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Local artists have donated 12 "mannequins" that they have designed, and these creative pieces will be up for auction. The art will remain at the Civic Center through Dec. 21 for viewing during regular business hours.

Fundraiser for Friends of Library

Come out and test drive Varsity Lincoln cars on Monday, Nov. 19 and help raise funds for the Friends of the Novi Public Library. The dealership will donate \$20 per test drive.

There will be 8-10 cars available for each of the test drive sessions. Additionally, a raffle will be held for a chance to win a "Day at the Spa for your Car" detailing package; five packages will be raffled.

Parking will be available in the Novi Public Library lot (45255 W. Ten Mile Road) during the 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. session. Parking for the 3-8 p.m. session will use the Novi High School parking lot, behind the library. Entrance to Novi High School is located off of Taft Road. For more information about this event, please contact Novi Public Library at (248) 349-0720 or visit their website at <http://www.novilibrary.org/>. You can also contact Varsity Lincoln at (248) 374-3412.

Grant to help low-income residents

Novi has over \$80,000 to allocate for its 2013 plan

By Lonnie Huhman
 Staff Writer

The city will be allocating over \$80,000 in funding for its proposed 2013 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program, and that's good news for Novi's low-income families.

Novi is planning to distribute a total of \$86,923 for the Novi Youth Assistance to fund camp scholarships and counseling; for HAVEN, which is an agency for battered and abused spouses; and for the general community for its residential repair program.

The grant comes from Oakland County to help low-income people

and to help meet an urgent community need where no funding is available.

"Since 2002, the City of Novi has received and successfully managed over \$1,255,536 in CDBG grant funds," said Novi's assistant finance director, Marina Neumaier, in her memorandum for the public hearing held at the last City Council meeting.

The City Council accepted the recommendation report after there was no public comment given during the hearing.

According to Neumaier, the maximum amount the City of Novi is allowed to allocate directly to the public service program category for 2013 is \$26,077,

which represents an increase of \$13,189 from prior years. And \$5,000 and \$7,000 will be directed to NYA and HAVEN; these are defined as public services. Nearly \$75,000 will go toward the repair program, which is defined as a minor home repair service.

These amounts were recommended by the Housing and Community Development committee and will help out with some important community services.

Funding dollars allocated to NYA are used to provide direct intervention services for Novi youth and include counseling, enrichment, skill building and academic support to children who are for various reasons deemed to be "at risk" or whose families have insufficient financial resources to meet their needs for these activities, Neumaier said.

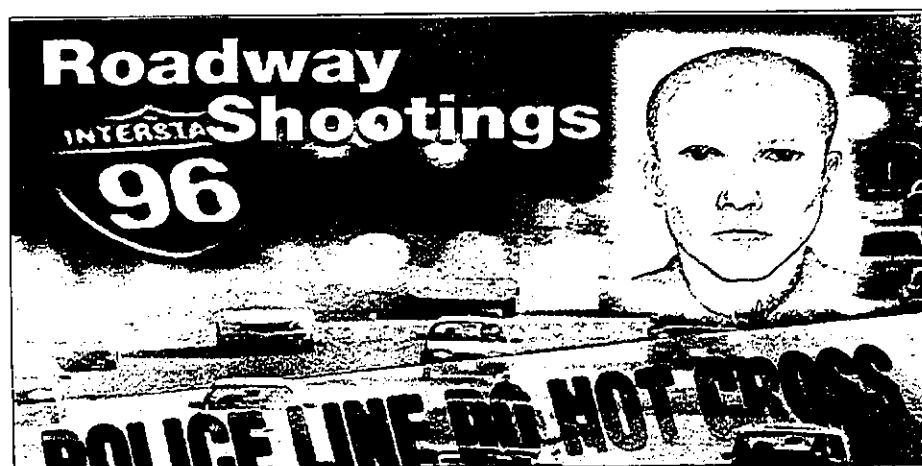
HAVEN reported last fiscal year a total of 154 Novi residents

receiving direct assistance by way of shelter assistance, crisis intervention as well as services from its Personal Protection Order Office.

The minor home repair program offers residents the ability to participate in the Weatherization Assistance Program (WAP) administered through OLHSA. According to Neumaier, Novi has leveraged an additional \$335,163 in weatherization funding for residents over and above the CDBG funds.

The WAP provides free, grant-funded, energy-related home repairs to all eligible low income households to help lower their utility bills and to improve living conditions. The current wait list for the Minor Home Repair program continues to grow to a total of 103 residents as of September.

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Reward, manhunt, fears grow in I-96 corridor shootings

By Lisa Roose-Church
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The reward for information leading to the arrest and conviction of the person or people responsible for the Interstate 96 corridor shootings was increased to \$102,000 Monday.

The Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives and FBI have joined the investigation and announced that each agency is contributing \$50,000 to the \$2,000 reward offered by CrimeStoppers.

"These senseless shootings must be stopped,"

ATF Special Agent in Charge David L. McCain said at a news conference at the Wixom Police Department. "This individual has no regard for public safety and is attempting to cause injury and fear to citizens that utilize I-96 on an everyday basis."

Unrelated incident

Meanwhile, Michigan State Police Lt. Michael Shaw said a 9 a.m. Monday incident in which a female motorist reported her vehicle had been shot as she traveled south on U.S. 23, north of the I-96 interchange in Brighton

Township, is "not related" to the 24 roadway shootings, which began Oct. 16 in Wixom. However, Shaw said authorities have not ruled out the possibility.

"We believe a projectile did hit this vehicle, but we believe it not to be a bullet," Shaw said at a news conference at the state police's Brighton post. "We can't confirm that 100 percent until the vehicle goes to the crime lab."

Shaw said media reports that someone had been arrested in connec-

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Election 2012
 Voters face a plethora of political decisions on Nov. 6

By Cal Stone
 Staff Writer

In addition to choosing the next most powerful person on the planet, Novi voters will have to make a many local decisions as well in next Tuesday's general election.

They'll see a ballot loaded with candidates for the widest variety of positions — from president of the United States to judges and school board members — as well as a half dozen hotly-contested, statewide proposals.

And the polls, which will be open from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m., are expected to be far busier than the August primary that drew less than 22 percent of Novi's 38,331 registered voters.

"We expect around 80-percent turnout, which will be similar to 2008," said Maryanne Cornelius, clerk for the City of Novi.

A three-way battle for two seats on the Novi Board of Educa-

tion is being fought by incumbent Dennis O'Connor and challengers Tracey Cadwell and Brad Leidal. The winners will begin six-year terms in January.

Novi's Republican husband-and-wife team of Hugh and Kathy Crawford are both hoping for re-election. He's up against Democrat Chuck Tindall for the two-year position as representative of the state House's 38th District. She's facing Democrat Gwen Markham for the newly redrawn 9th District of the Oakland County Commission, also a two-year seat.

Proposals 1-6 respectively address emergency managers, collective bargaining, renewable energy, in-home care, new taxation approval, and a new bridge to Canada. Both sides of each proposal are pouring gargantuan amounts of money into advertis-

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Meet and greet

Providence Park Hospital chief glad to be 'back home'



Peter Karadjoff was introduced to a lunch-time gathering on Oct. 22 as president of Providence Park Hospital in Novi.

By Julie Brown
Staff Writer

Peter Karadjoff took over in May as president of Providence Park Hospital in Novi, bringing 14 years of leadership positions in Trinity Health. Most recently, Karadjoff was president and CEO of St. Joseph Mercy Hospital Port Huron since 2003. Before that, the 1982 Ferrington High School graduate spent 12 years in leadership roles at Providence Hospital in Southfield.

"It is great to be back home," he said Oct. 22, during a "meet and greet" lunch at the hospital, one of several such recent sessions. "The culture and spirit, the heart of Providence really has not

changed. It is an amazing organization."
His children were born at the Southfield hospital, and his mom received her final care at Providence. Karadjoff outlined plans for the Novi facility, with the current hospital opening in 2008. Population shifts increased local health care needs, he said, and civic leaders remain concerned about keeping all healthy.

"We are really stretched with the operating room" in Novi, he said, adding the facility is growing at 10 percent a year.

He cited the Michigan Ear Institute, doing cochlear implants and among the top such facilities nationwide. Stroke treatment is also very

advanced, with the ability to pull a clot from the brain.

In his comments, Karadjoff also touched on topflight orthopedics, as well as labor and delivery. The 200-bed hospital, with room to grow on a campus of over 200 acres, has come a long way from the first affiliated ambulatory center at 10 Mile and Haggerty in 1980.

"It's an evolving program and an evolving organization," with many physicians and an excellent Assarian Cancer Center affiliated with the University of Michigan.

"Getting healthy requires a lot of things," he said. The campus, part of the St. John Providence Health System, has

many natural elements and larger windows to help patients heal and feel better.

"We've had hospitals from across the country fly in to check us out," Karadjoff said.

Uniqueness

The Novi hospital is unusual, he said, in that it was born out of the Southfield site. "We're one hospital in two locations. We have a single medical staff."

Specialist doctors generally go to both hospitals, he explained. Karadjoff is proud of his organization's culture, faith-based roots and tradition of caring for the poor.

"That is worth more than the paycheck," he said. "What you do see is who you touch."

Karadjoff touched on the Affordable Care Act

and needs of an aging population in answering questions. He said he'd sent an e-mail to their top person and received a reply along the lines of all being well at Novi.

Touring the facility

Darlene Ephraim, director of occupational health, took around 20 lunch guests on a hospital tour Oct. 22. It included the emergency room, labor and delivery, the operating room area, and a patient room. All patient rooms are private in Novi with free TV, phone and parking.

Ephraim said the outpatient center on the current site opened in 1992.

"We're ready to expand," Karadjoff said after his comments, noting parts of the fifth and sixth floors are unfinished.

He is a St. Clair resident who earned a bachelor's degree from Western Michigan University and an M.B.A. from Wayne State University. His family is waiting for the youngest child to finish high school before relocating.

Karadjoff has been warmly welcomed. "Absolutely," he said with a smile. "This is a great community. Not only am I coming back to Providence, we're west

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Knocking down pins and socializing

Group gathers weekly at Novi Bowl for fun times

By Lonnie Huhman
Staff Writer

A group of family and friends have found a great place to gather each week to take a break from their busy lives and reconnect with each other.

It's a team of sorts, said Joan Capoccia, who has been a fan of bowling since she was in seventh grade. She's now 81, and for her it's become a great way to connect with her family and friends. They all

live in different locations around southeastern Michigan, and Novi Bowl (21700 Novi Road) became their meeting point.

"We have a lot of years of bowling (at least 100 combined), but not too many great scores,"

said Capoccia with a laugh. The group can change each week, but the core is Capoccia and her two daughters, Cathy Zeller and Marie Sords, as well as her daughter-in-law Sue Capoccia and her mother Jean Lopus. Around 4:30 p.m. on a Monday, one can find this group gathered at one of the lanes laughing and cheering each other on.

"This is a way for us to catch up each week, and it's also a lot of fun," said Zeller. "We do bowl, so we're improving a bit each week."

They said they love Novi Bowl because it's a great atmosphere - there are no distractions at that time of day, and the staff has always been really helpful. For Novi Bowl owner Jerry Harris, this is a great story.

"Bowling is about fun, and I think what they have going on is just a great way to socialize and have fun," Harris said. "It's a mini-reunion each week."

He also said it's still a relatively inexpensive way to have fun. And now that it is smoke-free, the bowling alley appeals to even a broad-

er range of people. For Capoccia and her group, it's a bit of exercise as well.

"It really is a good way to stay physically active because you can take it at your own pace, but it makes you move," she said. Another part of their tradition is to go to Guernsey's Restaurant for chicken dinner afterward.

And as Sords said as the group packed up their bowling balls and headed toward the door, it's "good, clean fun."

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Having some fun at Novi Bowl (l to r): Jean Lopus, Sue Capoccia, Cathy Zeller, Jean Capoccia and Marie Sords.

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McCotter staffers face trial on felony charges

By David Veselenak
Gannett Staff Writer

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she is remorseful for what she called "a single act of stupidity" and asked McCann to allow the loss of her reputation to be enough punishment. "There are no words to express the grievous remorse I feel for having put myself in this situation," she read. "I have always tried to be a person of integrity who answers when called, helps when asked and prays when I don't know what else I can do. "My reputation is something I value very much ... I failed my own standard of behavior. I take full responsibility for the momentary lapse in an otherwise ordinary and ethical life that has brought me here. If I could somehow go

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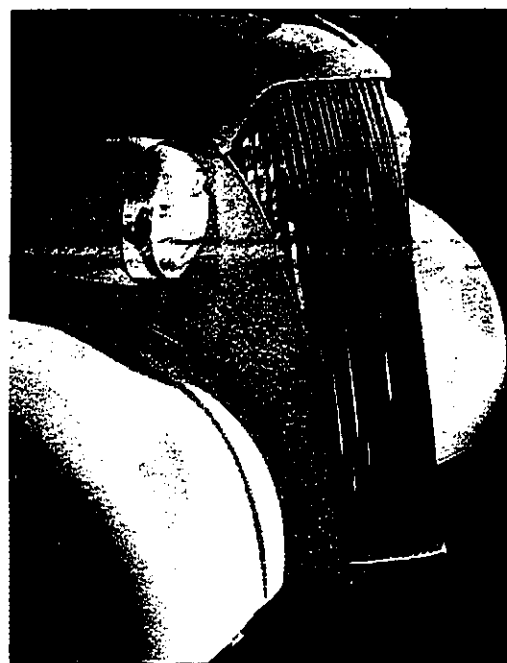
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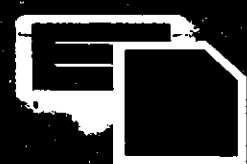
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Mike Grover helps down a costumed Lucas O'Brien, 3, from his firm Superior Materials' cement mixer during the Oct. 29 "Tricks and Trucks" event near the Novi Civic Center. Novi-area companies and its fire, police and ambulance corps had examples of their big rigs at the event and handed out candy to kids getting in some early trick or treating.



Jeannina Neff leads her little trick-or-treater along the Monday, Oct. 29 "Tricks and Trucks" event at the Novi Civic Center.

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Annie Ma leads her kids Sebastian, 6, and Allistair, 3, around to do some "trick-or-trunking" at Novi's Whitehall Healthcare Center. Staff like Hollie Stambersky, left, decorated and opened up their trunks and filled them with treats.

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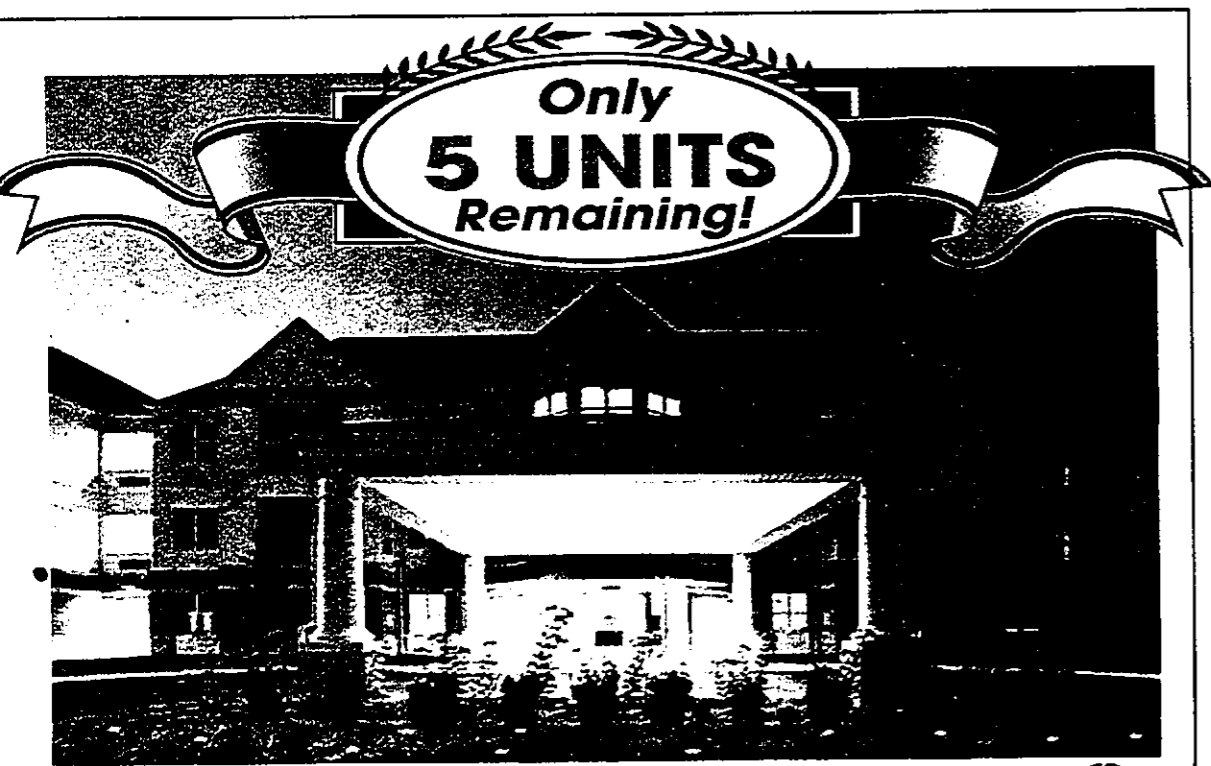
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Church's marathon team shatters fundraising goal

NorthRidge team reaches out to help in Zambia

By Darrell Clem
Observer Staff Writer

A NorthRidge Church marathon team has shattered its \$500,000 goal of raising money to bring clean water to two villages in Zambia, a landlocked nation in southern Africa where people are becoming sick or dying because they drink and use dirty water hauled miles from polluted ponds.

New figures show the Ridge Runners team from Canton, Plymouth, South Lyon, Novi, Northville, Detroit and other communities has raised \$544,274 — outstripping a goal that was set prior to the Oct. 7 Chicago Marathon.

Bryan Amann, a Canton resident and NorthRidge director of spiritual formation, shifted away from the credit much of the Ridge Runners and toward donors all across metro Detroit who supported the team's efforts to help Zambia through World Vision, a Christian relief organization.

"It's more a reflection of the people in our area who made the contributions," Amann said.

Child sponsors
NorthRidge members also sponsor nearly 3,000 African children every month through donations to World Vision.

World Vision President Rich Stearns, in a video address to NorthRidge senior pastor Brad Powell and his congregation, said the Plymouth-based church has set the bar high for



NorthRidge Church members (from left) Rita Thompson, Cathy Jordan and Kristen Hare run the Chicago Marathon to raise money to bring clean water to Zambia.

others.

"I could never have imagined what this church body was capable of," Stearns said in the video, posted on the NorthRidge website.

In one revealing statistic, the 228-member Ridge Runners team accounted for 14 percent of World Vision's 1,600 runners in the Chicago marathon. Yet the church's \$544,274 in donations, at last count, generated more than 30 percent of the \$1.7 million raised for the Christian relief organization.

World Vision and other marathon charities were amazed at metro Detroit's generosity, considering this area has been much harder hit by tough economic times than many other places, Amann said.

Ridge Runners captain Billy Downs of Novi said he and co-captain Tony Hobart had set the \$500,000 goal because they believed NorthRidge could attain it.

"We never gave up on that goal, but certainly the team blew past it," Downs said. "We're so proud of everybody for all the efforts they gave. It was just an amazing thing."

New plan
Already, Downs said, the Ridge Runners team has begun to plan to run the Detroit Marathon next year partly for Life Remodeled, a non-profit organization that builds houses for struggling families in Detroit and suburban communities such as Redford, Westland, Farmington

Hills and Southfield.

"We think it will be a great project," Downs said, saying anyone interested may contact him at tribillydowns@gmail.com.

Meanwhile, Ridge Runners had begun training last January for the 26.2-mile Chicago Marathon, though injuries forced some to sit out the actual event. In all, 228 team members made the starting line.

"We only had two people who did not make it across the finish line," Amann said. "We trained and we worked hard, and thank God people really took it seriously."

Aside from helping bring clean water amenities to the Zambia villages of Moyo and Hamaundu, NorthRidge runners had personal reasons for raising money and running the marathon. Some did it in memory of family members they have

lost; others who have young children wanted to help youngsters much less fortunate than their own.

Prior to the marathon, Canton mother Sarah Miller had summed up how many Ridge Runners felt when she said her family didn't get to choose where they were born — and neither did the people of Zambia.

"I don't have to worry about dirty water killing my children," she said.

Before the race, a small group of the NorthRidge team had

gone to a Canton Township Board of Trustees meeting to discuss their participation in the Chicago Marathon. Supervisor Phil LaJoy commended the Ridge Runners for "doing good work."

NorthRidge's philanthropic efforts have stretched from Detroit to the post-Hurricane Katrina Gulf Coast to countries such as Colombia, India, Croatia, Haiti, Nicaragua and the Philippines. The church's initiative to bring wells and other clean-water amenities to Zambia came after

Hobart, the Ridge Runners' co-captain, had a conversation last year with a World Vision representative while visiting Zambia.

Now that NorthRidge runners have proved they can meet a goal as large as the one for Zambia, they say they are motivated to continue their efforts to change the world, both close to home and oceans away.

"This is a beginning," Amann said, "not an ending."

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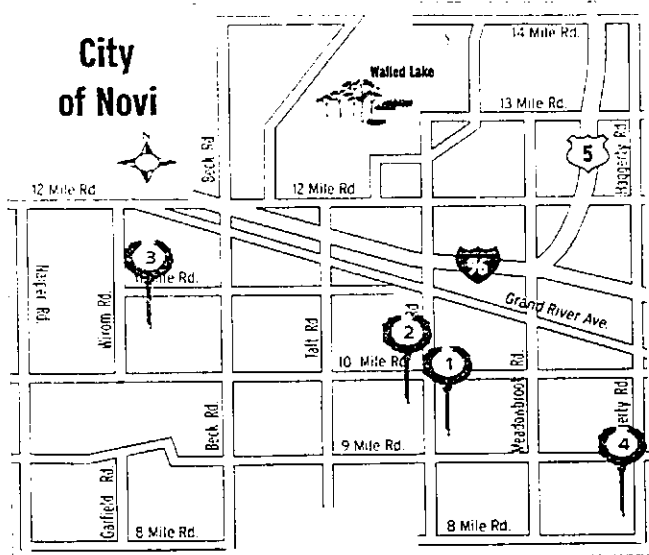
NOVI POLICE BRIEFS

Breaking and entering at Town and Country Eyecare

1 An unknown suspect(s) broke into the vision center sometime on Oct. 18-19 and stole over \$25,000 in merchandise.

According to the Novi Police report, around 40-50 pairs of Maui Jim sunglasses, 40 or so eyeglass frames, and five pairs of Gucci frames were stolen. The break-in was discovered by an employee who found the store's electricity out and numerous items missing.

Police found evidence of pry marks on the front exterior door and the surveillance system had been taken as well.



B&E at Novi Road business

2 An attempted breaking and entering was reported at 2396S Novi Road after an employee at the location found a piece of aluminum pried from a door.

The location had an alarm system in place, and it appeared no entry was made, but other pieces of aluminum used to secure the door were found. Police said some sort of tool was used to take them off.

3 Dinsers Flowers and Greenhouse went to police to report that someone had either thrown or hit two golf balls through the roof of two greenhouses.

The business, which is located at 24501 Dinsers Drive, had another incident occur on either Oct. 18-19. Previously, they found another golf ball broken through a separate greenhouse.

Disorderly Conduct

4 A man was arrested for disorderly conduct after making a scene

outside the Hilton Garden Inn.

On Oct. 20, Novi police were dispatched to the Inn and found a woman and man verbally arguing in the parking lot. The man was acting hysterical and screaming expletives. There were a number of witnesses, including children.

Police said the man appeared to be drunk, but he refused to take a breathalyzer.

Compiled by staff writer Lonnie Huhman.

Duczynski completes Staff and Command program

The Novi Fire Department announced the recent graduation of Training Officer Philip C. Duczynski from the School of Fire Staff and Command at Eastern Michigan University.

Duczynski successfully completed over 350 hours of competency-based management-oriented education during the 10-month Staff and Command program.

The School of Fire Staff and Command takes the fire officer beyond traditional operation methods and exposes them to conceptual thinking and problem solving. The knowledge, skills and abilities learned assist students in problem analysis, management situations, project management, grant funding projects, managing fiscal budgets, and managing personnel matters.

"I am particularly proud of Phil as



Duczynski

an outstanding member of the Novi Fire Department and his significant academic accomplishment," noted Director of Public Safety and Chief of Police David E. Molloy. "The program provides fire officers with the education and training needed to strengthen their leadership capabilities with the Novi Fire Department and ensures enhanced resources to the citizens of Novi."

Duczynski has served as a member of the Novi Fire Department since 1997 and was promoted to training officer in 2011. He is currently taking courses at Columbia Southern University to attain his bachelor's degree.

Sgt. Baetens graduates from EMU school

The Novi Police Sergeant Scott Baetens graduated from the School of Police Staff and Command (SPSC) at Eastern Michigan University on Oct. 26.

Baetens graduated third in the class of 20 law enforcement professionals and served as class president. This class represented 17 different communities from southeast Michigan participating in the ten month program.

"The SPSC program was a great opportunity for me to learn the next level of law enforcement management," said Baetens. "I look forward to bringing new knowledge back to the Novi Police Department and sharing it throughout the organization."



Baetens

Baetens began his career with the Novi Police Department in 2001 after graduating from Michigan State University with a bachelor's degree in criminal justice. During his time with the Novi Police Department, Baetens has held numerous assignments, including serving as a field training officer and detective. He is currently working toward a master's degree in technology studies at Eastern Michigan University with a concentration in homeland security and emergency management.

SHOOTINGS

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tion to the shootings are untrue. He said a man was arrested after a state police trooper stopped his vehicle for a traffic violation and learned the man had outstanding warrants for child support and was driving on a suspended driver's license.

That motorist, 30-year-old construction worker Grant Elliott of Brighton, told Detroit media that police told him he was "pulled over because he fits the description of the shooter."

"He was an unfortunate individual in a black Cavalier and a trooper made an unrelated traffic stop," said Shaw, who did not confirm Elliott's identity.

Authorities said more than 100 officers are dedicated to finding the shooter or shooters, and they are following up on more than 600 tips. Those officers have beefed up patrols along the I-96 corridor from Oakland to Ingham counties.

Law enforcement officers have stopped male drivers in dark vehicles that resemble a 1998 Oldsmobile Alero or Toyota Camry, which have been reported as possible suspect vehicles by victims. Reports also have identified the vehicle as a Ford Mustang.

The majority of the shootings occurred Oct. 16-18 in Oakland, Livingston, Ingham and Shiawassee counties. The two most recent incidences occurred Saturday on I-96 near the Fowlerville exit.

All but one victim — a man talking out his garbage in the Wixom area — have been motorists.

Seven of the shootings have been linked forensically, but police believe all the incidences are connected.

No injuries had been reported until Saturday when a 46-year-old Barry County man was struck in the buttocks when a bullet hit his vehicle as he traveled east on I-96, heading to the World Series game in Detroit.

That victim, Scott Arnold, 46, told the Detroit Free Press that

the bullet just missed an artery and major nerves. "It was pure luck... I feel very, very fortunate, and my kids do, too," said Arnold, who lives in Delton, which is northeast of Kalamazoo.

Shooter profile

FBI Special Agent in Charge Robert D. Foley III said at the Wixom news conference that investigators are putting together a profile of the shooter.

Investigators said they are not ready to release any details until a complete profile can be done, but they are pleading with anyone who has information to come forward.

Shaw said police have received reports of parents keeping their children out of school as a result of the recent shootings. He and other law

enforcement officials, however, encouraged citizens to go about their usual day-to-day business.

"People need to continue to live their lives," Wixom Public Safety Director Clarence Goodlein said. "People need not to be intimidated and influenced by this man and his behavior. You can't let any type of terror or other type of experience you fear to keep you from continuing your daily life."

When asked how confident the task force is about catching the shooter, Goodlein replied: "We're going to catch the man. It's just a matter of time."

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TIMELINE OF THE SHOOTINGS

- Police said the highway shooter has randomly targeted people in 24 separate shootings as of Monday.
- The following is a timeline:
- Oct. 16: The first incident was reported in Wixom.
- Oct. 17-18: The shootings spread through Livingston County and into Ingham County, with at least 16 cases reported Oct. 18. No injuries were reported.
- Oct. 19: A multijurisdictional task force is created to investigate the shootings.
- Oct. 22: The number of reported incidents grew to 22, including shootings in Shiawassee County.
- Oct. 24: The multijurisdictional task force announced that ballistics evidence linked the Wixom and Livingston County incidents to the same weapon, which police later said could be a 9 mm handgun. Officials also announced a \$12,000 reward for information leading to the arrest and conviction of the person or persons responsible.
- Around noon Saturday: Delton resident Scott Arnold, 46, becomes the first victim hit by a bullet while traveling eastbound on Interstate 96 near Fowlerville. A separate incident had occurred about 30 minutes prior to Arnold being shot.
- 9 a.m. Monday: A woman reports that her vehicle was shot as she traveled southbound on U.S. 23 near the Interstate 96 interchange. Michigan State Police and other officers swarmed the area in the hopes of finding a suspect. No injuries were reported. Police have since said the woman's vehicle was struck by a "projectile," but was not shot and is not believed to be connected to the roadway shooter.
- 2:30 p.m. Monday: The Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives and FBI announced that each agency is contributing \$50,000 to the reward being offered for information leading to the arrest and conviction of the individual or individuals responsible for the I-96 corridor shootings. This brings the reward to \$102,000.

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Creative crafters encouraged to participate in Light Up the Night

The City of Novi Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services Department will host the third annual arts and crafts show as part of the popular Light Up the Night event. The craft show will take place from 6-9 p.m. Friday, Nov. 30 at the Novi Civic Center.

More than 2,000 people are expected to attend to event.

The cost to participate in the show \$30 and includes two tables

and two chairs. Electricity is also available for an additional \$5 cost. Crafters keep all proceeds from the evening. Interested people should complete an application, which can be found at cityofnovi.org or the Novi Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services Office, located at 45175 West Ten Mile Road. The deadline for submitting applications is Friday, Nov. 9.

In addition to the craft show, Light Up the Night includes live entertainment, photo opportunities with Santa, refreshments, family activities. For more information, call the Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services Department at (248) 347-0400 or visit cityof-novi.org.

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Barry Johnson of the Michigan Brewer's Guild pours a beer at the Oct. 17 Michigan Restaurant Show at Novi's Suburban Collection Showplace. The three-day event featured lots of food suppliers, kitchen equipment, entertainment solutions and an entire aisle featuring Michigan-made products.



International Foods and Ingredients sales woman Kristin Wood hawks some dessert wares at the Oct. 17 Michigan Restaurant Show at Novi's Suburban Collection Showplace. Wood's display was featuring a line of Peruvian chocolates.



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Musician Bill Hart entertains an Oct. 25 gathering at the Novi Library with his "Big Band Memories." The former University of Oakland math professor played a number of tunes from that era and some musical theatre standards and told of his experiences playing with Marvin Hamlish, Tony Bennett and Chubby Checker.

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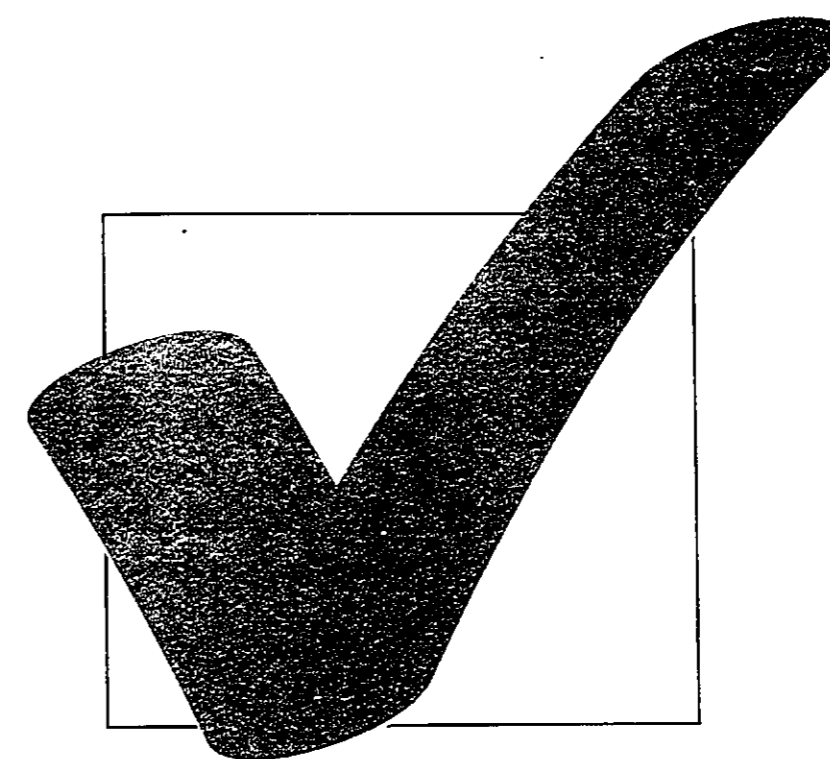
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'Cats advance to first semifinal since 1998 state championship



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Wildcat Alyssa Stark dives on Oct. 26 at the KLAA championships hosted by Novi High.

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Wherever he went on Oct. 25, Don Nakashima was shadowed and pressured by two Ann Arbor Skyline players.

Top-ranked East Kentwood stands between No. 16 Novi and title game

By Chris Jackett
Correspondent

After turning out four consecutive playoff nailbiters, Novi's regional soccer final was slightly less dramatic.

Ranked No. 16 in Division I, the Wildcats (17-3-3) defeated unranked Ann Arbor Skyline (16-4-3) by a score of 2-0 in the state quarterfinal after taking a 1-0 lead 14:29 into the game on a set piece.

Junior Max Kura took a corner kick from the right side and lofted the ball over everyone in the

goal box to senior Tyler Holt in the back end of the box, who volleyed it toward the right post for a header into the goal by senior teammate Mitch Adams.

"Set pieces are big for us," Novi coach Brian O'Leary said. "We have players who are good in the air. We have people who can throw the ball far for us, multiple people. We spend a lot of time on setting up our set pieces. We had everyone on an assigned spot and we got it perfect and we got a goal because of it."

Skyline increased their offensive

pressure, getting chances from junior Josh Carn-Saferstein, sophomore Alec Lasinski and junior Reid Tennant, but failed to convert due to several big stops by Adams and Novi senior netminder Andy Netter.

"They have a great team and a lot of individuals that can beat you one on one," O'Leary said. "I thought we used a little bit of a bend, but don't break philosophy there."

Adams, Netter and the Novi defense were called upon again and

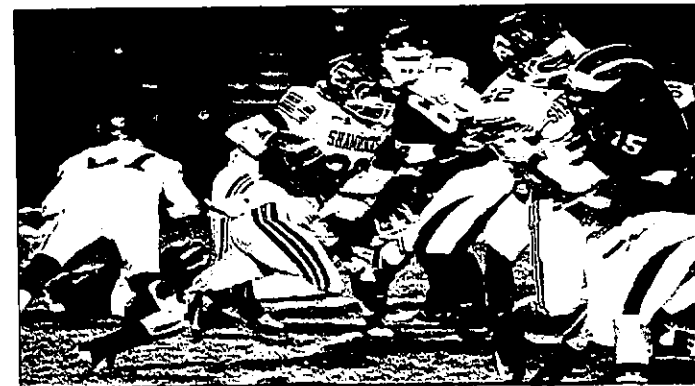
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Catholic Central survives first playoff test Shamrocks upend high-scoring Hartland with strong defensive showing

By Sam Eggleston
Correspondent

If Detroit Catholic Central senior Jon Malone likely knows his scripture and following his football team's victory over Hartland in the first round of the playoffs his favorite passage is likely Revelations 22:13. "I am Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the end, the first and the last," reads the King James Bible.

Malone was indeed the beginning and the end in the contest against the high-scoring Eagles. He returned the



CC's Anthony Darkangelo slices through the Hartland defense en route to a 21-15 Shamrock victory.

Please see FOOTBALL, B5

Mallory Buha breaks two division meet records Wildcats claim fourth in division

By Chris Jackett
Correspondent

Look to redeem four KLAA Central Division losses by between two and four points, Novi's girls swim and dive team got a few shots in at the division meet last weekend.

Although the Wildcats (3-6, 0-4 Central) finished fourth of five teams with 421.5 points, they were just 2.5 points back from Plymouth Salem (2-2, 2-2 Central) for third and 22.5 back from runners-up South Lyon Unified (5-2, 3-1 Central). Northville (8-0, 4-0 Central) won with 619.5 points, while Livonia Stevenson (1-3, 1-3 Central) fell behind with 290 points.

The highlight of the day was sophomore Mallory Buha, who set division meet records while winning both the 100 butterfly in 58.23 seconds and 100 backstroke in 58.34 seconds.

The 100 fly was a favorite for the Wildcats, as senior sister Maranda Buha finished second in 1:00.21 and senior Kelsey Shurmur took third in 1:01.46. The 'Cats also got two more top-10 finishes

ON TAP
Novi's girls swim and dive squad (3-6) is set to visit South Lyon East 6 p.m. Friday and noon Saturday for the Kensington Conference meet before diving Regionals Nov. 13 and the Nov. 16-17 state meet.

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Anything memorable about what you have done in your industry?

"ProtectCell looks for ways to be 'first, best and only' in the wireless protection industry," said Finnerty. "The company is proud of the fact that in 2008, we removed the inconvenient 30-day waiting period that was typical in the insurance industry. By removing the waiting period, ProtectCell customers have the peace of mind from day one that if anything happens, ProtectCell will be there to keep them talking, texting, tweeting, surfing or anything else on their wireless device. Once ProtectCell established that level of service, everyone else in the industry followed. That was a pretty big deal."

"ProtectCell was also the first company to offer a choice of purchasing protection plans on a monthly basis or, as a way to save money, on an upfront payment for one or two years of service," said Emery. "ProtectCell also was first to market protection plans that also included additional benefits beyond traditional



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Rob Emery, left, and Bryan Finnerty operate Novi's "Protect Cell" business out of their High Pointe Blvd. suite. The firm looks to ensure the physical and informational protection of clients' cell phones.

phone replacement. The company is constantly coming up with unique, integrated and competitive mobile wireless protection services and benefits. We try to develop and bring these to market specifically based on the consumers needs in a very quickly changing market. We are really known for putting the customer first and we plan on keeping it that way."

Why did you choose this area for your business?
 "We both live in the area," said Finnerty, "and Rob and I both believe in a work/life balance. It made sense to start the company close to home. We both are active in the area as well, have done a lot of charity work, and it made sense to start the business near where we live and where we play. We were also starting out at a time when the Michigan economy was really hurting. With a lot of people out of work, we had a great pool of talent to choose from as we started hiring. We still have a great population to draw from as we continue to grow. People in Michigan have a great work ethic and take pride in their work. That kind of thinking had a lot to do with getting this company off the ground."

Do you have a tidbit or story about your experience as a small business owner to share with our readers?
 "There are so many stories we could share," said Finnerty. "Everyone asks us if we knew the business would grow to this extent. We knew we had a great idea, but the success has surpassed anything we could have dreamed of. We both remember when we first launched the business and we were watching during those first few weeks to see how many customers signed up for ProtectCell. Rob and I were together on

What makes your business unique?
 "I will tell you what our customers often tell us - that we 'get it,'" said Finnerty. "When someone loses their cell phone, it isn't just a piece of equipment that is gone - it's peace of mind and connectivity. Research will tell you that customers often feel 'disconnected and cut off' when they don't have their phones. And we are a company that has shown we understand that. We both knew that building a company to replace cell phones was not really about replacing cell phones. It was about reclaiming peace of mind, getting people connected again."

Name something about the business you are proud of.
 "Mission 321," said Finnerty. "I have always wanted to do something like this and this year we finally put this philanthropic program together. Mission 321 makes monetary donations to local and national charities and employees decide where the money goes. It also allows every ProtectCell employee to take 20 hours of their work time each year

a Saturday afternoon, and we kept hitting the 'refresh button' on the computer until we saw that we had 20 customers signed up! For three consecutive days prior we were stuck at 19! We were so excited. You would have thought we won the lottery! Last November, we signed our one-millionth customer. It has been quite a ride and we know we are just getting started."

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 Names/Titles: Bryan Finnerty, co-founder and CEO; Rob Emery, co-founder
 Hometown: Wolverine Lake (Finnerty) and Village of Orchard Lake (Emery)
 Business Opened: 2006
 Number of Employees: 70
 Your Business Specialty: "ProtectCell is the industry leader in offering a suite of integrated products and services designed to enhance, optimize and protect the consumers' wireless lifestyle," said Emery. "The company not only protects the customer's mobile device, but also safeguards everything that is 'in' the device, such as personal data, contacts and pictures. The whole team at ProtectCell understands that it isn't the phone that is mobile; it's the phone's owner. Our company dedicates itself to getting that person mobile again. That is our specialty."
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to help at a nonprofit, charity, or school, and an additional 20 hours a year to invest in doing something for themselves. We really want to show our employees and the community that this is a company that understands about

giving back.
 Any advice for business owners?
 "Learn to separate yourself from the day-to-day of your business," said Emery. "You need to step back and focus on the key factors that impact your business in order to grow the company. You can't possibly do it all yourself. Seek out people who are smarter than you, and while providing guidance and direction, empower them and turn them loose to drive to day-to-day business."
 "Know what you are good at and stick to it," said Finnerty. "I am not talking about something you like, but something that you are actually good at. I am really good at assembling high performing teams and really good with numbers. But, I also know to address my weaknesses and address them by having high performing people around me to do those things. Rob knows the wireless industry. He is the one who comes up with the amazing ideas. We are a great contrast and a great balance for each other and for the business."
 What's in store for the future of your business?
 "As the wireless industry continues to change and expand, ProtectCell hopes to see a bit ahead of the curve and be there with products and services that our dealers will be proud to sell and consumers will find valuable," said Emery.

NOVI BUSINESS BRIEFS

Lakes Area Chamber hosting 4th annual EXPO, TASTE & FUN Fest

Lakes Area Chamber of Commerce members have joined together as participants in the Chamber's 4th Annual EXPO, TASTE & FUN Fest to be held at Walled Lake Central High School from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 3. The event is open to the public.

The \$5 admission price includes a TASTE ticket which enables the ticket holder to sample foods from all TASTE Fest participants: Bayside Sports Bar & Grill; Casey's of Walled Lake; CJ's Brewing Company; Cooley Lake Inn; Dickey's Barbecue Pit; Edible Arrangements; Fiesta Fajitas; Hungry Howie's Pizza & Subs; Leo's Coney Island; The Lakes Bar & Grille; and Wonderland Lanes' Mad Hatter Pub.

Children under 12 are free. Additional taste tickets can be purchased at the event. Discount coupons for 50 percent off the admission price are available at participating businesses, as well as at the Lakes Area Chamber of Commerce office at 305 N. Pontiac Trail, Suite A, in Walled Lake.

In addition to hourly prize drawings, new cars and trucks will be on display in the school's parking lot. Indoors, children will be entertained by a face painter, as well as Magic Joe, a professional magician.

Novi becomes sixth outlet for Fanatic U

Fanatic U opened the doors to its sixth location at 25875 Novi Road in Novi, said

Greg Every, owner. The new Novi location is in the City Center Plaza at Grand River Avenue and Novi Road. The 2,800 square foot store will soon boast several big screen TVs. Visit www.FanaticU.com for more information.

Cooper Standard debuts global Performance Products Group at AAPEX

Novi-based Cooper Standard marked its inaugural trip to the 2012 Automotive Aftermarket Products Expo (AAPEX) with the debut of its global Performance Products Group during the Oct. 29-Nov. 1 expo in Las Vegas. Products showcased at the event included sealing systems, thermal and emissions systems, fluid delivery systems, anti-vibration systems, sheeting, industrial lubrication and workshop equipment.

The Performance Products Group combines the former businesses of StanPro in North America, Metzeler Technical Rubber Products and Specialty Products Group in Europe and Tecalemit in Australia to address the significant global growth in sectors adjacent to the light vehicle market. The group will be managed by an experienced and dedicated Cooper Standard leadership team and capitalize on upcoming growth opportunities in the aftermarket, as well as other key areas, such as commercial vehicle, off-highway, power sports, marine, construction and other specialty markets.

"The rapid growth of non-traditional Cooper Standard markets creates an excellent opportunity for the company to leverage its technical capabilities to provide more solutions to this segment of customers," said Allen Campbell, chief financial officer of Cooper Standard and executive champion for the Performance Products Group. "For example, as the commercial truck market grows in emerging markets there will be an increased demand for improved comfort and performance. With the formation of our Performance Products Group, Cooper Standard now has the infrastructure to effectively and efficiently meet this demand."

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Getting to know you: Realtors mix business, pleasure



Tony Schipps, Greater Metropolitan Association of Realtors president, and Doug Whitehouse, a GMAR member, visit at the event.



Aidan Cristbrook is the son of James Cristbrook, one of GMAR's members. Motorcycles were part of the fun at the GMAR event.

Realtors were out in full force at an Oct. 16 "BBQ and Brawl" at Lockhart's BBQ in Royal Oak.

The event was among those in which Realtor Tony Schipps of Coldwell Banker Preferred of Plymouth, current president of the Greater Metropolitan Association of Realtors, is meeting new members.

"This was another one of those events," said Dale E. Smith, chief executive officer of GMAR, which was formed through the merger of the Western Wayne Oakland Coun-

ty Association of Realtors and Metropolitan Consolidated Association of Realtors. The new association has over 3,000 new members, Smith said.

"We've been putting on a series of breakfasts," Smith said, along with the Oct. 16 barbecue, also a fundraiser for the Realtor Political Action Committee.

"It was really a nice venue," Smith said of Lockhart's BBQ. About 50 members attended

Oct. 16.

The event was sponsored by the KPAC Riders Club, which raises money both for charity and the PAC.

Motorcycles were present. "The kids there had a good time having their pictures taken on the motorcycles," he said.

The local PAC's goals that relate to the public are allowing homeowners underwrite on a mortgage to keep or transfer a home. The Realtors

are also focused on extending times allowed to file for property tax relief, now twice yearly.

"For each person affected, it's saved them thousands of dollars in taxes," Smith said.

The region's Realtors are also working with the Michigan State Housing Development Authority on Neighborhood Stabilization Programs efforts, he added.

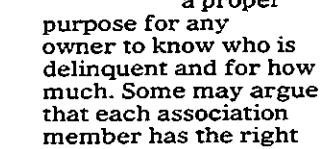
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Guest Columnist

Q: The question we have for our association is whether a member can inspect another member's assessment records. Do you have a specific answer?

A: No. I think the situation depends upon the status of the delinquency. Obviously, if the matter is in litigation or a lien has been filed, these are a matter of public record and there is no undue invasion of privacy. On the other hand, there would have to be a proper



Robert Meisner

purpose for any owner to know who is delinquent and for how much. Some may argue that each association member has the right to know who has paid assessments and who owes monies, and how much, similar to public property tax records. To the extent that members are entitled to review association books and records under the Condominium and Non-Profit Corporation Act, they would have a right to inspect these records. This is an issue which may be up in the air and your attorney must advise you on the best course of action.

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A: I most certainly think it would, and based on a recent case out of Delaware, the Supreme Court agreed finding that a breach of fiduciary duty by the agent elevating his own interests above those of his principal and failing to disclose that the conflict created by the resale arrangement was a breach of fiduciary duty. Moreover, the fact that the agent had gotten a waiver did not shield the agent because he did not act as a dual agent representing the buyer and seller in the same transaction. Instead, in that case, he represented two sellers in two different sales earning a second, higher commission on the second sale which likely caused him to subordinate the first seller's interests to his own. Moreover, the court said that if the owner knew of the intended resale, she could have set a higher price for the house.

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Crossword Puzzle Bottoms Up

ACROSS
1 Like positive numbers
10 "Pegged"
16 To, as a bell
20 Person at the helm
21 "Om" e.g.
22 River of the "Prince Igor"
25 Highlight it
28 Musical rewording: Abbr.
28 Most macabre
30 Martial arts member
31 Baseball's all-time leader in stolen bases
37 Throws back
40 Giant in insurance type
41 Glancing piercingly
43 Syr.
45 Suffix with east or west

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