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A fundraiser for the Novi Public Library Children's Collection will be held from 6:9 p.m. Friday. This fun-filled evening is for adults over 21; \$10 to attend.

Enjoy food from Carrabba's, à cash bar, live music, prizes Some of the auction items: include glass apples similar to the ones on display in the library, a condo stay at the Grand Traverse Resort, an inhome dinner for eight by Chef and, just added, bid to drive new 2011 Mustang GT/CS convertible from Tom Holzer Ford. Novi Road closed

again this weekend

The contractor for the Road Commission for Oakland County (RCOC) is expected to close Novi Road on the north side of Gen-Mar Drive (midway between Grand River Ave. and the weekend of April 16-17. The closure is needed so a sanitary sewer line can be



work is part of the engoing ning and reconstruction of Novi Road between 10 Mile and Grand River. The road is being widened to five lanes and a bridge constructed. over the CSX Railroad tracks. The detour route for

closure will be 10 Mile Road to River Ave. and back to Novi Road and vice versa.

Social Security workshop

Join three wealth manager: - Walter J. Powrozek, Joseph along with the Novi Library for "Savvy Social Security Planning: What Baby Boomers Need to Know to Maximize Retirement Income."

The workshop is 6:30-8 p.m. Thursday, April 14 at the Novi Public Library at 45255

Reservations are free but sealing is limited, so register by calling Sigma Financial toll going to www.123RetirementP · lanning.com.

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Novi budget to be dissected Saturday

Fund balance excess being used to finance capital projects

save money.

BY NATHAN MUELLER

STAFF WRITER Novi City Manager Clay Pearson said "there is no panic" when it comes to the city's budget for the 2011-12 fiscal year. mated to go down from last year to \$28.5 million, as is revenue to \$24.9 million, but the city is still able to

increase its fund balance to \$6.2 million, or 21.9 percent of the expendi-

The city set aside \$1.4 million last year to make up for the projected short-fall and is using fund balance money over the 18- to 22-percent range set by council to fund some capital projects. "I look at this budget as the fruits of

strong position going forward."

The city council will weigh in on the budget for the first time on Saturday and must approve it by July 1. as the fruits of our Pearson said city staff has been working on the budget throughout the year, and once again have decreased staff to

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labors. We are in a strong position going

CLAY PEARSON, city of Novi





Just kiddin' around

Dylan Taylor, 9, gets a good look down the sights of a rifle that's being safely held by Movi Police Dept. Officer Mike Warren during the April 6 "Take Your Kids to Work Day." Novi employees' kids

Council could reconsider pathway project

Residents asking members to make changes

STAFF WRITER

Road pathway project.

A group of residents in the area have been opposed to the project — which calls for a 10-foot wide pathway along Nothing official has happened yet, but Novi Mayor David Landry said

between Haggerty and Meadowbrook roads — from the beginning, and made it known to the council on April 4 that they would like to see the plans

Landry said if it was brought back to the table he would be willing to look at the plans again, but he also made it

ing the pathway or moving it if those ere the options.
"The pathway is going in," he said.

"And I will not vote to not put the pathway on the north side." The pathway project as it currently sits would be placed on the north side of Nine

Novi students bring classic musical to the stage

'Guys and Dolls' opens tonight DETAILS BY NATHAN MUELLER

The students in Novi High School's spring musical will be stepping out of the box when "Guys and Dolls" opens tonight.

Director Christina Hagan said the last few

years the Novi Creative Arts Collaborative has picked shows that were more geared to teens and families, and while "Guys and Dolls" appeals to those groups as well, the students are excited to bring an old classic to the stage. "Often times it's hard for students to relate to some of these shows that came out 50 or 60 years ago," Hagan said. "But this has roles kids

reconsider plans for the Nine Mile

The show takes place at 7 p.m. on April 14-16 at the Novi High School Fuerst Auditorium, Tickets are \$10 for adults and \$8 for seniors 65 and older and children under 12.

can have so much fun playing and still relate to the characters a bit."

The musical is set in the 1950s in New York City and is based on a group of colorful char-acters and how their paths have crossed. It's all based off one character who is trying to get rich quick through gambling.

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the budget is right on track

within our means.'

be and it "shows we are living

sified tax base - and the fact

that when times were good it

shape.
"It's not a fire drill because

we know what we need to do

Pearson said. "Day in and day

didn't get as big as other cit-

Pearson said the city's diver-

City of Novi Department of Public Works employee Dean Reid climbs into a city plow truck this past winter. The city proposing to purchase a dump truck in the upcoming budget to replace an old one.

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positions has already occurred over the last year, including five from the Public Safety Department. Two more posi tions in public safety will bringing the number of full-238. down from 255 in 2010-1

Pearson said some of the cuts came through attrition such as employees leaving the city for other work or retir-

"We are not anticipating any more layoffs," Pearson said. The budget also includes SI.6 million worth of capital and service investments including purchasing a dump truck and street sweeper, put ting a roof on the Novi Civic

Mayor David Landry said

Mile and be built using \$146,200 in federal money with a \$97,480 match from the city. Federal would not be available.

Council members looked at the project in January, staff met with the residents in December, and voted to not pay an additional \$8,500 for alternate designs of an eight-foot-wide pathway use ultimately the city would lose the federal money if

ney chose that plan Landry was one of three council members who wanted to see the additional plans, ointing out that the difference is not between an eightfoot and 10-foot-wide pathway

and 14 feet because the 10-foot wide path requires two feet of right-of-way on either side of it on either side.

Council members Dave Staudt and Justin Fischer also voted for the additional plans ecause they felt it would help them make a better decision. on April 4 about the width of

tree removal and more. Rob Hayes, director of public services, said the diference in the number of trees eing removed between the two options is "negligible," and noted that the right of way arcas would not be gravel bu grassy areas free of brush and ches for safety reasons.

He also said at the meeting in January that if council went with the eight-foot pathway,

increase to approximately \$110,500 without the federal dollars. That money would come from the municipal street fund, possibly "at the expense of another project e have carmarked for 2011-12," and is subject to change lepending on how council chooses to proceed.

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Bistro finds new location in Novi

Town Center, reopening in August

Mary Brady cannot wait to get back to

And who can blame her, considering the

Diamond Jim Brady's, was abruptly shuttered

It's been just over six months since Brady

had to walk out of her restaurant, but in

August she expects to be back in the kitchen and in the dining room greeting her custom-

"Everyone is really excited," Brady said,

noting she has been getting constant e-mails

asking when she was going to reopen. "We were still shocked (about the circumstances

of having to leave in September) until about

Brady said when she left she wanted to

"This is an awesome location," she said

The new restaurant will be smaller than the old place but will have more outdoor seating

There also will be new face at the bistro as

Sharon Juergens is joining Brady as a chef

and partner. Jucrgens won't be new to some

the long-time customers as she worked

for Brady and her late husband. Tom, for six

years in the late 1990s before moving on to

at Streetside Seafood in Birmingham for 12

years, and called the chance to partner with

On top of working for Brady, Juergens also studied under her at Schoolcraft College.

"It feels like coming home again," she said. The menu at Diamond Jim Brady's will

remain the same with some minor tweaks

because as Juergens said, "we are not messing with what is right."

Construction on the restaurant is expected to start in mid-May with the opening planned

for early-to-mid August.

The bistro was opened in 1954 in Detroit by Mary's father-in-law, Jim Brady, growing from a more bar-type restaurant to the bistro

it is today. It relocated to Southfield before

remain in the Novi Town Center and she was able to accomplish that, moving the restaurant to the "clock tower" building near

Crescent Boulevard.

and a more eclectic feel.

Brady a "dream."

ber, but I knew the right thing would

restaurant she ran in Novi for 19 years,

The project, which was iden-tified by the Walkable Novi Committee as its top priority because it will provide connectivity to Meadowbrook and Haggerty roads as well as the I-275 shared use trail to the east, was expected to be com-

Haves said if changes do come there still is a chance that time frame could be met we get the design turned

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The show features 40 cast students on the stage crew.

fessionally and is using her free time in the spring to return to the high school where she got

chool so this is my way of givng back," she said. Hagan encourages people to come to the musical because

"great" music in it.
"It's a lot of fun and a great someone's produc-

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Sharon Juergens and Mary Brady take a look at the plans for Diamond Jim Brady's new location in the Novi Town Center. Juergens is joining Brady as a chef/partner, and the two plan to reopen the

Diamond Jim Brady's to glisten again Red Cross offering incentives to help blood donations

Two Novi students to host drive in July

Djane Risko said she hought it was pretty shocking n the United States needed ood every 20 seconds. Now imagine her reaction today that number has shrunk

So in an effort to attempt to keep up with demand, the American Red Cross is rundirected toward high school

One is the Summer Scholarship Program where students can carn money to out toward college, and the other is the Bleed for the Band Campaign which caters to high chool teams and clubs and llows them to raise money for

their group.
"It's a win-win for the community, organization, students and blood supply," said Risko, who works in the Southeastern Michigan Blood Services Region for the American Red oss. "We've been running these programs for a couple ontinues to tank it has really taken hold."

dents are the organization's second largest donor base next to corporate America and they often see a decrease in blood onation from both areas during the summer months The programs specify that the drive must take place For the scholarship program, the drive must be held at a high school or other place that hosted a blood during the

In both instances, a minimum of 30 productive units must be collected to be award ed money. The amount starts at \$500 and gets as high as \$1,750 for 150 productive unit:

Risko said these blood drives last year collected a one-month ern Michigan hospitals.

Matt Thimm, a senior at Novi High School, will be doing his first blood drive this summer with friend Melissa Hulverson. The two are mem bers at Church of the Holy Family and avid volunteers

involved because it was "a good way to help the community. "People don't realize how eat of a need there is for blood," he said. "It's a great vay to raise awareness and we are looking forward to getting

donors who will continually Their fundraiser is July 31 at Holy Family, and the two will split the money they earn. They also will be giving away two tickets to Cedar Point to a

of blood are needed every day Risko said high school stusoutheastern Michigan, and

> "It doesn't cost the dono a penny to donate," she said. They can, in trying times, give ing blood and help save up to For more information about

> > cross.org or contact Risko at

the programs, visit www.red-

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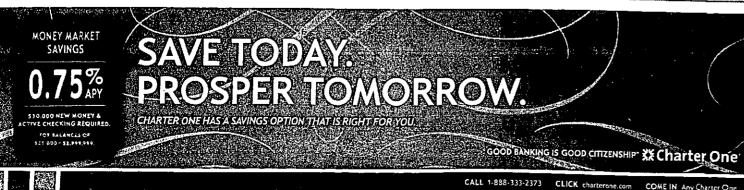
evening to go out and lose tion," she said.

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Practice makes perfect

Orchard Hills Elementary students go through a rehearsal for their production of "Melton the Warm-Hearted Snowman" on March 9 for their classmates and teachers.



Novi superintendent to lead district in New York

a press release. "The board found an accomplished, experienced and respected leader who will carry on and year, and Novi selected Steve Matthews as his replacement

STAFF WRITER

Pete Dion isn't ready to get t of the education field just

The Novi Community School District superinten dent, who is retiring from the district at the end of the school the superintendent at Bay Shore Schools in Bay Shore,

Dion will remain with district until June

He will be replacing Evelyn Holman, who has led the district for the past 17 years, in

districts in Michigan, including his career," said Gregory
Nardone, board president, in mueler@gannett.com | (248) 437-2011, ett 255

didates up for the top job at Federal Way School District in Washington state. "Peter Dion established a tradition of excellence dur-

couple months ago.
This is the second time
Dion has been a finalist for a

superintendent job in the last

year as he was one of two can-

enhance the work that has

been accomplished in Bay

Bay Shore is similar to

high school.

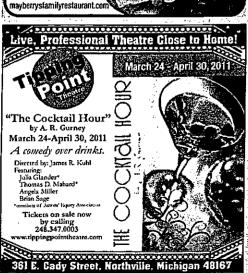
Novi in size as it boasts 5,842

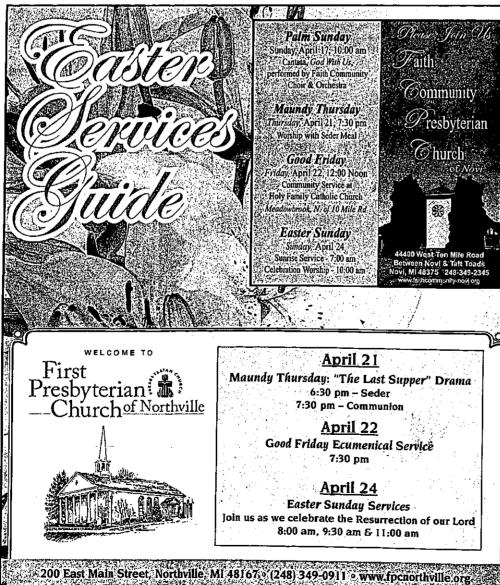
students in five elementary schools, a middle school and a



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Blue Lake student

Katelyn Patient, a junior at Novi High School, is enrolled

in the Blue Lake International

Exchange Program. The alto

Rose Patient.

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will send seven performing

udy groups

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NOVI SCHOOL BRIEFS

National Trimathlon Day May 14

Mathnasium will host its first annual National TriMathlon Day on Saturday, May 14 at more than 200 participaling centers across the United States (www.mathnasium.com/TriMathlon). including Novi, 47968 Grand River Avenue.

National Pi Day, March 14, was the opening day for free registration for Mathnasium's TriMathlon to all students in third, fourth, fifth and sixth grades attending public private, or home school. The event is intended to create excitement about math among area students and schools.

Students will first compete locally at Mathnasium of Novi Along with medals for first, second and third place winners, each participant will receive a certificate of achievement for their involvement.
National TriMathlon win-

ners will be selected from the top three scorers in each grade level from all participating Mathnasium locations. The 12 national winners will receive nonors and more than \$10,000

in cash prizes.
The TriMathlon consists
of three challenges: The Counting Game (tests student's ability to count from any number, to any number, by any number), Magic Squares (students are awarded points for creativity in developing their own math problems), and Mental Math Workou (evaluates student's Number Sense by asking them to solve way without pencil and paper). Questions become progressive

ly more difficult for students

in higher grade levels. Patrick Figurski and Mathnasium of Novi and Livonian believe Mathnasiu National TriMathlon Day is an ideal opportunity to recognize and celebrate the ishments of math students in these grade levels Additionally, each challenge tests a different facet of stu dents' analytical and compu-University. tational abilities. Their hope Donations needed for is that this event will generate excitement about math educa-

tion among Detroit Area stu-dents and schools. Organizers for the Novi Learn more and register online at www.mathnasium.

where they will visit nine countries from the Mediterranean Sea to the North Sea.

Mathematics award

The Michigan Mathematics Prize Competition sponsored by the Michigan Section of the Mathematics Association of America awarded scholar-ships to the following Novi High School students: Sachin anwas (\$400); Akhil Nistala and Apurva

Shrivastava (\$250 each); and honorable mentions to Harsh: Gotur, Spencer Kim and Eshwar Sundararaju. Aaron Zeng, who attends Detroit Country Day, also received an honorable mention. Each year, over \$20,000 in scholarships, ranging from \$250 to \$2,500, are awarded. An awards ceremony was held Feb. 27 at Saginaw Valley State

Senior All Night Party

High School Senior All Night Party are hard at work planning for the 2011 event and are requesting donations from parents, businesses and community members to make this year's event the best one yet. The annual Senior All Night Party, scheduled for June 4 at Novi High School, offers food, activities and prizes, allowing graduating seniors t celebrate in a safe, supervised environment. Checks may be made payable to NHS Senior All Night Party and should be sent to: NHS Senior All Night Party, C/O Dana Nussio 22041 Shadybrook Drive, Novi, MI 48375. Information

may be obtained by contact-

ing Dana Nussio at nussio@

earthlink.net or Anne Lewis at

alewis13@mm.rr.com.
The SANP Donations Committee is seeking raffle tions to cover the cost of decorations, entertainment and additional raffle prizes. planning to make financial contributions to do so as soon as possible so the committee

can plan a budget.

NOVI ON CAMPUS

storytime event March 14. As part of March is Reading Month, the students were later ready to by Novi School District Supt. Peter Dion.

Orchard Hills kindergarten students take a look at their new picture books that they were given before a

John Hopkins University

A good read

Three Novi residents were named to the Dean's list for academic excellence for the fall 2010 semester at The Johns Hopkins student must earn a grade point average of 3.5 or higher on a 4.0 scale in a program of at least 14 credits with at least 12 graded

• Sean Bugbee, son of Paula Bugbee, is major-ing in public health studies, will graduate in May 2011.

· Vikas Kodali, son of Prathima and Venkat Kodali is majoring in neuroscience, will graduate in May 2012. · Stephanie Lin, daughter of Jeff and Irene

dents must be undergraduates, earn a semester grade average of 3.5 or higher and receive grades of A or B in at least nine credits. No

Holland March 11-12.

rades of C+ or lower are allowed.

University of Montana

Hope College Amanda Sutton, a junior from Novi, was a member of the Dream Team, the student leadership for Hope College's Dance Marathor The 12th Annual Dance Marathon was held in

Lin, is majoring in neuroscience, will graduate in May 2011.

Mark Stephen Jackson, of Novi, was named

the autumn 2010 Dean's List. To qualify, stu-



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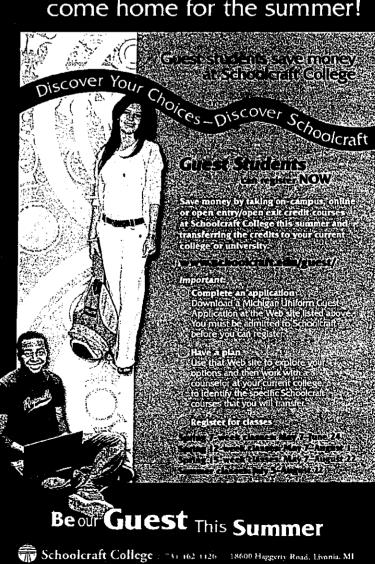
Author, illustrator and Novi resident Mark Crilley (above) sketches a character during his March 15 visit to Village Oaks Elementary as part of its March is Reading Month activity. Crilley has written, among others, t



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BARNEY BAILEY

Age 81, passed away April 8, 2011 Visitation was held on April 12. A funeral service was held on April 13 at Phillips Funeral Home

CALVIN ADELBERT

dren, sisters Avis Van Sickle of South

Lyon, Ardith Kelly of New Hudson, Dorene Van Orsdale of Taylors, S.C., and Ann Polan of South Lyon, and brothers Duane of New Hudson and

Gary of South Lyon. He was preced-

KATHLEEN S. BILLO

MARY BLAKEMAN

was a lifelong learner and had a curi-ous and active mind. Above all else, family was the most important part of her life. She is survived by her lov-

ing children, Janice Blakeman of Plymouth, Leta (Terry) Kekich ot Northville, and Susan (Stephen) Myers of California, her grandchil-dren Hillary (John) Cynar, Terry (Tina) Kekich, and Brandon (Kathy) Kekich; and ber nest grandchildren

Kekich; and her great grandchildren Michael, Brianna, Nicholas, Andrew, Jenna, and Luka. She was preceded

in death by her parents, her husband, and her son Mark Blakeman. A cele-bration of Mary's life was held Monday, April 11, 2011 at the First

Rev. Stu Ritter officiated the service.

he was taid to rest at Michiga lemorial Park. Memorial contributions would be appreciated to the

Michigan Humane Society. 30300 Telegraph Road, Ste. 220. Bingham Farms, MI 48025 or the Allen Terrace, Library Fund, 401 High Street, Northville, MI 48167.

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DR. ALBERT F. DICK

Age 91, of Northville, passed away peacefully April 5, 2011. He was born August 21, 1919 in South Haven, BIDWELL

81, a former Lyon Township resident, died April 2 at his home in blackersfield, Calif., after a long illesex field, Calif., after a long illesex field, Calif., after a long illesex field and black before on April 13 at Calif. (Figure 1) and black MCGracy, Visitation will be held from lowa University and his Octor 11, Monday, 2 - 8 p.m., at Phillips and III 3 at Calif. (Figure 2) and the Street Long III and the Calif. (Figure 2) and the Street Long III and the Calif. (Figure 2) and the Street Long III and the Calif. (Figure 2) and the Street Long III and the Calif. (Figure 2) and the Street Long III and the Calif. (Figure 2) and the Street Long III and the Calif. (Figure 2) and the Street Long III and the Calif. (Figure 2) and t ness. A funeral service will be held from lowa University and his Occtor of Chiropractic from Lincoln Bakersfield, followed by cremation. Chiropractic from Lincoln He had lived in California since 1961.

Mr. Bidwell, born Aug. 7, 1929, was one of 11 children born to Ralph W. Bidwell and Doris Hopkins Bidwell, was a dedicated chiropractor for 57 bidwell and Doris Hopkins Bidwell, was a dedicated chiropractor for 57 bidwell and Doris Hopkins Bidwell, born had been service will be held on April 12, at 11 a.m. at the First Baptist Church of was a dedicated chiropractor for 57 bidwell and Doris Hopkins Bidwell, born had been service will be held on April 12, at 11 to Mr. Bidwell and Doris Hopkins Bidwell and giving nature. He was a filter member of the VFW Post 4012, been service will be held on April 12, at 11 to Mr. Bidwell and Doris Hopkins Bidwell and giving nature. He was a life member of the VFW Post 4012, been service will be held on April 12, at 11 to Mr. Bidwell hop service will be held on April 12, at 11 to Mr. Bidwell, born April 10, 30 to Chiropractic from Lincoln Chiropractic from Chiropractic from Chiropractic for the State of California on a project
and his brother Arthur Dick. To honor
building the Feather River Dam, the
building the Feather River Dam, the
burnd's highest earth-filled dam (at
the time) in Oroville, Calif. The project took seven years. In later years contributions would be appreciated the was the city engineer of public to the Alzheimer's Association, works for the city of Bakersville and 20300 Civic Center Drive, Ste. building safety director. He was a life 100, Southfield, MI 48076 or Season member of the American Society of Hospice, 27355 John R, Ste. 100, Civil Engineers. He is survived by his Madison Heights, MI 48071.

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wife Reta Mason Bidwell, three step-sons and numerous step-grandchil-Funeral Home, Inc. (248)349-0611.

Husband of the late Deloris M Robally of Timothy (Riga) & the late Richard, Grandlather of four & great-grandlather of seven Service was Apr. 9,Holy Family Church, Novi. Online condolences: www.obriensullivanfuneralhome.com

KEVIN S. GILCHRIST Age 30, a lifelong resident of

Northville, passed away suddenly

April 5, 2011. He was born June 29, 1980 in Atlanta, Georgia to Stanley and Martha (McIntyre) Gilchrist. Kevin was a 1998 graduate of Northville High School. He graduated Age 92. February 22, 2011. Instate 9:30 AM until Mass at 10 AM - Apr 16 Northville High School. He graudated from Hillsdale College with a Bachelors degree in Mathematics and Physics. He then furthered his education by earning his Masters degree in Industrial Engineering at Georgia Tech University Equipment and Constitution of the College of the at St. Williams Church, Walled Lake. Donations to Special Olympics. ech University, Kevin was a consultant with Accenture for over 8 years. He was a member of the Alpha Tau Omega Fraternity, He loved baseball; playing at both the high school and collegiate levels. He enjoyed snow skiing and was a big fan of the Detroit Tigers. Kevin is survived by his loving parents Stanley and Martha Gilchrist; his grandparents Charles III and Irma Molntyre; his brother Chad (Alison) Gilchrist: his nephew Chase Gilchrist: horn in Glasgow, Scotland on his aunis, Marjorie (Gary) Evans and November 3, 1921, daughter of John Susan (John) Cervini; and his uncles, and Mirren (Findlay) Paul. Mary was united in marriage to Morris "Sandy" Anni Gilchrist. He is also survived by Blakeman on June 5, 1943. They were married for 55 loving years until was preceded in death by his grand-list death in 1998. She was a least a control William and Morths Gilchrist. were married for 50 foving years untuhis death in 1998. She was a longtime resident of Ecorse and Lincoln
Park; she has lived in Northville for
the past 12 years. Mary worked as an
admitting clerk for Outer Drive
Hospital for over 20 years. For severHospital for over 20 years. For sev

DON LAFLAMBOY Passed away April 4, 2011. Visitation 1:00 p.m. The family request that in was held on April 8. A funeral service was held on April 8. A PHILLIPS the Michigan Humane Society in the FUNERAL HOME, South Lyon, Online memory of John Samide.

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Age 75, passed away April 8, 2011. He was born on June 13, 1935, in Welch, West Virginia, to the late Dock and Clara (Marshall) McGrady, He serve in the U.S. Army in the 11th Airborr He lived in the South Lyon area for 42 years and was a member of the First Baptist Church of South Lyon, Don was a wonderful husband and father He is survived by his loving wife of 53 years, Carolyn McGrady; children: Donna Ann (Joel) Stephens, Donald Daniel (liancé Ann Weber) McGrady, Julie Lynn Hoskins; grandchildren: Brett Adam Stephens, Stacy Renee

DON L. MCGRADY SR.

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ROGER LUND OBERTS PH.D.

Age 59. Dearest husband of Man Age 59. Dearest husband of Mary Minsel Oberts. Beloved and cherished father of Julienne, Ted, and their mother Ann Oberts. Dear brother of their Sanko (Larry). Beloved Papa to Julie Minsel Emery and Mollie I. Minsel, and their children Caroline, Elyse, Anna, Elaina and Jackson. Uncle to Eric Sanko and Joy Baran. He passed away peacefully Baran. He passed away peacefully surrounded by family on April 10th 2011. Celebration memorial service will take place on Saturday, April 16th at 1:00pm at The Unitarian Universalist Church of Farmington 25301 Halsted Road, Farmington Hills, Michigan, 48335, Memorial contributions to Julie and Ted Oberts' higher education pursuits can be made to PO Box 966 Novi, MI 48376.



ad years, mary was the Co-fluid and at Allen Terrace. She was very proud of her Scottish heritage. Mary loved to read, enjoyed crocheting, knitting and gardening. She was a member of the First Presbyterian Church of Northville and the Naomi Circle, Mary (248) 349-0611

Allen Terrace. She was very proud of Church 201 Elm Street, Northville, MI his loving wife of 49 yers Monika. Daughter Angie, Son John & his support 315 Girswold, Northville, MI baughter Angie, Son John & his support 315 Girswold, Northville, MI wife Julie. Four grandchildren and 5 great grandchildren and 5 great grandchildren and 5 or sets at the Great Lakes Veterans (248) 349-0611 Cemetery in Holly on April 22nd at 1:30 p.m. The Memorial Service will be held at the Highland Hills Baptist Church in Highland; on April 23rd at 1:00 p.m. The family request that in

PHYLLIS SKELTON

Visiting Thurs, April 14, 2011, 10am until time of Memorial Service 10:30am at Holy Family Church, 24505 Meadowbrook Rd, Novi. Memorial donations to Alzheimer's Association, Online condolences: www.obriensullivanfuneralhome.com

MARVIN ZAMMIT

Age 75, passed away April 4, 201° Visitation was held on April 6. funeral service was held on April : at PHILLIPS FUNERAL HOME, Sout



Diary of a Wimpy Kid

Children ages 8-12 came to Borders Books at Novi Town Center on Saturday afternoon to celebrate the release of the new Diary of a Wimpy Kid movie, 'Rodrick Rules,' in theaters March 25. They enjoyed a trivia contest, games, Wimpy activities, and more at this special event.

NORTHVILLE/NOVI CHURCH EVENTS

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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 $\stackrel{<}{\sim}$ p.m. Reconciliation: beginning 9 a.m. Saturdays or by appointment

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.

Priests: Father Timothy Hogan.

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

Bible study classes: 10 a.m. for all

Destiny Worship Center Location: Ridge Wood Elementary School, 49775 Six Mile Road. Northville Contact: DestinyW3C@Gmail.com or visit www.DW3C.org.

First Church of the Nazarene Location: 21260 Haggerty Road,

north of Eight Mile Road dfcnazarene.org Easter Eggstravaganza Time/Date; 10:30 a.m. Saturday April 23

Details: New this year, pre-registration is required at www. dicnazarene.org and closes for safety reasons at 600 children or on April 20, whichever comes first. There will be over 10,000 eags to hunt for age groups 1-2, 3-4, 5-6. 7-B and 9-11 years old. There will be an "Eggciting" show by The King's Yomen: pictures with the Easter Bunny; games to play, crafts and many special prizes; and hot dogs, chips, cookies and drinks for every one. Bring your family, friends and

neighbors (rain or shine) for some "egastra" special lun, Don't lorget your Easter baskel. Sunday Schedule: 9:15 a.m. Worship service with Praise Band, children's Sunday School and Adult Bible "" Fellowship; 10:15 a.m. Fellowship and refreshments; 11 a.m. Traditional worship service, Children's Church, Youth Sunday School and Adult Bible Fellowship; 6 p.m. Evening Service, Children's program, Youth Worship Service Tuesday Schedule: Tuesday 9:25-

11:15 a.m. Women of the Word Bible Study with childcare available for through age 5; 6:45 p.m. Ladies Evening Bible Study Wednesday Schedule: 5:30 nm Family Meal, \$4 per person, \$12 per family; 7 p.m. Children's Caravan,

Club 56, Bible Study, Quilting, Adult Classes, Youth Blast Thursday Schedule: 6 a.m. Men of Purpose Prayer Group; 7 p.m. Tae Kwon Do Women of the Word

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

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

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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 Preshyterian

Location: 44400 W. 10 Mile Road Contact: (248) 349-2345 or visit fpcnorthville.org Sunday Worship: 10 a.m. Easter Egg Hunt Time/Date: 2 p.m. April 16 Palm Sunday Worship with Cantata Time/Date: 10 a.m. Sunday, April 16 Seder Meal Time/Date: 7:30 p.m. April 21 Easter Worship Time/Date: 7 a.m. and 10 a.m. Sunday, April 24 First Baptist Church of Northville

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

Novi-Family Integrated Church Location: 45301 W. 11 Mile Road Contact; (248) 349-3647 or firstbaptistchurchofnovi.org Family Bible Hour: 9:45 a.m. Family Worship: 11 a.m. Bible Study: 6 p.m. Family Movie Night: 5:30 p.m.; fourth Sunday of every month

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First Presbyterian Church of Northville Location: 200 E. Main St Contact: (248) 349-0911 or visit firstpresnville.org Sunday Worship Time: 9:30, 11 a.m. Single Place Time/Date: 7:30 p.m. every

online at hometown(ife.com

Thursday Location: First Presbyterian Church of Northville, 200 E. Main, Northville Details: Single Place is a social organization for singles 40 and up hosted by the First Presbyterian Church of Northville, Thursday meetings feature speakers, games,

or entertainment followed with an ice cream social. Contact: For a detailed schedule of all events (dining out, weekend activities, etc.) call (248) 349-0911 or visit www.singleplace.org. Time/Date: 7:30 p.m. April 7 Details: Single Place presents Ms. Jennifer Vogel, who is a certified personal trainer at Fitness 19 in Livonia. She will be speaking on Finding What Works, exercise and nutrition planning, for each individual person, (One plan does not fit all.) Bring your questions, she has the answers Ice Cream Social will follow, \$5 donation. Time/Date: 7:30 p.m. Thursday,

Details: Single Place presents Delphine Goodwin to discuss

April 14

Genealogy - Do You Know Who You Are? Come join us, meet other singles, and enjoy an ice cream social that follows: \$5 donation Time/Date: 7:30 p.m. Thursday Aaril 28 Details: Single Place Cards &

popular monthly informal social evening of games, conversation, snacks, flavored teas or coffee, soft drinks, and ice cream with various toppings; \$5 donation. Time/Date: 7:30 p.m. Thursday. May 5 Details: Cinco Di Mayo dinner is

the theme tonight complete with tacos and virgin margaritas, with oames and snacks to follow. Meet and socialize with other singles; \$7 for dinner and \$3 for games and

Games Night, Once again this is our singles for an ice cream social that will follow. First United Methodist

the church office. Time/Date: 7 p.m. Thursday, May 12 Details: Single Place Presents Bob Scanlan who will speak on open communication. If you sometimes have difficulty communicating with someone, find out how to deal with the problem. Join other

Church of Northville A Stephen Ministry Church Location: 777 W. 8 Mile Road at Contact: (248) 349-1144 or www fumcnorthville.org

Sunday worship: Times: 8:30 and 10 a.m., (Memoria

snacks. For dinner reservations call Day weekend through Labor Day weekend); 8, 9:15 and 11 a.m. (Sept.-Pastors: Rev. Dr. Steven J. Buck,

senior pastor and Rev. Jeff Sturgeon, associate pastor Coffee Hour: 9:30 a.m. Sunday ((Memorial Day weekend through Labor Day weekend): 10:15 a.m. Sundays (Sept.-May) Healing Service: 4 p.m. first Monday of every month Logo Youth Club: 5 p.m. Wednesdays for fourth-12th graders (Sept-April)

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

Good Shepherd Lutheran Church Location: 41415 Nine Mile Road. corner of Meadowbrook Road, Novi Contact: (248) 349-0565 Sundays Time: 8:45 a.m. Sunday School and

Bible Study; 10 am. Worship Lakes Baptist Church Location: 309 Decker Road, Walled Livonia Church of Christ

Location: 15431 Merriman Road Livonia Contact: 734-427-8743 or visit www.livoniachurch.net Sunday Worship: 11 a.m.

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Plymouth

(From right) Ben Wallis, physical therapy director, Jeff Sirabian, Plymouth Physical Therapy Specialists owner, and Nicole Proulx go over some information on April 11 at the business' Novi Center location. The facility is celebrating 10

SOCIAL SECURITY

when they apply for Social Security Disability bonefits. Money was taken out of their paychecks for Social Security taxes to ensure that they security taxes to ensure that they would receive disability benefits if they could no longer work full-time. Sadly, the government denies approximately 60% of those who apply for disability benefits.

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A decade of success

Novi physical therapy clinic celebrates 10 years in Novi

It was 17 years ago when Jeff Sirabian started his first physical therapy clinic in

He envisioned success from

the start, and has added eight other clinics to keep up with demand over the years. His business in Novi is celbrating 10 years this year and the facility recently underwent a face lift to better meet the needs of the clients.

Sirabian said of being in the

accomplishment but we still Wallis said they focus the have room to improve and are

still growing."
Plymouth Physical Therapy majority of their resources on the therapists and try to stay Specialists is an outpatient as im-to-date as possible. specializes in orthopedies and is only part of the process, he sports injuries. The Novi Center location

The business works with

people of all ages and ailments

said. "We give our patients a lot handles the sports medicine responsibilities for Novi health and in the end we hope Catholic Central and Novi High School, but Ben Wallis, to not just educate them but give them a life plan," Wallis physical therapy director, said that is a small portion of what

The Novi Center is located at 39885 Grand River. We want diversity," he said.

The work put in at the clinic

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Physical therapist Nicole Proulx works with a client at the Plymouth Physical Therapy Specialists' Novi Center. The facility is celebrating 10 years in business

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Women's Show brings Jenna Bush Hager and an eclectic mixture of experiences that will appeal to women of all ages and interests when it returns to the Suburban Collection Showplace April 28-May 1.

"Get inspired, feel refreshed and uncover the secrets to living well, feeling healthy, and having fun," said Beth Anderson, executive show manager of Southern Shows unique shopping, make-up tips, fashion shows, cookin classes, entertainment, and

Hager, author, educator and correspondent for NBC's "Today" program, will share her experiences on making a difference through the power of compassion on Thursday at noon, sponsored by Detroit Medical Center. She is the daughter of former U.S. President George W. Bush and Former First Lady Laura Bush mer President George H. W. Bush and Former First Lady Barbara Bush.

Novi Fire Department's charity fashion show will heat up the runway Friday and Saturday with firefighters modeling their dress blues and bunker gear. Additional fashion shows include new spring styles, tunics, gowns and evening wear collections Salvation Army Thrift Stores and Donation Centers will have a bargain boutique fea-turing collectibles and fashion wear for sale.

Royal wedding weekend events will be complete with the "Cupcakes for Weddings demonstration by Henry Ford Community College Baking Club, "Wedding Cakes 101" presented by Mary Denni Cake Shoppe and Bridal Outreach Project fashion show by Every Girls Dream,

Location: Suburban Collection Showplace is located at 46100 Grand River Avenue between Novi and Beck Road in Novi. Days: April 28-May 1 Hours: 10 a.m.-7 p.m. Thursday: 10 a.m.-9 p.m. Friday; 10 a.m.-7 p.m. Saturday; and 11 a.m.-5 p.m

Admission: \$9; youth 6-12 are \$5 and children 5 and under are admitted free with a paying adult. Advance tickets are \$8 online. Discount tickets are available at Kroger for \$7. Group tickets for 10 or more are offered in advance online for \$7.50. Happy Hours are everyday after 5 p.m. with \$5 admission. free gifts, discounts and special demonstrations.

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how to cut a grocery bill in half using their database and technology resulting in more deals, greater savings and better flexibility. Author and TV design

expert Kathy Peterson shares from creating fabric flower accessories and elegant paper crafts to how to up-cycle old furniture as she



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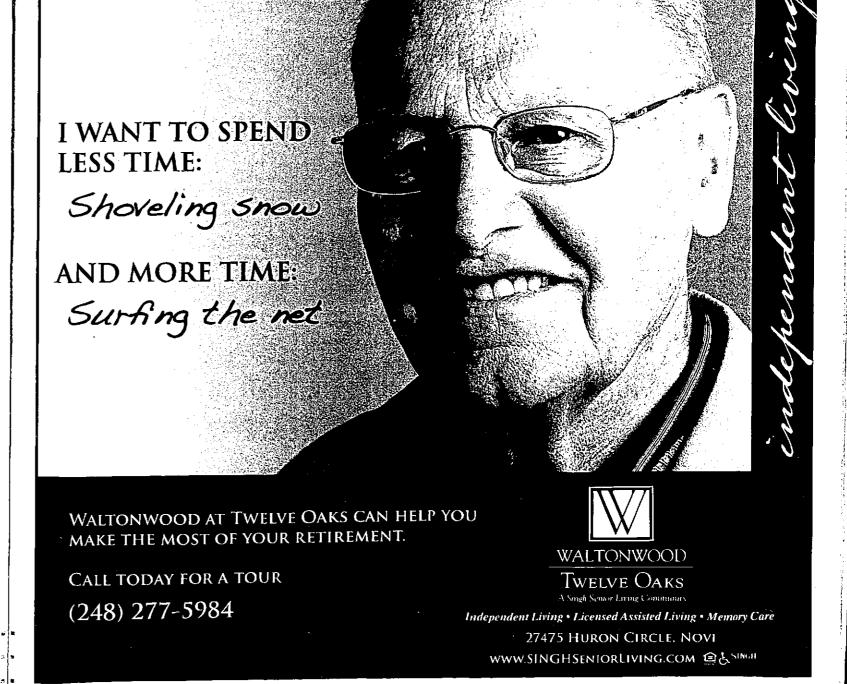
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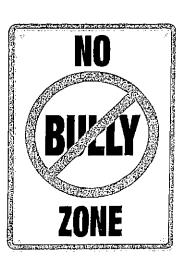
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The key role

Parents play a big part in stopping bullies, boosting self-esteem

Experts agree bullying is on the rise in schools, and they also agree on at least one other thing: The Internet is playing a huge role in the spike in inci-

Much of the bullying, much of the threatening, is being done at home, on the computer. It starts as a minor tiff during school hours, but escalates in the relative safety of cyberspace, where kids being bullied can respond without the immediate threat of a

It escalates because friends of both the bully and the bullied get involved, on Facebook pages and MySpace accounts, on sites like Formspring that appear to offer more anonymity. Kids feel safer, thus braver, when all they have to do is type. They often don't realize they might have to back up that tough talk the next day at school.

For others, pressure builds up, in life and in school, for

which a key release is the Internet. Cyberspace provides a convenient soapbox from which to launch diatribes, to

make threats, to issue warnings.

Parents play a key role here, not just in keeping track of what their children are doing on the Internet, although every expert ever quoted on the subject calls that a critical necessity. But bullying situations are also teaching moments, not just for teachers, but for parents. One way is to teach kids to stand up to bullies and mean kids. Rather than ignore it or ask "Why are you doing this to me?" the best thing kids can be taught to do is to stand up and say, in a clear, strong voice, "Stop."

The higgest message is to stand up for ourselves. It's a skill; it takes practice. The key is getting parents to deal with the issue, too. Too often, in these days of economic woe, in homes where both parents work or where there's only one parent, the job of parenting gets shoved off onto teachers.

But this problem isn't happening in school; it's largely happening at home, and parents need to step up and police it. When kids get into trouble, the police or the teacher who reported them or friends trying to help get heaped with the blame. But that's killing the messenger.

Parenting is not the job of teachers; it's the job

of parents. And parents who aren't sure what to do or feel overwhelmed by the responsibility should know they're not alone. There is plenty of help

available to recognize warning signs. Parents just need to take advantage of it.

COMMUNITY VOICE

Has the recent nuclear accident in Japan changed the way you perceive that



"I think it's heightened my awareness of the possible negative outcomes of nuclear accidents."



"Yes, I would say that it's exposed some of the risks that could affect us in case of a nuclear meltdown. I would like to see more safeguards in place if this country were to build more reactors."

Japan."

"I don't know a whole

fot about the situation,

but now I'd question the

safety of nuclear power

after what's happened in



"I wouldn't say it's changed my opinion (of nuclear power) but it has illuminated how plants need to be monitored for safety considerations."

Amy Crissman Head

LETTERS

Stop picking on unions

As Republicans around our country continue their attack on unions everyone should consider some facts. Union membership is at an all-time low and the pay gap between the workers and their bosses has never been greater. If unions were holding back our economy would not all wages go up as unions went down? The obvious fact is as unions go down so do workers wages.

Here in Michigan, Republicans are looking for concessions from public employee

As unions in the private sector prepare to negotiate a contract or consider concession request, they look at the company leadership pay and benefits and compare to worker compensation.

Let's look at state leadership compensation. At just under \$80,000 base for a first-term state representative in 2003 our state Legislature was the second highest paid in the nation.

It took eight years to enact a 10-percent reduction in state office holder pay after Gov. Granholm first proposed it – and then it was only when a majority of the Republican controlled-Senate was term limited, so the reduction was for the next group of office halders and not them. The proposed cut had been passed several times by the State House once it came. under Democrat control.

Are our elected officials making any give-backs on their lifetime health care after only six years in office or their non taxable pension?

Snyder is taking only \$1 in pay; that's not too hard for a millionaire. What about the rest of them? It would be nice to see

WHAT DO YOU THINK?

Steve Ernster

Ye welcome your Letter to the Editor. Please include your name, address and phone number for verification. We ask 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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them lead by example for once and not

Shutdown averted, but ...

The U.S. Congress must be congratulated to have finally agreed upon a federal budget for the 2011 fiscal year. The agreement reduces expenditures by almost \$39 billion. It cannot be overstated that we are facing a financial crisis, and the recent budget agreement that came almost to an hour of a government shutdown is a monumental and psychological first step in rectifying our nation's debt.

Fiscally, however, the budget agreement is just a small step in reining in our financial crisis. The White House Office of Management and Budget estimated the 2011 budget deficit before the agreement to be over \$1.6 trillion.

with a little over \$2 trillion of receipts. The \$39 billion spending cuts would bring the deficit down, but the revised deficit would still be over the \$1.6 trillion flaure

Borrowing from a Tea Party (TTPWOC), let's take a family with an annual take-home pay of \$60,000, \$5,000 net income each month. Like any fiscally responsible family, it must operate under a budget. Scaling the federal government numbers, this family would have a household expense of over \$8,700 each month (- an annual household deficit of \$44,400 before the congressional budget agreement. With the agreement, this family would cut \$89.71 of expenses a month. A miniscule sum for the annual household deficit would be reduced by just a little over \$1,000, reducing it from \$44,400 to \$43,400. In addition to the federal deficit, our coun-

try is still faced with a \$14 trillion debt. It is a burden that cannot be sustained. Using 2010 U.S. Census data, our hypothetical family would have a credit card debt of \$177,590,60. Next year, in the 2012 year, this debt goes up to \$220,990.60 because of the \$43,400 deficit explained earlier - the deficit adds to the debt each year, Assuming that the deficit remains the same every year, the family credit card debt goes up to \$264,390,60 in 2013. \$307,790.60 in 2014, \$351,190.60 in 2015, and so on and on. However, these numbers do not include interest, which exasperates the crisis even more.

Our national debt will continue to spiral out of control. If we do not stop the spending insanity in Washington, we, our children, our grandchildren, and generations yet to come will be burdened with this humanoous debt. We must support efforts in Congress to reduce our nation's deficit and debt

Local libraries work together to reach teen users

TeenPosium events lead up to Motor City Comic Con

EVENT SCHEDULE Steampunk Jewelry - April 16,

1-2:30 p.m. Lyon Township Movie: Scott Pilgrim vs. the

World - April 19, 6;30 p.m., Nov.

Superheroes through the ages

April 21, 7-8 p.m., Salem-South

· Japanese Craft Night - April 25, 6-7 p.m., Wixam

Movie: Iron Man 2 - April 26, 6:30 p.m., Salem-South Lyon

Comics Creators Workshop

p.m., Wixom

2, 6-7 p.m., Wixom

7-8 p.m., Northville

- April 29, 6-7:30 p.m., Northville

Movie: Hellboy - April 30, 1:30

Make-n-Take Candy Sushi – Ma

How to be a Zombie 101 - May :

Manga Mania - May 4, 7-8 p.m.

The Neighborhood Library wait long to build on the sucess of their first program last

Starting on Saturday, the five libraries in the association — Lyon Township, Novi, Northville, Salem-South Lyon and Wixom — will kick off TeenPosium 2011: Countdown to Comic Con.

The 12-event program caters to teenagers and features everything from movie nights to jewelry and candy making and crafts. It comes to a clos with the ZombProm on May 6, a zombie ball where everyone is encouraged to dress like a zombie, enter contests and wir

The upcoming Motor City

Comic Con at the Suburban

on May 13-15 was the moti-

vation behind the program.

encouraged to check out the

programs at any of the librar-

es and have a chance to wir

passes to the Comic Con and

a grand prize of a spot in a

Julie Farkas, director of

the association was looking

at different ways to cater to

heir teen users, and said the

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he Novi Public Library, said

iovic as an extra.

Feens in grades six-12 are

Collection Showplace in Nov

"It's a great opportunity for teens to check out the local libraries," said Jennifer Thriller Dance Class - May 4, 6-7 p.m., Wixom Erridge, head of youth at the Finale: ZombProm - May 6, 7-10 Salem-South Lyon District p.m., Novi (Registration and per-Library. "Once they come into the library we have an oppormission slip required) tunity to show them services and items that might be of program would not be pos-

sible without everyone on interest to them. "It's a fun and different way The ultimate goal is to or them to spend their free

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encourage teens to make the library "one of their choices," Farkas said. The program starts Saturday at 1 p.m. at the Lyon Township

Public Library with the steampunk jewelry event. "We hope they will at least come to one of the programs and it would be nice for them to try to check out a library other than their own," Erridge

For more information about the events, visit www.teenposium.ôrg,

Pilarim Fellowship nmueller@gapnett.com ((248) 437-2011, ext. 255 Time/Date: 6 p.m. Sunday

Meadowbrook Commons resident Helene Miezler peruses some reading material during the March 15 visit by the Novi Public Library's Bookmobile The Bookmobile swings by the Novi Senior Center on the third Tuesday of each month at 10:30 a.m. Asking Questions adult education

Books on wheels

EVENTS

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> Location: 41355 Six Mile Road Contact; (248) 348-9030 for Adults / Youth / Children multi-purpose gymnasium 10:15 a.m.: Contemporary ser-

Time/Date: 10 a.m. Tuesdays

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2010 Census figures: What does 16.5-percent growth mean?

he census numbers are now in. In the last 10 years, Novi's opulation has increased 16.5 percent. We are currently at a popuation of 55,224 people.

numbers mean? What kind of growth have we experienced? The answer is we have experienced long-term in both our popula-David Landry hase. The harsh les-

son learned by cities in the Midwest in the 20th century is that any city dependent upon one type of industry, i.e. manufacturing, ill at some point suffer. Nothing is forever. Certainly, nothing in the iess world anyway. Those who

stand still will eventually be passed

The second lesson we learned from the end of the 20th century is the importance of globalization to our continued economic survival. The world has flattened. Outsourcing to Asia. India and Mexico is a current reality. Outsourcing to all parts of the world is the future.

In the next 10 years, how will Novi be positioned? Are we capable of being the location for North American headquarters for global companies? Can we attract business investments from Asia, India, Central and South America as well as Europe? That depends on the environment we create in Novi. That depends on the cultural opportunities and educational system available in Novi as well as the willingness and ability to not only be a poter tial home to a global population but environment to the world. If people

In 2010 alone, Novi saw \$23,000,000 added to its tax

and businesses can afford to locate anywhere they will ultimately locate where they feel welcome and I am not talking about a plastic smile and a tax abatement. I'm talking about a genuine welcome. An invitation to be part of the future of this com-

How have we done in this regard? Let's look at the census numbers. OK, so we grew in population by 16.5 percent. Who are they? In the last 10 years, our Asian population has almost doubled. Our Hispanic population has likewise grown by 67 percent. Our African American population has quadrupled. Novi's otal population is now 15.9 percent Asian, 8.1 percent African American and 3 percent Hispanic. One of every four residents is a non-Caucasian. That is clearly diversity

base. Again, comprised of what?

Fifty-one percent commercial and industrial, 49 percent residential. That is balanced tax base growth evenly split between residential and nonresidential growth. That means husinesses are moving to Novi and people are moving to Novi. Novi is currently the North

American home to businesses from Japan, Mexico, Korea, India, Germany, Canada and the H.S. of A. Of the top 10 Novi taxpayers in the year 2000, all 10 are still here and still paying taxes. However, four have been knocked out of the top 10 by new businesses. Therefore, big business is moving to Novi. Here are some other numbers - in the last 10 years our Part A crimes

decreased 49 percent! All the while our tax millage rate of 10.5416 has remained the same for the last 12 Standard & Poor's has given Novi

(severe crimes) have decreased 33

percent and our Part B crimes have

a bond rating that is given to only the top 5 percent of all municipali ties nationwide. Our city auditors reported last fall, "This is the best opinion a municipality can receive." Moreover, the University of Michigan Center for Innovative Research commented that, "The City of Novi is part of an elite group of Michigan communities helping understand and share efforts that foster entrepreneurship

and encourage business develop-It is these kinds of statistics that tell the world "Novi Welcomes You." It is a handshake with a heartbeat. It is balanced, diverse, fiscally responsible, long-term growth. We are positioning our community for the 21st century global marketplace. It is so much more than simply growing by 16.5 percent.

David Landry is the mayor of the City of Novi. He can be reached at dlandry@cityofnoyi.org

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Will Young calls his role as Ernie Harwell in the upcoming Mitch Albom tribute

who are making the project

come to life, he said.

Along with his praise for

Albom's work, Young cel-ebrates the talents of direc-

design crew and actor TJ

Corbett, cast as the boy

n a good place.

CAPTURING ERNIE

tor Tony Caselli, a "fabulous

"These are top-of-the-line

be here. I'm doing what I love most doing. And they are pay-ing me to do it."

Young regrets he never met Harwell; he's preparing for

the role by viewing videos and studying Harwell's sound

recorded from interviews.

But it's not about impe

able representation of Ernie Harwell. I'm trying to do it

"The goal is to do a reason-

through his voice, the cadence

Capturing Harwell's humil-

the Georgia accent — and try ing to do it with a little bit of

ity and genuineness is also

part of the challenge, Young

"If I had known him per

age," he said.

ation, Young explained.

"My mantra is 'I'm blessed to

Milford actor to take center stage in Albom's play, 'Ernie'

The easy smile. The casual demeanor And that sweet Georgia

twang.
Such is the stuff that made Ernie, Ernie. The late Ernie Harwell beloved Detroit Tigers sportscaster and reluctant celebrity - his voice now silenced, yet echoes still in hearts and memories every where. He passed away last year while residing at Novi's fox Run senior living com-

Such is also the stuff that actor Will Young will offer to uniiences next month as he in Mitch Albom's new play

"This is the hardest thing

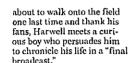
I've ever done. This is the most challenging thing I've ever done — it's a mammotl undertaking," said Young, during a recent interview at his Milford Township home "Everybody is saving this is going to be so big, I'm trying not to get frightened out of my wits about the bigness of this. Everybody is saying, 'Will, just enjoy it."
Yet that's a tall order,

indeed, rivaling the magnitude of the role itself, Young admits. It's not that be basn't the experience — after all, his background includes gigs at the renowned Cleveland Theatre and Hilberry Theatre, television commercials, voice overs and radio broadcasts. But this, Young explained is Ernie Harwell, And Detroit

HONOR AND TRIBUTE

"I'm trying to suppress my scitement over it a little bit so it's really all about the work. I need to do everything I can to best honor Mitch Albom and Ernie Harwell," said Young, "It's like, 'OK, Will, now you got the role — you better do something with it."

Ernie is set on Harwell's in the stadium tunnel. As he's



as "the hardest thing I've ever done."

Throughout Ernie, massive screens will display actual footage from Harwell's 60plus year career in baseball and, of course, his signature

"It's a very different kind of play. There's no major con-flict like you see in typical plays — the only conflict is that Ernie, the humble man, doesn't feel worthy of the attention paid to him," said Young. "And the kid is taken through (Harwell's) life, sce-ing all the contributions, all the experiences that bring him that honor."

The play is unlike anything Young has ever done before which carries with it enor-Rehearsals began March 8, and run six-eight hours each day, almost every day of the

"Sometimes I think, 'what have I gotten myself into?"

> ountered by realizing he's in the company of professionals

Location: City Theatre in Detroit's Hockeytown Cafe

Ticket prices: \$20 and \$25. some proceeds to charity Purchase: Online at www.olym pigentertainment.com, the Fox Theatre and Joe Louis Arena box offices, Hockeytown Authentics in Trov. all Ticketmaster locations, www.ticketmaster.com and at the City Theatre box office inside Hockeytown Cafe More info: (313) 471-6611

with what made him smile for example. Ernie Harwell smiled a lot - and I have to tell myself sometimes to light en up, to just smile," he said.

Albom, who east Young with the full support of Harwell happens on inside the Caselli - said he "captured the decency and folksiness of Ernie" during auditions. people here," he said. "And I'm

'It didn't hurt that he was a big fan of his, as well. We coned some New York and L.A. actors but none of them really understood what Ernic meant to people; it was just a part for them. I think it's a role of a lifetime for Will, and as a playwright, that excites me,

Young's "unassuming nature and gentility — along with a road set of pipes" - are among the many qualities that remind Albom of Harwell.

"I think people will be amazed at how much he reminds them of Ernie in this imicry," Albom said. "I'm delighted we were able to hire Will and even happier that he nes from a smallish town here in Michigan, which is where the heart of Ernie's legend and the play lies."

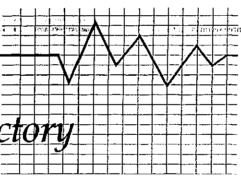


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DEA raid hits Novi office building and medical marijuana facility in Walled Lake

Federal agents raided at least four properties in Oakland County Tuesday morning.

online at hometownlife.com

U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration agents were a Caregivers of America, a medicinal marijuana facility in Walled Township and an office building n Novi and the Bayside Sports Grill in Walled Lake.

DEA Group supervisor Andrew Eiseman said sealed federal search warrants were executed at all three locations. but few other details were He would not say why the

warrants were issued or provide more details about the invesrigation. He did not say if an arrests have been made and would not comment on wheth The home raided is located

Another car was also taken, she said.

The medicinal marijuana facility in Walled Lake is Road and is owned by Romel and Ban Casab, according to the Oakland County Assesse located at 1020 Decker Road. Office. Romel Casab is Walled Lake assessor records say it is owned by 1020 Decker LLC. The assessor's office said listed as the resident agent of Caregivers of America L.L.C. on state records. He has said it sends the company's tax bills to a suite on West 12 Mile Road in a lawsuit that he is one of the owners of the former in Novi. The DEA confirmed Packard plant in Detroit.

that agents were also at the location on 12 Mile this morn-A neighbor who lives across g executing a search warrant Calls to Caregivers of the street from the home said she first saw agents at the home shortly after 7 a.m. America and to the Commerc April 12, A black convertible returned. A woman at the was taken out of the garage and driven out before it was towed away, neighbor Annette declined to talk to a Free Press Winberg, 66, said.

The DEA is working with the Oakland County Sheriff's About 10 agents were at the home Tuesday morning with four or five cars when a Detroit

Protect yourself from cyber crimes

hacked. Many times it is one

It might be cliché to say, more and more we are going online to do such tasks as pay bills, post photographs or get in touch with old friends. But we are, and in various ways The cyber world offered by laptops and phones make them important tools, but for some they are weapons

Frasier referred to the use of Cyberspace by some criminals or people who are getting

Frasier spoke as the keynote speaker for the Stop. Think. Connect forum held at Walsh College's Troy campus on April 5. He is the Director of the National Cybersecurity Awareness Campaign, which is sponsored by the Department of Homeland Security.

This campaign is a key ele-ment in President Barack Obama's 2009 Cyberspace Policy Review

During his presentation, he stopped to count out to another identity was stolen. on, that it has This is so comm also happened to him.

He said there are individuals out in the world wanting to do harm, and even worse, there damage their actions may be computer system. This is wher identity, fraud and stalking can all result from this. "We know to do this, but

we don't always do it," he said of technology users staying vigilant against hackers and iruses. This forum's primary

motivation is to persuade Americans to see Internet safety as a shared responsibility - at home, in the workplace, and in our comties — and demonstrate that shared responsibility by bringing together a coalition of federal, state and local government, as well as private sector

Two recent examples of this fear were the exposure of Verizon customers through cellular phone company's

customer database, and also student information at Eastern Michigan University being

"This is a call to action. We

be a source of help for others," ne said in closing. He said anyone interested

in learning more, can go to http://www.dhs.gov/files/ events/stop-think-connect.

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The Lyon Township Board

of Trustees gave Fire Chief Ron McClain the go-ahead

to begin negotiations with

Office to provide dispatch services for the fire depart-

The department's three-

year contract with the city

The Sheriff's Department

already provides police ser-vice, including dispatch, for

While noting Novi

has done a adequate job

sons why he believes the

for the township. They

McClain cited several rea

the township.

the Oakland County Sheriff's

patchers dedicated to fire

on large incidents.
"Their staffing is much more adequate than Novi two dispatchers working to handle the Novi Police Department, Novi Fire Department, South Lyon fire and police, and Lyon Fire Department," McClair said. "The Oakland Count Sheriff has more personne

Fire department considering changing

dispatch from Novi to Oakland County

better trained personnel dedicated to dispatch." Sgt. Mark Venus of the Sheriff's Lyon Township Substation said the change would help both police and fire when emergency situations arise, because the san dispatch would be handling

the call, rather than one for police and another for something that also appeals to McClain. Many times there is a delay in dispatch services relay the

made from landline phones

go directly to Novi, but calls made from cellphones Sheriff's Office, and then are

The switch will cost the township a bit of money, however. The Novi contract is roughly \$16,100 per year, while the Sheriff's proposal

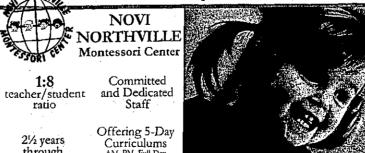
is about \$23,700 "In my opinion, it's a far superior service. This move ıld centralize our service The only disadvantage is the

xtra cost," McClain said. Board members were satisfied with McClain's presentation, and gave him unanimous approval to begin drafting up a contract posal with the county.

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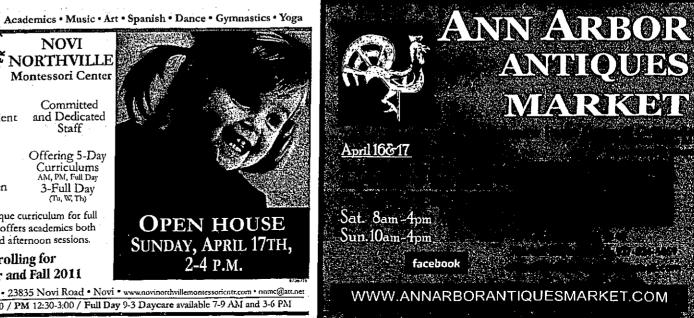
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Age: 5

Garden City

Parker Howard



Livonia

Merida Roperti Maverick Roperti Age: 7 Age 9



Eden Messner Age: 11 Garden City



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LOCAL EVENTS

Time/Date: 6-9 p.m. April 15 Location: Novi Public Library, Ten

Details: An evening of shop-

ping, sipping and sampling to raise funds to help build their Children's Collection, Enjoy food by Carrabba's, wine/beer cash bar, live jazz, a putting contest with fun prizes, a silent and live auction. Items include one-of-a-kind plass apples created by artist Richard Ritter, a two-night/three-day condo stay at Grand Traverse Resort and an in home dinner for eight by Chel Steve of Sleve & Rocky's, Ticket are \$10; this is a 21 or older event. Each attendee will also receive a gift at the end of the evening. Only 200 available so call now. Contact; call (248) 869-7204

West Oakland Democrats

Time/Date: 7 p.m. Tuesday, April 19 Location: Comfort Suites Inn at 28049 South Wixom Road, Wixom Details: The general membership meeting is free and open to the oublic, Pizza, salad and dessert al 5:30 p.m. is \$7 per person; free for

Borders Books Location: Novi Town Center Contact: (248) 347 0780 Children's Storytime Time: 2 p.m Saturdays Details: Gather round for a !un story suitable for children of 6 vears old and under Spring-Tacular!

Time/Date: 2 p.m, Saturday, April Details: Celebrate the season with

crafts, stories and songs. Best for

vere very proud of them. We feel that they positively represented our town of Novi, Michigan. Strikulis (248) 378-7841 or dstrikulis@lwmi.rr.com or Service Officer Paul Erickson (248) 344-7193 or Time/Date: 6:30 p.m. Wednesdays pnerick@aol.com.

Several Hovi families (parents and seniors) just returned home from Riviera Maya, Mexico (Barcel Resort). They're shown holding up the Sports section of the Novi News (all participate in high school athletics — some will continue

on in college). "All of the kids (young adults) were fantastic the whole week," said Angela Brown. "As parents, we

Location: Tolloale Education Suburban Collection Showplace Center, 28115 Meadowbrook Road Location: 46100 Grand River Details: A 4-H youth garden and Avenue, Novi

farm stand where kids learn about Motor City Comic Con plant science, nutrition and entre-Time/Date: 12:30-7 p.m. Friday, preneurship by raising produce for 10:30-6 Saturday: 10:30-5 Sunday The Club is seeking new members Details: 22nd annual event featu

ing Cindy Williams, Tim Sale, George

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Teams would do whatever they could to stop her offensively, and she still averaged a staggering 17.3 points a contest. On the other end of the floor,

cks a game

our team, and the target o

SL East: Taylor Jones Please see ALL-AREA, B2

Novi softball falls apart late

Offense shines, but Zebras come from behind for win

ON TAP

Lvon East.

to see how we play."

The Wildcals (0-1) were sched uled to visit South Lyon for a

doubleheader last night before

taking some time off until a 4

p.m. April 27 doubleheader fo

the home opener against South

"South Lyon's a good team, but

I think we'll do fine," Novi coach

Bob Lulek said. It'll be interesting

BY CHRIS JACKETT CORRESPONDENT

Everything went Novi's way Monday at Wayne Memorial except for the final

The Wildcats' softball team (0-1) powered through the Zebras (1-1) with a 13-4 hit advantage on the day and even led 3-0 heading into the sixth inning, but that's when

things fell apart.
"It started out with a rou

tine play dropped at second base," Novi coach Bob Lulek

said. "As soon as we made a mistake, it led to another mistake and another mistake

Following the initial error, the Zebras had a few more hits and Novi had a few more errors, which led to a bases loaded situation. Senior pitcher Rebecca Richter got out of the innin without much more damage, but the Zebras scored four runs to take 2 4-3 lead heading into the final inning.
"We don't know how to out the fire out yet," Lulek said. "We

don't have that real toughness yet. They've got the talent. This

Please see SOFTBALL. N2

Wildcat sluggers claw up Zebras Uneasy Wayne

Wildcat Mario Ferini is tagged out between second and third by a Wayne Memorial Zebra during their April 11 game

defense no match for Novi bats

BY CHRIS JACKETT

Monday's season opener at Wayne Memorial was the tale of three innings. Luckily for Novi, each of those innings weighed heavily in their favor as they routed the Zebras 14-2. Some wild pitches and error by Wayne (2-2) combined with some timely baserunning by senior Chris Valade and junio Alex Davis to give the Wildcats (1-0) a 2-0 lead without a hit. After a few walks in the second inning, junior Tyle Schwanz (2-for-2, walked) had

Please see BASEBALL, B3

Alex King slides back into first base on April 11.-

Squad is simply dominant in total points

There are few things in this world

That's exactly what the Detroit Catholic Central Shamrocks boys track team did last week to the Ann Arbor Pioneer Pioneers. The Shamrocks traveled to Eastern Michigan University for the Pioneer Indoor meet and took home the top spot, scoring 103 points to Pioneer's second-place showing of 82 points. In

total, there were 12 teams competing The Shamrocks did have several first-place finishes to help them to victory, including Jake Spuller's 7.15-second race in the 60-meter dash to earn him the top spot. Another first came from the fleet-footed John-Paul Zebrowski, who finished with a 4:28.26 in the one-mile run while Austin Zebrowski took fourth, Ryan Boyd was eighth and Matt Carneu took 16th in the same race.

The long-distance running con-tinued to pay off as Andrew Garcia-Garrison took first in the two-mile with a 9:45.7, while Alex Slovsky was fifth and Steve Turzewski was sev-

place, finishing in 3:36.72, while the distance medley relay team also took the top spot, running an 11:04.68.
The 4x200 relay team of Spuller

In the shot put, George Darany was second with a throw of 50-10.25, while David Houle finished sixth.

Catholic Central wins Pioneer Indoor meet of Jack Malinowski, Joshua Gandy

BY SAM EGGLESTON CORRESPONDENT

for a high school athlete than to go to someone else's home meet and walk away with the championship.

The 4x400 relay team also took first

Dominic Salinas, Ryan Majsak and Jackson Elliot finished second with a 1:36.6 and the 4x55 shuttle relay team

Sam Eggleston is a freelance writer and former staff sports writer for the Northville Record and

Tyler Brown and Evan Moran was sec-

In the 60-meter hurdles, Catholic Central's Joshua Gandy ran a 9.33 for

fifth place, while Anthony Darkangel ran a 59.94 in the 400 dash for sixth

place, Alex Simon ran to 22nd and

Jonathon Malone were second and third for Catholic Central, respec-

tively, while Malinowski finished tied for eighth in the high jump with a leap of 5-feet-6-inches. Majsak finished fourth

in the long jump, while Corolin was sixth and Jackson Elliot was 17th.

Anthony Amato finished 24th. In 800 meter, Joshua Corolin and

nd with a 35.39-second finish.

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Catholic along the way, Pierce added All-State honors to his

resume with a 15th-place finish

in the slalom at the state meet in

the giant slalom in 58.79 seconds. "Ian has the team's most con-

sistent racer showing athletic

ability in every aspect of ski rac-

Tom Gable said. "He is a well-bal

giant slalom events, giving the

team needed points in post-sea

son meets. Ian gave the team the

depth which helped our effort to

Brad Blunden (South Lyon

advance into the state finals

FIRST TEAM

B2 (NN)

Kerri McMahan, Novi It isn't easy for freshman to ake the All-Area First Team, but Novi's speedy guard ran ier way onto the team by aver aging 9.8 points a game to go h 3 assists, 2.5 steals and 3

"Not only lead team in scoring, assists, steals and free ors after averaging 11 points throws attempted, but as all 2 rebounds and a steal each true point guards and great "Lindsey's presence on the

court is greatly respected by all Bill Kelp. of our opponents," said coach VanGeothem. "For the Alyssa Armiak, Novi The Wildcat senior shot 35 second consecutive year, she percent from three-point range while averaging 6.5 points, 2 lead our team in scoring. In addition, she really improved on defense and was often asked to guard the opposing team's top guard. Lindsey's work ethic Armiak was voted KLAA All-Conference and was a four-year and passion for the game set a "She was the best on the ball high standard for our undernen to follow.

defensive player we have ever had," said Kelp. Kristin Short, South Lyon Alex Moynes, Northville The senior guard earned KLAA First-Team honors for The junior center averaged nine points, four rebounds and three blocks a game for the third consecutive year She set the school record with the Mustangs. She was voted KLAA All-Conference and 33 points in a game this year. nominated for the MHSAA rebounds, 4.3 steals and 2.4 assists. She also shot 39 percent and BCAM Reaching Higher College Showcase for underfrom three, canning 38 shots classmen that will be played in from behind the arc "In a game of uncertainty

"Alex is a threat on both sides of the court inside with good leaping ability," said coach Todd Gudith. "She has developed into a tougher player this season and improved draher, there were quarters and matically over her sophomore games where she carried our; team on her back and willed us season. She faced many double teams throughout the year and to win. Kristin helped our team was a difficult match-up for on and off the court with her a number of teams. Her size can intimidate those that tried petitive instinct." to go inside on her, causing them to get their shot blocked SECOND TEAM or forcing them to alter their

Joanna Beaton, Novi Lindsey Bandyk, Milford The senior forward averaged The senior guard carned KLAA All-Conference hon-

the team by hitting 74 percent of her free throws. She was voted KLAA All-Conference and won the "Hardest Worker on the Team" award for the second straight year. Meredith Williams,

The junior point guard averaged 6.2 points, three assists, three steals and 3.3 rebounds a game for the Mustangs She was voted KLAA All-Conference.

Lauren Smith, Milford The senior center averaged 8 points, 5 rebounds and 1.3 assists for the Mavs. She led Milford in rebounding and was second in scoring. Gabrielle Williams, South

The 5-10 junior guard aver-2.5 steals and 1.5 assists for Conference KLAA and served as a captain for South Lyon. Willow Cohn, South Lyon

The Cougar junior averaged 7 points and 7 rebounds with two the lands south of the borsteals a contest. She was voted KLAA All-Conference.

Shamrocks best Mustangs Northville can't keep up with cross-town rival

BY SAM EGGLESTON

The weather has been a 8.1 points, 3.8 rebounds and led Catholic Central Shamrocks

The squad, led by coach ing a point of getting wins despite the sloppy, wet con-ditions and cool temperatures. One of those wins, in fact, was against Northville on the last day of March. at Catholic Central and the Shanrocks used their home field advantage to squeeze out an 11-8 victory Tim Urso led the

Shamrocks with three goals and two assists while Fomniy Orr added two goals and Mitch Burgin had two goals and one assists. Conor Schwalm, not to be outdone, added two goals and an assist to his season stats while Mike Birney added a goal in the win.

The Shamrocks also took

their first loss of the season last week when they trav-eled to Hudson, Ohio to face Western Reserve Academy-Sam Eggleston is a freelance

writer and former staff sports The Shamrocks staved in and Novi News.

SOFTBALL

is one of the best teams I've

loaded two times and runners

and second a ton of times. A lot

of times, we had a runner on

Despite the loss, Richter

Taylor Scott, who was filling

in at catcher for senior Katie

from her spring break trip yet

however, there was no backur

in the later innings.

was strong on the mound with

eouts to junio

on second and third or first

at somebody."



CC goalie Bernie Eisbrenner makes a save in the Shamrocks' 11-8 win over

the game throughout, but were unable to get the vic-tory as they fell, 12-10. Burgin found the back of the net four times and added an assist to his grow notched four goals and Schwalm tacked on four

NOVI SPORTS BRIEFS

Novi Youth Baseball registration

The Novi Youth Baseball League has opened up online registration through April 15 at www.noviyouthbaseball. org. Visit for more information and to register your child for the 2011 summer season. Any questions, contact Rob Reilly at rreilly14@yahoo.com.

Soccer drive

There will be a soccer equip ment drive from 7 a.m.-3.p.m. on both Saturday, May 7-and Sunday, May 8 during the 2011 Jaguar Invitational at ITC Community Sports Parl All donated items will be sent to the Philippines for the less fortunate children there. If you

have any questions or comments, please contact Mark Mangune (mark.mangune@

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"For five innings, we played pretty well," Lulek said. "Richter threw pretty well. You could kind of tell she lost some intensity in that last inning.

Although the defense fell part in the sixth inning, the The Wildcats' offense went offense showed a lot of promto work in the seventh inning, loading the bases. But Novi's ise for the rest of the season Freshman Laurea Oakley had only strikeout of the day came at the worst possible time, giv three hits, including a double. ing the Zebras the 4-3 victory. hile Scott, junior Abby "You've got to play seven innings and, if one thing goes Robinson, seniors Colleen Kolis and Maddy Sinkovich had two hits apiece. Senior Meaghan Robinson and jun wrong, you can't collapse Lulek said. "We left the bases

Emma Walter also had one hit "We're a good hitting team, I nlek said. "We hit the ball probably better this first game than we probably did all of last year. I was pleased to a point. We hit the ball hard. It could have been 8-0 or 9-0 heading into that last inning.

"We're a better team than them and we should've won. We're not going on any breaks

pitcher to take over for Richter Chris Jackett is a freelance writer and former Novi News staff writer

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ALL-AREA SKIING

CC's Rottermond glides to Player of the Year

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Any time Detmit Catholic Central junior Damon Rottermond took to the ski slopes, good things were sure to happen for the All-State Shamrock. The All-Area Player of the Year, Rottermond won the Division I state title in the giant slalom in a two-run time of 55.2 seconds. He also finished fourth n the statom with a time of 1:17:76, helping the Shamrocks to

"Damon is an all around strong technical ski racer," CC co. Tom Gable said. "He led the CC team into the state finals and shed first-team All-State in

the state meet, Rottermond fin-

FIRST TEAM

DeLaSalle next Tuesday at 7 p.m. Taylor Janssen (Lakeland So.)

Northville will play against Apri 27 with a 7 p.m. game against Salem at home before visiting South Lyon East at 7 p.m. Apri

The Shamrocks will be back in

game at Brighton before hosting

action Saturday with a 1 p.m.

ALL-AREA SKIING SKIER OF THE YEAR

Damon Rottermond, CC

Taylor Janssen, Lakeland .

Brad Blunden, South Lyon East

FIRST TEAM

lan Pierce, CC

Austin Feight, Novi

Kelsey Griffin, Lakeland

Cheryl Craio, Lakeland

both events. He displays a com-mitment to the sport which moti vates his teammates to ski their very best."

In addition to his success at

ished first at the Mount Brighton in the slalom and second in the giant slalom at regionals. He also earned All-Regional and All-

Finishing 12th at the state meet

Claire Hester, South Lyon Michelle Rich, Novi SECOND TEAM Jim Herzog, CC

Lucia Li. Novi

Novi - Kuni Hotta (Sr), Steve

Speers (Sr), Paige Morris (Jr)

the next two seasons.

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NOTICE

REQUEST FOR TEMPORARY SPECIAL LAND

TSLUP 11-006

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the petitioner for Florence Cement Company is requesting a Temporary Special Land Use Permit for a temporary concrete batch plant located at 42780 Ten Mile Rd, N side of Ten Mile Rd – E of Novi Rd from April through

A public hearing can be requested by any property owner of a structure located within 300 feet of the boundary of the property being considered for a temporary special land use permit

This request will be considered at 11:00 n.m. on Monday, May 9 2011 at the Novi Civic Center, 45:175 West Ten Mile Road. All written comments should be directed to Maureen Underhill and must be received prior to May 6, 2011.

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Brady Mahar, Milford Despite spraining his knee Paul Gever, South Lyon the day before the state meet, Kyle Brush, Milford Blunden managed to finish 46th Lyndsay Moser, Milford in the slalom in 1:36.74 and 54th Calla Spillane, Novi in the giant slalom in 1:03.52. He qualified for the meet with Stephanie Tollis, Milford an eighth-place regional finish of 42.41 seconds in the slalom and HONORABLE MENTION ished 10th in the giant slalom Milford - Kara Jacoboni (Sr) in 34.18 seconds.

all season long, leading the team as well as being an outstanding example to his fellow teamonds, this young Eagle has a lot of potential to lend to his squad for mates," South Lyon United coach John Thompson said. Austin Feight (Novi Sr.)

With one out, senior Mike

Kruse and junior Jim Eloff walked and Junior Logan

Regnier RBI brought Kruse

home with a single to right.

in both Eloff and Regnier

with a double to left center

field to open up a 7-1 lead.

they switched pitchers and

things got wild with walks," Green said. "Overall, we

were disciplined at the plate

I was pretty happy with our

15 Wildcats had stepped up

I think we had Bageris, who had that big double, and

Senior Nick Bageris brought

making the cut with an eighthplace regional finish in the giant dalom in 33.95 seconds. His state-meet showing landed him also was just fractions of a second off from qualifying for the slalom after landing in 13th at Regionals

in 43,56 seconds. "He's our first racer to ever make it to the state meet," Novi coach Wendy Whiteside said. "He worked really hard in four years all kids do." Kelsey Griffin (Lakeland So.)

Among All-Area girls, Griffin was the most consistent. Her solid showings on the slopes carned her 17th in the slalo She also finished 23rd in the giant slalom at states in 1:05.08.

Cheryl Craig (Lakeland Sr.) Providing a one-two punch for the Engles, Craig teamed with Griffin to provide consistent efforts. Craig also competed at the state meet in both events, in 1:05.97 and 37th in the slalom Claire Hester (South Lyon Jr.)

Hester was one of the strongest area skiers, finishing 13th in the regional giant slalom in 36.92

to the plate and a 10-run

inning led to a 14-1 lead.

allowing one run, as the

ning 14-2.
"Eloff made good plays at shortstop," Green said.

Regnier closed out the

fifth inning from the mound

game ended early by mercy

rule with the Wildcats win-

Regionals which added nearly minutes to her time, but Hester's second run was 13th among all skiers' second runs in Michelle Rich (Novi Sr.)

Bringing her best to Regionals Rich finished 17th in the slalom in 52.47 second and 25th in the "Hardworker, Again, someon school and, by her senior year,

or second place putting her times in," Novi coach Wendy Whiteside

SECOND TEAM Jim Herzog (CC Sr.) Captaining the Shamrocks

Herzog finished had his best showing at Regionals, where he finished sixth in the giant slalor (33.86 seconds) and 12th in the sialom (43.53 seconds).

Brady Mahar (Milford Sr.) Winning his team's World Cup Most Valuable Skier award, the captain led the Mavericks with steady finishes at Regionals Mahar finished 24th in the gian slalom (35.66 seconds) and 26th Paul Gever (South Lyon Fr.) Although the youngster earne

slalom event, he finished 12th in giant slalom at Regionals in and All-Conference honors wil

during the next three seasons. Kyle Brush (Milford Jr.) With an 11th-place finish in the giant slalom (34.2 seconds) at Regionals, Brush would have fared well in the regional slalom qualification on one of the two

Lyndsay Moser (Milford Sr.) Finishing 21st in the giant sla-lom at Regionals (38.04 seconds) and 32nd in the slalom (58.43)

World Cup team MVP award. Calla Spillane (Novi Jr.) After a slow start, Spillane finished the season strong at Regionals by finishing 25th in the slalom (55.42 seconds) and 29th in the giant slalom (38.86

Stephanie Tollis (Milford Sr.) At Regionals, Tollis finished 31st in the slalom (58.15 seconds) and 36th in the giant slalom Lucia Li (Novi Jr.)

In a regional effort, Li finished 26th in the slalom (56.72 seconds) and 46th in the giant slalom

BASEBALL

his first hit of the season to knock in two runs for a 4-0

kept the Zebras off the bases for the first two innings, allowing no hits or runs and striking out three of the six batters he faced before senior Zach Reilly took over for the third and fourth

'I was happy how we took infield." Novi coach Rick pretty solid defense. We ran down some nice balls in the

Wayne scored one unearned run while Reilly

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The Wildcats (1-0) were scheduled to visit South Lyon (0-1) for a doubleheader last night before visiting Brighton (0-2) 4 n m Wednesday for a doubleheader

and then hosting South Lyon

East (0-1) 4 p.m. April 27 in a doubleheader: "They have a lot of senior leadership." Novi coach Rick Green said

was in the game, but it wasn't enough to concern the Wildcats, who burst through in the fifth inning.
"We gave five free bases in

five innings. We want to cut that in half," Green said.

singled, the Zebras walked ating an 11-1 deficit When the inning finished,

patience at the plate."

CITY OF NOVI

NOTICE OF ADOPTION

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE NOVI CIT

COUNCIL HAS ADOPTED ORDINANCE NO. 11-176 TO AMEND CHAPTER 2, "ADMINISTRATION," OF THE CITY

OF NOVI CODE OF ORDINANCES IN ORDER TO ADD NEV OF NOVI CODE OF ORDINANCES IN ORDER TO ADD NEW
ARTICLE VIII, "EMERGENCY RESPONSE COST
RECOVERY" TO REPEAL OR AMEND EXISTING COST
RECOVERY PROVISIONS TO EXPAND THEIR SCOPE; AND
TO CONFORM TO STATE LAW REQUIREMENTS FOR
COST RECOVERY FOR HAZARDOUS SUBSTANCES

The Ordinance was adopted by the City Council on Monday, April 4

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good balls in the outfield." The Wildcats' previously scheduled doubleheader at Walled Lake Western last Saturday, as well as the

Novi-hosted freshman and junior varsity Wayne contests, were all rescheduled due to poor field conditions.

Chris Jackett is a freelance writer

RESOURCE RECOVERY AND RECYCLING AUTHORITY OF SOUTHWEST OAKLAND

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Resource Recovery and Recycling Authority of Southwest Oakland County (RRRASOC), a public authority and body corporate, shall hold a public hearing on its proposed budget for the fiscal year commencing July 1, 2011 on Thursday, April 28th, 2011 at 9:30 a.m. at Farmington City Hall, Conference Room A, 23800 Liberty Street, Farmington, MI 48335. A copy of the proposed budget is available for public inspection during regular business hours at the office of the Authority, 20000 W. 8 Mile Road, Southfield, MI 48075.

Authority pursuant to the provisions of Act 43, Public Acts of Michigan, 1963 (Second Extra Session). MICHAEL J. CSAPO

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE NOVI CITY COUNCIL HAS ADOPTED ORDINANCE NO. 11-23-26 TO AMEND CHAPTER 22. "OFFENSS," ARTICLE II, "OFFENSS AGAINST PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION." SECTIONS 22-96 TO AMEND THE STANDARDS FOR THE REGULATION OF ALARM SYSTEMS TO INCLUDE REGULATION OF FIRE ALARM SYSTEMS.

The Ordinance was adopted by the City Council on Monday, April 4, 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.

Maryanne Cornelius, City Clerk

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ORDINANCE NO. 11-99.15 NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE NOVI CITY COUNCIL HAS ADOPTED ORDINANCE NO. 11-99.15 TO AMEND CHAPTER 15, "FIRE PREVENTION AND PROTECTION," OF THE CITY OF NOVI CODE OF ORDINANCES FOR CONSISTENCY WITH OTHER PROVISIONS WITHIN THE CITY CODE AND STATE LAW FOR COST RECOVERY.

CITY OF NOVI

NOTICE OF ADOPTION

The Ordinance was adopted by the City Council on Monday, April 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 3:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., prevailing local time

Maryanne Cornelius, City Clerk

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CITY OF NOVI NOTICE OF ADOPTION ORDINANCE NO. 18.245

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE NOVI CITY COUNCIL HAS ADOPTED ORDINANCE NO. 18.245 TO AMEND ORDINANCE NO. 97-18, AS AMENDED, THE CITY OF NOVI ZONING ORDINANCE, ARTICLE 16, TC AND TC-1 OF NOVI ZONING ORDINANCE, ARTICLE 16, TC AND TC-I
TOWN CENTER DISTRICTS, SECTION 1603, REQUIRED
CONDITIONS AND ARTICLE 17, RC REGIONAL CENTER
DISTRICT, SECTION 1702 PRINCIPAL USES PERMITTED
SUBJECT TO SPECIAL CONDITIONS AND SECTION 1703,
REQUIRED CONDITIONS; IN ORDER TO ALLOW FA-ADE
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ALLOW PLANNING COMMISSION APPROVAL WITHOUT
REVIEW AND APPROVAL BY CITY COUNCIL OF SPECIAL
LAND USE PERMITS AND SITE PLANS ON SITES TOTALING FOUR ACRES OR LESS IN THE RC DISTRICT.

The Ordinance was adopted by the City Council on Monday, April 4, 2011 and the provisions of the ordinance shall become effective seven (7) days after its publication. 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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Driving it home

The Suburban Collection announced the winner of the Oriving It Home Sweepstakes that was held at The Suburban Collection Showplace during the Michigan Golf Show. The contest was developed as a kickoff to manager of The Suburban Collection, met Tim Pompo, of South Lyon, at the Suburban Chrysler Jeep store in at one of the fabulous Boyne resorts. "Being an avid golfer and someone who loves northern Michigan, I'm really excited about winning the Boyne Golf Package," he said. "The views of Lake Michigan from the Bay Harbor course are some of the most scenic in the state. It's a great atmosphere for golf. I'm looking forward

BUSINESS BRIEFS

Road weight restrictions

The Road Commission for Oakland County (RCOC) Board of Road Commissioners was expected to lift weight restrictions for commercial trucks on its non-all-weather roads effective at 6 a.m. April 11. Imposed Feb. 23, the restrictions will have been in place for 47 days. Each spring, in accordance with state law, RCOC reduces the weight limits on these roads as temperatures begin to rise and the ground begins to thaw. As the road subsurface thaws, non-all-weather roads' ability to carry weight is reduced, meaning that a weight that ouldn't affect a road under normal conditions might now damage the road.

"These restrictions help to ensure that roads possible," explained RCOC Chairman Eric S. Wilson.

The restrictions do not affect passenger vehicles. Approximately 2,000 of RCOC's 2,700-plus miles of roads are non-all-weather.

Weight restrictions are enforced by weighmasters employed by the Road Comthe state, local communities or the Sheriff's Department. Violations of the weight restrictions can result in a citation.

A "truck operators' map" is available from the Road Commission that shows which roads have weight restrictions. The map is available by calling RCOC's Department of Customer Services — Permits at (248) 858-4835 or by facility at 2420 Pontiac Lake Road in Waterford Township (office hours are 7:30 a.m. to 4:15 p.m.). The map is also available on RCOC's Web site, www.rcocweb.org (in the "Weighmaster" portion of the "Permits" section).

For a statewide listing of which counties have lifted spring weight restrictions, visit the County Road Association of Michigan (CRAM)

Interchange Forum

The Interchange Forum invites business leaders to attend an engaging symposium that will explore effective strategies used in creating ong-term business strategies. The event will take place on April 19 at the Walsh College-

Novi campus.
"Our four firms are excited to be in a partnership where we collectively offer a comprehen-sive view on business growth, from strategic planning to customer needs to product innova tion to brand development," said Q'vive presi-dent Eric van der Meulen.

Dan Walker of River's Edge Consulting added, "We look forward to exchanging ideas with business leaders that are challenged to define their company's future, as well as a developing a path to get there.

at more about the event and the Interchange Forum, go to www.interchangeforum.com to get additional information.

Michigan retailers upbeat for spring

Most Michigan retailers (62 percent) are optimistic about spring sales, following six con-secutive months of sales gains over last year. That's according to the latest Michigan Retail Index survey, conducted by Michigan Retailers Association (MRA) and the Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago.

"Michigan's improving economy continues to produce optimism within the retail industry," said James P. Hallan, MRA president and chief executive officer. "While retailers recognize the economic problems still out there, such as high unemployment and a sluggish housing market, their confidence remains solid."

"At this point, it appears that retailers are watching rising gasoline prices with concern but don't expect them to choke off the improvement in retail sales," he added.

The Michigan Retail Index for February found that 43 percent of retailers increase sales over the same month last year, while 35 percent recorded declines and 22 percent saw no change. The results create a seasonally adjusted performance index of 55.2, up from 53.3 in January.

Index values above 50 generally indicate an increase in overall retail activity. Looking forward, 62 percent of retailers expect sales during March-May to increase over the same period last year, while 9 percent project a decrease and 29 percent no change. That puts the seasonally adjusted outlook index at 72.3, the same as in January.



A big thanks

Grand River VFW Post 1519, Livonia, presented a plaque to Dr. David Salah of Progress Dental in Novi for his continuous donations of dental supplies for veterans at Ann Arbor Veterans Hospital. Pictured (from left) are Ken Stacy, Dr. Salah, Don Allee and Bill Roberts.

Joyson and Preh forge a high-growth technology firm in automotive market

an automotive specialist with market access to Europe,

North America and China

Preh management will con

tinue to control and further

Co., Ltd, Ningbo (China), will become majority partner of Preh GmbH, Bad Neustadt a.d. Saale, which has a customer service center in Novi Joyson, a privately owned automotive electronics supplier, will have a stake of 74.9 percent. The current majority ortner. Deutsche Beteiligungs AG, Frankfurt am Main -including funds administered by the DBAG-Group and mangement -- retain a minority

expand from Bad Neustadt the global activities of Joyson and tronics market The majority buyout follows a joint venture in which Joyson and Preh entered the Chinese market in August 2010. The move is designed to re-enforce both companies' market potential in Europe, North

significant capital increase, rising to more than 40 percent, enabling the company to make use of attractive growth potential in every market concerned. Confidentiality has been agreed upon by all par-ties involved as to the detailed arrangements of the transaction. The execution of the con tract is subject to approval by

The DBAG-Group acquired Preh in October 2003, together with Preh management, in a management buyout.



Jeff Wang, chairman and partner of Joyson (left), and Dr. Michael Roesnick, president and CEO of Preh, have reached an agreement whereby Joyson Automotive of Ningbo. China, will own a majority share of 74.9 percent in Preh GmbH.





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Storm damage?

Make sure repairs are done right and on time

Severe weather can cause damage that compts homeowners to seek repairs in a nurry. The Better Business Bureau (BBB) ises consumers to take a deep breath and check contractors out before signing

"When homeowners need repairs due to storm damage, they often consider it an emergency that must be fixed immediatele" said Patrick Bennett, BBB director of Community Relations, "However, a quick decision may cause regrets. Consumers need to make sure that the contractors they hire are qualified and reliable before sign a contract or pay any money."

The BBB recommends that consumers sk contractors for local references and check with those customers to see whether they were satisfied with the work. If pos sible, inspect completed projects as well, If customers are pleased with the jobs, they'll probably be proud to show off the

Consumers can check contractors' Reliability Reports on the BBB website. www.bhb.org. The reports give a letter grade from A+ down to F that indicates a company's performance on 16 weighted factors, including its response to any complaints. The reports also give general information, such as the company's phone number, length of time in business and

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When you click on the "Request a Quote" button, you can select the type of business you are searching for and narrow your search to businesses within a specified distance from your home. (You can click on any business name to get a Reliability Report.) At that point, you may either contact the businesses directly or ask them to contact you, "Request a Quote" has a contact form that allows you to describe your project and ask contrac want to be contacted — by phone, e-mail The BBB has the following tips for hir-

ing contractors:
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ple who use high-pressure sales tactics.
-Seek at least three bids from prospec tive contractors based on the same spec fications, materials and labor needed to complete the project. Flomeowners should discuss bids in detail with each contractor and ask questions about variations in pric-

floor unit. Be careful here. A one-floor

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few. Activities abound. No medical

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ing. The lowest-priced contractor may not

company is insured against claims covering workers' compensation, property damage and personal liability in case of accidents. Consumers should obtain the name of the insurance carrier and call to verify coverage.

by the state, county or city.

Check with local authorities to find out whether permits are needed before proceeding with the work. The contractor also should be aware of any required

Approach Q: I am a member of the board condominium. We are thinking bout banning drug and alcoho treatment facilities from perating within any unit where the drug or alcohol treatment facility either dispenses or prescribes drugs for treatment

be the best.

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provide a lien waiver upon completion of the job. A lien waiver is a statement ov the contractor that all suppliers and stractors have been paid for their

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he Oakland County Register of Deeds office. Listed below are cities, addresses, and sales

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p.m. Thursday, April 21, at Keller Williams Realty, 40600 Ann Arbor Road, Suite 100, Plymouth. You can learn

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seminar for leasing professionals called Leasing 101: The 2011 Tour on Friday, April 15, from 9 a.m. to noon

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tion, contact Lesley Aiello at (734) 459-4700 or laiello@

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Michigan's NAHBR Professional Remodelers Council will hold a three-part seminar series called "Your Master Planned Business" on April 19, June 15 and Oct. 19.
The seminars will be presented by Dawn Drozd, busi

1-2:30 p.m. It will be held at the Ford Conference & Even Center at 1151 Village Road in Dearborn in conjunction with the Pella Pro Expo being held at that location. The June 15 and Oct. 19 programs will each run from noon to 2 p.m., including lunch, at Association Offices, 2075 Walnut Lake Road in West Bloomfield, Registrat fees for members or guests are \$40 per person seminar or \$80 per person, if you register for all three seminars. For information, call (248) 862-1002 or regist

s coach and CEO of ClearVision Business Coaching.

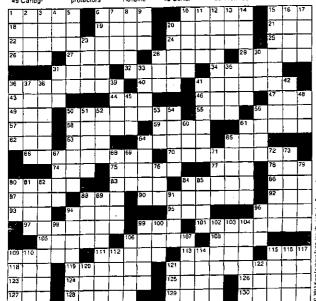
Part One, to be presented on April 19 is "Measure Twice, Cut Once." Part Two is "Your Master Blueprint" and will

be held on June 15. Part Three is "Project Review" and will be held on Oct. 19. The April 19 program will begin at 12:30 p.m. with lunch followed by the seminar from

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Still, that same game of "Is it me or them?" continues well into adulthood as you begin searching for a job. You make a list of your best qualities, send them to employers, get dressed up and try to woo them in an interview. Then you wait. And wait. And wait. The phone never rings.

Job seekers want to know why they can seemingly do everything right, and yet, still they don't hear back from employers. We're not talking about getting turned down for the job -- we're talking about not even hearing a "Sorry, but the position has been filled." So we went to the source to find out. Submitting the application

For a job seeker, the application process is full of

anxiety and excitement. When available position represents a possible new beginning. Before you've submitted an application, you've already daydreamed about your first day on the job. The problem is that to some employers, you're just one in a dozen. Or in some cases, one in 500.

Why Don't Employers Call Me Back?

"In the current market, if you post a job, you will get buried with résumés says Matthew McMahon, partner at staffing firm McMahon Partners LLC. "Maybe 5 percent are in the ballpark." This means plenty of hiring managers spend their time reading irrelevant applications that don't help them find the right candidate. As a result, they have less time for you. "You simply don't have time

to respond to [all applicants]. To many job seekers this attitude may sound cold and impersonal. After all, behind each of these applications is a person waiting for a return call. McMahon cannot possibly respond to each one ndividually, but he does take the time to reach out to applicants who show promise. "If somebody is close, but

slightly off target, I will usually take the time to give them a call learn about what they are looking for, tell them about the sort of roles I fill, and keep the notes for future use," he says.

How about the ones who miss

the mark completely?

"If the person isn't even close (or has not read the description), I don't bother spending the time because they are obviously applying for everything," he says. Take that as further proof that throwing your application at every open position and hoping to have some success is not the way to conduct a job search.

Can you expect any changes soon? OK, so that's how things are now, but can job seekers expect to have a more personal nteraction with the niring managers in the future? Possibly, says Caitrin O'Sullivan of iCIMS, a provider of

software for human resource companies to track recruiting activity and applications.

"If an organization, especially a medium or large one, were not leveraging an applicant tracking system, it's difficult for job seekers to understand the magnitude of applications flooding recruiters [and] HR managers' desks -especially during a period of high unemployment," O'Sullivan explains. "Just visually scanning through all of these résumés can take hours upon hours of manpower. To have to communicate with every one of those applicants on top of that would be a truly formidable task."

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"As more and more organizations are investing in and leveraging HR technology and [applicant tracking systems], it is much easier for the HR team to automate and streamline that process and enable applicants to be aware of their status within the review process," O'Sullivan says. Although not all employers use tools that allow for such tracking, it's something that iCIMS has provided to human resources departments to benefit job seekers.

Until everyone gets on board, don't expect to hear back from employers to learn where you stand. You're always free to call an employer to check on the status' of your application or to see if the position has been filled. As long as you are courteous and don't pester them, most companies will let you know one way or the

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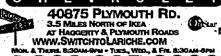


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