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Keeping the dream alive

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RIGHT: A handcuffed and shackled Daniel Pittao is led into the Pontlac courtroom of Judge Michael Warren by an Oakland County Sheriff's deputy on Friday, Jan. 11. Pittao has been charged in the 1997 murder of his wife Tamara Pittao, who was found dead in her Novi home.

BELOW: Novi Police Detective Todd Anger sits in the Pontiac courtroom of Judge Michael Warren during a break in testimony of the murder trial for Daniel Pittao.





Testimony continues in Pittao murder trial

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perception is that newspapers are

biased, in the process of explaining how the paper comes together everyday. I hope I can address that,

"Maybe we can do some specu-lating about some things that will

80-61-1 By Chris Jackett STAFF WRITER

> Daniel Pittao's trial for the 1997 alleged murder of his estranged wife Tamara Pittao nears completion of its second week before judge and jury at the Oakland County Circuit Court in Pontiac

The jury's verdict is expected as soon as tomorrow, according to assistant prosecutor Gregory Townsend.

Defense attorneys Richard Coventino and Neil Fink said the case is not about whether Piltao, 48, is a good person, but rather if there is evidence he was at evidence he was at apartment and commit-Tamara's ap

sponsoring an evening lecture series, beginning with Dzwonkowski, with programs scheduled through June. Each

monthly program is open to the public at no charge. The Friends of the Library is a volunteer-based organization

whose members support the work of the Novi Public Library through fundraising and program-

ming activities. "I heard Ron Dzwonkowski

speak on a similar topic last year and shared the audience's enthusi-

asm for his informative and enter-taining presentation," said Kathy Mutch, Friends of the Library

member and coordinator of this year's series. "In this year of pres-idential politics, this program may be of special interest to any-

one wondering where the newspa-

ted the murder. Novi Police Detective Todd Anger testified to the lack of evi-dence in Tamar's apartment, stat-ing that does not mean Pittao was

never there. "You don't know what you have 'till you've got it. We pro-ceed on numerous cases when there is no scientific evidence.

Just because you can't find it doesn't mean they're not there," Anger said, relating the lack of Pittao's fingerprints and hair in the apartment. "We never found the tarife Sta didn't commit and the knife. She didn't commit sui-

cide A Highland Township resident, continued on 4A

Will newspapers survive? Local authority sounds off

Detroit Free Press editor speaks at Novi Library

By Kelly Murad

Ever wonder what goes into creating a newspaper everyday or what is to come of print media in an Internet-driven world? Editor Ron Dzwonkowski, of

the Detroit Free Press editorial "Newspapers in the New Millennium" 7 p.m. Tuesday at the Novi Public Library. The Friends of the Library is

try is facing new challenges daily, Dzwonkowski said depth and ponability are two things newspa-pers offer people that other media per," he said. "It's our heaviest outlets don't.

Dzwonkowski is looking for-ward to bouncing ideas off the readers and getting feetback. "What people find the most interesting is how it all comes together everyday," he said. "A to roll-up a newspaper and throw it in their briefcase."

For more information regarding the topic of discussion, e-mail Ron Dzwonkowski at rdzwonkowski@freepress.com

Novi News staff writer Kelly Murad can be reached at (248) 349-1700, ext 103.

Martin Luther King, Jr. Day Events

	Unity in the Community
Time:	5-7:30 p.m.
Location:	Novi High School Fuerst Auditorium
	24062 Taft Road
Summary:	Features spoken word, songs, dance,
	drama and more. Call Korey Nuckolls or
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	6000 Bogie Lake Road, in Commerce
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	5-6:30 p.m. viewing of student projects.

	3-0.30 p.m. viewing of student projects,
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By Chris Jackett STAFF WRITER

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Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day is Monday and will provide the perfect backdrop for mem-bers of Students Promoting Unity and Diversity to get their message out loud and clear. Better known as SPUD, a club

at Novi High School, the group will host the second annual Unity in the Community event from 5:30-7 p.m. Monday at the high school's Fuerst Auditorium. The Unity in the Community

event will feature the spoken word, songs, dance, drama and

more. It will be a dyn nuc cele bration of the life and legacy of our American hero," SPUD

bration of the life and legacy of our Arnerican hero." SPUD sponsor and teacher Korey Nuckolls said. SPUD president and junior Sara Snyder said the event will feature Novi singers, Boy Scouts, the middle school choir and much more. Their goal was or ert as many student groups to get as many student groups involved in the event as possible "Awkward Pause theater group will be doing two pieces address-ing diversity," she said. "We real-

ly tried to get the word out. I will

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pers fit into the world of blogs, You'Tube and 24/7 cable news." A Novi resident of more than 20 years, Dzwonkowski will not only Friends of the Novi Library be changing in the text three to five years. I think you're going to see a Free Press that is more and more local." Program be speaking to his neighbors, but to the newspapers biggest fans. "Novi and Farmington Hills have the highest number of homes Although the newspaper indus-NEWSPAPER (that) subscribe to our newspa-







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BREAKING NEWS: Go to the Web at novinews.com for updated news and info MY FAITH & RELIGION Thursday, January 17, 2008 Victoria Milchell, editor www.novinews.com (248) 349-1700, ext. 102 vemitchell@gannett.com

Churchgoers promote business in Chinese mission trip Novi to Chengdu

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By Chris Jackett STAFF WRITER

When Ken Jones volunteered to go to China, he was following up on an idea from 15 years ago – an idea that included creating business and personal relationships between residents of the country The 54-year-old senior vice president of consumer lending man-agement at Citizens Bank of Flint oined Ray Morro, Tom Rivers, Ken Pollack and team leader Chris Dunlap in a mission trip through Oak Pointe Church in

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"I have been to Rossia and India on mission trips before. The other four guys have been to Africa, some to the Middle East ping in the cities of Chengdu, Mianyang, Nanchong and Bazhong of the Sichuan Province. and one to Australia," said Jones. a Farmington Hills resident. "For me, personally, I had stopped in Hong Kong probably 15 years ago finding trip to see how things stand in their churches. To a on my way to India and thought degree, it's relationship building, visiting mainland China would be Jones said, "We made a couple of He received his chance when

large range in urban versus rural. One (town) was real economicalomeone suggested China as the next target area for a mission trip. ly disadvantaged. It was a real eye The church, where Jones has been opener. an active member for the past three years, already organizes annual mission trips to Africa and "I'm verv strongly reminded of how good we have it in America economically. There's no place like the United States."

other locations Jones said the group is already starting to plan a return trip, although not all five group mem-"China is kind of a natural because there's so many people over there. Christianity is small to this point," Jones said. "As a Christian, it was compelling to see people practicing faith that was not encouraged, and was sometimes bers may go. bers may go. "We're considering going over there and doing English as a sec-ond language training. We're con-sidering helping them with busi-net drugter at the doubt there suppressed. "Hopefully, it was very encourness development and help them generate their own financial sup-

aging for them. I think we over-came the cultural and language The group visited eight church-

es in six days last October, stop

Zamar in concert

Christian Brightmoor Church and Franklin Road Christian School presents Zamar in concert 7 p.m. Friday, Jan. 25 at the church 40800 W. 13 Mile Rd. at the northwest corner of Michigan 5 and 13 Mile Road. The professional jazz band will perform the concert to benefit the athletic fields at Franklin Road Christian School. Tickets are \$20 before the event or \$25 at the

door. Call (248) 668-7100 to order your tickets. If you like jazz, you won want to miss this. See a video at: www.zamariop.com or www.youtube.com in Zamar jazz. and typ

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tant," he said. "Our church is very Submitted abot outreach-oriented. We reach out to the Novi community and southeast Oak Pointe Church members Bay Morro (left) and Ken Pollack, friend Cathy Wu, and Michigan. I'm glad to be part of a members Tom Rivers, Ken Jones and team leader Chris Dunlap get together for a

church that's a bridge-building photo during an October trip to China. church. It's a strong, exciting



Massage businesses contesting increased fees New citv **Increased Fees**

have a small clientele and the fees charges applied are prohibitive to doing business here." Dumbrigue fears the increase will make it difficult to break even at the Grand River Avenue loca-By Kelly Murad

tion. According to documents issued Sarah DeMar doesn't know if by Novi City Clerk Maryanne Cornelius, the adopted fees were she can afford to pay the S640 she owes the City of Novi by Jan, 31. DeMar, owner of Ivy Garden determined by a survey conducted comparing fees in surrounding communities and by estimating Therapeutic Massage, is contestthe cost of employee time, a ing the 900 percent increase of the massage business renewal fee, the 100 percent increase of the masals and equipment required for the licenses and permits each year. sage therapist renewal fee and Between the clerk's office, police, fire and building departless registration fee, and the additional fee of an applicant ments, \$518.90 is the estimated background check. The increase was approved by

cost to the city. Massage therapist business owners were previously paying \$110 annually to renew their Novi's City Council and went into effect March 19, 2007. According to the city, the new fees were adopted to cover the licenses. The clerks office conducted the

costs incurred by city staff during survey in March to update license the license renewal process. and permit fees, some of which Fees also increased for busihad not been changed in 20 years nesses with Specially Designated Distributor and Specially Designated Merchant liquor Appalled by the increase, DeMar conducted a survey of her own including surrounding com icenses, such as party stores; freedom of information; land munities, not included in t city's survey, which she said sha included in th ision appeals; lot split; and similar demographics, proximity efuse collectors. and cost of living as Novi The city also established fees "Certainly, if I had known that

applicant background checks the yearly fees would be \$640, I state fees. and late recs. As' Knots Kneading Massage Completed its first year of busi-hess in Novi in December, owner Linda Dunbrigue received notice of the subway for increases said DeMar, who opened her Novi business in November 2003. "As a single female trying to run a busi ness, it's really hard that someone f the renewal fee increase. can flip a switch and take more "I was flabbergasted by the fee money from my bank account. It ncrease," Dumbrique said, just doesn't si right with me and 'Renewal is more than the initial fee to get the license." DeMar has contacted other

Although Dumbrigue may be salons effected by the increase in new to the Novi community as a hopes of gaining support to repeat business owner, she has been a council's decision. esident for 26 years.

"It spoke to me as a hostile Novi News staff writer Kell business environment within the Murad can be reached at (248) City of Novi," she said. "Being an 349-1700, ext 103 ependent massage therapist, I kmurad@gun

My Novi, briefly 🕤 Firearms training center

This information is vital when pening trying to craft tax policy for the state of Michigan," Cassis said. The City of Novilis proud to announce the opening of the andour Firearms Training Center 4 b.m. Monday, Jau. 28, 26350 Delwal Drive. All community members are invited to a dedica-"Sometimes we have been forced to write legislation without access to basic facts. That is not fair to taxpayers." Cassis, chair of the Senate tion ceremony. Finance Committee, modeled her bill on how the U.S. House Ways Former mayor announces ron for County Commission and Means Committee rece confidential information from the nal Revenue Service

Former Novi mayor, city offi-al and long-time Novi resident "We are frequently in a position where Treasury officials have all u Csordas announced Friday he the relevant information, and we are forced to make guesses about this data," she said. "It just makes running for Oakland County primissioner. Current Oakland County Commissioner Hugh Crawford (R-Novi), whose fourth term good sense to have Treasury share this information with us." SB 1015 has been referred to pires in 2008, will be run the Senate Finance Committee for

state representative once Craig Roche's (R-Novi) term expires. **Representative** needed to

He began his Novi political career as a planning commissioner. He served as a city councilman and serve on Commission is elected as mayor in 2003. The Oakland County Board of Csordas is the second Novi res-Commissioners seeks citizens to at to throw his name into the serve on the newly formed Commission for ounty commissioner race. City of Novi Mayor Pro-Tem Oakland County. The commission Kim Capello recently announced will focus on various issues per



Sarah DeMar, owner of Novi's Ivy Garden Therapeutic Massage on Nine Mile Road, was hit with a huge city license fee increase.





Thursday, January 17, 2008-NOVI NE

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Fees for Liquor License SDD and SDM, Business Registration,

Applicant Background Check and Late Fee

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Testimony continues in Pittao murder trial

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Pittao is charged with murdering Tamara, whose body was found n Thanksgiving Day 1997 inside her Novi apartment. Tamara, 30 at the time, was found with a slashed throat and

evidence of head and neck trauma after she and their then-2-year-old daughter did not arrive at her parabout him. "I'm upset with the allegations and doing what I can. Let them house in Illinois for bring the case to us," Pittao Thanksgiving, Her parents called instructed P'Simer in a recorded Novi Police to check up on her for them, which is when her body phone conversation from December 1997. "The only thing I an really concerned about is (my was found. Oakland County Deputy Chief - daughter)," Medical Examiner Dr. Kanu Virani said Tamara died three days earlier on the afternoon of Nov. 24, 1997, likely between 2-4 p.m. The Pittaos were in the room last Tuesday. ocess of getting a divorce and Pittao, the lone suspect in the lived separately at the time case, attempted to collect

Pittao Timeline and Victimology

Sept. 1983-Aug. 1987 Constance Fraser was punched, pushed down stairs, pushed through a glass table and threatcred by Daniel Pittao dtiring three separate instances during their ingagement and marriage, leadng to divorce. May 11, 1997 - Fraser's 12-

year-old son, Christopher Pittao, turned home from visitation with Putao erying and with a bruise above his right eye after being punched and kicked by Daniet for refusing to take out the garbage at Daniel's Davisburg home. May 16, 1997 Sgt. Steven Stove and Officer Patrick

Stowe and Officer Patrick England of Blackman Township Public Safety respond to a dones-tic dispute on the shoulder of westbound Interstate-94 near the 141-mile marker outside Jackson where they found Pittao knocking on wife Tamara Pittao's driver side window and yeffing at her. She was on her way to her parents in Chicago with their 2 year old daughter. Early June 1997 Tamara tes-

tified against Daniel in a domestic violence trial regarding the May 16 incident. Tamara met Fraser for the first time and the two became friends and spoke twice a week until Tamara's death. July 5, 1997 – Tamara and her

daughter left Damel and moved to anartment in Novi, while rt for his domes-

ance in May 2006 and made state-inents that conflicted with prior court testimony while doing so. A Deborah P'Simer said Pittao was not at work after 2 p.n. on Nov. 24, and Pittao could not account Curtis Jurgenson, who shared a six-week, long-distance relation-ship from New York City with Tamara in March and April before for his actions between then and law change allowing such post-4:45 p.m. when he picked up histrial statements to be used in court daycare in landed Pittao back in the hands of Davisburg before going home. law enforcement at Detroit Metro Pittao, was a director of quality Airport upon return from a busiat an autoparts manufacturer and ness trip to Texas. at the time, left his employer Nov. 26, as was arranged weeks in advance, but kept in contact with P'Simer after Taniara's death in Pittao has a history of domestic violence from his first marriage. His ex-wife and 23-year-old son both testified against him last regard to what questions law week. enforcement had been asking Threatening words

Friend and former co-worker \$180,000 in his wife's life insur- threatened to kill her if she ever

"Dan Pittao killed my friend Tammy," Wendy Smitter testified. to which he responded. "The rea-"She was an amazing person. To be her friend, you were privi-

Jurgenson is going to have a big problem to deal with.

the times she called me frantic Jackett can be reached at (248) and upset, this was the worst." 349-1700, ext. 122 Smitter said of Nov. 24. "He cjackett@gamett.com.

she was killed, also testified las Thursday about the lone occasion he spoke with Daniel Pittao, when Pittao had called him in July or August after seeing Jurgenson's number repeatedly listed on his phone bill. "Tammy tells me she wants to separate. Are you dating her? Do you have plans to get married? What's going on? I'm trying to figure out why she's leaving me," Jurgenson recalled Pittuo saying,

son she's leaving you is not me. The reason is you." Pittao angrily told Jurgenson, if Perter incher yes Pittao angriy toru perge-leged." Pittao angriy toru perge-Smitter who was Tamara's best the divorce is finalized and Smitter who was Tamara's best the divorce is finalized and Jurgenson marries Tammy, the

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tic violence trial against Christopher, Daniel dragged Tamara across the hall by the hair scene. Tamara's body was found in her Novi apartment after her parents called Novi Police when and beat her when she tried to their daughter who did not arrive the night before in Chicago for Thanksgiving. 10:29-11:20 a.m. Molloy interviewed Davisburg resident take her daughter. Tamara met Officer Craig Stout at a party store at 9:10 a.m. to get help to get back isto her home to get her daughter. July 1997 - Daniel went to Daniel, who was in Novi and gave Tamara's apartment and banged on her locked door and windows inconsistent accounts of when h had last seen Tamara and why h despite a personal protection was in town. Nov. 28, 1997 – Tamara's order against him.

autopsy reveals the cause of death Nov. 24, 1997 is homicide. Fraser gave a state-ment to Novi Police Detective Victor Lauria about Daniel's Best friend Wendy Smither met Tamara for lunch from non-12:45 pan, at On The Border in Novi following a phone argument with Daniel about taking their daughter to Chicago for Thanksgiving. Dauel did not want to give their domestic violence history Dec. 1997-Feb. 1999 Original investigations against Daniel for the alleged murder of

Tamara. 2006 - Law change allowing daughter to Tamara until 7 p.m. Hanksgiving Eve. • 1:52 p.m. Tamara left a voice mail for Smitter about post office hours because she had a major re-examination of conflicting tes timonies. May 2006 – Daniel tries to colproject due for work that day. lect more than \$180,000 in • 2-4 p.m. Medical examiners Tamara's life insurance place this afternoon as the time of famara's death from a slashed Mar. 16, 2007 - Daniel goes to

52-1 District Coart in Novi. Jan. 4, 2008 – Daniel's trial throat, sufficiation and blunt berins at the Oakland County head/neck trauma at three points. 4:10 p.m. Smitter returned home from ranning post-lunch errands and returned Tamara's Circuit Court in Pontiac. This account is according to phone call, but was not able to get witnesses called by the prosecu-

a hold of her then or during any other of the many attempts the tion in the Daniel Pittao trial. The defense maintains Píttao is inno-cent, citing he is a good father next few days. Nov. 27, 1997 – + 9 a.m. Then-Novi Police Sgt. Higher automations future is the cent, citing he is a good fahrer and offers a witness conspiraty theory as why their citent is accused with his estranged wife's David Molloy was called in to accused with h work to investigate a murder alleged marder

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Oakland County Assistant Prosecutor Gregory

Townsend talks to his team during a recess of the trial.

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Thursday, January 17, 2008-NOVI NEWS 6A SCHOOL BOARD MEETING: 7 p.m. Jan. 24 inside the Educational Services Building on Taft Road

Victoria Mitchell, editor (248) 349-1700, ext. 102 emitchell@aannett.com

at Novi High School.

Student report

MY EDUCATION

Board recognized; students talk hockey Superintendent Peter Dion acknowledged the Novi Board of **BOARD MEETING NOTEBOOK** Education as part of National School Board Recognition Month. The Novi Interschool Parent Teacher Organization Council rep-resentatives also presented the board members with certificates of guidance counselor and former University of Michigan field bockey player Amy Kilgore gratitude and white windbreaker explained the sport to the board explanade the sport to the board and said 53 girls have expressed interest at the high school. Kilgore, who also coached the sport at Ann Arbor Pioneer for eight years, said some students ponchos from The Cat Rack store Vidhi Bamzai, a student council trained at two special clinics she organized through Community vion Banza, a staten esti

School, told the board about the cation over mid-winter break successes of the figure skating and field hockey teams upon Of the 18 schools with field hockcy teams in Michigan, 17 are with-in a 30-mile radius of Novi. Board returning from winter break. She also said the 2006-world-champi-on Frog Force 503 robotics team president Jeff Nielson added he was a member of the three-time afterward. tosted 66 teams for a FIRST Robotics Challenge at the high school's Fuerst Auditorium. Bamzai said there will also be

wo, free, one-act "Necessary Target" theater shows at 7 p.m. Jan. 23 and 24 at Novi High School, as well as a new student breakfast on Jan. 31. She also noted the current hard work of

Students Promoting Unity and Diversity, a club that has collected canned goods for charity all month and is putting on a Martin Luther King, Jr. Day "Unity in the Community" event from 5:30-7 p.m. at the high school's Fuerst

Correspondence

Secretary Katie Raeon reported one e-mail correspondence to the board that said, despite the absence of a report card this fall, the verbal communication with elementary teachers was impor tant and even more helpful.

itorium on Jan. 21.

Reports to the board

· Novi High School teachers Amy Miller, Nick LeTarte. Melissa Joswick, Robert Baker and several students presented a slideshow of photographs and told the board about their nine-day trip to France and Spain last June. The group took 28 students, six high school teachers and four parents on the cultural trip. • Novi Meadows Elementary co-principals David Ascher and Lisa Fenchel told the board about

the reading and writing workshop fifth- and sixth-grade students at Meadows are participating in. The program gives students time to read a book of their choice that fits their reading level and then allows them to discuss and write about it with feedback from eachers and clas

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Consent agenda items The board approved three items by a 7-0 vote. The Dec. 6, 2007 board meeting minutes, the 2006 07 financial audit report and the

November 2008 eighth-grade trip to Gettysburg and Washington D.C. Action items

 The board unanimously accepted a gift of a 36-inch Sony Trinitron television from the Vela's of Novi for use at Orchard Hills Elementary School for large group instruction and special

sembly programs. • Assistant Superintendent of Human Resources Bob Schram presented, and the board approved 7-0, the hire of Patrick Defever to the high school and layoff recal of Melina Hadzialijagic to Novi Meadows. The board also approved the resignations of Gary

online surveys to the public and tudents this week.
 Dion noted the success of the robotics competition, which drew 1,200 to the high school auditorium were in attendance. **Board** communication and string instruments. Secretary Katie Racon said she attended an Oakland County Schools meeting Jan. 9. Superintendent's report Peter Dion reminded board
members the meeting was the first

dents use near the elementary school. Dion said he observed stu dents using the area and will be speaking with the city about to be streamable online at potential options. Trustee George Kortlandt supported looking at the www.novi.k12.mi.us/District/boa rdOfEducation/default.aspx_and dangers of the area.

could be downloaded for viewing School board meeting notes were Wats a memory of the in-champion Northwestern University Wildcass team in his college days. The team would play on the grass practice fields at the high school. Several potential
 He noted Novi Frigh Sensor Principal John Lawrence was named Person of the Year by the oxid formation Network.
 The district sent out surveys taken from the Thursday, Jan. 10 regular meeting of the Novi Community School Board, All board members on the grass practice fields at the high school. Several potential players and supporting parents Jan. 8 and planned to send out. Services Building, 25345 Tigt Road.

 Novi Meadows was set to host a Shanghai Quartet on Jan. 15, creating a discussion on cultures · Dion said he spoke with Village Oaks parent Tom Colaluca in regard to a dangerous area without a sidewalk that stu-

Wild About Science! Parkview Elementary School students Daniel Shao (left) and Freva Morales with parent volunteer Dorf

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 The board unanimously approved Novi High School debate team to travel to the Legislative Debate State Tournament in Grand Rapids from Feb. 8-9. **Discussion** Items Following the change of board member elections from August to November, the board needed to modify board bylaws and discuss moving the organizational meeting from early July to the first meeting the activity of the first meeting. from early July to the first meeting in January. Another suggestion was to split the organizational meeting between January and July. depending on the time-based needs of some agenda items. Dion will get more information on the exact wording and rules regarding the bylaws and report to the board at the los 2d meeting. the Ian. 24 meeting.
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The club is in its second year at the high school after existing as a Diversity Committee for seven

years. "Our group is inclusive not exclusive. Our focus is on raising swareness and appreciation of our similarities and our differences." Nuckolls vaid, "SPUD is not about black and white, SPUD is about green and white, the colors of Novi Bigh School. We are dedicated to embracing unity and diversity.

"Diversity is shown through ethnicity, gender, class, orientation, ways of thinking and more The possibilities for knowledge and application are endless." Nuckolls said the idea for the

Unity in the Community event started brewing six years ago after current Dean of Sudents Nicole Carter, himself and students attended United We Walk at West Bloomfield High School. After becoming a club last year, the group decided it was a good way o start a new chapter on the righ

"Our diversity group just became a club, so we thought it'd be a good way to step it up," Snyder said, "It was a lot more

packed then anyone thought it would be for the first time." Snyder said more than 300 people came out to the show last year. Nuckolls said a winter storm kept some people away, but expects more than 500 people to till the 800-seat. Fuerst: Auditorium Monday.

"I have high expectations for this program," Snyder said. "The first one is always a trial year. We've done a reality good job of getting the word out in the com-

Diverse body

Nuckolls and the students of SPUD agree Novi is becoming more and more diverse. "I think (diversity) is getting better slowly. I moved to Novi from Orlando and it was an oppo-site culture shock because it was more diverse there." Snyder said. "I think the school's doing a great - mons-

She said the 2007-08 year has brought a positive change to the high school. SPUD's Speak Out chair Snyder said of SPUD, "We all Emily Hall and Showcase chair Melissa Ludke said cliques are dissolving. Snyder said she and Parkins

"I'm really happy how the were chosen for their positions chool's going," Ludke said, based on work ethic, not ethnicity.

"The feating nappy new new serve serves new of the serve tensor of the group. "Cliques are kind of melting away, but they're still there." Hall attributes the groupings to the size of the student body. "There are tons, just so many different seads here there are different people here. There are American teacher in the history of THINKING ABOUT .. Now Offering Early Morning, Evening & Saturday King W. NEW FURNACE? Appointments Jeffrey Jaghab, D.D.S. Stephanie Jaghab, D.D.S. LENNOX General - Cosmetic Dentistry Affordable Pricing Serving the Northville Community since 1949 0% Financing Available

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Hall, Melissa Ludke (front right) and Sara Snyder reprecliques. There are at any high school, 10's hard to get away from," she said. SPUD vice president and junior Nate Parkins, a varsity soccer player who talks with opponents at other schools, said other at other schools, said other Kensington Valley Conference schools view Novi as one of the most diverse schools With a city-wide demographic that was 9 percent Asian, 2 per-cent black, 2 percent Hispanic and I percent multi-racial through the 2000 census, the city's white pop-ulation dropped from 96 percent to 87 percent of the demographic from 1990 to 2000.

"It's broadened, especially this year," Suyder said, "I think people are really looking at Novi as a strong place to live."

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adult directly involved with SPUD. "She has walked the talk of diversity since day one." Nuckolls said. "My dream is that one day our staff will reflect the diversity of our student body. We should

gious tolerance (and) varying political viewpoints especially in social studies classrooms, (promoting) healthy debate and so

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Novi High School students Nate Parkins (top left), Emily

He said diversity also plays an important part in the class-

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High School will hold its Curriculum Night/Open House for all parents and guardians

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Parenting fair The 16th annual Walled Lake

Schools Parenting Education Fair will be 8:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m.

March 8 at Walled Lake Northern

High School. Parents and com-munity members from through-

munity members from through-out the Detroit area are invited to attend. This year's keynote

speaker will be the renowned

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Now through April the Lakes Area Rotary Club is accepting scholarship applications from Walled Lake High School stu-

dents, including attendees of the

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ing their high school years. The

application deadline is April 1. Applications can be secured

through the school counselors of by contacting Rotarian Lorri MeVey at (248) 390-8572.

Nicole Nordstrom of Novi was

named to the Dean's List at Hone

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The community is invited to auend the ninth annual Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day Celebration from 5-8 p.m. Monday, Jan. 21 at Walfed Lake

Northern High School, 6008 Bogie Lake Rd. in Commerce Township. The community event celebrates the message of peace, equality and unity that Dr. King

advocated for all people. This

performances by student choirs,

Admission is free and atten-dees are requested to bring a dish

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year's thene is "All Aboard the Freedom Train." Mid American Studio's new The celebration will include a multicultural pottuck dinner fram 5-6 p.m., viewing of stu-dent projects from 5-6:30 p.m. a program from 6:30-8 p.m. in the school's auditorium featuring enformence but student where

performances by student choirs, pom. hip hop, ballet, jazz and the Walled Lake Schools "Friend Zumba.

Winter Open House Celebration

Suspect of stolen antenna on the loose

cellular phone antenna from a velai-cle in the parking lot of Twelve Oaks Mall Jan. 8, reports said. At about 2:45 p.m., the witness was sitting in her car talking on her cellular phone when she observed a man with long gray hair, wearing a camouflage shirt, suspect got back in his black pickup truck and exited toward 12 Mile Road, while the witness black boots and a black belt walkcalled 911. ing around the lot, reports said. The witness saw the mat use a screwdriver to remove the cellular older man with long gray har

screwdriver to remove the cellular older man with long gray hair chused two months prior, were phone antenaa from the side win-traveling westbound on 12 Mile brown fur-lined, shin-high boots dow of a white Chevy Trailblazer, reports sid. reports sid. According to the report, the to heavy traffic, he was not able boots were stolen, placed the boots

The officer issued a B.O.L. (be-on-the-lookout) for the vehicle and driver. Hey! Leggo my Uggo's According to recent police reports, a pair of Uggo boots were stolen from a facility on Arena Drive between 8-8:45 p.m. Jan. 8. The Uggo's, which were pur-

passage and the dance studio, which is on the main floor. According to police, there are no suspects at this time because there is easy access to the room where the boots were last seen and numerous people carry duffle bags through the area, which could have been used to conceal the boots.

A man was arrested for driving

in a hallway while her daughter attended dance lessons, reports said. The hallway is between a main Driving while suspended

Light post suspected stole while suspended at about 10:30 According to a recent police report, the light post of a residence on Ravello Court, near Beck and o.m. Jan. 3, reports said, According to the report, an offip.m. Jan cer was clearing a traffic stop at on Ravello Court, near Beck 14 Mile Road and Michigan Nine Mile roads, was stolea. Route 5, when he observed a blue 95 Saturn with only one function-The victim last remembers see ing the light post at about 11:30 p.m. Jan. 4, when he let his dog ing headlight. The Saturn was heading westout, reports said. bound on 14 Mile Road and the At about 5 p.m. Jan. 5, he officer initiated the traffic stop at 14 Mile and Novi roads, reports said. The driver immediately notified noticed the Christmas lights were not illuminated and went outside to check them. While outside, the victim found the officer his license was suspended and the officer arrested him and the Christmas lights unplugged transferred him to the Novi Police and the light post missing, reports

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Board set for 2008 By Kelly Murad STAFF WRITER As the Greater Novi Chamber of Commerce approaches its two- year anniversary in May, excess its of fore approaches its two- ities of the set	"The main responsibilities as the chair is to run the board of directors meetings and guide the chamber in its direction through the upcoming year." The four new members are Carolyn Chaben Kinger, princi- pal of Boerema Chaben & Co.: Mary Jane Scott, director of sales at Rock Financial Showplace; Keith Tappan, asso- ciate at Pre-Paid Logal Services Inc.; and Michelle Winn, Michigan sales manager of Hooter's Restaurants. "I think they (new board members) will give the board kitte more diversity," Kuhn said. "I think they (new board different ideas to be success- ful." The Greater Novi Chamber is currently at about 170 members."	Image: A strain of the stra	Image: Second	By Kelly Murad STAFF WAITER As a volunteer of numerous boards and organizations, coun- cilwonnan Terry Margolis recently added another one to her afterady long list. Dakland County Board of Commissioners' Vice Chairman Hugb Crawford (R-Novi) appoint- ed Margolis to serve on the Women's Commission Oakland County's 25 com- missioners appointed a representa tive from his or her district to Serve on the newly formed commission "It's a commission intended to boakland County," Crawford said, "There is no budget, or authonity to make decisions, It is intended to be non-political."	nen. my job lis- nen of for our said who pre- c 9th lovi ar ully is residd s a for r for boar r first sil, her es three s three s a for reside s a for
elected chair. Kulia, who has been a member of the Greater Novi Chamber since its inception, is branch man- ager of Countrywide Bank, at 14 Mile and Novi roads. NAMES IN THE NEW Chaalan-Bakr is named	"One of the goals is to increase Novi News staff writer Kelly membership, to improve our Murad can be reached at (248 working relationship with the 349-1700, ext 103 or community," Kuhn said. "We kmurad@gannett.com. bachelor's degree in busi- orse administration in 2005. Oakland University and lead		g with more than 24,000 retail stores etailers notionwide.	ed to the Oakland County Beard - person to p of Commissioners by the General - Cawford as Government Committee, Michigan has the eighth largest female population in the United State Univ States, with 50.8 percent of Oakland County's population Basttle Weight	put in aid. tor of nt div versity dminist ackgrou
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registration. Prior to joining The Art Institute of Michigan, Chaalan- Bakr served as customer service specialist at Davenport University where she was esponsible for providing assis- ance to students and faculty equarding student enrollment sta- us, financial aid and transfer ecords. Chaqlan-Bakr graduated from Davenport University with a	Join us at Tea J's in Milford for our Psychic Tea on Monday January 28 th 5:30pm - 9:00pm • ⁵ 30 Prepaid • Seating is limited! Personal Reading By Linda Sabrina Hetter Light Food & Tea Jean Jis 314 S. Main Street • Milford 248-684-6819	WOMEN'S EUROPEAN & AMERICA CLOTHING COLLECTIONS ACCESSORIES		their weight," she said. "I hate it, but it's life. "Ever since I had my first child, I've struggled with 20 or 30 pounds going up and down." Like Kilenski, many people struggle with weight loss. According to the American Heart Association, more than nine mil- bion children and adolescents between the ages of 6 and 19 arc considered overweight, and those	do not the the b th the f week, () calorie to [-] t," she to to to creat.
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ship experience will be beneficial as a member of the continission. "I've always served on non-profit boards and to me it's (the Women's Commission) just an extension of that." Overall, Margolis said the pur-pose of the commission is to study the status of women in the county in very broad terms and then make recommendations to the Oakland County Board of Commissioners. "The whole commission is an

senting the 9th District, which includes Novi and Northville. "1 example of women's leadership," she said. "I think there's going to be a huge diversity of women with a diversity of interests." think it really is to be a sounding A novi resident of 14 years, Margolis is a former president of the library board and currently serving her first term on Novi's City Council. According to the resolution of the Women's Commission for City Council. Oakland County, each of the 25 "The way she presents herself on council, her thought process determined to the council serve a one-year term, expiring Dec. 31, 2008.

and activities throughout the com-munity, I couldn't think of a better person to put in that position," Crawford said. As director of the professional and activities throughout the professional Crawford said. Christine Long (R) and Helaine Christine Long (R) and Helaine Commission. Countraction Caultand County Commissioners Caultand County Commissioners Caultand County Commissioners Caultand County Commissioners Caultand County County Commissioners Constine Long (R) and Helaine Commission. Countraction the professional Commission.

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Community Pride!

Novi Police Chief David Molloy and Novi Fire Chief Frank Smith Join Sam's Club staff and other Novi personnel in accepting checks totaling \$3,500 from the retailer at Grand Biver Avenue and Wixom Boad The police department will use the money to help in disaster preparedness and D.A.R.E. programs, and the fire department will use the money to purchase fire fighting training videos. Since Sam's Club has relocated from its Haggerty Road location about one year ago, they have donated more than \$27,000 to various non-profit organizations throughout the Novi community.

ght loss with fat-fighting pill previewed in Novi

adolescents have a 70 percent chance of becoming overweight adults. "Doctors Catherine Jen, of Wayne State University and pres-ident of Artjen Complexus Holdings, and colleague Joseph Artiss, have been working for sev eral years on a diet pill to help in the weight loss battle. The pill, known as Alpha-Fibe FBCx is an all-natural, non-genet-ically modified fiber that binds to dietary fat taken in by food. "It has a very unique capabili-ty," Jen said. "One gram will bind with nine grams of fat in your food. "If you have fiber and fat in the stomach at the same time, the fat will not be absorbed into your system." Jen said those taking Alpha-Fibe FBCx do not need to be on a diet because the body believe it's on a diet with the use of the pill. "After a week, you will elimi-nate 3,500 calories, which is the equivalent to 1-1.5 pounds of body weight," she said. "We don't

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Alpha-Fibe FBCx Seminar Location: Better Health Market, 42875 Grand River Price: 180 pills (one month supply) for \$69.95 Web: www.fbcx.com For reservations and more information on Alpha-Fibe FBCx, contact (248) 735-8100 amazing results.' But you don't have to change your diet plan."

How it all started Jen said Artiss, a clinical chemist at Wayne State, had been

working with the fibers used in Alpha-Fibe FBCx since the 1980s to clear the fact out of plasma measured in the blood. She said, after a seminar at the University of Michigan in 2001 "According to U.S. law, everyregarding diabetes, Artiss came



ered a drug, but the doctors do have allowance to sell it by the Food and Drug Administration. Alpha-Fibe FBCx is known as U.S. GRAS (Generally Recognized as Safe).

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but also with lowering blood pressure and cholesterol. "This is beyond our wildest dreams," she said. "After all, I'm a professor. I never thought some-thing from pure academic research would have such a huge impact in the health of the gener

we've been published in medical

Fibe FBCx help with weight loss,

currently faced is helping people understand Alpha-Fibe FBCx is "We're looking to help those in "We're looking to help those in "We're doithe clinical trials and "We're adoin a faced of help. And, so far, the results have been amazing."





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In our opinion: Keeping the vote alive

pessimism, he cried out in his

victory speech. "Only a week ago a win

So, actually, the City of Novi

And the overwhelming victor

grabbing 49 percent of the vote. McCain came in second,

In Pakistan, the nation's Michigan, what could be take? Election Commission refused to Tonight is a victory of opt-publish a list of polling stations misur over Washington-style to prevent "ghost stations," so-called locations that produce unexpected votes, and cries of

Expected vol. lection rigging rang toos. clear. Pakistan's election is expected to come in February. following the staying of Prime Minister Renaria Bhutta. 'I The first week of the new year the death toll in Kenya's dis-'I Stenya's dis-'I Kenya's di

claimed a narrow victory but has hovered around 20 percent observers say fraud tainted the election. election. report to reasone of the terbulent 70s. The Michigan Primary election of the terbulent 70s. So actually, the City (

time has a revered. Maybe a did pretty good, tresult of pulling on those hats a According to unofficial and mittens made as forget what Tuesday results, 27 percent of our country has offered to us as registered city voters grabbed a democratic gift. Universe and headed to the Or maybe the law voter polls. A somewhat expected turnout, reaching only 15 percent

at some Detroit precincts, was a Republican community direct result of the Democratic party hallot debacle. After all, in the City of Novi was Romney nless you're a Hillary supporter, why take the time, right And Sen. Hillary Clinton did grabbing 26 percent of the vote. take the win with 55 percent of

Clinton came in with the win the state's vote despite TV and in the City 100, with 56 percent radio campaigns to vote uncommitted to send a message of sup- in second, just for Barack Obama or John of the vote. in second, grabbing 36 percent So what now? Well we'll keen

The uncommitted vote came our eyes focused toward Super Tuesday, take bets when and if in a close second with 40 percent favorable turnout. Rudy Giuliani will throw in the But the big winner of the towel and see if a Michigan win But the fig winner of the tower and see if a Michigan with high was Mit Romney. A for Romney really matters, Michigan naive, some political we also hope reflection on pondits accuse of riding his voting and the importance of father's contails, into the easting a ballot in November Michigan victory A win, most continues. Yes, 27 percent believe he needed to stay alive. turnout is good, sad to say, but After all, if he couldn't take we can do better in November.

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Decisions Voters in the 15th and 17th precincts voted in lovi Civic Center



the spirit of non-partisanship, I will not refer to presidential candidates by name nor label. During the debates and various commercials, a few candidates insist that the United States be or remain the "most powerful nation in the world."

advocating militarily, economi-cally or politically "must power-ful"? Or all of the above? If I were a foreigner, such a tence is but a speek – less than an If I were a toregreen user a tweegreen user at tweegree cration of nations rather than rivalry for superiority. The sur Having recently read Bill vival and advancement o control?
 Most prosperous? Why not if we earn it.
 Most humanitarian? Fantastic.
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State's water resources must be protected



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Last week, I sat in on a

sort of summit conference

of folks interested in

course, there were the

heavyweight environmen-

Federation and the

Michigan Environmental

But there were also

folks from the Council of

Great Lakes Industries

and the Ford Motor Co.,

as well as from the

University of Michigan

and Brookings. Taken

together, the group was

about as knowledgeable as you'll ever find about

There were plenty of

ídea, very fashionable in

our environment.

Nature Conservancy,

organizations: The

the

Wildlife

and encouraging.

Michigan's environment. Michigan's environment It was both fascinating

But there is reason to

worry, big-time. Ponder these disturbing

· Water levels every-

where are very low. Experts think lakes

Michigan and Huron

could beat their all-time

record lows, set back in 1964. Superior's level in

September was 1.6 inches

lower than it was in the

same month as its previ-

Something's going on, big enough to take tril-lions of gallons out of our

warming is involved in

· A new species of inva-

sive, non-native critters

(think Zebra Mussels o

the fish-killing virus VHS)

invade every six months or so. David Lodge, a

researcher at Notre Dame

University, says some

come from discharged

untreated ballast water of

ocean-going ships. Another, possibly even

more important source:

Growths on the outside of

Vern Ehlers, a scientist

who is also a Republican congressman from Grand

Rapids, is circulating a

pledge asking presidential candidates to fund a Great

Lakes restoration strate-

A recent Brookings Institution study found restoring the Great Lakes

\$20 billion effort)

would result in \$80 bil-

lion in economic benefits.

But so far, only Hillary

Clinton of New York and

ship's hulls.

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Clearly, global

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facts about the lakes:

About Phil Power Phil Power is a longtime observer of politics, economics and education issues In Michigan, and was a regent of the University of Michigan from 1987 to 1999. He is also president and founder of The Center for Michigan, a moderate thinkand do not in any way represent official policy positions of The Center for Michigan. Phil would be pleased to hear from readers at ppower@hcnnet.com

Barack Obama of Illinois that reflects the actual ple who live here. - the two from Great costs of the resource. Lakes states - have Those intent on imp But for decades well-Those intent on improvintentioned people have ing our resource policies had a great deal of trouble say establishing a price getting a handle on how to The Detroit Free Press asked the top eight presi-dential candidates about a preserve, protect and defend our resources, system would reveal lots of hidden and expensive variety of environmental especially the Great Lakes. Seven states borsubsidies (for farmers in issues, from diverting Great Lakes water to dry California, for instance, or folks with green lawns in der the Lakes, each with states to supporting a \$20 Las Vegas.) its own parochial interests billion program to restore "Not so fast," counter and political posturings. the Lakes, to ways to cope the environmentalists. Add to that mix Ontario with global warming. As of last Friday, only That would make our nata province of Canada, and ural resource a commodivou've added an internaone had answered: former Massachusetts Gov. Mitt ty like anything else for tional dimension. Mix in sale. The moment we put the fact that we don't real Romney, who grew up in a price on our Great Lakes ly know much about prop Michigan and presumably water, somebody will be erly managing — let alone restoring — a complex, willing to pay it — and slurp — there goes our knows something about the Great Lakes and their enormous ecosystem.

Overall verdict: Not water! The economics sureasy. Conclusion: "We're not rounding invasive species getting much traction." Yet it was equally clear we in the Great Lakes make the shipping industry look silly, if not criminally irrehave to get there At the end of the meetsponsible. Best evidence is that the state gets some ing, there was a fair \$50 million in economic amount of agreement that benefit from ocean-going each of the interests repshipping. But the annual cost to local governments resented at the table

to clean out the Zebra nomic developers, busi Mussels (which originated ness, universities, policy in ocean-going ships' bal-last water) is around \$5 think tanks - might individually have some billion. impact Doesn't it seem that But think of the tremen somebody oughta sue the dous throw weight to be gained if everybody could bastards. What emerged from the work together to identify meeting was this: A conwhere they could sensus that our natural collaborate. Perhaps they could then even take a few resources — whether Great Lakes, streams, baby steps toward a big forests, shorelines - are consolidating organizamagnificent. uniquely insights. First, take the They constitute an enor-The group is going to get together again in a little while. It could be the start mous competitive and economics and business economic resource in proof something very, very circles, that there should viding a great, and alford-

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EVENTS

The Importance of Green Currents The City of Novi host these sessions regarding making your husiness or residence more energy efficient. Neichborhood Academy TIME/DATE: 6:30 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 31 LOCATION: Novi Civic Center

Michigan Opera Theatre, music

Lannen Quartet and silent and

live auctions with WNIC's Lisa

Barry as the Emcee; auction

items include sports tickets,

vacation gelaways, spa packages

jewelry, restaurant gift cards and

other exclusive items: tickets are

and \$375 for a table of ten and

are available on-line at

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free raffle tickets. Special table

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Wendy at (248) 620-0161.

1000 tickets sold.

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(734) 929-9027

Training Workshops

0 per person, \$75 per couple

and dancing with the Tony

DETAILS: This is for residential www.novilheatres.com or from members of the Novi community the Novi Civic Center Parks CONTACT: (248) 347-0437 Office; attire for this adult evening is festive and fun CONTACT: (248) 347-0400 Art Van Community Events

Art Van Furniture Store, 27775 Novi Road, Novi, (248) 348-8922 Sesame Street Live! Ticket Giveaway DATE: Through Saturday DETAILS: The Sesame Stree

Live! Show - Elmo Makes Music is coming to the Fox Theatre Jan 25-Feb. 10. Art Van guests can register to win a family four pack of tickets to the Jan. 25 show including a meet and greet session with the characters. One winner per store. Sponsored by Art Van and WJBK FOX TV2:

Scrap the Night Away TIME/DATE: 3-11 p.m. Friday,

Jan. 25 DETAILS: Novi High School Senior All Night Party Fundraiser: \$25 per person includes pizza, snacks, beverage and door prizes: registration required; visit www.novi.k12.mi.us/parentscomm/orgs/Meh Panes/Senio rParty.aspx for information or to register

Silent Hands 3rd Annual Valentine Dinner Dance TIME/DATE: 6 p.m.-12 a.m. Saturday, Jan. 26

LOCATION: Baker's of Milford DETAILS: Silent Hands charity provides short-term assistance to those affected by adversity; 39000 Schoolcraft Road, Livonia advanced tickets are \$50 or \$60 DETAILS: Featured items at the door; ratile tickets are \$20 include hunting and fishing each for a chance to win a trip for adventures all over the world, two to Las Vegas including seven iewelry, artwork, home decoratnights, air fare and \$1,000 cash. ing goods, vacations and sport CONTACT: For inf mation, memorabilia: also numerous rafcontact (248) 684-3338

Winter Stonefly Search TIME/DATE: 9 a.m. -3 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 26; Registration deadline is Friday, Jan. 18 by calling (313) 792-9621 or e-mailing incordinator@therouge.org LOCATION: Environmental

pretive Center, University of Millingigan-Dearborn, 4901 Evergreen Road, Dearborn DETAILS: Friends of the Rogue **CHAMBERS** is looking for volunteers to search for winter Stoneflies: their OF presence in the creek indicates **COMMERCE** good water quality and good fishing. Volunteers are assigned to teams, led by a trained volunteer. Greater Novi Chamber of and travel to the headwaters of Commerce The Rouge River Watershed to sort through samples collected from the stream by team leaders; creating excitement in busino experience necessary, children ness and networking! welcome when accompanied by one adult per child. Dress for the any of our events. For more utive director at (248) 347-

Community Emernency Response Team Meeting TIME/DATE: 7 p.m. Monday.

Troy Campus DETAILS: Walsh Business TIME/DATE: 5:30-9 p.m. Friday, Jan. 25 Leadership Institute invites LOCATION: Dirty Martini women who own, are partners (above Andiamo) in, or work for family busi-DETAILS: Admission is \$20. nesses. Items discussed will Become an ArtsNovi member for be common issues, and \$30 and get in free. Includes 1 women can share solutions in Artini Martini, door prize entry, a nonthreatening, noncompetihors d'œuvres, live entertain tive non-sales roundtable ment and the work of local Registration is required. artists. CONTACT: Jan Hubbard. Meadowbrook Urgent Care jhubbard@walshcollege.edu Open House TIME/DATE: 5:30-9 p.m. CLASSES Saturday, Jan. 26 LOCATION: 25500 Meadowbrook Road

Providence Center for the

Healing Arts LOCATION: Assarian Cancer

CONTACT: (248) 465-5455

DETAILS: We are looking for

people who have an art or craft

that they would like to share in

Colored Pencil Workshop

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Center, 47601 Grand River

Wanted: One-time Art

Workshop Instructors

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DETAILS: Come to this new facility for strolling dinner, drinks and a free flu package for the first 500 visitors; ribbon cutting at TIME/DATE: 9 a.m. Sunday, 6:30 p.m. LOCATION: Novi Town Center **Business Accelerator** DETAILS: Cost for pre-registra-Luncheon tion is \$24, \$29 on race day; for TIME/DATE: 11:30 a.m. more information or to pre-regis-Wednesday, Feb. 6 LOCATION: Crown Plaza Hotel DETAILS: Speaker is John www.runsuperbowl.com or call Kelley of Google in Ann Arbor: cost is \$25 for members and \$30 for non-members: RSVP by **Frog and Toad Survey** Jan. 31 TIME/DATE: 7-9 p.m. Tuesday, Novi Chamber of Commerce

The chamber is celebrating LOCATION: Novi Civic Center 40 years of business, representing over 500 members. Our DETAILS: Help monitor the mission is to be a responsible, health of the Rouge River by lisproactive advocate of business tening for frops and toads in you interests in the greater Novi neighborhood. Attend one train area. We are business and proing workshop where you will get fessional people working everything that you need to su together to enhance the life of vey. Pre-registration is required our community and the busi for this free workshop CONTACT: Call (313) 792-9621 nesses in it. For more information, visit or e-mail piccoordinator@ther www.novichamber.com or contact the chamber office at (248) 349-3743. SCI-Novi Chapter Annual Fundraiser Banquet TIME/DATE: Doors open 4 p.m., dinner 7 p.m. Saturday, Commerce LOCATION: Laurel Manor.

breathing techniques that can Lakes Area Chamber of be used at home or on the job to help reduce stress; class Since 1963, the Lakes Area held in reflection space. Chamber of Commerce has Cancer Center proudly served as West Oakland's Therapeutic Yoga Regional Chamber, servicing the TIME/DATE: 6-7 p.m. (for nunities of Commerce backs) Monday; 11 a.m.-noor Township, Union Lake, Walled (mixed level) Tuesday: 12:15-Lake Waterford, Wixem 1:15 p.m. (gentle yoga for can-cer) and 5:30-6:30 p.m. (mixed Wolverine Lake and White Lake. Our purpose is to improve the fles. Tickets are \$65 each, includlevel) Wednesday; 12:30-1:30 quality of life for businesses and p.m. (for backs) and 6:45-7:45 residents in the Lakes area. We hen purchased by Jan. 31; and (prenatal) Thursday; 9:30 act as a unified voice on behalf of \$75 each after Jan. 31 with no 10:30 a.m. (beginner/intermedithe business community, provide ate) Friday; 10:45-11:45 a.m. a forum to discuss and review (intermediate/advanced) Saturday topics of interest, serve as a able. Purchase tickets by visiting DETAILS: \$10/walk-in: \$80/10source of information and develclass card; \$45/5-class card; op programs that are responsive Lunch and Learn Yoga 7-week to the needs of the communities session is \$60; registration we serve. For more information required. Classes also held at visit www.lakesareachamber.com or (248) 624-2826. Providence Hospital, Southfield call for details. Make 2008 Your Best Year Massage Therapy Ever" Personal Advice for IME/DATE: By appointment Business Owners DETAILS: Therapeutic mas-TIME/DATE: 5:30-8:30 p.m. sage is effective for stress and tonight LOCATION: Walled Lake tension, chronic fatique, pain and headaches, Everyone is Central High School Auditorium, welcome. Patients undergoing 1600 Oakley Park Road treatment should bring physi DETAILS: Presentation by cian's referral; \$50/50-minauthor and international speaker We're about business. We're Michael Angelo Caruso; recepabout networking. We're about Gentle Tai Chi tion, networking, hors d'oeuvres TIME/DATE: 10:15-11 a.m. and soft drinks; \$35 per person; Thursday Everyone is welcome to attend call Chamber to register. DETAIL S: This ancient Home-based Business Chinese exercise promotes information call Whitney, execflexibility, balance and TIME/DATE: 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m. strength; an easy introduction Wednesday LOCATION: Chamber Office, 4622 or wmoncc@vahoo.com. to Tai Chi and for everyone; \$5 per session. 305 N. Pontiac Trail, Ste. B,

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45175 W. 10 Mile Road and building activities for grades CONTACT: (248) 347-0470 ReadIng Maniacs TIME/DATE: 5-5:45 p.m. Novi Youth Assistance Wednesday, Jan. 30 **General Citizens Meeting** DETAILS: Bi-monthly book TIME/DATE: 6 p.m. Tuesday club for grades 3-4; book discussion, games and snacks, LOCATION: Novi Civic Center, Scarl Making for the Clothes 45175 W 10 Mile Road CONTACT: (248) 347-0410 Closel TIME/DATE: 5:30-6:30 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 31 LIBRARY DETAILS: Make fleece scarves for the Clothes Closet at Holy LINES Family Church; please register

Novi Public Library . Walled Lake City Library LOCATION: 45245 W. 10 Mile LOCATION: 1499 E. West HOURS: 10 a.m.+9 n.m Maple Road, Walled Lake Monday-Thursday; 10 a.m.-5 HOURS: 10 a.m. -8 p.m. Monday, Tuesday, Thursday; 10 p.m. Friday and Saturday; 1-5 p.m. Sund a.m.-5 n.m. Wednesday and CONTACT: (248) 349-0720 Saturday; 1-5 p.m. Sunday; Unless noted below, all pro-Closed Friday CONTACT: (248) 624-3772 or grams take place at the library. e-mail to admin@walledlakeli-Library Closed Monday In recognition of Martin Luther orary.org Classical Music Series King, Jr. Day TIME/DATE: 2 p.m. first Story Time DETAILS: Please visit library Tuesday of each month Friends of the Library ebsite or Story Time brochure Reading Buddles TIME/DATE: 1 p.m. second TIME/DATE: 5-5:30 p.n Tuesday of month. Wednesday, Jan. 23 and 30 DETAILS: Join us as we pai Book Discussion Group TIME/DATE: 12:30 p.m. third Little Buddies (grades K-3) with Big Buddies (grades 5-12) for 30 Tuesday of each month DETAILS: Drop in fer informa minutes of reading, word games and sharing. discussion; bring a bag lunch; Knitlers and Knotlers check library for current bool TIME/DATE: 6:30-8 p.m. secselection. ond and fourth Monday of each Evening Pre-school Story Time TIME/DATE: 6:30-7:30 p.m. DETAILS: Drop in for informal every Thursday needlework group in Youth Area; DETAILS: Stories, crafts and all levels welcome. music for the independent listen Senior Book Discussion er, ages 3-5; drop-in, registration TIME/DATE: Noon-1:30 p.m second Thursday of each month not required Story & Snacks Family Time DETAILS: Book discussion TIME/DAY: 6:30 every oup for older adults facilitated Thursday by librarian; please call to join. Library Board of Trustees English Conversation Group TIME/DATE: 11 a.m.-noon Meeting TIME/DATE: 1 p.m. second every Tuesday in Jan. Friday of every month Storylellers Connection DÉTAILS: For ages 18 and older; practice your English while DETAILS: This is an Intergen you make friends. Using the Internet for Job erational program designed to connect adult storvteiling volun TIME/DATE; 7-8 p.m. tonight eers with children. If you would DETAILS: Learn where to find like to be a storyteller or learn more about this program, contac job leads and to uncover unadthe library. vertised openings using the What You Need to Know nternet. Please register. m Newspapers in the New About Self-Employment TIME/DATE: 7 p.m. Tuesday, TIME/DATE: 7-8:45 p.m. Jan. 22 DETAILS: Workshop conduct DETAILS: Ron Dzwonkowski ed by a tax professional for those will discuss changes in the news thinking of opening their own business; free but seating is lim industry. Sponsored by Friends of the Novi Public Library. Please ited; call or e-mail the library to reserve a seat. ReferenceUSA Business Database Training TIME/DATE: 7-8 p.m. Wixom Public Library



hursday, Jan. 24

LOCATION: Library Meeting

TIME/DATE: 6:30-8 p.m. fourth Monday of month 1.00 Suicide Loss Support DETAILS: Individual and family services offered free for those who have lost a loved one through suicide; call (734) 464-7810 for more information. Hearlstrings: Parents Who Have Lost a Child TIME/DATE: 7-8:30 p.m. first Thursday of mont Grief Support Quilter's Group TIME/DATE: 1-3 p.m. first and third Wednesday of month DETAILS: Register by calling (734) 953-6012 **DMC** Huron Valley-Sinai **Hospital Support Group** LOCATION: 1 William Carls Drive, Commerce Al-Anon Support Group TIME/DATE: 10 a.m. every noay DETAILS: Al-Anon is similar to Alcoholics Anonymous; intended for the family and friends of someone with an alcohol problem, helping them to recover from the effects of living with a problem drinker CONTACT: (248) 706-1020 Alcoholics Anonymous Support Group TIME/DATE: 10 a.m. every Sunday DETAILS: Support group to attain and maintain sobriety. CONTACT: (248) 937-3314 Journeys Cancer Support MOMS Club of Novi TIME/DATE: 7-8:30 p.m., the TIME/DATE: 10 a m first first and third Monday of each Thursday of each month LOCATION: Novi Civic Center LOCATION: Lobby of the DETAILS: Moms Offering Charach Cancer Treatment Moms Support (MOMS) is a non-profit support group for Center, off the hospital's South mothers who choose to stay at Garden Entrance DETAILS: The Charach Cancer home with their children or work out of their homes. Treatment Center hosts a support CONTACT: group for anyone dealing with a jensungfleming@yahoo.com cancer experience or who know someone living with cancer. CONTACT: (248) 937-5163 **Kensington Valley Mothers** Alzheimer's Caregiver of Multiples Support Group TIME/DATE: 7 p.m. second TIME/DATE: 2-3:30 n.m. the Thursday of each month fourth Monday of each month LOCATION: Witch's Hat LOCATION: Krieger Center Depot, 300 Dorothy St., South (South Garden Entrance) Lyon DETAILS: This group provides DETAILS: Designed to allow caregivers to share tips and offer information, support and social support to each other; for quesactivities for mothers of multiple tions or directions call (248) 937 rth children and their families. Mothers of multiples living in New Parents Sugnort Group and around the Kensington TIME/DATE: 10 a.m. second Valley school conference are all and fourth Wednesday of each CONTACT: (248) 437-5495 LOCATION: Hospital for more information Conference Center DETAILS: A supportive envi-Breast Cancer Support ronment for families to share Group DATES: Second and fourth their struggles, learn how resolve issues after the birth of a child; discuss concerns such LOCATION: Huron Valleyas sleep deprivation and coping Sinai Hospital (Classroom C) with the emotions of parenting CONTACT: (248) 858-7766 Commerce TIME: 10-11:30 a.m. Support for Smokers Group TIME/DATE: 7 p.m. first and DETAILS: No registration needed third Tuesday of each mosth CONTACT: (248) 937-5017 DETAILS: Provides educatio and support to guit smoking; no fee and no pre-registration Crohn's & Colitis Support Group TIME/DATE: 7-9 p.m. first and CONTACT: (248) 937-3314 Breather's Club Support third Wednesday of each month LOCATION: Providence Park

Group TIME/DATE: Noon the third Hospital and Medical Center Wednesday of the month DETAILS: Enter facility DETAILS: Free year-round prothrough southeast entrance. gram for persons afflicted with Meeting in Conference Room A lung disease; provides support immediately to the left. CONTACT: Al Biggs (313) and information; pre-registration no required; for information call 805-7605 or Crohn's & Colitis (248) 937-3314. Foundation of America (888) 737-2322.

Reartland Hospics

TIME/DATE: Day and evening

Psychotherapy & **Counseling Services** Volunteers Needed Northville Counseling Center Anxiety/Ageraphobia/Panic



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a.m. Sunday: 9 a.m. Monday-

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Lake St. Clair fishing guide Brian Maszaros ties a fly during last week's Ultimate Fishing Show at the Rock Financial Showplace. Guides like Maszaros were on hand to show their knowledge of fishing the Great Lakes and provide hands-on demonstrations of casting techniques.

> TIME/DATE: 11 a.m. weigh-In TIME/DAY: 7:30, 8:45,10:30 and 11:30 a.m. meeting every a.m. and 12:15 p.m. Sunday; 7 Wednesday n m Tuesday: 9 a m LOCATION: Meadowbrock Nednesday-Friday; 5 p.m. Commons, 25075 Saturday Meadowbrook Road, Novi Adoptive Parent Networking DETAILS: \$24 per annual TIME/DATE: 10-11 a.m. last membership, includes hand book; \$1 per meeting. New Wednesday of each month members welcome DETAILS: This free informa **CONTACT: Rebecca Boyke** tional meeting is open to all (248) 305-8646 adoptive families in Oakland County. Child care is available **Visiting Nurse Association** Registration is required. CONTACT: Lisa Molloy (248) **Hospice Volunteers Needed** 334-3595 TIME/DATE: 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Interested in the Catholic Saturday, Feb. 9, 16 and 23 Church? LOCATION: Visiting Nurse CONTACT: Call Maria at Association of Southeast (248)349-8847 or spiritwalk Michigan, 25900 Greenfield er001@aol.com Road, Suite 600, Southfield A Catholic Undate DETAILS: Looking for kind TIME/DATE: 7-8:30 p.m. compassionate hospice volunteers two to four hours per week LOCATION: Family Center in the tri-county area; volunteers DETAILS: Fr. Denis Theroux needed Monday through Friday from Our Lady of Victory will during day time hours; there is present "Lent Preparation. great need for male volunteers to Everyone is welcome. support male hospice patients an interview and attendance at a **Oak Pointe Church** three training sessions is red. Call (800) 882-5720, LOCATION: 50200 W. 10 Mile ext. 8361, (248) 967-8361 or Road, Novi ww.vna.org. CONTACT: (248) 912-0043 or visit www.oakpointe.org Sunday Worship FAITH TIME: 9:15 and 11:15 a.m. Jill Jack Open Door Concert Meadowbrook TIME/DATE: 7 p.m. Friday Congregational LOCATION: 21355 DETAILS: Jill has dominated the local folk/rock scene for a Meadowbrook Road decade; tickets \$7 per person visit the church web site o CONTACT: Rev. Arthur F www.jilljack.com for more infor-Ritter, Senior Minister (248) 348-7757 or visit mation ReNew Life Ministries www.mbccc.org or mccc@arounddetroit.biz TIME/DATE: 7:15-9 p.m. Mondays Sunday Worship DETAILS: Ongoing Life Groups TIME: 10 a.m. that support and facilitate person al growth, healing, learning and chance from a Christian perspec-First Baptist Church of Novi LOCATION: 45301 W. 11 Mile tive. The groups are: GriefShare (for those grieving a loved one's Road CONTACT: (248) 349-3647 or death); DivorceCare (for those www.firstbaptistchurchofnovi. experiencing separation or divorce); Anger Management Sunday Schedule Dealing with Struggling Teens (for parents): YourSr Family Bible Hour: 9:45 a.m. ace (for Family Worship: 11 a.m. high school students); Every Man's Battle (for men seeking Bible Study: 6 p.m. Family Movie Night: 5:30 recovery from lust, pornography, p.m., fourth Sunday of every and sexual addiction); Betraved month. Hearts (for wives whose hus

Tuesday; 7 p.m. Wednesday: 5 p.m. Saturday Novi United Methodist LOCATION: 41671 W. 10 Mile Read CONTACT: (248) 349-2652 or visit www.umcnovi.com Sunday Worship TIME: 9:45 a.m. Healing Service and Holy Communian TIME/DATE: 9:45 a.m. first Sunday of every month Peace Vigi TIME/DATE: Noon, first Sunday of every month LOCATION: In front of the church DETAILS: Members of the congregation and the community will sland united in praver for peace; not anti-anyth ning, pro peace. Artists and Crafters Wanted DETAILS: The church is host ing an arts and craft show Saturday, June 21. Vendor space will be available indoors and out. CONTACT: Parn Davis. edleecr@yahoo.com First United Methodist of Narthville LOCATION: 777 W. Eight Mile Road, Northvill CONTACT: (248) 349-1144 or visit www.fumcnorthville.org Sunday Worship DETAILS: 8. 9:15 and 11 a.m. **Healing Service** TIME/DATE: 4 p.m. first Monday of every month Men's Bible Study TIME/DATE: 6:30-7:30 a.m. every Wednesday

LOCATION: Room 10 Sharing Hearts Women's **Bible Study** TIME/DATE: 12:45-2:30 p.m. every Tuesday LOCATION: Chapel upstairs DETAILS: Child care available; cost is \$11 for materials Disciple One Bible Study TIME/DATE: 6-8 p.m. ever Sunday; or 9:30-11:30 a.m. every Wednesday DETAILS: Course lasts 34 weeks; covers 70 percent of the Bible Disciple Three Bible Study: Remember Who You Are TIME/DATE: 9:30-11:30 a.m.

Selection (number 2, key) of the Max (2, key) (2, key) of the Max (2, key)	adults, another for kids (grades 1-5) so bring the whole family: learn about the Old Testament; tickets \$20 per person with regis- tration at the door. CONTACT: Joe Snyder at (248) 912-0043 or visit the church Web site. St. James Catholic LOCATION: 46325 10 Mile	 IAILS: All youth Welcome. the mer's Support Group ME/DATE: 10 a.m. second day of month TAILS: Offering support group and iscussion for all dealing with Alzheimer's se and related dementia. ch of the Holy Family CATION: 24505 wwhoky Road NTACT: (248) 349-8847 or www.holyfamilynovi.org All youth Welcome. The second secon
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Thursday, January 17, 2008-NOVI NEWS 15A **Divorce Recovery Workshop** Preschool/Kids Choir TIME/DATE: 7:30-9 p.m. TIME/DATE: 7-8:15 p.m. every Mardi Gras Cabaret through Feb. 21 LOCATION: Emeritus Room Vednesday DETAILS: For ages three to six; TIMF/DATE: 5:15-8:15 p.m DETAILS: Workshop topics ongoing event, no need to pre-DETAILS: Program includes and speakers include register: all are welcome. recreation, dinner, bible study and Networking, Mid-life Crisis pre-sented by Pastor Russell; Stages Tickets are selling fast for the Feb. 1 Mardi Gras Cabaret, a fund-raising event sponsored by The Friends of the Novi Triands of the Novi Theatres 69 of Grief presented by J. Harold HEALTH Manli Gras TIME/DATE: 8-9 a.m. Saturday Ellens, Ph.D.; Putting Your "Ex" DETAILS: People, pancakes and praise in the Fellowship Hall. Cabaret! in Focus presented Dell Deaton Lyon Oaks in Wixom is the **Dakland Physical Therapy** LOCATION: 47601 Grand River Ave., Suite B124, Providence Pot Luck Dinner and Legal site for this festive evening of dinner, drinks and entertainment Aspect of Divorce presented by David Jerome; Church & Divorce featuring a Broadway-style Crosspointe Meadows Park Medical Center CONTACT: 248-380-3550 Spiritual Help & Forgiveness prerevue by guest performers from Michigan Opera Theatre, music and dancing with the Tony Lanner LOCATION: Meadowbrook sented by Pastor Russell; Helpin Ouartet Etementary School, 29200 ""Everyone's excited about the silent and live auctions, especially with WNIC's Lisa Barry as the "mcce of the evening," said Friend's treasurer Kelly Adams. Board Member Elaine Maylen is pleased with the wide variety of auction items that have been donat-Children Through Divorce pre-Meadowbrook Road (south of 13 sented by Sharon Beroman, MA **DMC Huron Valley-Sinai** LLP; and Relationships Old and CONTACT: (248) 427-2700, 9 aspital New presented by Ms. Bolos, LOCATION: 1 William Carls Dr. a.m.-2 p.m. or visit www.cross-Cost is \$35 per person "My father-in-law really wants to win the weekend in Leelanau with a winery tour," she said "As for me. I'm going for the deluxe party package at Lucky Strike." Auction items include: Al Kaline autographed baseball bat, a three-month membership at the Sports Club, several spa packages, jeweiry, professional photography. University of Michigan Football tickets, Commerce Pictionary Night & Hors CONTACT: (248) 937-3314 d'oeuvres TIME: 9 and 10:30 a.m. Alcoholics Anonymous Red Wings tacks and an exclusive at piece from a local artist. Individuals or businesses interested in making a tax-deductible donation may contact Gwen Markham DATE: Tonight Support Group TIME/DATE: 10 a.m. every DETAILS: Men vs. women as ve play this interactive game in at (248) 921-9336 Ward Evangelical Church Sunday Tickets for the Mardi Gras Cabaret are available on-line at www.novitheatres.com or from the Novi Civic Center Parks Office, 45175 W. 10 Mile (between Novi and Taft Roads). LOCATION: 40000 Six Mile DETAILS: No pre-registration honor of Louise Towalski, CO hosted and led by Darleen required. For information, call (248) 937-3314. Tickets are \$40 per person, \$75 per couple and \$375 for a table of 10. Attire for the evening is festive and fun. Psychology of an Election CONTACT: (248) 374-5978 After for the evening is restore and full. For information, call (248) 347-0400. The Friends of the Novi Theatres is a non-profit organization that provides volunteer and financial Al-Anon Support Group DATE: Jan. 24 TIME: 9 a.m. and 10:20 a.m. TIME/DATE: 10 a.m. every DETAILS: Harold Ellens, Ph. D. Sunday DETAILS: For family and Traditional, 9 a.m. Contemporary support for The Novi Theatres' shows and educational programs. For more than 16 years, the Novi Theatres has offered performing arts opportunities for residents of eads a serious yet fun discus-Single Point Ministries For single adults 40 years and sion. Come share your thoughts. Novi and the surrounding communities friends of someone with an alco Tacco Night, Light & Lively hol problem. No preregistration CONTACT: (248) 374-5920 Concert LOCATION: 700 Bowl, 700 N. required. For information, call Women Cope Differently with DATE: 7 p.m. Jan. 31 Stress," on sale Monday. Every Sunday: 11:30 a.m. ellowship and refreshments Lafayette, South Lyon DETAILS: Entrance fee is \$60. (248) 706-1020. REGIONAL DETAILS: Tocco's, refresh-Alateen Support Group Last player standing receives a \$777 prize. Forty participants will ments and Northville's world-TIME/DATE: 10 a.m. every famous ice cream and cookies ROCK Bunday DETAILS: Intended for teens Annual Full Moon Owl Hike served: \$10 donation requested Initiate a 2nd (\$300) and 3rd **FINANCIAL** TIME/DATE: 5:30 p.m. for those having dinner, \$5 donadealing with someone with an alcohol problem. No preregistra (\$150) place pay off. LOCATION: 201 Elm St., Saturday LOCATION: 6277 Cowell Road, tion for presents only. Enjoy the SHOWPLACE 60s-80s folk and country pertion required. For information City of Wixom CONTACT: (248) 349-3140 Brighton DETAILS: Join the Crossroads formance of John Leabu. call (248) 706-1020. CONTACT Community 46100 Grand River Ave. Cal Reservations are mandatory Services Programs, 49045 TIME: 8:30, 11 and 11:30 a.m. Group of the Sierra Club for this (248) 348-5600 or visit Spiritual Development Pontiac Trail, Wixom, (248) 624-Opportunity TIME/DATE: 7-8:30 p.m. **Dinner** with a Doctor www.rockfinancialshowplace.com free outing; potluck and introduc-DATE: Last Thursday of month tion to owls, then hiking in for more information Moms Day Valentines TIME: 6:30-8:30 p.m. Brighton State Recreation Area to Sunday, Jan. 13 - Feb. 24 Bridal Expo 2008 TIME/DATE: 9:30-11:30 a.m. TIME/DATE: Noon-5 p.m. Saturday-Sunday TIME/DATE: 11 a.m. last DETAILS: This Adam Hamilton LOCATION: St. John call for owls; open to members Providence Park Hospital, Grand Saturday, Feb. 2 and non-members; bring a dish Series "Making Love Last a DETAILS: Moms and kids. LOCATION: 23803 Ripple Lifetime" provides thoughtful and River and Beck roads (use Beck DETAILS: Largest bridal show or snacks to share, a flashlight come make Valentines for your Road entrance), Conference and warm clothes. For informawith thousands of dollars in inspiring biblical insights and Rooms A, B and C. family and friends; will make 15 DETAILS: This Devotional prizes, gift coupons and give-aways, three different fashion tion, call (810) 231-9045. ective on love and marriage pers unique cards; cost is \$22 per CONTACT: Free registration for Gathering is focused on prayers lecture and dinner by calling couple; pre-register by 3 p.m. on for peace. People of all faiths shows each day, hundreds of Plymouth Ice Festival (888) 440-7325 experts and plenty of fun. Parking DATE: Friday, Jan. 25-Sunday, Faith Community welcome, CONTACT: (248) 473-0355 or visit www.us.bahai.org How to Make the Most of You Daddy/Daughter Dance Presbyterian is \$5. TIME/DATE: 6-8 p.m. Home Improvement Show Doctor's Visits LOCATION: Kellogg Park, LOCATION: 44400 W. 10 Mile TIME/DATE: Noon-9 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 7 DETAILS: Jan. 31; Dr. Robert Downtown Plymouth DETAILS: This fun-filled family DETAILS: Enjoy a night of dancing, includes a pizza dinner; Road Friday, Jan. 25: 10 a.m.-9 p.m. Brateman, CONTACT: (248) 349-2345 or You "Heart" What You Eat First Presbyterian Church of Saturday, Jan. 26; 10 a.m.-6 p.m. visit www.faithcommunityevent is free and open all week-DETAILS: Feb. 28; presentatio \$25 per couple, \$5 each addition-Sunday, Jan. 27 end; ice carving during daytime novi.org al girl; pre-register by 3 p.m. on by cardiologist, Dr. Zarohami fol-LOCATION: 200 E. Main St. DETAILS: This show features hours. CONTACT: For more informa-Sunday Worship TIME: 9, 10:30 a.m. lowed by strolling dinner featur CONTACT: (248) 349-0911 or hundreds of exhibitors including the latest technology, products and services for kitchens, baths, visit www.firstpresnville.org ing heart healthy food; recipes tion, contact (734) 453-1540 or "Discovering The Bible" Send your calendar items to and cookbooks distributed. visit www.plymouthice.com Kerygma class TIME/DATE: 7 p.m. every Novi News, 104 W. Main Street, Suite 101, Northville, MI 48167; doors, windows, remodeling TIME: 9:30 and 11 a.m. Total Knee Replacement DETAILS: March 27; presenta heating and cooling. Arts and Single Place Ministries Tuesday fax to (248) 349-9832; or e-mail DETAILS; #hursday evenings; 7:30 p.my social time; 7:45 p.m. Texas Hold'em tion by orthopedic surgeon Dr. David Market crafts show inside. Admission is arees to Chilling TIME/DATE: Noon registration, gaming 1:30 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 22 \$10 for adults, \$9 for seniors, kids GracePointe Presbyterian under 12 are free. Parking is \$5. ning; 8-9 p.m. informati and entertaining programs of interest to singles; \$5. Check website for details www.single-Church BORDERS CONTACT; Rev. Brian C. Come and see the Sleeth, Pastor (248) 497-3178 or BOOKS AND gracepointe@mac.com; and www.gracepointepca.org MUSIC TIME/DATE: 10-11 a.m. every Grand Opening TIME/DATE: Palm Sunday, fastest game in Detroit! 43075 Crescent Blvd., Nov LOCATION: Meet at the Mar. 16. 2008 CONTACT: (248) 347-0780 DETAILS: More Information Visitor's Center of Heritage Park Author John Gray TIME/DATE: 7 p.m. Monday (Farmington Road between 10 and 11 Mile Roads, Farmington can be found at the website. Jan. 28 DETAILS: John Gray will be at **Orchard Hills Baptist Church** DETAILS: Group meets for LOCATION: 23455 Novi Road CONTACT: Pastor Jon Hix Borders with his new book "Why ignition Mars and Venus Collide: CONTACT: Sue (734) 459-Improving Relationships by (248) 349-5665 Understanding how Men and **Gavin Schonfeld** Calling all Proud Parents, Grandparents, Aunts,



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By Jeff Theisen SPORTS WRITER

When Cory Heitsch took over the Novi basketball program, his first season seemed to have a simple approach - get the ball to one of the big guys. With 6-9 Caleb Dean and 6-7 Tyler Hoover

down low, the Wildcats were going to have a size advantage on just about every team they played against.

But things took a wild left turn during the first half of the year

Hoover graduated early to take classes at Michigan State so he could be eligible to take part in spring football practices. It's a move commonly used by players that want to get a jump on learning the playbook in an effort for early playing time.

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caugh fire in the fourth quarter, scoring 10 of his 14 points and sending the home crowd into a frenzy with a pair of dunks down the stretch.

out really slow. But I think that speaks big because every game

of KVC victories.

Double trouble

Against Lakeland, both teams took turns playing follow the leader until Novi left the Eagles in the dust during a 15-7 fourth-quarter run to finish the game.

Novi used an outside-to-inside approach for the win. Nick Prokop kept the Wildcats in the game early, hitting three

the stretch. "I think it was a team effort," Dean said. "I was open and my teammates were hitting me. "In the first half, I'm starting met meller. But I think the

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Novi wins 3 titles at tourney

By Jeff Theisen NOVI NEWS

The Wildcats wrestlers placed fifth at the Brighton Invite on Saturday.

Claiming tilles were Robbie Yusko at 119 pounds, Ryan Thomas at 152 and Ryan Ridenour at 189, Jon Lichorobiec was second at 112, Aditya Sathi was fourth at 125 and Tom Szczygiel took fourth at 130. Novi also beat South Lyon 42-

21 Jan. 9.

Winning for Novi were Lichorobiec (pin), Sathi (17-2), Yusko (5-1), Szczygiei (pin), Clayton Caldwell (9-4), Thomas were (pin) and Ben Farley and Ryan

Ridenour won by void

Novi Girls Basketball

Novi lost its first KVC game, 47-39 to Lakeland on Friday Caroline Johnson led the Wildcats (8-2, 3-1) with 10 points, and Melissa Gasiorek pitched in seven points and five rebounds.

Novi Cheer

The Novi Varsity Competitive Cheer Team put together three solid rounds outscoring the Pinckney Pirates 679.98 to 520.36 for the Wildcats first KVC win of the year.

Novi led 201-176.50 at the conclusion of Round 1. In Round 2 Novi put another 201.48 points on the board compared to Pinckney's 142.87. Novi finished the even with 277.50 points in Round 3 while Pinckney tallied 217.00. At the home invite, the Wildcats placed third of 11 teams Saturday.

Kentwood won with 725.8, followed by Roosevelt with 674.36 and Novi with 672.38.

Novi Hockey

The Wildcat hockey team lost

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Photo by JOHN HEIDER

Novi's Aditya Sathi in action during a recent meet

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ur first heavy snow of the season, my first snow-blower. Not quite sure how it works, all I know is it was one of the bigger models at Home Depot, so it must be good. As my hand inched toward the jammed blades, a voice in the back of my head whispered. "Are you freakin' crazy?" and I stopped in disbelief. I was doing just what I'd swore I'd never do. the same story countless patients I've treated in the ER have told as I'm sewing up their fingers. At that moment, one of my life's unanswered question was answered — What on earth would possess someone to stick their hand into the blades of a snowblower? Answer: it seems so easy, especially if you can just do it real quick. What made my transgression even worse was the snow removal tool (which most models now come equipped with) was sitting right in front of my face.

Hand surgeons typically mark the first snow of the year by the countless finger injuries that whitewash the ER much in the same way back surgeons can mark the beginning of hunting season by the treestand falls that flood area hospitals. Snowblowers are the leading flood household cause of finger ampli-tations and every year thousand of snowblower injuries flow through U.S. emergency rooms but common sense can keep your hands injury-free. Follow the assembly manual for your snowblower to a tee and then leave it be. Avoid

removing safety equipment, shields, guards, etc. Leave the aftermarket tinkering for your Mustang.

Always snowblow sober avoid the temptation to use up the leftover supply of drinks from your holiday party you're trying to keep cold in the garage, usually conveniently located right next to the snowblower. Not only will this help avoid poor judgment but as an added bonus it will keep your core body temperature from drop-ping (well known effect of alco-hol). Never, never, never put your board anywhere new the continued from front your hand anywhere near the auger even with the machine of once snow is removed some blades have a brief but nasty ten dency to recoil as they're freed up. If your model does not have he removal tool, use a stick of handle of your snow shovel to remove clogged snow. almost when you shoot a three or when you look to penetrate on your own. We had something else Lastry, never run the machine that nobody else in this area had

inside the garage and always make sure to turn it off when walking away from it, especial-ly when young children are present.

'Tyler left and now nobody thinks Likewise, the first heavy snow you're good again. Just commit of the year often coincides with increased activity in the chest pain unit of ER's attributed to ourselves to working hard and playing.' They really have." snow shoveling. Personally, I No more twin towers feel if done in a safe manne snow shoveling can be great exercise. Cold temperatures put additional strain on the heart and most people underestimate the task that shoveling presents. Shoveling a heavy snow is gruel-ing and the exertion it demands can sneak up on you quickly Those who need to be particular ly careful are the elderly, smok-ers, people who have known

lisease. Take regula



Cruise control

and probably everybody would want. I think it frees things up. "It is what it is. As I told them,

Wildcat Dan Meister swims the backstroke during practice.

HOOPS: Novi starts new year with two victories

continued from front turned up the heat "We started guarding," he said. helped put the game away. "Fugate, and Heimann, I put them "We made plays tonight," up not just with kids in the league, Heitsch said. "They're starting to ve've played we've been in it during the first half. If I'm not an up not just with kids in the league, offensive threat in the first half but kids in the county. They're and we're still in the game, it says something." Heitsch said. "They're starting to believe in themselves a title bit good basketball players, but with kit's OX to shoot it, it's OX to attack the rim, and it's OX to The teams were deadlocked at first half." make plays to a version of the feature of the first quarter, but Novi fell behind 42-35 before player, that's why you're on the The teams were deadlocked at Novi fell behind 42-35 before the first quarter, but Eakeland pulled ahead 31-28 by finishing the third quarter on a t 9-1 run to reclaim a one-point finishing and (44-43) heading into the fourth

halfime. Eagle guard Blake Heimann (23 first-half points, 19 overall) and Mike Fugate (nine first-half points, game-high 20 overall) scored the final seven points of were trouble throughout the game the quarter for the Wildcats. changed when the Novi defense al times throughout the fourth balling into the Brandon Bradford (16 points) the quarter for the Wildcats. The lead switched hands sever-re hanged when the Novi defense al times throughout the fourth balling into the Brandon Bradford (16 points) the quarter for the Wildcats. The lead switched hands sever-al times throughout the fourth balling into the Brandon Bradford (16 points) balling into the Howell blowout Howell blowout Howell blowout Howell half ittle trouble with Howell vinning 57-36. Dean led the way with 17 points and 14 rebounds. Chris Bellamy dropped in 11 points.

CHANGES: Wildcats dealing with players gone

"It's different, but I've been in it's the new dedication on non-situations where I'm used to it," game days making the real differgame days making the real differ-ence. "We win Monday, Wednesdays, Dean said, "With (Hoover) gone, I have to get more rebounds. He took a let of pressure off of me. The move left Heitsch and the took a let of pressure off of me. Thursdays and Saturdays," Dean also knows if he gets in foul trouble, it forces the Wildcats into playing without a low and the saturday of Wildcats without one of their starting centers, forcing the offense to go in another direction committed to giving everything they have in practice. That has made a big change." midstream. It allows the perimeter kids to playing without a true post player. "Toward the beginning of the season, I got into foul trouble and buy more into what we are trying to do offensively," Heitsch said. "With our big kids, you feel guilty

had to sit most of the first half," he said. "It got me a little bit frustrated. "It's really important for me not to get into foul trouble."

Since Hoover's departure, the Wildcats have gore 2-0 and have in sixed from the team after fail climbed back above 500 at 5-4, to show up to several practic 3-i in the KVC. Novi thumped Howell 57-36 Jan. 8 and beat Lakeland 66-57 Friday. "You get a shot in the arm wh The set wo games have got us a with start bear when a kild that you are counting on believing that we can do this and start start start and another kid is dis-anything is possible." Dean said. "We've got to come together as a team to do this and win the league."



The Wildcat cheer team performs at the Novi invite.

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4-2 to KVC foe Milford last	despite the Pirates not having a
Wednesday.	JV team and placed sixth of 12 teams at the home invite.
Novi JV Cheer	Livonia Churchill won the Novi Invite.
The Wildcats JV cheer team	

Sport Shorts

Super 5K Run

Super 3m num The Super 5-kilometer Run will take place 9 a.m. Feb. 3 at the Novi Town Center. Pro-registration is \$24 and \$29 on race day. For more information or to pre-register online, go to www.runsu-perbowl.com or call (734) 929-9027.

Soccer Shootout

The University of Michigan mens soccer team is hosting the sixth annual three-on-three Micro-Soccer Shootout Camp on Feb 9-10 at the Oosterbaan Fieldhouse. The fee of \$100 includes a four-game guarantee for each team.

Ages range from 7 to adult with recreational and competitive div-sions available for boys and girls. Registration forms can be found at www.unsoccer.com. Further information is available by calling (734) 647-1201 or by e-mailing ldurkee@umich.edu. Registration forms must be postmarked by Feb.

1 or dropped off by Feb. 4.

Pistons Basketball Clinic

The Detroit Pistons Youth Basketball Clinic is coming to Ward Evangeheal Presbyterian Church in Northville on Saturday, Jan. 26. Coach Steve Moreland will conduct his clinic for boys and girls, grades first-hird from noon-230 p.tt., and grades fourth-sixth from 24:430 p.m. Evany first-hird evant and the second state of the s Each participant will receive an authentic "Piston Basketball" Tshirt. Parents will also be able to purchase Piston tickets at a disshurt. Parents will also be able to purchase Piston tickets at a dis-count and be invited to attend with their children the popular pre-game shoot around at courtside at the Palace of Auburn Hills. Refreshments for all provided at the clinic. Bring your basketball and camera. Cost is \$20 per child and pre-registration is required by contacting Margy Burkhart at margy.burkhart@wardchurch.org or (248) 374-5932.

Cheer Boot Camp

The Northville competitive cheer team is hosting a Cheer Boot Camp for kids entering grades sixth-eighth from 6-9 p.m. Feb. 5 in the high school cafeteria.

the high school cafeteria. The cost of the camp is \$40, which includes a T-shin, instruction from the Northville High School competitive cheerleaders; certifi-cate of participation and a voucher for free admittance to the WLAA Competitive cheer conference finals. The allocitie is deviaved to tooch cheer holes along with flamihility.

The clinic is designed to teach cheer basics along with flexibility,

The child's designed to teach there hosts along with reckfoldy, tumbling, jumping and precision skills. Attendees should dress in loose gym clothes with athletic shoes. E-mail Coach Gentz at gentzme@northville.k12.mi.us or Coach Parker at parkermi@northville.k12.mi.us with any questions. Advanced registration is required and must be received no later than Jan. 25.

Ball Hockey

Mens ball hockey leagues are forming at the TotalSports Complex in Wixom for the winter season. Teams will play on Saturday nights in the roller rink at TotalSports. Ball hockey is similar to ice hockey, except it's played on a plastic floor by players wearing sneakers. Instead of a puck, players use an orange plastic ball. Cost to register is \$550 per team or \$80 per player. Teams play 10 games a year plus playoffs. Each came consists of three 14-minute

The league is open for men aged 16 and older. Anyone under the age of 18 is required to where a helmet. For more information, e-mail chiganballhockey@comcast.net.

Sport Short submissions should be sent to sports writer Jeff Theisen at jtheisen@gannett.com.

Novi schedules

1/22 vs. Hartland, 7 p.m.

Novi Pom Pon 1/19 Regionals at Churchill, **Boys Basketball** TBA 1/18 at South Lyon, 7 p.m

Figure Skating

SHAMROCK ATHLETICS



Doug Eldridge slams his opponent to the mat during the Catholic Central Invite



Doug Eldridge works on securing a pin during the Catholic Central Invite



Ryan Houska gets free for a fast break during a recent Shamrock basketball game.

CC basketball splits games

By Jeff Theisen

The Catholic Central basketball team split a pair of games, losing 56-Also Catholic Child and beating U-D 41-34. Against Divine Child and beating U-D 41-34. Against Divine Child, the Shamrocks held a 12-10 lead heading into the second quarter when the wheels fell off the offense. Divine Child outscored the Shamrocks 13-4 in the second quarter for a 23-16 halftime lead. The lead grew to 41-31 after three quarters of

olay. Steve Harding led the Shamrocks with 15 points. Brett Smith was just behind with 14.

The defense took over against U-D. The game was tied at 28 entering the fourth quarter, and Catholic Central outscored U-D 13-6 in the final parter for the win. Jamie Morris led the Shamrocks with 15 points

CC Wrestling

The Catholic Central wrestling team finished 11th of 15 teams at a home invite Saturday. Doug Eldridge led the Shamrocks with a third-place finish at 119

ounds. Trevor O'Conner placed fifth at 140. Brendan Cox was sixth at 152 and Niko Palazeti was sixth at 215. Holt won the tournament with 246 points, way ahead of Belleville in second place with 133. Catholic Central scored 66 points.



Photo submitted by Michael Ross Shamrock junior forward Louis Lemak, left, and senior defenseman Michael Bourgon patrol the Trenton net Saturday.



Another loss But Hoover wasn't the only change with the team. Former forward Aaron Pugh was dismissed from the team after failing to show up to several practices. Pugh, listed at 6-2, added depth turned on brighter and reality hit that 'Oh no, it's my turn now, and

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Now, Novi is forced to rely on the testsch said kids stepping up in that on no, to take advantage of it.' its guard play, while making Dean the absence of Hoover and the "And they have, and I couldn't the only true low-post player. change in style have helped, but be prouder of them."

quarter until Dean caught fire and

breaks, don't try to get the entire walk done in 15 minutes. Stay hydrated, this is hard work and the heavy breathing in the cold can leave you as fluid depleted as a five-mile run in 95 degree weather. Warm up first with a brisk walk (or just up and down your driveway if there's a foot of snow) or stretching session. Use a smaller shovel - it's actually easier on your heart to lift more frequently with less strain than to lift a few times with a large load of snow (not to mention it's easier on your back as well). Avoid caffeine, energy drinks and alcohol before starting as these can put additional strain or the heart.

Or just save yourself the trou-ble and go out to Home Depot and buy yourself the biggest snowblower they have.

Dr. Sean Bak is a Novi resi-dent and an orthopaedic sur-geon who specializes in shoul-der reconstruction and sports nedicine. Dr. Bak takes care of the athletes of several area uni-versities and high schools. His practice, Porretta Center for Orthopedic Surgery, is based out of Providence Hospital.



Champs

The Waza FC U13 Boys soccer team won the Under 13 Top Division of the Total Soccer Winter Tournament Series held December 8-9. The tournament was played at the Total Soccer facility in Wixom. Led by Trevor Nessel's three goals and Matt Wilson's goal and three assists, Waza FC beat the Novi Jaguars, Ann Arbor United and Sylvania Ohio Pacesetters in the preliminary round and then beat the Michigan Wolves in the finais on a penalty kick shootout.

Front row, from left: Tommy O'Connor, Nick Yang, Brent Winkler, Aaron Krupa, Matt Wilson (Novi), Colin Warner and Aleksander Isaevski. Back row: Donald Payne, Rickie Carter, Alex Arlin, Connaugh McLaughlin, Ronnie Basin, Matt McAuliffe, Trevor Nessel (Novi) and Coach Dan Diac.

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Niko Palazeti works a headlock during the Catholic Central Invite.

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Healthy Breakfast Jump-Starts Your Day

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healthy breakfast is essential for weight management," stresses Bob Greene, the personal trainer best known for helping Oprah achieve her dramatic weight loss. In his book "The Best Life Diet," Greene " I used the second secon have been awarded the Best Life seal of approval from Greene and his team of numritomists. Some of these foods from soymilk to frozen vegetables to yogart – are versatile within these Best Life-approved recipes. For additional Best Life recipes, visit www.eathetteramerica.com/bestlife.

Spinach Frittata with Tomato-Basil Salsa

- Prep Fune: 20 Minutes Start to Finish: 20 Minutes Sals
- 2 plum (Roma) tomatoes, chopped cup shredded fresh basil
 tablespoons sliced ripe olives
- 1 teastroon office oil
- l rittata 2 teasponas olive oil
- box (9 oz) Green Giant' frozen spinach, thawed, drained
- 8 eggs or 1 container (16 oz) fat-free egg product (2 cnps) 2 tablespoons shredded Parmesan cheese,
- if desired
- 1/8 teaspoon salt 1/8 teaspoon pepper
- I to small bowl, mix salsa ingredients until
- blended. Set aside 2. In 10-inch noustick skillet, heat 2 teaspoons oil
- over medium heat. Add spinach; cook 2 to 4 minutes, stirring constantly, until spinach is thoroughly heated,
- 3. In medium bow, beat eggs, cheese, salt and pepper with wire whisk intil blended. Pour over spinach. Cover; cook over medium-low heat 5 to 7 minutes or until eggs are set and light golden brown on bottom. Cut into 4 wedges. Top each
- serving with salsa mixture. 4 servings High Altitude (3500 to 6500 ft): No change. 1 Serving: Calories 210 (Calories from Fat 130); Total Fat 15g (Saturated Fat 4g);
- Cholesterol 425mg; Sodium 280nig Total Carbohydrate 5g (Dictary Fiber 2g); Protein 15g % Daily Value: Vitamin A 120%; Vitamin C

Prep Time: 10 Minutes Start to Finish: 30 Minutes I cup Fiber One' original bran cereal egg whites or 1 egg, slightly beaten

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Eat Smart to **Boost Vitality**

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FAMILY FEATURE

ave you ever tried eating smart? It's not just about making savvy nutrition choices like opting for whole grain over white, stearned over fried, or baked over sautéed. It's about boosting your eating knowledge to reap rewards that go beyond losing weight or reducing health risks. Think of the really big picture ... a better overall quality of life and a higher level of vitality.

The good news is, eating right doesn't have to be hard. More and more food companies are creating ever healthier products with reduced levels of trans fats, saturated fats, sodium and added sugars. Unilever manufacture of brands such as Lipton, Skippy, Slim-Fast, Bertolli, Ragu, Hellmann's and Promise — has slashed percentages of these four "nutrients of concern" in addition to chalesterol — in its products as part of a new front-of-pack logo and recipe program called Eat Smart/Drink Smart, which helps consumers make smarter food selections and better decisions in meal

preparation. "With a nutritional stamp, such as Eat Smart/Drink Smart, families benefit from easily being able to make better food choices, which help them shop, cook and cat smart." says Jenna Bell-Wilson, PhD, RD, CSSD, Registered Dietitian in Massachusetts. Opting for more nutritious products, and preparing

simple yet delicious recipes with a focus on proper nutrition will help boost your food intellect -- and your vitality.



How's Your Vitality?

A recent study conducted by Unilever found vitality to be directly linked to good health, and good eating choices, in particular. Put simply, choosing to eat well and live a healthy lifestyle yields long-term, far-reaching benefits. The research uncovered some interesting facts about America's sense of vitality: 63 percent said their level of vitality depends on how well they take care of themselves.

Four of the top six physical drivers of vitality were food-and-nutrition-rel

61 percent of those surveyed found that vitality was extremely important to them, yet 75 percent said they weren't satisfied with their own vitality levels. To help Americans determine and improve their own

levels of vitality, Unilever has created My Vitality Index (www.myvisiliyindex.com), an easy-to-use, online resource that provides valuable information for enhancing health and wellness. The Web site includes a custom-



Fettuccine With Turkey Gremolata-Crusted **Bolognese Sauce** Tilapia* 6 servings 6 servings Prep Time: 20 minutes Cook Time: 20 minutes Prep Time: 10 minutes Cook Time: 15 minutes J teaspoon Bertolij Olive Oil 2 carrots, chopped 1 small onion, chopped 1 rib celery, chopped 1 to 1-1/2 pounds ground turkey. 1 slice whole grain bread 1/4 cup loosely packed flat-leaf parsley 1 clove garlic, finely chopped 1/2 teaspoon finely grated lemon peel

1/8 teaspoon ground black

Preheat oven to 425°F. In food processor, process bread until small crumbs form; remove and set aside. Into processor, add parsley, garlic, lemon peel and pepper; process until blended. Add mayonnaise and process just until blended. On baking sheets or broiler pan, arrange fillets. Evenly sprinkle with lemon juice, then evenly top with mayonnaise mixture, then bread mayonnaise mixture, then bread crumbs. Bake 15 minutes or until fish flakes with fork. *This recipe is "Best Life" approved Best Life is a trademark owned by

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Nutrition Information per serving: Calories 150, Calories From Fat 45, Saturated Fat 1g, Trans Fat 0g, Total Fat 5g, Cholesteroi 60mg, Sodium 150mg, Total Carbohydrate 3g, Sugars 0g, Dietary Fiber 0g, Protein 24g, Vitamia A 4W, Vitamia C 4%, Calcium 2%, Iron 4%

Mandarin Chicken

Prep Time: 10 minutes Cook Time: 1 hour Salad 4 large McIntosh or golder 4 servings delicious apples, cored 3 tablespoons firmly packed light brown sugar 1/4 teaspoon ground cinnamo

Prep Time: 15 minute: 1/2 cup Wish-Bone Ranch Dressing 1/4 cup orange marmalade 1-1/4 pounds boneless, skinless

chicken breasts, cooked

and sliced (about 1 cum

1/4 small red onion, thinly sli

(about 1/4 cup) 1 package (10 to 12 ounces)

mixed salad greens

(about 4 cups)

1 to 1-1/2 pounds ground turkey 1/4 cup dry red wine or chicken broth 1 jar (1 pound 10 ounces) Ragu Old World Style Pasta Sauce 2 tablespoons chopped fresh parsley pepper 1/4 cup Hellmann's or Best Foods Real Mayonnaise 6 tilapia füllets (about 1-1/2 pounds) 1 teaspoon lemon juice fresh parsley fresh parsley box (16 ounces) fettuccin cooked and drained Preheat oven to 425°F. In 12-inch nonstick skillet, heat olive oil over medium heat and cook carrots; onion and celery, stirring frequently, 5 minutes or until tender. Add turkey and cook, breaking up with spoon, until turkey is thoroughly cooked. Stir in wine. Bring to a boil over high heat. Reduce heat to low and simmer near reduce near to taw and structure uncovered for 3 minutes. Stir in pasta sauce and parsley. Simmer, stirring occasionally, 5 minutes. Season, if desired, with salt and pepper. Serve over hot fetbuccine. Netrition Information per serving: Calories 490, Calories From Fat 50, Saturated Fat 1g, Trans Fat 0g, Total Fat 6g, Cholesterol 43mg, Sodium 680mg, Total Carbohydrate 70g, Sugars 11g, Dietary Fiber 6g, Protein 41g, Vitamin A 80%, Vitamin C 10%, Calcium 6%, Iron 25% Best Life Corp. Learn more about the Best Life program at www.thebestlife.com

4% clicium 15%; Iron 15% Exchanges: 1 Vegetable, 2 Medium-Fat Meat. | Fat Carbohydrate Choices: 1/2 2008 (cand a 12) of General Mil

Tropical Smoothies

Prep Time: 5 Minutes Start to Finish: 5 Minutes

I container (6 oz) Yoplait' Original French vanilla yogurt I cup mango or peach chunks 1 1/4 cups 8th Continent' original soymilk 1/4 cup pincapple juice In blender or food processor, place all ingredients. Cover: blend on high speed

about 30 seconds or until smooth 2. Pour into 2 glasses. Serve immediately,

2 servings (1 1/2 cups each)

High Altitude (3500 to 6500 ft): No change,

1 Serving: Calories 210 (Calories from Fat 25); Total Fat 3g (Saturated Fat 1g); Choles-terol 5mg; Sodium 140mg; Total Carbohy-drate 39g (Dietary Fiber 1g); Protein 7g % Dally Value: Vitamin A 25%: Vitamin C %; Calcium 30%; Iron 4% Exchanges: 1 Fruit, 1 Other Carbohydrate, I Skim Milk Carbohydrate Choices: 2 1/2

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1/4 cup vegetable oil 2 containers (6 oz each) Yoplait* Original French vanilla yogurt 1 1/2 cups all-purpose flour 1/3 cup packed brown suga

1 1/4 traspoons baking soda 1/2 teaspoon salt 1/2 cup fresh blueberries or raspberries

1. Heat oven to 400°F. Place paper baking cup in each of 12 regular-size muffin cups, or grease bottom of each muffin cup with shortening. Place cereal in resealable food-storage plastic bag; seal bag and crush with rolling pin or meat mallet (or crush in food processor). 2. In medium bowl, stir together egg whites, oil and yogurt. Add crushed cereal, flour, brown sugar, baking soda and salt; stir just until dry ingredients are moistened. Gently stir in berries. Divide batter evenly among muffin cups, filling cach 3/4 full. 3. Bake 18 to 20 minutes or until golden brown. Immediately remove from pan.

12 muffins High Altitude (3500 to 6500 ft): Heat oven to 425°F. Decrease baking soda to 3/4 teaspoon.

1 Muffin: Calories 170 (Calories from Fat 45); Total Fat 5g (Saturated Fat 0.5g); Cholesterol 0mg; Sodium 280mg; Total Carbohydrate 28g (Dietary Fiber 3g); Protein 4g * Daily Value: Vitamin A 2%; Vitamin C 2%; Calcium 6%: Iron 10% Exchanges: 1 Starch, 1/2 Other Carbohydrate, 1 Fat Carbohydrate Cholces: 2

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Yogurt-Bran Muffins



Here are some quick, yet creative, morning meal ideas with Best Life-approved foods;

. Choose a cereal that is an excellent source of whole grain and flavor it with 8th Continent Light vanilla soymilk. Substituting soymilk for cow's milk is a d way to reap soy's hearthealth benefits.

a Pair a low-fat yogurt with fruit and nuts. With and nuts. With varieties like Key lime pie and harvest peach, Yoplait yoguit keeps the combi-nation interesting.

Create your own omelet with low-fat cheese and veggies to get a head start on daily vege-table intake goals. Keeping canned or frozen Green Giant vegetables on hand will ease preparation. ÷.

2 table ns dried 2 tablespoons dried cranberries 1 tablespoon finely chopped pecans 4 teaspoons Promise Butter Spread 2/3 cup water

Oven-Baked Harvest

Apples

4 servings

Preheat oven to 350°F. Peel top third of apples. In 8-inch baking dish, arrange apples peeled-side up; set aside. In small bowl, combine sugar, 1 can (11 ounces) mandarin oranges, drained 1/2 cup seasoned croutons In large bowl, blend dressing and marmalade. Add chicken, red onit cinnamon, cranberries, pecans and cinnamon; evenly spoon into center of apples, then evenly top each with

and salad greens; toss to coat. Gently id. Pour water arou fold in oranges and croutons. Bake uncovered, basting occas I hour or until tender. Nutrition Information per serving: Calories 400, Calories From Fat 140,

Microwave Directions: Peel apples as above. In microwave-safe pie plate, Calores 400, Calores From Fat 140, Saturated Fat 2.5g, Trans Fat 0g, Total Fat 15g, Cholesterol 90mg, Sodium 430mg, Total Carbohydrate 30g, Sugars 21g, Dietary Fiber 3g, Protein 36g, Vitamin A 60%, Vitamin C 70%, Calcium 10%, Iron 15% arrange apples. Cover with waxed paper. Microwave at HIGH 2 minutes. Meanwhile, combine sugar mixture as above: evenly spoon into apples, then top each with 1 teaspoon Spread. Cover with waxed paper and micro

tes or until

apples are tender. Let stand 5 minutes Nutrition Information per serving: Calories 200, Calories From Fat 40,

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Mandell helps ease emotional, financial stress of divorce

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Family law attorney takes a holistic approach to law By Kate Phillips

Mark Mandell is a well-respected attor-ney who many in the community trast to handle legal matters that are of the utmost importance. The family-law attorney helps case clients through divorces with as little financial and emotional stress as possible

Mandell has spent the last eight years working with clients who have substantial assets that they wish to preserve, even after a divorce.

After spending a number of years at Fausone Bohn, LLP, he has just been made partner. Mandell is now more com-mitted than were to providing quality legal representation in divorce matters that need careful attention.

PRESERVING **BUSINESS ASSETS**

Business owners face a particularly daunting situation during a divorce, because a divorcing spouse is often enti-tled to half of the value of the business. If the business is not valued fairly, substan-tial losses can occur.

After providing representation for a number of well-known business owners and CEOs of major corporations, Mandell is familiar with the process of correctly valuing business assets. He is someone who understands the process and can make sure that business assets are dealt

with fairly. Recently Mandell represented Roderick Rickman, CEO of MPS Environmental, the sixth largest minority-owned business in Michigan with gross revenues in excess of \$400 million a year. Mandel leams up with highly respected professionals who work together to min-tics low a graduation of burnes.

mize loss of assets during a divorce. He works with CPAs and financial profes-sionals who have experience and credibility in valuing businesses and presenting the information to the court.

"I choose professionals that are credible and are respected by the judges," said Mandell. "That makes a big difference.

Some attorneys don't understand the difference between the revenue and the opinion that is way off base. The judges can tell where the truth lies.

"I know that using credible profession-als is going to stand up to the scrutiny of a judge and go further than those who try to stretch the truth."

GOOD JUDGMENT, SOLID EXPERIENCE

Experience and good judgment make Mark Mandell an asset to all of his clients. He makes realistic requests of the court that he believes have a good chance of being granted. He's not a show-boat lawyer who makes wild demands on the other party that are sure to be denied by

And he favors resolving differences amicably rather than fighting over small details. It's usually the best thing for both parties, and makes a favorable impression on the court.

on the court. "I don't argue, I advocate for my clients," said Mandell. "I use logic and common sense to advocate and to get a good resolution." But when amicable discussions aren't

"Going through a divorce is very stressful. I talk to my clients about seeking the help they need from counselors and doctors, plus taking care of themselves by eating well and exercising. It's all an important part of getting" through the divorce and piecing your life back together."



Mandell teams up with highly respected professionals who work together to minimize loss of assets dur-ing a divorce. He works with CPAs and financial professionals who have experience and credibility in valuing businesses and presenting the information to the court.

fruitful, Mandell is not afraid to try a case

He court. He's an experienced trial lawyer in both civil and criminal law, Mandell was a township prosecutor in the past. He carned awards for trial advocacy during his time at the Thomas Cooley School of Law and later became an adjunct professor in trial

workshop. In addition, the firm of Fausone Bohn LLP can help clients with their overall legal needs. Mandell also provides repre-sentation for cases of drunk driving. His partners and associates can take care of other types of legal matters such as pro-bate and corporate law, plus business and estate planning.

RESPECTED COMMUNITY LEADER

Mark Mandoll is respected in both the

Mark Mandoll is respected in both the legal field and the community at large. He grew up in a well-known Northwille family who lived just around the corner from where his offices are today. Mandell spent his childhood on the sidelines of the Northwille High School football team with his dad, Dr. Robert Mandell, who was the team physician for 30 years and also served on the school hoard. board

After playing football at Springfield College and graduating from James Madison College at Michigan State University, Mandell has turned around to University, Manueli has turned around a to help support the Northville football pro-gram. He is currently a football coach at Northville High School. Last year Mandell was credited with starting the Steve Juday Coach's Clinic in the

honor of the legendary Northville High School and MSU player. As a result, Mandell brought MSU head football coach Mark Dantanio to speak at the coach's clinic.



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In the past Mandell served as chairman of the 13d Manuel served is chainful committee so he has experience working closely with elected officials at the local, state and national level. Mandell still lives in his hometown of Northville with his wife, Vanessa, and his sons, Jack and Torn.

MAKING DIVORCE LESS PAINFUL

Mandell is just as committed to the total whether is just as obtained to the obtained welfare of his clients. He operates accord-ing to a holistic philosophy, taking care that his clients are served legally and financially, but also that he provides refer-ruls for their physical and mental health. "Caine through a dimension is mart strengther

"Going through a divorce is very stress-ful," he said. "I talk to my clients about 111, "he said." I tak to my critents adout seeking the help they need from coun-selors and doctors, plus taking care of thenselves by cating well and exercising. It's all an important part of getting through the divorce and piccing your life back together." together."

The experienced attorney tries to make the unpredictable divorce process more predictable. He explains important concepts early on, so that clients can begin to accept the realities of the legal system and not feel disappointed with outcomes.

It can help clients work toward healing when help understand and feel satisfied with money and custody judgments. Mandell has seen that there is nothing worse than course kitchering about course

worse than couples bickering about every worse than couples bickering about every detail or fighting out unrealistic positions, sometimes for the sake of revenge. He helps clients to see the divorce from the perspective of resolving conflicts, not' starting conflicts that can make things, worse for a family. "I ask my clients to take the time to think about how their actions affect the lives of their children," said Mandell. "We have a dury to think about what is best for



Mark Mandell is respected in both the legal field and the community at large

REDUCING ATTORNEY FEES

During a divorce, high attorney fees can only exasperate financial stress. Mandell specifically works with clients on keeping his fees low.

He encourages clients to go through personal types of paperwork on their own, if possible, instead of charging to prepare it as other attorneys commonly do, He also gives couples an opportunity to decide what belongings each person will take from the home, instead of accumulat-

ing fees by disputing it. "It's not worth it to spend \$500 in fees arguing about \$25 pots and pans," he explained. "It's best for everyone to resolve things amicably

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found that Mark Mandell charges reasonable fees as he helps resolve a divorce with the least amount of financial and emotional stress possible.