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This workshop will help you decide 1) when to start receiving benefits; 2) how to coordinate benefits with your spouse; 3) how tax issues can affect your benefits; 4) how to coordinate benefits with your other sources of retirement income; and much more.

The program will be at the Novi Public Library at 45255 West 10 Mile Road.

Reservations are free, but seating is limited, register by calling Sigma Financial toll free at (877) 557-4462 or by going to www.123Retir ementPlanning.com

Prom pics

Looking forward to prom? Why not share the magic with our readers? Send in your prom pics and we'll publish them on a special photo page and a photo gallery on hometownlife.com. Simply e-mail your best shots to Novi News Editor Cal Stone at cstone@hometownlife.com and be sure to include names and high school of those pictured. Please limit to two to three photos and send in jpeg format only.

State fair being rejuvenated in Novi

Suburban Collection Showplace to host event Labor Day weekend

plans to host the fair at the Sil-

Bowman said

he could pro-

vide the board with what it

needed most -

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bled.

By Nathan Mueller Staff Write

Blair Bowman watched patiently for two years as attempts to revive the state fair in Michigan continued to fail. Finally, the owner of the Sub-urban Collection Showplace couldn't take it any longer and decided to contact the Great Lakes Agricultural Fair board to see if he could be of help. Ironically enough, the board was planning on reaching out

to Bowman at the same time as



a place to host the event free of charge — and now the two groups are in the process of making the newlycreated Great Lakes State Fair

a reality. "In my humble opinion, if a

third year passes without the fair going on we have a great, unfortunate chance to not ever see it again," Bowman said Mon-day night at the Novi City Council meeting.

The Michigan State Fair, which debuted in Detroit in 1849, was one of the oldest state fairs in the United States. It moved permanently to the Michigan State Fairgrounds on Woodward Avenue in 1905 and was held there until 2009. That was the same year Gov. Jennifer Granholm cut all funding to the Michigan State

Fair as attendance numbers continued to dip.

The Great Lakes State Fair, which is scheduled to take place from Aug. 31 to Sept. 3, will mirror the state fairs of old, complete with livestock and agricultural areas, live entertainment, Michigan-made products, a beer garden, carnival rides and games and a circus.

The animals and agricultural areas will be inside the Showplace, while the entertainment,

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Mobile home fire being investigated for arson

Police say there are indications someone was inside the home

> **By Nathan Mueller** Staff Writer

The Novi Police Department and Oakland County Sheriff's Office are continu-ing to investigate the cause of a fire that destroyed a home in the Novi Meadows mobile home park early Monday morning

Novi Assistant Police Chief Jerrod Hart said Thursday the home in the 50000 block of Idaho appears to be a complete loss. No one was home at the time of the fire, which happened around 2 a.m., and there were no injuries as a result.

Novi firefighters arrived on the scene



Novi Mayor Bob Gatt stands with Steve Myers' wife Izumi Suzuki and son Ken Myers near the cherry tree planted on Saturday at the Novi Civic Center in Steve's honor. Steve, who died in January, "pioneered lasting friendships, cultural awareness and enthusiastic acceptance of the Japanese population in Novi.

Novi honors longtime Japanese supporter with cherry tree

City one of 36 in U.S. to celebration 100th anniversary of the Gift of Trees

By Nathan Mueller Staff Writer

It was only fitting that as the city of Novi celebrated its friendship with Japan by taking part in the centen-nial anniversary of the Gift of Trees last week that a single tree was planted in honor Steve Myers, a pioneer of the Japanese and American relationship in Novi. Mayor Bob Gatt said the

city was fortunate to have

a community member like Myers, who was never shy about sharing his thoughts.

"His enthusiasm was measured in exclamation points and bold font," Gatt said. "And his positive impact on Novi's diversity and acceptance of the Japanese culture will live on forever."

Myers, who died in January, had several family members in attendance at the ceremony Saturday at the Novi Civic Cen-

ter, including his wife Izumi Suzuki.

Suzuki said she was "so moved the city cared so much" to dedicate a tree to Myers.

'Certainly he must be as happy as I am to have a plaque with his name on it in the center of the city we have loved so dearly," she said. "Steve would also be touched to be part of today's

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shortly after receiving the call and were able to contain the fire so it did not spread to surrounding homes.

Hart indicated investigators found some writing inside the home, but would not elaborate.

'I am not going to comment on what

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JOHN HEIDER I STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER The fire that destroyed this home on May 21 in Novi's Novi Meadows neighborhood is being treated as a potential arson.

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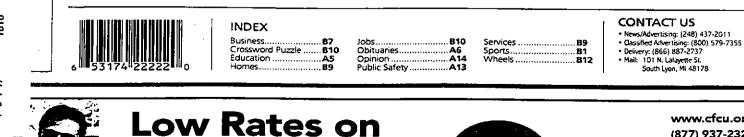
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CORRECTIONS

• In the May 17 Novi News article "Both Wildcat track teams win division, conference crowns," the placement for the top two finishers in the girls 3,200 run were flipped. Novi's Jackie Mullins won the twomile race in 11:28.11, not 11:39, while teammate Hannah Longergan finished second in 11:38.56. · Last week's story "Fox Run community education volunteer looks forward to start of each new school year" included an incorrect photo. The photo below is the correct one



This is the photo that should have run with last week's article "Fox Run community education volunteer looks forward to start of each new school year." City Mission Academy students (from left) Tiana Cunningham, Raven Tyson and Sierra Toussant join. Fox Run residence Lydia Mayo and Hilda Edwards for a May 15 luncheon at their dining hall. Mayo, Edwards and other Fox Run residents have been going into Detroit once a week since last October to tutor and read with the students. May 15 was reserved for the kids to come out to Novi to see where their mentors lived.

FAIR

Continued from page A1 midway and circus will be in the parking lot. Bowman said in a voice mail Tuesday there will "certainly be multiple sponsors for the event coming from all kinds of different sources." He

did not name specific sponsors, other than saving he expects everything from fairly large national names to local sponsor ships. "We are in the process

of finalizing all sponsorships, and it really is a community-related effort, so anyone interested in getting involved

through sponsorships should contact me," he

said. Bowman and the board plans to offer an all-inclusive ticket priced in the range of \$28-\$30, or \$25 if bought in advance. Those who just want to see the fair could buy a ticket at a reduced price.

Novi Mayor Bob Gatt said he has been aware of the plans for the fair for the last month and believes there is no better place for it. "I think it's something that has a lot of poten-

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tial," he said.

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Novi Mayor Bob Gatt and Consul General of Japan in Detroit Kuninori Matsuda plant a cherry tree together on Saturday at the Novi Civic Center to celebrate the 100th anniversary of the Gift of Trees to symbolize the friendship between Japan and the United States

TREE

Continued from page A1 events. He believed so strongly in creating lasting connections between Japan and America, and I cannot think of anything more fitting to Steve's memory than a cherry tree from Japan planted

here in Novi. Novi, which boasts the state's largest Japanese population with more than 2,500 community members as well as more than 65 Japanese-owned businesses, was one of 36 cities in the United States chosen to participate in the cherry tree planting

festivities. Trees were planted in the city at Prov dence Park Hospital. Novi Meadows, the Japa-REGISTER NOW FOR nese School of Detroit and the Novi Civic Center. "It's not only a celebration of the centennial, but also a celebration of the

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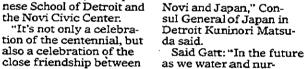
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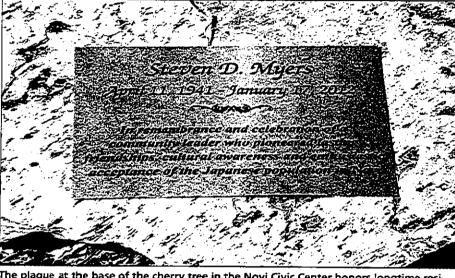
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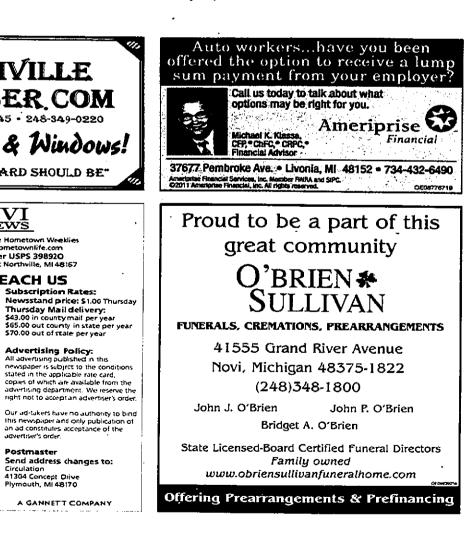
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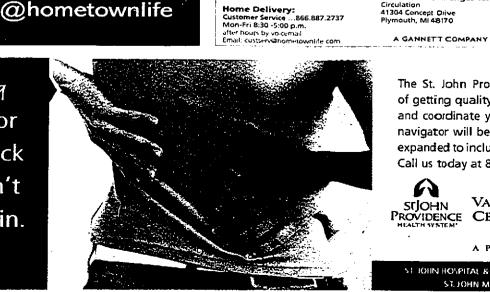


The plaque at the base of the cherry tree in the Novi Civic Center honors longtime resident Steve Myers.

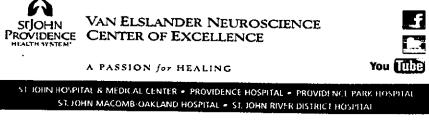
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Memorial Day a time to 'reflect and remember'

Inaugural run takes place before parade at 10 a.m.

By Nathan Mueller Staff Writer

Jason Mangum, director of parks, recreation and cultural services for the city of Novi, understands that many people associate Memorial Day with the start of summer, barbecuing and store sales. But his hope is that people will take time out of heir morning on Monday to recognize those who served and sacrificed their lives so those things would be possible. "It's very important to really take a little time to

just reflect and remem-ber," he said. "That is what this day is all about, and that is what we are hoping to do with not only our parade but with our ceremony after." The annual Novi Memorial Day parade begins at 10

a.m. on May 28, traveling west along 10 Mile Road from Karim Boulevard to the Novi Civic Center.

Highlights of the parade include the veterans recognition float, a fly-over by the A-10 Thunderbolts II from Selfridge Air National Guard Base,

performances by march-

Help Your Kids

The Novi Memorial Day Parade will have a new feature this year with the addition of a one-mile family run/walk, 5K run/walk and 10K run.

ing bands, the Harmony Acres Arabian Parade Horses and more. New this year is the Fallen Hero Tribute, which recognizes deceased veterans. Signs recognizing them, created by Novi staff members, will be shown during the parade

route. There also will be a pagpiper playing. Children are encour aged to participate in the parade by decorating their bikes and meeting at the Holly Hill Plaza at 9:30 a.m. For those who want to get a head start on the

fun run, 5K run/walk and 10K run.

Downtown Dinner Dance

featuring: The Showcasemen

Memorial Day festivities they can do so by participating in the inaugural Novi Memorial Day Run prior to the parade. The event includes a one-mile

The run is a special one for Wixom resident Pam

Conklin, who will be cele brating her 45th birthday by competing in her 45th 5K race. She also will be vearing bib No. 45. Conklin has run races of all distances, including

marathons in ever continent, and was glad to see Novi was hosting a race. "It's going to be a fun

morning to run a 5K," she said A Memorial Ceremony will follow the parade at the Novi Civic Center, hon oring all those who served "Our goal is for it to be very patriotic," Mangum

For more information about the parade, visit www. cityofnovi.org or call (248) 735-5613. For more information about the running events, visit www.NoviMe morialDayRun.com.

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Barr: 'We are going to makes sure the services we get are as good as we expect'

GCA Services Group

School board vice-pres-

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with GCA

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district has been having

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and she hopes the prob

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By Nathan Mueller Staff Writer

going to get at least one more year to show Nov Community School District officials it can hanstrict's cust services.

The board of education approved the one-year. \$1.4 million contract —

microscope. Barr said during a He remembered the district getting numerboard work session on ous positive phone calls May 3 that there has about the company durbeen some hiccups with ing the summer and into the fall, but that has since the company since it took over in 2010, includchanged ing issues the quality of "It is clear since that boneymoon period in work, employee turnover. light maintenance work those first nine months and problems finding that things have not been substitutes among other as good as they should be," he said, noting that issues. He believes a change in be has faith in the new middle level management administration to see that will improve the majorithe issues are fixed. ty of those problems, and Novi resident Ginger said Thursday there were Barrons said she remema lot of things GCA was bers a great deal of opposition about privatizing

doing well and he is confident it will work out Still, he isn't afraid to be critical if needed. "It may come across that Steve is kicking their butt and stuff, but you know what, it's money and we are going to make sure the services





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All for a good cause

Kids cheer (below) as another Novi Woods teacher (above) hits the water at its dunk tank during the Family Fun Picnic on May 18. The school held the fundraiser for the school that night, featuring lots of rides and games, dancing and food — and a very popular dunk tank.

Board approves one-year pact with custodial group

much longer.

"I remember the prom-

ises you made, and I'm

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Board trustee George

Kortlandt said while he

agrees there have been

company, they have basi-

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times gone beyond expec-

tations. He believes the

new administration -

GCA was hired before

the four current super-

intendents were in the

district — have higher

expectations of suppli-

ers and contractors and

thus makes people think

things have gone down

Barr said his plan of

frequent meetings with

team and improve com-

'I am hopeful and con-

fident this will work," he

said. "And if it doesn't, I

will be held accountable

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has been with the dis-GCA Services Group is trict since 2010, when the board of education decided to privatize custodial services to save money. said making the change was a very "emotional

with an option to extend the contract annually for two additional years — at its meeting Thursday night, but assistant superintendent of business operations Steve Barr reiterated that they are going to be under the

we get are as good as we

District continuing to work toward its goals

By Steve Matthews

was in Florida seven al years ago, accompanying my son's col lege baseball team on its spring trip.

After a game, 1 sat with several other parents by the hotel pool when my son and his baseball bud dies entered the pool area

directly across from us. I told the other parents to watch as I dialed my cell phone My son's phone rang,

and he glanced down at the phone to see who was calling. He then promptly gnored the ringing phone. As parents we all

laughed. We had long suspected our children ignored our calls and now we had proof

I then texted my son the following message, "Look across the pool."

My son glanced up and began to scan the pool area. Finally, he looked in my direction and a big smile crossed his face. He was caught and he knew it. Communication seems ke it should be so easy We have so many tools. Websites, text messages Twitter, Facebook, email and cell phones. We even have the old reliable meth ods-newspapers, newsletters, written notes, and last but not least, personal one-on-one conversations.

Yet, without fail, I encounter people in our school district who say, "] never heard," or "I didn't know that," or "Why lidn't someone tell me.

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District

ing common standards, systenus, and principles. Part of this goal requires us to develop a system that will facilitate and enhance our obility to communicate.

What are we trying to communicate? Our message springs from our vision - Developing each student's potential with a world-class education. Some may ask what that

means. We have worked hard this year to define that vision, and I believe we have captured the vision with our four district goals: 1. The Novi Commu-

nity School District will ensure that each student will make no less than one year's growth in one vear's time.

2. The Novi Community School District will ensure that all students achieve at a high level. (There will be no achievement gaps.) The Novi Community School District will evaluate and enhance opportunities for students while maintaining a minimum 10 percent fund balance 4. The Novi Commu-

nity School District will improve organizational quality and customer service by creating common

standards, systems, and principles.

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These goals hold us accountable for every student in the district. As a district we are committed to ensuring that every student will receive the attention they need and deserve so that when they graduate they will be ready for the next step in their lives.

Have we accomplished these goals? No. I am sure that some of you could call me right now and let me know how much work we have left to do, and I understand that some of you may be disappointed in how we

approach our goals. But my commitment is that as a district we will find a way to meet these goals. We will find a way to focus on the needs of every student and help them live up to their potential And we will make sure

that we communicate clearly how we will help the students in our district succeed. As we make progress

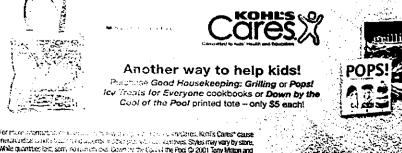
on achieving these goals I will keep you updated. My hope is that you "answer the phone" when I call cr read the messages that I send. My son now answers when I call - most of the time!

Steve Matthews is the superintendent of the Novi Community Schools district

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Northville man proud to have guarded Tomb of the Unknown Soldier

Funeral director 'met a ton of people'

By Julie Brown

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John Sassaman of Northville Township is proud of his time as a sentinel at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier in Washington, D.C.

"Oh, absolutely," said the owner of Northrop-Sassaman Funeral Home in Northville, noting few in the service hold that role

He served at Arlington National Cemetery as a sentinel or tomb guard with the Old Guard, 3rd Infantry Regiment of Ft. Myer, Va., with roots back to 1784. Sassaman was assigned in June 1970

through November 1971. "I was a sentinel toward the end of 1970 until I got out of service." said Sassaman, who had earlier served at the Kennedy gravesite in Washington, D.C.

He was in the Army ceremonial unit for such functions as state funerals. "I was in the right place at the right time," he said, explaining he twice had orders for Vietnam which were canceled.

Sassaman had a low draft number, then determined by birthdate. Enlisting helped him get the assignment, as did having top security clearance and college comple'One thing led to another'

His new sergeant when Sassaman was stationed in Louisiana for training had a friend recruiting, and "one thing led to another. I ended up going there" following an interview with the officer.

Sassaman was scheduled to go to officer candidate school at Ft. Benning, Ga., and then Vietnam. Washington, D.C.,

intervened. In Washington with the Company E honor guard. soldiers were assigned to three reliefs at the tomb. on 24-hour guard duty. Their uniforms and shoes had to be perfect.

"Your day was extremely busy," he said. He'd arrive at 6 a.m., with a schedule made up for the soldiers, then take a tour of duty at 7 a.m. or 0700. In summer, guards were changed every half

hour due to extreme heat Once away from the public eve. there was a drying rack for uniforms "and maybe drank a Pepsi, you were up for your next walk."

There were less stringent two-hour walks when the cemetery was closed, but the tomb is always guarded. Soldiers were still required to pass by every 10 minutes during closed hours. Soldiers would then

John Sassaman of Northville Township is proud of having served as a sentinel at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier at Arling on National Cemetery

has a daughter and two

sleep and come back the next day to train new trainees. There was then a free day, and Sassaman became close to the men he served with, but saw less of the others who were working that day "I met a ton of people, said Sassaman, 67, who

sons. He met the king of Spain and others he never would have otherwise. They were often introduced after wreath-laying ceremonies. 'Great honor' "Your chances of meet-

SC trustee, Northville resident proud of college's growth

Watson leaves for Arizona retirement

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CLIFFORD WAYNE

86 of Las Vegas, NV, formerly of Highland died April 25. He leaves

his wife Janice'of 61 years. Son Scott (Ressa) Powell, Grand-chil-dren Christopher Powell, Jeanette (Tyler) Schmeling: great-grand-daughter, Marissa, all of Las

deceased. He attended The Shrine of the Most Holy Redeemer Church in Las Vegas. He was retired from G. M. Proving Grounds, Milford. Born to Clifford E. and Myrtle Rummell Powell in Linden, MI August 17, 1925. He was a Navel veteran of WWII serving in the South

WWII serving in the South Pacific, Interment later in South-

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LIGHTFOOT, Shirley A. TAFT, WILLIAM D.

By Julie Brown Staff Writer

Patricia Watson will take lots of good memories of Schoolcraft College to Arizona in June when she and hus band Charles Jerzycke move there for retirement. Watson, a Northville

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MARIA TERESA

Age 87, passed away May 14, 2012, Funeral was May 17, at St. Joseph Catholic Church.

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Age 90. of Northville, passed 5/19/12. Father, grandfather, and

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"Drifter"

o the late Nicholas and Inene

(Evans) Janjanin. He was a mem-ber of the V.N.V/MC, and the South Lyon Masonic Lodge #319, He was a pipefitter for Ford Motor

Company for 38 years and was a UAW member. He is survived by

his beloved whet Linda; his son, August (Christina) Varady; two grandchildren: Mattison and Tyler. He is also survived by his sister Nancy (Kam) Johnson; his nephew David and his niece Kathy. Visitation was held on Wednesday, May 23, from 2:00 nm = 900 a m with a Masonic

weinesday, May 25, from 2000 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. with a Masonic service at 7:00 p.m. at PHILLIPS FUNERAL HOME, 122 W. Lake St., South Lyon, Funeral services will be held on Thursday, May 24,

at 11:00 a.m. at the funeral home. Interment will take place at Great

Lakes National Cemetery where

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nilitary honors will be rendered.

is beloved wife, Linda; his son,

Age 64, passed away May 19, 2012. He was born on June 23, 1947, in Detroit,

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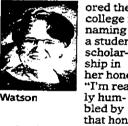
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'Incredibly rewarding' "I have learned so much about the community college system," said Watson, a licensed psycholo-

gist and director of psychology for the Center for Forensic Psychiatry in Ann Arbor. "It has been incredibly rewarding for

to give back, and is hon-



or. It's just a really humbling experience for me." She'd been the board's representative to the Michigan Community College Association and served on the Schoolcraft Development Authority which oversees develop-

She earned a doctorgy from the University of Detroit, a master's from University of St. Francis Fort Wayne, Ind., and a bachelor's from Aquinas College, Grand Rapids. She received an outstanding leadership award

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One man was killed in Iraq, Sassaman said, but that's unusual for the

Sassaman has a son in the Army now at Ft. Benning, Ga., with all infantry training done. He'll attend airborne school and likely be stationed in Alaska. The elder Sassaman

grew up on the east side. graduating from Grosse Pointe High School and doing his mortuary science studies in Wisconsin. He's glad to have served and stayed in touch with the other men. "We were all pret-

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ty tight and they are today," he said, noting the great precision the work required.

Upon further reflection, Sassaman wrote of the honor of serving at Arlington, visited by many tourists during the days. "It was after hours when the crowds were gone, the cemetery closed and and the sun faded off of the horizon that Arlington became a serene and tranquil place of beauty. We could look out over thousands of graves in any direction and refelct back on each and every one's contribution they made to the defense of this country,'

Sassaman wrote. icbrown@hametownlife.con

treasures," said Watson whose term will be completed by an appointee prior to the November 2012 election. Her husband served on the Planning Commission

and board for Allen Terrace. "This is a great area to live." Watson said. "I will really miss southeast Michigan. She noted programs

developed in her time, such as the possibility of bachelor's degrees at Schoolcraft in nursing and culinary arts, which would require legislative approval. Watson also cited the biomedical technology building, with its focus on math and science.

"It's been gratifying to see all the changes and improvements in the Garden City campus." said Watson, who's also proud of the library and public safety training improvements. "We just have great

staff, great administration. It's a good resource. This really is the best of a community asset," she said. "And we're debt-

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Hills, Willowbrook Farms, Chase Farms, Deerbrook, and Meadowbrook Lake. At 9 a.m. June 5, books will be picked up from Willowbrook.

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ored the gist in private practice. college is Watson has also taught at Madonna University naming a student as an adjunct associate instructor in the Graduate Division. She has served as a consultant to her honor 'I'm realthe Detroit Area Salvation Army Corps and the

Denby Children's Home in Detroit. Watson was appointed as a commissioner to the Northville Youth Assistance Program (1998 to 2002). She is a member of the American Psychological Association and Michigan Psychological Association. In September 1996

from Aquinas College.

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of Michigan and she has served as chair. Points of pride Watson is proud of Schoolcraft's fitness center, the Transitions Center which helps returning veterans and others, music recitals, din ner theater, profession-

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Watson is a clinical and forensic psycholo-

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The Spring Senior Expo is big, and sometimes you have to take a break.

Shirley Ziemba, of Farmington Hills, arrives promptly at 9 a.m. for the opening of the

Seniors catch up on latest info at expo

By Ken Abramczyk erver Staff Write

Seniors and residents from across southeast Michigan lined up early Tuesday morning for the ninth annual Senior Spring Expo at the VisTaTech Center at Schoolcraft College in Livonia.

And when the doors opened, "it was like opening floodgates," said John

Elkins of Livonia. Elkins distributed information about St. Mary Mercy's senior emergen cy room, which specializes in assisting patients who are elderly, and Mer-cy LifeLink, which provides instant access to

emergency medical care 24 hours a day, seven days a week. He was one of several people working the more than 60 booths of exhibitors throughout the expo, presented by the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers and Hometown Weeklies in partnership with Schoolcraft Col-

Seniors scooped up pamphlets, spoke with vendors and grabbed free items from the vendors. Terry Viavanko of Livonia is a retiree from the Livonia Public Schools. "I'm browsing today as it is my first year as an official senior," Viavanko said. "I want to know

what it's all about. She picked up information on tile and bathroom repair from Keystone Home Improvements

Vangie Noetzel from Northville said she and her husband, Jim Noetzel, were picking up information on senior housing. not for themselves, but for a friend of her husband's. "We like to come here and get a few free things, too," Jim Noetzel said.

Richard Radcliffe of Farmington was interested in information on senior housing. He wants to find small houses, and not condos, with two-car garages. "I also like to read about the financial things they have here," he said.

Frank Delewsky of Livonia was interested in the lectures, "I always pick up little goodies, too, like batteries or bottled water," he said. Guests enjoyed coffee and breakfast sweets at one of the tables.

Claudia DeGrazia of South Lyon is about to turn 65. "I wanted to learn about Medicare and strength training for seniors," she said. "I golf and I want to learn about quick exercises. I'm enjoying it.*

'Great atmosphere' Jim Vlcek of Westland visited the expo to consider what his needs may be down the road. He turns 65 next year.

"The expo is great for letting people know what services are out there," he said. "My insurance will run out next year, so I spoke with Blue Cross Blue Shield and picked up materials on insurance



Richard Radcliffe, of Farmington, speaks with Cecilia Reynolds of Comfort Dental Spa.



Barbara Shobe, of Novi, speaks with Joddy Smith, of Sharing Hearts Home Care



Claudia DeGrazia, of South Lyon, talks with Katie Nietzke and Angela Altimus, of Health Quest.

and prescription coverage

Vlcek's sister, Dorothy Cislo, traveled from Temperance. "My brother told me about it, and I wanted information on diabetes, health care and financing," she said. Doris Ward of Westland wanted to attend workshops on sleep and hearing. "It's a great atmosphere to learn about many things, including health, homes and senior living," she said. JoJo Sanford of Farmington received information and availability of services for seniors. 'I like to go to the workshops and hear about health information and

exercising," Sanford said.

"You feel good to come

and see all the different information. Carolyn Pearson of Canton took a balance test at The Recovery Proj-

ect table. She passed it. She smiled when she was asked about why she was at the expo. "The freebies," Pearson said. "The freebies are always fun. You always get good information here." Actually Pearson waspicking up information on assisted living, not for herself, but a relative. Gwen Dani of Plymouth, who administered

the balance test to Pear-

son, is a physical ther-

apist with The Recov-

ery Project. Tests were

administered that day to



Michigan Medicare/Medicaid Assistance Project.

Kathie Gornick of Plymouth Township is all smiles.

help provide information about the dangers of falls and how they might be prevented. About 75 percent of seniors have balance impairment, and physical therapy can assist with balance, she

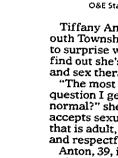
said. 'They don't have to wait to fall to go and get physical therapy," Dani said. "We work on flexibility, balance and strength. Medicare covers up to 15 visits a year for physical therapy, Dani said.

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Cynthia Belonga, of Novi, talks with Ron Lieberman, of Canton. Lieberman is with the

Physical therapist Gwen Dani tests neurological response: for Carolyn Pearson, of Canton. The Recovery Project, LLC, is located in Livonia



Spring Senior Expo held Tuesday at Schoolcraft College.

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Marital/sex therapist sparks lively talk at AAUW

By Julie Brown . O&E Staff Writer

Tiffany Anton of Plym-
outh Township is used
to surprise when people
find out she's a marital
and sex therapist.
"The most common
question I get is 'Are you
normal?" she said. She
accepts sexual activity
that is adult, consensual
and respectful to all.
Anton, 39, is married
and mom to an 8-year-
old son. She's practiced
for 12 years after earn-
ing her master's in social
work from Loyola Uni-
versity-Chicago.
She described her hus-
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of women of all ages at









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chosen to hold on to its parcel

"One of the things I find kind

of ironic is that TCF Bank, who

has taken a complete blood-

bath hit on this, has decided to

retain one of the parcels and

work with the city to develop

the parcel," he said. "That tells

you a lot about the potential of

Main Street in the long haul. I.

they saw it as something that

wasn't a very good thing they

would have gotten rid of that

piece of property as quick as

The item is expected to come

back before the city council in

the near future for final site

as well is a good sign.

Novi moves forward with new vision for Main Street

Council approves preliminary site plan that terminates condos, creates three separate parcels

By Nathan Mueller Staff Writer

The development of Main Street appears to be gaining momentum with the Novi City Council granting preliminary site plan approval Monday night to terminate the two condominiums recorded over the property and create three separate parcels.

The creation of the three separate parcels would give those property owners a better chance of developing the area. said city manager Clay Pearson. Victor Cassis, who owns the undeveloped land west of the Atrium Building on the north

Masterpiece Mondays

Novi's Providence Center for the Healing Arts presents Masterpiece Mondays, an exhibit of original artwork featuring watercolor paintings created by the artists of the Masterpiece Mondays Painting Class, The artwork in this exhibit consists of vibrant and varied subjects radiating an inspirational quality. The subjects and ideas are personal choices and challenges of the artists. Viewing these paintings, one senses a consistency of energy due in part to the creative techniques taught by the group's instructor, Janis Madias. An artist, long-time Healing Arts volunteer, and one of the exhibitors, Madias meets with her students Monday mornings from 10 a.m.-1 p.m. to practice and perfect their work This class is open to everyone who wishes to come. The public is cordially invited to attend an artists' reception from 6-8 p.m. Wednesday, May 23 in the Nancy A. Fox Art Gallery in the Assarian Cancer Center at 47601 Grand River Avenue, Novi. The show will be on display through June 29.gallery is open 8 a.m.-4 n.m. Monday-Friday

side of Main Street, told council he bought his portion of the property in 2010 because he wanted to develop it for the betterment of the city. He also warned them that if action was not taken his land would continue to sit vacant.

"I want the success, not just for myself, but for those that are my neighbors sitting here. because if I succeed in this they will succeed." he said. The Main Street concept has

had very little success since being proposed in 1997. At the time it was under single ownership and control, but since has been split into several different pieces over the years.

The owners of the three units the new possibilities. requesting separation include the Main Street Partnership, which owns the Atrium Building, TCF Bank, which owns the undeveloped land on the south side of Main Street and Cassis. Council member Waybe Wrobel, who served on the planning commission when initial plans for Main Street came before the city, said it seemed like a great idea at the time — and everyone was hoping for the best --- but in the back of their minds they never thought it would pan out.

His colleague on council, Justin Fischer, echoed Wrobel's thoughts, but was excited about

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"We definitely need to move forward," Fischer said. "We want to see something developed here. We want to see something positive, something we can be proud of. And maybe it isn't that vision that we originally created - that was, again, unrealistic in my view - but it is something that is going to be phenomenal.'

Cassis said while the vision for the area is changing, he still plans on making sure it is a pedestrian project. "That is my promise, that is what I plan to do," he said.

Mayor Pro-tem David Staudt said the fact that TCF Bank has

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they could."

site plan approval.

Famie earns award for 'One Soldier's Story'

Nine-time Michigan Emmy award-winning director/producer Keith Famie, Visionalist Entertainment Productions and film editor Joe Grant were honored as winners of the Bronze Reel Award at the 43rd Annual MCA-I Media Festival for the documentary film "One Soldier's Story."

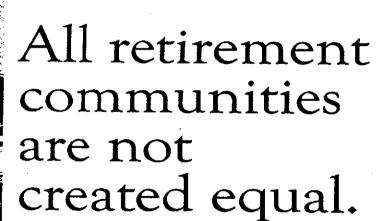
Famie and Visionalist Entertainment Productions also are nominated for three Michigan Emmy awards at the 34th Annual Michigan Emmy Awards Gala Event. The following 2011 documentaries are nominated, by category:

· Our Vietnam Generation, Documentary, Hisorica

• Can You see How I see?, Documentary, Human Interest • One Soldier's Story, Documentary, Topical

"One Soldier's Story" is an emotional, yet inspir-Famie ing story about Sgt. Michael Ingram Jr., a Unit-ed States soldier from Monroe, Mich., killed in action while serv-ing in Afghanistan. Told by Sgt. Ingram's father, Michael Ingram, Sr. formily friends million and mail a form of soldiding the serv-, family, friends, military and media, "One Soldier's Story" describes the bravery and fortitude of our military personnel serving overseas. The film portrays Sgt. Ingram's decision to join the Army, the ultimate sacrifice he made for his country and the honors he received when his remains were returned home. In a statement about the "One Soldier's Story" by Michael Hastings, contributing editor to Rolling Stone magazine, "Keith Famie's film about Sgt. Mikie Ingram is incredibly powerful and moving. It's an intimate portrayal of a soldier's sacrifice and a family's unbearable loss. It's impossible to watch without breaking down and feeling the full cost of our decade long war. It's a true and worthy tribute to a young man whose legacy will not be forgotten."

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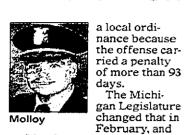
LOCAL NEWS

Novi moves forward with high BAC ordinance City would save on officer time, recoup money from fines

By Nathan Mueller Staff Writer

Novi Director of Public Safety/Chief of Police David Molloy is a major proponent of the high blood alcohol content law that went into effect in October 2010.

The only problem with the law, which imposes stiffer penalties for first-time operating while intoxicated offenders who have a BAC of .17 percent or higher, was that local municipalities could not adopt it as



on Monday the Novi City Council approved the first reading of the local ordinance. "We are seeing an unfortu-

nate and ever-growing number of our OWI arrests where they ranged in that .17 percent and higher range," Molloy said. "Obviously there is a need to have some kind of stiffer penalty so people understand that you are at a level where you are talking twice the legal limit and there is an ever-increasing risk of injury or traffic crash or something along those

lines. What the adoption of the local ordinance does is give Novi's police officers the ability to issue the drunk driver a ticket, have the case prosecuted by

the city attorney's office and allow the city to receive a portion of the fines and cost.

Prior to the local ordinance, the cases had to be sent to the Oakland County Prosecutor's Office, thus utilizing staff time to present the documents. Also the city did not receive any revenue.

"The biggest thing is efficien-cy," Molloy said. "If we did a high BAC tonight, then tomorrow we would have to drive to the prosecutor's office in Pontiac. spend two to four hours getting the warrant and then come

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back and arraign the person. "We are talking about saving four hours of time, and that is a significant savings when we can keep those officers on the street." A person charged under the high BAC law faces 0-180 days in jail, \$200-\$700 fine, up to 360 hours of community service and a one-year license suspension. which includes a hard suspension for 90 days with no modifications or restrictions and the remainder as a restricted license with an ignition interlock installed on the vehicle.

Library fundraiser set for June 8 Librarians meet

ways," said Julie Farkas

director of the Novi Pub-

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The Friends of the Library and the Novi Public Library are hosting "Friends Making Friends," a friend-raising, after-hours event at the library from 7-9 p.m Friday, June 8 - and you are invited!

Friends of the Novi Library will gather on the library's patio for a fun-filled evening of stimulating conversation and social network ing. Savor light refreshments and beverages while watching the sun set over the hills of Fuerst Park. Enjoy the ambient music of the Marion Hayden Legacy Trio, an award-winning jazz ensemble, sure to enhance the relaxing mood of the library's patio setting. Make new friends at this once-ayear event. Admission is free for Friends, but restricted to those 18 and older. Guest tickets for non-members are \$10 for individuals, \$15 for couples. The guest tick-

DETAILS

The Friends of the Library is a non-profit membership organization with annual dues of \$10 for an individual, and only \$15 for a family. Admission to the "Friends Making Friends" event is open to anyone 18 years and older, is free, but does require a current membership in the organization. However, anyone can become a member of the Friends by paying the annual membership fee, in advance or at the door. Anyone interested in attending should contact Bar-

bara Brunett at (248) 349-7829 or e-mail Friends@novilibrary.org to R.S.V.P., to renew an expired membership or to become a new member. Although not required, Friends are encouraged to bring guests who will gain a one-year membership with the purchase of a membership or guest admission ticket.

et price includes a onebers, businesses and the year membership in the public at large, and the library has been the benriends. Reservations are duę by June 1. eficiary. For over 50 years "Our Friends are true the Friends of the Novi advocates and ambas-Library have been gensadors for our great library. Their support erating both funds and community support for over the past 50 years the work of the library has allowed the library The Friends have held to grow in such amazing successful fundraising

chase of collections, furniture, artwork and technology. A library is not 'true' without Friends!" Members of the Friends serve as volun-

teers at the library and on behalf of the library out in the community. Once a year this dedicated group of volunteers takes a break from fundraising to gather to celebrate the success of its efforts and to welcome new members into the group. This year everyone is invited to join the celebration by becoming a Friend of the Novi Library. The Marion Havden

Legacy Trio is led by Detroit-based, awardwinning bassist Marion Hayden. She has performed all across the United States as well as in Europe, Africa and the Caribbean. She has toured extensively and performed with jazz greats George Benson, Lionel Hampton, Nancy Wilson and Eddie Harris.



Thirty-six librarians from area academic institutions convened on the South University Novi campus April 27 for the spring meeting of SEMLOL. The South Eastern Michigan League of Libraries, which formed in 1978, is comprised of 38 area academic institutions. The topic of the spring 2012 meeting was Digital Repositories: Creating and Managing Collections Online. Librarians from the University of Detroit Mercy and Eastern Michigan University presented on the DALNET Digital Depository and Digital Commons respectively. Librarians and Members of the SEMLOL Board shown are (from left, back) SEMLOL Chair Colleen Streeter. Novi Campus Library Director Michele Mecha-Fuher, SEMLOL Treasurer Gary Cocozzoli, Novi Campus Library Assistant Emily Bliss; (front) SEMLOL Members Katrina Rovan and Michele Pratt.

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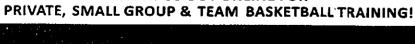
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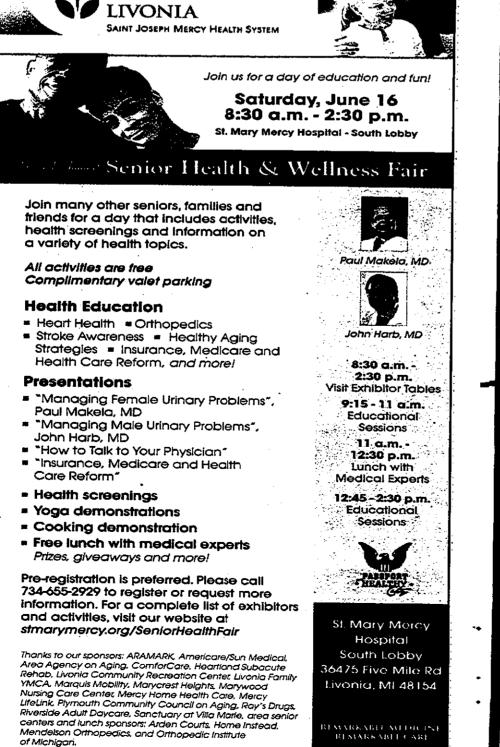
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cer approached the car he could smell a strong odor of intoxicants coming from inside the vehicle. The driver, who was of legal drinking age, said initially he had not been drinking. The officer had the driver perform field sobriety tests, which he

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passed, and a preliminary breath test registered a blood alcohol content of .01 percent. The legal limit for adult drivers in Michigan is .08 percent. The driver told the offi-

cer the passenger, who was 20, had been drinking inside Club 29. She took a PBT that registered a BAC of .101 percent. She was arrested, and during transport to the station and while in booking at the station

vomited She was issued a citation and released after posting bond.

Suspended driver caught with weed

Novi police arrested a man for driving on a suspended license on May 17 after an officer ran the plate on the vehicle he was driving while traveling southbound on







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NOVI POLICE BRIEFS

Woman arrested for underage A 20-year-old wom-

an was arrested for minor in possession of alcohol on May 20 after the vehicle she was riding in was stopped for speeding on Grand River Avenue west of Meadow-

According to the police report, the vehicle was traveling 47 miles per hour in a 35 mph zone before it was stopped. When the offi-

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near his shoe. The suspect said "I forgot I had that there. The man was issued two citations and released after posting bond.

Laptop stolen from President Tuxedo

A 19-year-old wom-Jan had her laptop stolen from the back room at President Tuxedo on May 20 after she left it there to go to her other job inside Twelve Oaks Mall. According to the police

report, the woman said the back room did not have a door and was easily accessible to customers. Surveillance cameras at Lord and Taylor observed two men walking through the store and

one of them had a large bulge in their sweatpants consistent with the size of a laptop computer. The laptop is valued at

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> if they could find the suspects in the parking lot.

Computer, camera taken from van

4 An unknown sus-pect stole a laptop and camera stolen from his unlocked van on May 17 while he was doing work inside the Baronette

Renaissance. According to the police report, the man left his van unlocked because he was using it to get tools and equipment. He noticed the items were missing when he was on

his way home. Video surveillance at the business shows no one entering the vehicle besides the owner and his co-workers, but the victim also advised it had been parked in a differ ent location for a short while earlier in the day. Police have no suspects.

Compiled by staff writer Nathan Mueller

Police searching for man who approached teens in Hines Park

Victim told police man asked her to unbutton pants before she ran away

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#### By Nathan Mueller

Northville police are continuing to investigate a suspicious person complaint involving two teenagers that occurred around 5:30 p.m. on May 18 near a playground in Hines Park, near the intersection of Hines Drive and Seven Mile Road.

According to police, the male and female teenagers were approached by a man wearing a red polo shirt, black or tan shorts and was carrying a hand-held radio. He told the teens they were in trouble and took their identification. He then had the male teenager leave the area

Novi police investigate Kroger robbery

of trouble, and told her to

pull them down. Following

that command, she safely

unbutton her pants and

A man wearing a Halloween "Scream"-type mask robbed the Kroger store located at 47650 Grand River Avenue. just west of Beck Road in Novi at 11:58 p.m. Sun-

The subject, described as unknown male wear

jeans, and black gloves, handgun, and demand-

The incident is under investigation by the Novi Police Department, Anv-Stoppers at 1-800 SPEAK

form. He said if anyone were to encounter a sim ilar situation they should ask for identification or call 9-1-1. "Always be aware of who you are dealing with and keep moving." he said. "Get away as fast as

Chief Gary Goss said

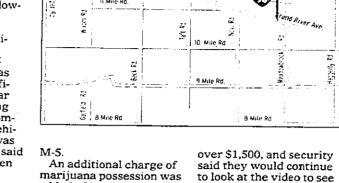
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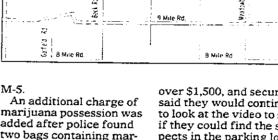
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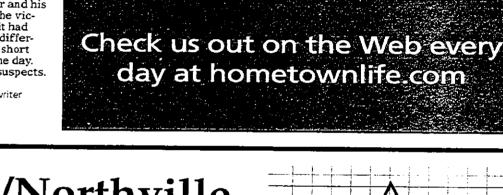
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approached a Kroger employee, produced a ed money. The employee handed over an unknown amount of cash. The subiect then left the store. entered the passenger side of a black Toyota Pri

one was injured. one with information is asked to please contact Novi Police Detective Kevin Gilmore at (248) 347-0551 or call Crime UP (1-800-773-2587).

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us, and fled the scene. No



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#### OUR VIEWS

## Honoring sacrifice Take Memorial Day's real purpose to heart

Communities around the country will soon gather for parades and ceremonies designed to honor the sacrifices of our military fighting men and women who have given the ultimate sacrifice in the service of their country.

And then we'll retire to our patios, parks, pools and cabins, to sizzle the grill and enjoy the holiday. And while we're doing that, we urge you

to really consider the sacrifices you're honoring. Since this nation's inception, in wars

and battles, skirmishes and fights - large and small - more than two million military servicemen and women have given their lives, all to give us the freedom and lifestyle we enjoy today.

The wars these brave souls have fought have produced our country's biggest victories. They've taken down Saddam Hussein and, more recently, killed the orchestrator of the biggest terrorist attack on American soil in history.

All of that stunning success, however, does nothing to overshadow the contributions made by the thousands of our military servicemen and women who have given the ultimate sacrifice to ensure Americans continue to enjoy the freedoms secured by their efforts.

Memorial Day is the one day of the year set aside for the nation to get together to remember, reflect and honor those who have given their all in service to their country. In the Gettysburg Address, Abraham Lincoln called on Americans to complete the unfinished task of ensuring that liberty "shall not perish from the Earth."

Americans have never wavered in that commitment to freedom, nor in the effort to help those who seek to be free. Americans have fought in two World Wars for freedom, in Korea and Vietnam. Americans have fought a Cold War, in Desert Storm, in Iraq and Afghanistan against tyranny, oppression and terror.

However, the traditional observance of Memorial Day has diminished over the years. Some people think the day is for honoring any and all dead, and not just those fallen in service to our country. For many, Memorial Day and the three-day weekend marks the official start of summer. People use the time to open their pools and their cottages and gather for picnics.

People will attend local ceremonies and spend some time observing the meaning of the day but, by and large, Americans will focus on having fun.

To help re-educate and remind Americans of the true meaning of Memorial Day, the National Moment of Remembrance was established in 2000. It asks that at 3 p.m. on Memorial Day all Americans voluntarily and informally observe, in their own way, a moment of remembrance and respect, pausing from whatever they are doing for a moment of silence or listening to Taps.

An e-mail we received sums up best what we should ponder, during that moment of silence. The author is unknown, but the sentiments are on the money: "It is a veteran, not the preacher, who

has given us freedom of religion. "It is a veteran, not the reporter, who

has given us freedom of the press. "It is a veteran, not the poet, who has given us freedom of speech.

"It is a veteran, not the campus organizer, who has given us freedom to assem-

"It is a veteran, not the lawyer, who has given us the right to a fair trial "It is a veteran, not the politician, who has given us the right to vote.'

Enjoy those barbecues, open the pool or spend a relaxing weekend at the cottage. In the midst of that merriment, though, we urge everyone to take a moment to say thank you to those who have made all that possible.

There are more than two million reasons we cannot afford to forget why there is a Memorial Day.

Cal Stone,

Community Editor

Susan Rosiek,

Executive Editor

#### COMMUNITY VOICE

What are you most looking forward to with school ending?



hanging out with friends, school and spending sleeping in and going on time with my friends."

"Not having to go to

Vanessa Lee



"A break from school and being able to sleep in and not having to worry about homework.' Diana Bucan



"Just the nice weather." Christa Schafer

brownfield matters. He teaches real estate law at Wayne State University's Law School and serves as vice president of the Schoolcraft College

Development Authority. Northville Township must address and resolve several significant issues involving land use and development in the coming years. Northville Township will be well served by electing a township supervisor with experience in the complex and highly charged arena of land use and development to address these issues in the best interests of the citizens of the Township.

But the best reason to elect Bob Nix is simply this: Bob has been and desires only to continue to be a true and honest public servant and steward of the people's interests, He seeks office not to further a political career or to serve narrow ideological . or political ends, but to offer his talent, expertise and experience in the service of his fellow citizens. He is not seeking a springboard to higher or more lucrative office, or attempting to personally benefit from this office. Rather, he is doing what more of us

A vote for Bob Nix in August is a vote for someone who believes that public service is an obligation and a privilege. Our township and our

baseball

feel Northville's love and gratitude. thanks to the hundreds of pounds of donated snacks, toiletries, books and more, received through Northville High School baseball's Armed Forces Day (AFD) efforts. We are grateful to the Northville Public Schools who collected donations May 14-18. Thanks, too, to all who joined us for our third annual AFD celebration and doubleheader on Saturday May 19. This significant day was made even more memorable by the varsity Mustangs' two commanding victories. Cheering fans were on hand as the team hammered its record to an impressive ; 27-3

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LETTERS

Time for Dem?

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Regarding your editorial "Novi able

to thrive despite Legislature" (April

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that I "just don't get it" that "you

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2011, it occurred to me that our cur-

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Novi, candidate for state Rep.

Chuck Tindall

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This is our first presidential elec-

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campaigns to protect their company

interests. They are buying up air time

and dumping large sums of money

So whose money is it anyhow? It

seems to me that company money

of publicly traded corporations actu-

ally belongs to the investors/share-

holders who in many instances are

working people who have retire-

ment accounts that invest in these

So, should CEOs be able to use

investor/shareholder money as their

they be limited to using dollars de-

posited directly into PAC accounts?

Six-year school board

terms excessive

private political war chests? Or should

Due to a law recently passed by the

state Legislature, school board elec-

tions must now be held in November

on even years. The Novi school board

so a change to their bylaws must be

1. Continue with four-year terms,

thus having four seats up one elec-

2. Increase the terms to six years,

thus having three seats up one elec-

Have mixed four-/six-year terms.

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There are currently three options on

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Karen B. Zyczynski

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thus having three seats available each election cycle. Highest vote-getter receives six-year term, while second and third place vote-getters receive

A number of board members have stated that they will not support the four-year term option, as they are uncomfortable with the possibility of four seats (a majority) changing hands at one time. But why? Our City Council has four seats up for grabs every election without issues. Even with that, no one I've spoken ber the last time four seats changed

Extending terms to six years seems seir-serving and will make it less appealing for good candidates to run. In fact, those considering a two-term mitting to 12 years. Currently, state representatives serve no more than a total of six years (three two-year terms), while state senators serve

one time entrusted us to vote them in office. Why is it that they can't trust us to do the right thing when four seats up for grabs?

on unfounded fears does nothing more than take power away from

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Supports Nix for

the electorate

I write to urge the citizens of North-

Bob has a long record of public service and private sector success. Bob is throughout the Midwest as an expert

should do: Seeking to give back to the community he loves.

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Tim Guerriero Northville



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Northville High School baseball

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Extending terms to six years based

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supervisor

ville Township to vote for Bob Nix for Northville Township supervisor in the August primary election.

I have known Bob since 1994. He has always been a good neighbor, a trusted friend and someone who always is willing to lend his time, talent and energies to improving and serving the community where he and

his wife, Sue, make their home. presently chairman of the township Planning Commission, on which he has served since 2001. A real estate attorney and senior partner in a major Detroit law firm, he is recognized in land use and environmental and

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#### BEREAVEMENT

C (Enter the campus off of Time/Date: 7:30-9 p.m. third Tuesdays Location: Novi Civic Center (10 Mile between Taft and Novi roads)

**Details:** Led by Michael M. Meyer, D. Minn., goal is to give each participant an opportunity to share their **ANTI-AGING FROM THE** 

available at no charge to all YOU IN 2012 Date: Wednesday, June 13

> Hotel, Novi Details: The Novi Oaks Charter Chapter of the

SAVVY SOCIAL SECURI-TY PLANNING WORK-Time/Date: 1-2:30 p.m. or 6:30-8 p.m. Thursday, May 24 and Tuesday, June 5 Location: Novi Public ered by simple solutions Library, 45255 W. 10 Mile Details: Join wealth man-

novilorg for registration



Submit: Send calendar submissions via e-mail to cstone@gannett.com by fax to (248) 685-2892; or by mail to Novi News, 101 N. Lafayette, South Lyon, MI 48178. Items must be received by noon on Monday to be included in Thursday's newspaper. More: For a complete listing of local and

regional events, see the Novi Calendar online at www.hometownlife. com.

**Contact:** Reservations are

### ng.com.

MEETINGS

The conference rooms are located immediately to the

> story. Handouts describing the phases of grief and the tasks of grief are available.

### INSIDE OUT: BE A NEW

Contact: To register please Location: DoubleTree

American Business Women's Association presents Pamela R. Benitez, M.D. Discover the power of the right foods and lifestyle choices in prevention and understand how you can slow the aging process through good nutrition. Best of all, become empow

you can start immediatel letworking begins at 6:15 with dinner and presentation following. Contact: Visit www.abwa-

and payment information.

CALENDAR

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### Most admired Republican president

Mary and Colleen Hermann are the winners of the Suburban Republican Women's Club Essay Contest, with the topic of 'Most Admired Republican President.' Mary chose to write about Calvin Coolidge and Colleen wrote about Ronald Reagan. The sisters live in Livonia with their parents, Rick and Siobhan Hermann, and siblings, Adam, Tommy, Annie, Johnny, legan, James and Jane. They are homeschooled. At the monthly dinner/meeting of the SRW, each girl received a flag that was flown over the U.S. Capital on Feb. 20, 2012, Presidents Day, at the request of Congressman Thaddeus McCotter and presented to the girls by his representative, Lori O'Brady. They also were awarded cash prizes and a plaque. Shown (from left) are Sue Robinson, Julie Robinson, Mary Hermann, Lori O'Brady, Colleen Hermann, Hulda Piercecchie, Rosemary Farabaugh and Pattie Coughlan.

NOVI SENIOR CENTER

Location: 25075 Meadowbrook Road Contact: (248) 347-0414;

theglin@cityofnovi.org Business

NORTHVILLE-NOVI BUSINESS **NETWORKING BREAK-**

FAST Time/Date: 7:30-9 a.m. first and third Tuesdays (except Nov. and Dec., which are just the first Tuesdays) Location: Kerby's Coney Island, 21200 Haggerty Road Details: Business network-

ng focused on building relationships. The Sunrise Networking Group, LLC (www. sunriseNETWORKINGgroup

com), or SNG for short, is a group of about 250 business leaders who help each other to build more business by referring people to each other. Cost of breakfast is

Contact: Fonda Milana 586-232-3009 or fmilana@ sunrisefinancialgroupllc.com

METRO NOVI BNI Time/Date: 7-8 a.m. every Wednesday

Location: On the Border Restaurant, 21091 Haggert Road (north of Eight Mile), Nov

Details: BNI is a structured networking environment for professionals. The Metro Novi BNI team members are committed to providing bona fide referrals to each other. Members learn how to create and refine an

"elevator speech," develop a broad network of other ousiness professionals in the community and receive training/education on networking more efficiently. Guests are invited to attend free of charge. Continental breakfast provided.

Contact: For more informa tion, contact Julie Paquette at (248) 797-1665 or juliepaquette67@gmail.com; www

metronovibni.com. **NOVI CHAMBER** OF COMMERCE Contact: www.novicham-

ber.com or call (248) 349-3743 Networking Luncheon

Time/Date: noon Tuesday, June S

Can not be combined with

www.expertheatcool.com

turn to the experts

any other offers. No expiration

OFF

Location: Bonefish Grill Details: Networking begins land County Executive Matt Gibb will address members. NOVI ROTARY CLUB Time/Date: Noon every Thursday

Location: Novi Methodist Church 41671 W. 10 Mile

information; novirotary.org **NOVI TOASTMASTERS** CLUB

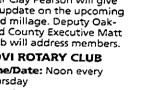
first and third Tuesday Location: Novi Civic Center,

marymercy.org

team approach which results in shorter hospital stays, better pain management

and faster recovery.

at 11:30 a.m. Novi City Manager Clay Pearson will give an update on the upcoming road millage. Deputy Oak-



Road Details: Lunch is \$10 at meeting. Visitors welcome Check website for speaker

Time/Date: 7-9 p.m., every

Activities Room, 45175 West

#### Please see CALENDAR, A18

Date: May 24

Date: May 31

requested.

CHURCH

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meetings feature speakers, games, or enter-

tainment followed with an ice cream social.

Details: First cookout of the season. Burg-

ers and brats form the grill accompanied

by the usual picnic food of baked beans,

potato salad, etc. If bad weather, we picnig

inside. Afterwards, musical entertainment

dinner and entertainment, or \$7 for dinner

will be provided by Idell. Cost is \$12 for

Details: Cards & Games Night. Enjoy

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Wells and 10 Mile Road), South Lyon

Contact: (248) 349-1144 or visit www.

playing Euchre, Mexican Train and other

to celebrate May birthdays; 55 donation

Location: 205 East Lake Street (corner of

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Location: 777 West 8 Mile Road, Northville

Meditative - Held in the Chapel - 8 a.m.

Contemporary - Held in the Sanctuary

Traditional - Held in the Sanctuary - 11

Nursery - 6th grade/Special Needs - 11

**GOOD SHEPHERD LUTHERAN CHURCH** 

Location: 41415 9 Mile Road, corner of

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

HOLY CROSS EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Contact: (248) 427-1175 or holycrossnovi@

Sunday School and Nursery Care: 10

Time/Date: 10 a.m. second Saturday of

Location: 309 Decker Road, Walled Lake

Location: 15431 Merriman Road, Livonia

Contact: 734-427-8743 or visit www.livo-

Bible School: Sunday 10 a.m.; Wednesday

Location: 40700 W. 10 Mile Road

amail.com: visit holyCROSSnovi.org

Sunday Worship: 7:45 and 10 a.m.

**Alzheimer's Support Group** 

LAKES BAPTIST CHURCH

Sunday Worship: 11 a.m.

between 8 and 9 Mile roads

Sunday Worship: 10 a.m.

Church School: 10-11 a.m.

Fellowship Hour: 11 a.m.

**Merry Widows Luncheon** 

Time/Date: 6 p.m. Sundays

Contact: (248) 348-9030

pose gymnasium

second level (208/210)

8:45-10:30 a.m.: (caf,/©)

Wednesday Family Night

each month Pilgrim Fellowship

Location: 41355 6 Mile Road

íouth / Children

Sundays 9-10 a.m.: Sunday School for

9 a.m.: Contemporary service in multi-pur-

1015 a.m.: Contemporary service in wor-

ship center; children's super church on the

**Tuesday Morning Ladies Bible Study** 

7 p.m.: Adult elective classes; junior and

MEADOWBROOK

to office@mbccc.org.

LIVONIA CHURCH OF CHRIST

CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

Location: 21355 Meadowbrook Road,

Contact: Rev. Arthur P. Ritter, Senior Minis-

ter (248) 348-7757, visit mbccc.org or e-mail

Nursery - 12th grade - 9:15 a.m.

Meadowbrook Road, Novi

Contact: (248) 349-0565

Study: 10 am. Worship

a.m. Worship Service

niachurch.net

7 p.m.

games. Birthday Cake and ice cream follows

and \$5 for entertainment.

Contact: (248) 437-2875

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Sunday Worship:

Sunday School:

Nursery - 8 a.m.

- 9:15 a.m.

Sundays

a.m.

(248) 348-9031

social events.

Sunday Worship

Time: 9:45 a.m.

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for peace.

Advent Service

FOR JEWISH LIFE

gram on Sundays and Wednesdays Home

of Northville Christian School (day care;

NOVI-NORTHVILLE CENTER

preschool through eighth grade) - contact

Details: A Jewish center with events, pro-

the year - children's programs, Sunday

school, adult Jewish classes, youth clubs

grams and activities for all ages throughout

holiday services and programs, community

Contact: Rabbi Avrohhom & Leah Susskind

at (248) 790-6075 or rabbi@novijewishcen-

Contact: (248) 349-2652 or visit umcnovi.

**Healing Service and Holy Communion** 

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

Time/Date: Noon, first Sunday of every

Details: Members of the congregation and

the community will stand united in prayer

Location: 50200 W. 10 Mile Road, Novi

Contact: (248) 912-0043 or visit oakpointe.

Worship Services: 5:15 p.m. Saturday; 9:15

Location: In front of the church

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

**ReNew Life Group Ministries** 

Time/Date: 7:15-9 p.m. every Monday

Details: Overseen by TrueNorth Christian Counseling, offering a variety of support

and relational groups: Divorce Care; Grief

Share; Life Disrupted (Doing Well At Being

Sick); Restarting; Setting Boundaries with Teen & Adult Children; Single and Single

Again; Men's Integrity; Cross Current; Her

Story-Partner Care; Growing Seasons (for

children); and two new groups are Caretak-

ers and Knitted Together (Adoption/Foster

Contact: (248) 912-0043; http://www.oak-

Time/Date: 7 p.m. every Tuesday 9:30 a.m.

pointe.org/lifegroups/renew/index.html.

Time/Date: 6 a.m. every Friday morning

**ORCHARD HILLS BAPTIST CHURCH** 

Contact: Pastor Jon Hix (248) 349-5665

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

Location: 47650 N. Territorial Road, Plym-

Details: For ages three to six; ongoing

event; no need to pre-register; all are

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

at various locations For both Women's and

Men's Life Groups Ministries, please contact

Women's Life Groups Ministries

**Men's Life Groups Ministries** 

Location: 23455 Novi Road

Preschool/Kids Choir

CATHOLIC CHURCH

OAK POINTE CHURCH

and 11:15 a.m. Sunday

Care) Workshops

every Wednesday

the church office.

welcome.

ter.com: www.novijewishcenter.com

NOVI UNITED METHODIST

Location: 41671 W. 10 Mile Road

CHURCH

PLYMOUTH-ST. JOHN'S EPISCOPAL

Location: 45000 N. Territorial Road, Plym-

Time/Date: 8, 9:30 and 11:30 a.m. Sunday;

9 a.m. Monday-Tuesday; 7 p.m. Wednesday;

Location: 574 S. Sheldon Road, Plymouth

Contact: (734) 453-0190, ext. 16, or visit

Weekend of Centennial Celebration

Details: Service to celebrate official centen-

nial anniversary with Bishop Wendell Gibbs

joining for a combined service. Staff is busy

with plans for this service including special

music and it will be the first use of the ban-

parish. After the service, join the celebra-

tion reception and enjoy fellowship with

ST. JOHN LUTHERAN CHURCH

ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

Location: 201 Elm Street, Northville

Time/Date: 9 a.m.-noon June 18-21

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UNITY OF FARMINGTON HILLS

Details: Condordia's Amazing Desert Jour-

Location: 32500 W. 13 Mile Road, Farm-

Contact: (248) 737-9191; AdministrativeDi-

UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST CHURCH

Location: 25301 Halstead Road, Farming-

Contact: www.uufarmington.org

Time/Date: 9:30 and 11 a.m. Sundays

Details: This religious education program

Youth Interfaith Journey

ners created by the women and men of the

Location: 23225 Gill Road, Farmington Hills

Contact: (248) 474-0584 or visit stjohn-lu-

The Centennial Festival Eucharist

ST. JAMES CATHOLIC CHURCH

Location: 46325 10 Mile Road, Novi

ST. JOHN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Contact: (734) 748-3898

Contact: (248) 347-7778

www.stjohnsplymouth.org.

Mass Schedule

5 p.m. Saturday

Time/Date: 10 a.m.

the people of St. John's.

Saturday Worship

Time: 5:30 p.m.

Sunday Worship

Sunday School

Time: 10:15 a.m.

inaton

ton Hills

Contact: (248) 349-3140

Vacation Bible School

rector@unitvfh.com

**OF FARMINGTON** 

Time: 9, 11:15 a.m

theran.com

is open to the public and currently enrolling new students. Classes are grouped into Location: 574 S. Sheldon Road in Plymouth grades K-5, 6-8 and 9-12 with age specific education materials for all. Contact: 734-453-0190, ext. 16, or visit Contact: Jennifer Teed at (248) 478-7272 or www.stjohnsplymouth.org dre@uufarmington.org PRAISE BAPTIST CHURCH

Lifelong Learning Forum Time/Date: 7:30-9:30 p.m. Thursdays

Details: Six weeks exploring different topics like religion, philosophy, science, health, social and political issues. No advance registration necessary; a \$5 donation suggested. Drop in and pick the class that interests you most. Contact: (248) 478-7272 or uufarmington.

online at hometownlife.com

org/uucf/re-lifespan **Multi-Generational Services** 

Time/Date: 6:45 p.m. Fridays Details: Family members of all ages can gather for drumming, chanting, and meditation followed by a brief participatory worship service which could include stories, songs and sharing. A religious education activity will follow, such as an art project, music, dance, game or theater. The evening

will close with a light snack and a short time to socialize, ending at 8:30 p.m. WARD EVANGELICAL **PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH** 

Location: 40000 6 Mile Road Contact: (248) 374-7400 or (248) 374-5978 **Sunday Worship** 

Time: 8 a.m., 9:30 a.m. and 11 a.m. Traditional; 9:30 and 11 a.m. Contemporary. Nursery and Sunday School during the 9:30 a.m. and 11 a.m. services.

Service Broadcast Details: 11 a.m. every Sunday on WRDT-

AM 560, The WMUZ Word Station. Single Point Ministries (45 and older) Time/Date: 11 a.m. Sunday for fellowship

and Bible study. Single Point Ministries (35-50 years

Time/Date: 9:30 a.m. Sunday to deepen your personal relationship with Christ. Single Purpose Connexsions (20-30 years old)

Time/Date: 11 a.m. Sunday in the Chapel for singing, Bible study, and fellowship. Details: For single adults. Active ministry offering various Bible study classes, volleyball, bicycling group, tennis group, support groups, support group for widowed over age 50, fellowship, friendships and more. Contact the number below for more infor-

mation. Contact: (248) 374-5920 Learner's Bible Study

We'll get you home

Time/Date: 7 p.m. Mondays Room A101 Men's Bible Study

Time/Date: 6:30 a.m. Wednesday Single Adult Ministries office Single's Bible Study

Time/Date: 7 p.m. second and fourth Mondays, Room C309

before others

get you in.

E.R. Wait Times

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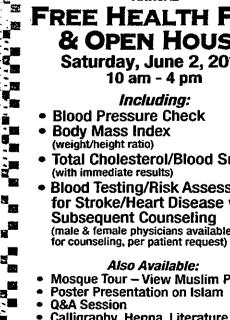


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senior high student ministries: children's programs (M-Pact Girls Club & Royal Rangers Boys Club) Nursery and Preschool Pro-SOCIAL SECURITY Many people are

wrongly rejected when they apply for Social Security Disability benefits. Money wa taken out of their paychecks for Social Security taxes to ensure that they would receiv disability benefits if they could no longer

work full-time. Sadly, the government denies approximately 60% of those who apply for disability benefits.

Attorneys J.P. Bieske and Jennifer Atfonsi have 42 years combined experience representing only Social Security disability clients. And they personally meet with all clients and appear personally at all court hearings. Many large firms assign inexperi-enced attorneed to your case. And some of the technis an located thousands of miles away and only fly the attorney in the day of the court hearing. Attorneys bacter vast experience.

Michigan judges.



can often make a winning differ-ence at the application stage. And, it an appeal is necessary they have won several hundred cases before a court date is eve

Those denied can appeal or their own but statistics for many years reveal that those represented by attorneys win a much higher percentage of appeals. And attorneys who specialize in Social Securit Disability cases win a much higher percentage yet. In addition to practicing only

and Security disability law attorney Bieske has written a book for attorneys about the

nterviewed on variou television programs. Both attorney Bieske and Alfonsi have also been interviewed on radio programs and have given speeches t ny groups. Attomevs Bieske

office consultation. If they represent you, there will be no fee charged until after the case is won. The fee is a rcentage of retroactive

clients from all over the state of Michigan. Their Livonia office is on Six Mile Road just west of I-275. Their Novi office is located on Haggerty Road just north of 12 Mile Road. Calr them at 1-800-331-3530 for a free onsultation if you have been denied, or if you are thinking of

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**OUR SHEPHERD PRESBYTERIAN** CHURCH

.ocation: 1200 5. Sheldon Road, Plymout Contact: Pastor Bill Burke at (734) 927-0891 Wednesday Bible Study: 7 p.m. Sunday Bible Study: 9:30 a.m. Sunday Worship: 10:30 a.m. with fellow-

ship and food after service PENTECOSTALS OF NOVI Location: Novi Civic Center, 45175 W. 10

Mile Road Contact: (248) 697-8158 or visit www. ofnovi.org

#### online at hometownlife.com

#### Honored Hero

Emily Ann Hauser has been selected as the Honored Hero for the Take Steps Metro-Detroit Walk to benefit the Crohn's & Colitis Foundation of America (CCFA) Michigan Chapter. The Take Steps Walk will be held Saturday, June 23 on the streets of downtown Royal

Hauser is in the fifth grade at Novi Meadows Elementary school in Novi. From infancy, she suffered symptom of ulcerative colitis (UC). She has had multiple surgeries and was hospitalized for seven months by the age of 1. After many years of working with Dr. Truding, she was diagnosed with ulcerative colitis at the age of 8. Treatments have helped subside her symptoms. Join Hauser in the fight against Crohn's Disease and ulcerative colitis. Call the Crohn's & Colitis Foundation of America today at (248) 737-0900 ext. 6 or visit www.cctakesteps.org to learn more.

The Gardeners of Northville and Novi (aka the No-No's) announce their 5th semi-annual garden walk from 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Saturday, June 16 (rain or shine). The theme of this year's walk is "All Gardens Great and Small." Please, no strollers or wagons in the gardens. There will four gardens in Northville and four in

Tickets (\$10 payable by cash or check) are available at the Art House, 215 W. Cady Street in Northville (behind the post office) on the day of the walk. There will be maps, refreshments, vendors, a 50/50 raffle and rest rooms available at the Art House.

Items for sale include live plants, pottery, bird houses, fairy gardens, floral designs, stained glass, garden Advance tickets are available at Garden Views, 202

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- **Blood Testing/Risk Assessment** for Stroke/Heart Disease with Subsequent Counseling
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- Calligraphy, Henna, Literature Moon Bounce & More for the Kids
- **Refreshments Served!** Tawheed Center 29707 W. 10 Mile Road Farmington Hills, MI 48336

For more information: info@tawheedcenter.org

NEWS BRIEFS

W. Main Street, Northville; Dry Cleaning Shoppe, 543 7 Mile Road, Northville; Backyard Birds, 627 S. Main, Plymouth; and Wild Birds Unlimited, 47760 Grand Riv er, Novi; as well as at the Northville Art House. "Please join us on an extraordinary walk through Gardens Great and Small," said Audrey Murphy, this year's event chairperson. "Let the bursts of color and the fragrances of eight unique gardens take your breath away.

Homeowners as well as garden club members will be at each site to answer questions.

Check out the website for Gardeners of Northville & Novi at www.gardenersnorthville-novi.org. They are members of the Michigan Garden Club and participate in a number of civic projects including maintaining the gardens at the Northville Art House as well as the butterfly garden at Maybury State Park.

#### Gold Awards for Scouts

Achievements worth their weight in gold were honored May 12 during a Girl Scout Gold Award ceremony at Eastern Michigan University. The following girls from the Northville area were among a total of 29 who received Gold Awards - the highest recognition given by Girl Scouts Heart of Michigan and its parent organization Girl Scouts USA: Emily Deng

Sierra Fish, Maria Gutowski, Kayla Hagen, Erica Halverson, Jennifer Jones, Megan McCrohan, Elisabeth Moore, Miranda Niemiec, Molly O'Sullivan, Sandra Pui and Kelly Wright. The award requires careful thought, dedication, and the ability to produce a successful outcome. The project is a culmination of what the girl has learned in Girl Scouts, and how she will apply that in future endeavors to make the world a better place. The award-worthy projects focused on everything from teaching senior citizens to become computer literate to creating a dog agility course for a local humane society.

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**Providence Park Hospital enrolls** first Michigan patient in study of investigational drug for heart failure

Providence Park Hospital has enrolled the first Michigan patient in an international clinical trial of a drug for people with acute heart failure. Providence Park is the only hospital in the state taking part in the

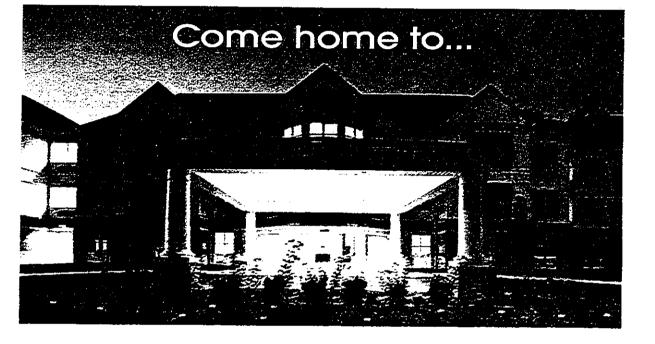
The goal of the study is to determine the safety and effectiveness of an investigational drug for the treatment of your acute heart failure. The investigational product is a drug designed to increase the heart's ability to contract without increasing the heart's need for oxygen. This is a randomized trial in which patients vill receive the investigational drug or a placebo. This study will enroll approximately 600 patients.

The patients will come from Providence Park and about 130 other medical centers in the United States, Canada, Australia, and Europe. The experimental drug showed potential promise in

a Phase II placebo controlled study of 45 patients that was published in the August 20, 2011 issue of the journal Lancet. Heart failure is a condition where the heart is unable

to pump enough blood to meet the body's need. It is a common condition, affecting around 23 million people

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BRIEFS

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worldwide. During acute heart

to pump blood from the lung cir-

failure, the ability of the heart

culation into the peripheral cir-

culation is impaired, typically

resulting in severe shortness of

breath, among other symptoms.

Henry Ford Medical Center

- Novi recently began offer-

Center for Integrative Medi-

ing acupuncture services in its

cine at 40000 West 8 Mile Road

Acupuncturist, Kristin Clark,

MSTOM, Dipl. OM, treats many

more complete training in wom-

agement, cancer treatment sup-

port, emotional disorders, addic-

common conditions, with her

en's health, fertility, gastroin-

testinal disorders, pain man-

Clark graduated from the

Pacific College of Oriental Med-

icine's Chicago campus, receiv-

ing a master's of science in tra-

ditional Oriental medicine. She

is nationally board certified by

many internships with some of

Chicago's leading practitioners.

no, MS, Dipl.Ac, has a special

interest in pain management.

Acupuncturist Michael Spa-

the NCCAOM and has completed

tion and sleep disorders.

Henry Ford Novi

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with extended hospital residen-

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ter for Integrative Medicine

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lar therapy to relieve low back

pain and many other musculo-

For more information about

services offered at the Henry

Ford Novi Center for Integra-

tive Medicine or to schedule an

appointment, please call (248)

Aging public hearing

The Area Agency on Aging

1-B (AAA 1-B) will be holding

a public hearing on the 2013

Annual Implementation Plan

from 9:30-11 a.m. Wednesday,

May 30 at their office located

at 29100 Northwestern High-

way, Suite 400 in Southfield.

The plan is a public docu-

of how federal Older Ameri-

ment that provides an overview

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Area Agency on

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#### E LOCAL NEWS

spent to support communitybased services for older adults iving in the AAA 1-B's sixcounty region of Livingston Macomb, Monroe, Oakland, St. Clair and Washtenaw

The public (seniors, family caregivers, service providers, elected officials, advocates, and other interested parties) is welcome to attend the public hearing and comment on the 2013 plan.

For those who cannot attend, you may call-in to the hearing at (641) 715-3840; access code 1042980# (please note this is not a toll free call).

The AAA 1-B will also accept written comments on the Proposed FY 2013 AIP until June 1, 2012. Written comments may be sent to the AAA 1-B Southfield office, submitted at the hearing, or emailed to the AAA 1-B at alayman@aaa1b.com. Please visit the AAA 1-B website (aaa1b.com) to review and download the document prior to the hearing, which will be available by May 11, 2012 From the home page, go to News + Events/Publications and Reports/Area Implementation Plan.

**Civilian pistol safety** class

The Novi Police Department is currently accepting registration for the Saturday, June 9

8 a.m.-5 p.m. at the Novi Police Department Training Center, 45125 W. 10 Mile Road. After lunch, participants will move to the Novi Firearms Training Center to complete the course. Participants must be 21 years old and do not have to be a Novi resident to attend. Registration forms are available at the Novi Police Department, or online at cityofnovi.org. The \$200 course fee may be paid by cash or mon ey order. Class size is limited. and all participants are subject to a criminal background check. The course fulfills both

civilian pistol safety class from

the classroom and shooting requirements to obtain a Michigan Concealed Pistol License CPL). 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 information, visit cityofnovi.org of contact Sergeant Michael Warren at mwarren@cityofnovi.org or (248) 347-0572.

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as there is the need.

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or Lion Secretary Ed Kramer, (248) 348-2747 Reunions **NOVI HIGH SCHOOL** CLASSES OF 1974, 1975, 1976, 1977 AND 1978 Date: Aug. 11 Location: The Suburban Collection Showplace, Novi Details: combined class reunion **Contact:** Please refer to www.NoviHighReunion. com for more information Library Lines

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Contact: Lion President

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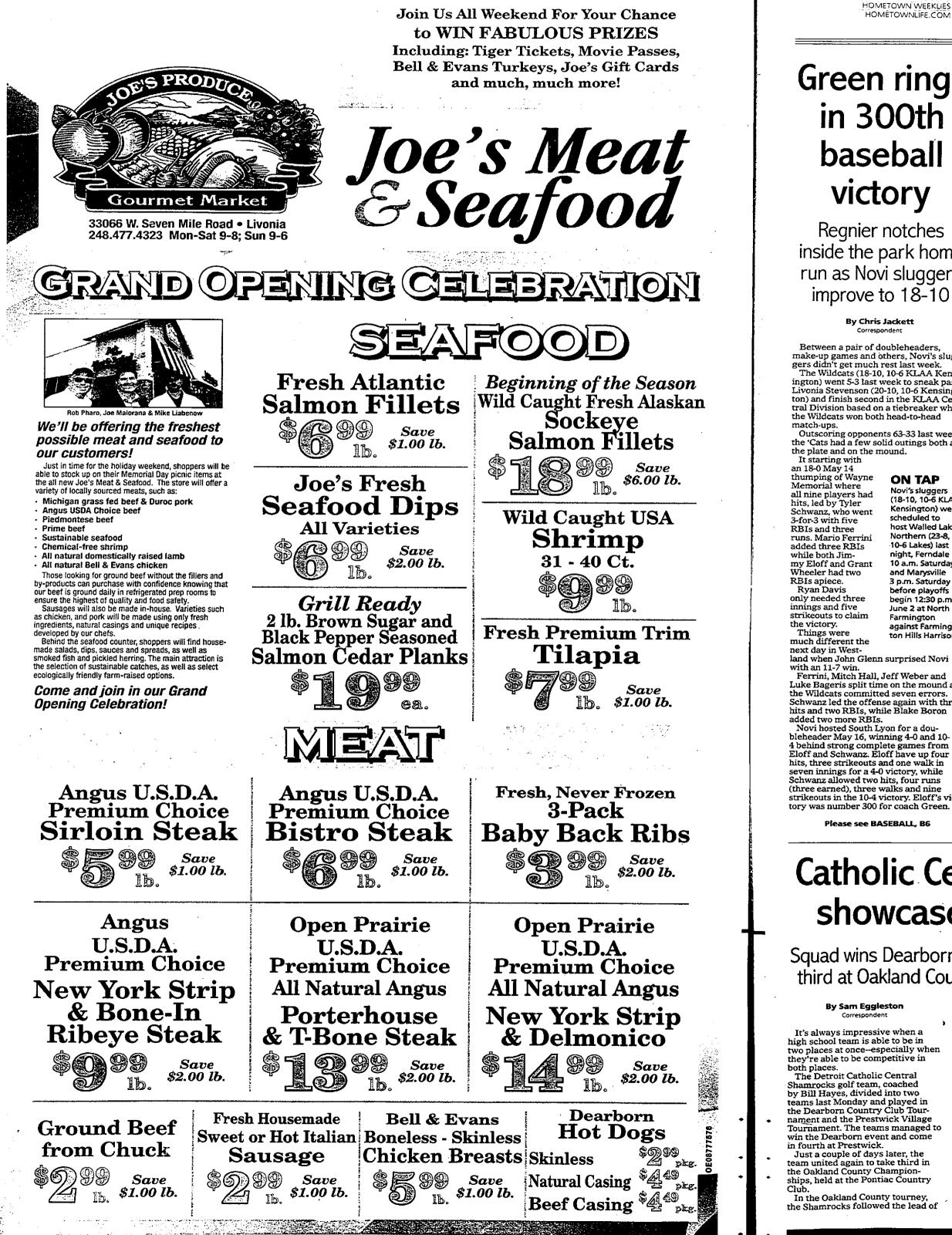






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## Green rings in 300th baseball victory

Regnier notches inside the park home run as Novi sluggers improve to 18-10

### By Chris Jackett

Between a pair of doubleheaders, make-up games and others, Novi's sluggers didn't get much rest last week. The Wildcats (18-10, 10-6 KLAA Kensington) went 5-3 last week to sneak past Livonia Stevenson (20-10, 10-6 Kensington) and finish second in the KLAA Central Division based on a tiebreaker where the Wildcats won both head-to-head

Outscoring opponents 63-33 last week, the 'Cats had a few solid outings both at

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| ad  | Novi's sluggers<br>(18-10, 10-6 KLAA |
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| 3   | 10-6 Lakes) last                     |
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|     | before playoffs                      |
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land when John Glenn surprised Novi

Ferrini, Mitch Hall, Jeff Weber and Luke Bageris split time on the mound as the Wildcats committed seven errors. Schwanz led the offense again with three hits and two RBIs, while Blake Boron

4 behind strong complete games from Eloff and Schwanz. Eloff have up four hits, three strikeouts and one walk in seven innings for a 4-0 victory, while Schwanz allowed two hits, four runs (three earned), three walks and nine strikeouts in the 10-4 victory. Eloff's vic-

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Novi doubles team member Emily Sheeran returns a shot during a May 18 KLAA playoff at Novi Middle School.

## Novi netters second in region, but claim top two singles titles

Wildcats qualify for state meet, again



Wildcats' doubles team members Emily Sheeran, left, and Arny Zhou share a high-five after winning a point in their Div. 1, Reg. 2 KLAA playoff on May 18.

It was a busy week for Novi's tennis squad, but the Wildcats once again qualified for the Division I state meet by tak ing second at Regionals. Ranked No. 9 in Division I, Novi (10-3-1) crowned champions in three of eight flights and finished with 26 points last Friday, one point behind No. 5 Northville

(8-0) and 12 points ahead of third-place Livonia Stevenson. The meet had a similar finish to the KLAA tournament, with several baseline match-

ups in the finals. Senior Abby Wang, freshman Erin Day and the team

#### **ON TAP**

Ranked No. 9 in Division I, Novi's girls tennis team (10-3-1) has a scrimmage against Division III No. 4 Detroit Country Day today as a final tune-up for the state tournament June 1-2 in Midland.

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"We had a good year and battled as hard as we could Still going to the state meet is like icing on the cake," said Novi coach Jim Hanson, who's Wildcats were 11th in Division I last year. "We know we're not one of the schools vying for the state title, we're realistic about that. The kids know what they're getting into."

of junior Rebecca Chen and sophomore Asawari Kanitkar won regional titles at one singles, two singles and three doubles, respectively. "The regional tournament is as close as you're going to have, Novi coach Jim Hanson said. "This is the third time we played Northville and I'm pleased with how the kids played them each time out. If we would've won any other matches, we would've won by one point. They have a good team. You have to earn your way to the final." As the region's top

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## Catholic Central golf showcases depth

Squad wins Dearborn Tournament, takes third at Oakland County championships

two places at once--especially when

Joey Hanba, who shot a 76 on the day to help his team to the top-three finish. Not far behind him were Dominic Scopone, who shot a 77, and Charlie Green, who carded a 78

in the event. The Shamrocks decision to split up and play in two tournaments last Monday proved to be a good one. The team that headed to the Dearborn tourney took first place behind a 75 from Hanba and a 78 from Eric Dooley and a 79 from his

brother, John. Owen Franks led the way at Prestwick as he helped his team to fourth place with a 72. Scopone shot a 75 in that event

while Green carded a 78 and Patrick Luther shot a 79.

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

## Wildcats help make South Lyon senior night special

#### By Chris Jackett

Flexing their muscle just a little. Novi's girls soccer team wrapped up KLAA Central Division play with a pair

of victories. Senior netminder Sam Pavlika tallied her 11th shutout last week as the Wildcats (10-1-5, 8-1-1 Central) defeated Livonia Stevenson 4-1 at home on senior night May 15 and then beat South Lyon 8-0 by mercy on their senior night May 17.

Although the contest against the Lions was a blowout, both coaches teamed up to make the night special for one South Lyon senior, Caitlyn Kort. As one of just two seniors on the team, Kort was injured during the preseason and need-ed ACL surgery May 14, meaning she was on crutches for senior night.

"Coach (Tracee) Senter asked if we could help her celebrate senior night by letting her make her only save of the season," Novi coach Brian O'Leary said.

#### **ON TAP**

Ranked No. 6 in Division I, Novi's girls soccer team (10-1-5, 8-1-1 KLAA Central) was scheduled to visit South Division runner-up Canton (9-2-3, 8-2-0 South) Monday and the Lakes Conference's Brighton (9-3-1, 7-2-1 West) or Walled Lake Northern (9-4-2, 6-3-1 North) last night before embarking on a quest for a third-straight Division I title 7 p.m. May 31 at Northville against either the No. 1ranked Mustangs (14-0-4, 9-0-1 Central) or Livonia Churchill (4-6-6, 4-3-3 South).

So, on the opening kickoff, senior Kelli Timar tapped the ball to senior Jessica Jarvis, who dribbled down the field -South Lyon let her dribble down the field - and Jessica rolled a ball to her as she tossed her crutches aside and made the save.

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#### **By Chris Jackett**

Once facing the possibility of losing every game this season, Novi's soft-ball squad has a shot to hit the 10-victo-

ry mark. The Wildcats (5-18-1, 2-14 KLAA Kensington) have gone 4-4-1 since May 15 after starting the season 1-14. The mini run began with a 12-3 victory at Westland John Glenn May 15 and was briefly snuffed during a home doubleheader against South Lyon May 16, which the Lions won 7-1 and 10-2. But the 'Cats came back the very next day and stomped Wayne Memorial 11-1 May 17 to lead into the Madonna Invite last Saturday and Sunday in Livonia.

The tournament gave each game a 75minute, seven-inning limitation, leading to uneven batting allowances and ties. Novi experienced both and finished 2-2-1 on the weekend. It started with an 8-5 loss to Airport, 9-5 win over Ann Arbor Gabriel Richard and 3-3 tie with Belleville Saturday, followed by a 4-3 win over Farmington and 12-7 loss to Anchor Bay, both Sunday.

With nine games played in a six-day span, the Wildcats are finding their groove best when the varsity and junior varsity programs are unified. On a few occasions, varsity-caliber student-athletes have been stuck on JV or the varsity squad has played short one person just

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ON TAP The Wildcats (5-18-1, 2-14 KLAA Kensington) were scheduled to face Milford (13-17, 4-11 Lakes) last night to battle for 21st in the KLAA before Novi embarks on a Tuesday trip to North Farmington

for Districts.

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so JV can field a team. "When I have both teams combined, we do nice things," Novi coach Bob Lulek

Sophomores Natalie Tarrant and Mallory Daschke split the bulk of the pitching duties in place of senior Taylor Scott and junior Kailey Oppat during the Madon-

na Invite. "Natalie and Mallory both throw strikes," Lulek said. "They aren't overpowering, but they make you swing at

Tarrant got the first start, against Airport, and allowed seven hits, six runs (two earned), two strikeouts and zero walks in four innings before time ran

Abby Robinson had a double, while singles came from Miranda Hanby, Kasey Lowney, Jenna Lowney, Sam Troher (RBI), Emma Walter, Brooke Embley, Anna Greulich (RBI), Casey Lawler (two RBIs) and an RBI from Lola Teran during the comeback effort.

"We were down 8-0 and made it 8-5. We

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had two on (base) when time expired in the bottom of the fifth," Lulek said, noting he put several JV Wildcats in after the second inning. "The kids played real (well) and came back from down 8-0." The offense picked up in the second game, against Gabriel Richard as nine players recorded hits toward the 9-5 vic tory, including Scott (triple, RBI), Troher (double, RBI) and Oppat (double). Jenna Lowney and Lawler also had hits, while Daschke, Christina Oakley, Greulich and Kasey Richman all had hits for RBIs.

Daschke pitched the five-inning affair, allowing three hits, four strikeouts and two walks. She stayed on the mound for the third game, against Belleville, and allowed four hits, three runs (two earned) and three strikeouts in a seveninning 3-3 tie.

Troher had an RBI triple, while Robinson had an RBI single, Kasey Lowney had a double and a single, Daschke had two singles and each Oppat, Scott and Lawler added one hit apiece to end Saturday's contests.

"Our running the bases wasn't the greatest," Lulek said of the Belleville contest.

The girls returned Sunday for a seveninning showdown with Farmington. Tarrant allowed just four hits, four strikeouts and two runs in six and 1/3 innings before time ran out while Farmington had two runners on base during the 4-3 Wildcat victory.

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"It was a touching moment and a great way to honor a senior that has done so much for South Lyon soccer. She has been their starting goalie since her freshman year and we were more than happy to honor her on this special

Adding to the moment, Kort didn't know she'd be taking the field until Senter announced the starters just before kickoff. The entire ordeal was caught on video and can be seen at www.youtube. com/watch?v=2:KUOW\_QqbMw. From there, the sixth-ranked Wildcats rolled against a young, injurydepleted South Lyon squad. Erin Dircks notched four goals, while Timar, Jar-

vis, Shelly Yusko and Kelly Cauchi add-

Daschke had two RBIs off a home run and single, while Lawler had two hits for another RBI. Robinson, Oakley and Jen-na Lowney (RBI) added one hit apiece. "She never strikes out. She always makes contact," Lulek said of Lawler, a

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freshman. The up-and-down weekend concluded with a tough Anchor Bay squad, which finished mid-way through the fifth inning with Anchor Bay winning 12-7.

Scott pitched one and 1/3 innings, allowing three hits, five runs, two hit batters, zero strikeouts and two walks before Daschke took over and allowed two hits, two strikeouts and six unearned runs in three innings as the fielders committed six errors.

"We were up 1-0, then down 5-1, then took a 7-5 lead," Lulek said. "The kids played well except for the last two innings.'

Novi's offense featured a two-run home run from Teran, as well as two RBIs off three singles from Lawler. Daschke, Richman and Greulich each had a hit and an RBI, as well. "I think for Districts we'll be more

competitive," Lulek said. "When I brought my JV up, I played a number of players and they played really well. Everyone in our program's going to let-ter because I played them all."

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

ed on apiece. Natalie Krygier had a trio of assists, while Gabby DeLeon had two assists and Aubrey Soave, Jarvis and Caterina Nussio tallied one apiece. "The poor South Lyon team has so

many injuries that you have to feel sorry for them," O'Leary said. "I believe they were missing seven starters." The victory capped a week that followed a come-from-behind victory over

the Stevenson Spartans. Novi controlled early and put six shots on net, but the Spartans' first shot of the night found the back of the net for a 1-0 lead. However, on the ensuing kickoff Krygier ended up dribbling downfield. beat a few of defenders and passed the ball off to Jarvis inside the box. A defender blocked Jarvis' initial shot, but she knocked her own rebound into the goal just 12 seconds after the Spartans took the lead.



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**By Chris Jackett** 

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It was a busy week for

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over very good teams," Novi coach Brad Huss said. "If they continue to play the way they have the past two weeks, they are going to have a very nice season.' The 'Cats had just hit a similar team score (310) at the Huron Valley Schools Invite May 14 at Prestwick Village Golf Club in Highland before a pair of KLAA matches. Livonia Stevenson (5-2) edged Novi 153-154 May 15 at Fox Creek Golf Course as Walker led the way with a meet-best 35 Buckley followed at 38, along with Fegert's 40 and Jason Carless' 41 for Novi. On May 17, the 'Cats

got the best of Plymouth Salem (2-6) at Walnut Creek. Salem's Eric Duprey tied for the meetbest 37, but four Wildcats scored lower than his nearest teammate and Novi won 155-167. Carless led Novi with a matching 37, while Walker swung a 38, Kozinski a 39 and then both Buckley

and Fegert a 41. Chris Jackett is a freelance writer and former staff writer for the Novi News



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## Novi golfers win Oakland County Championship

Wildcats last won county title when they won state title in 2002

Novi's boys golf team. A pair of dual meets, a pair of tournaments and the successful winning of their first Oakland County Championship in a The Wildcats (5-2) are in the midst of a battle for the KLAA Central Divi-

sion title, but they brought home one other trophy first May 20 as they swung a team low 309 strokes at Pontiac Country Club. The score, based off the team's top four performers of the five competing, was just two fewer than Birmingham

more than Detroit Catho Brad Kozinski led the team and was a co-med alist with a score of 73. Johnny Walker also made the top 10 with a 76 and both Garret Buckley and Mike Wenzl rounded out the team scoring by hitting 80. Bryan Fegert was Novi's fifth representative, hitting an 83.

"This was a great day for the team and a big win



Novi High's Brad Kozinski tees off at Tanglewood.



Wildcat golfer Bryan Fegert prepares to tee off at Tanglewood on May 9.



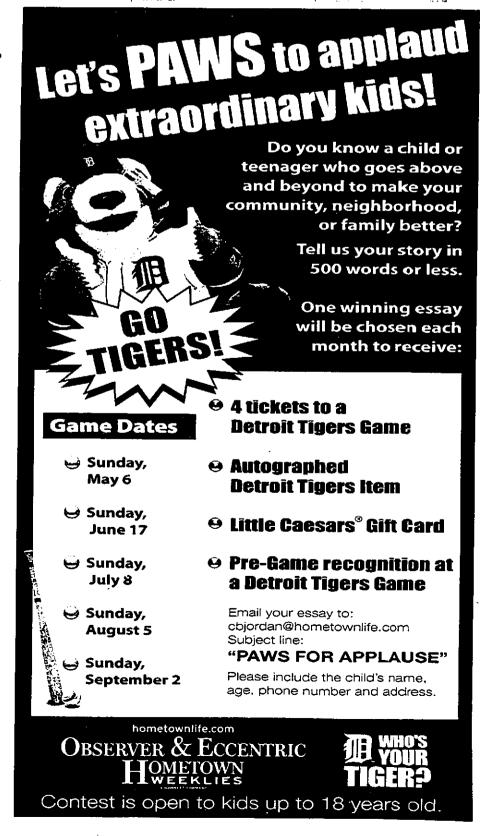
Novi High golfer Todd Goebel tees off at Tanglewood on May 9.



Wildcat Garret Buckley in action on May 9 at Tanglewood.

#### ON TAP

The 'Cats (5-2) were scheduled to face South Lyon East (0-9), Northville (6-2) and South Lyon (5-3) all earlier this week before heading into the KLAA Tournament May 29 at Pheasant Run and then Districts June 1 at Chemung Hills in Howell.





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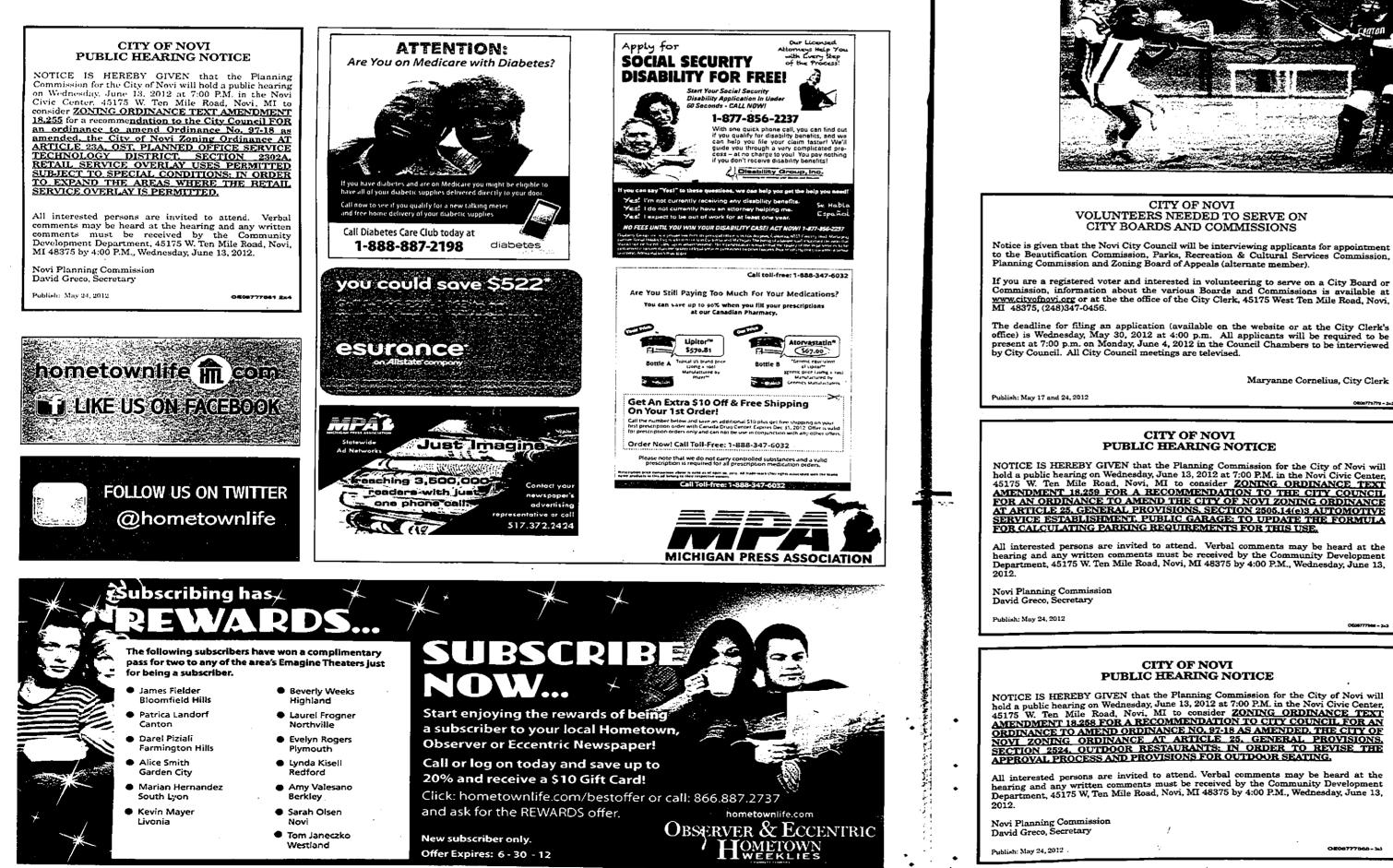








The Michigan Jaguars U11 girls green team, winners of the 2012 Jaguar Invitational, includes Kelsey Adams, Jessie Bandyk, Crystal Bock, Mara Cousino, Sophie Kowaleski, Lexie Whalen, Nina Smith, Emmie Takada, Julia Stadtherr, Callie Rich and Coach Mike Scobie.



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### NOVI ROUNDUP

#### **By Chris Jackett** Corresponder

#### Girls Lacrosse

Novi's girls lacrosse fell to 2-7 last week after taking a 20-5 beating at the hands of fellow Wildcats from Plymouth

(10-5) May 16. The Novi squad was scheduled to host Canton (6-11) Monday before a 6 p.m. regional quarterfinal at home against Ann Arbor Huron (14-2).

#### NHL

Ottawa Senator Erik Condra will be at Total Sports Complex, 30900 Wixom Road in Wixom, from 4-8 p.m. May 30 for an autograph session. The event will also give patrons a chance to check out the Total Performance fitness center. Visit www.totalsportscomplex.com/ images/stories/total/hockey%20special. pdf, call (248) 669-9818 or email Gordie at gordie@totalsportscomplex.com for more information.

#### Youth Girls Basketball Camp

Novi girls varsity basketball coach Bill Kelp is hosting a basketball camp 9 a.m.-noon June 18-22 for girls in grades two through nine. Competition will be separated between grades two through five and six through nine. The camp, which will take place at

the high school gym and fieldhouse, will focus on dribbling, shooting, passing, pivoting, faking, rebounding, team play, sportsmanship and an introduction to the Wildcats' offensive and defensive schemes that led the team to KLAA Central Division titles for each of the past three years.

Cost to attend is \$120 and gym clothes and shoes are required. Awards and tro-phies will be given for individual and team competitions, while all participants will receive a T-shirt and outdoor

basketball. Register online at www.novi. k12.mi.us/athletics under "Summer Camps.' Contact coach Kelp at bkelp@novi.k12.

mi.us for more information. Chris Jackett is a freelance writer and former Novi News staff writer.

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Wildcat Elizabeth Malear, center, leaps in the air and releases a shot on goal against Canton High during the teams' May 21 meet at Novi High.



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Maryanne Cornelius, City Clerk

#### n a driving raintorm, Novi Wildcat iigi Paolucci, center, takes a shot on goa during Novi's May 1 game against nton High.

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All interested persons are invited to attend. Verbal comments may be heard at the hearing and any written comments must be received by the Community Development Department, 45175 W. Ten Mile Road, Novi, MI 48375 by 4:00 P.M., Wednesday, June 13,

#### CITY OF NOVI PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Planning Commission for the City of Novi will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, June 13, 2012 at 7:00 P.M. in the Novi Civic Center, 45175 W. Ten Mile Road, Novi, MI to consider ZONING ORDINANCE TEXT AMENDMENT 18.258 FOR A RECOMMENDATION TO CITY COUNCIL FOR AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND ORDINANCE NO. 97-18 AS AMENDED. THE CITY OF NOVI ZONING ORDINANCE AT ARTICLE 25. GENERAL, PROVISIONS, SECTION 2524. OUTDOOR RESTAURANTS: IN ORDER TO REVISE THE APPROVAL PROCESS AND PROVISIONS FOR OUTDOOR SEATING.

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"(Eloff's) been my most consis tent pitcher I think," Novi coach Rick Green said. "I think (Schwanz) had a no-hitter going into the fifth inning." Offensively, Schwanz had two hits, two runs and two RBIs in the first game, while Logan Regnier had two doubles for two runs and Ryan Caputo had an RBI double and run in the second game.

After losing 9-7 at Plymouth Salem May 17, their fifth game in four days, the 'Cats had last Friday off and showed up to face a tough sophomore pitcher from Wyandotte Roosevelt Saturday morning.

"The sophomore was throwing a real great game and had a no-hitter going into the sixth," Green said. Striking out five Wildcats, Roosevelt's pitcher walked Mike Zugaro in the fifth to break up the perfect

game before Derek Ince got a single in the sixth to break up the no-hitter during a 4-0 loss. A few hours later, Novi cruised though White Lake Lakeland 12-2 as

Matt Forche allowed five hits, two runs (one earned), one walk and five strikeouts in the six-inning victory. Regnier, who went 3-for-4 with two home runs, including one that never cleared the fences, powered the offense.

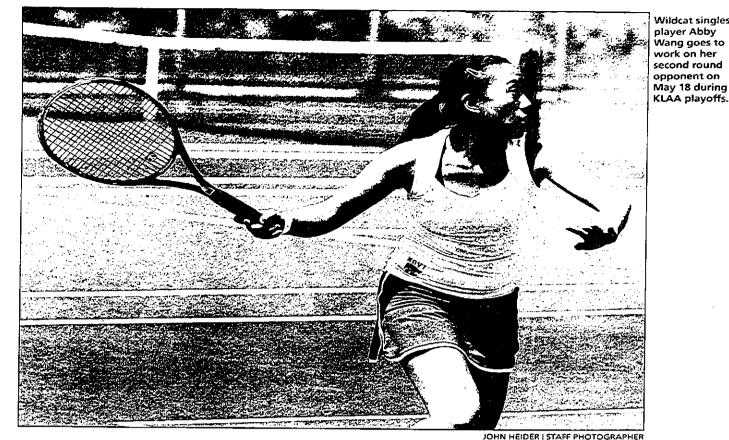
"It was straightaway centerfield, but he was coming around third base and didn't look like he was slowing down," Green said of the inside-thefield home run.

Wheeler added three hits, including two doubles for two RBIs. The 'Cats capped the week Monday at Livonia Churchill (19-9, 11-5 Kensington) in a Kensington Conference crossover for third place, which Novi won 5-3. The Cats took a 2-0 lead, fell behind 3-2 and then went up 5-3 on a few bunts and an two-RBI hit up the middle by Schwanz, who had four RBIs on two hits in the game.

Eloff was steady on the mound with seven hits, three runs (one earned), three walks and two strikeouts in the seven-inning performance.

"It kind of felt like it was playoff atmosphere because we were battling for position Wednesday," Green said Monday night of how the game's outcome determined last night's opponent. "Sometimes it still seems like we play down to some people's levels. Then we come back and beat good teams like tonight's team '

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#### **TENNIS** Continued from page B1

overall seed, Wang (17-3) blew through White Lake Lakeland 6-0, 6-1 and Hartland 6-1, 6-1 before defeating Stevenson's Aimee Moccia 6-2, 6-2 in the final at one singles.

"She's probably the quickest player we've ever had," Hanson said.

In two singles, a pair of semifinal upsets pit third-seeded Day (12-8) against fourth-seeded Caroline Hay of Stevenson, but Novi was the victor in the Hay/Day match-up won 6-0, 6-1 after Day also got the best of Lakeland 6-1, 6-1 and Hartland 6-4, 6-2. Both Moccia and Hav are sophomores.

"(Hay) is only a 10th grader, so she's got two more years," Hanson said. "(Day) has battled every time out this year. She has played some good tennis this year. She's not the tallest or strongest or fastest player out there on the court, but she gets it done. Erin's been a real good addition to our team. "She doesn't beat herself. She's going

to go out there and she's going to compete. She's had a good first year of ten-

Chen and Kanitkar (18-4) maintained their top three singles seed, defeating Stevenson 6-1, 6-1 and Hartland 6-1, 6-0 before ousting Northville 6-3, 6-0. However, the Mustangs got the best

of Novi in the four singles, one doubles, two doubles and four doubles finals, with the 'Cats not advancing to the championship match at three singles.

Freshman Dhivya Sridar (12-10) defeated Brighton 6-4, 6-1 at three sin-gles before being upset by Hartland's Hadley Knudsen 6-3, 6-2 in the semifi-

Junior Caitlin O'Brien (12-10) was strong at four singles, defeating Howell 6-0, 6-2 and Brighton 6-2, 6-0 before losing a tough battle 7-5, 2-6, 6-1 with Northville's Alex Jeannotte at four singles.

"Caitlin O'Brien played one of her best matches of the year," Hanson said. "She left everything on the court and should be proud of how she did."

The last three Novi doubles teams finished second to Northville, as well. Senior Emily Sheeran and sophomore Amy Zhou (10-5) defeated Lakeland 7-5.

7-6(4) and Hartland 6-0, 6-0 before falling 6-2, 6-4 to Northville at one doubles. Seniors Emily Kwederis and Ori Nagasaka (16-7) took a 6-1, 6-1 victory from Lakeland and 6-0, 6-0 win over Stevenson, but ran into a 6-1, 6-3 roadblock

against Northville's two doubles squad Sophomores Rachel Bailey and Dina Fawaz (16-6) put up a battle at four doubles, defeating Walled Lake Central 6-1, 6-0 and Stevenson 6-4, 3-6, 6-1, but lost 6-2, 7-S to Northville in the final.

The 'Cats also had a pair of dual meets at No. 7 Ann Arbor Huron May 14 and No. 2 Grosse Pointe South May 19, but lost both 7-1.

"Those are the kind of teams you have to play to reveal your weaknesses," Hanson said, "In Division I, we've played every team except (No. 1) Port Huron Northern. In the other divisions, there's four other teams we've played in a dual meet or a tournament.'

Despite a pair of three-setters at one and two doubles, it was Chen and Kanitkar at three doubles who claimed the lone flight victory 6-4, 6-4. Wang and Sridar did not play their usual one and three singles flights, prompting a 6-1, 6-0 losing effort by junior Abigail Swain at one singles and 6-0, 6-0 loss from junior Melanie Murphy at three singles.

Against South, Sheeran and Zhou had to retire midway through their match, while Chen and Kanitkar dropped a 7-5. 6-4 loss Sridar a 6-4, 6-4 loss, but Wang pulled through for the lone victory 6-0, 6-2 at one singles. "Against South, Abby continued to

play well, as she has all year long," Hanson said. "Dhivya gave their three singles girl good match, losing four and

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**By Nathan Mueller** Staff Writer

It was six years ago last Friday when Bala Rajaraman started the Novibased Marvel Technologies by himself. He had a vision that his business would find a way to stand out among the other providers of IT services and solutions, and judging by the numbers, Marvel Technologies is doing just the\*. The company now boasts 35 employees in

the United States and expects to grow to 120 this year, while also show ing a year-over-year growth in revenue of 72 percent. The total revenue for the private-

Business owners and entrepreneurs who need assistance are invited to attend seminars in February offered by the Oakland County Business Center. Business Basics workshops are now offered in the evenings on alternating months. Unless otherwise noted, all programs take place at the Oakland County Executive Office Building Conference Center, 2100 Pontiac Lake Road, west of Telegraph, Waterford, For pre-registration and location specifics, visit online at oakgov. com/peds/calendar, or call (248) 858-0783.

#### **Team SBA Financing** Roundtable

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have good credit, a solid business idea and some money to invest in their business. Before you apply for a business loan, we recommend that you first attend a Financing Roundtable. The roundtables are a free loan orientation conducted by a business banker, a business consultant from the SBA's network of Small Business Development Centers, and an SBA representative. During the roundtable, we'll debunk the myths and demystify the process of small business financing. You'll learn how the lending process works and what is expected of you and you'll understand how the SBA can assist with our SBA Guaranteed Loan Program, Because the SBA does not provide loan guarantees to real estate investment firms, including purchasing and rehabbing houses for sale, this type of financing is not discussed at the roundta-bles. Presented by: Small Business Administration (SBA) Representative, Michigan Small Business & Technology Development Center (MI-SBTDC) Consultant, and Business Banker. Thursday, May 31, 9 a.m.-noon This workshop is free, but pre-registration is required. FastTrac NewVenture

This intensive, 10-week program helps you evaluate business opportunities and develop an action plan for owning your own business. Written by entrepreneurs for aspiring entrepreneurs, FastTrac® NewVenture offers essential business information to help you develop your entrepreneurial skills and build your business on a strong foundation. Fast Trac® NewVenture provides the opportunity to objectively evaluate your concept and plans for moving forward, begin building an infrastructure for your business operations and processes, understand how to access the human, financial and business resources, and build an

#### CITY OF NOVI PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT the Zoning Board of Appeals for the City of Novi will hold a public hearing on **Tuesday**, **June 12**, **2012** at **7:00** p.m. in the Council Chambers Novi Civic Center 45175 W. Ten Mile Road to consider: CASE NO. 12-016 31140 BECK ROAD

The applicant is requesting variances to allow installation of a13 ft. high over height and 137 sq. ft. oversize shopping center sign listing individual tenant names in addition to the single ground sign allowed by right and an additional ground sign previously approved for the site through a variance. The property is located east of Beck Rd and south of 14 Mile Rd in the R-3 Zoning District south of 14 Mile Rd in the B-3 Zoning District. CITY OF NOVI, CODE OF ORDINANCES, Section 28-5(1)d of the Novi Sign Ordinance

does not allow tenant names on a business center sign in the B-3 district, 28-5(3)d allows only one business center sign per parcel of property, 28-5(2)a.2.ii limits ground sign height to 6 ft. and 28-5(2)a.1.i limits business center signs to 1 sq. ft. of sign area for each 2 ft. of setback with a maximum of 100 sq. ft. CASE NO. 12-019 24755 NEPAVINE DR

The applicant is requesting a variance from the Similar/Dissimilar provisions of Section 303 of the Novi Zoning Ordinance to allow construction of a 2,753 sq. ft. home of less than the required minimum floor area based on the sizes of surrounding homes. The than the required minimum floor area based on the sizes of surrounding homes. The property is located in the Island Lake Development north of Ten Mile Rd. and west of Wixom Rd. in the RA (with an RUD Agreement) Zoning District. CITY OF NOVI, CODE OF ORDINANCES, Section 303.1.g(1) requires that floor area of dwolling constructed within a defined entry is a dwold set. dwellings constructed within a defined area in a development equal or exceed 75% of the

average floor area of surrounding structures. CASE NO. 12-020 TIMKEN 28125 CABOT DR. The applicant is requesting an exception from The applicant is requesting an exception from Section 28-5(3)f. of the Novi Sign Ordinance to allow an additional 40 sq. ft. wall sign for a business within a multi-tenant office building. The property is located north of Twelve Mile Rd. and west of Haggerty Rd., in the OST Zoning District.

CITY OF NOVI, CODE OF ORDINANCES, Section 28-5.(3).f. allows a maximum of 1 sign for a multi-tenant business building unless a business has a separate entrance. The allowable second sign permitted under 28-5 (i) for buildings over 40,000 sq. ft., has already been utilized by another tenant.

CASE NO. 12-022 39500 TEN MILE RD The applicant is requesting an exception from Section 28-5(2)a.1.i. of the Novi Sign Ordinance to allow an additional 40 sq. ft. wall sign for a business within a multi-tenant office building. The property is located north of Ten Mile Rd. and west of Haggerty Rd., in the OS-1 Zoning District.

In the CS-1 Johnny District. CITY OF NOVI, CODE OF ORDINANCES, Section 28-5(2)a.1.i. allows ground signs not to exceed 30 square feet or 1 square foot of sign area for each 2 feet of setback from the centerline of the nearest street center line, whichever is greater, with a maximum of 100 square feet. CASE NO. 12-023 MIXX SPORTS BAR OUTDOOR SEATING

The applicant is requesting a variance from section 2424.c of the Novi Zoning Ordinance to allow reduced clear sidewalk width of 5 ft. from the required 6 ft. for proposed outdoor seating. The property is located east of Novi Rd. and north of Main St. in the TC-1,

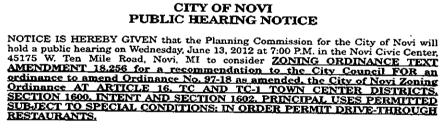
Zoning District. CITY OF NOVI, CODE OF ORDINANCES, Section 2424.c requires a pathway width of 6

ft. at outdoor seating areas. **CASE NO. 12-024 CRESCENT PLACE 26401 NOVI RD** The applicant is requesting exceptions from Section 2400 of the Novi Zoning Ordinance to allow a reduction of the 20 ft. required front yard and exterior side yard parking setback to 10 ft. in the south and west yards; an exception from Section 2505.14(7)(a) and Section 2505.14(17) to allow a reduction of 14 parking spaces from the required 94 parking spaces to the provided 80 parking spaces, an exception from Section 2503.2.F.1 to allow the dumpster to be located in the exterior side yard. The property is located at the northwest corner of Novi Rd. and Crescent Blvd. in the TC Zoning District. CITY OF NOVI, CODE OF ORDINANCES, Section 2400 requires a minimum 20 ft.

CITY OF NOVI, CODE OF ORDINANCES, Section 2400 requires a minimum 20 ft. parking setback for the front yard and exterior side yard. Section 2505.14 requires parking setback for the front yard and exterior side yard. Section 2505.14 requires minimum parking spaces at a ratio of one parking space for each 70 sq. ft. of gross leasable area for restaurant uses and a ratio of one parking space for each 200 sq. ft. of gross leasable area for retail uses. Section 2507.2 requires the loading zone be located in the rear yard. Section 2503.2.F.1 requires the dumpsters be located in the rear yard. CASE NO. 12-025 FIREWORKS SUPERMARKETS OF MICHIGAN

CASE NO. 12-025 FIREWORKS SUPERMARKETS OF MICHIGAN The applicant is requesting an exception from the off-street parking requirements of Section 2505 of the Novi Zoning Ordinance to allow a reduction from the required 88 parking spaces to 48 spaces. The commercial property is located at 27754 Novi Road (formerly the La-Z-Boy Furniture Gallery), east of Novi Road and north of I-96 at 27754 Novi Rd., in the RC Regional Center zoning district. City of Novi Code of Ordinances Section 2505.14.c.17 requires 1 parking space for every 200 sq. ft. of gross leasable floor area for a retail store. The gross leasable floor area of the existing building is 17 616 so ft

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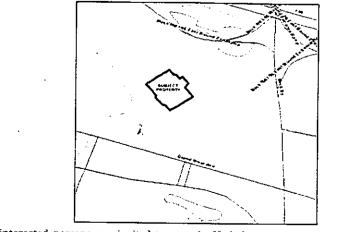
All interested persons are invited to attend. Verbal comments may be heard at the hearing and any written comments must be received by the Community Development Department, 45175 W. Ten Mile Road, Novi, MI 48375 by 4:00 P.M., Wednesday, June 13, 2012

Novi Planning Commission David Greco, Secretary

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#### **CITY OF NOVI** PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Planning Commission for the City of Novi will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, June 13, 2012 at 7:00 P.M. in the Novi Civic Center, 45175 W. Ten Mile Road, Novi, MI to consider a request by the Kroger Company of Michigan for a Special Land Use permit for the sale of produce and seasonal plant material outdoors at the Kroger store in the West Market Square shopping center, 47650 Grand River Ave. The shopping center is zoned B-2, Community Business District. The sale of produce and seasonal plant material outdoors is a Special Land Use in the R-2 district. The property is on the north side of Grand is a Special Land Use in the B-2 district. The property is on the north side of Grand River, west of Beck Road in Section 17.



All interested persons are invited to attend. Verbal comments may be heard at the hearing and any written comments must be received by the Planning Division, 45175 W. Ten Mile Road, Novi, MI 48375 until 4:00 P.M., Wednesday, June 13, 2012.

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## BUSINESS

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JOHN HEIDER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHE Marvel Technologies employees gather around a computer at the IT firm's Grand River Avenue location on the company's six-year anniversary. From left: Randy Ridenour; Vice President of Sales, Bala Rajaraman; CEO and President, and Imthiaz Ahmed; Vice Presi-

## **Novi IT firm expects** continued growth

CEO expects to hire more than 50 employees this year

ly-held, minority-owned technology company that develops and delivers built in.

professional services in support of SAP applications, for the most recent quarter also increased by 25 percent. "Last year was great for us and this year has been outstanding," Raja-

raman said. "We are growing in terms of revenue and employees, and doing so because we ' ave the proper base to grew more. Randy Ridenour, vice

president of sales, said the company focuses on three verticals, the auto industry, utility space and public sector. The company is a preferred vendor for Coca-Cola, and prides itself on being one of the

few service providers with a solutions aspect

"It makes us much better positioned for growth." Ridenour said. Rajaraman said the company was able to weather the economic downturn by using that time to focus on product development, and

that decision is paying off today. Said Ridenour: "It's a great time to be at Marvel and we are looking forward to a tremendous year.'

For more information about Marvel, visit www. marveltechus.com.

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### **OAKLAND COUNTY BUSINESS WORKSHOPS**

actionable business plan The class is June 5-Aug. 14 (10 consecutive sessions) from 6-9 p.m. The fee is \$140 per person. No refunds.

#### **Michigan Get Your Business** Online

Google is partnering with Intuit to provide easy-to-build websites, a customized domain name and web-hosting for one year. This workshop is part of the Michigan Economic Development Corporation's (MEDC's) Pure Michigan Business Connect Tool Kit. Create and publish a website for your business using Intuit Sitebuilder. The workshop, using the computer lab, will

walk you through: Setting up your free website account Registering a domain name (your

"address" on the web) Selecting a website template and

- learn how to customize it
- Publishing your website Tuesday, June 5, 9:30-11:30 a.m. and

11:30 a.m.-1:15 p.m. This workshop is free but pre-registration is required.

Grow Your Business Online Michigan businesses can learn more about Google's top tools for small businesses. including Google Search, Google+, Google

Analytics, Google Alerts and Google Apps. This workshop is part of the Michigan Economic Development Corporation's (MEDC's) Pure Michigan Business Connect Tool Kit. Learn the basics of how other people find your business online, with methods like search engine optimization (SEO), web analytics and more. Run your business more efficiently with online tools, including applications for improving collaboration and communication. Tuesday, June 5, 9:30-11:30 a.m. and 11:30 a.m.-1:15 p.m. This workshop is free but pre-registration is required.

#### **Fundamentals of Marketing** Your Business

Marketing is an essential part of business success. All products/services must be sold to well-targeted audiences with a wideranging marketing mix. Our staff/SCORE counselors can guide you through success ful techniques and marketing principles helping you to promote your products and services to the most promising customers-your target audience. Presented by The Michigan Small Business & Technology Development Center (MI-SBTDC). Wednesday, June 6, 6-9 p.m. The fee is \$40 per person. No refunds.

# Is Fear of Delivery holding you back?

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#### By Lee Meadows Guest Columnist

is the hope of anyone who stands next to a podium in a classroom setting and pontificates about a subject area that the most illuminating of insights will result from the most in-depth of discussions. While that does happen from time to time, of late it seems that several of those discussions have taken place outside of the traditional classroom and in places where I least expect a discussion to occur.

One of my favorite philosophers, Socrates. believed that the world was a living classroom. So, by this reasoning, the Panera Bread, located on Grand River and Novi Road, is a living classroom. Hard to dispute the claims of a philosopher who roamed the great city asking questions wearing only one shoe! I was enjoying a bowl of tomato soup and a

paguette when a young man approached me and said, "Dr. Lee Meadows?" I flashed my humblest of smiles and said "Yes, how kind of you to recognize me."

"It's easy since you're wearing your Walsh College nametag." In that moment, I realized, much like Socrates, these are the flaws that keep us from being taken seriously. He sat down and asked, "May I join you? I nodded, just to give the appearance of control, and before I could ask if

there was something on his mind, he said, "There's something on my mind. and so I'd like to ask you a question." I dipped my baguette in my soup and motioned for him to pro-



Lee Meadows ing com-pany and that after several years on the job, his career had stalled and he was concerned about his future. "It is an understandable

concern," I replied, "So, why do you think it has stalled?' He said that his last few projects have gone dead in the water and, as a result, he has not been asked to lead some of the current projects, and his name has not been mentioned for possible future projects.

He was genuinely worried I asked him a series of questions that were primarily designed to help him think through the organizational, professional and personal issues that might be hindering his ability to complete the projects. After the blame pounced from the organization to his psychotic boss (his words, not mine), the incompetent team members, the emotionally traumatized administrative assistant, the outsourced maintenance crew, his twice-paroled brother-inlaw and his wife's promiscuous cat, we were able to, finally, narrow it down to a simple nugget of truth. I sopped the last drop of

soup, raised a Spock eyebrow and said, "Young man, you are suffering from a severe case of F.O.D. - also known as Fear of Delivery." "What is that?" he asked. "It is a malingering

virus that invades the reasoning part of your

brain and deludes you into becoming enamored with the process of doing something and never its completion. You like the idea of talking about doing something and all of its surrounding issues, but you don't want to finish. "Why would I do some-

thing like that?" he asked. "Simple: What gets finished gets measured. Oftentimes. How that completed project gets measured is what creates the fear."

He pondered the statement and said, "So, I don't complete a project because I'm afraid it will be measured as a failure? "The success or failure

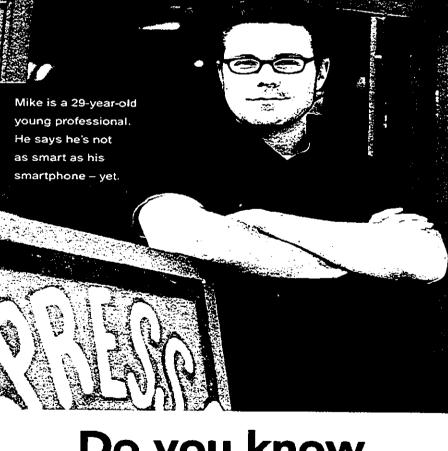
measure is not the issue. Neither is relevant since the positive reinforcement, for you, comes from the adulation and attention you generate when you are in the process of completing a project. Thus, your Fear of Delivery has contributed to your career

being stalled." "Well, other than getting a job with FedEx, what can I do about it?" he asked.

"Start small," I said. "Go from a 'To Do' list to a 'Get it Done Now!' list. Don't worry about how it gets measured; focus on the quality of your work." I stood up from the table, touched his shoulder and quoted a line from one of my favorite movies. "You

have the strength that comes from knowing." It would have been a powerful and profound ending if I hadn't left a shoe.

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#### **REAL ESTATE** THURSDAY, MAY 24, 2012 HOMETOWN WEEKLIES HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

### Real estate industry pro, 26, honored by '30 Under 30' recognition By Julie Brown

#### **O&E Staff Write**

Ken Pozek of Keller Williams in Novi has been named to the "30 Under 30" Class of 2012 by the editors of REALTOR Magazine, published by the National Association of Realtors. Each year, the magazine recognizes 30 young practitioners who are making a mark in the real estate industry through success in real estate sales, business management, leadership, and community service. This year's honorees are featured in the May/June 2012 issue of the magazine ... "It's exciting. I think it's a culmination of

hard work. It definitely means I'm on the right track," said Pozek of the honor. Originally, 50 top young professionals were chosen, with the field then narrowed to 30. He's 26 and a Northville Township resident. He's married to Holly and the couple has a son, almost 3, and a daughter, 6 months.

He will meet the other young professionals at the NAR convention in November. "That's a big part of it to network with other people from around the country."

Pozek (www.NoviNorthvilleRealEstate. com) has been in real estate full time for five years. He earned an associate's degree in business from Henry Ford Community College.

"We're actually going to Chicago thi weekend to celebrate," he said May 16 of Holly and the NAR kudos. Pozek was an Hour Detroit Magazine Real Estate All Star this year, and in the top 1 percent in sales for Keller Williams International. "I'm really excited about what's going on for our local market." He specializes in Northville and Novi and sees economic improvement, including in jobs.

"Our average days on market is under three months which is considered a seller's market." Pozek said.

REALTOR Magazine has been honoring young practitioners since 2000. For more information and to read profiles of all of this year's honorees, visit REALTOR Magazine online at http://realtormag.realtor. org/30-under-30.

"I am always astonished to see the '30 Under 30' professionals every year and all that they have achieved in such a short amount of time," said National Association of Realtors President Moe Veissi in a May 16 statement. "What amazes me the most about this year's class is how they recognize there is no one formula for winning in real estate. They have discovered success their own way and display the dedication and hardworking spirit all Realtors possess. As Realtors, we are constant-



Ken Pozek, honored as "30 Under 30" by Realtor Magazine.

ly evolving with the market and it's important to recognize these young people and learn from them, as they are the future of the real estate profession," said Veissi, broker-owner of Veissi & Associates Inc., in Miami, Fla.

The NAR contributed to this report

Close to home: Campaign pushes building with Michigan, U.S. products

Building Industry Association of Southeastern Michigan launched its Made In America Built In Michigan — The Red, White and Blueprint for Recovery, a grassroots effort to generate local jobs by working with BIA member companies to

build new homes using as many "made in Michigan" products as possible. A total of 100 percent of each home's materials are made in the United States. Groundbreaking for the first home will take place at 10 a.m. on Tuesday, June 5, at 59677 Twin Pines Drive, in the Twin Pines subdivision in New Hud

The home is being built by Elkow Homes, a Wixom-based building company and member of BIA. Other BIA mem bers are also involved, including Todd Hallett, AIA, of TK Design & Architecture in Howell, who designed the home and DTE Energy's Builder-Develop er liaison, Robert Veresan, AIA. who is working toward making the home net-zero in terms of energy consumption and emis-

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Michael Stoskopf, BLA's CEO, collaborated with home builders association executive Paul Kane of Tulsa, Okla., and Bart Fletcher of Birmingham, Ala., to conceive the program they intend to offer as a template for other home builders associations across the country to use The National Association of

Home Builders looks closely at the economic impact of home building, Stoskopf said, noting three new jobs are created for each home built.

"Obviously there's more than three people that work on the construction of the house." he said. "That all has an impact. The more houses you build the more work they have to do and more people get hired."

Restaurants and stores are also impacted, such as an eatery near a construction site. When that goes away, guess what? People aren't eating out at that restaurant," Stoskopf

said. Jobs are created in such industries as lumber, concrete. lighting fixtures, heating and

products used in home production. There are also jobs for real estate agents, lawyers and bro-

Michigan has a strong manufacturing heritage, he noted. When home under construction is as "rough finish," officials will announce importance of using Michigan lumber. A later announcement will focus on local appliances from Benton Harbor, Mich.

"Guess what? That's money that comes back to Benton Harbor because that's where those products are made." in other part of the U.S. where more homes are being built. "Everybody is just very positive on made in America, made in Michigan. There seems to be a real sense of pride, ownership for people in the community for this concept as well," Stoskopf said. "We were inspired by the work of Anders Lewenial. an 'economist-turnedhome builder' from Bozeman.

Mont., who was highlighted in an ABC News segment

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and confirmed by ABC News through interviews with other economists, replacing just 5 percent of materials normally used in home construction with materials 'Made in America' could create up to 220,000 jobs, if adopted nationwide.

"Based on his calculations

Beyond job creation, every house that is built generates about \$90,000 in government revenue — \$67,000 in federal taxes and \$23,000 in state and local taxes.

Rick Elkow, the home's build er, couldn't agree more. "For me, it's all about putting people back to work," he said. "From the BIA members working on the project to the tree cutters working in northern Michigan each new home built under this program will have a positive impact on our local, state and national recovery. It's what we need to support the first steps we've taken toward putting our industry back to work.'

O&E staff writer Julie Brown con-

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|                                                                                                              |              | 29625 Rosslyn Ave<br>LIVONIA        | \$55,000              | 44945 Broadmoor Cir S<br>17290 Crestbrook Dr | \$370,000<br>\$913,000 | 13937 Brady<br>19315 Denby                    | \$31,000<br>\$57,000  |
|                                                                                                              |              |                                     |                       |                                              |                        |                                               |                       |
|                                                                                                              |              | 29512 Barkley St                    | \$115,000             | 15860 Crystal Downs E                        | \$561,000              | 14261 Mason Dr                                | \$166,000             |
| CANTON                                                                                                       |              | 14891 Bassett St                    | \$150,000             | 17512 Hilltop View Dr                        | \$453,000              | 12690 Mercedes                                | \$63,000              |
| 49719 Courtyard Ln                                                                                           | \$145,000    | 27530 Bentley St                    | \$73,000              | 19830 Irongate Ct                            | \$74,000               | 10003 San Jose                                | \$30,000              |
| 41460 Glade Rd                                                                                               | \$143,000    | 28997 Broadmoor St                  | \$75,000              | 16671 Old Bedford Rd                         | \$240,000              | 26316 Student                                 | \$38,000              |
| 8180 N Ridge Rd                                                                                              | \$729,000    | 15895 Deering St                    | \$77,000              | 17420 Parkshore Dr                           | <b>\$</b> 490,000      | 11455 Tecumseh                                | \$17,000              |
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|                                                                                                              |              | 177 E Hickory Grove Rd              | \$226,000             | 23867 Stony Creek Dr                         | \$235,000              | SOUTHLYON                                     |                       |
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| •                                                                                                            |              | 2099 Kemp Rd                        | \$204,000             | 18470 Santa Ann Ave                          | \$138,000              | 52635 Trailwood Dr                            | \$47,000              |
|                                                                                                              |              | 173 S Cranbrook Cross Ro            |                       | MILFORD                                      | •                      | 52852 Trailwood Dr                            | \$74,000              |
| BEVERLY HILLS                                                                                                |              | 1685 Shaker Heights Dr              | \$180,000             | 2698 E Maple Rd                              | \$175,000              | SOUTHFIELD                                    |                       |
| 18382 Riverside Dr                                                                                           | \$582,000    | 3565 Tuckahoe Rd                    | \$540,000             | 334 Riverbend St                             | \$231,000              | 29220 Briarbank Ct                            | \$93,000              |
| 19592 Wilshire Blvd                                                                                          | \$360,000    | 4870 Wye Oak Rd                     | \$275,000             | 1061 Riverside St                            | \$274,000              | 20457 Midway Ave                              | \$19,000              |
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### Pool use unlikely ADA issue

#### By Robert Meisner Guest Columnist

Q: We are in a condomin and have a pool which sometimes is open to outside events over the course of several years by the public Do you think that is going to cause us to have to comply with the ADA? A: While there is

not any definitive authority on that point that I am aware of, there was a recent California District Court case that was, at least, encouraging which suggested that "a few swim meets does not a public facility make." In that case. the court found that the occurrence of 38 events over the course of several years did not rise to the level of a "regular" or "indiscriminate" use by



the ADA. The court Robert Meisner indicated that the

fact that to a great extent the use of the commissary, which was adjacent to the pool, was limited to the employees of the association and their guests favored a finding that the commissar adjacent to the pool was exempt from the ADA requirements. Of course, you should obtain an opinion from your legal counsel regarding the propriety of your actions.

Q: We own lots in a condominium project where the developer has basically walked away, has not finished the roads or the clubhouse, and hasn't even kept the association viable. Many of the homeowners are about to give up and give back their property to the bank. What do you think? A: I think that you

need the services of an aggressive ittorney who can determine who the "successor developer" is including, perhaps a lending institution. plus take affirmative steps collectively to reinstate the association and pursue the successor developer and/or any other persons responsible for the demise of the condominium development. While vou will be dissuaded by representatives of the developer and/or others from pursuing the matter, success can be achieved under the right circumstances

Robert M. Meisner is a lawyer and author of Condominium Operation: Getting Started & Staving on the Right Track. second edition, available for \$9.95 plus \$1 shipping/handling. He also wrote Condo Living: A Survival Guide to Buying, Owning and Selling a Condominium, available for \$24.95 plus \$5 shipping/ handling. Call (248) 644-4433 or visit breisner@meisner-law.com This column shouldn't be construed as legal advice.

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Explaining a job loss: seven tips

#### CareerBuilder.com Editor Downsized, restructured,

displaced, canned, terminated - any way you put it, you're still out of a job and it's still not the easiest subject to talk about in an interview.

Recognize that there is life after a job loss and take some time to reflect and recharge your attitude. Think about what you learned from the experience, what you could have done differently, and what you will do going forward. Here are seven things to prepare you when the subject comes up in an

Be prepared to be up front and Don't lie. If you fail to disclose cause. it is likely to come out references and your perceived dishonesty for not sharing this information may cost you the

learned or what you are doing to what you accomplished and how you can contribute to the

new boss due to bad chemistry references of other supervisors you previously worked for and ther colleagues.

unfortunately, had very different personalities and management styles. I made a strong attempt to create an amicable relationship. I had verv good relationships with previous supervisors and was well-thought of by my colleagues." Whatever you do. don't bad mouth the boss. You'll be the one who looks bad. Have a list of other supervisors and coworkers readily available to share with the interviewer. Most people have had a difficult boss at some point in their career and will likely understand.

Change in strategy. Briefly acknowledge that there was a change in company strategy that you didn't fully agree with, then move on to what you learned from the situation. Saying something like. "After the merger, my new boss had a different strategy in mind for our product group. I didn't fully agree with it. Looking back, I realized that I should have tried to find out more about the rationale for the change and find ways to support it.' Don't trash the company. Don't blame the company for not following your direction. Every company will change. Show that you are willing to adapt to change.

#### Lack of skills.

If your job moved forward but you didn't, it's probably time to acquire the necessary skills to succeed. If you haven't yet embraced technology, use your time off to take a few beginner computer classes and learn common office software. In addition to local colleges, many industry associations offer courses and workshops to keep your skills up to date. Take a refresher accounting course, attend a

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