Firefighters will be collecting donations for the Novi Goodfellows 9 a.m.-2 p.m. Saturday throughout the city. The organization provides a holiday for area families in need.

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Novi Property values decrease

Oakland County in decline

By Kelly Murad

Oakland County Equalization Division released a preliminary report last Thursday announcing a decrease in property

throughout the county. Overall. the decrease

THINK? TELL US NOVINEWS.COM would result in less tax revenue, therefore

impacting local and county govemments. to Novi City 'According

Manager Clay Pearson, one-third of Novi's general fund revenue is

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WHAT DO YOU

School election reform proposed, opinions sought

By Chris Jackett STAFF WRITER

The Novi Community Schools Board of Education is considering changing board member elections from May to November in an effort to save \$19,000 annually in district funds.

In order to go into affect in 2008, action must be taken at the

district's Dec. 6 meeting, the final gathering this year.

A public hearing on Nov. 1 received no resident input.

But the Board will further discuss and allow public comment on the topic at tonight's 7 p.m. board meeting and will likely set the vote as an action item for the Dec. 6 meeting.

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Novi's Stephanie Cripps shares a joyous hug with assistant coach Sarah Schmitt after the Wildcats' Tuesday night state quarterfinal playoff victory against Wyandotte Roosevelt. Novi won and advances to the state semifinals tonight in Battle Creek. For the full story, see page 7A.

Going green: City of Novi develops eco-friendly community



Photo by JOHN HEIDER/Novi News

Fred McCoy, of JPRA Architects, points out some of the "greener" aspects of the firm's new headquarters.

By Kelly Murad STAFF WRITER

JPRA Architects is creating a greener community for Novi. The Farmington Hills-based

firm is in the process of re-locating its headquarters to 11 Mile and Meadowbrook roads.

The building, which is more than 30,000 square feet, is the first Leader in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) registered development in Novi.

According to the United States Green Building Council (USGBC), for a building to achieve LEED certification it. must meet standards of the LEED Green Building Rating System, regarding sustainable site devel-

opment, water savings; energy efficiency, materials selection and indoor environmental quality.

"We've been a member of USGBC for three years and, as architects, we felt it was important for us to practice what we preach and reflect that in our new building," said Fred McCoy, prin-cipal and LEED-accredited professional for JPRA.

Some of the ways the firm is achieving LEED certification include implementing water efficient landscaping, stormwater management, waterless urinals, automatic blinds to lower the use of lights and high standards of

energy efficiency. According to future projections, McCoy said JPRA's energy

bill at the green building would be

half of what it is now. "You spend less money, longterm, on energy," he said.

Green Building 101

The city of Novi Economic Development Corporation partwith Lawrence nered Technological University last Thursday to present "Green Building 101" to more than 50 people from Novi and its sur-

rounding communities. The seminar was presented by Professor Joseph Veryser and was geared toward the business community to introduce ways to develop and construct green, eco-

friendly buildings.

Veryser is the associate dean for the Lawrence Technological College University Architecture and Design and a certified LEED-ceredited professional.

"You can read about green building practically everyday," said Ara Topouzian, economic development director for the City of Novi. "I don't know if everybody knows what it means to go 'green'. This is an educational

process." Topouzian said Veryser spoke from experience and example, referring to the A. Alfred Taubman Student Services Center at Lawrence Tech, which is

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FRIDAY

More than 1,000 animals including dogs, cats, birds, fish. llamas, reptiles, rats, alpacas, rabbits, miniature horses and goats will be on display from 1-9 at Rock Financial p.m.

Showplace, 46100 Grand River Ave., for America's Pet Family Expo. Stage shows, competitions and demonstrations will be the center pieces of an event featuring animal experts, pet adoptions and thousands of pet products. The event also runs from 10 a.m.-7 p.m. Saturday and 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Sunday. Admission is

\$10 ages 13-59, \$8 ages 60+, \$4 ages 6-12 and free for ages 5 and younger. Parking costs \$5. Call (800) 999-7295 or visit www.petexponovi.com for more informa-

SATURDAY

Find Christmas at noon at Art Van Furniture, 27775 Novi Road, as a free children's reading of "Has Anyone Seen Christmas?" will take place in the Kid's Castles play area. Call (248) 348-8922 for more infor-

Take a hysterical look at dysfunctional families during the holiday season at 8 p.m. with "The Second City's Dysfunctional Holiday Revue" at The Second City, 42705 Grand



River Ave. The show will take a comedic look at the holiday season. Tickets cost \$15 for each Sunday show. Other showtimes are 8 p.m. Wednesdays and Thursdays for \$15, 8 p.m. and 10 p.m. Fridays for \$20 and 7 p.m. and 9 p.m. Saturdays for \$20. For more information or to order tickets, call (248) 348-4448 or visit www.secondcity.com.

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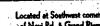
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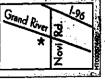
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Having an organic Thanksgiving holiday

By Chris Jackett STAFF WRITER

In search of a healthier, freshertasting bird for the holiday sea-

Better Health Market owner Ted Handelsman said three different types of turkey will be available to meet customer's holiday needs at his Novi store.

"The free range Amish turkeys a pound," Handelsman said. "The difference is what they've been fed. Organic are fed only organic grain. Free-range turkeys roam

"We have everything for the holidays in organic form. We have the whole thing on sale for the holidays. We have our own cranberry sauce, green bean casseroles, pumpkins pies, sweet potato pies and more." Handelsman also said turkeys

at Better Health Market lack antibiotics, salt and sodium nitrate (a form of salt) injections, unlike many other store-bought turkeys at more common grocery outlets. "They taste better because real food tastes better than food from a

conventional grocery store," he said. "There's no high-fructose corn syrup or artificial sweetener in our food. Real food tastes better than food that's artificially enhanced. You get more autrition for your dollar."

Fiscal health

The food's putritional value has helped business at Better Health Market since it opened about three years ago.

"Sales are up significantly year over year in a pretty tough economy. We saw our business increase before (Farmer Jack) closed. Handelsman said, "It's increased because of the product we sell in and try a few things and little by our stores. Produce and meat sales little you change your diet, conhave exploded. We saw a 30 per-vert your lifestyle and get rid of cent sales growth in October and . double-digit increases (in each of) - Better Health Market 1800 cjuckett@gannett.com.

Kroger or Meijer have artificial Livonia and Plymouth.

do. No sodium nitrate, fructose

Ringing in the Holidays

have a certain sense where they don't have to read every label." Handelsman contributes the success of the Wixom-based 12store chain to its local ties and

"We're looking to help the local economy and local entrepreneurs," he said of the many products purchased through local farmers. "We offer a level of cusare \$1.99 a pound, organic are tomer service you don't get at a \$3.49 a pound and the 10 heir- conventional store. We're happy loom Heritage turkeys are \$10.99 to walk through the store with

Better Health Market is also getting involved in the community during the holiday season by supporting the Kennedy Culinary Program, where young adults work with Slow Food Detroit to grow herbs for an "edible schoolyard" and for sale at Saturday's noon-2 p.m. Thanksgiving demonstration.

"(Executive chef of Unique Restaurants) John Harnois and (Dexter-based gourmet turkey farmer) Frank Turner are going to do a full Thanksgiving spread with turkeys and side dishes," Handelsman said. "They're going to show people how to prepare (turkeys) and people will be able to sample all the products." He said about 30 turkeys will be for sale on a first come, first served basis.

"Not only are they real and natural, but they're getting it for the best possible price in town," Handelsman said. For those weary of the transi-

tion to organic foods, Handelsman suggests starting slowly with just a few items or, to get a quicker reaction, the turkey. "One thing to try is, to get everyone's attention, the turkey,' he said. "You stick your toe into it artificial ingredients

past six months.
"People are looking for organization under production of the produc ic. Most products in Busch's, and has nearby locations in

Novi News staff writer Chris

The City of Novi Parks, Recreation and Forestry Department in partnership with St. John Providence Park, is hard at work plan-

ning the annual Ringing in the Holidays event. Ringing in the holidays is planned for 6-9 p.m. Friday, Nov. 30 at Main Street, Novi.

The highlight of the event is always the "Electric Light Parade,"

which is scheduled for 7 p.m. The parade continues to grow big-

ger and better every year with more Novi area businesses, clubs and civic groups teaming up with the parks department. A prize for best entry is awarded prior to the parade. The parade is taped, and aired throughout the holiday season on local channel 13 for

In addition to the parade, this free community event features

roasting, a hockey skills area, the Jingle Bell Jog, dance performances, carriage rides, local rising country singer Sarah Lenore and the lighting of the City's official tree!

More opportunities for involvement in this event include spon-sorship and food vendors.

For more information about the Novi event, please call Novi, Parks Recreation Supervisor, Derek O. Smith, CPRP (248) 347-

0474. The Novi Parks Department is proud to host this event in furtherance of its mission of "Enriching Lives," Strengthening

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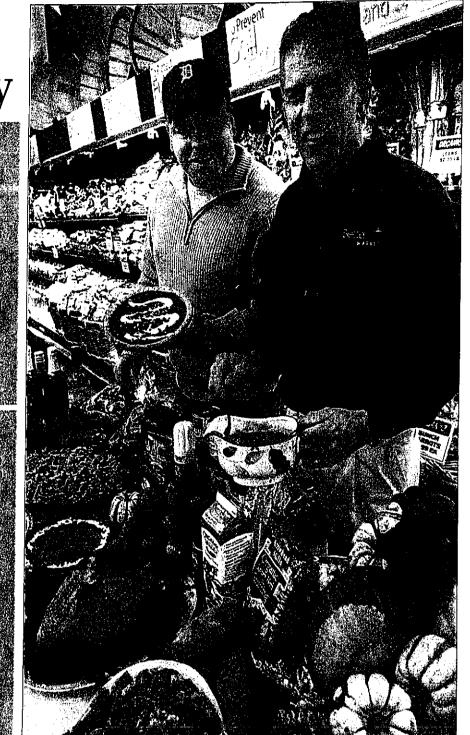
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Novi's Better Health Market is offering its customers an all-organic Thanksgiving meal, including vegetables, meats and beverages. From left are Better Health's prolackett can be reached at (248) ext. 122 or duce manager Bob McCombe and store manager Tom Ball.

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MY NOVI COMMUNITY

ITC donates half million to Novi Parks

parks, play structures and projects

By Kelly Murad

More than 150 supporters of ed the black the gala, Diamonds are Foreyer, last Friday night. "The parks foundation was support of the community," said Linda Blair, incoming president of the Novi Parks Foundation. As attendees entered the ele-

gant Diamond Center at Rock Financial Showplace, they were FM (Channel 99.5).

Although Hunter was a special Funds were also raised through guest of the evening, the excite- a silent auction and the sale of \$20 ment came in the form of a check. raffle tickets for prizes such as a ITC Holding Corporation made a generous donation of \$500,000 to the Novi Parks Foundation.

"ITC's contribution brings enormous credibility to the foundation and its mission," Blair said. 'It provides us the opportunity to move forward with our vision and plans for the future." Among numerous projects that

\$100,000 annual pledge, some possibilities are the addition of a kids water park, lights for various athletic fields throughout the community, new play structures and a dog park. "We'll work hand-in-hand with

Blair said. bution, the Novi Parks Foundation will name the park at Eight Mile and Napier roads ITC Community

Sports Park

the city for use of those funds,"

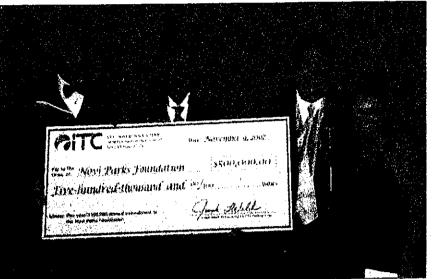
Red Wings suite package, a and a two-year pre-paid lease on a

The gala also recognized Novi residents George and Caroline Giese as the third annual recipients of the Hugh and Kathy Crawford award. George, 82, and Caroline, 94,

could benefit from the five-year are actively involved in numerous parks and recreation programs throughout the community. "The foundation felt honored to

honor them," Blair said. "George and Caroline are truly an inspiration to the community. Their spirit and enthusiasm is second to

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Randy Auler, director of the Parks, Recreation and Forestry department for the City of Novi: Novi Mayor David B. Landry; David Staudt, recently elected Novi councilman; Linda H. Blair, president of the Novi Parks Foundation and executive vice president and chief business officer of ITC Holdings Corp.

City of Novi Receives Distinguished Budget Presentation Award

The Government Finance Officers Association of the United States and Canada (GFOA) is pleased to announce the City of Novi has received the GFOA's Distinguished

Presentation Award for its 2007 2008 budget. The City of Novi has been honored with this distinction consecutively since 1997. The award represents a signifi-

cant achievement by the City of Novi. It reflects the commitment of the governing body and staff to meeting the highest principles of governmental budgeting. In order to receive the budget award, the City of Novi had to satisfy nationally recognized guidelines for These guidelines are designed to municipalities in Michigan assess how well an entity's budg- received the Award. Award recipidevice.

The Government Finance rated "proficient" in all four categories to receive the award. When a Distinguished Budget it professional association serving

My Novi, briefly

Presentation Award is granted to a municipality, a Certificate of for Budget Recognition Presentation is also presented to the individual or department designated as being primarily responsible for its having achieved the award. This has been presented to City of

Novi's Finance Department. For budgets including fiscal periods 2005, 1,069 municipalities received the honor. Only 19

Officers Association is a nonprof-16.800 government finance professionals throughout North The America. Distinguished

Presentation Awards Program is the only national awards program in governmental budgeting. Local jeweler accepts con-

test entries Larson Jewelry Design Main Street in Novi is now accepting entries for the store's ents have pioneered efforts to annual jewelry design contest.

will benefit local charities. For more information, call (248) 347-

Novi destination celebrates

ner will be chosen and contacted

Thanksgiving week. All proceeds

10 years of fresh bread

to commemorate the milestone. The Novi bakery-cafe opened

things Panera - fresh breads, sigfrom the sale of the jewelry piece nature soups, salads and sandcreated from the winning design "On our 10-year anniversary, I am tremendously grateful for the support and commitment from

The Novi-City Center Panera

Bread will salute 10 years of fresh baked bread on Monday. Beginning at 6 a.m., the first customers to stop into the location will receive a complimentary mini sourdough baguette

Panera's continued growth in southeast Michigan. During the past 10 years, Panera has seen enormous development in southeast Michigan, growing from just one bakerycafe to 38 metro Detroit locations.

our staff and the Novi community

who have made this past decade a

great success," said Leigh Collins,

district manager for Panera Bread

of southeast Michigan in a press

release. "We look forward to

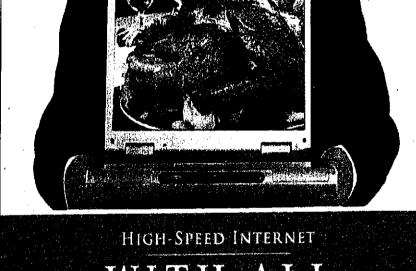
Wednesday afternoon. The win- Michigan. Today the bakery-cafe of artisan breads and other spe attracts customers from all walks cialty breads, along with bagels, of life who crave the origin of all pastries, baked goods and hot and cold espresso beverages. The bakery-cafe is open for breakfast,

lunch and dinner. Hours of operation for Panera Bread at 25875 Novi Road, are Monday through Friday 5:30 a.m.-9 p.m., Saturday 6 a.m.-8 p.m., and Sunday 7 a.m.-6 p.m. For more information, call the Novi-City Center Panera Bread at (248) 374-1701.

ITC announces dividends

ITC Holdings Corp. (NYSE: Directors declared a quarterly Corp. common stock of \$0.29 per share payable on Dec. 17 to share-







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Green Foundation aims to improve indoor air quality

By Chris Jackett STAFF WRITER

Dan Welch has years of experience in a variety of areas in the business world. Now, he can add founder of an environmental advocacy group to the list.

Welch, owner of DANWAY Home Inspections in Novi, started thinking more environmentally friendly within the last year. our months ago, he started the Green Foundation, an organization branched off from DAN-WAY and geared toward improving environmental awareness and

"The two things with when you want to go green is air quality and energy efficiency," Welch said. "Indoor air becomes an he would like to offer evaluation but environmentally." issue. Indoor air is three to five services for schools to see what can times more polluted than outdoor air, by a national standard average. Kids average nine of 10

breaths indoors.' The Green Foundation has quickly become an advocate for cleaner air, as Welch has spoken with schools and businesses about improving air quality. Eventually,

Quality control

There are several household elements contributing to indoor air pollution. Smoke, oxides, mold, dust, aerosol, asbestos, lead and radon are some of the key culprits.

Many of these products can result in a myriad of respiratory problems ranging from asthma to headaches, kidney and brain darnage or even to cancer.

Simply opening a window won't be an option in winter because of the temperature, and doesn't remove the full effect of the contaminants anyway. Fans, purifiers and vents may help filter some harmful particles out of the air, while other solutions include using spray can products sparingly, turning stoves off immediately when finished and keeping the house clean. Old wallpaper, rotting wood, bacteria havens in the bathroom. kitchen or basement are all popular breeding grounds for such air-borne health hazards.

be done to improve indoor airflow. "The concept we started (is) to certify that the air has been test- aid the Green Foundation's ed," Welch said. "It's a big project just getting off the ground. "We want to see Michigan

Welch has already recruited general organic cleaning services and bio-conscious companies to

become the front-runner in set-Jackett can be reached at (248) ting protocols. Michigan can be a 349-1700, ext. 122 leader again, not in automotives, cjackett@gannett.com

Going green: Novi develops eco-friendly city

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known as the living laboratory for the study of renewable resources. "This starts at the basic root of building green. I think it's very timely, especially for a community that is still in the process of being developed," Topouzian cost benefit analysis.

Novi's initiative

projected specific goals to encourage green building and development throughout the city. "They wanted to be a community that values natural features."

said Barh McBeth, deputy community development director for the City of Novi. As a result, city staff members began researching green projects

munities, along with conducting a

and policies of surrounding com-

exception of Auburn Hills, In January, Novi's City Council McBeth said.

At the Sept. 24 city council meeting, staff introduced a resolution unanimously approved by council, to adopt green building policies, encouraging builders and developers to consider going green when doing projects. The benefit is it would help achieve council's goal of being an environmentally conscious com-

Novi News staff writer Kelly Murad "Most communities did not can be reached at (248) 349-1700, have a policy in place, with the ext 103 or kmurad@gannett.com.

Oakland County in decline

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"The county is going to have to look at the budget and (look at) where we can make cuts," said Hugh Crawford, Oakland County Commissioner and member of the finance committee

residential property throughout · Oakland County ranging from .56 percent in Rochester, with Novi at 5.71 per-

months and years may be more affected than others. "Novi had \$400 million worth of new construction last year." According to Pearson, with

values the city has anticipated and "For existing, residential prop-

erty it will have an impact," said Pearson, noting this will not affect property taxes due in "Novi's kind of at the high-end February, "It's a reminder to us to of the pack," Crawford said, "We increase the tax base overall and were told that municipalities that increase diversity of the tax have had the most growth in past

With this being a preliminary report. Crawford believes the finance committee will be analyzing the budget more extensively during the next couple of



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Julie Farkas, right, the new director of the Novi Public Library talks with the city's community relations manager Sheryl Walsh at an open house, welcoming Farkas into the community

School election reform proposed, opinions sought

Novi board member elections to six-year terms. Odd-numare currently held every year in bered-year elections would May and board members serve four-year terms. The May election costs the district about of four or six-year terms. \$19,000 each year in set-up and ballot printing fees.

"If it's not broken, don't fix it," said trustee George Kortlandt, election cycle currently in however noting spending place, using four-year terms. \$19,000 on an election fewer than 100 residents have turned save \$19,000 and use it for the out for in the past is poor fiscal kids. I am in consensus that I

The change would save the also felt the switch to six-year district dollars through elimiterms would be OK. "People nating election expenses by who run for four years are just as adding the board election to an likely to stay in the city for six existing ballot. Even-num- years. By the time you're trained bered-year elections would two and a half years in, you're align the elections and cost just getting ramped up." sharing with presidential and Secretary Katie Raeon, vice gubernatorial elections and give

president Bruce Bagdady and the board the option of moving trustee Bobbie Murphy said the six-year terms may be too long when considering a second align with City of Novi electerm. President Jeff Nielson said

tions and also allow the choice West Bloomfield just settled on Elections every year are also an six-year terms in even years, bu option, and would allow the they did not have the option of board to maintain the staggered having it every year. He also noted West Bloomfield spent \$55,000 per election in compan-"My first blush is we ought to son to Novi's \$19,000.

Another supported option under exploration includes movpractice. "Right now, we're float- don't think it's healthy to elect ing the term dates from a June 30 ing. At some time, (the state) four people to a seven-person completion to Dec. 30 complecould come down and tell us board at any one time," said tion, moving new terms' start Treasurer Ann Glubzinski, who from July 1 to Jan. 1.



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Suspect robs gas station using toy gun

before 8 p.m. Nov. 6, the Novi Police Department responded to a 911 call regarding an armed robbery at the Sunoco gas station on Grand River Avenue, west of Novi Road.

The female suspect entered the store and showed the clerk a gun and a note demanding money.

Once the suspect received the money, she headed west in a white Pontiac, reports said. According to a press release, a Novi police officer observed the Meadowbrook Road.

suspected vehicle parked next to a gas pump at the Mobil gas station Grand River Avenue and Wixom Road. With the assistance of Wixom police officers, the suspect, Anna

May Kwasny, 65, was arrested. The officers on the scene recovered the weapon used in the robbery, which turned out to be a toy gun wrapped in electrical tape, reports said.

The Livonia resident was arraigned Nov. 7 at the 52-1 District Court in front of magistrate Andra Dudley, on charges of armed robbery, reports said. According to officials, Kwasny was released on bond and is facing a penalty of life or any term of

Man dies after car strikes

his 1997 Honda Civic and ran off

years in prison for the felony Space heater suspected as

cause of mobile home fire According to officials, a fire to The man was traveling southmobile home in Hometown Twelve Mile Road around 7:20 Novi, on 13 Mile Road, west of a.m. when, according to witness-

Police Briefs

According to Novi Fire Chief Frank Smith, it is believed the fire cles were approaching. was accidental and started from a space heater, but spread quickly. The Novi Fire Department received the call at 4:42 p.m. and

had the fire under control at 5:23 p.m., but the home was a total loss, reports said. A mom, dad, two kids and and removed from the car by father-in-law were in the home members of the Novi Fire when the fire began, reports said. The father was the last one out

of the home and climbed out

through a window, with the help not appear to have been a factor, black 2008 Ford were smashed of a neighbor, officials said. There were no major injuries. the family was evaluated at a local seat belt. hospital and treated for smoke

body in a tarp,

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Northville

Golf clubs worth \$2,000 reported stolen from vehi-

At about 4:30 a.m. Nov. 6, two vehicles in the same neighborhood had windows smashed out. A 21-year-old Detroit man died Monday when he lost control of reports said. . The back window of a white

2007 GMC was smashed out the roadway into a tree. while parked at a residence near ignited late Saturday afternoon at bound on Napier Road south of Beck and Nine Mile roads, reports According to the owner, his golf clubs, valued at \$2,000 were es, he was passing a vehicle

stolen from the vehicle. southhound as northbound vehi-The light brown and black Titleist bag was filled with Ping According to the report from Eye 2 irons with Winn grips, a the Oakland County Sheriff's Office Lyon Substation, the man Titleist driver, a Ping 3-wood, a Callaway fairway wood, a Scotty attempted to get back into his lane, but lost control and left the Cameron putter and two rare roadway before hitting the tree. Cleveland copper beryllium

He was trapped in his vehicle wedges, reports said. According to the officer, Play it Again Sports received a list of the stolen clubs and will notify the Department. The man was transpolice if anyone brings them in. ported to Royal Oak Beaumont The back window and two Hospital and was pronounced dead at 8:52 a.m. Alcohol does windows on the left side of a

out while the vehicle was parked and the man was not wearing a at a residence on Nine Mile Road The Crash Reconstruction Unit and Beckenham Boulevard,

about 4:30 a.m. he heard three reports said. loud pops and saw a set of headights head south, but thought it

was the paper delivery boy. Nothing was missing from his venicle, reports said.

Retail fraud at JCPenney A man was arrested for retail

fraud at JCPenney in Twelve Oaks Mall just after 8 p.m. Nov. 6, According to the report, loss prevention officers observed the nerv-

> via surveillance cameras. The officers saw the man select two pairs of earrings and walk Meadowbrook and 13 Mile roads, into the misses department where reports said. he removed the earrings from their eards, placed them in his pockets and discarded the backing eards in the pocket of a sweater on a display table, reports said.

ous male in the jewelry department

The man passed several registers before exiting the building without attempting to pay, reports said. Once the loss prevention officers brought the man inside, they found two of the four earrings in his jacket pocket.

Although they were not able to recover the other two earrings, the officers found a marijuana pipe in

to produce at least one fingerprint assisted in the investigation in 1998. The conviction was evi-

from Sorensen's charted remains. included Canton Township Police, dently a statutory indiscretion on

two teenagers small sums of Michigan State Police and Wayne when he was 18 and the girl was

money, but this is not thought to County Prosecutor's Office.

be the principal motive for the

"I've been in law enforcement

Sorensen may have owed the Plymouth Township Police, the Sorensen's part and occurred

"Law enforcement was at its

best. By putting the pieces togeth-

Concerning the cooperative law

Sex conviction not related

Worthy said police and prose-

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the thrill of it. She noted that the

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According to Novi police officers, the pipe was placed into property to be destroyed, since the man did not have it on him upon their arrival.

Items taken from unlocked

According to a recent police report, a pre-paid Speedway gas card and \$3 in quarters were stolen from a vehicle between 11:30 p.m. Nov. 5 and 8 a.m. Nov. 6. The victim left his 2004 Infiniti

unlocked while parked overnight in his driveway near

When the man entered his vehicle Nov. 6, he noticed the center glove box was open and his gas were missing, reports said.

According to the report, the man was able to cancel the Speedway card and transfer the \$400 balance to a new card. No damage was done to the vehicle and no other items were missing reports said.

- The South Lyon Herald con-

"That does not have any bear

Letkemann has a previous

Werth said a third person of

information will be available

until the preliminary examina-

Northville Record staff writer

tion scheduled for 8:30 a.m. Nov.

ing on this case whatsoever,"

record of minor in possession o

Worthy said.

enforcement effort Worthy said, interest in the murder has been

"We asked them to really investi- identified and spoken to and

gate this case, and that's what was that the prosecutor, will, deter-

done. I'm really thankful to them mine what and if any charges

crime did not have any connection Pam Fleming can be reached at

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Thrill Kill: Two teens charged with killing River Rouge man

STAFF WRITER

Two Western Wayne teenagers may have given new meaning to the familiar phrase, "With friends like that, who needs enemics?" Jean Pierre Orlewicz, 17, of School. Plymouth, and Alexander James Letkemann, 18, of Westland, were tim's charged Monday in 34th District Court in Romelus with firstdegree murder in the death of their friend, Daniel Sorensen, 26,

sewer workers at 9:32 a.m. Nov. 8 and Dearborn Heights. in an undeveloped subdivision at Ridge and Seven Mile roads. The Wayne County Medical Examiner determined the cause of death late Nov. 9 as multiple stab-

Could face life in prison Besides being charged with first degree premeditated murder and felony murder, both of which carry mandatory sentences of life in prison, the two were charged with mutilation of a corpse, which carries a maximum sentence of 10 vears in prison.

Letkemann, who lives with his parents in Westland, dropped out stabbing him several times. They

Chevy S-10 pickup was found in the Meijer parking lot at Newburgh and Warren in Westland on Saturday. Park near the border of Detroit "thrill kill" by Wayne County the purpose of killing him. Prosecutor Kym Worthy during a

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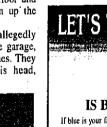
Police Department. Bone-chilling crime described garage in Canton, preparing a space in which to kill him by placing drop cloths on the floor and devising a way to clean up the

press conference Monday morn-

ing at the Northville Township

2001 Orlewicz

The teenagers allegedly attacked Sorensen in the garage, of Churchill High School in allegedly sawed off his head,



steadily climbing up the popularity ladder over the past few years. It comes in shades that vary from very light blue to sky blue to a near-wish XENSTEIN JEWEL-

Throughout its history, topaz held the disinction of being the gemstone with the widest utes, tonaz was used to promote wisdom which is probably why the custom in ancient P.S. Blue topaz was once thought to calm times was to give topaz rings to heads of state, diplomates, and royalty. Today, blue topaz also invisible in a threatening situation.

for 22 years," Worthy said. "I've was responsible for this terrible head in the seen every kind of crime, and still, act and where the death took Rouge River. the idea that there are people who place." There was no evidence that a video recording would kill just for the thrill of it is bone chilling. The evidence was made of the killing. police have gathered in this case the same day Sorensen's head was a Nictim lured to garage found in the Rouge River in Hines . The arrest warrant alleges that suggests just that the only one vi-Investigators have worked on Nov. 7 the two teenagers lured Sorensen to a house on the 8200

tirelessly, virtually around the 'for keeping to their word, work- will be brought against that perclock, gathering information, ing to pull this together and solv- son. developing leads, collecting evidence, and executing search war- off to all of them. The work that numerous details that have arisen The murder was described as a block of Holly Lane in Canton for to rants," said John Werth, director Orlewicz's grandfather. Sorensen of public safety, Northville

house belongs was supposedly led into the The investigation was led by Northville Township police, who found all persons responsible for

Orlewicz and Letkemann Worthy said the two teenagers allegedly used a blow torch to the murder, Werth said. "They allegedly killed Sorensen in a burn the body's hands and feet started and coordinated the invesand then set it on fire in Northville Township. However, the to the proper agencies where the prior record for criminal sexual

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By Chris Jackett STAFF WRITER

Anonymity pays, at least for a group of social studies teachers. An anonymous donor sent Novi Meadows leacher Gary Hurst to the Colonial Williamsburg historical re-enactment site in Virginia ir 2006 and peers Carol Mulhall and Amy Mardigian this past summer. All three attended the week-long Colonial Williamsburg Teacher Institute educational program.

"The experience is just a once in a lifetime experience," said Mulhall, a fifth grade teacher at Meadows, "It touched us all in a personal way and I will look at our country in a different way, and he said. not take freedom for granted."

Hurst, who has taught fifth grade at Meadows for 29 years, labeled the trip "the best learning experience I ever had." "It's much more meaningful.

how it could be used in the class- tion. room," he said. around Culonial Williamsburg. for a revolution and those who the group of 23 teachers from were not. We had to study and around the country, including plan the night before," Mulhall Mulhall and Mardigian, spent the

each location's history. "We had to act as soldiers and learned how to hold and load guns (that were made of wood)."

day at Yorktown to learn about

Mulhall said. Jamestown, while celebrating its 400th anniversary, and Williamsburg were similar inter- institute, food, room and board active experiences. The teachers spoke with historians acting as slaves, colonial teachers and for-

mer Virginia Gov. Patrick Henry. "He was in character for that time period. He talked about what's going on in the government in Colonial Williamsburg,

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location since 1780. Hurst heard directly Jefferson during his 2006 trip. "It was really like it was Thomas Jefferson talking to you,"

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"We had to participate in a Although the trip was centered debate between those colonists said, adding that the group was first day at Jamestown and the last split in the debate.

> debate. "The vote for revolution was unanimous," Mulhall said.

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gubernatorial loss to Thomas and historian who portrays

Thomas Jefferson in

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Jefferson, who wanted to move State Capitol from Williamsburg to Richmond, its

Other activities included checking tobacco leaves in a plantation field for bugs, preparing clay to be made into bricks by stomping around in it barefoot and leading a town debate between colonists

Mulhall was designated to argue for revolution, while

Mardigian started off the loyalist The anonymous donor paid all expenses of the trip for all three

Meadows teachers. The flight, and spending allowance were all supplied, and the teachers came back with bags full of books and compact dises full of educational

Williamsburg in Novi

A trio of Novi Meadows teachers recently enjoyed trips, paid for by an anonymous donor, to Colonial Williamsburg, in Virginia to learn of the colonies' early history. From left are Amy Mardigian, Carol Mulhali and Gary Hurst. The

for two day-time assemblies for hope the parents take away the and a slightly different subject at students and one evening assem- understanding of freedom. You the 7:30 p.m. adult gathering.

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same donor is paying for a Thomas Jefferson impersonator to visit Novi Meadows on Dec. 4.

"I hope they gain a little bit of should never take it for grant-Mulhall said, adding that Henry spoke about his recent (1779) The same anonymous donor is spoke about his recent (1779) now bringing Bill Barker, an actor and how he was instrumental in Arnett & Associates, "Jefferson" ple. We hear names and don't

Thomas Jefferson at Colonial Independence and (learn about) dents about fifth-grade appropriate "As we get older, we tend to Williamsburg, to Novi on Dec. 4 his presidency," Mulhall said, "I subjects at 8:30 a.m. and 9:30 a.m. understand things a little better.

> insight. They [Jefferson and other ple. We hear names and don't really associate it." Hurst said.

They have more meaning for

Novi News staff writer Chris Jackett can be reached at (248) 349-1700, ext. 122 or

standout hitter like Milford or

an ace for a 24-17 lead.

Hildreth served up a point for a They were really similar to us in 21-15 lead. After a couple of sideout exchanges, Cripps served up

Making

History

23-25, 25-16, 25-17, against at one, game three was going to

Wyandotte on Tuesday in be pivotal. Novi seized the

since districts. That was our next to 18-8, and the Wildcats eventu-

early that the Wildcats weren't brink of putting away the Bears,

it a game, but Novi won the open-three more service points for a

five-point lead.

it's just luck."

just there to have a good time. and they didn't let it get away.

game, keeping almost everything

Never did I think my senior year

was going to be in the final four,'

Miller said, "I know we can do it

Wyandotte showed why it

reached the clite eight in game

two. Both teams made runs, but the

Bears turned a 22-20 deficit into a

24-20 lead with Addison Sweany

serving. After a sideout, Kaitlyn

Litteral knocked down a kill to win

With the matched deadlocked

moment and again raced out to a

Janer took the serve up 7-5 and

didn't stop until the Wildcats let

11-5. Robb put down a pair of

kills during the run. The lead grew

Novi, which seemed the more

pumped-up team throughout the

match, knew they were on the

Holding a 14-12 lead, Janer

After an exchange of sideouts,

Miller provided a dig that told the

story of how things were going

for the Wildcats. She dove to save

a Litteral spike, and the ball went

flying back over the net before

falling deep in the corner of the

everyone started cheering. I

looked up and the ball was inside

the line," Miller said. "Sometimes

The Novi bench erupted, and it

just appeared a matter of time

before the Wildcats could enjoy

their second wild celebration in a

"I thought it was going out and

Bears' side of the court.

went to the line and ripped off

ally put it away, 25-16.

the second game, 25-23.

We can go the whole way."

"It's the best feeling ever.

■ Novi plays in

semifinals

tonight in

By Jeff Theisen

team's playoff run.

looked back.

Battle Creek

Don't wake Novi volleyball

coach Julie Fisette up. She is liv-

ing a wonderful dream with her

The Wildcats pushed into the

"These guys, they're such a big lead.

Final Four with a 3-1 win, 25-18.

complete package," Fisctte said.

"They're fired up. We never

"We've been yelling state ever

Novi raced out to a 17-5 lead in

Wyandotte fought back to make

er 25-18. The Bears lone lead of

the game was 1-0. Novi held leads

of 6-2, 12-4 and 17-5, much to the

"That was huge," said Fisette

about winning the first game.

"You've got so many options with

this group. Our front line was get-

at the net for the Wildcats.

Stephanie Cripps, Paige Janer,

Jacquelyn Longe, Sarah Robb and

"I'm so excited to go to Battle

Creek for the semifinals," Cripps

said. "It's the greatest feeling ever,

"They were a really good team.

making Novi volleyball history.

Kim Hildreth owned the net.

It didn't matter who was hitting

delight of the Wildcat faithful.

rock on the mountain. I am so

the first game, setting the tone

proud to be taking them there."

They were there to win.

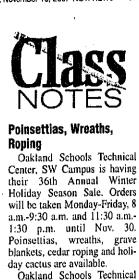
The final point, fittingly, came Libero Hayley Miller and the from Janer, on a night that Fisette

Novis Paula Dietz spikes the ball over the net during the Wildcats Tuesday night state quarterfinal playoff game against Wyandotte Roosevelt. Novi won and advances to the state semifinals tonight in Battle Creek.

ung nights of the year. I just went up for it and held nothing back really," Janer said, "I

"My senior year couldn't be Arena in Battle Creek. Novi (37any better right now. This whole 3-3) faces Bloomfield Hills Marian (50-18-4) in the second

year has been fun." Class A game of the night. The Wildcats amazing run continues 7:15 tonight at Kellogg Jenison plays Fraser at 5:30 p.m.



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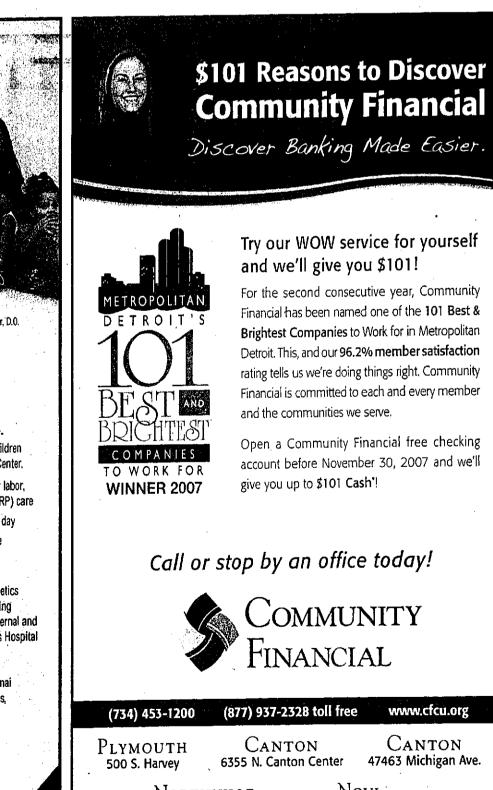
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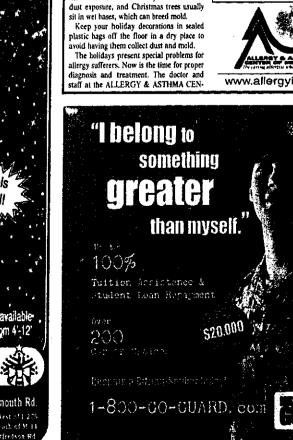
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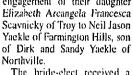
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B.B.A. and MBA degrees from the University of Michigan and currently director of Project Management at ePrize, LLC. A wedding is planned for Sept. 20, 2008 at St. George Cathedral in Southfield with a Dr. Gary and Judith Roman reception following at St. John's

> Novi announce the engagement of their daughter Christina M Parrish to Cory L. Juntunen, son

The bride-elect is a 2000



Mark and Janet Pitcher of Novi

their daughter, Laura Pitcher of Lansing, to Marc Mauren, son of Rich and Linda Mauren of

The bride-elect is a 1999 graduate of Novi High School and a 2003 graduate of Adrian College. She is currently employed at Auto Owners Insurance Company in Lansing as a senior actuarial techni-

graduate of Gabriel Richard High School and a 2001 graduate of Central Michigan University. He is currently employed as a systems administrator at Auto Owners Insurance A wedding is Dec. 1, 2007.



Sestito-Kline

Donald Kline and Mr. and Mrs. Vincent Campione of Novi announce the engagement of their daughter Heather Nicole Kline to Church, Rome, N.Y.. The couple Timothy Michael Sestito, son of

Peter and Julie Sestito and Gary and Kimberly Bulinski of Rome, N.Y.

The bride-elect is a 2002 graduate of Novi High School and 2006 graduate of Michigan State University, where she earned a degree in business. Currently she is a manager-intraining at Masco Contractor Services, Greenville, S.C. The groom-elect is a 2002 graduate of Rome Free

Academy. He is a professional hockey player under an NHL contract with the Edmonton Oilers. He currently plays for their American Hockey League affiliate, the Springfield Falcons of Springfield, Mass.

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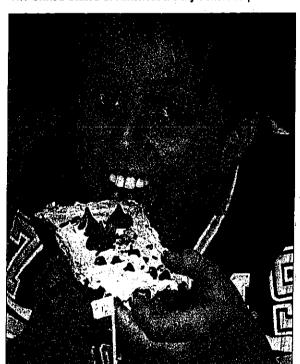
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As a culmination to their geography unit, the fifth-grade students at Novi Meadows planned an exciting project involving a United States Map and lots of sugar cookie dough. The students worked in groups to decorate their cookies, making them look like raised relief maps. Candy kisses, chocolate chips, frosting and sprinkles made the good old U.S.A. a truly delicious place. When the maps were completed the students were able to enjoy the cookies of their labor.

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The United States of America: a truly delicious place.



Novi Meadows student Nicholas Fadanelli enjoys his

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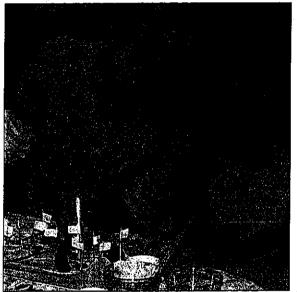
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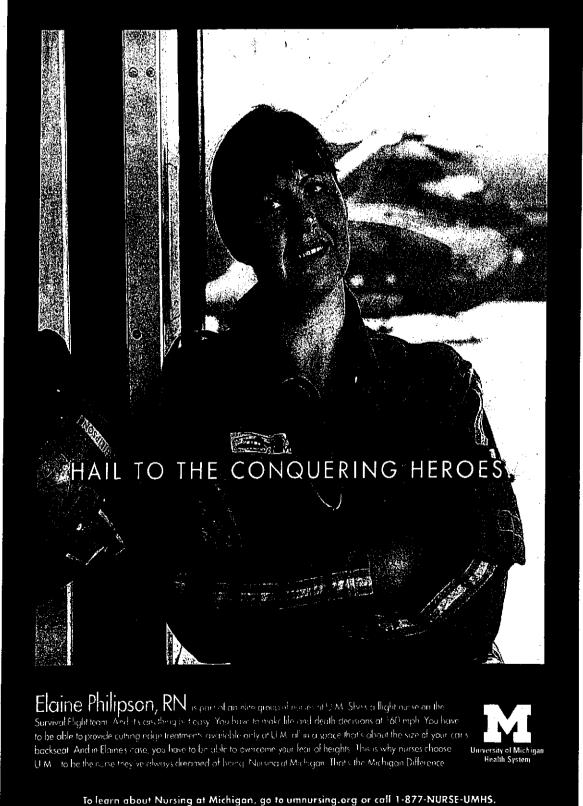




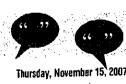
As a culmination to their geography unit, Emily Gray and Calityn Kucera decorate sugar cookies representing



Paul Li and Vipul Reddy work on their map of the United States during a geography project portion of their Novi Meadows fifth-grade class.



MY OPINION



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Novi News

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Editorial - Don't veer for deer

"Tis the season for car-deer crashes across Michigan, and local drivers should keep in mind that we're in one of the worst areas in the state for these types of accidents.

There are a lot of deer out there and, this month especially, they're going to be on the run. These crashes can be expensive and sometimes deadly (12 people died last year in Michigan due to car-deer crashes), so it's worth your time to learn how you can improve your chances of not hitting a doe or buck.

There's a lot of good advice from the experts on how to avoid these crashes, but the best advice is this: If it's inevitable that you're going to hit a deer, just hit it. While swerving might be a driver's first instinct, it's vital that you "don't veer for deer."

With deer season upon us, the Michigan Deer Crash Coalition has provided tips to avoid a crash with one of the state's 1.75 million deer. First, if a crash is unavoidable, the coalition recommends the following:

- Do not swerve.
- Brake firmly.
- Grasp the steering wheel with both hands. . Come to a controlled stop.
- · Steer your vehicle well off the roadway. The coalition also suggests some ways to avoid the

crash in the first place: · Watch for deer, especially at dawn and dusk. They are most active at those times, especially during the fall mating season. In the spring, deer will move from cover to find food, and back to cover. Often they will feed along road easements, where grass greens up first.

• If you see one deer, approach cautiously, as there may be more out of sight.

• Deer often travel single file, so if you see one cross a road, chances are more are nearby waiting to cross, too. When startled by an approaching vehicle, they can panic

and dart out from any direction without warning. • Be alert all year, especially on two-lane roads. Watch for deer warning signs. They are placed at known deercrossing areas and serve as a first alert that deer may be

. Slow down when traveling through deer population

Hey. Novi: What's Your Story?

We're looking for you! The Novi News is currently tooking to interview local residents regarding the following topics: · Are you a high school student who receives an allowance from your parents?

· Are you a working woman who has recently returned to

 Are you a Novi resident interested in sharing a story about how your religious faith has carried you through tough times? . During the past six months, have you moved into a newly

 Do you spend more than \$100 per week on gasoline? Are you a single parent?

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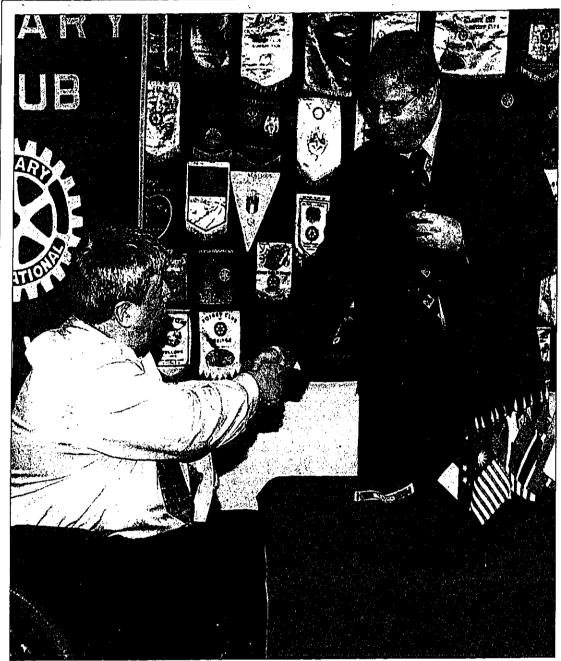


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Novi Rotary's Tony Musu gives Michigan Paralyzed Veterans Association's Mike Harris a check for \$500 during a Veterans Day salute to service members. The check was from Rotary for the MPVA's general fund, which assists paralyzed veterans. Andrew Commence of the Commenc

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Moving aratitude

I am Chicago resident moving to Novi at the end of this month.

Saluting our Veterans

I was impressed with the Novi residents who overwhelmingly passed the library ballot measure to build a better library. I believe a great library is one of the keys to a strong community. This confirms my belief that I selected a terrific community for

Donna Skelcy

Thrilled with Suppot

We are thrilled by the support shown for a new library. As senior citizens we are happy knowing Novi residents of all ages will benefit from having a new building, It is wonderful that the voters recognized the need for a new library and the positive effect this will have on our city and our property values. The my new home. Thank you Novi next few months will be used by

the expanded Building Authority to finalize plans and details for opportunity to submit some of the new building. Hopefully the our hopes and dreams for our citizens of Novi will have an new library

What do you think?

We welcome your Letter to the Editor. Please include your name, address and phone number for verification. We ask your letters be 400 words or less. We may edit for clarity, space and

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TOM WATKINS:

Are Newspapers and Democracy Dying?

across America and right here in newspapers equal the death of

We are losing great newspa-per writers to budget cuts and early and forced retirements. One has to wonder when the last quality writer will be asked to shut off the lights of once-proud newspapers that are protectors of our democracy. If we lose America's newspa-

pers will we also lose a vital institution necessary to protect our liberty? It is sad. Sadder still is that

few in the general public even seem to be taking notice of the loss of quality reporting across the state and nation. The Washington Post, New York Times, Boston Globe, Los

Angeles Times and Chicago Tribune reportedly have downsized their staffs. The Detroit News, Free Press and countless smaller papers across the state

our collective freedom and our

Michigan. Does the death of Walter Cronkite, remarked, into a pot of boiling water, it Miller "Freedom of the press is not just will quickly hop out. But if you important to democracy; it is democracy." How can we have "freedom of

> the press" when it appears to be a dying institution in America today In a democracy, we need journalists to hold the government accountable. An independent, experienced and competent

press is vital to governmental transparency, integrity and a key check on unfettered government power. Perhaps our third president, Thomas Jefferson, said it best when he declared, "Were it left

to me to decide whether we should have a government without newspapers or newspapers without a government, I should not hesitate for a moment to prefer the latter."

Quality journalism is getting the slow boil! What is happening to quality journalism in Michigan and put a frog into a pot of cold information about what is going water and raise the temperature on in our nation's capitol, as

No, no one is coming into our cities and small towns and shut- junkie, as am I, you must have ting down the presses in one fell swoop; it is more insidious than paper, it seems as if you have that. It is the gradual killing off read them all. The only thing of talented, decent reporting. It that changes from one paper to is the loss of investigative the other appears to be the reporting when a team of com- advertisements. The articles all

an issue and present the public Now that we have entered a turbulent and transformational, global, knowledge-based econo- am used to reading on my varimy, we need quality news ous trips to the People's reporting more than ever. What Republic of China, where they we are getting is more "press have Xinhua News Agency, release news" that seems to be China's official news service spoon fed to some copy writer

directly from the PR flacks from

democracy.

America is more like the old

The great news reporter, folk tale – if you throw a frog talking to itself" – Arthur

At a time when we need more ever so slowly, the gradual well as the states' capitols, warming will make the frog newspapers are eliminating staff doze happily as it is cooked to as profit margins tighten and readership drops. If you are a newspaper

noticed if you have read one businesses that must compete in petent journalists dig deep into seem to be the same - the same wire service telling us what is

important to know. This approach to news reporting seems very similar to what I have Xinhua News Agency, where one size has to fit all.

the realities of the new global and technologically driven economy. Our newspapers are dependent on the our economy and advertising dollars; they are in a sharp decline. The reality is that ad revenue is down for newspapers. Advertising reportedly represents 75 to 80 percent of most newspaper companies revenue. It is a sad reality that

the cost of our freedom is dependent on the bottom line. Can our state and nation, can the sheer vibrancy of our very Newspapers are important democracy, be sustained when institutions in safeguarding our such vital institutions as strong, democracy - but they are also quality news reporting and

philanthropy, emails and text Are newspapers imploding and will the medium simply shifted to new venues that can and will serve our democratic values and the public good?

Do you get the same warm feeling starting the day with a good cup of coffee and your morning blog or YouTube? The Times - and all the news that is fit to print - are a

changin' Change is inevitable, progress JOIN IN: Discuss our stories online via Story Chat at novinews.com

PHIL POWER:

What would you say if the Michigan Legislature

passed and Gov. Jennifer

Granholm signed into law

· Authorized the state to

pay up to \$10 million to

hold Republican and

Democratic primary elec-

• Ordered the Michigan

Secretary of State to use

this primary to develop -

again, at public expense -

a list of voters' party pref-

erences, including names

· Require this list to be

kept secret — except that

the taxpayers would turn

it over for free only to the

chairs of the Democratic

and Republican parties for

use in "supporting politi-

• Further, provided that

any other use of these

records - political, com-

mercial, journalistic, aca-

demic, historical or scien-

tific — by anyone else

other than the two major

political parties is a crimi-

nal violation of the law,

subject to a \$1,000 fine

Naturally — after you got

and up to 93 days in jail?

your breath back - you'd

say this was a plot right

out of George Orwell's

famous and terrifying

"1984"

described political tyranny

and the ultimate destruc-

Then you'd ask - or

hopefully, scream — "Who

in their right mind would

ever imagine such a

Surprise — all that real-

Turns out (and I'm not

making this up) this was

exactly what was dreamt

up by Mark Brewer, chair

Democratic Party, and

Saulius "Saul" Anuzis, his

GOP counterpart. Sen

Michelle McManus, R-

Traverse City, introduced

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the deal on July 6, 2007.

Michigan

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and addresses.

New law more like Orwellian nightmare

About Phil Power

passed by both houses of William Collette agreed,

same folks that take a year because it made publicly-

to balance the budget) and gathered voter lists the

signed into law by the gov- secret and exclusive pos-

And it was concocted by the public and that turn-

tutional.

the

again, ignored — or, Presidential primary frankly, shafted — the voter records are "not the

elections

Brewer

McManus

You might fairly call

that "politburo politics."

Michigan's hyper-parti-

san political parties in

order to hold primary

elections in January 2008

to pick their respective

nominees for President.

It's a perfect example of

the kind of unthinking

partisan arrogance that's

been going on in Lansing

over the last several

tumultuous and embar-

The result has, once

interests of 10 million

Michigan citizens, and

instead attempted to sacri-

fice them to the partisan

This time, however, they

didn't quite get away with

it. Fortunately, a group of

citizens sued. They were

led by Mark Grebner, a

very competent East

Lansing political consult-

ant who uses public

records to compile and sell

The plaintiffs argued

political parties for their

violation of the Michigan

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Constitution.

detailed voter lists.

agendas of both political

rassing months.

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Her bill was speedily County Circuit Judge All that was a perfect

the legislature (yes, the striking down the law much contempt the major

session of both political

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there was "clear injury" to

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Party, argued in open

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state of Michigan's proper-

ty. This is the party's prop-

erty. These are our mem-

bers," Doster said. Right.

You get it. Public voter

records are the party's

property. Our voters, our

votes, our members, our

Certainly not the peo-

Somewhere, Orwell's Big

No doubt Collette's deci-

sion will be appealed,

maybe all the way to the

Michigan Supreme Court.

that the law meant pub- GOP chair Anuzis called or if you care about the

licly-funded resources the ruling a "hiccup" and impact of belligerent and

would be given away for said he didn't think it self-absorbed political par-

free exclusively to the would affect the primary. tisanship on Lansing's

private use and profit. the press. Repeated calls out of the mess we're in,

That, they argued, was a to Democratic chair I'd urge you to watch this

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determinedly independent

crossover voter, sometimes

voting for the Democrat.

Republican. Under the

depending on which pri-

mary you voted in. Your

vote would be accessible

only to the political par-

ties, who could then target

or ignore you at their

leisure, without you being

able to do anything about

run for the legislature, but

you're independent-mind-

ed, not always in lock-step

with your party. If you

want to reach the voters,

the voter lists are a very

But under the law just

struck down, you'd never

parties decided you were

too much a troublemak-

If you are concerned

about losing your rights,

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Healthy Girls Night Out Presented by Henry Ford

TIME/DATE: 6:30-8:30 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 15 I OCATION: Hotel Baronette 27790 Novi Road DETAILS: Henry Ford Health System's Heart & Vascular Grand Prize is \$5,000 but other orizes also awarded Institute invites the public to attend a complimentary, gourmet, heart-healthy meal prepared by renowned Matt Prentice Restaurant Group, Healthcare providers will discuss the lates

advances in women's heart health CHAMBERS and answer questions. At no cost, this is part of the Hot Topics Women's Health series. Seating is limited; registration required CONTACT: To reserve a spot

call (800) 436-7936 or visit www.henryford.com/hottopics. Commerce

Wise Guys Comedy Club LOCATION: 40380 Grand River Ave., Novi DATE: Nov. 22-24, Rich Guzzi, hypnosis show, tickets now on CONTACT: Call for show times (248) 919-3216 or visit www.wiseguyscomey.net

The Second City's "Dysfunctional Holiday Revue'

TIME: 8 p.m. Wednesdays and Thursdays, \$15: 8 and 10 p.m. Fridays, \$20: 7 and 9 p.m. (and 11 p.m. in December) Saturdays, \$20; and 8 p.m. Sundays, \$15 LOCATION: The Second City, 42705 Grand River Ave., Novi DETAILS: Get a healthy dose of seasonal satire with The Second City's 31st revue; directed by Mark Levenson of Novi. CONTACT: For tickets or infor-

visit www.secondcity.com Art Van Community Events

mation, call (248) 348-4448 or

Art Van Furniture Store, 27775 Novi Road, Novi, (248) 348-8922 Hollday Readings for Children TIME/DATE: Noon, Saturday,

DETAILS: Book read will be "Has Anvone Seen Christmas? in Kid's Castles play area. "Hats Off Detroit" Hat Drive DATE: Friday, Nov. 16 -Sunday, Nov. 18

DETAILS: In partnership with the Thanksgiving Parade Company, Art Van will be collecting winter hats for local nonprofit agencies; drop off clean, Thursday, Nov. 29 new or gently used winter hats at LOCATION: Fleming's

an Art Van location. Toys for Tots DATE: Please donate a new. unwrapped toy for a child and ideas. \$10. drop it off at any Art Van store. Candy Cane Run Toys will be delivered to local

Democrats of West Oakland

ouns please.

children by Christmas day. No toy

TIME/DATE: 7 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 20

LOCATION: Maple Restaurant and Golf, 31260 Wakefield Dr., on 14 Mile Road between Novi Road and M-5 ing over 500 members. Our DETAILS: "So What's Plan B? -Getting Out of Iraq" with speaker Tom Collier, Vietnam veteran and interests in the greater Novi history professor at West Point and U. of M. fessional people working CONTACT: Jim at (248) 624-

Ringing in the Holidays TIME/DATE: 6-9 p.m. Friday,

Nov. 30

LOCATION: Main Street DETAILS: This event features the "Electric Light Parade," a Lakes Area Chamber of variety of stage performances, includino Sarah Lenore, dicital Since 1963, the Lakes Area Santa photos, food from local

restaurants, marshmallow roasting, a hockey skills area, the Jingle Bell Jog, carriage rides and lighting the official city tree. Opportunities for sponsorship and food vendors are available CONTACT: Derek O. Smith (248) 347-0474

Novi Rotary Club

TIME/DATE: Noon every Thursday LOCATION: Novi Methodist Church, 41671 W. 10 Mile Road DETAILS: Lunch is \$10 at meeting, visitors welcome, check website for speaker information. www.novirotary.org.

Annual Holiday Raffle Dinner DATE: Friday, Dec. 14 DETAILS: Enjoy an enchanting evening of "Dancing with the Stars;" help support our various community efforts with the purchase of a raffle ticket: tickets are \$125 but only 125 will be sold;

CONTACT: Ginger Barrons at (248) 348-0551 or email Ginger at novirotary@twmi.rr.com

COMMERCE

Greater Novi Chamber of

We're about business. We're about networking. We're about creating excitement in business and networking! Everyone is welcome to attend any of our events. For more information call Whitney, executive director at (248) 347-4622 or wmgncc@yahoo.com. Also visit www.greaternovicham~ ber.com.

Sales Leads Group 1 TIME/DATE: 8:30-9:30 a.m.. second and fourth Thursday of the month (No meeting Nov.

LOCATION: Hooter's of Novi DETAILS: Serious networking, no fee. CONTACT: Michelle Winn at (248) 835-3754 **Arts Round Table**

IME/DATE: 5:30 p.m. first Tuesday of every month LOCATION: Mixx Lounge, DETAILS: Discussing art and

Main Street culture in our area; all welcome; **B2B** Breakfast TIME/DATE: 7:45-9 a.m.

Wednesday, Dec. 12 Financial Round Table TIME/DATE: 7:30-9 a.m. Thursday, Nov. 15

LOCATION: Garnish, Novi Road and Grand River Ave DETAILS: Come and join the discussion about the financial

business, free. Ambassadors Meeting TIME/DATE: Noon Tuesday, Nov. 27 LOCATION: Moe's on Ten grow, win prizes and have fun.

DETAILS: Find out how we can After Hours Holiday Bazaar TIME/DATE: 5:30-7 p.m.

Steakhouse, 17400 Haggerty Road, south of Seven Mile Road. DETAILS: Great food and gifts

DATE: Friday, Nov. 30

DETAILS: This festive holiday 5k run will welcome Santa and have a donation tent for nonperishable food, wrapped toys, clothing and running shoes in good shape.

Novi Chamber of Commerce The chamber is celebrating 40 years of business, representmission is to be a responsible interested. Colored Pencil Workshop proactive advocate of business TIME/DATE: 1-3 p.m., secarea. We are business and pro-

ond Tuesday of every month DETAILS: Beginners weltogether to enhance the life of our community and the busi-Express Yourself with Art and nesses in it. For more information, visit

DETAILS: \$5 materials fee; call for times and registration. www.novichamber.com or contact the chamber office at (248) Ceramics Class 349-3743

TIME/DATE: 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday; Friday by appointment DETAILS: \$10 materials fee.

Knittin' Yarns

Chamber of Commerce has proudly served as West Oakland's Regional Chamber servicing the communities of Commerce Township, Union Lake, Walled Lake, Waterford Wixom, Wolverine Lake and White Lake. Our purpose is to improve the quality of life for businesses and residents in the

Lakes area. We act as a unified voice on behalf of the business community, provide a forum to 12:15 p.m., Thursday discuss and review topics of breathing techniques that can interest, serve as a source of be used at home or on the job information and develop programs that are responsive to the to help reduce stress; class held in reflection space. needs of the communities we serve. For more information visit Cancer Center. www.lakesareachamber.com or

(248) 624-2826. Home-based Business Roundtable Discussion TIME/DATE: 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m.

Tuesday, Nov. 20 LOCATION: Chamber Board DETAILS: Discuss marketing

your business via marketing/advertising, promotional items, collections and pricing: cost is \$10 and includes lunch, registration required. Tree Lighting Ceremonies

Wixom TIME/DATE: 6:30-8 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 28 White Lake TIME/DATE: 5:30 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 29 Walled Lake cian's referral. Call (248) 465-TIME/DATE: 7-9 p.m. Monday,

Dec. 3 Memina Connection TIME/DATE: 8:30-9:30 a.m. Tuesday, Dec. 4

LOCATION: 8175 Commerce Road, Commerce Township DETAILS: Adrianne's Country Cove Gift Shop sponsors coffee and networking between local business owners. Heart of the Lakes Gala

Meetina TIME/DATE: 8:30 a.m. Tuesday, Dec. 11 LOCATION: Chamber Office,

305 N. Pontiac Trail, Ste. B, Walled Lake DETAILS: Participation in planning the 2008 Gala welcome. Holiday Mixer

TIME/DATE: 5-7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 11 LUCATION: The Madies Club 31260 Wakefield Dr., Novi DETAILS: Enjoyable evening of festivities, food, cash bar, 50/50

and prize drawings. BUSINESS

Females in the Family **Business Affinity Group**

TIME/DATE: 8-9:30 a.m. Third Thursday of every LOCATION: Walsh College Troy Campus

DETAILS: Walsh Business Leadership Institute invites women who own, are partners in, or work for family businesses. Items discussed will be common issues, and women can share solutions in

CONTACT: Jan Hubbard,

Novi Youth Assistance General Citizens Meeting TIME/DATE: 6 p.m. Tuesday LOCATION: Novi Civic Center, a nonthreatening, noncompeti 45175 W. 10 Mile Road tive, non-sales roundtable. CONTACT: (248) 347-0410 Registration is required.

jhubbard@walshcollege.edu LIBRARY LINES CLASSES

Novi Public Library Providence Center for the **Healing Arts**

LOCATION: 45245 W. 10 Mile LOCATION: Assarian Cancer HOURS: 10 a.m.-9 p.m. Center, 47601 Grand River Monday-Thursday; 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Friday and Saturday; 1-5 CONTACT: (248) 465-5455 Wanted: One-Time Art Workshop Instructors

CONTACT: (248) 349-0720 Unless noted below, all pro-DETAILS: We are looking for grams take place at the library. people who have an art or craft Knitters and Knotters that they would like to share in TIME/DATE: 6:30-8 p.m. secour series of one-time workshops; call (248) 465-5455 if

ond and fourth Monday of each **DETAILS: Drop in for informal** needlework group in Youth Area: all levels welcome. Senior Book Discussion

TIME/DATE: Noon-1:30 p.m. second Thursday of each month DETAILS: Book discussion group for older adults facilitated by librarian; please call to join. **English Conversation Group** TIME/DATE: 11 a.m.-noon Tuesday, Nov. 20, Nov. 27 and

DETAILS: Make friends and practice English; group guided by a volunteer form the Oakland

County Literacy Council; no reg-

List your event in our calendar!

To be included in My Bulletin Board, please send event name, date, time, location, details and contact. Mail: Novi News, My Bulletin Board, 104 W. Main Street, Suite 101, Northville, MI 48167.

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istration required.

■ Fax: (248) 349-9832 Thursday edition **E-mail:** vemitchell@ additional information.

Trail, Wixom AARP Driver Safety Program TIME/DATE: 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Wednesday and Thursday, Nov.

14 and 15. DETAILS: AARP Driver Safety Program is an 8-hour classroom ESL Cate refresher that can help you learn Thursday the effects of aging on driving and how to adjust. Sessions are

pre-paid). Register by phone or in person. **Wood Smoke and Elbow** Grease: Michigan's Culinary Heritage TIME/DATE: 7-8:30 p.m.

4 hours, cost is \$10 (must be

Thursday, Nov. 15 **DETAILS:** Author and culinary historian Priscilla Massie and her husband, author Larry Massie, present a cooking demonstration and discuss the folklore and food of our state; registration required. Library Closed Nov. 16 and

for staff training and Thanksgiving Starlight Story Time TIME/DATE: 7-7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Nov., 20 ners; 7:30-9:30 p.m. intermedi-DETAILS: Your favorite bed-

time stories read by a librarian, LOCATION: Novi Civic Center, PJs welcome Novi Writer's Group TIME/DATE: 10 a.m.-noon Saturday, Nov. 24

DETAILS: An inspirational environment for writers to collaborate, critique and create; facilitated by local writer Kathy Mutch: writers of all genres welcome; for ages 18 and older; register online: or by calling the library.

Lego Club TIME/DATE: 6-7 p.m. Monday, Nov. 26

DETAILS: Lego show-and-tell and building activities for kids in grades K-4; no registration required.

Movement and Mobility/Bone Density Screening TIME/DATE: 7-8 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 29

DETAILS: Providence-St. John Health presents a program about preventing hone, muscle or joint problems; free bone density screening for women over 40; registration required.

Walled Lake City Library

LOCATION: 1499 E. West Maple Road, Walled Lake HOURS: 10 a.m.-8 p.m. Monday, Tuesday, Thursday; 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Wednesday and Saturday; 1-5 p.m. Sunday;

Closed Friday CONTACT: (248) 624-3772 Classical Music Series TIME/DATE: 2 p.m. first Tuesday of each month **DETAILS: Enjoy recorded** classics, discussions and refreshments: lasts about 90

Friends of the Library

Meeting TIME/DATE: 1 p.m. second Tuesday of month. **Book Discussion Group** TIME/DATE: 12:30 p.m. third Tuesday of each month **DETAILS: Drop in for informal** discussion; bring a bag lunch; check library for current book

Evening Preschool Story TIME/DAY: 6:30 every Thursday DETAILS: For ages 3-5, no registration requried;

Library Board of Trustees Meeting TIME/DATE: 1 p.m. second Friday of each month Introductory eBay Workshop TIME/DATE: 7 p.m. Tuesday,

the oublic. Wixom Public Library

LOCATION: 49015 Pontiac

■ Deadline: Must be received by noon on Monday to be published in the Call (248) 349-1700 for

HOURS: 10 a.m.-8 p.m. Monday-Thursday: 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Friday-Saturday; 1-5 p.m. Sunday

CONTACT: (248) 624-2512 TIME/DATE: 3:30 p.m. every

DETAILS: Coffee and conversation-Improve your English speaking skills by speaking with people from other countries trying to improve their English: no tests; instructor help; free. CONTACT: Karin at the

Information Desk. **Fabulous Fantastic Fridays** "Alphabetical Antics" TIME/DATE: 10:30 a.m. Friday, Dec. 7

DETAILS: For children ages 2-6 with a parent or caregiver; program offer stories, songs crafts and food Moonlight Story Time "Candy

Canes and Snowmen" TIME/DATE: 7 p.m. Monday. Dec. 3 DETAILS: For children ages 2-6 with parent or caregiver; sto-

ries, songs and crafts. Wixom Sings! TIME/DATE: 10:30 a.m. Saturday, Nov. 17

Slaves of Suspense Book TIME/DATE: 2-3 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 28 DETAILS: Discuss "A Small Death in Lisbon" by Robert

Wilson. One-Stroke Painting: Holiday Ornament TIME/DATE: 6-7:30 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 6

DETAILS: Paint your own class ornament to take home. Holiday Celebration, A Magical Puppet Show

TIME/DATE: 10:30 a.m. Saturday, Dec. 15 DETAILS: For children in grades K-5; Rob Papineau of Pippin Puppets presents "The Winning Wizard and the Trophy

NOVI **SENIORS**

Hat"; registration required.

Novi Senior Activities LOCATION: Located in the Meadowbrook Commons Senior Complex, 25075 Meadowbrook

CONTACT: (248) 347-0414 Massage: 12:30-4 p.m. Monday-Friday and 9 a.m.-noon Saturday: call for appointment. Thursday 9-11 a.m.: Line Dance-Int.

10-10:45 a.m.: Meditation 11:15 a.m.-12:15 p.m.: Line Dance-Beg. Noon: Turkey Day Luncheon (ticket required)

12:15 p.m.: Contract Bridge 1-3 p.m.: Computer Lab 2:30-3:30 p.m.: Line Dance 2:30-4 p.m.: Alzheimer's Caregiver Support Group Friday 9 a.m.: Stretch & Strength 10 a.m.: Body Recall Noon: Lunch

12:30 p.m.: Dupl, Bridge 1 p.m.: Bingo Monday 9 a.m.: Stretch and Strength 9-11 a.m.: Anyone Can Paint 10 a.m.: Body Recall Noon: Lunch 12:30 p.m.: Pinochie Tuesday 8:30 a.m.: Panera Bread:

Coffee and Conversation

9-11 a.m.: Line Dance-Int.

9 a.m.: Stretch and Strength

10 a.m.: Asian Pacific

DETAILS: Presentation by 10:30-11:30 a.m.: Bookmobile Richard Truxall; free and open to 11 a.m.-noon: Computer Lab Noon: Lunch 1 p.m.: Bingo Wednesday

first and third Monday of each 11 a.m.: TOPS; Blood Pressure month

10 a.m.: Body Recall

Noon: Lunch

11:30 a.m.: Beg. Clogging

12:30 p.m.: Club Clogging

6:30 p.m.: Beg/Easy/Int.

Clogging 7:30 p.m.: Club Clogging

Waltonwood at Twelve

Licensed Assisted Living,

LOCATION: 27475 Huron

CONTACT: (248) 735-1500

TIME/DATE: 10 a.m.-6 p.m.

TIME/DATE: 11 a.m.-2 p.m.

Various health vendors, free-

bles, raffles and a healthy buffet;

learn about healthy living; public

Licensed Memory Care

daily or by appointment.

Open House

Health Fair

welcome.

Meetino

each month

Thursday, Nov. 15

SUPPORT

GROUPS

TIME: 10-11 a.m.

Catholic Church, 24505

Meadowbrook Road

available; registration

TIME: 7:30-9 p.m.

45175 W. 10 Mile Road

Doctorate of Ministry

Angela Hospice Groups

DETAILS: Grief support

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parents who have lost a child

and a grief support quilters

group. All groups are led by

trained volunteers.

Road, Livonia

953-6012

bereavement professionals and

LOCATION: Angela Hospice

Care Center, 14100 Newburgh

CONTACT: Joan Lee (734)

Loss of Spouse/Significant

TIME/DATE: 6:30-8 p.m. first

TIME/DATE: 6:30-8 p.m.

fourth Monday of month

Suicide Loss Support

who have lost a loved one

7810 for more Information.

Have Lost a Child

Thursday of month

(734) 953-6012

Drive. Commerce

Heartstrings: Parents Who

Grief Support Quilter's Group

TIME/DATE: 1-3 p.m. first and

DETAILS: Register by calling

third Wednesday of month

BMC Huron Valley-Sinal

Hospital Support Groups

Al-Anon Support Group

TIME/DATE: 10 a.m. every

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.

Alcoholics Anonymous

Support Group

CONTACT: (248) 706-1020

TIME/DATE: 10 a.m. every

DETAILS: Support group to

CONTACT: (248) 937-3314

Journeys Cancer Support

TIME/DATE: 7-8:30 p.m., the

attain and maintain sobriety.

LOCATION: 1 William Carls

Other Support Group

Tuesday of month

Men in Grief

Services

General Grief Support

LOCATION: Novi Civic Center,

DETAILS: The meeting pro-

vides the opportunity for those

in orief to share their story and

to learn about the phases and

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month

DATE: Last Wednesday of

LOCATION: Holy Family

DETAILS: This informational

meeting is open to all adoptive

families in Oakland County.

LOCATION: Lobby of the Charach Cancer Treatment Center, off the hospital's South

someone living with cancer. CONTACT: (248) 937-5163 Independent Living Residence, Alzheimer's Caregiver

Circle (adjacent to Twelve Oaks LOCATION: Krieger Center (South Garden Entrance)

Conference Center ronment for families to share their struggles, learn how to a child: discuss concerns such with the emotions of parenting. Adoptive Parent Networking CONTACT: (248) 858-7766 Support for Smokers Group

TIME/DATE: 7 p.m. first and third Tuesday of each month **DETAILS: Provides education** fee and no pre-registration required

There is no charge. Child care is Psychotherapy & CONTACT: Lisa Molloy (248)

Attack Support Group TIME/DATE: second Wednesday of each month Bereavement Support Group DETAILS: Call (734) 420-8175 DATE: Third Tuesday of each

for more information. classes **Neighborhood Baby-sitting**

Co-op DETAILS: Using the co-op. you and your children can make riends and get what you need accomplished without the little tasks of grief. All are welcome; ones in tow. Also enjoy a mom's night out and other social CONTACT: Michael M. Meyer,

CONTACT: Sue Tracz (248) 380-0998. Friendship Circle on a copa TIME/DATE: 1 p.m. second loss of a spouse, women's orief. Thursday of each month LOCATION: St. James Catholic Church, 46325 10 Mile

Road, between latt and beck roads DETAILS: Social group for all widows and widowers. CONTACT: Norbert Monson (248) 851-6730. Florence Voight (248) 477-3032, Joy

lovaldi (248) 348-9138 or joyiovaldi@earthlink.net TIME/DATE: 1 p.m. and 6:30 p.m. second and fourth Tuesday MOMS Club of Novi TIME/DATE: 10 a.m. first DETAILS: Open to all losses.

Thursday of each month LOCATION: Novi Civic Center DETAILS: Moms Offering Moms Support (MOMS) is a non-profit support group for mothers who choose to stay at home with their children or work out of their homes.

CONTACT: iensungfleming@yahoo.com

DETAILS: Individual and family services offered free for those **Kensington Valley Mothers** of Multiples through suicide; call (734) 464-TIME/DATE: 7 p.m. second Thursday of each month LOCATION: Witch's Hat Depot, 300 Dorothy St., South TIME/DATE: 7-8:30 p.m. first

DETAILS: This group provides information, support and social activities for mothers of multiple hirth children and their families. Mothers of multiples living in and around the Kensington Valley school conference are all

CONTACT: (248) 437-5496 for more information.

Breast Cancer Support DATES: Second and fourth Tuesday of each month LOCATION: Huron Valley-Sinai Hospital (Classroom C)

TIME: 10-11:30 a.m. **DETAILS:** No registration CONTACT: (248) 937-5017

Hospital and Medical Center

DETAILS: Enter facility

through southeast entrance.

Crohn's & Colitis Support TIME/DATE: 7-9 p.m. first and third Wednesday of each month LOCATION: Providence Park

Garden Entrance DETAILS: The Charach Cancer Treatment Center hosts a support group for anyone dealing with a cancer experience or who know

Support Group TIME/DATE: 2-3:30 p.m. the fourth Monday of each month DETAILS: Designed to allow caregivers to share tips and offer support to each other; for ques-

tions or directions call (248) 937-New Parents Support Group TIME/DATE: 10 a.m. second and fourth Wednesdays of each

LOCATION: Hospital DETAILS: A supportive enviresolve issues after the birth of as sleep deprivation and coping

and support to guit smoking; no

CONTACT: (248) 937-3314

Counseling Services Northville Counselling Center Anxiety/Agoraphobia/Panic

LOCATION: 28588

737-2322.

Southfield

support is also needed. **Novi Toastmasters**

Activities Room, 45175 W. 10 DETAILS: Toastmasters will help you improve your commu-

> and practice leadership. CONTACT: Amy (248) 752-Take Off Pounds Sensibly

(TOPS) Chapter TIME/DATE: 11 a.m. weigh-in. and 11:30 a.m. meeting every LOCATION: Meadowbrook Commons, 25075 Meadowbrook Road, Novi DETAILS: \$24 per annual membership, includes handbook; \$1 per meeting. New

CONTACT: Rebecca Boyke

members welcome.

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come.

Youth Worship

Saturday of month

DETAILS: All youth wel-

DETAILS: Offering support

those dealing with Alzheimer's

disease and related dementia.

Church of the Holy Family

visit www.holyfamilynovi.org

a.m. and 12:15 p.m. Sunday; 7

Wednesday-Friday; 5 p.m.

TIME/DAY: 7:30, 8:45,10:30

Adoptive Parent Networking

LOCATION: 24505

Meadowbrook Road

Mass Schedule

p.m. Tuesday; 9 a.m.

Saturday

and open discussion for all

themed celebration of their 50th day of school. Meeting in Conference Room A, FAITH immediately to the left. CONTACT: A! Biggs (313) Meadowbrook 805-7605 or Crohn's & Colitis Congregational Foundation of America (888)

Meadowbrook Road CONTACT: Rev. Arthur P Ritter, Senior Minister (248) **Heartland Hospice** 348-7757 or visit **Volunteers Needed** www.mbccc.org or TIME/DATE: Day and evening gmccc@arounddetroit.biz

Sunday Worship TIME: 10 a.m. Northwestern Hwy., Suite 475, DETAILS: Caring and com-First Baptist Church of Novi passionate individuals needed to LOCATION: 45301 W. 11 Mile register for Heartland Hospice Volunteer Training. We serve CONTACT: (248) 349-3647 or

during their end of life journey in the Tri-County area. Office CONTACT: Mary at (800) 770-كاك بالمسالة والانسان والم

individuals and their families

TIME/DATE: 7-8:45 p.m. first month and third Tuesday of each" LOCATION: Novi Civic Center

Eniscopal Church of the Holy Cross LOCATION: 40700 W. 10 Mile nication skills, voice your opin-Sunday Worship ion, polish your presentations

LOCATION: 21355

www.firstbaptistchurchofnovi.

Family Worship: 11 a.m.

p.m., fourth Sunday of every

Bible Study, 6 p.m.

Family Bible Hour: 9:45 a.m.

Family: Movie: Wight: 5:30 : price

Sunday Schedule

CONTACT: (248) 427-1175 or www.churchoftheholycross.com TIME: 7:45, 10 a.m. Sunday School TIME: 9 a.m. Adult Bible Study; 10 a.m. Worship'Center

Your Dental

WATE Presented by David A. Woody D.D.S.

The advanced form of gum disease known as "periodontitis" occurs when sticky plaque on and around teeth hardens into calculus (tartar). As it does so, the gums begin to pull away from the teeth, and pockets

DOWN TO THE

ROOTS

form between teeth and gums. In time, this can lead to disintegration of gum tissue and bone to the poin where teeth loosen and fall out. To avoid this outcome, teeth may be subjected to the standard treatment for periodontitis known as scaling and root planing. It involves first scraping the surface of the tooth below the gumline. Then, root planing removes the bacteria contaminated surface of the root to clean it and make it more acceptable for gum and

New Patients only -Bring in this ad and receive \$50 toward any service

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for ages 3-7; 10 a.m. All ages tional meeting is open to all adoptive families in Oakland TIME/DATE: 7 p.m. second County. Child care is available. and fourth Sunday of every Registration is required. CONTACT: Lisa Molloy (248)

334-3595 Catholic Undate TIME/DATE: 7-8:30 p.m. Alzheimer's Support Group TIME/DATE: 10 a.m. second Monday, Nov. 19

> Sacred Heart Seminary on "The Sacraments.. What Makes Us Catholic.

DETAILS: To be held in the

Sister Mary Louis Putrow from

Family Center; guest speaker,

Church? CONTACT: Call Maria at (248)349-8847 or spiritwalker001@aol.com

Oak Pointe Church LOCATION: 50200 W. 10 Mile

visit-www.oakpointe.org Sunday Worship

TIME/DATE: 10-11 a.m. last continued on 14A Wednesday of each month DETAILS: This free informa

PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

the City of Novi will hold a public hearing on Tuesday, December 4, 2007 at 7:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers Novi Civic Center 45175 W. Ter Case No.07-081 filed by Jack B. Anglin Company located at

ting an eighteen month use variance to terminate the expanded 6700 Grand River Avenue. The property is zoned OST and located north

Applicant is requesting one wall sign variance for a 30 square foot illu minated wall sign to be located at 28350 Cabot Drive for the Mercantile

variance for a projecting sign to be located on the front elevation of the building. Applicant requests a 33 square foot projecting wall sign measuring 11 x 3 feet to be located above the main entrance to the business In addition, the applicant is requesting one 40 square foot illuminated

Case No.07-087 filed by Shiro Restaurant located at 43180 Nine Applicant is requesting an extension to the variance granted in ZBA06-026 to allow the off premises SHIRO Restaurant sign to remain on the northeast corner of Nine Mile Road and Novi Road. The proper-

nodate a proposed lot split for both LaSalle North and LaSalle South, The property is zoned OST and located north of 12 Mile Road and west of Cabot Drive. Case No.07-090 filed by 41626 Chattman Drive Applicant is requesting four variances for the placement of an accessory structure/shed in the Ampton Drive right-of-way located in the

roperty is zoned R-3 and located north of Nine Mile and west of Case No.07-091 filed by Colliers International for Meadowbrook Corporate Park located at 26800 Meadowbrook Road
Applicant is requesting a renewal of one (1) sign variance for a 60

Case No.07-092 filed by Kramer Triad Management Group for the commons area of Saratoga Circle Condominium Association located south of Thirteen Mile Road and east of Old Novi Road Applicant is requesting one seven (7) foot setback variance for the placement of a subdivision entranceway sign to be located three (3) feet from the right-of-way in the Saratoga Circle Commons area. Property is zoned R-4 and located south of Thirteen Mile Road and east of Old Novi

Interested in the Catholic CONTACT: (248) 349-8847 or

CONTACT; (248) 912-0043 or

TIME: 9:15 and 11:15 a.m.

CITY OF NOVI

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT the Zoning Board of Appeals for

46700 Grand River Avenue Applicant is requesting temporary relief from the zoning ordinance which prohibits expanding nonconforming uses of land. Applicant is

legal non-conforming use of vehicle storage on the property loc f Grand River and east of Beck Road. Case No. 07-084 filed by Sign Graphix, Inc. for Mercantile Bank located at 28350 Cabot Drive

Bank. This business has an approved ground sign. Property is zoned OST and is located north of Thirteen Mile Road and east of M-5. Case No. 07-086 filed by The Mixx Lounge located at 43155 Mair Applicant is requesting four sign variances for a projecting sign and an illuminated rear elevation wall sign for the Mixx Lounge tocated at 43155 Main Street Suite 502. Applicant is requesting one 30 square foo

wall sign variance to relocate the previously approved front elevation wa sign to the rear elevation of the business which faces the parking lot of building 200/300 Main Street. Property is zoned TC-1 and located east of Novi Road and south of Grand River Avenue.

es where the sign and the restaurant are located are owned by Arkin Enterprises. The sign location property is zoned RM-1 Case No.07-089 filled by Northern Equities Group for LaSalle
Technology Centre located at 26875 & 28845 Cabot Drive
Northern Equities Group is requesting two variances from the
required twenty foot side yard parking setback in an OST district to

41626 Chattman Drive. Applicant is requesting relief from the strict appli ture within an easement or dedicated right-of-way and further stipulate: an accessory building may not to be located closer than ten (10) feet to any main building or be erected in any required exterior side vard

square foot real estate leasing sign located at 26800 Meadowbrook Road. The property is zoned OST and located south of Twelve Mile and

(11-15-07 NN 387791)

P.S. Scaling and root plan ing may be accompanied by continued from 13A St. James Catholic LOCATION: 46325 10 Mile

CONTACT: (248) 347-7778 Mass Schedule TIME/DAY: 8, 9:30 and 11:30 a.m. Sunday; 9 a.m. Monday-Tuesday: 7 p.m. Wednesday: 5 o.m. Saturday

Novi United Methodist

LOCATION: 41671 W. 10 Mile CONTACT: (248) 349-2652 or visit www.umcnovi.com Sunday Worship TIME: 9:45 a.m. Peace Vigil

TIME/DATE: Noon, first Sunday of every month LOCATION: In front of the church

DETAILS: Members of the congregation and the community will stand united in prayer for peace. Artists and Crafters Wanted DETAILS: The church is hosting an arts and craft show Saturday, June 21, 2008. Vendor space will be available indoors and out; contact Pam Davis. edleecr@yahoo.com

First United Methodist of Northville

LOCATION: 777 W. Eight Mile Road, Northville 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. every Sunday; or 9:30-11:30 a.m. every DETAILS: Course lasts 34 weeks; covers 70 percent of the

Disciple Three Bible Study: Remember Who You Are TIME/DATE: 9:30-11:30 a.m. every Wednesday

Disciple Bible Study: Jesus and the Gospels TIME/DATE: 3-5 p.m. every Sunday

The Faith Club TIME/DATE: 9:30 a.m. every other Thursday DETAILS: This interfaith group will be reading "The Faith Club"

register at (248) 344-4248.

Suicide Loss Support Group

TIME/DATE: 7 p.m. second Thursday and fourth Monday of each month DETAILS: New Hone Center for Grief Support is offering this sup-

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a loved one to suicide CONTACT: New Hope Center for Grief Support (248) 348-0115 or www.newhopecenter.net LOGOS Youth Club TIME/DATE: 5:15-8:15 p.m.

each Wednesday DETAILS: Program includes recreation, dinner, bible study and music; grades 4-12. Spirit Sings 2007 TIME/DATE: 7 p.m. Saturday,

LOCATION: Ford Performing Arts Center, 15801 Michigan Ave., Dearborn DETAILS: Presented by the

Spirit of Detroit Chorus of Sweet Adelines International: tickets in advance are \$20 for adults, \$15 student or senior (55+) and \$5 for children under 12, \$22 at the

CONTACT: Marilyn Bogaerts (248) 735-1516 after 6 p.m., or www.spiritofdetroitchorus.org

Crosspointe Meadows LOCATION: Meadowbrook Elementary School, 29200 Meadowbrook Road (south of 13

CONTACT: (248) 427-2700, 9 a.m.-2 p.m. or visit www.crossnointerneadows.org Sunday Worship TIME: 9 and 10:30 a.m.

Ward Evangelical Church LOCATION: 40000 Six Mile

Makina Math Count

Deerfield Elementary School teacher Jennifer Semeyn, left, principal Richard Njus, and school board member Julie Abrams display the amount Deerfield students raised for the St. Jude Children's Hospital - \$14,062 - in record time by taking pledges to complete math problems. The amount was announced during an assembly on the importance of good charcter within a community.

Wanted," a study by John

covers "The Life You've Always

Road, Northville CONTACT: (248) 374-5978 Sunday AM Women's Bible

WOW Bible Studies TIME/DATE: 10:20-11:15 a.m. TIME/DATE: 9:30-11:30 a.m. every Sunday through Dec. 30 every Tuesday through Dec. 12 LOCATION: Room A101-103 LOCATION: Chapel (NE corner DETAILS: Karen Nottenkamper

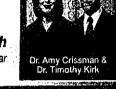
DETAILS: Theme "In Your Wildest Dreams;" 7 small group classes.

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Book Study TIME/DATÉ: 7-8:15 p.m. every Wednesday through Dec. 12 LOCATION: Room C309 DETAILS: "Discerning His

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TIME/DATE: 9:15-11:15 a.m. and 7-9 p.m. the first and third Thursday of each month LOCATION: Room C307-309

DETAILS: Support and encouragement for mothers of young CONTACT: Day MOPS, Jan Janke (734) 367-9171; for

evening MOPS, Keli Plansinis (248) 561-8019. Single Point Ministries For single adults 40 years and

CONTACT: (248) 374-5920

TIME/DATE: 11:30 a.m. every St. Paul Lutheran Saturday LOCATION: First, second and LOCATION: 201 Elm St., fourth Saturday, Big Apple Bagel CONTACT: (248) 349-3140 Shop, 2334 Farmington Road, Farmington: Third Saturday, Sunday Worship TIME: 8:30, 11 and 11:30 a.m. Panera Bread Co., 34635 Grand River Ave., Farmington

The Baha'i Faith walking/social group. Everyone is TIME/DATE: 11 a.m. last Advent Candlelight Concert: Saturday of every month Messiah LOCATION: 23803 Ripple TIME/DATE: 7 p.m. Sunday,

DETAILS: This Devotional Gathering is focused on prayers for peace. People of all faiths welcome. CONTACT: (248) 473-0355 or visit www.us.bahai.org

First Presbyterian Church of Northville

LOCATION: 200 E. Main St. CONTACT: (248) 349-0911 Sunday Worship TIME: 9:30 and 11 a.m. Single Place Ministries DETAILS: Thursday evenings: 7:30 p.m. social time; 7:45 p.m. opening; 8-9 p.m. program; \$5

CONTACT: (248) 349-0911 or visit www.singleplace.org A Quest for Singleness Sexuality and Spirituality TIME/DATE: 7:30 p.m.

Thursday, Nov. 15 🕒 DETAILS: Presentation by Harold Ellens, Interim Minister at First Presbyterian Church of Troy and Psychologist practicing in Farminoton Hills. 25th Annual Thanksgiving

TIME/DATE: 8 a.m.-4 p.m. Thursday Nov. 22 LOCATION: Westminster Presbyterian Church, 17567 Hubbell at W. Outer Dr., Detroit DETAILS: Car poolers meet at

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Saturday, Nov. 17

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TIME: 9, 11:15 a.m.

Farmington Hills

ext. 206

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TIME/DATE: 7:30 p.m.

Thursday, Nov. 29

school.

LOCATION: 25301 Halsted Road, Farmington Hills CONTACT: (248) 318-8044 or www.uufarmigton.org

DETAILS: Presentation by lan **Faith Community** Presbyterian LOCATION: 44400 W. 10 Mile

CONTACT: (248) 349-2345 or visit www.faithcommunity-DETAILS: \$35 per person, varinovi.org ous speakers, topics, pot luck Sunday Worship TIME: 9, 10:30 a.m.

> Night Out for Parents of Young Children TIME/DATE: 5:30 p.m. Friday, Nov. 16

Thanksgiving Potiuck TIME/DATE: 5 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 18 Advent Workshop TIME/DATE: 2:30 o.m. Sunday,

"Discovering The Bible" Kerygma class TIME/DATE: 7 p.m. every

Tuesday

GracePointe Presbyterlan CONTACT: Rev. Brian C. Sleeth, Pastor (248) 497-3178 www.gracepointepca.org; e-mail

TIME/DATE: 6 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 18; Dec. 23, Special Christmas Service LOCATION: Crown Plaza Hotel,

Orchard Hills Baptist Church LOCATION: 23455 Novi Road CONTACT: Pastor Jon Hix (248) 349-5665 Preschool/Kids Choir

TIME/DATE: 7-8:15 p.m. every Wednesday DETAILS: For ages three to six; ongoing event, no need to preregister; all are welcome.

St. John's Episcopal Church required. For information, call (248) 706-1020. LOCATION: 574 S. Sheldon Road, Plymouth CONTACT: (734) 453-0190 Reinventing Your Life-God is Calling You to a Song TIME/DATE: 7:30-9 p.m. dealing with someone with an

alcohol problem. No preregistra-Wednesday evenings DETAILS: Minimum of 10 peotion required. For information, call (248) 706-1020. ple required to attend every ses-

CONTACT: Elizabeth Wilhelm (734) 953-0190 ext. 10

HEALTH

Dinner with a Doctor LOCATION: St. John Providence Park Hospital, Grand River and Beck roads (use Beck Road entrance), Conference Rooms A, B and C.

During Menopause TIME/DATE: 6:30-8:30 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 15 DETAILS: Dr. Lakshmi, Gavini

Take Charge of Your Health

Oakland Physical Therapy LOCATION: 47601 Grand Rive Ave., Suite B124, Providence Park Medical Center CONTACT: 248-380-3550

Therapist TIME/DATE: 7 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 29 DETAILS: For high school and college students and parents to learn about a career as a physical

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Get Conditioned for Skiing TIME/DATE: 7 p.m. Thursday Dec. 6 DETAILS: Emphasis on

stretching and strengthening exercises.

DMC Huron Valley-Sinal Hospital LOCATION: 1 William Carls Dr., Commerce CONTACT: (248) 937-3314 **Alceholics Anonymous**

Support Group TIME/DATE: 10 a.m. every DETAILS: No pre-registration required. For information, call

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(248) 937-3314. Al-Anon Support Group IME/DATE: 10 a.m. every DETAILS: For family and friends of someone with an alcorelated to or know someone livhol problem. No preregistration ing with cancer.

Holiday Blood Drive Monday, Dec. 10 LOCATION: Hospital Conference Center

DETAILS: Donors must be at least 17 years of age, weigh more than 110 pounds and be in good general health: donation process

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Send entries, (form available online) and fee to 45175 W. 10 Mile Road. Novi, Mich. 48375.

Breast Cancer Support Group TIME/DATE: 10-11:30 a.m. second and fourth Thursday of

LOCATION: Sinai Center for Women, next to hospital's South Garden entrance DETAILS: This support group is for any woman with a breast cancer diagnosis

CONTACT: (248) 937-5163

Journeys Cancer Support TIME/DATE: 7-8:30 p.m. first and third Monday of every month LOCATION: Lobby of the Charach Cancer Treatment Center **DETAILS:** Support group for those with cancer or who are

CONTACT: (248) 937-5163 TIME/DATE: 6:30 a.m.-5 p.m. Center-Novi, 41935 W. 12 Mile Road, Novi DETAILS: Join nationally rec-

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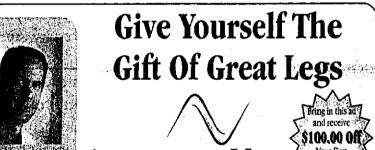
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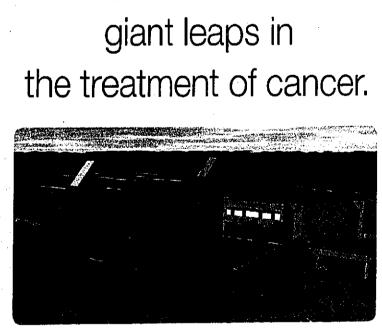
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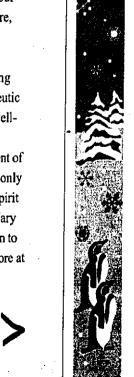
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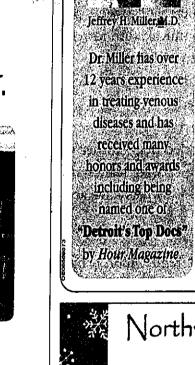
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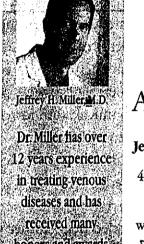
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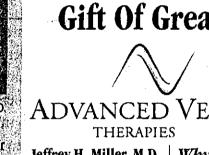
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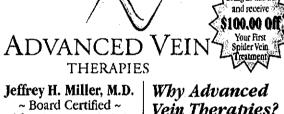
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Linda Daly, Telcom Credit Union Business

The Telcom Credit Union

Business Services Package offers business loans up to \$5 million, business checking accounts, and business credit cards. The new package has been developed by Linda Daly, Business Services Manager. Linda said this new package "is designed to meet the financial needs of companies seeking low rates and minimal fees. Our new business products and services will help your company trim unnecessary expenses from your operating budget."

She pointed out one example of how the services within the Business Services Package are so important to small businesses who are looking to remain competitive while holding down costs. Telcom's merchant services provider makes credit card processing more economical, with lower fees that can save businesses up to 20 percent in annual costs. "Whether you own an existing business or a start-up, it is a good idea to do what you can to reduce costs," Linda added.

Linda added that another way businesses can reduce costs is by refinancing existing real estate and equipment loans, something that business owners have access to through the Business Services Package.

Telcom Credit Union is backing this new program with \$455 million in assets and over 71 years in the financial services business. Telcom's member-owners recently completed a survey showing a 95 percent satisfaction rate with Telcom.

Linda said she is excited to deliver these new services and "anxiously awaits the opportunity to help all members with their business needs."

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Gardeners of Northville and Nov. 18 LOCATION: Our Lady of TIME/DATE: 6:30 p.m. second Victory Church, 770 Thayer Byld.

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LOCATION: Rotates between **DETAILS:** This celebration combines the choirs and clergy of Our Lady of Victory Catholic Church, First United Methodist CONTACT: (248) 231-2334 or Church of Northville and First Presbyterian Church of Northville. CONTACT: (248) 349-2621

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TIME/DATE: 6:30 p.m. www.rockfinancialshowplace.com Monday, Nov. 19 and Dec. 17 LOCATION: 212 W. Cady St. Northville, (248) 349-3020 DETAILS: Nov. 19 "Salaam Nov. 16; 10 a.m.-7 p.m. Saturday, Bombay," Hindi; and Dec. 17

Nov. 17; 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Sunday, 'The Sea Inside," Spanish. All films are free, ethnic treats pro-DETAILS: Admission \$4-10: vided; call library to make reserparking \$5. Family fun including pet shows, products, experts and adoptions. Do not bring your

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Second Monday: 11:30 a.m. Lunch Bunch Second Tuesday: 10 a.m. Senior Commission Second Thursday: 11:30 a.m.

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Tree Lighting TIME/DATE: 6:30-8 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 28 DETAILS: Watch the municipal complex light up, sing carols for the holidays and welcome Santa; light refreshments Breakfast with Santa

TIME/DATE: 8-11 a.m. Saturday, Dec. 15

DETAILS: Fee for this event is Department on Wixom Road or call (248) 624-1055 to register.

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Schoolcraft College LOCATION: Schoolcraft

CONTACT: For more information and to register call (734) 462-4438. Divorce Support Group TIME/DATE: 7-9 p.m. second

College, 18600 Haggerty Road

and fourth Tuesday of month LOCATION: Women's Resource Center, Room 225 McDowell Center

DETAILS: Open to anyone contemplating, in the process of or having difficulty adjusting to divorce: first meeting is group discussion, next meeting featur speaker Cynthia Koppin, MA, _PC, LLP; no fee or registration required

Women's Resource Center Fall Luncheon Series TIME/DATE: 11:45 a.m.-1:30 p.m. Friday, Dec.14 LOCATION: Schoolcraf

College, VisTaTech Center DETAILS: On Friday Bill Peterson will presents "Dancing with the Stars," dancing for fun and exercise, bring your dancing shoes; Oct. 26 Professor Michael Swope presents "The History of Television;" Dec. 14, Professor Rodney Johnson presents "The Art of Welding," insights about welding as an art form; \$15 per

luncheon; prepaid registration required, no tickets issued; limit ed seating Ask An Attorne DATE: Second and third Monday of each month DETÁILS: Ask an attorney about divorce and family law; Sept.- May; walk-in, no fee; Call

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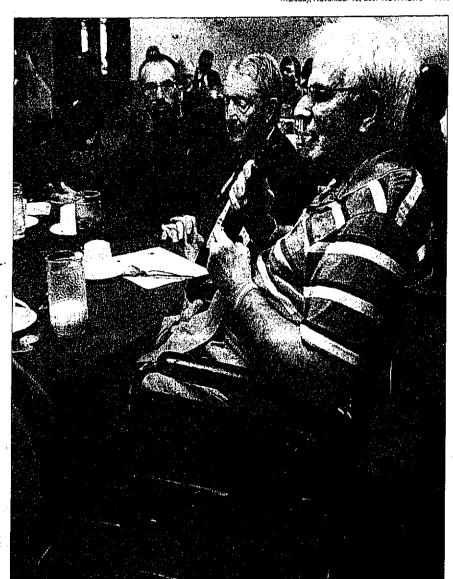


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With Thanks Novi resident and U.S. Navy veteran Coleman Riger, addresses the Novi Rotary luncheon last Tuesday. Rotary Club members invited many local veterans to their meeting to show appreciation for their service to the country.

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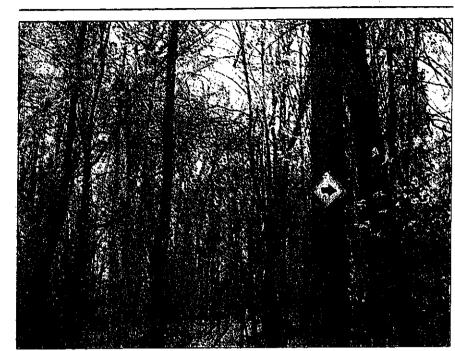
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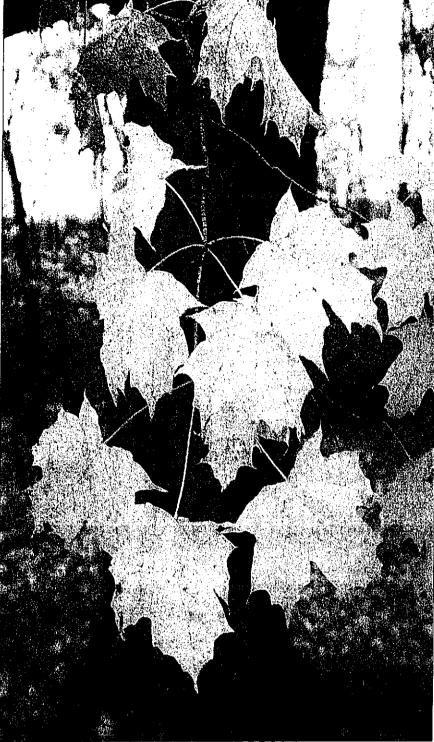
Trees of Novi's Lakeshore Park have almost completely dropped their leaves as an area near the park's northern entrance to the trail system shows.



A collection of leaves from basswood and maple trees litter the floor of the forest at Lakeshore Park.



A maple tree at Novi's Lakeshore Park is almost done dropping its leaves as the first week of November comes to a close.



A few maple leaves dangle from a branch of a tree at Novi's Lakeshore Park.



A few trees in Novi's North Lakeshore Park still have their leaves, but as fall progresses, they'll have less and less.



A sugar maple is almost completely bare as its leaves have tumbled to the ground as fall progresses.

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'Cats spike into Elite Eight



Photo by JOHN HEIDER/Novi News

Novi's Sarah Robb goes for a spike against Milford last Saturday afternoon.

Wildcats beat Milford to win regional trophy

SPORTS WRITER

Michigan Class A volleyball will have a new state champion, and Novi is one of eight teams with a shot at it.

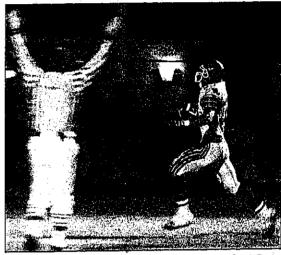
Milford knocked off last year's state champion, Livonia Churchill, in the first match of

The Wildcats survived a five-game match against Mercy, setting up an all-KVC final.

Milford won the first game 25-22, but Novi came back and won the next three games 25-21, 26-24, 25-14, setting off a wild celebration that left Wildcat head coach Julie Fisette

in tears of joy.
"I played at this level many, many moons ago, and I've always wanted to take a team there," Fisette said. "This is the team that I've always said could take me there.

See VOLLEYBALL, 2B



Catholic Central's Joe Kinville scores the final touchdown in a 21-7 victory against Holt on Friday.

Second half comeback

Shamrocks rally to score 21-unanwered points in win

By Jeff Theisen

Catholic Central put it all together in the second half against Holt and left town with a 21-7 victory, capturing a region-

al trophy. The Shamrocks (10-2) struggled with mistakes in the first half, turning the ball over three times and committing drive-ending penalties. Holt (11-1) led 7-0

at the break. It took just one offensive play to see the second half would be different. Anthony Capatina

busted a 58-yard run to the Rams' 1-yard line. Joe Kinville punched it in

from there, and momentum was on the Shamrock sideline the rest of the night.

"That was huge. Up until that point, we were struggling offensively," said Shamrock head coach Tom Mach, referring to his assistant coaches. "Anthony Capatina made a great run. He had a couple of nice blocks that sprung him, and he made a great run down to the 1. Then we put it

The extra-point attempt was



blocked, but it wouldn't matter

Taking the lead

Cory Amble put the Shamrocks in front for good with an 11-yard, crushing touchdown run. He appeared stopped around the 10 before breaking through a group of tacklers. Two more tacklers awaited Amble at

See SHAMROCKS, 5B



Photo by JOHN HEIDER/Novi News

Novi High School's 200 meter mediey team: Ashley Bush, Dana Hapanowicz, Meredith Cote and Kerry Abel.

Wildcats ready for state meet

■ Novi beaming with confidence after winning **KVC** meet

By Jeff Theisen SPORTS WRITER

Novi isn't going to state just to enjoy the sights and sounds. The Wildcats are going to make a

splash. After claiming the final KVC title, head coach Scott Teeters can't wait to take his group to the final meet of the year Saturday at

Eastern Michigan University.

"The feerless attitude at the KVC. I want to see them take that same attitude to the state meet," Novi head coach Scott Teeters said. "We've had a lot going right for us this year, and I just want to

see it finish out." Leading the pack to the state meet is Kerry Abel, the school record holder in the 200 freestyle. Also joining in on the fun are

Meredith Cote, Becca Berman, Dana Hapanowicz, Ashley Bush Mary Anolick and Madalyn Duha.

The dive team is also sending three to state — Valarie Ziegler, Joselyn Odom and Emily

The Wildcat medley relay should be one of the top prospects for Novi. They set the all-time KVC record earlier this year.

Expectations

"I think we're capable of the top-half dozen. Top five or six would be awesome," Teeters said. "Fourth through eighth is a close group of teams.

"If we don't go top 10 I would be disappointed.

Besides where the team finishes, Teeters wants to see his team competing with the heavy hitters.

"I kind of want them to go and show up and thinking like they are one of the teams to watch for in the future," Teeters said. "Everyone knows Pioneer is going to go and race.

"At this point of the season, it's not about worrying about getting a best time. You just have to go in there and race. You've got to swim

Teeters said he wants to build a program similar to Ann Arbor Pioneer. He knows it won't happen in a year, but he wants to see progress each year until the Wildcats are a team someone else wants to be like.

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Wildcats win regional title

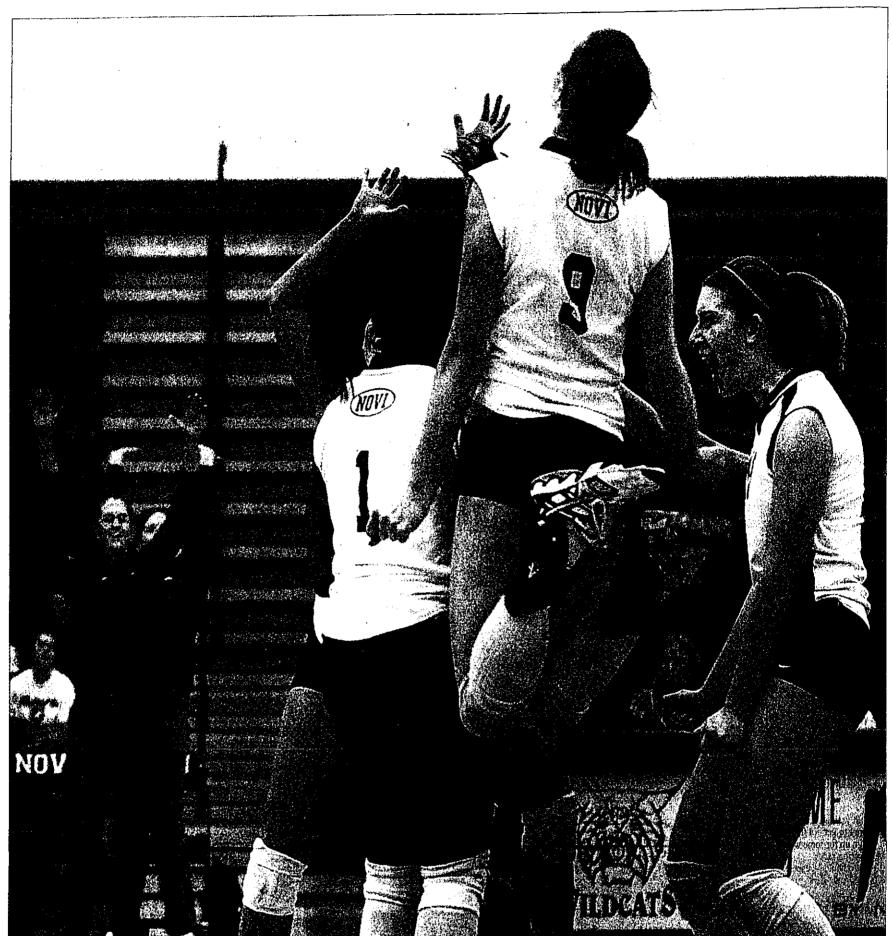


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Novi's Kim Hildreth, center, leaps in the air as the Wildcats begin to celebrate their regional Class A volleyball championship last Saturday afternoon. Forward Stephanie Cripps, right, and coach Julie Fisette, left with arms raised, enjoy the victory as well.

Novi beats KVC rival Milford 3-1 in final

continued from front

"They've got it all, and they use it all. There's not one Division I athlete. We've got a bunch of great athletes.

Milford's 6-foot-4, heavy-hitting Kailyn Schultz provided most of the Maverick offense, but Stephanie Cripps was up to the task for Novi, recording 50 kills and eight blocks between the two matches.

"It was amazing," Cripps said. "I am so happy right now that I can't even describe it. This if the furthest a Novi team has ever got. and we hope to keep going fur-

"Wow, what a day." The day started with the Milford upset. Churchill dominated the first game 25-13 before the Mavericks rallied to win the next two, 25-21, 27-25. But Churchill wasn't going out without a fight. and pushed the match to five games with a 26-24 win. Milford stayed in front for most of the final game, and won 15-13.

Vs. Mercy

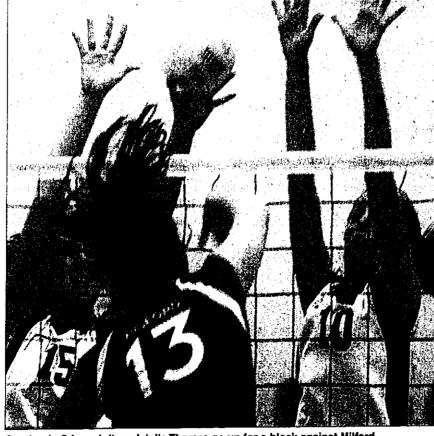
Novi took the court next, and appeared as though they were going to roll into the finals. The Wildcats topped Mercy 25-18, 25-21 in the first two games before dropping the next two 25-18, 25-

The Wildcats jumped ahead 6-2 in the race to 15 and eventually won 15-10 to advance.

"I think at times we get ahead and maybe thinking about the next step before finishing the job at hand," Fisette said. "They came back and got the job done in the end, which is all that counts."

Vs. Milford

The Mavericks didn't let sitting a match affect them at all. They came firing out of the gate, taking



Stephanie Cripps, left, and Julia Thomas go up for a block against Milford.

an 8-4 and 13-7 lead before winning 25-22 in game one.

Milford came charging out again in the second game, leading 6-3 and 12-8 before Novi turned the tables. The Wildcats ripped off seven of the next eight points for a 15-13 lead. Milford came right back with an 18-15 lead, but Novi had one more rally left.

Paige Janer (22 kills, 53 digs on the day) served up three points, Haley Miller (74.digs) served up another and Kim Hildreth (70

assists, 16 kills, five aces) provided a couple of more as Novi took a 24-21 lead. Cripps finished the game off with a kill, and Novi pulled even and was just begin-

ning to grab the momentum. The Wildcats took the turn of coming out of the gates quick, grabbing leads of 7-3, 12-7 and 17-9. But the Mavericks fought all the way back to a 24-23 lead. Instead of folding, Novi won the game behind three straight Cripps kills for a 26-24 victory.

"That was huge. At that point, the whole match could've gone either way," said Fisette about coming back to win the game after losing a big lead. "It's a momentum breaker either way. When you can pull off something like that, you go into that next game a little more confi-

Novi put itself in great position to advance during the middle stages of the final game. Leading 10-6, Hildreth took to the service



The Novi Wildcats show off their Novi regional trophy after ousting Farmington Hills Mercy and Milford High school in playoff volleyball. Novi's one of the final eight class A teams still playing for a state championship.

line and didn't stop until the Wildcats led 19-6. Cripps had a pair of blocks, Jacqueline Longe had a pair of kills and Hildreth had a couple of aces during the run.

"It was really exciting," Hildreth said. "I could taste victory. We had been up and down all day, but that last game we just kicked their butts.

"Our coach started crying, and we were just flipping out. That's like the best feeling I've ever had in my life."

Stress turned to smiles as the Wildcats knew they were just a few points away from doing

something no other Novi team has done. The teams traded points before, fittingly, Cripps put away the final kill, sparking a celebration of new territory for the

Wildcats. "I always tell them that if they smile, the world smiles with them." Fisette said, "They seized the moment right from the start of that game.

"That first serve when (Milford's Emily Brandt) hit it out, I said '24 more,' and started counting down. I started counting down with Lauren Farley - 24 more, 23 more. How many more Lauren? The girls started counting down. They got that confidence. It was awesome."

Novi reached the final eight with the win. They played Tuesday against Wyandotte. If the Wildcats won, they will play 7:15 tonight at Kellogg Arena in Battle

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Final four showdown

Catholic Central's run through the playoffs has now reached the

Next up, 12-0 Macomb Dakota I p.m. Saturday at Troy Athens. The Cougars have put up impressive numbers on both sides of the ball all year. Their average score in the nine-game regular season was 36-9, with four of the opponents qualifying for the play-

Dakota has had fittle trouble in the playoffs, blasting Macomb CAuse Creuse North 42-16, Chippewa Valley 24-6 and Lake Orion 26-14 last week in the quar-

"They have a good football team that has good size up front." Catholic Central head coach Tom Mach said. "They run a spread offense with two real good receivers. Their quarterback is

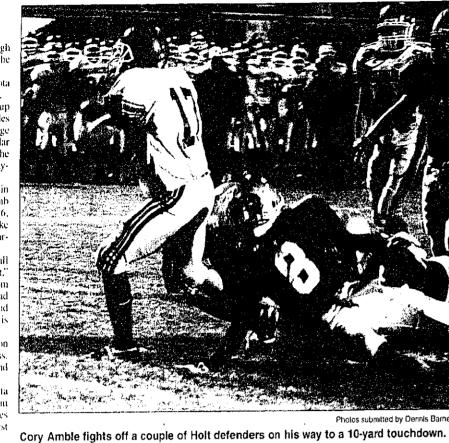
"They put a lot of pressure on you with both the run and pass. They're almost a 50-50 run and

Regardless of what Dakota brings. Mach knows his team can't afford to make the mistakes that killed the offense in the first half against Holt.

"These final games come down to a couple of things --- one of them is who wants it the most." Mach said, "Who is just talking about it and who wants it.

"The other one is eliminating mistakes. You can't hurt yourself. At this point, there are only four teams left, and they are all good football teams. It comes down to who makes the plays when the plays have to be made and who is

his team dealt with the adversity—said. "All of our coaches have—students to last week's game that 349-1700, ext. 104.



them from excelling later in the

Enjoying the moment

Mach has said all season that consistent and doesn't hurt them- this team put in the work in the selves with penalties, fumbles and offseason, and it's paying off with a deep run into the playoffs. "It's been a great time," Mach After sending five busloads of

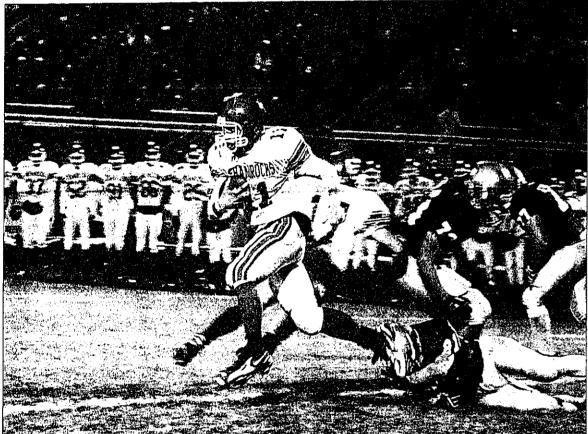
of the best groups that they've. Much hopes to see more of the ever coached. I would agree with in themselves," he said, "A couple that. They're a very hard-working, of had drives are not going to stop closely-knit football team. They're willing to work as hard as Mach said. "I think it speaks vol-

> "Along the way, I think they really enjoy the game of football. Being around the kids is fun."

and put Holt away in the second made the comment that this is one was more than an hour away, same Saturday.

> caught the fever of the playoffs," they have to work to get their umes for our student body. "Everybody at CC is for each other, and I think that kind of proves it right there. I think good things happen when you get that

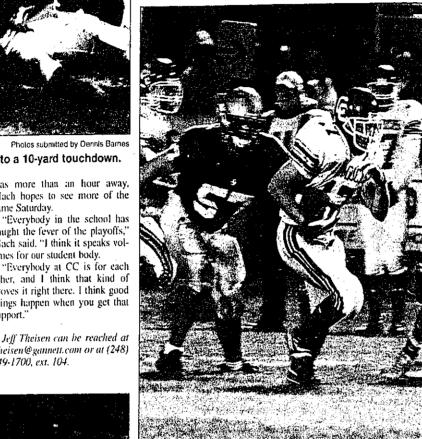
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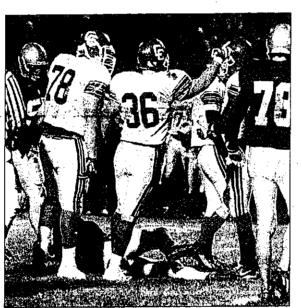


The Shamrocks enter the field Friday against Holt.





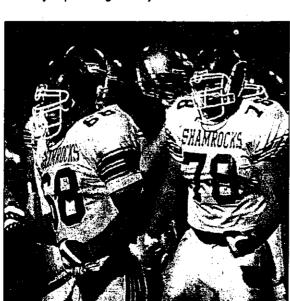
Cory Amble heads upfield Friday against Holt.



Catholic Central defenders stand over their sack victim



Anthony Capatina fights for yards.



Novi's Mike Martin, left, and Kevin Longe celebrate a

Freshman Dubé wins state title

By Jeff Theisen SPORTS WRITER

Catholic Central freshman Joseph Dubé made the biggest splash possible in his first year of high school play - he won a state

No. 3 seeded Dubé rolled through the state bracket, knocking off the No. 1 and No. 2 seeds in the semis and finals.

Federer of lennis," Catholic Central head coach Joe Stafford said. "He never gets too up, and he never gets too down. He's very relaxed under pressure. You never see him sweat.

"It's pretty remarkable that someone can have that kind of poise as a freshman. He played some incredible tennis." Stafford describes Dubé as a

counter-punch specialist, but that isn't the only style he can play. "When the going gets tough, he can go into his all-court game where he starts attacking and coming to the net," Stafford said. "He's an all-round player, but by

nature he's a counter puncher." His toughest stretch at state came against Ryne Dushane, the No. 1 seed from Holland West Ottawa. Dubé was down 3-0 before turning things around and winning 6-3, 2-6, 6-4 on his way to the title

"He just notched it up another gear and started to attack. He stayed so relaxed, yet so aggres- calm, cool and collected. He plays sive." Stafford said. "If you want tennis the same way." to beat him, you have to take it to him because he's not going to give anything away."

Stafford said as good as Dubé's play is, his sportsmanship is just

"Even better than his play and his state championship, he's just a Ameya Sohani and Tim Oh and fine example for Catholic Central in how to conduct yourself out on the court," Stafford said. "You never hear him scream. You never hear him yell. He's just always

All-Area Tennis

Player of the Year ---

"Joe in my opinion is the Roger

Jack Snyder, Catholic Central iunior Steve Strycharz, Catholic Central senior

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Mike Ayaub, Derek Turowski and Young Tac Kim.

Carson Crandell, Novi junior Ryan Goodman, Novi senior

Joseph Dubé, Catholic Central freshman

Mani Mahadevan, Novi junior Goutham Kondapi, Novi junior Justin Farooq, Novi junior Ameya Sohani, Novi junior Tim Oh, Novl lunior

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Central junior Young Tae Kim, Catholic Melvin Joseph, Northville so.

sophomore Dan Adriansen, Lakeland junior

Second Team Ryan Bell, Novi junior

All-Area First Team

The Novi area is well represented on the All-Area First Team. For the Wildcats, Mani Mahadevan, Goutham Kondapi, Justin Farooq, Greg Richard make the list. Representing Catholic Central are Jack Snyder, Steve Strycharz, nalist at regionals and a semifinal-

ist at state.

Jason Hsu, Novi senior Vishnu Venugopal, Novi so. Nathan Faroog, Novi freshman Patrick Bowers, Catholic Central sophomore Nick Petrucci, Catholic Central sonhomore

Brandon Kosinski, Catholic Central freshman Tim Wasielewski, Northville sonhomore Steve Irvine, Northville so.

Mike Hagan, Northville junior Dan Mills, Northville so. Brian Lovett, Northville senior Evan Gatz, Northville so. Nick Kalweit, Northville so. Joshua Woodhull, Lakeland

Daniel Brown, Lakeland senior Brad Shubert, Milford, senior

Honorable Mention Derek Richard, Novi Junior Brent Womack, Novi junior Derek Mumaw, Catholic Central freshman

Zachary Wisniewski, Catholic Central freshman Sean O'Brien, South Lyon sr. George Wellmer, South Lyon ir. Evan Honour, Milford, junior

Mahadevan had the task of playing No. 1 singles for the Novi. He managed an 18-10 record, despite playing a schedule

"Mani, Novi's top player, took advantage of the opportunity to compete against the best players in the state and had an outstanding year," Novi head coach Jim er and team MVP," Shamrock Hanson said. "He was a semifi-

Kondapi played No. 2 singles ly be as good as he wants to be."



Catholic Central tennis standout Joseph Dubé is the All-Area tennis Player of the

doubles," Stafford said, "They

state champions in the semis."

Second Team

Also making the First Team are

Novi and Catholic Central also

For the Wildcats, Ryan Bell (23-

for the Wildcats and collected an

18-11 record. "Goutham, a very consistent player with excellent groundstrokes, was the KVC champion at No. 2 singles," Hanson said. "He finished second at the regional to Dubé." Farooq and Sohani claimed a

regional title, at No. 1 doubles. They combined for a 26-5 record. kind of peaked at the right time "This duo established themand had a great run at the state selves as one of the top doubles tournament, losing to the eventual teams in the state by making the semifinals of the Division 1 state finals," Hanson said.

Northville's Melvin Joseph, Lee Oh and Richard rolled into the regional and state semifinals on Schechter, Phil Irvine, Andy Mills and Graham their way to a 21-5 record. "This team illustrated Novi's Lakeland's Dan Adriansen and South Lyon's Mike Detizio. strong doubles lineup by winning the KVC championship at No.

doubles." Hanson said. Catholic Central's Snyder also played at No. 1 singles.

place several players on the All-"He was our No. 1 singles playhead coach Joe Stafford said. 8) and Carson Crandell (24-7) held "He's got a huge serve and a huge game. He's a guy that could realthe No. 3 and No. 4 singles spots,

Goodman (20-8) held down the No. Kim and Turowski played No. 2 doubles spot. Vishnu Venugonal I doubles for the Shamrocks. and Nathan Farooq (22-3) manned "They have really big serves the No. 4 doubles position.

good groundstrokes," Patrick Bowers played No. 4 Stafford said. "I think they are singles for the Shamrocks. Nick going to be a force next season." Ayaub and Strycharz captured a Petrucci and Brandon Kosinski played No. 2 doubles. regional title before making a run at the state tournament. "They really know how to play

Rounding out the rest of the Second Team are Northville's Steve Irvine, Mike Hagan, Dan Mills, Brian Lovett, Evan Gatz and Nick Kalweit, Milford's Brad Shubert, Lakeland's Joshua Woodhull and Daniel Brown.

Honorable Mention

Receiving All-Area Honorable Mention honors are Novi's Derek Richard and Brent Womack, Catholic Central's Derek Mumaw and Zachary Wisniewski and South Lyon's Sean O'Brien and George Wellmer and Milford's

All-Area teams are nominated by coaches with final decisions being made by sports writers Jeff respectively. Jason Hsu and Ryan Theisen and Patrick Pinter.



Shamrock players bring the trophy over to celebrate with the CC fans.

Shamrocks turn up heat in second half

the 5, but he powered through After a penalty on the two-point ing. It was perfect."

coversion, Kinville scored on a run for a 14-7 lead with 8:35 left In an ironic twist, it was the the game away. Quarterback Ryan Houska was intercepted on his attempts.

only passes prior to finding

Kinville wide open for a 35-yard touchdown with 4:11 left. "I looked up and all I saw was (the lights)," Kinville said. "All of played great. the sudden the ball hits my hands, and I carried it in like a loaf of this year of keeping us in the ballbread. I didn't have it tucked

away. But that's what it's all about, making-plays. "We talked about it at halftime that we have to come out and show them what CC football is all

Catholic Central's defense punished the Rams after they took a air. 7-0 lead. Holt collected seven first downs in the first half, but only three after halftime. Chris Fischer, Kinville, Mike

Martin, Dave Robinson and Shane Morris led the defensive charge. Fischer and Morris were in on 10 tackles each. Robinson was next with nine, and Kinville was in on eight. Martin provided a sack and five more tackles and repeatedly pressured Holt quarterback Mike

"Our defense always finds a way to step up," Martin said. "We

know we can get the job done. "I felt like Superman out there. them on his way to the end I wasn't tired. I just kept going. Our whole defense was just click-

Holt finished 7-for-22 passing Shamrock passing game that put for 62 yards with one intercep-

"We were a little bit back on heels in the first quarter," Mach said, "After that, we got our confidence, and I think our defense

"They're doing a fantastic job The Shamrocks rolled up 208 rushing yards, with most of that coming in the second half.

Capatina led the attack with

134 yards on 21 attempts. Kinville had 64 yards on 15 attempts with one score and another through the watching the Shamrock team celebrate with the massive amount of

fans that traveled to the game. "That makes it all worthwhile right there, watching them be happy," he said. "They worked for it, and they deserve it. "This has been a wonderfu

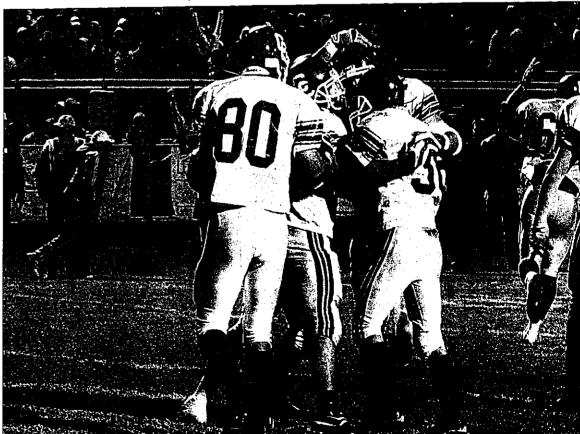
group to work with, and I'm real

happy that they are successful."

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The Shamrock defense stops Holt running back Antonio Todd for a loss during Friday's game.



Catholic Central players celebrate a touchdown during Friday's 21-7 win at Holt.

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his fall, family and guests will cheer for meat and potatoes. But not your mother's ground round and potatoes - instead, get creative with lean, savory beef and tender, nutritious sweet potatoes, The rich, complex flavors of seared beef make a winning combination with the healthful sweetness of versatile sweet potatoes, while satisfying the seasonal shift toward delicious, filling comfort foods.

Beef and sweet potatoes also score points for being easy to prepare. The recipes showeased here feature innovative takes on standards like soups, sandwiches and wraps. In the mood for soup and sandwiches? Creamy, steamy pureed sweet potato soup along with hearty grilled sirloin on a sliced baguette will certainly satisfy. Imagine a perfectly grilled filet served on a sweet potato biscuit, topped with roasted red peppers, portobellos, Montercy Jack cheese and bacon. Looking for something lighter? Think of the sweet-savory combination of lean sirloin, paired with a sweet potato, pear and apple slaw, rolled in a wrap.

What are you waiting for? Invite some friends over and watch them become big fans of the new and improved meat and potatoes.

Sweet Potato Biscuit and Tenderloin Sandwich

Sweet Potato Biscuits

3/4 cup skim milk

stirring until blended.

brown. Serve hot.

Yields 20 to 24

sweet potatoes

butter, softened

4 cups biscuit baking mix

1/2 teaspoon ground cinnamon

3 tablespoons margarine or

1. Preheat oven to 450°F. In a bowl, mix

sweet potatoes with baking mix and

cinnamon. Add milk and margarine,

2. Roll onto a floured surface to 1-inch

thick. Cut with a 2-inch cutter or glass,

and place on ungreased baking sheet.

Bake 10 to 12 minutes, until golden

Chef's tip: For a savory biscuit, omit cinnamon and add 1 table-

Note: Leftover biscuits are ideal to

spoon chopped parsley and

I teaspoon seasoning salt.

1 (15-ounce) can sweet potatoes.

drained and masked, or

I cup cooked, mashed fresh

- and pound Certified Angus Beef tenderloin steaks Salt and pepper to taste 2 portobello mushrooms, grilled
- and sliced thin ounces shredded Monterey Jack cheese
- 4 sweet potato biscuits, sliced in half (see recipe) 4 slices center-cut bacon, cooked 1/4 cup roasted red pepper, sliced
- 1/4 cup spring mix salad greens 2 tablespoons light mayonnaise 1. Preheat grill to medium-high. Season filet with salt and pepper, and grill to medium rare (140°F internal temperature) or desired doneness. Remove steaks from
- grill, let rest 5 minutes and slice. 2. Preheat oven broiler. Arrange mushrooms on baking sheet in circles to fit biscuits. Sprinkle cheese evenly over mushrooms and broil 30 to 60 seconds, until cheese
- 3. Assemble sandwiches by stacking steak on biscuit bottom and adding bacon, mushtooms and cheese, peppers, greens and biscuit tops spread with mayonnaise.

serve the next day for breakfast. Nutritional Information per Serving: 455 Calories; 25g Fat; 10g Saturated Fat; 105mg Cholesterol: 20g Carbohydrate; 1g Dietary Fiber; 35g Protein; 673mg Sodium;

23% daily value from (based on 2.000-calorie diet). Nutritional Information per Serving for biscuit only: 115 Calories; 4g Fat; 0g Saturated Fat; 0mg Cholesterol; 17g Carbohydrate; 1g Dietary Fiber; 2g Protein; 261mg Sodium: 3% daily value Iron (based on 2,000-calorie diet). Recipe provided by Certified Angus Beef LLC

Steak Wrap With Sweet Potato Slaw

- 1 1/2 pounds Certified Angus Beef' top sirloin steak 1/2 teaspoon salt t teaspoon blackening spice
- I sweet potato, peeled and shredded 1/2 pear, unpeeled, cored and shredded
- 1/2 apple, unpecled, cored and shredded
- l tablespoon apple juice 2 tablespoons mascarpone cheese 1 tablespoon light mayonnaise Freshly ground pepper, to taste
- 4 (8-inch) flour tortillas 1. Preheat grill to medium-high. Season top sirloin with salt and blackening spice. Grill to medium rare (140°F or 60°C internal temperature) or desired doneness.
- Remove from heat, let rest 5 minutes and slice thin. 2. In a bowl, combine sweet potato, pear, apple, juice, mascarpone and mayonnaise. Season with salt and
- 3. Place steak and slaw in tortilla, fold in one end

Chef's tip: Sweet potato chips make an ideal garnish or side dish. Serves 4

Nutritional Information per Serving: 502 Calories; 15g Fat; 4g Saturated Fat; 102mg Cholesterol; 52g Carbohydrate; 5g Dietary Fiber; 39g Protein; 718mg Sodium, 33% daily value Iron (based on 2,000 calorie die Recipe provided by Certified Angus Beef LLC and Louisiana Sweet Potato Commission



- 1 (40-ounce) can sweet potatoes, drained and rinsed, or 2 2/3 cups cooked, mashed fresh
- sweet potatoes 4 cups beef broth 1 cup apple juice
- 1. apple unpecled, cored and quartered
 3. tablespoors chopped sweet onlon clove garlic, peeled and sliced
- 4 bay leaves.
 3 sprigs fresh thyme, or 1/2 teaspoon dried thyme
- Salt and pepper to thate 1. Combine all ingredients in large saucepan and simmer over medium heat for 15 to 20 minutes. Remove bay
- leaves and thyme sprigs.

 2. Transfer mixture to a blender and purce. Season with salt

and pepper. Adjust consistency with additional beef broth, if necessary. Serve with sandwiches.

Grilled Steak Sandwich

- 1 1/2 pounds Certified Angus Beef' top sirloin steaks
- Salt and pepper to taste
- 16 French baguette slices, cut on the bias 1/3 cup unsalted butter, softened
- 1/2 cup roasted red peppers, sliced
 4 ounces fresh mozzarella; sliced 1. Preheat grill to medium-high. Season top sirloin with salt and pepper, and grill to medium rare
- (140°F internal temperature) or desired doneness. Remove from heat, let rest 5 minutes and slice thin. 2. Butter one side of bread slices. Place four
- slices, butter-side down, in skillet over medium heat. Layer steak, peppers, mozzarella and another slice of bread on each. Toast sandwiches until golden brown, flipping once.

Nutritional Information per Serving: 571 Calories; 16g Fat; 8g Saturated Fat; 76mg Cholesterol; 75g Carbohydrate; 7g Dietary Fiber; 31g Protein; 1186mg Sodium; 32% daily value Iron (based on 2,000-caloric diet). Recipe provided by Centified Angus Beef LLC and Louisiana Sweet Potato Commission

Helpful Hints

Here are a few things to keep in mind when choosing beef and sweet potatoes for recipes.

Sweet Potatoes: What to Know

- Don't refrigerate uncooked fresh sweet potatoes. Store at 55 to 65°F.
- One 15-ounce can of sweet potatoes (yams) equals one cup fresh.
- Opt for sweet potatoes from Louisiana (canned or fresh). The state's unique climate and soil conditions are ideal for growing a naturally sweeter and more flavorful sweet potato.

Beef: What to Look For

- Many lean cuts of beef are available. Look for those with "round" or "loin" in the name, such as top
- sirloin or tenderloin. For the best results, start with the highest quality ingredients. Look for the Certified Angus Beef brand, which comes from the highly acclaimed Angus breed of cattle known for its flavorful meat. Only 8 percent of all U.S. beef can meet the brand's 10 strict quality specifications.

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SYNDROME?

Sick House Syndrome occurs when a house can't "breathe". A home needs to breath in order to rid itself of indoor pollutants. These pollutants result in poor indoor air quality - a "sick house." Inadequate ventilation allows pollutants to build up, causing potential health risks to the home's occupants. Young children, the elderly, and some chronically ill persons are most susceptible to the effects of Sick House Syndrome.

Common sources of indoor pollution include tobacco smoke, certain carpeting materials, furnaces which are operating with a dirty burn cycle, using fireplaces which are not properly vented, candles, pressed wood cabinets and household cleaning products. Moisture build-up, although not a pollutant itself, can also be harmful in a house as it can cause mildew and/or mold growth inside walls, crawlspaces, and other areas. The spores from the mold will be circulated through the air in the home by operating the furnace, air conditioner and ceiling fans.

HOW CAN INDOOR POLLUTION BE REDUCED?

Source control is usually the most effective way to improve indoor air quality. In some cases, eliminating the specific sources of indoor pollution - for example, removing older carpets, and repairing or maintaining furnaces - may be all that is necessary.

For offending substances such as tobacco smoke, cleaning products, and moisture buildup, improving ventilation is a key means of decreasing indoor pollution. Many newer homes are so well insulated and sealed that only a very timited amount of fresh air can get in. Recommended and effective ventilation requires the home should have a complete air change every three hours. In this situation, using attic or window fans and opening windows (when weather permits) are easy and inexpensive ways to improve and increase ventilation.

More hazardous materials such as asbestos and lead do not normally cause problems if they are undisturbed, but these and other dangerous substances should be analyzed by having Samples of the materials collected by a qualified technician, and have analysis by a Certified Lab to identify the type of material if unknown or to verify any health concerns. This will also help to identify if any action is required such as encapsulation, abatement or removal is warrant-



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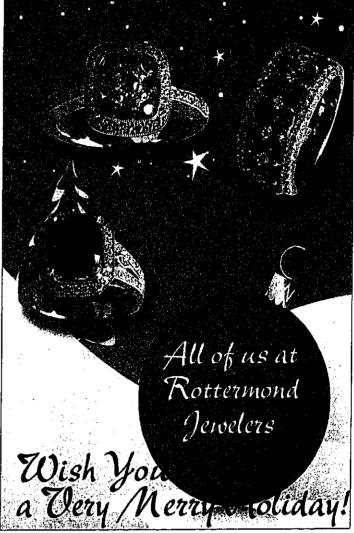
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ed by the store mascot, Koa, a Portuguese Water Dog When you come in, a sales professional offers you a bottled water or a cup of freshly brewed coffee and some cookies

or some candies. Besides the friendliness of the staff, each client benefits from the knowledge of the in-house gemologists and custom jewelry designers who actually create custom pieces in Rottermond's in-house manufacturing facility. It's also the site of the store's on-the-premise repair shop, home of the area's only precision laser welder.

NOV. 23 SALE

This year the town of Milford is having a sale the day after Thanksgiving and Rottermond Jewelers is participating in this event. The store will open at 7 a.m. and offer 60 percent off selected jewelry items.

This sale will replace our annual sale that we usually have in February, so come in to visit us. We will be here early." Dean

MEN'S NIGHT

One of the most sought after events of the year is the annual Men's Shopping Night on

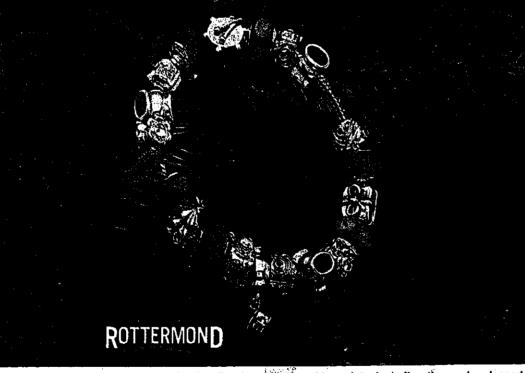
'Our female clients have been coming in all year adding their favorite selections to their Wish List, then we assist their husbands or boyfriends with wrapping up a special gift with our Rottermond gift wrapping," said Dean. "We share some good football moments on the plasma screens while enjoying some food and drinks - a great shopping experience of us guys."

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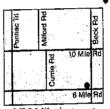


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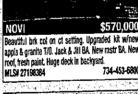
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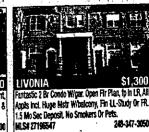
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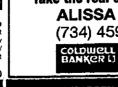








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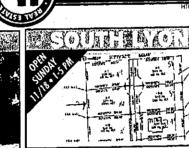
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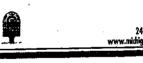
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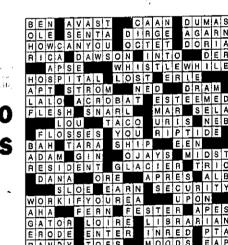
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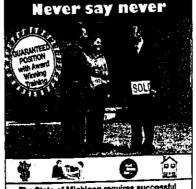
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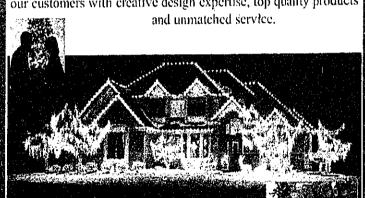
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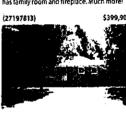
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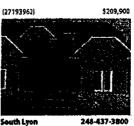
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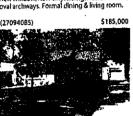


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