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Pakistan celebration

The Pakistan Association of America (PAA) presents its Pakistan Independence Day Celebration 2011 from noon to 10 p.m. Saturday, July 30, at the Suburban Collection Showplace of Novi.

"We are excited about our upcoming Independence Day Celebration, and we want people from all ethnicities to attend our family-friendly event and help us celebrate," said Amna Husain, executive director of Pakistan Association of America.

This year's celebration will include live entertainment, as well as delicious food, children rides, retail and jewelry vendors and much more. Admission for the celebration will be \$3 per person, and parking will be \$5 per car. Sponsors for the event will be Council on Pakistan Relations (CPR), Beaumont Health System, Detroit Metro Convention & Visitors Bureau and many generous individual sponsors.

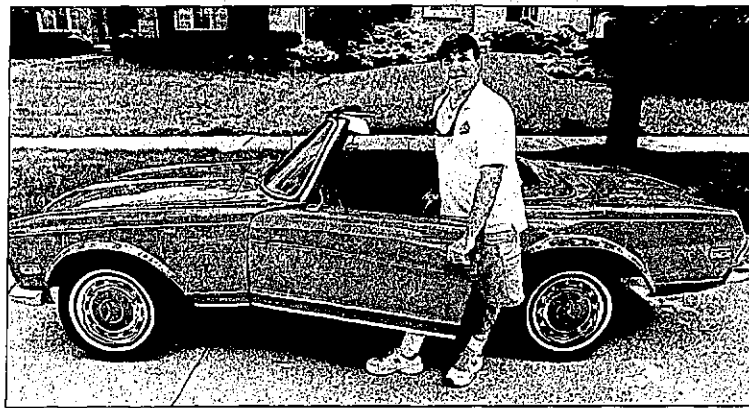
For more information on the event, contact Amna Husain at (248) 346-0486.

Farmers Market moving

The Novi Chamber of Commerce and sponsor Providence Park Hospital are moving the Farmers Market from The Suburban Collection Showplace to Furst Park beginning Saturday, July 30. Market hours have been extended from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. The park is located on the southeast corner of Taft and Ten Mile roads.

"We had considered Furst Park early on in our search for a new location, but the hilly terrain just wasn't feasible for the farmers to set up their booths," said Linda Daly, executive director of the chamber. "So we chose the Showplace location because of its visibility and name recognition, but we knew it was a only temporary home for the market. Thankfully, the Showplace location has given the market a very good start. Attendance was about 700 people last Saturday (July 23) which is our best ever. However, we have been looking for a more permanent home for the market."

Daly said recent improvements to Furst Park such as electric outlets near the center of the park and an irrigation system in the flat grassy area, made it feasible to locate the market there.



Novi resident Michael Salemi stands alongside his 1969 Mercedes-Benz convertible. Salemi will show the car at this weekend's Concours at Plymouth Township's St. John's Center.

Novi man's family heirloom to shine at Concours event

1969 Mercedes-Benz makes heads turn

BY NATHAN MUELLER
STAFF WRITER

Michael Salemi knew he had a lot of work ahead of him when he inherited his uncle's 1969 Mercedes-Benz 280SL Roadster in 1995.

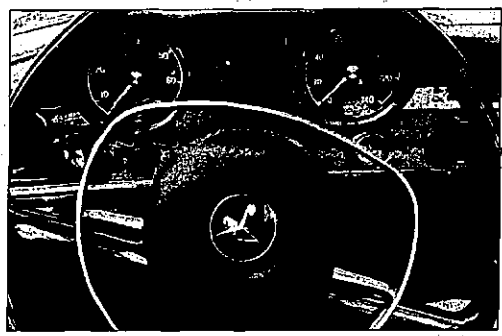
The car had been stored in a garage for the last 15 years and looked every bit its age, including the fact it had over 117,000 miles on it.

But Salemi saw beyond the rugged exterior and was confident he could return the car to its roots.

"It was in need of some serious restoration," he said. "But I always loved the car; it was something about the styling that caught me." It took two and a half years and over 1,000 hours of restoration, but the end result has been worth it. Not one part of the car went untouched through the restoration process, and while some subtle things are different, such as the color of the car, most of it is original with an upgrade.

Salemi has put over 16,000 miles on the car since it was restored, driving to and from car shows as well as taking leisure trips with his family.

The car also has garnered quite a bit of recognition, earning Best of Show at a Mercedes-Benz Club of America Concours, first place in the Mercedes-Benz



The dashboard of Salemi's 1969 Mercedes-Benz.

Club of Canada's 2004 Concours in the Vintage sports car category and third place at the MBCA Starfest in 2004.

Salemi also was asked to bring the car to the invite-only Concours d'Elegance of America on July 31 at The Inn at St. John's in Plymouth Township.

"I am pretty excited about it," he said of the event.

The car is unique in that it was the final model in the Mercedes-Benz W113 body style, has a four-speed automatic transmission when at the time nearly all automatics were three-speed, and with the hard top on was one of the safest cars produced at the time. The hard top also helped give the car the nickname "Pagoda," in reference to the Japanese

Pagoda.

Salemi said being able to take the car to shows like the Concours is "humbling."

"If you go anywhere with this car people always stop and stare," he said. "But at the Concours, you are humbled quickly because this is a pretty pedestrian car in a show like this."

People can see Salemi's car up close, as well as more than 300 other classic and exotic automobiles from across the world, at the Concours event this Sunday.

The event runs from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and tickets are \$25. The ticket includes free parking, shuttle and program book.

For more information, visit www.concoursusa.org.

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The final chapter

Borders to liquidate Novi stores, 397 others

BY NATHAN MUELLER
STAFF WRITER

Margi Karp-Opperer, assistant director at the Novi Public Library, knows the Internet has impacted the habits of readers.

But that doesn't make it any easier for her to digest the recent announcement that Borders would soon be closing its 399 stores, including the locations in the Novi Town Center and at Twelve Oaks Mall.

"I'm so disappointed," she said. "To me, it's like removing part of our culture and who I think we should be."

Karp-Opperer also had a personal connection to the store, living in Ann Arbor for 25 years, which is where the company started 40 years ago.

"I knew the Borders family and their whole mission and goals, and it was wonderful," she said.

The second largest bookstore chain in the country filed for bankruptcy protection five months ago but was unable to secure a buyer. Liquidation of the stores began last week, with discounts ranging from 10 percent to 40 percent.

The stores are expected to remain open until the end of September.

"We are saddened by this development," Borders Group President Mike Edwards said in a statement. "We were all working hard towards a different outcome, but the headwinds we have been facing for quite some time, including the rapidly changing book industry, e-reader

revolution, and turbulent economy, have brought us to where we are now."

The 36,000-square-foot Borders store in Novi has been in the Novi Town Center since the early 1990s, surviving many turbulent times.

But it wasn't meant to be this time. "Obviously they are an icon in the community," said Jim Clean, general manager of the Novi Town Center. "A lot of people are going to miss the store."

Karp-Opperer said she doesn't think Borders' closure is because people are reading less, but because it's not convenient for them to have to go to a store.

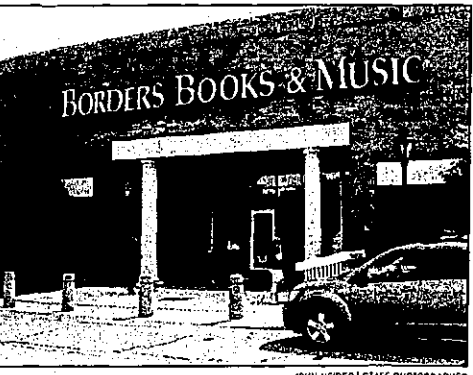
She said the number of users at the library remains high as people still check out books or download them from the library's website. She also encourages people who were Borders patrons to check out what the library has to offer.

"We are fortunate here in Novi that this hasn't impacted us," she said.

Novi residents Rachel Grace and McKenna Burt are two people who haven't given up in the internet craze, preferring to be able to go to the store and read through the books before buying them.

The two were at the store Friday afternoon, as line about 50 people deep wound through the store, with a stack of books on the ground as if to stock up before the store closes.

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The 36,000-square-foot Borders store, that has been in the Novi Town Center since the early 1990s, will be closing its doors in the coming months after the business was unable to secure a buyer.

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Inspire. Novi News subscribers received a copy of Inspire inside last Thursday's newspaper with an entry form and directions on Page 4 (of Inspire). Or you can enter online

at hometownlife.com. Look for the "Win a Christmas in July Shopping Spree" under the Don't Miss section online.

Deadline to enter is midnight July 31. All entries that correctly list all the pages on which the beach ball icon on the pages of the July 21 edition of Hometown Life

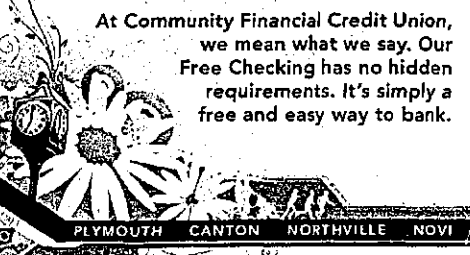
Happy Christmas in July and happy hunting for the holiday beach ball. Don't delay, enter today. Only one entry per household. Contest is limited to Michigan residents only.



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'Survivor Girl:' Battling cancer is inspiration for work of art

BY KEITH MCCAFFERY
CORRESPONDENT

Stacey Hefley was a 20-year-old student in 2003 when doctors gave her the news that she had cancer. The diagnosis was Hodgkin's lymphoma — formerly known as Hodgkin's disease — an aggressive form of cancer that attacks the lymphatic system and spreads rapidly throughout the body. In just six months, Hefley's lymphoma spread from her neck to her spleen. "It was emotionally hard because I was so young," said Hefley, a Milford resident. "I was just a sophomore in college and I had to give up everything I was doing. I went from hanging out on campus with friends to basically not being able to leave my house." Hefley received five months of chemotherapy and another two months of radiation treatment. That eliminated her lymphoma, but doctors found a new tumor last year in her salivary gland, which had to be surgically removed. Hefley now fully recovered from her life and death battle, has inspired Novi artist Dean Rogers to create a painting in her likeness titled "Survivor Girl." In the piece, he portrays Hefley as a superhero. "I think it is fabulous," said Hefley. "Dean's talent is phenomenal. I was amazed what he can do with colored pencils." Rogers, a colored pencil painter, said he likes to ask people to give him ideas about their personalities. He was



Cancer survivor Stacey Hefley inspired artist Dean Rogers to create a portrait which he hopes will provide strength to others battling the disease.

Hefley was treated, about donating the painting and said some agreement looks promising. "I don't want it to just hang on my wall," said Rogers. "I want it to be something more. If it could give someone more strength to fight their cancer, you can't even describe what that would mean to me." "Survivor Girl" is filled with symbolism. From its shapes to its colors, everything has a meaning. The bracelet, the "S" on Hefley's chest and the highlights in her hair are all lime green. "Lime green is the color for lymphoma," explained Rogers. "The bracelet that Stacey is wearing is a 'Know More' bracelet. The 'S' on her chest stands primarily for survival, but I also realized it is the first letter of her name." "She is bending a piece of metal in the shape of an awareness ribbon. Her neck is exposed to show where the cancer began, and the storm and lightning are to show how turbulent her experience was," Hefley and her husband, Jared, became parents in April to a son, Aiden. She is working in interior design and hopes in the future she can devote more time to her art. "I've been drawing and painting my whole life," said Hefley. "But after having a baby and getting a new job there isn't much time for it right now." "I was lucky and my treatment went so well," she said. "So many people have had cancer way worse than me and so many people aren't as lucky." Rogers wants to find a cancer organization that would like to use the piece to inspire and empower people who have cancer or who have survived it. He spoke with officials at Henry Ford Hospital, where

intrigued by Hefley's story. "She said she wanted to be strong," said Rogers. "I was thinking of a warrior princess, but then I was looking at a friend's comic book art and thought, 'Why not make her into a superhero?'"

Hefley said that she feels that strength is the most important thing people need to survive cancer. "I think the painting captures that strength," said Hefley. "I just would like to tell my story as much as I can and

make people more comfortable talking about it. It's a big part of life. "I was lucky and my treatment went so well," she said. "So many people have had cancer way worse than me and so many people aren't as

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CORRECTION
Last week's photo of Novi resident Michelle Krznisk checking out some turnips at the July 13 Walled Lake Farmers Market incorrectly stated that the market takes place Thursdays. The market runs through October, takes place from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. every Wednesday and is located on Maple Road, east of Pontiac Trail.

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Bauss said the biggest change is going to be not having a bookstore in town anymore. "Now we have to drive to Haggerty Road (in Northville) to go to a Barnes and Nobles," she said.

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Novi business to handle mail order prescriptions for Oakland County

NoviXus is state's first mail order pharmacy

BY NATHAN MUELLER
STAFF WRITER

Oakland County Executive L. Brooks Patterson has put a focus on emerging sectors and the Medical Main Street initiative. So it only makes sense that the county would be switching its mail order prescription services from a Colorado-based company to the state's first state-of-the-art mail order pharmacy based in Novi. NoviXus Pharmacy Services, which opened in 2009, uses the latest technology and robotics to dispense prescriptions at a typically lower cost. Patterson said Tuesday on a tour that he was impressed with the facility and noted that the health care industry has been the fastest emerging sector.

"This really fits in with our overall plan for the future," he said. Four years ago, businesses like NoviXus were illegal in the state. But after lobbying by wholesalers such as the Frank W. Kerr Company, where NoviXus is located inside of retail pharmacies and the Michigan Pharmacists Association, the law was changed.

"We figured it was time to fight back and bring dollars and jobs back to Michigan," said Jay Duprey, vice president of sales and marketing at NoviXus. The 350,000-square-foot building has the capability to dispense 5,000 prescriptions per shift, and currently dispenses to all 50 states. There are currently 15 employees but that number is expected to increase, especially with the



Oakland County Executive L. Brooks Patterson, right, listens as NoviXus's vice president of pharmacy services Rich Grossman describes some of the Novi-based business automation. Patterson was at the Nine Mile location on July 19 to announce that county employees would be switching to the company for its mail order prescription services.

addition of the contract from the county, Duprey said. Former state Sen. Nancy Cassis, along with Sen. Mike Kowall, Rep. Hugh Crawford and other local officials were on hand for the announcement and a rare tour of the facility. Cassis gushed with excitement upon hearing what the business was all about. "This is something you want to grow and see in Michigan," she said. "And it also is an excellent example of the economic gardening (Gov. Rick Snyder) was talking about." Said Rich Grossman, vice president of pharmacy services, "NoviXus is Pure Michigan."

NoviXus registered pharmacist Alvin Rubin fills scripts at the Nine Mile location on July 19. NoviXus, the first mail order pharmacy in the state, now has the contract to fill prescriptions for Oakland County employees.

Concours preview shows cars, new venue

BY MATT JACHMAN
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Organizers of one of the most prestigious car shows in the world offered a sneak peek July 12 at some of the rare, antique and classic vehicles that will grace Plymouth Township and Novi later this month. The Concours d'Elegance of America, which is moving to the Inn at St. John's after 32 years at Meadow Brook Hall in Rochester, will bring more than 500 show cars — including early racers, luxury Cords, Lincolns and Duesenbergs, 1970s funny cars and more — to the St. John's golf course Sunday, July 31. The Concours also offers three days of related events, including a motoring tour of the area for exhibitors, a show of car art, receptions, seminars and a live auction of high-end cars.

Car owners, public officials and others involved in putting together the show raved about the new venue during a media preview last Tuesday morning. "I love it. The layout is better. There's more room," said Tom Butterworth of Madison Heights, who will be showing a heavily modified Ford Model T race that was in the 1924 Indianapolis 500 (with a qualifying time of 88 mph) that he restored. The Inn at St. John's, on more than 200 acres, offers an on-site hotel and a 27-hole golf course. "I think it's terrific," said Terry Adderly of Bloomfield Hills. It's a tough change after so long in Rochester, Adderly added, but, "people are going to be much happier here." Adderly, a Concours board member, is going to show a one-of-its-kind Duesenberg race car that he acquired in the past year. The car raced at Indianapolis in 1931 and 1933, he said, finishing 13th (after starting in 40th place) in its second Indy run. It's a rarity, he said, because so many race cars from the era ended up being destroyed in crashes. His car actually spent about a decade, disassembled, in a barn in Missouri, Adderly said. Adderly has a soft spot for Duesenbergs, which were made from 1913 to 1937. "These are probably the most sophisticated cars for their day," he said. Reporters and bloggers — and some St. John's morning golfers — at the preview also caught glimpses of a massive 1931 Cadillac Sport Phaeton, a 1933 Pontiac Chiefan Deluxe convertible and a 1952 Hudson Hornet (the Hudson Motor Car Co. of Detroit became part of American Motors). "We're confident that after your first year here you're going to love the community as much as we do," said John Buzzivis, Plymouth's special projects director and the business operations director for the city's Downtown Development Authority. Buzzivis announced that a free shuttle service during the Concours will run between downtown Plymouth, the Inn at St. John's and Plymouth's Old Village neighborhood. A shuttle will also go between the show and the ACFI (formerly Vietnam and earlier, Ford) plant on Sheldon Road, where Concours attendees are encouraged to park. For more information on the 2011 Concours d'Elegance of America, visit the website www.concoursofusa.org. The show hours are from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tickets are \$25 a person; children 12 and under are free.



Novi High School freshman Mallory Maxton spent a week on Mackinac Island with the Michigan Governor's Honor Guard through the Girl Scouts performing various service projects including acting as a guide and raising and lowering the flags.

Making memories at Mackinac

Novi Girl Scout selected for service camp on the island

BY NATHAN MUELLER
STAFF WRITER

Mallory Maxton joined some rare company in early July when she served on the Michigan Governor's Honor Guard through the Girl Scouts at Mackinac Island.

The incoming freshman at Novi High School was one of 56 girls from the metro Detroit area chosen for the service camp, which ran July 2-9.

Maxton was the only Scout from Novi picked, and spent the week on the island raising and lowering the flags around the fort and town, acting as a guide and serving as the honor guard at Fort Mackinac and completing various other service projects.

"Being at the fort was a really cool experience with all its history," she said. "But the best part was being independent and trying new things."

Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts from across the state have been volunteering on the island for several years — the Boy Scouts since 1929 and the Girl Scouts since 1974.

Karen Maxton, Mallory's



A group of Girl Scouts watch as members of the Michigan Governor's Honor Guard raise a flag on Mackinac Island.

mother and troop leader, said it is programs like this that help the girls become leaders, and applauded the girls for giving up their free time in the summer to serve.

"Seeing the girls in uniform marching up the hill in step was pretty special," she said. Mallory Maxton got wind of the program last year when she visited the island for vacation. She then completed the application process and was selected in the fall.

"I was really excited and nervous when I found out," she said. She spent the six months

leading up to the camp — meeting monthly — learning the history of Fort Mackinac and how to properly raise, lower and handle the flag.

Maxton also had to bring her own food and do her laundry. She said one of the highlights of the trip was the final night of camp when the troop went to Inspiration Point to see the island at night.

A Girl Scout since kindergarten, Maxton plans on returning to the camp next summer, and also would like to eventually become a senior patrol leader.

Road ready

How to prepare for a stress-free road trip

When you hit the road this summer, make sure your car and car insurance are ready for the journey. Planning ahead can help avoid mishaps that could ruin your vacation.

Whether you are traveling near or far, you will likely be lugging some valuable items such as golf clubs, a laptop or a video camera — none of which are covered by a car insurance policy.

According to an April 2011 survey released by the National Association of Insurance Commissioners (NAIC), 40 percent of Americans incorrectly believe their car insurance will cover the replacement of personal items stolen from their vehicle.

"The truth is that these items must be covered by your homeowners or renters insurance policy to be reimbursed if they are stolen or damaged," NAIC president Susan E. Voss said.

One-third of Americans also believe their auto insurance automatically covers a rental car, according to the NAIC survey. However, this is not true, and the NAIC recommends checking with your auto insurance agent to make sure you have adequate car insurance whether driving your own car or a rental.

TOP 5 AUTO INSURANCE TIPS

Confirm your car insurance is active and premiums are up-to-date. Have a current copy of your insurance card in the car.

Select liability limits that are appropriate to your financial circumstances. People with more assets generally need to select higher limits of liability than those with fewer assets.

If renting a car for the trip, check your policy to see if it includes coverage. Verify potential coverage limitations with your agent, and make sure you are not duplicating benefits from your existing auto, health or home insurance policy.

Verify your homeowners or renters insurance covers the theft of personal items from a car, especially if you are planning to carry expensive items in your car such as golf clubs, video or digital cameras or laptops.

Check to see if your policy includes roadside assistance. You can be covered for towing, fuel delivery, lockout service, jump-starts and more.

If you are unclear about your car insurance coverage or would like to learn how to lower car insurance costs, visit www.InsureOnline.org.

TOP 5 CAR READINESS TIPS

To avoid car troubles, schedule a tune-up a few weeks prior to your trip and be sure to get regular oil changes. If you want to do some basic maintenance yourself, here's what Consumer Reports recommends you check:

Vital Fluids. This includes fluids for the engine, oil, coolant, transmission, brakes,

power steering and windshield washers. **Hoses and Belts.** You can check hoses on a cool engine by pinching them. There should be no soft spots or bulging areas. Feel for lengthwise cracks in the inner liner of the hoses. Check all belts for worn spots, cracks or shredding fabric reinforcement.

Battery. Most batteries are maintenance-free. Check the color of the small inspection window on top of the battery case. Look for cracks or holes in the battery casing. If your battery requires maintenance, make sure the fluid is up to the correct level. Fill with distilled water as indicated in the car owner's manual. Make sure battery cables are securely attached to the terminals. If your battery is more than five years old, consider replacing it — you don't want it overheating in the summer sun.

Brakes. If your car pulls to one side when you brake, or if you hear any grinding noises or feel unusual vibrations when you apply the brakes, take the vehicle to a mechanic.

Tires. Proper tire pressure means safer driving and lower fuel bills. Follow the manufacturer's recommendations for tire pressure (usually found on a sticker on the inner edge of the door, or in the glove box.) Also check tires for adequate tread depth and for damage such as cuts or bulges.

TOP 5 CAR RENTAL TIPS

If you're going to rent a car for your trip, make sure you are adequately insured.

Review your auto insurance policy or call your insurance agent before you reach the rental car counter. Some policies include conditions. They may not cover rentals on business trips, for example.

If your current policy doesn't offer coverage for a rental car, see if an insurance rider can be added for a small fee.

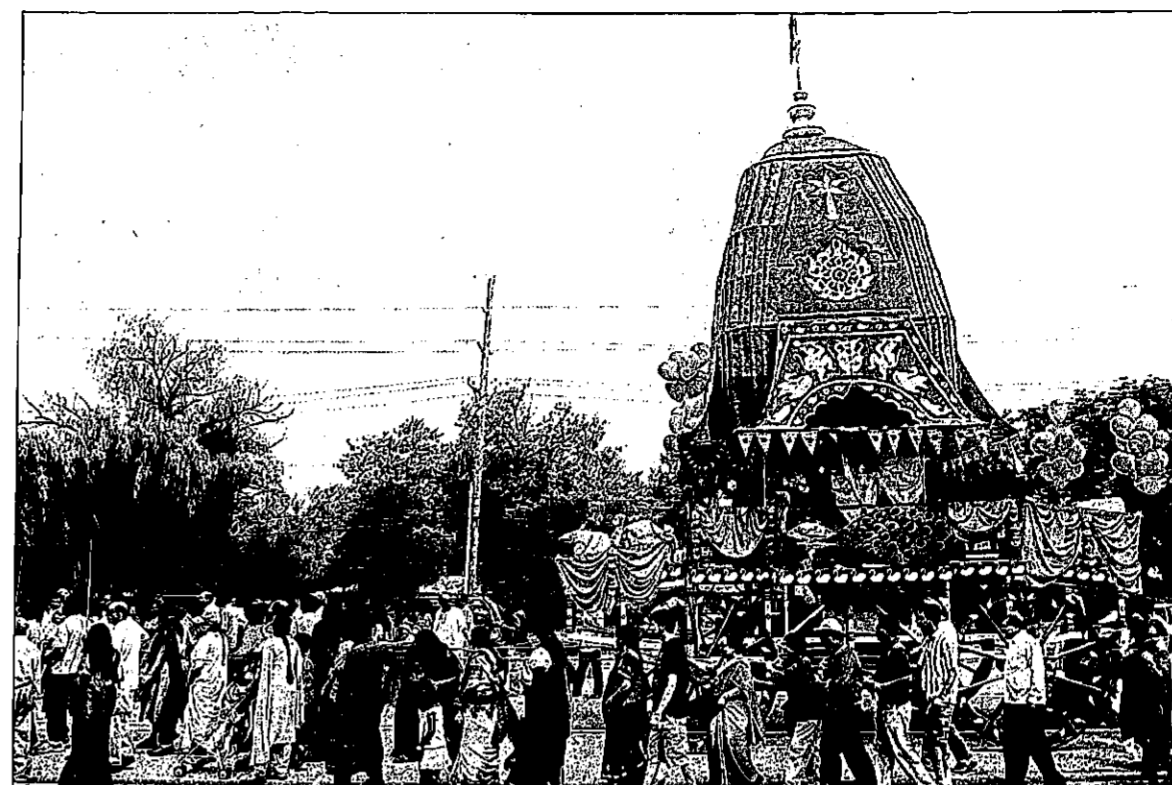
Many credit cards include some level of collision and theft protection. In most cases, these benefits are secondary to your personal auto insurance or the car rental company's insurance, meaning the credit card company will only pay claims after other insurance coverage has been exhausted. The NAIC recommends you call your credit card company and ask about benefits.

If you lack personal auto insurance and your credit card does not provide benefits, it might be wise to purchase the liability insurance and collision damage waiver at the car rental counter.

Keep in mind that if it is a longer-term rental, such as a week, a month or more, there might be limitations on the coverage your existing auto insurance policy provides. Check with your insurance company or agent for details.

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Festival of the Chariots

The International Society for Krishna Consciousness Detroit holds its Festival of the Chariots along 10 Mile Road in Novi on July 23. The festival, also known as Rath Yatra, took place from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. at Novi's Fuerst Farm Park and featured a parade, traditional Indian dancing, a vegetarian feast and a marketplace. The towering chariot pictured here is being pulled along the road by dozens and dozens of followers manning its ropes.



Prema Pallavi-Dasi and her son Vidhuv, 7, dance in front of the chariot during the Rath Yatra festival on Saturday.



Priya Kumari dishes out a vegetarian feast to festival goers at the Novi Fuerst Farm Park.



Rath Yatra festival-goers help to pull the chariot along Taft Road during the parade.



Aparna Athreya solemnly prays as the Festival of the Chariots parade goes by her along 10 Mile Road. The Rath Yatra festival is a massive Hindu festival associated with Lord Jagannath held at Puri in India — it is also celebrated worldwide each summer in mid-July. Novi's Festival of the Chariots featured a parade that wound around the Civic Center for two miles, dancing, yoga and a vegetarian feast. It was sponsored by the International Society for Krishna Consciousness Detroit.



Smiling and clapping along to the rhythmic music played by fellow Hindus, Krishna Lila makes her way along Ten Mile Road during the Rath Yatra festival Saturday.



Akhaya Rajkumar performs a traditional Indian dance during Saturday's Rath Yatra festival in Novi.



Nirjala Surti dances along Ten Mile Road during the 2011 Festival of the Chariots.

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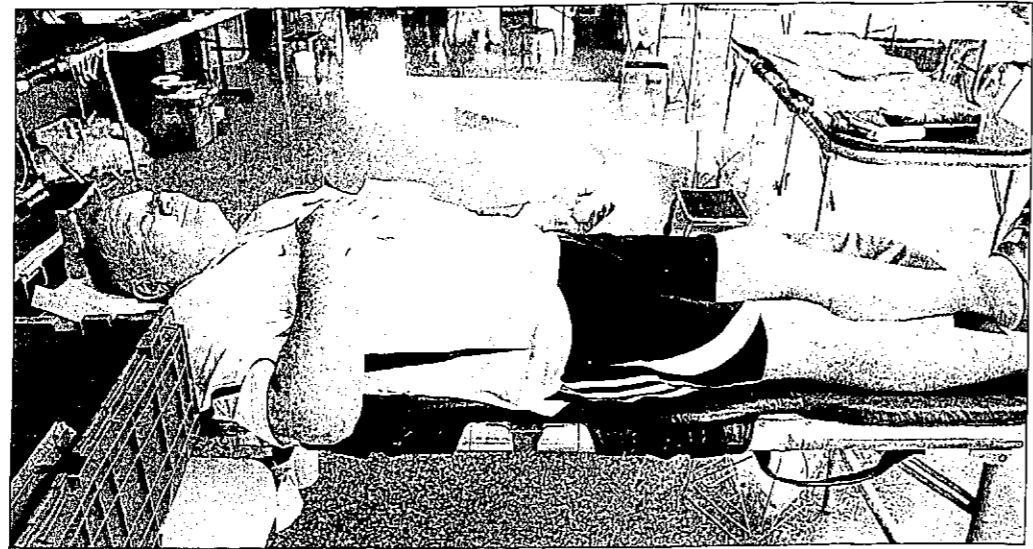
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Detroit Tigers player Brennan Boesch will appear at DC SPORTS at Twelve Oaks Mall on Thursday, July 28 to sign autographs for fans from 7-9 p.m.

Appeal for blood donations with supplies critically low.

The following drives are being held: Sunday, July 31; Holy Family Church, Novi; 9 a.m.-2:45 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 2, Novi Sports Club; 1-6:45 p.m.



First time's a charm

Lynda Lewis gives blood at Novi High School during a July 22 Red Cross drive. Lewis was giving blood for the first time.

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The Menagerie Room @ Co Reutter Salon, located at 110 N. Lafayette in downtown South Lyon, would like to bring together artists of all mediums to participate in their 'People's Choice Awards' exhibit.

You can see staff photographer John Heider's photos in print in the Novi News and Northville Record, but don't miss his videos of the Super Gardener, a young moth rancher and the Novi girls state soccer match.

EDUCATION

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Novi resident Nick Harder, 13, plays his original composition 'Popsicle Stick' at his home on July 22. Harder will travel to L.A. this weekend to perform the tune along with professional musicians for the U.S. National Junior Original Concert.

Novi student to perform at concert in California

Little did Nick Harder know that when he sat down at the piano two years ago to create the rough draft of his own composition that it would be something that would put him in the national spotlight.

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NOW SCHOOL BRIEFS Community Ed preschool Preschool registration for Novi's 2011-12 school is now open for full-day and half-day morning or afternoon classes.

Ferris State University The faculty advisers for Ferris State University's Michigan Epsilon chapter of Tau Alpha Pi, the national honor society for engineering technology students, have announced their 2011 inductees.

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ARCHIE, MARJORIE D. (CALKINS)
72, of Beatyville, KY, died Thursday July 7, 2011. Born June 19, 1939 in Newberry, daughter of the late Barney Sr. & Lela (Whalen) Calkins. Marjorie was raised in the Newberry area. She later resided in South Lyon where she worked and raised her family. Marjorie had been a resident of Beatyville, KY for the past 20 years and her greatest love and enjoyment were her children and extended family in addition to country music, quilting and bingo. In addition to her parents, Marjorie is predeceased in death by her siblings Loretta Calkins, Maxine Smith, Mary Lou Hock and Ernie Calkins. Survivors include her children Steve (Judy) Archie of Byron, MI, Clara Landrum of St. Petersburg, FL, Denise Pasqua of Beatyville, KY and Dennis (Peggy) Archie of Brentfield, CO. Her partner Lenny Mosley of Beatyville, KY; grandchildren Dave and Jeff (Lisa) Archie, Gary (Melissa) Landrum, Crystal Johnson, Heather (Elvis) Landrum, Alex Comiskey, Steven, Joshua, and Caitlyn Pasqua, Liam, Teagan and Scarlett Archie, siblings George, Levi, Frank, Birney and Herman Calkins, Clara Jacko and Helen Sevans; great-grandchildren Brian and Riley Landrum, Leah and Jaceal Cotton, Kayla and Lauren Archie. Beautiful Funeral Home in Newberry is assisting the family. www.beautifulfuneralhome.com

BEHLING, LUCILLE G. (NEE FOWLER)
Age 90 of Millford, formerly of Livonia, died on July 23, 2011. Preceded in death by her beloved husband, Elmer. Survived by her daughter, Nancy Hirst, son, Paul (Theresa) Behling; 7 grandchildren and 4 great grandchildren. Also survived by her extended family and friends. A funeral service will be held at Lynch & Sons Funeral Home, 404 E. Liberty, Millard, on Thursday, July 28 at 7 PM. Friends may visit from 5 PM until time of service. Memorials may be made to the American Heart Association or Alzheimer's Association. For further information please phone 248-684-6645 or visit www.LynchFuneralDirectors.com.

NEWBIGIN, HELEN IRENE
Age 89 of Northville passed away peacefully July 26, 2011. Beloved mother of Keith (Peggy) Steinhebel. Dearest sister of Luce Westfall. Arrangements entrusted to Castlerline Funeral Home.

RAYMOR, GERALD K.
Age 74, of Salem died July 19, 2011. A funeral service was held 7/27/11 at Castlerline Funeral Home of South Lyon. He was laid to rest at Salem Walker Cemetery.

WRIGHT, DANIEL L.
Age 51, passed away July 19, 2011. He was born on August 26, 1959, in Weirton, West Virginia, son of B.L. and Esther Wright. Dan was a generous and kind man with a servant's heart. He was an active member of the First United Methodist Church of South Lyon, volunteered at Kent Lake Elementary, was a member of Kiwanis and a board member of the city's foster care agency. He will always be remembered for his care and concern for those in need, especially children. Dan led an active life with many interests and hobbies, but the most important things in his life were his family and his faith. He is survived by his beloved wife, Ann; his sons, Lee and Chad Wright, his step-daughters, Kathryn, Sarah and Elizabeth Vickers. He is also survived by his mother, Esther, and his siblings, Susan Finley and Bill (Susan) Wright and many nieces, nephews, and loving friends. He was preceded in death by his father, B.L., and his brother-in-law, Gene Finley. The family received friends Tuesday, July 21, from 4:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m. at PHILLIPS FUNERAL HOME, South Lyon. A memorial service was held on Friday, July 22, at 2:00 p.m. at the First United Methodist Church of South Lyon. Memorial contributions may be made to Active Faith Community Services. Online Guestbook www.phillipsfuneral.com

BENNETT, JANET M.
(née: Potere) Age 50, of White Lake Twp., formerly of Commerce Twp., passed away on July 23, 2011. For further information please call Lynch & Sons at 248-684-6645 or visit www.LynchFuneralDirectors.com

ARETHA, BERNARD
Age 75, of White Lake, July 19, 2011. A funeral Mass was held at Church of the Holy Spirit, Highland, July 23, 2011. Holy Sepulchre Cemetery, Lynch & Sons, 248-684-6645 or visit www.LynchFuneralDirectors.com

CARRIER JR., CLARK
Left us sadly July 20, 2011. Lifelong Highland resident, he is survived by his mother, Alice; sisters Tina and Mary, and countless friends. He will be greatly missed. Memorial and donation info at: 248-818-2818

BECKWITH, LESTER
Age 90 of Howell, formerly of South Lyon, passed away Friday, July 15, 2011 at home. He was born January 11, 1921 in Port Huron, MI, the son of Lester and Thelma (Kimball) Beckwith. Dear father of Joye (Jim) Frankoskos of Ann Arbor, grandchildren, Chuck (Tarry), Kyle, Loreana, Janina, Marc and Rick (Kim), great-grandchildren, Joshua, Joella, Erika, Brooke, Ashley, Nicole, Quinn, Julia, Chase and Isaac. Also survived by his brother, Bud (Mary) Beckwith of Farmington. He was preceded in death by his wife, Margaret Hulbert (2008) and siblings, Genevieve, Dale and Doug. Lester was a WWII veteran of the U.S. Air Force and a member of Sheet Metal Workers International for 51 years. Memorial services will be held Saturday, July 23, at 10:30 a.m. at Brighton Christian Church, 4309 Buno Road, Brighton. Memorial contributions may be made to St. Joseph Mercy Livingstone Hospice. Please visit the family's online guestbook at www.macdonaldfuneralhome.com

GARDNER, WILLIAM L.
born on Dec. 12, 1926 in Blantyre, Scotland. Died on July 22, 2011. A family service will be held privately, Lynch & Sons, 248-684-6645 or visit www.LynchFuneralDirectors.com

HARRIS, JENNIFER M.
Age 41 of Ann Arbor passed away 7/27/11. Funeral service was held Wed., 7/27/11 at Castlerline Funeral Home, Inc. Contributions to ACT Team, 2140 E. Ellsworth Rd., Ann Arbor, MI 48108.

KOERS, RENEE I. (LAWAWAY)
Age 34, passed away July 17, 2011. Visitation was held on Monday, July 25, at Phillips Funeral Home, South Lyon. Online guestbook at www.phillipsfuneral.com

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All things Potter
Sonia Menon, 7, wraps her sister Anisha, 5, in toilet paper in a mummy-creating fun exercise during the July 14 Harry Potter celebration at the Novi Public Library. The library had a lot of Potter-themed fun for kids that day in celebration of the release of the book series' final movie opening.



Tanisha Mitra, 14, dishes out a chocolate pretzel-wand at the July 14 Harry Potter celebration at the Novi Public Library.



Kathryn Baus, Novi Library program assistant, complete with a Hogwarts outfit, draws a card from the wizard's hat of Cherina Chungag at the July 14 Harry Potter celebration. Kids attending the celebration picked cards from the hat to determine what Hogwarts class they were to be part of.

Submit: Send calendar submissions via e-mail to cstone@gannell.com; by fax to (248) 685-2892; or by mail to Church Events/Northville-Novi, 101 N. Lafayette, South Lyon, MI 48178. Items must be received by noon on Monday to be included in Thursday's newspaper.
Church of the Holy Cross
Location: 40700 W 10 Mile Road, Novi
Contact: (248) 482-1175 or visit hollyfamily-livonia.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 p.m.
Reconciliation: beginning 9 a.m. Saturdays or by appointment
Priests: Falter Timothy Hagan, pastor and Falter 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.crosspointe-meadows.org
Sunday Worship: 11:15 a.m.
Bible study classes: 10 a.m. for all ages
Details: Nursery and older children programs available. Worship blends traditional and contemporary elements resulting in a multi-sensory worship experience.
Destiny Worship Center
Location: Ridge Wood Elementary School, 49775 Six Mile Road, Northville
Contact: DestinyWC@gmail.com or visit www.DWJC.org.
First Church of the Nazarene
Location: 21260 Haggerty Road, north of Eight Mile Road
Contact: (248) 348-7600 or visit fcnazarene.org
Sunday Schedule: 9:15 a.m. Worship service with Praise Band, children's Sunday School and Adult Bible Fellowship; 10:15 a.m. Fellowship and refreshments; 11 a.m. Traditional worship service, Children's Church, Youth Sunday School and Adult

Bible Fellowship; 6 p.m. Evening Service, Children's program, Youth Worship Service
Tuesday Schedule: Tuesday 9:25-11:15 a.m. Women of the Word Bible Study with childcare available for through age 5; 6:45 p.m. Ladies Evening Bible Study
Wednesday Schedule: 5:30 p.m. Family Meal, \$4 per person, \$12 per family; 7 p.m. Children's Caravan, Club 56, Bible Study, Quilting, Adult Classes, Youth Blast
Thursday Schedule: 6 a.m. Men of Purpose Prayer Group; 7 p.m. 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, Livonia
Contact: (248) 442-6822 or www.newhope-center.
Episcopal Church of the Holy Cross
Location: 40700 W. 10 Mile Road
Contact: (248) 427-1175 or churchofthe-hollycross.com
Sunday Worship: 7:45 a.m., 10 a.m.
Sunday School and Nursery Care: 10 a.m.
Worship Service
Alzheimer's Support Group
Time/Date: 10 a.m. second Saturday of month
Faith Community Presbyterian
Location: 44400 W. 10 Mile Road
Contact: (248) 349-2345 or visit www.faithcommunity-novi.org
Sunday Worship: 10 a.m.
First Baptist Church of Northville
Location: 217 N. Wing
Contact: (248) 348-1020
Sunday Worship: 10:45 a.m. and 5:45 p.m.
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
Treasure Seekers Vacation Bible School
Time/Date: 6:30-8:30 p.m. Aug. 1-4
Details: For kindergarten through sixth grade
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First Baptist Church of Novi-Family Integrated Church
Location: 45301 W. 11 Mile Road
Contact: (248) 349-3647 or firstbaptist-churchofnovi.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
First Presbyterian Church of Northville
Location: 200 E. Main St.
Contact: (248) 349-0911 or visit firstpresville.org
Sunday Worship
Time: 9:30, 11 a.m.
Single Place
Time/Date: 7:30 p.m. every 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.

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Church directory listing various churches and their services: Brighton, Milford, Novi, Highland, South Lyon, New Hudson, Livonia, Northville, Plymouth, Wixom. Includes details on worship times, locations, and contact information for each church.

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Teen Center fun

Seth Dziukowski, 13, is watched by friends Megan Nance, 13, and Chelsea Collier, 13, as he plays a video game (above left) on July 6 at the Novi Teen Center inside Novi High School. The Teen Center is sponsored by the Oakland County Court Family Division, the City of Novi and Novi Community Schools. Howell Nature Center's Nancy Sloan presents a great horned owl (above right) to an assembly at the Novi Teen Center on July 6. The Teen Center will have lots of visitors this summer, including the Novi Police Department K9 and motorcycle unit and will make a number of visits to events outside the city - like to a Tigers game.

CALENDAR

FROM PAGE A15

Aug. 10
Details: Join your neighbors and bring a lunch for this afternoon book discussion of The Mind's Eye by Oliver Sacks.
Friends' Board Meeting
Time/Date: 7-8:45 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 10
Details: Board meetings are held on the second Wednesday of each month in the library's Board Room. Everyone is welcome at the meetings and we cordially invite you to attend.
Teen Volunteer Thank You Party
Time/Date: 7-8:30 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 10
Details: Did you volunteer with us this summer? Then this bash is for you! Come and enjoy snacks and video games and fun as we celebrate the summer. For grades 7-12. Registration is required.

NOVI NEWSMAKERS

Allison Freeland
Physiotherapy Associates announced that Allison Freeland has joined its Walled Lake clinic as a full-time staff physical therapist.
Freeland received her doctorate in physical therapy at Oakland University with a concentration of orthopedic manual techniques. She enjoys working with orthopedic conditions, as well as pediatric care. Her hobbies include dancing, cycling, running and golfing. She has completed the Detroit Half-Marathon 2010 and is training for 2011.
'I believe collaborative care between patient and physical therapist is important for proper recovery and rehabilitation,' she said.

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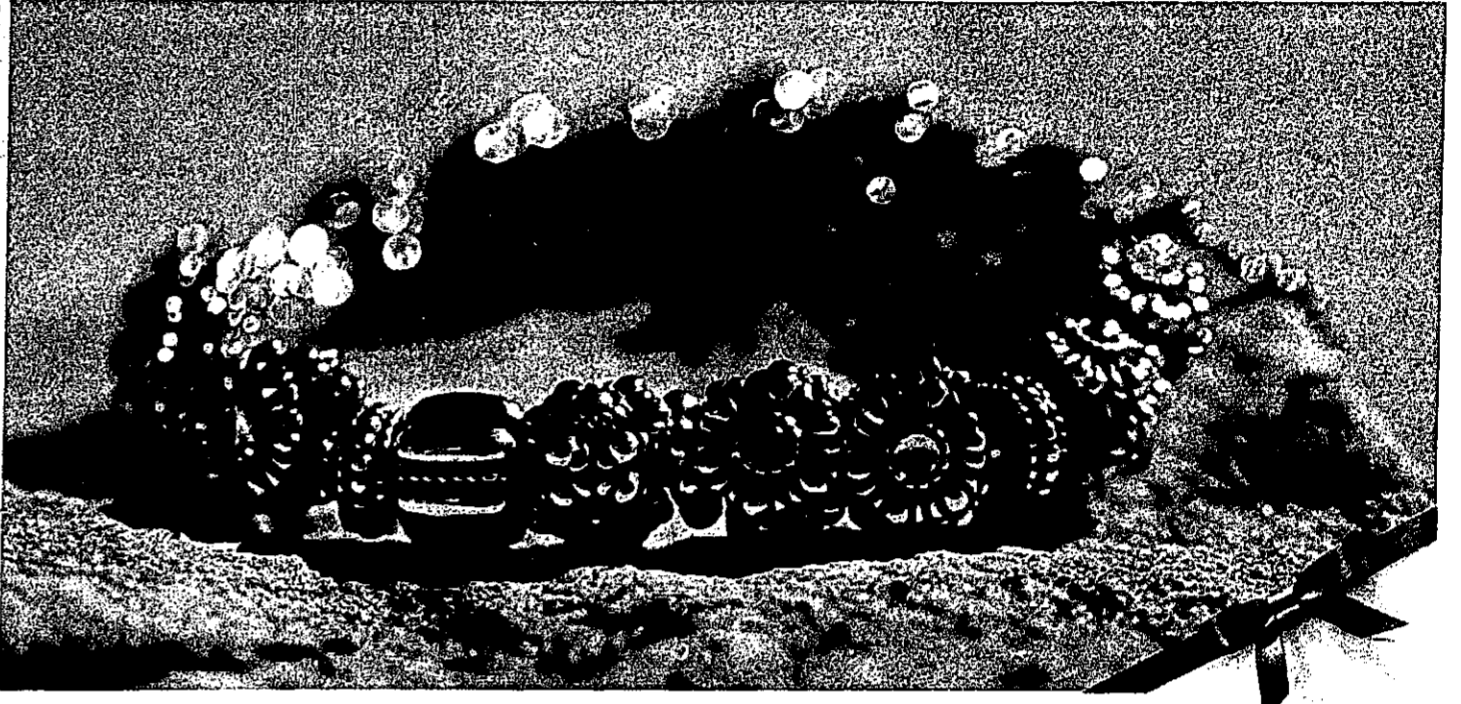
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Getting ready

The UIC Northville Broncos are preparing for and ready for the National Amateur Baseball Federation (NABF) Junior World Series being held in Northville, July 27-31.



12U champs

Novi's Motor City Madness 12U Red won the 12U division (which had 22 teams from PA, NY, OH, MI) at the Battle of theburgh in Pittsburgh, Penn. July 8-10.

Motor City Madness Fastpitch Softball Tryouts

The Novi based Motor City Madness fastpitch softball program is holding tryouts on Saturday, Aug. 13 and Sunday, Aug. 14.

Tryouts will be held at Novi Power Park fields #5 & #6 (in the back). Power Park is located off of 10 mile between Taft and Novi roads, behind the Civic Center.

Novi High boys cross country tryouts

Tryouts for the Novi High School Boys Cross Country Team will begin at 8 a.m. Wednesday, Aug. 10. Mandatory registration must be completed and turned in to Coach Smith by Monday, Aug. 8.

Motor City Chiefs U10 baseball tryouts

The Motor City Chiefs Baseball Club will be entering its 10th season in 2012, providing a competitive baseball environment with a priority on indi-

NORTHVILLE/NOVI SPORTS BRIEFS

Cricket Cup

Novi to host first Cricket Cup 'under the lights' at Ella Mae Power Park.

The 2011 Novi Cricket Cup will be held from 6-11 p.m. on Saturdays and Sundays, Aug. 6-7 and Aug. 14 and Aug. 20-21.

Summer basketball camps being offered

Pat Schluter will be offering up spaces at his annual basketball camps this summer on a first-come, first-served basis.

Roadrunner

40:59.2 for third. In the men's division, Novi's Anthony Lee ran a 31:03 for the top spot, followed by Steve Rose of Dearborn Heights with a 32:19.8.



Champs

The Northville Tigers recently won the 2011 Northville Parks & Rec Advanced Girls Softball League, completing a one-loss season by defeating the Northville Yankees for the championship.



First place

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Advertisement for the 60's MUSIC LEGEND TOUR DOO WOP EDITION. Features bands like THE COASTERS and THE SHADES OF BLUE. Performance on Friday, August 19, 2011.

Advertisement for PUBLIC COURSES. Lists various golf courses and their special offers, including Eagle Crest Golf Club, Stonebridge, Coyote Preserve, and Links of Novi.

Advertisement for Dick Scott Chrysler-Dodge-Jeep-Ram. Promotes a Summer Clearance Event with financing options for various vehicle models like the 2011 Jeep Grand Cherokee Laredo and 2011 Dodge Durango.

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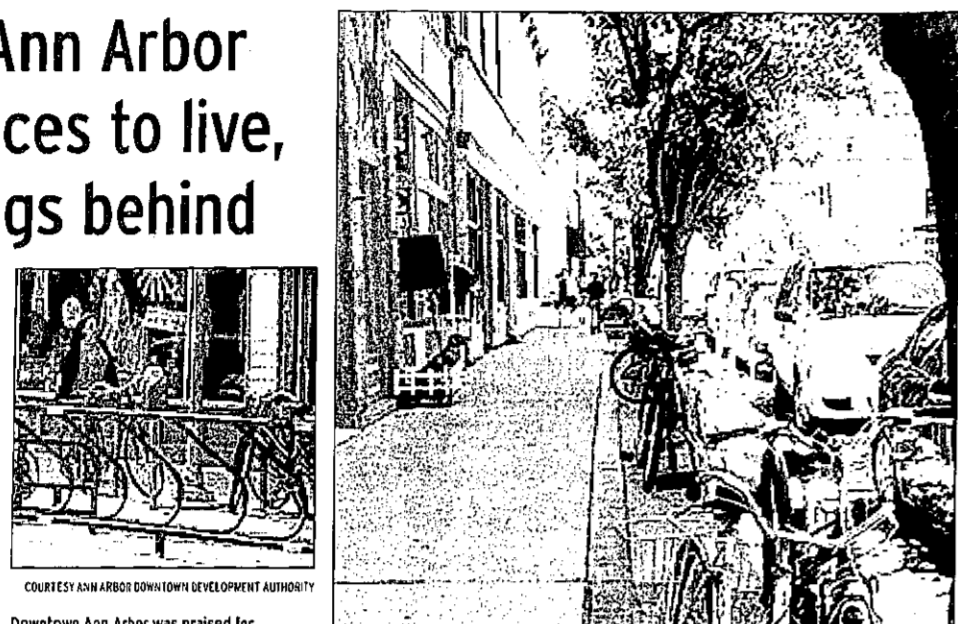
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Survey: Ann Arbor tops in places to live, Detroit lags behind

BY JULIE BROWN
DESIGNER: CHRIS WILSON

Ann Arbor was ranked No. 6 in a recent MSN survey of most livable bargain real estate markets nationwide. The survey noted, "It's hard to believe that Ann Arbor is just about 30 miles outside of Detroit. Its quality of life and economy seem worlds away."
The survey was done by MSN Real Estate and Bert Sperling of Sperling's Best Places, evaluating the most affordable markets within the nation's 100 largest metropolitan areas and identified livable areas; places where unemployment is lower than the national average, where commute times are short and where there are cultural and recreational diversions.



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Downtown Ann Arbor was praised for walkability and ease of bicycle use in the nationwide survey.



A healthy business district contributed to Ann Arbor's favorable ranking.

Chinese provinces have some autonomy

BY ROBERT MEISNER
GUEST COLUMNIST

Q: I understand that there are some provinces in China where a company can invest in residential property without any limitations imposed by the government, besides Hong Kong. Do you have any information?
A: There are several provinces in China, particularly in the Southwest area, which are basically autonomous in regard to government intervention.

because of their relatively rural nature. There is no limitation by the government on the owning the residential properties or the time during which they can be owned.

Robert Meisner
by an individual which gives you much more flexibility in terms of purchasing real estate. Indeed, in Hong Kong, which is almost totally autonomous from China, real estate can be purchased easily and there are many American real estate companies offering services. Indeed, there is an opportunity for speculation on the best of residential properties although there is a tremendous amount of construction going on.

to get Michigan out of the recession." Dale E. Smith, CEO of the Western Wayne Oakland County Association of Realtors, said "It certainly is a plus, being close to Detroit." The whole area that we're residing in is here because of Detroit. The fact that they're having problems doesn't diminish its value.

Q: I am going to be spending some time in China, particularly Beijing, for business, and I am wondering whether you have any suggestions of the apartment/condo structure there.
A: Fortunately, I can tell you that I have done an extensive investigation of the residential opportunities in a good part of China having recently visited there. In Beijing, the capital of China, the government has a tight rein on the residential real estate market. Indeed, all of the land in residential situations is owned by the government and although there are some magnificent high rises, the government imposes a 70-year limitation on the ownership of what we would call a condominium unit. However, you can purchase your interest in the condominium unit and transfer it to someone else.

becoming home to a lot of retirees, said Milshteyn, who's working with couple right now relocating from Rochester, N.Y. Their son went to U-M 30 years ago.
"When he was here, they said 'We are going to retire to Ann Arbor.'" Milshteyn didn't agree with the survey's negative views of Ann Arbor being 90 minutes from Detroit. "I always say 'I wish we were closer.'" He has some friends who've left Ann Arbor for Detroit, where it costs less to live.

It's a great amenity to have so close to Ann Arbor. I think it's a big plus having it so close." He lives in Ann Arbor, is 28 and was recently honored as a "30 Under 30" winner for Realtor magazine of the National Association of Realtors. He served as president last year of the Ann Arbor Area Board of Realtors.
"It's good news for Ann Arbor and I think it's good news for Michigan," he said of Ann Arbor's ranking. "We're a diversified economy and we're going

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9 Jobs You Shouldn't Overlook

Alina Dizik, Special to CareerBuilder

Some jobs can have negative stigmas, but that doesn't mean you shouldn't give them a second glance when you're conducting your search. In fact, many jobs that seem unappealing from the get-go actually provide workers with a favorable work-life balance and other perks. To retain employees, many careers with negative stigmas offer better-than-usual incentives to draw in job seekers. Here are nine jobs that deserve a second look:

businesses, and it's ideal for those who want to skip the hassle of dealing with a boss. While the job can bring up sad feelings it's also rewarding because you're helping families in a time of need. Dental hygienist

Cleaning teeth isn't often on the list of most-wanted jobs, but it shouldn't be overlooked. Dental hygienists enjoy working flexible hours and have plenty of opportunities for part-time work. Employment of hygienists is expected to grow by 36 percent by 2018, according to the Bureau of Labor Statistics. Correctional officer

move up the ladder. Truck driver

Driving long distances to deliver or pick-up cargo can be a demanding job that's often overlooked. In reality, a truck-driving career deserves a second glance for both the flexibility and pay. Education requirements are minimal but a state-issued Commercial Driver's License is a must. Many drivers say the opportunity to travel also makes this a more exciting career. Electrician

definite upside. For one, plumbers have a flexible schedule and a job that provides stable benefits while being in-demand and resistant to downturns. Craftsmanship is also an important part of the job and plumbers often form strong business ties when they gain a reputation for consistently performing excellent work. Most plumbers value the stability of their field and enjoy the ability to connect with customers. Quality control worker

Typically working in manufacturing environments, inspectors help to insure that products are made to appropriate standards. While the job can seem boring, many quality control workers appreciate being involved during every part of production and learning about new developments. Other titles with a similar role include sorters, testers and weighers. Some inspectors have opportunities to work with prototypes and never-before-seen equipment, which can give workers an inside scoop on upcoming products.



This home improvement job typically requires a four-year apprenticeship for those wanting to become an electrician. While the job can seem redundant, electricians actually work with many different types of projects including commercial building, machines and electric utility company distribution systems. Many electricians also run their own business and enjoy building up their craft and customer base. Master plumber

Plumbing problems can be intimidating to tackle every day, but being a plumber has a

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