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Investigation into deaths of mother and children continues



Rao Nerusu







BY KELLY MURAD STAFF WRITER

Novi police are investigat-ing the death of a mother and her two children, in what Novi Police Chief David Mollov

crime scene. The victims, who have been

identified as Javalakshmi Nerusu, 37; Tejasvi Nerusu, 14; and Siva Kumar Nerusu,



A television photographer finishes up filming the scene at Novi's Wexford Townhouses on Tuesday morning. Novi Police are investigating an apparent triple homicide that took place at the apartments located at Novi and 13 Mile roads.

Javalakshmi Nerusu

Tejasvi Nerusu

called a "brutal and disturbing

12, all suffered extensive head and neck trauma. According to police, edged weapons such as knives were used in the triple homicide, deemed so by the Oakland County Medical Examiner's Office

The bodies were found Monday morning in their Wexford Townhomes residence, at 29567 Wharton Court Molloy told reporters late

Monday night that the bodies were found in multiple areas

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Healthy Halloween

Novi dentist suggests healthier treats for children

BY KELLY MURAD STAFF WRITER

As kids dressed as ghosts anu gooins take to the streets tomorrow night, Dr. Justin Geller will be passing out sugar-free candy and toothbrushes. Geller, of the Novi-based JMG Deptietre users actually and goblins take to the streets Dentistry, warns of the dangers of common treats masked as healthy snacks.

'A lot of people think that granola bars are a healthy food for you, when in fact the sugars in there are almost equivalent to that of a candy bar," said Geller, noting fruit snacks are another treat often misconceived as healthy, but loaded with sugars. "Sugar is the most important dietary factor in leading to plaque and cavities.

Geller said kids make up 20-25 percent of the clientele at his family practice, located at 14 Mile and Novi roads, and their biggest issues are cavities and plaque formation.

Along with sugar-free candy and gum, other alternatives recommends to pass out this Halloween include bags of pretzels, Goldfish crackers or popcorn; and non-food items such as markers, crayons and Play-Doh

"A healthy mouth actually leads to a healthy body," Geller

42430 W. 12 Mile Road (248) 465-7500 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Nov. 3; 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Nov. 4; 7:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Nov, 6

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said. "I eat candy, but I under stand the importance of brushing and flossing." Candy buy-back

For the past four years, Drs. Robert and Sindy Goodman have been hosting a Halloween

candy buy-back at Goodman Orthodontics. Since Halloween candy can be damaging to orthodontic patients' braces and teeth in gen-eral, the Goodmans are offering participants of the buy-back \$I per pound of donated candy, and will make a matching contribution to the Make-A-Wish Foundation. Orthodontic patients are advised to avoid any foods

that are sticky, chewy, hard or crunchy. The candy received vill in turn be donated to a local food shelter. Geller is participating in a

friendly. Geller, a dentist, suggests sugar-free Iollipops and Play-doh.

similar candy drive program where he is offering \$1 per pound of donated candy and making a matching contribution to Make-A-Wish Foundation,

Camryn Geller, 2, middle, and Cole Panza, 3, visit Camryn's dad Dr. Justin Geller for a Halloween lesson on what to give for treats tomorrow that are teeth-

but the collected candy at JMG Dentistry will be donated to Soldiers' Angels, an organization that puts together care packages for troops stationed overseas.

"We're going to try and get the candy out of the kids mouths and hopefully decrease the amount of cavities in the month of November," Geller said.

Heading to the polls

What Novi voters should know **BALLOT PREVIEW** Voters cap visit www.michigan. "Know before you go ... to

Maryanne Cornelius.

Know the Proposals, Page A4 ed," said Novi City Clerk "W/





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BY KELLY MURAD STAFF WRITER

As Election Day approach es, the City of Novi is providing answers to frequently asked questions in an effort to reduce voter confusion at the polls.

vote" is the city's initiative to provide voters with infor-mation regarding precincts, polling locations, voting required identification, hours absentee ballots and more.

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gov/vote to confirm they are registered to vote, their precinct and polling location, and preview a sample ballot of the Nov. 4 election.

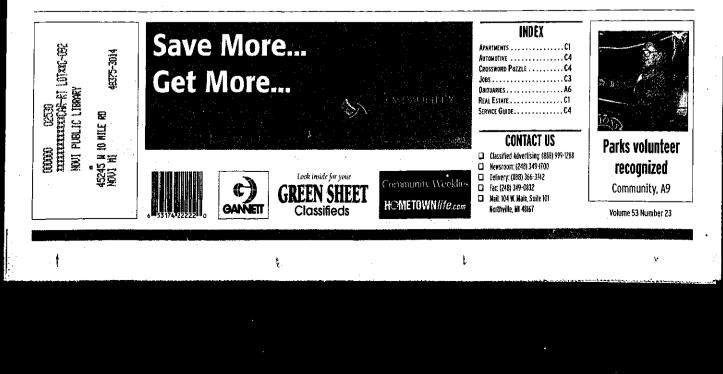
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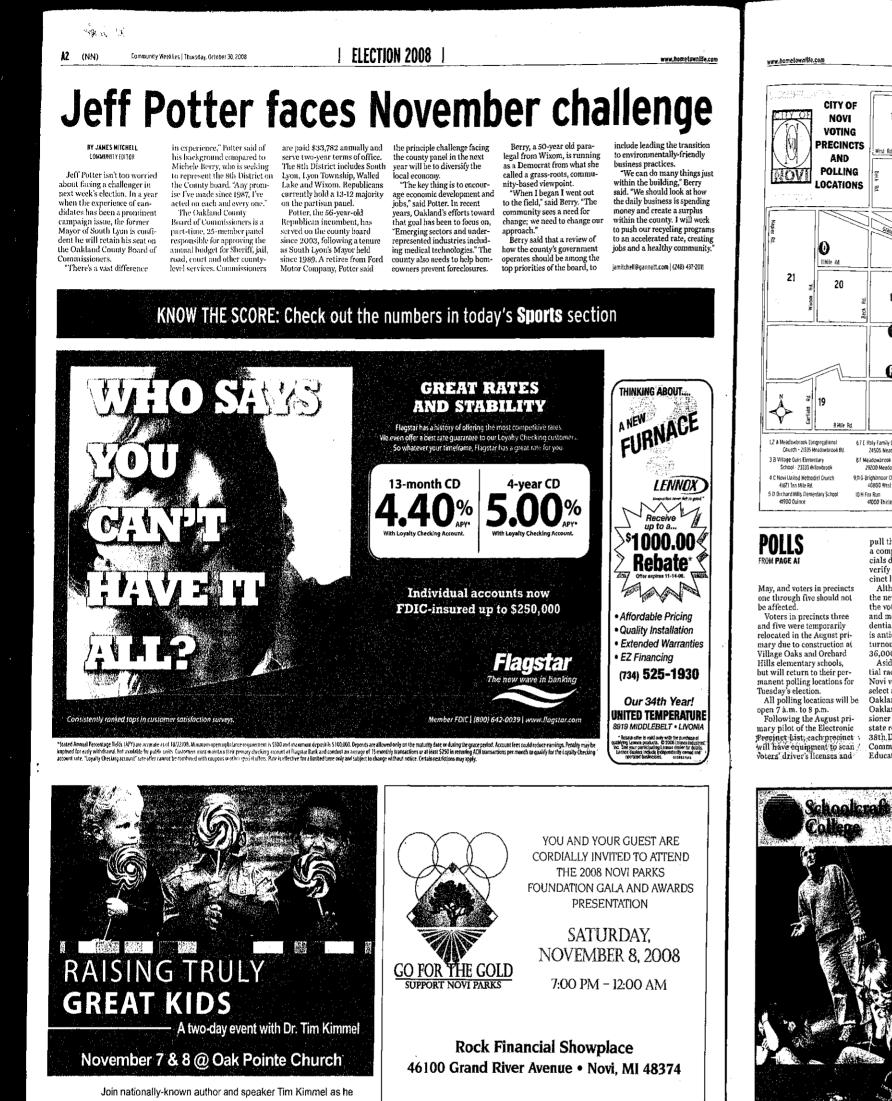
want them to know ahead of time where they're going." Cornelius said voters in precincts six-21 received new oter identification cards in the mail between April and



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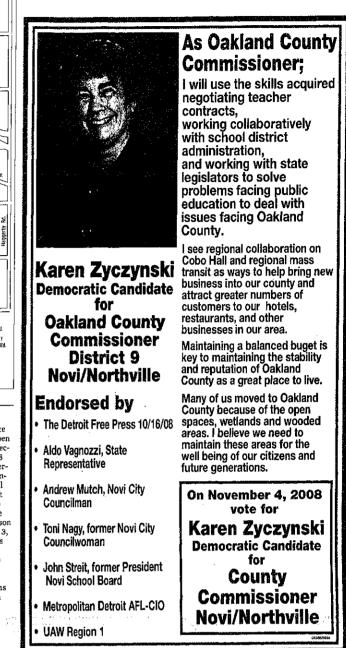
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"If you have a good case, you

Law, who spent six years in the

prosecutor's office before running for the state Legislature in 2004,

placed an emphasis on cyber

is locked and the window are

access to the kids," he said.

"Even though the front door

ed... if there's a computer

Following the debate, Pontia

'I thought the questions were

dates were sharp," he said. "As a

not sure it would change anyone's

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BY JAY M. GROSSMA STAFF WRITER

They didn't exactly take off the es, but the two candidates in the Oakland County prosecutor's race tossed a few barbs back and forth last week. Former Oakland County

Cooper Circuit Court Judge Jessica Cooper and state Rep. David broken," she said. "I believe a change is needed so we have a professional office and not a Law of Commerce Township are vying to replace outgoing pros-ecutor David Goreyca. The two political one squared off in a lively 75-minut She has the support of Harry onsored by League of Women ter's debate at the Bloomfield Philo, a longtime Troy residen who believes it's possible for a Voter's del Township Public Library. Running on the Republican ticket, Law, 39, introduced him-Democrat to win a county-wide office in conservative Oakland County. self by saying he likes how fellow Republican Gorevea ran the

prosecutor's office for the past 12 "I feel strongly the office is moving in the right direction," h Cooper, 61, a Democrat from

Beverly Hills with 28 years of experience behind the bench, "My opponent believes the

office runs well, and I believe it's

Federal and State Taxes



should be tough," she said. "But you need to be smart about If elected, she wants to focus ipsitt thought Cooper handled on mortgage fraud and other white-collar crimes. She also erself poorly on the podium. "Whether it's John McCain or wants to revamp the warrants Jessica Cooper, I'm tired of the division and create a mo smirks and the sarcasm," she diverse workforce inside the said. "We have serious problems prosecutor's office. in the county... it's time for some bipartisanship." "I can't imagine an office that size with such little diversity," she

Philo, on the other hand, brought up Gorcyca and his recent handling of some highly-publicized child sexual assault "We need a prosecutor who

isn't engaged in personal vendet-"The county's changing, the world's changing," Philo said. "We can see it walking around the tas," he said. "It seems like there's a lot of work the prosecutor has to do -- there's some things the in the house, that predator has neighborhoods. I know people who voted straight Republican office should not be involved in." For the most part, Law plans to continue existing practices in the are planning to vote for at least resident Mike Martinez though prosecutor's office, including a no Wearing a Barack Ohama but plea-bargaining policy that goes back to when L. Brooks Patterson ton on her sweater, Marcie Lipsitt good, and I thought both candiof Franklin Village also plans to ran the office. debate it went pretty well, but I'm

Cooper would consider plea "I'm a strong Democrat but I'm voting for David Law for prosbargains under the right circumstances.

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McCotter led fight against Bush financial plan

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BY HUGH GALLAGHE **OBSERVER STAFF WRITER**

U.S. Rep. Thaddeu

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ABOUT THE CANDIDATE Age: 43 Residence: Livonia McCotter was a leader in a Marital status: Married, three children revolt by House Republicans Education: bachelor's degree in political science, against the sitting Republicar niversity of Detroit; law degree, University of Detro resident George W. Bush and his Treasury Secretary Henry Paulson and their plan to bel Profession: Three-term U.S. representative: chain Republican House Policy Committee; member House Financial Committee; served as state senator, Wayne financially distressed Wall Street investment banks County commissioner. Schoolcraft College Board trustee

a fourth term as a repre-sentative of Michigan's 11th \$100 billion in tax cuts, credits and emergency aid. Congressional District, Ho faces Democrat Joseph Larkin, DRAWING INVESTORS

Libertarian John Tatar and McCotter favored a plan Green Party candidate Erik that would have used govern Shelley. McCotter said Republican ment insurance and tax incentives to draw private investors and Democrat legislators

Larkin calls financial crisis legislation 'a rescue bill'

BY HUGH GALLAGHER **ABOUT THE CANDIDATE OBSERVER STAFF WRITER** Age: 43 Pesidence: Livonia Joseph Larkin, Democratic candidate for the 11th Marital status: Divorced, no children. Congressional District, doesn't Education: bachelor's degree in political science University of Michigan, law degree, University of Michigan. Profession: attorney, 19 years, Larkin Legal Services, Livonia Website: larkinleadership.com Green Party candidate Erik both the initial House legisla-Shelly in Nov. 4 general election and the Senate legislation that was eventually signed into law by President George Bush. He said the first "no" vote in the House set off panic selling on the New York Stock Exchange that resulted in a \$1.2 trillion loss. Larkin faces McCotter.

Libertarian John Tatar and

tion. "The United States government and taxpayers can actually make a profit," he said. "This was proven to be true when we did this under Franklin D. Roosevelt, In Roosevelt's time not did it help the economy but taxpayers

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the White House meeting, "Not only was the Paulson plan unfair, but we were voting on a plan that failed, because he said he liked what House Republican were doing. Then the next day, he decided it it could not address the probwas his job to get House Republicans to support the lem of community banks it was aimed at investment banks," he said. bailout." McCotter said. He said the House Republican plan would have gotten investors off the side-lines and working on cleaning up their own mess. "We tried the best we could. Democrats in fairness to iem, were jammed, too

Dogs (fiscally conservative Democrats) but they didn't want to go along," he said. He said the \$700 billion fig reform McCotter had expected support from Republican sidential candidate John

setting a time line on U.S. withdrawal as they are a sov-ereign government. He said monetary system. Fiat policy and fiat money has not worked very well and it has put us

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people making up values on

paper, values that turn out to be false," he said.

He argued that more atten-

tion needs to be paid to restor

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recognizing the value of man-

ufacturing and agriculture.

He said it was important to look hard at trade policies

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Average Fuel Economy, the

said he isn't bothered by Iraq

Michigan delegation often works across party lines. On foreign issues, McCotter

said he opposes subsidies companies and prefers vestment to alterna nergy. he of the greatest things am looking forward to (GM) Volt car," he said said the car would be bled in Hamtramck ie most important thing ve to focus on is to make jobs are created and itained in the United

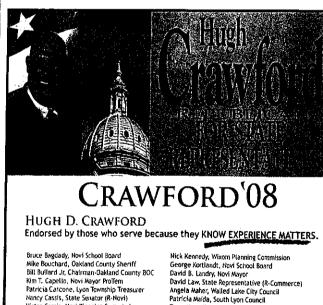
invasion States," he said. d the Larkin said his opponents approach is vote negative on er's sup progressive legislation. "He's a spoiler, a grand-stander who voted with in Iraq oal he George Bush and is now try eached. ing to distance himself from eorge Bush," he said. been achieved. It's time to let Larkin said he has been

unable to set up a forum with McCotter's office.

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The premise of the Paulson Web site: www.mccotterforcongress.com plan was that responsible working people would have to bail out irresponsible powerful ammed" by the administraes that have put a strain on the people or responsible people will be hurt. That did not have tion to approve the \$700 bil-lion bailout proposal. He voted worldwide financial system. He said the Senate and House to happen," McCotter said in against the original bill that failed in the House and the leadership in both parties an interview with Observer wouldn't allow alternatives and Hometown editors last to the \$700 billion plan. (Th Senate bill that finally won approval in the House and interview with McCotter was ate, with an additional McCotter is running for before a shift by the Treasury

He said the program has already been judged a failur and that actions by Federal Reserve Chairman Ben

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ure was pulled out of the air by the administration to impress Wall Street. He said even the from buying assets to direct graduated plan finally approved gives too much discretion to the investment in bank shares.) Treasury Secretary.

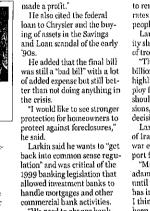
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an interesting position. At



Going forward, he said the U.S. has to work with Europeans on monetary "You have to have some standard, whether the gold standard or a bimetallic standard, there has to be a standard undergirding the

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Kathy Crawford, Novi City Council Member

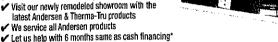
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throughout the home. We believe it is someon who knew the victims," he said noting there was no sign of Indian descent, and there is forced cutry and the home was evidence they lived in Texas and Illinois, prior to coming to locked when officers arrived. Police are searching for the Michigan.

"It wasn't unusual to not see

Lakshminiyasa Nerusu has

they're so innocent."

Carroll said the last time

saw any of the Nerusus was within the last two weeks.

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them at all." Police believe

victims' husband and father Lakshminivasa Rao Nerusu, 42, and have identified him as a person of interest in the investigation, but said he has no documented criminal history of domestic abuse. His disappearance pe

been unemployed and the famhomicide is something that ily vehicle was recently reposconcerns us." Molloy said. sessed According to reports, Lakshminivasa Nerusu's Although police have deter-mined when the homicide brother contacted police occurred, they are not releas-Monday when he had no ing the information pending heard from the family in sevthe ongoing investigation. "We don't really know when eral days it happened," said neighbor Kathy Carroll. "It's so sad.

At 11:43 a.m., officers went to the home to check on the family. They entered the residence with the assistance of the management company Neighbors of the Nerusu family said they moved into the complex at 13 Mile and Novi roads about three or four

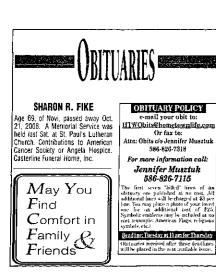
she said on Tuesday. "We jus onths ago. "They kind of kept to themkept thinking 'why weren't we selves," said Will Black, addmore observant? ing he remembers seeing the daughter, Tejasvi, but never The investigation continues with the assistance of the Michigan State Police the son, Siva Kumar, "All the Northville Crime Lab. Any with information is asked kids in this particular court (Wharton) all play together, but she (Tejasvi) never played to contact the Novi Police with the other kids." Tejasvi Nerusu was a stu-)epartment at (248) 348 7100

This is the first homicide in deut at Walled Lake Western High School and Siva Kumar the City of Novi since 2003 Nerusu was a student at Geisler Middle School in kmurad i gaanett.com

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Novi Community Schools district Board "I may not know everyone by name, but when someone walks by, you say 'hi," Black of Education candidate Bruce Bagdady said. "I knew they were India so I kind of chalked it up to that they didn't know the language that well." Molloy said the family is of

"Their car had an out of town license plate so I thought they traveled a lot," Black said.

Justin (2002 Row High School gradu-ate: 2006 University ate: currently attending the University of Pennsylvania School of Law).

 Andv (sophomore, Novi High School) EDUCATION: BA with Distinction omics from the University of Michiga learborn (1981); J.D. cum faude from Wayn Lafe University Law School, 1987. PROFESSION: I am a Partner at the wellespecied law firm, Keller Thoma, where especied law firm, Keller Thoma, where erepresent many other school districts, sunicipalities, health care systems and pr ate and professional corporations. Anything to do with children she, her husband or daughter "I couklu't sleen last night Bar Association Michigan Bar Asso

> served on the Novi Board of Education for 10 years. I have been selected by my fellow Board members to serve as the Board's Board members to serve as the output's President of Vice President every year since 2001. Thave served on the Board's Finance Committee. Facilities Committee, Curriculum Committee, and Policy Committee. Professionally, Ketter Thoma represents

> > SPOUSE: Married for

26 years CHILDREN: 2 daugh-ters; both graduated from Novi High Schoo

trom Navi High School in 2002 and 2004. IDUCATION: BA. University of Michigan-Ann Arbor; earned Secondary Teaching Certification In Journalism

n Journalism nd Mathematics.

Publication

(2005 to present)

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ABA, Wayne State University; majored in Aarketing and Management

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Operations Director for the Detroit office:

Editor, Observer & Eccentric Newspaper

West Bloomfield and Canton publicatio

and the Sports Coordinator for all 12 O&E

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Development Council. EXPERIENCE RELATIVE TO THIS POSITION/SCHOOL

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AG: 49 HIG IGGE KHT YOU INF3 IN NOT: 21 years SPOUSE: Carol. Married Tor 28 years CHINENE: - Jennifer (1999 Novi High School gradu-ate: 2005 Beorgetown University Medical School gradu-ate: Jeong is cur-renty employed as an Ophthalmologist al Georgetown University Hospital. - Justin (2002 Novi High School gradu-

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EDUCATION

PREVIOUS WORE EXPERIENCE: I have worked at eller Thoma my entire professional career. GROUPS/ORGANIZATIONS NEWBERSHIP: ivr Board of Education; Walsh College esidential Advisory Committee, American EXPERIENCE RELATIVE TO THIS POSITION: I have

many other school districts. Consequently, I partnerships in both the public and private stay apprised of the legal developments that sectors can help increase efficiencies. save costs and enhance revenue costs and enhance revenue costs and enhance revenue 2. Contributing to meet the needs of every wides me with a unique perspective and has served the Board well on many occasions. Duestions WHY DO YOU WANT TO BE ON THE SCHOOL BOARD? Why bo toy want to be an the scale back is an a farm believer in giving back to the community. This was institled in me early in law school by one of my favorite professors. Green any professional background, my inter-est in my children sectuation, and my desire to see Novi's children succeed, serving on the Board is a natural fit. WHAT DO YOU THIKE IS THE ROLE OF A BOARD WEN

KHAT GO TOU THAKE IS THE AGLE OF A BOALD WEN-BEP Board members sit much like a Board of Directors: We here the Superimendent of Schools, much like a Board of Directors hires a disproverbilisapprove curriculum, adopt a district budget, and have overall respon-sibility for personet and fabore matters. An individual Board members' responsibilities include staying apprived of the Susten Staring the District, thoroughly reviewing and linkes-trigating the issues presented to the Board for consideration, and being available to the public to hear and address their concerns. WHAT ARE THE TOP THREE CHALLENGES FACING PUBLIC SCHOOLS AND HOW WOULD YOU GO ABOUT HANDLING THEM? I. Continuing financial concerns. Because

L Continuing Imancial concerns: Because (unding has become increasingly uncertain in this difficut economy, we have to be more and more viginant in our spending and more creative in how enrovide services to our students. Cost samps have come, and must orthunge to come through budget cuts which do not impact the classroom. Whenever a end sampact the classroom. Whenever a log to the outpact of the classroom. do not impact the classfoom, Whenever a non-teaching vacancy occurs, we have to evaluate whether the position must be filled or if there is a better way to perform these functions. We have to continue to negotiate fair contracts with our stalf. In addition,

very child, because we are a high perform ing school district, satisfying the require-ments of continued improvement becomes more difficult every year. This is one of the reasons I support an improved system of assessments. I do not favor more testing. but I believe that assessment tools that give immediate feedback, instead of annual feedback, will help our leachers in their continued efforts to provide differentialed learning. In addition, while we must always stay focused on the basics, we have to ontinue to adapt to the global economy to naximize our students' opportugilies. 3. Continuing to deal with the demands of our diverse student population. In some of our elementary schools, numerous different languages/dialects are what is primarily sooken at home. While we pride ourselve on having a great ELL (English Language Learners) program, we are going to have to provide our staff with more help so that all children receive the altention they de WHAT PADCESS DO YOU THINK THE BOARD SHOULD USE IN CONING TO WAJON DECISIONS? This will vary

ding on the nature of the decision, but one constant remains: a Board member mus obtain as much information as possible in order to make the right decision. Many decisions should not be made without obtaining public input first. For example, budgetary decisions that affect the classroom, redis ricting decisions, and changing the forma of report cards require public input. Other or report carps require point input, other major decisions, such as student expulsion approval of budgets and collective bargair ing agreements are left to the Board's internal decision-making processes. In any

case, good decisions are only assured with Please see BAGDADY, A10

Novi Community Schools district Board of Education candidate Dennis O'Connor

Novi Alhletic Boosters, Yice President AGE 51 HOW LONG NAVE YOU LIVED IN NOVI: 17 years. 4 moved to flowi in 1986, was transferred out of state for five years in the mid-1990s, but and Publicity Director 1998-20041 Novi High School Band Boosters (1998ned to Novi in the late 1990s

on all school-related matters, similar to a "board of directors," a school board member also needs to study and understand numer-ous issues, and make tough decisions on NAT IG DOY UNIT ID BE ON THE SCHOOL 200829 I am a long-time school-district voluniter who wants to make sure that our tar adollars are speet properly, focused on providing the best education possible for our children. We have great schools in Novi, but state funding and our enrollment growths iless certain every day. We have limited texpures. We need to constantly evaluate programs to make sure they are providing MAXIMUM ACADEME ACHIEVENENT and essuits for all Novi students. I want to make certain that our har dolfars are allocated into the classroom. If programs are not giving us these results, then funds (budget dollars) WHY DO YOU WANT TO BE ON THE SCHOOL BOASD? 13 M PROFESSION: Small Business Owner in Novi need to be shifted to programs that will be our students succeed. I am an independent PREVIOUS WORK EXPERIENCE: Vice President at ss gerson who is a marketino/trainir consultant. I operate my own small busines based in Novi, I develop training, marketing and promotional campaigns for ma tan-Detroit customers. My "skill set" would be a welcomed, new addition to the Novi and of Education. I could help promote o

listrict to people and companies outside th vi Com WHAT DO YOU THINK IS THE ROLE OF A BOLR O NEWBER? The role of a board m to REPRESENT the residents who five in a ecidic school district with critical, ind lent thinking on major school policies and lecisions. Novi residents want - and deman imum studeol achievement" from i ichool district. Therefore, every policy de sion (vote) that is made by a school board

ommittee (2007) that we are providing the best education possible for our students. Another major role of a school board member is to select, hire, direct and counsel a Superintendent - School Utilization & Redistricting · Long Range Planning Committee (2004-

WHAT ARE THE TOP THREE CHALLENGES FACING NOVI PUBLIC SCHOOLS AND HOW WOULD YOU GO ABOU the biogest social and academic chall HAKOLING THEN? for the middle school and high school teach L Maximizing Student Achievement ers. Let's minimize that risk in Novi We can maximize student achievement by reducing class sizes, especially at the elementary-school level. Numerous stat and national studies validate that loweri REDUCING CLASS SIZES from grades K-3. It Iruly gives our children a chance to suc in a competitive, global environment. 2. Stagnant Student Growth - School and national studies validate that lowern class sizes during the early years of a chi development increases academic succes at the middle school and high school leve Novi Community School District has a que reputation for scholastic incoversion. We leaders - not followers - when it comes to 2. Stapanah Student Growth - School districks with growth in student envolment qet more financial support from Lansing. We need to develop a strong marketing cam-paign to promote our school's and altract more families to live ih our district. I have the professional expertise to help accom-plish this objective. Development of the strong school of the school o offering educational services that maximi sludent achievement. In keeping with this commitment to excellence, I propose that increase and/or shift educational resource

on all school-related matters. Similar to a

chool-related policy matters that affect the istrict, teachers, parents and students.

plish this objective. Speaking of competitive environments, the Novi Commany's School District is in the middle of a major battle - right how. That battle is for STUDENT ENROLLMENT Like it or not, the school' landing system is depen-dent on the statle - not us. The school dis-tricts with growth in STUDENT FURBOLLMENT get more financial support from Lansing. That's wity you see many districts invest-ing markeling and devertising districts invest-ing markeling and devertising districts investto our five (5) exemplary elementary by LOWERING CLASS SIZE for all our s by LUWKAING CLASS SIZE for all our stude grades K-3. In fact, it should be the goal of the Novi Community to have the LOWEST CLASS SIZE in the state of Michigan for the four grade levels. That's academic innova tion! That's academic leadership was a member of the 2004-05 aon

tion That's a cademic leadership! I was a member of the 2004/05 Long Mange Planning Committee. One of the group's major goals was to lower class sides approval from the Novi Board of Education. There are several fancy education programs that are implemented by many school district across the country. Many of these programs "teel good." but they never produce sold measurable results when it comes to maximizing student achievement. That's nor the case with REDUCING CLASS 2024 at the elementary level. Manerous stal

Please see O'CONNOR, AIO

Novi Community Schools district Board of Education candidate Karl Wizinsky

open to Novi students for the future, in my HOW LONG HAVE YOU LIVED IN NOVI: 33 years run for School Board, I am gratified at the number of community leaders who have SPOUSE: Marcia Boynton CHILDREN: Matl - NHS 1996, Sarah - Senior endorsed my candidacy. We share a belief NHS, Paul - Sophomore NHS that I can make a real contribution to the EDUCATION: MBA, Wayne State University. District and its future

input should be gathered. This may occur informally, or by means of community task forces and/or committees. Where indicated, student perspectives should also be sought. When agreement is reached on 2 or 3 best alternatives, and the risks, benefits and costs of each have been intentified for the global market and diverse workforce that will be a hallmark of their adult lives. Ny that will be a nontrary of their over these wy recommendations include: - Increase the opportunities for foreign fanguage competence in Elementary, Middle and High School he henefits of Novi's diverse student population to improve studer the school board must proceed with a final understanding of cultural differences and HERSIDEL Do you believe the woard of education commu similarities. No real setup to the source of execution counter microse that mine is observed and the source of the source microse that mine is observed and the source of the and the source of the source of the source of discussions, process and decision making. However, there is more to be done. Used 12% of eligible voters cast votes in the school board election of May, 2007 even when a large board success the source of the City of Novi residents whose children are grown, or who have no children, still have an economic stake in the success of our Continue the certification process to establish an International Bacca Prooram as an option for Novi High Schol A third critical challenge is to increase the involvement of students in the community and the community in our schools. My dations include: · Create opportunities for cross-nenera tional interaction, providing seniors and students with opportunities for involvement in each others programs. • Expand connections with local business an economic stake in the success of our schools. The District has a primary job com-municating with parents, but must also drive es, including volunteer experie rised internships and part time employmen for students. Community wide events that interrate

ing marketing and advertising dollars to promote their schools. They want to attrac more families with children to their continu nities. Novi Schools should be in the middle of this bittle according includes a condinines. New Schools should be in the model of this battle - promoting itself on a regular basis. We have great schools We have Irremendous leacherst We have a great schools the W Takk about the promotional possibilities if we offer potential residents the LOWEST CLASS SIZE in the state of Michigan? What a great Competitive admanage for Kowi Schools Superintendent Pete Dion has gone a GRAT

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A proclamation

Sen. Nancy Cassis, R-Novi, and Apree Salon owner Jordan Ghannam hold an official proclamation during the Novi business' grandopening celebration held earlier this month

Novi Chamber schedules board vote

Candidates for the board BY KELLY MURAC • Karen Anderson of STAFF WRITER Members of the Novi Michigan Office Interiors Chamber of Commerce ha Greg Carn of Averill until election day, Tuesday, Accounting & Tax Service Carolyn Chaben Klinger Nov. 4 to vote by e-mail or of Boerma Chaben & Co. fax for the 2009 Board of Anita Dellicolli of Directors. Those who do Cityscane Architects, Inc. not vote by Nov. 4 have the opportunity to vote in person at the Nov. 5 special member Pete Dion of Novi Community Schools district meeting noon at Bonefish Ron Dowdy of National Grill. Only the primary contact Credit Card Processing Dean Gauthier of Champion Auto Group • Tim Herrington of Keford Collision & Towing of each member business is allowed to vote for up to 12 o the 19 candidates. Once elected, the 12- Satish Jasti of Lotus ember board will choose Bank Doug Kelly of Clark Hill six directors to serve for one Keith Kuhn of Coating year and six to serve for two • Lou Martin of Since a July merger of the two previous Novi cham-Providence Park Hospital bers, the Novi Chamber of Rene Saenz of Two Men & A Truck Commerce has been operat- Sean Sant of Virchow ing with a 24-member board. 12 original chamber mem- Krause
 Mary Jane Scott of Rock bers and 12 members from the former Greater Novi Financial Showplace Chamber of Commerce Keith Tappan of Pre-Paid Legal Services The Greater Novi Chamber Bob Thorne of Petland at Twelve Oaks Mall was formed in 2006 by a group of business people w were not pleased with the • Ara Topouzian of the City direction the original Novi of Novi · Jeff Wilk of Carrabba's Chamber of Commerce wa taking at the time. Members Italian Grill of both organizations voted kmurad@gagnett.cog almost un nously in favo of a merger. (248) 349-1700, Ext. 10

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moves to expanded office

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46325 W. 12 Mile Road, Suite 335, in the Keystone Medical Building. For more information, visit avtherapies.com. Moonstruck Chocolate

BUSINESS

closes Novi location Moonstruck Chocolate's chief executive officer, Dan Hossley, stated last week the company will close nine cafes it runs outside the Pacific Northwest, including its Twelve Oaks Mall location Moonstruck plans to keep five chocolate cafes it owns i Portland and sell its products nationally through business-to business and online chan The company became well known after appearing in Oprah Winfrey's "O Magazine" and as chocolate provider for gift baskets

for the Oscars and Emmys. The chocolate cafe was located in the new Nordstrom wing. ITC Holdings Corp. schedules third quarter 2008 earnings release

BUSINESS BRIEFLY

ITC Holdings Corp. announce it will release consolidated financial results for the period ended Sept. 30, 2008, after the market closes on Wednesday, Nov. 5. Play it Again Sports

The 10 Play it Again Sports locations of Metro Detroit have declared Tuesdays "Play It Again Tuesdays." On Tuesday Nov. 11 the two Oakland County Play it Again Sports location's, Clawson and Novi, will donate 10 percent of it store profits to the Boy Scouts of againsports.com

America Clinton Valley Council in Oakland County. During the remaining Tuesday's, all 10 Play it Again Sports locations, will donate 10 percent of the store profits for that day to various Southeast Michigan non-profit organizations. Each Play It Again orts location is locally owned and operated. Play It Again Sports has more than 400 locations nationwide including 10 in the Metro Detroit area, located in Ann Arbor, Canton, Chesterfield, Clawson. Fort Gratiot, Livonia, Novi, Southgate, St. Clair Shores and Washington Township. Play i Again Sports buys and sells qual-ity new and used sports and fitness equipment as part of a trade in, trade up program. For more information, visit www.playit-

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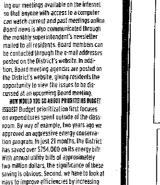


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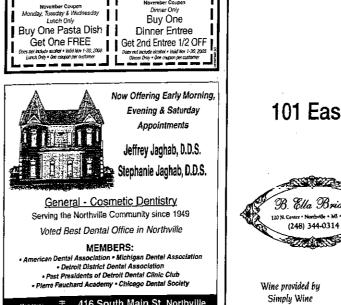
PROFESSION: NENJER? Each school board member brings onsultant, Business unique skills to the evaluation and selec dvisor and Strategis ion of policy alternatives for the District. Each board member is a liaison to the lealth Care Industr PREVIOUS WORK EXPE constituent community, and must work collaboratively with other board members t IENCE: Chief Operation Afficer - Regional make decisions which make our students ducation our highest priority. As a group ealth Plar <u>/</u>. CROUPS/ORSAMILEthe Board provides leadership to the District IONS NENDERSKUP: Wizinsk by establishing and maintaining a strategic Truslee - Novi vision, setting standards and policies, and assuring transparency, accountability, ducational Foundation continuous improvement and collaborative Former Member of City of Novi Board of Review • Former President, Vice President and WHAT ARE THE TOP THINEE CHALLENGES FACING ecretary of Holy Family Church Steering HOM PUBLIC SCHOOLS AND NOW WOOLD YOU GO ANOUT ANDLING THEM? EXPERIENCE HELATIVE TO THIS POSITION: 1. Novi Community Schools' lop chailence for the next four years will be to continue to Trustee - Novi Educational Foundation
 Parent with 25 continuous years of have provide the great educational opportunitie and experiences it now offers our students ng a student in Novi Schools We must maintain this standard in the face Served on Novi School District's lementary School Redistricting Committee of dips in revenue due to lower enrollmen · Over 31 years of executive, administraand Michigan's declining economy. My rec ve and consulting experience ommendalions include · Maintain local awareness of our WIT DO YOU WANT TO BE ON THE SCHOOL POARD? District's achievements and opportunities r 25 years, I have observed the Novi so that families with school age sludents thool District as it progressed from a small remain committed to Novi Schools. veloping district to one of the region's Improve awareness of our district's emier suburban districts. Ny children achievements and opportunities within ve allended Novi schools since 1983. Our Michigan and nationally to attract new fami idents have a tremendous variety of acalies with students. Pursue additional collaborative relamic, performance and athletic opportuni s open to them, perform at the highest tionships in the community to assist with els in testing, and oo on to academic and providing both monetary and non-monetary ments of which we are all resources to our stude vrkplace achi rd. This needs to continue, and I want 2. A second critical challenge for our participate in assuring these options are district is to properly prepare our students

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The District must preserve core curwhich brings the entire community to In the District must preserve core cur-riculum as the top priority budget item. All other instructional areas would be the next priority. This includes all resources required to meet the Michigan Merit Requirements. in support of the schools for an e nic and lootball game enjoying offering some of Novi's many excellent restaura FRANK AND AND THURT DAT && 223300 TANK to meet the Michigan Merit Requirements. The District must always seek alternate resources from found(tons, businesses and community organizations before reducing or elimineting any beneficial programs. The District should continue to reduce expenses of administrative services as they did with the energy management program should be reduced or eliminated without substantial input from parents and the community. USE IN CONDICITY NAJOR DECISIONS? Major School District decisions should be subject to defined periods of analysis and ision-making. No decision should tak more than one year of study. Key alter tives should be developed, drawing upor contributions of recognized experts within our District, and from outside as necessar The process should be admin the District's administrative and executive staff and monitored continuously by the

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are conveniently located at 215 East Main, Suite B to are presently accepting new patients PS. Bodies can be trained

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encourages everyone to have a fun and safe Halloween, The recommended trick-or-treat hours in Novi are betwee 6-8 p.m. tomorrow. Drivers must remain aware and drive safely since children will be out on the local streets. "Throughout the year, the men and women of the Novi Police Department strive to create the safest environment possible, but even more so during Halloween, aid Novi Chief of Police David Molloy, "The biggest dangers faced on this evening are inju-

ries from tripping and falling and pedestrian-car accidents. Unfortunately, many children forget often practiced safety tips out of shear excitement while trick-or-treating. Children and adults often times choose the shortest rontes when walking from door-to-door for treats rather than the safest routes." To ensure a safe Halloween the Novi Police Department recommends the following safety rules. Children should:

and remain on porches rather than entering homes. Travel in small groups and be accompanied by an adult. Know their phone number in case an emergency telephon call is necessary. Have their names and addresses attached to their cos tumes. Bring treats home before cat—sidewalks and avoid crossing

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bring reals hone before eaching so parents can inspect them.
Use costume knives and swords that are flexible, not rigid or sharp. When walking in neighborhoods children

should: • Use flashlights, stay on

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Halloween Storybook Stroll

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Members of the community enjoy the Novi Parks Halloween Storybook Stroll held last Saturday. Families enjoyed a walk through Lakeshore Park with popular children's characters, along with a hayride, crafts and snacks.

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nstead of masks because vards. • Cross streets at the cormasks can obstruct a child's ner, use crosswalks where vision. • Avoid wearing hats that they exist and do not cross Stop at all corners and will slide over their eyes. stay together in a group Avoid wearing long, baggy or loose costumes or over-· Wear clothing that is sized shoes to prevent tripbright, reflective and flame ping.

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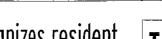
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on the outside of the pumpkin and have parents do the cut- Place lighted pumpkins away from curtains and other flammable objects, and do not leave lighted pumpkins Parents are encouraged to



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loves this community as much

as Tom Marcus."

HILKY CRAWFORD, Novi City

Tom Marcus drives his Lions Club, decorated polf cart along the route of last

year's Ringing in the Holidays parade in Novi. Marcus will be honored next month for his dedication to the community.

COMMUNITY

Parks Foundation recognizes resident for volunteerism, community spirit

BY KELLY MURAD Staff Writer

Novi resident Tom Marcus may best be known by his duck call that echoes from the sidelines of Novi Wildcat football games. But next Saturday, he will be recognized for much "Tom Marcus is the embodiment and spirit of Novi," said Novi Parks, Recreation and Forestry Commission Vice Chairman Jay Dooley. "He's ar icon in Novi." Marcus is this year's recipien

of the fourth annual Hugh and Kathy Crawford Award, which will be presented at the 2008 Novi Parks Foundation Gala Dooley said it was a collective effort of Kathy Crawford, Pat Holt and himself to come up with a citizen whose volu efforts exhibit outstanding ser vice, leadership and support to the community of Novi. "I don't know of anybody that

> involved in." Crawford said. "(He and Thelma) think sup

porting your community with

What: The 2008 Novi Parks oves this community as much as Tom Marcus," said Novi Foundation Gala When: 7 p.m.-midnight Saturday councilwoman and longtime resident Kathy Crawford, "He Nov. 8 would never consider himself a leader, but he truly is." Where: Rock Financial Showplace, 46100 Grand River Marcus, 72, and his wife Thelma, 81, are 44-year resi-dents of the Novi community. venue Tickets: \$125 for single, \$200 for "I don't feel I need awards fo couble what I do. I just love the lown," R.S.V.P.: To (248) 255-2608 by he said. "When you give, you Oct. 31 get much more than you can Along with attending every your actions is what you should be doing." Marcus said even before their football game, clad with Wildcat spirit, Marcus is involved in community orga two kids were in school, he and nizations including the Novi Educational Foundation, Lions Thelma were attending Novi Wildcat football games and Rotary clubs, and formerly "They do more for me than I do for them," he said, noting how a Novi High School stude served on the Novi parks com mission board. "There's really not any com dressed up as him for spirit week this year, as part of the nomecoming festivities. "I love unity project that Tom Marcus in some way, isn't

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life. I enjoy every day of it." "He's a very humble man," Dooley said. "I would like to see

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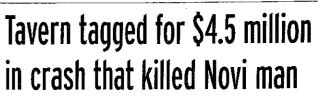
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Forestry Department," Dooley said. "We're expecting hopefully 150 people, 75 couples The event, which is at Rock Financial Showplace from 7 p.m.-midnight Nov. 8, includes a strolling buffet, desserts, oper bar, live entertainment, silen and live auctions and casino games. The public is invited to attend

the event.

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Spolsky.

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BY TONY BRUSCATO STAFF WRITER A Wayne County jury ordered Doyle's Tayern in Plymouth to pay \$4.5 million to the estate of a Novi man who was killed when a drunk n driver crashed his car at Plymouth and Joy roads Sept. 5.2004. The decision stems from a suit filed by the estate of John Spolsky of Novi, According to e reports, Chris Bohm of solice reports, Chris Bound of South Lyon lost control of his car and rolled 800 feet, ejectng and killing both Spolsky his best friend - and Bohm's sister, Patricia, also of South Lyon. Police estimate Chris Bohm was traveling 72 mph in a 55 mph zone. Chris Bohm survived the crash. The jury determined

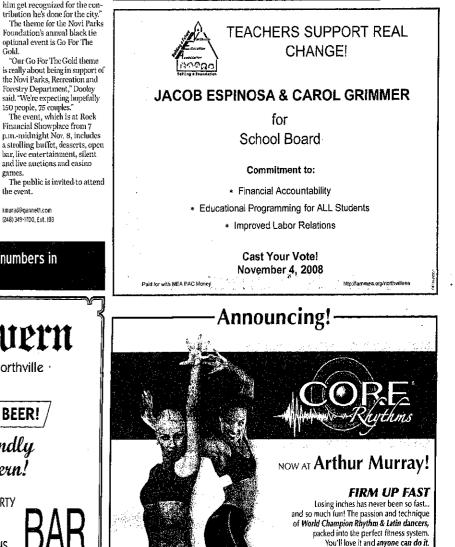
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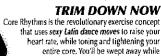
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did not have signs of visible Messages to Doyle's Tavern owner John Doyle were not immediately returned. intoxication and that Spolsky paid the bar tab. "If the injured party cor "The most unusual part of tributes to the intoxicated party's level of intoxication e cannot file a lawsuit," it's the division of fault with the bar 95 percent at fault and the driver only 5 per-cent," said Dan Kelly, of the said Kelly, who said there vere defense witnesses wh claimed Spolsky gave Chris Bohm money while leavlaw firm Giarmarco, Mullins ing the bar. "The jury didn't believe that. This award & Horton in Troy, the attor-"Typically you would have the bar less responsible than the at-fault driver, but in this should send a message to every bar, restaurant or any other server of alcohol that the laws prohibiting the sale of alcohol to visibly intoxicat ed customers will be enforced of the vehicle who caused the by jurors. Spolsky, a 1996 graduate of Catholic Central High School, recently graduated from intoxicated, not legally intoxi cated," said Kelly. "In this Army Ranger School. He was on leave prior to being reascase the driver was loud, bois signed by the Air Force to serve in Iraq.

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terous, overly friendly and singing loudly in the bar." Spolsky, Chris Bohm was 5 percent responsible and no According to Kelly, Doyle's tbruscato@hometownlife.com esponsibility was assessed to defense claimed Chris Bohm (734) 953-2172





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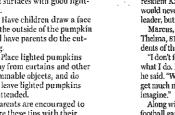
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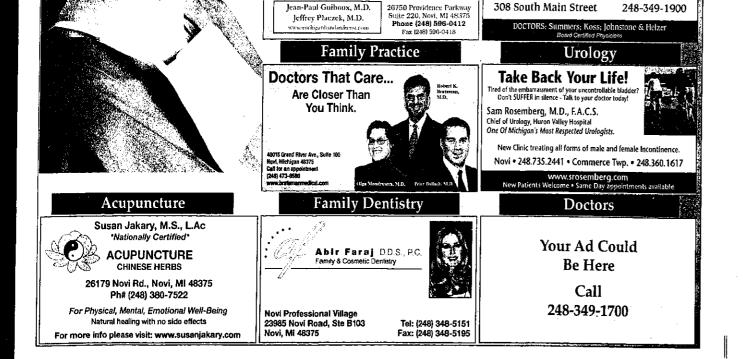
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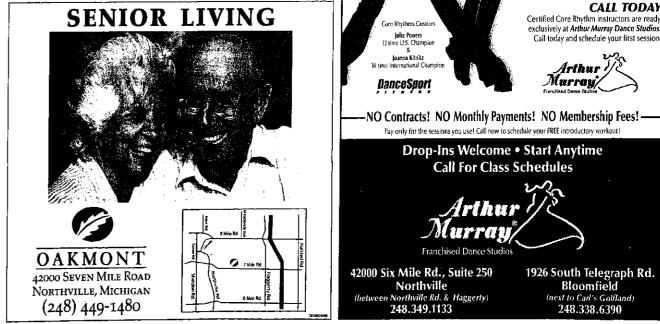
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INTERNATIONAL UNCERTAINERS IN THE ASSWER necessary to help those students perfor necessary to help those students perform beller. It has enhanced our philosophy of providing differentiated learning to our stu-dents. While IRCB puls a locus on teaching to hel est, it here storcores on a lair rep-resentation of the knowledge our chuidren need to succeed, then the utimate result is good. The proteem has been that the tests have historically been a moving target. requessome explanation. To date, we have approved gran provarat with the applica-tion process for the program. That process takes at least 2 years, I was in favor of pro-ceeding with the application process and the feacher I raining required to keep us on that, that training was paid for with grant funds, and will be predictable to us staff bother was a closed school. This for program on bother was a closed school. This for program on whether we actually adopt an IB program of

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districts. If the revenues go down, then the Board REACTS - and begins cutting educa-tional programs or laking money out of the district's savings account to pay the bills. Berause of these lough economic times, our state's lak base continues to strink Lansing gives how less and less infanctal support every year. So, what should the Board to to PROACTIVELY manage this problem? JOB of promoting New Schools, He lives in the Novi Community. He's very active in the ovi Community. He regularly attends Nov Chamber meetings and Novi Rolary meet board ou to PHOGE (IPELY manage this protein?) Once again, if a matter of PHODRITIS? Why do be keep cutting ducational pro-grams when we have 565 independently operated local school districts in the state of Michigan' That translates to 565 financial Oppartments, 565 Numan Resources oppartments, and the school and the school services Ital aren't directly focused on maximum your student's active wenen? Consolitation of governmental services in maximum your student's active school to the school in the superimental undis - and yut Intoxe suping back into the class-rooms for Gir Ards' We can put together a 540 year Jula. To the transition is kind and lumane for all encipyees Burtwe need S Jalat making 4 dappen rigs. He's also an active member of the Novi Educational Foundation, But he's only on person! He needs support, and I can offer him land Novi school district residents that support. My "skill set" would be a well omed, new addition to the Novi Board of Education, i would help promote our distric o people and companies outside the Nov · We need to reach out to Providence

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ove to Novi Schools 3 Uncertain State Funding - Our state's tax base continues to shrink. Lansing give Novi tess and less financial support every year. It's time for us to work with city offi rats and neighboring school districts to eliminate duplicated services and expenses and put those savings back into the oom. Consolidation of governmental iervices makes sense

Like it or not our schools' funding system is dependent on the stale - not us Every year, the Novi Board of Education REACTS to what Lansing lawmakers decided. o alfocate to Novi and all fire local school



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uccessfully shown annual improvement by student and school as required by NCL8 despite the District's high starting point for Novi students and schools. I support and However, the complexities of implemen-0 tation and the required reporting has been in enormous unfunded administrative bur en for both the state and local district

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nol. Prior to voting to allow the application process to proceed, I took the opportunity to view the curriculum that the IB program contains. It appeared to me to be quite vigorous and appropriate for many of our high school students. In addition to the curriculum, which is recognized world wide, the IB diploma program:requires substantial community service, another positive aspect of the program. White some believe that IB could adversely affect our AP program. Joelieve that the two can co-exist, and tall, if necessary, in some cases IB and AP courses can be combined. How no thup FEL The DISTRICT HAS STAVED AS J LEADE IN THE COUNTY Very well. Our graduation rates are among the best in the county. In addition, our Michigan Merit Rams scores and ACT scores are among the best. Our relationship with Providence toopstalls as greate example of the Lype of partnerships are enjoy that other districts in the county envy. We lead by example, Whelber its our extra curricular programs, our academic success, our new program. (for example our medical careers curriculum, our improved language program, our robotics team) or our staff, our job in responding to the many mandates imposed a both the state and feteral lev-els. Our MEAP scores, MME scores and ACT scores are among the best in the county and we have been very succession in making adequate yearly progress. In addition to satisfying government mandates, we ofter an improved curriculture ainted at providing opportunities for atl of our students. From some consensus and present the concepts to rest of board members to get feedback Administration then compiles these ankings, reaches consensus on the items hat should be cut, and presents the results o the Board. • The Board then decides to implement here ident item decides to specification. and agreement. Do You BELIEVE THE BOARD OF EQUCATION CON-Do TOU BELIVET THE BAND OF COPICATION COM-NUMECIDES MELL NEW THE POULO'S WAY DO WHAT MOTT Communication is getting better with the public, but there's a lot more we can do: "We under within channed and the second of the events, club activities, theatre events and elementary school forums." We should have "guest columns" in the Novi News. these ideas, based on the rankings (prior tization list). The process could be implemented through A (ONG-RANGE FIRANCIAL PLANNARG COMMIFTE, Way don't we devel-op budget discipline by creating a Long Range FIANKIAL PLANKING Committee? The committee could consist of a cross-sec tion of commounly members, including Novi Business Leaders who have the knowledge and understanding to enhance our budget-ing process. ization list).

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Northews, • We should be supplying story ideas on a regular basis to the Kovi leves. • We should be 'leveling' all expanded broadcasting programs to the internet, through streaming vided, on the school district's web site. • We should jointly work with the city of Nori and SMOCC Studios (Channel 13) to produce programming that promotes our city and our school district. • The Superintendents monthly newslet-ter should be used to promote program-ming on Channel 10. • Nor Moule 196 GABOU PAGATIENC BUDECT ISUB37 ing process. The committee could hold regular The committee could hold regular monthy meetings to establish the "load map." Insee weetings should be open to the public, so all viewpoints are consid-ered. After the "read map" is approved by administrators and the school board, the committee could meet on a quarterly or semi-annual basis to make sure that Tinan-cial goals are properly implemented. How to or use the All that Tinan-cial goals are properly implemented. LEGISLANER KS UPACID THE INSTECT? "Having the vision is no schulton... every thing depends upon execution." The to Child" vision al Insolution, school districts the necessary funding and resources to "execute" the lasts needed to make it work. All "brainstorm" sessions should focus

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All 'brainstorm' sessions should focus on two parameters: Eutrosts and generate additurani revenue
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Revisue the list taihfinancial valuess and/or administrators and/or Community orachiters and have them XAK (prioritize) out is the based on what can be cut first, second, third, fourth, etc. WH Process of You Takket The Board Should USE IN CONINGTO ALLOR DESIGNET. There needs to be more user desized and independent critical thinkings on the board when it comes to mayor issues that anyolve true col-relation as part of the decision unaking process. First, support a more liberal use of the current time reprosons bocommittees structure, whereby lines sub-commit-tees requirity from new ideas to the full board for discussion, analysis, debate and, certificative of the colored to the colored time of the committees and the colored time of the colored process of three (3), so not to colorise the groups of three (3), so not to colorise the filters. Then, after OPER DEBATE on avideas. the sub-commenter members should reach filters. WHAT PROCESS ON YOU THINK THE ROUGH SHOULD

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Tesources in "execute" the Lasis needed to make it work. Use most Federal and State legisla-tion, local school districts (including Rovi) are sadided with unreatistic, UMFUNDO mandates, especially in the areas of assess-ment, testing and evaluation. Remercus reports and data are requested by state and federal agencies and need to be com-piled on a regular basis. This causes a fot of school employee SIRSS because large amounts of lakor hours need to be applied locally to meet these requirements. This takes school districts away from focus-ing on what's really important - student achievement in the classroom. ALC AND A CARACTER AND A CONTRACT AN

and schools performance using a single assessment. To date, the current NCLB process of accountability and sanctions not proven to be effective. The U.S. Department of Education's NOW DO YOU FEEL NO CHILD LEFT BEHIND FEDERAL effort to revise and adopt new regulations has been slow and limited. Novi Community

Schools needs to continue to have an acti voice at both the state and federal level to The No Child Left Behind federal legslation has helped the Novi Community Schools to sharpen its focus on achiev ARE YOU IN FAYOR OF INSTITUTING A ment for all our students. It has required ITIONAL BACCALAUREATE PROGRAM AT KOVI states to set rigorous academic standards and conduct annual assessments at specific RIGH SCHOOL? Yes, 1 believe the School Board is corarte levels. In Michinan and Novi, hig

Te: 1. Deliver the School Board is cor-rect in continuing down the certification path or (B, This program is defined and recopared as a gold standard for education and university admission in 25 countries around the walt. Important elements of the IB program at the high school level are requirements for community service, train-ing in criticat thinking and specific educa-tion about the intersection of the individual with societies. Les AP coursework, IB pro-gramming can sometimes substatute for college coursework. Its important distinc-tions are its work wide accognition; and Its facus on developing a more competensive body of knowledge, as opposed to selected topics. ny districts, including Novi, have raised neerns about measuring both students

Ing so encertain. Why are we spending precises dollars on a "high school only" international Baccalauraele (B) program? If we have additional lends to spend on education programs, then let's spend source that "targets" the most number of students. We can accomptish that through smaller class sizes, so we can academit-cally reach as many kids as possible. The B) biphom programs is designed through spender that students at the high school. We are additional students at the high school. We are additional students at the high school. We have finited funding? If is a maller of pri-calisy reactions at strong down and Pacements program. Why duplicate services, when we have finited funding? If is a maller of pri-cults. I was a nember of the tong Kange Planning Committee in 2004 and 2005, and validate I hat smaller class sizes led to aca-demic improvement. The concept of smaller class sizes was one of many critical issues do ago at of the 2004 Long Range Planning Committee. I's was not. We touch more students through smaller class sizes. ing so uncertain. Why are we spending e state and national levels. Our lest is continue to rise, we have Nationallycolaiment schools, and Novi consistently moun the ton 5 schools in Daklan Country in all categories. Most importantly Novi has successfully "differentiated" itse s a Leader in the country with many outstanding programs and initiatives. For example: • We are developing a medical careers We are developing a medicate over of program, and we're expanding that through our partnership with Providence Hospital We have a strings programs, as part of we multi-after those the string of our music education We offer differentiate instruction and hods at all five of our elemen delive schools - and we are sharing thos "best practices' among all the schools. • We stress "Developing the Whole Child s "Developing the Whole Child as part of our Long Range goals - focusing are than just academic achievement We also stress the obvical employed and development of our children • We were a leader in offering full-day aller class sizes. • We support our teachers through kindernart smaller class sizes. • We get a bigger bang for the buck with We have great schools!
 We have tremendous tea Junter class Sizes. • We get a bioger samp for the buck with smaller class sizes. • What is the Off for HB 7. Notody knows. • By organis at ready crist in West Bioomfield, Bioomfield Wills, Clarkston, Lucinai, Tioo, Dak Park, Ponita, Waterford and Royal Oak, Hov is that 'differentiation' when it comes to lying to alternative town is following with B² - not LEAD (and be dif-ferent) than other school district's then it should follow President John F. Kennedy's playbook. Kennedy, back in the early 1950s, showed graft for earle decide. And in 1969, we worked hard, stayred focused and did 1. Chaltenge Novi Schools to work and, stayr focused and strive to have the smallest class sizes in Oakland County (for grade K-3) which Sy earls. The and the recombed and strive to have the smallest class sizes in Gakland County of the recombendations from the Long dous teachers! We have a great community!
 We have a great story to felf!
 IN TERMS OF QUALITY OF EDUCATION, AND MEETING STUDENT REEDS AND STATE AND FEDERAL M. THAT OVERALL ERADE WOLLD YOU GIVE THE DISTRICT what or call takes to hold to off it. In the barnier we have a great school district, and we are serforming admirably, even with our ongo-ag financial challenges and the numerous infunded stale and federal mandates monsed on nur employees. Our high school monded state and lederal mandates mposed on our employees. Our high school urriculum features tremendous depth and diversity. We offer a variety of many great pro-grams to our students for their personal growth and development in this competitive convictoment. We have OUTSTANDING teachers, who are dedicated to meeting the individual instruc-tional needs of our students. We do an OUTSTANDING JOB of this at the elementary level. We need to work on improving our ACT scores, and we need to focus more of the recommendations from the Long Range Planning Committee. It's someti on helping students properly prepare for post-high school initiatives: that will attract new families to live in our district. HOW DO YOU FEEL THE DISTRICT HAS SEEVED AS A LEADER IN THE COUNTY? WE are FAHTASTIC! Novi prides itself in being a Leader in educa-Altending college Developing a technical skill/trade to

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On a more practical levet, other nearby districts are contemplating IB program development also, and this is a competitive challenge in aduldent recruitment that Novi-must be prepared to meet. for SAT scores as reported in the Oakland Business Review and Novi's MEAP scores continue to be well above average, for, kland County. IN TERNS OF QUALITY OF EBUCATION, AND MEETING HOW DO YOU FEEL THE DISTRICT HAS SERVED AS A STUDENT NEEDS AND STATE AND FEDERAL VAN WHAT DVERALL GRADE WOULD YOU GIVE THE DISTRICT Based on my own children's experience with Novi Schools, I would give the District The Novi Community School district has provided leadership in the county The Advic Community School restricts has provided Teadership in the county through its curriculum design, protes-sional staff performance and student achievement. Novi was one of the first districts to introduce Chinese as a lan-quage option at the high school level. In his 2007 State of the County Address. L Brooks Patterson, Oakland County Executive challenged all schools in the county to olfer Chinese. Oakland County has been labeled "Automation Alley". How High School Robotics Team won the 2005 FIRST Robotics World Champlomoship and confurues to take top honors in regional and state competition. How was one of the first Districts to olfer full day kinder-garten which is now required by the State. Novi Meadoors Etementary was amed as a Michigan Blue Rhibon Exemplary School Board of Education. Last August, Novi was the tep scoring district in Oakland County n A+ on the quality of the e an A+ on the guality of the education received and meeting individual student needs. Natt. my older son, found and was encouraged to pursue his passion for art and design by teachers and counsefors while at Novi High School. He now enjoys the challenges of waking for an interna-tional design by track as the ord estipher. Our younger children, Sarah and Paul who are presently enroted at Novi High, are benefit-ang from Honors and AP course offerings, which presen them daily with critical academic challenges. Test scores on the AP academic challenges. Test scores on the AP exams across the Novi student body reflect the talent and dedication of Novi teach ers in preparing these students to meet a national standard. In regards to the state and federal mandates, I believe the district would receive an A for showing improve ments at all our schools despite a very high starting point



NOVI BRIEFLY Museum of Natural History, among others. To date, Detroit Autumn leaves From 8:30-11 a.m. Thursday, second year beginning Oct. 25. Nov. 6, representatives from The program is a partnership The City of Novi does not Bank of America, American n Macy's; 179 public regional public library cardhave curb side leaf pick up, and libraries located in Macomb, olders have received about Express and local law enforce it is against city ordinance to 100,000 free admissions to Monroe, Oakland, Livingston, ment will discuss a wide range of fraud topics, including curdeposit your leaves into the St. Clair, Washtenaw and local museums, cultural centers Go For The Gold rent trends and techn Wayne counties; and 28 local and historical sites street or anywhere within city right-of-ways. Residents wh The 2008 Novi Parks used by criminals as well as arts and cultural organizations Debates available On violate the ordinance will be ways to protect your business Cardholders from one of the The seminar will be at Max & Erma's, located inside Twelve ticketed and required to rem participating Detroit regional public libraries can check out Demand the leaves as soon as possible Bright House Networks' cus-Oaks Mall, 27466 Novi Road, a Museum Adventure Pass at Fraud Prevention Seminar their local library. Library user tomers have access to view the presidential and vice presiden-tial debates as aired on C-SPAN Registration begins at 8 a.m The Novi Police Department and refreshments will be prowill receive a free museum has partnered with experts in vided. admission pass for two or four people expiring within one week from the date of checkout. the field of check fraud, credit R.S.V.P. by Nov. 3 to detec through On Demand programcard fraud and employee theft to provide local retailers a free, tive Michael Prough at (248) ming. All debates will be avail-347-0540 or via c-mail at able until Nov. 6. Participating organizations Through Video-On-Demand services like Elections '08 On Demand and News and World interactive seminar on how to mprough@cityofnovi.org. include Automotive Hall of preferred. spot a crime before it happens. For many businesses the holiday Fame, Cranbrook Art Museum, Museum Adventure Pass Detroit Children's Museum, per person or \$200 per couple. R.S.V.P. no later than Oct. 31. season brings about not only The "Museum Adventure The Detroit Institute of Arts On Demand, Bright House Networks continues to provide its customers with compre-For more information call (248) an increase in revenue, but an Pass presented by Macy's Ford Rouge Factory Tour an 255-2608 increase in fraudulent activity. program will return for the University of Michigan Exhibit

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hensive access to political news, information and historieal features surrounding the upcoming 2008 Presidential Election. Foundation gala and awards presentation is 7 p.m.-midright Saturday, Nov. 8 at Rock Financial Showplace, located at 46100 Grand River Avenue The annual event includes hors d'oeuvres, a strolling buffet, live entertainment, silent and live auctions, casino games and more. Black tie is optional, but Tickets for the event are \$125

The Novi Public Library Groundbreaking Ceremony will be 9 a.m. Wednesday, Nov. 12, at the Novi Public Lib rary, located at 45245 W. 10 Mile Road Continental breakfast will be served, R.S.V.P. by Monday, Nov 3 to Marcia Dominick at (248) 349-0720 Ext. 111 or via e-mail at mdominick@novilibrary.org The new Novi Public Library

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OUR VIEWS McCotter is the better choice in **11th District race**

These are troubled times

Our economy is in shambles. The stock market is a per-ilous roller coaster. We are committed to two war fronts. Voters are worried about their jobs, health care, retirement, educational opportunities.

In the presidential election, both major candidates are promising change from the unpopular policies of President George W. Bush, Many congressional Republicans are also distancing themselves from their sitting president, even though many were enthusiastic supporters of his initiatives. Democrats have reason to be optimistic about retaining heir majority in the U.S. House and picking up seats in the House and Senate.

But Michigan's 14th Congressional District has been a safe seat for Republican incumbent Thaddeus McCotter. He hasn't been chaffenged by an experienced political figure since his first campaign in 2002 against then-Redford Township Supervisor Kevin Kelley. This year is no different. This year McCotter's Democratic opponent, Joseph Larkin, is a Livonia attorney with no government experience. He offers basic Democratic talking points and seems honestly concerned about the war in Irao and the foreclosure problems. But he has a superficial understanding of some issues and no record of government service that would suggest that he could play a meaningful role in Congress.

McCotter is a bright, articulate man, who comes prepared interviews with some complex and manced positions and observations on national issues are "politics. sees himself as a true conservative and, as chair of the R₁ = - Gean House Policy Committee, he helps the party set as conservative agenda. In that role, he was one of the leaders of a House Republican revolt against the Bush bank rescue plan.

His voting record though has generally been supportive of Bosh and Republican positions. An organization that tracks members of Congress rates him as rank-and-file, meaning he usually votes with his party. But as a member from southeast Michigan, he also votes the district on issues involving trade, the auto industry and minimum wage. We are often bothered by McCotter's rhetoric, in his

House speeches, his columns and interviews in conservative media and his press releases. He'll often label domestic positions he opposes with a perjorative use of the loaded word "socialist" and has labeled those who oppose his foreign policy positions as "appeasers." As someone who speaks it working with members of the other party, he needs to tone down his thetoric.

Given his intelligence, his flexibility on issues of local importance, his broad legislative experience, his regular presence in the district and his constituent service, we sup port the re-election of Thaddeus McCotter for a fourth

Crawford is better pick in 38th District race

Voters in Michigan's 38th District should select Republican party candidate Hugh Crawford for state representative. Crawford comes to the table with more political and

partisan experience than his Democratic party challenger, Chuck Tindall. We admire Tindall's grassroots campaign and desire to

represent district residents as the Democratic candidate, but believe Novi and the surrounding communities need a leader with experience to push through these current difficult economic times. We need a leader who can hit the ground running toward finding solutions to the current foreclosure crisis and the alarming rate of Michigan small businesses shuttered on a daily basis

Hugh Crawford was elected to the Oakland County Commissioner of the 9th District in 2000 and currently serves as the vice chairman of the hoard.

Prior to his county commissioner role, Crawford served

LETTERS

Support Crawford, Capello young child; nearly 30 years. Like so and O'Connor

many other children I came from a divorced family and as a child spent Just prior to the 2008 primary I a lot of time at the Crawford's home. wrote a letter in support of Hugh Crawford, our current Oakland Hugh was like a father to me. He always welcomed me into his home. County Commissioner, who was He is a great man who genuinely cares about the se he represent running for the republican can-I have helped Hugh with his camdidacy for the Michigan House of Representatives for the 38th district. paigns for 20 years. I can attest to Hugh's experience, leadership and con Thanks to our voters, he won the cern for people, and that is why he is primary, but still needs our continthe best choice for the position. ued support in the regular election Dr. Michelle D. Plecha on Nov. 4. Please east your vote for Hugh Crawford.

Another candidate, Kim Capello the City of Novi's current Mayor Pro Tem also won the primary to fill the vacancy created by Commissioner **Vote for Capello** Crawford. I can't think of a better

representative to fill that vacancy. Lam voting for Kim Candlo to be Kim has demonstrated leadership our Oakland County Commission because he is the most qualified good judgement, fiscal responsibility and sound business practices while and sound business practices while serving on Novi's City Council. Let's watched him at the City Council meetcontinue to have someone with Novi's ings, and I know that Kim is always best interest at heart in the seat of sticking up for us. He is a friend to Oakland County Commissioner. the senior citizens and to the youth Please support Kim Capello with in the community. He works for the our vote on election day. Dennis O'Connor is running for a not afraid to take opposite sides and your vote on election day seat on the school board for the Novi always argues respectfully, but very very intelligently. He's a lawyer, a local businessman, a husband and a father. School District. I have known Dennis for better than a decade and am well He's exactly the type of person we need aware of his involvement in commitin Pontiac to fight for us in the south tees and activities for our district. end of the County. Yes, I'm voting for At one time or another, Dennis and/ Kim Capello, and I urge you to do so or a member of his family, has proalso. vided a positive influence on the dis-

trict and almost every school that's located within our city boundaries. His efforts and successes have been demonstrated on multiple occasion both within the school programs and Capello is Best Choice for their extra-curricular activities.

Please join me in electing Dennis Kim Capello is the best choice O'Connor to the Novi School Board. for Oakl and County Commissio

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Capello has been an active member of Tim Shroyer the Novi Community and has served on the Novi city council since 2001. He has the experience to lead Oakland County through the tough times that lay ahead. Capello's exp erience as an

Crawford for House

attorney and Mayor Pro Tem of the I want to invite everyone to join me in voting for Hugh Crawford for the City of Novi, far surpasses that of his opponent. On Nov. 4, vote for Capello; the best choice for Oakland County 38th District of the Michigan House of Representatives. Commissioner. He is a fiscally responsible civil

Kristin Cassady servant - using our tax dollars wise-ly. He is not afraid to make the lough decisions, controlling expenses while preserving the quality of life that we have come to expect. Given the cur-O'Connor Will Protect our rent economic state of our state and country, this is the type of represen-tative we need in Lansing. Hugh has Tax Dollars As a school board member who has also held many leadership positions including vice chair of the Oakland served you for over 13 years, I see a need to get community input and County Board of Commissioners, involvement on major financial deci-

Mayor Pro Tem of Novi, and years as sions that affect our children in the a Novi city councilman. The leader- Novi Community School District. Too ship he has shown in each of those often, these kinds of decisions are Hugh is representing us in Lansing. Hugh is representing us in Lansing. I have had the great pleasure of munity involvement" on major school budget issues. That's why I'm voting getting to know Hugh personally over the past several years. He is a great for him on Nov. 4. O'Connor would be advocate who genuinely cares about base he represents - and it show.

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those he represents - and it shows. O'Connor supports establishing a I have also served as an assis-tant in the Michigan House of Representatives for the very dis-trict Hugh is running for - the 38th District - and have seen firsthand District - and have seen firsthand I have also served as an assisin Lansing. I can attest that Hugh's spent. This committee would concurrent the efforts it takes to get things done meetings in an open forum, so the public can attend. Everyone's input experience, leadership, and concern would be considered when decisions esents makes are made, and priorities would be set him the best choice for the position. within the budget parameters. O'Connor believes the committee Please join me in voting for Hugh should consist of a cross-section of Crawford on Nov. 4. Justin P. Fischer community members, including Novi business leaders who have the knowledge chairman. Zoning Board of Appeals, City edge and understanding to enhance ol Novi our budgeting process. This is important to me because I want community members involved in these important

experience, knowledge of school issues and the type of independent, critical thinking that would be an asset to our Board. That's why I ask you to join me in voting for O'Connor and Bagdady at the Nov. 4 general election. George F. Nortlandt

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Truslee, Novi Board of Education

The many 'C's' of Obama

Barack Obama possesses the qualities of a true leader according to Precinct Delegate, Precinct 3, Lyon Lee Jacocca in his 2007 book "Where Jownship Have All the Leaders Gone?" Mr. Iacocca calls the attributes "The Nine C's of Leadership," Obama

shows curiosity, is creative, has the ability to communicate, is a person of character, has courage and conviction. Obama displays charisma - the ability to inspire and cause people to follow him because they trust him. The Democratic candidate for the presidency is competent and has common sense. Examples of characteristics that illustrate the nine C's include Obama's precise methodology, reasoned judgment, outstanding intellect, powerful orator. The Democratic candidate has shown the ability to seek advice from and work with representatives from both political parties during his time in the Senate. His experience in organizing people in communities improved countless lives. He has formed and is leading a transformative politi cal grass roots movement. Though Sen. Obama appears cold, aloof and detached at times, one can discern he has a big heart and cares for individuals. He acts and speaks rationally He is authentic and comfortable with

himself Because he is a pragmatist and internationalist with a far-reaching vision. Barack Obama would negotiate after research, use diplomacy, and act in connection with inter national allies. He realizes all the problems will not be ended in four or eight years, but he will create struc tures that are sustainable. Obama will make a concerted effort at hipartisanship and will strive to fix our dysfunctional political system. He will appoint moderate judges to the Supreme Court, Obama will defend our country, keep us safe and will enable us to keep most of our hard earned mo

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Karl Wizinsky for School

Board Karl Wizinsky is a long-term citizen in this community. He currently has two great kids in Novi High School. I believe having children in the school district is helpful for your pulse on the school and the needs of the students and the families. He understands how important the school district is, which keeps our community vibrant and thriv ing. The education of our youth is of utmost importance to him. He has served as a volunteer in many capaci-Lies for the school district. He is currently serving on the Novi Education Foundation. He has served in other advisory capacities on committees LIVING

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OCTAILS: Workshop for those who wish to

scrapbook or journal their best memo-ries and lessons learned in life. Led by

author and writing coach Rose Tutay. Gather and write memories and events

from your life and make a lasting gift

your children and grandchildren. Class

size limited to 15. Please register online

THE/OALE: 7 p.m.-midnight, Saturday, Nov. B LOCATION: Rock Financial Showplace, 46100

Grand River Ave. DETAILS: This Novi Parks Foundation gala

and wards presentation includes hors droeuves.strolling bullet, tive enertain ment, sient and live auctions, casino games and more. Black tie optional, but prefered. Tickets are S125 per person or S200 per couple. RSVP by Oct. 31. CartaCt. (248) 225-2608

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DETAILS: Doc Fletcher, author of "Weekend

Canoeing in Michigan: The Rivers, The Towns, The Taverns'' signs copies of his

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LOCAL EVENTS

Jessica Jan checks out some fried foods recently at the Omstead Foods booth at the Michigan Restaurant Show held at Novi's Rock Financial Showplace. The two-day show gave restaurant owners and employees ideas on many topics including food safety, lighting, coolers, footwear, credit card systems, insurance needs and marketin



TINE/ONTE: 6:30 social, 7 p.m. program, Monday, Nov. 10 LOCABON: Northville City Hall DETAILS: Gardeners of Northville and Novi present this program with Gina VanHorn. Public welcome. : Gone weiconne. CONTACT: gardeners northville-novilorg or Marcia (248) 349-2352

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S1. Nary Hercy Hospital Annual Gala TINE/DATE: 6 p.m. Friday, Nov. 21 LOCATION Sheratan Detroit Novi DETAILS: Event includes hors d'œuvre cocktails, gournet dinner, dancing and musical entertainment by Simone Vitale Band, Gala benefits cancer care and car-diac services at St. Mary Hospital. Cost is

\$125 per person. Sponsorships available For Lickets or sponsorship information, call Katherine Daudlin at (734) 655-2980.

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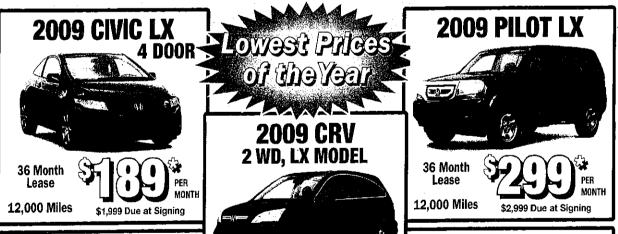
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a round to uncess and reven topics of interest, serve as a source of information and develop programs that are responsive to the needs of the communities we serve. Canfy Cauch Cancerts TINE/DATE: Doors open 7 p.m. for patluck, concert begins 8 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 22 LOCATIOR: Newport Furnishings, 29240 Lyon LOCATION: 305 N. Pontiac Trail, Ste. B. Walled Two Days Remaining in our Fall Closeout Sale OCTOBER 30 AND 31 ARE THE LAST TWO SALE DAYS OPEN TILL 9:00 PM THURSDAY AND 7:00 PM FRIDAY **2009 PILOT LX**

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CONTACT: For more information, visit lakesa reachamber.com or (248) 624-2826. pollight Lunch at Casey's of Walled Lake INE/DATE: 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m. Wednesday Nov. 12 10CATION E. Maple Raod, Walled Lake Heart of the Lakes Gala Neeting TIME/DATE: 8:30 a.m. Tuesday, Nov. 18 LOCATION: Huron Valley-Sinai Nospital, 1 Williams Carl Way, Commerce

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"Deface the Nation" at Second City TIME/DNTE: 8 p.m. Wednesday, Thursday and Sunday, 8 and 10 p.m. Friday, and 7 and 9 p.m. Saturday, through Nov. 23 LICEATION: The Second City, 42705 Grand Prive Ava BUSINESS

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DATE: Saturday, Nov. 5

LUEATION AND SEE River Ave. DETAILS: Enjoy this all-political revue with customized comedy for the election year in the relation of the second s Hovi Rotary Club Nevi Karay Club TIME/DATE: Noon every Thursday LUCATION: Noo Methodist Church. 41671 W. 10 Mile Read BETARS: Lunch is S10 at meeting. Visitors wetcome. Check Web site for speaker information; novirotary.org. Tickets are \$15 except on Friday and CONTACT: (248) 348-4448 or secondcity.com

Females in the Family Business Affinity Group INE/DATE: 8-9:30 a.m. third Thursday o

Culinary Cruise Adventure DATE: Wednesday, Nov. 5-Wednesday, Nov very month LOCATION: Walsh College Troy Campus DETAILS: Register to win a Culinary Cruise OETAILS: Walsh Business Leadership Institute invites women who own, are partners in or work for family businesses hildren's Koliday Activity Sheet DATE: Saturday, Nov. 15 DETAILS: Holiday Activity sheets given out ns discussed will be common issues

and women can share solutions in a nor threatening, noncompetitive, non-sales roundtable. Registration is required. CONTACT: Jan Hubbard, jhubbard@walshcol **DETAILS:** The Visual Merchandising team lege.edu gives tips on creating festive centerpied es, bows and other decorations

American Business Women's Association Meetings Local chapter provides many advanlages to today's working women and offers a strong community service program which includes raising money for scholarships. HINZ/BATE: 6:15 p.m. Nov. 12 (second

Wednesday of every month} LOCATION: Crowne Plaza Hotel, 27000 heraton Dr. (west off Novi Road, north (1-96)

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e register. ss to Business Breakfast and New Member Novi Public Library LOCATION: 45245 W. IO Mile Road TIME/OATE 8 a.m. Tuesday, Nov. 11 HOURS: 40 a.m. 9 p.m. Monday Thursday, K a.m. 5 p.m. Friday and Saturday, I-5 p.m. IOCATION: Courtyard by Marriott, 42700 II DETAILS: Register online or call the cham-

15 years on Novi City Council and has been actively involved with various boards and commissions. Crawford states he believes in reducing taxes, restoring Michigan's business climate and transparency of govern ment

"Taxpayers deserve to know where their money is being spent, he said.

Crawford also pledges to make himself accessible to residents, members of the business community and city and school officials.

We urge all voters in the 38th District to vote for Rugh Crawford on Nov. 4.

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Crawford is Best Choice

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O'Connor's qualifications are very impressive. Currently, O'Connor is As a former Novi resident of 25 years and a Lyon Township Precinct Delegate, I would like to express my support to elect Hugh Crawford a member, Community Education Advisory Council. He also served as a member of the School Bond Proposal for State Representative of the 38th Citizens' Committee in 2007, a member of the School Redistricting and Facility Utilization Committee Mr. Crawford is a responsible civil servant, using our tax dollars wisely. in 2006 and a member of the Long Range Planning Committee in 2004 and 2005. Prior to that, he was a vice He is not afraid to make tough decisions, controlling expenses while pre serving our quality of life. Given the president and publicity director, Novi current economic state, this is the type Athletic Boosters and a member of the Novi High School Band Boosters for of Representative we need in Lansing. Hugh has held many leadersix years. At the recent candidates night ship positions including vice chair debate it was quite clear who the bet-ter prepared candidates were. Dennis of the Oakland County Board of Commissioners, Mayor Pro Tem of O'Connor and Bruce Bagdady showed Novi, and years as a Novi city councilman. The leadership he has shown will they are the people we need to help us in these tough times. Watch for yourbe a benefit as Hugh represents us in Lansing. I have known Hugh since I was a self at http://www.novi.k12.mi.us/. O'Connor has the qualifications

our district. He is a business mar in the health care arena. This will serve our school district well as the growing concerns for benefits of our district employees. We need to utilize our tax dollars well in these difficult financial times of our state. Please remember to vote Nov. 4.

Lynne Paul, RN former city council member

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Life Line Screening TINE/DATE: 9 a.m. Wednesday, Nov. 12 DERIALS: Stroke, vascufar disease, heart rhythm screening and more available. Pick any four screenings for nuly \$199. Appointments begin at 9 a.m. Catl(800) 643-6188 to schedule an appointment or for more information. Pre-registration required. lealing Service and Labyrinth Walking Prayer TINE/DATE: 4-5 p.m. Monday DETAILS: Everyone is welcome to this guid ed Labyrinth walk and prayer service. CONINCT: Norma Pellz, (248) 349-5712 of Sharon Harper, (248) 349-1444 Ward Evangelical Presbyterlan Church LOCATION: 40000 Six Mile Road ONTACT: (248) 374-740D or (248) 374-5978 Sunday Horship TINE: B.a.m., 9:30 a.m. and 11:0 a.m. LOCATION: 41671 W. 10 Mile Road CONTACT: (248) 349-2652 or visit umcnovi. Traditional; 9:30 a.m. Contemporary. Nursery and Sunday School during the 9:30 a.m. and 11 a.m. services. oular Sunday Worship Service Boradcast DETAILS: 11 a.m. every Sunday on WRDT-AM 56D, The WMUZ Word Station. TIME: 9:45 a.m. Healing Service and Holy Communion fIME/DATE: 9:45 a.m. first Sunday of every Sout, he whole whole station. Single relat Ministries DETAILS: For single adults 35 years and older. Active ministry offering various Bible study classes, volleyball, bitycling group, tennis group, support groups, support group for widowed over age 50, fellowship, friendships and more. Contact the number below for more information. month Peace Yigit TIME/DATE: Noon, first Sunday of every LOCATION: In front of the church definits: Members of the congregation and definits: Members of the congregation and the community will stand united in praye for peace. Mib Angual Aucline TIME/ANTE: 6 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 8 CONTACT: (248) 374-5920

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The U.S. is having a fire sale; is China buying?

ould China buy/bail out four billion new capitalists and the domestic automakers? consumers looking for part of The value of Ford the 'American Dream." In a Motor Company and General flattened world, are we able to Motors stock are at bargain see over the horizons with our inward looking, nationalistic asement levels. The chill of a potential bankruptcy swirl field glasses? around the

carmak WHAT WE ONCE HAD IS NOW GONE ers, China The companies that helped put the world on wheels are is sitting or going to have to make some U.S. securidramatic changes to survive the disruptive, transformathe disruptive, transforma-tional global changes taking ties/cash. Certainly A A he players on place. The domestic auto Tom Watkins the top floor industry has not been able to ut itself to prosperity. Both Ford and GM are burning through a billion dollars of cash each month and sales of Ford's Glass House and the Renaissance Center will scoff publicly at the idea of sell-ing an American icon. Some are tanking domestically and would suggest that digging a internationally, There is an old Chinese hole to China is more possible than such a business alliance

proverb: "Pick up a sesame seed, lose sight of the waterwith China. Perhaps. But what if the impossible isn't? melon. When asked about the likelihood of bankruptcy at GM, Rick Wagnor, the CEO, scoffs We need to stop looking at the world through a tele scope. With our myopic 20th at the possibility while Wall Street keeps up the bankrupt-cy chatter. Mark Fields, Ford's Century view, is it possible that we have lost sight of ho the world has changed? With president of the Americas and the BRIC countries (Brazil, the executive vice president, Russia, India and China) has repeated his statement, opening to the world, we have "Change or Die," so often that

Adding an inexpensive it is becoming the new Ford mantra. Yet, they don't seem to Chinese low-end auto to the be able to change fast enough. domestic automakers mix. And perhaps the mos Providing much needed
 Research and Development famous quote, from GM Chairman and CEO Alar and technology transfer to, Mulally, is "China Rocks!" after China's President Hu and from, Chinese partners Providing the expertise Jintao visited a Boeing to the Chinese to navigate the plant, his old company, and announced the purchase of 80 costly and tough process of meeting safety and emission

of Boeing's jets. Yes, they do, standards in the U.S. A good offense also is a good defense. In this competitive global auto market the correct and they are sitting on moun-tains of cash. As Ford and General Motors continue to pick up the "sesa-me seed," one has to wonder if global partner could block a competitor (think Toyota, VW, Honda) from doing the same. the auto leaders are not taking their eyes off the "watermelon" by exploring private alliances While GM has a significant market share in the China with one or more of the mulmarket, Ford does not. Ford i tiple manufacturers that make a latecomer to China, and the right Chinese alliance would up China's auto indus There could be benefits for create a bigger footprint in both sides, including: this exploding global market. China has excess capital and is looking for global partners. As a student of China, hav

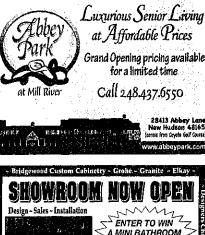
Infusing much needed cash into the domestic auto companies. ing become attracted to its history, culture and people Creating an instant Chinese presence in the United States. through a great fourth-grade teacher many years ago, hav-ing visited China many times Creating a distribution system through the U.S Dealerships which would help since 1989, and serving as a struggling dealers, many that may go under without help China business and educ consultant to the Emmy award winning CBS-Detroit documentary: Building Bridges: crisis certainly provides the opportunity to think differ-From the Great Lakes to the ently and create anew Great Wall (www. wwity.com). I know that no bo All reality begins with a into China's fast lane without dream. The domestic auto industry is facing a nightmare today. In this flattened, fast-

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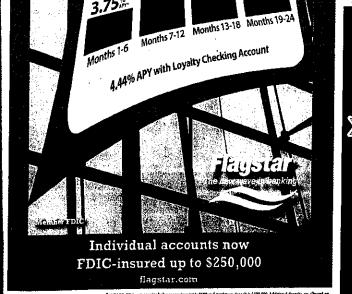
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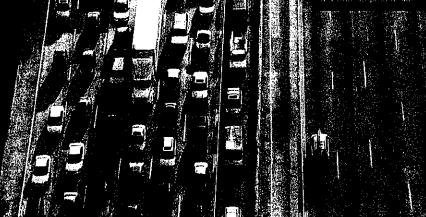
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TINE/DATE: 10:30-11 a m. Saturday, Nov. 8 DETAILS: Children 18 months to 4 years can create a work of art. Children must be accompanied by an adult. Registration DETAILS: Book discussion group for older luits facilitated by librarian; please call Eibrary Board Heeting FINE/DATE: 7-9 p.m. third Wednesday of eccomponent of an addit, neglistration required. BRANEL isten to great stories and cook up a tasty snack. Registration required. full family fam INR/JAHE : Frag m. Wednesday, Nov. 12 OFTAIS: Enjoy fail with craffs and snacks or the second coord in craft and each month EDCATION: Novi Eavic Center, City Council Chambers **JETAILS:** General meeting of the entire Library Board Broadcast live on cable channel 13 Fail Story Times: See our brochure or the for the season. Event is for all ages Events page on our Web site at ww Booked for Lunch ovilibrary.org INE/DATE: noon-Lp.m. Wednesday, Nov. 12 Nebbunz Man DETAILS: Join your neighbors in a discu sion of the book "Persepolis" by Mariane INE/DATE: 2-3 p.m. Saturday DETAILS: Bring your Webking to enjoy qual Satrapi, Bring your lunch. The library wil ity time together. Play games, read books provide a beverage. provide a beverage. Feeding Nains: Feeding Nains: Feeding Nains: Feeding Nains: Feeding Nains: Feeding Nains: Bill States and States Bill States Feeding Nains: Feeding Nains: States States Nains: St ind have a snack Rochin' Robots TIME/DATE: N=11:30 a.m. Saturday DEDILS: Novi students will show how ci mate change can affect us locally. Tech Gadgels You'll See This Holiday Season INTERNIE: 18:00 m. Monday DETAILS Rick Brodd, a contributor to CNET and Popular Science, will offer addyice on digital cameras, camcorders, phones. PC's et: It e will lield questions and callie a fee goodies. Registration required. English focurestillion Group be served, R.S.V.P. by Nov. 3 to Marcia Dominick at (248) 349-04720, ext. 11 or e-mail mdominick@novilibrary.org IME/DATE: noon-1 p.m. Tuesday Nov. 4 Walled Lake City Library LOCATION: 1499 E. West Maple Road, Walled DETAILS: Make friends while you practice Lake HOURS: 10 a.m.-8 p.m. Monday, Tuesday, noish pronunciation and conversation Thursday: 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Wednesday and Saturday: 1-5 p.m. Sunday; closed Friday. CDNTACT: (248) 624-3772 or e-mail to Starlight Slory Time TIME/DATE: 7-7:30 p m. Juesday DETAILS: Evening stories read by a librar-ian. Pajamas welcome admin@walledlakebbrary.org Classical Kusic Serfes TIME/DNTE: 2 p.m. first Tuesday of each eritage Duest INE/OATE: 7:8:30 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 6 monto Friends of the Library Neeling TUNE/DATE: 1 p.m. second Tuesday of month. DETAILS: Learn how to search this online genealogy database. Registration

TINE/DATE: 1 p.m. second Tuesday of mon Library Board of Trustees Neeting TINE/DATE: 1 p.m. second Friday of every required High School Iron Chef TIME/DATE: 3-4:30 p.m. Feiday, Nov. 7 TIME/DATE: 3-4:30 p.m. Feiday, Nov. 7 Adult Book Discussion Group





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1-2 s.m.: Chair Yoga Novi Youth Assistance General Citizens Neeling TINE/DATE: 6 p.m. first Tuesday of each 6-7 p.m.; Zuinba Fan: Stretch and Strength at Civic month (Nov. 4) LOCATION: Novi Civic Center, 45175 W. 10 loam.:BodyRecall cancelled Mile Road CONTACT: (248) 347-0410 Noon: Lunch Noon: "Things That Go Bump in the Night" Nevi Community Education ticket required 12:30 p.m.: Dupl. Bridge I p.m.: Bingo cancelled Rev community conserver CONTACT: To register, call (248) 449-1206 or visit novi.k12.mi.us/district/communi-Lyeducation Nenday 9 a.w.: Stretch and Strength 10 a.m.: Body Recall Improving Conversational Speech TINE/DATE: 6-7:15 p.m., every Thursday. Ness: Lunch 12:30 p.m.: Pinochle through Nov. 6 (6 weeks) LOCATION: Novi Meadows Sixth Grade House 7-1:30 nm : Annuities, Michael Acho from RETAILS: This class focuses on helping The ESE student be more comfortable in incoln Financial all types of speaking situations. English -7 p.m.: Pilates are types or speering structures characteristic pronunceion- rules and cortexi laress with be emphasized in warlous activities. Unis include general, social, and work related vocabulary and idlioms with com-versational practice in class. Students gain self considence in speaking in both Social and work seltings. Accent Accent Reduction for individuals Using English s. Second Lonumperfess is botheth but 115-8:15 p.m.: Glules and Abs 8:30 a.m.: Panera Bread 9:11:00 a.m.: Line Dance canceled 9:11:00 a.m.: Hearing Exams by appl. 10 a.m.: Asian Pacific 11 a.m.: Irealthy Thanksgiving, with Robin Deschild as a Second Language class is helpful but not required. Fee is \$110 with a \$10 matep.a.: Bingo rial fee payable to instructor at class weakeskay 9 a.m.: Siretch and Strength Foreign Accept Reduction TIME/DATE: 7:30-9 p.m. every Thursday. IQ a.m.: Body Recal I a.m.: TOPS: Blood Pressure through Nov. 6 (6 weeks) LOCATION: Novi Meadows Sixth Grade 12:30 p.m.: Clogging House DETAILS: For those wishing to reduce the p.m.: Winter Health with Diane Crone BTAILs to those wishing to reduce the accent from their speech, nacutade will be a brief analysis of each student's speech, an overview of the English sound system with emphasis on some specific sounds, and an awareness of the effect that invition, phasing and voide project tion have on the English language. Fee is \$30 with a \$10 material fee payable to instructor at class. 1-3:30 p m.: Computer Lab Oper 67 p.m.: Pilates Waltonwood at Twelve Daks Retirement Hallowers at une to supervise a supervised assisted community independent living testidence; Licensed Assisted Living; License Fernentia Care LOCHIONE 24745 Hurne Clircle (adjacent to Twelve Daks Malt) CONNET; (248) 7354500 or e-mail walton-wood(welve Daks Sesinghmail.com Sign Language TINE/DATE: 6:30-8:30 p.m. every Thursday, hrough Nov. 6 (6 weeks Opea House TINE/DATE: 10 a.m. 6 p.m. daily LOCATION: Novi Meadows Fillb Grade DETAILS: Join us for fours and refresh-**DETAILS:** Have fun while you learn the menis lowth most used language in the U.S.! Students will learn the atphabet, numbers and basic conversation with interactive tessons, skits, and songs. This basic class Fos lun EDCATION; 41000 W. 13 Mile Road PETAILS: More than BDO people live at Fox Run in Novi, an Erickson full service leaches you culture and history, and is for personal enrichment. Fee is \$70 with a \$10 material fee payable to instructor retivement community that combines a vibrant maintenance free, active lifestyle at the class. Begineer's Italiaa TIME/AATE: 6:30-8 p.m. every Monday Through Rov. 17 EDERTOR: Rovi Middle School DETAUS: This B-week class introduces the with an ever-expanding host of ameni-ties, social activities and wellness and medical context medical centers. CONTACT: Please call (248) 926-5200 for additional information on the communi-ty's apartment homes. For general info-mation, call (248) 668-8610. Italian language and culture. Learn basic Italian grammar and sentence structure and acquire a vocabulary for Iravel and conversation. No previous Italian exper ence required. Please bring a 3-ring binder. All additional materials provided SCHOOL & GOVERNMENT Cost is \$100. Compter Diffice Specialist TINE/DATE: 6:30-9:30 p.m. every Monday Novi Community School District Board of Education Me HNE/DATE: 7 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 6 through Dec. 15 (12 weeks) LOCATION: Community Education (ITC) LOCATION: Educational Services Building. 25345 Talt Road Building DETAILS: Excellent class for office person-CONTRACT: (248) 449-1204 Kori City Council Neeting TINE/DATE: 7 p.m. first and third Monday of

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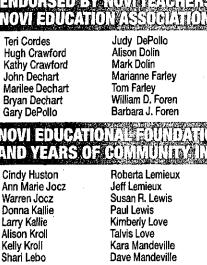
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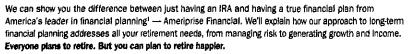
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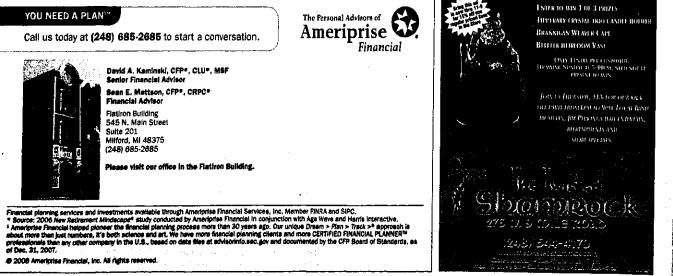
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and Nine Mile roads, reports said.

According to the victim,

he failed to secure the locker between 6:20-7 a.m. Oct. 20. The victim's black Apple

iPhone G3; black top coat and dress pants; dress shirt; tie; black leather shoes; and key for

an Infiniti were stolen. Police checked the vehicle,

but nothing was disturbed. The value of the missing

items is estimated at \$1,300. **Computer system**

reported stolen from

A computer and media pro-jector were reported stolen from an office building on Magellan

Drive, near Beck and West roads, Sept. 17. According to reports, the pro-

jector was discovered missing

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Cinnamon in gas tank

An unknown suspect alleg-edly sprinkled cinnamon in the gas tank of a Ford Edge while parked in the driveway of a residence on Cavendish Aver West, near 10 Mile and Taft roads, reports said.

According to the victim, when he returned to the vehicle, which was parked in the driveway from 11 p.m. Oct. 11 to 2 p.m. Oct. 12, it was driving strangely. The victim got out of the

ar to investigate why it was hesitating and driving in a slow manner and discovered an unknown brown powder around the opening for the gas tank, reports said. Upon further investigation,

police determined the powder was cinnamon.

Stolen bicycle

A bicycle was stolen from Novi High School at 10 Mile and Taft roads, between 3-9 p.m. Oct. 17, reports said. According to the victim, the silver and blue Schwinn bicycle

was parked outside, unlocked near the band room on the north side of the school.

The victim, who was partici-pating in homecoming activities at the time, said the 21-speed bike has a broken chain guard near the pedals.

Clothing stolen from men's locker room

Clothing and a cellular phone were stolen from a locker in the men's locker room at Life Time Fitness on High Point Drive off Haggerty Road, between Eight

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extinguished the blaze. The woman who was in the house at the time of the fire escaped and was treated at a local hospital for non-life-

from a conference room and the Dell computer, monitor, key-board and mouse were missing from the training room The complainant said the

door was discovered unlocked Sept. 15 by an employee return-ing to work, but said it sometimes happens if an employee or the cleaning crew forgot to lock the front door.

According to the report, numerous employees and other companies have access to the office.

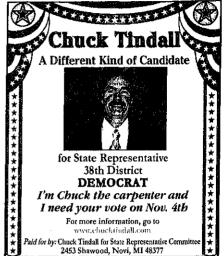
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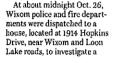
The front passenger window of a green Chevrolet Blazer was smashed while parked in the lot of 5th Avenue Ballroom off Novi Road between 10:30 p.m. Oct. 4 and 1:45 a.m. Oct. 5, reports said. A Pioneer compact disc

player was removed from the dashboard, about 75 compact discs are missing and a black Samsung slide cellular phone is suspected stolen, reports said. According to the report,

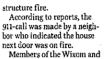
the vehicle was locked and no objects were found that could have been used to break the window

There are no suspects or witnesses at this time, reports said.





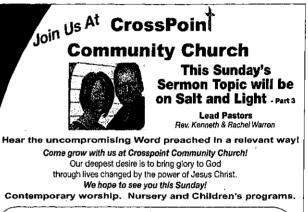
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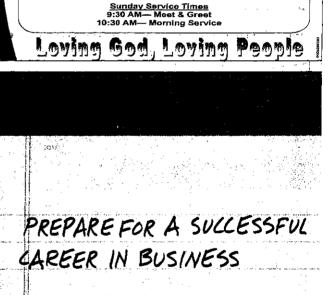


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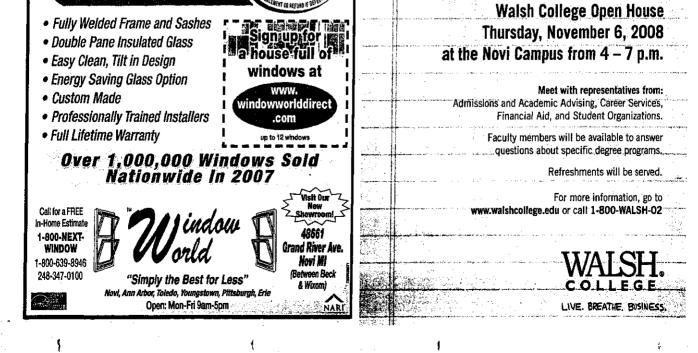
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Novi hosts Catholic Central Friday night

Football teams set to meet in playoff opener BY JEFF THEISEN SPORTS WRITER

Only two high schools play Division 1 football in Novi, and they will be on the same field Friday night to open the

playoffs. Novi (7-2), winner of the KLAA Central Division and Kensington Conference run-ner-up, will face the Catholic League runner-up Shamrocks of Catholic Central (5-3).

"You're always excited to take your team into the play-offs," Novi head coach Tab Kellepourey said. "It's always

Reliepoute sand. It's always great for your school district and your community. "The fact that we're playing at our place is a great deal for us. We're very proud of that." The two have a stark part act in offensive schlas

contrast in offensive styles, though both have shown their defense can win a game on its own.

The Wildcats use the spread formation, sometimes using three or even four wide receiv-ers to spread the defense out. The quarterback trics to exploit any weakness he finds in the defense. Also, quarterback Chris Bellamy has proved he has the ability to run with the ball if nothing is open.

Bellamy has completed 52 of 92 passes for 640 yards and eight scores with just one interception. He is also second on the team in rushing with 381 yards on 69 carries with for yards downs four touchdowns.

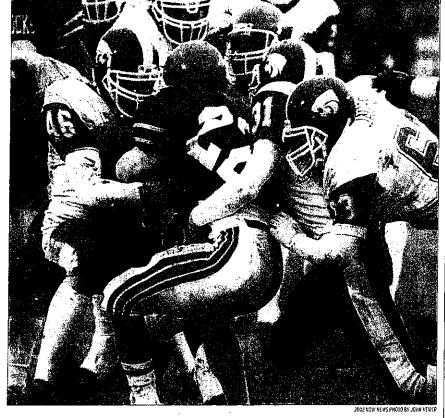
Brandon Bradford has been the deep threat with 18 catches for 315 yards and four touchdowns

Running back Paul Favorite has emerged as the top run-ning back option throughout the year. He has run 123 times for 654 yards and 12 scores.

Running might not come easy against a big CC defense, Casy against a big cordenation of the second sec

No. 1 objective. "Ball security is always an

issue. We had a couple that we dropped the other day that we weren't real happy about. We're going to go back and get that corrected in practice." The Shamrocks like to



Wildcats Trenton Sisson (46) Drew Hoffman (31) and Brian Jaussi (63) work together to bring down Detroit Catholic Central runningback Darnell Tyson (22) during a 2002 playoff game. Friday's game will be the first matchup between the two since CC moved to Novi.

"Their tailback is a good runner also. It's a powerful offense."

ound the rock. Then, they like to pound it some more. Fullback Niko Palazeti is a ad to bring down inside, and fellow running back Anthony Capatina is more the speed back used to get outside the

tackles. Palazeti has more touchdowns (nine to five), but Capatina leads in yards (579-46Ô).

TAB KELLEPOUREY, Novi coach

Quarterback Sam Landry's main focus is to get the ball to the right runner through vari-ous fakes and movements, but that doesn't mean he can't air it out when he has to. Landry has thrown for 680 yards on 42-for-98 passing with eight touchdowns and four interceptions.

They have the big, bruising fullback," Kellepourey said. "He's a good, strong running back. He likes to get things

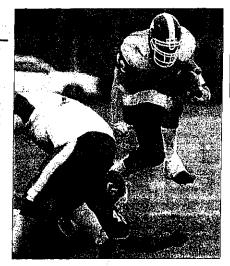
going early in the contest. "Their tailback is a good runner also. It's a powerful

offense." For CC, getting off to a quick start has been key. They have outscored opponents 72-3 in the opening frame. Novi's

In the opening rate, now big quarter is the second, holding a 105-43 edge. It will be just the second meeting for the schools, and first since Catholic Central moved to Novi. The lock meeting some in The last meeting came in

2002 with CC winning 26-3. The Shamrocks scored 20 unanswered points in the second half to get the win. The same head coaches who called that game will meet again. Expect a huge crowd on both sides of the stands.

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Novi's Josh Buck (43) hurdles over the outstretch arm of Catholic Central linebacker Dan Moore (43) during a 2002 playoff game, Friday's playoff opener will be just the second time the two have met on the gridiron.



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Wildcat Elle Robinson, left, and a Northville Mustang compete Friday's regional at Huron Meadows.

Off to states

Wildcat girls XC qualifies for state

BY JEFF THEISEN SPORTS WRITER

Novi senior Elle Robinson broke a school record to help send the Wildcat cross country team to the state finals. Robinson crossed the line in 18:36 for fifth place, smashing the old record of 18:50.

"Elle Robinson has contínued to show her leadership both in the races and during practices," Novi head coach Marsha Reid said. "She along with co-captain Laura Sheeran are providing the leadership are providing the features inp necessary to make this season just a stepping stone to con-tinuing to build a girls cross country program that is as rich with success as Novi boys cross country team." country team.

Abby Chandler was next in eighth place in 19:08 9. Kelsey Hodge also broke the top 15,

finishing 12th in 19:20.2. Rounding out the scoring for the Wildcats were Brooke McMahan in 21st (19:39.8) and Sheeran in 42nd (20:27.5) "At the beginning of the sea-

son we sat down and set the goal that the girls would quali-fy for the state meet as a team, Reid said. "All season, that has been our focus, and all season, racing, training and mental preparation has focused on that goal." The Wildcats finished third

with 88 points. Also advanc-ing were Brighton with 48 and Pinckney with 65.

The State finals are Saturday at Michigan International Speedway in Jackson.

CC, Novi advance to cross country state finals

BY JEFF THEISER SPORTS WRITER oved the area has

up ... where a lot of runners fall asleep. Mile three took care of itself. The guys, to a man, fin-

qualifier in Michigan will run at MIS, making for the biggest state finals for any sport. "It's very gratifying to k that we're back in the top

it. But we've got a chance to prove it again.

some top-notch runners as Novi Catholic Central and Novi were two of the three qualifying teams out of a tough Brighton regional. The Shamrocks won the

regional with 49 points. Pinckney was second with 58, and Novi moved on with 87. Northville missed out with a fourth-place finish (111), but did advance two runners.

Novi coach Robert Smith was more than happy after missing out on qualifying as a team last year.

"We've been gunning for this since last year's debacle when we didn't quite make it," he said. "It's been 12 months. edemption took a long time." Mike Blaszczyk led the Novi

unners with a third-place finish (15:53.8). The rest of the Novi run-

Ine rest of the Noo Full-ners packed together and finished just a few spots apart. TJ Butler led the pack in 17th (16:33.9), followed by Dan Egner in 20th (16:39.7), Alex Minghine in 22nd (16:42.1)

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BY JOHN HEIDER/NOVI NEWS

"We ran our race," Smith said. "Mile No. 2, we picked

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Novi's TJ Butler runs at the MKSAA regional meet at Huron Meadows Metropark last Friday.

and Joe Schubring in 25th (16:48.2).

ished strong.

The Shamrocks placed all five of their scoring runners in the top 16.

Ricardo Galindo led the CC charge with a second-place finish (15:53.4).

"Ricardo not only ran with the leaders, he was at times, the leader, and throughout the race maintained his posi-tion," CC coach Tony Magni said. "Ricardo finished strong ecuring his second-place fin

Next in was Alex Toloff in fifth (16:00.8), followed by Viktor Puskorius in 12th (16:25.5), Austin Zebrowski in 14th (16:28.7) and Andrew Garcia-Garrison in 16th (16:31.1).

Magni said Toloff didn't run his best race, but still man-aged to finish fifth. He also said Puskorius ran bis strongest race to date. Both teams advance to

Saturday's state race at Michigan International Speedway in Jackson. Every

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echelon." Smith said. "In my

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Catholic Central's Alex Toloff (16) and Ricardo Galindo (12) run in the MHSAA regional cross country at the Huron River Metropark.

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Novi volleyball aces South Lyon

BY JEFF THEISE SPORTS WRITER

the All-Tournament Team. Earlier in the week, the Wildcats The Wildcats won the Fowlerville Invite on Saturday, improving to 35nocked off South Lyon 22-25, 25-23, 8 overall. 25-23, 25-21.

Novi ran through the tournament, beating Byron 25-13, 25-15; Fowlerville 25-11, 25-14; Jackson 25-21, 25-13; Montrose 25-15, 25-11; Fowlerville 25-23, 22-25, 15-5 and Jackson 25-19, 25-17. Highlights included Julia Thomas

FIELD HOCKEY with 36 kills and 12 blocks, Sarah Robb with 39 kills and 12 aces, Kim The inaugural Wildcat field hockey season came to an end with a 1-0 loss Hildreth with 26 kills, eight aces, Saturday to East Grand Rapids in the seven blocks and 112 assists and

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Laura Subject with 78 digs. Robb and Hildreth were chosen to The game was a scoreless battle for more than 56 minutes before East Grand Rapids scored with 3:17 left in the second half. The Novi defense, anchored by

Katlyn Shelar, Chrissy Looney and Sarah Robb provided 15 kills. Lauren Pollard, limited the scoring eight blocks and four aces. Eric Robb slammed home 17 kills. Hildreth opportunities for most of the gan However, the Pioneers took advanprovided 10 kills and 34 assists, and tage of a late penalty corner to knock Subject added 30 digs. in the only goal. The Wildcats tried to mount a

comeback in the final three minutes but were unable to come up with the tying goal. The Wildcats finished their inau-

gural field hockey season with a 6-11

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Before the playoffs, the Wildcats lost a trio of close games. Novi fell 2-O to Grosse Pointe North. 4-0 to Ann Arbor Greenhills and 2-0 to Saline. SWIMMING The Wildcats outswam Canton 100-83 in a KLAA crossover meet, improving to 5-2 overall

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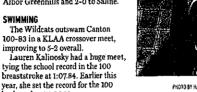
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nything but desirable, as a rain/mist fell through most the

exclusively with the run, completing just one of two passes in contest. The lone score came on the first play of the fourth quarte Chris Bellamy ran in from 10

yards out just nine seconds into the final stanza. The drive was set up exclusively by Paul Favorite runs. He

the board.

ing drive to the Novi 29-yard line before a holding penalty killed the drive, and the Pirates touched the ball on nine co secutive plays leading up to the score, taking the ball from the eventually turned the ball over Novi 48 to the Pinckney 10. The Pirates would not get The biggest play came on a fumble recovery during the secpast midfield on their last ond play of the drive

rive. Pinckney's best chance to Pinckney did take the follow-

Novi freshmen pillage Pinckney Pirates, 60-28

to find the end zone from five Team wraps yards out

On the Novi kickoff, Zach Up season with Masserant came up with the ball after a forced fumble on the Pinckney 25. Novi 8-1 record capitalized with a 30-yard Haynes to Watkins pass play for the score. Haynes' extra point made it 27-6 at the end STORY SUBMITTED

The Novi freshman footof the first half. ball team wrapped up an 8-1 season with a lopsided victory against the Pinckney Pirates. On one of the few Novi miscues, Pinckney picked up 'a fumbled reverse exchange The hard-hitting Novi efense forced Pinckney on the first play of the sec-ond half and ran the ball in mistakes, and Novi took from 25 yards. A successful advantage of almost every two-pd int conversion made t 27-14. With the ball back opportunity to put points on Novi made short work with Brandon Watkins had his a 73-yard drive in four plays most productive game of the year behind the offensive capped off with a 46-yard Watkins romp.

line of Alex King, Justin Michael, Chris Diacono, Sam After Pinckney answered to make it 34-22, Novi put Buchin and Derek Poppenger together two consecutive Watkins rushed for more that drives. The first score, an 8-200 yards, three touchdo yard Ince run, was set up by a and averaged almost 15 yards reception by Michael Jocz and runs by Harlin and Watkins.

per carry. Novi shook up the Pinckney The next drive featured an offense on the first series with Evan Thomas reception from a Joshua Feight fumble recov ery. Three Watkins runs and Ince and runs by Giddiani Albuerne, Watkins, Frankie 65 yards later, the Wildcats Mastrangelo and Alejandro e on their way to a season-Albuerne before Ince connected with Matt McClure for

high 60 points. A quick Pinckney four-anda 6-yard touchdown pass for a out put the ball back in Novi's 47-22 lead. hands where Derck Ince and On the next Pirate posses Andrew Bell vardage contribsion, it was Buchin's tura to pick up another forced fumble ted to Watkins' next score. The second Haynes extra and run it in. Masseran made the extra point for a 54point mit the Cats up 14-0 a little more than eight minutes into the first quarter. 22 lead After the Novi kickoff,

The Pirates put an 80-yard Pinckney would not be kept down as they drove 67 yards to score one last time. Novi possession which Pinckney

recovered. Pinckney was



;Novi and Pinckney play in the driving rain on Friday Oct. 21. Novi won 7-0.

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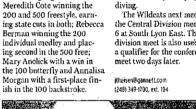
to locate the ball carrier." score came late in the first quarter. After stalling out at the Novi 13, the Pirate field goal try was blocked. "Coach Jeff Burnside and hi staff were very, very excited to get the shutout," Kellepourcy said. "Pinckney runs kind of a different offense. It's difficult

The team statistics were pretty even, with Pinckney generating 171 total yards, and Novi 181. The Wildcats only completed one pass for minus-4 vards. Favorite was the difference

on the ground. He carried 25 yards.

to Jacque Carless in the 200 free and 100 butterfly, Ashley Bush in the 50 free and 100 back and Emily Dempsey in diving. The Wildcats next meet is the Central Division meet Nov 6 at South Lyon East. The division meet is also used as a qualifier for the conference meet two days later.



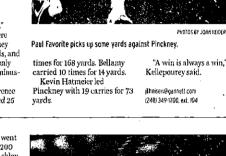


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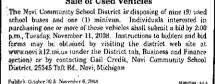
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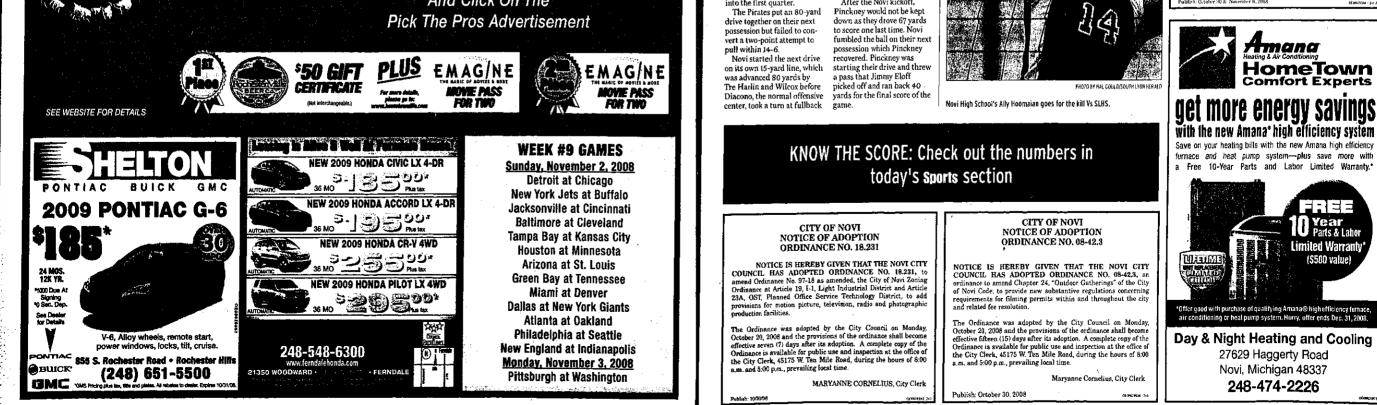
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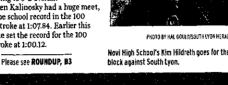


A Novi Wildcat competes in the backstroke in a home meet agains forthville.









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LOCAL SPORTS

Wildcats shut out Pinckney, 7-0

BY JEFF THEISEN SPORTS WRITER

It wasn't pretty, but it was still a win for the Wildcats. Defense took the center stag Friday's 7-0 win at home against Pinckney. The field conditions were

"We've had those kind of games with them before." Novi head coach Tab Kellepourey said. "Those kind of bad weather conditions seems to really even things out for everyone Pinckney is a much improved team. They are scrappy as beck." The Wildcats went almost

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SPORTS SHORTS

Volleyball Tryouts

TCA ~ "Team Complete Athlete" - Volleyball, nationally ranked and recognized, has formed a new club for girls, ages 12-18, in Oakland County, Girls from Northville and Novi are invited to try out.

Tryouts will be held at West Hills Middle School, 2601 Lone Pine Road, West Bloomfield, 48323, on Nov. 9. The TCA teams will work out at West Hills when the season

begins in December. Girls, ages 12-14, will try out from Noon-2 p.m.; 15s and 16s will try out at 2-4 p.m. and those 17 and 18 will try out from 6-8 p.m.

Girls and their parents who want more information about TCA and the Nov. 9 tryouts should go online to www.tcavolleyball.com or call coach Sander Cohen at (248) 802-1148.



Perfect season

The Michigan Blast 12U Girls Fastpitch Softball team went a perfect 14-0 in the fall season at Total Sports, beating Northville 13 7 in the Finals. Novi girls were Megan Paul (2 singles and 2 stolen bases), Natalle Tarrant (drove in winning RBIs the semifinal and had 2 spectacular catches in the championship game at 1st base) and Allison (Lola) Teran (3 hits in the final, including the game clinching hit).

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changed."



Shamrock Niko Palazeti follows a blocker through a hole Saturday against DeLaSalle in the Prep Bowl at Ford Field.

the aggressor, working the run

with Niko Palazeti inside and

CC can't solve Pilots 2nd time around

in the fourth.

tie the score.

BY JEFF THEISEN SPORTS WRITER

Anthony Capatina outside. Both offenses were forced Things couldn't have been going any better for Catholic Central through the first quar into a point, but the Shamrocks got the better of the field poster and a half. Unfortunately, session battle, taking over the Warren DeLaSalle saves its best for last. second drive at the Pilot 49. The drive almost stalled The Pilots won their sixth early, but Palazeti converted a

game this year when trailing at the half, beating CC 28-14 fourth-and-one for an 11-yard gain. Six plays later, he fin ished off the drive with a score Saturday night at Ford Field to win the Catholic League A-B from inside the one. Palazeti vas hit short, but (wisted off "We just didn't make the the hit and dove past the line plays that we had to make in the second half," Shanurock with :34 remaining in the The Shannocks pushed head eoach Tom Mach said. They just kept coming at us the lead to H-0 when Steve

Harding made a jumping and kept forcing us to stop catch right at the goal line for them and we didn't. "I'm really proud of our kids. I thought they played a 13-yard score just past the half-way mark of the second as hard as they could. If we <u>constructed</u> <u>we see they are they a</u>

got off to a good start. A good team is going to come back and they did right before The Shamrocks came out

the half. That gave them the After a pair of three-andback to midfield. outs, the Pilots found life in their next drive. Quarterbacl came from a lineman of all fosh Sinagoga hit Mark Karam for a 22-yard pass that brought DeLaSalle to life, He also worked a screen for just enough on a third-and-10 to keep the chains moving. Sinagoga eventually fin-ished off the drive with a short in heading forward for the first down. Two plays later, sneak, and the teams went

Sinagoga hit Martinez on a slant for a 21-14 lead with 3:47 into the half with CC leading



scoreless third quarter. The game's momentum FOIL & AV 1080 CC's Steve Harding lands in the end zone with a touchdown catch Saturday

against DeLaSalle in the Prep Bowl at Ford Field.

The Shamrocks had to go The third quarter went into pass mode, and the Pilots scoreless, but it didn't take ong for the Pilots to get going capitalized. Karam stepped in front of a Landry pass to the left flat and had nothing but Sinagoga found a wide open Tim Zabawa for a 31-yard open space in front of him for the 41 ward score. score less than a minute in to Catholic Central turned the ball over on downs and The Shamrocks worked the

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final possession, and the Pilots ensuing drive to the Pilot 38, but it stalled and they were kneeled their way into a celforced to punt. ebratior "In the first half, we were A short punt was fielded by John Martinez and brought able to get to the outside," Mach said. "Of course, we weren't getting anything from The game-changing play the inside. That kind of put us

in a bind. Facing a third-and-three "We have to shore that up at the CC 11, Sinagoga's pass was tipped at the line, but fell and get a little better at that. The Pilots beat CC for the second time this year. The right into the hands of Richie Scinto. He wasted little time other win, 12-7, came in week four. Both teams move on to the playoffs. The Shamrocks will play 7 p.m. Friday at Novi High School.

football team overcame for turnovers to pull off an excit-The Novi Bobcats varsity team finishes the regular sea-son with a 3-4 record. League ing win against the Northville Northville capitalized on one playoffs begin this week-

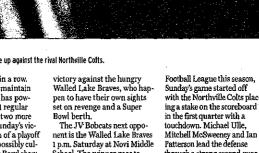
of the game. The PAT kick by Ritchie rocketed through

the uprights for another tw

of the first half turnovers to end against the Northville begin the scoring. It would be the second quar-JV BOBCATS SHUT OUT COLTS ter before Novi would score on a 9-yard pass from QB Blake Boron to Mario Ferrini, This The Junior Varsity Novi Bobcats concluded their regu capped off a 65-yard drive lar season Sunday afternoo with key passes from Boron to receivers Ferrini, Lucas Buck at Novi Middle School with another near perfect defensive performance, shutting out the visiting Northville Colts, 25-0. and Phil Ritchie. Novi answered another Northville touchdown with Getting it done for the one of their own as Boron con-Bobcats in Sunday's victory nected again with Novi's Mario Ferrini. Novi excited the home vere Jeffrey Baker, who rushe for 57 yards and three touchcrowd with big runs from Kyle downs, Ryan Moore with 47 Matel and Ritchie. Ritchie cor yards and a touchdo wn, and verted PAT field goals for both Joey Shurmer with 14 car-Novi touchdowns ries for a total of 41 yards Novi's defense in the first The entire Colts team, on the half was solid with an interother hand, managed just 10 total yards. Contributing to the shutout defensively were ception by Keith Pravado, and tackles by Alex Caprera, Lucas Buck, Colter Huacuja, and Jack Pinkerton and Bobby Fo Keegan O'Donnell with four tackles apiece. Rvar Moore with two tackles includ The first half ended in a tie, ing a huge hit in the third The teams battled through a quarter and a host of other

oung Bobcats who turned in an almost flawless afternoon of football despite playing most of the game without their eight changed in the fourth quar ter as Novi's defense haunte the Northville backfield for most dominant players by virtue of the 18-point mercy rule. On the Colts last opportunit to get on the board in the closing minutes of the game, a hard tackle on second-and-10 by Novis Josiah Rhome set up a Nekush Patel interception, and the shutout victory was sealed. Novi's Dante Bishop then took a handoff from QB Addisor Lonergan as the clock ticked away, delivering the jubilant Bohcats fans another exciting cted once again to Mario Ferrini for a 17-yard touchdown and

victory. The victory was the Cats' Ferrini's third touchdown fourth shutout this season



COLTS 20-12

Bobcats must first find a way to repeat their regular sea in the Western Lakes Junior

ing a stake on the scoreb downs to crank the scorein the first quarter with a touchdown. Michael Ulle board for the Bobcats all Mitchell McSweeney and Ian Patterson lead the defense the way up to 20. Richard "R. J." Moran stole the through a strong second quar-ter. Kameron Hankerson sup-ported the Bobcat defense with a blocked punt attempt by the Coach Hixson took the soak

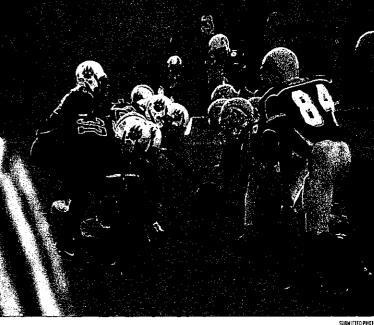
ing wet Bobcats to the halftime huddle after a downpour of rain and hail. Hixson's talk proved to be what the Bobcats needed.



Playoff bound

The St. William Crusader varsity football team earned a playoff spot in the just completed Catholic Youth Organization football season. Their reward was to participate in a 20-minute exhibition game at Ford Field this past weekend during the CYO Prep Bowl Championships. St. William faced Shrine Was to particulate in a 20 initiate examption game at 10 or read the past received outing the or or particular parts initiate examption game and the control of the second s Buscher (offensive tackle)

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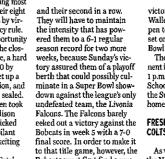
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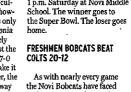
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The Novi Bobcats line up against the rival Northville Colts

LOCAL SPORTS

Varsity Bobcats win final regular season game, 30-16





Colts.

chance for the Colts to gain yards with his pass inter-ception early in the third larter. The Bobcats end 6-1 in the regular season. They meet the Braves again for the second time this year, Sunday at Walled Lake Western in playoff action

Coming back strong in the second half offensively,

Michael Ulle shared touch-

Anthony D'Annabale and



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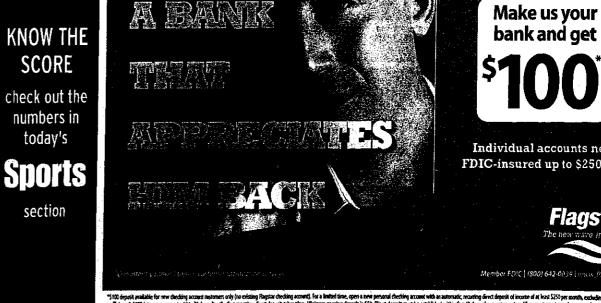
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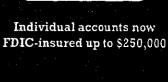
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hig losses, led by Mitchell Pinkerton, Marko Saicic and Mark Ryan. Novi would hold the Colts scoreless in the sec and half, as the Bobcats wen on to score two more touch-Fullback Lucas Buck blasted into the end zone for a 6ward touchdown behind solid blocks from Schramm and Mizerowski on the right side **QB** Blake Boron co











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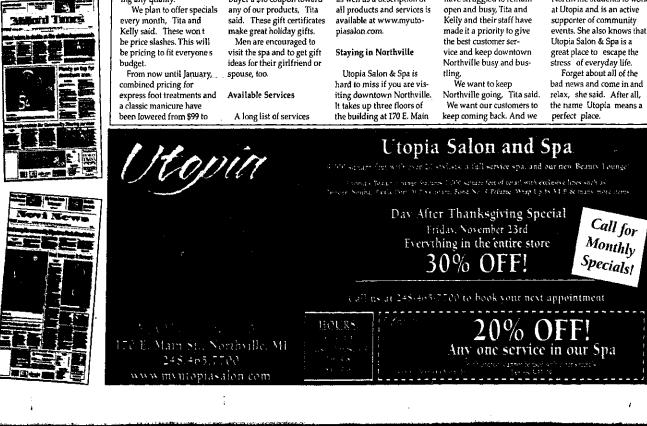
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