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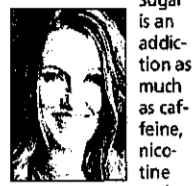


## 3 MYTHS ABOUT OLDER JOB SEEKERS

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### Winning the sugar game

Are you trying your best to stick to your diet in the New Year, but a nagging sweet craving rears its ugly head? It's not completely all in your mind.



Heigel

Sugar is an addiction as much as caffeine, nicotine and even heroin. Your body craves something sweet to take the edge off but do you have a sugar addiction? I know you're concerned you can't keep this up and you silently wonder if your health issues could be related to your sweet tooth and occasional soda. Renee Heigel, Michigan's own holistic health guru, will offer a free seminar at the Better Health Store at 42875 Grand River in Novi at 2 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 19, to discuss how to quit sugar cravings, tips to help you kick your sugar addiction and lose weight in this 60-minute chat with Q&A at the end. Food samples included. Reservations are suggested by phone (248-735-8100), web ([www.thebetterhealthstore.com](http://www.thebetterhealthstore.com)) or visiting The Better Health Store Facebook page.

### Novi Chorales auditions

The Novi Chorales, Novi's community chorus, will be holding open auditions for new members on Tuesday, Jan. 15. Potential members are asked to sit in on the group's rehearsal which begins at 7:30 p.m. Auditions will be held immediately following rehearsal on those dates. The group is looking for people who love to sing, enjoy performing in public and can rehearse once a week until Mother's Day weekend. All voice parts are needed. Those wishing to audition are asked to contact the group at [www.novichorales.org](http://www.novichorales.org) so director Liz Wolber may plan for the correct number of auditions. Singers need not be residents of Novi to audition.

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## Mayor preparing a positive message in State of City address

By Cal Stone  
Staff Writer

### STATE OF THE CITY AND LUNCHEON

He may not have it completely finished yet, but Novi Mayor Bob Gatt knows what the gist of his State of the City address will be when he delivers it (twice) Jan. 17.

"I haven't come up with the term yet, but it will be a very positive message," Gatt said. "To be completely honest, it's not in the can yet. It's still a work in progress."

He said that the 2012 message, his first as mayor, was "Novi is a healthy city."

The mayor's annual address is a review of the previous year and a look ahead to the new year, and is given in mid-Jan-

uary. Gatt, who will repeat the address again at 7 p.m. in city council chambers at the Civic Center, will have much to boast about from 2012.

"Over last 12 months, there

has been a lot of great business and home things happening in Novi," he said. "One of the things I'm most proud of in the

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Novi Mayor Bob Gatt will deliver his State of the City address twice on Thursday, Jan. 17 — at a luncheon at Suburban Collection Showplace and at 7 p.m. at the Civic Center.

## Get up and move

New Anytime Fitness offers workout options

By Julie Brown  
Staff Writer



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Anytime Fitness workers Larry Cobb and Karla Michael work out on some elliptical machines at their Grand River Avenue facility.

Ruth Rickard of Novi was working out on a recent Monday morning at Anytime Fitness. She worked with personal trainer Larry Cobb at the new fitness club on Grand River just west of Deek in Novi.

"It's too easy to be sedentary — more so as one gets older," said Rickard, who worked with Cobb for the first time after getting a Novi News flier. "The body doesn't want to move as much as one ages."

She's focusing on endurance, better health and good weight for 2013 and beyond. "And flexibility's very important," Rickard said. "I like a hard workout. It was hard."

She manages a RV campground business and found she sits and drives a lot at work. "I'm appreciative this place opened," Rickard said. "I don't have any excuses."

Husband and wife David and Karla Michael of Hartland opened the franchise business at 47980 Grand River Dec. 26, in the strip mall next to Medical Weight Loss and across from Providence Park Hospital.

The couple owns a plumbing and electrical company in Brighton, with David a plumber. Their business did well during the recession, so they decided to open the fitness center.

Karla, who grew up in Plymouth Township, is a physical therapist with a bachelor's degree from

Grand Valley State University. She previously worked at Oakland Physical Therapy nearby in Novi and then at Advanced Physical Therapy in Hartland, focusing on sports medicine and orthopedics.

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## Councilmen say Novi's charter is 'antiquated'

Hasn't been updated for over 30 years

By Lonnie Huhman  
Staff Writer

Novi voters could be asked whether or not to amend the city's charter, which has not been updated in 35 years.

Novi Mayor Pro Tem David Staudt and Councilman Wayne Wrobel put out the idea to amend the city's charter because they believe parts of it are outdated and need to be adjusted to the current way the city does business.

Both men proposed starting the process to amend the charter in the coming year during the City Council's early input budget session held on Jan. 5.

"I just want to put this out there for consideration," Wrobel said. "Obviously, things have changed since 1978 in ways of doing business. The city has changed quite a bit since then."

He said it might be time to start discussions to see how it can be updated, which Staudt concurred with.

According to City Manager Clay Pearson, a city exists in a framework that is part of a larger structure involving state and federal laws. And while a city's charter is always subject



Wrobel

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**CHARTER**

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to differing rules found in state and local law, it is the document that establishes the local rules, specific to the city, under which the government will operate.

"The Novi City Charter has served us well and follows the same basic outline from when the city was incorporated in 1969," Pearson said. "What's been contemplated by the Novi City Council, similar to what cities have done such as Farmington, is a look for potential amendments to the existing charter, not wholesale revisions, to update and modernize operations."

Staudt said he thinks it's time to fully delve into the charter, adding that "long-term there are some extremely antiquated provisions in our charter that we need to deal with."

Neither council member would speak to anything specific at this point.

"The charter was adopted more than 35 years ago and does not reflect a growing city of nearly 60,000 residents," Staudt said. "There is much to review and consider prior to specific changes to being proposed, if any."

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**PROCESS DETAILS**

Novi City Manager Clay Pearson said a charter revision can be initiated by resolution adopted by three-fifths of the City Council. The decision whether to revise is not a matter subject to vote of the people; rather, a ballot question is created for each separate amendment to the charter.

The process may begin and end with the City Council, which could meet to review the charter and determine what proposed amendments might be appropriate. Pearson said realistically, given the length and complexity of the charter, the task is initially delegated to a smaller group.

"That group can be either a committee of the council or some other committee created by the council for the purpose of conducting a review. It can also be members of the city administration. It can also be some combination of the above," Pearson said. "Once the specific question has been crafted and informally vetted, it goes to the City Council for approval."

He further said if the council approves the language and proposed change, the matter is then formally sent to the state through the governor's office for review of the language. Then the city clerk would then work with the county clerk to have any ballot questions approved by the City Council placed on the appropriate election ballot to be before the voters.

Pearson said this would be typically for a general election, not a special election.



Anytime Fitness co-owners Karla and David Michael, left, and employees Patrick May and Larry Cobb, far right.

**WORKOUT**

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At the treadmills, you can connect your iPod during workouts and change songs from a touch screen. You can pick your TV channel, too.

"I think watching TV makes working out less painful," said Karla Michael, adding there's also Internet access for checking e-mail and more.

The facility, with state-of-the-art security, is open 24 hours, seven days a week via key fob for members. Anytime Fitness has over 2,000 franchise locations, May noted, and is growing rapidly.

"It appeals to people's business. I think it's a niche that hasn't been explored before," Karla Michael, 47, said. "We want everybody to reach their goals."

Husband David, 46, is diabetic and insulin-dependent, so working in a fitness facility will be helpful. The couple has two sons, ages 14 and 17, who attend Hartland High School.

"We want people to feel comfortable," said May. "Every time you come into the gym, you have

a good experience." The owners and staff emphasize knowing members' names.

The Michaels had worked out a few years at an Anytime Fitness and met May. They liked Anytime Fitness for its convenience and cleanliness.

Karla noted she could work out for 30 or 45 minutes in her busy day. The facility has showers, helpful if you're on your way to work.

"I think the more convenient it is, the more people are going to opt for exercising," she said. "People quit because it becomes too much."

"Nice customers" They've been pleased with response to date: "We've got a lot of nice customers already," she said, adding they're more concerned about quality of workouts than very large numbers of members.

The main room has equipment for cardio workouts and circuit training for arms, legs and abdominals. There are free weights in back.

May trained as a personal trainer at different Anytime Fitness locations. "I jumped at the opportunity" with the Michaels in Novi, he said.

Cobb, 33, of Southfield, has a bachelor's degree in

dietics and nutrition from Central Michigan University. He's also certified through the National Academy of Sports Medicine as well as a corrective exercise specialist. With the latter, he can help to address problems in people's movement even before they become a problem.

"You're changing people's lives," Cobb said. "They have a better quality of life."

"The facility has people in their mid-30s through mid-50s, along with those younger and older. It draws mainly from a three- to five-mile radius, with busy Novi a good location for drawing customers."

May shows medicine balls, kettle balls, resistance bands and TRX suspension training. The latter works all your body, he said, but especially your core. "All fitness levels can do it," he added.

There's a group room with instruction focusing on cardio and strength. Anytime Fitness also offers tanning.

Cobb and May agree those very out of shape should start with a visit to the doctor. At Anytime Fitness, they offer "Fit for Life" with a trainer, assessing base measurements and any limits. They go from there, checking periodically on "what's going to be the best approach to get them where they want to be," May said.

Anytime Fitness on Grand River in Novi can be reached at (248) 348-8080. Its website is www.anytimefitness.com, then enter Novi, from which you can get staffing hours information. It's also on Facebook at Anytime Fitness Novi.

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**MESSAGE**

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last year, Novi is, to my knowledge, the only city in the region that actually lowered taxes without a reduction in any services. We're looking maybe to do it again if we can. We haven't seen budget figures yet, but if it's possible, we will."

He'll also touch on the fact that Novi passed a new road millage, which he says will lead to dramatic improvements.

"We changed the char-

ter so the millage went, but our taxes didn't go up because of some other reductions we were able to do," he said.

He'll also note how the city did not have to resort to any staff layoffs last budget year, which he hopes is the case again in 2013.

"And some of our administrative employees got a small bump in salaries, as did our unions because of their contracts," Gatt said.

That should grab the attention of those hearing the mayor's mes-

sage next Thursday as many in attendance will be business leaders who no doubt have struggled to just retain employees during the Great Recession.

"Novi's future is bright - open 24 hours, seven days a week via key fob for members. Anytime Fitness has over 2,000 franchise locations, May noted, and is growing rapidly."

Indeed ... and the mayor said his address will include "a surprise."

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# Culinary awards

OCC and Schoolcraft among the top international winners

Oakland Community College and Schoolcraft College are among the winners in the 23rd International Culinary Art Exhibition — "The Culinary Olympics" in Germany in October.

The American Culinary Federation's Michigan Chefs De Cuisine Association announced that the Michigan Culinary Olympic Team (MCOT) returned home with more medals than any other state in the United States.

This year's award-winning team included Doug Gahns, team captain and chef instructor at The Culinary Studies Institute of Oakland Community College (gold and bronze medal winner) and Shawn Loving, culinary arts department chair, Schoolcraft College (bronze medal winner).

Held in Erfurt, Germany, the Internationale Kochkunst Ausstellung (IKA) in October featured more than 1,600 talented chefs from

more than 50 countries to showcase their respective culinary skills and innovation in a competitive format.

Approximately 25,000 people attended the competition. The world-class event is similar to the traditional athletic Olympics. Every four years, the IKA serves as the single most elite competitive culinary event globally. This culinary Mecca highlights the best in both professional and student culinary teams from around the world to compete for Gold, Silver, and Bronze Medals in multiple categories.

Overall, the 2012 MCOT, sponsored by the ACF Michigan Chefs de Cuisine (MCCA), brought home three gold medals, one silver medal and three bronze medals from this year's competition. This year's competition resulted in Michigan winning more medals than any other state.

MCOT's goal was to use Michigan products in

the competition including beef, pork, poultry, seafood, fruits, vegetables, beer, wine, liquors and hand crafted service ware, platters and plates.

"Our mission was simple," said Randy Smith, manager of the 2012 MCOT and executive chef of the Walnut Creek Country Club. "We represented the Detroit metro area, Michigan and the entire United States on an international stage, using products grown, raised, processed and manufactured in our Great Lakes state, emphasizing that Michigan is home to some of the greatest products and chefs in the world."

In addition to Gahns and Loving, this year's award-winning team included Sarah Rougeau, banquet chef at the Oakland Hills Country Club (silver medal winner), Chef Gabriel Vera, executive chef, Lena & Habana restaurants in Ann Arbor (bronze medal winner), John Miller, executive chef, Chartwells at Oak-

land University (gold medal winner), and Brian Beland, executive chef/director of food and beverage at the Country Club of Detroit (gold medal winner).

Michigan is home to nearly 1,000 American Culinary Federation members statewide and has had great success in previous World Culinary Olympics winning 12 gold, nine silver and six bronze medals in international competitions over the last 25 years.

The ACF Michigan Chefs de Cuisine hosted several fundraisers these past two years to help raise money for the MCOT to send the team, supplies and equipment to the competition. Through these fundraising efforts and also through contributions of many local businesses MCOT was able to raise nearly \$60,000.

Businesses that sponsored this year's team include: US Foods, Sysco Food Services of Detroit,



The 2012 Michigan Culinary Olympic Team members from left top: John Miller, executive chef, Chartwells at Oakland University; Deni Smiljanovski; Doug Gahns, team captain and chef instructor at The Culinary Studies Institute of Oakland Community College; Brian Beland, executive chef/director of food and beverage at the Country Club of Detroit; Steve Valenti; Shawn Loving, culinary arts department chair, Schoolcraft College; and Gabriel Vera, executive chef, Lena & Habana restaurants in Ann Arbor. From left bottom: Karen Hoffman; Randy Smith, manager of the 2012 MCOT and the executive chef of the Walnut Creek Country Club; and Sarah Rougeau, banquet chef at the Oakland Hills Country Club.

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## Buyer of most of Ford's plant site envisions mixed-use development

By JC Reindl  
Gannett News Service

Ford has sold three-quarters of its giant former Wixom Assembly plant property to an industrial site redeveloper and may sell most of the rest to home improvement retailer Menards.

The automaker's real estate arm announced Jan. 4 that it closed the land deal in late December for 239 acres of the 317-acre factory site near I-96 off Wixom Road.

Brian Wilson, the lead partner of the new property owner, Trinity Barrow Development, said he will start demolishing what remains of the 4.3 million-square-foot complex in late March. He envisions replacing the plant with a mixed-use development of commercial, industrial and retail, and perhaps even a park or recreation area.

Ford shuttered the factory in May 2007, dealing a major blow to the City of Wixom's tax base.

Highly publicized plans by Ford and then-Gov. Jennifer Granholm to transform the

idled property into a \$725-million renewable energy park unraveled in 2011 when an out-of-state battery maker and a solar energy company couldn't obtain enough financing from the U.S. Energy Department.

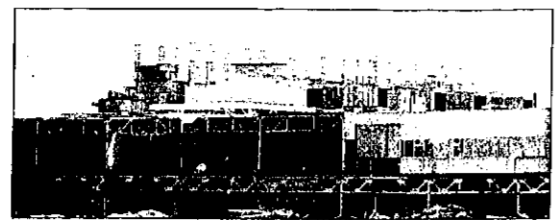
Trident Barrow Management is a subsidiary of New York-based Barrow Development, whose specialty is "repurposing obsolete real estate."

The selling price was not disclosed, although Wilson said he paid Ford in cash.

Wilson, co-founder of Barrow Development, said there is interest in the development from several commercial and industrial businesses. But his firm has yet to draw up site plans or agree to prospective tenants. The next step after demolition, he said, is to choose the right anchor for the project while remaining flexible about what goes there.

Too many unsuccessful redevelopment projects made the mistake of getting locked in to a certain concept, he said.

"We just don't know what's going to go there," said Wilson, a Massachusetts native who



The Wixom Ford plant has begun to be torn down beginning with its north-facing buildings. The last car rolled off the 4.7 million square foot plant in 2007.

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bought a residence in Royal Oak so he can monitor the site. "We have 50 different scenarios that are floating."

Wilson said his project may not need the tax credits that come with the property, although they could come in handy for his future end users. The Michigan Economic Growth Authority board has approved a \$6.5-million tax credit and two \$10-million Brownfield tax credits.

For Barrow Development, the Wixom site's redevelopment will be its largest undertaking in its 12-year history. Barrow Development's past projects include the redevelopment of an industrial center in Fairfield, Ohio, and the ongoing redevelopment of a former Bell Laboratories building in Columbus, Ohio.

"That's been the key to our success -- that we don't commit to anything," Wilson said. "To be quite frank, we just work hard and it works itself out."

Ford Land, which handled the sale, remains in talks with Menards to buy a separate 45-acre section of the property that is nearest to I-96. Under one scenario, the retailer could place its store on 15 acres and market the rest. Demolition

began late last year on that smaller segment of the factory.

Ford will retain ownership of a 32-acre parcel near the back of the property that was a landfill.

The massive production complex opened in 1957 and last made Lincoln Town Cars. It employed nearly 5,500 workers at its 1970s peak but only 1,100 when it closed.

Wixom City Manager Tony Nowicki said he is scheduled to meet Monday with Wilson to discuss future possibilities for the land. Also Monday, the city's Planning Commission is to consider design guidelines for a newly approved zoning overlay district that would expand the variety of uses permitted at the Ford site.

"We've been encouraged by what Mr. Wilson has said, and he seems to have a firm grasp of what we believe the community expects out of that site," Nowicki said Friday. "We just have to work closely with him to make sure that both his expectations and the community's expectations are met."

## Novi's mayor named manager of county's Animal Control Division

Novi Mayor Bob Gatt has been promoted to manager of Oakland County's Animal Control Division which oversees the Oakland Pet Adoption Center in Auburn Hills. Gatt succeeds Lawrence Obrecht who retired after nine years of service.

"Larry Obrecht set the bar high as manager of the shelter," Gatt said. "I hope to continue his

standard of excellence and work closely with the talented and dedicated staff at the shelter to build upon the strong foundation Larry has established."

A resident and current mayor of Novi, Gatt has served as chief of field operations for Oakland County's Community Corrections Division since 2002. He began his career in law enforcement

in 1975 as a patrol officer for the Novi Police Department. In 1988, Gatt was promoted to detective of the crime prevention unit. He attained the rank of sergeant in 1993 and supervised the Novi Police Department's Patrol Division.

"Bob Gatt brings a wealth of talent and managerial experience to his new job," said L.

Brooks Patterson, county executive. "We are lucky to have him on board."

Prior to being elected mayor of Novi in 2011, Gatt served two four-year terms on the Novi City Council beginning in 2003.

"We interviewed 24 people for the manager's position, and Bob was by far the most qualified candidate for the

job," said Mike Zehnder, director of Oakland County Public Services whose department oversees Animal Control Division.

Gatt received his bachelor of science degree in business administration from Wayne State University and his master's degree in interdisciplinary technology from Eastern Michigan University.

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New classes for the younger crowd include Parent & Baby Yoga, Babies on the Move, Wee Fit, Ohmazing Teens Yoga, and Teen Extreme Training. With the exception of Teen Extreme Training, the classes are offered in partnership with One Training, located on Grand River in Novi. Teen Extreme Training is offered in conjunction with Mike Rice, a Certified Personal Trainer, who will push the students to new limits.

Classes begin the week of Jan. 15 and registration is going on now via [cityofnovi.org](http://cityofnovi.org). For more information, see the January-April edition of Engage! (available at [cityofnovi.org](http://cityofnovi.org) or coming soon to Novi mailboxes). Call the Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services Department at (248) 347-0400.

## Seven-week Congressman ends stint with historic vote

By Ken Abramczyk  
Staff Writer

David Curson ended his seven-week stint in U.S. Congress with an historic vote on Jan. 1.

His vote to prevent the so-called "fiscal cliff" was one of seven by Democrats and five by Republicans from Michigan supporting the extension of tax cuts for middle-income Americans, but the action also ended a tax cut of 2 percent on Social Security, which will impact paychecks for Americans.

The fiscal cliff was the primary order of business for the Democrat during his Congressional term. "I'm done as of noon tomorrow," Curson said Wednesday.

Curson, 64, a UAW activist who has spent several years in contract negotiations as an executive assistant to two UAW presidents and worked with the auto task force representing the UAW on the GM and Chrysler bailouts, won the special election Nov. 6 to finish the unexpired term of Thaddeus McCotter.

McCotter resigned after petition signatures were deemed to be photocopies by the Secretary of State's office. Attorney General Bill Schuette's investigation eventually led to charges against four McCotter staffers, alleging that they were involved in a deliberate fraud involving a pattern of copying and altering petitions in order to qualify the five-term congressman for the 2012 primary ballot.

Gov. Rick Snyder's office scheduled a special primary election on Sept. 5, followed by a spot on the Nov. 6 general election ballot, to complete McCotter's unexpired term.

Curson served from Nov. 8 until Thursday. On Thursday, Republican Kerry Bentivolio, who won election Nov. 6 to a two-year term in the redistricted 11th Congressional District, began his term.

*'You realize that there are truly a lot of people on both sides who believe in this country.'*



Curson returned to his Belleville home Wednesday and, as his term ended, expected to make sure his district office was closed that afternoon.

"I loved the experience. It was seven weeks of non-stop, very hard work," Curson said. "I had to do a lot of preparation."

"You realize that there are truly a lot of people on both sides who believe in this country. It's kind of the same thing that I'm doing for the UAW, working for the things I believe in," Curson said.

Curson does not see himself running for elective office again. "The constant campaigning and always asking for money, I just don't think I could stomach that," Curson said. "I will probably not run in any election in my future, but I think I will be helping out someone else down the road."

The redistricted 11th Congressional District includes Livonia, as did the previous 11th Congressional District represented by McCotter.

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## On the upswing: Holiday shopping season a success in Novi

By Cal Stone  
Staff Writer

Official results of the holiday shopping season won't be released by the Michigan Retailers Association until Jan. 23, but shopping plazas in Novi are saying it was a good one.

Jim Clear is general manager of Novi Town Center, which added 16 new stores last year, including a Wal-Mart, as part of its planned redevelopment.

"We experienced very good holiday traffic as a result," said Clear. "Our existing tenants, and especially our restaurants, were pleased with the additional traffic to the center."

The center, on the northeast corner of Grand River Avenue and Novi Road, is home to 41 businesses. It opened 25 years ago and is managed by Simon

Property Groups of Indianapolis. "Our Black Friday (Nov. 23) sales were better than planned at several stores," said Clear. "We expect, as customers find our new stores, even better sales going forward."

### Twelve Oaks

On the other side of I-96 sits Twelve Oaks, the mall that launched Novi as a retail mecca back in 1977. The Thubman-owned mall is anchored by Nordstrom, Macy's, Lord & Taylor, JCPenney and Sears.

"Generally speaking, the stores at Twelve Oaks Mall were positive when discussing their sales performance throughout the holiday season," said Daniel Jones, Twelve Oaks' general manager. "The weather was cooperative... although some apparel stores would have preferred a colder

beginning of the winter to drive more outerwear sales." Jones said they're still in the process of collecting the December sales figures from stores to compare to 2011, but in general, the merchants have been positive when comparing their experience to last year.

Many of Twelve Oaks' stores reported Saturday, Dec. 22 as the busiest day of the season from a sales perspective, said Jones.

"Prior to that date, customers seemed to be taking a more relaxed approach to their shopping," he added. "The realization that it was the last weekend before the Christmas holiday definitely created a greater sense of urgency. That said, Black Friday still plays a big part in starting the season.

Twelve Oaks Mall had over 100 stores, including three anchors

stores open by midnight on Thanksgiving. The Mall parking lot was approximately 90 percent full during the first several hours that night/morning.

"The vast majority of stores that opened the additional hours were very pleased with their sales performance on the day... and specifically during the first few hours after midnight," said Jones.

### Twelve Mile Crossing

On the west side of Novi Road, south of 12 Mile Road and north of I-96, sits Twelve Mile Crossing at Fountain Walk. Although there are shopping opportunities, it is considered more of an entertainment complex with businesses like Emagine Theatre, Lucky's, Hooters and Bar Louie.

Kelly Kaufman, general manager of the sprawling complex,

said, "the shopping season was good... Business is up from last year, for sure!"

The newest addition, Tilted Kilt Pub & Eatery, recently opened and is doing "phenomenal," according to Kaufman. She also reports that JD Racing has just opened and is doing "fantastic."

Twelve Mile Crossing at Fountain Walk opened in 2002 is anchored by Sears Outlet and Dick's Sporting Goods.

The mall also has several tenants currently working on their build-outs. Black Rock Bar & Grill, Main Financial Group, Unlimited Nails, Tenpeny Furniture and Mynt Martini.

"2013," said Kaufman, "is going to be a great year!"

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## Grand Ball



Novi resident Tina Wheeler and Troy resident Paul Kolpasky, both from Event Corporate Sponsor Deloitte.



Nearly 1,000 guests came in their glitziest holiday attire to help raise nearly \$450,000 for Henry Ford's clinical programs at the Henry Ford Hospital Grand Ball that was held at the MGM Grand. Henry Ford Hospital closes out 2012 with many successes, including the launch of the \$12 million innovation institute which will focus on helping to shape the future of health care. Novi residents Morgan, Madeline, David and Tammy Egner, David Egner, president and CEO of the Hudson-Webber Foundation, were awarded the Ford Family Honors of Outstanding Leadership for the New Economy Initiative at the Henry Ford Hospital Grand Ball.

## CITY OF NOVI NOTICE OF PROVISION OF THE SNOW EMERGENCY ORDINANCE

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### Fannon elected CMU chairman

Brian W. Fannon, president, Strategic Operational Solutions of Novi, has been elected chairman of the board to the Central Michigan University Board of Trustees for 2013. Fannon was appointed to the Board of Trustees in 2007



Fannon

for an eight-year term expiring Dec. 31, 2014, by Governor Jennifer Granholm.

The Central Michigan University Board of Trustees is responsible for the governance of the university including all academic and financial matters.

"I am honored to be elected to this position and it will not be taken lightly," said Fannon. "I intend to continue to represent the people of Michigan with honesty and integrity while I execute my term."

Fannon and his wife Jan have resided in Novi for over 35 years.

### Dale honored by Kettering

Nine women students were honored Saturday, Nov. 3 at the 16th Annual Kettering University Woman of the Year Banquet, a program of the Clara Elizabeth Davidson Women's Resource Center. Honorees were selected by a committee comprised of students, faculty and staff for their contributions to women and girls within the Kettering community, as well as in their home communities.

Meredith Marie Bras-

sell and Ayse Buke Fizrugu received the Woman of the Year Award for A and B Sections, respectively. The B-Section finalist was Katherine Sarah Dale, an industrial engineering major from Novi. Her co-op employer is Magna Seating in Novi.

Referred to as "A-Section" and "B-Section," the student body is divided in half, with A-Section students attending classes while B-Section students are at work, and vice versa.

The Woman of the Year award at Kettering University recognizes senior female students who have made a difference during their college tenure. Academic achievement is only 20 percent of a rating system that includes service, dedication, mentoring, role modeling and leadership.

### Cunningham named Fox Run's Leader of Year

Director of Dining Services Kevin Cunningham has been named Fox Run retirement community's 2012 Leader of the Year. Cunningham is known at Fox Run for his passionate customer service.

In 2012 he implemented a number of important upgrades in dining which resulted in higher resident satisfaction. Cunningham motivates his staff to continuously improve and achieve higher service levels. He will be honored next month at Erickson Living's annual meeting in Baltimore, Md.

Cunningham was hired as Fox Run's restaurant manager in 2005 and promoted to Dining Services director in 2006. His many years of experience in the hospitality industry include Food and Beverage manager for the Hyatt Corporation.

He also held positions of Food and Beverage director and director of Training for the Tournament Players Club on the PGA tours.

Prior to coming to Fox Run, he was general manager of Damon's while also overseeing the catering functions at University of Michigan's Big House and its athletic department.

### Pawlicki earns Distinguished Service Award

The American Society of Health-System Pharmacists (ASHP) honored Novi resident Kathleen S. Pawlicki, M.S., FASHP, administrative director of Professional Services and director of Pharmaceutical Services at Beaumont Health System, at the 47th ASHP Midyear Clinical Meeting and Exhibition in Las Vegas on Dec. 4.

Pawlicki was one of six individuals, and only Michigan resident, selected by ASHP to receive the 2012 Distinguished Service Award - hers for the section of Pharmacy Practice Managers. The six award recipients were recognized for their participation in volunteer activities and continued support for the mission of their section and the New Practitioners Forum (NPF). The awards, which recognize the best that ASHP and the profession have to offer, are presented annually.

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BOYES, CARROLL I. 78, passed away December 23, 2012. Survived by her children, Sheryl (William) Richardson, David T. Boyes, Lois (Norm) Martin, Susan Boyes, eight grandchildren and many great grandchildren.

DEVLIN, MILDRED Age 91, passed away Dec. 28, 2012. Visitation Dec. 30, Phillips Funeral Home, 30 Phillips St., St. Joseph Catholic Church, 31 St. Joseph Catholic Church.

GORDON, JEAN F. Age 90, of Northville died January 6, 2013 on her 90th birthday. Beloved sister and aunt.

HALLMANN, BRUNO J. Age 89, born March 23, 1923 The Free City of Danzig, Germany, and died in White Lake, Michigan on January 6, 2013.

KAVANAUGH, HELEN CECILIA A resident of Milford since 1995 died on Saturday, January 5, 2013 at age 101 years, 4 months, 3 weeks, and 2 days old.

HAMILTON, I. LOYD Age 98, passed away December 27, 2012. He was born on Jan. 22, 1914, in Sawyer, N.Y.

HAMMON, JACK Age 71, passed away December 25, 2012. He was born on October 20, 1941, in Diana, West Virginia, son of the late Frelitz and Arnie (Curtis) Hammon.

ROACH, WENDY MARIE A resident of South Lyon, died at home in the care of her family on January 1, 2013 after a two-year battle with breast cancer.

SHEDILL, JUDITH Age 66, passed away December 25, 2012. She was born on February 13, 1946, in Detroit, daughter of the late Beryl and Margaret Shedill.

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WOOD, LOIS IRENE Age 91, passed away December 30, 2012. Funeral Jan. 5, 12 p.m. Phillips Funeral Home.

PORTA, DONALD L. Age 89, previously of Echo Valley in Nowata, Okla., died at home in Bradenton, Fla. on Dec. 30, 2012.

Novi pediatrician charged with criminal sexual conduct

By Cal Stone Staff Writer

Novi pediatrician Dr. Jeffrey Dembs has been charged with three counts of criminal sexual conduct — one first degree and two second degree — with a child younger than age 13.

He was to appear in the courtroom of Oakland County Circuit Judge Daniel P. O'Brien on Jan. 7 but opted to be arraigned by mail.

"We categorically deny the charges," said Dembs' attorney, Gerald J. Gleason II, of the firm Miller Canfield, "and I look forward to vindicating him at trial."

Court records at www.oakgov.com indicate a pretrial is set for 8:30 a.m. Feb. 4.

The doctor, a resident of West Bloomfield, was arrested in November by West Bloomfield police. Novi police are not involved in the case.

Dembs works at My Kid's Doc at 41935 W. 12 Mile, Suite 102, Novi, and is on leave of absence, according to the

office. The business' website indicates it was formerly known as Woodland Medical Center or DMC Health Care Center and has been My Kid's Doc since 2003.

West Bloomfield police are not commenting on the case due to the sensitivity of the charges, but WXYZ-TV is reporting that the incidents allegedly occurred between spring 2009 and summer 2010.

First-degree CSC involves penetration and is punishable by as long as life in prison. Second-degree CSC is intentional touching of intimate parts or clothing covering intimate parts, for the purpose of sexual arousal or gratification and is punishable by as long as 15 years in prison.

A court order for HIV testing was filed Dec. 21. Dembs was born in 1951 and graduated from Wayne State University in 1976.

The doctor is free on bond after paying a \$150,000 cash bond, and he has a GPS tether.

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Road rage leads to shooting in Novi

By Lonnie Huhman Staff Writer

An altercation between two motorists on New Year's Eve in Novi ended with a Sterling Heights man shot in the face.

Novi's Assistant Police Chief Jerrod Hart said no one was taken into custody at the time of the incident. The other who died the shooting was the one who called 911.

According to Novi Police, at approximately 10:15 pm on Dec 31, police responded to the Novi Square Plaza, near Pontiac Trail and West Park Drive, on a 911 call stating a vehicle had crashed into the Dollar Tree store.

Officers found a 35-year-old Sterling Heights man suffering from a gunshot wound to the face sitting in his Cadillac Escalade, which had crashed into the storefront. Officers also located a 38-year-old Wolverine Lake man near a pickup truck at the scene.

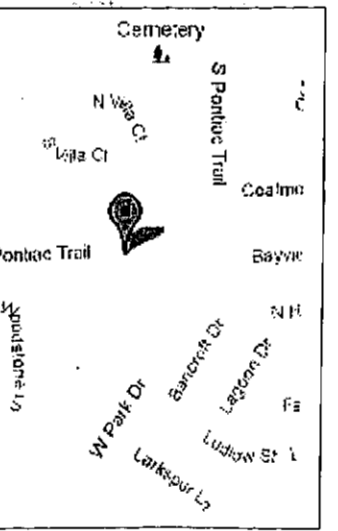
Novi Police said the preliminary investigation indicated the two men had engaged in a traffic altercation in Wixom which ended in a confrontation in the Novi Square Plaza.

Hart said the incident began when one of the drivers felt as if he had been cut off near a Beck Road business. Things escalated and "gestures" were exchanged between the drivers as they continued east down Pontiac Trail. It was then they were pulled into the parking lot at Novi Square Plaza and parked side by side.

Hart said more than one shot was fired, but would not be any more specific. The Sterling Heights man was struck and then backed up his vehicle into



A Sterling Heights man crashed his vehicle into this store after being shot in the face on New Year's Eve.



Novi Square Plaza, near Pontiac Trail and West Park Drive, on a 911 call stating a vehicle had crashed into the Dollar Tree store.

to provide his own statement, they will then move the case forward to the Oakland County Prosecutor's office, which will determine if any charges are filed.

The incident remains under investigation and anyone with information related to this case is asked to call Sergeant Matt Conquest at (248) 348-7100.

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NOVI POLICE BRIEFS

Hunting Violation A man visiting Novi was cited for a hunting violation and possession of a dangerous weapon after Novi Police found him in a tree near TTC Community Sports Park.

Vehicle Theft A Chevy Monte Carlo was stolen from the parking lot at Best Buy on West Oaks Drive.

Larceny from Auto Two bags were stolen from a car parked at a lot in the Fountain Walk.

On Dec. 28, the person called police to report seeing the man with a bow and arrow go into some woods near the TTC Park. Police later found the man in a tree on private property just east of the park. They informed the man it was illegal in the City of Novi to be doing what he was doing. The man said it was unintentional and apologetic. However, police still cited him for the violations.

On Dec. 28, Novi Police were told by the vehicle owner that the car was parked in the lot while the ate. Upon arrival back to the driver found the passenger side window was broken in and the bags missing. Further investigation led to the bags later being found near Emagine Theater.

Thornton Creek on general alert after an anonymous phone call

By Lonnie Huhman Staff Writer

An anonymous telephone call on Tuesday morning led Thornton Creek Elementary School to issue a general alert and go into secure mode.

However, it was later discovered the source of the anonymous call was mixed up. Thornton Creek officials located and had it confirmed by the parent of the individual who made the call.

According to the district, the call was not intended

for Thornton Creek at all, but rather it was in reference to a meeting in another location.

Novi's Assistant Police Chief Jerrod Hart said the school's principal, Allison Epler, had received an anonymous call late in the morning that left her concerned. She called Novi Police, which has jurisdiction over the school.

Prior to finding out the source, the district stated through an email alert that, "While there was no specific threat made, the caller would not identify himself.

As a result, the information was reported to the Novi Police Department, and the building went into a General Alert mode, which is a heightened level of security."

The incident was under investigation, but now the caller is known.

"Right now we are sorting through the content of the call," Hart said on Tuesday afternoon before the caller was found.

Hart said as a precautionary measure, Novi police officers remained on-site throughout the day, including a uniformed investigator. The morning dismissal of the kindergarten and preschool classes was closely monitored and recess was held indoors.

Any additional information received from staff and/or parents or community members will be followed up on accordingly," school officials also said before later issuing another statement.

The district further reassured parents and community members that it will work collaboratively with the police to evaluate any suspicious circumstances and act in the interest of the safety and well-being of our students.

"We take any suspicious activity seriously while weighing the ongoing impact of over-reacting to anonymous calls. The source of the call is under investigation by the police.

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Your Invitation to Worship

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For more information regarding this Directory, please call Sue Sare at 248-437-2011, ext. 247 or e-mail: ssare@hometownlife.com





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**CHURCH OF THE HOLY FAMILY**  
 Location: 24505 Meadowbrook Road  
 Contact: (248) 349-8847 or visit holyfamilynovi.org  
**Mass Schedule**  
 Time/Day: 8:30 a.m., 10:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. Sunday; 9 a.m. Monday-Friday; 7 p.m. Monday-Wednesday; 4:30 p.m. Saturday  
**Holy Days:** 9 a.m., 5:30 and 7:30 p.m.  
**Reconciliation:** beginning 9 a.m. Saturdays or by appointment  
**Priests:** Rev. Bob LaCroix, pastor, and Rev. Michael Zuelch, associate pastor  
**CROSSPOINTE MEADOWS CHURCH**  
 Location: 29000 Meadowbrook Road, south of 13 Mile Road  
 Contact: (248) 669-9400, 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Monday-Thursday or visit www.crosspointemeadows.org.  
**Sunday Worship:** 11:15 a.m.  
**Bible study classes:** 10 a.m. for all ages  
**Details:** Nursery and older children programs available. Worship blends traditional and contemporary elements resulting in a multi-sensory worship experience.  
**Destiny Worship Center**  
 Location: Ridge Wood Elementary School, 49775 6 Mile Road, Northville  
 Contact: DestinyW3C@gmail.com or visit www.DW3C.org.  
**EMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH**  
 Location: 34567 7 Mile Road, Livonia  
 Contact: (248) 442-8822  
**FAITH COMMUNITY**

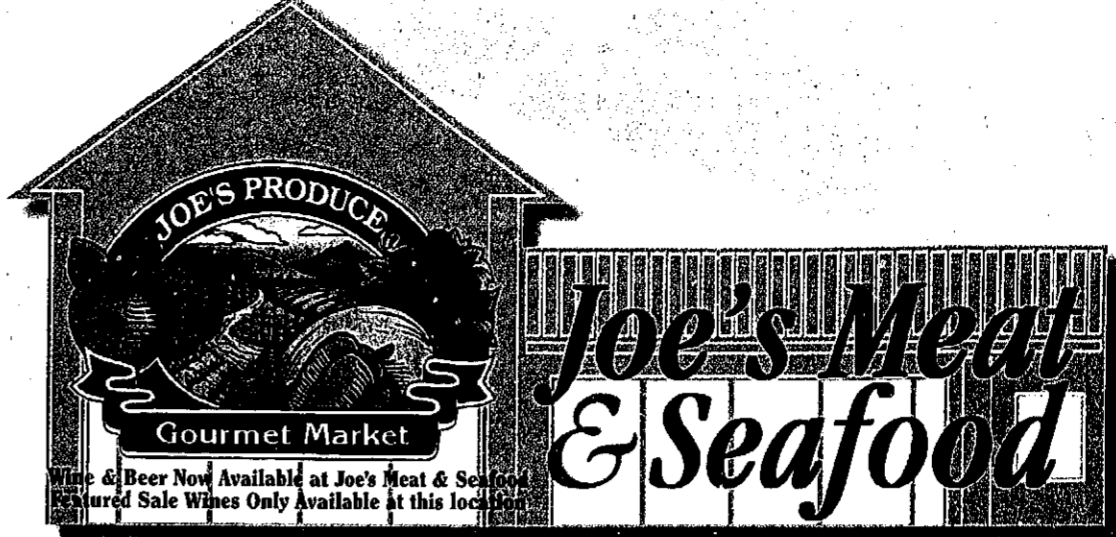
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**Submit:** Send calendar submissions via e-mail to cstone@gannett.com; by fax to (248) 685-2892; or by mail to Church Events/ Northville-Now, 101 N. Lafayette, South Lyon, MI 48178. Items must be received by noon on Monday to be included in Thursday's newspaper.  
**FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF NOVI-FAMILY INTEGRATED CHURCH**  
 Location: 45301 W. 11 Mile Road  
 Contact: (248) 349-3647 or firstbaptistchurchofnovi.org  
**Bible Study:** 6 p.m.  
**Family Bible Hour:** 9:45 a.m.  
**Family Worship:** 11 a.m.  
**Family Movie Night:** 5:30 p.m.; fourth Sunday of every month  
**FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF NORTHVILLE**  
 Location: 200 E. Main Street  
 Contact: (248) 349-0911 or visit www.fpcnorthville.org  
**Sunday Worship:** 10 a.m.  
**Book of Revelation Study**  
 Time/Date: 6:30 p.m. Tuesdays and 9:30 a.m. Wednesdays  
**Details:** Come and learn what John is writing about, what the symbolism means, and how this book still speaks to us today.  
**Faith Journeys**  
 Date: Third Sundays  
**Details:** Following worship and fellowship, someone will share how they have experienced God in their life and the difference that has made.  
**FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF NORTHVILLE**  
 Location: 217 N. Wing  
 Contact: (248) 348-1020  
**Sunday Worship:** 10:45 a.m. and 5:45 p.m.  
**Sunday School:** 9:30 a.m.  
**Ladies Bible Study:** 9:30 a.m. and 7 p.m. Tuesdays  
**Men's Bible Study:** 9 a.m. first Saturday of every month

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 Location: 45301 W. 11 Mile Road  
 Contact: (248) 349-3647 or firstbaptistchurchofnovi.org  
**Bible Study, Quilting, Adult Classes, Youth Group**  
**Thursday Schedule:** 6 a.m. Men of Purpose Prayer Group  
**Wednesdays:** 5:30 p.m. Family Meal, \$5 per person, \$15 per family;  
**Currently on Wednesday nights:** 6:30 p.m. Children's VBS/Caravan, Club 56, Bible Study, Quilting, Adult Classes, Youth Group  
**Thursday:** 6 a.m. Men of Purpose Prayer Group  
**FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH OF NORTHVILLE**  
 Location: 777 West 8 Mile Road, Northville  
 Contact: (248) 349-1144 or visit www.fumcnorthville.org  
**Sunday Worship:** Meditative - Held in the Chapel - 8 a.m. Contemporary - Held in the Sanctuary - 9:15 a.m. Traditional - Held in the Sanctuary - 11 a.m.  
**Sunday School:** Nursery - 8 a.m. Nursery - 12th grade - 9:15 a.m. Nursery - 6th grade/Special Needs - 11 a.m.  
**GOOD SHEPHERD LUTHERAN CHURCH**  
 Location: 41415 9 Mile Road, corner of Meadowbrook Road, Novi  
 Contact: (248) 349-0565  
**Sundays:** 8:45 a.m. Sunday School and Bible Study; 10 a.m. Worship  
**HOLY CROSS EPISCOPAL CHURCH**  
 Location: 40700 W. 10 Mile Road  
 Contact: (248) 427-1175 or holycrossnovi@gmail.com; visit holyCROSSnovi.org  
**Sunday Worship:** 7:45 and 10 a.m. Sunday School and Nursery Care: 10 a.m. Worship Service

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**HOPE LUTHERAN CHURCH**  
 Location: 39200 West 12 Mile Road (east of Haggerty Road), Farmington Hills  
**LAKES BAPTIST CHURCH**  
 Location: 309 Ker Road, Walled Lake  
**LIVONIA CHURCH OF CHRIST**  
 Location: 15431 Merriman Road, Livonia  
 Contact: 734-427-8743 or visit www.livoniachurch.net  
**Sunday Worship:** 11 a.m.  
**Bible School:** Sunday 10 a.m.; Wednesday 7 p.m.  
**MEADOWBROOK CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH**  
 Location: 21355 Meadowbrook Road, between 8 and 9 Mile roads  
 Contact: Rev. Arthur P. Ritter, Senior Minister (248) 348-7757, visit mbccc.org or e-mail to office@mbccc.org.  
**Sunday Worship:** 10 a.m.  
**Church School:** 10-11 a.m.  
**Fellowship Hour:** 11 a.m.  
**Merry Widows Luncheon:** 11:30 a.m., fourth Thursday of each month  
**Pilgrim Fellowship:** 6 p.m. Sundays  
**NORTHVILLE CHRISTIAN ASSEMBLY**  
 Location: 41355 6 Mile Road  
 Contact: (248) 348-9030  
**Sundays 9-10 a.m.:** Sunday School for Adults / Youth / Children  
**9 a.m.:** Contemporary service in multi-purpose gymnasium  
**10:15 a.m.:** Contemporary service in worship center; children's super church on the second level (208/210)  
**Wednesday Family Night:** 7 p.m.; Adult elective classes;

**junior and senior high student ministries; children's programs (M-Part Girls Club & Royal Rangers Boys Club) Nursery and Preschool Program on Sundays and Wednesdays Home of Northville Christian School (day care; preschool through eighth grade); call (248) 348-9031.**  
**NOVI - NORTHVILLE CENTER FOR JEWISH LIFE**  
 Details: A Jewish center with events, programs and activities for all ages throughout the year - children's programs, Sunday school, adult Jewish classes, youth clubs, holiday services and programs, community social events.  
 Contact: Rabbi Avrohom & Leah Susskind at (248) 790-6075 or rabbi@novi-jewishcenter.com; www.novijewishcenter.com  
**NOVI UNITED METHODIST**  
 Location: 41671 W. 10 Mile Road  
 Contact: (248) 349-2652 or visit umcnovi.com  
**Sunday Worship:** 9:45 a.m. Healing Service and Holy Communion; 9:45 a.m. first Sunday of every month  
**Peace Vigil:** noon, first Sunday of every month  
 Location: In front of the church  
 Details: Members of the congregation and the community will stand united in prayer for peace.  
**Advent Services:** 9:45 a.m. Sunday  
**OAK POINTE CHURCH**  
 Location: 50200 W. 10 Mile Road, Novi  
 Contact: (248) 912-0043 or visit oakpointe.org  
**Worship Services:** 5:15 p.m. Saturday; 9:15 and 11:15 a.m. Sunday  
**ReNew Life Group Ministries:** 7:15-9 p.m. every Monday  
 Details: Overseen by True-North 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 Care-takers and Knitted Together (Adoption/Foster Care) Workshops.  
 Contact: (248) 912-0043; http://www.oakpointe.org/lifegroups/renew/index.html.  
**Women's Life Groups Ministries:** 7 p.m. every Tuesday 9:30 a.m. every Wednesday  
**Men's Life Groups Ministries:** 6 a.m. every Friday morning at various locations For both Women's and Men's Life Groups Ministries, please contact the church office.

**Orchard Grove Community Church**  
 Location: 850 Ladd Road, Walled Lake  
 Contact: (248) 926-6584; www.orchardgrove.org  
**ORCHARD HILLS BAPTIST CHURCH**  
 Location: 23455 Novi Road  
 Contact: Pastor Jon Hix (248) 349-5665  
**Preschool/Kids Choir:** 7:15-8:15 p.m. every Wednesday  
**Details:** For ages three to six; ongoing event; no need to pre-register; all are welcome.  
**OUR LADY OF GOOD COUNSEL CATHOLIC CHURCH**  
 Location: 47650 N. Territorial Road, Plymouth  
 Contact: (734) 453-0326, Ext. 221  
**OUR LADY OF VICTORY CATHOLIC CHURCH**  
 Location: 770 Thayer, Northville  
 Contact: (248) 349-2621 or olvnorthville.org  
**Saturday Worship:** 5 p.m.  
**Sunday Worship:** 7:30, 9:30, 11:30 a.m.  
**OUR SHEPHERD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**  
 Location: 1200 S. Sheldon Road, Plymouth  
 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 fellowship and food after service



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## Iciers earn program's first ever win over Marquette

### Calumet, Houghton power past Novi

By Chris Jackett  
Correspondent

The annual trip to the Upper Peninsula didn't end with the results Novi's hockey team was hoping for, but the squad was able to snap a losing streak on the final day before heading home. Ranked No. 31 prior to the trip, Novi (5-8-1, 2-3-1 KLAAs Kensington) started all three games competitively, but things unraveled late. The 'Cats lost 6-2 at No. 19 Calumet (7-5-0) Jan. 4 and 5-2 at No. 10 Houghton (10-2-0) Jan. 5 before defeat-

ON TAP  
Novi's No. 38-ranked hockey team (5-8-1, 2-3-1 KLAAs Kensington) is off 6:30 p.m. Jan. 18 when they host No. 23 East Kentwood (8-2-1).

ing No. 33 Marquette (2-9-0) Jan. 6. "Overall, we had a good trip and improved as a team but did not get the results I expect," Novi coach Todd Krygier said. "Furthermore, while we have a long way to go with our demonstration of competing, we made good improvements battling

for pucks, blocking shots, protecting the puck, possessing the puck and moving the puck. Our intensity, focus and grit have got to get better for us to have any type of success in the state playoffs." Novi junior netminder Austin Petty (24 saves) and senior Patrick Carney (10 saves) combined for 34 saves against Calumet as the teams battled to a scoreless first period, but the Copper Kings scored four unanswered on Petty in the second period and the Wildcats couldn't catch up. "We have two excellent

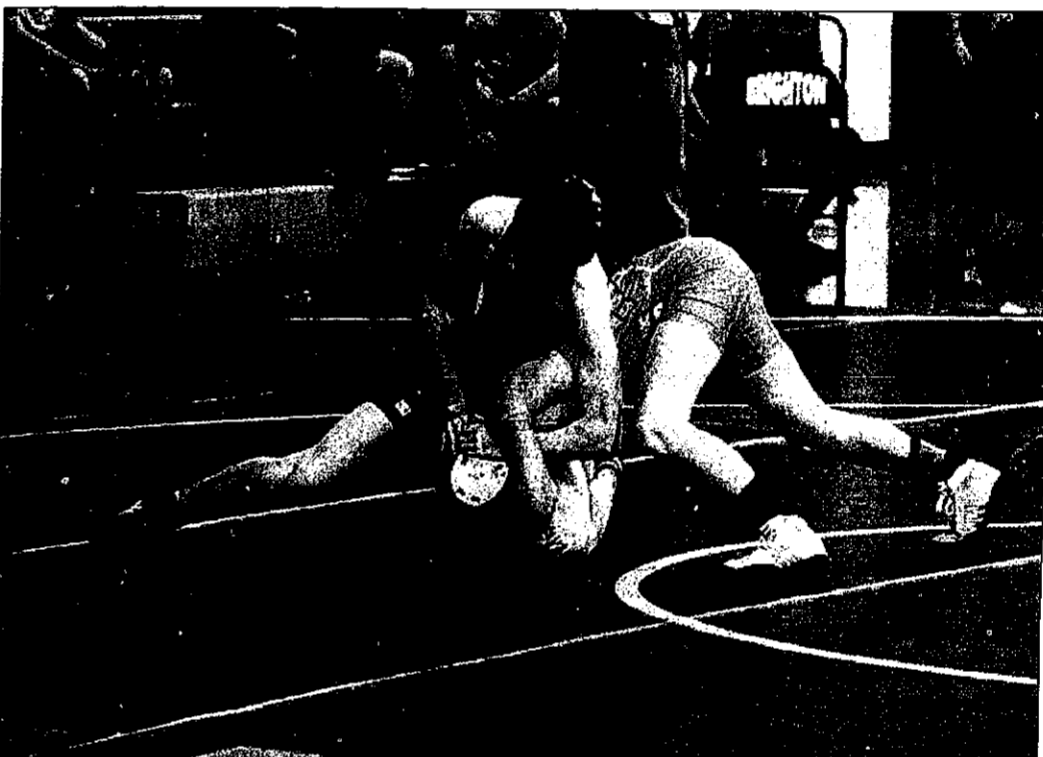


Wildcat Alex Turner tries to keep the puck away from a Howell Highlander during the teams' Dec. 12 game at the Novi Ice Arena.

goaltenders, but each are giving up one to two soft goals per game," Krygier said. "They both had

results. Furthermore, we need to continue to improve our team defense so we do not give up odd man rushes." Senior Luke Bageris and junior Christopher Kennedy tallied a goal apiece for Novi, but two more goals by Calumet on Carney gave the Copper Kings the 6-2 victory as Troy Pierce made 31 saves in net for Calumet. Bageris and juniors Mark Czapski and Joshua Ward notched assists for Novi in the loss. Things stayed close longer the next day against Houghton, as each team scored one goal per period through the first two moments of brilliance this weekend, but the inconsistency at key moments in the games affected our

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Novi sophomore Jake Vidra (left) takes on a Brighton opponent in the 112-pound weight class Jan. 5 at the Manning Vieau Invitational in Brighton.

## Novi girls knock off Cougars

### East puts up fight, but fall to Wildcats

East puts up fight, but fall to Wildcats

By Chris Jackett  
Correspondent

Despite missing their top forward, South Lyon East's girls basketball squad was no match for Novi.

The Wildcats (6-1, 1-0 KLAAs Central) rolled out to a 20-9 halftime lead en route to a 40-27 victory Jan. 4 on the road against the Cougars (5-2, 0-1 Central).

With senior Jade Antolec missing, Novi junior Kerri McMahon led the way with 16 points to go along with six rebounds and three assists. McMahon didn't

go without some help though, as juniors Amanda Geiger (nine points) and Taylor Pavilka (four points), seven rebounds, three assists) kept the Wildcats rolling. Novi shot 17-for-49 (34.7 percent) from the field, compared to East's 8-for-40 (20 percent) shooting. The rebounding battle was a bit closer, as Novi led 23-22 despite the Cougars grabbing more offensive boards 11-4.

The Wildcats kept the turnovers in check despite an 8-4 disadvantage, but also nabbed an 11-0 advantage in steals despite committing 17 fouls. Also chipping in offensively for Novi were junior Dina Fawaz (six points), senior Kasey Lowmeyer (three points) and sophomore Alex Felice (two points) as 12 different student-athletes got some playing time.

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## Novi grapplers eighth at Manning Vieau

DeNova goes 4-1 as team drops four of five dual meets at Brighton tournament

By Chris Jackett  
Correspondent

Last Saturday's Manning Vieau Invitational at Brighton gave Novi's grapplers another taste of some of the toughest competition in southeast Michigan. The Wildcats finished eighth of 10 teams after going 1-4 in head-to-head dual match-ups. The first battle of the day pitted Novi against Battle Creek Lakeview. Although senior Dan DeNova (103 pounds) won a 4-3 decision to start things off, Lakeview would rattle off 11 straight victories until Novi senior Zach Roush (215) won an 8-5 decision to make the score 62-6. The 'Cats evened their ledger on

the day in their second match-up, against Brighton's "B" team. DeNova, sophomore Kyle Benkarski (135), freshman Griffin Spurling (140), junior John Hood (160) and senior Mitchell Boston (heavyweight) all pinned their opponents, with freshman Cooper Smith (171) also earning his first varsity pinfall. Sophomore Jared Engstrom (189), Roush (215), junior Carsten Cook (152) and sophomore Evan Davis (125) also picked up victories as Novi rolled to a 34-16 victory. The rest of the day was a struggle for the Wildcats. Tournament champion Macomb Dakota was next and a 2-1 decision by Davis was the lone points scored by Novi, who lost 70-3. DeNova, junior Ben Wright (145)

ON TAP  
Novi's grapplers were set to visit Livonia Stevenson yesterday for a quad meet against Plymouth Salem, South Lyon East and the Spartans before heading to the South Lyon Invitational 10 a.m. Saturday. From there, the 'Cats visit Northville for a quad against Stevenson, South Lyon and the Mustangs 5 p.m. Wednesday.

and Hood posted victories in the fourth match-up against Clarkston, but it wasn't enough as the Wolves rolled to a 55-13 win. The 'Cats ended the day in the seventh-place match against DeWitt. Despite victories by DeNova, Hood, Roush and Boston, DeWitt rolled away with a 47-21 victory, pushing Novi into eighth place.

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## First-half surge beats East

### Wildcats claw up Cougars 36-22 after 24-0 opening run

By Chris Jackett  
Correspondent

Novi's two halves of basketball was like night and day last week, but the good half was all it took to take care of South Lyon East's boys.

Behind a 24-0 run to start the game, the Wildcats (3-3, 1-0 KLAAs Central) held on for a 36-22 victory Jan. 4 at home. "We had some lofty goals for this game," Novi coach Brian Tass said. "Looked very good on get on the board until nailing two free throws with three seconds left in the first half, leading to a 24-2 halftime deficit. "I thought we played pretty hard on defense and focused on making the extra pass on

offense. Those worked well for us," Tass said. "We were simply more athletic than them and our defense puts us in the right spots to rebound well. I'm still not convinced we are a good rebounding team yet by any means." The Wildcats won the rebounding battle 31-4 against the smaller Cougars, including 11 offen-

ON TAP  
Novi's boys basketball team (3-3, 1-0 KLAAs Central) was scheduled to visit South Lyon (5-1, 1-0 Central) two nights ago before hosting Northville (3-4, 0-1 Central) Friday and Plymouth Salem (5-2, 1-0 Central) Tuesday, both at 7 p.m.

sive rebounds. "I thought Blake Brown helped us in the first half with offensive rebounds," Tass said. "(Naji) Ozier had a solid night on

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The Waza FC West 95 Black under-18 boys soccer team won the Disney Showcase championship in Florida Dec. 30. Pictured (l to r, front) are Dom Hajdu (Farmington Hills), Mussa Ibrahim (Ann Arbor), Hussain Sandifer (Ann Arbor), Aaron Krupa (Ann Arbor), Dalton Amez (Macomb Township), Dylan Knott (Rochester), Donald Payne (Farmington Hills), Alex Iseviski (Westland); (back) Matt Wilson (Novi), Tyler Simpson (Westland), Joe Trombly (Farmington), Troy Dolmetsch (Northville), Ryan Goike (Shelby Township), Ronnie Basin (Farmington Hills), Trevor Nessel (Novi), Bryan Maxwell (Commerce Township) and coach Dan Diac.



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Novi varsity bowling team member Megan Engles practices at Novi Bowl on Dec. 11.

NOVI SPORTS ROUND-UP

By Chris Jackett  
Correspondent

Wildcat bowlers struggle at Ladywood tourney

Novi's bowlers headed to a Livonia Ladywood-hosted tournament Jan. 5 at Super Bowl in Canton and had a tough time.  
"Tough scoring conditions held scoring down," Novi coach, John Osborne said.  
The girls (4-1, 2-1 KLA Central) finished 14th with a score of 2,494. Megan Engles led the way with a three-game score of 441.  
The boys (2-3, 1-2 Central) ended the day in 17th. However, Morgan Wiley was a highlight by making the All-Tournament team with games of 187, 200 and 243 for a 630 series.  
Both teams were set to be back in action two days ago against Canton (3-2, 1-2 Central boys; 3-2, 2-1 Central girls) at Vision Lanes and last night at Super Bowl against Plymouth (4-2, 2-2 Central boys; 2-3, 1-2 Central girls). The Wildcats will compete in the Plymouth-Canton Schools Tournament 1 p.m. Saturday at Super Bowl before returning to Super Bowl yet again to face Plymouth Salem (4-1, 2-1 Central boys; 3-2, 1-2 Central girls) 3:30 p.m. Monday before hosting South Lyon East (3-2, 3-0 West boys; 1-4,

1-2 West girls) 3:30 p.m. Tuesday at Novi Bowl.

Blaszczyk named All-American harrier as USF wins NAIA national title

A 2010 graduate of Novi High School, Michael Blaszczyk led the Wildcats to plenty of success in years past. On Nov. 17, 2012, he helped lead the Fighting Saints of the University of St. Francis (Joliet, Ill.) to a NAIA national title while earning himself All-American honors in the process by finishing 23rd overall in a field of 309 with a time of 25:10. Along with teammates Phil Rizzo (eighth in 24:44) and Brandon Carson (24th in 25:11), Blaszczyk and the Fighting Saints tallied 138 points, which was good enough to beat runners-up Southern Oregon's 153 points and 30 other schools.  
For full results, visit [www.goightingSaints.com/stats/2012-13/mcc/mcc-naia-ind.pdf](http://www.goightingSaints.com/stats/2012-13/mcc/mcc-naia-ind.pdf).

Wilson helps club team to Disney Showcase title

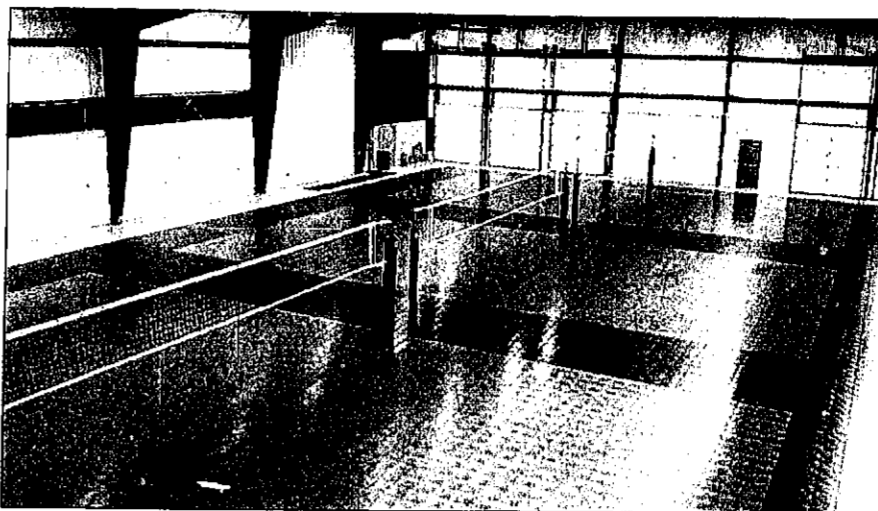
Novi resident Matt Wilson led his premier soccer team in points as the Waza FC West 95 Black under-18 boys squad went 3-0-1 Dec. 27-30 in Florida en route to winning

the Disney Showcase championship. In the previous three years of competing at the Disney Showcase, the squad had never finished better than third place despite winning three State Cups in Michigan. However, they finished first Dec. 30 with a 4-2 victory over Grand Rapids Crew Juniors 95 Gold (Mich.), who Waza had defeated for the past two State Cups in their home state by 1-0 and 3-2 scores.  
Prior to the championship match, Waza had tied Ottawa South United OSU Force Academy 95 (Canada) 1-1, beat Dallas Texans 95 Red Dallas (Tex.) 2-1 and then Pachuca Dragons Green (Md.) 3-1.  
Throughout the tournament, Wilson had three goals and three assists. Coached by Dan Diac, other offensive contributors were Farmington Hills' Donald Payne (one goal, three assists), Rochester's Dylan Knott (one goal, three assists), Westland's Alex Iseviski (one goal, one assist), Macomb Township's Dalton Amez (one goal), Shelby Township's Ryan Goike (one goal), Novi's Trevor Nessel (one goal) and Commerce Township's Bryan Maxwell (one goal). Ann Arbor's Aaron Krupa held down the goal with 16 saves on 21 shots, including one penalty shot, over four games.

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Novi Varsity bowler Corey Brown.



The MPB Memorial Fieldhouse in Novi has been a busy, but hidden, place for local volleyball and futsal players since 2010. The facility offers a full-sized futsal field that can be transformed into three volleyball courts.

MPB Memorial Fieldhouse offers home to volleyball, futsal

By Chris Jackett  
Correspondent

There are several athletic facilities in the area, but one two-year-old facility in Novi has quietly been the developmental territory for both local volleyball and futsal players.  
The Michael Patrick Barnett Memorial Fieldhouse, 42350 Grand River Ave., opened in Dec. 2010 behind Cort Furniture and serves as a home to both Legacy Volleyball Club and East Michigan Futsal, each which were limited on space for training and competition before the MPB Fieldhouse opened.  
"Legacy, up until this year, had been running out of just one space in Rochester," said Greg Newton, owner of the MPB Fieldhouse and one of Legacy VC's club directors. "It used to be a volleyball facility for a different club. They kind of lost occupancy for whatever reason."

Newton, a Livonia resident and 1987 Northville graduate who now coaches the Walled Lake Western varsity volleyball team, got the idea for the fieldhouse in Septem-

ber 2010 when his father in law, the facility's namesake, passed away.

"My wife and I were kind of grieving at the time," Newton said.  
With a "you only live once" mentality, Newton decided to develop the vacant 10,500-square-foot facility for volleyball use. It now features three Sport Court-surfaced volleyball courts that total a 116-by-76-foot space that can be converted into a single 110-by-60-foot futsal court, which is a form of turf-free, boardless indoor soccer. The ceilings are 32-feet high. "I had never even heard of futsal," Newton said. "I think it's the only regulation futsal court in the Midwest."

The former Cort warehouse had been used by the prior volleyball club for three or four years before they vacated it and Newton moved in. Two months and \$40,000 in renovations later, Skill Ignition Volleyball Club - which has since merged with Legacy VC and now has more than 300 players - started training there.  
The Sport Court tiles are 1-by-1 feet and have 3 millimeters of

rubber lining, creating a surface that's designed to be less damaging on athletes' joints.

"Its full. I have people all the time asking if they can rent courts," Newton said of his constantly booked courts. "We rent out for birthday parties."  
The fieldhouse has helped many Legacy VC players, such as Newton's daughter, develop into quality high school student-athletes. A 15-year-old sophomore at Livonia Franklin, Kelly Newton is an All-Conference libero.  
"My daughter started playing volleyball years ago and was playing at Total Roller Hockey up the road," Newton said. "A lot of volleyball clubs run out of elementary school gyms. We're fortunate to be able to use my courts."

For more information on MPB Memorial Fieldhouse, including rental information pending availability and an event calendar, visit [www.memorialfieldhouse shutterfly.com](http://www.memorialfieldhouse shutterfly.com) or email [memorialfieldhouse@gmail.com](mailto:memorialfieldhouse@gmail.com).  
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segments. Bageris and Ward scored Novi's goals, with Ward adding an assist and sophomore Bradley Hofelich notching two assists.  
Despite Carney's efforts in goal with 33 saves, the Gremhins rattled off three third-period goals to claim a 5-2 victory behind 19 saves from netminder Marcus Gloss.  
"Two poor periods of hockey this weekend caused us to lose two games: Calumet and Houghton," Krygier said. "The team played well for two-thirds of each of the losses, but lost the game with four goals against in one period versus Calumet and three goals against in third period versus Houghton."

The Wildcats snapped a five-game losing streak Sunday at Marquette.  
Senior Mark Baker gave Novi a 1-0 lead in the second period and added a second goal in the third period off assists from Kennedy and Hofelich before the Redmen scored one on Petty (29 saves) to cut the final score to 2-1.  
"The win against Marquette was our first ever as a program and I thought we did a better job of competing for a full 51 minutes," Krygier said. "Offensively, there have been very few players with any determination, commitment or willingness to pay the price to score goals. The stats speak very clearly to this. 'I like this team and I enjoy coaching these guys. They are great sportsmen and very coachable. For us to be successful I need to see passion, heart and the willingness to compete more consistently.'"

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both ends. He is showing he is capable of playing more minutes.  
Brown, a senior, and freshman Ozeir, along with junior Nelson Cagle, paced the Wildcats with eight points apiece. Brown added six rebounds and Ozeir three rebounds.  
Seniors Charles McKinney (one point) and Brandon Macklin (two points) added six rebounds apiece, while McKinney also grabbed three steals. Senior Tre Cadwell added six points.  
Despite shooting 14-for-37 (37.8 percent) from the field, the Wildcats were 4-for-14 (28.6 percent) from three-point land. East shot 8-for-22 (36.4 percent) overall and 3-for-7 (42.9 percent) from distance.  
"We lack a shooter on this team," Tass said. "We have a couple guys in Cagle and Cadwell that can hit one

now and then, but for the most part, we are missing a pure shooter to go to. We have to keep working on getting guys better in the off-season."  
Following an impressive first half, Novi was outscored 20-12 in the second half en route to the 14-point victory. The Cougars clawed their way into the box score by capitalizing on 13 Wildcat turnovers, compared with two from East.  
"We turn it over an unbelievable amount, even after six games," Tass said. "We are going to continue working on making decisions, strength, with the pass and dribble and composure. It's killing our offense. Teams like Salem and South Lyon don't make mistakes and will take advantage of the ones we make."

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## Three myths about hiring older job seekers



**Susan Ricker, CareerBuilder Writer**

**Big Foot** roams the woods of North America. The Loch Ness Monster lurks below the water's surface in Scotland. Hiring younger workers makes more sense than hiring mature ones. Which one of these myths is most widely believed?

Big Foot and "Nessie" may be out in the wild somewhere, but mature job seekers are just as attractive job candidates as their younger counterparts. More experienced, more mature, more reliable — mature job seekers are the total package when it comes to hiring. So why do employers buy into the notion that their age is a drawback? Learn how to bust three common myths about older workers and get hired.

**Myth No. 1: You're out of touch**

Perhaps the most common myth is that mature job seekers struggle to keep up with technology and industry trends. The truth is that it's every job seeker's responsibility, regardless of age, to ensure he has the experience and skills needed for the job he wants.

**Myth No. 2: You'll expect a leadership position**

The experience, judgment and dependability that make you the total package may also make you appear to be a high-maintenance job seeker or somebody who expects a leadership position.

**Myth No. 3: You'll retire soon anyway**

The classic "Where do you see yourself in five years?" ques-

Combats this assumption in your cover letter by explaining that you're interested in the specific position and that you look forward to joining the team. You may be moved into a leadership position soon after starting, but don't expect a warm reception if you mention a leadership position as a requirement to being hired. Instead, explain your leadership qualities and how they apply to the job for which you're interviewing, as well as how you'll fit into the company culture.

tion makes an appearance at most job interviews, though for mature job seekers, this question may sound loaded. Will you still want to work in five years? While younger job seekers may respond with a positive answer about how they hope to still be working with their team, mature job seekers may need a more specific answer. Hiring managers may worry that more mature job seekers are looking for a pasture before retiring. Make it clear that the age of retirement is rising and you're looking at this position as an important part of your career. Share how you've previously met your professional goals

and how this job will contribute to your other goals. Then, transition to the company's goals and how you're a great match. No matter your age, you can bust these three myths and present yourself as the total package. Prove that you're keeping up with industry trends, make it clear that you want to be a part of the team, and share your career goals to show your workplace commitment.

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1 Served in blazing figure  
7 Wise saying  
12 Little hill  
15 Pa  
19 Cliché  
20 True-blue  
21 Lilling  
22 Region  
23 Classic 1942  
24 horror film  
26 Lab  
27 Ovid's  
28 Salute  
29 Nephew of Abel  
30 Question to someone who's not responding in melody  
37 Lasagne  
38 P in Greece  
39 Adjective  
40 School for Prince Harry  
41 Reply to "No you're not"  
44 Born in, in a bridal bio

**DOWN**

1 Tampa colt  
2 Ad - (play)  
3 " - now?"  
4 Month, in Monterey  
5 Most sordid  
6 Bring out  
7 Nonfiction  
8 - good job  
9 Cliché  
10 Woman of the house  
11 Mourner's pose  
12 Band with a bandage  
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18 In cheery  
19 Flopping  
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25 Genoa gold  
26 Cyro wraps  
27 Squad  
28 Somme  
29 Piece-A  
30 Looklike bird  
31 " - can you see  
32 Travai  
36 NBA's Shaq  
37 Soldiers in gray  
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# Car Report

## Fiat begins showing their brand's feisty side to the U.S. market



By Dale Buss

Forget the traditional peaceable sensibilities of the holiday season. Fiat has been going to war, on a number of market fronts.

In the U.S. market, there has been Fiat's new initiative, shared with Chrysler brands, to specifically target Volkswagen owners with special sales incentives to switch brands. Fiat recently went further than any other car brand in utilizing the unique location-based capabilities of gas-pump-side TV advertising. Fiat executives also have gloated over the fact that their all-electric vehicle is a version of the classically designed 500 — and have taken many shots at the prosaic design of the all-electric Nissan Leaf.

And, of course, these things have unfolded even before Fiat gets to Super Bowl XLVII in New Orleans. It's expected to shine there once again, with a racy TV ad chosen from among several that brand executives have been teasing — including one involving a supermodel, her bikini top and the pincers of a scorpion. Expect a rapt audience for the likely Fiat ad in this Super Bowl, on CBS on February 3, after the brand ran a seductive spot for the Abarth version of its 500 during the last Big Game.

For now, Fiat has been getting chippy in a new arena for the brand: the high-profile, low-sales world of electric vehicles, where it is launching the 500e all-electric vehicle.

Apparently unprovoked, a Fiat execu-

tive took a none-too-veiled shot at Nissan for the styling of its Leaf. And with the Los Angeles Auto Show as a backdrop, Nissan quickly shot right back at some of Fiat's own design executions.

The spat began unfolding at the show's media preview when Matt Davis, head of Fiat product marketing in the United States, was talking about the coming all-electric version of the Fiat 500 and told Bloomberg News, "Let's be honest, ugliness is probably one of the worst forms of pollution. The Fiat 500e proves that you do not have to give up on good looks to deliver an electric car."

Perhaps stepping up a bit too quickly to confirm its identity as the offending brand — Nissan shot right back. Unlike the Fiat EV, said Simon Sproule, head of Nissan's global marketing communications, to Automotive News, "Leaf is a 'fully functioning' car for families and daily use. And he called the Fiat 500e a me-too car to appease regulators, as contrasted with Leaf, which was designed as an all-electric from the ground up and has bravely led the EV charge.

Sproule also made an addendum that some might view as gratuitous, but without which this tussle wouldn't be as



Fiat wants to create a better-looking EV market with its 500e.

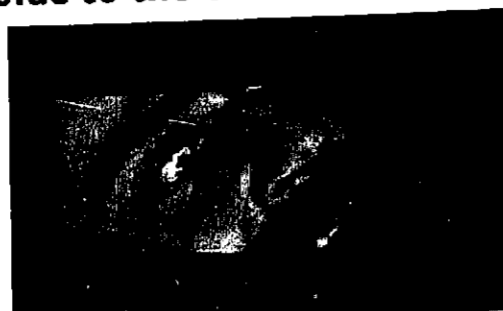
much fun. "Let's face it, Fiat has not shielded away from controversial styling themselves," Sproule told the magazine. "Many viewers would describe many of their products as visual pollution. Take a long, hard look at the Fiat Doblo."

If you do, you'll note that the Doblo, for the European market, indeed looks like the unfortunate result of a mating of a compact pickup truck, a shrunken Chevrolet Suburban and some sort of contractor's panel van.

Fiat's director of brand communications, Casey Hurbis, was happy to continue the dust-up, at a low level, in his conversation with me. "Doblo," he snorted, "isn't even in the U.S. market."

Meanwhile, Fiat has come up with an advertisement that is specific only to Gas Station TV, a Birmingham-based company that operates pump-top screens at nearly 1,900 gas stations across the country. The ad for the 2013 Fiat 500 features a character who literally appears to be abiding in the gas pump just so he can get a peek at the 40-mpg Fiat 500.

The ad — initially running only on GSTV at California gas stations — is the most "environmentally relevant" ad yet created for the network by any automaker, GSTV CEO David Leider told me. It ends with a listing of the three Fiat dealers closest to each particular gas station.



The man "inside the gas pump" is starring in a Fiat ad on GSTV.

"We like to do fun, innovative, breakthrough creative, and this provided a unique venue," Hurbis told me. The ad on GSTV "certainly provides a captive audience" while they fill their cars, he said. "I'm a little surprised that more advertisers haven't used this space already to create contextually relevant marketing."

In his most aggressive move, CEO Sergio Marchionne lately has been offering \$1,000 rebates to current VW owners in the U.S. to buy a Fiat or Chrysler vehicle. The offer was only for buyers who currently owned or leased a VW vehicle, and customers didn't have to give up their VW to qualify.

The Volkswagen Conquest Bonus Cash incentive was announced December 4 and expired on January 2, available on all 2012 and 2013 models except the Jeep Grand Cherokee SRT, the SRT Viper, and non-Aero Dodge Dart SE models. Chrysler similarly targeted Toyota models in 2010, a Chrysler spokeswoman noted, and does this "on occasion," she said.

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