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Novi Chief of Police David Molloy, left, gives Detective Todd Anger the department's highest award, The Novi Police Leadership

Novi police recognize citizens and staff for working together

BY KELLY MURAD

The Novi Police Department recognized more than 30 people at its semiannual awards ceremony Nov. 14 in the department training

to recognize the outstanding work of our officers, support staff and citizens that all work together to create a safer community," said Novi Police Deputy Chief Tom

Lindberg. About a dozen of the recipients were awarded for their efforts in cracking the decade-old cold case of the murder of Tamara Pittao.

Just one week prior, Daniel Pittao, 49, of Highland Township was sentenced to mandatory life in was sentenced to mandatory life in prison without parole for murder-ing his estranged wife, Tamara Pittao, whose body was found in her Novi home, Thanksgiving Day,

Novi Police Chief David Molloy lauded Joyce Todd, Greg Townsend, Paul Walton and Deborah Carley of the Oakland County prosecutor's office for their casework against Pittao.

"They were a great complement to our team." he said

Detective Todd Anger received a leadership award, which Molloy enid is the highest award at the Novi Police Department.

"He was given a very complex case that he was able to organize in the matter of weeks," said Molloy, noting the police report of the Pittao case was more than 4,000



Novi Chief of Police David Molloy, left, awards Oakland County Prosecutors Joyce Todd and Greg Townsend for their part in helping to convict Daniel Pittao in the recently concluded Tamara Pittao murder trial.

pages. "Throughout the case, Todd made many personal sacrifices. He came in early and stayed late."

Other members of the Novi Police Department recognized for their involvement in the Pittao case included Lt. Victor Lauria Orlowski and Set. Pat Fanning.

The ceremony also awarded civilian citations to Ayumi Sugimoto, Elena Rose, Allison Tschirnart and Maria Dismondy The Novi residents were recog-nized for their courageous efforts and working with the police department in various situations.

The following police department personnel also received awards last

Friday: Michelle Balog, Jeff Brown, Linda Carpenter, Julie Conner, Mike Corbett, Gerylann Garris, Alisa Gilbert, Alan Hashim, Cyndee Hayes, Kevin Hebert, Sue Hein, Paul Leslie, Mike Marchetti, Virginia Martinson, Phyllis May, Jason Meier, John Nelson, Shawn Penzak, Donna Roy, Jerry Stempien, Brian Tillman, Michael en, Carol Westfall, Jon Zabick

"I'm extremely proud to be able to work beside them each and every day," Molloy said. "It's truly. an honor to be able to recognize

and Erick Zinser.

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Audit reveals fiscal health, predicts decline in taxable value

Representatives of Plante & Moran gave a "clean opinion" of the City of Novi's finances for the year ended June 30, 2008, during an audit presentation at the Nov. 10 City Council meeting. "Joe Heffernan from

Plante & Moran presented and the city's financial reports accurately reflect the city's financial posi-tion," said Novi City Manager Clay Pearson. "The numbers themselves are solid, particularly given the environment

right now."

The audit presentation revealed the city maintained a budget of more than 14-18 percent in undesignated funds of annual expenditures in the general fund balance for the 2007-08 fiscal year.

"We finished better than anticipated for last year, so that helps for the next year," Pearson said. "We're definitely remaining prudent. We've maintained keeping that

unreserved cash balance healthy."

The report showed the city's general

fund balance at \$12.4 million and its tax millage rate of 10.5416 mills to be one of the lowest in Oakland County. But according to Plante & Moran, the

city should be prepared for a 4-5 percen decline in taxable value for the 2009-10 budget year.

"Looking ahead, as has been anticipat-ed, there is going to be a decline in taxable value," Pearson said. "But I think we're in a

decent position to absorb that."

In dealing with the instability of state shared revenue and the decline in taxable value, Pearson said the city is monitoring its current budget, in anticipation of the 2009-10 fiscal year.

"We're looking very realistically toward the future," he said. "Any reductions we are doing now are going to be beneficial for future years."

Pearson said the city would not only maintain, but also continue to improve upon base services such as police, fire and

"We'll continue to make the investment in services and facilities," he said.
"The library is a good example of a sound investment

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Novi resident offers insight to world-of-writing

BY KELLY KURAD

Writer Sylvia Durant's most recent

book is meant to inspire people to write. "There's A Book In You is writing in its simplest form," said Durant, 72. "It's about understanding the writing steps and putting your heart into your writ-

ing."

Durant said the self-published book, which launched in September, targets the hows, whats, whys, ways and means

of writing a book.
"This book was written to help people understand themselves and where they're going as a writer," Durant said.
"It offers valuable information that inspires motivation.

The book not only covers the basics of writing, but aspects of publishing including titles, cover art and fonts.

"Make your book so eye-catching, mind-gripping and integrity-filled, that you would buy it yourself," Durant said. While attending book fairs and vendor shows with her first book, A Better Man, Woman & Child, which was published in 2004 Durant falt inspired to lished in 2004, Durant felt inspired to

write a second book. "So many people were asking me how to write a book," she said. "But the only, way to write, is to write."

Along with writing, Durant offers creative consultations. Regardless of the type of writing her clients want to pursue, Durant said it is important for them to acknowledge why they are writ-

ing.
"Whatever you write you have to keep
the integrity," she said. "To have integrity that is so vivid that you amaze people with your very person.



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Novi resident Sylvia Durant, a published author, believes that everyone has a book in them.

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Durant said she has been writing since she was 7, but prides herself on being mostly self-educated. The 12-year Novi resident spent

seven years working for Wayne State University's radio station WDET-FM, interviewing entertainers on the pro-gram "For My People." "If it's in you, it's there," she said. "But

sometimes, all of us have a fear of su

cess because there's a lot of responsibil-ity with success."

There's A Book In You is available on a print on demand basis.

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CITY OF NOVI SURVEY IN THE MAIL

Novi residents are being asked to rate several community characteristics and services this month as 1,200 households will receive city surveys in the

Residents began receiving sur-veys this week, and the City has no role in selecting survey partici-pants. All recipients were chosen at random by a survey firm. Residents are asked to return

the survey by December 8. Community members who were not selected to participate in the mailed survey will still ave the opportunity to voice their opinions. The same sur-

households will be made available in December on cityofnovi. The City of Novi is conduct-

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ing the survey to compare the 2008 results with those of the 2006 National Citizen Survey. The survey will find out which services residents use most often, what they think about City services, and how aroun City services, and how they view general issues such as growth, the local economy and traffic. Findings will help Novi gauge budget and service priorities.

The survey is being conduct

firm has worked with the International City and County Management Association to develop the National Citizen Survey, a standardized questionnaire allowing cities across the nation to compare results.

A report on the results is expected to be complete in

January. Residents who have questions about the survey can contact the Community Relations Office at (248) 735-5628.

ed by the National Research Center, a Denver firm. The

With hopes of being a star, about 200 Novi residents in less than one week have submitted their information to be included in the City of Novi's Movie Extras Database

The Novi Film Office cre-ated a database, which will be available to production com-panies, containing general nformation of people interested in working as extras in

in the community.
"We want to be able to help wherever we can," said Novi Economic Development

Novi residents get shot at stardom

Manager Ara Topouzian. With the passing of the Michigan Film Incentive, which went into effect in April, more projects are choosing the Great Lake State for filming, and the City of Novi is trying to market itself as a film-friendly com-

munity.
"I would go as far as to say
we are probably one of the
first communities in Oakland County to go as far in total-ity," Topouzian said. "I think we have the whole package."

in being cast as an extra must send an e-mail titled "Movie Extra" to Robin Kummer at rkummer@cityofnovi.org.
The e-mail must include the resident's name, address, phone number, date of birth and gender. The information will only be shared with producers filming in the area, so the privacy of applicants will

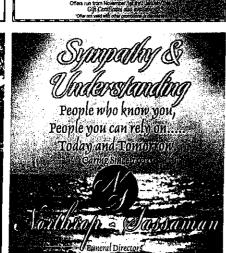
"It is by no means a guar-antee, but it's a way to get our residents involved," Topouzian said. The use of community members in any film or commercial is up to the discretion of the production companies.

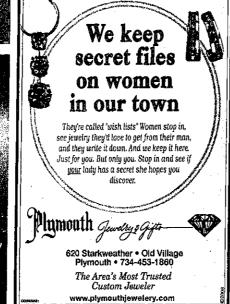
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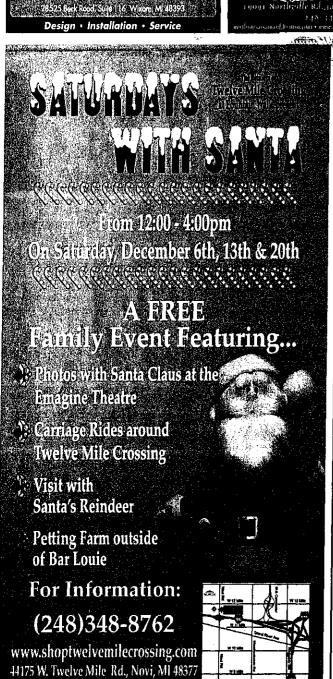
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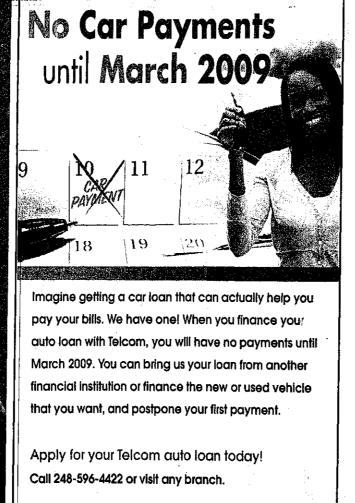
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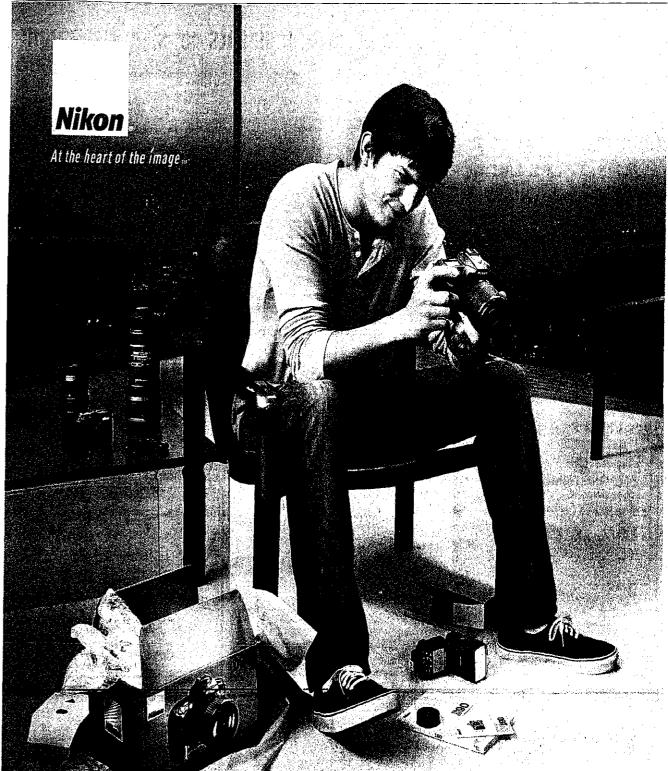












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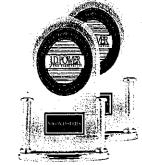


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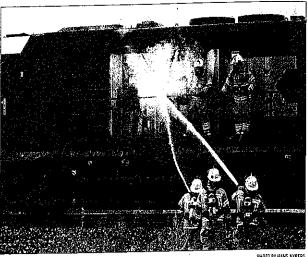


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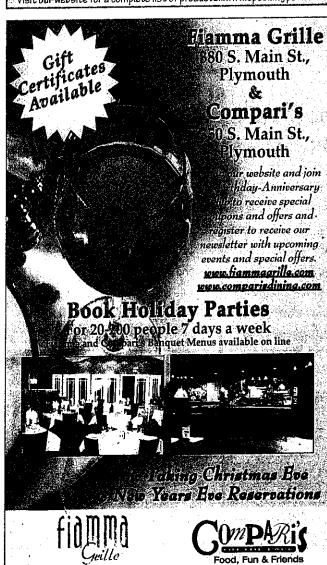
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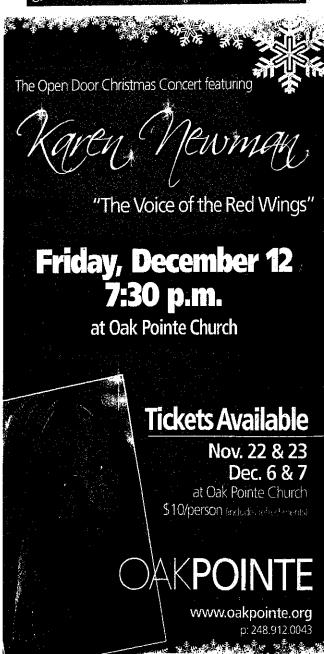
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Tell us in 100 words or less why you want to have lunch with Dick Purtan, the dean of Detroit radio, and his zany morning show crew at Buddy's Pizza in Farmington Hills. E-mail your entry to BuddysDiningStars@gmail. com by 5 p.m. Wednesday.

In addition to lunch, the winner will be treated to a

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Newspapers. Dick Purtan is one of Michigan's most recognized on-air personalities. As host of 104.3 WOMC's Morning Show with Portan's People, he entertains his loyal listeners with comedic commentary and topical wit.

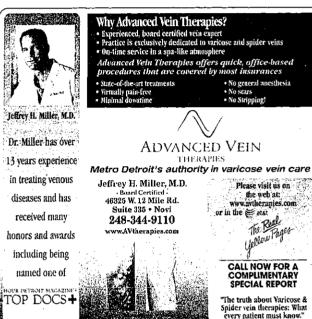
Purtan's work also has been recognized on a national level. Billboard Magazine's "Major Market Air Personality of the Year" and is the winner of radio's top prize, The National Association of Broadcasters MARCONI Award as "Major Market Air Personality of the Year. In 2006, Purtan was inducted into the National Association of Broadcasting Hall of Fame in Las Vegas. Only one person in the radio industry is inducted each year.

For 21 years, his annual Salvation Army Radiothon has raised almost \$17 million for the Salvation Army's Bed & Bread program.

Dick Purtan and Purtan's People can be heard Monday through Friday on 104.3 WOMC from 5-10 a.m., and Saturdays from 6-10 a.m.

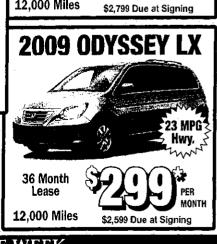
















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Dentist collected 350pounds of candy

Household Hazardous Waste (NO HAZ) Consortium had JMG Dentistry received another record-breaking year with 4,344 residents 350-pounds of Halloween candy during its candy buy back Nov. 3-6. For the first time. Dr. Justin Geller hosted tion events; an increase of a candy drive where he paid 68 percent. The amount of participants \$1 per pound of donated candy and made a matching contribution to the household hazardous waste collected during the three events was 542,109 pounds Make-A-Wish Foundation. which represents a 140 per-The candy collected at the Novi-based business was expected to be donated to 12 Oakland County commu-Soldiers' Angels, an organization that puts together care nities representing 17 local governments that offer resipackages for troops stationed dents a safe and environmen

Ringing in the Holidays

The City of Novi is hosting its annual Ringing in the Holidays event from 6-9 p.m. Friday, Dec. 5 on Main Street, south of Grand River Avenue and east of Novi Road. The free community
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Novi Choralaires annual Christmas concert

Members of the Novi Choralaires are hard at work perfecting their 2008 Christmas Concert Series, cent increase over 2007. NO HAZ is a consortium of "Christmas Ornaments." The concerts, which are Dec. 5-7, will feature Christmas favorites, along with spe-cial guests, the TALACODA Handbell Quartet, Under the tally responsible way to dis-pose of household hazardous direction of Janet Wassilak and accompanied by Trenda waste. Participating commu-DeGraw, the Choralaires is nities of this year's program were Addison Township, a chorus of men and women from Novi and the surround ing areas. The performances are 7:30 p.m. Dec. 5 at First United Methodist Church of Farmington; 7:30 p.m. Dec. 6 at Novi United Mathodiel Church; and 4 p.m. Dec. 7 at Church of the Holy Family. Tickets are \$12 each, or \$10

for groups of 10 or more and are sold at the Novi Civic Center Parks Office, 45175 W. 10 Mile Road; the Novi Senior Center, 25075 Meadowbrook Road; and at the door. For more information call (248) 347-0400 or

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Six Qakland County Parks will offer free entry during the Thanksgiving holiday, Nov. 27-28. The six participating locations are Addison Oaks near Oxford; Highland Oaks in Highland; Independence Oaks in Clarkston; Lyon Oaks in Wixom; Orion Oaks in Orion Township; and Rose Oaks in oakgov.com/parksrec for oark offerings and maps.



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LOCAL NEWS

Colleen Ewald gives a kiss to the English mastiff "Griffin" of Josh Badour at last week's Family Pet Show at Novi's Rock Financial Showplace. Griffin is about average for a full-grown mastiff at about 180 pounds. Ewald's bull mastiff



Cynthia Darling, of a little buss to a miniature dachshund Pet Expo at Novi's Rock Financial



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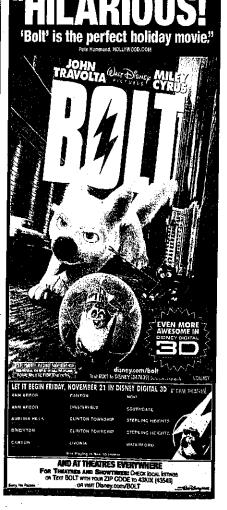
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8-9 p.m. program, every Thursday. DETAILS: Informative and entertaining programs of interest to singles; \$5 per person. Check website

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Nass Schedule TIME/DAY: 7:30, 9, 10:30 a.m. and 12:15 p.m. Sunday; 9 a.m. Monday, Wednesdey, Thursday, Friday; 6:30 a.m. Toesday, Wednesdey, Thursday: F p.m. Tuesday; 5 p.m. (English), 6:30 p.m. (Spanish) Saturday Bely Days: 9 a.m., 5:30 and 7:30 p.m. Reconciliation: beginning 9 a.m. Saturdays or by applications.

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Vehicle damaged in Deerfield parking lot

the passenger-side, near the taillight, reports said. The back, side of a vehicle was dented while parked in the Deerfield Elementary School lot at Wixom and II Mile roads

According to the victim, no other vehicles were parked next
to the vehicle or evidence indi
to hers when she arrived at the
cating it may have been hit by school at about 8:30 a.m. Nov. t, or when she left later that Driving without valid day at about 4 p.m.

The vehicle was parked north license of Novi Middle School, near the tennis courts, reports said.

According to police, a footprint was seen in the dent,

meaning an unknown suspect could have kicked the vehicle. There was no paint damage cating it may have been hit by another vehicle, reports said.

NOVI POLICE BRIEFS The dent, which is about

about 4 p.m. Nov. 8 for failing to have a valid driver's license, one-foot in diameter, was on reports said.

The victim was stopped for traveling 53 mph in a 40 mph zone on eastbound Grand Grand River Avenue, west of Plint Street and conducted a

traffic stop in the Sunoco gas station, just west of Novi Road. The driver of the black Pontiac Vibe said she was trying to locate Rock Financial Showplace to meet some

HOME COOKING FIRES PEAK ON THANKSGIVING

Thanksgiving is the peak day for home cooking fires and the National Fire Protection Association is orging the public to keep safety in mind when

In 2005, cooking fires were involved in about 1,300 reported home structure fires on Thanksgiving, which is almost

three times the daily average. Studies show cooking fires are the number one cause of home fires and home fire injuries, with hundreds of Americans killed each year and thousands more injured.

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more than half a billion dollars in property damage to homes and the belongings inside. It is important to remember to monitor meal preparation closely as most cooking fires start because cooking has been left unattended.

The National Fire Protection Association offers these tips for safer cooking

· Stay in the kitchen when you are frying, grilling or broiling food.

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If you must leave the home for even a short period of time, turn off the stove or oven.

. Use the stove's back burn-



check it regularly and remain in the home while food is cook

Stay alert. Don't cook if you

 Keep things that burn
 potholders, oven mitts, paper or plastic - off your stovetop.

loaster oven. · Clean food and grease off irners, stovetops and ovens. Wear clothing with sleeves

tightly rolled up. Keep kids away from cooking areas by enforcing a "kidfree zone" of three feet around the stove.

ose the stoves back burners whenever possible, and turn pot handles inward to reduce the risk that pots with hot contents will be knocked over. felt left out? Had challenges Never hold a small child while cooking.



ing, boiling or reasting food,

are sleepy, have been drinking alcohol or have taken medicine that makes you drowsy.

· Don't store things that can burn in an oven, microwave or

that are short, close fitting or



Winning spirit The Novi Middle School and High School pompon teams placed high in their divisions at the 2008 Mid American Pompon Dance and High Kick Championship taking place earlier this month. Novi Middle School took third place in the Middle School High Kick category, Novi High School junior varsity earned third place in the Junior Varsity High Kick category and Novi High School varsity took fourth place

CLASS NOTES

Raising Resilient Kids

Novi School District is

eased to present: Raising

p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 27 inside the

Forum. Has your child ever

getting along with other kids? Been faced with other difficult

situations? Conflict and emo-

tional pain are a part of life and kids can actually become

s and better able to deal

with them in the future. This is

resilience – the ability to draw

strength when bad things han

pen. Participation in this work-

shop will provide strategies

to help children become more

stronger from these experi-

Community Education (ITC)

Resilient Kids. The free work shop with parent coach Nancy Prisby will take place 7-8:30

CARE program open

in the Large Yarsity High Kick category. The teams are currently preparing for the regional competition at Churchill High School on Jan. 17 with hopes of gualifying for the State Competition in February.

The Novi Comm Education Infant and Toddler CARE Program is hosting an open house 5:30-7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 9 at Novi High School, 24062 Taft Road, The program is open to all Nov residents, employees of The City of Novi, employees of District, as well as Providence Park Hospital employees. 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 com-

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Family Life Community Church of South Lyon announces the opening of its newest ministry.

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Providing food and clothing assistance to families all across the community. PROVIDING A HAND UP - NOT A HAND OUT! Our mission is to reach out to anyone in need.

Clothing Closet Days and Hours will be: Tuesday 10-3PM Thursday 10-5PM Donations accepted: Wednesday 12:00-2:00PM

All clothing will be for those in need. If you have any questions call Carol Montgomery at (248)464-9781

Angel Food Ministry

ed as a host location for Angel Food Ministries dedicated to serving families throughout the United d has expanded into 35 states and helps close to 500,000 families monthly with their food needs. Ange and FLCC crosses all denominational lines and works to reach out to anyone in need. gel Food has expanded into 35 s Food and FLCC crosses all dend Every month Angel Food creates a wonderful menu that consists of both fresh and frozen items. This menu changes monthly

ALL THIS FOR THE LOW PRICE OF \$30 per unit Angel Food is the same high quality food one would purchase at the grocer. There is no limit on the number of units an individual or family can purchase.

Accepting new orders for December on Saturday, November 22 There are no pre-quelifiers and no applications to participate in our Angel Food program, and participating is easy. For more details please call our Angel Food Coordinator. Carla Emerson at (734) 644-2550.

Family Life Community Church is a mutti-functional, full service church dedicated to serving God, South Lyon and the surrounding communities.

82345 W. Eight Mile Rd South Lyon, MI 48178 www.familfecc.net Joseph Tabbi, Pasto

Novi resident Keith Famie shares vision, advice

"Make every heartbeat count." Keith Famie brought his film work and philosophy to area students last week, urging them to ives and the lives of their family

The Novi resident spoke to students Nov. 12 at Harrison High

School in Farmington.
The former metro-Detroit chel and former star in the 2000 TV reality series, Survivor, has taken a new turn in his life by way of film production.

Famie learned that he enjoyed being behind the camera more than he enjoyed being in front of

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struction projects. The schools now have designated music and

ovations in other areas of

art rooms and gymnasiums.

the buildings are also com-

Novi High School

Athletics Web site

plete. Tours will be provided.

The Novi Athletic Boosters

new Web site is www.noviath-

leticboosters.com. The site is

the source for upcoming Nov

raising events and Wildcat game schedules. The Novi

Athletic Boosters events, fund

Athletic Boosters raise money

to support Novi Wildcat stu-

dent athletes at Novi high and middle schools. Proceeds are

used to purchase uniforms,

equipment, training and so

more students can participate

In the last two years, he has won seven Emmy Awards for four productions about different ethnicities in the Detroit area — Polish, Greek, Arab American and Italian. His next story on India will air

at 7 p.m., Dec. 20 on WXYZ-TV

said about his work. He realized when his father, Albert, died four years ago from Alzheimer's disease that he had never taken the time to film his

Famie is also working on films

He has featured a 15-year-old blind girl who goes to school in Grand Rapids. She was born with out eyes. He also features Captain Ivan Castro who is in the milithe U.S. Army. He was struck by mortar fire. The 39-year old ran since he lost his eyesight.

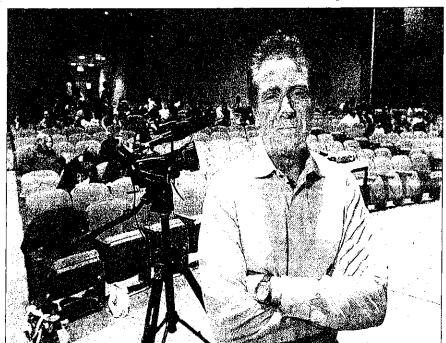
Famie's film company, Visionalist Entertainmer Production is based in Wixom and specializes in human interest

Famic wants students to know how quickly time passes and urge: them to appreciate elders and

The Novi resident was invited to Harrison High School in Farmington Hills because his son Josh, is a junior in Katerina Gadjev's World Literature class His daughter, Alicia, graduated from Harrison High School in

If you walk away with anything. I hope that you walk away knowing that anything is pos-sible," Famie said. "You can do

anything in life that you want! Junior Shelby Ferrara called Famie's presentation "awesom especially the stories he told about how blind people have adapted. "It was really touching," Ferrara



Want to retire early? Adjust your investment strategy

fixed-income vehicles to provide

Novi resident Keith Famie visited Harrison High School last week to share his latest projects in the film industry.

Do you want to retire early? Many people do — but they're not always financially prepared.

If you're thinking of taking early etirement, start preparing for it – as early as you can. To afford early retirement, you've got to address at least two key finan-

ial concerns.

First, by definition, you'll have more years of retirement to pay for than people who retire later. And second, by retiring early, you're sacrificing the opportunity to contribute to your 401(k) or other

employer-sponsored retirement plan-also, you need earned income to contribute to an IRA. How can you overcome these potential barriers to a successful

early retirement? For starters, you'll need to put

as much as you can possibly afford into your 401(k) and IRA each year — and a greater percentage of the investments in these accounts may need to be in growth-oriented vehicles, such as stocks.

protect against loss.)

Of course, it's not a good idea to fill your retirement accounts entirely with stocks, given their higher risk and volatility. You'll also want to add some bonds, certificates of deposit (CDs) and other fixed-income investments to help diversify your holdings. (Keep in mind, though, that diversification cannot guarantee a profit or

Furthermore, if you're going to be lower than if you had waited, so retire early, you may well need these before you retire, make sure these

you with a more predictable income stream. Remember, however, that since your retirement could last 30 years or more, you'll still need growth-oriented investments to keep you ahead of inflation, which over time, can seriously erode your purchasing power. So, a few years

to review your portfolio to make sure you have the proper balance between "growth" and "income" also decide to take Social Security earlier than at your full retirement age. Your monthly payments will

be lower than if you had waited, so,

before you retire, you may want

smaller checks can still provide for some of your needs. And speaking of checks, there's no reason that early retirement means

you'll never earn another paycheck. If you decide to open a sm ness, take a part-time job or do some consulting, you can once again con-tribute to an IRA or even open your own retirement plan, such as a SEP-IRA or SIMPLE IRA, Obviously, the additional income and the ability to contribute to a retirement plan can make early retirement more afford-

One final note: If you're contemplating early retirement, you may want to consult with a professional financial advisor well before you

make your move to make sure you've

saved enough.

A financial advisor can also help you decide upon a reasonable annual rate of withdrawal from your investments. You don't want to take out so nuch that you risk running short in later years, nor do you want to withdraw so little that you struggle to

make ends meet.

Early retirement can be both a challenge and a joy. To reduce the challenge and increase the possibility of joy, though, you'll need to start planning soon — as in right now.

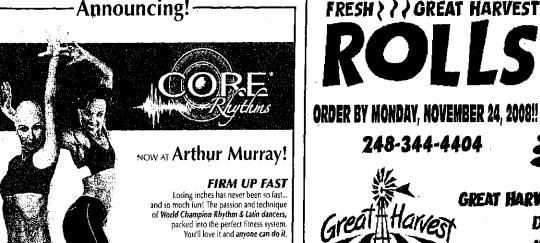
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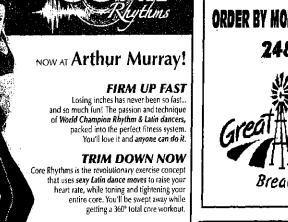
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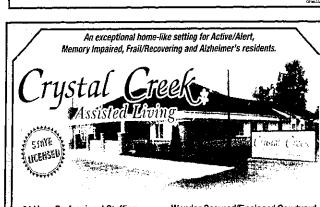
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TINC/OATE: 11 a.m.-1 p.m. Friday

LOCATION: Sav-On-Drugs, 24100 Neadowbrook DETAILS: Elu shots are \$25 and preumonia shets are \$35 Payment optrons include cash, check and credit card, as well as Medicare and medical insurances. Clinics open for ages 14 and over. For weekly fist-ing of flu clinics call (877) 728-6628. CDMTACT: (248) 478-3000

DETAILS: New and used ski and snowboard ing it to Novi High School on Saturday from (0-il a m. A 25 percent comm held by sky team to support our events an to buy needed fraining equipment. Pick up insold equipment from 3-5 p.in. Saturda

RINE/DATE: Doors open 7 p.m. for potluck, concert begins 8 p.m. Saturday
LOCATION: Newport Furnishings, 29240 Lyon
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Oaks, Dr., Wixom OETAILS: Monthly concert series featuring ack and Billy Brand!

"Deface the Mation" at Second City TINE/DATE: 8 p.m. Wednesday, Thursday and Sunday: 8 and III n.m. Friday: and C and S LOCATION: The Second City, 42705 Grand

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River Ave. DETAILS: Enjoy this all-political revue with customized comedy for the election year Tickets are \$15 except on Friday and

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more information. Club Meeting DATE: Tuesday, Jan. 20, 2009

guest speaker Brian Dickerson, Free Press water, Details on web site.

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City of New Review and the Nothers INEX/PINCE - 99 m. Firlday, Dec. 5 IACA/INEX Main Street, south of Grand River Are, east of Hover Road DETAILS. Come join this free, Jun-filled com-munity event. Electric Light Parade, Just Bell Jog, Inot Sampling, live music, Sanda photos, marshmallow roasting, arts and craft is and more. To become a sponsor, contact Susan Cusick at 1248) 347-0588 or social-Sichlaghousian markets.

CONTACT: cityofnovi.org or Gerek at (248)

Border's Express LOCATION: Twelve Oaks Mail Book Signings TIME/DATE: 2-4 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 6

DETAILS: Monte Nagler, author of "Amos Walker's Detroil" and "Monte Nagler's Michigan". TIKE/BRE: 2-4 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 13 DETAILS: T. C. Cameron, author of "Metro Detroil High School Football Rivalry".

CONTACT: (248) 348-8922 Tays for Tels DASE: Through hraugh Dec. 13

DETAILS: Donate a new, unwrapped toy (no oy gans) for area children in need Santa Yisits with Children TIME/DATE: 3-5 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 13 en visit with Santa and receive a freat. Bring your camera.

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DETAILS: For ages 3 to 8 Fill out a form to Santa to call your child Forms at city of om or at the Parks and Rec. desi Deadline is 5 pm on Dec. 4. Wikom kid only. No fee. CONTACT: (248) 624-2850

Breakfast with Santa TIME/OATE: 8:11 a m. Saturday, Dec 13 OCTAILS: Visit the fire department on Wixom Road or call (248) 624-1055 to register. Bring a can of food

Muspice Twilight Ball and Benefit TIME/DATE: 7 mm Wednesday, Dec. 31 New Year's Eve LOCATION: Rock Financial Center, 46100 Grand River Ave. BFTANS: Good food, open bar, live music

oment Tickets are \$95. Ask about VIP table reservations and r All proceeds go to the American Cancer Society CONTACT: PwilightBenefit com or (248) 896

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Milday Menbership Lindeon TME/DIE: 11:30 a.m. Wednesday, Dec. 3 IDALMIN: ROLE Financial Showplace, 46:00 Grand River Ave. BEMILE: Cost is 525 pre-registered, 530 at door. Register poline at novichamber.com or Call (248): 349-3743. INE/DATE: 8 a.m. Wednesday Dec. 10

A telecommunications project has been proposed for construction within a triangular gras sy area bordered by 12 Mile Road to the north, the M-5 on-ramp to the southwest, and M-5 to the east in the City of Novi, Oakland County, Michigan. The project will consist of the construction of a 150-foot monopole consist of the construction of a 150-foot monopole telecommunications tower with associated equipment. This notice is to serve as an opportunity for members of the public to comment on the proposed tower with regards to potential effects on historic properties. Any comments should be directed to Edge Consulting Engineers, Inc. Contact information is no follows:

Tracy L. Drunasky, Edge Consulting Engineers, Inc., 624 Water Street, Prairie du Sac, WI 53578
Phone: 608-644-1449, Email: tdrunasky@edgeconsult.com

CITY OF NOVI PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT the Zoning Board Appeals for the City of Novi will hold a public hearing on Tuesday, December 09, 2008 at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers Novi Civic Center 45175 W. Ten Mile Road to consider: Case No. 08-059 Filed by Lloyd Waters & Associates for Bella Terra located north of Nine Mile Road and west of Garfield Road

Garfield Road
Lloyd Waters and Associates is requesting one twenty-one square
foot sign variance for an oversized entranceway sign erected
without a permit located at the intersection of Nine Mile Road
and the east side of Torino Drive for the Bella Terra Subdivision.
The property is zoned R-A and located north of Nine Mile Road
and west of Garfield Road.

Case No. (2006) Filed by Acc. Family Hardware located.

and west of Carried Road.

Case No. 08-061 Filed by Ace Family Hardware located cast of Novi Road and south of Nine Mile Road. gans of Nova Road and south of Nine Mile Road
Ace Family Hardware is requesting approval for placement of an
outdoor propose exchange rack on the west elevation of the
building at 22104 Novi Road in the Oakpointe Plaza. The
property is zoned I-1, but is subject to a consent judgment that
makes the regulations of the B-1 District applicable to the
property and is located east of Novi Road and south of Nine Mile
Road.

Road.

Case No. 08-062 Filed by Grubb & Ellis for 41000 Bridge Street located north of Eleven Mile Road and east of Meadowbrook Road

Grubb & Ellis is requesting 2 variances for a 7' x 9', 63 square foot real estate advertising sign to be located at 41000 Bridge Street. The petitioner is requesting a variance for 5 feet in height and 47 square feet in area. The property is zoned I-1 and located north of Eleven Mile Road and east of Meadowbrook Road.

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LOCATION: The Art Institute of Michigan DETAILS: Enjoy a sit-down breaklast and networking

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TIME/DATE: 5-7 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 17

LOCATION: Mezza Mediterranean Grille

DETAILS: S15 preregistration, S20 at door

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INE/OATE 11:30 a.m.-l.n.m. Today LOCATION: Cha Ambassador Meeling TIME/DATE: 9:15 p.m. Friday LOCATION: Chamber Office lative Comm. Meeting Government/Legislative Comm. FINE/DATE: 10.30 a.m. Friday

BUSINESS

Oakland County Business Workshops LOCATION: Oakland County Executive Office Building Conference Center, 2100 Pontia Lake Road, west of Telegraph Road CONTACT: For location specifics and pre-reg-istration please call (248) 858-0783 or visit

TIME/DATE: 6-9.30 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 11 Nori Rotary Cloh TIME/OATE: Noon every Thursda LOCATION: Novi Methodist Church, 41671 W 10 OFFAILS: Lunch is \$10 at meeting. Visitors

velcome. Check Web site for speaker infor mation; novirolary.org. Americaa Business Women's Association Meetings TIME/DATE: 6:15 p.m. second Wednesday of

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OFFICE Country and Cou CONTACT: (248)-330-6315 or abwa-novi.org.

Good Sense Financial Workshop TINE/DATE: 8 a.m.-3:30 p.m. Saturday LOCATION: Grace Chapel, 27996 Halstead Road, Farmington Hills

DETAILS: This free workshop is based or Biblical financial principles and provides useful budgeting knowledge and tools to help people take charge of their Innancial future Open to all, regardless of current financial situation. Call (248) 488-015k. ext. 222 to register. Required pre-work will be mailed to you.

Federal Tax Lectures INF/BATE: 8 a m -4.30 p.m. Thursday, Dec. Grand River Ave. DETAILS: For Michigan Association of Certified Public Accountants. Hear from

nationally known experts a complete update on federal lax legislation. Also

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NOTICE OF CITY COUNCIL VACANCY CITY OF NOVI

Notice is hereby given of an anticipated vacancy on the Novi City Notice is hereby given of an indicipation variancy on the Novi City Council. If you are interested in applying for appointment for the term ending November, 2009, please obtain and complete an application by visiting the City of Novi's website at www.cityofnovi.org or contact the City Clerk's office, 45175 W 10 Mile Road, Novi, M1 48375 or by email to: morenclaim@cityofnovi.org or by phone: 248-347-0456 or fax to 248-347-0577. The dendline for submission of applications is December 15, 2008. The City Council will held interviews at 6:00 µ.m. on Monday, December 15, 2008 in the Council Chambers. landay, December 15, 2008 in the Council Chamber

Maryanne Cornelius, CMC City Clerk

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CITY OF NOVI PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

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All interested persons are invited to attend. Verbal comments may be heard at the hearing and any written comments must be received by the Planning Department, 45175 W. Ten Mile Road, Novi, MI 48375 by 4:00 P.M., Wednesday, December 10, 2008.

Novi Planning Commission Andrew Gulman, Secretary

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of each month.

DETAILS: Book discussion group for older

Novi's Fox Run employee Danny McNeil leaps up and makes a catch during the Second Annual Flag Football Game

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Novi Planning Commission Andrew Gutman, Secretary

BOARD

LOCATION: Novi Civic Center, City Council Chambers DETAILS: General meeting of the entire

channel 13. Fall Slory times: See our brochure or the Events page on our Web site at www.novili-browners. brary.org Library Closed Friday Roy. 21 for stall training. Lego Club TIME/DATE: 6:7 p.m. Monday DETAILS: Kids in grade K-4 join us for Lego show and tell and building activities. No

Wednesday, Nov. 26 and will be closed Nov. 27 for Thanksgiving. ILME/DATE: 10 a.m.-noon Saturday, Novi. 29 DETAILS: Inspirational environment for writ-ers to collaborate, critique and create with-other writers. Facilitated by local writer Kathy Mutch. for ages 18 and older. Please

The Library will close at 5 p.m. on

Hovie Day TIME/DATE: 2-3:45 p.m. Saturday Nov. 29 DETAILS: For kids in grades K and up, come watch "Wall-E" with the family. DETALS: Applications a Monday, Dec. I

TIME/DATE: Moon-1 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 2, 9 and 16 GETAILS: Make friends and practice your English pronunciation and conversation skills, Group guided by a volunteer from Dakland County Literacy Council, No need

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Lake 10 a.m.-8 p.m. Monday, Tuesday, Halbel HBUES: 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Wednesday, and Saturday, 15 p.m. Sunday, closed Friday. CONTRC: (248) 624-9772 or e-mail to admin@wallediakeilbrary.org
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IME/OATE: 12:30 p.m. third Tuesday of each month BETALS: Drop in for Informal discussion. Bring a bag lunch, check library for current oook selection. Nov. 18 - Holiday Luncheor DETAILS: Children, ages 2-5 are invited to hear stories. Crafts, games, puppets, treats

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49015 Pontiac Trail, Wixom HOURS: 10 a.m.-8 p.m. Monday-Thursday; a.m.-5 p.m. Friday-Saturday; 1-5 p.m. Su CONTACT: (248) 624-2512 or visit wixomlirary.org Auseam 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 detroitadventurepass.org for

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Friday and 9 a.m.-noon Saturday 9-11 a.m.: Line Dance Noot: Lunch: "Time for Turkey" Party 13-4p.m.: Alzheimer's Caregive CONTACT: (248) 347-0410

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DETAILS: Became proficient in Microsoft floor: Lunch: 12:30 p.m.: Pinochie

employment exams and Microsoft Office swarded. Fee is \$375 plus book fee of \$60. Computer Fundamentals for Employment TINE/DATE: 6:30-9:30 p.m. every Wednesday, through Dec. 17 (no class Nov. 26) LOCKTION: Community Education (ITC)

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EEMILS: Prepare for a job as an administrative assistant, manager, supervisor, receptionist, coordinator and more, Leart Microsoff Excel and Word fundamentals a gel an overview of Power Point, Must hav some basic experience with a computer. Certificate awarded, Fee is \$299 plus a book taa of \$50. book fee of \$59.

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join our monthly meetings. Attendance is needed to grow our Post. If you are not a

member, consider joining. CONTACT: Commander Dennis Strikulis (248)

378-7841, dstrikulis@twmi.tr.com or Service Officer Paul Erickson (248) 344-7193, pner-

2-3:30 p.m.: Computer Lab Oper Waltorwood at Twelve Oaks Retirement Community Twelve Oaks Mall) COKTACT: (248) 735-1500 or e-mail walton

12:30 p.m.: Scarlet Ladies Red Hat Group:

Pinochie 45 p.m.: Bereavement Support, Dr. Michael

6-7 p.m.: Pilates 7:15-8:15 p.m.: Glutes and Abs

9-11 a.m.: Time Dance 9-11:30 a.m.: Hearing Aid Cleaning 10 a.m.: Asian Pacific News. Lunch 1-1 p.m.: Bingo in Activities room 1-3 p.m.: Dance, S6 at door Vednesday

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TIME/DATE: 6:30 p.m. second Monday of

SCHOOL & GOVERNMENT

Hori Community School District Board of Education Neeling THE/DATE: 7 p.m. Today LOCATION: Educational Services Building, 25345 Taft Road CONTACT: (248) 449-1204

Norl Eity Council Meeting TIME/DATE: 7 p.m. (Irist and third Monday of month (Nov. 24) LOCATION: Novi Ervic Center, 45175 W. 10 Mile

Novi Youlb Assistance General Citizens Meetin TIME/DATE: 6 p.m. first Tuesday of each moolf; LOCATION: Novi Civic Center, 45175 W. 10 Mile

ROCK FINANCIAL SHOWPLACE Norl Community Education CONTACT: To register, call (248) 449-1206 or visil novi.k12.mi.us/district/communitye-46100 Stand River Ave. CONTACT: Call (248) 348-5600 or visit http:// information. Parking is \$5 for most events.

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HEALTH

St. John Providence Hospital LOCATION: 47601 Grand River Ave., corner of

LOCATION: Rotates between Novi Civic Cente and the Northville City Hall. DETAILS: Visitors welco CONTACT: (248) 231-2334 or visit gardeners

> Line Opening TIME: 6:30-7:30 p.m. beginners; 7:30-9:30 p.m. intermediate Location: Novi Civic Center, 45175 W. 10 Mile

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leadership. CONTACT: Amy (248) 752-2800

southeast entrance.
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by calling (888) 440-7325.
Colored Pencil Workshop
TINE/DATE: 13 p.m. second Tuesday of every
month. TINE/MTE: 7-8:45 p.m. first and third Tuesday DETAILS: Beginners welcome. LOCATION: Novi Civic Center Activities Room. TINE/INTE: 10 a m -3 n m. Monday-Thursday. 5175 W. 10 Mite Road DETAILS: Toastmasters will help you improve DETAILS: Explore the Art of playing with clay. Express yourself in this three-dimensional art form, \$10 tab fee. Call to verify class your communication skills; voice your opin

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DETAILS: Join others and create hats and shawls for those in need.

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DETAILS: Learn proper breathing techniques that can be used at home or on the job to helo reduce stress; class held in reflectio pace; Cancer Center

Therapeutic Yoga TIME/DATE: 10-11 a.m. Monday-Yoga for Kids with Parents; 12:30-1:30 p.m. Monday-Yoga for Backs; 6-7 p.m. Tuesday-Mixed Level; 7:15-8:30 p.m. Tuesday-Might Light Yoga; It a.m.-noon Wednesday-Meditative Yoga; 12:15-1:15 p.m. Wednesday-Mixed Leve 6:30 pm. Thursday-Prenatal Yoga, 6:45-7:45 pm. Thursday-Yenatal Yoga, 6:45-7:45 pm. Thursday-Yoga for Backs, 12:30-1:30 m. Friday-Boliner/Internediale; 9:30-10:30 a.m. Saturday-Mixed Level; 10:45-1:45 a.m. Saturday-Yoga for Backs. EMILIS S10/9-8in, S90/10-1-45s card, 545/5-class card, Lunch and Learn Yoga 7-Classes also held at Providence Hospital Southfield, Call for details,

Beck Road, use Beck Road entrance Providence Center for the Healing Arts TIME/DATE: By appointment LOCATION: Assarian Cancer Center, 47601 for stress and tension, chronic fatique, CDMSAC1: (248) 465-5455 or e-mail James Patients undergoing freatment should

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Follow Novi's example ban smoking

In political circles, the time between the November general election and the day the new state Legislature is seated in January is unflatteringly known as the lame-duck session.

This span of time is fraught with danger for residents and taxpayers because, for many legislators, there are no more restraints on what they can do. Those on the way out after losing the election have nothing more to lose in whatever action they take, and often much to gain for their post-elect-

Some legislators say that valuable work is accomplished in lame-duck sessions and, indeed, some serious issues, such as budgets, are hammered out under the pressure of the dwindling days of a legislative session.

There is one significant issue the Legislature should address before it calls it a year: Approve a ban on smoking in A number of local restaurants in Novi have made their

eateries smoke-free, and we have yet to hear from any of them saying that the smoking ban has really hurt their busi-

In fact, restaurant owners, like the Bradys of Diamond Jim Brady's Bistro, say their customers are pleased with the

Once again, partisan politics has overshadowed good governance when it comes to this issue. Democrats and Republicans seem to both favor dragging Michigan into the 21st century regarding this public health issue — and make no mistake, it is a public health issue — but they can't agree on what businesses, if any, should be exempt from the smok-

For once, our political leaders need to turn their backs on the special interests who line campaign coffers and address the issue head on. If it can work in California and Canada and Great Britain without bankrupting the restaurant/bar/ casino industry, then it can work here as well.

It's time to end the debate and approve the smoking ban.

NOVI LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

City Budget Questions

Is the City of Novi heading closer towards budget deficits, reduced staff and services or tax increase? During the annual audit presentation, a Plante & Moran representative advised the City Council that the City should expect a 4-5 percent decline in taxable value for the 2009-10 budget year, and that while the City is well-positioned with a general fund balance a bit above the set minimum, because this is going to be a multiple year problem, the City absolutely

Within minutes of that advice, the majority of City Council approved spending an additional \$300,000 of the general fund balance for the new Fuerst Park, which is clearly not an essential service or expense

cannot ignore it and really will need to be watching its fund

The unfortunate irony is that by choosing to spend general fund balance dollars for a new park, the City Council may not have the money to even continue operating the existing park programs. The general fund substantially subsidizes the Parks, Recreation and Forestry Departments, and in February the Director stated that "our challenge is that we have many projects and not enough revenue" and that "at some point that general fund subsidy may not be there and what impact that

It also seems that the City expects the Library Board to use the Library's fund balance and Walker Fund to cover antici-pated operating deficits for the new Library. A Plante & Moran study from two years ago apparently projected that operating deficits could exceed \$500,000 within a few years, based upor a 2.5 percent increase in annual revenue, not a decrease

While the City's general fund balance was \$12.4 million dollars as of July 1, 2008, it appears that the City Council has designated to spend \$5.6 million of those dollars to date. That is over 45 percent in just four months. How does the City Council plan to maintain its minimum general fund balance and basic

A Library Trustee recently remarked that the City could look for a Headlee override (a tax increase) by 2012 for general city operations because costs have exceeded revenues, which the City Council could do by holding a public hearing during the

realize their dreams, will the finance director intervene with autionary advice? Or will Novi taxpayers also face a possible local government nightmare?

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Stop domestic violence

lowing Novi triple murder."

where a homicide had a not been reported since 2003. But unfortunately

it did not shock me. We can all guess at the sequence of events. I do not know what happened in this sad story. I only know three people are dead; a 37-year-old

they had extensive head and neck trauma. They say there was no forced entry so they assume the victims knew the

As the president of HAVEN I work to end domestic violence and sexual mind by the headline and the story. Let's closed doors of a neighbor. assume that this is a case of domestic

band seemed to be out of work and the

family vehicle repossessed. When relationship roles change and

read: "Husband-father left country fol- trol in the relationship. Domestic vio- anything. lence involves many forms of violence cmotional, sexual, verbal, financial Why we need be aware of the

What I do know is that one in five women killed or severely injured by an intimate partner had no warning, the fatal or near fatal incident was the first certified in the control of the

What I do know is that 1/3 of and be proactive.

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The fact that the first time we often violence. There are over 100 domestic 12- and 14-year-old children and that violence-related homicides each year in What I do know is that in the major-

female homicide victims are wives or intimate acquaintances of their killer. What we need to be aware of is domesabuse every day. After decades working tic violence, even when it is not reported, with domestic violence victims, there happens in every neighborhood. No one are many things that were brought to knows what is happening behind the

Victims generally do not report their ty and support. ization before reaching out.

Two national studies estimate that less than 30 percent of domestic violence land.org. incidents are reported to police. Reasons power shifts, batterers can find themselves at a loss. The batterer will try include: 1) it is a private or personal mat- Beth Morrison

and physical. We may never know if this dynamics and prevalence of family experienced one or more of these domestic violence.

Domestic violence is everybody's busi (neighbors, kids teachers, medical perphysical violence they had experienced.

What 1 do know is that 1/3 of such that 1/3 of suc

learn of a history of domestic violence in a relationship is when a homicide has occurred is further proof of the need for ity, 61 percent in a 2004 FBI study, of primary prevention. To stop this violence we must educate kids when they are young, and create general community awareness of the crime. Victims must be made aware of the support available for themselves and their families. Our programs and services at HAVEN are

assume that this is a class of delivery violence, even though I will state clearly initial victimization but typically suffer that the case is still open.

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WHAT DO YOU THINK?

The Michigan Senate recently approved three transparency bills I

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the ability to verify data die Legislature could avoid harmful repercussions that sometimes occur when bills are written without access to that information.

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reports include:

• The actual number of direct, real For more information, visit my Web site at www. und business tax information.
SB 1540 would require the state trea
• The actual amount of capital invest-

ent made by the credit recipients; and The actual value of the tax credit claimed by a recipient company.

The measure requires the auditor gen-

eral to audit the MEGA report before it is submitted to the Legislature, and mandates that the report he submitted to the chairs of the House and Senate Appropriations committees in addition to the same individuals as required by SB 1015.

The bills are now in the House and should become a priority for passage in the last few weeks of session this year

Border communities save jobs under legislation passed by the Senate

Judgment and decision making gy hand in hand. In the past we have some-times written legislation without access a database detailing all of the Michigan taxes under legislation recently approved

by the Senate. Many businesses located near the border are leaving Michigan and going to Indiana or other states. Senate Bill 1281 township located in a county along our

This is a tool to keep jobs in Michigan of the Senate Finance Committee, the chair of the House Tax Policy Committee and the directors of the House and Senate fiscal agencies. Importantly, the bill includes safeguards to protect the bill includes safeguards to protect the safeguards to prote ness from property taxes.

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Forget politics; let's get our financial house in order

Michigan was facing a govern-ment shutdown in the wee hours

of Oct. 1, 2007. state facing disaster and after much wailing and gnashing of teeth on all sides, the Legislature adopted a "balanced budget" that temporarily resolved the state's budget crisis for couple fiscal years. Some taxes were raised, some modest spending cuts ere made and a few minor co hanges were imposed on public employee health care benefits. But if you think our real problem were solved, think again.

For despite all the thrashing and noaning, nothing much was done to resolve the underlying structural udget deficit. We call it "structural. because the whole process is virtu-ally guaranteed to turn out in the red, since the deficit is baked into the tax income. And every year, it gets a little worse.

The respected and non-partisan Citizens' Research Council estimates this structural deficit in the state's General Fund will grow to \$9.6 bil lion by Fiscal Year 2017 — now just eight years away That projected deficit is somewhat

larger than this year's entire General Fund total of \$9.3 billion! And bear in mind that the reality will be even worse. None of this takes nto account the effects of the Wall

shortfalls sure to follow the coming Plainly, it's high time we put our



easy. The first thing we need to do is recognize that a deficit roblem of this size isn't going to be cured overnight. It's going to take disciplined

cation of a long-term program to restore Michigan's finan cial health over the next decade To think merely in terms of balancing the budget for the next year or two - the way Lansing has operated for generations — simply won't do any longer. We're going to have to adopt a program for the coming decade and have the strength to stick

and thin, Republican and Democratic So what kind of program should we With the deepening recession, it's

to it through ups and downs, thick

obvious that no one can make a case for a tax increase, either economically So we're going to have to look at making spending cuts. And the best place to start is the Department of Corrections, and teacher and state

employee health care and retirement benefits. Turning first to corrections, the

undisputed facts are these: 1) Michigan's prison population is larger than average for the Great Lakes states. 2) We keep prison-ers in the slam longer than do our neighboring states, 3) We spend more ney per inmate than other Great Lakes states do. 4) Our crime rate is just about the same as that in our

neighboring states.

The bottom line: We're spending a lot on putting criminals in jail but we don't have much to show for it. We're not getting much for our money. Time to change that: Let's first

set an overall financial objective of cutting spending on prisons to the average of what our neighbors do. To do that, we're going to have to attack the big "cost drivers" in our prison Here's how to start: 1) Change our

sentencing policies to reduce the number of prisoners and their average length of stay. 2) Change prison rations to reduce costs, which of the system (food service, for example) and might involve responsibly vatizing some prisons altogether. With respect to teacher retirement

costs, it's become clear in recent years the funding increases for schools. Over the past five years, for example, appropriations for schools have gone to pay for increased costs of school ees and beneficiaries To get savings of any size over the

next decade, we're going to have to tackle the two biggest cost areas. And there is no great mystery about what we need to do: 1) Change the eligibility rules and benefit programs for newly hired teachers, then 2) Convert retirement plan s from their present expansive, old-style defined-benefit model to a define contribution system like 401(k) plans

Granted, this latter change won't be an easy sell - especially now. The recent collapse of the stock market has converted most 401(k)s into 201(k)s, and probably the last thing anyone wants to hear is that their

ision will depend on Wall Street Turning to state employee benefits Michigan workers now get a health care package that costs more per employee than the national average. And Michigan government employees pay a smaller share of their health al average for both private and public

to reduce this generous benefit package and increase insurance co-pays to something close to the national average. According to a study recently com-

pleted by Public Sector Consultants for Detroit Renaissance, just these steps together would reduce state ling by around \$800 million year - just about the size of our present annual structural deficit. There are likely many other areas where big savings can be achieved,

if we look carefully at the structure cost and workings of state govern-ment. Let me be clear: I am not pro posing a detailed program to balance our budget for the next fiscal year or

Instead, I'm proposing a long-term general menu for fiscal responsibil-ity, with the power to determine the individual recipes left up to the legis-lature and the executive branch. Yet there is something important that can be done right now: The legislature and the governor should pub licly announce and speedily agree on

a long-term plan to set our financial

house in order and cure our struc-

this, all sides should pledge to reduc annual state spending by no less than

\$1 billion per year. And - crucially important together they should commit to makduring the "Lame Duck" session of the legislature that starts after the

nber election. The down payment doesn't have to be enormous: \$50 million would be a good start in getting to \$1 billion. But it would be symbolically important. We need to demonstrate that our state government and political par ties are prepared to chuck political orthodoxy and work together to get our financial house in order.

Starting right now. Otherwise nobody - not Wall Street, not the bond rating firms, not anybody – will have any confidence in our ability to manage our own financial affairs, And Michigan will careen from budget crisis to budget crisis, while we fall farther behind in doing what we need to lay the foundation for our future prosperity.

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emergency food providers in the Detroit area. The individu-als and families served are as

"The Thanksgiving Day Buffet is essentially an early Thanksgiving dinner for mos who join us," said Mary Jane Scott, director of sales. "In just

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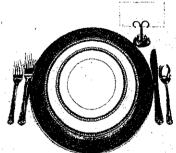
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a few years it has evolved to become a big extended-fam-ily gathering. People come to cat and end up hanging out to watch the game. It's a fun alternative to a restaurant for those not planning to cook that day

Northville native Terry Poster will be the creative force behind the buffet that will feature turkey-, ham- and beef-carving stations and traditional side dishes. Epoc Catering is a division of Époc Restaurant Corporation nationally renowned for its restaurants Forte in Birmingham and Tribute in Farmington Hills and a

the exclusive caterer at Rock

CHEF HAILS FROM NORTHVILLE Hotel, as well as Novi's for-Poster, now of Livonia, grew up in Northville, graduating from Northville High School. He has worked in the restaurant industry since he was 12, attending Schoolcraft College's Culinary Arts Program. His grandmother and

grandfather, Ruth and the late Dick Crawford, owned Crawford's Restaurant in Northville in the space now occupied by Riffle's Homestyl Restaurant on East Main He began as a dishwasher,

was a bus boy, then moved on to do prep work. After high school, he ran the restaurant's morning shift.
"After they sold the restaurant in the early 1990s, I started working with the Epoch Restaurant Group, he said. Epoch used to own the Sheraton Hotel off Nov

Road, now the Crowne Plaza

mer Too Chez Restaurant Poster worked at Too Chez and ing division about eight years

OMELETS, SALADS AND MORE The Thanksgiving buffet will include an omelet station. salad station, elaborate cheese and fruit display, plus regular and sugar-free desserts. Terry's mother, Susan Poster, also works for Epoch

Her specialty is pastry, and she also worked at Crawford's. also worked at Can.
"I like the creativity and flexibility aspects of the field," he said. "I can put my own twist on things. There are no rules. I prefer doing entree disher." Susan, who also lives in

his wife, Ania, now own Crawford's Kitchen in Livonia but lived in Northville Plymouth. for years, has been involved in the food industry 35 years. "I also enjoy the creativity of being a pastry chef and the chocolate," she said. "I never "My heart's still in get tired of chocolate.

Northville," she said. She started as a cook at

Star Manor Nursing Home in Northville in high school.

She next worked as a dish-washer and then as a prep cook at Northville Charlie's

Restaurant, now Rocky's on Seven Mile Road. She also

worked at the Cozy Cafe in Farmington, where she learned how to make pies.

When the owners opened a

was there for several years

She was employed at

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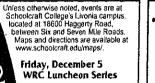
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ANNIVERSARY

The Doubletree Hotel Detroit-Novi celebrated its first anniversary on Nov. 15. The multi-million dollar renovated facility is located at 42100 Crescent Blvd. Call (248) 344-8512.

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Gorman's Corporate Housing Furniture, a leading supplier of new furniture for luxury corporate housing, is opening its doors to the public for an unprecedented moving sale. The sale is now through Nov. 26. Gorman's Corporate Housing Furniture is located at 32605 W. 12 Mile Road, Suite 175.

Premier Relocation, LLC, in Novi, an agent of the nationwide household goods carrier Mayflower Transit, was honored recently by the van line for exceptional professional performance. The recognition was conferred during Mayflower's 2008 Convention with more than 400 Mayflower representatives in attendance.

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Sam Saleh, owner of Novi's Mezza Mediterranean Grille on Grand River Avenue.

Q. Who is behind Mezza Mediterranean Grille?

A. Sam Saleh, founder and chief operating

Q. Where did you grow up?

A. Sam grew up in Beirut, Lebanon. He has lived here for 20 years and lives in Rochester

Q. Tell us about your business?

A. Mezza is an upscale Mediterranean cuisine restaurant serving the finest in foods from Lebanon, Morocco, Italy, Spain, Greece and

Q. How many employees?

A. 40 here in Novi; employs 475 in the company. Other locations are in Orchard Lake, and the recently opened Livonia location. Others are on the way.

A. The quality of our food. Our excellent service, breadth of menu and the ambiance of

Q. How did you first decide to open your own

business?

A. Coming from Lebanon and being in .
the restaurant business, the largest Big Boy franchisee in Michigan, I always wanted to do something with the foods I remember growing

up eating. Mezza is that dream manifested. Q. How did you decide to focate in the Novi community?

A. I was approached by the former owner of the facility who knew of the reputation we had for great food and was asked if I would consider

or great rood and was asked if a would consider developing the location as a Mezza. Q. Do you have a funny tidbit or story to share? A. Nothing funny really ... being in business there are a lot of things that happen and we try That helps smooth out the tough times and makes for a family atmosphere between our customers, our staff and us.

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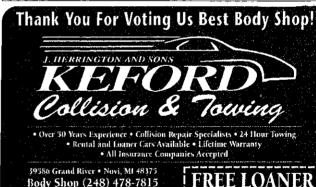
Denise Hansen joins Ricardo as vice president of human resources: Ricardo, Inc. announces the appointment of Denise Hansen as vice president of human resources. Hansen, a Novi resident, brings more than 20 years of experience in the automotive, industrial, medical and energy sectors. During her career she has led numerous business initiatives including talent acquisition and development, succession planning and implementing a high-performance culture

Retirement Developer John Erickson Honored With 'Distinguished Eagle Scout' Award: John Erickson, chairman and CEO of Erickson Retirement Communities, was recognized as a distinguished Eagle Scout at the inaugural "Gathering of Eagles" event in Baltimore City, Erickson Retirement Communities is the developer and manager of Fox Run in Novi. The Distinguished Eagle Scout award is one of the most prestigious ranks, and is awarded to those who have dedicated 25 years or more to service in the community after becoming an Eagle Scout.





Citation Corp. Names Louis Lavorata Senior Vice President and Chief Financial Officer: Citation Corporation announces it has named Louis Lavorata senior vice president and CFO. Lavorata will be located at the company's Novi headquarters and will report to the CEO. As CFO, Lavorata will support the executive leadership team in the development and implementation of Citation's strategies and business plan. He will also be ใช้รู้อิปรีเปิยี ใช้ที่พิสิทิชิยูเหลี เพื่อได้ยัง Accounting, Tax ลิทิช Treasthy functions.



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CHAMBER CHAT

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Hospital; Mary Jane Scott,
Rock Financial Showplace;
Bob Thorne, Petland Twelve Oaks; Ara Topouzian, City of Novi; and Jeff Wilk,

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Carrabba's Italian Grill. ■ The Novi Chamber

of Commerce Holiday Membership Luncheon is 11:30 a.m. Wednesday, Dec. 3 at the Rock Financial Showplace, 46100 Grand River Ave. Register online at www.novichamher.com or call (248) 349-3743. \$25 pre-registration / \$35 at door.

The Novi Chamber

of Commerce Business to Business Breakfast is 8-9 a.m. Wednesday, Dec. 10 at The Art Institute of Michigan, 48125 Cabot Dr., Ste. 120. Networking and refreshments will be provided. Register online at www.novichamber. com or call (248) 349-3743.

■ The Novi Chamber of Commerce After 5 Event & Holiday Bazaar is 5-7 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 17 at Mezza Mediterranean Grille, 42050 Grand River Ave. Shop for hol-iday gifts offered by Chamber Members. Networking and appetizers will be provided. Register online at www. novichamber.com or call (248)

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. A champion Novi Wildcats will hope to make a similar splash at this weekend's state finals at Eastern Michigan University.

Novi takes elite 8 to state

BY JEFF THEISE

Novi swim and dive will look to make Novi swim and dive will look to make a big splash at the state finals with eight wimmers involved in the huge meet. It's the biggest contingent the Wildcats have taken to state.

"The group this year is way more focused on the state meet," Novi head coach Scott Teeters said. "They've been

Kerry Abel will help lead the Wildcats in three relays - 200 medley, 200 freestyle and 400 freestyle. She will also swim individually in the 100 butterfly.

Abel has fought through a muscle tear in her shoulder that will have to be worked on after the season.

on after the season. "She's got the most guts of a kid that I've ever seen," Teeters said. "She chose to swim her last year in high school and then "I'm not counting her out by any stretch I think everybody else counted her out of the county meet and she won that." The Wildcats will get help from sev-eral gins to fill out the relay teams.

Mcredith Cote, Becca Berman and Lauren Kalinosky will all compete in at least two

relays.
"We're going for it on those relays,"
Teeters said. "The relays count double on
the point standings. You've got to go in
with strong relays."
All the girls going have also qualified in
individual events-Berman in the 500 freestyle, Cote in the 200 individual medley.
"Elizabein the 200 Individual Pack-

Kalinosky in the 200 IM and 100 back-

Also making the state cut for the Wildcats are Mary Anolick in the 100 backstroke, Ashley Bush in the 100 back-stroke, Yukie Tamura in the 100 breaststroke and Jacque Carless in the 500

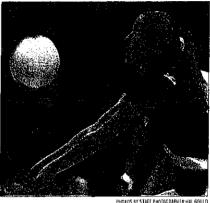
freestyle.
"Lauren and Meredith are going to score big in their events. Becca is 15 seconds (faster) than she finished last year. Our kids have really improved from a year ago, not only in their times but in their mental attitude."

attitude."
Having a large group of girls that have a very good chance of scoring in their events has Teeters and his team thinking big. "They're going to do well and they're going to race and we'll let the points fall where they will. I'd like to see us place top five. But I just want to see them race well."
The state finals are Friday and Saturday at Eastern Michigan Luisersity.

at Eastern Michigan University.

"If you don't ged a good Friday, you're
watching instead of participating," Teeters
said. "Friday is everything. You've got to go
in with the best focus."

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Novi's Laura Subject provides one of her many digs against Churchill.

Novi V-ball edged out by Churchill

SPORTS WRITER

Livonia Churchill knocked off fellow KLAA Kensington Conference powerhouse Novi 13-25, 25-23, 25-22 25-23 to win the regional title last Thursday at Lakeland,

Novi finishes 41-9. The Wildcats came up two matches shy of returning to the state finals.

"I'm extremely proud of them," Novi head coach Julie Fisette said of her team. "They came out this year and had big shoes to fill. They worked long and hard and got exactly to the point that they needed to be for tonight's match. Going into districts, we were playing the best volleyball I've seen.

"I can't say enough about them as a group and as a whole. They really stepped

up."
Novi came out the aggressor in game one. The Wildcats never trailed and used two big runs to blow it open. Novi turned a 4-all tie into a 9-4 lead. The Chargers pulled within 14-12 before Novi ran off nine straight to take control. Kim Hikireth (29 assists, 11 digs, six kills, three aces) served up a pair of aces, and Erica Robb (13

digs, seven kills) had a pair of kills during the run. "They all played great tonight," Fisette said. "We didn't have that many errors on our side.

The Chargers (48-3) turned the tables with the first seven points of the second game. Novi clawed all the way back to tie the



Novi's Kim Hildreth celebrates a point.

game at 11, but the Chargers stayed composed and used a 9-2 run to take control. The Wildcats pulled within 24-23 before Churchill's Jessica Strond (10 kills) (inches) Stroud (10 kills) finished the

game off with a kill.

The third game saw both teams go on short runs, but ultimately ending up tied at 20 before the Chargers ripped off four straight. Novi scored a pair before the Chargers pulled ahead two games to one with a sideout.

Facing elimination, the Wildcats were in the lead most of the fourth game, but the Chargers again found a way to pull it out. Down 21-18, Churchill scored four straight to take the lead. The teams traded sideouts and were tied at 23 when Kristen Nalecz ripped one of her 19 kills for the lead. Novi attempted a deep set-over to tie the game, but the ball landed just outside the back

Please see VOLLEYBALL, B3

Wildcats looking to get back to greatness BY JEFF THEISEN SPORTS WRITER

Two years ago, Novi hockey made a run to the state semifinals.

Wildcat head coach Todd Krygier likes his team enough already to put them on the 2006 level

Last year we weren't happy with the end-of-the-year results," he said. "This year, we're looking good. We've got a young team, but these guys can play hockey. We only have nine

The team began the season stacked with defensemen, but things have already changed. Shane McCusker suffered a broken arm and has been out Another potential starting defender has grade issues that nced to be resolved

But back are seniors Paul Favorite, Anthony Gasparotto and Ryan Potocsky to help lead the crew. Junior Andrew Cmoluch will also be a top

The last line of defense will fall on the shoulders of sophomore Michael Pesendorfer.

things out of the keeper, but knows the defense will have to oring him along.

"Mike is developing well but you can't ask a sophomon keeper to play like a senior, Krygier said. "The guys are backchecking and playing well

defensively."

The top two forward lines involve Tyler Perpich, Kyle Masiarczyk with Brandon Juodikis and Evan Dixon, Nick Hansen with Tyler Manning.

Nolan Valleau is switching back to help on defense but could be moved back to one of



A Novi High School hockey player winds up for a stapshot at a Tuesday afternoon practice at the Novi Ice Arena

The Wildcats will also have checking line, featuring hardworking Erik Aepelbacher.

Novi struggled to score goals last year, but Krygier thinks this team will have much more

The biggest change comes in the scheduling as Novi enters

the KLAA. Arch-rival Northville and Stevenson will be the main competition. South Lyon and Walled Lake Western fill out



Wildcat goalie Michael Pesendorfer minds the net during a recent practice.

the Central Division.

The new alignment also has the teams playing for a divi-sion title, a conference title and an association title.

"I think it's great, It's something different. With Northville, our games actu-ally mean something in our league," Krygier said. "The proximity is going to make it

ore exciting. "I think our schedule is probably the most difficult

e've ever had," With many new faces and a new goalkeeper, Krygier said it will take a few games to figure out what a realistic goal for his team could be, but he really likes what the early

practices have shown.
"They're hard-working and unselfish," he said. "It should

We always have high expec-

The Wildcats begin 5:30 p.m. Friday at the Metro Invite against Rochester United at home (Novi Ice Arena).

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Novi's Erica Robb serves during the match with

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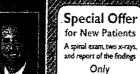
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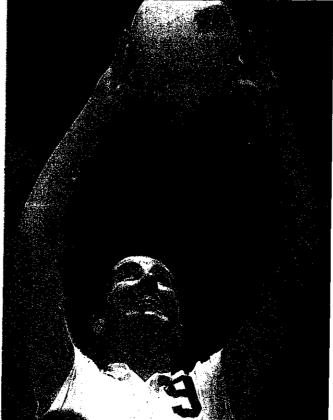


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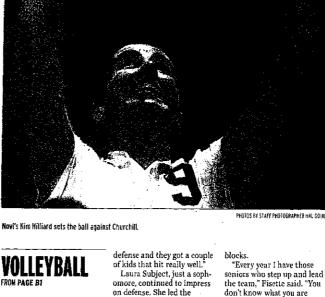
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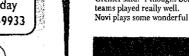
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"It was a great match," Churchill head coach Mark Grenier said. "I thought both



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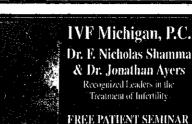
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12/12	Home	WI. Central	11/26	Away	Livonia Franklin	8 p.m.	12/10	Away	Kettering		3;30 p.m.
12/16	Home	WL Northern	11/28	Away	WLe Western	8:20 p.m.	12/15	Away	Kettering		4 p.m.
12/18	Away	Wat, Kettering	12/3	Home	Plymouth	6:30 p.m.	12/16	Home	Lakeland		3:30 p.m.
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1/16	Home	Canton	12/10	Home	Farmington	6:30 p.m.	1/8	Away	WL Western		3:30 p.m.
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1/23	Home	Northville	12/15	Ноте	Salem	6;30 p.m.	1/14	Home	Wayne Memorial		3:30 p.m.
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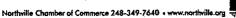












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This past Monday signaled the beginning of boys basket-

remain the same. Adjustments to new faces and talents on the teams will be the biggest challenge. But despite cuts or no

success comes much sooner, and the sport becomes fun for

cuts, coaches are happy to be getting underway. "We have good numbers and it's good to get started," Novi wrestling coach Brad Huss said. "Once we get the wrestlers to the point that they have the right mix of teaching-learning and strong conditioning, then

"Cuts are obviously the

cation to get there, but it's always worth the effort." Boys basketball head coach Cory Heitsch enters his sec-

ond year at the helm "It was extremely exciting to get back in the gym," Heitsch said. "We had an unbelievable turnout of kids trying out for the varsity team with 24 juniors and

most difficult aspect of the job, but you do your best as a coach to create a fair evalu-

Bowling can begin practic ing today, and boys swimming will hit the pool for its

Hockey is the first to take

the playing surfaces with a game Friday and Saturday a the Metro Invite at the Novi Ice Arena. The rest of the teams don't begin the regular season until

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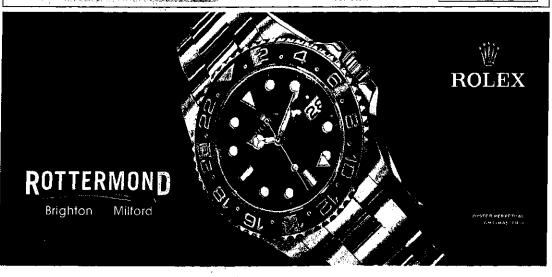
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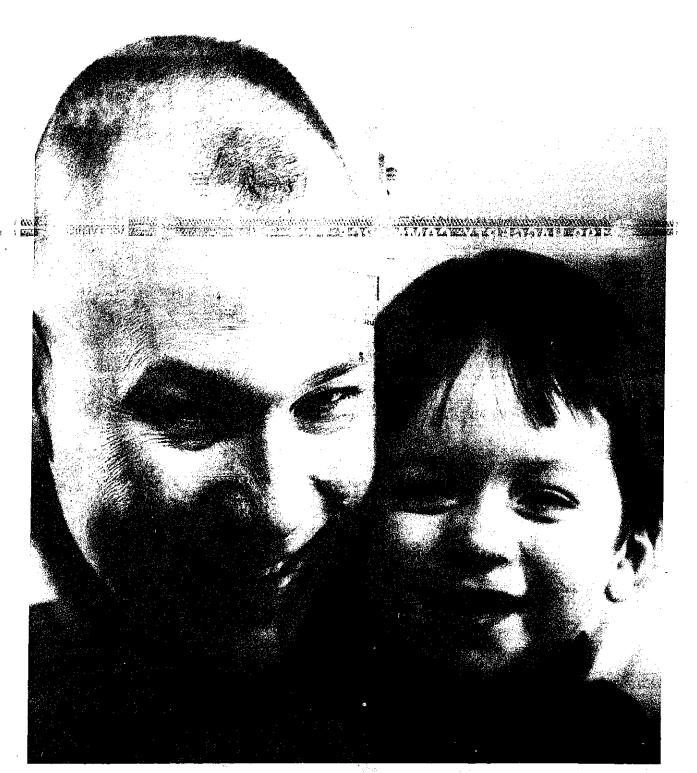
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