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Novi Chief of Police David Molloy, left, gives Detective Todd Anger the department's highest award, the Novi Police Leadership Award, for his work in helping collect and organize evidence in the Daniel Pittao murder case.

## Novi police recognize citizens and staff for working together

BY KELLY MURAD  
STAFF WRITER

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

"We use these award ceremonies 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 prison without parole for murdering his estranged wife, Tamara Pittao, whose body was found in her Novi home, Thanksgiving Day, 1997.

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 said 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, Detectives Scott Baetens and Tom Orlowski and Sgt. Pat Fanning.

The ceremony also awarded civilian citations to Ayumi Sugimoto, Elena Rose, Allison Tschirhart and Maria Dismundy. The Novi residents were recognized 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 Hashum, 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 Tylman, Michael Warren, Carol Westfall, Jon Zabick and Erick Zinser.

"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 them."

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## Audit reveals fiscal health, predicts decline in taxable value

BY KELLY MURAD  
STAFF WRITER

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 position," 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 percent decline in taxable value for the 2009-10 budget year.

"Looking ahead, as has been anticipated, 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 infrastructure.

"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 MURAD  
STAFF WRITER

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 writing."

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 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 writing.

"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 program "For My People."

"If it's in you, it's there," she said. "But sometimes, all of us have a fear of success because there's a lot of responsibility with success."

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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 mail.

Residents began receiving surveys this week, and the City has no role in selecting survey participants. 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 have the opportunity to voice their opinions. The same sur-

vey sent to randomly selected households will be made available in December on cityofnovi.org.

The City of Novi is conducting the survey to compare the 2008 results with those of the 2006 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.

For more information, visit cityofnovi.org.

**Novi residents get shot at stardom**

BY KELLY MURAD  
STAFF WRITER

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 created a database, which will be available to production companies, containing general information of people interested in working as extras in

movies or commercials filmed in the community.

"We want to be able to help wherever we can," said Novi Economic Development Manager Ara Topouzian.

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

"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," Topouzian said. "I think we have the whole package."

Novi residents interested 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 be protected.

"It is by no means a guarantee, 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.

For more information about the Movie Extras Database, filming in Novi, permit applications and information, visit investnovi.org and connect to the Novi Film Office.

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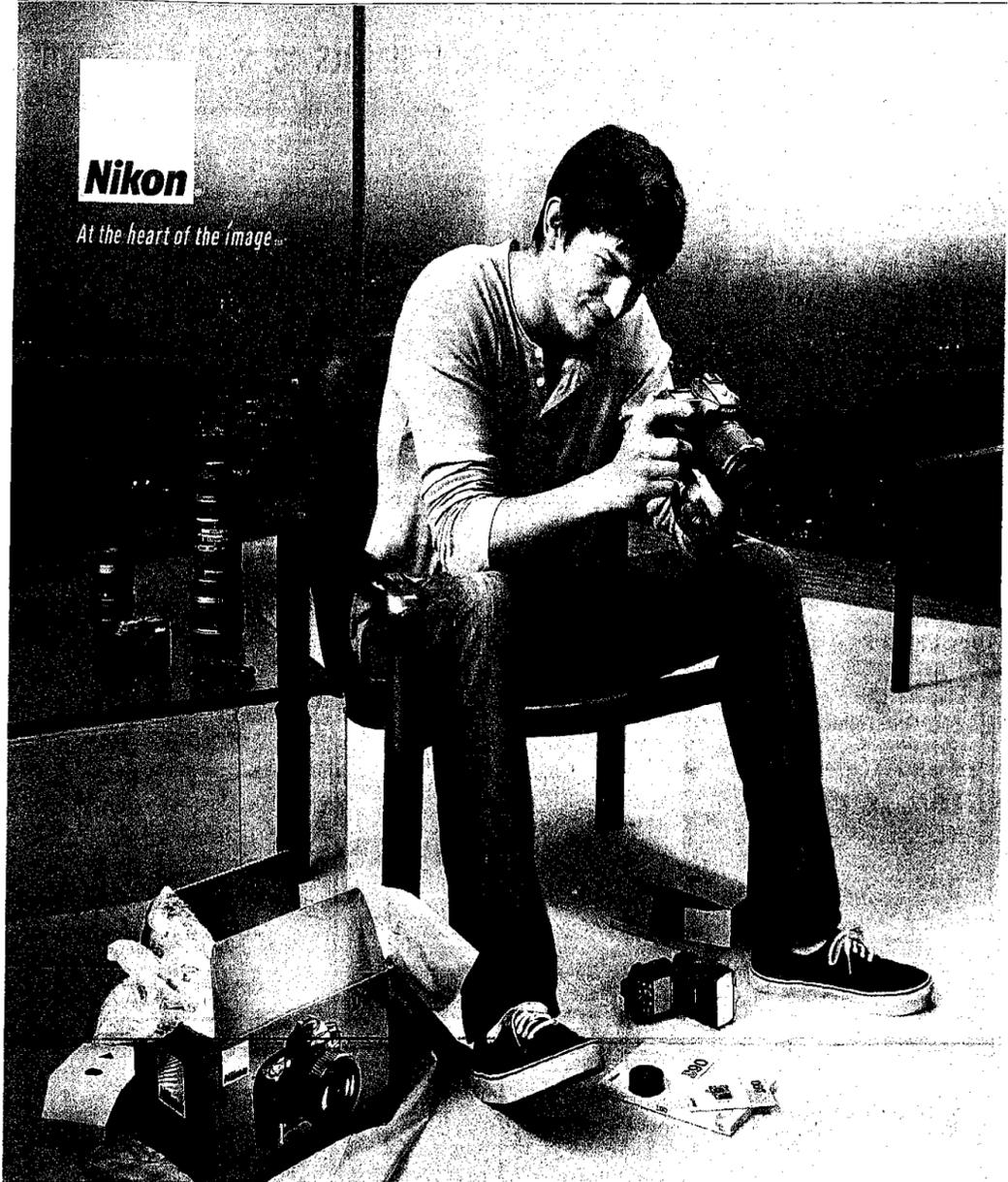
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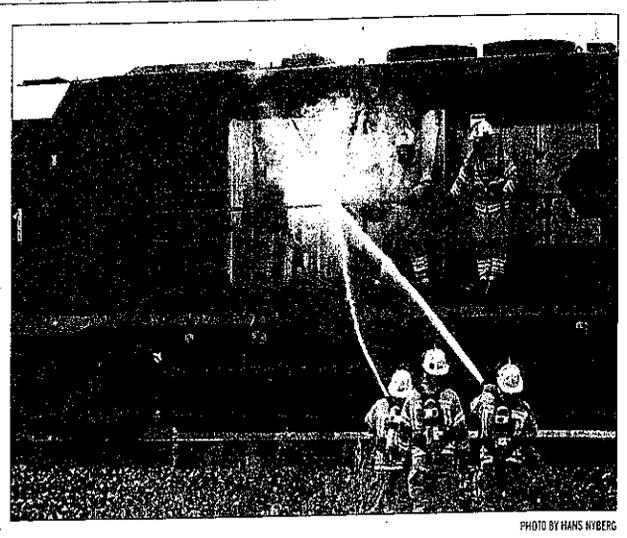


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Household Hazardous Waste Program has record year

The North Oakland Household Hazardous Waste (NOHAZ) Consortium had another record-breaking year with 4,344 residents participating in three household hazardous waste collection events; an increase of 68 percent. The amount of household hazardous waste collected during the three events was 542,109 pounds, which represents a 140 percent increase over 2007.

NOHAZ is a consortium of 12 Oakland County communities representing 17 local governments that offer residents a safe and environmentally responsible way to dispose of household hazardous waste. Participating communities this year's program were Addison Township, Brandon Township, Commerce Township, Groveland Township, Lake Angelus, Lake Orion, Leonard, Oakland Township, Orion Township, Ortonville, Oxford, Oxford Township,

Rochester, Rochester Hills, Waterford Township, White Lake Township and Wolverine Lake. This is a free service for residents of member communities, however donations are accepted.

Items collected include household paints and stains; motor oil; antifreeze; gasoline; kitchen and bath cleaners; polishes; mercury and mercury thermometers; aerosols; pesticides; herbicides; and computer and electronic equipment. A more comprehensive list of accepted materials is available at www.no haz.com, or by calling (248) 858-3656.

Many communities in southern Oakland County belong to one of two waste authorities: RRRASOC or SOCRRA. Visit their Web sites at www.rrrasoc.org or www.socrra.org for additional information.

Novi Chorales annual Christmas concert

Members of the Novi Chorales are hard at work perfecting their 2008 Christmas Concert Series, "Christmas Ornaments." The concert, which is Dec. 5-7, will feature Christmas favorites, along with special guests, the TALACODA Handbell Quartet. Under the direction of Janet Wassink, and accompanied by Trena DeGraw, the Chorales is a chorus of men and women from Novi and the surrounding areas. The performances are 7:30 p.m. Dec. 5 at First Methodist Church of Farmington; 7:30 p.m. Dec. 6 at Novi United Methodist 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; and at the door. For more information call (248) 947-0400 or visit novichorales.org.



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Plant one on your pet

Colleen Ewald gives a kiss to the English mastiff "Griffin" of Josh Badour of 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 "Arie" is at left.



Cynthia Darling, of Dar-Yale Farm, gives a little bus to a miniature dachshund at last week's Family Pet Expo at Novi's Rock Financial Showplace.

Free admission at county parks

Six Oakland 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 Rose Township. Visit www.oakgov.com/parksrec for park offerings and maps.



Mary Beatty plants one on a blue and gold metax parrot at last weekend's Family Pet Expo at the Rock Financial Showplace. The parrot was one of many on display with Rainbow Feathers Bird Club and Rescue.

Check us out on the Web every day at hometownlife.com

Advertisement for 'The purpose of the one true God...' featuring a religious text snippet.

Advertisement for 'THINKING ABOUT... A NEW FURNACE?' with 'LENNIX' logo and list of services.

Advertisement for 'THE MOOSE GRILLE' located inside 'MOOSE RIDGE GOLF COURSE' with details on live jazz and dining.

Advertisement for 'CONCEPTS' offering indoor and outdoor custom cultured stone design and installation.

Advertisement for 'LOVE IT OR LOVE IT NOT' with 'WVOR-TV' logo.

Advertisement for '10% OFF ANY REPAIR SERVICE' and '20% OFF ANY CUSTOM CULTURED STONE DESIGN'.

Advertisement for 'IT'S TIME FOR A GOOD TIME!' featuring 'MADAGASCAR ESCAPE 2 AFRICA'.

Advertisement for 'Sales Position' at Suburban Honda, detailing the role and benefits.

Large advertisement for the movie 'BOLT' featuring John Travolta and Milky Cyrus, with showtimes and theater information.

- List of church events including: First Presbyterian Church of Northville, Church of the Holy Family, Holy Spirit Roman Catholic Church & School, and others.

Large 'Worship' directory listing various churches across different regions like Brighton, Milford, Novi, Farmington Hills, Highland, Northville, Livonia, and South Lyon.

Vehicle damaged in Deerfield parking lot

The back side of a vehicle was dented while parked in the Deerfield Elementary School lot at Wixson and 11 Mile roads, reports said.

NOVI POLICE BRIEFS

The dent, which is about one-foot in diameter, was on the passenger-side, near the taillight, reports said. According to police, a front print was seen in the dent, meaning an unknown suspect could have kicked the vehicle.

HOME COOKING FIRES PEAK ON THANKSGIVING

Thanksgiving is the peak day for home cooking fires and the National Fire Protection Association is urging the public to keep safety in mind when preparing holiday meals.

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.



SUBMITTED PHOTO

Winning spirit

The Novi Middle School and High School pompano teams placed high in their divisions at the 2008 Mid American Pompano Dance and High Kick Championship taking place earlier this month.

CLASS NOTES

Raising Resilient Kids

Novi School District is pleased to present: Raising Resilient Kids. The free workshop with parent coach Nancy Priddy will take place 7-8:30 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 27 inside the Community Education (CEC) Forum.

CARE program open house

The Novi Community 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 Tull Road.

struction projects. The schools now have designated music and art rooms in other areas of the buildings are also complete. Tours will be provided.

Novi High School Athletics Web site

The Novi Athletic Boosters' new Web site is www.noviatleticboosters.com. The site is the source for upcoming Novi Athletic Boosters events, fund-raising events and Wildcat game schedules.

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.

Novi resident Keith Famie shares vision, advice

BY SUE BUCK OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

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

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

The former metro-Detroit chef 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 the camera.

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 (Channel 7).

"It's really about elders," Famie 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 story.

Famie is also working on films about what it is like to be blind. He has featured a 16-year-old blind girl who goes to school in Grand Rapids. She was born without eyes. He also features Captain Ivan Castro who is in the military's Special Forces Division of the U.S. Army. He was struck by mortar fire. The 39-year-old ran a triathlon and climbed a mountain since he lost his eyesight.

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

Famie wants students to know how quickly time passes and urges them to appreciate elders and their history.

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

"If you walk away with anything, I hope that you walk away knowing that anything is possible," Famie said. "You can do anything in life that you want."

Junior Shelby Ferraro called Famie's presentation "awesome" especially the stories he told about how blind people have adapted. "It was really touching," Ferraro said.



KEITH FAMIE/STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

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

Want to retire early? Adjust your investment strategy

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

If you're thinking of taking early retirement, start preparing for it — as early as you can.

To afford early retirement, you've got to address at least two key financial concerns.

First, by definition, you'll have more years of retirement to pay for than people who retire later.

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.

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 protect against loss.)

Furthermore, if you're going to retire early, you may need these

fixed-income vehicles to provide 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 before you retire, you may want to review your portfolio to make sure you have the proper balance between "growth" and "income" investments.

To afford early retirement, you may 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, make sure you've

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 small business, take a part-time job or do some consulting, you can once again contribute 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 affordable.

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 much 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.

This article was written by Edward Jones on behalf of your local Edward Jones financial advisor. This article was provided by Mark Whitfield, financial advisor, 43290 11 Mile Road, Novi, MI 48375.

Insurance advertisement for Hoppens and Hoppens Insurance, featuring contact information and services offered.

KNOW THE SCORE advertisement for sports news, including a photo of a person.

KNOW THE SCORE: Check out the numbers in today's sports section

LET'S TALK advertisement for GARY S. WEINSTEIN, a real estate agent.

Home Care by Seniors for Seniors advertisement, offering various services for elderly residents.

NOW OPEN advertisement for OASIS TROPICAL TANNING, listing services and hours.

Amana HomeTown Comfort Experts advertisement, promoting energy savings and furnace services.

Family Life Community Church advertisement, announcing a new ministry and offering food assistance.

Announcing! advertisement for CORE Rhythms dance studio, featuring photos of dancers and contact information.

FRESH GREAT HARVEST ROLLS advertisement, featuring turkey rolls and contact information.

Crystal Creek Assisted Living advertisement, describing services for active and memory-impaired residents.

LOCAL EVENTS

Pease Cafe Art Show
TIME: 7 a.m. - 7 p.m. Monday-Friday
LOCATION: 3915 Grand River Ave.
DETAILS: Watercolor and oil paintings by Nov...

St. Mary Mercy Hospital Adult
TIME: 6 p.m. Friday
LOCATION: St. Mary Mercy Hospital, 401 S. 24th St.
DETAILS: Event includes doors, cocktails, gourmet dinner, dancing and musical entertainment...

Novi Public Library
TIME: 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. Monday-Thursday, 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. Friday and Saturday, 11 a.m. - 3 p.m. Sunday
LOCATION: 45175 W. Ten Mile Road, Novi, MI 48240

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The Art Institute of Michigan
DETAILS: Enjoy a sit-down breakfast and networking.
TIME: 7-9 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 17
LOCATION: Mezza Mediterranean Grille

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I've got it
Novi's Fox Run employee Danny McNeil leaps up and makes a catch during the Second Annual Flag Football Game held last month. McNeil is Fox Run's finance director.



Go Team!
Fox Run employees cheer on their co-workers during last month's Second Annual Flag Football Game.

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Novi City Council Meeting
LOCATION: Novi Civic Center, City Council Chambers
DETAILS: General meeting of the entire City Council. Broadcast live on cable channel 13.

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# OPINION

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OUR VIEWS

## 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 unfatteringly 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-elected office careers.

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 public places.

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 business.

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

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 smoking ban.

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 increases?

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

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

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 would have."

It also seems that the City expects the Library Board to use the Library's fund balance and Walker Fund to cover anticipated 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 upon 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 city services?

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 budget process.

As the City Council continues unnecessary spending to realize their dreams, will the finance director intervene with cautionary advice? Or will Novi taxpayers also face a possible local government nightmare?

Laura Lorenzo  
Novi

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### Honored

Novi Police Chief David Molloy gives Novi resident Maria Dismody an award for her part in helping to rescue two boaters during an accident on Walled Lake this past summer.

PHOTO BY JOHN REBER FOR NN

## Stop domestic violence

The headline on the Nov. 4 Novi News read: "Husband-father left country following Novi triple murder."

It shocked the community of Novi where a homicide had 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 mother and wife and her 12- and 14-year-old children and that they had extensive head and neck trauma. They say proof was not forced onto so they assume the victims knew the assailant.

As the president of HAVEN I work with domestic violence and sexual abuse every day. After decades working with domestic violence victims, there are many things that were brought to mind by the headline and the story. Let's assume that this is a case of domestic violence, even though I will state clearly that the case is still open.

We know from the story that the husband seemed to be out of work and the family vehicle repossessed.

When relationship roles change and power shifts, batterers can find themselves at a loss. The batterer will try

many ways to maintain power/control in the relationship. Domestic violence involves many forms of violence — emotional, sexual, verbal, financial and physical. We may never know if this family experienced one or more of these battering tactics.

What I do know is that in one five women killed or severely injured by an intimate partner had no warning, the fatal or near fatal incident was the first physical violence they had experienced.

What I do know is that 1/3 of Michigan families experience domestic violence. There are over 100 domestic violence-related homicides each year in Michigan.

What I do know is that in the majority, 61 percent in a 2004 FBI study, of female homicide victims are wives or intimate acquaintances of their killer.

What we need to be aware of is domestic violence, even when it is not reported, happens in every neighborhood. No one knows what is happening behind the closed doors of a neighbor.

Victims generally do not report their initial victimization but typically suffer multiple assaults and/or related victimization before reaching out.

Two national studies estimate that less than 30 percent of domestic violence incidents are reported to police. Reasons include: 1) it is a private or personal matter 2) fear of reprisal 3) desire to protect

suspect, and 4) belief police won't do anything.

Why we need to be aware of the dynamics and prevalence of domestic violence.

Domestic violence is everybody's business. Others involved in an individual/family member's life might have clues and can offer support and intervention (neighbors, kids teachers, medical personnel, etc.) but we must all get involved and be proactive.

The fact that the first time we often learn of a history of domestic violence in a relationship is when a homicide has occurred is further proof of the need for 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 designed for prevention, awareness, safety and support.

I am saddened by these headlines. Aren't you? Let's do all we can so they disappear. To learn about some of our initiatives, visit <http://www.haven-oakland.org>.

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The circumstances were dire: Michigan was facing a government shutdown in the wee hours of Oct. 1, 2007.

So at the last moment, with the 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 a couple fiscal years. Some taxes were raised, some modest spending cuts were made and a few minor cosmetic changes were imposed on public employee health care benefits.

But if you think our real problems were solved, think again.

For despite all the thrashing and moaning, nothing much was done to resolve the underlying structural budget deficit. We call it "structural" because the whole process is virtually guaranteed to turn out in the red, since the deficit is baked into the state's current level of spending and 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 billion 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 into account the effects of the Wall Street meltdown — or the revenue shortfalls sure to follow the coming national recession.

Finally, it's high time we put our financial house in order.

But it won't be easy. The first thing we need to do is recognize that this problem of this size isn't going to be cured overnight. It's going to take disciplined and sustained application of a long-term program to restore Michigan's financial 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 to it through ups and downs, thick and thin, Republican and Democratic control.

So what kind of program should we adopt?

With the deepening recession, it's obvious that no one can make a case for a tax increase, either economically or politically.

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 prisoners in the slam longer than do our neighboring states. 3) We spend more money 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 system.

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 operations to reduce costs, which should include privatizing some parts of the system (food service, for example) and might involve responsibly privatizing some prisons altogether.

With respect to teacher retirement costs, it's become clear in recent years that pensions are eating up much of the funding increases for schools.

Over the past five years, for example, 42 percent of increases in state appropriations for schools have gone to pay for increased costs of school retirees 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 plans from their present expensive, old-style defined-benefit model to a defined-contribution system like 401(k) plans in the private sector.

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 pension 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 insurance premiums than the national average for both private and public sector employees.

So our financial objective should be to reduce this generous benefit package and increase insurance co-pays to something close to the national average.

According to a study recently completed by Public Sector Consultants for Detroit Renaissance, just these steps together would reduce state spending by around \$800 million per 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 government. Let me be clear: I am not proposing a detailed program to balance our budget for the next fiscal year or two.

Instead, I'm proposing a long-term general menu for fiscal responsibility, with the power to determine the individual recipes left up to the legislature and the executive branch.

Yet there is something important that can be done right now: The legislature and the governor should publicly announce and speedily agree on a long-term plan to set our financial

house in order and cure our structural deficit.

To show they are serious about this, all sides should pledge to reduce annual state spending by no less than \$1 billion per year.

And — crucially important — together they should commit to making a good start in getting to that goal during the "Lame Duck" session of the legislature that starts after the November election.

The down payment doesn't have to be enormous: \$50 million would be a good start in getting to \$1 billion. It would be symbolically important. We need to demonstrate that our state government and political parties are prepared to check 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 career from budget crisis to budget crisis, while we fall farther behind in doing what we need to lay the foundation for our future prosperity.

Former newspaper publisher and University of Michigan Regent Phil Power is a longtime 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, an online think tank and web site that 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 [power@thecenterformichigan.net](mailto:power@thecenterformichigan.net).

### EVENTS

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grant, Youth Workshop Service Tuesday Schedule: 5:30-7:15 a.m. Women of the Word Bible Study, through Nov. 18, 6:45 p.m. Ladies Evening Bible Study: 7 p.m. Men's Evening Bible Study

Wednesday Schedule: 5:30 p.m. Family Meal, \$4 per person, \$12 per family 7 p.m. Children's Caravan, Club 56, Bible Study, Quilting Adult Classes, through Nov. 20

Thursday Schedule: 6 a.m. Men of Purpose Prayer Group, 7 p.m. The Kwon Do

St. James Catholic LOCATION: 44325 10 Mile Road, Novi CONTACT: (248) 347-7178

Mass Schedule: TIME: 8, 9:30 and 10:30 a.m. Sunday 9 a.m. Monday-Thursday, 7 p.m. Wednesday, 5 p.m. Saturday

Walters Group TIME: 9:30-11 a.m. First and Third

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ROMAINE Becky at (248) 305-5524 or Joanne at (248) 380-6360

First Baptist Church of Northville LOCATION: 217 N. Wing CONTACT: (248) 348-9020

Sunday Worship: 10:45 a.m. and 5:45 p.m. Sunday School: 9:30 a.m. Ladies Bible Study: 9:30 a.m. and 7 p.m. Kidsday

Men's Bible Study: 9 a.m. First Saturday of every month

Full Community Freshening LOCATION: 44400 N. 10 Mile Road CONTACT: (248) 349-2349 or visit bathroom@multi-novis.org

Sunday Worship TIME: 10 a.m.

Adult Christian Education Classes TIME: 7 p.m. every Tuesday

Worship Case TIME: 7:30 p.m. every Monday

RETAIL: Eight weeks, \$58 continuous. Heavy Nuns London

TIME: 10 a.m. COFFEE TIME: 4:30 p.m. every Wednesday

RETAIL: For children in kindergarten to 6th grade. Enjoy recreation, Bible study, music and drama.

St. Paul's Lutheran Church LOCATION: 201 Elm St., Northville CONTACT: (248) 349-3480

Sunday Worship: 8:30 a.m. Blended, 11 a.m. Contemporary, 10:30 a.m. Traditional

Worship and Outreach LOCATION: 2155 Woodbrook Road, between Eighth and West Mile roads

CONTACT: Rev. Arthur P. Ritter, Senior Minister (248) 349-7157, will@wcc.org or email to office@wcc.org

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TIME: 11:30 a.m. fourth Thursday of each month

Spiritual Journey TIME: 11:30 a.m. every Sunday

Scripture Study TIME: 6-7 p.m. Friday and 9 a.m. 5 p.m. Saturday

RETAIL: \$25 for Friday, \$35 for Saturday, or \$50 for both days.

Christmas Workshop TIME: 7 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 7

Our Lady of Victory Catholic Church LOCATION: 770 Thayer, Northville CONTACT: (248) 349-2521 or orovna@nville.org

Sunday Worship TIME: 8 p.m.

Sunday Worship TIME: 7:30 p.m. 9 a.m. and 12:30 p.m.

GracePointe Presbyterian Church CONTACT: Rev. Brian C. Slesha, Pastor (248) 497-3178 or gracepointe@mac.com, and gracepointe.org

Family Worship: 11 a.m. Bible Study: 9 a.m. Family Worship: 5:30 p.m. Fourth Sunday of every month

Northville Christian Assembly LOCATION: 41355 Six Mile Road CONTACT: (248) 348-9930

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**BUFFET**  
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a few years it has evolved to become a big extended-family gathering. People come to eat 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.

Award-winning chef and 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. Epoch Catering is a division of Epoch Restaurant Corporation, nationally renowned for its restaurants Forte in Birmingham and Tribute in Farmington Hills and as the exclusive caterer at Rock Financial Showplace.

**CHEF HAILS FROM NORTHVILLE**  
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 Homestyle Restaurant on East Main Street.

He began as a dishwasher, was a bus boy, then moved on to 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 Novi Road, now the Crown Plaza

Hotel, as well as Novi's former Too Chez Restaurant. Poster worked at Too Chez and Tribute, moving to the catering division about eight years ago.

**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.

"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 dishes."

Susan, who also lives in Livonia but lived in Northville for years, has been involved in the food industry 35 years. "My heart's still in

Northville," she said.

She started as a cook at Star Manor Nursing Home in Northville in high school. She next worked as a dishwasher and then as a prep cook at Northville Charitie'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 Cozy Cafe in Plymouth, she was there for several years.

She was employed at Emma's Restaurant in Plymouth, where Cafe Bon Homme used to be, and at the Northville Gourmet on Eight Mile Road.

Her brother, Jeff, and his wife, Ania, now own Crawford's Kitchen in Plymouth.

"I also enjoy the creativity of being a pastry chef and the chocolate," she said. "I never get tired of chocolate."

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**December 2008 Events at Schoolcraft College**

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**Friday, December 5 WRC Luncheon Series**  
"The Parade Company"  
Renée Gonyeau offers a behind-the-scenes look at The Parade Company, the non-profit organization dedicated to creating the best family events in metro Detroit, including the annual America's Thanksgiving Day parade, held in Detroit since 1924. 11:45 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.  
Diponio Room inside VisTaTech Center  
Admission: \$16 (prepaid, includes lunch)  
Register by December 1, 2008  
Information: 734-462-4443

**Friday, December 5 Schoolcraft College Wind Ensemble and Artist Ensemble Winter Concert**  
7:30 p.m.  
Admission: Free; donations accepted at the door  
Community Room (RC 115), Schoolcraft College Radcliff Center, 1751 Radcliff St., Garden City  
Information: 734-462-4403

**Friday, December 12 Bach Piano Honors Recital**  
7:00 p.m.  
Presentation Room Inside the VisTaTech Center  
Admission: Free  
Information: 734-462-4403

**Friday, December 12 Schoolcraft College Jazz Ensemble and Synthesizer Ensemble Winter Concert**  
7:30 p.m.  
Diponio Room inside VisTaTech Center  
Admission: Free  
Information: 734-462-4400 ext. 5217

**Sunday, December 14 "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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## BUSINESS MILESTONES

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#### EPOCH RESTAURANT GROUP

Epoch Catering is hosting a Thanksgiving Buffet from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. inside the Diamond Center at the Rock Financial Showplace in Novi. Adults, \$24.95 per person, Seniors, \$19.95 per person, Children (5-12) \$12.95, Children 4 and under, free. Dinner will include roast turkey with giblet gravy, herb dressing, honey glazed ham, roasted sirloin au jus, candied yams and more. Call (248) 348-5600, ext. 200. Walk-ins welcome.

### ANNIVERSARY

#### DOUBLETREE HOTEL

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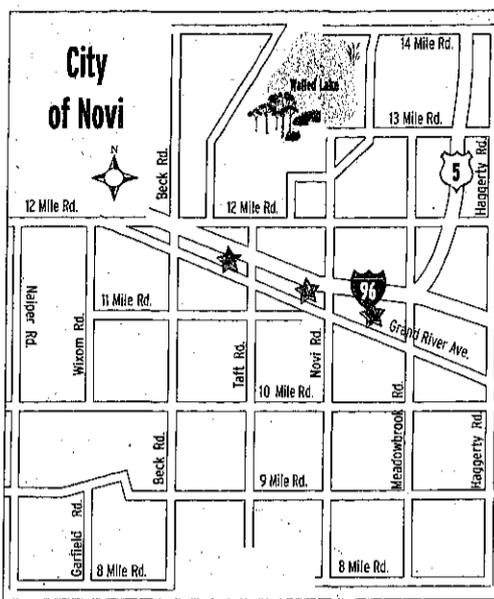
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## IT'S YOUR BUSINESS Q&A



PHOTO BY JOHN HEIDER/NOVI NEWS

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 officer.

#### Q. Where did you grow up?

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

#### 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 Turkey.

#### 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.

#### Q. What makes your business unique?

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

#### 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 locate 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 developing the location as Mezza.

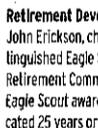
#### Q. Do you have a funny tidbit or story to share?

A. Nothing funny really... being in business there are a lot of things that happen and we try to keep a fun attitude no matter what we face. That helps smooth out the tough times and makes for a family atmosphere between our customers, our staff and us.

## BUSINESS NEWSMAKERS



**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 responsible for managing the finance, accounting, tax and treasury functions.

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## CHAMBER CHAT

■ The Novi Chamber of Commerce announces its 2009 Board of Directors. About 100 members voted by e-mail, fax and at the Nov. 5 luncheon. The winners are: Karen Anderson, Michigan Office Interiors; Greg Carr, Averill Accounting and Tax Service, Inc.; Anita Dellicolli, Cityscape Architects, Inc.; Pete Dion, Novi Community Schools; Satish Jasti, Lotus Bank; Tim Herrington, Keford Collision and Towing; Doug Kelly, Clark Hill, PLC; Lou Martin, Providence Park Hospital; Mary Jane Scott, Rock Financial Showplace; Bob Thorne, Petland Twelve Oaks; Ara Topouzian, City of Novi; and Jeff Wilk,

#### 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.novichamber.com](http://www.novichamber.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](http://www.novichamber.com) or call (248) 349-3743. No fee.

■ 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 holiday gifts offered by Chamber Members. Networking and appetizers will be provided. Register online at [www.novichamber.com](http://www.novichamber.com) or call (248) 349-3743. \$15 registration.

■ The Novi Chamber of Commerce is an active, progressive chamber offering a variety of events, educational programs, an enhanced Web site, and involvement with local charities. For membership information, visit our Web site at [www.novichamber.com](http://www.novichamber.com) or call (248) 349-3743.

# SPORTS

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The KLAAs 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 THEISEN  
SPORTS WRITER

Novi swim and dive will look to make a big splash at the state finals with eight swimmers 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 thinking about it since day one."

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.

"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 (fix it).

"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 several girls to fill out the relay teams. Meredith 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, Kalinosky in the 200 IM and 100 backstroke.

Also making the state cut for the Wildcats are Mary Anolick in the 100 backstroke, Ashley Bush in the 100 backstroke, 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."

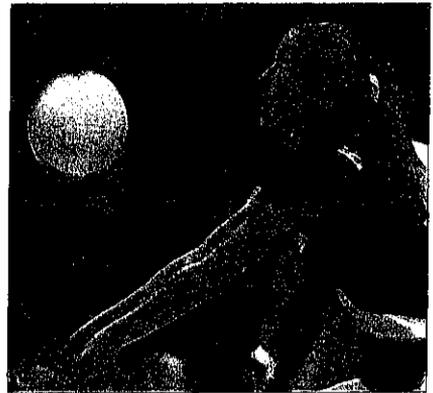
Having a large group of girls that have a very good chance of scoring in their events has Teeters and his team thinking big.

"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 University.

"If you don't get 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

BY JEFF THEISEN  
SPORTS WRITER

Livonia Churchill knocked off fellow KLAAs 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 Fisetto 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 Hildreth (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," Fisetto 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 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

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## 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 seniors."

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 need to be resolved.

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

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

Krygier has seen some good things out of the keeper, but knows the defense will have to help bring him along.

"Mike is developing well, but you can't ask a sophomore 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 the top lines.



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

The Wildcats will also have a checking line, featuring hard-working Erik Appelbacher.

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

The biggest change comes in the scheduling as Novi enters the KLAAs.

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 division title, a conference title and an association title.

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

"I think our schedule is probably the most difficult we'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 help us win more games. We always have high expectations."

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 Churchill.



On to college

Novi volleyball had a pair of players sign National Letters of Intent to play at college recently. Sarah Robb (left) will play at Saginaw Valley, and Kim Hildreth (right) will play at Eastern Michigan. Novi head coach Julie Fisetto stands proudly with them.

Maximize resistance training

BY BENITO OLMOS

The results from any resistance training program are related to many diverse factors such as genetics, sex, age and nutrition.

Anytime the subject of discussion is resistance training, much emphasis is given to the intensity that any given exercise is performed. This intensity is always associated to the weight being lifted.

Because of this, many people focus their effort on the maximum load to be lifted, believing that it will cause the maximum intensity and development.

In consequence, the form of the execution of the different movements is sacrificed, resulting many times in injuries; however, the intensity of an exercise is dictated by factors other than the load we use.

These other factors are the interval of recovery between the sets and speed of execution, also known as tempo.

Many lifters are not aware that the speed of execution of a movement affects the intensity of the exercise and needs to be controlled. In order to control the speed of execution, we must divide the movement into two phases: A) Concentric, where the muscles are shortening during the action against the

resistance. B) Eccentric, where the muscle are stretching during the action against the resistance.

Generally the exercises are being executed with an "explosive" form where the concentric and eccentric phases do not even last one second each. The use of acceleration in the concentric phase makes our muscles exert the majority of their work only in the first degrees of the movement. The muscles generate a vigorous start, and after this, the inertia will take over the process making the necessary muscular contraction very small, since the load acquired acceleration allows the continuity of the movement almost by itself.

In the eccentric phase, the gravity will help the movement and the muscles are acting as brakes. If this phase is carried through in high speeds, a high risk of injuries to the joints are present, since the muscles are not supporting (braking) the forces generated by the load's acceleration.

The best recommendation resides in executing these two phases with controlled speed; the speed is measured by the seconds that we take to accomplish every phase of the movement.

Normally the tempo used

are 2-2 and 3-3, where the first number represents the time for the concentric phase (lifting the weight) and the second the eccentric phase (lowering the weight) in seconds.

It is interesting to point out that the overloads in the different exercises are directly proportional to the execution speed, meaning, the lower the speed, the lower the weight that you are able to lift with the correct form.

This does not mean that the total work is smaller than when you are using heavier weights because the time that the muscles stay under tension will be greater at lower speed delivering results better and safer.

So next time you are lifting weights try not to pay too much attention to the amount of weight you are lifting, because you are probably missing the most important point: technique.

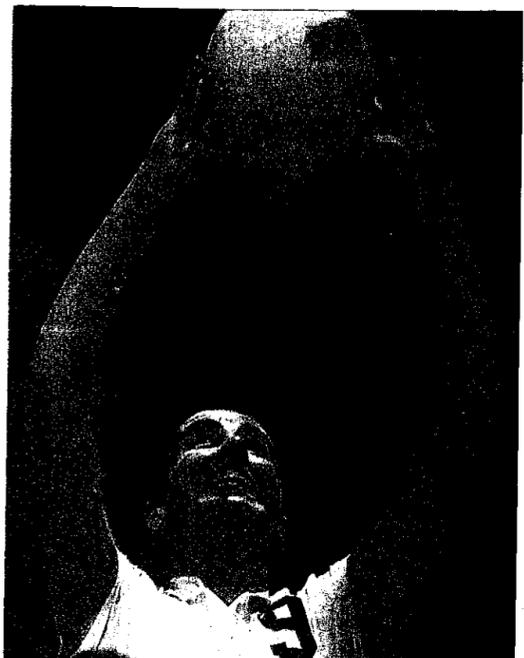
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Novi's Kim Hilliard sets the ball against Churchill.



Novi's Christine Mech serves against Churchill.



Novi's Sarah Robb gets a kill in front of a Churchill player.

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line, setting off a Charger celebration with a 25-23 win. "It was a great match," Churchill head coach Mark Grenier said. "I thought both teams played really well. Novi plays some wonderful

defense and they got a couple of kids that hit really well." Laura Subject, just a sophomore, continued to impress on defense. She led the Wildcats with 24 digs and added three aces. Julia Thomas led Novi with 14 kills and seven solo blocks. Sarah Robb finished her Novi career with a 10-kill performance and six solo

blocks. "Every year I have those seniors who step up and lead the team," Fisetto said. "You don't know what you are going to do without them, and then next year's seniors step right up." Fisetto and the rest of the team hated to end this year's run, but she knows the Wildcats are a program that's

built for the long haul. With only four seniors on the team, Fisetto is already looking forward to what next year could bring. "We had a phenomenal JV team that never lost," she said. "We'll be strong. We'll be back. We're ready to go."

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BOYS BASKETBALL

(All games 7 p.m. unless noted)

12/9	Away	WL Western
12/12	Home	WL Central
12/16	Home	WL Northern
12/18	Away	Wat. Kettering
1/6	Away	John Glenn
1/6	Home	Canton
1/20	Away	South Lyon East
1/23	Home	Northville
1/27	Away	Salem
1/30	Home	Stevenson
2/3	Home	South Lyon
2/6	Away	South Lyon East
2/10	Home	Northville
2/13	Home	Salem
2/17	Away	Stevenson
2/20	Away	South Lyon
2/23	Away	Plymouth
2/26	Home	Franklin
3/3	TBA	Conference Championship
3/5	Home	Association Championship
3/9	Home	Districts

HOCKEY

11/21	Home	Rochester United	5:30 p.m.
11/22	Home	Macomb Dakota	8 p.m.
11/26	Away	Livonia Franklin	8 p.m.
11/28	Away	Wle Western	8:20 p.m.
12/3	Home	Plymouth	6:30 p.m.
12/5	Away	Canton	8:30 p.m.
12/10	Home	Farmington	6:30 p.m.
12/12	Away	Northville	6:30 p.m.
12/15	Home	Salem	6:30 p.m.
12/19	Away	Davison (Clarkston tourney)	7:30 p.m.
12/20	Away	TBA (Clarkston tourney)	noon
1/9	Away	Calumet	7 p.m.
1/10	Away	Houghton	1 p.m.
1/19	Away	Livonia Churchill	6 p.m.
1/19	Away	South Lyon	6:30 p.m.
1/21	Away	Stevenson	6 p.m.
1/23	Home	Northville	6:30 p.m.
2/4	Away	WL Western	6:30 p.m.
2/9	Away	South Lyon	6 p.m.
2/13	Away	Michigan Showcase @ Kennedy Arena	TBA
2/14	Away	Michigan Showcase @ Kennedy Arena	TBA
2/18	Home	Stevenson	5:30 p.m.
2/20	Home	Conference Crossover	6:30 p.m.
2/25	Home	Association Crossover	6:30 p.m.
3/4	Home	Pre-Regional	6:30 p.m.
3/6	Home	Regional	6:30 p.m.
3/10	Home	Quarterfinal	TBA
3/12	Away	Semifinal @ Computware	TBA
3/13	Away	Semifinal @ Computware	TBA
3/14	Away	MHSAA Final @ Computware	TBA

BOWLING (BOYS AND GIRLS)

12/8	Away	Kettering	4 p.m.
12/10	Away	Kettering	3:30 p.m.
12/15	Away	Kettering	4 p.m.
12/16	Home	Lakeland	3:30 p.m.
1/6	Home	WL Central	3:30 p.m.
1/8	Away	WL Western	3:30 p.m.
1/12	Away	S Lyon	3:30 p.m.
1/14	Home	Wayne Memorial	3:30 p.m.
1/20	Away	St. East	3:30 p.m.
1/22	Away	Northville	3:30 p.m.
1/27	Away	John Glenn	3:30 p.m.
1/29	Away	S Lyon	3:30 p.m.
2/2	Away	vs Wayne	3:30 p.m.
2/4	Away	St. East	3:30 p.m.
2/10	Home	Northville	3:30 p.m.
2/12	Away	John Glenn	3:30 p.m.

BOYS SWIMMING

1/8	Away	South Lyon East 6 p.m.
1/10	Away	Laker Invitational TBA
1/15	Home	Northville 6 p.m.
1/22	Away	Salem 6 p.m.
1/27	Away	Lakeland 6:30 p.m.
1/29	Home	Stevenson 6 p.m.
2/12	Home	Crossover 6 p.m.
2/27	Away	Divisional Championships TBA
2/28	Away	NLAA Conference Championship TBA
3/10	Away	Regional Championships TBA
3/13	Away	Finals TBA
3/14	Away	Finals TBA

SKIING (BOYS AND GIRLS)

(All races at Alpine Valley Ski Area)

1/8	St. Mary & Ladywood	4:30 p.m.
1/12	West Bloomfield	4:30 p.m.
1/15	Lakeland	4:30 p.m.
1/22	Brother Rice & Marian	4:30 p.m.
1/26	Walld Lake Northern	4:30 p.m.
1/27	Walld Lake Western	4:30 p.m.
1/28	Walld Lake Central	4:30 p.m.
1/29	Hartland	4:30 p.m.
2/2	Millford	4:30 p.m.
2/15	Divisional Championship	4:30 p.m.
2/16	Regional Championship	4:30 p.m.
2/17	SEMSL League Championship	4:30 p.m.

GIRLS BASKETBALL

(All games 7 p.m. unless noted)

12/9	Home	WL Western
12/12	Away	WL Central
12/16	Away	WL Northern
12/18	Home	Wat. Kettering
1/6	Home	John Glenn
1/6	Home	Canton
1/20	Away	South Lyon East
1/23	Home	Northville
1/27	Away	Salem
1/30	Home	Stevenson
2/3	Away	South Lyon
2/6	Away	South Lyon East
2/10	Home	Northville
2/13	Away	Salem
2/17	Away	Stevenson
2/20	Home	South Lyon
2/24	Home	Conference Championship
2/27	Away	Association Championship

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12/10	Away	South Lyon East	7 p.m.
12/13	Away	CCCAM invite @ Wyandotte Roosevelt	TBA
1/7	Home	Northville	7 p.m.
1/10	Home	Novi Cheer Invite	9 a.m.
1/17	Away	Wyandotte invite	10 a.m.
1/23	Away	Salem	7 p.m.
1/24	Away	Grosse Ile invite	7 p.m.
1/31	Away	Northville Cheer Invite	1 p.m.
2/4	Home	Stevenson	7 p.m.
2/7	Away	Ladywood Invite	TBA
2/9	Home	South Lyon	7 p.m.
2/14	Away	Conference Championship	9 a.m.
2/21	Away	District	TBA
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**27th Annual Christmas Walk - November 22, 12:00 - 4:00pm**  
Presented by Northville Chamber of Commerce  
Sponsored by The Knickerbocker Group of Raymond James  
Visit the fresh Greens Market held in Town Square for your holiday decorations and bring your kids to enjoy a FREE horse-drawn wagon ride with Santa on Saturday. For more information, call 248-349-7640.

**Historic Mill Race Village Christmas Walk - November 23, 1:00 - 4:00pm**  
Presented by Northville Historical Society  
Free admission to guided tours of eight historic buildings, decorated for the holidays, stroller and musician performances, demonstrations on basket weaving, rug hooking, weaving, and blacksmithing.  
Refreshments will be available. For more information, call 248-348-1845.

**Candlelight Walk/First Friday Art Walk - December 5, 6:00 - 9:00pm**  
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**First Friday Holiday Fun - December 5, 6:30-9:00pm**  
Presented by Northville Parks and Recreation  
Parents, drop the kids off (ages 3 and older) at the Community Senior Center so you can enjoy an evening of shopping in Downtown Northville. Kids will have a fun-filled evening featuring crafts, games and snacks. Pre-registration is recommended. For more information, call 248-349-0203.

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Winter practices get into swing

BY JEFF THEISEN  
SPORTS WRITER

The recent snow falls mean a couple of things — the fall season is coming to a close, and winter is upon us.

The Novi gyms have been packed with kids hoping to make the winter rosters.

Hockey has been under way for a few weeks, and girls basketball and cheer got its first practices in Nov. 10.

This past Monday signaled the beginning of boys basketball and wrestling.

For Novi, the head coaches remain the same. Adjustments to new faces and talents on the teams will be the biggest challenge. But despite cuts or no 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 success comes much sooner, and the sport becomes fun for everyone."

"It takes hard work and dedication to get there, but it's always worth the effort," Boys basketball head coach Cory Heitsch enters his second 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 seniors."

"Cuts are obviously the most difficult aspect of the job, but you do your best as a coach to create a fair evaluation process and communicate that to the kids."

Bowling can begin practicing today, and boys swimming will hit the pool for its first practice Monday.

Hockey is the first to take the playing surfaces with a game Friday and Saturday at the Metro Invite at the Novi Ice Arena.

The rest of the teams don't begin the regular season until December.

CLUB EXTREME VOLLEYBALL is holding tryouts for its fifth season in November.

The tryouts will be at the Novi Christian Community Center at 45301 W. 11 Mile in Novi.

Players should arrive 30 minutes before tryouts for check-in. Bring current 2009 AAA Membership card and Club Extreme Registration along with a \$25 tryout fee.

Tryout times are:

Nov. 15  
9-11 a.m. - U12 (Born on or after Sept. 1, 1996)  
9-11 a.m. - U13 (Sept. 1, 1995) - U14 (Sept. 1, 1994)  
2-4 p.m. - U15 (Sept. 1, 1993) - U16 (Sept. 1, 1992) - U17 (Sept. 1, 1991) - U18 (Sept. 1, 1990)  
Nov. 17  
5-7 p.m. - U15  
5-7 p.m. - U16-18  
Nov. 19  
5-7 p.m. - U12-13  
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BY SALLY RUMMEL  
SPECIAL WRITER

Forever after starts right here at Rottermond Jewelers' two locations in Milford and Brighton.

Whether you have already popped the question or are planning to become engaged over the holidays, Rottermond Jewelers can guide you every step of the way, with ideas for making the proposal as unique and wonderful as your own love affair.

### Something Blue

To make your proposal really special this Christmas, place the engagement ring in its special blue Rottermond gift box, then hang it from the boughs of your Christmas tree in a hidden place.

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### To have and to hold

Rottermond's Web site also provides couples with a unique opportunity to preview their ring selections, so that the future bride may offer a "Wish List" to make the ring purchase easier for the two of them.

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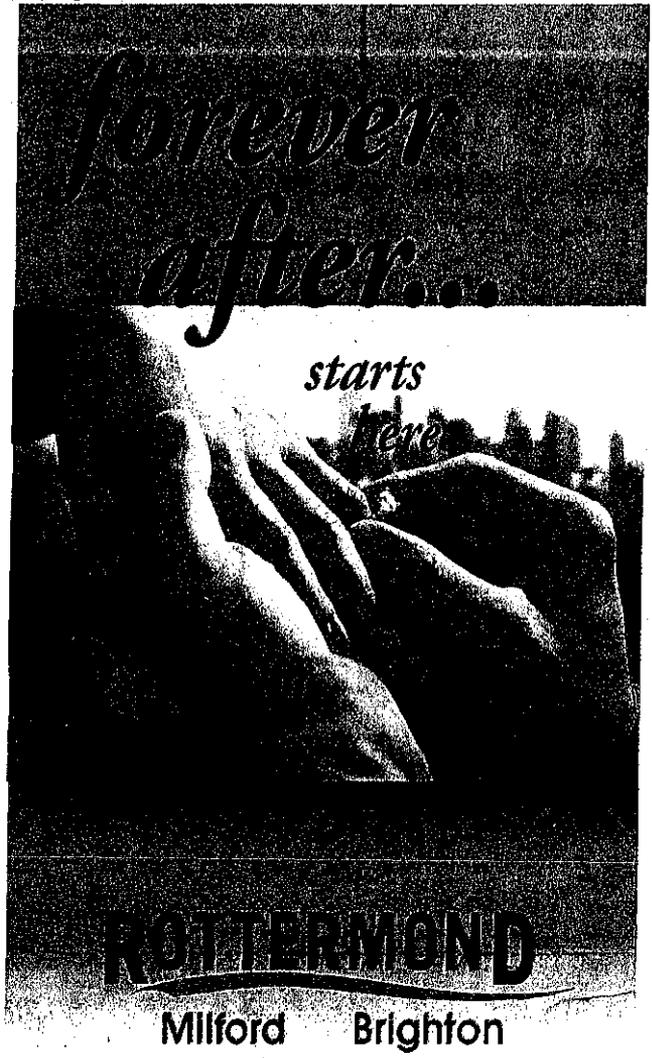
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GREAT HOUSE! GREAT PRICE! Plenty of room in this 4 bedroom 2 bath home in Van Buren Estates. Huge backyard, partially finished basement, 2 car garage. Home Warranty!  
(28151902) \$119,900



**Commerce Twp. 248-348-6430**  
GREAT HOME WITH MANY UPDATES! New roof & siding, newer windows, well & finished W/O bsmt. Newer decks on front & rear. Enjoy lake access on all sport lake! Must see, ready to move right in!  
(28144672) \$179,000



**Livonia 248-348-6430**  
RENOVATED WITH STYLE! 3 bedroom ranch with impressive details & many updates including updated kitchen, main bath, light fixtures, finished basement, vinyl windows, and deck.  
(28086574) \$195,000



**Northville 248-851-4100**  
614K PRIME LOTS NORTHVILLE STONEWATER 4 BR 4.1 BA 1st fl MBR suite w/glamour spa bath, hardwood fl w/2 way FP, walls of windows, princess suite, Granite kit & bath, 3 car garage, fin. daylight bsmt.  
(28175051) \$480,000



**Plymouth 734-455-7000**  
WONDERFUL PLYMOUTH TOWNHOUSE! Totally updated, 3BR/2-1/2BA, part fin bsmt; att garage; granite countertops.  
(28178090) \$182,000



**Lyon Twp 248-348-6430**  
LOVELY COUNTRY ESTATE on 5 acre! Large garage, hay barn with loft, horse barn for 4, house has been remodeled from top to bottom, hardwood floors, spacious kitchen.  
(28119437) \$349,000



**Belleville 734-455-7000**  
CLEAN, COMFORTABLE CONDO LIVING! is yours in this 2BR/2BA condo, located deep in the complex and featuring an oak kitchen, master suite w/walk-in closet, all appliances and a covered carport!  
(28131071) \$94,900



**Farmington 248-348-6430**  
CLASSIC VINTAGE VICTORIAN 3 BR 2 BA. What a gent Original hrdwd fls refinished, updated electrical windows, HWY, formal DR & LR, carriage barn/garage w/900 sq ft, spacious fenced yard.  
(28131093) \$225,000



**Livonia 734-591-9200**  
SOLID BRK RCH. SPTLESS & RDY TO MOVE IN. Refin hardwood fls/out w/lam tm addit. Corner lot w/dyds spc & kitchen of dr every gal. New wind. prd bsmt, updated elec.  
(28172707) \$149,999



**Northville 734-455-7000**  
ONE ACRE COUNTRY LOT IN THE CITY! Updated home with 2nd & 2 car garage. Attached 2 car garage has 1st fl heated workshop with a half bath. Well-supplied sprinkler system.  
(28151507) \$279,900



**Plymouth 734-455-7000**  
PLYMOUTH CONDO WITH A GREAT FLOOR PLAN! Island kitchen, 1-1/2 baths, basement, deck & carport. Private entrance and walking distance to downtown!  
(28099981) \$90,000



**Walled Lake 248-348-6430**  
UPDATED END UNIT TOWNHOUSE BARGAIN PRICE! Just listed Walled Lake condo w/brand new hardwood fls, updated kitchen & bath, FINSHD BSMT & ATT garage. Newer windows & all appliances ready to move in! WOW!  
(28174084) \$99,900



**Brighton 248-437-3800**  
GREAT HOME TO ENTERAIN IN! Wide open floor plan, GR has soaring ceilings, fireplace & lots of windows. 1st fl master suite w/jetted tub. Large kitchen w/hardwood floors. Full fin bsmt.  
(28181801) \$259,000



**Farmington 248-348-6430**  
PRIME BUILDING LOT - BOX 110 Nice corner lot located in Farmington Hills. Close to uptown and downtown Farmington. Don't delay, make an offer today.  
(28180740) \$48,000



**Livonia 734-591-9200**  
ORIG OWNERS, NEWER ROOF, UPDATED FLOORING! New windows, updated kit, newer furnace, fresh painted interior, grt curb appeal, part fin bsmt w/lc rm & bath, lg deck & well manicured yard, din area & more.  
(28175064) \$129,999



**Novi 248-851-4100**  
LUXURIOUS OPEN FLOOR PLAN. OVER 4100 SF 3 car garage, granite counter tops, sunroom w/hardwood floors, finished basement w/suana.  
(28181227) \$525,000



**Redford 248-684-1065**  
QUANT BRICK HOME ON TREED LOT. Knotty pine kit cabs, part fin bsmt adds 910 sq ft. 1st and rec room, 3 BR/1.1 BA. Fenced yard. Lovely neighborhood.  
(28094937) \$135,000



**Wayne 734-455-7000**  
FABULOUS HOME FOR THE FAMILY! Large nat. in kitchen, family room, living room, finished basement, beautiful fenced yard, garage, C/A and more!  
(28115163) \$129,900



**Brighton 248-684-1065**  
GORGEOUS 2 STORY BACKING TO PARK. Large kitchen w/hardwood flooring. Security system. lg master suite w/jetted tub. Full landscaping. 2 car deck patio.  
(28127141) \$225,000



**Grosse Ile 734-591-9200**  
LOTS OF UPDATES! NEW FURNACE, NEWER Windows, roof, gutters w/leaf guards, some new pgrs. Lots of refinished hrdwd fls, fenced yard, lg FP w/brick wall FP & bayed ceiling. 1 yr hm warranty.  
(28177470) \$79,500



**Livonia 248-348-6430**  
IT'S ALL ABOUT LOCATION! Priced to sell w/ro bank hassle! Clean & tasteful decor. New KIT & appls. Newer windows, DRs, carpet, lum, HWY, H/W/D thru most 1st fl. Walk to everything!  
(28177160) \$65,000



**Novi 248-348-6430**  
VERY CLEAN 4 BEDROOM, 2.5 bath colonial with many updates in the last 4 years: windows (Walbridge), carpet, kitchen counters, Pergo floor, roof, large unfinished basement.  
(28122010) \$299,999



**Redford 248-851-4100**  
ATTENTION FIRST TIME BUYERS! Cute ranch home features fireplace, HWF, full DR, LR, double closets in master bedroom & large kitchen. Updated electrical & bath. 1 year home warranty.  
(28158624) \$80,000



**West Bloomfield 248-684-1065**  
ENJOY 79' OF CANAL FRONTAGE ON PREMIER LAKE. Charming Cape Cod has been extensively remodeled! Oak cabinets, carpet, w/alcotting, etc. Wooded lot & lake view.  
(2814408) \$235,000



**Canton 734-455-7000**  
ANTIQUE FOREST COLONIAL! Colonial w/ finished lower level! Great location, backs to trees, exten. hrdwd. SS appl. Lower level includes: full bath, theatre area, exercise rm. Paver patio.  
(28074744) \$299,000



**Highland 248-684-1065**  
CUSTOM BUILT LKFT HOME, 1.7 acres. Maple cabs & granite t/o 2 kths & baths. 2 story GR w/ gas fp. 1st fl master w/ ba & 2 WCs. Fin W/O, prof landscaping.  
(28152095) \$529,900



**Lyon 248-437-3800**  
WOW! Brand new 3 story home W/W/O LL. 5BR located on 2nd fl w/computer rm & laundry. The real bonus is the 3rd fl family rec rm. Kit w/granite, hrdwd fl & etc.  
(28163301) \$339,900



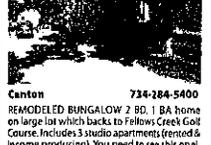
**Novi 248-348-6430**  
84' OF FRONTAGE ON WALLED LAKE. Build site is on south side of street.  
(28166382) \$299,754



**Romulus 734-591-9200**  
WOW! AN ABSOLUTE MUST SEE! Newly built home backs to nat preserve; 4 BRs, loft, 2nd fl frndly, prem lot, brick pavers, lg kit w/island, brwni plumb for BA & Shower, lg MBR & WIC, home warranty, lg FR w/FP.  
(28169419) \$244,900



**Westland 248-348-6430**  
IMMACULATE WESTLAND COLONIAL! 3 bedrooms, 1 1/2 baths. Large master BR w/ walk-in closet. Neutral decor. Deck off kitchen overlooking fenced wooded backyard. Super sharp home warranty too!  
(28170466) \$185,000



**Canton 734-284-5400**  
REMODELLED BUNGALOW 2 BD, 1 BA home on large lot which backs to Fellows Creek Golf Course. Includes 3 studio apartments (rented & income producing). You need to see this one!  
(28052801) \$219,900



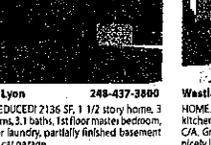
**Highland 248-684-1065**  
CHARMING 3 BR RANCH ON ALL-SPORTS DUCK LAKE! Gradual drop and sandy bottom of waterfront with dock. Many updates: paint, flooring, appliances.  
(28146840) \$209,900



**Lyon 248-437-3800**  
ARCHITECTURAL ELEGANCE! This graceful colonial has too many extras to mention! Extensive use of hrdwd, 3 fireplace! Dream garden w/pond backing to horse farm. Lots of privacy.  
(28183292) \$275,000



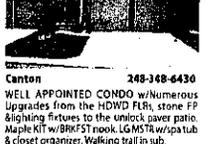
**Novi 248-437-3800**  
TOTALLY REDONE NEO-CLASSIC INSIDE Colors very appealing for today's look. Shows like a 2008 home. Elaborate master bath with extensive use of limestone. Wide plank hardwood fl most of 1st floor.  
(28152434) \$279,900



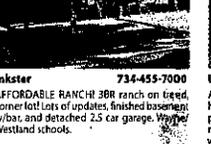
**South Lyon 248-437-3800**  
JUST REDUCED! 2136 SF, 1 1/2 story home, 3 bedrooms, 2.1 baths. 1st floor master bedroom, 1st floor laundry, partially finished basement and a 2 car garage.  
(28102084) \$249,900



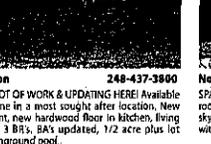
**Westland 734-284-5400**  
HOME SWEET HOME! 3 bd, 1 ba ranch. Updated kitchen w/appliances. Newer roof, windows & C/A. Great screened porch overlooking large nicely landscaped corner lot. A Must See!  
(28105263) \$94,500



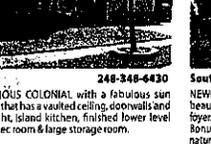
**Canton 248-348-6430**  
WELL APPOINTED CONDO w/numerous upgrades from the HOWD FLR; stone FP & lighting fixtures to the unlock paver patio. Master KIT w/BEST ST NOOK. LG MSTR w/sp tub & closet organizer. Walking trail in sub.  
(28115914) \$184,999



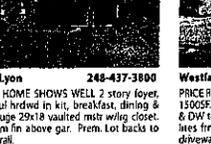
**Inkster 734-455-7000**  
AFFORDABLE RANCH! 3BR ranch on tired, corner lot! Lots of updates, finished basement, w/bat, and detached 2.5 car garage. W/very Westland schools.  
(28182774) \$69,900



**Lyon 248-437-3800**  
A LOT OF WORK & UPDATING HERE! Available home in a most sought after location. New paint, new hardwood floor in kitchen, living rm, 3 BRs, BA's updated, 1/2 acre plus lot w/inground pool.  
(28183085) \$259,000



**Novi 248-684-1065**  
SPACIOUS COLONIAL with a fabulous sun room that has a vaulted ceiling, doorwells and skylight, island kitchen, finished lower level with rec room & large storage room.  
(28179955) \$265,000



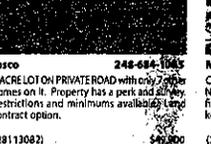
**South Lyon 248-437-3800**  
NEWER HOME SHOWS WELL! 2 story foyer, beautiful hrdwd in kit, breakfast, dining & foyer. Huge 29x18 vaulted mstr w/ing closet. Bonus rm in above gar. Prem. Lot backs to nature trail.  
(28136248) \$339,900



**Westland 734-591-9200**  
PRICE REDUCED - Affordable home just under 1500SF. Nice size BRs, 1.5 BA, kit w/dining area & DW to brick paver patio. 2 car gar w/poning lots fire & side 4 Cng Fans. Newer roof & driveway, HW Hic O7.  
(28077414) \$69,900



**Canton Twp 248-851-4100**  
PRIVATE END UNIT BRICK RANCH CONDO in Canton. Premium lot w/basement access from remodeled clubhouse & pool. All appl. included. Newer windows, roof, sump pump, dishwasher. Close to shopping/schools.  
(28164721) \$88,900



**Iscoo 248-684-1065**  
2 ACRE LOT ON PRIVATE ROAD with only 7 other homes on it. Property has a perk and all city restrictions and minimums available! Land contract option.  
(28113082) \$49,900



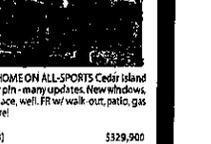
**Millford 248-684-1065**  
CHARMING 3 BR RANCH W/1.1 BA. HDWD fls. New carpet. Neutral decor. Skylight in kit. Part fin bsmt. Patio and fenced yard. Sep. fenced kennel. Shed.  
(28156242) \$143,000



**Novi 248-851-4100**  
GORGEOUS COMPLETELY UPDATED 3 BR CONDO! Enclosed brick paver patio. New windows, doorwll, HWF in foyer, kit & DR. Tiled back splash in kitchen, new appl, new BAs. California closets. New furnace & AC.  
(28131329) \$110,000



**South Lyon 248-437-3800**  
TOLL BROTHERS 'SHEFFIELD' MODEL! Enjoy over 2600sf of quality living space w/lrg mstr & open spaces! Offers 9 ceilings, gourmet kit, center island, mstr suite complete w/ shower & jetted tub.  
(28185463) \$236,000



**Westland 734-591-9200**  
LAKÉ FRT HOME ON ALL-SPORTS Cedar Island Lk. Open flr plan - many updates. Newer windows, siding, furnace, well. FR w/ walk-out, patio, gas FP and more!  
(28173003) \$329,900



**Commerce Builders Home ON 1.67 ACRES**  
IMMACULATE BUILDERS HOME ON 1.67 ACRES. Wood windows/trim, GR w/ cath ceiling & FP. Gourmet island kit, 3 bd 2.1 ba. HRWD in den. Great view from covered porch.  
(28121305) \$265,000



**Livonia 734-591-9200**  
UNIQUE PERFECTION BACKYARD LOVER! FULL bh on each fl, new windows upstps, new ext dis, new furn a/c-hw, new carpet & pgrs flrs, updated bath, huge fin bsmt, farm leads to deck w/hot tub, pond.  
(28169416) \$229,900



**Millford 248-684-1065**  
CLOSE TO THE VILLAGE OF MILLFORD with Highland Taxes! Ride the horses and enjoy the peacefulness of country living. Outbuildings allowed.  
(28083996) \$139,900



**Plymouth 248-348-6430**  
HOME FEATURES A KIT, WICHERRY CABINETS, granite & island fl w/blkic, cr w/butter pantry, lg w/frnch drs, mstr suite w/deep spa, dbl wic, LL w/wet bar & ample storage. Cedar deck & prof landscaped.  
(28085400) \$459,500



**South Lyon 248-437-3800**  
CHARMING HOME LRG DECK, hot tub, stream in backyard, near trails, woods & park. Natural fireplace, oversized garage w/ high ceiling & door. Many updates. Never apply stay.  
(28072291) \$179,900



**White Lake 248-684-1065**  
LG KIT W/VAULT CEIL, recessed lights & oak cabs. DR w/ D/W to deck. GR w/ vault cell & gas fp. Fin W/O LL w/ full ba, bar, FR & BS/office. Pkry yard.  
(28136802) \$198,955



**Farmington 248-348-6430**  
RARE FIND! Spacious, move in condition ranch in the heart of downtown Farmington, newer Walkside windows w/warranty, newer roof, huge LR & FR, short sale opportunity!  
(28182291) \$190,000



**Livonia 248-348-6430**  
TOTALLY RENOVATED & EXPANDED COLONIAL! Spacious 4 BDRM, 3.5 BA. Livonia home. Expansion includes 2 upper BDRMs, full BA & computer area. Updated KIT w/Corian counters & oak cabinets. Full BSMT & more.  
(28169416) \$229,900



**Northville 248-348-6430**  
UNIQUE OPPORTUNITY IN HISTORIC DISTRICT! One of the prized sites in Northville, 2BD, 2BA farm house w/hrd walkout BSMT, 2 story carriage house w/hrd carport. Plus a separate vac lot. Approx. 75 acres.  
(28137793) \$674,900



**Plymouth 734-455-7000**  
TWO PLYMOUTH HOMES FOR THE PRICE OF ONE! Two separate houses on one lot in downtown Plymouth. Live in one - rent the other! Numerous updates in main house. Other home continually rented.  
(27097266) \$194,900



**South Lyon 248-437-3800**  
WHAT A FABULOUS FIND THIS HOME IS! So many updates, newer roof, furnace, A/C, Anderson windows, doors, hot water heater, water softener. Recent addition makes spacious kitchen a chef's delight.  
(28184567) \$136,000



**White Lake 248-684-1065**  
110 FEET ON THE CANAL. 56 FEET ON THE ROAD. Lg kitchen w/doorwalk to lg 17x11 deck. Spectacular view of White Lk from living room. w/water view from every window.  
(28038434) \$189,900

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