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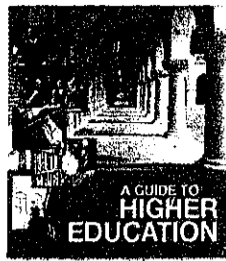
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The *Observer & Eccentric* and *Hometown Weekly Newspapers* have an exciting new feature designed to forge a more collaborative relationship with readers. Get Published, which launched Friday on our Web site, hometownlife.com, allows readers to publish stories and photos in a special area devoted just to them.

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Pumpkinfest!

Look inside today's *Novi News* for the official guide to the 25th annual Pumpkinfest, which will take place Oct. 3-4. The guide features plenty of stories about this year's festival and the Downtown Saturday Night event planned for Oct. 3. It is also loaded with maps and schedules, and everything else you need to know about the South Lyon area's biggest annual festival.



And speaking of Pumpkinfest, organizers for the festival are still looking for volunteers to run the Hot Dog Eating Contest, which Wal-Mart is sponsoring. If you are interested in being a volunteer, contact Dianne Roest at (248) 486-0450.



Providence Park Hospital President Jean Meyer, right, talks to Paula Chozary, M.D. in the Novi hospital's pediatrics ward. Providence Park has now been open for a full year.

Providence Park looks to future

First year meets expectations, bar being raised

BY NATHAN MUELLER
STAFF WRITER

Several questions loomed about when Providence Park Hospital opened its doors last September.

But judging by the numbers, those questions have been answered.

In less than a year, the hospital has had more than 7,000 admissions, done more than 8,500 surgeries, delivered 1,400 babies and had more than 37,000 people visit the emergency department. Add to that the addition of 120 beds since opening, making the total 200, and hiring 300 more staff members and 300 more physicians that work at both Providence Park and Providence Hospital in Southfield, the hospital has filled an important role in the area.

"A lot has changed since the hospital was planned 10 years ago, but the kind of service we offer hasn't changed," said President Jean Meyer. "It's been fun to see something built from the ground up and we can set the bar as high as we want... There are no old habits to break."

The 500,000-square-foot hospital, which cost \$229 million to construct, is just one part of Novi's Providence Park Campus, located on the southwest corner of Beck Road and Grand River Avenue. Joining the hospital are a medical center, the Assarian Cancer Center, the Novi Orthopedic Center and the Bone and Joint Center of Novi, the Van Elslander Neurosciences Center and Park Medical Office building and the Staybridge Suites hotel.

Meyer said in the past four months the hospital has made a profit and "every month we are learning more than the last."

Some of the highlights of the hospital include 200 private rooms that are inter-



Novi's Providence Park Hospital recently celebrated its first full year of operation.

sive care ready, no overhead paging for communication, 24-hour visitation, room service when the patient wants to eat, a facility dog, Parker, who visits patients throughout the hospital and much more.

Meyer, a former nurse, even makes it a point to travel throughout the hospital, interacting with employees and visiting patients.

"As a leader you get more respect by being seen," she said. "I can see the fruits of my labor when I see success on a unit."

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Theft doesn't ruin wedding

Couple has rings, gifts stolen just days before tying knot

BY NATHAN MUELLER
STAFF WRITER

Just days before Chase Chandler and Rachel Kozma were to be married, the unthinkable happened.

Their newly purchased Novi home was robbed, and taken in the heist, among several other items, were the couple's 18-karat white gold wedding rings.

But while the suspects got away with several thousands of dollars worth of goods, their act wasn't enough to put a damper on the couple's Sept. 19 wedding day.

The wedding went off without a hitch, as many of the items, including the rings, were replaced by Saturday.

"Sometimes things happen you have no control over," Rachel said. "You can't always prevent bad people from doing bad things to you."

The incident occurred between 1-5 p.m. on Sept. 9 in the Dunbarton Pines subdivision, hours after Rachel left the home. Rachel said she and her husband were doing improvements on the house and she let the tile contractor into the home before leaving.

When she returned around 5 p.m., she was greeted by two surprises. The first was a notice on the front door saying the home had been winterized as part of the foreclosure process. And the second was finding the gifts for her bridesmaids, Coach wristlets and jewelry, along with the rings, were missing.

"It was quite the dilemma," she said.

Wendy Kozma, Rachel's mother and realtor, said the foreclosure notice was a mix-up. The couple had bought the home on a short sale on Aug. 21, which was approved by GMAC, but the company failed to notify Fannie Mae that it was a fully satisfied sale. Fannie Mae was under the impression the house was still in foreclosure and subcontracted Safeguard to manage the property and winterize it.

Fannie Mae and Safeguard have issued apologies to the couple.

In regards to the theft, the Novi Police Department is following up with the mortgage company and the contractor that was in the house when Rachel left.

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A robbery incident that occurred just days before Chase and Rachel Chandler's wedding on Sept. 19 wasn't enough to dampen the festivities.

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Library proves to be valuable resource for unemployed, financially strapped

More people taking advantage of library services

BY NATHAN MUELLER
STAFF WRITER

Novi resident Robert Martin has been out of work since April, and while it would be easy for him to sit at home and search the Internet for jobs, he isn't doing that.

Not when the Novi Public Library has so much to offer. Martin, who is looking for a job in the loss prevention field, said coming to the library has been a benefit throughout his job search, and the helpful staff makes him feel like he is not on his own.

"I have a computer at home and could do it there, but get-

ting out of the house and making it your job to look for a job and having somewhere to go kind of improves your spirits a bit," he said. "The library has a lot of resources that are useful and I have gotten several tips on links to sites I wasn't aware of before."

The 10-year Novi resident is one of several people taking advantage of the many free resources and programs the library has to offer. Michele Fuher, adult services librarian, said she cannot put an exact number on how many people use the library for job or finan-

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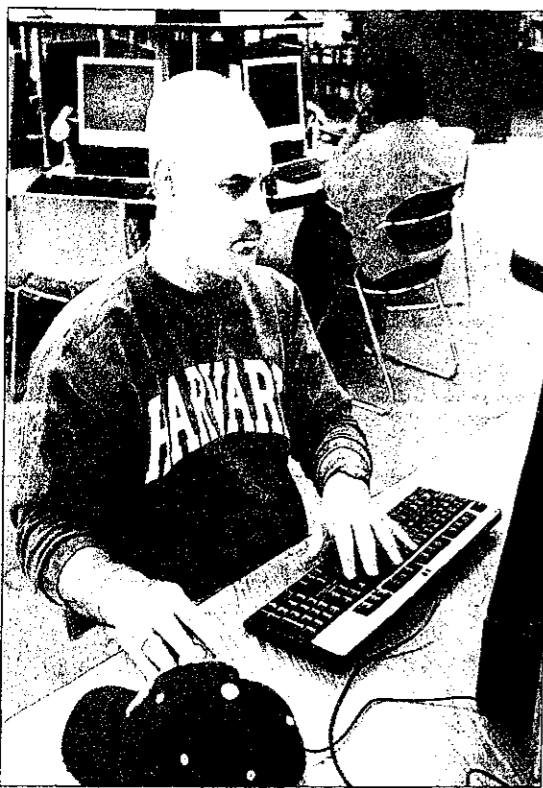
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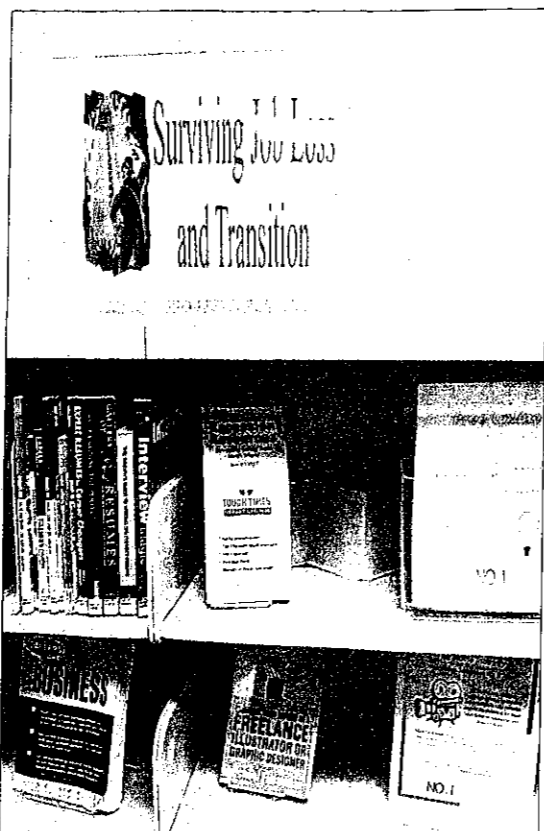
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Robert Martin, a currently unemployed retail loss prevention worker, scans the want ads online at the Novi Public Library on a recent Wednesday morning. The library has been noticing an increased need for its services by those out of work - in particular working on resumes and job searching on the Internet.



The Novi Public Library has packed its shelves with a lot of reference information for those out of work or looking to change careers.

LIBRARY

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cial-related issues, but the library is constantly busy. In 2008-2009, the library has seen annual circulation increase of 8.3 percent to 628,724 and new patrons registered increased by 7.9 percent to 4,169.

"We never have downtime anymore," Fuher said. "Whether that is based on the economy, I'm not sure."

In terms of job related services, the library has several brochures on career advice; print materials that cover everything from resume and cover letter writing to interviewing and salary negotiations; databases such as LearnA Test, Brainfuse, Rosetta Stone, Reference USA and information on how to start a business; programs about managing unplanned job transitions; and a knowledgeable staff that Fuher said wants to help any way they can.

The databases the library offers are especially helpful because they cannot be accessed anywhere but at the library. Fuher said Rosetta Stone, a language learning database that covers 13 different languages, is especially popular.

"A lot of people believe adding another language will give them a leg up," she said.

On top of all the library has to help people get back on their feet, it also several free resources individuals and families can enjoy during cash-strapped times. There are book clubs, movie nights, language clubs, tween and teen programs and much more.

"Obviously for people struggling financially the services we offer are an incredible resource and we are always thrilled to help," Fuher said.

As for Martin, he is confident he will find work soon. "I have had several interviews, but it's a tough market," he said.

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Culinary Extravaganza: New eateries, crowd favorites part of Sunday's event

Culinary delicacies from many new restaurants and returning favorites will be featured at Sunday's Schoolcraft College Foundation Culinary Extravaganza.

The celebration of food and wine takes place 2-5 p.m. in the VistaTech Center at the Livonia campus, Haggerty Road, between Six and Seven Mile roads.

New to this year's event are several northern Michigan restaurants including cava in Bay Harbor Village, Chandlers - A Restaurant and Symons General Store in Petoskey and Piersons at the Village of Boyne Mountain.

Also new to this year's event are Cinco Lagos, Brian Polyn's new Mexican restaurant in Milford, Claddagh Irish Pub, Henry's of Schoolcraft College, Zerb's Health Foods, Hotel Baronette and The International & America Cuisine Culinary Arts Section of Schoolcraft College.

FAVORITES RETURNING

Culinary event favorites returning include Joe's Produce and Gourmet Market of Livonia, The Cupcake Station of Birmingham, Steve & Rocky's, Andiamo, Polyn's Forest Grill of Birmingham,

Traffic Jam in Detroit and Mitchell's Fish Market serving oysters on the half shell and mussels. Also returning after a brief one-year hiatus is The Henry Ford which is scheduled to serve grilled lobster sausage with pumpkin risotto.

The extravaganza brings together students, food professionals and the southeast Michigan community providing patrons with samples of some of the finest from the most notable restaurants, pastry shops and beverage vendors in the metropolitan area and beyond.

GOOD CAUSE

The event benefits the Culinary Arts Program and Schoolcraft College students by providing scholarships and grants.

Craig Bowles, a Farmington Hills resident and secretary of the Schoolcraft College Foundation is chair of this year's event.

Bowles calls the culinary event "an elegant way to help others further their education."

While sampling food and wine, patrons can bid on dining, travel and sports packages at a silent auction.

"The packages are outstanding," said Marge Lynch, of

Schoolcraft College, a member of the planning committee.

Some of items on the auction tables this Sunday include a one-week stay in a three-bedroom, three-bath condo at Sand Destin Resort in Florida, a 40-inch HD-LCD Sharp television, an overnight stay for two at the world-class Townsend Hotel in downtown Birmingham with dinner for two in the Rugby Grille, a multi-course dinner for four at Hotel Baronette, overnight stay at Detroit's Greektown Casino and sports packages at University of Michigan, Red Wings and Detroit Lions games.

AUCTION ITEMS

Another silent auction feature will be cured meats from Chef Brian Polyn, an award-winning chef and charcuterie expert. Polyn is nationally recognized for his creativity and culinary talents, and as the visionary behind some of metro Detroit's most acclaimed restaurants.

Raffle tickets also help the fund-raising efforts and are available for online purchase at \$5 each or three for \$10. The drawing will be held at Culinary Extravaganza. Ticket purchasers don't have to be present to win.

Prizes are: \$1,000, first place; \$500, second place; \$250 for third and fourth places; and dinner for two at American Harvest for fifth, sixth and seventh places. Tickets for the food and wine event are still available. Tickets are \$50 (\$20 is a charitable contribution).

Call (734) 462-4218 to order tickets or go to www.schoolcraft.edu/foundation.

Other participating restaurants, pastry shops and beverage vendors include: Sive Restaurant at The Inn at St. John's, American

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Gary Weinstein, owner of Novi's Weinstein Jewelers, is organizing an upcoming fund-raiser for his philanthropy in the Weinstein Theatre Enrichment Fund. The fund was established in memory of his wife and two sons who were killed in 2005 by a drunk driver, and the goal of the fund is to encourage and support children in their theater and performing arts efforts.

Making dreams come true

Fund set up in honor of Novi jeweler's family benefits youth

BY NATHAN MUELLER
STAFF WRITER

Gary Weinstein is always "moved, touched and inspired" when he is around the people involved with Weinstein Theatre Enrichment Fund. The fund, which was set up in memory of his wife Judy and sons Alex and Sam, who were killed by a drunk driver in May 2005, is a scholarship program that is intended to encourage and support children in their theater and performing arts endeavors.

Weinstein, who owns Weinstein Jewelers in Novi, said he is honored to be making a difference in children's lives. "To read the children's applications and get acknowledge-

GOLF OUTING DETAILS

What: Weinstein Theatre Enrichment Fund Golf Extravaganza
Where: Links of Novi
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Other: Cost is \$100 per golfer. Registration can be done online at www.wtefund.com or by calling (248) 921-1865.

ment from them after seeing the difference it has made is very moving for me," he said. And Weinstein is sure to be moved again on Oct. 3 when the fund hosts its first golf outing fund-raiser at the Links of Novi to raise money for the scholarship program.

Lisa Muscio, creative director of the Farmington Hills Youth Theater and organizer of the fund, said more than \$22,000 has been given out in scholarships since the program started four years ago. "We give scholarships to students from elementary to college age, and in today's economy it really helps kids who otherwise couldn't afford to go to camp or take lessons," she said.

The reason the scholarship pertains to the arts is because Alex and Sam were actively involved in the youth theater. Three weeks before their death they performed in a show with Muscio, and it only made sense to honor them by helping give other

children a chance to pursue their dreams.

"That was something that breathed life into us as a family," Gary said about the theater. Muscio said scholarships are given out to students throughout metro Detroit after their essays and applications are reviewed by a volunteering committee. The amount per scholarship varies and depends on how much money the fund has to give away.

The golf outing fund-raiser is \$100 per person and includes golf, lunch, dinner, a silent auction featuring several pieces of jewelry and raffle prizes. For more information, or to sign up for golf visit www.wtefund.com or call (248) 921-1865.

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She visited the Novi City Council a couple weeks ago and was greeted by rave reviews from several council members. Mayor Pro-tem Bob Gatt gushed over the services his father received when he spent time in the hospital, saying the care was "better than I could ever expect."

"My family thanks you and I'm sure my story can be repeated hundreds of times by hundreds of families," he said to Meyer.

Now with year one in the books, Meyer said the hospital is looking forward to the future and continuing to search for ways to improve.

"In this next year we are going to focus more on strategy, what gaps do we have to fill and where we want to be in the next three-to-five years," she said.

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EDUCATION

The WOW factor

Four-day program connects students with UM-Dearborn

They came. They paddled. They conquered not only the exhilarating rapids of the Pine River in Irons, Mich., but a four-day outdoor adventure with future classmates and university administrators, too.

Jan Cartmill of Northville and Dhanya Menon of Novi were two of 19 incoming University of Michigan-Dearborn students who said adios to summer last month by joining UM-Dearborn staff for an inaugural canoeing excursion in the heart of western Michigan's Manistee National Forest as part of a new orientation program called Wolves. Orientation. Wilderness.

"The intent of the program was to give these students a head start -- a connection -- with the university before the semester started," said Kristine Day, director of student activities at UM-Dearborn, who served as a group leader during the four-day, three-night activity. "The experience did that and even more, as evidenced by the relationships that were established at camp, and now strengthened on campus."

Simon Michalik, a freshman majoring in electrical engineering, found that the trip lived up to his expectations of being a great way to meet new people, easing the transition to campus life.

"I was absolutely amazed at how quickly all of us got to know each other," Michalik said. "After only a few days it seemed that we



group leaders, guiding the students through canoeing and team-building activities along with active discussion around the campfire about hopes and fears of starting college and campus life.

The outing allows students to make a solid connection with campus staff members and provides an experience that confirms the approachable nature of the faculty and staff at UM-Dearborn, according to Steven Rotta, director of athletics at UM-Dearborn, who also served as a group leader for the trip.

"This was an excellent opportunity for us as staff to get to know this generation of young adults in a way our regular professional experience may not readily lend itself," Rotta said. "I hope that we can create a way for more staff and faculty to experience this adventure in the future."

Christopher Tremblay, director of admissions and orientation at UM-Dearborn, who joined Rotta and Day in leading the group during the excursion, agrees.

"Until a few weeks ago, they were just an application and transcript that passed through the Admissions Office," said Tremblay. "Now, I know their personality, their interests, their hopes and fears and dreams about entering college at the University of Michigan-Dearborn. I was impressed by their attitudes, their interconnectedness and their focus."

Jan Cartmill (middle row, fifth from right) of Northville and Dhanya Menon (middle row, first from left) of Novi were two of the students who participated in the WOW program.

had known each other for months. It's great to be able to walk around between classes and already know 18 other freshmen. It certainly makes it easier to stay on campus all day if you have

people you know to hang out with or eat lunch with between classes." The program, which has been in the works for three years, is a collaboration of UM-Dearborn's Department

of Athletics, the Office of Admissions and Orientation and the Student Activities Office.

Each student pays his or her way for the trip, which includes transportation

to/from the site, all meals, canoe and camping equipment and a reflection journal, and provides his or her own personal hygiene items and sleeping bag. University staff members serve as



SchoolPictures.com photographer Danielle Huff sets a Novi Meadows student up for her shot at picture day on Monday. SchoolPictures.com has been doing school pictures in Novi for the last four years, and as a result have donated \$200,000 back to the schools.

Novi schools benefit from picture day

SchoolPictures.com donates money back to schools

BY NATHAN MUELLER
STAFF WRITER

Picture day is always a day full of smiles at the Novi schools. And since the district joined up with SchoolPictures.com four years ago, the smiles keep getting bigger.

SchoolPictures.com, a photography business started by President Skip Cerier to help schools raise money through the school picture program, has donated \$200,000 since it started shooting for the Novi schools, and that number will continue to grow after this year.

"Our mission is all about helping provide funding for schools when our state has had to give cutbacks," he said. "It is very rewarding for me to see how the schools utilized the funding to improve the lives of their students."

How the program works is SchoolPictures.com charges

a fixed fee to the school based on what is purchased and the school receives the balance. The more students who participate, the more money the school receives.

Cerier said the business' philosophy of lowering prices to the families and giving back to the school has grown his business from an idea four years ago to one that serves more than 200 schools across the state. The business also has donated more than \$2 million to Michigan schools since it was founded four years ago.

SchoolPictures.com started out in the elementary schools in Novi, but the success of the program made the middle school and high school also get on board.

Picture day was Monday at Novi Meadows, and Principal David Ascher said he continues to be impressed by how efficient the day runs since SchoolPictures.com took over. "A concern I have whenever

I have an organization like SchoolPictures.com or other people in the building is how much time is this going to take away from my kids' learning?" he said. "We ran 1,000 kids in and out in about two-and-a-half hours today and kids were only out of class for a little less than five minutes. That is awesome service."

In the last two school years, Novi Meadows has received a total of \$17,000 from SchoolPictures.com to be used toward incidentals throughout the school. Some of the things purchased with the money were easels for the teachers, books for book study programs, flags that hang in the cafeteria, a scholarship program for kids to go to camp and more.

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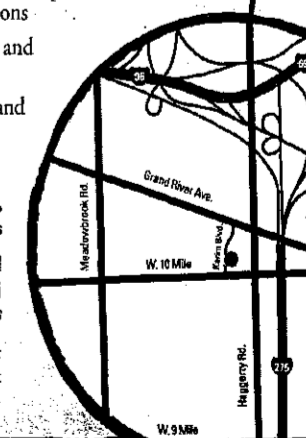
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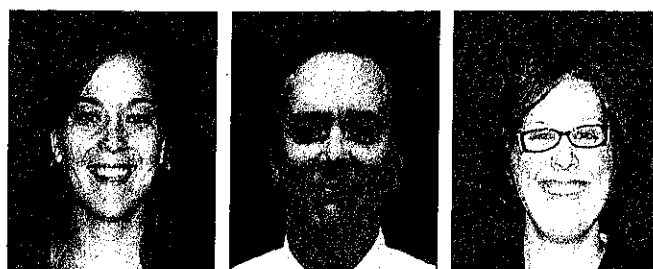
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Vatche and Erica Nadjarian will celebrate the Novi Jewelers' move to a new location on Novi Road with a grand reopening celebration from 3 to 7 p.m. on Saturday.

Novi Jewelers owners excited about new location

Grand reopening to feature discounts, prizes



BY NATHAN MUELLER STAFF WRITER. After 10 years in their building on Main Street, the owners of Novi Jewelers have moved the business to a new Novi location. Erica and Vatche Nadjarian were looking for two things when they decided to make the move...

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Age discrimination: Where to turn for help

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Continuation of the 'Worship' section, listing churches in Novi, Farmington Hills, Highland, New Hudson, South Lyon, Northville, Livonia, White Lake, and Living Water.

Legal community laces up skates to help less fortunate

Novi resident, husband organize fund-raiser

BY NATHAN MUELLER
STAFF WRITER

When Novi resident Amy Vertes' husband died, her two children, ages 13 months and 2 years old at the time, were without a male role model. To help fill that void, Vertes got her children involved with hockey. The coaches were their mentors, and playing with the children of Detroit Red Wings Tomas Holmstrom and Nicklas Lidstrom gave them other men they could look up to.

Also at that time, Vertes met other widows who were struggling and she made a pact to do her best to help the less fortunate.

"One day my son was skating and he met a 6-year-old girl and she said she wanted to learn to play hockey because she was tired of getting beaten up and thrown into lockers and it really melted my heart," she said.

EVENT DETAILS
The Swords to Plowshares Attorney All-Star Charity Hockey game will take place from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturday at Novi Ice Arena, 42400 Arena Road. Tickets are \$5, and all money goes to Wolverine Human Services.

Vertes then found Wolverine Human Services, a non-profit organization in Detroit that helped children suffering from abuse and neglect, and became actively involved.

Now a couple years later, everything has come full circle. On Saturday, Vertes will be part of the Swords to Plowshares Attorney All-Star Charity Hockey Game at Novi Ice Arena.

"The hockey game is a fundraiser, organized by Vertes' husband Bill, aided by a \$1,000 grant from the Kitch

law firm. Kitch is celebrating its 40th anniversary and the firm chose to give \$1,000 grants to employees to give to use for a fund-raiser for a charity.

"It's very special to see the legal community come together and help the neediest people involved in the legal system and see what they can do for them," Amy said.

Attorneys, judges, police officers, Federal Bureau of Investigation agents and more paid \$100 to play in the game.

All the money raised, a minimum \$5 donation is being asked per ticket, will go to Wolverine Human Services, specifically toward the John Vitale Community Center.

The teams will be playing for the Kenney Cup, named after the late Jerry Kenney. Kenney was a pillar in the Detroit legal and hockey communities, and a partner at the Kitch and Fieger law firms.

There also will be a silent auction and appearances by several guests.

For more information or to donate, call Bill at (313) 965-7524.



Tasty jazz

Senior Jon Muscile swings out on his trombone with the Novi High School Jazz Band at the Novi Taste Fest at the high school on Sept. 18. Other members shown are Michael Pasquale on trumpet, Michael Moore, seated left on clarinet, and Eamon Winship, seated right on clarinet.



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PUBLIC SAFETY

Novi man who gave woman fatal dose says sorry to sister

BY LISA ROOSE-CHURCH
DAILY PRESS & ARGUS

A Novi man who provided methadone to a Brighton woman who died apologized to her sister Sept. 17, saying he was only trying to help the woman.

Kenneth Norman Schroder Jr. said Frances Buresch, who died of methadone intoxication in August 2008, had come to him for help for issues he did not disclose and he "made a bad decision" in giving her his prescription medication.

"I'm truly sorry for everything," Schroder said as he addressed Buresch's sister, brother-in-law and mother. "She called for help. I tried to do everything I could think of... I made a bad decision."

Judge Michael P. Hatty sentenced Schroder to one year in the Livingston County Jail pursuant to a plea deal reached between the defendant and prosecutors. The judge, who gave Schroder credit for 301 days already served in jail, also ordered Schroder to serve three years of probation.

The plea deal also calls for Schroder, who entered a plea to delivering a controlled substance causing death, not to be allowed to work as a trustee at the jail, but he can earn good time for a possible early release.

"There is closure," Buresch's sister, Kathy Sleeper, said. "I hope he learns from his mistake."

Defense attorney Mark Gatsman said the plea deal came after prosecutors reviewed his expert's report that called into question Buresch's cause of death.

Gatsman said the expert would have testified at trial that Buresch had alcohol in

her system and that the cause of death was not just from the methadone use.

An autopsy confirmed alcohol in Buresch's system and showed that Buresch died of "methadone intoxication."

Schroder's former live-in girlfriend testified at a January preliminary hearing that the 25-year-old man said Buresch his prescription methadone pills, which a medical examiner said contributed to the death of the victim.

Cassandra Redmond, of Flint, testified that she met and became friends with Buresch, whom she knew as Tina, at Narcotics Anonymous. She said that on Aug. 5, 2008, Schroder and Buresch discussed on the phone the potential sale of Schroder's methadone.

She told police she believed Schroder sold the 40-year-old Buresch 15 pills.

On that day, Buresch spent the evening with the couple at their Novi apartment.

Redmond testified that the next day she and Schroder took Buresch home, stopping at a bank so Buresch could withdraw \$90 to give to Schroder to pay for the methadone pills. Bank records show the woman made the withdrawal at 5:54 p.m.

Brighton Police Department Detective Bradley Patton testified that officers went to Buresch's home Aug. 9, 2008, for a welfare check, after friends reported not seeing Buresch in several days.

Officers found Buresch dead on her couch and eight white pills, later identified as methadone, in a small container.

Contact: Daily Press & Argus reporter Lisa Roose-Church at (517) 552-2846 or lrchurc@argusnet.com.

Former Lion Rogers pleads guilty to drunk driving in Novi

Former Detroit Lion Charles Rogers pleaded guilty Tuesday to operating a motor vehicle while impaired and faces sentencing Nov. 10, his court-appointed attorney said.

Rogers, 28, was arrested Sept. 16 in Novi. He appeared this morning before 52-1 District Judge Brian Mackenzie, who took the plea under advisement.

Rogers, who is free on bond, could face up to 93 days in jail, said attorney Justin Barnett.

"He's accepting full responsibility for his actions," Barnett said. "He understands he broke the law, and he's prepared to face the consequences."

Police have said that Rogers — who was sued by his former team earlier this month to recover \$6.1 million of his signing bonus — was found unresponsive behind the wheel

of a 2003 Mercedes at Meadowbrook and Eight Mile Roads.

He refused a Breathalyzer test; his blood-alcohol level is unknown, pending blood test results.

Rogers, who was cut by the Lions in 2006, was charged in 2008 with assault and battery after an incident with a woman. He pleaded no contest to trespassing and entered a drug treatment program but later tested positive for Vicodin, for which he did not have a prescription.

In March, Rogers was sentenced to 30 days in jail — with credit for 16 days served — after he left the drug program. Rogers was released from probation April 23.

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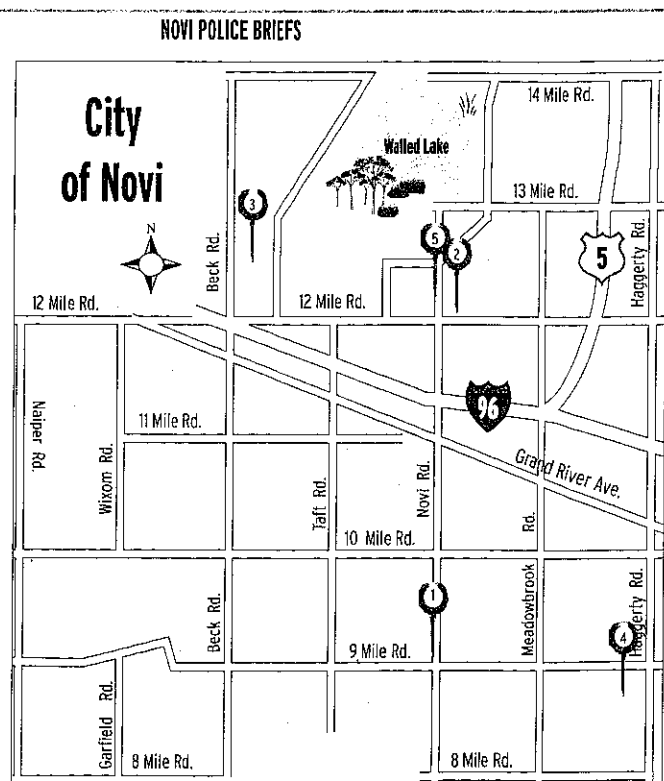
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NOVI POLICE BRIEFS

Driver cuts down tire, arrested for drunk driving
The Novi Police Department arrested a woman on Sept. 17 for drunk driving after she called 911 to report that her vehicle was disabled.

Around 1:27 a.m. a Novi officer noticed the vehicle stopped in the right lane on northbound Novi Road at Nine Mile Road while the light was green. The officer observed the vehicle for a little while longer until he was informed by dispatch the driver had just called 911 because of a flat tire.

When the officer arrived, the woman got out of her car and told him she was coming from Beaumont Hospital where a family member was being treated and she was lost.

The officer noted a strong odor of intoxicants coming off her, and admitted to having one and a half glasses of wine. The woman failed field sobriety tests, quitting the one-leg stand and demanding a breath test. A preliminary breath test registered a blood alcohol content of 20 percent. The legal limit for adult drivers in Michigan is .08 percent.

The woman was arrested for operating while intoxicated and transported to the Novi Police Department.

Chicken found cut up at cemetery
A maintenance supervisor at Oakland Hills Cemetery found a black chicken on the property that had been cut in several areas, including the throat, and had nylon rope tied around its legs.

According to the police report, the supervisor found the chicken on Sept. 16 on the northwest portion of the property and believed the incident may have been part of some religious cult activity. The bird was lying near two cardboard boxes and additional rope was found nearby on the ground.

Car broken into at Lifetime Fitness
A purse, cell phone, credit cards, checks and cash were stolen from a Mercury Cougar while it was parked in the lot at Lifetime Fitness on Sept. 14.

The victim told police that as she was coming out of the gym she saw a older white Ford Explorer parked next to her vehicle with a man sitting in the driver's seat. She then saw another man jump up from in between the two cars and get into the Explorer. The SUV then fled the lot immediately onto Haggerty Road and the woman was unable to get the license plate number.

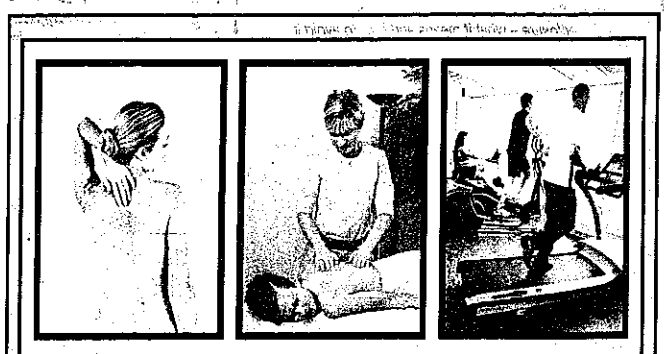
The suspects gained access to the vehicle by breaking out the window and police were unable to gather any evidence.

Man has heart attack while driving
An 83-year-old Novi man died on Sept. 19 after going into cardiac arrest while driving southbound on Novi Road north of Twelve Mile Road. The incident occurred at

11:49 a.m. on Sept. 15 when the driver caused a three-car accident after having a heart attack. The man was transported to Providence Park Hospital and Providence Main in Southfield where he was placed on life support until his family took him off a day later.

The drivers of the other two vehicles suffered minor injuries, one was treated at the hospital and the other was released at the scene.

The Oakland County Medical Examiner's Office was contacted and an autopsy will be performed.



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Jacob Fischer, 5, hoists a couple of pumpkins at last Saturday's Tollgate Fall Fair.



Tollgate Farms volunteer Clay Ottoni dishes out cups of fresh-pressed cider during last Saturday's Tollgate Fall Fair. The apples used in this cider were grown at Tollgate. The fair featured hay rides, pumpkin decorating, fishing opportunities, the chance to meet a lamb, tours of Tollgate's gardens, free food, live music and kids got a grind and press apples into the cider that volunteers like Ottoni dispensed.



Ahmad Ezzeddine fishes at Tollgate Farm's pond with his son Hassan, 5, during last Saturday's Tollgate Fall Fair.



Visitors to Nov's Tollgate Farms got to take a look at their Children's Garden during last Saturday's event.



A bunch of sunflowers greets visitors to Tollgate Farms' Children's Garden during last weekend's Tollgate Fall Fair.

Managers don't have to take SASS from anyone

TAKIN' CARE OF BUSINESS

It is no coincidence that the rise of the self-appointed subversive spokesperson (SASS) has taken place during the most chaotic of times.

Amongst the growing number of tasks, the seamless connection between work and home, as well as the perceived higher levels of stress, the SASS emerges through the multi-colored smoke with all the thunder and blunder that would make the Wizard of Oz proud. In the middle of the noise, the SASS proclaims to be the representative voice of a silent chorus, hoping to intimidate through imaginary numbers and bask in the glow of power acquired from unsuspecting participants.



Lee Meadows

The SASS understands that their role is the unintentional answer to the question, "Who died and left you in charge?"

Armed with an unstated mandate by the equally elusive "We" group, the SASS finds the cracks in the organization's armor and uses that opening to search for molehills that can be transformed into mountains. Once accomplished, the constant yodeling is a reminder of what happens when control is wrestled from the organization's designated manager by a SASS with an agenda.

The emergence of the SASS typically begins with an unreasonable request being rejected by someone in a managerial role. The hurt of hearing "no" is personalized across several dimensions and vented to anyone within the surrounding cubicle. As the childlike, acting out behavior spins toward the surface, it seeks out the passive acquiescence of others as fertilized soil for the behavior that has taken root.

The new found role of SASS is the perfect shield for fending off the barbs and banter of managers who are, unwittingly, pulled into a winless, emotional battle. The SASS understands that the perception of collective resistance sends a powerful message and positions that person to be the first choice for informal advice and misdirected efforts. As time goes on, the SASS is allowed to become louder in tone and delivery as well as demanding

of time and energy. Now that the SASS has your attention, the expectation is to keep your attention as long as it is needed. The most important notion for a manager to realize is that the SASS needs a forum in which to spout off. The most practical and visible setting for the SASS to operate is the team meeting. The SASS can be found at the opposite end of the table from the manager so as to justify their need to yell or directly across the table in order to achieve the "in your face" intimidation. In any event, this closed setting is the perfect place in which to open the non-agenda related discourse. "We think you should consider..." "We don't understand why you have to..." "We don't like how you..." and the dreaded, "We don't like..."

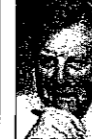
The SASS feeds off the limited spotlight and unchallenged statements to thwart any attempt to complete a task or facilitate a functional meeting. The longer the SASS is allowed to control the meeting, the harder it becomes to redirect or extinguish the behavior. The most effective step to challenging the "We" collective is to ask individuals to voice their own opinion in lieu of the SASS mouthpiece. How often are we led to equate silence with agreement? How often do we confront a group dynamic by calling an individual by their name and, specifically asking, "What do you think?" More often than not, the manager will discover that the things that really bother people are minor, easily resolvable and have nothing to do with the SASS agenda. In fact, as managers and as individuals, in time we come to learn that we don't have to take SASS from anyone.

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Michigan's best offer advice for state's budget negotiations

Today's column is an open letter to the leaders of our state:

Dear Governor Jennifer Granholm, Speaker Andy Dillon and Senate Majority Leader Mike Bishop: The State of Michigan starts a new fiscal year at midnight on Oct. 1, just days from now. As you know, our state constitution requires we start the fiscal year with a balanced budget. The best estimate is that the General Fund and School Aid budgets are running a combined deficit of around \$2.8 billion.



Phil Power

As you must know, if a balanced budget is not adopted by the start of the new fiscal year, state government is required to shut down. Yes, you could possibly buy a few days with a continuing resolution, but that would only serve to make matters worse. To mix a couple appropriate metaphors, the clock is pretty close to midnight and we're standing on the edge of a cliff.

Because the situation is so perilous and the politics and personalities involved so complex and sometimes hard to untangle, I asked some of the smartest and most experienced people I know to send me their thoughts.

My note to them asking for comments read: "There is no strategic plan underlying the budgeting process. Rather, it's largely piecemeal and catch-as-catch-can, with the only purpose to comply with the constitutional requirement of a balanced budget." I received lots of responses; a few asked for anonymity. This is from one of those, a long-term state official who served under both Republican and Democratic governors: "We're dying out here. Our hope is withering. Jobs are disappearing. Schools aren't running enough hours. Local police forces have been decimated. College tuition is increasing. We can hardly afford the basics, much less a bunch of small fees on top of everything we spend. If the plan is to have a state of 7 or 8 million people (down from 10 million) with need for less roads, no more power plants, less congestion at rush hour, fewer school children at risk of accident... we're well on our way."

Another widely admired former legislator: "While Lansing is focused on the politics and economic policy of cutting budgets and raising taxes, either alternative or a combination of the two will not address the state's long term (structural) budget deficit. Without fundamental reform of state and local government and education, in the years ahead there will be repeated fiscal crises, political debate and the kind of uncertainty that makes Michigan unattractive to job providers."

Former GOP congressman and long-time State Senator John H. (Joe) Schwarz (R-Battle Creek) put it

like this: "I believe they are trying. That said, unless those that sincerely believe they have a political future are willing to put their political ambitions aside and do what is right and what is sure to be widely unpopular, we will continue to kick the can down the road."

Paul Dimond, an Ann Arbor lawyer and former White House domestic policy staffer: "The structural problem" is that Michigan has a budget built for a state that is well above the median in average household income, but we're now in the bottom third. And we're unwilling to face this harsh reality by focusing dwindling state revenues on priorities that matter most to the future of the state."

Mike Jandernoa of Grand Rapids, a member of the executive committee of Business Leaders for Michigan had this to say: "Without a vision in our state, all of the elected officials are restricted in making long-term strategic decisions. And in state budget crises, we need more than ever to make good long-term decisions which create a government with sustainable ongoing budgets."

Craig Ruff, overall Lansing wise man and pundit: "For there to be a truly strategic plan for appropriations, you'd need a strong, hands-on governor taking the lead and legislative leaders who would set key criteria for setting priorities. I don't see how leaders can raise taxes after appropriations are signed into law. You'd then have all the focus just on taxes (rather than linking tax revenue to state services). The public would be horrified."

Richard Cole, currently a department chairman at MSU, and generally recognized to be among the state's most creative political thinkers: "I am getting tired of hearing that we need a strategy to save Michigan. What we need first is a dream upon which to build a strategy... Survival doesn't constitute a dream."

"This state needs an investment plan, and that investment plan cannot be based on finding more and more ways to avoid the taxes necessary to make this the kind of place businesses of the future want to expand and locate. Investment means taxes. The stupid notion that this state will regenerate into a great state by finding fewer roads to pave, fewer lakes to protect, fewer children to educate with fewer teachers to educate them, fewer state employees... fewer police to protect us from the greater number of prisoners we are releasing... well, this is a stupid idea."

So with all due respect, Governor Granholm, Speaker Dillon and Majority Leader Bishop, in the midst of all the chaos around you, I sincerely hope you will take the time to read this advice from some of Michigan's most capable people.

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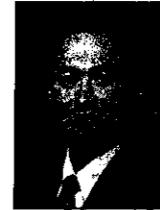
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OUR VIEWS

What is state government health deal now?

House Speaker Andy Dillon's proposal to create a one-stop health insurance shop for public employees in Michigan remains a work in progress. The first bill hit the Legislature two weeks ago, but even more bills are still just in draft form.

Still, it's possible to discern the broad outlines of where Dillon, D-Redford Township, is headed. It's also possible to target a number of key questions to answer as the debate continues.

And this is going to be a long debate, not the lightning strike Dillon first proposed this summer with a fully operational plan in January.

For starters, it's increasingly clear that a big part of the savings Dillon and supporters hope for will come by having public employees pay a greater share of the health-care bill. No doubt administrative efficiencies could result out of a statewide system, as Dillon argues in a new 50-page document on his plan, but not \$900 million worth.

By contrast, having a public employee — say a township employee — pay a significantly larger share of the health insurance premium will mean big bucks, if replicated again and again across the state.

How much savings, though, depends on this state determining a fair deal for public employees. And that depends on knowing what public employees receive.

Even Dillon's new analysis can't put figures to the current landscape. Some first questions for Dillon's committee are:

- What is the premium share average for an employee of Michigan's universities and community colleges?
- What is the premium average for insured city, village and township employees?

The Kaiser Family Foundation said that, in 2008, the average employee premium share in the private sector was 25 percent. In other words, the worker was paying directly \$1 in every \$4 of the initial cost.

But Dillon is saying that he doesn't think his plan should be benchmarked to the private sector, but rather to what's received by public employees in other states. Will that limit the plan's ability to save money for Michigan? That's a fair hypothesis, pending more data on what Michigan employees get compared to their counterparts elsewhere.

House Fiscal Agency Director Mitch Bean told legislators last week that true actuarial work is needed to establish just what government employees receive as a point of comparison to what a new plan would offer.

The first order of business of Dillon's committee isn't to perfect the proposals for change, but, rather, to establish what's going on right now, so that Michigan residents can determine what the deal should be for public service in this state.

COMMUNITY VOICE

Fall started Tuesday. What's your favorite part of the season?



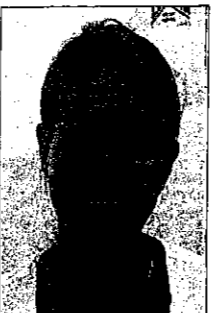
I like the weather. Halloween is fabulous, especially in Northville. I like everything about fall.

Shannon Croteau



I love football games, cider mills and the cool nights.

Maureen Owen



I like the start of school and that the kids get so excited. The colors. Cider and donuts. Pumpkins.

Becky Terrill



The leaves. I used to run and love running through the crunching leaves — the sound and the air about it. And getting lost in the colors.

Mary Clough

LETTERS

Pitch the Constitution

To those of you who oppose all or any changes in our present health care system, I ask do you approve of the following characteristics of our present governmental structure:

- The Electoral College System for choosing the president?
- The practice of Congress adding "pork barrel" amendments to a bill which will be signed by the president regardless, since he can't "line" veto?
- The influence and power of specially interested lobbyists in Washington?
- The uncontrolled spending of millions of dollars to win or lose elections?
- The ability of Congress to approve or disapprove their own compensation package?
- The system of appointing persons to high office, typically a paycheck for political support (including governors' filling vacancies in the Senate)?
- The role of the media in forecasting victors in elections and its influence on the outcome of many elections?
- The amount of money spent on foreign aid and the apparent unaccountability?
- The lack of a standardized system of voting and the consequent recurring incidents of voter fraud, major discrepancies in results, and drawn-out lawsuits?
- Our current method of regulating immigration?
- Our current system of regulating banks, and insurance companies?

The list is unending. Most likely many of your replies would indicate serious dissatisfaction with our existing system. Applying the same logic as the opponents of any plan for health care reform, we ought to pitch our Constitution and start over, take more time, and give it more careful analysis. Maybe after another two centuries of

WHAT DO YOU THINK?

We welcome your Letter to the Editor. Please include your name, address and phone number for verification. We ask your letters be 400 words or less. We may edit for clarity, space and content. Submit letters via the following formats. Web: www.hometownlife.com Mail: Letters to the Editor, Novi News, 101 N. Loyalville St., South Lyon, MI 48178. Fax: (248) 437-3386. E-mail: cstone@gannett.com. You may also let your opinions be heard with your own blog at hometownlife.com. Deadline: Letters must be received by 9 a.m. Monday to be published in the Thursday edition.

thoughtful consideration we could get it right.

Patrick M. Downey
Novi

What is McCotter afraid of?

Rep. Thaddeus McCotter has been busy this summer. According to his official Web site, he gave not less than 29 media interviews during July and August, primarily to right-wing media outlets. He was so busy "preaching to the choir," he just never found the time to hold a single town hall meeting — not one — for the people in his district. Apparently he would much rather talk to people who are not his constituents, instead of the people he was elected to represent.

It's no wonder, though. As chairman of the House Republican Policy Committee, McCotter holds the fourth-highest leadership position in the House GOP minority.

He's been working his way up the party ladder for years now. He won't let a little thing like "listening to his constituents" get in the way of his ambition, even when he claims "I Work For You" on every letter he sends (on the taxpayer's dime) to the people of his district.

McCotter is not working for you or me when he refuses to hold an open, unscripted discussion of any kind for the people of his district. His so-called "telephone town halls" just don't fit the bill. Even John Dingell had the courage to meet face to face with the angry, vocal minority in an open forum. Not McCotter.

McCotter denied you the chance to speak to him in an open forum. Remember this in 2010. We need a representative in Congress who won't "phone in" his obligations to the people he represents.

Matt Macchiarolo
Lyon Township

Thanks from Band Boosters

The Novi High School Band Boosters and the students of the Novi High School Marching Band would like to thank Busch's Supermarket and the local community for their generous support of our recent can and bottle drive. It was a very successful fund-raiser, and all proceeds will fund the many activities of the Novi High School band program. Everyone is invited to see the Novi Wildcat Marching Band perform their competitive marching show during FANFARE at Novi High School this Saturday, Sept. 26, at 9:30 p.m. Hope to see you there!

Cheryl Crist
Publicity, NHSBB

Experience matters; time to repeal term limits

Voters make mistakes, and I am not talking about previous or current occupants of the State House or the White House. I am speaking of the term limits for state legislators that were approved in 1992.

Michigan voters passed term limits initiative by a whopping 59-percent margin. It was a mistake then. If you don't believe me, take a look at what passes as leadership in Lansing today. Depressing, isn't it?

The 1976 movie "Network" captured the feeling of state voters in 1992: "I'm as mad as hell, and I'm not going to take this any more! As often when people lose their tempers, we made a huge mistake.

Michigan term limits put a cap of three two-year terms for the state House and two

four-year terms for the state Senate. After that, the term-limited legislator is barred for life from holding legislative office.

Michigan citizens got mad at politicians that many felt were self-dealing, partisan hacks, entrenched and looking after the "special interests," not the people's interests. But when Michigan threw out the experienced legislators, we got in return an inexperienced Legislature.

Like most quick and easy fixes, term limits have produced unintended consequences:

- Government is complex. We now have novices attempting to address complex and tough political issues on tax, education and correction

policy.

- There is a loss of institutional knowledge to understand the art of the possible and personal relationships and trust between members of your own party; let alone the other side of the political aisle to compromise for the collective good.

The permanent government has become the bureaucracy and lobbyist that do not answer to the voters.

It takes courage to admit when you have made a mistake and to set into motion actions to correct your error. From time to time, there are calls for and even some initiative to modify, if not repeal, the term limit law. But even if Michiganians want to allow more time for legislators to serve in the Legislature, it will require another constitutional amendment.

As the current crop of legislators wrestle with the budget that in nearly \$3 billion out of whack, and constitution-

ally must produce a balanced budget by no later than Oct. 1, or risk shutting government down, we will once again have a front row seat to what this mistake, called term-limits helped produce.

So, here is the deal: If you are not convinced that term limits have not produced the desired results, pay attention to how the governor and Legislature resolve their constitutional responsibility to balance the state budget.

If you like the outcome, I say we stick with term limits. If you dislike the results, it is time we admit our collective mistake and try to repeal term limits in the state Constitution. We need to help repair the damage that inexperience has wrought on our great state.

Tom Watkins, a former state superintendent of schools and mental health director, is an education and business consultant in the US and China. He can be

Scotties Kitchen to offer cooking classes at Epiphany Kitchens

Many sessions include full meal

BY FAN FLEMING
STAFF WRITER

Mary Spencer loves to cook so much that she owns 5,000 cookbooks.

That's right — 5,000; her husband, Bill, actually counted them one day.

"They're everywhere," she said.

Spencer will use her expertise as a culinary instructor to help local people learn to cook through Scotties Kitchen's cooking classes in downtown Northville.

The retail cookware store at the corner of Dunlap and Center streets closed at the end of July. But, Debbie Jones, owner of Scotties Kitchen, has partnered with Epiphany Kitchens at 107 N. Center Street and will begin offering the classes Sept. 30.

"The retail end of the business wasn't doing well because of the economy, but the cooking classes were doing really well," Spencer said.

The biggest problem was finding a place that was appropriate to have the classes.

"Hopefully, we'll get enough people to sign up so that we can actually have the classes," Spencer said. Each class must have a minimum of 10 people for the class to take place. They are all offered from 6-8 p.m. and cost \$50 per person.

Students will get to enjoy a meal after several of the classes.

"Our goal is not only to teach technique but we want people to have a nice evening and have dinner," Spencer said. "Don't eat before you come. You're going to get your money's worth." Students also get copies of the recipes. Other cooks may teach other classes in the future.

"We may have someone

teach a sushi class," Spencer said. "We're also trying to do something with Simply Wine next door where we could do wine and food pairings."

Spencer recently gave a presentation for members of the Northville Garden Club on what to do with your garden's harvest. "I did a ratatouille with a bunch of vegetables," she said. She also did a canning demonstration last week-end at Maybury State Park during the Corn Maze.

A LIFELONG PASSION

A native of Detroit and resident of Northville for 26 years, Spencer grew up watching her Polish mother, Helen Twardochleb, prepare fresh soup daily and make most dishes from scratch.

"She was a great cook," Spencer said. "We lived in a small home in Detroit with five kids. I always wanted to learn how to cook."

But, since her mom did everything when she was growing up, when she got married Spencer didn't know how to cook.

"I took a cooking class, and I was totally hooked," she said. "I loved it, and I couldn't stop. It became a passion." She married when she was 23 and started cooking when she was 24. As the years passed, Spencer started sharing some of the things she learned in cooking classes with her mother, and the two cooked a lot together.

"It was a lot of fun and always a learning experience for both of us," Spencer said. She said her mother even started to appreciate innovations in cooking technology, such as food processors and pasta-making machines.

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Debbie Jones, owner of Scotties' kitchen supply store in Northville, will be teaming up with chef Mary Spencer, right, at Center Street's Epiphany Kitchens for a series of cooking classes.

DETAILS

To register for Scotties Kitchen Cooking Classes at Epiphany Kitchens, call (248) 231-2523 or go to www.scottieskitchen.com. Students must register at least three days prior to class. Payment is expected at registration. Classes will be canceled if there are not 10 people registered for a class. All will be notified by phone for cancellations.

Scotties Kitchen's classes are \$50 per person each, and each one meets from 6-8 p.m.

Following is a rundown of the classes:

- Sept. 30 - Learn how to replicate Julia Child's recipes as seen in the movie "Julie and Julia." Dishes will include Artichokes with Hollandaise Sauce, Sole Meuniere, Beef Bourguignon and a delightful Raspberry Bavarian Cream.
- Oct. 6 - AUTHENTIC MEXICAN MEALS - This class features authentic regional Mexican cuisine. Dishes will include Toasted Tortilla Soup with Cheese and Chilli Pasillo, Chili Relleno, a flavorful Red Chicken Mole, and Authentic Cajeta Apple Tarts with Berry Sauce.
- Oct. 8 - SEASONAL CLASS - Diverse selection of fish and shellfish will be prepared, demonstrating a variety

of cooking techniques. Recipes will include Pan Roasted Halibut with Toasted Bread Crumb Salad and Green Lentils, a San Francisco Chopino, Crazy Shrimp, Olive Oil Poached Salmon with Applesauce and Shiso Peas, and a Pan Fried Catfish with Spicy Tartar Sauce.

Oct. 10 - CREPES - Crepe making is easily learned with just a little practice. We will be making a selection of savory and sweet crepes including Asparagus and Ham, Cheese Blintzes, Cherries Jubilee and an Apple and Brie Crepe.

Oct. 16 - TAPAS - Spain's "bite bakes" are a unique culinary treasure. Learn how to make and sample some of the best includes Garlic Spiced Eggs, Empanadillas filled with Cheese and Olives, Potato Wedges with Aioli, Roasted Pepper Tuna Rolls and Spanish Meatballs with Rosemary Sauce.

Oct. 22 - CUPCAKES - Take this class and the world is your oyster. Learn how to make such delectable creations as Tiramisu Cupcake, Black Bottom Cupcakes, Wickie Witch Cupcakes, Ice Cream Cone Cupcakes and Banana Pecan Cupcakes.

Oct. 24 - ROASTING - Scotties' most popular class. Learn how to prepare a tender Roasted Chicken, a perfectly

cooked Pork Roast and a show stopping Prime Rib of Beef.

Oct. 26 - PIES - Learn the key steps to successful pie making in this demonstration we will prepare a classic Double Crust Apple Pie, a Banana Cream Pie and a Key Lime Pie.

Oct. 28 - PASTA - Learn old world family recipes. In this hands-on class, students will first make a standard pierogi dough. The class will then make a selection of traditional pierogi including Cheese and Potato, Kapusta (Sauerkraut) and Apple Pierogi with Caramel Sauce.

Oct. 30 - BREADS - Sample a diverse array of bread ideas. The menu will include Spanish and Cheddar Souffle, a rustic Tomato Galette and Biscuits, Scopes with an Orange Glaze and Strata with Bacon, Cheddar, Mushrooms and Tomatoes.

Nov. 7 - INDIAN CURRIES

Nov. 13 - FRENCH CHRISTMAS

Nov. 18 - HOLIDAY APPETIZERS

Nov. 20 - HOLIDAY COOKIES

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ONLINE VOICES & VIEWS

The following are excerpts from readers participating in our online forum for discussing issues. In Your Voices, on the Web at hometownlife.com.

Novi Police Briefs: Drunk driver caught with marijuana

"A 20-year-old man was arrested around 2 a.m. on Sept. 2 for operating while intoxicated and possession of marijuana after being pulled over on M-5 south of Fourteen Mile Road. The limit for adult drivers in Michigan is .08 percent." The kid was 20, not 21, what his BAC was shouldn't have mattered, even if it was .02 -- he was underage.

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FANFARE

The Novi High School Band Boosters are proud to present FANFARE on Saturday, Sept. 26, in the Novi High School stadium...

CC sale

The Mother's Club of Catholic Central High School will be holding its annual Rummage & Bake Sale from 8 a.m.-1 p.m. on Saturday, Oct. 27...

Astronomy at the Beach

The Great Lakes Association of Astronomy Clubs (GLAAC) and Kensington Metropolitan will be hosting the 13th Annual 'Astronomy at the Beach' public event...

Astronomy at the Beach is specifically designed for kids, students and parents and has introduced thousands of participants to the world of science and astronomy...

For more information contact Kensington Metropolitan at (248) 685-0603 or visit our Web site at www.boonhill.net/glaac.

Fall nights a Fuerst Park

The City of Novi Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services Department is excited to offer FREE entertainment at Fuerst Park Amphitheater...

Friday, Sept. 25, 7:30 p.m. - Movie in the Park
Bring blankets and your family and join us under the stars...

Novi High School student will be playing an acoustic set of songs at the Fuerst Park Amphitheater...

Fuerst Park is located at the corner of Ten Mile and Taft Roads. Parking is available in the west Novi High School lot...

For more information about Fuerst Park Nights, visit cityofnovi.org or contact Nancy Hayden...

Dinner with a Doctor focuses on arthritis

Each month Providence Park Hospital in Novi hosts a free "Dinner with a Doctor" about current topics in healthcare...

Please join us for a dinner, health presentation and Q & A on Wednesday, Sept. 30, from 6:30-8:30 p.m.

This month's topic is "Arthritis" presented by Dr. Martin Jenter from InteGrowth Orthopedic Specialists.

To sign up, please call 1-866-501-DOCS so that we can anticipate the number of attendees...

Weinstein golf outing

The Weinstein Theatre Enrichment Fund First Golf Extravaganza will be held at 11:30 a.m. (check-in) on Saturday, Oct. 3 at The Links of Novi.

Since its inception, the WTEF has awarded over \$22,000 in scholarships to 65 kids in the past four years.

The Mobfather: A Murder Mystery

The Novi Theatres is thrilled to announce that it has partnered with Andiamo Restaurant and Theatre for a night of dinner, laughs and intrigue with 'The Mobfather'...

Performances are 7 p.m., \$25 and 9 p.m., \$35. Ticket price includes dinner and show, with a cash bar available.

Tickets can be purchased online at cityofnovi.org or at the Novi Parks office.

For more information about The Mobfather, visit cityofnovi.org or contact Nancy Hayden...

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Fitness Together of Novi celebrates their new location on Novi Road, just north of Ten Mile in the Vintage Pointe Plaza next to Penn Station Subs.

Open for business

Andiamo Novi Theatre. Audiences will witness Kwame out of jail and in exile in Texas, and in his absence the unpredictable Monica Conyers has become President of the City Council...

Friday at 8 p.m. - \$15
Saturday at 7 p.m. and 9 p.m. - \$20
Sunday at 5 p.m. (beginning Sept. 20) - \$15

Tickets are available at the theater's box office located at 42705 Grand River Avenue, Novi, Michigan...

City recognizes businesses

Helping businesses grow and prosper is a major focus of the City of Novi. Novi is dedicated to helping foster the region's economic base to improve the quality of life for its citizens...

The City of Novi is seeking nominations for the 2009 Business Recognition Awards. Businesses will be recognized for giving back to the community...

This year's awards include:
Corporate Citizenship: Businesses which partner with others to enhance the Novi community...

Chapattwala chairs benefit gala

Vasant Chaptwala, owner of the Novi McDonald's (12 Mile Road, east of Novi Road) is the honorary chairman of the Ronald McDonald House Gala on Sept. 26 at the Detroit Institute of Arts.

The black tie event, emceed by WKYC's Diana Lewis, benefits the Ronald McDonald Houses of Detroit and Arbor, and it will include a strolling dinner, live and silent auctions, entertainment, a casino afterglow party...

Tickets are \$250 per person and are available online at www.rmhga.com or by calling 784-316-2511.

Youth panel focuses on obesity

Youth ready to inspire change in their communities and speak out about childhood obesity are encouraged to attend a Youth Forum from 5:30-8:30 p.m. on Tuesday, Sept. 29 at Detroit Public Television...

Charity hoop game to benefit Paralyzed Veterans of America

The Council of Orthodox Christian Churches of Metropolitan Detroit (COCC) and Wright & Filippis, Inc. will sponsor a charity basketball game Thursday, Oct. 8 to benefit the Michigan Chapter of the Paralyzed Veterans of America (MPVA)...

Teams will be the AmpTteam Spartans sponsored by Wright & Filippis and the All-Star Saints sponsored by the COCC...

The purpose of the forum is to motivate tweens and teens to eat better, move more and wipe out America's obesity epidemic.

What Moves Us and Play 60 campaign that encourages kids to get at least 60 minutes of physical activity each day.

Youths and parents will be treated to a fun, yet educational evening beginning with a meet and greet with the Detroit Lions at 5:30 p.m.

Two remaining fall Household Hazardous Waste Drop-Off Days will be held on Saturday, Sept. 26 from 9 a.m.-2 p.m. at the Novi Civic Center...

Residents of Farmington Hills, Farmington, Novi, South Lyon, Southfield, Walled Lake, and Wixom are all eligible to attend the Household Hazardous Waste Drop-Off Days with proof of residency.

Acceptable items include common household products such as cleaners, oil-based paints, herbicides, insecticides, and solvents.

Document shredding is also available, with a 100-pound or three-box limit per household.

Reservations are requested for the Art Van design classes. To register for this series or for a particular class, call (888) 619-2199.

Campner & RV Show coming to Rock

The Michigan Association of Recreation Vehicles and Campgrounds (MARVAC) is sponsoring the 20th Annual Fall Detroit Camper & RV Show, Sept. 30-Oct. 4 at the Rock Financial Showplace in Novi.

Over 200 new recreation vehicles will be on display including folding campers, motorhomes, travel trailers, truck campers and fifth wheel travel trailers.

Over 200 new recreation vehicles will be on display including folding campers from \$4,999; and motorhomes from \$49,999.

At the show, enter to win the Ultimate MS Race Experience package from Michigan International Speedway.

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Second look at your taxes

H&R Block tax professionals found errors in more than 87 percent of returns reviewed for clients last year as part of the company's Second Look review service.

The office is located at 43215 Grand River Ave., Suite C, Novi, MI 48375. You may contact H&R Block Novi at (248) 344-1803.

"Annie Jr." auditions

Be a part of this classic tale as the Novi Theatres brings the story of Orphan Annie to life. Auditions are open to children ages 7-15 and will be held Monday, Oct. 5 and Wednesday, Oct. 7 from 4:30-7:30 p.m. at the Novi Civic Center...

Two audition workshops are offered to give you actor the opportunity to brush up on his or her auditioning skills.

Art Van hosting free design classes. Art Van Furniture will once again host its free design classes. This educational program will be presented by Art Van's Visual Merchandising team and the curriculum will cover four main topics: Determining Your Style, The Impact of Color, Furniture Placement, and Accessorizing.

Botsford hosts women's fair. As part of National Women's Health & Fitness Day, the Botsford Center for Health Improvement will be hosting its third annual Women's Health & Fitness Fair now through Saturday, Sept. 26.

Novi United Methodist Church. NOVEMBER 10th, 11th, 12th, 13th, 14th, 15th, 16th, 17th, 18th, 19th, 20th, 21st, 22nd, 23rd, 24th, 25th, 26th, 27th, 28th, 29th, 30th, 31st. All members of the congregation and the community will stand united in prayer for peace.

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Local events

LIVE BLUES & JAZZ @ THE GRAPEVINE
TIME/DATE: 7 p.m. Thursdays; 9 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays
LOCATION: The Grapevine of Novi, 43155 Market Street
DETAILS: Live music on the patio on Thursdays, inside on weekends; no cover. Schedule includes Thursday, Michael May & The Messaround; Friday, Kathy Kosins; Friday, Bon Temp Roule
CONTACT: (248) 344-4044

MOM-2-MOM SALE
TIME/DATE: 8:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m., Saturday, Oct. 10
LOCATION: Orchard Grove Community Church, 850 Ladd Road, Building C, Walled Lake (off Maple between Pontiac Trail & Ladd Road)
DETAILS: Sponsored by Orchard Grove Community Church MOPS Department store layout with over 40 sellers of infant and children's toys, books, CDs, electronics,

clothing (infant to size 14), outerwear and boots, maternally, baby equipment, furniture and large play toys. Admission is \$1; half price sale at noon.
CONTACT: Keri Cleasby at (248) 926-6584 X222

AUTHOR MARIA DESMONDY BOOK SIGNINGS
TIME/DATE: 9-11 a.m. Oct. 11
LOCATION: Barnes and Noble Booksellers, 17111 Haggerty Rd., Northville
TIME/DATE: 6:30-7:30 p.m. Nov. 10
LOCATION: Walled Lake Public Library, 1499 E West Maple Rd., Walled Lake
TIME/DATE: 10:30-11:30 a.m. Nov. 21
LOCATION: Whitom Public Library, 49015 Pontiac Trail, Wixom
DETAILS: Maria Desmond will be on tour at local facilities, reading, selling and signing her book, "Spaghetti in a Hot Dog Bun." In today's society, it's important to remind children that, although we are different on the outside, we are very much alike on the inside. Unfortunately, bullying has become a major problem in the United States. It's not only painful for children, but occurring at an increasingly young age. Her book empowers children to positively handle tough situations through its timeless message: have the courage to be exactly who you are, no matter what other people say.

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DATE: Sept. 25-27
DETAILS: The American Sewing Expo is the largest independent consumer sewing show in the country! This show has everything relating to fiber arts including fashion sewing, quilting, needle arts, crafting, and much more; www.americansewingexpo.com.

International Gem and Jewelry Show
DETAILS: This is one of the largest exhibitions of gems, minerals and jewelry in the world with one-of-a-kind jewelry creations, estate jewelry, accessories, and deeply discounted products for everyone; www.intergem.com.

Fall Camper and RV Show
DETAILS: The Michigan Association of Recreation Vehicles and Campgrounds present an expansive event featuring all types of recreational vehicles, parts and accessories, campground information, on-site RV financing and RV rentals; www.marvaco.org.

Fall Home Remodeling Show
DATE: Oct. 9-11
DETAILS: The Building Industry Association of Southeastern Michigan offers a wide variety of home improvements ideas, project advice, products and education; www.builders.org.

Great Lakes Art Fair
DATE: Oct. 16-18
DETAILS: Artists from across the region will offer works in the mediums of oil, watercolor, glass, photography, jewelry, fiber, sculpture and mixed media, along with select epicurean items; www.greatlakesartfair.com.

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DATE: Nov. 1
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DATE: Nov. 6-8
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DATE: Nov. 14-16
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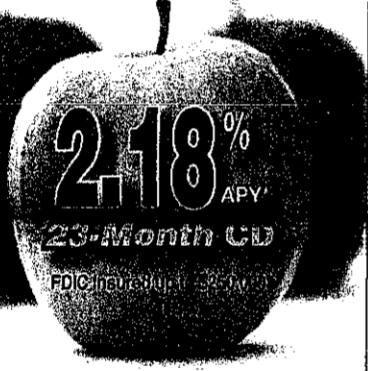
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DATE: Nov. 20-22
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Michigan Antique Arms Show
DATE: Nov. 28-29
DETAILS: Antique and modern arms and accoutrements, part and accessories, as well as other related merchandise. The show also feature historical displays and presentations.


North American Horse Fest
DATE: Dec. 4-6
DETAILS: Everything Equestrian! Horses, tack, training, breed clubs, trailers, stables, riding exhibitions, nutrition and much more; www.northamericanhorsefest.com.

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DATE: Dec. 12-13
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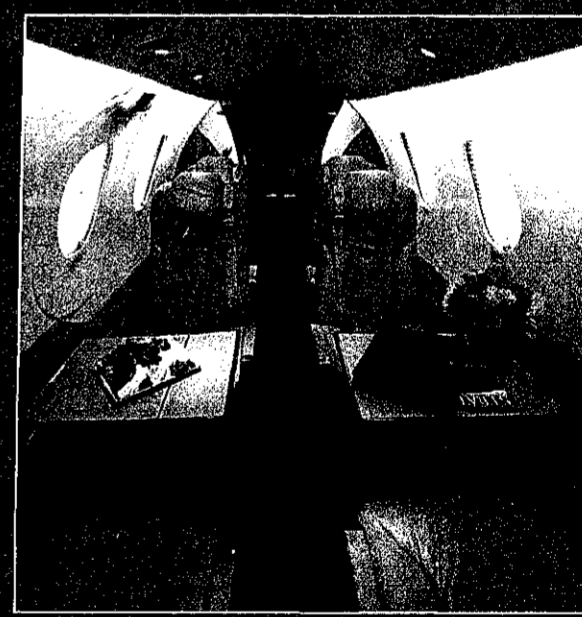
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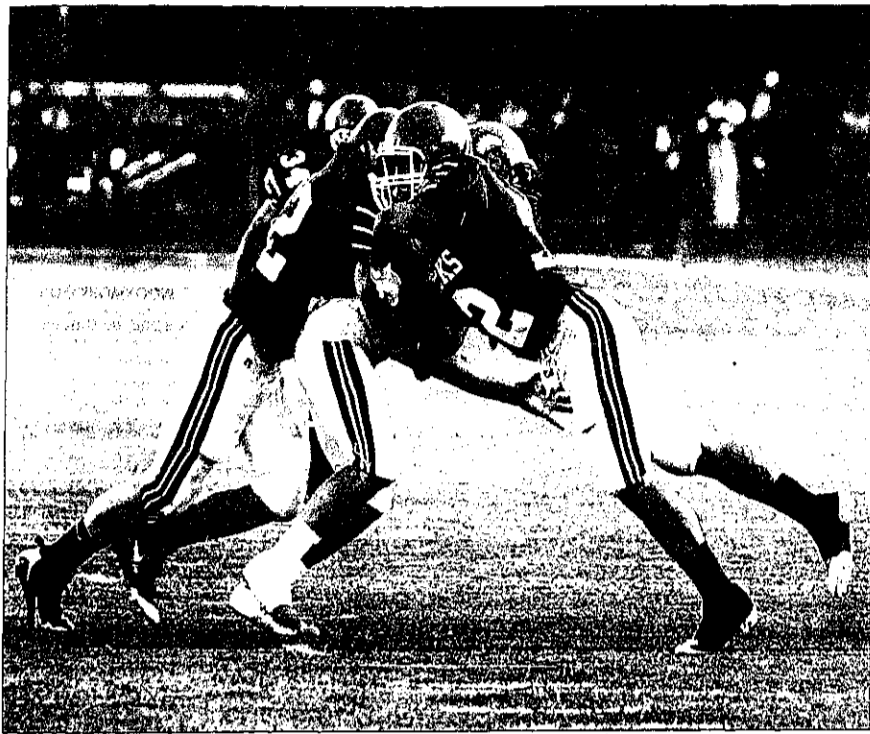
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CC junior Andrew Nelson, 32, and senior Butch Herzog, 42, converge on a Brother Rice receiver to break up the pass attempt.

CC football still undefeated

■ Shamrocks beat Brother Rice for first time in since 2003

BY SAM EGGLESTON
CORRESPONDENT

Revenge is a dish best served ... well, with a 24-7 whipping.

The Detroit Catholic Central Shamrocks has been on the wrong end of their rivalry against Birmingham Brother Rice for the past five years, but turned the tide and earned revenge with a victory over the Warriors last Saturday.

"The players were really geared up this week," said Catholic Central head coach Tom Mach. "The school was just electric."

And so were the stands. Between the Shamrock faithful and those donning the orange and black of Brother Rice, nearly 5,000 people were packed into the stadium to see the showdown.

In the end, however, it didn't matter how pumped up the stands were, or how charged the student body was. All that mattered was the scoreboard, and Catholic Central owned it.

"We played real well," admitted Mach. "Our defense did a great job, our offense played well and even our kicking was

ON TAP

The going doesn't get any easier for the Catholic Central Shamrocks, 4-0. They are slated to take on Divine Child, 4-0, Saturday. Divine Child comes into this week after a 41-6 drubbing of Livonia Clarenceville last week. The Falcons have outscored their opponents 148-38 this season, while Detroit Catholic Central has outscored their foes 157-7.

"We try to keep it all in perspective," said Catholic Central coach Tom Mach when asked about Divine Child perhaps not being as strong as Brother Rice was. "If a team is 4-0 and they are scoring a lot of points, we know we're going to have to play them at the same level as we play a team like Brother Rice."

right on. It was a great game all around."

It appeared to be a close game early in the fourth quarter after Brother Rice drove down the field and scored to make it a 10-7 game. The Shamrocks, who are ranked No. 2 in Division I teams by the Associated Press, didn't panic. They

didn't shudder. They simply picked up the football and went to work. On their next drive, Catholic Central marched 80 yards and put the ball into the end zone on a three-yard play action pass from senior quarterback Sam Landry to tight end George Darany to push them back into a comfortable lead, 17-7, with just under six minutes left in the game.

"We just played our game," said Mach. "Brother Rice is a very talented football team and we knew we had to keep playing our style of football. That's what we did."

The Shamrocks proved that they are not infallible, however, and allowed the first points of the season to be scored against them by the talented Warriors. Brother Rice's lone score came in the fourth quarter when quarterback Frankie Popp found Nick Dunn with a 14-yard touchdown pass. It's not as though the Shamrocks defense looked weak though, forcing three straight three-and-punt situations in the Warriors' opening drives. Not to mention the Shamrocks

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Defense leads Novi 14-10 over Salem

Wildcats grind way to .500 with win

BY CHRIS JACKETT
CORRESPONDENT

Novi's football team evened its record out at 2-2 following a hard-fought 14-10 victory over Plymouth Salem Sept. 18 in one of the most evenly matched, but impressive, performances for the Wildcats this season.

Both teams took the first five minutes off from solid play, as each team fumbled and lost the ball once, and Salem's Alex King intercepted a third-down pass from senior QB/WR Jimmy Gurney, returning it 37 yards to Novi's 37-yard line.

The Rocks (0-4) struck first with a 37-yard field goal by Ethan Walsh with 6:11 remaining in the first quarter.

Senior RB Jim Pitcher made several effective runs up the middle throughout the quarter, including a fourth-and-one play at Salem's 31-yard line with 1:43 remaining in the quarter, where Pitcher pushed through the middle for a seven-yard gain.

The play put Novi's offense into striking mode, as Gurney completed a 23-yard pass to sophomore WR Mike Jocz at the one-yard line with 6.8 seconds left.

"Our passing attack is getting better and better week by week. (Gurney) is learning the reads. For the amount of time he's had, he's done an outstanding job for us," Novi coach Tab Kellepourey said.

Junior RB Mike Brant started the second quarter with a run to the right corner of the end zone and senior RB Brett Kuhn kicked the extra point to give the Wildcats a 7-3 lead.

"Pitcher has the ability to carry and go. Brant had a few good carries around the outside," Kellepourey said.

Pitcher and Brant finished with 39 and 27 rushing yards, respectively.

Salem QB Brian Maksimovic regularly found his passing options well covered by the Wildcats, causing him to make several desperation dashes, accumulating 32 yards (69 gained, 37 lost) throughout the game.

"We were getting hurt with their quarterback getting loose," Kellepourey said.

ON TAP

Novi will travel to South Lyon High 7 p.m. tomorrow to take on the Lions (0-4) before hosting Livonia Stevenson for a 7 p.m. Oct. 2 homecoming.

"South Lyon is always a traditional game for us, a border rival. You've got to throw out their record and be ready to play a good game," Novi coach Tab Kellepourey said. "Stevenson's going to be tough and Northville is getting up there."

Novi's defense forced Maksimovic to fumble the ball at the midline, but Salem recovered.

Junior CB Brian Bush intercepted a 23-yard pass from Maksimovic at Novi's 17-yard line a few minutes later, putting the chains back in motion for the Wildcats.

The next two drives by each team only resulted in one first down, but Novi scored on one of their drives thanks to a huge defensive error by the Rocks.

Wildcats' senior Jordan Scheffler punted to Salem from Salem's 46-yard line with 26 seconds remaining, but it slipped through the hands of the Rocks' Evian Pardo at the 10-yard line and was covered in the end zone by senior Masaru Nogami for a touchdown. Kuhn's kick after put the Wildcats up 14-3 going into the half.

Novi had out-gained Salem 149-80 in total first-half yards, but was also penalized nearly twice as much as Salem, 66-35 yards.

Realizing their passing game was failing, the Rocks hopped on the back of sophomore RB Marcus Houston, who burned the Wildcats for 91 rushing yards, including a touchdown 6:10 into the second half.

Following the kick by Walsh, Salem had cut the lead to 14-10.

As the teams traded quick unsuccessful drives, Salem spent the final 4:04 of the third quarter and first 3:08 of the

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Wildcats win Central Division

Win over Northville puts Novi in the driver's seats

BY CHRIS JACKETT
CORRESPONDENT

Novi's boy's tennis team won the KLAAC Central Division title Sept. 15 with a 6-3 victory at Northville.

The Wildcats (6-1, 5-0 KLAAC) ousted the Mustangs (4-1 KLAAC) quickly last Tuesday, sweeping all five doubles matches, as well as the four singles competition.

"(Alex) Brizard at four singles had a tough match and pulled it out. He was behind in

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ON TAP

The Wildcats now face off against the other three KLAAC division champions and three state-ranked opponents in a seven-day span. Following a match Monday at Detroit Country Day (No. 1 in Div. 3), Novi is slated to visit South Division-champion Plymouth Tuesday before hosting North Division-champion Walled Lake Central 4 p.m. today.

"The key for us is to not get ahead of ourselves, play one match at a time and not make some of the mistakes we're making," Hanson said. "The team that makes the fewest mistakes is going to win the match." Novi will host an invite 8:30 a.m. Saturday featuring Ann Arbor Huron (No. 2 in Div. 1), No. 4 Brother Rice and No. 8 Troy before visiting KLAAC West Division-champion Grand Blanc on Tuesday.



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Novi's Wes Smith goes to head a ball in an away game at South Lyon East.

Feisty Wildcats and Mustangs battle to draw

Novi allows rare goal early in 2nd half

BY CHRIS JACKETT
CORRESPONDENT

The highly-anticipated border battle between Novi and Northville's boys soccer teams was nothing short of intense. Both teams played physically in a 1-1 draw last Thursday at Meadows Stadium.

"In general, this one was pretty exciting. Each team could have done seven or

ON TAP

Novi now prepares to face Livonia Stevenson tonight and Eisenhower tomorrow, both 7 p.m. at Meadows Stadium.

eight goals," Novi coach Brian O'Leary said. "The tie put the Wildcats'

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fourth quarter handing the ball off to Houston on nine of 12 plays, out-gaining the Wildcats 99-19 in total third-quarter yardage.

pass from Maksimovic, taking the ball five yards out from Novi's one-yard line.

"Both were great catches," Kelleporey said. "Salem really did control the game in the second half. Our backs were against the wall really through the second half. It put a lot of pressure on the offense. We were painting the ball right back up there."

Novi found themselves on the wrong end of some ill-timed penalties in the fourth quarter, but put a cork in Houston's running game while maintaining their dominance in pass defense.

"I think the outside linebackers and safeties made some adjustments," Kelleporey said of stopping Houston. "We had 12 penalties. We're getting a little concerned about it. The reason they're jumping offside is because they're trying to make a play, but it's hurting the team."

Neither team was able to get another first down the final 8:52 of the game. Kelleporey credited senior LB Tim Kolis, Ryan Jek, junior LB Nick Littleton and sophomore LB Alex King with keeping Houston off a late-game comeback.

King led the Wildcats with 13 tackles, followed by Kolis with eight and Bush, Jek and Littleton with six each.

On the offensive line, senior Jon Fields and junior Joe Mikkelsen made several good blocks, while senior Ryan Margrave, junior Alan Meever and senior TJ Karasz provided effective pass protection for Gurney (9-for-22, 95 yards). The Wildcats out-gained Salem 181-169 in total offensive yards.

The Wildcats also benefited from strong special teams, which provided the second Novi touch-

down. Senior punter Jordan Scheffler punted for 264 yards, two kicks which were downed inside Salem's red zone.

Jordan Shaffer really has a tremendous leg when he punts the ball," Kelleporey said. "Our kicker, Tommy Duquette, is doing well kicking the ball up field."

Chris Jackett is a freelance writer and former Novi News staff writer.

Varsity falls short to Commerce Chargers, 19-24

Novi Varsity Bobcats celebrated their homecoming this past Sunday with an unfortunate loss to Commerce Chargers in the last 41 seconds of the game. The teams battled one another all afternoon. Bobcats led the lead at halftime, 13-8. In the third quarter Chargers took the lead 13-16. It all came down to the last 41 seconds in the fourth quarter; everyone was on their feet. Novi jumped ahead 19-16, but the next play, a kick return touchdown, sealed it for the Chargers.

Novi's offensive line - Charlie Ryan, Ethan Roy, Graham Gaudin, Jack Twomey, Brett Guiboux and Keith Prvato - paved the way for the three Bobcat touchdowns. The Bobcats' first numbers on the board resulted from a 69-yard pass by Joshua Schiesler to Austin Racicot, set up by a Chargers' fumble caused by Michael Ninkovich and recovery by a slew of Bobcat defenders. The extra point ran in by Kietu Prvato was good. The second scoring opportunity was an 85-yard run by Jeffrey Baker in the second quarter. The last touchdown with 41 seconds on the clock was a three-yard run up the middle by Austin Racicot.

Joshua Schiesler played well in the pocket all afternoon. Leading rushing yards by Jeffrey Baker with 117 followed by Keith Prvato, 26; Austin Racicot, 17; and Jalen Ward, 9.

The Bobcats had two interceptions by Michael Ninkovich and Jack Pinkerton. The defense did not go unnoticed. Mark Ryan led with seven tackles; Ethan Roy, Joshua Helfer with three each; and Michael Ninkovich and Jack Twomey with three each. Jack Twomey, Brett Guiboux, and Charlie Ryan each had key tackles taking the Chargers for loss in their own backfield.

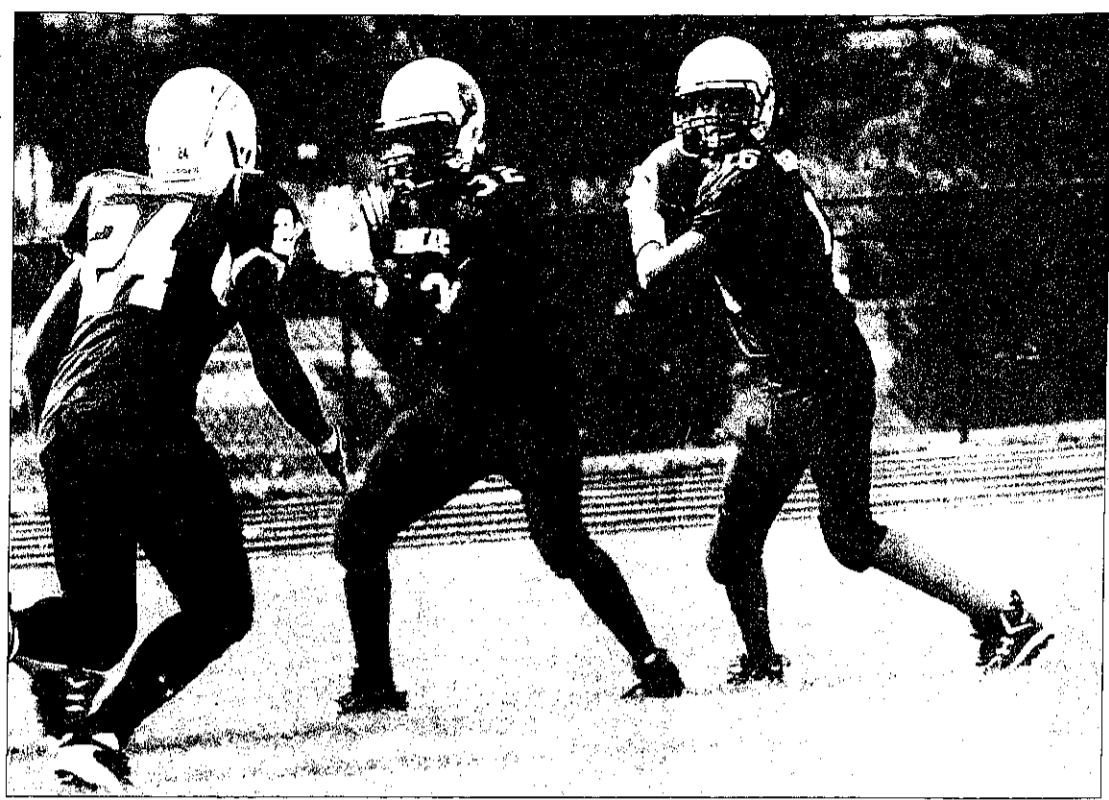
The Bobcats' next game is under the lights at 7 p.m. Saturday against Livonia Orioles at Livonia Churchill High School.

JV Bobcats ground Chargers, 28-6

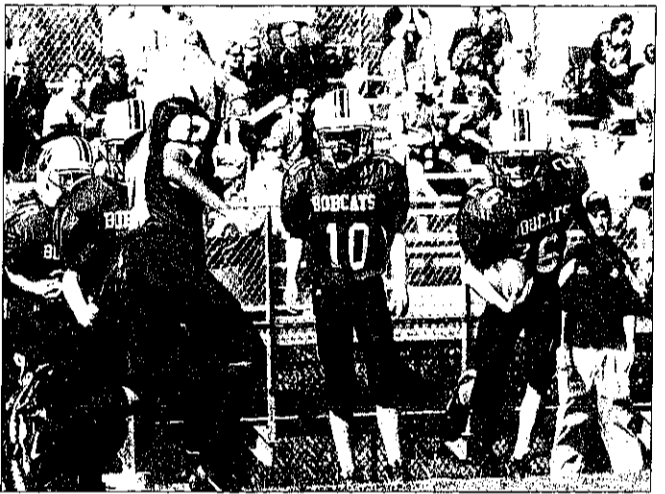
The JV Bobcats (3-0) were homecoming hosts to the Commerce Chargers (0-3). Both teams played extremely physical with the Bobcats victorious in a battle that was much closer than the score indicates.

After forcing the Chargers to punt on their first possession, the Bobcats' offense drove 62 yards in 13 plays with Andrew Schroeder scoring from six yards out on a powerful run carrying defenders into the end zone for a 6-0 lead. On the drive, Schroeder had five carries for 25 yards; Christian Durham caught a 19-yard pass from Ryan Moore and also delivered a huge block to help Moore run over the Chargers' defense on fourth-and-eight to keep the drive alive. The Chargers' first possession of the second quarter ended with Schroeder blocking a fourth-down punt and Colton Neisius scooping the ball up and running 22 yards to the end zone. Bobby Fox kicked the PAT for a 14-0 second quarter lead. On the ensuing drive, the Chargers drove 60 yards and completed a 15-yard out route into the corner of the end zone, resulting in a half-time score of 14-6.

The second half was a battle of field position, with excellent punting from Fox shortening the field for the Bobcats' offense. Both defenses played strong forcing seven consecutive four and out possessions keeping the score 14-6 until five minutes were left in the fourth quarter. Durham intercepted a fourth-down pass



Novi's Josh Schiesler (16) gets ready to pass while Jeffrey Baker (32) blocks in the Bobcats 19-24 loss to the Chargers.



Novi Freshman Bobcat Tyler VanKirk (26) is chased by Commerce Colt PJ Price (27).

to stop the Chargers' advance and returned the ball to their 22-yard line. On third down and 16 to go, Moore hit Fox for a 22-yard pass and a first down, but a block in the back penalty nacked up the offense to the 20-yard line. After nine-yard runs by Schroeder and Andy Mizerowski, Spencer VanKirk used his speed and spirit into the end zone untouched for an eight-yard touchdown extending the lead to 20-6. With less than a minute remaining, the Chargers threw a desperate pass over the middle, and Durham picked off his second pass of the game, and returned the ball 35 yards for a touchdown. Fox converted the PAT for a 28-6 final score.

The Bobcats generated 101 total yards of offense, with 75 on the ground and 26 through the air. Schroeder led all running backs with 11 carries for 34 yards and a touchdown, followed by Moore with six carries for 21 yards, and Mizerowski earning 16 tough yards on four carries through the middle of the defense. The Bobcats held the Chargers to 50 total yards of offense led by Durham's five solo tackles and five assists, followed by VanKirk with five solo and two assists. Fox played lock down center, with four open field solo tackles preventing what would

have been big gains into the open field. The Bobcats face the Livonia Orioles (3-0) Saturday at Livonia Churchill. Submitted by Ken Hagan

Freshmen fall to Commerce, 37-19

After a weekend filled with off-the-field homecoming traditions, the Bobcat freshmen started the football action at 11 a.m. Sunday. The weather was perfect with partly sunny skies and 65 degrees temps. Novi's Eric Budd started

the day kicking the ball to the Chargers from Commerce. The Chargers wasted little time and on their opening possession scored first with a 42 yard run by 33 giving Commerce a six-point lead. Novi's Caleb Lawinski fielded the ensuing kickoff giving the Bobcats the ball on offense. The Cats drove the ball down the field led by Trendon Hankerson, but eventually turned the ball over on downs. The following series, the Chargers struck again with a sweep by 21 Pierson Hoy, resulting in a 46-yard touchdown. The Bobcats would shut down the extra point leaving

the score 12-0 ending the first quarter. The Chargers accounted for the only scoring in the second quarter with a 54-yard run by 21 leaving the halftime score 18-0 in favor of the Chargers.

Novi's offense came alive to start the second half. This half would prove to be a hard-fighting saw battle. On their opening possession on the Bobcats' six, Evan Budd broke a tackle in the backfield and scampered into the end zone for a 47-yard touchdown.

Three plays later the Chargers would answer with a 38-yard run from scrimmage by 27 PJ Price. Novi would come right back on the next drive as Hankerson would score on a nine-yard touchdown run. The third quarter would come to a close on a 49-yard Charger touchdown run by 8 Jacob Downery, leaving the score at the end of the third quarter 31-18

in favor of the Chargers. The final quarter would be just like the third with both teams trading touchdowns. Tyler VanKirk would score for Novi on a 37-yard touchdown run, while Pierson Hoy would put the final points on the board for the Chargers. The final score Commerce 37, Novi 19. Both teams played with a lot of heart and fought to the final whistle.

Other notables for the Bobcats include Joey Mscari, Matthew Williams, Fenton Lawler and Parker Bohland on defense and Luca Soicic, Troy Mullins, Eric Budd and Ellis Piper had great blocking efforts. Commerce notables on defense included Nati Rousseau, Colin Wiserman, Chaz Byrsonson and Tyler Bates.

The Bobcat freshmen will be back in action at 3 p.m. Saturday as they take on the Orioles of Livonia at Livonia Churchill High School. Submitted by Todd Levin

TEE TIME Your local golf guide

My favorite courses in Michigan

By David Graham

In my position as Executive Director of the Golf Association of Michigan, it is probably a politically incorrect position to express what golf courses make my personal list of favorites for obvious reasons. But like you, I do have favorites around the state of Michigan and I am willing to provide my two cents on the topic. This list is courses that if invited, I would make time in my schedule to play in a heartbeat. I must also state up front that I have not come close to playing all of the fantastic courses in this state. We are so fortunate to have so many great options. Also, I believe there is a bit of a halo effect on ones likability assessment based on how well one plays and scores at a particular course. I suspect that influence has impacted my selections. So this assessment is very subjective, and

while it will include some obvious courses on everybody's list, it probably is not your list. It does include both private and public facilities.

Dave's Faves in alphabetical order:

• Arcadia Bluffs - Spectacular links style course along Lake Michigan. As the wind blows, so will one's score. No. 17 is an awesome par 3 when played with a breeze in your face it can be particularly difficult to score.

• Belvedere - Tom Watson spent his summers on this gem in Charlevoix. No. 16 is a shorter par 4 with the green wedged into the side of a hill. Great fun particularly if the hole location is on the right side of the green. Beware of an overly aggressive putt.

• Crystal Downs - Alistair Mackenzie design with support from Perry Maxwell recognized as one of the finest courses in America. No. 10 is a great par 4 that demands an approach shot kept below the hole. If not, 50/50 chances you may putt off the green.

• Eagle Eye - Newer course with a lot of great holes including an exact replica of the 17th at the TPC at Sawgrass (Island Green). One of my favorites is no. 15 which is a par 4 that has a raised green with severe slopes around with collection areas for any wayward shots.

• Franklin Hills - A great Donald Ross design. No. 2 is a superb par 3 with a severely slanted green... do not be above the hole on your approach shot if at all possible.

• The Gallies - One of three courses at Lakewood Shores Resort, it is a very challenging links layout with hidden fairway pot bunkers throughout. Bring your "A" game

and you'll have a great time. • The Heathers at Boyne Highlands - Robert Trent Jones design, no. 18 is a great risk reward hole that requires an approach shot over the lake for any realistic chance at a birdie finish.

• Indianwood Old - My home course, it plays different each day depending on the wind. No. 18 is a great finishing hole with a huge score. Putting over and around some of the buried elephants can be a challenge!

• Kingsley Club - Newer course receiving excellent national exposure. No. 9 is a modest par 3 until you get to the green. Unless you are below the cup you may have some interesting challenges. If chipping or pitching on from behind the green, good luck!

• Meadowbrook - Great set of green complexes throughout the course. No. 9 is a great shorter par 4

with a severely sloped green. Hands of a surgeon instead of a blacksmith will serve one well.

• Oakland Hills South - Spectacular best course to countless major championships as well as the Ryder Cup. No. 17 is a really cool par 3 uphill to a green surrounded by deep bunkers and equally challenging rough. A pit on this hole is a great achievement.

The above is a sampling of the great courses in Michigan. If a friend should extend an invite to play any of the above, don't hesitate to accept and keep me in mind if you need someone to fill out your group.

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Jaguar champs

The Michigan Jaguars U16 Girls MRL team were the Champions of the Vardar Elite Cup Soccer Tournament that took place Aug. 21-23 in Troy. The team won games against the MI Burn 94, MI Rush Northville Nike, and GPSA Breakers Green to make it to the finals where they beat Vardar to win the championship. The team consists of girls from around the metro area. The players are Lexie Walker, Rachel Good, Katie Bounds, Victoria Pepper, Charlotte Burns, Maddie Etridge, Laura Austin, Sasha Gardner, Sam Jarrett, Nikki Greenhalgh, Rachel Jann, Allie Smith, Halle Kasman, Maddie Huastein, Alyssa Cabellor, Katie Seelenbinder, and Lexie Schmidt. The team is coached by Paul Tinnion and Ben Karamuco. Not shown is Tara Gessler.

Catholic Central kickers keep up winning ways

■ Two more victories tallied by Shamrocks

BY SAM EGLESTON
CORRESPONDENT

The Detroit Catholic Central Shamrocks soccer team just keeps finding ways to win. The squad, coached by Joe Nora, earned two more wins last week as they blasted Divine Child, 7-1, at home before edging DeLaSalle, 2-1.

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The victory put the Shamrocks at a 7-2 record so far this season and a 3-0-1 standing in the Catholic League's Central Division. Against Divine Child, the Shamrocks couldn't seem to do anything wrong.

The squad followed the lead of Mike Tokacz, who scored a hat trick with three goals in the contest. Gatt, Majsac, John Malecke and Cole Borland each notched a single goal in the game.

Gatt led his team in assists, earning three on the night, while Brandon Hess, Gerritt Biddinger, Dylan Hagan and Josh Gage each had one assist.

Alex Lang earned the victory in the goal, stopping three shots.

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Shamrock Brandon Tammara's, 51, sack causes a fumble with senior Joe Snyder closing in.

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held Brother Rice's top running-back, Jim Pickens, to zero yards on six carries following two 100-yard-plus games from the Warriors.

"No one wants to be scored on," said Mach. "Honestly, we never talked about keeping everyone scoreless. It was never a conversation we had. I think the team was aware that was the case, but they were also aware that it wasn't going to stay that way."

Catholic Central sealed the victory by forcing a turnover on downs late in the fourth quarter that led to their final touchdown of the night, which was scored on a four-yard rumble from fullback Niko Palazeti.

In a change of pace, Palazeti did not lead the Shamrocks in rushing, instead turning the torch over to Anthony Capatina, who went 102 yards on 14 carries. Palazeti added 68 yards in the game.

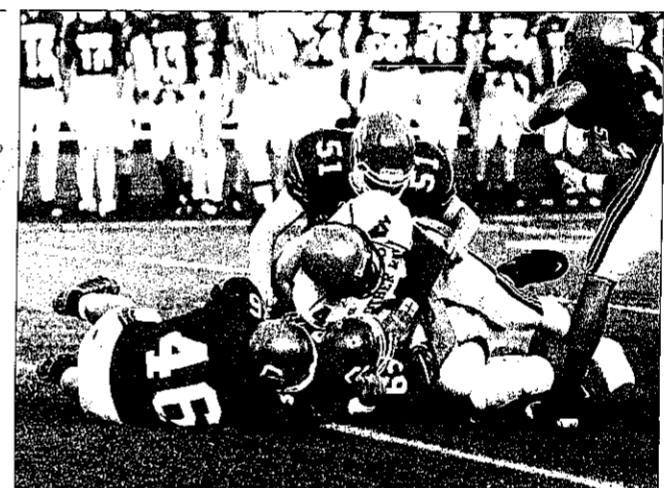
Catholic Central's defense held Brother Rice to 182 yards of total offense and controlled the ball for 34:10.

"They tried a few different things and tried running the ball a bit, but our defense did a real good job of shutting them down," said Mach. "Our defensive coordinator, Dan Anderson, did a great job of preparing the defense, showing them a lot of things that they were going to see. The players went out and executed and overall did an excellent job."

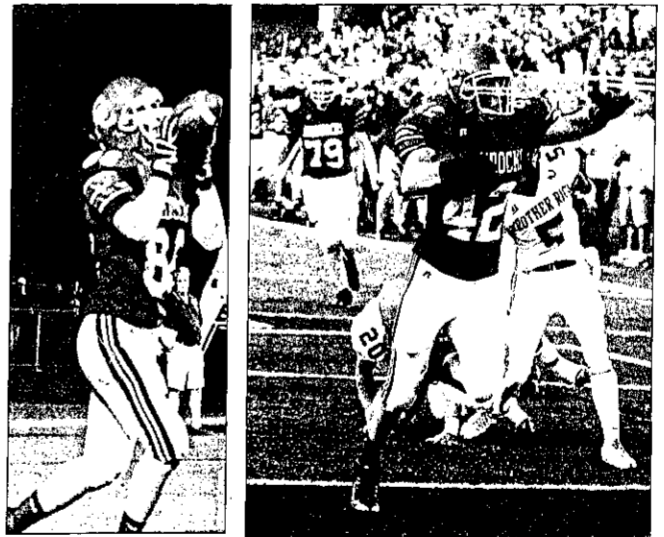
With a 4-0 record, the Shamrocks are just two wins away from guaranteeing a playoff berth. There are five games remaining in the season, including undefeated Divine Child this Saturday, as well as Orchard Lake St. Mary's, which is currently 2-2; DeLaSalle, which is currently 3-1; and University of Detroit Jesuit High School, which is currently 2-2.

"We're in a league that is very tough and full of very talented teams," said Mach. "This is a team that seems to improve every week, and that's something we're going to have to do in order to continue winning in this league."

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The Shamrock defense, which allowed just 10 yards rushing against Brother Rice, stiffens with senior Niko Palazeti, 46; junior Brandon Tammara, 51; and senior Mike Still, 62.



CC's George Darany hauls in a TD pass in the second half against Brother Rice. Butch Herzog gives CC the early lead with a first quarter touchdown.



CC's Niko Palazeti carries a Rice defender into the endzone in the fourth quarter.

Catholic Central dominates quad tennis meet

■ Shamrocks ranked first in state

BY SAM EGLESTON
CORRESPONDENT

Four more teams challenged and then fell to the power of the Detroit Catholic Central tennis team last week.

The squad, coached by Joe Stafford, is currently ranked first in the state of Michigan for Division I schools and they showed exactly why as they won their fourth tournament and earned four more victories last Saturday.

Catholic Central earned 18 points in the Catholic Central Quad Meet while Forest Hills Central and Troy High School earned 11 points each for a second-place tie. Taking fourth was Northville, which earned eight points on the day.

Individually, the Shamrocks were able to beat Northville, 7-1; Troy, 6-2; and Forest Hills Central, 5-3.

Catholic Central earned four flight victories in the tournament, snatching championships at first, third and fourth singles as well as third doubles.

Joe Dube', Catholic Central's premier first singles player, defeated Northville's Melvin Joseph, 6-1, 6-3, before topping Troy's Brett Forman, 6-4, 6-2, and Forest Hills' Grant Velman, 6-1, 6-0.

"This was a big win for us," said Stafford. "We look at Northville's Tim Wasielewski as one of the top players in the state at No. two singles. Kevin played a really smart match and did not give up many free points. That's what we're really looking for from our singles lineup: To play smart, solid tennis and let the great points take care of themselves."

Catholic Central is now 7-0-1 on the season.

Another standout performance came from Catholic Central's second singles player Kevin Hodges, who ended up 2-1 on the day but managed to defeat Northville's Tim Wasielewski, 6-2, 6-3.

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The Shamrocks are slated to be back in action today when they visit Ann Arbor Pioneer for a dual meet at 4 p.m. The tennis team will then travel to the Essexville Garber Tournament on Saturday.

Shamrocks' fourth singles standout, took down Northville's Nick Caldwell, 6-0, 6-1. Troy's Ray Chen, 6-4, 6-1, and defeated Forest Hills' player, 6-0, 6-0.

The results were much the same for the third doubles duo of Nick Petrucci and Robbie Guindri, who earned a 6-2, 6-0 victory over Northville, a 6-1, 6-0 victory over Troy and edged out Forest Hills in three sets, 6-6, 6-4 and 1-0.

"Our No. three doubles have been hot and cold all year, in terms of their play, and it is nice to see them grind out a three set victory against Forest Hills Central," said Stafford. "FHC's team has been the only team to beat them this year and I know they really wanted this win."

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Eric Guindri, the

Catholic Central harriers take second in Holly Invitational

■ Shamrocks finish behind Ann Arbor Pioneer

BY SAM EGLESTON
CORRESPONDENT

The Detroit Catholic Central Shamrocks, currently ranked first in Division I, may not have earned a victory in the Holly Invitational last Saturday, but they aren't complaining.

The squad, coached by Tony Magni, took second place with 86 points while Ann Arbor Pioneer ran away with the meet with just 34 points. Taking third was Plymouth with 120 points while Lake Orion was fourth with 140 and Millard was fifth with 160. Rival Brother Rice was sixth with 196 points. In total, there were 20 teams at the event.

While the Catholic Central harriers are no doubt looking at their times and trying to figure out how they could have shaved off a few seconds here or there, they have a reason not to fret about the second-place finish. In 1985, 1989 and 2001, the Shamrocks competed in the Holly Invitational and came up with a second-, a second- and a third-place finish, respectively. Those were the years the Shamrocks went on to win the state championship.

While a state championship is far from guaranteed for the Shamrocks, they are continuing to show signs of strength, stamina and improvement throughout the team. Individually, Ricardo Galindo led his squad with a time of 16:16 and finished in sixth place, while Andrew Garcia-Garrison took seventh with 120 points while Lake Orion was fourth with 140 and Millard was fifth with 160. Rival Brother Rice was sixth with 196 points. In total, there were 20 teams at the event.

Catholic Central's Sean Carney was 41st in the meet with a time of 17:37, while Peter Cernak finished in 18:02 for 62nd and Steve Turzewski took 86th in a time of 18:40.

The overall winner of the race was Ann Arbor Pioneer's Nathan Kern, who finished in 15:45 on a photo finish over teammate Nick Kern. Pioneer also took third with Adam Kern in 15:50.

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ON TAP
The Shamrocks will be running this weekend when they host the Catholic Central Invitational at 11:30 a.m. at Cass Benton Park. The squad will then return to action Monday when they visit University of Detroit Jesuit High School at 4:30 p.m.

Make healthy choices before obesity leads to stroke

My wife has spent the last two months caring for and helping her sister through a major health challenge. This proud, independent, single mother finds herself today in a tiny room in a nursing home totally at the mercy of the staff for her every need, staring at the prospect of never walking again at the ripe old age of 57. (In fact, today is her birthday - Happy Birthday, dear sister-in-law!) The irony of this story is at the end of the day the stroke she endured is only a partial blow; the real killer enemy is obesity. These last two months have given us a small glimpse into not only the devastating world of stroke victims but the life of an obese person:

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ability in the U.S. A quarter of all strokes occur in people under 65. The after-effects vary across the board from total paralysis to total recovery. A recent study sites only 26 percent became nursing home residents. While her sister is showing good signs of recovery on her totally paralyzed left side of her body, added in the equation is the obesity factor. From the very beginning her over-350-pound weight and lack of any physical movement increased her odds of being in the 25 percent of high risk stroke victims under age 65. Her right knee (supposedly the good knee) is nearly gone from years of over use due to her weight along with her shoulder. Prior to the stroke, her weight alone

posed barriers to mobility now compounded to total disability by the right knee, shoulder and the stroke. In addition to the reality of the physical effects of obesity, we lived in first-hand as nursing home after nursing home declined her entry due to her obesity. She needed a larger bed, special equipment, special wheelchairs, etc. Every call about her was tagged with the words "she is a bari-patient," meaning a bariatric patient requiring special considerations for everything due to her weight. Watching her deal with the reality of years of poor choices has been sobering. I am certain if given the chance she would have made a few different, small choices over the last 20-30 years. In fact, she has already lost nearly 50 pounds, not an easy

task when there is no mobility. The bottom line is every 40 seconds someone in the U.S. has a stroke and about every 20 seconds someone has a heart attack and the list goes on and on. Life will bring us challenges; let's fight with all we have not to add to it with obesity. Next time I face a seemingly small choice -- walk or take the escalator, park near the door or further away -- I will think of that nursing home and the very hard challenges of this brave 57-year-old.

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Garage Sales (734) **LIVONIA** - Unused microwave, bedding, books, sports equip, CDs, cassette, dolls, misc. items. Thurs-Sat. Sept. 24-26, 9-5pm. 1687 Woodside S of 6 Mile, E of Livon.

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NORTHVILLE SENIOR LIVING OPENS JANUARY 2010

BY ALISON BERGSIKER
ADVERTORIAL COORDINATOR

There's always something going on in downtown Northville.

Unique restaurants, clothing and art shops, Mill Race Village activities, a seasonal farmers market, parades and more make Main Street a happening location for families and shoppers.

With access peaceful parks and sidewalks of endless shops, Northville is the perfect place West Oakland County's newest senior living community, Northville Senior Living.

"Northville is looking for more people to live downtown," said co-owner Rodger Barton. "Our residents will be part of the real world, not just a nursing home. We are going to have the most affordable housing in the area."

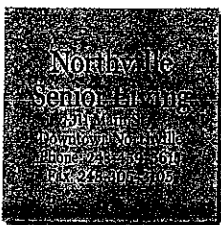
The 7,000-square-foot center is located at 311 Main St. on the second floor above Dr. Phillip Mayer's office and adjacent to Northville Physical Rehabilitation, which will be offering free fitness memberships to all Northville Senior Living residents.

"The residents will have access to free fitness membership with us and will be able to stroll into town for coffee, the nearby Marquis Theatre, other doctors and more," said Dennis Engerer, Director of Rehab at Northville Physical Rehabilitation.

An intimate setting with curb appeal

Comfort, convenience and a scenic view of downtown Northville make Northville Senior Living an attractive place to live. The facility will host living

arrangements for 17 interactive seniors looking forward to meeting new friends and building lasting relationships.



"Residents can feel at home with their personal belongings in their private bedrooms while sharing multiple warm family living spaces including a dining area, two sundecks and a private library," Barton said. "Everyone will know everyone in an intimate setting. It's like a big family."

Floor plans include nine private bedrooms with individual bathrooms, and eight private bedrooms with shared bathrooms.

"The elderly congregate where they can feel the most comfortable, and that is where the sunshine is," Barton said. "All of the outside windows fall into the hallways, and most of the bedrooms have windows. We've maximized wall space to let natural light into the rooms."

Personalized, affordable care

The smaller number of residents at Northville Senior Living allows extremely personal one-on-one care and assistance.

Onsite services include three nutritionally balanced meals, laundry, medication management, shower services and housekeeping — all at a flat rate.

"There are no extra charges for

personal service," Barton said. "Everything is included in one price across the board."

Visiting nutritionists, physical therapists, podiatrists, medical doctors and nurses will visit the facility on a regular schedule.

"We have a full kitchen that can cook anything from scrambled eggs in the morning to a full Thanksgiving dinner," Barton said. "We can meet any special diet needs. It comes down to finding out what the residents want, and we'll get it, as long as it's nutritionally balanced."

Senior transportation will be scheduled on a regular and semi-regular basis, depending on the needs of residents.

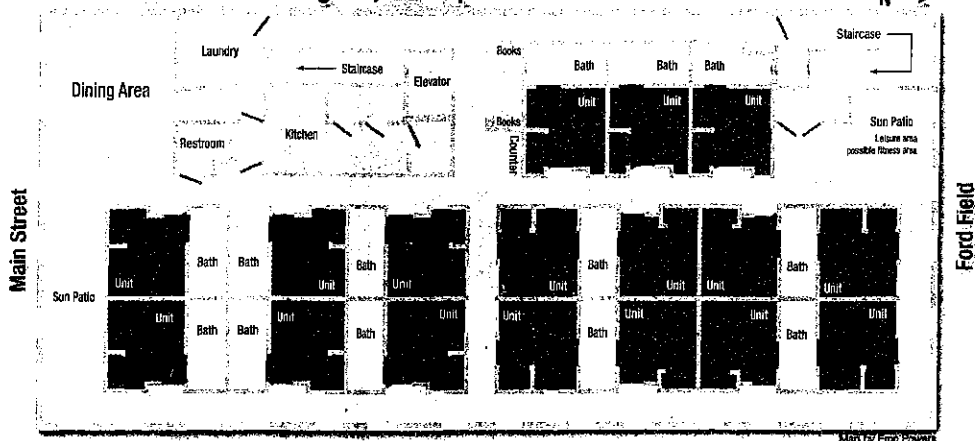
"We're already getting applications and a few new residents," Barton said. "We look forward to welcoming our seniors to downtown Northville and offering a family-friendly, scenic place to live."



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Northville Senior Living, located on the second floor of 311 Main St., opens January 2010.

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