m.; Wednesday 7 p.m. HOLY SPIRIT ROMAN CATHOLIC Meadowbrook Congregational Location: 21355 Meadowbrook of Winans Lake & Muscl 310-231-9199 Road, between Eight and Nine Mile Weekend Liturgles Saturday 4:00 p.m. Sunday 9:00 & 11:00 a.m. use risk or Skrod of Jurin Display and Section 2

visit mbccc.org or e-mail to office@ mbccc,org,

Sunday Worship: 10 a.m. Sermon: Better Than You Church School: 10-11 a.m. Fellowship Hour: 11 a.m. Merry Widows Luncheon Time/Date: 11:30 a.m. fourth Thursday of each month Pilgrim Fellowship Time/Date: 6 p.m. Sundays Asking Questions adult educa-

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dren's programs, Sunday school, adult Jewish classes, youth clubs. holiday services and programs. community social events. Contact: Rabbi Avrohhom & Leah Susskind at (248) 790-6075 or rabbi@novijewishcenter.com; www.

Location: 41671 W. 10 Mile Road Contact: (248) 349-2652 or visit umcnovi.com Sunday Worship

Time/Date: 9:45 a.m. first Sunday Time/Date: Noon, first Sunday of

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

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n office: (248) 584-0895 nday Service: 8:30 & 11:00 a. nday School; 9:45 a.m.

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y Worship - 9:00 am & 10:15 a School and Children's Program

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9:30 a.m. & 11 a.m. Sundays

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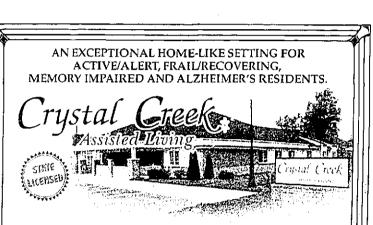
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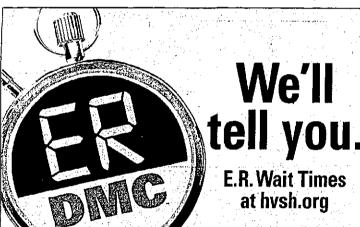




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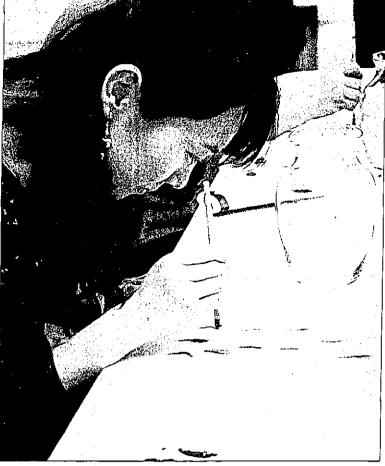


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Artist Donna Roskamp, top (eft, teaches a one-stroke vase painting March 2. From left are students Makiko Miuta, Barb VanVleck, Judy Kowaleski, and Margret Bonnici. Makiko Miuta (above) perfects her before transferring the patterns Roskamp (left) demonstrates the technique to paint tulip shapes during a March 2 class at the Novi

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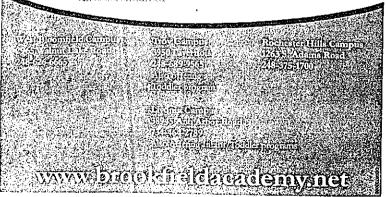


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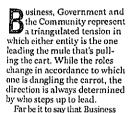
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as a usually healthy, sometimes questionable turn at Community across unmapped terrain. It is a role that is both familiar and comfortable. The seeds of progress have taken root and produced life-sustaining vegetation such that those who are following the trail can enjoy the benefits of a well-charted path. Business is able to look back at the path is has created and, despite a few umps along the way, rests easy knowing that it has provided a means for Government and the Community to enjoy the journey

recorded the steps along the way and, like a well meaning uncle, reminds Business that 'something has been we've done this, let's fix it so it doesn't reoccur'. While it is an uncomfortable role lead-(Left) Lori Moore of Livonia and Karen Cady of Novi attended the Trade Secrets benefit at the Townsend Hotel which ing the mule across the terknown to step in when the which there is no foreseeable crossing. Recognizing that turning back is not an option, Government uses what resources it has to construct a bridge that bends, shakes and creaks with every forward motion. Business and the



correctly. of Business

In the end the canyon is Lee Meadows crossed and in the lead. The remaining time is spent evaluating the crossing and suggesting better ways for building a bridge in the likely event the path should lead to

another canyon. Meanwhile. the Community gratefully enjoys the scenic route and rarely complains about being a eart since you get to carry any thing you find along the way. The added luxury of never hav ing to lead the mule means you never really learn what it's like to have to pull a stubborn mule when it sits down and refuses to chase a putrid carrot

The Community tends to stand by, in passive annoyance, waiting for Business and Government to work out their stubbornness so that there can be some kind of return to move ment. The Community's discomfort with leading the process is consistently reinforced b its historical habit of looking a Business and Government and shouting. "Do something!"

shouting, "Do something!" Typically, at the lowest point of its deepest fears, the Community will grab the nucle's reins and just start pulling. It will have a few choice words to share along the way, but the guiding mantra is that

tient, willful and actively taking charge of its direction.

While global events have shown Community leadership in its extreme, more importantly the message is one of reaffirmation of the Community as an equal pil-lar responsible for supporting a social structure such that Chamber, the Rotary Club, are thrust into spotlight typically reserved for Business and Government, Broader, more complex issues demand that deas are retrieved from all three corners of the triangle and integrated into viable and vibrant solutions that address issues found in the broader terrain of economic existence

Community Leadership sales, food drives and corpoe sponsored softball teams has to take its place alongside ness and Government as an equal surveyor of the land and passionate contributor to ideas in the well spring of the community will reinforce the truism that. It takes a village ward roll the wagons!

Lee F. Meadows Ph Dis a professo of management at Walsh College work ing at the Novi Campus. He teaches MBA and Doctoral programs and provides a number of consulting services for the surrounding community. He is the author of the leadership fable Take the Lull By the Horns: Closing the Leadership Gap". He can be contacted

JVS Women-to-Work Program: Putting it all in perspective

It keeps growing. And grow-ing. And growing. It's been nearly 30 years since JVS started The Women to Work Program which helps women acclimate back into the work-force, usually following some type of hardship, by offering ssistance in resume writing job search strategies, intervie ing and networking skills. It's been three years since the Trade Secrets benefit was created. The event raises money solely for the JVS Women to Work Program and has always been held at the include Photojournalist Linda Solomon and Boutique Owner Linda Dresner. This year's honoree could

certainly comment about perseverance and getting a job today. As President and CEO of Strategic Staffing Solutions (S3) in Detroit, Cynthia J. Pasky can certainly provide an insight or two. Her company celebrated its 20th year in business — in Detroit — in October She has 1,800 employees in 23 offices across the country, to "All roads lead to Lithuania

joked Pasky, whose grandfather was Lithuanian.

sible childhood - the daughter of a vindictive, alcoholic mother and an adoring father breakdown and Pasky was not allowed to visit him because

she was under age.
"It left me with paths to choose," Pasky told the sold-And life lessons earned

much to early. "You need to place a value or perspective. What you want in life is opportunity and balance because it creates so many venues," Pasky advised, "It's all about helping someone see that barriers can be removed

BUSINESS BRIEFS

Play It Again Sports relocating

Transferring from its current location on Novi Road, Play It Again Sports will modernize its look and feel with its move to a new storefront. Remaining on Novi Road, on the south-west corner of the Grand River intersection, the new location will still feature its traditional best sellers, but also include recently added items to a fresher and updated atmosphere.

"There are a few motivating factors behind this move," said owner Ian Somerville. "We wanted to be closer to the freeway and to the central Novi shopping district. This would give us better visibility from the street and consistent daily traffic. And with the upcoming construction on Novi Boad, we wanted to be on the north side of the road closure

With an expected store opening date of March 17, the new location (25875 Novi Road, in the City Center Plaza in Novi) will expand merchandise to include preowned bicycles and a variety of yard games. It will, though, continue to sell - and buy from their customers - various pre-— and buy from their customers — various pre-owned equipment from sports such as hockey, baseball, softball, golf, tennis, winter sports, fit-ness and others. In addition to the merchandise, Somerville's staff and his dogs, Murphy and Cooper, will make the move as well.
"A couple things won't change," Somerville

said. The dogs will still be there to greet the customers and our staff will still love sports and be committed to outfitting customers with the best gear at the right price.

Somerville, after a career as an automotive engineer, opened his Play It Again Sports loca-tion in 2004, and is sad to be leaving his neighbors of the past seven years at his 10 Mile and Novi Road location, but is excited by the possibilities the new location can offer.

Cable company opens TV Japan after tragedy

In response to the recent earthquake and subsequent tsunami in Japan, Bright House Networks has opened TV Japan to all viewers for the next week to allow families and friends in the United States to stay connected to news and information on the unfolding tragedy in Japan. TV Japan is normally a subscription channel

located on Bright House Networks channel 785. Bright House Networks digital customers can view TV Japan beginning now through next week. Cooper Standard expands global alliance with Nishikawa Rubber

Novi-based Cooper Standard Automotive Inc. has signed a memorandum of understanding with Nishikawa Rubber Co., Ltd. providing for the expansion of the existing joint venture relation between the companies. Cooper Standard and Nishikawa are currently partners in automo-tive sealing product manufacturing joint ventures in the United States and Movico They intend to broaden their relationship into a more global alliance that will enhance the canabilities of both

Under the memorandum of understanding, the next steps in expanding the relationship involve the sale by Nishikawa to Cooper Standard of a 20 percent interest in Nishikawa's existing sealing business in Thailand and the subsequent sale by Cooper Standard to Nishikawa of a minority interest in Cooper Standard's existing sealing business in Myslenice, Poland.

The parties are also restructuring their existing joint ventures in North America. Nishikawa has acquired additional shares in the U.S. joint venture, returning to its original 60 per-cent majority position. Cooper Standard will increase its majority position in the joint ven-ture in Mexico. All transactions are expected to be completed within the year. Both companies will continue to operate other scaling busi-nesses outside of the framework of their global

"The expansion of Cooper Standard's part-nership with Nishikawa Rubber Co. into other regions of the world is another important step in our company's strategic global growth plan, said Jim McElya, chairman and CEO. Cooper Standard. "Our relationship with Nishikawa provides both partners with additional opporprovides both partners with additional oppor-tunities for new business and assists us in providing our customers with a comprehensive body scaling product portfolio that neets their evolving needs on a global basis."







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Submit: Send calendar submissions via e-mail to estone@oan nett.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 Faith Community Preschool

Open House Time/Date: 9:30-11:30 a.m. Saturday, March 19 Location: 44400 W. Ten Mile, Novi, Mi 48375 (across from the police station, in the Faith Community Church)

Details: Meet the teachers, explore the classrooms and learn more about the preschool programs. Applications for fall enrollment are now being accepted. Contact: Kim Richmond at (248) 349-7911 or visit www.faithcommunity-novi.org.

Novi Community Schools Kindergarten Parent Orientation

Time/Date: 7 p.m. Tuesday, March Location: All elementary school

buildings Details: Contact the school principals for more information: Deerfield, Richard Njus, (248) 449-1700; Orchard Hills, Paul LePlae, 449-1400; Novi Woods, Pamela Quitiquit, 449-1230; Parkview, Jenifer Michos. 449-1220; Village Oaks, Sue Burnham, 449-1300. Blood Drives Time/Date: 8:30 a.m.-2:15 p.m.

Sunday, March 20 Location: Holy Family Church. 24505 Meadowbrook Road, Nov Fime/Date: 7:30 a.m.-7:15 p.m. Wednesday, March 23 Location: Providence Hospital 47601 Grand River Avenue, Novi Details: Walk-ins will be taken vhen possible.

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Contact: To set up an appointment for either drive contact Diane at (313) 549-7052 or riskod@ usa.redcross.org.

Novi Co-op Preschool Open House

Time/Date: 6-8 p.m. Thursday, Location: 41671 West Ten Mile Road (in the Novi Methodist Church)

Details: A play-based kindergarten readiness program for 2- to 5-year-olds. Bring your family and meet our teachers, talk to some of the parents and explore the

For more information visit www. novipreschool.com or find on

Contact: (248) 349-3223 Social Security Workshop Time/Date: 1-2:30 p.m. Tuesday April 12 and 6:30-8 p.m. Thursday April 14 Location: Novi Public Library,

45255 West 10 Mile Road Details: Join Wealth Managers Walter J. Powrozek, CWS, Joseph J. Lezotte, CWS, and Ray Dryer, along with the Novi Library for "Savvy Social Security Planning: What Baby Boomers Need to Know to Maximize Retirement Income". Reservations are free, but seating

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Local online farmers market, Lunasa, presents a Michigan Bounty Dinner on March 26 at Lone Oak Vineyard Estate in Grass Lake. This exclusive dinner and wine pairing will combine locally made Mindo Chocolate Makers chocolate and Lone Oak Vineyard Estate Michigan wines in a tantalizing feast, artfully prepared by Chef Steven Simpson and Chef David Koshizawa. both of The International Culinary School at the Art Institute in Novi Tickets are \$75 and include food, limited production wines, a tasteful accompaniment of music, a free one-year membership to Lunasa and a chocolate presentation. Seating starts at 6pm and is limited. Reservations call (517) 522-8167.

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. Diary of a Wimpy Kid Event Time/Date: 2 p.m. March 19 Details: For kids ages 8-12; celebrate the release of the new movie, "Rodrick Rules", in theaters March 25. Enjoy a trivia contest. games, Wimpy activities, and more at this special event Lego Racers Event Time/Date: 2 p.m. March 26 Details: Lego fun for children aged 8-12: join for building activi-

Kristi Yamaguchi "Dream Big, Little Pig" reading and signing Time/Date: 6 p.m. March 30 world champion who knows about dreaming big. The motto, Always Dream, serves as Kristi's personal inspiration as well as the name of her charitable foundation for chil dren. This philosophy has contrib-Poppy the little pig achieves her

Details: Kristi Yamaquchi is an ice skating Olympic gold medalist and uted to Kristi's success on and off the ice, and is one that she aspires dreams and will inspire readers to

to instill in the hearts of children. believe that they can too. Sun, Water & Seeds 4-H Club Fime/Date: 6:30 p.m. Wednesdays

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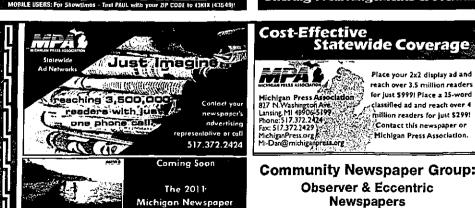
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The Club is seeking new members to join in the planting, planning and more. Contact: sunwaterseeds@gmail. com or (248) 956-0029

TOPS (Take Off Pounds Sensibly) Time/Date: !l a.m.-noon every

Location: The group has moved from the Senior Center to the Beimonl Clubhouse at Fox Run on 13 Mile between M-5 and Contact: Deloris Roman at (248)

669-8600 for additional informa-

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 vet erans, please join these monthly meetings; attendance is needed to maintain and grow the Post. Contact: Commander Dennis Strikulis (248) 378-7841 or dstrikulis@twmi.rr.com or Service Officer

BUSINESS Northville-Novi Business Networking Breakfast

Paul Erickson (248) 344-7193 or

Time/Date: 7:30-9 a.m. first and third Tuesdays (except Nov. and Dec., which are just the first Tuesdays) Location: Kerby's Coney Island, 21200 Haggerty Road Detaits: Business networking focused on building relationships The Sunrise Networking Group, LLC (www.sunriseNETWORKINGgroup. com), or SNG for short, is a group of about 250 business leaders who

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help each olher to build more busi-

ness by referring people to each

other. Cost of breakfast is \$10.

Contact: Fonda Milana 586-232

ime/Date: 6:15 p.m. (networking); 6:45 (dinner); second Wednesday of each month

Location: DoubleTree Hotel in Nov Details: ABWA is an active business group affering 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@abwa-novi.org. 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.

Contact: For more information, call (248) 349-3743 or www.novi chamber.com. 3rd Annual Novi Chamber Business and Taste Expo Date: Tuesday, March 29 Location: The Baronette Renaissance Hotel, 27790 Novi Rd.

Details: Speaker is from 3-4 p.m.; booths open from 4-6 p.m.; \$175 per yendor booth; pre-registration; S5 admission Metro Novi BNI

Time/Date: 7-8 a.m. every Location: On the Border Restaurant, 21091 Haggerty Road (north of Eight 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 prolessionals 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.metronovibni.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

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The Ordinance was adopted by the City Council on Monday, March 7, 2011 and the provisions of the ordinance shall become effective fifteen (15) days after its adoption. A complete copy of the Ordinance is available for public use and inspection at the office of the City Clerk, 45175 W. Ten Mile Road, during the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., prevailing local time.

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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; noviro-Business to Business Breakfast

Time/Date: 8-9 a.m. Tuesday. March 22 Location: Novi United Methodist Church, 41671 W. 10 Mile, Novi Details: Join for networking and a light breakfast: \$5 payable at

door; please pre-register. Hosted

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March 2-20: "The Godfadda 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

LIBRARY LINES

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



Golf show Jim Clark, left, of Holly, checks out some drivers for sale at the March 4 golf show at Novi's Suburban Collection Showcase. The show featured acres of golf clubs, balls, and attire and also provided the golfer lots of opportunities to work on their swing with professional coaches

Details: Unless noted below, all programs take place at the library. Register for programs at the library or on the library website. Contact: (248) 349-0720 Website: www.novilibrary.org Story Times: Please see the Library website or story time brochure for details.

March Madness Begins @ the Time/Date: 11 a.m.-9 p.m. Thursday, March 17

Details: Something special fo teens in grades 7-12. Keep track of your teams on our gigantic bracket in the NPL Teen Stop, Watch the games after school and cheer for those underdogs!

Meeting Beginning Builder: Time/Date: 6:30-8:30 p.m. Time/Date: 7-7:30 p.m. Thursday. Wednesday, March 23 March 17

Details: Preschoolers, between the ages of 3 and 5 years old but not yet in kindergarten, join us to build amazing creations using

our preschool building bricks. Registration required. Time/Oate: 1-2:30 p.m. Saturday, March 19

Details: Learn how to use PowerPoint 2007 to create the library. Meeting attendance dynamic visual presentations by will count as volunteer time. For selecting suitable design layouts. grades 9-12. Novi Writers' Group inserting text and images, and using animations to enhance your Time/Date: 10:30 a.m.-12 p.m. slideshow, Prerequisite: Must be Saturday, March 26 Details: Writers' groups can be a confident using a computer and proficient with the keyboard and great way to make connections in mouse. Registration required. the writing and publishing world From A Woman: A Woman's Work and to get critiques that will mprove your skifts as a writer. Time/Date: 3-4 p.m. Sunday. Come to the Library for an inspira-

March 20 Details: Over time, everyday objects of women's lives, such as clothing, bowls and beading, have cained admiration for their func tional form and artistic design. Selma Ladenheim's presentation will show the relationship between these beautiful "tools" and fine art using examples from the collections of the Delroit Institute of Arts, Sponsored by the Friends of the Novi Public Library. Marvelous Magic

program, Award-winning actor

Time/Date: 7-7:45 n.m. Monday This year's battle is full, but come March 21 cheer on the teams and see if you Details: Brace yourself for a truly want to sign up for next year's engaging, amazing, and hitarious battle. At the Novi Civic Center

and magician, Iom Plunkard, will Time/Date: 6-6:45 p.m. Monday warm your hearts and stretch your March 28 cheek muscles with his spell-bind-Details: Join us once a month for ing performance of "It's Magic". Lego show-and-tell and building Among the many exceptional activities. We supply the Legos, acts, you will witness a cage full you supply the imagination, for of birds vanish and a volunteer grades K-4 suspended in mid-air. The program Walled Lake Library is sponsored by Helenea Gramann

Location: 1499 East West Maple of Farmers Insurance of Novi. Road, Walled Lake All ages are invited, registration Contact: (248) 624-3772 Mortgage Delinquency, Novi Historical Commission Foreclosure Counseling Time/Date: 5 p.m. March 28 Details: For anyone having problems making mortgage payments Details: Public is always welor lacing possible foreclosure, come. Meetings discuss ongoing Lighthouse of Oakland County is and future projects of the Novi offering free one-on-one mortgage delinguency and foreclosure

Teen Advisory Board (TAB) Meeting

lional environment where you can

create and share ideas. This group

is facilitated by local writer, Kathy

Time/Date: 1-2 p.m. Saturday

Details: This fun competition is

designed to promote the sport

of reading! 5th and 6th grade

students read from a list of six

books and then participate in a

contest where they answer gues-

tions about those books in teams

Mutch. For ages 18+.

Battle of the Book

March 26

Lego Club

March 25

counselors at the Walled Lake City Time/Date: 3:30-4:30 p.m. Friday, Library, Please RSVP if you wish to Details: Join the TAB as we create E-book seminar and plan programs for teens at

Time/Date: 2 p.m. March 16; 7 p.m. March 17; and 2 p.m. April 2 Details: A free demonstration of how to access and download e-books from home using your library card. Bestselling titles can be downloaded on to your e reader and checked out for 14 or 21 days, just like a regular library book

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Big Bag Book Sale Time/Date:10 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Saturday, March 26 and 1-4:30 p.m. Sunday, March 27 Details: Fill a grocery bag with used books for \$5.

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SENIORS

Hovi Senior Center Location: 25075 Meadowbrook Road, Novi Contact: (248) 347-0414 **Bload Pressure Checks**

Time/Oate: II-II:45 a.m Wednesdays Details: Every Wednesday blood pressure checks are offered. Check yourself regularly and stay healthy. Your blood pressure record will be on file at the Senior Center so you can track your

health. No charge. Panera Bread Time/Date: 8:15-9 a.m. Tuesdays Details: With thanks to Panera for a great partnership, every Tuesday is Panera Bread Day. Enjoy bagels, rolls, bread, sweets, coffee and

Time/Date: 1-3 p.m. Tuesdays and

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St. Pat's Day

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It may not be the busiest bar night of the year — that honor, if you could call it that, goes to Thanksgiving Eve - but St. Patrick's Day is right up there. You don't have to be Irish to celebrate the day, but you do need to do it

in a way that keeps yourself and others safe.

St. Patrick's Day has become a popular night out to celebrate with friends and family. Unfortunately, due to the large volume of drunken drivers, the night out has also become very dangerous. The statistic are sobering

According to the National Highway Traffic Safety Drunken driving violators often face jail time, the loss of their driver's license, higher insurance rates and dozens of other unanticipated expenses ranging from attorney fees, people were killed in torney fees pic crashes that involved at least one driver or modern

from work.

Administration, 37 percent of the drivers and motorcyclists involved in fatal crashes had a blood alcohol content (BAC) of .08 or greater on St. Patrick's Day were 103 crash fatalities on St. Patrick's Day 2009 and out of that number, 47 least one driver or motor lost wages due to time off cyclist with a blood alcohol concentration (BAC) of .08

And you don't have to be "falling down drunk" to be too impaired to drive safely. Even a few drinks can impair driving, and a buzzed driving crash has the same consequences as a drunken

Driving a vehicle or riding a motorcycle while impaired is not worth the risk. The consequences are serious and real. Not only do you risk killing yourself or someone else, but the trauma and financial costs of a crash or an

arrest for driving while impaired can be significant.
Drunken driving violators often face jail time, the oss of their driver's license, higher insurance rates and dozens of other unanticipated expenses ranging from attorney fees, court costs, car towing and lost wages due to time off from work.

We all know the slogan, "Friends Don't Let Friends Drive Drunk," and it's true - not just on St. Patrick's Day, but every day of the year. Go ahead and be "Irish," but don't get lost in a sea of green beer. Make sure you have a game plan that includes getting home safely.

The folks at www.stopimpaireddriving.org recom-mend that if you plan on drinking alcohol, don't drive. Plan a safe way home before the festivities begin or designate a sober driver and leave your car keys at home.

And if you're impaired, use a taxi, call a sober friend or family member or use public transportation so you are sure to get home safely. If you happen to see a drunker driver on the road, don't hesitate to contact the police That phone call could save someone's life.

And if you know someone who is about to drive while impaired, take their keys and help them make other arrangements to get to where they are going safely. Your Irish eyes can be smiling on St. Patrick's Day 2011, but don't let the haze of alcohol cloud your vision

Designate your sober driver before the St. Patrick's Day

COMMUNITY VOICE

We asked Novi students "Do you have a cell phone and, if so, why do you need one?"



"I got mine for Christmas - after my parents saw how often I needed to borrow theirs - and I use it to call my parents." Yasmeena Krstovski, 10



"Yeah, I have one. If i need to call my mom or if i need some help, my dad savs it's OK to use it." Sarah Inoshita, 11



'Yes. I have one because it's a lot easier to communicate with my parents if I'm somewhere emergency."

Mike Shada, 12



friends and my parents, and it's good to have in an

Alex Gillman, 12'

LETTERS

Wrobel running for council

I am writing today to announce my candidacy for the Novi City Council in the upcoming election and to ask for your support and vote. As a Novi resident and homeowner for more than 27 years, I have always worked to help Novi grow and prosper in a responsible manner. Through my past community service. I have demonstrated my long-term commitment to the City of Nov

This is what I believe: As Novi continues to arow and mature, residents still should continue to receive the same or better levels of police and fire protection. The city's roads and infrastructure must be maintained and improved. The city should encourage new residents and businesses. to invest in Novi, but those developments must follow the Master Plan. The City Council must continue to maximize the value received for each tax dollar spent.

Given Novi's shrinking property tax base, it is now more important than ever to continue to prioritize the city's spend ing to ensure Novi lives within its means. The ever-increasing financial obligations associated with current and past employees must be addressed in a manner fair to the taxpayers, the employees, and the city. To meet these obligations, the City Council must continue to work to find creative solutions without increasing the tax burden on the residents

Having held diverse management positions in finance, operations, engineering, and marketing during my 32 year career at AT&T, I bring a wide spectrum of experience and a business based perspective required to deal with the issues Novi will face in the future. The bottom line is: city government

WHAT DO YOU THINK?

We welcome your Letter to the Editor. Please include your name, address and phone number for verification. We as your letters be 400 words or less. We may edit for clarity, space and content Submit letters via the following formats E-mail: cstone@gannett.com.

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is a business and needs to be run like a

business. I currently serve as a member of the Novi City Council. Previously, I served on the Novi Planning Commission for six years and on the Novi Zoning Board of Appeals and Master Planning & Zoning Committee for four years each. Additionally, I am presi dent of the Willowbrook Farm Homeowners Association and previously served as president of both the Jamestowne Green and Royal Crown Estates Homeowners Associations. I am ready to continue my service to Novi by seeking a full term on th

City Council. I have the experience, knowledge, and expertise required to continue making the difficult decisions facing City Council so that Novi remains a vibrant city in the

future. I will continue to act as the residents' advocate by working to make Novi the city we all can be proud to call home. I would greatly appreciate your support and

Wayne M. Wrobel

Stand up to Republicans The new Taxed Enough Already Party

members of the Congress and fellow Republican conservatives, in the quise of balancing the budget, are harming the middle class, attacking Planned Parenthood, planning to cut social services, vilifying public education and National Public Radio. A new part of the agenda involves using illegal and unethical methods to destroy unions. Conservative Republicans know most working class people in unions support the Democratic Party and its policies Since the Supreme Court's decision in the Citizens' United case, these Republicans want the wealthy and corporations to con tinue to finance their party. The main goal of the agenda; make President Obama a one-term president. They fear and dislike the content of our president's mind and the color of his skin. Note the recent dispusting and desperate insinuations/comments from Newt Gingrich and Mike Huckabee.

People of all political persuasions must be motivated to combat these assaults on democracy. Grassroots activism is powerful Follow the lead of Wisconsin!

Recall these words: "Democracies are most commonly corrupted by the insolence of demagogues." Aristotle 384-352 B.C. Hannah Provence Donigar

online at hometownlife.com

Looking for Rotary Peace first served basis and early Fellows

registration is encouraged. The Salvation Army's STRIVE floor hockey program Rotary has long been comitted to creating peace in the world and the Rotary Peace Fellowship program was leveloped to meet this very need. For the Rotary Peace Fellowship recruitment proess for 2012. Rotarians are asking alumni to look to their colleagues, friends and possithemselves and see who could be a future world peace leader through the Rotary Peace Fellowship.

Rotary Peace Fellows are awarded 15-24 month felawshing to earn master's degrees in Peace and Conflict Resolution, They study at one of five Rotary Peace Centers all over the world and com plete a summer internsl the field. Applicants ma apply for the three-mo rofessional developme tificate in peace and conflict resolution. The program is located in Bangkok, Thailan and runs twice a year. For more information on the Rotary Peace Centers, please visit our website at www.rotary.org/rotarycenters Volleyball Marathon

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programs open

The Salvation Army

Farmington Hills Corps

Community Center, which

vill open registration for its

family Vacation Bible Schoo

program, "Minute to Win It: Family Edition" April 4. Its

after-school STRIVE hocker

program opened for registra-

The Corps is located at

Family Edition program will

run April 18-22 from 5-7 p.m.

and will include dinner, games

and devotions. The program

is free and open to families

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farmington Hills.
The Minute to Win It:

tion on March 14.

ties of Novi and Wixom,

Each year, Walled Lake Western High School hosts the annual Volleyball Marathon in partnership with a selected charity. This year, they have teamed up with the Children's Leukemia Foundation of Michigan for their 31st Annual event in order to raise over

30,000 for the charity. Last year, they worked with Camp Casey and raised \$30,000, which ended up cov ering half of the small charity's yearly budget. Over the entire span of their 30 consecutive events, Walled Lake Western has raised over \$.5 million fo The 31st Annual Volleyball

Marathon will be hosted at Walled Lake Western from 5:30 p.m. March 25 to 8 a.m. larch 26. The event itself is an 18-hour-long marathon filled with volleyball, dancing, laser tag, massages, inflatables, food, live bands and more. The entire event is planned by the student ectivities class at Walled Lake

To doitate inday or learn? nore, please visit www. Salvation Army family

• Oct. 8, 9 a.m.-2 p.m. at Mile Road Acceptable items at the

HHW events include: oilfluids, pesticides, aerosols, computer equipment, televisions and more

is also available at the HHWs. There is a 100-pound or three-For more information, visit

Rebuilding Together Oakland County ("RTOC"), a nonprofit affiliate of the national organization

session at 9 a.m. on March 19 for anyone interested in olunteering with RTOC in skilled trades or operationa

season will begin March 31 and is open to second through ninth grade students. Parents must provide proof of grade. Cost is minimal; however, team spots are limited. West 12 Mile Road, Suite 201, To learn more about The Farmington Hills. Salvation Army of Farmington Hills' after school programs or to register, please call Julie

Durony at (248) 477-1153 extension 106. 'I Love You. You're Perfect, Now Change'

The modern-day mating game is interesting and when set to music in the hit Off-Broadway produc-tion "I Love You, You're Perfect. Now Change," pre sented by Andiamo Novi Theatre and Happenstance Productions March 23-April 10. Performances run Wednesdays-Sundays and tickets are now on sale

The critically-lauded musi cal, directed by Christina Johnson of Happenstance Productions stars the all-Michigan cast of Jennifer Graham, Aaron T. Moore Krissy Hardy and Max Bolton exploring the trials and tribu-lations of being single, dating,

marriage, loss and heartbreak Individual tickets may be purchased at the Andiamo Novi Theatre box office, by phone at (248) 348-4448 (theater box office) or 1-800-745-3000 (Ticketmaster) or online at www.ticketmaster.com The Andiamo Novi Theatre is located at 42705 Grand River

Household hazardous waste collections

Spring fever is going around and with it comes spring cleaning. Be sure to dispose of old chemicals in an environmentally friendly way by taking those items to a household ng those hems to a household nazardous waste event. RRRASOC provides events

to residents of the following Farmington Hills, Lyon

Novi Southfield communities: Farmington South Lyon, Walled Lake and Wixom. Residency is checked This year RRRASOG wow is residents will have five events

where they can safely dispose of household bazardous waste Wixom DPW, 2041 Charms

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www.rrrasoc.org or call (248) 208-2270. Help rebuild Oakland County

Rebuilding Together, is having an orientation/information areas. The meeting will be held at the ROTC office, 31700

RTOC completes home rebuilding projects for low-income Oakland County residents who are elderly, disabled military veterans, families with children and unable to d the work themselves. RTOC has rehabilitated over 450 homes and a number of non profit facilities adding over \$4 million dollars in market value to the neighborhoods and communities in Oakland County since its founding in 1992. Our plan for 2011 is to add an additional 45 homes, including a target block within the city of Pontiac. If interested in being involved, please RSVP to 248-889-5450 with name and personal contact

JOBS.RTOC@yahoo.com. Report potholes to road

As spring pothole season approaches in Michigan, the Road Commission for Oakland County (RCOC) asks residents and motorists to contact the agency directly to report pot oles and other road safety

commission

If pothole complaints are called or e-mailed directly to the Road Commission, they are addressed as expediently as possible. Residents can contact RCOC's Department of Customer Service directly ria phone (toli free) at 877-858-4804 or through the Road reneweb.org (click on the "con

tact us" button).
The Department of Custome Services is staffed weekdays from 7:30 a.m. to 4:15 p.m. The best way to report a non emergency problem after hou is to file a report at the RCOC Website. For emergencies dur ing non-business hours, contac the RCOC dispatch office at (248) 858-4895.

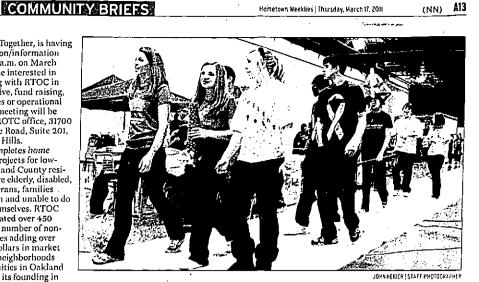
Friends' Ball benefits Providence.

The Providence Health Foundation 2011 Friends' Ball will be held at 6 p.m. on April 2 at the Garden Atrium Southfield Town Center Sister Xavier Ballance, DC. will receive the prestigious Order of Charity award, and Chandrika M. Joshi, MD, and Robert K. Brateman, MD, will be the recipients of the Caduceus Society Physician of the Year award.

Proceeds from the event will support a new Women's Health Initiative, a coordinated, creative strategy to better meet the health needs of women throughout St. John Providence Health System's West Region. The area to be served includes the surround ing communities of Providence Hospital and Medical Center in Southfield and Providence

Park Hospital in Novi. The evening will feature an art gallery, a chance to have photos taken in a photo booth

Please see BRIEFS, A17



Relay for Life

Students from Northville and Novi High got together on March 12 for a 24 hour fundraiser marathon at Hovi's Suburban Collection Showcase for Relay for Life.

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Tom Watkins is a business and educational consultant in the U.S. and China. He is an award-winning education writer and was Michigan's state superintendent of schools

Time to stop playing the educational blame game Yet, as responsible adults, we have No, this does not mean capitulating

> and Reinvent and throw in a "T" for Transform.
> The reality is that public bodies including our schools, are going to have less resources than we had in the past as doing more with less

ew normal. There is no appetite for any significant tax increase to mitigate the cuts that are coming. Federal stimu-lus dollars that artificially propped up the bottom line and delayed the too many jurisdictions, they became a lubricant for protecting the status

has arrived. our schools and local units of gov-Are cuts going to hurt? Of course. What we once had is now gone.

an obligation to maximize the ben-efits for our children and the taxpayers with the resources we DO have at

The need for a quality education has never been greater. We are living through a disruptive period of trans-formational change. Globalization, knowledge, creativity, innovation and a Darwinian ability to adapt to change is the currency of this new

We must do more than reinvent or reform our system of learning - we

must transform it. Children sitting our classrooms today will be engaged with and competing against three billion new capitalists and consumers from the BRIC countries (Brazil, Russia, India and China) whom most of us - certainly not our parents and grandparents ever had to worry about from an

The community, school boards, administrators, teachers, support personnel and the unions that represent them must come together and acknowledge this new reality and work together to maximize resources that help our teachers teach and chil-

Continuing with historic and typical finger-pointing behavior — bla ing the political leadership, school board, superintendent and/or the unions - is counterproductive and does little to solve the problems fac-

winning strategy. Together, and only

vork our way though the mess that our children did not create Let's remember we are all connected and only by working together do we have a chance of turning adversity nto opportunity. This means toss-

It's time to forge a new reality together — based on a pathway to success that is based on what IS - not on what we wish it were.

selves apart.
Our children are counting on us. They need for us to be successful so that they might also have a chance not simple to survive but to thrive in

GUEST COLUMN

top blaming and complaining and spending and pretending. The time to create a foundation for transformation and reinvention

As I watch our unfold, and see how decisions are being made that impact that old kindergaren song, "The knee one's connected to Tom Watkins the thigh bone ... ", ("Dem Old Bones" @

dem-bones-dem-bones html) springs to mind. Governors, legislators, superinten-dents and local school boards are all in the process of making decisions about what to fund (and what not to

http:/listenlearnmusic.com/2009/10/

Families are becoming aware about how these decisions are interconected and ultimately impact our

to the crowd that simply screams the Our schools need to adopt the

becomes the norm. We are going to have to find ways to recalibrate to a

inevitable are going away. Even as the "ctimulus" dollars were helpful in far quo and an excuse to avoid making tough choices. The day of reckoning

No one is coming to the rescue of ernment - THIS is our new reality.

THE NEED FOR A QUALITY EDUCATION

nomic meltdown. educational, economic or jobs per-

dren learn.

Now is the time for communities together to forge a new cov

enant of shared sacrifice that will produce a vision and common action plan that revolves around our kids. Our children are depending on us. They typically have just one year pe grade to acquire the building blocks for a successful life. No one is going to give them a pass on the global stage because they came of age during the 21st century American eco-

ing out those tired, back-in-the day hrases, "But we have ALWAYS done it this way or "It's not in our union

Difficult? Of course. But since we are all interconnected, we MIIST ome together or end up tearing our-

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Prince Doggie leaves paw prints in AKC history books

Prince Doggie is the first All-American dog and AKC Canine Partner enrollee to achieve the Master Agility Champion (MACH) title. The 5-year-old dog, owned by Tacarra Andrade and Michael Marshall of Novi, and handled by Andrade, completed the title requirements for the highest honor in Agility on Feb. 20 at the Canine Combustion Dog Agility Club trial in Dexter, Mich. Impressively, this achievement came just Partners-listed dogs became

Agility, Obedience and Rally trials.

"As soon as I saw [an agility competition], I knew that it was what Prince Doggie was meant for. He was so ram-bunctious and would often make up his own little obstacle Andrade said, 'Agility seemed like the perfect activity for Prince to be able to use all of the energy he had, but in a more controlled and safe way."

Prince Doggie is the first dog that Andrade has ever owned or trained. In addition a certified therapy dog. He provides pet-assisted therapy to patients in hospitals, nursng homes and assisted living facilities around the metro-

Detroit area. "Our All-American dogs have been earning placements and titles since becoming April, but the MACH is a truly special achievement requiring a great deal of hard work and dedication," said AKC Director of Agility Carrie DeYoung. "Congratulations to Prince Doggie and his owners, who are

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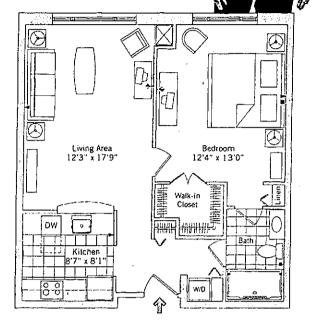
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A 41-year-old Canton man was arrested at 11:14 p.m. violence, drunk driving and dent after police caught him parked in the parking lot of a closed business at Beck Road just south of West

According to the police report, Novi police were dis-patched to Ardmore Court after a woman said she was hit in the face by the suspect who then fled the area

As police were traveling to the residence, they saw the suspect's vehicle in the parking lot and observed him texting on his cell phone. There also was noticeable damage on the SUV from apparent contact

When the officers approached the vehicle, they could smell a strong odor admitted to drinking.

He failed field sobriety tests and a preliminary breath test registered a blood alcohol content of .24 percent. The legal limit for adult drivers in

The man was arrested and on the domestic violence rant review of the other two



12 Mile R(4) 12 Mile Rd. 11 Mile Rd.

Aichigan is .08. released after being arraigned

> Car broken into at Sheraton

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A woman had her Hyundai

night on March 9 while it was parked in the north parking lot of the Sheraton on

passenger side front window was smashed by the suspect to gain access, and taken from the car was a GPS unit and a fuel efficiency gauge. The tota

10 Mile Rd.

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vere unable to do so. Also in Northville Township, there was a larceny from a vehicle at the Hampton Inn on Haggerty and Eight Mile

than \$500.

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was taken.
Police believe the same sus-

value of those items is more

The suspect also tried to

steal à DVD player that was secured to the front seat but

Novi home eaged

3 A home on Moorgate Street was egged around 11:10 p.m. on March 3 while the wner was inside.

The homeowner said he went outside when he heard a loud banging on his garage door and saw that someone had just egged the home.

The man said this is not the first time this has happened, noting it took place last sum-mer, and said his son has had problems with a student at school and he believes that Police have no suspects at

Sewer grates stolen

4A total of 11 sewer grates were stolen from the area roadway around Twelve Mile Crossing at Fountain Walk

overnight on Feb. 20.

A crew leader for the city of Novi DPS told police abou the thefts, and on March 10 one of the grates that had been replaced had been sto-

He said he believes the grates are being taken for scrap metal.

Police have no suspects.

Woman arrested for drupk driving

5A 30-year-old woman was Sarrested at 1:56 a.m. on March 12 for drunk driving after an officer in the area observed her SUV swerving in its lane in the area of Main

When the officer approached the vehicle he could smell a strong odor of idmitted to drinking.

She failed field sobriety tests and submitted to a PBT but gave a weak sample. She was then taken to the station, where after calling her that registered a BAC of .13

The woman was issued a citation for operating while intoxicated and released after posting bond and when

- Compiled by staff writer Nathan Mueller

Relay for Life

online at hometownlife.com

Novi High School student P.J. Anthony decorates a T-shirt of the group "Cancer Crushers" at the March 12 Relay for Life event at Novi's Suburban Collection Showcase, Students from both Novi and Northville High gathered there for 24 hours to get pledges and raise funds for the American Cancer Society.

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See our online images

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the Michigan Art Institute's open house, Novi High's Band Camp and much, much more. in the newspaper and on our Facebook site under WISH YOU WERE HERE! Your news, now!

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Novi roars to Division I state hockey title

NOVI SPORTS ROUNDUP, PAGE B2

Wildcats outscore opposition 16-1 in final three tournament games

Joey Ferriss looked around at the few patches of green shirts remaining in the stands Saturday evening at

captain. "I thought about it, secretly. I didn't let the guys know, but I knew we could make it here. We just took it one game at a time the whole season. That's what got us the victory today; not look-ing ahead, not thinking about tates, in November espe-

The No. 2-ranked Wildcats' hockey team (24-5-1, No. 3 overall) had just defeated No. 5-ranked Orchard Lake St. Mary's (19-12-0, No. 14 overall) with a decisive 4-0 score to vin the Division I state hockey

The St. Mary's program had won the Division I title in 2007 and 2008 after winning the Division III title in 2005. Novi's 13-year-old hockey pro gram has never won a state title and played at the Division II level until this season, never advancing past the semifinals. "I couldn't be happier for the kids and for the coaches," Novi Athletic Director Curt Ellis said. "They worked really hard his year and they've taken eir level of play up to anothe

evel and it's always great to

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A Novi Wildcat is sent flying by an Orchard Lake St. Mary's player chec

Wildcat swimmers finish 11th in Division 1

All five KLAA Central Division teams land in top 18

BY CHRIS JACKETT

Forty teams earned points toward the Division I state title at last Saturday's boys swim and dive meet, but Novi's Wildcats were part of the clite group of 11 who finished in the triple digits. Novi finished 11th with 100 points, 25

ahead of 12th-place Northville, but behind Plymouth Salem (seventh with 112) and Livonia Stevenson (ninth with 104). All five KLAA Central Division teams finished in the top 18, as only one team broke 200. Saline won the meet with 384 points.

"After the Novi Northville meet, one of the guys posted the news article in our pool which said something along the lines of if your moving to the area and want the best swimming school you go to Northville," Novi coach Eric Lynn said. "That ended up getting under the skin of some of the guys, so looking at the final team results made

them all pretty happy."
Although the Wildcats and the rest of the field couldn't catch the Hornets, Novi did set a pair of school records and placed

"The guys did great at the meet," Lynn said. "This was the highest we have fir ished in over 20 years. It was my first time scoring a relay since I have been here and

"The state had us pegged around 15-17 all season. I don't pay much attention to that stuff, just as motivation for the guys. I figured we would end up closer to 11th. My team goal was to break top 10 this year and we came real close to that so I am very

Both 200-yard relay teams were the record breakers. The 200 medley relay fin ished sixth at the meet in one minute and 38.14 seconds behind a strong effort from seniors Joon Chung, Tiger Bourque and iuniors Jongmin Kim and Eugene Song They broke the previous record of 1:41.05. The 200 freestyle relay team, which

Wright, Song and sophomore Andrew Ao.

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Chiefs put tomahawk in Novi cagers' season

Laney out sick, Ozeir held to season low in loss

Novi's boys basketball squad possessed this season, Canton's ntimely virus combined to end trict semifinal loss.

Much of the March 9 contest went back and forth between Novi (18-4) and Canton (16-5), but with Novi senior Rob Laney missing due to an illness, the Chiefs had enough defense to snuff senior Samer Ozeir and make things difficult for the rest of Novi's offense en route to win-

ning the contest 50-42. "Canton was extremely aggres Corv Heitsch said

Ozeir was held to a season-lov eight points on 3-for-7 shooting before fouling out on a flagrant foul with five seconds left in the game. He did manage 14 rebounds and two blocks, how

"Canton made it very evident that they were not going to let Sam get any touches and they were extremely physical with him," Heitsch said. "That is wha was allowed and we did our best to adjust and he was able to get loose a little in the fourth quarter and helped give us a chance to win. He dealt with some foul trouble also in the third and we had to go for an extended period of time with him off the floor."

Despite Laney and Ozeir's court absence much of the game the Wildcats only trailed 26-24 by senior Brian Bush (three nts) and free throw by senior Chris Milon (six points, seven rehounds) just before the break Senior Brady Sheldon had



Wildcat Chris Milon toses control of the ball as he goes in for a layup against Canton on March 9.

seven of his team-high 12 points in the first half when Ozeir was

held to just two points.

"Sheldon really did a nice job of attacking the rim and paint for us, along with playing extended minutes with a shortened rotaion, he was dragging out there but kept battling," Heitsch said. On top of Canton's aggressive defense, the duo of senior Dietrich Lever II (23 points, six assists) and Paul Baumgart (15

points, 10 rebounds) kept the wheels rolling for the Rocks' offense. Both had 10 points apiece in the first half. Lever is just a very tough cover. He is so quick and so deft with the ball in his hand that he can control pace and clock on his own," Heitsch said. "That was the

play. We knew he had the canac-Please see HOOPS, B2

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White Division champs

The Horny Rams coed soccer team repeated in winning the White Division championship at Total Sports Complex in Novi with an 11-5 victory March 9 over Newport Pleasure!. The team finished 7-1-0 and Newport Pleasure! finished 6·2-0. Horny Rams team members are (back, left to right) Rob Pepper (Livonia/Redford Thurston), Adam Stacey (Livonia/Catholic Central), Andrew Brockie (Garden City/Garden City), Chris Jackett (Novi/Redford Union) and Andrew Stratton (Novi/Walled Lake Western). Front row is Megan Kelley (Redford/ Redford Union), Melanie LaDuke (Redford/Redford Thurston) and Kristina Baker (Brighton/Brighton). Not pictured are Nick Giammarco (Northville/Northville), Gabe Hicks (Canton/Canton), Chelsea Grego (Livonia/ Clarenceville) and Eric Ure (Livonia/Livonia Franklin).

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Yokubison leads CMU to roller hockey title

Novi's Jason Yokubison, a Walled Lake Western High School graduate, scored the only goal to lead Central Michigan University to a 1-0 victory over Michigan State University in the final game of the Midwest Collegiate Roller Hockey Division I Championship in Chicago. The regular season second-place Chippewa's entered the tournament

as the No. 2 seed, behind reigning champion, first olace, Michigan State University, In the third round, CMU lost to MSU 8-4, before coming back to defeat Ohio State University 9-5 in the semifinal round of a two-game

dimination tournam This win gives CMU an automatic free bid to play in the National Collegiate Championships to be held in Madison, Wisc. in early April. Teammate Kyle Siciliano, of Sterling Heights, and Yokubison tied Dan Diac and managed for the tournament scoring leader with Siciliano scoring 10 goals and 3 assists and Yokubison scoring 5 goals and 8 assists.



The Waza FC 95 Black soccer team finished first in their age group at the 2011 Jefferson Cup College Showcase in Richmond, Va., last weekend. Novi sophomore Matt Wilson (back row, second from left) had three points over the course of three games, while fellow Novi resident and Walled Lake Western student Trevor Nessel (front row, far right) helped hold down the Waza defense.

NOVI ROUNDUP

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FOOTBALL

BY CHRIS JACKETT

BOYS SOCCER

LOCAL SPORTS

The Waza FC 95 Black boys soccer team finished as the champions of their division last Sunday at the 2011 Jefferson Cup College Showcase in Richmond, Va

Novi sophomore Matt Wilson had one goal and two assists as the team outscored opponents 6-1 and went 2-0-1 at the showcase. Walled Lake Western's Trevor Nessel a Novi resident, was instrumental in clamping down on defense for the Waza squad.

based Louisiana Chicago Fire Juniors 1-1 in the opening con test before shutting out their final two opponents. In the second game, Waza defeated New York-based Empire United Soccer Academy 2-0 and then defeated New Jersey-based Tom's River Elite Strikers 3-0 in their final showcase game.

The team tied Louisiana

The team is coached by by Chris Wilson, but also includes several local play ers, including Ronnie Basir (Farmington Hills), Tommy O'Conner (Farmington), Dan (Westland), Brent Winkler Farmington), Dom Hajdu Danny Enright, a 2008 Novi

nnus, as one of eight local John Payton Most Valuable Players on March 5. The CTCC honors outstand ing student-athletes and coaches from high schools and col-

> Oberlin coach Jeff Ramsey selected Enright to earn the honor for his play on the field

An All-NCAC honorable mention, Enright led all tight ends in the NCAC in yards per game COURTESY OF OBERLIN COLLEGE ATHLETICS (49) and touchdowns (five). He Oberlin College junior Danny Enright caught at least one pass in every was named one of eight local John Payton Most Valuable Players by the game last fall except for the sea-Cleveland Touchdown Club Charities son opener at Kenyon. Incorporation March 5, Enright,

He had a career season with seven catches, 127 yards and a Honorable-Mention selection, led all score in Oberlin's 47-21 win over Hiram on Sept. 25.

BOYS CROSS COUNTRY (Farmington), Bryan Maxwell

Tryouts for the Novi High School boys cross country team will be Aug. 10-12. Coach Robert Smith is asking that any boy not on the high school team last fall and who is interested in trying out to please contact smith@hotmail.com by the end of March.

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HOOPS

y to do that and he has tons of ability; on Wednesday night e showed that."

Ozeir scored the first four oints of the second half to out Novi up 28-26. Lever and Sheldon traded three-pointers to tie the game at 34 apiece with 30.2 seconds left in the third period before the Chiefs took a 36-34 lead to head into

the final quarter.
Baumgart and Milon both had to briefly leave the court after losing blood on the court following two consecutive plays early in the fourth quar er, the first which led to an

Sheldon hit two free throws following the melee to cut the deficit to 37-36 before the Chiefs finished the game on a 13-4 run where Novi's only points came on two baskets by senior Avery McIntyre. "Avery really attacked late and we needed that," Heitsch said. "He hit two big buckets late in the fourth quarter tha put us in position to win. We iust didn't finish."

Much of the 13-4 run came in the final minute, as the Wildcats trailed 44-42 with about 55 seconds remaining. Between a combination of big rebounds and made free throws by Canton, the Chiefs snapped Novi's seven-game winning streak and ended the Wildcats' season. "All of our kids competed.

Canton just played an excep-tional defensive game. They took away time and space and kept us out of transition Heitsch said. "It is a testament to our kids that we still had a chance to win at the end."

With nine seniors set to graduate in the spring – three or four of which may play college basketball and two others

expected him to do in both

races," Lynn said, "I told him

two years ago he would be 1:52

in his IM and he didn't believe

me. Last year, I told him he

would go 0:56 this year, and

again he didn't believe me, bu

he put his faith in me, in what

I believed and made it happen

He is a great leader and sets a

Kim also swam in each of

those events, finishing ninth in

the 100 breast in 1:00.23 and

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enal." Lynn said.

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The Wildcats also fared well

14th in the 200 IM in 2:00.38.

"Joon and Jongmin both scor-

who will play college football - the Wildcats will look to junior guard Scott Kempa and six other underclassmen ready to display their talents as they take over the team. "We really had an incred

ible year, won another 18 ball games, won the conference and association champion. ships, beat a state-ranked team on the road and we did all that with only one returning starter from the previous year and really only two kids who saw significant minutes as juniors." Heitsch said, "The three weeks, when we are back to full strength, was just a joy to watch and was a great stretch of basketball. This senior class will leave with 37 wins, a district championship, (the school's only) regional win, a conference title (and) an

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association title."

finished 12th in 1:29.40, breaking the previous 1:29.80 school

The 400 free relay team of Vincent, Wright, Ao and Chung was close to breaking a thirdstraight relay record for the Wildcats, but came up 0.24 seconds short as they finished inth in 3:14.80.

"We had a huge contribution from Travis Vincent in both free relays, and with his leadership overall. That's why I picked him as one of the co-captains this great example. You obviously can't easily replace a swimmer of his caliber, but we can move year; he doesn't have the loudst voice, but he is always doing the right thing. Kids notice that some things around and still sit pretty well." stuff," Lynn said. "Tiger Borque and Matt Wright both ended the season with lifetime best swim meets. It was a great way

to finish a career." The three relays combined for 54 of the Wildcats 100 points. Several of the relay swimmers also had individual success at the meet

Chung led the individuals

with two second-place finishes that earned the Wildcats 34 in the four individual freestyl events. more points. He was the runner up in the Also making a strong appear-

ance at the state meet was Vincent, who finished 19th in the 200 free in 1:46.57 and 200 IM in 1:52.27 and also in the 100 breaststroke in 56.47 22nd in the 500 free in 4:55.15. "He did exactly what I

Ao also swam the 200 free with Vincent, finishing just after his teammate in 20th at 1:46.76. Ao also took 28th in the 100 free in 49.30 seconds.

In addition to his relay efforts, Song also finished 32nd in the 50 free in 22.87 seconds, while junior Derek Kim finished 18th in the 1-meter dive after earning 230.80 points in the semifinal round, missing out on the championship round by two positions and 2.95

"Couldn't have been happier with the way the season went third at counties and 11th at state," Lynn said. "The guys are hungry for more, so we will have bigger goals for next sea-

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HOCKEY to stay out of the box," Todd

be rewarded for that kind of

hard work." The championship contest started off with both teams trading quality opportuniperiod, although St. Mary's outshot the Wildcats 6-3.

However, an Eaglets penalty 23 seconds into the see ond period was all the room Novi needed to get things rolling in their favor. Just 56 seconds into the ver play, a Zach Mohr slap shot from the left circle beat Wildcats suffered a second St. Mary junior netminder slashing penalty with 3:28

near side to put Novi ahead 1-0. Senior Nolan Valleau and junior Brock Krygier set With 6:22 to go in the period, the Wildcats got buffer goal from senior Taylor Howell, who had three points on the night. Ferriss and senior Michael Kruse

Joe Janiga (16 saves) on the

which was knocked in from just outside the crease to the right of the goal. The puck went behind the net. I saw Kruse and Taylor both going to the net, so I knew they were wide open, Ferriss said. The (defender was coming at me, so I put it out in front of the net hoping

assisted on Howell's goal,

one of them would get it. A dominant second period featured the Wildcats outshooting St. Mary's 9-5, but senior goalkeeper Michael Pesendorfer had to come up with a handful of big stops ir order to maintain his 19-save shutout.

"That's never the game plan," Pesendorfer said of the always to just play your best, count on your teammates to do their job and hopefully you can do your job. Everybody backs each other up and hopefully you can do he best you can

The Eaglets were unable stay out of the box, taking their fourth penalty 35 sec onds into the third period. Ferriss capitalized on the

opportunity, ripping a shot into the net with seven seconds left in the man advantage. Vallenu and Howell assisted. Just 30 seconds after the Wildcats took a 3-0 lead, a

St. Mary's high-sticking pen alty gave Howell a chance to put the icing on the cake 16 conds into another power Howell knocked home his

second goal of the night after Ferriss slid him a pass from ehind the goal to earn his third point of the night.

"We just stuck to our game plan," said fifth-year Novi coach Todd Krygier, who was named Division I Coach of the Year by the Michigan High School Hockey Coaches Association before the game. It was working. Its not like we can't score down low, but we want to make sure we're in good defensive position. win 4-0 against a team like that is just unbelievable. The Wildcats outshot

St. Mary's 5-0 early in the period, leading to the two power play goals, but had to fend off an Eaglets comeback attempt as Todd Krygier stood on the bench and eminded his team not to forget the Livonia Stevens contest Feb. 16 where the No. 3 Spartans (16-7-3, No. 10 overall) scored three goals

notch a 5-5 tie. "I think we learned from those games," Ferriss said of that game, as well as two losses against Stevenson and Plymouth Salem. "I really think last week is what got us to where we are today. Just going through that emotion, we knew we could handle anything. Our guys grew. In two weeks, our guys grew tremendously. We pulled together and put a good per-formance up today. Pez got better every game. Every sin-gle line, all the younger guys,

veryone stepped up. The Cats were able to stay out of the penalty box until there was 8:19 left in the

'We knew what we had to stay disciplined because, the previous game against St. Mary's, East Kentwood had taken a couple of penalties and St. Mary's took a couple penalties and they ended up getting in trouble and it hurt them. So we knew we had

Krygier said. With Mohr in the box for slashing, the penalty kill-ers made stop after stop

on the Eaglets forwards, as Pesendorfer came up with several huge grabs in traffic "Guys were blocking shots, oing what we had to do to

be successful," Todd Krygier said. "Pez has had three or four shutouts in the tournament and did just a fantastic job. What a way to finish your senior year."
The goalkeeper was quick to credit his teammates wever, especially as the

remaining to put Kruse - a op defender – in the box. My teammates on penalty kill were fantastic Pesendorfer said. "They kep the shots to the outside and nade my job easy. Its all on

Despite being outshot 8-3 in the final 11:45, Novi's players didn't let up, helping their netminder earn the shutout in the state title game

"I just want to thank all my teammates." Pesendorfer said. This is truly the best team I've ever been a part of. My guys did a great job. We played for each other and we're just a family. We're one great big family and I just love my family.

With its first hockey state title ever and the school's second overall state title in as many years (girls soccer won last spring), much of Novi Nation slept with smiles on their faces last weekend.

I had two seniors that I had for four years. I had a handful that I had for three years and a couple I had for one year. I don't know if there's ever a better way to finish than that." Todd Krygier said. "It would've extremely disappoint ing if we had lost any other games after we defeated CC, Howell, South Lyon, my brother (at Clarkston), Lake Orion.

TITLE ROAD

Novi's path to the state title was easily the tough-Wildcats didn't falter in outscoring six playoff oppo

Glory road started with a 6-0 victory over No. 15 South Lyon (12-12-1, No. 40 overall) Feb. 28, which then pit Novi against defending two-time state champion and No. 1 Detroit Catholic Central (16-9-1. No. 2 overall) on March

After a triple-overtime 4-3 thriller over CC, the Wildcats had to face No. 3 Howell (22-5-0, No. 11 overall) in a March 5 regional final. The Highlanders, who had lost the past two state champi-onship games to CC, had defeated Novi twice during the season, including in the KLAA championship game

But the Wildcats prevailed with a 3-0 victory, setting the stage for a sibling riv contest between coach Todd Krygier and his brother, Bryan, who coaches No. 11 Clarkston (16-11-1, No. 28 overall). Novi defeated the Wolves 9-1 in a March 9 mercy and advanced to last Friday's state semifinal against No. 9 Lake Orion (20-8-1, No. 22 overall).

Two second-period pow play goals by Howell and insurance goal by Kruse in the third period gave the Dragons. Howell had three points and Ferriss had three assists, while Pesendorfer made 14 saves, all in the first "I think that's what pre-

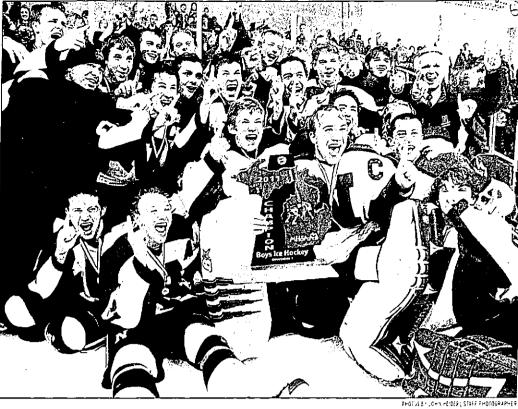
pared us for this game here," Todd Krygier said of the tough path. The Lake Orion win set up Saturday's championship

St. Mary's. With eight seniors graduating, the state champion Wildcats expect to return eight juniors and five other nlavers next season. Questioned on the pro-

ontest with Orchard Lake

gram's future without himself and several other key figures. Ferriss was optimistic "I have no clue. They said. "Somehow, someway Novi always finds a good team. They'll probably make a run next year, too."

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The Novi Wildcats pose with their Div. I state championship trophy on March 12 after beating Orchard Lake St. Mary's 4-0.





The Novi Wildcats celebrate one of their four goals against Orchard Lake St. Mary's.



Jon Mencer in action against Orchard Lake St. Mary's.



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Novi fans and Taylor Howell, center, celebrate his second period goal against Orchard Lake St. Mary's.

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Tom Adamusik of Canton has been in business with his Regal Construction Inc. of Canton over 20 years. He agreed homeowners are staving but in this housing market

often looking to upgrade their homes "Bathrooms are still going strong. said Adamusik, among vendors at the 10th annual Canton Home Expo March 5-6 at the Summit on the Park He sees less roofing and siding work

People are afraid to spend it," he said, noting, however, that auto com-pany bonus checks and tax refunds will bring him business.

"I would certainly get references," Adamusik said of working with a contractor on a project. "That's the No. 1 issue." A contractor should be licensed and insured.

"If you don't have a good rapport in the onset, you won't have it through out the project," said Adamusik, who was assisted at his booth by daughter Jennifer Bux of Westland, a mom of two who helps out at shows.

Adanusik was on the committee that got the home expo started years ago, and was involved with the Canton Chamber of Commerce. The annual event is sponsored by Canton's Observer & Eccentric Newspapers and

At the show that Saturday was Ralph Richardson of Canton, shopping not for his home but for his church, Geneva Presbyterian in Cauton There are two benches to replace in the memorial garden.

"I've got at least three contractors here that are going to come out," said Richardson, who also enjoyed coffee, Danish and popcorn at the free event.

"This sounds promising.
"I enjoy this show," the retiree added, "It's fascinating, all the vendors. It's definitely a good introduction to all the possibilities

Chris Cleveland of Monroe was staffing the booth for Mans Lumber on Michigan Avenue in Canton. The ousiness is owned by the fourth Mans

generation.
We're doing a lot of flooring reno vations and cabinets." Cleveland said. "Also a lot of decking." Mans customers seek energy-efficient windows as

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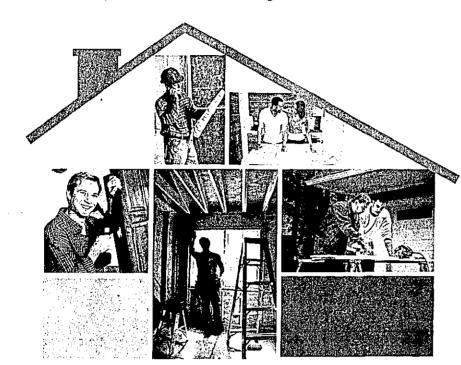
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xpo. Cleveland recommends shopping around for a qualified contractor, not-ing some unemployed workers have set up shop and aren't necessarily quali-fied.

"We handle everything for the homeowner," he said. "We do a lot of work for builders as well. The company's been around for so long that customers

Mans outgrew its Ford Road location and moved to Michigan Avenue where there's a showroom and ware-

Nearby was David Henry, president of Town 'N' Country Hardware, affili-ated with True Value and located on Ford Road in Garden City, "Just 56 years," Plymouth Township resident

Henry said of the store's tenure. "Oh, I think that's true," he said of people staying put more now. "We do very well with fireplace." He has

a good contractor for those installa-Town 'N' Country customers also

upgrade their barbeques, the store being the largest one-outlet location for Weber sales in Michigan.

"We are a full-service hardward store as well." Henry said, noting big box stores don't necessarily save customers money, especially with current

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He said it's good to start think-ing about snowblower needs for next year: "Snowblowers are probably the biggest gamble of everything we buy. It's worse than going to the Detroit

Alfonso Hysko, a Belleville resident who grew up in Canton, was man-ning his AGH Construction Inc. of Belleville booth. He's been in busines since February 2002.

He's seen residents staying put the last three-four years, and back then doing minor work like painting and That evolved into kitchens and

baths. "Now it's more major projects," said Hysko, citing basement remodeling and others. He's already seeing auto bonus checks benefit him.

"I know that some of those monies are going to go into my pocket," Hyske

"Definitely shop around," he said of looking for a contractor. "I try not to strong-arm them." In comparing bids, you need to be sure you're comparing apples to apples, he said. The key is a contractor doing what

he/she said within the set amount of time, Hysko said. "Just go out and spend," he added "Go out and remodel, especially if you're staying put."

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He's seen Lowe's and Home Depot stock go up recently, a good sign: "The real estate market is starting to

nove forward. Novi resident Tony Silvestri has been in business with his Northville Interiors since 1987. He dues kitchens, baths and entertainment centers

Silvestri used to have a storefront in downtown Northville, and showed pictures and news clippings of his contributions to putting MacKinnon's restaurant back together after it was struck by a vehicle.

December through March are slow er in his business, "It's about eight months out of the year," said Silvestri. in his first Canton Home Expo.
He does his installations with several other staffers, including drywall, tile work and hardwood floors. "If I

Silvestri's also encouraged by auto company bonus cheeks and tax refunds coming in. "You don't have to nend \$20,000 on a kitchen," he said.

can push a Michigan product, I do,

t all depends on their needs." He showed on his laptop floor plans he can show customers. There are also 3-D images with the ability to change elements like flooring and cabinets, and even to introduce lighting.

"Most of the time this is what sells the job," Silvestri said.

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course, anyone renting out an apartment in a co-op or condominium would also have to comply with the law However, it appears that co-ops and condominium uyers may be entitled to know whether there has been a bedbug problem and should certainly make that a part of any contract that in New York as well separate disclosure law for co-ops and condominiums regarding bed bugs may well be introduced, but people in Michigan should be aware of this potential issue. Q: It is my understanding that there are number of properties under water in the Naples/Fort Myers area which have not gone

well as real estate persons, it appears that the breadth of the decline has not been reached yet and that there is still at least a 10 to 15 percent potential decline in real estate values in the Naples/Fort Myers area. A number of the condominiun units are underwater were bought in the early 2000s as they were grossly overpriced during the approximately 20 percent a year. While no one knows sure when the bottom will come, there are a number of opportunities for real estate investment and/or a first or second nome purchase in the Naples/Fort Myers corrido at this time. As always, you should confer with a real you in looking for the right

and the author of Condominium Operation: Getting Started & 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 bmeisner@meisner-associates com. This column shouldn't be

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For more than 20 years, "Résumé Magic" author Susan Britton Whitcomb has helped thousands of people better manage their job hunts and careers. The job market has changed substantially during this time, but what hasn't changed are many of the obstacles job seekers struggle to overcome in their quest for employment. For example, one of the most common weaknesses people have in the job search is a lack of understanding about how to write a résumé that succinctly tells employers what they can do that other candidates can't.

Not only does Whitcomb help job seekers overcome this problem, she also lends guidance to other career professionals like herself who have their own jobseeking clients. Below are a few of the résumé strategies she shares that have been especially effective in helping job seekers capture employers' attention and secure interviews.

I. Write like an advertising

copywriter, not an autobiographer.

2. Connect with the employer by targeting positions that capture elements of your Master F.I.T.TM (Function and Fulfillment; Industry/ Interests and Identity; and Things That Matter and Type). These positions should be consistent with your career brand. Who you are should align closely with what you want to

3. Zero in on what the employer needs by reviewing position nostings, networking (in person or online) or conducting research or informational interviews. These needs can be categorized as TOP issues: Trends, Opportunities and Problems/Projects.

4. Substantiate your ability to do the job and meet the needs by including numbersdriven results. Make an economic case for hiring you.

5. Omit extraneous

information -- employers looking for a sales professional will rarely care that your degree is in Home Economics (list the bachelor's degree but not the subject area).

6. Create multiple résumés for multiple targets -- one résumé will suffice for the targets of sales; two résumés are appropriate for unrelated targets, such as

sales and procurement.

Position critical information (such as ceywords and

accomplishments) in the first third of the page, Briefly summarize or omit dated information.

8. Prioritize the sentences that comprise your job description -- place the most relevant information first and less relevant information last.

9. Spin information to be as transferable as possible. If

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an employer needs someone who can make electronic widgets and your background involves only mechanical widgets, refer to your experience with "widgets" rather than "mechanical widgets.'

10. Use your résumé wisely -- it plays a supporting role and is not the star of your job search show. Too often, job seekers hide behind résumés. thinking that if they just mail or e-mail enough résumés, a job will materialize. Yes, it's appropriate to e-mail résumés or post them on your target companies' websites. But you must combine these activities with extreme networking. Humans make hiring decisions -- get face-to-face with employers and show them you can meet their needs. This will give you an edge over your competition.

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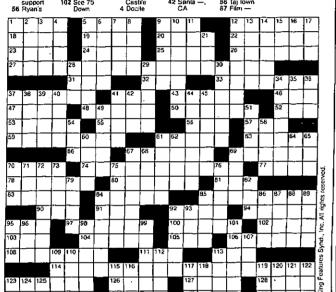
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The Super Bowl, the Oscars and the NBA All-Star Game are all history for this year. But American Idol is in full gear, March Madness is upon us, and the rest of 2011 stretches out with major marketing moments on television and elsewhere ranging from Opening Day to the All-Star Game to the World ries – and that's just Major League

After being more or less on the sidelines of such "tent post" events for two or three years, automotive brands are investing in them more heavily

Carmakers are in the midst of a robust return to big-event marketing that was only kicked off by the advertising appearances of eight brands during the telecast of Super Bowl XLV, by Hyundai's exclusive sponsorship of The 83rd Academy Awards on ABC, and by Kia's commercial command of the midseason marquee weekend for professional basketball.

"We want to be a big voice in big places," said John Krafcik, president and CEO of Hyundai of America, which ran a total of 10 TV ads during the redcarpet programming and the actual Oscars telecast last month on ABC, and dominated commercial time for the high-profile affair. "When you speak to a large cross-section of America at the

same time like that, you achieve something very special."

Even Chevrolet's overall marketing budget remains flat this year compare with last year, despite its introduction of key new products such as Volt and Cruze, its outsized presence in some tent-post venues such as the Super Bowl, and GM's return to solid

"We have a couple of new products this year, but we're marketing more efficiently and effectively," said Kevin Mayer, Chevy's director of advertising and sales promotion. "We haven't just used more dollars to fix issues."

Yet. Chevrolet has chosen so far to "go bigger" than last year in the types of advertising it does. The brand ran a handful of \$3-million ads during this year's Super Bowl, illustrating the view that "traditional media, especially TV, has its place – especially with certain customers." Mayer said, iIt's still the best opportunity to get a whole bunch of eyeballs at once."

In fact, GM has been storming ahead early this year with an aggressive incentive program, aimed at gaining market share, and ambitious advertising meant to work complementarily. "We're trying to be fully engaged as a brand and be true to

our customers are," Mayer said.



Chevrolet Cruze was featured in add on Super Bowl Sunday

The Chevrolet Super Bowl commercials were only a start. Mayer's crew milked the event with digital tack-ons such as search advertising around terms, for example, related to Aaron Rodgers, the Green Bay Packers quarterback who received a Chevrolet Camaro convertible as the game's Most Valuable

Chevrolet also managed - uniquely

among automotive advertisers in the game – to extend its big marketing day after the Super Bowl itself with a huge product placement in the post-game pisode of Fox's hit show Glee, which featured characters in a dreamsequence Chevy commercial reviving the old theme, iSee the U.S.A. in Your Chevrolet,î which had been made famous a half-century earlier by Dinah

Even in a young 2011, Chevrolet has gone big in other ways as well. The Daytona 500 race in mid-February "was a big tent-pole for us," Mayer said, and Chevy's sponsorship included a memoriam TV ad for Dale Earnhardt Sr., who died in a crash at Daytona in the 2001 race.

And this spring, Buick is picking up part of the NCAA March Madness property that Pontiac had to abandon

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The Sonata was one of the stars of Hyundai's sponsorship of the Oscars on TV.



with its demise, agreeing to sponsor post-game shows on Turner and TruTV.

Hyundai also has embraced tent-post marketing. Oscars sponsorship may not be the right fit for every automotive brand, but Krafcik certainly believes Hyundai gets more than enough bang for its buck, even when ratings and buzz for the telecast are underwhelming as they were for the one on February 27.

"l'argeted communications are great, and efficient in many ways, but they don't move you with some consumers past that stereotype of saying, 'Maybe that brand isn't quite right for me because I'm not sure how it works with my family or within my social circle,"

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