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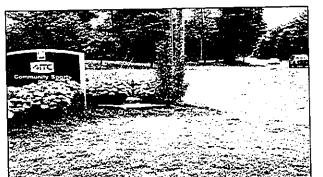
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For more than 35 years, the Novi Choralaires have been entertaining audiences with bi-annual concerts of music and song. The Choralaires are seeking to discover and recruit vocal musicians from the Novi area. You are invited to join them for their 7:30 p.m. rehearsal on Tuesday, Sept. 11 and audition with director Liz Wolber afterwards. Please visit www.novichoralaires.org for additional details and to let them know if you

Great Lakes ~ **Great Tastes**

Detroit and Michigan Public Television stations recently launched a new pilot program, Great Lakes - Great Tastes, which wanders the state telling the stories of its finest chefs, as well as boutique food and beverage producers. After rolling out the initial installment in July and August, the producers of Great Lakes ~ Great Tastes are presenting a delectable inaugural dinner at the Toasted Oak Grill and Market inside the Baronette Hotel in Novi from 5:30-11 p.m. Sept. 21. The dinner will feature four stars in the Michigan culinary universe: Toasted Oak Grill (Novi); Valentine Vodka (Ferndale): Evergreen Lane Creamery (Fennville); and Brownwood Farms (Traverse City). The event, labeled Michigan Flavors, is being held as a benefit for the Make-A-Wish Foundation of Michigan, a nonprofit organization that grants special wishes to children with life-threatening illnesses. The public is invited and encouraged to attend. Tickets are \$55 per person or \$100 per couple. A reserved table of 10 is \$450. All are available online at www. michiganflavors.com or can be purchased at the Toasted Oak Grill.

Novi seeks county funds for Eight Mile



Improvements to non-motorized traffic may take place along Eight Mile from Napier to Taft - including this section near ITC Community Sports Park.

Upgrades would begin next year

By Lonnie Huhman

The city of Novi is looking to use some of the \$3 million in unused Tri-Party Program funds available to Oakland County communities for road improvement projects.

Communities interested in applying for some of the available funds were asked to submit a request identifying the project and amount of funding needed to the Road Commission of Oakland County by Sept. 5. Novi did so and is looking for help on a nearly \$5 million project.

The County Board of Commissioners wants to make sure these dollars are used to improve our roads and do not languish in a bank account," Oakland County Board Chairman Mike Gingell said. "I am very pleased that we are ensuring that these dollars will be put to good use as quickly as possi-

ble." According to Victor Cardenas, Novi's assistant city manager, Novi would like to use some of these funds for a project on Eight Mile Road from Napier to Taft roads. This

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Every time she passes by her family while riding the carousel, Lily Commings, 6, does a big Hollywood-style wave. With her is her aunt Barb Konstanko, rear

State fair exceeds all expectations

By Lonnie Huhman Staff Writer

"Exceeded expectations" is how Suburban Collection Showplace President Blair Bowman described the first Great Lakes State Fair, which took place this past

weekend. "It was incredible," Bowman said of

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Verma one of only two Indians to represent state

Democrats' national convention in North Carolina this week

By Cal Stone Staff Writer

Novi resident Ramesh Verma was chosen as an elected District 11 precinct delegate to attend the National Democratic Convention, which wraps up today in Charlotte, N.C., with President Barack Obama accepting his party's nomination.

Verma is very active in the campaigns of Obama and Dr. Syed Taj for U.S. Congress and is serving his second two-year term as treasurer of the Michigan Democratic Par-

"I am honored and privileged to have been elected to represent in the large Michigan delegation to Democratic Convention," said Verma, who began his trip down south on Monday with his wife and about 500 fellow Michiganians. This is the first time I got elected. I tried about 10 years ago. This time my district recommended me, and I'm so excited to go



Ramesh Verma

He said he wanted to enjoy the experience instead of spending a lot of time on his laptop communicating updates via Facebook.

Verma is one of more than 200 delegates from Michigan, and is the only delegate from Novi chosen to attend. Once there, he said they would choose their representative to verbally cast their votes for Obama when asked by the speaker.

Each state must send an equal number of men and women in

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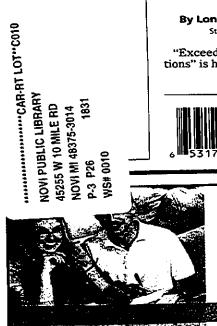
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By Cal Stone

Dan Hoops' recent trip

to Switzerland was brief

Walsh College assistant

how differently Europe-

ans and Americans view

the controversial Heidel-

berg Project in Detroit.

Hoops, a graduate of

Novi High School, teach-

es in the college's Taxa-

tion and Business Law

Department, but he also

provides legal and busi-

ness consultation to met-

ro Detroit musicians, non-

profit institutions and art-

ists. Through the latter, he

got involved with the Hei-

delberg street art project,

serving on the board for

11 years and is current-

"The trip gave me an

Heidelberg Project and

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law," said Hoops, "Much

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Hoops joined Heidel-

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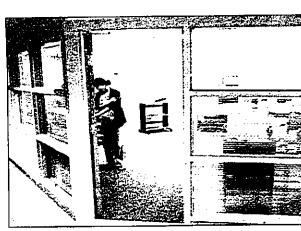
Older Adult Services moves its main office

To adjust with the times and offer a better service to Novi seniors and older adults, the main office for Novi's Older Adult Services, part of Parks, Recreation & Cultural Services, has moved from Meadowbrook Commons to the Civic Center.

This was done to make it more central, give it more space options and allow it to be fully integrated with city services. Novi City Manager Clay Pearson said.

According to Rachel Zagaroli, Older Adult Services manager, the move that started last week is now complete. She said after a decade at Meadowbrook Commons, it now made sense to move to the main municipal building at 45175 W. 10 Mile Road.

"This is an exciting, new challenge and great opportunity for us to but it is sad to leave the old office after nine years or so," Zagaroli said "It's a great location with many residents there on a day-to-day basis, so it was very helpful and fun to



Novi's Older Adult Services office is located just off the main lobby in the Novi Civic Center.

interact with them." Zagaroli will still make weekly visits to the center at Meadowbrook Commons, but said the group just outgrew it.

The new location offers a new dynamic, with other offices like Novi Youth Assistance and the city manager's down the hall or on the second floor. This not only makes it more centralized, but it's also more neutral so it appeals to all residents.

programs that are more active in nature with Ta Chi. softball and bocce ball being offered there. It will have more evening and weekend options as well. An open house for the new office will be held in the next month or so, after the staff has set-

Staying ahead and meeting the desires of the community is important to Novi, Zagaroli said. With

Meadowbrook Commons wants to be able to meet will continue to do what it does best by offering hunalso branching out to offer dreds of programs monthly, which include special events, fitness, dances stated Novi had a populaand computer classes tion of 55,224, with more However, residents have begun to notice the

Novi has moved its offices for Older Adult Services into an office off the main lobby of

The senior center at

Services Manager Rachel Zagarolli checking out a catalog of offerings. Fisher is the offices

the Novi Civic Center. From left are Sandra Fisher, Karen Kapchonick, and Older Adult

Social Service Coordinator, and Kapchonick its Recreation Program administrator.

change. The staff has seen many peeking into office to talk. This helps give it the same welcoming feeling felt at the senior center.

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Pastor seeks to help church grow in faith, service

By Julie Brown

Dan Huckins understands the tendency to blame God when things go

"I think that's pretty normal," said Huckins, 47, the new lead pastor at First Church of the Nazarene in Northville. Even devout worshipers get irritated with God, he says.
"I think it's to stay

engaged with God," he turning your back on God, "Rather than run from God, I think the best course is to run to. Some of us tend to take

credit for our successes and blame God for short-

"So many of those bad

our own and others' choices, he said. "He's not the cause of what's going on Rather, he's the healer and redeemer of all those

affluence, Huckins has found, unlike Christians stand that life is not always easy. They're less likely to be blaming God.

Huckins and his family recently arrived from Lima, Ohio, where he served at Lima Community Church, a Nazarene congregation. He earned a bachelor's degree in criminal justice from Western Illinois University, and only worked briefly in that

Graduate school took

gelical Theological Semi-nary in Evanston, Ill., for a life," often arising from master of divinity degree and Asbury Theological for a doctor of ministry degree. He was given his Americans often expect first small church in Illinois at age 21. This is his

> There's no easier way to explain it, quite honestly, said Huckis, who felt an inner voice calling him to

He was born and raised in the United Methodist Church, with his dad a United Methodist pastor. The Nazarene church came out of the United Methodist in the early 20th century, he said, and background.

Seminary in Wilmore, Ky.,

27th year as a pastor. "God called me to do it.

shares a similar historical

Sunday services at his Northville church adds up to a little over 500. "My theme is outreach particularly to those who

do not have a church

er. Older Adult Services

this group's wants while

The 2010 U.S. Census

than 12,000 in the older

new things.

home," Huckins said The church has a strong focus on local and foreign missions, with the latter done through the denomination.

Huckins and wife Pam have three children ages 24, 22 and 13. Their oldest son is in North Carolina, the next oldest son in Ohio and their daughter at home with them.

The family's in the process of buying a home in Farmington Hills. Huckins preached his first ser mon Aug. 19 on courage, acknowledging with a smile it takes some courage to preach "even after many years of doing it." He appreciates the warm welcome, "It's been terrific," he said, citing a welcoming reception. Huckins works with three other

time pastors and support

He'd like to grow the church beyond attendance in terms of fullv devoted followers of Christ. His predecessor, the church in Indiana. In free time, Huckins enjoys being with his

sports, exercise, and doesn't own one. The church's location near Eight Mile and Hag-

staff pastors, two part-

trict superintendent with

like to read." He likes motorcycles, although he

Dan Huckins is the new pastor at Northville's First Church of the Nazarene at 21260 Haggerty Road. gerty, with visibility from I-275, helps.

I've got to say that," the pastor said. "It's a challenging time family. "I like to fish, I for churches in our country. We hope to be part of the solution," Huckins

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Walsh professor brings color

into the black and white world

of business and law

Dan Hoops, a Walsh College professor, joined Heidelberg Project creator and Detroit artist Tyree Guyton at his exhibition at the Bollag Project Space in Basel, Switzerland on

"We had an opportuniberg Project creator and ty to visit with a group in Detroit artist Tyree Guy-Basel who are involved with an outdoor art project, similar to the Heidelberg Project, that involved refugees from been working in Basel as Syria and other nations part of a prestigious, oneyear residency at the Lauat war," said Hoops. "The purpose of this project renz House. University of was to call attention to the plight of these people, but featured new installments also give them something to do until their status was on 25 years of the Heideldetermined by the Swiss

The Heidelberg Project outdoor community art environment was created by Guyton in 1986, beginning as an artistic response to neighborhood issues. Since its inception, the Heidelberg Project has been the subject of several legal and political

"Overall, I was most taken by the interest the knowledge of the Heidelberg Project and their sincere generosity," said and refreshing to be part Hoops was invited by

had in Tyree's work, their

the Laurenz House to join Guyton's presentation, discussing with University of Basel students as well as friends and partners of the Laurenz House several legal issues surrounding the Heidelberg Project, including:

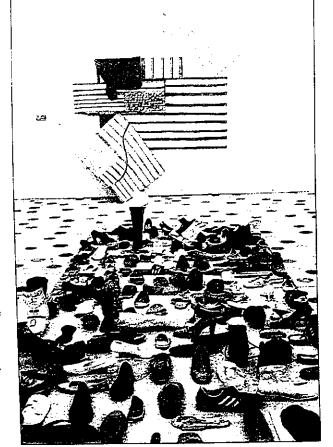
· The Heidelberg Project vs. City of Detroit: discussion of the different legal challenges.

• Legal Artscape: discussion of how the Heidelberg Project touches and concerns so many different areas of Ameri-

· Protecting the Heidelberg Project: the legal techniques and strategies to maintain the Heidelberg Project, such as copyright, tax and corpo-

Hoops' trip lasted only a few days, but now that he's back stateside, he's ready to share his trip with his students at Walsh.

"I look forward to bringing this real-world experience into my classroom understanding and appreciating the arts is important for students entering the world of business, said Hoops. "It is not always just the numbers and results in the corporate environment: community and culture are important too.'



Artwork by Guyton.

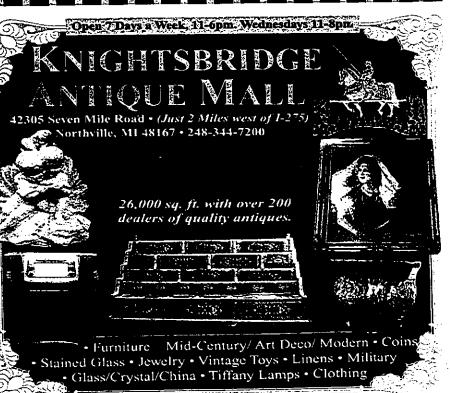
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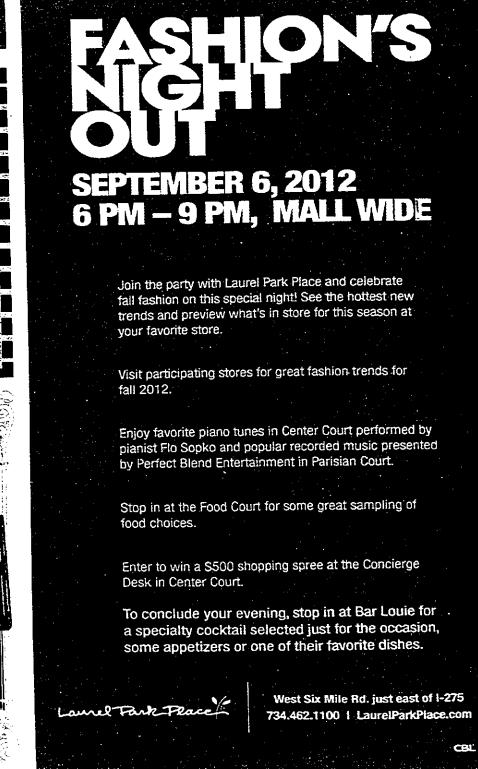


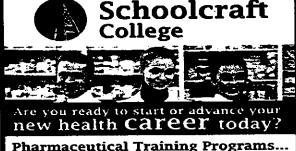
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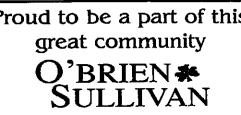
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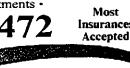
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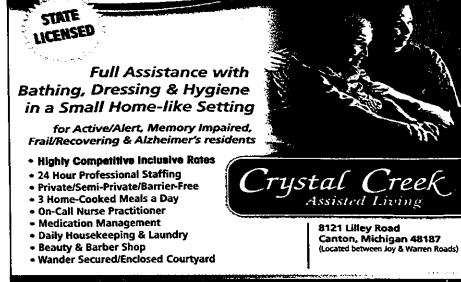






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Village Oaks Elementary School teacher Meghan Ashkanani begins the academic year with some of her charges on Sept. 4 - the first day of classes in the Novi School

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Village Oaks students Jerry Watson, left, and Matthew Whitcher work on art projects on Sept. 4 - their first day of classes.



Principal Sue Burnham monitors the lunchroom of Village Oaks on Sept. 4. Village Oaks has about 472 students this year, about ten more

Novi schools organize curriculum to reach district goals

The Novi Community School District is excited to announced the launch of the Atlas Rubicon K-12 district curriculum mapping system. Novi is the first district in Oakland County to release this new organizational tool to the public. This system allows students, parents and educators to easily view the curriculum expectations of each grade level and subject in

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the core content areas. "We believe that this valuable tool will provide a consistent, clear understanding for all stakeholders of the teaching and learning that takes place in our classrooms said Steve Matthews,

Novi superintendent. The maps in the Atlas system are the result of of Novi's K-12 teaching staff, administrators and Oakland Schools, who spent over 8500 hours reaching a consensus on the curriculum and creating this two-dimensional graph of instructional planning. The Novi

ACCESS ONLINE

Visit the Atlas link on the Novi Schools website under Parents and Community: www.novi.k12.mi.us/parentscommunity/atlas/.

Atlas not only meets but often exceeds the state standards, according to Matthews.

'Educators worked together in various groupings, beyond the scope of grade level and subject area, to make certain the content provides the foundation for ensuring that each student one year's growth in one year's time and that all students will achieve at a high level, two of the four district goals," he said.

Novi's Atlas curriculum maps provide a vital communication link between school and home to provide parents an overview of what is being taught in the classroom "You will be able to view a list of main top-

ics, essential questions,

content, and skills for

grade level," said Matthews. "Utilizing Atlas Rubicon, parents and guardians will have an opportunity to reinforce at home the focus of learning that takes place

While it is difficult for a two-dimensional map or graph to capture the multi-dimensional teaching and learning that takes place each and every day, Atlas Rubicon will be continuously reviewed and adjusted to meet the needs of our learners. "We hope that you will

utilize Atlas and provide us with feedback as we strive together to fulfill Novi School's vision of developing each student's class education," said

Maintaining focus on learning after that 'new' feeling fades

How long does a new feeling last? With a new car there is a distinctive smell and feel. I don't get a new car all that often but when I do I take care of the car. I try to keep it clean and neat. I park it so that the doors won't get nicked and scratched. New shoes look and feel



good. I like new shoes that look and fit well. I try to avoid the mud. I clean them regularly. That "new" feeling is fun and exciting.

But once that "new" experience is over, what happens next? The new car smell fades. Usually because it is

replaced by the smells of old french fries and sweaty gym socks. As we begin the new school year here in Novi it's not the "new" feeling that is important to me. What is important is the excitement, the interest, and the focus that beginning the school year provides. As I think of the new school year, I want us to find ways to keep the excitement of the new school year going all year long.

Our new school year started in Novi on Sept. 4. How long can we remain interested and excited about the new school year? Our students and teachers experience many new things when the school year

the door. Learning names, figuring out how to relate to each student, discovering what skills and knowledge each student possesses are all part of the new school year.

Students have similar experiences. Where do I catch the bus? How long will the ride be? Who is in my class? What is this teacher like? How hard will I have to work in this class? These questions, and many more like them, fill the minds of our stu-

But now, just three days into the school

year, some of the newness is beginning to wear off. Instead of eagerly waking up and getting out of bed, the alarm clock is not as inviting as it was on that first day of school. The bus ride seems boring. Just three days into the school year it can be hard to remember that this is the beginning of a new school year. It is almost impossible to maintain the enthusiasm that accompanies the start of the new school year. But that does not mean that our focus or our interest in school has to wane. What can we do to remain excited about school over the course of the school year?

Parents can establish a connection with the teacher and with the school Read newsletters that are sent home. Email the teacher with questions or concerns. Email the teacher to let them know good things as well, like the enthusiasm a child has for a certain lesson or school experience. Parents can participate in events at the school, such as Back-to-School night or Curricu-

Teachers are constantly looking for new ways to create interest in lessons that they may have taught many times before. Teachers also look for connections with the world outside of school to drive home the importance of a particular lesson.

Students can also create ways to maintain their interest and focus at school. At the elementary level we are helping students learn how to use data notebooks to set goals and track their progress. By setting goals and working to achieve them students will be able to see how what they are doing at develop their knowledge and skills.

The new school year has started with promise here in Novi. Working together teachers, parents, and students - we can maintain our interest and focus throughout

Steve Matthews is the superintendent of the Novi Community Schools district. He can be reached at smatthews@novi.k12.mi.us; (248) 437-1234; www.twitter.com/docsmatthews; or www.novisuperintendent.blogspot

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Distance can separate Novi pianist, his Chicago-based teacher Skype allows instruction via web

online at hometownlife.com

Novi native Leonard Washington had only been playing piano for a year when he came across Chi cago-based piano teacher Mark Miller's videos on YouTube. Looking to improve his piano skills, Washington knew Miller's expertise was exactly what he was looking for.

"I was watching his videos, and there was a lot of logic to Mark's method," Washington said. Before taking his first lesson via Skype, Washington told Miller that he was a bass player who was interested in learning jazz piano. "(Mark) sent me a few pieces of music before he even met me and was able to walk me through it. His method was so good, I thought, 'Wow, this is what I've been looking for for a really

long time." Washington is just one of many students who have benefited from Miller's expertise. Miller currently teaches students in seven countries and in 10 states across the U.S. Miller teaches students with disabilities as well, including a stroke survivor in Barrington, Ill. who lost use of her left side and hand, a 14-year-old in Virginia who has cerebal palsy, and a student in England who is complete-

"My ears are my eyes,"

ty to easily accommodate his students, despite not being in the same room, state, or even country as distance piano for 10 years, receiving a bachelor's in music theory from the University of Illinois (Champaign-Urbana) and studying under two teachers he deems to be vitally influential to his own

"What's cool about Mark is that he will always respond to your questions within 24 hours," Washington said of Miller's accessibility. Additionally, Miller allows his students to choose the music they want to learn.

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"If I give him a tune like "Fly Me to The Moon," he will give me a chord structure - he will completely redo a piece of music for you", Washington said. Miller sends his students PDFs of leadsheets, which are sheet music used by jazz pianists that have melodies written out with the chord symbols written above the notes.

Washington is an engineering manager by day and a musician by night, receiving an hour lesson every other week from Miller as well as playing bass in a jazz band called Dee Hibbert and Compa ny, which performs standard jazz, smooth jazz, R+

"I got tired of always looking for a piano player, so I decided to start learning to play piano. I've always wanted to be able to write and produce my own music," Washington said. Washington's friend and

former bandmate, Richard Wolfolk of Lansing, has been playing the piano since he was 5. Despite having played for over 50 years, Wolfolk still felt there was much more to learn, and after hearing great reviews from Wash ngton about his lessons, Wolfolk decided to contact Miller. Not long after, Miller was able to show Wolfolk more advanced techniques.

"I used to chord with my right hand and play bass with my left, which is kind of backwards," Wolfolk said, "but Mark showed me how to chord with my left hand and play a melody with my right." Wolfolk said that while in music almost any rule can be broken, Miller has taught him to see things in a way he hadn't thought of before. Both Washington and

Wolfolk have the goal of learning to play solo from their lessons with Miller. Washington wants to begin to do solo gigs as a keyboardist, and while Wolfolk is currently able to play solo, he said that he'd often miss the chords before beginning



PHOTOS BY JOHN HEIDER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHE Twice a month Novi resident Leonard Washington sets his computer up near his piano and receives a lesson via Skype from instructor Mark Miller in Chicago. Washington is an ineer with GM and plays in a jazz band.



Washington works with teacher Mark Miller on learning complicated chord structures for

his lessons with Miller. Wolkfold's band. 496west, just recently released their self itled debut project, and

incorporate what he has learned into Dee Hibbert and Company.

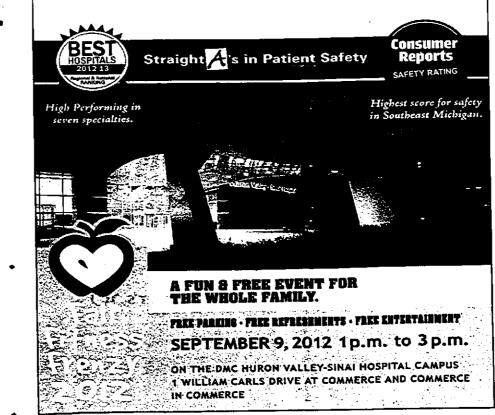
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By Ken Abramczyk

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Actually, there are several perks in being elected to Congress, many far better than businesses dole out to their employees and executives, including the members' representational allowance, which supports congressional members in their official and repreaging \$1,446,009 in 2011, according to Congressional Benefits Service.

With an unemployment rate hovering at 9 percent ic difficulties strapping the country. Congress needs to learn to live within its means, according to Rose Bogaert, chair of the Wayne County Taxpayers Association.

"These are the same people who can't produce a balanced budget, they spend more than comes in, and they can't reach a decision that isn't a decision that will get them elected," Bogaert said. 'Why are we paying them so much and giving them a lifetime pension

"It's ridiculous. We pay them all the time not to do their job. It makes me sick to my stomach with what they are doing." These benefits will be

available to one of two political newcomers in which includes the Huron Valley, On Nov. 6, voters in the new 11th District will elect either Republican Kerry Bentivolio of Milford or Democrat Syed Taj of Canton to a two-year term to start

In the old 11th District, voters will decide in a special primary election Sept. 5 between five Republican candidates (Bentivolio, Nancy Cassis of Novi and Ken Crider, Carolyn Kavanagh and Steve King, all of Livonia) or one Democrat (Ken. Curson of Belleville) with the winners facing off in the Nov. 6 election. The winner in the old district will serve the remaining six or seven weeks of the unexpired term of Thaddeus McCotter, who

resigned July 6. For the sake of simplicity, this article focuses on what the congressional member in the new 11th District will receive in starting a new two-year term in January.

Salary Congressional members

currently earn \$174,000. Members of Congress are on track to receive a pay raise in 2013, unless they vote against it when they return from August recess, according to Government Executive, a government's business news daily and website for federal managers and executives. Since the 11th District is without representation after McCotter's

resignation, no one will

proposal on behalf of the district.

Lawmakers are eligible for a maximum pay hike of 1.1 percent in 2013, or about \$1,900 for most lawmakers, based on a formula derived from the Employment Cost Index. Lawmakers may not see that extra \$1,900 because their annual pay adjustments cannot exceed the annual base pay adjustments of General Schedule employees. When Congress approved a twoyear pay freeze for government workers beginning January 2011, it

effectively froze its own

Unless both chambers pass either standalone legislation or through appropriations, it will be up to President Barack Obama to decide by Aug. 31 whether federal employees will receive a pay boost in 2013. Obama has recommended a 0.5percent bump for government workers next year. So if feds receive a 0.5percent bump and Congress doesn't specifically deny itself a raise, lawakers also will receive a

0.5-percent raise in 2013. There are also several proposed bills to freeze congressional pay in both the U.S. House and Sen-

Pension

Congressional members who participated in system are vested after five years of service. according to the Congressional Research Service.

A full pension is available to members 62 years of age with five years of service; 50 years or older with 20 years of service;

or 25 years of service at

A reduced pension is available depending upon which of several age and service options is chosen. If members leave Congress before reach ing retirement age, they may leave their contribu tions behind and receive a deferred pension later. The current pension

program, effective January 1987, is under the Federal Employees Retirement System, which covers members and other federal employees whose federal employment began in 1984 or later. This replaces the older Civil Service Retirement System for most members of Congress and federal employees.

Congressional members have four options: CSRS and Social Security: the CSRS Offset plan, which includes both CSRS and Social Security, but with CSRS contributions and benefits reduced by Social Security contributions and benefits; FERS and Social Security; or Social Security alone. Congressional pensions

are financed through a combination of employee and employer contributions, according to the Congressional Research Service, All members pay Social Security payroll taxes equal to 6.2 percent able wage base (\$97,500 in 2007). Members covered by FERS also pay 1.3 percent of full salary to the Civil Service Retire-

ment and Disability Fund. The pension amount is determined by a formula based on years served and average pay for the top three years in terms

authorized for each member in 2010, but the total ple, a member of Convaries for each member. gress who worked for 22 years and had a top three-

year average salary of

\$153 900 would be eligi-

of \$84,645 per year

ble for a pension payment

As of Oct. 1, 2010, 443

retired members of Con-

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eral pensions based ful-

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\$69,420, A total of 181

members had retired

and were receiving an

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Allowances and

with service under FERS

The official office expenses allowance may be used for travel, office equipment lease, district office rental, stationery (paper, envelopes and other supplies), telecommunications, printing, postage, computer services and other expenses.

The MRA is not to be used to defray any per sonal, political or campaign-related expenses. A member also may not use campaign funds to pay for expenses related to his or her official and representational duties: may not use committee funds to pay for official representational expenses; may not use an unofficial office account to support official and representational duties; accept from a private source any in-kind assistance with a monetary value for an not use personal funds to

Travel

Each member-elect and one designated staff person who attend an organizational caucus or conference are to be paid for one round trip each residence in the district and Washington, D.C., for the purpose of attending the caucus or conference Each incumbent member re-elected to the ensuing Congress and one designated staff person who attend an organizational caucus or conference also receive this allowance.

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Age 85, passed away surrounded by his family on August 30, 2012. He was preceded in death by his seloved wife of nearly 58 years Barbara Bergin, in April. He is survived by his children, Kelly survived by his children, Kelly (Arun) Mandagere, Don (Karen) Bergin, Patrick (Patricia) Bergin; grandchildren, Kevin, Angie, Jill, Allison, Sean and Matthew as well as many extended family and friends. A Funeral Service was held on Saturday, September 1st at St. Mary Catholic Church, Fr. Ron Anderson officiated, Burial at St. John Catholic Cemetery, Howell hone 248,684,6645 or visit ww.LynchFuneralDirectors.com

HOGG. WILLIAM FINLAY Nov. 7, 1921 ~ Aug. 22, 2012
Aged 90, of Salem
Township, passed away
on August 22, 2012. He
was born on November

7, 1921 in Philadelphia, PA to Alexander and Kathryn Hogg, He was preceded in death by his beloved wife of 69 years, Joyce Evelyn Hogg, his sisters, Dorothy Jackson and Ruth Moore, and brother, Alexander Hogg Jr. He is survived by his brother, Robert Hogg of Salisbury, MD, his children, William Finlay (Nancy) Hogg Ir., Joyce Diane (James) Grace, John Earle Hogg, and David Richard (Judy) Hogg, He David Richard (Judy) Hogg. He is also survived by nine grand-children and four great-grandchildren. Bill served his country in the United States Army Air Corps during Word War H. Following the war he was employed by Bethlehem Steel Corp. from which he retired as plant manager in 1981. He was an active er in 1981. He was an active member of Calvary Baptist Church, where he served as a choir member, Sunday School teacher and Church treasurer for any years. He loved working on his farm and playing and watch-ing sports of any kind. Services were held at the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home, Plymouth, MI. Contributions may be made to Calvary Baptist Church, 43065 Joy Road, Canton, MI 48187.

May peace be with you in this time of sorrow

RALEIGH, DAVID M. Age 65, passed away Aug. 28, 2012. A memorial service will be held at a later date. Phillips



KENNETH "KENN"

Our Daddy was a fighte Our Daddy was a fighter.
Kenn left two weeks shy
of his graduation from
Codey High School to join the n Vietnam as a United State Marine, where he carned a Purple Heart and National Defense Service Medal. He married the former Linda K. Floyd or September 18, 1970 in Detroit. They lived and raised their 3 children in South Lyon where he fought fires for the Lyo Township Fire Department for over 10 years. Kenn retired from Ford Motor Company after 22 years of dedicated service and fulfilled his lifelong wish and and several heart attacks throug out his life, always keeping track of his stitch count. His favorite fight was on the lake with a fish on the end of his line. He enjoyed woodworking, fishing, hunting and raising chickens. He fough away Tuesday, August 28, 2012 in the comfort of his home in South Boardman, Ken is survived by his devoted wife of 42 years Linda; his loving children, daugh ter Jennifer (Sytkowski) and Edward Folts of Jackson, so Joseph and Amy Sytkowski Vail, AZ, and daughter Jessi (Sytkowski) and Steven Vine of Stockhridge; and his cherished grandchildren, Austin Vine, Avery Sytkowski, and Baby Folts, due n November. He was preceded i death by his parents, Edward and Irene (Dobies) Sytkowski, Kenr was a devoted husband, father

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private health insurance offered through the Federal Employees Health Benefits Program, which covers more than 8 million other federal employfamilies, according to factcheck.org, a proj-Public Policy Center.

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NOVI NEWS BRIEFS

Attorneys, advocates may earn CLE credits at 3rd **Annual Veterans' Summit**

online at hometownlife.com

Attorneys and advocates may earn required continuing education credits at the Canton Community Foundation's 3rd Annual Veterans' Summit Sept. 12. Since its first summit in 2010, the Canton foundation has provided continuing education for more than 110

attorneys and advocates. The training is part of the annual twoday Veterans' Summit. The first day, Sept. 12, is devoted to continuing education training and the second day, Sept. 13, is entirely for veterans and their families to learn about potential VA benefits.

Events on both days will be at the

Laurel Manor Banquet & Conference Center, 39000 Schoolcraft Road, Livo-

Registration is required at www.cantonfoundation.org or by calling the Canton Community Foundation at (734) 495-1200

Pet Expo launches new charitable fundraising program

The Ninth Annual Pet Expo Sept. 21-23 at the Suburban Collection Showplace (46100 Grand River Avenue, Novi) will be produced for the first time by nationally recognized event producer Steve Cantin and his team at All American Pet Expos.

"The first priority with any new Pet Expo we launch is to embrace and empower the animal shelter and rescue community -- and seek out avenues to help them raise funds for all their worthy efforts," said Cantin, "For our first Novi Pet Expo, we have devel oped an innovative new program that allows non-profits to not only raise much needed funds for their charities. but also incorporates exhibit space at the event, so that they can maximize their education and adoption efforts. In addition, every ticket sold through nonprofit partners will be entered into an event sweepstakes that will award some terrific prizes. As always our main objective is to make certain that everyone involved benefits—especial-

Details, rules and prize info are available at www.novipetexpo.com.

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Continued from page A1 their delegation. The convention will have nearly 6,000 delegates, compared to 4,419 in

Verma is one of only two Indians attending from Michigan (the other being Jay Kommereddi from Livingston County). As stated on the website www. demconvention.com: 'While each state Democratic Party's delegate selection process is unique, the party has a long history of sending delegates to the convention that represent every part of America, Under party rules, each state party must proactively reach out to diverse groups to encourage participation in the delegate selection process.

Verma was born in Burma and was brought up in India. After his graduation in civil engi-

neering, he joined the Indian Army as a commissioned officer. He worked with diverse group of people and learned their languag. es, customs, and religions. He left as a captain in the Corps of

Engineers and came to the U.S. in 1972. He worked for University of Michigan for over 24 years. Fourteen recommendations in his 1989 report --"Multicultural Environment in the University of Michigan Hospitals" - were accept ed and implemented by the hospitals' executive director's council. He co-founded the University of Michigan Medical Center diversity council and in 1991 became the chairman of the diversity train-

diversity trainer. He taught managing diversity to the hospitals

NOVI'S DEMS

tion, and they'll be attending the state convention in Lansing this weekend. The numbers indicate which precinct represented. 1: Fred A. Ciampa, Marilyn L. Ciampa, Robert Ellison 2: Colleen Crossey, Ratna Rao

ing and communication task team. He went through the training to become a certified

6: Kathleen Maureen Mutch, Walter Sobczak 7: Sharon O'Leary

> 9: Alicia V. Coppola 10: Ethel Schwartz

3: Cynthia Churches

11: Catherine Lang

12: Linda A. Roberts

15: Michael James, Mary Jane Dulyn, Ramesh Verma 16: Marilyn A. Krok

17: Jasper Catanzaro, Kathi A. Kuehnel, Gwen Markham

18: Karen B. Zyczynski 21: Carmela Rose Langley

No delegates were selected for precincts 4, 5, 8, 13, 14, 19 or 20.

LOCAL NEWS

Novi voters selected the following Democrat delegates during the August primary elec-

supervisors and managers. He also chaired and directed two large multicultural programs at the University of Michigan Medical Cen-

oring the strengths and His efforts led to differences amongst the community. He was the institution of the the first recipient of Ramesh Verma Diversity Award for outstanding commitment to honwritten and spoken on

(see related story).

tion wraps up, Michigan's Democrats will hold their state convention at the Lansing Center this weekend. "We'll be endorsing Supreme Court judges, regents for universities and some other judges, too," said Verma, who will be joined by 21 other delegates from Novi

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Rockin' Novi

Novi's own Yours Truly was one of three bands performing at the Novi Town Center's "Back to School Jam"; event, which also featured a bungee trampoline, obstacle courses and an appearance by Paws, the Detroit Tigers mascot. The shopping complex has been holding events in celebration of a major redevelopment that includes

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project would have the road resurfaced and repaired, as well as nonmotorized improvements made to it like sidewalks and a crossing near ITC Park entrance. However, it wouldn't

start until next year. The RCOC, in conjunction with the county commission, put out a one-time call to county communities seeking road improvement proj ects that could be constructed this year or next that would be able to take advantage of \$2.9

Party Program funds. According to the RCOC, the annual Tri-Party Program involves

Oakland County general government, one-third from the RCOC and onethird from the community. Projects are selected by the communities on RCOC roads with the approval of the road commission.

Each community is entitled to a share of the annual Tri-Party funding based on several factors. For cities and willages these factors include miles of county roads and the number of accidents on those roads. For townships, a third factor, population, is added. In recent years, the

program has had an annual budget of \$3 million, based on the county commission's willingness to contribute \$1 million, the RCOC said However, due to the

poor economy, over

the last several years. some communities have not been able to utilize their share of the funds because they could not provide the local share. resulting in the one-time availability of the \$2.9 million in unused funds.

Cardenas said the Eight Mile plan is a big and important project because it would benefit not only Novi, but also bordering Northville. The total cost would be \$4.6 million. Another planned improvement would have four-foot paved shoulders put in Novi City Manager Clay Pearson said Novi should know within the next several weeks if it will be granted funding help after its application

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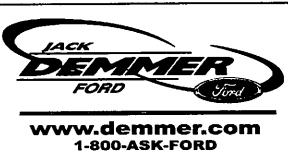
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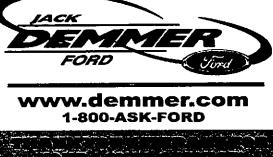
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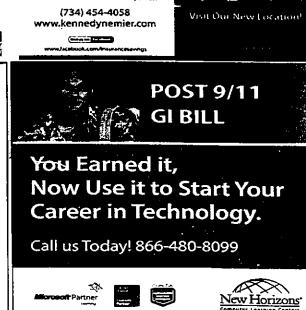


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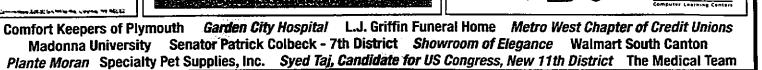


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Larceny from autos

Two larcenies from automobiles were reported to the Novi Police on Aug. 20. The first occurred at 39555 Orchard Hill Place as two black males were reportedly spotted breaking a window of a vehicle and pulling a piece of luggage from it. They were reportedly observed leaving the scene after a pedestrian came walk-

They allegedly left in a tan Dodge Intrepid and blue Dodge Stratus after trying to get into another vehicle. The car owner with the luggage stolen said it contained clothing, jewelry and

The second incident hap-pened at the Twelve Oaks Mall parking lot near Macy's. The victim in this case stated he left his Jeep Wrangler parked in the lot without the hard top on and left two bags inside it that

were reported stolen

Drunken driving A driver going well over 100 Amph in a 55 speed zone was arrested a third time for OWI.

The female driver was stopped on westbound 13 Mile Road after speeding along M-She told police that she didn't have her license on her and had a glass of wine. Police reported smelling intoxicants on her. When asked why she was

driving so fast, she said she was driving her grandmother around in her new car and didn't realize how fast she was going. The preliminary breathalyzer test registered a .158 percent blood-alcohol content. She was arraigned on her

Marijuana Possession

3A 19-year-old man was Scited for marijuana possession after Novi Police responded to a report of suspi-

PUBLIC SAFETY

On Aug. 20, police received a call of a vehicle parked on the street that was unknown to the caller. The 19-year-old told police he was waiting for a friend, but not in front of their home. He complied with a search and police found a baggie in his pocket with 8.5 grams of marijuana in it.

Retail Theft 4A 20-year-old female was apprehended by Kohl's

store security and later charged by Novi police with retail theft after trying to make off with some clothing. On Aug. 20, the police responded to the store at West Oaks Drive on the report the suspect was observed wear-

City of Novi cious vehicle in the Oak Tree and Cranbrooke area.

> ing a backpack and going into a dressing room with several items. Upon exiting the room the suspect was seen with

were missing.



She was later stopped and the items were found inside her backpack. Compiled by staff writer Lonnie some of the items, but several

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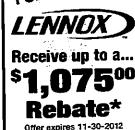
The City of Novi Parks, Recreation, and Cultural Services Department in partnership with the Links of Novi, is pleased to announce the first-ever Parent-Child Open and Outdoor Movie from 5:30 10 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 8 at the Links of Novi Singh golf course, located on 10 Mile Road between Wixom and Napier roads.

The Parent-Child Open and Outdoor Movie will feature a nine-hole golf scramble followed by an outdoor movie, on a big screen, at the course. Th event includes putting, closest to the pin, and longest drive contests. In lieu of a parent, grandparents, aunts and uncles are encouraged to participate. Children must be 18 years of age or younger.

Following the golf scramble, the Novi com munity is invited to come to the course to watch Dreamwork's "Over the Hedge" at no cost. The movie will start at approximately 8 p.m. Concessions will be available for purchase. Bring your lawn chairs, blankets, and enjoy a great evening.

Registration is \$30 per team and is going on now at cityofnovi.org. The deadline to regis ter is Wednesday, Sept. For questions or to find out how you can become a sponsor, contact Greg Morris, recreation supervisor, at (248)735-5646 0x gmorris@cityofnovi.org.

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Thriller in Northville

Local actor takes to stage in 'Deathtrap' at Tipping Point

You might just say Northville High graduate who earned a B.A. from Northville Township is a Renaissance man.

The veteran profession al actor will appear as Sidney Bruhl, the lead in "Deathtrap" by Ira Levin, opening the 2012-13 season at Tipping Point Thein Chelsea, and has done more than 20 plays there.

Film work as well 'I've done a number of films" including a Lifetime TV movie with a supporting role, Porter-

He's appeared on stage at Meadowbrook Theatre as well as with the Jewish Ensemble Theatre and Performance Net

"It's my first time at the Tipping Point," Porterfield said of "Deathtrap." "I'm really enjoying it. It makes for a nice evening of entertainment," with Northville's restaurants.

In the play, Sidney Bruhl, a successful writ-

Come home to...

is struggling to overcome a dry spell, which resulted in a string of failures and a shortage of funds. A possible break occurs when he receives a manuscript from a student in the seminar he conducted at a nearby col-

lege — a thriller Sidney

the humorous, interest-

ing character mixed with

a dark side. "It was a big

recognizes as a poten-

tial Broadway hit. Sidney offers collaboration to the student, an idea the younger man accepts. In 1978, "Deathtrap" received a Tony Award nomination for Best Play running comedy thrillers on Broadway, "It's a very interesting role," said Porterfield, who likes

hit in New York in the '70s. It's really well writ-

Porterfield also appeared in "Escanaba in da Moonlight" at the Gem Theatre of Detroit playing the narrator/ a main character in the longest running nonmusical in Detroit history. Porterfield, who last year performed his 1,000th show at the Purple Rose, has performed over 600 shows at the Gem The-

Also an arborist Porterfield also works as an arborist, or tree expert. Many professional Detroit area actors

teach or have other parttime jobs, he said. "People around town know me for that, too," he said of his tree work. His mom, Frances Caughey. lives in Northville Jim Porterfield's

school was Horace Van dergelder in "Hello, Dol-' He was also an athlete, including Athlete of the Year.

online at hometownlife.com

"I think I still have the record in the shot put," he said.

"Deathtrap" runs from Sept. 6 through Oct. 7. The curtain rises at 8 p.m. Thursdays through Saturdays, with matinees at 3 p.m. Saturdays and 2 p.m. Sundays. A special matinee performance has been added on Wednesday, Sept. 19, at 3 p.m. The theater website is www.tippingpointtheatre. com and the theater is at 361 E. Cady St. in down-

town Northville. The production is supported, in part, by an award from the Michigan Council for Arts and Cultural Affairs and the National Endowment for

cbrown@hometownlife.com

DEATHTRAP

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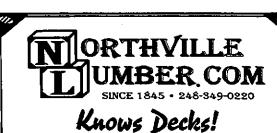
Where: Tipping Point Theatre of Northville, 361 E.

• Tickets: \$32 for 8 p.m. shows on Fridays and Saturdays; \$29 Thursday (8 p.m.); \$29 for Wednesday, Saturday and Sunday matinee shows. Seniors (62 years and older) receive \$2 discount:

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Jim Porterfield of Northville Township is the lead in the Fipping Point Theatre's upcoming production of Ira Levin's



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Details: Give your brain work-out at the kick-off event for the free Brain Fun & Fitness program. Hosted by Wayne State University's nstitute of Gerontology, featuring activities that chal lenge brains in new ways or on many levels, like playing an instrument, to stimulate our brains to produce more neurons and strengthen the connections between neurons. Neurobics can help to pull your brain out of its rut. Contact. Pre-registration is required for this event. Please call Older Adult Services at (248) 347.0414.

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TOUR Location: DoubleTree Hotel, Time/Date: 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 29 Details: The Novi Oaks **Details:** "Three Centuries Charter Chapter of the of Homes" - Hosted by American Business Women's the American Association Association presents Rachelle of Contact: Karen Zvczyn-

Smith, principal and founder of Positive Creative Infusion Consulting, LLC of Novi. A memorable motivational speaker, Rachelle began her career at age 12, selling candy in junior high school in Biloxi, Mississippi. When the family moved to Seoul South Korea the next year, Rachelle worked as a grocer sacker at the Yongsan Army Base Commissary, in a tips only position, pitching potential customers in English or Korean to choose

her lane. Contact: Please see www abwa-novi.org for registration and payment informa-

JOURNEY OF SELF DIS-**COVERY: MEDITATION** Location: Schoolcraft Col-

Time/Dates: 6:30-8:30 p.m. Sept. 19 through Oct. 10 **Details:** This four-week series presented by Kathy Bindu Henning, offers a variety of self-discovery top

and special furnishings. The tour is the signature fund-raising event of AAUW Northville Novi Branch. Funds generated by the organization are used to promote equity, education and development of opportunities for all women in local, national and international communities. Tickets are on sale now for \$20 in Northville at Starring "The Gallery," 118 W. Main Street; Gardenviews, 117 E. Main Street; Pear-Aphernalia, 184 E. Main Street; Northville Chamber of Commerce, 195 S. Main Street; and in Novi at Meadowbrook Art

American Association of University Women Northville-Novi Branch announced the 17th

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AAUW Home Tour

may be found at www.aauwnn.org. ski. (2480 349-6342; www. Novi roads) **Details:** Led by Michael **ARTS CRAFTS JEWELRY** M. Meyer, D. Min., goal is

to give each participant an Time/Date: noon-8 p.m. first concretunity to share their Fridays through December story. Handouts describing Location: Atrium Of Novi, the phases of grief and the tasks of grief are available.

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BEREAVEMENT MEETthe first Tuesdays) Location: Kerby's Coney

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Contact: Fonda Milana 586-232-3009 or fmilana@ sunrisefinancial group llc.com METRO NOVI BNI Time/Date: 7-8 a.m. every

Wednesday Location: On the Border Restaurant, 21091 Haggert Road (north of Eight Mile),

Details: BNI is a structured networking environment for professionals. The Metro Novi BNI team members and third Tuesdays (except are committed to providing Nov. and Dec., which are just bona fide referrals. Member learn how to create and

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included in Thursday's newspaper. More: For a complete listing of local and regional events, see the Novi Calendar online at www.hometownlife

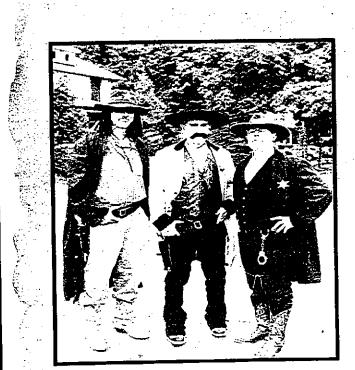
Location: Novi Civic Center, Activities Room, 45175 West 10 Mile Road, Novi Details: Novi Toastmaster is a community-based club which is part of Toastmasters International. Our diverse group provides a mutually supportive atmosphere in which all can develop and refine their public speaking and leadership skills. Our members also have fun while building confidence in day-to-day communications and mentoring toward pro-Center, 41200 10 Mile Road; and Calico Corners, 25875 Novi Road. Additional information fessional and personal excellence. Guests are welcome — and bring a friend. Visit www.novi.freetoasthost.us Contact: Linda Kreuter at

PR@novi.freetoasthost.us NOVI LIONS CLUB Time/Date: 6 p.m. social: 6:30 p.m. meeting starts; sec

ond and fourth Wednesdays Location: Leo's Sports Bar & Grill Restaurant, lower level 40380 Grand River, west of Haggerty. Visitors are welcome, dinner is from the menu, Details: Novi Lions is part of Lions International, the largest service organization in the world. Our purpose is to serve the blind and the community. Principal activities are fundraising for Leader Dogs, Penrickton Center for Blind Children and other blind charities along with fundraisers for high school scholarships. Serving locally, in Michigan

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OUR VIEWS

Back to school

Now the time for parents to create good habits, too

It's been a great summer for kids in Novi - lots of special events and just lazing around to fill each day. But, alas, those days are over and it's back to school time.

Students in Novi Community School District returned to the routine of getting up early, doing homework and learning new things with Tuesday's start of school. For students, it means starting out the

school year right. From elementary to high school, getting the grade means doing the work. Students need to go to school everyday and complete everything they're assigned. And parents can help students develop good homework and study habits. The American Academy of Pediatrics recommends that parents:

· Create an environment that is conducive to doing homework. Youngsters need a permanent work space in their bedroom or another part of the home that is quiet, without distractions, and promotes study. Schedule ample time for homework. Establish a household rule that the TV

set stays off during homework time. Supervise computer and Internet use. · Be available to answer questions and

offer assistance, but parents should never do their child's homework. Local motorists also need to realize summer is over, and kids will be out on local

streets waiting for buses that will take them to and from school. Please take heed, and drive carefully where children congregate, and especially around bus stops. You never know when a child may pop out from behind a car without looking. That is a tragedy nobody wants to be part of. And if you have a teen driver in the family, make sure to have a talk with them about driving safe around bus stops.

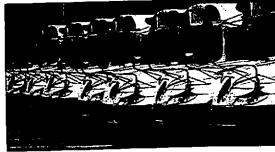
Parents who drive their children to school should avoid parking on the opposite side of the street from the school. They should never call their children to their car. Instead meet them on the school side of the road and walk them to

Don't block school buses or use bus cut outs or other areas designed for buses only and never stop or park in a crosswalk or bus cut out. Students and other pedestrians rely on the crosswalk and need the visibility that the posted no parking buffer provides to cross the street safely.

And, most importantly, slow down. Feel free to drive even slower than the posted school zone speed limit, especially when conditions warrant it, such as heavy rain, traffic conditions.

We also urge parents to set an optimistic tone for the school year. As a parent, you have a lot of influence on your child's attitude toward school. Show your child through your actions that learning is fun and a part of everyday life. Teach your child to value effort and hard work. Your child needs to understand, too, that failure is something we all experience. What matters is how we learn from it and move forward.

But, that's just the beginning - support throughout the school year is necessary. Partnering with your child and with his or her teacher in the education process is important in leading kids down a productive and enjoyable educational experi-



Extra caution is needed around school buses.

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LETTERS

Ryan as president

When Paul Ryan claims that it's Romney's beliefs about abortion that truly matter, not his, he must be unaware or is deliberately minimizing the most important, indisputable role of vice president: No. 1 replacement!

Only fools would believe that Truiman was first choice upon the demise of FDR, or LBJ was a satisfactory replacement in the estimation of JFK's supporters. Can anyone imagine an Agnew presidency? (Luckily, Gerry Ford — an honest, reasonable man — replaced the disgraced Nixon.) President Quayle? President Palin?

Most Americans have faith in our political system and believe that any vice president who ascends to the presidency will ethically follow his conscience and continue on the path of his predecessor. Paul Ryan's conscience, which he has implied is the "right" conscience, would lead us where? That should scare hell out of a huge percentage of our population.

Patrick M. Downey

GOP playing word games

The Republican Party is adept at manipulating and co-opting the English language. It claims Democrats' ideas as its own ("Family Values"). Republicans accuse Democrats of "waging a war on women" when they are the ones who want to prevent women from controlling their health issues.

But Republicans do not recognize or understand figurative language, specifically metaphors. In this figure of speech a word or phrase denoting one kind of object or idea is used in place of another to suggest a likeness or analogy between them. In a July speech in Virginia the president said entrepreneurial success is a team effort — that if people were successful in starting a business someone gave them help. He was giving credit to the importance of infrastructure and manufacturing. He was praising "this unbelievable American system that allowed you to thrive". The system includes individuals as well as forms of government.

Now one of Romney's main slogans is "We Built It" to counter Obama's "you didn't build that" to indict the president's economic policy. We Built It was the theme of the first night of the Republican National Convention. Of course, Obama knows Americans built

their own businesses with ... One recalls Adlai Stevenson's words: "If Republicans stop telling lies about Democrats, Democrats will stop telling the truth about Republicans.

Hannah Provence Donigan

Labor Day's significance

In this age of information, it is ironic that such a historic national holiday as Labor Day has been reduced in meaning to nothing more than a day off from work, the end of summer or the beginning of the NFL season.

This holiday, like many others, has a history etched in blood. In a Cliff Notes version of history, Labor Day was declared by

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Congress a national holiday in 1894. This was in no small part, a reaction to the 1877 Railroad Strikes, the Haymarket Affair and the Pullman Strike, to name only a few major incidents.

Men, women and children died, at the hands of the government, as a consequence of this hardly spoken of period of our nation's history. This new labor movement of the day was organized by left and right wing extremists who worked together to fight for the good of the common man.

Extremism is born of desperation. Lonce read, or heard it said, that the political discussions at the local hardware store are far more intelligent than those in the halls of Congress. Having taken part in those discussions at the nowclosed local hardware, and bearing witness to our nation's current Demopublican quagmire, I must concur. Lam forced to wonder. how soon, and in what form, will desperation rear its bloody presence?

As a conservative, I believe in the free market and capitalism. As a person still capable of independent thought, I understand that neither can survive the test of time without organized labor.

James A. Paulk

Get it right, Romney-Ryan

Republican presidential candidate Mitt Romney and his vice presidential pick, Paul Ryan, are asking the American electorate to put their trust in the Romney-Ryan ticket. How can the American people trust these politicians when over the course of time they have shown a reckless disregard for the

Romney and Ryan display their dishonesty when they assert that President Obama poses a threat to Medicare. In fact, President Obama has made no cuts to Medicare benefits. Instead through the Affordable Care Act (Obamacare), reimbursements to insurance providers have been dramatically reduced, increasing the fiscal solvency of Medicare by eight years. The \$700 billion in savings

is filtered back into the health care system enabling senior citizens to receive preventive care without co-pays.

Under the Romney-Ryan plan, Medicare would become a voucher system where the typical 65-yearold would see their annual out-ofpocket costs more than doubling. increasing by \$6,350.00. Ryan has stated several times that Obama is responsible for a General Motors plant in Wisconsin shutting down. This plant closed before Obama became president

Romney claims that under his tax plan this country's wealthiest citizens would "continue to pay the largest share of the tax burden." In reality, under Romney's plan an individual in the wealthiest 1-percent category of Americans would receive a \$60,000 tax cut, while an individual in the wealthiest 0.1 percent would receive a \$264,000.00 tax cut. Romney's plan raises taxes on everyone earning less than \$200,000. Middle class families will experience tax increases of \$2,000 per year.

Romney and Ryan plan to slash Medicaid by one-third, deprive 30 million Americans of their health care coverage and cut Pell Grants for one million students in order to reward the mega-wealthy with additional tax breaks. This policy appears to be Robin Hood in reverse.

Romney further exhibits his disregard for the facts when he attempts to take credit for the plan that saved the auto industry. However, it was Obama, a true visionary, who demonstrated strong leadership by saving the auto industry, while Romney showed a lack of vision and leadership in advocating a policy which has as Bankrupt.

Jill Farber-Bramson West Bloomfield

Make McCotter pay

Who should pay for the MI-11 Special Election? Certainly not the taxpayers of the State of Michigan, as County Commissioner Kathy Crawford and Oakland County Clerk Bill Bullard have proposed. When Congressman Thaddeus

McCotter and his staff submitted illegal nominating petitions, McCotter was forced to residn in disgrace. His staffers are under indictment for election fraud. The special primary election will cost \$650,000, and I think Thaddeus McCotter should pay for it. It is entirely his fault. The law, however, requires the local governments of the 11th Congressional District to bear the cost.

If the Republicans had unified behind one candidate, as the Democrats have done, there would be no primary election, and no expense, instead, there are five Republicans in the race for a sixweek term.

This election is wasteful, confusing and creates a burden on the local governments of the 11th District. However, the voters of this district put McCotter into office. and we should suffer the consequences. We should not expect the rest of Michigan's taxpayers to clean up our mess.

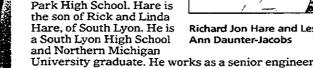
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Milestones

Daunter-Jacobs &

Leslie Ann Daunter-Jacobs, of Lincoln Park, married Richard Jon Hare of Wixom, on Aug. 15, 2012. Daunter-Jacobs is the daughter of Tom Daunt-

er, of Lincoln Park, and Diane Daunter, of O'Fallon, Mo. She earned her bachelor's of business education at Eastern Michigan University and a master's in health education at Wayne State University. She teaches at Lincoln Park High School, Hare is



for Ford Motor Company in Dearborn.
The couple wed at Stone Angel Chapel in Davison

Shannon Renaud of Southgate was the maid of honor with bridesmaids Molly Helms of Redford and Megan and McKenzie Hare, of Wixom, along with junior bridesmaids Emily Jacobs, of Lincoln Park, and Julia Hare, of Wixom.

roomsmen Joe Katich, of Chesterfield, and Nathan acobs, of Lincoln Park.

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Richard Jon Hare and Leslie

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William and Carol Jarocha, of South Lyon, announce the engagement of Stacey Jarocha to Dean Garrity, son of Tom and Gail Garrity, of Livo-

Jarocha is a graduate of Michigan State University and works as a mathmatics teacher at South Lyon East High School. Garrity is a graduate of Eastern Michigan University and employed as a special education teacher at South Lyon East High School

A July 6, 2013, wedding is planned in Petoskey.

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A honey bee zeros in on some Russian sage blos-soms at Novi's Tollgate Farm on Aug. 30. The farm will be hosting its annua Fall Festival on Saturday, Sept. 15 - where there will be lots of fun free stuff to do like hay rides, apple cider pressings, and tours of the farm's gardens.

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Christine and Willis Plant trim their Romney sheep on Aug. 31 at the Great Lakes State Fair at Novi's Suburban Collection Showplace. A trim doesn't cut as much wool as a sheering - and is done to mostly keep the animals cool in warm weather. The Romney sheep, although sharing the same last name as a certain well-known Michigan native, are actually native to Kent, England and are recognized as a prized "long wool" species

Welcome back!



Reed Garbarz, 15, tries his hand, or hands - at cow milking at a Michigan Dairy Assoc. sponsored booth at the Aug. 31 Great Lakes State Fair in Novi. Participants got their chance



Visitors to the Great Lakes State Fair Shriner Circus got to see some high-wire acrobatics including these two ladies on swings underneath and roaring motorcycle.



farm animal exhibit, lots of Michigan produced goods, an outdoor Shrine circus tent and this colorful midway with lots of rides and food booths.

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the event. "The question of whether or not we would get support was answered with a resounding 'yes.' The state fair has found a

more than 150 years, the Michigan State Fair ended in 2009 because of financial challenges. However, it came back to life at the Suburban Collection Showplace on Grand River Avenue in a scene that included a circus, a midway, an entertainment stage and livestock exhibition areas that were set up on the complex's more than

80 acres. Bowman was happy to hear positive reviews of his facilities. One agricultural exhibitor said it was the cleanest, nicest open barn they had seen,

Bowman said. However, there were some internal bumps in the road. The main challenge was accommodating the number of people that showed up and moving them into the venue in a timely manner. Event organizers planned for large numbers, but didn't quite expect the big turnout.

Bowman said originally the event planners thought "if we reached 50,000, this would be a good effort" for attendance.
"The final attendance

counts have not come in yet, but it was clear after Saturday that these numbers would be easily met or exceeded,' he said.



Michael and Kimbery Rosen of Taylor check out some of the residents of the pig pens at the Aug. 31 Great Lakes State Fair in Novi.

He said there were no traffic or parking problems, and in general things went smoothly. Because of this success, event planners expect next year to be even better and bigger. With only four months to prepare for this year's fair, Bowman said an extra eight months will help greatly

with the preparation. The planning will wait until after the post-event meeting, which organizers and participants will do soon to give input on how to make the event

better.
As of Tuesday morning though, Bowman said the main lesson learned was, "Take a chance and try something new and if you put your best effort out there, then success should come."

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Devin Box, 6, center, and other kids leap up for a basketball while at the Aug. 31 Great Lakes State Fair. The basketball was being launched by a high school robotics team from Orchard Lake.



A tiger trainer gets a friendly lick from one of his charges during the Aug. 31 5 p.m. show of the Shriner's Circus at the Great Lakes State Fair.

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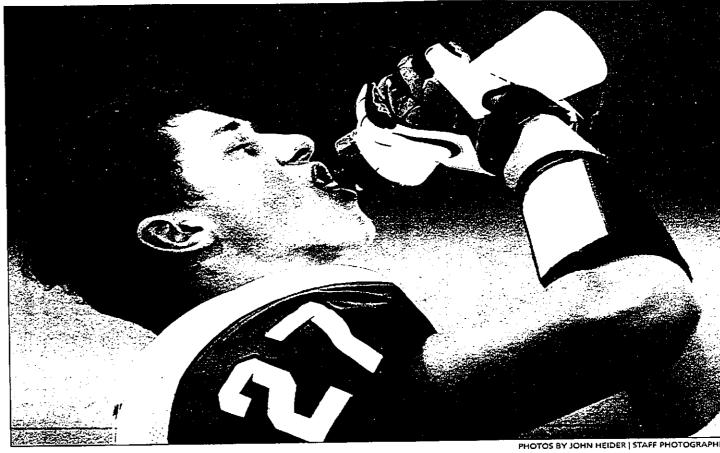
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Turnovers allow Eagles to fly past Wildcats

Wildcats drop 34-12 decision at Lakeland

By Chris Jackett

Turnovers can make or break a close game and that's exactly what happened when Lakeland hosted Novi Aug. 30

Four lost fumbles by Novi (0-2) led to two touchdowns for Lakeland (2-0) and the others broke up two of the Wildcats' five drives that made it nto Eagle territory, allowing akeland to cruise to a 34-12

Please see EAGLES, B3

ON TAP

Novi's football team (0-2) visits field 6:30 p.m. Friday before the Wildcats host South Lyon East (1-1) 7 p.m. Sept. 14. 40 points against both Ann Arbor Huron and Walled Lake Northern so far this season, while East beat Waterford Kettering 25-22 before losing 45-0 at Walled Lake Western

The Wildcats' right side of their offensive line moves in tandem against Lakeland. Players include Art Teran (72) and Kameron Mitch-

Catholic Central bows to Toledo Whitmer

Shamrocks score first, but can't hold off Panthers

By Sam Eggleston

In football, it's always nice to see the scoreboard light up in your favor with the first points of a game. It's not so nice, how

ON TAP

Catholic Centra

ball team will

be back on the field when they

host Cincinnati

Moeller at 2 p.m

Shamrocks foot-

The Detroit

the rest of from that point forward are opponent. That was

the scenario for Catho-lic Cen-

tral Shama bus trip to Toledo to take on the Whitmer Panthers. The Shamrocks scored first, but the Panthers scored the final points in a 19-7 game that finds the Shamrocks with their first loss of the

"I think Whitmer played a very good game," said Tom Mach, the Shamrocks' coach. "They outplayed us, and they deserved to win. We have to get tougher." Catholic Central went up, 7-0, in the first quarter with just

Shallman pounded through the line and into the end zone from three vards out to cap an eight play, 65-yard march.

It was a lead the Shamrocks held until the final minutes of the first half when Whitmer put together their first scoring drive. They went nine plays

Novi knocks off defending champs, loses to Brighton

By Chris Jackett

Canton has been the Wildcats' kryptonite for the past few boys soccer seasons, knocking Novi out of the state playoffs the past two years and handing the 'Cats three of their four losses last season en route to winning the Division I title themselves.

But, despite losing 10 of 11 starters in the offseason, Novi (3-1-1) defeated the fully stocked Chiefs (4-1-2) in a physical 2-0 contest Aug. 27.
"I bet you the last 10 times

we've played them it's been onegoal games and the last five or six, they've gotten the better of us ON TAP

Novi's boys soccer team (3-1-1) was scheduled to start KLAA Central Division play begins two nights ago against South Lyon East (2-0-1) before visiting No. 13 Northville (4-2-1) at 7 p.m. tonight. The 'Cats then visit No. 8 Plymouth Salem (3-1-2) 7 p.m. Tuesday and Livonia Stevenson (1-0-1) 5:30 p.m. Sept. 14.

at the end of these games," Novi coach Brian O'Leary said. "So it's good to beat them, especially where it's I have one return-

By Chris Jackett

Please see SOCCER, B4

Novi tennis dominating competition at invites

'Cats to take on overall top team of Country Day

Three invitational meets into the season and Novi's boys tennis team has three titles and an individual flight record of 74-1 heading into dual action. Ranked No. 4 in Division

I, the Wildcats cruised through the competition hosted Aug. 27 by East Grand Rapids and Aug. 30

by Ann Arbor Pioneer.

"Overall we played

extremely well," Novi

Please see TENNIS, B4

ON TAP

No. 4 in Division I, was set to battle at Division III No. 1 Detroit Country Day today before a 4 p.m. Tuesday home opener against Plymouth Salem. Thursday will be a test. They're

loaded," Novi coach Jim Hanson said of Country Day, noting they "may be the best team in the state, regardless of class. They'll be a solid team from top to bottom. Win or lose, its going to make us better."



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Novi golfers split opening dual matches

Four 'Cats score career lows in meets

By Chris Jackett

The Wildcats' girls golf team got their dual contests started within the KLAA's Central Division last week and split their results.

Novi (1-1) started division play at baseline rival Northville (1-0) Aug. 28, losing 165-177 as junior Lauren Cojei was Novi's match medalist with a score of 38, tying Northville's top scorer.

Coiei was followed by senior teammate Anna Greulich with 44, sopho-

ON TAP

After splitting the first week, Novi's girls golfers (1-1) were set to host Plymouth Salem two days ago and South Lyon East 3 p.m. today at Cattails Golf Club in South

more Katelyn Henry with 47 and sophomore Madison Kroetsch with 48.

Things improved a little bit two days later at Livonia Stevenson (1-1) on Aug. 30, as the 'Cats came away with a 175-185 victory.

Lyon. The girls then head to South Lyon's course 3 p.m. Tuesday before hosting rival Northville Sept. 13 in the first match of the second leg of the KLAA Central Division

Senior Ally Krick was Novi's match medalist with a nine-hole career low of 42. She was followed closely by Greulich, who also had a nine-hole career low of 43. Henry's 44 and Cojei's 46 were the other two scores

student-athletes competing. Also in the running were Kroetsch with 47 and Sabrina Legace with 52. Although the varsity squad

lost the first rivalry contest of the season, Novi's junior varsity squad got the best of Northville JV 196-208 on Aug. 28. Legace had a ninehole season low of 44, followed by sophomore Claire Kalina's nine-hole season low of 49, senior Ashlev Penzato's 51 and sophomore Avery Ragatzki's 52.

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



Novi Wildcat golfer Madison Kroetsch tees off at Tanglewood on Aug. 28 during a match

Team Total, a select team of some of the best players from around the metro Detroit area, play throughout the summer in a variety of high level tournaments and showcase events.

Team Total wraps up lacrosse season

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That was the letter Dwayne Hicks, director of Team Total Lacrosse, received after his high school varsity select team placed first and second in two major east coast lacrosse tournaments.

"I'm very proud of them," Hicks said. "I think it's great that one of the best high school travel teams in the country is located here in Detroit.'

team of some of the best players from around the metro Detroit area, play throughout the summer in a variety of high level tournaments and showcase events. Only the best teams qualify for the

national championship. In July, Team Total traveled to Baltimore, the hotbed of lacrosse, to participate in Summer Sizzle, a premier lacrosse tournament. After winning four games against top level competition, Total lost to the tournament champions, 3-1, in their final game. Outstanding performances were turned in by Jack Van Acker (Catholic Central), Grant Widger (South Lyon), Marc Longe (Catholic Central), Tom-Schertzer (Catholic Central), and Raymond Tague (South Lyon), "These teams have some of the best players in the country," said Chris Cooper,

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who felt the team played well "Many of them will be playing at the highest level. I think we proved to a lot of people that our team has the athletes and the talent to play with any-

One week later, Team Total was again on the east coast playing in the nationally renowned Patriof Games, held north of Philadelphia. This tour nament draws some of the best travel teams in the country because of its location and depth of tal-

Total would make it to the finals playing against a heavily favored Smithtown East team. Smithtown (Long Island, New York), ranked as one of the top high school teams in the country, featured some of the best underclassmen players in the nation. With many college coaches, parents, and with interested fans watching, Team Total prevailed 9-8 in a very exciting game. Van Aker and Longe, along with John Cooke (Northville), Corey Haas (South Lyon), Austin Herbert (Huron Valley), Tyler Pokryfky (Farming ton), Zach Stanley (South Lyon), Collin Cummings (Catholic Central), Matt

mingham) lead the team throughout the weekend and helped secure the impressive championship.

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one. They did a great job." Again, after several

lead in the second half ly placed shot from ten Lvon). Max Kwiecien (Canton), Zach Rogers (Los Angeles, CA), Austin Reinke (Catholic Central)

> "Great win for this team " said Cooper, "I'm really happy for them. competed and beaten some of the best teams in the country. They were

and Conner Holton (Cath-

Many Team Total players will now join fall and winter leagues at Total Sports in Wixom in preparation for their spring 2013 season. Players at all levels are invited to information, call Total

our potential," said Cooper. "The boys had to dig deep at times but that's playing against teams of

The next week was the final week of the summer season and Team Total traveled to Traverse City to participate in the Cherry Bomb Lacrosse Festival. After three days of games, Team Total played in the finals against another Michigan team, Cash Cows (Clarkston). In a very close, exciting game, Total took the

when Jake Fuller (Northville) scored on a perfectyards out. Total would further extend their lead with another goal by Van Acker and win 9-7, clinching their second tournament championship of the sea-son. Outstanding players included Brett Braun (South Lyon), Conor Murray (Catholic Central). Matthew Beazley (South

olic Central). a great group of boys to

attend and play. For more Sports at (248) 669-9817 or visit totalsportscomplex.

D2 newcomer **Novi ties Pioneer** Mosso, Koomen spectacular in debuts

Ry Chris Jackett

The opening week of games during their first season as a Division 2 field hockey program was a success for Novi's

After winning Division 3, graduating a few key four-year varsity student-athletes and experiencing some coaching changes, the Wildcats (2-0-1, 2-0-0 D2) didn't show much concern as they plowed through a doubleheader at East Grand Rapids and tied Division I state champion powerhouse Ann Arbor Pio-

neer on their home turf. The trip to Ann Arbor was traditionally a beating for many field hockey teams across the state and things seemed headed in the same direction Aug. 28 when Pioneer's Shelby Supica scooted up the field for an unassisted goal in the first minute.

"Going into the game, Novi was thought to have no chance against Ann Arbor Pioneer, who are a state championship Division 1 team," Novi junior Haley Notarantonio said. "However, the Novi girls fought hack and played a game that was the best in all of (Novi) field hockey his-

The goal would be the end of Pioneer's scoring and Novi's Megan Paul set Lizzie Malear up for a goal of a penalcorner to tie the game 1-1 and freshman goalkeeper Katrina Koomen blanked the Pioneers for the rest of the contest.

"It was a game that everyone watching will never forget, a new Division 2 team tying one of the best Division 1 teams," Notarantonio said. "The freshmen goalie from Novi, Katrina Koomen, was the player of the game; because without her



Aug. 25 victory at East Grand Rapids.

After a successful first week of action, Novi's field hockey team was scheduled to visit Saline yesterday and visits Detroit Country Day 3 p.m. tomorrow before taking some time off until Academy of the Sacred Heart comes to town 3 p.m. Sept. 14.

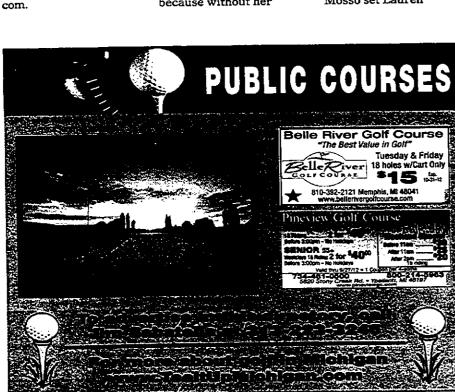
countless incredible saves, Pioneer would have conquered the

Koomen was also stellar in the Wildcats' two victories Aug. 25 in Grand Rapids, recording 13 saves through three halves of action. Lola Teran also notched five saves, playing half of the first game against East Grand Rapids.

The 'Cats got things started in the first victory by outrunning the Pioneers to score two quick as dribbled into the left side of the circle before slamming a slapshot into the back of the goal cage and then Argentinean foreign exchange student Sofi Mosso made her presence felt with a slapshot from the top of the circle for a goal in

"Novi dominated the beginning of the game, and came out with more speed and intensity, which led the girls to two early goals; a great start to the season," Notarantonio said.

Mosso set Lauren



Brown up for another goal later in the first half to give the Wildcats a 3-0 lead at the break.

Lizzie Malear was the offensive force behind two second-half goals en route to a 5-0 victory. Megan Murphy tipped in a rip from the top of the circle by Malear for a goal and then Malear found the back of the cage herself later in the

With their two netminders combining for 10 saves and the offense earning four penalty corner hits in the first game, a shutout, the Wildcats thought they had things in hand for ever, the second contest started off much differently.

"East Grand Rapids came out in the heat ready to play and anxious to take home the win this time," Notarantonio said. "With their endless attempts on goal they finally scored, putting themselves in the lead against Novi."

Mosso looked to keep her impressive debut in the U.S. going, using her speed to score two quick goals to give Novi a 2-1 lead. Like the first game, Malear ripped a low shot toward the Pioneers' net for Brown to deflect into the top left corner for a 3-1 halftime lead.

The pairing of Mosso and Malear continued to dominate offensively in the second half, as Mosso dribbled around several defenders before knocking home another goal for her first hat trick of her U.S. field hockey career. Malear capped the scoring with ed off the goalkeeper, who had saved an initial shot from another Wild-

The 'Cats earned three penalty corner hits as Koomen recorded eight saves.

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victory in a game that was statistically close on

the field. "They came out hard," Lakeland coach John Maltese said of his defense. "(Novi) came out in a different offense that we hadn't seen before. We did a good job adjusting and creating turn-

overs and making big plays."

Although Novi had three more total yards of offense on the night at 339, the Eagles scored first when senior Anthony Waite (52 yards, 13 attempts, two touchdowns) ran nine yards into the left corner of the end zone for a touchdown

five minutes into the game. The point after missed the mark wide, but the Eagles got the point back following a 38-yard touchdown pass from junior Ross Heiman (3for 5, 83 yards, one touchdown) to junior Dalton Christie 13 seconds into the second quarter Waite added a two-point conversion that gave Lakeland a 14-0 lead that held through half-

"We play great together," Waite said of Christie. "It's the first year he played, so I've just encouraged him to do the best he can because he was coming into the season kind of shaky about excitement and stuff.

"It feels really, really great because we've never had this before. We've never won the first game."

Things quickly got out of hand in the second half following a Novi fumble at their own 46yard line on the fifth play of the half. Christie (67 yards, six attempts, two touchdowns) escaped a tackle and carried the ball 46 yards up the right sideline for a Lakeland touchdown on the very next play. Senior Brendan Trembath nailed the extra point for a 21-0 lead.

The Wildcats' next drive had a similar outcome, as Novi fumbled and Lakeland recovered at Novi's 28-yard line. Two plays and 22 seconds later, Christie ran in a 10-yard touchdown into the left side of the end zone. Senior Jordan Bridgewater was stopped on the left side during a two-point conversion attempt, but Lakeland still led 27-0.

"I thought we could've been in the game to win it, but turnovers and those things hurt us," Novi coach Todd Pennycuff said. "Our kids adjusted to our scheme this week and we had four days of putting this new scheme in. I thought we played fairly well, but we had four turnovers. You've got to do a little bit of a better job out on defensively. I think our kids played hard and didn't quit. We've just got to keep plugging away and be scrappy."

In a game dominated by running backs, Lakeland had five players run multiple attempts, each netting 38 yards or more. Christie and Waite led the pack. "They're starting to develop a little bit of an

inside outside thing that I'm liking to see," Mal-For Novi, junior Jeffrey Baker led the run-

ning core with 121 yards on 19 attempts, including one touchdown late in the game. Senior Lucas Buck added 43 yards on 11 attempts as the Wildcats broke in a new offense after a subpar first week. "Overall I was pretty happy with this

offense," Pennycuff said. "I think Lucas Buck ran extremely hard, extremely hard as a kid we just have to get on the field and keep him on the field if we can." Junior Issac Burgess took over Novi's quar-

terback duties from first week senior starter Ryan Caputo. Burgess went 5-for-6 for 112 yards, including an 8-yard fourth-quarter touchdown pass to sophomore Matt Sabo to cut the deficit to 27-6. A failed onside kick by Novi senior Justin Danks went out of bounds 17 yards downfield

struggled on the day, also missing both a 23yard field goals and then both of his point-after touchdown attempts were blocked. "We told Danks today to just keep working," Pennycuff said. "You're a good kicker, just keep working. Sometimes you have an off night, we all do, no matter what profes-

sion you're in. That's how you respond to it; just

and gave Lakeland the ball at midfield. Danks

work through it. But, yea, that hurt us a little

bit, as well." Following a second-down 4-yard run by Heiman, Waite took a 2-yard third-down run into the right corner of the end zone and Trembath nailed the point after for a 34-6 Lakeland lead.

The Eagles repeatedly kicked away from Novi freshman Emanuel Jackson (73 all-pur pose yards, 53 of which were from kick and punt returns), who had returned a kickoff for a touchdown in the season opener, but had two of Novi's four lost fumbles in week two.

However, the 'Cats were able to get on the board a second time at Lakeland when Burgess hit senior Ryan Thomas for a 62-yard gain before Thomas was dragged down at Lakeland's 5-yard line. Baker ran the ball in for a 1yard touchdown and Danks' kick was blocked, setting the score at 34-12 with 2:22 remaining as the Eagles ran down the game clock to make that the final score.

"At the end of the day, I think our kids adjusted to it, it fits our kids, they like it," Pennycuf said. "And we've done fairly good for four days of putting something completely opposite of what we were. I'm pleasantly surprised that we did as well as we did against a very good football team. But, on the other hand, I'm also disappointed because I thought we could've done

Despite winning the yardage battle and dominating time of possession with 29:51 of 48 minutes, Novi had no answer for Lakeland's quick conversion of turnovers into points.

Sabo led the Wildcats' defense with eight tackles, while Waite and junior Collin Papler each had 11 tackles for Lakeland and senior Jon Yeatman added nine.

JUNIOR VARSITY

The Novi Wildcats' JV football team started off fast Aug. 29 night, scoring on their first drive of the game en route to a 28-0 pounding of the Lakeland Eagles. The Wildcats dominated all aspects of the game and scored touch-downs on three of their first four drives of the

Aaron Pringle started the game with a solid kickoff return, setting the Wildcats up on their 37-yard line. Unfortunately, starting quarterback Rohit Mogalayapalli was hurt on the play and did not return to the game. Backup Bill Ulle took over and the offense did not seem to miss a beat. Jalen Ward and Zac Siriani took over with several long runs and Ulle connected with Adam Tobias and Ryan Moore on long passes, setting up Ward for a 1-yard touchdown run and a 7-0 lead.

The Wildcats started the second quarter at their own 10-yard line and mounted a 90yard touchdown drive on the strength of two long receptions by Moore. The first reception was a screen pass to Moore that he advanced 44 yards on a great individual effort. After a run by Ward, Ulle connected with Moore, who was streaking down the sidelines on a 48-yard touchdown. Ulle had all day to throw the ball as the offensive line of Dorian Haney, Andy Wilchyinski, Connor Howell, Jared Engebretson and Joey Haddad dominated the Eagles all

After a quick three-and-out by the Eagles, the Novi offense struck quickly with a 23-yard run by Ward and a 22-yard reception by Tobias. The drive was capped off by a 13-yard run by Ward and a 21-0 lead, which the Wildcats took into halftime.

The second half was more of a defensive struggle, which seemed fine with the Wildcats as they got a number of big hits from Siriani, Caleb Wright, Brendan Smythe, Pat Wojtylo and the entire defensive line of Howell, Wilchynski, Jimmy Hole and Ward. The lone score in the second half came on an interception by Wojtylo that he returned 21 yards for a touchdown and a 28-0 lead.

The JV Wildcats will take their 2-0 record into their next game at home Thursday night against Plymouth Salem. - John Engebretson

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Pair of freshmen help keep Novi's seniors afloat

Buha sisters make state cut early, others make county cut

By Chris Jackett

Despite a solid start to the season, a lack of depth kept Novi's girls swim and dive team from claiming a victory in their first

dual meet. The Wildcats visited Grosse Pointe South Aug. 30, losing their opening contest 105-81.

"We lost 105 to 81 but our girls swam awesome," Novi coach Annette VanderMey said. "Grosse Pointe's depth was just too much to handle. We had someone racing for the top spot in each event but had to give up too many 3rd and 4ths along the

The Blue Devils got the best of Novi in all three relay events. In the 200 medley relay, the Novi team of sophomore Mallory Buha, freshman Lauren Kim, senior Kelsey Shurmur and senior Janice Burnett fin ished third in 1:56.88 behind two South squads, who finished close together with the best taking first in 1:55.02.

In the 200 free relay, Novi's team of senior Maranda Buha, Burnett, senior Andrea Vander-Mey and senior Kara Berg fared a little better, taking second in 1:43.66 behind South's winning time of 1:41.79.

The 400 free relay squad of Berg, freshman Alexandra Cortez and both Buha sisters took second in 3:51.88, behind South's 3:47.19 time.

The Novi relay team members were also responsible for the remaining swim-based points, but got a boost from seniors Rachel Aepelbacher and Jillian Odom as a one-two punch in the 1-meter dive. Aepelbacher win with 223 points and Odom had 206.2 points.

Mallory Buha had the most individual success on the day, winning both the 200 individual medley (2:13.96) and 100 backstroke (58.43) each in state-qualifying times. She also had team-

ON TAP Novi's swim and dive squad (0-1) is set to visit Waterford United 6:30 p.m. tonight at Waterford Mott before competing in Saturday's Laker Invitational 12:30 p.m. in West Bloomfield and

then hosting Bloomfield Hills

Marian 6 p.m. Sept. 13.

mates place third in those two events, with Kim landing third in the 200 IM (2:24.22) and senior Dana Morgan finishing third in the 100 back (1:06.09).

Kim also won the 100 breast in 1:11.66, while Cortez won the 500 free in 5:37.39, as both freshmen had impressive varsity debuts. The Wildcats' other first-place finish came from Maranda Buha in the 50 free (state-qualifying 25.10). She also took second in the 100 fly in 1:00.63, close behind South's wining time of

59.14 seconds.
With both Buha sisters already qualifying for November's Division I state meet, several other Wildcats qualified for the Oakland County Championships and are on their way to state qualification later this season.

"Novi had many personal lifetime best times and we came away from the meet with three state cuts, seven cuts for the Oakland County Championships and all three of our relays were very close to the state cut," VanderMey said. "This is all happening much faster than previous years; our times were not this fast this early in past seasons.

Berg also placed in the top three of two individual events, taking second in the 200 freestyle (1:59.86) and third in the 100 free (55.45), behind South's times of 1:56.16 and 53.71 in the

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and 78 yards before Christopher Boykin hauled in a four-yard pass to score with just 27 seconds left in the second quarter. The Shamrocks stuffed the extra point and went into halftime with a 7-6

The Panthers used that score

half, taking the lead in the third quarter on a 12-yard run for a 12lead with 4:01 left in the quarter. Three minutes later, they scored again on a 44-yard jaunt to seal the scoring and earn the eventu-

The Shamrocks are now 1-1 on

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SOCIAL SECURITY

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Those denied can appeal on their own but statistics for many vears reveal that those represented by attorneys win a much higher percentage of appeals. And attorneys who specialize in Social Security Disability cases

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while it is big, it certainly won't weigh you down. The phone only has a thick-ness of 8.6 millimeters.

Properly placed navigation buttons

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up and user experience is the location

of the charging port. Its awkward posi-

tioning may make it difficult to place

likes plugging in to a stereo system

into a dock - so if you are someone who

while charging, you may want to test it

You may also be surprised to know

Samsung offers only two color options

The device runs on the new Android

sor. These last two specifications may

they are the best on the market. The

1.4 GHZ processing speed is more

market just three or four years ago.

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included voice command software

much like Siri, into this device. The

feature is called S-Voice recognition

and the software recognizes eight dif-

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if it performs anything like Siri). But

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mean nothing to you - but rest assured

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for this model and they are blue and

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the device is not available in black.

allow for one-hand usage and added

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ing starter coming back and they have a boatload of kids coming back, so it wasn't really the kind of game you'd think we'd pull out the close game."

The game started off with the Chiefs pressuring the less experienced Wildcat squad and tallying five shots in the first 10 minutes, but it was Novi junior Nick Oakley who put the first goal on the scoreboard 11 minutes into the game when sophomore Ryan Kobakof played a through ball up the middle from the center circle and Oakley brought it in toward the right side of the goal before chipping Canton senior netminder Ian Wingate (one

'We've worked a lot about getting one of our central midfielders involved in the offense, so it was real good to see a central midfielder score a goal for us." O'Leary said. "So far it's been a lot of forwards for us and there's a big gap there, so it's good to see him coming through that

Just more than six minutes later, junior Stevie Caruso sped into the left corner and carried the ball in along Canton's touchline before chipping it central Wingate tipped it away from the goal line, but Novi junior Don Nakashima used his speed and height to beat those around him to the ball for a header to the

back side of the goal, giving the Wildcats a 2-0 lead on two shots. "Don does a good job. He'll take on multiple people. He does a good job of going north and saying 'I'm going.' He does it with and without the ball." O'Leary said. "A lot of times he'll do it with the ball, with the ball, with the ball and then someone else will have it and you'll lose track of him and he'll be coming

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just as hard down the middle and that's kind of how that goal happened. He did a good job of staying aggressive towards the goal

without the ball." With a two-goal deficit, the Chiefs got fired up, going even harder to the ball and creating a few quality chances that Novi senior netminder Andy Netter

(10 saves) turned aside. Wingate ended up leaving the game at halftime after a collision with Nakashima while diving to break up a breakaway opportunity with 15 minutes left in the first half, but junior Brandon Pickert held down the goal in the second half as the Wildcats failed to register a shot on net despite earning their only corner kick of the game.

Canton finished with a 10-3 shot advantage and 2-1 corner kick advantage.
The Chiefs had several oppor-

tunities, drawing iron off shots from both senior captains Bobby Budlong and Daniel Ovesea Budlong actually put the ball in the back of the net on a free kick from 45 yards away with 19 minutes left in the first half, but it was called back because Canton senior Coppor Shennan had jumped up in front of Netter and fouled him in midair as he tried to punch Budlong's chip shot

On a high from handing Canton their first loss since winning the Division I title last fall, the Wildcats dropped a 4-1 game to Brighton (1-0-2) on Aug. 29. The Bulldogs are ranked No. 6 in the first set of Division I rankings released Sept. 3. Plymouth Salem (3-1-2) is No. 8, Canton is No. 9, Northville (4-2-1) is No. 13 and Novi is unranked spending last season in the top five. East Kentwood is currently No. 1.

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Continued from page B1 coach Jim Hanson said. "I thought we played well as a team from top to bottom at the Ann Arbor Pioneer Invite."

TENNIS

Novi captured 23 points in Grand Rapids and 24 points in Ann Arbor of a maximum 24 points. In Grand Rapids, Div. II No. 2 Bloomfield Hills Andover was runners-up with 10, followed by unranked Grandville with eight and Div. III No. 3 East Grand Rapids with seven. In Ann Arbor, Div. II No. 8 Battle Creek Lakeview was runners-up with nine, followed by Div. I No. 6 Pioneer's eight and Div. I No. 10 Troy Ath-

had one match remaining. "The way we have our tournaments scheduled, they get tougher with each successive one," Hanson said. "Those are good teams. Pioneer tournament, these teams are very close. (Pioneer is) traditional

ens' five, but the latter two

ly a power in Division I." phomore Tim Wang (9-0) led the way at one singles, cruising through the competition by defeating Grandville 7-5, 6-3; East Grand Rapids 6-2, 3-6, 10-7; Andover 6-1, 6-1; Pioneer 6-0, 6-0; Lakeview 6-1, 6-1 and Athens 6-4,

"Tim Wang played extremely well in both tournaments. He beat a really good players from Grandville in the Pioneer tournament," Hanson said, "Tim had to work, but he's playing

well for us." At two singles, sophomore Andre Liu (8-1) experienced the Wildcats' first loss of the season in a 6-3, 6-

but Liu handling defeated the rest of his opposition. He heat Grandville's sub 6-0, 6-0: East Grand Rapids 6-1, 6-

3; Athens 6-0, 6-1; Pioneer 6-1, 6-1 and Lakeview 6-4, 6-3. "At two singles, Andre Liu had a tough match against an Andover kid and came out on the short end, but it wasn't due to lack of effort. Hanson sadi. "He played much better at the Pioneer tournament and was more aggressive."

Freshman Koushik Kondapi (9-0) stayed undefeated at three singles, plowing through Grandville 6-4, 6-1; East Grand Rapids 6-1, 6-1; Andover 6-0, 6-2; Lakeview 6-0, 6-0; Athens 6-1, 6-1 and Pioneer 6-0, 6-2.

In four singles, senior Pavan Rao (9-0) beat Grandville 6-0, 6-3; East Grand Rapids 6-1, 6-0: Andover 6-1, 6-1; Athens 6-1, 6-1; Pioneer 6-0, 6-1 and Lakeview 6-

The usual one doubles tandem of junior Andrew Ying and senior Jason Carless improved to 6-0 with a 6-1, 6-0 victory over Grandville: 6-0, 7-5 win over East Grand Rapids and 5-7, 6-0, 10-5 win over Andover; but Carless didn't compete at the Pioneer Invite. Instead senior Achuta Doddipatla filled in from five doubles and helped Ying defeat Pioneer 6-3. 6-0; Lakeview 6-1, 2-6, 6-4 and Athens 6-1, 6-4.

"At the Pioneer Invite, one doubles Jason Carless was not there, so we subbed in Achuta Doddinatla and he did a nice job. They had a nice match at Battle Creek Lakeview," Hanson said. "One doubles was tested against Bloomfield Hills Andover in that tournament. They got in a hole and

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9 a.m. @ KLAA Cross Country Invite (@ Willow)

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GIRLS SWIMMING

couldn't come back in the first set in that one.' four doubles teams each remained in tact, upping their records to 9-0 on the

online at hometownlife.com

Senior Nishant Kakar and junior Michael Chang won the two doubles flights. defeating Grandville 6-0, 6-0; East Grand Rapids 6-1, 6-1; Andover 6-2, 6-0; Lakeview 6-2, 6-2; Athens 6-1, 6-1 and Pioneer 6-0, 6-0. At three doubles, senior

Jon Thompson and freshman Maxx Anderson beat Grandville 6-2, 6-1; East Grand Rapids 6-2, 6-4; Andover 6-2, 6-1; Athens 6-2, 7-5; Pioneer 6-3, 6-0 and Lakeview 6-

Capping the successful week were juniors Shashank Chitta and Kevin Xu at four doubles. The defeat ed Grandville 6-1, 6-0; East Grand Rapids 6-0, 6-1; Andover 6-0, 6-1; Pioneer 6-0, 6-4; Lakeview 6-0, 6-4 and Athens 6-0, 6-0.

"We get in trouble when we try to make too good a shot when it's not necessary. We double (fault) way too much." Hanson said. "It high school tennis, it's the team that makes the fewest mistakes, the fewest serve errors that wins.

"As long as we don't get the cart ahead of the horse we have a very solid team from top to bottom. The kids are working hard in practice. The key is to work hard and not try to do too much. Hopefully that's a good sign to come. We've been fortunate to win some sets and

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HIGH SCHOOL VARSITY

SPORTS SCHEDULES

6:30 p.m. @ Plymouth Salem (@ West Field)

8:30 a.m. @ Grand Blanc Tournament

Steve Allen, co-owner of Steve and Rocky's on Grand River in Novi, checks out some of the metal and wood sculptures and wall art added to the restaurant during a recent renovation. The renovation cost about \$200,000 and included new seats and seat covering, floors, wall decor and bathroom fixtures. The metal plant-like sculptures were designed

Steve & Rocky's restaurant completes remodel with work by Michigan artists

Eight weeks and a quarter of a million dollars later, Steve & Rocky's boasts a new look to ensure that the restaurant's décor remains as fresh and appealing as

the food coming out of the kitchen. The design and remodel was the work of Novi-based Interior Development Group. In addition to the new ceiling, side-stands, carpet, upholstery, linens, shades, fresh paint, light fixtures. chairs and new entryway, are original works of art by Michigan-based artists. Some of these beautiful art pieces are permanently painted and sculpted into

and on the walls.

"I want to point out that my very good friend, Peter Loren, handcrafted the magnificent metal sculpting around our mirrors. He is a dear friend, a great chef, and as I think you will agree, he's quite the creative medalist," said owner Steve Allen. "Our remodel may have taken a bit longer than expected, but, so they tell me. We are so pleased with the wonderful comments our regulars have been sharing. Not one negative bit of feedback thus far."

Steve & Rocky's is located at 43150 Grand River Avenue in Novi.



Part of the new decor inside Steve and Rocky's includes colorful table separators located inside the restaurant's south side.

in retail sales performance the past two months, Hal-

"As we've said all along,

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mance index of 56.1, down

from 58.6 in June and 61.9

NOVI BUSINESS BRIEFS

Retail sales and forecasts slip

Fewer Michigan retailers increased sales and forecasts in July for the second consecutive month. according to the Michigan Retail Index, a joint project of Michigan Retailers Association (MRA) and the Federal Reserve Bank of

"The performance of Michigan's overall retail industry slipped from June to July, chiefly because more retailers reported flat sales in July,' said MRA President and CEO James P. Hallan, "The broader picture, however, remains one of year-toyear growth."

Michigan's unemploy ment rate has risen the past three months, from 8.3 in April to 9.0 in July, contributing to the falloff Index values above 50 generally indicate positive activity; the higher the number, the stronger the

improvement in our state's Looking forward, 42 percent of retailers expect jobs picture before we'll see significant and sussales during August-October to increase over the tained improvement in same period last year, The July Michigan Retail while 14 percent project a decrease and 44 percent Index found that 43 perno change. That puts the cent of retailers increased seasonally adjusted outsales over the same month last year, while 32 percent look index at 67.4, down recorded declines and 25 from 71.9 in June and 77.5 percent saw no change. in May. A year ago July it

> Northern Michigan retailers led the state in July with 58 percent of the regional group reporting sales increas es over July 2011. Gifts

in May. A year ago July it The Index gauges the performance of the state's stores and apparel stores throughout the state rang up the best numbers veys conducted by MRA among the various trade and the Federal Reserve.

was 74.5.

Samsung Galaxy S3 rivals the iPhone

By Jon Gunnells

amsung's hybrid smartphone tablet the Galaxy S3 has a mixture of multimedia features that make it a fun alternative to the king of phones Apple's iPhone.

I had the pleasure of testing Samsung's smartphone this summer courtesy of Verizon Wireless. The Galaxy S3 features a front cam-

era and an 8 megapixel back camera - a must in this age of Instagraming and Facebook ng. It also shoots in full HD video mode anoth-

er necessity of the dig-Additionally, the phone is enabled for quick sharing across social networks and other devices. With

Samsung's AllShare feature, users can quickly send their photos and videos to tablets, PCs and computers. They can even upload them to Dropbox or other cloud storage. Better yet, Samsung utilizes a cool feature called Social Tag where the phone recognizes familiar faces in your photos and automatically tags them as you upload to social networks. This will save social power users time when creating content on Facebook like status updates photo galleries.

The device's large screen may however, be the best feature. The screen clarity is on par with that of the iPhone or other top of the line Android devices - but at 4.8 inches it is also notice-

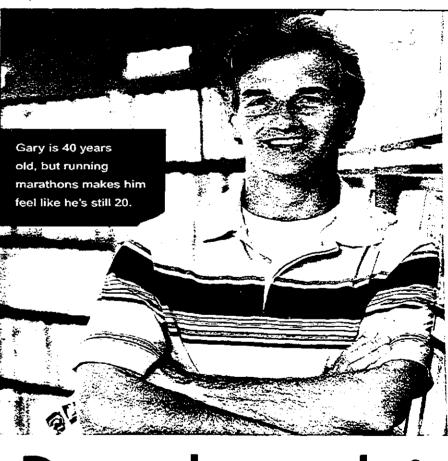
ably larger.
While the Galaxy S3 doesn't have the largest screen on the market (that distinction belongs to the Galaxy Note at 5.3 inches) it is plenty big for a cell Despite its large screen size the phone is incredibly light weight - so

long enough to determine the overall quality of the S-Voice recognition fea-The Samsung Galaxy S3 is available from Verizon and other cell phone pro-

For more information about the S3 visit Samsung.com.

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Residents, businesses flock to walkable communities



Traci Sincock of Plymouth knows the value of walkable neighborhoods.

Sincock is associate director of the Northville Chamber of Commerce, a community like Plymouth known for its walkability. She was out on a recent Saturday in downtown Plymouth's Kellogg Park for the Susan G. Komen 3-Day, a 60mile over three days to combat breast cancer.

"Accessibility everywhere," she said of her home and work communities, which are neighbors. "You can walk to events. It's so good for exercise."

In Northville, there are neighborhoods with sidewalks great for walking. Sincock noted Northville Township is working on access and walkability, including the new Sheldon Road path used by the breast cancer walkers Aug. 18.

"I do feel like I get the best of both worlds," said Sincock, whose husband, Paul, is Plymouth city manager, "I'm really Walkable neighborhoods are

more popular among consumers than ever. According to a new study conducted by the Brookings Institution, people prefer to live in communities that allow them to walk to shops, parks and other destinations and will pay more for a home that allows them to do

The study used the Washington, D.C., area as a test location for the research. The more walkable the community, the more the price per square foot increased. Rental properties in walkable areas averaged \$300 per month more than rentals in other areas, and house values averaged \$82 more per square foot in walkable areas when

walkable areas. Traci Sincock was in Kellogg Park that Saturday with

compared to homes in less

exchange student from Brazil. Peres will attend Plymouth Salem High School. "This is very different," said Peres, looking around

the leafy downtown Plymouth Her community has some 600,000 people, which is a small city for Brazil. Peres lives in an apartment building with 15 floors.

Agreeing that communities like Plymouth are walkable and great for living and working in is Tony Bruscato, director of operations for the Plymouth Downtown Development Authority. Bruscato. a Canton resident, was also in Kellogg Park as the breast cancer walkers were cheered

"I think it all starts at Kellogg Park where a lot of people gather," said Bruscato. "And then of course we've got a lot of neighborhood parks. People enjoy seeing friends, he said, "A lot of people in Plymouth know their neigh

bors because they get out to

events, dining and shopping bring people out. Bruscato's not a Realtor, but he believes Plymouth has been less hard hit by the recession in terms of properties. He sees some properties with new homes which are

walk," said Bruscato, adding

larger going in on the lots. "I think that shows the stability of Plymouth, the desirability of it. We're very fortunate," he said. He finds there were fewer foreclosures in Plymouth and not as many job losses.

Commercial districts have a low vacancy rate, Bruscato said, "where many communities have struggled to keep their businesses. We don't have to hardly sell Plymouth, that's the great thing about it. I think it almost sells itself, especially with the businesses. People are calling us, asking what's available.'

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A: Using a collection agency, that does not necessarily have expertise in community association law, is like using a carpenter to give you a knee replacement. Many



ignore the collection letter from agency, just as they do in any other

environment, as opposed to getting association's attorney, which has legal ramifications, including having to pay the association's legal fees and costs in the collection matter. Moreover, the attorney for the association, who is knowledgeable about the new issues confronting condominium associations in collections, should be better able to effectuate a resolution in a more timely and fruitful fashion. The old notion that you get what you pay for still rings true.

Q: I understand that Fannie Mae just came out with changes in condo unit mortgage quidelines. Can you help me

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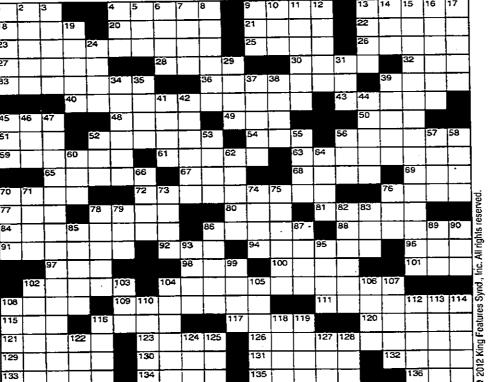


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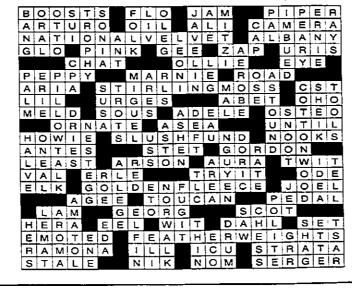
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Companies hiring this month 15 companies hiring in September

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Another summer has come and gone, and as the weather gets cooler, the clothes get heavier and warm-weather fun is replaced by indoor activities. If you're a job seeker, the summer months may not have been the most productive ones for job hunting, and understandably so. But the new season brings with it the opportunity to wipe the slate clean and get a fresh start on your search.

There are a lot of reasons why fall is a great time to ramp up your job search. Since summer is a popular vacation season. you might have better luck networking with people now that they're back in the office. Plus, there are a lot of companies that are looking for great people to join their team immediately. To help start your fall job search off on the right foot, here are 15 companies hiring in September:

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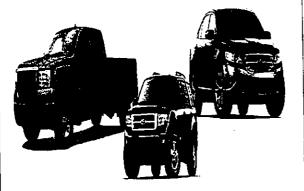
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