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Life in prison

Pittao sentenced for Novi cold case

BY KELLY MURAD STAFF WRITER

Oakland County Circuit Oakiand County Circuit Court Judge Michael Warren sentenced Daniel Pittao last Thursday afternoon to man-datory life in prison without parole for the 1997 murder of his estranged wife, Tamara Pittao

The sentence was delivered 15 years to the day after he married his wife, then Tamara

In orange jail garb, Pittao stood in a packed Oakland County courtroom and pro-fessed his innocence before his sentencing, saying he looked forward to seeing his freedom once the case was appealed. "I wasn't there and I did

not cause this," he told Judge

But Tamara's father, Robert Pindar, had strong words for his former son-in-law. Calling Pittao "selfish and cowardly," Pindar said, "You have no

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They were in the middle of a divorce, and Pittao had been charged with physically assaulting her. Before he was led away, Warren said, "The defendant shows no account-ability or remorse, which is what we expect from cowards

what we expect from cowards, Pittao, 49, of Highland Township was found guilty of first-degree, premeditated

murder Oct. 14. "We met with the family and still my heart aches for them, but I believe this provides a bit of closure for them," Novi Police Chief David Molloy said Part one of a two-part series.

following the Oct. 14 verdict. "We still have other open cases, but in the last couple of decades, it's one of the longest running cases we've had."

THE HOMICIDE

On Nov. 27, 1997, Tamara Pittao, age 30, was found dead in her Novi apartment by the Novi Police Department. It was Thanksgiving Day and the victim's father, Robert Pindar contacted police when Tamara, and her then, 2-yearold daughter with Daniel, didn't show up at Pindar's Illinois residence for the holi-

day.
The Oakland County
Medical Examiner's Office
ruled the manner of death as
homicide, caused by head and neck trauma. It was determined Tamara died three days

Molloy was a sergeant at the time and recalls working on the case for the first month or

"It's cases like this you never forget because there's always a family — the victim's fam-ily," he said. "We've cried with them, we've argued with the prosecutors with them. It's a great feeling of relief right a great feeling of relief right now, knowing the efforts have paid off."

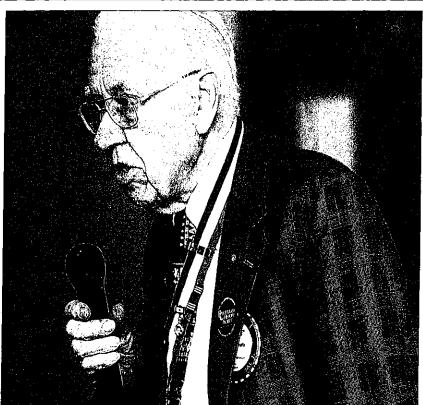
THE CASE

At the time of the murder, Tamara and Daniel were separated and going through

Please see PRISON, A2



Daniel Pittao is led into the courtroom during his fist murder trial earlier this year. He was later found guilty of murdering his wife, and was sentenced last week to life in prison.



Remembering our veterans

World War II veteran Ernie Aruffo talks about his European experiences in a field hospital during the Nov. 6 Novi Rotary Club Veteran's Appreciation Luncheon, Veterans Day was Tuesday, Nov. II.

Novi library breaks ground

BY KELLY MURAD Staff Writer

Novi's old Township Hall was ready to move to the Fuerst Park property this

week, making room for the city's new library. An official ground-breaking ceremony was scheduled for yesterday to celebrate the start of construction on the new

building.
One year after Novi voters approved the \$16 million bond proposal for the new facility, a \$10.135 million construction contract was awarded to the Dailey Company of Lake Orion.

"This is such a great positive thing that's happening for Novi," said Julie Farkas, Novi

Public Library director. Completion of the 57,000-square-foot facility, which includes a 2,000-square-foot outdoor patio, is slated for summer 2010.

"That's a pretty firm time Farkas said the Building Authority has been fairly conservative in trying to sta within the \$16 million budget, but is considering further enhancements because the construction bid came in lower

than the estimated \$12.5 mil-



With long 1-beams already placed under the floors, the Novi Township Hali is prepped on Tuesday afternoon to move about 200 feet to the southwest from its current position near 10 Mile Road. The half's move will make way for the new Novi Library construction.

lion projected cost.

And although the \$16 million bond does not cover future operational costs of the facility, Farkas said they have additional money in a separate fund that purpose

Among the many amenities, the new library will double its collection space and increase user and staff worksnace. The two-story facility will also include a 200-seat meeting room; a children's activity

room and teen area; additional computer labs and study rooms; a Friends of the Novi Public Library used book store; and a full-service cafe.

The building is being conlibrary, located at 45245 W. 10 Mile Road.

Once construction is com-plete, the current library will be torn down and turned into a parking lot.

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Ready for some business, Novi?

Next week, The Novi News will debut its new business page titled, Strictly Business.

The business.

The business page will highlight. Novi business openings and closings along with special milestones including special events, anniversaries, trunk shows, special sales, tastings and samplings.

tastings and samplings. We will also be highlighting local newsmak-ers, profiling businesses and letting you know what the Novi Chamber

is up to. But we need your participation to make celebrating our business community a success. If you would like to highzour bus an anniversary around the corner or are a newsmaker yourself, please e-mail vemitchell@gannett.

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an anniversary and more.

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See who's getting

married, who celebrated

Documents show brutal Novi slaying happened two weeks before bodies discovered

Federal court records indicate that the mother and two children found slain in their Novi home last month were killed two weeks before polic liscovered their bodies.

Authorities say Lakshminiyasa Rao Nerusu on Oct. 13 killed his 37-yearold wife, Jayalakslmi Nerusu, 14-year-old daughter, Tejasvi isu and 12-year-old son, Siva Kumar Nerusu.

An FBI affidavit filed last Wednesday said be's believed to be in India after buying a one-way tickel for a flight from Detroit Metropoli Airport, departing Oct. 14 The bodies were found Oct. 27. from the Oakland County

PRISON

divorce proceedings. Even

though he was the only suspect

who was not cleared by police,

gerprints belonging to Pittao

found at the scene of Tamara's

"Granted we did not have a

lot of direct evidence in this

case, but we had mounds of

circumstantial evidence that

all led back to Dan Pittao," Molloy said in October. "This

unbiased investigation by our

men and women, and I'm very

The investigation revealed

Daniel's history of domestic

first marriage, ex-wife and

violence with his son from his

amara, who had a personal

was a very objective and

proud of them."

The exact whereabouts of Nerusu, 42, remain unknown, but the Novi Police



him, reports Lakshminiyasa said. The Rao Nerusu Novi Police three-count arrest warrant

protection order against him.

Witnesses said they saw

Daniel at the apartment com-

plex the Monday Tamara was

evidence and said Daniel was a

The case had been open for

nearly a decade when Daniel

\$180,000 in his wife's life

insurance in May 2006 and

flicted with prior testimony

Investigators were able to

Daniel Pittao

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reportedly

killed, and he

could never

account for his

actions during the estimated

time of death.

But the defense

was a lack of

for Nerusu, who was origi nally identified as a person of interest in the investigation,

victed, Nerusu faces life in possibility of Jayalakshmi parole. "We believe vho knew the

which facilitated the issuance

of an arrest warrant of Daniel

county's custody since January

There were close to 40 wit-

esses who testified in the

twice, due to a hung jury in

February. Warren ruled a mistrial

l'eb. 7 after the jury spent two weeks in deliberations following a five-week trial,

he was innocent.

only to reach a split vote with

even jurors suggesting Daniel

Pittao as guilty and five saying

The second trial commenced

Sept. 2 and the jury began deliberations Oct. 9.

Pittan, who has been in the

THE TRIALS

Prosecutor's Office for murder

first degree

nicditation

and delib-

in the first degree.

A charge of murder in the

victims," said Novi Police Chief David Molloy in a pres conference Oct. 28, noting there was no sign of forced entry and the home was locked

located in Siva Kumar development Novi roads, and discovered the bodies in multiple areas

Laptop and GPS unit

A laptop and global posi

Nov. 4 and 10 a.m. Nov. 5,

According to the victim,

an Apple MacBook, valued at

\$2,000; a Garmin navigation

system; and \$60 are missing

The woman said the global

sole and the laptop was in

from the vehicle, which she

believes was left unlocked.

positioning system unit and

eash were both in the center

Radio reported stolen

Between 9 p.m. Nov. 4 and

a.m. Nov. 5 a Denso satel-

lite radio and pair of Diesel

the back seat.

tioning system unit were taken from a vehicle between 9 p.m.

suspected stolen

when officers arrived.

police the morning of Oct. 27

According to police, edged

the family in

several days

to the home,

used in the triple homicide and the cause of death was extensive head and neck trauma

County Medical Although

Nerusu has no documented criminal history of domestic abuse, police believe he has mployed and said the

Neighbors of the family said the Nerusus moved into the

NOVI POLICE BRIEFS

sunglasses were taken from

a vehicle while parked in the lot of the Residence Inn on

and Novi roads, reports said.

According to reports, an

unknown suspect(s) broke the rear, driver-side windov

Suburban and removed the

Police said the suspect(s)

never opened the vehicle doors

because the alarm didn't acti-

Radar detector and GPS

The passenger-side window

broken between 1-11 a.m. Nov

The doors of the vehicle,

were locked, reports said

parked on O'Connor Lane, near 13 Mile and Meadowbrook.

According to the victim, a

unit suspected stolen

radio and sunglasses.

Cabaret Drive, near 12 Mile

three or four months ago, but kept to themselves.

According to a source in India, Nerusa came to the United States 18 years ago. Molloy said there is evidence the family lived in Texas and Illinois, prior to coming to

Anyone with information abouts is asked to contact the Novi Police Department at This is the first homicide in the City of Novi since 2003.

Gannett News Service contributed to this

global positioning system unit

and radar detector were miss-ing. Police said the victim did

not see or hear anything suspi

Vehicle window broken

The front, passenger-side window of a vehicle was bro-

midnight Nov. 1, while parked

ken between 9:40 p.m. and

at Twelve Mile Crossing at

Fountain Walk, reports said. According to the victim, the

doors and windows of the sil-

suspect(s) didn't completely

the officer arrived.

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pected stolen, reports said.

There are no witnesses or other vehicles damaged in the

ver Buick Century were secure

Novi entrepreneur helps businesses reach their Final Destinations

In today's struggling economy, Novi resident and business wner, Bonita Trush believes businesses and individuals need coaching now, more than

wer.
"Athletes hire a coach to take them to the next level and that's what I do (for businesses)," said Trush, business coach for Final Destinations crossroads due to growth or downsizing, we need to take a

Through coaching and con-

in not only targeting, but also achieving their business goals. "People take their strengths

for granted outside view to incorporate strategy," she

you're minimizing your weak-In her eight years of business. Trush said she's coached

about 200 clients, ranging from doctors and lawyers, to FINAL DESTINATIONS

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said. "By work-ing toward Bonita Trush your strengths; "I don't just create a need,

about what is pertinent to the client and their business; a feasibility study; and an execu-

www.final-destinations.com give people a path."

a need is there," she said. "We ork on an as needed basis." Trush said her introduc tory package for new clients is \$480 and includes a consulta tion, where she gathers all the

tion plan via a priority list.
"The bottom line is all the functions of business have to be addressed," she said. That's why I call it Final Destinations. It's a road map. I

A graduate of Novi High ol, class of 1981, Trush went to The University of Michigan Dearborn and earned a BA in International Studies, with an emphasis in

marketing, economics and

less volatile than those stocks

Furthermore, historically in

that don't pay dividends

A coach's path

After years of working in the corporate world, Trush felt compelled to continue her education and carned an MBA in

Entrepreneurial Management from Wayne State University. "I found a lot of people in the corporate world not living out their passion. What I saw was a lot of unfulfilled dreams," she said. "I always had a vision to be an entrepreneur.

Eight years in Novi

Although Trush has lived in Novi 41 of her 45 years of life, her business didn't join the

actually have money to pay

many "fads" you can find in

the dividends. And de-

said Trush, who is also an active member of the Novi Chamber of Commerce, "It's about meeting people and building relation In honor of Final Destinations eight-year anni

versary, Trush outlined eight

on things businesses fail

Prioritize

3. Prepare . Rehearse their sales pitch

5. Think outside the box 6. Create work-life balance

Dividends may still be worth pursuing even if tax laws change

can have a big impact on your investments. But if you have some inkling of these cha in advance, you may be able to make decisions that can help you stay on track toward achieving your financial goals Such is the case with dividend-

paying stocks. Until a few years ago, dividends were taxed at your personal income tax rate. But changes in tax laws resulted in a 15 percent tax rate on divi-dends for most people. This rate was set to expire in 2008. but it has been extended until dividends will again be taxed at your individual tax rate.

to taxing dividends at an individual's income tax rate lawmakers could decide to impose a higher fixed rate this point — and maybe at any point - no one can predict these things.

Nonetheless, as you prepare your investment strategy, you may want to factor in the pos-

high as 35 percent. Of course, things can

change. As an alternative

sibility that, in the near future, dividends will be taxed at a higher rate than they are no

If this happens, should you still consider adding dividendpaying stocks to your portfo-lio? To answer that question,

efits that dividend-paying stocks may offer, regardless of how they are taxed. Here are a few of them: · Potential for rising income

 Some stocks have paid —
 and increased — dividends for many years. So, if you're looking for a possible source of rising income that can help you combat the effects of inflation you might want to consider these types of stocks. (Keep in mind, though, that companies may decrease or disconti dividends at any time without

notice.) Stability during market turmoil - As you are no doubt aware, the stock market has gone through some difficult times for much of 2008.

Generally speaking, though,

down markets, dividend-paying stocks tend to outperform the investment world, investing in quality companies never goes out of style. non-dividend-paying stocks, although past performance · Ability to increase ownership shares — If you consis-tently reinvest your dividends, is not an indication of future

 Ownership of quality com-panies — Dividend-paying stocks usually represent wellyou'll boost the number of shares you own. This can be particularly beneficial when run businesses that seek to the market recovers and stock reward their investors. In fact,

consider adding these types of stocks to your portfolio - so

paying stocks, it would be

advantageous if the tax rate

percent level. But even if the

tax rate were to rise, vou've

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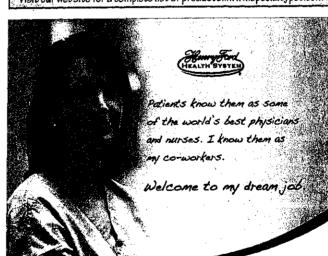
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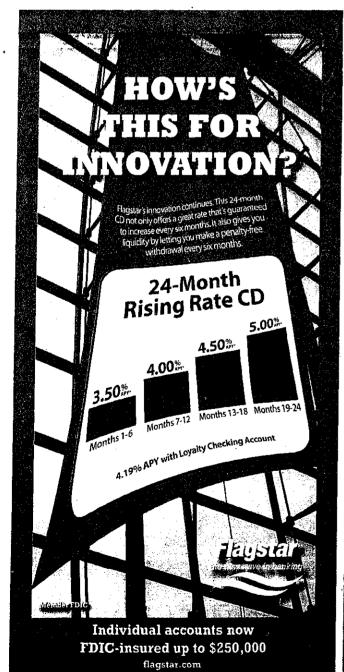
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Fabric artist joins local shop

She designs, creates knitted, crocheted items

While some artists express themselves through oil, crylics, metal or clay. Tina herfield does so through yarr The Plymouth Township resident is an award-winnin creator of custom knitted and crocheted items. She recently pegan offering her product at Vorthville Gifts & Yarn at 124 V. Center St.

She not only has her unique fabric art for sale in the down-town Northville shop, but also vants to start offering knitting and crocheting classes at the shop. She's been teaching for more than 10 years.

"We'd like to offer beginning, es," she said. "That's what's really going to be the bread-and-butter of my company. I want people to come in, sit and knit and be able each other's company."

Each of her custom-made

tems are unique. "Most of the pieces I have here are designs I have come up with on my own," she said. "I knit them just to see if I can." Beverlee Lindeen, owner of the

shop, called Sherfield at the drop of a hat after the designer who had items in her shop decided to pull her product. Sherfield brought over her inventory right

MORE THAN SWEATERS, VESTS than just the traditional knitted sweaters and vests. She reates hats, scarves and even handbags.

One of her most creative pieces is a yarn headband that can also be worn as a bracelet. We're going to hang charms from some of them, so they can also be worn as a necklace," Sherfield said.

"All of the handbags are my own designs, and they're made out of upholstery samples," she said. "It's recycle/reuse. A lot of



Tina Sherfield displays one of the many sweaters she's created that are for sale at Northville Candle and Gifts on Center St. Sherfield creates sweaters, purses and other fiber arts for her Silver Lining Knittings business. The model she's holding took her about 80 hours to create and costs \$200.

SCHOOLCRAFT CRAFT SHOW

Custom knitter and crocheter Tina Sherfield, whose business is called Silver Lining, will have a booth this weekend at Schoolcraft College's Fall Craft

HOURS: 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturday and 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Sunday. **LOCATION**: The school's Physical

Education Building off of the

east side of Haggerty Road just

south of Seven Mile Road near the south parking lot. BENEFICIARY: Proceeds from the event will fund scholarships. ADMISSION: \$2 per person. For more information about Sherfield's work or classes, call Northville Gifts & Yarn at (248)

380-7059.

my items are made from varn that people have just given me People will say, 'Here, you can have this. Just make something out of it.' That's how it all got

Sherfield is mostly selftaught, although she learned the basics of knitting when Knitting gives me a personal she was 8 years old. "I started

in earnest in 1986." In 1993, she won First Place/ Best of Show in the Knitters' Guild International Show in

Lindeen contacted Sherfield because Sherfield's sister. Julie Giordano, of Farmington Hills is friends with her best friend, Barbara Davies, who works at the local UPS Store

"We're going to be stocking

some high-end yarn as well," Sherfield said. She even designed a spe cial hat for the local Red Hat find red hats," Sherfield said. Some of her designs come from a huge box of Vogue knitting magazines," she said. "That's my main inspiration." Designers who have influenced her include Kate Bassett and Donna Karen. She will make items on commission, and some of her handbags would be perfect for a Her late mother, Terry

crocheted, and her sister, Julie, is an artist who used to have a gallery in Northville. "It's in the genes," Sherfield said, "We all have a niche.

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Fun for the whole family but PLEASE leave your own pet at home. Bring a photo of your pet; several vendors can personalize items.

fee required.

WWW.PetMichigan.com for more info, schedule of events, and enter

each month
DEFMES: This free informational meeting is open to all adoptive families in
Dakland County. Child care is available
Registration is required.
Counte Frage Series
LIME/DATE: 7-9 p.m. every Wednesday

TIME/DATE: 9:45 a.m. first Sunday of every

every monon IETAIS: All women seeking to strengthen their lath and connect with other women are invited to attend, irrespective of church affiliation. Cost is \$25 per four-week session LOCATION: In front of the church Sign up for the entire year for only \$60. Dinner is served and child care is available DEFAILS: Members of the congregation and the community will stand united in prayer for peace.

on request. Lagos Youth Club TIME/DATE: 5:15-8:15 p.m. every Wednesday,

HTMB: For children in grades 412. Every weak-stop, HTMB: For children in grades 412. Every week this four part program includes Bible study, dinner, choir/worship and activities. Registration begins Aug. 25 between the Sundar motaling services. Part Fina and Madring Fina and Madring TIME/DATE: 6:30 p.m. Friday, Nov. 21 DETAILS: Community event for singl and holding. Holiday Light Parade fo by refreshments at Genitti's, Free tickets in

Radical Jay Radical Jay TIME/DATE: 6-8 p.m. first and third Thursday of

Sunday Worship TIME: 0, 9:15 and 11 a.m. Coffee hour at 11 a.m.

CONTACT: (248) 474-0584 oz visit stjohi

Sunday Westhip
TiME: 9, 11.15 a.m.
Sunday School
TiME: 10.15 a.m.
Rummage Sale
TIME: 10.15 a.m.
Rummage Sale poliday crafts and more

"Two Weddings One Rich and a Lock" TIME/DATE: Sunday BETAILS: Selection of classical music for voice. cello and piano. Features Novi resident Dorothy Duensing, soprano, Troy Nelson,

5 p.m. (English), 6:30 p.m. (Spanish) beron, David Levine, Cello and Wesley Fishwick, plano. Free will offerling will be taken. Refreshments served during intermi-sion. Holy Days: 9 a.m., 5:30 and 7:30 p.m. leconciliation: beginning 9 a.m. Saturdays

Peace Yigil TIME/DATE: Noon, first Sunday of every DETAILS: For married or engaged couples. For more information or registration, visit www.coupleprayer.org or call the parish

Detroit First Church of the Nazarene LOCATION: 21260 Haggerty Road, north of Light Mile Road CONTACT: (248) 348-7600 or visit of cnaza-

rene.org Sunfay Schedule: 9:15 a.m. Worship service with Praise Band, children's Sunday Schoot and Adult Bibbe Fellowship; 10:15 a.m. Fellowship and refreshments; 11 a.m. Traditional worship service, Children's Sunday Worship (IME: 8 a.m., 9:30 a.m. and 11:0 a.m. Traditional; 9:30 a.m. Contemporary. Hursery and Sunday School during the 9:30 a.m. and 11 a.m. services. burch Youth Sunday School and Adult Bible Fellowship; 6 p.m. Evening Service DETAILS: 11 a.m. every Sunday on WRDT-AM Children's program, Youth Worship Service 560, The WHUZ Word Station Tuesday Schedule: 9:30-11:15 a.m. Women o Single Point Ministries DETAILS; For single adults 35 years and

Nesslay Schedie: 9:30-01:15 a.m. Women of the Word Bible Study; Prough Nov. Ilé 6-45 p.m. Ladies Evening Bible Study; 7 p.m. Hear's Evening Bible Study; 7 p.m. Hear's Evening Bible Study; Wedasday Schedict: 5:30 p.m. Facility Meal. S4 per person. S12 per family; 7 p.m. Facility Meal. S4 per person. S12 per family; 7 p.m. Chidden's Coarvan, Club S6. Bible Study, Quilling, Adulf Classes, Youth Blast Deutrafy Schedie 6 a.m. Mean of Purpose Prayer Group; 7 p.m. Tae Kwon 90 older. Active ministry offering various Bible study classes, volleyball, bicycling group, tennis group, support groups St. James Catholic

Church of the Hoty Family 10CATION: 24505 Meadowbrook Road CONTACT: (248) 349-8847 or visit holyfami-LOCATION: 46325.10 Mile Road, Novi CONTACT: (248) 347-777B TIME/DAY: 8, 9:30 and 11:30 a.m. Sunday; 9 TIME/DAY: 7:30, 9, 10:30 a.m. and 12:15 p.m. a.m. Monday-Tuesday: 7 p.m. Wednesday; 5 Sunday, 9 a.m., Monday, Wednesday, Tsursday, Friday, 6:30 a.m. Tuesday,

Sunday Worship: 8:30 a.m. Blended: 11 a.m Contemporary; II:30 a.m. Traditiona Meadowbrook Congregational Eight and Nine Mile roads CONTACT: Rev. Arthur P. Ritter, Sentor Minister

Mothers Group

THE Post E 9:30-11 a.m. first and Unird

Wednesday every month, through May 20

DEMALS: Providing fellowship, support and
opportunities to grow failh. Childcare availopportunities to grow failh. Childcare avail-able but children also welcome to join mom during meetings. Suggested donation of \$20

Faith Community Presbyleria

St. Paul's Lutheran Church

LOCATION: 201 Elm St., Northville CONTACT: (248) 349-3140

YogaFit Classes TIME/DATE: 7:30 p.m., every Monday Don't have to be a parishioner to join. CONTACT: Becky at (248) 305-5924 or Jeanne at (248) 380-6361 Herry Widows Luncheon TOKE/DATE: 11:30 a.m. fourth Thursday of each THIS Explose Universe of encourage COCATERN: 271, Wirry CONTACT: (248) 348-1020 Sunday Westabi: 10.45 a.m. and 5.45 p.m. Sunday School: 9.30 a.m. Ladies BINS-Study: 9.30 a.m. and 7 p.m. Tuesdays Med Shibis Study: 9.30 a.m. sirst Saturday of every measurements.

TIME/DATE: 1 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 7 Our Lady of Victory Catholic Church LOCATION: 770 Thayer, Northville CONTACT: (248) 349-2621 or olynorthville.org LOCATION: 44400 W. 10 Mile Road CONTACT: (248) 349-2345 or visit faithcommu

Sunday Horship TIME: 7:30, 9, 1) a.m. and 12:30 p.m. TINE/DATE: 4:30 p.m. every Wednesday DETAILS: For children in kindergarten to 61h grade. Enjoy recreation, Bible study, music

BCATTON: The Novi Civic Center, Council DETAULS: Nursery staffed by Nanny Poppinz

> Our Shepherd Presbyterian Church LOCATION: 140 N. Center, above Tulto's in Old Church Square, Northville CONTACT; Pastor Bill Burke at (734) 927-0891

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institute for Secial Policy and Understanding Amoual Dusser HINE/BATE: 7 p.m. Saturday LOCATION: Novi Sheraton DETAILS: Dr. Robert Pape of the University of Chicago presents "How Ine Next President Can Make America Safer" Tickets are \$75 and all proceeds benefit :SPU's ettorts to create a more united equal and understanding society. Baby atting available. Register online at ispu

org **CONTACT**: Fakma at 1847 i 962-9077.

Martial Art for Life Seminar

DARE: Ganday LOCATION: 24494 Catherine Industrial Road Nori DEFAILS: Grandmaster Kwang Chor, a 91b Degree Stack Belt has developed a mar-tal art system for Me called Chor Kwan Do which is the basis of the seminar

Life Story Writing Workshop

PAIE: Monday, Nov. 17. and Dec. 4. and 15.
LOCATION. No. vi. Produc Library. 45245 W. 10.

CONTACT: (248) 735-0846

DETAILS: Schapbook or journal your ho by anthor and writing coach Rose Tutay from your life and make a lasting gift to your children and grandchildren. Class size limited to 15. Please ingister online at www.nevil.prary.org.or.coll (248) 349-0720

Democrats of West Oakland County
TIME/DATE: 7 p.m. Teesday
LOCATION: Maple Restaurant and Golf. 1260 Wakefield Dr. on 14 Mile Road retween Novi Road and MS DETAILS: Speaker is Renneth Cockre Aavor Of Detroit, Boing a cun of food for CONTACT: Jum at (248) 624-7228

St. Mary Mercy Rospital Apprai Gala St. Nary Netry Waspital Annual Gala
Wilkfaltis 6 pm. Triday, Nov. 21
10(a)100 Sheraleo Deboti Novi
DTBMS: Event includes and side occurres,
cocktails, good meet drinner dancring and
musical entertainment by Simone Witale
Band, Gala benefits cantec care and cardiac services at St. Mary Hospital. Cost is
S125 per person. Spansors typs available.
To itcles for Sponsors (April Commalica,
call Xatherine Daudkin at (734) 655-2580.

TIME/DATE: If a m. to 1 p m. Friday, Nov. 21 LOCATION: Say On Drugs, 24100 Meadowbrook Road DETAILS: File shorts are \$25 and pireumonic cash check and credit card, as well as Medicare and medical insurances. Clinics open for ages 14 and over. For weekly list-ing of for choics call (871) 728-6628 CONTACT (248) 478-3000

Comfy Couch Concerts
INEFONE: Door's open 7 p.m. for polices,
concert begins 8 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 22
(OCATION: Newport Furnishings, 29240 van Oaks, Dr., Wixom **GETAILS:** Monthly concert series features ive acoustic music. Casual comfortab smoke-free family friendly event. Bring a dish to share and join the polluck befothe show. November concert features Jill Jack and Billy Brand: CONTACT: comilycouchconcerts com

DETAILS: Enjoy this all-nolitical resue with

lickets are \$15 except on Friday and CONTACT, (248) 348-4448 or second day com

Border's Erpress LOCKITON: Twelve Oaks Mall Book Signings TIME/DATE: 2-4 p.m. Saturday DETAILS: Kurt David, author of "From Glory

THME/DATE: 2-4 p m. Saturday, Dec. 6 TIME/DATE: 2-4 p.m. Saturday Dec. 13 DETAILS: 1 C. Cameron, author of "Metro Detroit High School Football Rivatry".

Art Yan Furniture LOCATION: 27775 Novi Road CONTACT: (248) 348-8922 Culinary Cruise Adventure



Some maple leaves in the lorest of Novi's Lakeshore Park. programs that are responsive to the needs of the communities we serve. LOCATION: 305 N. Pontiac Trail, Sie B. Walfed

METALS: Register to win a Colinary Chaise Adventure for two hildren's Holiday Activity Sheet DETAILS: Hor day Activity sheets given out Entertaining for the Holidays

MTE: Saturday DETAILS: The Visual Merchandising feam gives tips on creating feative tester precises beas and other deconstructs. Top for fels Outside the construction of the fels of the construction of the construction

Thanksgining Day Buffet
TIME/DATE: 19 a.m. to 3 p.m. Thursday, Nov LOCATION, Rock Financial St. overlace, 46'00.

Fall Beauty

Grand River Ave.

BETAILS: Ten percent of gross revenue
from this lawsh puffer besefus forgotten Harvest Cost including tex and gratisty, is \$24,95 for adults, \$19,95 for seniors. \$12.95 for children under 12 and free for ages 4 and under Reservations suggest: ed walk-ins welcome. Cash par and free

parking. Setting includes I ving and disline

rooms with couches available for fails to watch the football game on a bis screen CONTACT: (748) 348-5600 City of Novi Ringing in the Holidays

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Auspire Initight Ball and Benefit TIME/DATE: $I(\mu, m)$ -vectors day, Cac. 31 New Year's Eve 1004/10#: Rock Financial Center 36/80 Grand Ricer Ave

Orands well ave DETAILS Good food open bar, live music and enter-terriment. Tickets are 595. As-about VIP Lable reservations and pack-ages, All proceeds go to the American CONTACT, Tw. antBenefit com or (242)

CHAMBERS OF COMMERCE Noti Chamber of Commerce

LOCATION: 4:875 W to Battle Good, 5w1o 20:

The Novi Chamber of Commerce is an active,
progressive chamber offering a variety of events,
educational programs, an enhanced Web site and
involvement with focal charities. CONTACT: Call for membership information, 12489-349-3743. Register for all events online at www.nov.champer.com E mail to info knovichamber com.

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Lakes Area Chamber of Commerce Since 1943, the Lakes Area Chamber of Commerce has proudly served as West Oakland's Regional Chamber, servicing the communities of Commerce Township, Usion Lake, Walled Lake, Walterford, Wixom, Nolvering Lake and White Lake, Our gurpos residents in the Lakes area. We act as a unified

INVESTIGATE: Noon to 130 p.m. second ureday of each month DETAILS: Book discussion group for olde adults facilitated by librarian; please cal

CONTACT: For more information, visit lake sareachamber com or (248) 624-2826. Heart of the Lakes Gala Meeting TIME/DATE: 8:30 a m. Tuesday t@CATION: huron Valley-Sina: Hosp-tat. 1 Williams Carl Way, Commerce Business Soundtable Discussion TIME/DATE INSO a militable militaurs day

Nov 20 LOCATION: Chamber Office Ambassador Keeting TIME/DATE: 9 IS n.m. Friday LOCATION: Chamber Office Government/Legislative Comm. Keeting TIME/DATE: 10:30 a.m. Friday

BUSINESS

Nori Retary Club TIME/BATE: Noon every Thursday LOCATION: Novi Methodist Church 41671 W 10 Mile Road 10 Mile Road BETAILS: Lunch is \$10 at meeting. Visitors watcome Check Web site for speaker into matter inovirolary org.

American Rusiness Women's Association Meetings Local chapter provides many advantages to today's working women and offers a strong community ervice program which includes raising money for scholarships.
TIME/DATE: 6 15 p.m., second Wednesday of

Avery month
LOCATION: Crowne Plaza Hete! 27000
Sharatan Dr. (west off four Road, north or 1-96) CONTACT; (248)-53G-6315 or abwa-novi.org.

Good Sense Financial Workshop TIME/DATE: S.a. m. to 3/30 p.m. Saturday. LOCATION: Grace Chanel 27996 Hatsted Road Farmington EHPs
DETAILS: This free workshop is based on
Biblical financial principles and provides useful budget no knowledge and tools to help people take charge of their financial

Federal Tax Lectures
TIME/DATE: 8 a million 4:38 p.m. Thur sday.

Dec. 4 COCATION: Rock Financial Showp ace, 26100 Grand River Ase

DETAILS: For Michigan Association of
Certified Public Accountants. Hear from
nationally known experts a complete. update on federal tax legislation. Also, learn the latest on individual incomand corporate taxes. Recommended CPL credit is 8 hours (Other), Cost is \$209 for MACPA Members and \$309 for Registrants Register at michicpa org. Course Code

F7L. CONTACT: (888) 877-4273

LIBRARY LINES Novi Public Library LOCATION: 45245 W 10 Mile Road HOURS: 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. Monday-Thursday 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday and Saturday 1-5

Unless noted below; all programs take place al

Unies note below, all programs take place at the library. Museum Adventure Pass ULIMASS, Card holibers can check out free passes, for two footup repolle, to many area museums, cultural centers and his-torical sives. See detroflace-indivelpass ore for immerical diormatich. Senter Book Discussion

Library Board Meeting INE/DATE: 7-9 p m third Wednesday o each month I**OCATION:** Novi Cryst Cepter City Council Champers

DETAILS: General meeting of the entire
Library Board Broadcast live on cable

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Fall Story Times: See our brochure or the
Events page on our Web site at www.
nonabrery.org
Chimate Change in the Great Lakes: Past, Present TIME/DATE: 7-8:30 p.m., Tuesday DETARS: Calheline Yansa, Ph.D., from MSU

adlissea, about reconstruction of pas environments based on study of plant DETAILS: For 5th grade and older, play on

Walled Lake City Library LOCATION: 1499 E. West, Maple Road, Walled KOURS: 'O a.m. to 8 s.m. Monday, Tuesday.

LOCATION: 41000 W. 13 Mile Road Inursday 10 am to 5 pm. Wednesday and Saturday 1-5 pm Sunday; closed Friday. PETAILS: More than 800 people live at Fox Run in Novi, an Erickson full-service CONTACT: (248) 624-3772 of e-mail to n swalledlake/ prary org vibrant maintenance-free, active lifesty Classical Music Series
TEME/DaTE: 2 p.m. first Tuesday of each with an ever-expanding host of amenities social activities and wellness and medical COXTACT: Please call (248) 926-5200 for

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friends of the Library Meeling
MME/DATE: 1a.m. second Tuesday of month,
Library Board of Trustees Meeling
IME/DATE: ip m. second Friday of every
meeth.

DETAILS: Drop in for informal discussion. rent pook selection. Nov. 18 - Holida future. Open to alt, regardless of curren Sandman Evening Story Hour Ext. 222 to register. Required pre-work will IINE/DATE: 7-7:45 p.m. every thursday DETAILS: Children, ages 2-5 are invited to hear stories. Crafts, games, puppets,

treats and music are included. Vison Pabit Library (OCATION: 49015 Pontiac Trail, Wixom KOUSS, 10 a m, 10 8 p.m. Monday: Thursday I o a.m. to 6 p.m. Friday: Saturday: I+5 p.m. Sunday CONTACT: (246) 624-2512 or yist wixomli-

brary.org Unseum Adventure Pass

DETAILS: Card holders can check out free passes for two to four people, to many area museums, cultural centers and historical sites. See detroitativenturepass collamination arom vol are

DETAILS: Coffee and conversation, Improve your English speaking skills by speaking with people from other countries trying to improve their English. No tests; instructor

DME/DATE: 6 p.m. Monday DETAILS: For teens in grades 6-12. Reading

Building DETAILS: Prepare for a job as an adminis

month
LOCATION: Rock Financial Center, East
entrance, 46100 Grand River Avenue
AETAILS: Comrades and fellow reterans,
join our monthly meetings, Attendance

needed to grow our Post. If you are not a OFTAILS: Discussing "The Somnambulist" by Jonathan Barnes. member, consider joining.
CONTACT: Commander Dennis Strikulis
(248) 378-7841. dstrikulis@twmi.rr.com or
Service Officer Paul Erickson (248) 3447193, pnerick≇aol.com

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SWOCC Studio Tours LOCATION: 33300 Nine Mite Road,

TIME/DATE: 2 n m. Wednesday

Library Board Meeting TIME/DATE: 7 p.m. Monday, Nov. 24

9-11 a.m.: Line Dance at Senior Center

: Stretch and Strength

12:15 p.m.: Contract Bridge

Jeannette Wells 6-7 p.m.: Zumba

Nove: Lunch 12:30 p.m.: Dupt. Bridge 1 p.m.: Bingo

12:30 p.m.: Pinochle

9 a.m.: Stretch and Strength

7:15-8:15 p.m.: Glutes and Abs

9-Na.m.: Line Dance 10 a.m.-2 p.m.: AARP Safe Oriving Course

lvesday 8:30 a.m.: Panera Bread

10 a.m.: Asian Pacific 10:30-11:30 a m.: Bookmobile

Naon: Lunch 1-3: "Ask the Lawyer" by appt. 1p.m.: Bingo

Macnesday

9 a.m.: Stretch and Strength

Il a.m.: TOPS; Blood Pressure

2-3:30 p.m.: Computer Lab Open

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Living: Licensed Dementia Care LOCATION: 27475 Huron Circle (adjacent to

Twetve Oaks Mall) COXIACT: (248) 735-1500 or e-mail walton-wood!welveoaks@singhmail.com

Open House TIME/DATE: IO a.m. to 6 p.m. daily DETANS: Join us for tours and refi

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CONTACT: (248) 347-0470

Mile Road CONTACT: (248) 347-0410

Novi Community School District Board of Education

Meeting TIME/DATE: 7 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 20

LOCATION: Educational Services Building. 25345 Taft Road CONTACT: (248) 449-1204

Movi Youth Assistance General Cilizens Meeling TIME/DATE: 6 p.m. tirst Tuesday of each

LOCATION: Novi Civic Center, 45175 W. 10

2:30 p.m : Cloaging

6-7 p.m.: Pdates

SENIORS

Farmington. DETAILS: Come in for an up-close look at Novi Senior Activities Center LOCATION: Located in the Meadowbrook Commons Senior Complex, 25075 Meadowbrook Road. the Southwest Oakland Cable Commission Wassage by appointment: 1-4 p.m. Tuesday Friday and 9 a m.-noon Saturday

Barlevers of Northvills and Rovi Nostibly Meeting TAMP/BATE: 6:30 p.m. second Monday of month. Sept. May LOCATION: Roteless between Novi Crivic Center and the Northville City Hall. DENUS: Visitors welcome. 1-3 p.m.: Book Discussion "The Glass Castle" CONTACT: (248) 231-2334 or visit pardeners

Line Dancing MIE: Mondays and Fridays TIME: 6:30-7:30 p.m. beginners: 7.30-9:30 p.m. intermediate LOCATION: Novi Civic Center, 45175 W. 10 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.: AARP Safe Driving Course

Novi Toastmasters
TIME/DATE: 7: 8.45 p.m. first and third
Tuesday of each month
LOCATION: Rovi Eivic Center Activities Room.
45175 W. 10 Mile Road DEMILS: Toastmasters will help you improve your communication skills; voice your opinion; polish your presentations and practice leadership. CONTACT: Army (248) 752-2800

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THERAFT: 1-9 p.m. Friday, 10 a.m. to 7 p.m.
Stutrday and 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Sunday.

Saturday; and 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Sunday
DETAILS: Pet tovers paradise, over 200
exhibitors. Cost is 59 for adults and 55 for ages 3·12.

IME/DATE: 3-9 p.m. Friday, Nov. 21; 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 22; and 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 23 DETAILS: Vendor marketplace, demonstrations, seminars and workshops.
Anlique Arms Show
TIME/DATE: 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday and 9

a,m. to 3 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 29-30 DETMIS: Buy, self and trade antique arms. \$6 for adults, free to members and chil-dren aged IZ and under.

St. John Providence Hospital LOCATION: 47601 Grand River Ave., corner of Beck Road, use Beck Road entrance Providence Center for the Healing Arts LOCATION: Assarian Cancer Center, 47601 Grand River Ave. CONTACT: (248) 465-5455 or e-mail James

Tester@Stjohn.org
Dinner mith a Doctor
THAE/DATE: 6:30-8:30 p.m. Tuesday
DETMIS: "Atternatives to Hysterectomy"
with Dr. Tu.
LOCAIMM: Conference Rooms A. B and C. Enter from Beck Road and use building's southeast entrance. CONTACT: Register for free lecture and dinwater One-time Art Workshop Instructors

DETAILS: We are tooking for people who
have an art or craft that they would like
to share in our series of one-time work-

Novi City Council Meeting TINE/DATE: 7 p.m. first and third Monday o month (Nov. 24) LBCATION: Novi Civic Center, 45175 W. 10 Shops.
Colored Peacis Workshop
TIME/DATE: 1-3 p.m. second Tuesday of every

DETAILS: Beginners welcome TIME/DATE: 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday DETAILS: Explore the Art of playing with

clay. Express yourself in this three-dimen-sional art form, \$10 lab fee. Call to verify TIME/ONTE: 1-3 p.m. Wednesday

DETAILS: Join others and create hats and shawls for those in need Meditation THE/DATE: Meditation for individuals or

groups by appointment. DETAILS: Learn proper breathing techniques

of Hist. Learn proper breathing techniques that can be used at hume or on the job to help reduce stress; class held in reflection space. Cancer Ceater. The Cancer Ceater Transpart (Sept. 1984, 1984; 1994). The Cancer Ceater Transpart (Sept. 1984, 1984; 1994). The Cancer Ceater Transpart (Sept. 1984). The Cancer Ceater Ceater Transpart (Sept. 1984). The Cancer Ceater Ceat Intermediate; 9:30-10:30 a.m. Saturday-Mixed Level; 10:45-11:45 a.m. Saturday-Yoga for Backs. DETAILS: \$10/walk-in, \$80/10-class card,

\$45/5-class card. Lunch and Learn Yoga 7-week session is \$60. Registration 7-week session is \$50. Registration required. Classes also held at Providence Hospital. Southfield. Call for details. **Assays Therapy TIME/MATE. By appointment actALLS: Experience the benefits of massage. Therapeutic massage is effective for stress and fension, chronic facilities, pain and headaches. Everyone is welcome. Patients undergoing treatment should bring a physician s referral. \$50 for one hour session.

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From Bush to Cliuton to Obama, to the

other Clinton, the production promises a hilarious romp through the beltway and Directed by Andy Miara, the show's

cast includes Rob Belushi, Nancy Hayden,

Quintin Hicks, Kevin McGeehan, Marke obolewski and Natalie Sullivan. Jason Grimm is the musical director and Jennifer Ruffner is the stage manager Show times and ticket prices are as fol-· Wednesdays, Thursdays and Sundays

• Saturdays, 7 and 9 p.m., \$20 Tickets are available at the theater's box office located at 42705 Grand River Avenue: by phone at (248) 348-4448; or ticketmaster.com.

• Fridays, 8 and 10 p.m., \$20

For more information, call The Second City's Lisa Chapman at (248) 348-4448.

The cast of The Second City's newest production "Deface The Nation" performs in Novi through Nov. 23.

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Pastor: Damay Metalin
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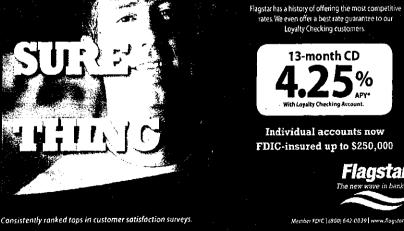
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Novi Schools and City finalize land deal for anticipated Signature Park

2009 bond proposal will follow

The Novi Community School District Board of Education unani mously approved last Thursday a and transfer with the City of Novi and development rights for the antici-pated creation of a Signature Park.

The Novi City Council approved the agreement on Oct. 20.
The City first approached the School Board at its July 10 meeting about trading the City-owned

The word is out and The Orchard Hills sammer

W.A.V.E.S. (Writing About

The program, sponsored by the Orchard Hills PTO,

Busch's and Dairy Queen.

was designed to give every student the opportunity to

The young writers were free to write about any topic

they desired, but were also

given a list of subjects in case they needed some help.

Some of the topics included

a day with a friend, my fam-ily, how to keep teachers

was on quality of quantity. The students were given goals per submission and

they were rewarded for their efforts from the PTO with a gift of a Bare Book, which is

a blank book that they can

journal or write a story in.
A pizza party was awarded
to Mr. Levin's class for the

most participation. Dairy Queen provided coupons for a blizzard to Mrs. Neat's

second place writers. Busch's donated chocolate chunk

cookies to our third place

and Mrs. MacAruthur.

beln of their families.

tive, the summer journal

program was a great way for

olasses of Mrs. Zimmerman

about having their picture in the paper. All the writers worked very hard with the

The kids were most excited

happy and how my name was

wided upon. The group's focus this year

a Very Exciting Summer), is

journal program, titled

deemed a success.

participate.

52.2-acre Wildlife Woods Park, which surrounds Novi Middle School and Deerfield Elementary School at the northeast corner of 11 Mile and Wixom Roads, for the districtowned 73.9-acre Bosco Property southwest of H Mile and Beck

by the school district with money from a 2001 voter approved-bond.

students to continue their

keep the students writing

through a busy summer

loved the experience. "I liked writing a sum-

mer journal because it was

my grandma and grandpa

Third-grade student

house because we have a lot

Nathan Graff said his favor-ite part of completing a sum-

mer journal is reading it over again to enjoy it. I will do a summer jour

nal again because I want to

remember my vacations," he

First-grade teacher Mrs.

first and second graders proudly returned to school

She said they took great

pride in recording a multi-tude of adventures and now

have a keepsake of those

the children feel the pride

of accomplishment and are

A kick-off event was held

Mary Cooper the kinder-garten-sixth-grade writing specialist was on hand to

talk about journaling and

carefree vacation days.

are authors.

to participate.

journals in hand.

Discussions also included the transfer of school-leased property and additional City-owned property south of Novi High School by the City to the Schools and the possible 'squaring off" of the Fuerst proper-ty where the City is developing the Fuerst Park at the corner of 10 Mile and Taft roads.

The agreement includes the Novi Community Schools retaining 10 acres of the district-owned Bosco Property for a possible future gen-With the transfer of property and intends to create a Signature Park.

The Signature Park would consist of a community recreation center that would include teen activities, an older adult center, theatre, gymnasiums and various community programs; a festival area; a variety of outdoor amenities; art in the park; nature trails; and youth ball

In addition to the land transfer with the schools, the City has an optional purchase agreement for 20 acres of property to the northwest

of the district's Bosco property.

The combination of these properties would allow for the creation of a more than 83-acre Signature Park and would fulfill all current and future park land needs for Novi.

Novi Community School District Superintendent Peter Dion and Novi City Manager Clay Pearson said the deal is historic, as evidenced by how well the city and district worked together to provide residents with a recreation amenity

Orchard Hills journal program makes waves

Construction completion open house

The Novi Community School District will host multiple open houses 5-8 p.m. Dec. 4 and 9 at Orchard Hills, Parkview and Village Oaks to view the completed renovations and construction projects. The schools now have designated music and art rooms and gymnasiums. Renovations in other areas of the buildings are

Novi High School Athletics Web site

The Novi Athletic Boosters' new Web site is www.noviathleticboosters.com. The site is the source for upcoming Novi Athletic Boosters events, fund-raising events and Wildcat game schedules. The Novi Athletic Boosters raise money to support Novi Wikleat student athletes at Novi high and middle schools Proceeds are used to purchase uniforms, equipment, training

On-site college admissions

Once an appointment is scheduled, students are responsible for turning in their completed paper application and fee (if applicable) to their counselor a minimum of three school days prior to their appointment time. Additional applications should not be submitted to the university.

LACDC presents 'Giving voice to the disabled with dignity

Services Center, 850 Ladd Road, Building D. The program will feature Oakland Press columnist Jerry Wolffe as he dishealth issues, political, social and real issues of living with disabilities. There will also be a panel discussion facilitated by Wolffe, with panelists, Paul Landry, director of employment programs for the United Cerebral Palsy Association; Dr. Sheryl Brown, director of special services for Walled Lake Consolidated Schools; and Walled Lake Schools' parents. Ann Grathoff and Laura Conley. For more information. call Cathy Ferguson at (248) 956-2093 or cathyferguson@



Orchard Hills second- and fourth-grade students gather in the school's



proud to announce that they Orchard Hills first- and third-grade students gather in the school's gymnasium for recognition of their participation in the school's summer June 9 to encourage students

> ougs. Busch's provided a freezie pop for the entire school as

lead the kids in some writing - part of the promotion. It was a hot day with limited air conditioning so the kids were thrilled.



also complete. Tours will be provided.

and so more students can participate at a higher level.

The following schools have agreed to send an admission counselor to Novi High School this fall. Representatives will sit down with students to review applications, transcripts and test scores to provide an immediate admissions decision. To sign up for on-site admissions, see Michael Zelinski in the

Student Services Center.

Students must sign up at least one week prior to scheduled on-site meetings. On-site admission appointments are limited and available on a first come, first served basis.

Nov. 13 - Davenport University TBD - University of Michigan-Dearborn

The Lakes Area Community Diversity Council presents "Giving voice to the disabled with dignity" 7-9 p.m. Nov. 18 at the Walled Lake Consolidated School's Educational cusses the challenges he has overcome in his life; legal issues,



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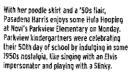
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Matt Ownby, Parkview Elementary School's music teacher. dresses up as Flyls and strums a few tunes on his quitar during



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Kettering University

Tyler Boggs of Novi graduated from Kettering University in June with a bachelor of United Kingdom. chemistry degree.

Michigan State University

Tracy Casanova, a 2003 graduate of Novi High School and 2007 graduate of Michigan State University, received her master of philosophy degree

in social and developmental psychology from Fitzwilliam College, Cambridge University,

Boston University

Boston University awarded students in September 2008. Among the graduates was

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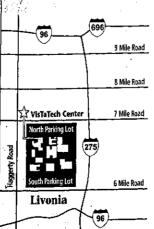
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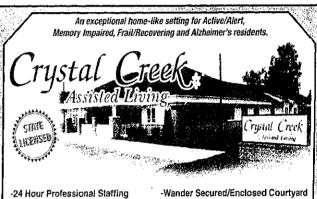
Captured by the Classics

the Cypress String a recent Friday



Classical Learning

Ethan Filner, of the Cypress String Quartet, plays viola for a Novi Meadows assembly on a recent Friday morning. The San Francisco group played a number of classical pieces for the students and explained how the instruments and quartet work

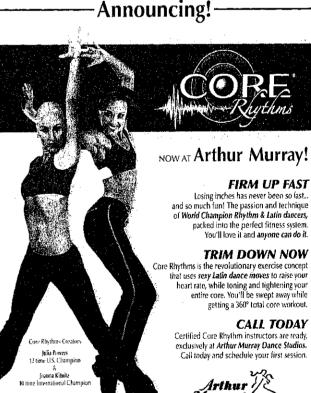


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bring.
And the Novi News is preparing to revel in the excitement Wednesday, as we make the move to the South Lyon Herald-Milford Times office in downtown

South Lyon. After spending decades in downtown Northville, The Novi News and The Northville Record will

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An uneducated electorate is a dangerous thing indeed

Fig. be Oakland County Republican Party narrowly escaped a total disaster in the elections, coming within a handful of votes of completely losing con-

trol of county government.

But the GOP faithful should not be the only ones breathing a sigh of relief the Obama tidal wave fell short of sweeping more Republicans out of office for no good reason other than, well, they are Republicans. Anyone who calls Oakland County government home should be glad a "call for change" did not come at the expense of



Now, let me explain. I have no problem when one qualified individual beats out another, such as Gary Peters defeating ceteran Congressman Joe Knollenberg: Jessica Cooper knocking off David Law in the county prosecutor's race; and And Meisner retiring Pat Dohany in the trea-

No, where I have a problem is when office-holders lose their jobs to clearly less-qualified challengers who clearly

would struggle in performing the duties of the office to the detriment of the very people who voted for them. And that is what almost happened when Tuesday night's "perfect storm" (coincd by defeated longtime Congressman Joe Knollenberg) nearly swept county Drain Commissioner John McCulloch and Clerk Ruth

Johnson out of office. Johnson and McCulloch are both elected officials and full-time department heads responsible for multimiltion dollar budgets and hundreds of employees. Both are very good at their jobs and have earned the praises of both Republicans and Democrats alike.

Yet, both incumbents came within a relative handful of votes of being beaten by individuals who while I am sure are fine people, really had no business (or qualifications) even running for the positions they were seek-

I spoke with McCulloch Friday to get his take on coming within 2,000 votes (out of more than 570,000 cast) of losing his job to a 21-year-old political neophyte who had no practical, professional or educational experience to run the drain commission office with its 260-some employees and \$200 million annual budget.

McCulloch ticked off lots of the predictable things such as a lack of visibility for the office, the Obama factor, a growing frustration with government in general, and a big swing in straight-party votes.

But he also pointed out a belief that with the record voter turnout, lots of first-time voters cast their ballots without a firm grasp of what a drain commissioner does or how the incumbent has performed the duties of the office. In short, lots of folks hadn't a clue what, or who

Lasked McCulloch what he thought would have hap pened to the newly renamed Water Resources office if he had lost Tuesday. After thinking about it for a moment, he offered: "Well, I guess I would hope he appointed a chief deputy who knew how to run the office."

Voting may be every adult's right, but it also comes with a responsibility. If you are going to vote, at least have a clue who you are voting for, and in the case of McCulloch and Johnson, who you are voting against. Or you might not like the results.

Joe Bauman is managing editor for the Eccentric Newspapers, He velcomes feedback at ibauman@hometownlife.com

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Korean War veteran Ronnie "Joe" Fladder talks to Novi Rotary Club members during a Nov. 6 meeting where veterans were honored.

Recycle plastic bags

We are writing to bring to your attention the very important topic of recycling and reusing plastic bags. Americans consume approximately

100 billion bags per year. These bags sell cheap at supermarkets for 1 cent, but cost taxpayers 19 cents in terms of environmental clean up and processing costs. One less grocery bag per person, per year would reduce waste by 109 ons and save \$11,000 in disposal costs Plastic bags take about 1,000 years to decompose in a landfill. Less than 1 percent of too billion plastic bags tossed out get recycled. When one ton of plastic bags are reused or recycled the energy

equivalent to 11 barrels are saved. Countries all over the world are starting to ban the use of plastic bags including China. California has also banned the use of plastic bags. As the most industrialized country in the world we should set the example to all the other countries to recycle plastic bags. Help the earth by stopping global warming

We urge all gracery stores in Novi to put out a recycling bin near the exit so people could put their plastic bags in it to get recycled. Another way to reduce the amount of plastic bags is for stores to carry reusable bags that people can bring to the store for shopping or charge them so the consumption of the bags will go down.

California has done it, so Michigan should take the same approach and put

Rohan, Pavan Kunj, Sangita, Sneha, Aarthi, Minu, Siya and Dhivya Novi Middle School and Meadows students

To everyone in the 38th District

As your next representative to Michigan's House of Representatives from the 38th District, it is with great pride and honor that I look forward to fulfilling my role as your voice in Lansing. I have already been in meetings with those newly elected as well as eturning legislators to begin the task of getting Michigan back to work once

To those who voted in this election I thank you for your participation and for making your choice known. To those who worked so tirelessly on my campaign, some from as long ago as a year and a half, I cannot thank you all nough for your efforts. Your dedication and sense of purpose are deeply appreciated by me and my family as I embark on this new stage in my career in public

It is my intention to meet regularly in this district, both formally at local government meetings and informally at homes and businesses, not only to keep in touch with those who need to voice their collective opinions concerning a state about which they care so passioninformed as to what is happening in the

Again, to all my constituents, workers supporters, donors and friends, I thank you so very much and promise to work as hard as I possibly can to serve you as your next Representative

Hugh D. Crawford

Thanks for voting

I am sure that everyone is as happy as my family and I, that the election is over. No more sleeping judge television ads, stuffed mail boxes or telephone robo-calls. I personally apologize for the littered roadways filled with campaign signs. I want to take a moment to thank those who took the time to vote. I especially want to thank those who had the confidence in me and supported me in this last election. I will keep my campaign promise and remind Pontiac that there are residents in southwest Oakland County in need of county services and county benefits. Whether you voted for me or not, feel free to contact

Congratulations to voters

On election day, my beautiful wife and I, alongside with my wife's 11-year-old daughter Emily, spent the entire day in front of Holy Family Church advocating for Kim Capello in his quest to become the next Oakland County Commissioner The voters from precinct #6 and #7 who vote at that location did indeed choose Capello, as did the majority of other voters in the other Novi precincts. Thus, Kim Capello will soon leave the local political scene where he served so faithfully and professionally for the past 16 years and assume a position in our County seat in Pontiac. There, he will be faced with a growing budget "task" that may require deep cuts to fill an approxi-niate \$20 million dollar hole. I'm positive that Mr. Capello's experience and knowledge will be extremely beneficial to all of us as the County Commissioners grapple with that difficult burden.
Alongside my wife and I at Holy Family Church was Kathy Crawford. She was there to advocate for her hus band, Hugh Crawford in his attempt to me our new State Representative

And, I'm happy to say, the voters decided to send Hugh to Lansing in January to represent us. Hugh's many years of ser-vice to our beloved City of Novi and his most recent years as our County Board of Commissioners Representative has prepared him well to deal with the many difficult problems that face our State in general and our City in particular.

The voters in Novi showed their prov

ess and professionalism as they split their tickets to choose the best candidates regardless of their political party. And I congratulate Mr. Capello and Mt Crawford for their well deserved, hard fought victories. I'm positive that every one of us will be better off because of these two men and their new duties in

Pontiac and Lausing.
However, the real congratulations should go to the voters. You (we) came out in big numbers, well informed, well prepared, and exercised our right to vote. A right that many people died for in order to make it so. A right that some people take for granted. Congratulations to each of us. Whether "your candidate" was successful or not is not the issue. What's important is that the system worked and worked well. We had honest, open and free elections. The people spoke. And a government OF the people, BY the people and FOR the people continued to flourish.

Novi City Councilman

Election thanks

I would like to take this opportunity to say thank you to all those who supported my campaign for state representative and to thank all those who voted for me.

The campaign was an exciting experi-ence and well worth the effort. I was able to meet and talk with people from many different backgrounds about their

I am very proud that I was able to play a part in our electoral process, especially in such a historical election. Now it is time to put aside our differences and work together for the good of this state

However, we must all stand vigilant and see that those elected do just that and drop the party rhetoric. We can no longer wait for the next election for change. If needed, we should remind our elected officials they were elected to serve the people.

Chuck Tindall

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DOWNED POWER LINES: Novi man trapped in vehicle

■ '99 Escort, his hair burned in freak accident

Last Thursday started out to be just an average day

But then his 1999 Ford Escort and his hair cannot

Orlando, a 22-year-old Eastern Michigan University from Novi, was in one of the vehicles hit be downed power lines on Beck Road between Five Mile and Six Mile roads in Northville Township about 3 p.m. last Thursday.

The accident occurred when a garbage truck struck a power line that crossed the roadway. The line caught on the truck, causing an additional six power line poles to fall in traffic lanes. Two additional power lines were leaning halfway in the road. These lines then fell on four occupied vehicles on Beck Road. Orlando, who was not seriously injured, was on his way home from school when the emergency situation

took piace.

He said police and fire personnel were on the scene immediately to keep people from exiting their vehicles until the live wires could be removed. Emergency onnel said it was a miracle no one was hurt. Orlando, who is studying international business and language with a focus on Japanese and enjoys hanging out with friends, astronomy and surfing the Internet, was alone in his car when the series of

events started. "I noticed a dump truck from a waste managemen company across the street. I watched him as he went across the street, and all of a sudden from the right I heard a splintering crack. I looked, and the electrical pole was splintering at its base maybe a few ear engths ahead of me. So, I slammed on my brakes to avoid getting crushed and actually watched it (the poles) domino in front and in back. I believe there

were four ears that were trapped."

The Northville Township Department of Public Safety reported that nine vehicles were involved in

For about 30 seconds, Orlando didn't think much

"I was just waiting for DTE to come out to turn off the power and release us," he said.

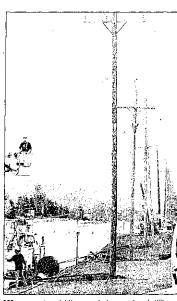
But, Orlando said according to DTE workers, once ower is shut off, it goes back on after 30 seconds to

"When that happened, it lit up my ear, burned several holes in the roof and the sides and actually managed to puncture through the top of the ear, lighting the roof on fire and starting several fires inside the

"Things got a little interesting," he said. "Everyone

is saying it's like something out of a movie."

He started slapping out the fires that had ignited some of his school materials. The electricity also set



DTE crews work on righting or replacing a number of utility notes on Friday morning that were toppled along Beck Road

fire to the passenger seat.
"After that, I smelled burning hair and received a slight burn on my forchead from the extreme heat coming through the roof," he said.

He had to stay in his car for about 30 minutes until DTE Energy personnel gave him the go-ahead to exit his vehicle. After driving home, he later went to Providence Park Hospital in Novi, where he was evamined and released

Of the nine vehicles, six were damaged by the downed lines. Orlando's Escort reeks because of the smoke and its electrical functions are shot, but it's "This natural air-conditioning (holes in the roof of the car) is not so fun," Orlando said, "It's spending most of its days in the garage now."

Fortunately, his hair required only a slight trim. Beck Road was closed until about 3 p.m. last Friday. "This will be an expensive but interesting story to tell my grandchildren some day," Orlando said.



When power lines from an auto accident on Thursday afternoon on Beck Road fell on the Ford Escort of

Christian Orlando, the car suffered multiple holes in its roof and caught part of the car on fire, burning

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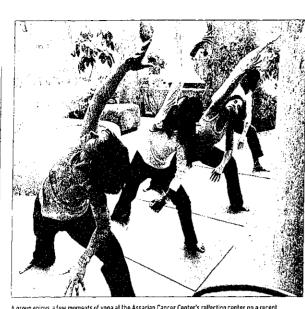
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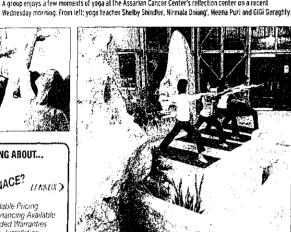
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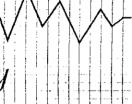
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graduate.

Navy Seaman Recruit Michael J. Shrum, son of Cheryl A. Shrum of Novi and Michael W. Shrum of Scottsdale, Ariz., recently completed U.S. Navy basic training at Recruit Training Command, Great Lakes, Ill. During rrating Command, Great Lakes, III. Durin the eight-week program, Shrum completed a variety of training, which included class-room study and practical instruction on naval customs, first aid, firefighting, water safety and survival, and shipboard and air eraft safety. Shrum is a 2008 graduate of Walled Lake Western High School.



Vigna-Muldoon

Dave and Kitty Vigna of Waterford announce the engage-ment of their daughter Christine Vigna to James R. Muldoon, sor of Penni Muldoon of Northvill and grandson of Fred and Marilyn Ciampa of Northville. The bride-elect is a 2002 graduate of Novi High School

from Michigan State Universit in supply chain management. Sho is employed as an inventory plan-ner at the True Value headquarers in Chicago. The groom-elect is a 2002 graduate of Novi High School and carned a degree in kine-siology from the University of

and earned a bachelor's of arts

Michigan. He is currently a stu-dent at Life University School of Chiropractic. A June 27 wedding is planned

at the Academy of the Sacred Heart in Bloomfield Hills.

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Pawlak-Crawford

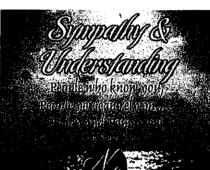
Jeff and Libby Crawford of Novi are pleased to announce the engagement of their son, Michael Crawford, to Maureen Pawlak, daughter of Ron and Patty Pawlak, formerly of

The bride-elect is a 2004 graduate of Novi High School and attended Michigan State University from 2004-08, majoring in kinesiology and minoring in sociology. She will finish her teacher certification in the spring of 2009 and then look for a teaching position.

The groom-elect is 2002 graduate of Novi High School and 2006 graduate of the University of Michigan. He has been working on his master's degree at Michigan State. University and will finish in the spring of 2009. He will then pursue a Ph.D. in educational psychology. A May 2009 wedding is planned.











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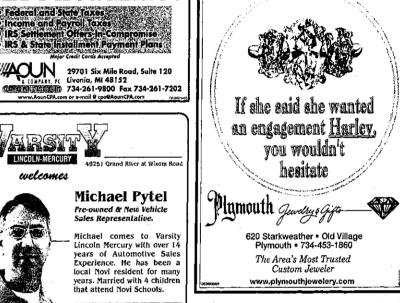
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Living Services under the and dignity was a burst of sundirection of Jim Dehem shine on an overcast gray day. It was a grand reminder that in Both organizations are head-quartered in Wayne. With spite of all the challenges at the national and state level, there are good things happening in vision, drive and leadership, this dynamic due has turned dreams of people with disabili our communities every day ties living in our communities Homes like the one recently opened in Westland and cela reality. Yet, both Frankie and

ebrated with a ribbon cutting Dehem are quick to point out that every home that opens is the result of teamwork eremony have also opened throughout the metro area They have opened in Plymouth, and a cooperative commu-Canton, Livonia, Garden nity spirit and determination from their partners in federal, City, Redford, Birmingham,

PEOPLE MAKING A

ration, ably led by its Executive

Director Peggy Frankie, is

subsidiary of Communit

as well as non-profit agen-cies. Dehem praised Wayne Novi, Northville, Detroit and County Executive Robert Ficano, the Detroit-Wayne Health Board, and local may Liberty Hill Housing corpo ors and city councils that

of the Association of Retarded Citizens (ARC), made "another ONE SMALL STEP FOR MAN,

Just thirty years ago these same individuals were ware-housed out of sight and often out of mind, at a great fiscal and and costly state institutions.

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homes for people." Jim Dehem and I worked These homes are monuments together in the late 1970s and to how far we have come as a society in treating our fellow early 1980s, helping to break man. And it also shows how down the barriers of discrimination by moving people with developmental disabilities back Liberty Hill, by leveraging fedinto their communities. Having ons and daughters, brothers and sisters, that were "wards of the state" return to their

Dehem's face as men and women he knew, and that were institutionalized as teens and young adults, gathered to rel-ebrate the freedom of a new home for their friends was like a floodlight illuminating the joy of the day. Dehem exclaimed, This is another freedom step

for people with disabilities. While the homes may be brick and mortar to some, they represent a Neil Armstrong moment - "One small step for man, one giant step for mankind" - to those that once suffered the indignities of being incarcerated in state mental health facilities and nursing

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We must retain John Dingell as chairman of Energy and Commerce

resident Harry Truman, who had a knack for getting it right, supposedly once said that: "If you want a friend in Washington, get a dog." So when California Congressman Henry Waxman announced last week he was going after his fellow Democrat John Dingell's chairmanship

After all, power plays after an election is one of Washington's favorite games. Waxman has been chairman of the House Oversight and Government

> Democrats took back control of the House in 2006. Waxman is 69, short (5 feet 5 inches) balding, mustachioed and widely regarded as sort of a liber-al's Eliot Ness. He has earned sort of a "Lone Ranger" reputation for using his chairmanship's unique

bunch of embarrassing investiga-tions into the Bush Administration. He's been in Congress almost half his life, and over the years, has also quarreled with Dingell many times over many subjects. They crossed swords last year over Waxman's support for California imposing its own state air quality sta dards on autos. Dingell sensibly noted that the industry couldn't possibly make cars to meet 50

That spat summarizes it neatly. That spat summanzes it nearly. Waxman is a fairly doctrinaire liberal, inclined to push the political and policy envelope as far as he can, while Dingell is the bulwark of practicality and

centrist compromise.

Not only that, Dingell is as close to a living congressional legend as you can get. Now 82, his former 6-foot-3-inch frame hunched a bit with a new knee to go with his new hip, Dingell is the Dean of the House — the longest serving member, first elected back in 1955. This March, he will become the longest serving House member in American history. Nor is he a mere figurehead.

history. Nor is he a mere figurenead.

Today, he's ranked the fourth most powerful
member of the House by Congress.org, When I ran
a congressional office way back in the mid-1960s,
Dingell was already a force to be reckoned with. I remember being at a big reception in one of the Capitol's high ceilinged rooms and seeing a committion at the entrance.

Suddenly, in swept "Big John," towering over others in height, force of personality and rising influence. I've known him ever since.

Today he's just as sharp as ever, a reigning mas strenuous sausage-making activity that we call

At the end of the day, John Dingell is a consum mate legislative craftsman. He takes it as the highest point of honor to pass complex legislation through his committee on time, on point - and importantly, with just as much bi-partisan support

is possible.

Take the Endangered Species Act, a law designed to protect imperiled species from extincof the powerful House Energy and Commerce Committee, I wasn't one bit surprised. and conservation." That's a subject guaranteed to provoke the fiercest possible debate — which it has done ever since the act was passed in 1973. Talk about achieving bipartisan support — John Dingell was the primary author of that bill, which passed on a vote of 390 to 12! Reform Committee since the

He wrote in 1990 the amendments to the Clean Air Act, including a program to control 189 toxic pollutants and expanded provisions to attain National Ambient Air Quality Standards. Dingell was the House sponsor, and the bill passed the House by a vote of 401-21. The Consumer Product Safety Act of 2007, equally complex, was passed out of the Energy and Commerce Committee 51-0 and out of the full House 424-1. You get the picpower of issuing subpoenas with-

> With Washington forever consumed by partisan bickering and political posturing, to craft such a record is an astonishing feat.

So how come Henry Waxman, whose district includes Beverly Hills, wants to dump Dingell, especially at this time? I'm sure much of it has to do with Dingell's long and effective advocacy of the auto industry. The Big Three haven't been popular in Washington — until last week, when people suddenly realized that the economy might lose millions of jobs if the car companies went broke. suddenly realized that the economy might lose mi lions of jobs if the car companies went broke. And it's hardly a coincidence that the Speaker of the House is Nancy Pelosi, Waxman's fellow Californian, a liberal from San Francisco. I have no idea if Pelosi is aiding and abetting Waxman's

strike for power, but there are no signs she is telling mm no.

Waxman's statement announcing his run for the chairmanship noted that "the issues we confront are immensely difficult.

"We will need the very best leadership in

Congress in our committee to succeed," he assert

That's exactly right. And that's why the nation not to mention Michigan — would be best served by retaining John Dingell as chairman of Energy and Commerce. Yes, he may have a few miles on his chassis, but he has a proven record of biparti-san collaboration and when push comes to shove of getting it done.

Former newspaper publisher and University of Michigan Regen Phil Power is a longitime observer of Michigan politics and economics, and a former chairman of the Michigan chapter of the Nature Conservancy. He is also the founder and president of The Center for Michigan, a centrist think-and-do tank which publishes the Michigan Scorecard. The opinions expressed here are Power's own and do not represent the official views of The Center. He welcomes your comments at poower@thecenterfor

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"A Winter's Tale"

Schoolcraft College Choral Union Concert This performance is a benefit for the Gleaner's Community Food Bank of Southeastern Michigan

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Sunday Brunch!

The Salvation Army launches \$8.5 million Red Kettle campaign

The Salvation Army of Metro Detroit will launch its annual Red Kettle Campaign throughout Wayne, Oakland and Macomb counties next Friday in an effort to raise \$8.5 million to sustain its annual services.

Through Dec. 24, bell ringers will collect donations at more than 300 red kettles located at retailers and businesses such as WalMart, Macy's, Sam's Club, Kroger, J.C. Penney's, Walgreens and Michaels, among others. Contributions also can be made by calling (877) SAL-MICH or given online at www.salmich. org until Jan. 31.

A special ceremony featuring the light-ing of the World's Tallest Red Kettle, which is about 56-feet tall, 24-feet wide and it by 25,000 lights, will also take place at 6:20 p.m. on Nov. 21 at Campus Martius Park in Detroit, just before the official lighting of the City of Detroit's Holiday Tree. Magic 105.1 W MGC-FM's Cyndy Canty from the Magic Morning Show will merce the away. Show will emcee the event

for our services and the annual Red Kettle Campaign is a major reason why we are able to provide assistance to those in need," said Major Norman Marshall, divisional commander of The Salvation Army of Metro Detroit. "It is our mission army of Metro Detroit. "It is our mission to do the most good with the community's contributions by offering hope with rehabilitation, providing food for the hungry, clothing and shelter to the homeless and opportunities for underprivileged children."

A tradition since 1891, the theme of this year's Red Kettle campaign is "Doing the Most Good" – by which we hope to raise awareness of the many different services and programs The Salvation Army uses to transform lives and encourage everyone to do their part to help their community. New to the 2008 Campaign is The

Salvation Army's Online Red Kettle, which allows people to make donations through the organization's secure Web site. Individuals, businesses or groups

interested in helping raise money for those in need can register to host their own Online Red Kettle by visiting www.

OnlineRedKettle.org.
The Salvation Army is also searching for bell ringers for the 300 red kettle locations throughout Wayne, Oakland and Macomb counties. Bell ringing oppor-tunities are posted at www.ringbell. org. Anyone can log on, pick a preferred location and a two-hour shift that is con-venient for them. Volunteers can sign up for one or more two-hour shifts and will receive a confirmation e-mail just prior to the selected date.

Once again this year, The Salvation

Army will partner with The Detroit Red Wings to increase awareness throughout the community and encourage donations to sustain vital services to the less for-tunate in the area. Ken Holland, executive vice president and general manager of the Detroit Red Wings, will serve as Honorary Chair of the Campaign for the third year in a row.



High Honors

The pictured students of Novi High School have been named National Merit semi-finalists. Back row, from left: Goutham Kondapi, Subramonian Mahadevan, Sudharshan Mohanram, Dexter Zhuang and Jacob Carless. Front row: Navina Kapur, Navya Talluri, Srilakshhmi Kadiyala and Elizabeth Andrews.

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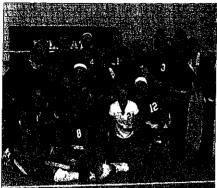
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The Novi volleyball team is all smiles after winning the district title Friday at

Wildcat V-Ball wins district title

Novi passed its first major hurdle in an attempt to get back to the state volleyball tournament.

The Wildcats blasted by Plymouth 25-15, 25-14, 25 Friday at home to claim the district title.

"It's a sweet reward for a season with very high expectations," Novi head coach Julie Fisette said. "I think Plymouth has a lot of talent.

"I didn't want to look past that game. You tend to full or stumble if you do that."

Sarah Robb continued to lead the team in kills with 14 and six blocks (five solo).

Ally Hoomaian provided a lift with nine kills.

'Ally Hoomaian probably had her best match," Fisette said. "She had nine kills and really helped in the outside position.

Fisette said her team has really come around toward the end of the season.

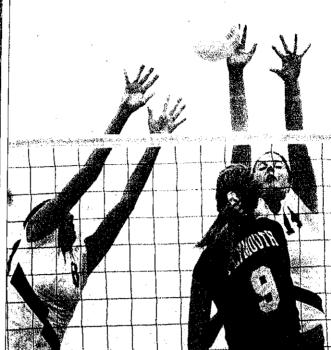
"We just played a solid game," she said. "We played very good defense and our

NOVES, CANTON 1

Novi started districts with a 25-12, 24-26, 25-19, 26-24 win

against Canton on Nov. 4. Highlights included Sarah Robb with 22 kills, Kim Hildreth with 41 assists and Laura Subject with 36 digs.

NOVI 3, SALEM 2 The district semifinals fea-



Sarah Robb, left, and Ally Hoomaian go up for a block

tured a pair of teams that had both beaten each other during the season

Salem blasted Novi 25-10 in the opening game behind the tall sophomore Nicole Merget's domination at the net. She was raining shots down and controlling the net with several blocks.

"She was big and intimidat-ing," Fisette said. "We were like, Just play your game.' "I sat there and I'm like, all

right, let them get their jitters out, and it was."

Novi responded with a 25-21

win to event the match.

The Wildcats could've gone up 2-1, leading 24-20, but the Rocks managed to fight back and eventually won the game 30-28.

Again, the Wildcats responded with a win, 25-23, to pull

The fifth and final game wasn't even close. Novi went ahead 5-1 and 10-5 before winning 15-11 when Robb blocked a shot for the final point

"It was so exciting," Robb said. "I'm just speechless right

Leaders included Robb and Hildreth with 14 kills, Julia Thomas with 11 blocks and Subject with 25 kills Hoomaian pitched in 10 kills and three blocks.

"And that was just the second game of districts," Fisette joked. "Last time we played them here, we went to five games and lost 15-13. "Going into this fifth game

tonight, everyone was like. This is our game now. This is our time.' Going there and get ting that big lead, it makes all the difference in the world."



Novi's Laura Subject played a large part in Novi's run to the district title.

TUESDAY'S REGIONAL

Novi advances to the regional finals with a 25-23, 23-25, 25-23, 25-13 victory against division foe South Lyon on Tuesday. The Wildcats got strong net play from Julia Roberts, Sarah Robb and Erica Robb, Roberts led with 13 kills and seven blocks (five solo). Erica Robb was next with 10 kills, and Sarah Robb had nine kills and five blocks. Kim Hildreth had a strong game passing with 32 assists and serving with four aces. Laura Subject led a busy back row with 23 digs with only two errors.

The Wildcats (41-8) advance to play Churchill 7 p.m. Thursday at Lakeland.

Read more about Tuesday's game and find out how the Wildcats fair Thursday night online at www.hometownlife. сош.

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Novi swimmers win KLAA Conference crown

BY JEFF THEISEN Sports Writer

Novi swim and dive proved itself to be the tops in the KLAA Central Division and Kensington Conference last week.

The Wildents earned the Central Division title Thursday with 622 points, well ahead of second-place Stevenson with 505.

The division meet is also used as a quali-fier for Saturday's conference meet. The top six in each event automatically moved onto

the conference meet.
The Wildcats sent a large squad to
Saturday's race and walked away with the

title with 405 points to Stevenson's 299.5

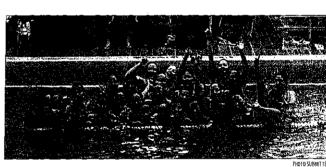
at the five-team event.

At the division meet, The Wildcats earned 18 automatic qualifications. Novi earned 16 more entries by being within the next 12 best times from either division in

Leading the way with wins were Kerry Abel in the 100 butterfly and Lauren Kalinosky in the 100 backstroke. Abel also placed second in the 100 free as did Kalinosky in the 100 backstroke

Rebecca Berman placed third in the

Please see SWIM, B3



The Novi swim and dive team celebrates winning the inaugural KLAA Kensington Conference meet Saturday at

CC can't overcome missed opportunities

Catholic Central failed to cash in on too many golden opportunities and was knocked of the playoffs 24-13 Friday

at Livonia Stevenson The Shamrocks (6-4) had the ball inside the Spartan 25-yard line three times and failed to

"We had to make plays and we didn't, and they did." CC head coach Tom Mach said

"Our hats are off to them. They came at us real hard and did a good job on both sides of the ball.

"We did have our opportu-nities, but unfortunately, we didn't make use of then

The first drive proved to be a bad omen.

CC appeared as though it was going to walk down the field, moving the ball 41 yards in three plays before a holding enalty pushed the ball back to the Spartan 24

to the left, but the ball bounced off the running back and was recovered by the Spartans (9-

On the next drive, Mach fourth-and-seven from the Spartan 25 but the pass was well defended, giving the ball

back to the Spartan Stevenson cashed in the next drive, going 75 yards on 10 plays. Fullback Duran Onweumene scored on a blast

up the middle from 16 yards it on the first play of the second quarter.

The Shamrocks were able to produce points on the next drive. Anthony Capatina took off for 57 yards around end and was tackled at the 2. Niko Palazeti bulldozed it in from there a couple of plays later for a 7-all tie with 9:24 remaining in the half

"We were going outside,"

Please see FOOTBALL, B4



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CC's Niko Palazeti runs against Novi in the playoff opener. Palazeti scored against Stevenson, but it wasn't enough as the Shamrocks lost 23-14.

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8 Wildcats make KLAA All-Conference football team

Novi football's successful run to the KLAA Central title belped the Wildcats place eight players on the KLAA Kensington All-

Conference team. All the Novi players receving

onors are seniors.

Working in the trenches for the Wikleats were Jack Petroskey. Sam Valkanos and Shane Lemere Paul Favorite enjoyed the open paths and ran his way onto the

list. Brad Kotylo also helped pave the way as a fullback. Quarterback Chris Bellamy proved to be a dual-threat, picking up yards and touchdowns with his

feet and his arm. Andy Donatto was used in several roles this year, both as a part-time passer out of some trick lays and as the recipient of sev-

Defensive backs Garrett Green and Brandon Bryant help shut down opposing passing games. Defensive end Randall Moore

The Wildcats finished 7-3. making the playoffs after going 5-0 in the first year of the KLAA

Patrick Powers (10) Wide Receiver

Honorable Mention

Donnie Barlow, Defensive Back

Bryan Gerst Linebacker

Todd Turle, Troft End

Krister Engla Linebacker

STEVENSON

PLYMOUTH

FRANKLIN

NORTHVILLE

Brandon Rydzewski, Defensive Back

Austin Micallef, Defensive Line

Andrew Nelson, Offensive Line

Sean Samaan, Defensive End

Kelly Waile, Defensive Back

Keith Choma. Offensive Line

Mall Skubik, Quarterback

Nate Coleman, Offensive Line

Brandon Lane, Defensive Line

Chris Vantuyl, Running Back

Kris Baumgardner, Wide Receive

Rvan Gerblick, Tight End

Sean Sassaman, Linebacker

Eric Tvabla, Defensive Line

CANTON

KLAA KENSINGTON CONFERENCE PLAYERS OF THE YEAR

CANTON (8-1, 4-1) Justin Sneddon (12): Offensive Line David Wifcox (12), Defensive Back Kevin Delapaz (11), Quarterback Kiere Daneils (12), Running Back Carter Staffeld (11), Offensive Line Adam Payter (11), Running Back Dakota Dark Bird (III). Tight End Pat Madish (12), Defensive Tackle Alex Dixon (11). Offensive Line Jason Hu (12), Defensive Tackle

Nick Sweda (12): Defensive Back NOVI (7-2, 5-0) Jack Petroskey (12), Offensive Line Sam Valkanos (12), Offensive Line Shane Lemere (12), Offensive Line Paul Favorite (12) Running Back

STEVENSON (7-2, 4-1)

Wyatt Stahl (12), Linebacker

Wade Stahl (12), Running Back

Austin White (11), Running Back

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PLYMOUTH (6-3, 4-1)

Ronnie Goble (12). Linebackei

Connor Martin (IZ), Linebacker

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Jake Morris (12), Offensive Line

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> Health Parling (12), Quarterback Andrew Grabowski (12) Offensive Lin

SOUTH LYON EAST (1-8, 0-5)

NOVI COMMUNITY SCHOOLS Rules and Procedures - Personnel EQUAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY AND

te Procedure for:
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tion Act of 1975 Title II of the Americans with Disability Act of 1990

Section I

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i Community Schools 25345 Taft Road

Section II

The person who believes a valid basis for a grievance exists shall discuss the grievance informally and on a verbal basis with the Assistant Superintendent of Administrative Services, who shall in turn investigate the complaint and reply with an answer within ten (10) business days. If the complainant feels the grievance is not satisfactorily resolved, they may initiate formal procedures according

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written statement of the grievance signed by the complainant
shall be submitted to the Assistant Superintendent of
Administrative Services within ten (10) business days of receipt of
answers to the informal complaint. The Assistant Superintendent

Complainant within the Assistant Superintendent may submit a signed statement of appeal to the Superintendent of Schools within ten (10) business days after receipt of the Assistant Superintendent of schools within ten (10) business days after receipt of the Assistant Superintendent s response. The Superintendent shall meet with all parties involved, formulate a conclusion, and nd in writing to the complainant within ten (10) busin

responsing the complainant may appeal through a signed, written statement to the Board of Education with ten 110 business days of statement to the Board of Education with 120 business flays of the 120 receiving the Superintendents response in Step 2. In an attempt to concerned parties and their representatives within rolly 1907 appears the receipt of such an appeal. A copy of the Board's disposition of the appeal shall be sent to each concerned party within ten (10) days of

The days noted above for purposes of this policy are days when the School Districts business office is open for business to the general public. The time limits noted above may be extended by the Assistant Superintendent if warranted.

Anyone at any time may contact the U.S. Department of Education/
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nquiries concerning the nondiscriminatory policy may be directed to Director. Office of Civil Rights, U.S. Department of Education, 490 Maryland Ave., SW. Washington D.C.

The Compliance Officer, on request, will provide the complainant with a copy of the district s grievance procedure and investigate all complaints in accordance with this procedure.

A copy of each of the Acts and the regulations on which this notice i based may be found in the Assistant Superintendent's office

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was usually undersized against the offensive line, but he used his speed and hard work to cause

The Wildcats also placed four more players on the Honorable Mention team in Will Mikkelsen Krister Engja, Jimmy Pitcher and Brandon Rydzewski

FRANKLIN (5-4, 3-2) Mike Baumgarnder (11), Running Back David Fortin (12) Linebacker Connor Leidal (12), Defensive Back Sean McAultife (12), Offensive Lin Mark McRobb (12), Quarterback Dan Strafz (12), tinebacker

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SOUTH LYON (4-5, 2-3) Anthony Baskin (12), Running Back Jake Geise (12), Running Back Matt Bache (12) Defensive Line Ken Osborne (12), Offensive Line

JOHN GLENN (4-5, 3-2) Jerome Scales (12), Quarterback Sheldon Hankins (12), Linebacker Kyren Boyd (12), Defensive Bac

CHURCHILL (3-6, 1-4) Jeff Ricketts (12), Running Back Grant Morgan (12), Quarterback

SALEM (1-8, 1-4) Arithony Mullins (12), Running Back

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> JOHN GLENN Jay Bloomer, Offensive Line even Murphy, Linebacke

Chase Glover, Defensive Line CHURCHILL Nathan Zak, Defensive Line Eric Perlowski, Defensive Line

Alex Bay, Wide Receiver SALEM Justin Bashi, Tight End Austin Root, Linebacker Zach Sponscilor, Running Back

Al Covington, Defensive Line WAYNE CJ Johnson, Wide Receive Mall Mills, Linebacker Alex Bledsoe, Linebacker

SOUTH LYON EAST James Smith, Center

Peter Radalsovic, Wide Receiv

Mike Arcuraagi, Offensive Line

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Novi Jaquars U12 Boys White Team Wins its Division at the FC Pride Cup Soccer Tournament

The Novi Jaguars V12 Boys White soccer team made it a clean sweep by winning all of its games at the FC Pride Cup Soccer Tournament in Indianapolis on Oct. 4-5. Aggressive playing and great teamwork were all rewarded with the team bringing home the top trophy. The team is made up of players from Novi, Northville, rewarded with the team bridging home the top frophy. The team is made up of player's humboy, Additioner, South Lyon, Willford, Commerce and West Bloomfield. Conflictibiling to the champioship effort were Cambon Bacon, David Chen, Sean "Dallas", Evan Flashner, Aaron Harting, Jordan Klaus, Brendan "Rooney" Paul, Chase Ponto, Brandon Rogers, Austin Smith, Marc Wautelet and, in spirit, Antonio Silvestri. The team is coached by

Keeping staph on the bench

Once again, staph infecthe news this football season. From Tom Brady's suspected staph infection to Kellen Winslow's hospitalization with a staph related illness, as the NFL season wears on, staph continues to become one of its prime-time players Both situations crupted into minor fire storms with the Winslow debacle centering on whether or not the Cleveland Browns tried to hide the infection due to concerns that the franchise has had a prob lem with staph infections n the past. In a nationally distributed story, the New England Patriots were reportedly upset that Brady had not stayed in Boston to have his surgery performed by the team's physician. What I found particularly disturbing was

the thinly veiled message being that Brady's choice of physician led to his infection.

The implicit vilification of Brady's surgeon is unfair and irresponsible considering the infection rate of any elective surgery is around 2 percent regardless of geographic location of surgery, regard-less of surgeon, regardless of time of day or a host of other unrelated paramcters. It's not as if Brady's surgeon, who happens to be highly regarded by physicians, patients, not to mention the L.A. Lakers, christened Brady's knee with "staph juice" prior

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to the procedure. Staph is everywhere, on everything, from your pillow to your kitchen table. Indeed, one "epidermidis," reflecting the fact that it naturally resides on human skin When a patient is unfor tunate enough to contract a post-surgical infection, one of the first questions

is always, "Why me?" Our don't really know why this uncommon complication routine procedure but we know that in a certain small percentage of people it will happen usually because of a small surviving staph colony on the skin of the surgical site. While we have come a

geries of the Civil War, nodern medicine has been unable to reduce the infection rate of surgery to zero. Antibiotics an routinely administered to patients just prior to surgical procedures so they are circulating at the time of the skin incision Modern sterile technique are instilled in medical students and healthcare personnel from day one of their careers much in similar fashion to drilling military recruits such that what is termed "aseptic technique" becomes second nature. Indeed, each surgical procedure begins with a draping procedure in which sterile cloths ar used to isolate the surgical

site. This is preceded by

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a washing of the surgical

site with strong antiseptic solutions which reduce the presence of bacteria on the skin. An important point to understand is that skin can be cleaned but, unlike surgical instruments and ized, hence there is always a small degree of bacteria present on the skin In spite of these rituals and caution, when certain uncontrollable (and indeed, often unknown) factors are present, a bac-terial infection is possible

focus in athletics should be tion of infections. The primary method is to increase awareness of proper hygiene. Maintaining clean locker rooms, avoid ing sharing of towels and proper care of wounds are all common-sense ways of importantly, if you have a wound, report it, treat it and don't "tough it out." Antibiotics may not always

Just as in medicine, the

with ointments and dress ings are. This is a growing prob-lem not just in the NFL, not just in the high school locker room but in the community in general

be necessary but meticu-

Dr. Sean Bak is a Novi resident and an orthopedic surgeon who specializes in shoulder reconstruction and sports medicine, Dr. Bak takes care of the athletes of several area His practice, Porretta Center for Orthopedic Surgery, is based

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TECHNICAL EDUCATION CLASSES

200 individual medley and in the 500 freestyle. Also placing third were Meredith Cote in the 100 freestyle and Yukie Tamur: in the 100 breaststroke.

The Detroit Catholic

Central hockey team and the

Hockey League (MIHL) are

junior forward Brent Darnell

has verbally committed to play

State University in the Central

Collegiate Hockey Association.

Everyone connected with

the MIHL is extremely pleased for Brent and tremendously

Catholic Central hockey and

Michigan Interscholastic

Others automatically qualifying included Cote (4th. 200 free). Annalisa Morgan (4th, 100 back), Amber Cathy (5th, 200 IM), Ashley Bush (5th, 50 ree and 100 back), Emily Dempsey (5th, diving), Jacque Carless (5th, 500 free), Alyssa Kalinosky (6th, 200 IM), Michele Zerkich (6th, 100 free) and

The Wildcats also won two relays, including the 200 medley (Bush, L.

were Abel in the 100 free

Got Game?

Yep, got scores, too.

Kalinosky, Mary Anolick, Abel) and the 200 free (L. Kalinosky, Berman, Cote,

Novi 98 Ice Cats win Brad Stone Tournament in Flint

Back row: Coaches Joe Hamway, Dave Wisniewski, head coach Wade Stevenson, Michael Kirsch. Middle row: Kyle Mulka (Milford), Willow Guenther (Novi), Brandon Wisniewski (South Lyon), Matt

CC's Brent Darnell commits to MSU

This achievement is certainly a

testament to his athletic skills.

his dedication to the sport and

his work ethic. Brent has been

and will be an asset to our

program. He raises the level

of play for everyone around

him. He leads by example and handles the pressure of being the "go-to" guy very well. MSU

is getting a character player, said CC head coach Todd

As a sophomore, Brent gar-nered Michigan High School

Johnson.

Moloney (Commerce), Matt Barno (Canton), Sheldon Wasik (Novi), Kyle Dann (Novi) and Copper Hamway (Novi)

The Novi 98 lct Cats won all five of its games, winning the final game against Bay County Blizzards

6-3 The team played hard all weekend, scoring 28 goals and conceding only nine

Jenkins (Novi), Spencer Stanley (South Lyon) and Shane Agnello (South Lyon)

Goalies: Matt Jarzynski (Northville) and Josh Richardson (Novi

CONFERENCE MEET The Wildcats continued to produce great swims at the II-team conference meet, picking up three

titles along the way.

Lauren Kalinosky earned
titles in the 100 backstroke and the 100 breaststroke Abel finished first in the 100 butterfly.

The 200 freestyle relay Kalinosky, Cote and Berman also captured a

The top four placers in each event earned All-Conference honors. Finishing in second place

placed second.
Third-place finishes went to Cote in the 100 and 200 free and Berman in the 200 Tamura claimed a fourth

Division I First Team All-State

recognition and First Team

held in Slovakia this past sun

mer. Brent was the fourth

Futures Draft of the United

and Berman in the 500

free. Berman just missed winning the race by less than half a second but did

manage to set a new school

record in the race.
The 200 medley and 400

freestyle relay teams also

States Hockey League in mid-

MIHL All-League.

place finish in the 100 breaststroke. The Wildcats managed to score points in 29 individual swimming and diving events.

Novi now prepares to send its biggest squad ever to the state meet Nov. 21-

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JV Bobcats capture title

The Bobcats earned their

2008 Championship the old fashioned way, with hard work

execution, conditioning, hear

as the support staff, who give freely of their time and effort,

working tirelessly behind the

The Junior Varsity Novi Bobcats became the first team in the Western Lakes Junior Football League to success fully defend a Super Bowl Championship, avenging their only regular season loss

The Bobcats defeated the reviously unbeaten Livonia Falcons, 19-6, before a huge owd Saturday afternoo at Livonia Stevenson High The offensive leaders were

He represented the United States in the Under-17 Jeffrey Baker with 118 yards rushing and Jack Pinkerton with 83 yards. Other notable offensive producers for the Bobcats included quarterback Billy Ulle, Bobby Fox Jack Twomey, Colton Neisius, Michael Ninkovich, "Rhino"

Christian Durham, Pinkerton

Ryan Moore and Nicholas

Rabinowitz and Joey Shurmer.
Defensively, the Bobcats
managed to limit the Falcons Brent is from Canton and played his youth hockey with the Compuware 92 team. to 59 total yards of offense, thanks to tackle leaders

honorable mentions go out to Andrew Schroeder, Ryan at Livonia Stevenson High Turner, Neisius, Mitchell Lang and Luke Lyons.

Tyler Vankirk's offense started the game off quick with a big gain early in the first quarter. Ryan Davis, Thomas Rolfe and Michae and teamwork. Special thanks to the coaching staff, as well Leone's defensive plays held the Orioles off the scoreboard in the first. During the second quarter

Ryan Conlon and Ryan Welch

scenes to make this organizacontinued to lead the strong tion a success. These volun-teers, as well as the Bobcat pa Bobcat defense, However, it wasn't enough to keep the ents, cheerleaders and players Orioles from scoring a touch have all contributed to anothe down. At halftime the Bobcats great season of football, learn-During the second half the ng and fun for all.

The Bobcats are led by head coach Bill Ulle and assistant Bobcats struggled with inter-ceptions by the Orioles. coaches Pinkerton, Ninkovich, With turnovers and inter-Shurmer, Robson and ceptions it was tough for the Lonergan. Both teams played a very

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npressive game. The Orioles won the 2008 WLJFL Champion title

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FOOTBALL

Mach said. "They were stunting inside

quite a bit.
"We were inches away from different

things taking place tonight, but we just didn't get it done."

The Spartans took the lead right

back with a 29-yard field goal by Jonny Myshock three minutes later.

After forcing a punt, the Spartans took over at their own 20 and took just five plays to go the distance. Wade Stahl had catches of 19 and 35 yards on the drive. Austin White ran in from the 5 for a 17-7 lead that stood into the half.

Stevenson got the ball to open the half and again methodically marched down the field. This 62-yard drive was done mostly on the ground. Stahl finished it off with a 6-yard run and a 24-7 lead. The Shamrocks didn't go in panic mode and got back in the same with a score.

and got back in the game with a score of their own. Steve Harding took a lat-eral pass 30 yards down the Shamrock sideline to finish off a four-play, 62-yard

drive. The extra point bounced off the upright, leaving CC trailing 24-13.

The Shamrocks' last quality chance came on a long drive that lasted almost six minutes. CC faced a fourth-and-goal from the Spartan 5. The Shamrocks lined the path of the point of the state up with three receivers to quarterback Sam Landry's right, and his attempt to thread a bullet in failed, once again turning the ball over to the Spartans with 8:35

to play.

Mach explained going for the touchdown instead of kicking a field goal.

"We felt we were down there and it w hard getting down there," he said. "We

were going to go for the touchdown and take care of the rest after if we got that opportunity." The final Shamrock possession ended on a turnover on downs near midfield

on a turnover on downs near midfield with :09 remaining.

"I was real proud of our seniors all year long," Mach said. "They showed a lot of guts. They gave us great leadership as the year progressed. I'm real proud of them."

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CC quarterback Sam Landry lays the ball out for Niko Palazeti during the first-round matchup with Novi.

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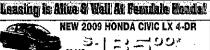
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