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Heidi Bushey is the top prize winner in the Hometown Life Inspire contest. The Canton resident won \$250 and says she may spend it on teens, or possibly a latesummer trip to Cedar Point Amusement Park. Other prize winners are land (\$125) and Maria Cameon of South Lyon (\$75). Nearly 800 entries vere submitted. The winners were selected in a random drawing of all entries that correctly identified pages on which the holiday beach ball appeared.

Grub Crawl

Experience West second annual Grub Cráwl from 5-9 p.m. today at 12 Mile Crossing at Fountain Walk.
Featured venues include Bar Louie, Buffalo Wild Wings, Family of Pets (featuring dessert/pas-(featuring The Post Bar), Cold Stone Creamery, Hooters, Lucky Strike Lanes & Lounge, and Rojo Mexican Bistro.

The cost is \$25 per person in advance; \$30 at the door. To register, wo.com or call (734) 953-7361.

Movie Night

The City of Novi and the Consulate General of Japan in Detroit present a free show ing of Disney's "Howl's Moving Castle" at Fuerst Park (corner of 10 Mile and Taft roads) at 8:30 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 20. The movie will be shown in Japanese with English asked to bring blan-Parking is available in the Novi High School lot on Taft Road. Please call the weather hotline for details at (248) 347-0473.

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PHOTOS BY JOHN HEIDER I STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER A Novi firefighter carries a man from the scene of a house fire along Norfolk Court around 2 p.m. on Aug. 15. Personnel were alerted to a fire in the garage around 1:40 p.m. that day and had the fire out by 2:30 p.m. with some smoke damage to the home. The victim was transported to Novi's Providence Park Hospital for smoke inhalation.

Novi man rescued from smoke-filled home

Fire destroys garage, home spared from serious damage

By Nathan Mueller

A 56-year-old Novi man was carried to safety on Monday afternoon after a garage fire filled his home on 22000 block of Norfolk

Four firefighters - Paul Mullett, Josh Bunse, Kev-in Pearce and Jeff Lachman were notified by witnesses when they arrived on scene that the resident of and could not get out on his

The garage was on fire at the time, but they were able to locate the man in the rear of the home and get him come with smoke.

Please see FIRE, A2



Smoke billows into the sky as Novi firefighters respond to a garage and house fire that damaged a dwelling on Norfolk Court on Monday afternoon.

Novi High School fails to make AYP

State Department of Education denies district plea

By Nathan Mueller

Novi High School's decade-long streak of making adequate yearly progress came to an end this year as the Michigan Department of Education gave the school its first B

According to Supt. Steve Matthews, the school did not make AYP, which is determined by performance on the Michigan Educational Achievement Program exam and the Michigan Merit Exam, because two subgroups at the high school were not at a 95percent participation rate, which is required by the No Child Left Behind legislation for all students and each subgroup

A press release issued by the district Monday morning noted that in

vantaged subgroup two students had their tests invalidated because they used cell phones while on their breaks, thus causing the drop below 95 per-

The other subgroup drop was because a spe refused to take the test. bringing the participa-tion rate in that subgroup below 95 percent.
District officials

appeals to the MDE, but it

"It just feels wrong to us because what it does is it encourages us to look the other way, which we aren't going to do," Matthews said. "But the state went by the letter of the law and didn't give any wiggle room.'

The seven other schools in the district all received their usual "A" grade. And while the district

will not receive any sanc-

Novi police spot identity theft suspect

Package had more than 100 fraudulent credit cards

By Nathan Mueller

Two Novi police officers preparing packages for shipping at the FedEx store on Grand River Avenue on July 29 found the same time.

The officers, Assistant Police Chief Victor Lauria and Deputy Chief Tom Lindberg, were dropping offold and outdated soft body armor ballistic vests that are no longer used by the Armor of God program when they saw a suspicious man at the store preparing

We observed the male for several minutes, not-ing his odd behavior and developing additional information," Lauria wrote in a memo to Director of Public Safety David

received by the Novi City Council. "This information was relayed to Detective Amanda Kulikowski (and) she was able to develop probable cause to obtain a search warrant for the package."

the package contained over 100 fraudulent credit cards. The man was not arrested by Novi police officers, according to Lt. Jartigation has been turned over to the United States Secret Service, Lauria said agents informed the department that the man is part of a multiple-state

Hart said as the investigation is ongoing, no other information could be



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Sharing 25 percent of the proceeds from the CROP Walk are the Northtary Avenue Evangelical sbyterian Church Food Bank in Detroit, First Step Shelter in the Plymouth/ Canton area, and the Novi Emergency Food Bank.

According to event coor dinator Stan Koster, the alk is about recogniz ing the distance each day many people have to go to get their food and water.

'This is an important event for us because of what it means to the daily basis are in need The walk will have a

one-mile route and a 10K or six-mile route. Both will be in the Six Mile and will begin at Ward Church. Registration starts before the walk at

Other Northville and Novi churches involved with the walk include St. James, Northville First United Methodist, Faith Community Presbyterian, Church of the Holy Family and Meadowbrook Congregational.

Participants can form a team or just walk individually. For those who cannot participate, donations can still be given online at the CROP web site, which is http://www.churchworldservice.org/site/T rWalk/TR-Fall2011?fr_

Nearly \$1,000 has munity-based event, so anyone can get involved. Ward is located at 40000 Six Mile in Northville. For more information con-

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id=12657&pg=entry. already been raised online Koster said this is a com-

ion," said David Molloy, director the church at 8 a.m.

of public safety/chief of police. The Novi Fire Department was spatched to the home around 1:42 p.m. — arriving within five minutes with three engines to find the garage on fire. They were able to contain the fire to the garage, which had a vehicle inside, but the house did suffer "extensive smoke and soot dam age," Molloy said. The fire was under control by

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"Our firefighters did an outstanding job getting him out of

2:10 p.m. and out at 2:26 p.m. Fire marshal Mike Evans and the Oakland County Arson Investigation Unit remained on the scene through the evening trying to find the cause and origin of the fire. "We don't suspect anything sus-picious at this point," Molloy said.



Novi firefighters and EMS personnel place a victim of a house fire on a stretcher on Aug. 15 before transporting him to Providence Park Hospital in Novi. The man

Continued from page A1 tions for the high school's

grade, Matthews said in ome ways it gives the district a "black eye. He said it's very hard the success of the district over the years, and likened the rules to a teacher giving a student a grade ed on attendance rather than performance.

more vigilant next year help the kids understand the importance of following the rules exactly," he

not in the minority, however, as more than 700 Michigan schools failed the 2010-11 school year That number is up 41 percent from the previ-

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ous year, and the schools cited make up 21 percent "We are going to be

was being treated for smoke inhalation.

Novi High School was to meet the goals of No Child Left Behind during

nications Services Manager Danelle Gittus says "unrealistic." "The goal of 100 percent proficient by 2014 was set in 2001 and still unrealistic now," she said. "The hope was that

> Gittus said Oakland Schools is providing districts with consultants to will continue to do so. Ernie Bauer, director of research, evaluation and said there is "no simple to the impact not making

AYP has on students. "Students are impact-ed when schools who have

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of the schools in the state. not made AYP for sever-The NCLB law will al years have to respond to eventually require that be proficient on state cases, responding to NCLB, AYP and their sanctions exams by 2014, a number Oakland Schools Commuresults in narrowed curric some students.'

Assistant Supt. for Academic Services RJ Webber said while Novi finds itself on the list for the first time, it is not a major concern because the law would have been "our graduation rate, our college-readiness changed by now. rate and our ACT perfor the best high schools in the state.'

Said Matthews: "Even though our report card will say B, I'll match our high school against any in

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CORRECTION

The editorial "Musical chairs: Changing elected office mid-term no benefit for residents" in the Aug. 4 edition, should have stated Ruth Johnson was re-elected to the Oakland County clerk position in 2008.

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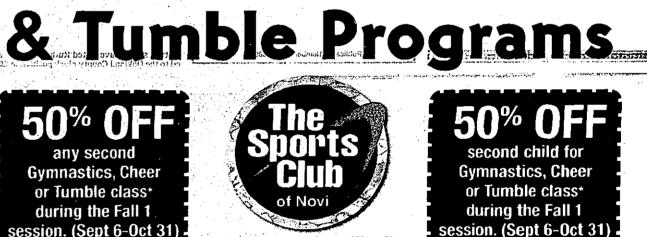
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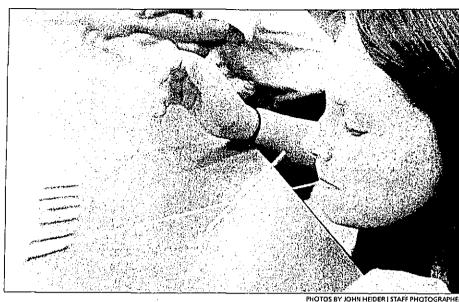
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Going for the win



Novi Library's 'Minute to Win It' contestant Mikaela O'Connor (above), 11, tries to pick up some rigatoni noodles with a single strand of spaghetti in her mouth during the July 20 event. Novi Library held the event for its summer reading program on that day, and kids were given the chance to try their hands at a number of fun, skilled games. Matt George (below left), 10, tries to keep two balloons in the air with steady, gentle bumps. Danielle Truax (below right), 9, tries to





Incumbents plan to run for re-election to school board

Newcomer Cadwell puts name in the mix

By Nathan Mueller

Novi residents will rave three candidates to choose from far the two onen seats on the Novi trict Board of Education The two candidates

up for re-election are George Kortlandt and Bobbie Murphy, and they will be joined by newcomer Tracey Cadwell. rently is the secretary on the board, has lived in the city since 1982 and was first elected 17 years taught him to give back to

ing on the school board is 'Over the years why ve continued is I still feel I have something to contribute in this area a joy to do this job."
Murphy is finishing her

first term on the board

and has two children still in the district. She said she feels the district is good shape and is optimistic about the future. "I'm excited about this new cabinet and hav-

ing a new superintendent

energy into the mix right

now," she said. "And I'm

not ready to not be a part

that brings a lot of new

of that at this point." The two terms are fouryears in length, and they will become part of a sev en-member board.

According to the school district's website, board members work together to establish policy, approve educational goals and curricuwith the superintendent, administration, and staff Cadwell could not be

reached for comment as

NOVI SCHOOL BRIEFS

Community Ed preschool

Preschool registration for Novi's 2011-12 school is now open for full-day and half-day morning or after-noon classes. To secure a spot in the fall's 2011-12 sessions, parents must register their child at the Community Education office in the Community Education/ ITC Building, 25345 Taft, between 10 Mile and 11 Mile roads. Child care is also available for students attending preschool, Space is limited. Call (248) 449-1206 for



Leadership exchange leads to long-term partnership

Tinley Park mayor plans to 'pursue' Novi's community survey idea

Mayor Ed Zabrocki took a glance around the room during lunch at the Great Lakes Bistro at The Art Institute of Michigan on Monday and couldn't help

At every table in the bistro, members of his staff from Tinley Park, Ill., were sitting with their counterparts from Novi, sharing stories and brainstorming ideas as part of a Mayor and Leaders Exchange between the two communities.

Zabrocki said that type of interaction is the rea-

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and it is something that will continue in the future with two or three ideas it makes the trip worth-while," he said. "Why should we reinvent the wheel? If someone has ar

idea, why not steal it?". This was the first time Tinley Park officials have done an exchange in the United States, taking similar visits to Poland, Ger-many and Ireland in the past. For Novi, this has been a regular occurrence since 2006. During their visit, Tin-

ley Park officials were: taken to the library, learned about the pubnon-motorized transporta-

Tinley Park, Ill., Treasurer Brad Bettenhouse talks with city of Novi Dept. of Information Technology's Chris Blough during an Aug. 15 visit to Novi's Art Institute for lunch. Tinley Park visited Novi in a Mayor's Exchange Day of seeing how each other's administration works.

tion plan, and given a tour of the city including stops at the Suburban Collection Showplace, Lakeshore Park, ITC, Meadowbrook Commons and SWOCC

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Landry said the city has taken a great deal of informa-tion from past visits including ideas for pathways, city signage and the amphitheater to name a few.

Zabrocki said one of the biggest things he took from his trip to Nov. was the community survey, an idea Novi offi-

get," Landry said.

can share, the better we can DAVID LANDRY

npressed by the usage of art throughout the city one of the things I am going to pursue," Zabrocki

The relationship etween the two com ties also does not end when said he still keeps in touch munities they have visited and expects the relationship with Tinley Park to continue as well.

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women spend in front of their sewing machines is nothing compared to the comfort their creations provide.

"We hope they know someone cares about them and is thinking about them," said six-year member Norma Ander be able to do this, and it's a way for us to give back to The Novi Needlers

have been around since 1995, meeting at the Novi



Marci Schultz, manager of Providence Hospital's special care nursery, with Novi Needlers

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storm ideas and drop off finished auilts.

of these unique gifts are veterans at the Ann Arbor ing the quilts because she takes so much "joy" out Veteran's Hospital, the Sal-vation Army, Sinai-Grace of doing it.

ospital, First Step, Cathonearly 400 quilts last year. and expect to donate as lic Social Services, Denby just as many this year. The guilts donated to Provi-Providence Park Hospital n Novi, among others. The group has been dence also have been given to children in the pediatrics unit and adults. bringing the quilts to Anderson said quilting

ity." and joked that she Margi Schultz, manager of the special care because "you can only have so many at home.' nursery, said the patients Since the group is all vol-unteers, the Needlers have are surprised when they think they are getting a to purchase their own fab-"plain old" hospital blan ket and she walks in with ric. Anyone who wishes one of the quilts instead "They love it," she said. ton fabric can drop it off at

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Abby Lamping of Cincinnati pitches in a game at Novi's Ella Mae Power Park on July 28 as part of an ASA national tournament that weekend that brought 30 teams from the Midwest to town. The event was estimated to have generated more than \$650,000 for

Aging gracefully

Power Park turns 25, draws local and national tournaments

By Nathan Mueller Staff Writer

online at hometownlife.com

Tournament organiz-Ella Mae Power Park as host site for softball tour naments is proof that the 25-year-old complex has

A complete upgrade of the facility — costing just over \$1 million — was done about two years ago, and since then the park has hosted several national and local tournaments, as well as successful local recreational leagues.

Matt Ostermeyer, reccity, said the improvents have paid off as the tournaments are

"It's huge and impor-tant for our department, but also on a city lev---- and they stay in the hotels and eat in our res-

taurants," he said. The most recent tour nament took place at the end of July as the city hosted the 2011 Amateur Softball Association Northern National Girls 14 and Under Class B Fastpitch Champion-

Ostermeyer said 30 teams and 450 players and coaches spent the weekend in the city, estimating the economic impact at \$651.183. The city hosted its

state tournaments come mated economic boost to naments was nearly \$2

The recreation softball program run by the city also had its highest particination numbers ever with 131 teams signed up this spring and summer. ermeyer also mentioned the park's newest tournament taking place

this month — cricket. "It's something new and off without a hitch," he we will continue to look to

Rotary club of Novi awarded grant to provide clean water in Ecuador

The Rotary Club of Novi along with the Rotary clubs of Milan and Chatham, Ontario has ry International Global Grant to provide clean water for selected com-

munities in Ecuador. On Sept. 25, Gary Sobotta of the Rotary Club of Novi will lead a team certified technicians to conduct a workshop on the construction of a bio-sand water filters. The workin Cuenca, Equador and will be attended by designated manufacturers and community health workers from the participating rotary clubs in Ecuador. instruction and handsticipants in the construction of the filter, including molding and curing of the concrete housings of graded sand media, manufacture of diffuser basins and lids. Parturers and community

ticipants will gain a clear

understanding of the rationale behind the filter design, how to install and commission it and instruct householders on its correct usage. Bio-sand filters are

affordable and require little maintenance and remove 98.5 per cent of bacteria, 95 percent of turbidity, and 90 to 95 percent of iron in controlled laboratory settings. The populations in the communi nomically poor, not having any access to clean and safe water. Water is sometimes distributed through antiquated systems, mostly contaminal ed by ground waters. Other common water sources are polluted streams and rivers and shallow wells dug in areas where sanitation is nonexistent. Water can be purchased economic possibilities of the families.

The selected manufac-

health workers will manufacture, maintain and monitor bio-sand water filters in each selected province, transferring heir newly-acquired knowledge on to vilwater filters. This proj ect will provide a total of 654 Bio-sand filters to be installed in 634 house holds and 20 Schools and over a period of 18/24

Rotary recognizes the clean water and has made it one of its highest priorities. Rotary encourages its clubs and districts to support efforts which help people to prowater reasonably close to their homes using simple, sustainable technology. Rotary club members initiate thousands of projects each year to supwater - all with the goal of providing clean and safe drinking water to communities in need.



On Sept. 25, Gary Sobotta (second from left, sitting at table) of the Rotary Club of Novi will lead a team certified technicians to conduct a workshop on the construction of a bio





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Tony Bennett sweepstakes

Our website, Hometownlife.com, just started a new contest for Tony Bennett tickets at the Fox Theatre. Two lucky winners will get a pair of tickets to the Aug. 24 show. Our Facebook followers can enter once a day and invite their friends to enter the contest for extra entries. Every time a person you invite enters, you get Just go to Hometownlife.com and click on the pho-

to of Tony Bennett in our Don't Miss module to enter (which is located on the right side of our homepage.) The deadline to enter is midnight, Thursday, Aug. 18.

ArtsNovi multi-media art exhibit on display in the Atrium Gallery

The City of Novi Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services department has partnered with ArtsNovi to bring an all-media art display to the Novi Civic Center Atrium Gallery from Aug. 5 through Sept. 19. ArtsNovi, founded in 2007, is dedicated to the enrich-

ment and expansion of the Arts in Novi. The exhibit includes 11 pieces from artists Amy Fell-Burford, Angela Mills, Annmarie Stanesa, Doug Arnold, Katharina Eltringham, Mary Kondracuik, Patricia Dombecki, Peggy Kerwan, Rosa Paulus and Stenhanie Spackman Additionally, two artists from the ArtsNovi exhib-

it. Stanesa and Kondracuik, have created an applepart of the Eastern Market's Michigan Apple Trail project. It will be on display at Fuerst Park in front of the Historic Township Hall through mid-September following which it will be displayed and auctioned at Eastern Market. Proceeds from the auction will benefit the Michigan Apple Trail and participating farm-



er's markets

Applications are being accepted for the 2012 art exhibition season at the Novi Civic Center Atrium Gallery. Please contact Angela Mills at amills@cityofnovi. org or (248) 347-0400 for more information. For more information regarding art displays in Novi,

visit cityofnovi.org. **Blood Drives**

The following blood drives will be held in the Novi/ Northville area:

* Sunday, Aug. 28; 7 a.m.-12:45 p.m.; First United Methodist Church Monday, Aug. 29; 1-6:45 p.m.; Novi Meadows; high

Monday, Aug. 29; 1-6:45 p.m.; Novi Library; high

school scholarship

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* Friday, Sept. 2; 1-6:45 p.m.; Powerhouse Gym Novi; high school scholarship All wanting to donate can contact Diane Risko at (313) 549-7052 or riskod@usa.redcross.org.

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· Tuesday, Aug. 30; 1-6:45 p.m.; First United Methodist Church Novi; high school scholarship Wednesday, Aug. 31; 1-6:45 p.m.; Oak Pointe

Church; high school scholarship

Thursday, Sept. 1; 1-6:45 p.m.; Northville High

Co-workers, families and friends help stop diabetes

This year, more than 2,500 area residents will come together to be part of the Stop Diabetes movement at the Step Out: Walk to Stop Diabetes on Saturday, Sept 17 at the Detroit Zoo. This one-day signature fundraising walk benefiting the American Diabetes Association commits every dollar raised to playing an important role in supporting the Association's mission: to prevent and cure diabetes and to improve the lives of all people affected by diabetes.

"Diabetes is a devastating disease that touches us all," said Christina Johnson, ADA Special Events Man-. "Step Out: Walk to Stop Diabetes is such a wonderful event for friends and co-workers to come together and help change the future of diabetes. The camaraderie and spirit that is enjoyed by participating

in this event is priceless." Today, there are nearly 26 million Americans — over 1 million in the State of Michigan - who have diabetes. While an estimated 18.8 million have been diagnosed, unfortunately, 7 million people are unaware that they have the disease. If current trends continue, one in three American adults will have diabetes by 2050.

Step Out: Walk to Stop Diabetes is an event for the whole family, or for anyone who enjoys the feeling of being part of a community. It's an event for those who want to join the Association's family and help change

the future of diabetes. Several local and national sponsors have already signed on to help change the future of diabetes. Metro Detroit sponsors Children's Hospital, Johnson Con-trols, Flat Out Flat Bread, Great Lakes Medical Supply and United Healthcare have joined the fight. Media partners 99.5 WYCD and Magic 105.1 have also committed to the cause.

National sponsors include Cary's Sugar Free Syrup, Equal 0 Calorie Sweetener, PureVia All Natural Zero Calorie Sweetener and Dignity Memorial Network. Anyone can be part of the Stop Diabetes movement and start raising money today as individuals or teams. To register, volunteer, sponsor or find out more information, please visit diabetes.org/stepout or call 1-888-DIABETES.

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BROOKS, YVONNE LOIS A long time resident of Highland Township, passed away at her home on August 9, 2011. She was preceded in death by her husband, preceded in death by her husband, Lester Brooks, and sons, Terry Lee Brooks and Richard Brooks. She is survived by her son, Tim (Gail) Brooks of Highland Twp.; a daugh-ter, Vickie (Scott) Underwood of TX; daughte-in-law, Linda Brooks; grandchildren, Kirnberly (Najib) Khan, Justin (Angelica) Brooks, Alexia (Andrew) Heney, Kristi (Mark) Falkenhagen; great grand-children, Terry Lee, Peyton Lenore, Madison Nicole, Elia Rose, and Abigail Marie, Services will be held privately. Condolences may be left at: www.LynchFuneralDirectors.com

FISCHER, MARYELLEN 8/4/2011, age 53. Mother of Kristin (Kenneth) Rillenburg. Grandmother of Michaela & Marissa. Sister of Stephen Sabatini. Donations to Michigan Humane Society. Condolences: optionsullivantuneralbome.com

GOBLE, WINNIFRED "WINKIE"

Age 78, of South Lyon, passed away peacefully August 14, 2011. She was born May 26, 1933 in Rapld City, Michigan to Louis and Ola (Harger) Newton. She was united in marriage to Paul E. Goble for many years until his death in 1992. Winnie worked in the clerical support department at the DMC for 20 years. She loved animals; especially her daughter's dog Scraps. She was a very talented erribroiderer; she has passed the art of embroidering to her children and grandchildren. Winnie enjoyed crossword' puzzles, facebook, and cooking. Most importantly she loved her family. She is survived by her children; Sandee survived by her children; Sandee (John) Pinkham, Richard (Judy) Goble, James (Charlene) Goble, Sheryi (Todd) Henry, Steven (Toni) Goble, and Carol (Lloyd) Hunt; her brother, Leo (Jo) Newton; 16 grandchildren; and 22 great grand brothers, and 4 sisters. A funer al service was held on Wednesday, 8/17/2011 at Casterline Funeral Home of South Lyon, Pastor Mark Fernandez with Freedom Life Church of God in Milford officiated the service. She was laid to rest a Commerce Memorial Cemetery in Commerce Twp., Michigan. Memorial contributions can be made to the American Heart Association, 3816 Paysphere Circle, Chicago, IL 60674.

HAYES, PAUL EDWARD

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A lile-long resident of Millford died, Thursday, August 11, 2011. He was 78 years old. He is survived by his beloved wife of 54 years, Kathleen (nec. Wakefield); children, Ryan Hayes, Randy (Tern) Hayes, Renee (Timothy) Lewis, Roger (Mary-Ann) Hayes; grandchildren, Kristen & Kayla Hayes, Timothy & Paul Lewis, Amelia & Mitchell Hayes; great grandchildren, Emma & Eryn Hayes; sister, Myrtle Forslund. Paul was preceded in death by his brother Robert Hayes, Funeral Service was held at Lynch & Sons Funeral Home, Millford, on August 15th. Rev. Dr. R. John Harris to officialed. Burial Millford Memorial Cemetery, Memorial contributions can be made to the Alzheimer's Association, Greater Michigan Chapter, 20300 Clivic Center Dr, Ste 100, Southfield, Mil 48076. For further into please call Lynch & Sons at 248-848-6645 or visit www.LynchfuneralDirectors.com

KEMPER, CECILIA A.

Age 55, of Brighton, passed away suddenly on 8/9/2011. Funeral service was held on 8/1/2/2011 at Casterline Funeral Home of South Lyon. Contributions are suggested to the Family, c/o Erica Walls, PO Box 2074, Gaylord, MI 49734. KNOPP, FEARN M. Age 90, of Milford, passed away August 5, 2011. Services handled by Lynch & Sons, Milford.

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LAURIE, MARGARET HARRIS Age 64, of Highland, died 8/9/11. Survived by her son, Chris (Tracey) Laurie. Services being held privately. For info: Lynch & Sons, 248-684-6645.

MICHON, JACQUELINE Age 25, 8/6/2011. Beloved daughter of Michael and Cindy Michon. Funeral was 8/12 at St. James Church. Donations to Big Brothers Big Sisters or Special Olympics. Condelences: www.obriensullivan-



82, of Beverly Hills, Ft. died July 22, 2011 at the Life Care Center in Lecanto, Ft. A long-time resident of Highland, he moved to Beverly Hills in 1995 to start his refire-

ment with his wife and youngest son Steven. A wonderful husband, He is survived by Barbara, his wife of 56 years, 8 children, 12 wife of 56 years, 8 children, 12 grandchildren, and 3 great-grand-children. He was an active member of the Church of the Holy Spirit in Highland where a memorial mass will be held on

SMOLARZ, MICHAEL J.

SPAMAN, ELEANOR (DISENROTH) was born in Leslie, MI on February was born in Leslie, MI on February
 22, 1914, the second daughter of John and Lucy (Hocking)
 Disenroth. Eleanor grew up on her parents' farm in Leslie with her sisters. Frances and Marian
 Melly" and her little brother
 Johnny. After graduating from Leslie High School, Eleanor went to the University of Michigan School of Nursing, gradualing as an RN in 1934. She worked at the U of M Hospitel from 1934 to 1940

a scrub nurse for Dr. Max Mino Peet, a world-renowned neuroson-geon. In May 1940, Eleanor was married to Andrew Spaman, a 1940 oraduate Civil Engineer from 1940 graduate Civil Engineer from the University of Michigan Schoo the University of Michigan School of Fingineering: Eleanor and Andy lived in Detroit, Lansing, Cleveland and even Midway Park, North Carolina, before finally settling in Dearborn, Michigan in 1947.

Eleanor was an active homemaker until Andy's death in 1964 - ther she went back to her nursing career at Lynn Hospital in Lincoln Park, Michigan from 1964 unti-her retirement in 1981. Her expertise in nursing enabled her to set up a recovery room at Lynn Hospital to care for post-op Hospital to care for post-op-patients. Eleanor was a member of the PEO Sisterhood-Chapter CP (Dearborn, Michigan) from 1956 until her death. Over the years, Eleanor was an active member of the Dearborn Woods Presbyterian Church, First Presbyterian Church of Dearborn and Northville Presbyterian Church. In 1996 she moved to Zeeland was a former member of Third CRG Zeeland Wednesday Bible Study group and the Zeeland Women's Literary Club. She was a compassionale

wednesday solub study group and the Zeeland Women's Literary Club. She was a compassionale woman, a skilled nurse, a good friend, and helped many friends in their final days. Eleanor is survived MURPHY, JAMES JOHN

their final days. Eleanor is survived by her son, Gilbert Spaman, of Morthville, Michigan, and her daughter, Charlene (Mrs. John) Janssen, of Zeeland, Michigan as well as by 6 grandchildren eleanor vill be buried in Woodkawn Cemelery in Leslie, Michigan, next to her husband, parents, and brother. Finneral services were held at 11am Wednesday, August 17, 2011 at the Langeland-Sterenberg Funeral Home, 315 East 16th St. Holland. The Reverend James Scholten will officiate. Visitation will be held 5-8pm Tuesday at the tuneral home, Memorial contributions may be given to the Hour of tions may be given to the Hour of Power or Hospice of Holfand. An online registry is available at www.langelandsterneberg.com September 2, 2011 at 10:00am.

SMOLARZ, MICHAEL J.

Age 81, passed away, August 8, 2011 at his home in the care of his family. He was born on April 24, 1930 in Detroit, son of the late Joseph and Iris Smolarz. Michael retired from Detroit Edison after many years of service as an overhead lineman. He enjoyed lishing, gardening and teeding the birds in his backyard. He enjoyed antiquing with his family. His real passion was being a devoted husband, tather and grandfather. He is survived by his daughter, Lorraine Salins, Michale Smolarz and Lyndsay Smolarz. He is also survived by his sisters, Veronica Rubenstock and Iris Reagan. He was preceded in death by wile Gall. Rubenstock and Iris Reagen. He was preceded in death by wile Gail, with whom he spent 59 years of marriage, his son James Smolarz, and two brothers, Gerald and Stanley, Visitation will be held on Sunday, August 14 from 2:00pm-8:00pm with Rosary at 7:00pm at PHILLIPS FUNERAL HOME, 122 W. Lake St., South Lyon, Funeral Mass will be celebrated on Monday, August 15 at 11:00am at St. Joseph Gatholic Church, 830 S. Lafayette, South Lyon, Memorial contributions may be made to the Smolarz Family, Online Guestbook: www.phillipsfunerat.com

STYES, JACK EDWARD Age 82, August 12, 2011 Services were held August 15 at Lynch & Sons, Milford, 248-684-6645. www.lynchfu neralfirectors.com



TERPE. ALEXANDER M.

Age 76 of Milford passed away in the loving care of his family August 7, 2011. Memorial Service was held from Lynch & Sons Funeral Directors, in Milford, on August 12th. Memorials may be made to: Hospice of Michigan, 400 Mack Ayenue, Detroit, MI 48201. For further information, please glone Lynch & Sons. please phone Lynch & Sons, Milford at 248.684.6645.

TURNER, BETTY ANN Of Fenton & formerly of Milford, died at home Saturday, August 13, 2011. She was 76 years old, Loving parent to Patricia Ann (Steven Hartsell; caring grandmother to Ian, Sean, Grace, Emma; sister to Lawrence, Gerald & Ellen. Betty also leaves extended family and a host of dear friends that join together in mourning her death, while giv-ing thanks to God for her life among them. She is preceded in death by her parents LeRoy

Pat' & Grace Turner; siblings,
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Cooper Standard expands to Romania, reports second-quarter results

Novi-based Cooper Standard announced plans to establish a new anufacturing facility in Craiova, Romania further expanding its global automotive body sealing and fluid handling businesses Plans for the new facility, which were announced by COO Keith Stephen son, are currently in pro-

cess.
"This is yet another B.A. in journalism. When he's example of Cooper Standard's strategy to support not working, Gunnells enjoys our global customers as they expand around the world," Stephenson said "In addition to initially supporting Ford, our new offer sealing and fluid handling products to our

> The site will house Coo turing operations and offices. At full canacity, the operation is slated to employ more than 150

people. With the addition of this facility, Cooper Standard will operate in 19 counncluding Australia, Bélgium, Brazil, Canada, China, Czech Republic France, Germany, India. Italy, Japan, Korea, Mexico, Netherlands, Poland, Thailand, United King-

Cooper-Standard Holdings Inc. (OTCBB: COSH), the parent company of Cooper Stan-dard Automotive and a global supplier of auto and anti-vibration systems, announced fire cial results for the second quarter ended June 30.

delivered solid perforter, including 21% sales growth and another our ter of double-digit EBIT-DA margins despite elesaid Jim McElva, chairtive officer, Cooper Stanventure and acquisition transactions have further strengthened our global

footprint and are enabling us to be even more competitive on global platorms across all of our businesses. We are capitalizing on the major trends shaping the glob turing marketplace: global platforms, expansion tougher emissions and fuel economy standards.

The company reported revenue of \$760.5 million for the second quar ter of 2011, compared second quarter of 2010, reflecting increased sales resulting from its recentv established joint venture with Fonds de Modernisation des Equipe-mentiers Automobiles (FMEA), higher indusable foreign currency exchange movement.

Revenue for the six nonths ended June 30. compared to \$1.22 bilod of 2010, reflecting at increase in volumes, the MEA transaction, favorable foreign exchange activity.

reported net income of \$19 million in the sec-

This includes a \$36 million restructuring charge related to the closing of a French joint venture facility. Net income reported for the prior ods included accounting adiustments related to the Company's reorgani zation and therefore does not offer a reasonable

basis for comparison months ended June 30. Net income for both the periods was favorably mpacted by higher vol umes and mix, partially offset by higher raw to engineering and cus-

Gross profit for the uarter increased to \$123.7 million, or 16.3% lion, or 16.9% of sales, ter of 2010. For the sixor 16.9% of sales, com or 17.2% of sales, in last The percentage-of-sales margins at acquired businesses and increased raw

material prices. Cooper Standard also ter 2011 adjusted EBIT-DA of \$90.3 million, or pared with \$73.8 million or 11.7% of sales, in the the six month period wa to \$147.6 million for the six months ended June

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Miller has joined the company as leasing an rental manager. In his new position, Miller is responsible for expand ing rental and leasing sales across all of the company's locations

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brook Road, between Eight and Nine Mile roads Contact: Rev. Arthur P. Location: 205 East Lake Ritter, Senior Minister (248) 348-7757, visit mbccc, org or Street (corner of Wells and 10 Mile Road), South Lyon Contact; (248) 437-2875 Sunday Worship: 10 a.m. Annual Rummage Sale Church School: 10-11 a.m. Time/Date: 8 a.m.-7 p.m. Fellowship Hour: 11 a.m. Friday, Nov. 11: 8 a.m.-noc sale 11 a.m. noon) Time/Date: 11:30 a.m. Details: Collection is 10 fourth Thursday of each a.m.-7 p.m. Monday-Friday and 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Saturday; Pilgrim Fellowship

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> Contact: (248) 348-9030 Sundays 9-10 a.m.: Sunday

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Contact: Heather J. Wallas

communications director, (248) 349-1144, Ext. 26, or

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Location: 41415 Nine Mile

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Location: 309 Decker Road

Location: 21355 Meadow-

Friday Family Fun

Aug 12: The Candy Band;

Aug 19: Movie - Viewer's

Choice, vote at cityofnov org; Aug 26: The Groove

Council - Motown Band

HEALTH SEMINAR

Location: Better Health

Market, 42875 Grand River

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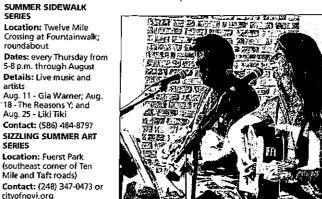
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NOVI COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Local events Live music



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some fee is \$560. Call for Sponsor: Varsity Automotive

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to build more business by referring people to each other. Cost of breakfast is Contact: Fonda Milana 586-232-3009 or fmilana@ AMERICAN RUSINESS OAKS CHAPTER Metro Novi BNI

Submit: Send calendar submissions via e-mai to cstone@gannett.com or by mail to Novi New 101 N. Lafayette, South Lyon, MI 48178. Items must be received by included in Thursday's More: For a complete isting of local and he Northville Calendar townlife.com. Restaurant, 21091 Haggerty Road (north of Eight Mile),

Details: BNI is a structured networking environment for professionals. The Metro

are committed to providing bona fide referrals to how to create and refine an

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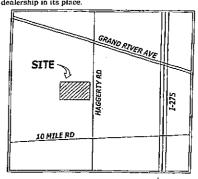
PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Planning Commission for the City of Novi will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, September 7, 2011 at 7:00 P.M. in the Novi Civic Center, 45175 W. Ten Mile Road, Novi. MI to consider ZONING ORDINANCE TEXT AMENDMENT 18.252 FOR A RECOMMENDATION TO CITY COUNCIL FOR AN ORDINANCE TO AMIEND ORDINANCE NO. 97-18 THE CITY OF NOVI ZONING ORDINANCE AT ARTICLE 25 GENERAL PROVISIONS. SECTION 2516 SITE PLAN REVIEW (ALL DISTRICTS): IN ORDER TO UPDATE THE EXISTING CITY OF NOVI SITE PLAN MANUAL.

Novi Planning Commissi

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SITE LOCATION MAP



mments may be heard at the hearing and any written mments must be received by the Community velopment Department, 45175 W. Ten Mile Road vi. MI 48375 by 4:00 P.M., Wednesday, September 7.

Novi Planning Commission



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SOCIAL SECURITY

of their paychecks for Social Security taxes to ensure that they would receive disability benefits if they could no long work full-time. Sadly, the government denies approximately 60% of those who apply for disability

Attorneys J.B. Bieske and Jenniler Alfonsi have 42 years combined experience comoned experience representing only Social Security disability clients. And they personally meet with all clients and appear themself at all court hearings. Many large irms assign inexp attorneys to your case. And some of these firms are located thousands of miles away and only fly the att in the day of the court hearing Attorneys Bieske and Alfons have vast experience before

can often make a winning difference at the applica stage. And, if an appeal is a court date is even set.

Those denied can appeal on their own but statistics for many years reveal that those represented by attorneys win much higher percentage of appeals. And attorneys who specialize in Social Security Disability cases win a much

In addition to practicing only Social Security disability law attorney Bieske has written a attorney Bleske has written a book for attorney sabout the subject and has been interviewed on various television programs. Both attorney Bieske and Alfonsi have also been interviewed on radio programs and have given speeches to many groups.

ttorneys Bieske and Alfonsi offer free phone or office consultation. If they represent you, there will be no fee charged until after the case is won. The fee is a percentage of retroactive benefits. Bieske and Alfonsi represent

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Help 'working poor' tonight

Fix a problem before it becomes one. Sounds simple enough. And that's the basic premise behind the Women's Caring Program, a Michigan nonprofit foundation gives financial support for quality child care and early income working families via its ChildCare

Break the cycle of poverty by promoting academic achievement early in the life of a child. Simple, yes, but it takes money. And here's how you can help.

To raise awareness of families in need, and raise funds, a Twilight Gathering party will be held tonight at 50595 Chesapeake in Novi's Island Lake neighborhood, hosted by two Novi

> Community Education preschool teachers

Shelley Trainor o

"We learned about

PARTY: DETAILS

adorned in shorts.

a trio of flute, cello

and guitar. Adding to

auction of numerous one-of-a-kind items

The event is partially

the Novi Twilight Gath-

Brady, Debbie Dingeil.

Kimberly Green-Kerr,

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Walters, Cost for the

ister online at www.

gram.org or call (734)

event, which is open to

Judy Malburg, Sandy

Huron-Valley Sinai

bow ties and aprons.

Novi and Jan Valade of Tonight's party is being the mission of Women's held in the Island Lakes Caring Program and of Novi, courtesy of Toll Brothers. Hors knew we had to help. said Trainor. "Jan and d oeuvres will be pro I see firsthand every day the difference that supporter Mary Brady quality early childhood of Diamond Jim Brady' education can make in fame. In keeping with the life of a child." WCP tradition, a group

state wide ChildCare tenders" will take care Commitment program was created to help disof the women quests, advantaged and working poor families not Music will be provided eligible for child care by Presence of Three, payments from anoth er funding source. It the fun will be a silent gives tuition assistance for children from birth to 5 years for quality care and early educa

> Families in 64 of Michigan's 83 coun ties have been helped with awards priori tized in high poverty and densely-populated

Shannon Hannon, Debi regions. This whole concep began in 1979 when Carol Walters and her circle of friends became concerned about child care needs of working mothers and they began to raise funds. By 1995 all women, is \$100 (regthe Women's Carina Program was creat ed, and that circle of friends is now in the

In this current recession, as parents struggle to provide, children feel that stress and know all too well about disappointment and hunger.

"Unfortunately, the pain of deprivation being experienced by nearly one in four of today's Michigan children will not end when the economy picks up again," according WCP's website, "Studies show that the physical, mental and emotional effects of poverty mative years are colored by poverty often experience academic, social, physical and emotional challenges throughout their lives leading them to sometimes make choices tha affect the safety and economic well-being of our society as a whole.

Yes, there are assistance programs for the unemployed and extremely poor, but over one-quarter of this state's families are "work ing poor " — employed but unable to make ends meet. So, when the parent(s) working, who cares for the children? The ChildCare Commitment is Michigan's only program supporting quality childcare and early education for these families. The WCP is now asking for your help to reach and help more children.

How's this for a return on your investment In 2005, a High/Scope Perry Preschool study showed that every dollar invested in early childhood education nets \$16.14 in public return through crime prevention, education and welfare savings, and increased taxes due to higher earnings.

'We believe that, collectively, we all have one asset too important to fail and that is our children," said Carol Walters.

Susan Rosiek, Executive Editor

Grace Perry Director of

COMMUNITY VOICE

What is your favorite reality television show and why?



'Big Brother.' It gives you a lot of different view points and it's funny to see how people act as their real self."

Shannon Rouston.



'Amazing Race.' It's cool to see the different cultures and see how the rest of the world lives."

Pawn Stars,' They always show a lot of unique things that have been lost in history and Evan Nielson, 16 it's also pretty funny." Daniel Larson, 16 good.'



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iness success of our customers.

Kardash ians.' It's really entertaining and interesting to see how they

Jackie Day, 16

A wake-up call

On Aug. 2, the U.S. and the world witnessed the end of a congressional logiam over the debt ceiling which was a phony diversion from the real issues of iobs and economic stimulus.

The lengthy crisis was created and manipulated by 804 new Republican members of the House of Representatives. These half-educated ideologues elected by corporate dollars and Tea Party fanatics threatened to cut Social Security and other dire consequences. Thus the our nation was saved from default but the poor and middle class will suffer even more in the future.

President Obama could/should have been more involved and combative

He is a knowledgeable, pragmatic, experienced politician but is naive and conciliatory at times, Most Democrats fought hard but could not defeat irrational people who. while quoting and interpreting the Constitution to fit their agendas, paid more allegiance to Grover Norquist's pledge to never raise taxes. The guiding principle of many extreme right wing Republicans was and is "no compromise." Congress is now under the control of persons who do not behave in a civil, coherent, legal, or ethical

What happened Aug. 2 must be a wake-up call for all concerned citizens. It is imperative that voters with moderate views be involved, active and as passionate and organizéd as they were in the 2008 election when Barack Obama was elected president. Many voters neglected to participate in the 2010 midterm elections. Contact and support representatives with your ideas, time and money. Let's begin NOW to hattle these know/no nothings!

Golf helps St. Jude

On Aug. 28, The Knights of Columbus, the Archbishop Fulton J. Sheen Council #7444, will be hosting its fifth annual golf fundraiser for St. Jude Children's Research Hospital i Memphis, Tenn.

The hospital opened in 1962 and was founded by the late. entertainer Danny Thomas. Its mission is to find cures for children, whose ages range from 1-19 years who have some type of cancer.

St. Jude is the only pediatric cancer research center where families never pay for treatment not covered by insurance. No child is ever denied treatment because of the family's inability to pay. Some 5,500 patients visit St. Jude yearly Our golf outing will be at Mystic Creek Golf Course,

located in Camp Dearborn.

Registration is 8-9 a.m. There

will be a continental breakfast

WHAT DO YOU THINK?

We welcome your Letter to the Editor We ask your letters be 400 words of less. We may edit for clarity, space Submit letters via the following for-

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by 10 a.m. Monday to be published

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and a 9 a.m. shotgun start. We will have a hot dog, chips and soda at the turn and a buffet

dinner following golf. This will be a best ball scramble with longest drive, closest to the pin and putting contests. The entry fee is \$100 per person or dinner only for \$30 per person

Sponsorships cost \$100 for a sign. To play, call Rob Mac-Main at (248) 685-2389 or (248) 787-2929. If you don't golf, but would like to make a donation, send checks to John Rogers, 3101 Sands Court, Milford, MI 48380. Make checks payable to Knights of Columbus #7444. Earmark them "St.

All proceeds go directly to \$t Jude Children's Hospital.

Some 40 years ago, Danny Thomas said "no child should die in the dawn of life." Can you help keep Danny's dream alive? But most of all, please help the sick children

The Republicans and especial-

John Rogers

ly the Tea Party Republicans are

fond of saying "You can't raise Hannah Provence Donigan taxes in a recession." Well, I Commerce say. "You can't cut jobs in a recession." For every person Republicans want to cut from the jobs force, it causes more deficit because these people cannot pay taxes and can't

Good for all

If the Tea Party Republicans in Congress have their way, all the seniors won't have Medicare and Medicaid. Plus, they really want to get rid of Social Security. Their attitude is everyone for themselves. Why can't the Tea Party People see that keeping people employed works for the good of all of us? Has anyone noticed unemployment is up in Michigan? In a recession we have to keep

people employed. Of course, this is my opinion. What is yours? Let your voice be heard. Call your representatives and government officials in Michigan and in Washington, D.C.

> Joanne Braund Royal Oak

Way to go, NFPA!!

We all know that our schools have been hit hard with financial realities and that our sports teams and clubs are in desperate need for funding and support. We all know that our local businesses are struggling in this current economic environment. And we all know that Northville families are finding it difficult to juggle all of the financial needs of our homes, schools, and commu-

Congratulations to the Northville Football Parents Association for organizing a fundraiser that recognizes those realities and offers a collaborative way for all of price of one of their discount coupon books — I can support the NHS Football program. get discounts on sports gear at Dick's, and get discounts ... on washing my car and eating at 11 local eateries! Everyone benefits: the football program is raising much-needed funds, the car wash and local eateries will see increased business, and Northville families save money by doing what we generally do in the course of

All I can say is: I wish we had thought of this first!! As president of the NHS Varsity Dance Company — I know that we are always looking for fund raisers that make sense. This one will be hard to beat!

Thank you, Dawson Laabs, for stopping by to offer a NFPA coupon book, Good luck, Mustangs, Your season is already off to a great start! Mari Anne Guidobono

Milford

Free market myth

problems.

Many people believe that the free-market can solve our problems. This is a dangerous myth. The reality is that the cannot possibly solve all our

The bottom line of this myth is profit. People and companies are putting profits over humanity, decency, honor and country. This is happening because the free-market perpetuates poverty, unemployment, ecological degradation

and income disparity. Gerard Anderson, a professor of health policy and management and the director of Johns Hopkins Center for Hospital Finance and Management, attributes the high cost of medical care to the market system.

Solving our nation's multifaceted problems requires citizens, especially business and political leaders, to cooperate and respect each other. As a nation, we need to find our way back to living ethically.

Denise "Chip" Black Milford

NOVI POLICE BRIEFS

impounded, the man began to complain of back problems and asked to be tak-en to Providence Park Hospital. While at the hospital he was given a blood test and kept there because of his high BAC, The case has been forwarded to the prosecutor for warrant review

er Avenue after a witness observed him swerving in his land and cut-Home, car vandalized A Novi woman had a half dozen Llandscaping lights stolen from her Galway Drive home overnight The witness followed the driver until he stopped on Shiloh Drive and waited for police to arrive. on Aug. 14

When the officer approached the According to the report, the womcar, a strong odor of intoxicants an said the suspect also rubbed dog vas coming from inside the car feces on her car. She said she does no The man admitted to drinking know who may have committed the four to six beers and was then give crime, and police have no suspects. en field sobriety tests. During the tests, the man did not comply with instructions and proceeded to call

A preliminary breath test regis tered a blood alcohol content of .28

percent. The legal limit for adult drivers in Michigan is .08 percent While waiting for his car to be

the officer an offensive name.

Extremely drunk driver

Novi police arrested a highly

intoxicated driver at 6:05 p.m. on Aug. 15 for drunk driving in the

rea of Beck Road and Grand Riv

arrested

regarding another larceny that took place nearby. The Camaro was resting on payers, and the officer was unable to find the owner at the time

The suspect car for the first lar eny was an older model Chevy

Purse taken out of car 4 A 31-year-old woman had her Coach purse containing her Coach glasses and Tag watch sto-

5 p.m. and 7 p.m. on July 29 while it was parked in the parking lot at Lifetime Fitness. Tires jacked from Camaro A Chevrolet Camaro had all four

tires and rims stolen off it on Aug. 10 while it was parked on Picnic Court. was \$2,650.

According to the police report, an officer searching the area found the car while searching the area for clues

Astro minivan.

Police have no suspects at this time len from her car sometime between

According to the report, the woman aid she was sure she locked the car but there was no sign of forced entry. The purse was on the floor and she had her kevs with her in the building The total value of the items taken

21 years old and can reg

Civilian pistol safety class offered by Novi police

The Novi Police Department will host v Class from 8 a.m. to 10. This course fulfills both the classroom and shooting requirements to obtain a Michigan Concealed Pistol License

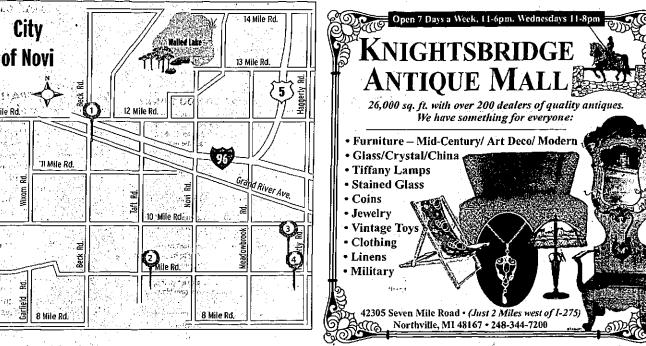
The CPL class will be held at the Novi Police Department Training Center, located at 45125 W 10 Mile Road After lunch, participants will move to the Novi Firearms Training Cer ter to complete the train

ng. Participants must be

ister online at cityofnovi.org or pick up a regis-tration form at the Novi Police Department, The urse costs \$200 and can be paid with cash or money order. All participants are subject to a criminal background check. Class

Students must bring their own equipment, including a personal handgun, 100 rounds of ammunition, safety glasses, and shooter's earmuffs or ear plugs. For more informa org of contact Sergeant Michael Warren at mwar ren@cityofnovi.org or

248.347.0572.





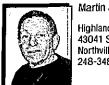
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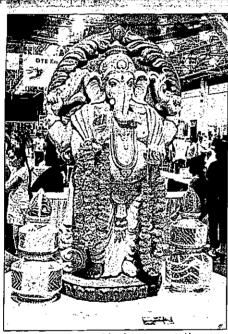
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India day





Meghana Keeta, 9, left, and Jahnavi Nalamola, 11, dance at the Aug. 14 India League of America — Michigan India Day at the Suburban Collection Showplace in Novi. India for Indian Americans as well as showcasing the dance



Visitors to the India Day celebration were greeted by a stat-





NOVI NEWSMAKERS

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Dan Novak
Dan Novak of RE/
MAX Classic of Novi has tressed Property Expert (CDPE) designation, having completed extensive training in foreclosure avoidance and short sales. This is invaluable



ment and balloon payments forcing them out of their homes without a

solution and in the fore-

closure process. Short sales allow the cash-strapped seller to repay the mortgage at the price that the home sells for, even though it is lower than what is owed on the property. With the rease in property values, this can save many ople from foreclosure and even bankruptcy. More and more lenders are willing to consider short sales because they

Dr. Joseph Serra attend ed the seventh annu-al International Association of Comprehensive Aesthetics (IACA) con-

from July 28-30.

"This CDPE designation has been invaluable as I work with sellers and lenders on complicated short sales," said to be able to help sellers save their homes from foreclosure. I specialize in working with hom-eowners who are facing the process of foreclosure. As a Certified Distressed Property Expert, families in need of a professional, knowledge-able Realtor to help them through the issues they are facing."

Joseph Serra

ference in San Diego, CA

The annual conference provided Serra the opportunity to learn and intergressive leaders in aesthetic dentistry and its related professions. Also, Serra was introduced to the latest techniques and materials available today

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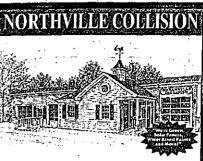
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Good cause



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IN THE SERVICE Milestones

Joshua Bridgeman Navy Seaman Apprentice Joshua D. Bridge-man, son of Gloria E. Bridgeman of Greer, S.C. and Randolph R. Bridge man of Novi, alongside Commissioning Detach nent (PCD) San Diego (LPD 22) recently paricipated in a communit outreach event onboard the USS Midway Muse-um. This annual event featured a special exhibit

o interact.
PCD San Diego is the sixth ship in its class cur-rently completing con-struction in Pascagoula, Miss. and will transit to its future homeport San Diego in early 2012. Bridgeman is a 2006 grad-

uate of Greer High School

ors and museum visitors



Reed & Maraone Abby Renee Reed and Steven Michael Maraone, both of Chicago, are engaged to be married. The bride-to-be is the daughter of Tom and Car

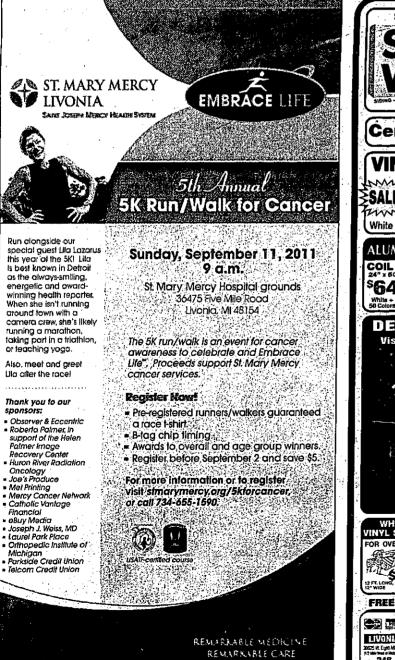
Kishwukee College, Mal-ta Ill., and is employed as a registered nurse in the unit at Children's Memo rial Hospital, Chicago.

The groom-elect is the son of Michael and Pame la Maraone, of Novi. He is a 2006 graduate of Western Michigan University, with a bache-lor's degree in business sales and marketing and in 2009 completed a mas-ter's of business administration degree from Walsh College, Troy. He is employed at Hollister Inc., Libertyville, Ill, a world-wide developer and distributor of medical supplies, as sales tor for the southeastern U.S.

A December wedding in

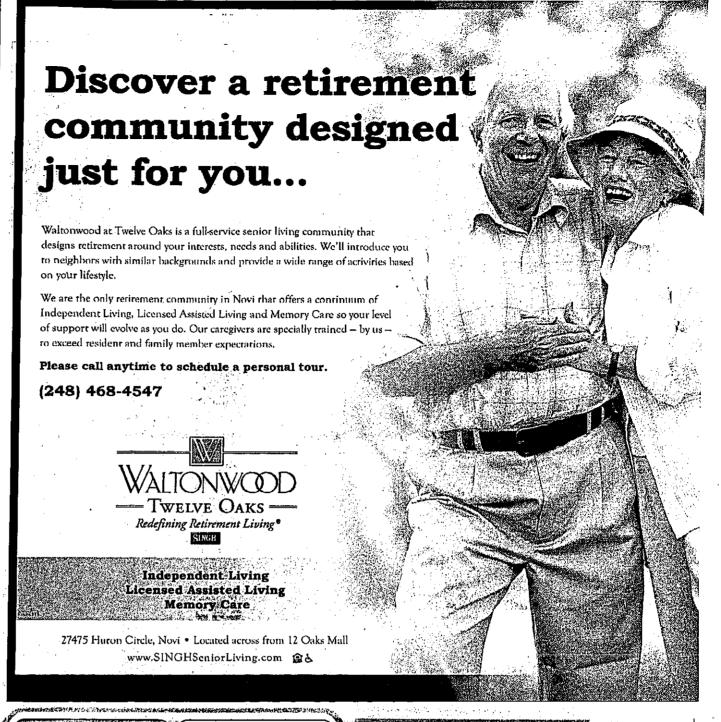






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Northville wins rematch with Novi

By Sam Eggleston

When the Northville and Novi 55and-older men's softball teams met on the field of play a few weeks ago, the exciting finale and Northville's victory ensured another game would be played That rematch, which was played Aug 4, was just as exciting and just as much in Northville's favor when all was said

Northville's squad earned back-to back wins in an unexpected double header, 13-1 and 5-3.

"(After the first game) it was decided by all to go for two, so a double header was played to five innings," explained Northville Parks and Recreation director Charlie Gabbeart. In the first game, Northville simply

By the top of the fifth inning, the were already ahead by 12 runs, all but aranteeing the victory. In the second game, however, Novi

made quite a bit of noise. Their bats fired up and the Baseline bombers jumped out to a 3-1 lead.

Northville, however, brought in some strong pitching to shut down those hot bats and their offense sparked to earn the come-from-behind victory in the

This game could possibly be a glimpse at things to come for Northville and Novi. Northville is hoping to create a regular 55-and-over team while Novi is continuing to look for teams to play through the rest of this season.

"A group of guys in Novi joined together for the first time this June, and are enjoying themselves so much that they are continuing to look for 'pick-up' nes throughout the fall," said Tori Heglin of Novi Parks and Rec.

The Northville games marked the sec ond team Novi has played this year. The ıad also played a team from Hartand twice—a new team this year simi lar to their own-and now three games

"Our team is made up of players who have not played in many years to some who currently play in other leagues," said team manager Ron Megesi. "We did not get to pick our players. The team just kind of showed up. Surprisingly so, this team is competitive and loves to

If Northville and Novi get their way, they will be in a league next year with teams like Hartland and possibly those from South Lyon, Livonia, Walled Lake and other surrounding communities.

"We are interested in any teams from the local area that want to play softball. said Heglin. "At present, we are work-

ing with men, but women have joined in and we would form a women's league as well if there is an interest.' For more information, contact Gabbe-art at Northville Parks and Rec or Heglin at Novi Parks and Rec.

Sam Eggleston is a freelance writer and former staff sports writer or the Northville Record and Novi News.

"There is no other sport in the KLAA that has been the dominate conference

at the state level like boys cross coun-

try," said Novi coach Robert Smith. "It

is amazing just how many great teams there are year after year in a 24-team

ssociation. With a group this large association. With a group this large there are usually cupcake teams. Not in the KLAA. Not in boys cross country."

Milford won the cross country Team of the Decade for the first 10 years of

KLAA shows dominance in fall sports

Three years ago, the Western Lakes Activity Association and the Kensington Valley Conference combined to make a

super-conference.
The Kensington Lakes Activities Asso ciation was born in 2008 and filled out with three Walled Lake Schools and eventually Grand Blanc to fill out the

4-team, four-division for The following is a look at how the young league is faring once put into playoff and at the state-level of compe tition from the fall sports standpoint which is also one of its strongest sea-

Boys Cross Country No KLAA sport has dominance like boys cross country.

The State Finals is loaded with KLAA In 2010, the KLAA had eight teams



Mustang Jonathon Alandt tries to evade

the grasp of South Lyon East's Matt Kusynski. Alandt is the 2010 All-Area Player of

ce in the top 20, with Pinckney third place in the 10p 20, with 1 the ninth, all Milford fourth and Brighton ninth, all cracking the top 10.
Finishing out the KLAA placings were Grand Blanc in 11th, Waterford Mott in 13th, Lakeland in 15th, Walled Lake

Northern in 19th and Plymouth in 20th

the 2000s and started the next 10 with a fourth-place finish. "Since joining the KLAA we have yet to have a boys Team Champion, but we have many knocking on the door," said Salyers. "I believe the competition breeds success.

As far as an individual, Waterford Mott's claimed the title last year. The KLAA also posted eight of the 30 All-In 2009, again Pinckney finished third

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2 state youth cricketers on USA's U-15 squad

Gordon Makin, 15, of Dexter, and Robit Mogalayapalli, 14, of Novi, have been selected for the USA U-15 squad to repal Cricket Council Americas Northern

ada, from Aug. 21-28.
They are the first MCA players to be lected for a national team at any level (U-15, U-19, or senior). Both were born all their cricket in this country. A soul omore, Makin also plays football for the Dexter High School JV team (out side linebacker) and rugby for Dexter Rugby Club; freshman Mogalayapalli plays premier-level club basketball and s a quarterback for Novi High School

wicket keeper (cricket's equivalent of baseball's catcher); Mogalayapalli also an opening batsman and medium pace bowler. Both play regularly for MCA and for Motown Cricket Club in the Michigan Cricket Association (adult) wichgan Cricker Association (adult) league – see www.michca.org. They opened the batting together for Central East Region at the recently completed national interregional U-15 tournament in Hartford, CT, and together scored over 300 runs in four matches. Makin's career highlights include a maiden half-century at last year's inter

regional tournament in New Jersey (vs South West Region), 44 not out and the Man-of-the-Match award vs University of Michigan XI in the American College Cricket Cup in October 2010, scores of 47 and 72 at the Califor-nia Cricket Academy U-17 Tournament this June, and two fifties in the recently completed inter-regional tournament in Connecticut. Mogalayapalli's career highlights include 71 for MCA against Chicago in MCA's Memorial Day Weekend Tournament, 2010 (the highest score in the tournament, recorded by one of the youngest players), 68 and the Man-of-the-Match award for Cen tral East Region against Directors' XI in the 2010 inter-regional tournament, 81 for Great Lakes Academy in Michigan's Great Lakes Cricket Conference this June - generally thought to be the highest score ever made in a Michigan adult league match by an under-fifteen player, and his maiden hundred against the Directors' XI in the 2011 inte

ABOUT THE SPORT

Cricket, said to be the world's second-most-popular sport, is growing fast in the United States. If you don't know where to look, you might not see Grand Rapids, Kalamazoo, Holland, and other parts of the state league matches are played every Saturday , and Sunday. Many local cricketers are members of the area's fast-grow South Asian population, but some come from other major cricketing countries (England, Australia, South etc). For the most part, cricket in Michigan is played by adults, but since 2004 one organization has be working to ensure that the State's children also learn the game: MCA has enjoyed steady growth since its recognized as one of the Midwest's premier youth cricket programs. MCA runs year-round practices (indoors in om's Lyon Oaks Park cricket ground from May to October).



KLAA FALL

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with Milford in fourth Novi secured the 10th spot with Plymouth in 11th and Grand Blanc in 12th for five teams in the

ndividually, Milford's Nate Huff led 10 KLAA All-State runners (top 30 are All-State) with a fifthplace finish. In 2008, the KLAA had

four teams in the top 16. overall. with Pinckney in eighth, Plymouth in 12th, Novi in 13th and Milford in 16th Individually, the KLAA had five All-Staters, led by Pinckney's Matt Wines n seventh. Two Grand Blanc runners also made All-State, but the Bobcats were not part of the KLAA until 2009. Grand Blanc also finished 18th

Girls Cross Country Running right with the boys, the KLAA girls

cross country is also extremely dominant In 2010, four KLAA teams place in the ton 10, starting with North ville in fourth, Pincknev in fifth. Grand Blanc in the charge with a fourth-

ninth and Salem in 10th. Five more teams place in the top 25, with Milford in 14th, Brighton in 16th. Livonia Franklin in 19th, Waterford Mott in 23rd and Walled Lake Northern in 24th.

Of the 27 teams at the State Final, the KLAA had nine of the top 24

The KLAA also boasted an amazing 14 of the 30 All-State runners, led by Grand Blanc's Gabrielle Anzalone in second place werall.

One year earlier, eight KLAA teams cracked the top 23 - Pinckney (5th), Salem (8th), Churchill (11th), Hartland (15th), Waterford Mott (16th), Milford (18th), Northville (21st) and Brighton

Individually, seven All-State runners came from the KLAA, led by Hartland's Avery Evenson in second and Churchill's Sara Kroll just behind runners finished in the

op 40 for All-State status In 2008, Brighton led six KLAA teams in the top 20 with a fifth-place finish. Eight runners fin-ished All-State, led by Mott's Shannon Osika who finished second

"In girls cross country the KLAA is pretty pressive," said North ville coach Nancy Smith "Last year four KLAA teams finished amongst the top 10 at the State teams of the 27 teams. That is pretty impressive. The competition is getting tougher and more

Girls Swim and Dive The KLAA Central

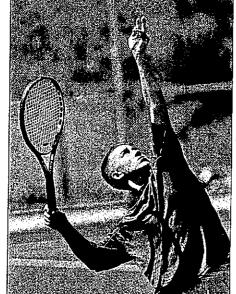
Division, made up of five teams — South Lyon, Novi, Northville, Salem and Stevenson - are all regulars among the top Last fall, South Lyon led

place finish. Livonia Steenson and Northville tied for ninth with Novi finishing 11th. Salem fin in the top 20. "As you can see, all five schools are very high in the state," said South

Lyon coach John Burch. This leads to great competition within the divi sion. The KLAA Kensing ton Conference is one of es in the state for swim-

Other KLAA top finishers included Brighton in eighth, Grand Blanc in 15th Hartland in 17th Walled Lake Central in 25th, Livonia Franklin in 27th and Plymouth in

In all, 11 KLAA teams reached the top 30 at the biggest meet of the year



The Wildcats next

finals before losing to

Lake Orion in the finals

knocked off Catholic Cen-

and Rockford in the semi-

Of the final 16 teams in

Division 1, the KLAA had

five - Howell, Plymouth, Canton, Northville and

Grand Blanc, Howell fin

ished in the quarterfinals.

In Division 2, Walled Lake Central made a run to the final four.

In 2009, Canton fell

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Hartland also reached the

In Division 2, Lakeland

In 2008, Livonia Ste

LOCAL SPORTS

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In 2009, Novi tied for fifth, Stevenson tool Hartland 13th, Milford 14th, Brighton tied for 15th, Grand Blanc tied for 17th, and Salem in 19th for eight teams with-In 2008, Novi finished

third, followed by Brigh ton in fifth, South Lyon (10th), Milford (12th), Salem (14th) and Steven son (15th). Football

The king of all high school sports got a huge dose of KLAA play last Plymouth went on a wild run through the playoffs, finishing runner-up. And they didn't even win their own divi-

Canton was a heavy

favorite to make a deep run before falling to Plymouth in the district

itive in the state playoffs as anv other conf in the state," said North ville coach Matt Ladach. We have had teams do really well in the past few Plymouth, WL Central

"The biggest downfall of the current MHSAA playoffs is the geograph ic breakdown of district pairings. Typically speak ing, we end up playing ence rivals in rounds one and two of the playoffs, so it is difficult to comment on exactly how we match up against the rest

Boys Soccer st year, the KLAA playoffs saw the KLAA take up half the final four and three of the final

Novi, Canton and Grand Blanc each reached the final eight with Canton and Grand Blanc's run ending in the semifinals.

In 2009, it was a similar feat with Novi. Salem and Canton reaching the quarterfinals, Salem went on to reach the final four before ending its run. In 2008, Steve

reached the finals before osing in overtime. Salem and Grand Blanc also reached the quarterfi-

Volleyball Despite plenty of quality teams in the KLAA, it's simply been the Churchil show in the playoffs. The Chargers reached the final eight in 2010, and the final four in 2009 and

Boys tennis

Novi has led the charge for the KLAA in boys tennis. The Wildcats have placed fifth each of the three years of the leagues ah Johnson was sixth In 2010, Novi placed Brighton tied for eighth.

made a run to the quareach of its four doubles "I believe the KLAA teams in the semifinals can be, and is, as compet with its No. 2 team finish

ing runner-up. Also placing for the KLAA were Grand Blanc in ninth Livonia Franklin in 13th and Churchill and

Plymouth tied for 15th. In 2009, Novi tied with Grand Blanc for fifth and Northville snagged the 11th spot. Novi again placed all four of its dou teams in the semifi-In 2008, Novi finished fifth with Northville in 13th and Churchill tied

for 14th. Grand Blan was not part of the KLAA **Girls Golf**

The KLAA bunched five teams in the ninth through 13th spots at the Division 1 State Finals. Novi graphed ninth, fol-

eight teams. ville, Plymouth, Brighton and Milford for five of the top 13 spots. uthⁱs Kelsev Mur phy led the individual

> finish. Brighton's Hannah Pietila finished ninth with Novi's Megan Hen ry 10th. In Division 2, South

charge with a fifth-place

Lyon finished 12th as a

In 2009, Northville led the way with a sixth-place ately by Brighton in seventh, Grand Blanc in 13th and Novi in 15th for Divi-

Brighton's Emmie Pietila led individually with a South Lyon claimed In 2008, the Mustangs

of Northville swung their way to third place in Division 1. Walled Lake Cenral finished 10th with Brighton 14th. Northville finished tied for third overall. Sar

with Emmie Pietila from

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14U division champs



The Northville Broncos 14U travel fastpitch softball was 12-1 in Western Wayne County League play to win their division, Pictured (Lto., front) Shea Heid, Jess art, Lexi Tiller, Alison Hige, Emily Hahn; (back) assistant coaches Bill Hahn and John Pawloski, Kendra Sayre, Ashley Bryan, Symone Abbott, Emily Maresh, Tara Pawloski, Alysa Graf and head coach Dave Jeros

Buddies



COURTESY OF DIANE MAIES

Members of the Northville High School varsity and JV pom pon teams spent the afternoon of July 30th as "buddies" to players in a Miracie League of Southfield baseball game. The porn team assisted Miracle League players in hitting the ball and "running" the bases. This is the second year that the NHS pom team has volun-teered with the Mirade League of Southfield as part of the pom team's community service program. Shown (I to r) are Chandler Brown, Marissa Lozser, Carley Olender, Sara Lovelace, Faith Horbatch, Isabel Inchaustegui, Anna Fillar and Maria Demos.

Be like Mike

Martin is role model on the field and off

In July, his name was

And when conversa-

tin's name usually surfac-

es like cream in coffee.

"My time here has

tin said, "I can't tell you

how excited I am about

really coming together

mined to make sure we

have no regrets once it's

Martin is savoring the

re-energized atmosphere

New direction

over:

this season. This team is

and the seniors are deter-

One pancake was enough for Mike Martin,

thank you. On Sept. 13, 2008, the and highly rated freshman defensive lineman from Novi-Detroit Catholic Central was sent to the turf by a Notre Dame blocker in just his third

collegiate football game. Using gridiron terminology, Martin was "pan

"Defensive linemen are never supposed to cross their feet, but I crossed mine on that play," Martin said. "I got folded up. The next day at practice when we were watching film, the coaches replayed it over and over. I got the message

Martin hasn't been pancaked since. Three years, 36 games,

108 tackles and 6.5 sacks hiring of new U-M head coach Brady Hoke. later. Martin is a runstuffing, quarterback-"Coach Hoke has a huge terrorizing force on the

understanding about what it means to play placed on the 65-player "Watch List" for the Lomfootball for the Univer sity of Michigan," Mar tin said "He's created a bardi Trophy, an award that is presented annually to the country's top interiguys are anxious to play for him, Every practice i upbeat with a quick tem po. It's been a lot of hard tions regarding the 2012 NFL Draft heat up, Mar-

work, but it's been fun, "The biggest thing coach Hoke harps on is team, team, team. We've learned a lot about Bo Schembechler and why Michigan was successfu

join his rebuilding proj

when he was here." tabbed to lead the U-M football program, Hoke hired former Baltimore Ravens defensive coor linator Greg Mattison to

Redford native Mike Martin hopes to lead a revamped 2011 season.

Armed with a Hall of Fame-caliber resume that also includes successful coaching stints at Florida and Notre Dame, Mattison didn't waste any time enhancing his new players' minds with sage

"Coach Mattison's most important message is that if you're not fundamentally sound, you're not going to be successful," Martin said. "He's already taught us a lot of new techniques that

will help us become bet-ter football players. I'm mer — including Detroit Lion Ndamukong Suh's standing up more (on the whatever it takes to be in the best position to make plays.1

Well-rounded man Martin's extraordinary ed to the playing field. tackle a degree in communications in just 3% years - a remarkable eccomplishment considering the added demands

of playing Division I college football. I eventually want to run my own business and be an entrepreneur," he said, looking ahead, "I've ing at Michigan. I feel nfortable speaking in front of large groups

of people and I'm pretty organized." Aithough he won't turn 21 until Sept. 1, Martin is already making a remarkable impact in the giving-back-to-the-comunity department. He offered his assis tance at several youth

clinic in Walled Lake and he's an active volun teer for Live2Give, a nonprofit foundation whose primary purpose is to help revitalize Detroit. An example of Martin's L2G mission work includ

ed speaking to memhers of Young Builders a group of 18- to 24-yearold Detroiters who are working toward earning their GEDs.

"Mike is very passion ate about giving back to the community, so it was a no-brainer to get him involved in what we're doing," said L2G co-founder and inspiration director Ryan Doyle who met Martin at U-M "Mike doesn't do it for the publicity. He likes to get away from the camer as and get involved in the nitty-gritty stuff.

"His message to the young people he speaks to is, 'I'm from the neigh borhood, too. I've shared your struggles and I want to help.' He's a great guy.'

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14U girls softball tryouts

The 2012 Northville 14U girls softball travel team tryouts will be held at Millen nium Park from 6-7:30 p.m. (registration starts at 5:45 p.m.) on the following dates

Monday, Aug. 22 Thursday, Aug. 25 Monday, Aug. 29

Zwarka at bob.zwarka@wcaa.us. The Northville 11U travel softball tryouts

For more information contact Robert

The Northville 11U travel softball team

is holding tryouts on the following dates: Sunday, Aug. 21, 6-7:30 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 27, 10-11:30 a.m.

All girls, ages 10-12, who are interested in playing fastpitch softball at a competitive level are encouraged to attend. Tryouts will be held at Millennium Field SE on 6 Mile between Sheldon and Beck roads (across from Northville High School, behind the Fire Department.) Refer to www.nbsaonline.org.

Sunday, Aug/ 28, 6-7:30 p.m.

90 baseball tryouts

There will 2012 9U travel baseball tryouts at the following from 6-8 p.m. on the following dates at Henningson Fields

* Thursday, Aug. 18 * Friday, Aug. 19

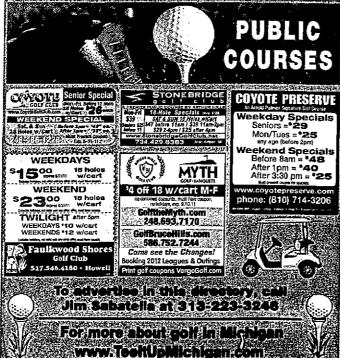
Sunday, Aug. 21

If your player is either older or younger than the 9U age bracket, please refer to the NBSA website for the appropriate tryont dates/times/locations: http://www.nbsaonline.org/Tryouts.htm

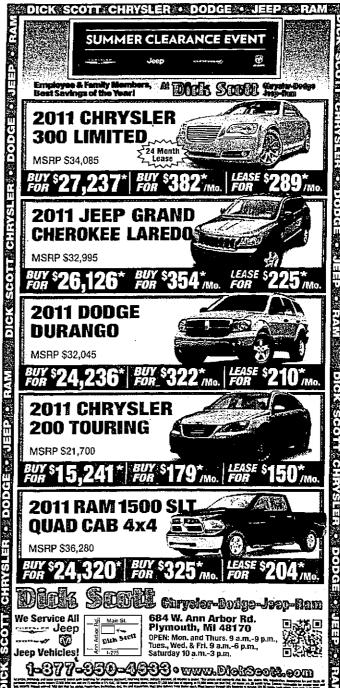
Tennis Camp

Northville Parks and Recreation is offering End of Summer Tennis Camps, morning and evening times, for ages 6-14 years. Beginner to intermediate lev els are invited to attend. Join head coach Todd Beyer for games, point play situa-tions and team tennis.

Camp (9:30-11:30 a.m. and S-7 p.m.) is Aug, 22-25 and cost \$99. Register online www.northvilleparksandrec.org or e-mail kkoupal@ci.northville. mi.us for more information.







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Survey: Most still prefer owning over renting

Most Americans still believe that owning a home is a solid financial decision, and a majority of renters aspire to home ownership as a long-term goal. That's according to the 2011 vey released recently by the National Association of Real tors, which found 72 percent of renters surveyed said own ng a home is a top priority for their future, up from 63 percent

Seven in 10 Americans also agreed that buying a home is a good financial decision while almost two-thirds said now is a good time to purchase a home, the survey found. The annual survey, which measures how affordable housing issue: ffeçt consumers, also found that more than three quarters they would be less likely to buy a home if they were requ to put down a 20 percent down payment on the home, and a strong majority (71 percent) believe a 20 percent down pay negative impact on the housing

Local Realtors are encouraged by survey results. Real-tor Rich Eisiminger of Plym-outh-based RichRealty said, "So into the renter market. It's to own a home. I'm pleasantly surprised at that. I would say i goes back to our American hertage. Everybody wants to own

"There's something to be said about ownership," Eisiminger added. Paying off of a mortgage emains achievable, he said; his mentor for that theory is the nationally known Dave Ramsey. is achievable and can be achiev able," Eisiminger said, adding the mortgage doesn't have to be

30 years. Eisiminger said a convention al mortgage with 20 percent is other means of FHA, other

nortgages out there." ´ His mentor Ramsey, who loes motivational speaking. dvocates living within means, "Handling money God's way focus on getting out of debt and

There's been recent debate

on requiring a 20 percent down

as well. There needs to be variables that you can come in less than 20 percent," Eisiminger said. Some are at 10 percent, maybe self-employed and don't want an FHA mortgage. "I think the long-term interest rate should stay somewhat the same," he

"I don't agree with 5 percent that's for sure," or with no money down. "The lending of easy money became our downfall by falsely appreciating real estate values," Eisiminger said.

Realtor Tony Schippa of Cold well Banker Preferred Plymouth is president of the Western Wayne County Association of Realtors, which is merging with the Metropolitan Consolidat ed Association of Realtors. "I think they're pretty accurate," he said of NAR survey results. "I still think people want to buy

"I tell them it's a great time to buy right now." There remain properties that aren't bankowned although some proper ties are getting multiple offers. "Financing can still be a challenge," he said. People worry about their credit scores. Some parents give money to

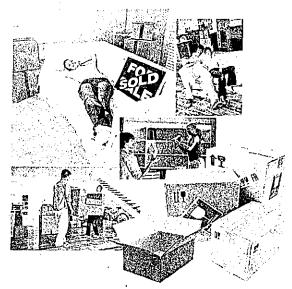
help children with a down payment, Schippa said. "I think overall people still want to own a home and they're looking to get something

He's handling a closing on a condo in Ann Arbor for a cou ple's daughter attending graduate school there, "The daughter and the family's in the financial availability to do that," Schip-

He tells those who want to buy a home don't open new credit cards if you want to qualify for a mortgage. Redford has some good housing prices,

He emphasizes that house payments are often lower than rent. "It makes financial sense · for people to get into a proper ty. The market will come back, it's just a question of time."

Schippa said. Not all Detroit-area residents are working, so putting down 20 percent can be hard, he said With average wages stagnant. "They should have some equi ty into the property when they buy it," Schippa said.



for Americans, Eighty-two per

cent of respondents cited thes

as the top obstacle, followed by

having confidence in one's job

The survey also found

respondents were adamantly

against eliminating the mort-gage interest deduction. Two-

thirds of Americans oppose

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while 73 percent believe elimi-

nating the MID will have a neg-

When asked why home own-

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a large concern, with almost

half of those surveyed citing

the issue as a problem in their

The 2011 National Hous-

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of those living in the 25 most

ty as the top reason. Longterm economic reasons such

"We do have inventory. Interest rates are at an all-time low," he added, "Now's the time to

National real estate leaders are encouraged by the survey responses. "Despite the omic setbacks Americans have experienced in today's current climate, it is clear that a strong majority still believe in home ownership and aspire to own a home," said NAR Pres ident Ron Phipps, broker-president of Phipps Realty in War-wick, R.I. "However, achieving the dream of home owner ship will become increasingly difficult for buyers if they are required to make a 20 percen down payment, which may be a reality for many of tomorrow's buyers if a proposed Qualified Residential Mortgage rule is adopted. That is why Realtors are strongly urging regulators

on the proposed rule.' Defining the QRM rule is important because it will determine the types of mortgages that will generally be available to borrowers in the future. As with less than 20 percent down will have to choose between higher fees and rates today -up to 3 percentage points more or a nine-14-year delay while

they save up the necessary down payment.
Over half — 51 percent — of self-described "working class" homeowners as well as younger non-college graduates (51 percent), African Americans (57 percent) and Hispanics (50 perent) who currently own their homes reported that a 20 percent down payment would have prevented them from becoming

Pulse surveys for the past eight years have consistently reported that having enough money for a down payment and closing costs are top obstacles that make housing unaffordable Know your rights

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sumers and make affordable The NAR website contributed to

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Those two findings are already good signs for job seekers, but they're even better when you realize that for the previous eight quarters, employers have always hired more workers than they anticipated. If history is any indicator, we could see the number of employers hiring in the remaining five months of the year be even higher than anticipated.

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The battle of giants for the lead in the U.S. luxury market got even more interesting in July, as No. BMW crept a little further into the lead over No. 2 Mercedes-Benz during the



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month: Lexus remained • hamstrung by supplies; and other players were jockeying for the No. 3 spot. BMW brand

sold about 135,000 vehicles year to date through July, and last month apped its edge over the Mercedes brand, which sold about 130,000 during the first seven months. Lexus brand sales were off by 19 percent in July and are off by 19 percent for the seven months, even though availability has begun to return to form. Audi and even Lincoln staged their own surges during the month as the entire segment

One obstacle is out of the way for luxury sales for the rest of the year, at least for now: doubts sewn among upper-income consumer about the U.S. debt and budget situation. To be sure. equity markets have taken a.

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began easing into the

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beating during the last couple of weeks, a dip that, if extended, bodes ill for the willingness of many luxury-

own future performances and, to some degree, the luxury market as a whole. "Despite the recent Group sales in July continued their good momentum," said Jim O'Donnell, president and CEO of BMW of North

America. \Nearly every major luxury brand – including not only the Germans but also Buick, Lincoln and Infiniti have embarked on bold plans to scramble at least closer to the top of the heap as Lexus has at least temporarily slipped off the pinnacle.

BMW, like its rivals, scheduled launches of new roducts in the second half including the 528xi, the first all-wheel-drive, entry-level version of its hot-selling 5 Series. Recently, Daimler CEO Dieter Zetsche was reminding employees in Frankfurt that the company

will use rivals' success as "additional motivation " Infiniti boasted that 10,000 new vehicles became available for consumer

Nevertheless, executives in the segment continue to profess confidence in their economic news, our BMW

out of its supply difficulties. And Audi upped the ante in its embrace of big TV events in the U.S. market by announcing that it will serve as "the official automotive partner" of the television industry's 63rd Primetime Emmy Awards in September.

Several players predict that full-year sales in the luxury market will end up about flat with 2010 after first-half sales this year were roughly flat as well, while general industry sales rose by 13 percent in the first six months.

"The overall [luxury] market is fragile and uncertain, so we're being cautious about that," said Matt Granger, general manager of retail sales for Audi of America. "The

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the luxury segment rose by 14 percent. Luxury sales were still rising, to a "torrid" pace in the first quarter, Poore said, when the earthquake and tsunami hit on March 11 "We're just happy that we

The 5 Series is crucial to BMW's Intentions to win the 2011 luxury-

delivery as the brand pulls second half has become a period of uncertainty for the the view was more Mark Templin, general manager of the Lexus brand, said that the luxury market

rest of the year. "Unemployment and consumer confidence are still a problem. [Luxury sales) won't materialize to the extent that everyone thought at the beginning of

In the first half, the supply disaster for Japanese brands, especially lexus and Acura, dictated a down performance for the segment overall. In 2010, while the total U.S. industry posted an 11-percent sales increase.

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the overall market" for the

have something to sell again," Templin said. "It's e going back to basics. We're sharpening our knives." Yet Steve Cannon vice president of marketing for Mercedes-Benz USA, paid homage to an even stronger competitor right now: BMW, with whom Mercedes-Benz is battling for the 2011 luxury crown. BMW sold about 114,000 vehicles in the Inited States during the first half, while Mercedes

sold 111,000. The Mercedes executive protested that the company s "not setting out to beat BMW" this year. Yet Cannon noted proudly, "We've closed an enormous gap with BMW over three years. In 2007, they outsold us by 45,000 cars" in the United States. "Now, we're neck-and-neck with them every single month.

And BMW's Creed seemed more than willing to focus contest with Mercedes-Benz. saying that he "feel[s] good" about the slim lead over its



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