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ArtsNovi presents Go Figure frm 6:30-8 p.m. Friday, Nov. 2, in the Novi Civic Center Atrium (45175 W. 10 Mile Road), featuring decadent desserts, art work on display (and for sale) by ArtsNovi artists and a silent auction.

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 dealer-ship will donate \$20 per test drive.

There will be 8-10 cars available for each of the test drive sessions. Addition-ally, 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

Grant to help low-income residents Novi has over \$80,000 to receiving direct assistance by way which represents an increase of of shelter assistance, crisis inter-\$13,189 from prior years. And vention as well as services from 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 com-munity 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 Čity 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,

\$5,000 and \$7,000 will be direct-ed 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

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, grantfunded, 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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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 bal-

lot loaded with candi-

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

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By Lisa Roose-Church Gannett News Service

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 shoot-ings 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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dates 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.

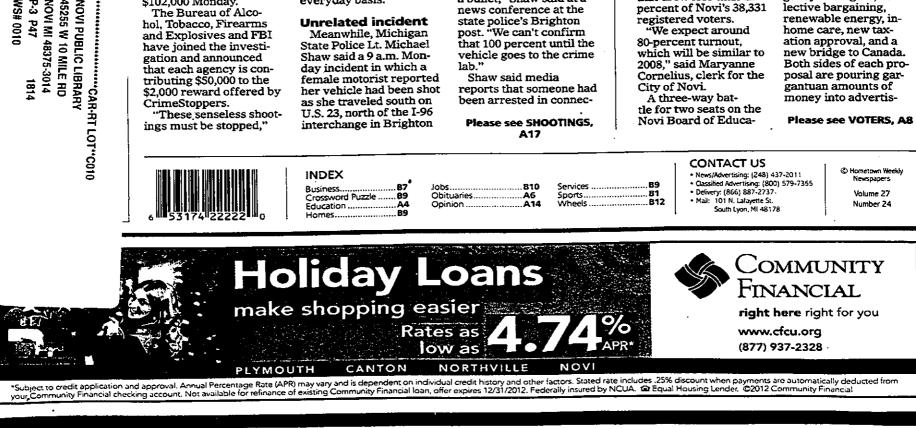
And the polls, which will be open from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m., are expect-ed to be far busier than the August primary that drew less than 22 percent of Novi's 38,331 registered voters.

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

tle for two seats on the Novi Board of Educatwo-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, inhome 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'

By Julie Brown

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 Farmington 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 vear.

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

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

many natural elements and larger windows to help patients heal and feel better. 'We've had hospitals from across the country ly 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's proud of his organization's culture, faithbased 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 it's likely the Southfield location in particular will have more of a focus on geriatrics.

Karadjoff also touched on recent media reports of a merger with Catho-: Health Care East, saying 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 occupation al 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's 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's waiting for the youngest child to finish high school before relocating.

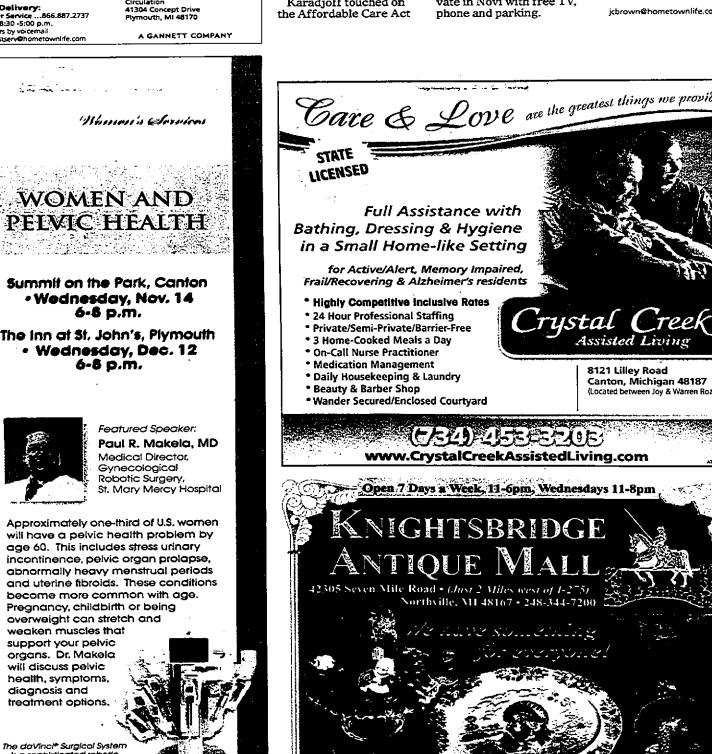
Karadjoff has been warmly welcomed. "Absolutely," he said with a smile. "This is a great community. Not only am I coming back to Providence, we're west siders."

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Knocking down pins and socializing

Group gathers weekly at Novi Bowl for fun times

By Lonnie Huhmar Staff Writer

each other

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

A bowling alley. 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-inlaw 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 are improving a bit each

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 social ize 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 broader range of people. For Capoccia and her group. it's a bit of exercise as

"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 (I to r): Jean Lopus, Sue Capoccia, Cathy Zeller, Jean Capoccia and Marie Sords

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Novi prepares students to handle

By Steve Matthews Guest Columnist

y family moved into a house in Albuquerque, N.M., on Memorial Day 1960. Over the years changes were made to the house. A garage was added. The den was expanded. A back porch was covered. The dirt driveway was paved. The willow tree that dominated the front yard was cut

down. Fifty-two years later, my Mom has decided that the house has erved its purpose



and she is ready to move. So, on Oct. 25, she moves out. After my Dad passed away three ears ago, my Mom lecided to stay in the house until she could figure out what she wanted to do. She probably also wanted to stay in the place

where she and my Dad had spent the majority of their married life together. Now, three years later, she is ready to move forward. After 52

years calling one place home, my Mom will have a new address. It will not be easy for my Mom. It will not be easy for me. I have always had that house as my home. Now I won't.

Knowing the next step is not as easy as one might expect it to be. Without an idea of where you are headed it is sometimes hard to figure out what to do.

That is true for an individual and it is true for an organization. For my Mom, she needed to spend some time thinking about what she wanted her life to be like. It was not easy, and it made her reflect on what she valued, but now she has a pretty good idea of what she wants

from life. She is ready to commit to living her life in a new place. In our school district we do much the same thing. We spend time thinking about what we want life in our schools to be like. It requires time and we have to reflect on what we value. Then we have to commit ourselves to living the life that we have envisioned.

I firmly believe that we have a clear vision of what we want our schools to be like and what we value. We have identified four district goals that focus on student achievement and organizational quality. Our school district is committed to making sure that every student that we serve receives a high quality education and is proved with a variety of opportunities.

In order to achieve our goals, we have to create a culture throughout the district that welcomes students, that communicates clearly that we care about students, and that helps students understand that we will provide the support and challenge that they need to excel. We have to budget well, plan well, and monitor our progress. Our goal is to develop each student's potential so that they can always feel confident as they take the next step in their life. Life moves forward. As my Mom has found out, the end of one peri-od in life means the beginning of another period in life.

Here in our schools we understand the importance of ensuring that we provide our students with the skills and knowledge that they will need to be prepared as life unfolds before them.

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Novi Woods Elementary School teacher Barb Ray leads a procession of students and holds hands with student Diego Grijal-Vabarrera on Oct. 3 for the school's an-nual "Walk to School Day." Even though they were already at school, all students, teachers and parents attending got a chance to walk through the school's neighborhood to promote a healthy way to get around the community.

Critter Jubilee

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Critter Jubilee took place Oct. 18, connecting science and language arts with fourth graders at Novi Woods performing a variety of insect and critter poems in a fun, fluent way. The students were responsible to fluently read their poems with expression, create costumes, incorporate motions or song into the poem and perform it on stage for an audience of parents and students grades K-4. Shown are Alex Roznowski, Albert Shin, Matthew Gustitus and Raymond Wu performing a praying mantis poem for the audience.

Health and hockey

The Detroit Red Wings Foundation, Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan and the Kroger Company of Michigan partnered to bring the Red Wings School Assembly Program to 115 elementary schools during the 2012-13 season, including Novi's Hickory Woods Elementary on Oct. 22. Pictured is Ms. Burrill's second grade class. The program is a street and floor hockey initiative that began in 2010 to introduce kids to the sport of hockey and encourage an active and healthy lifestyle. During each visit, the school assembly team opens the program with a lesson on exercise and healthy eating tips, followed by a fun face-off between teachers and students during a hockey shootout competition. Each school receives two full sets of floor hockey equipment complete with hockey sticks and goalie nets courtesy of the Detroit Red Wings Foundation, as well as a Red Wings folder and a Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan keepsake magnet that lists five fun afterschool activities.

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Parkview Elementary School kindergartners take part in the school's Oct. 3 "Fun



JOHN HEIDER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER Deerfield Elementary School students run around the school's gymnasium on Oct. 19 during its Sprit Week-ending Fun Run.

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Fox Run earns fitness bronze

Fox Run retirement community captured a bronze medal for its participation in a month-long fitness project held at Erickson Living-managed communities nationwide in

AZZOLI, RICHARD

A long time resident of Highland Twp., died on October 22, 2012,

at the age of 77. He is survived by Louise, his beloved wife of

over fifty-two years; sons, Eric

(Lori) Azzoli and Greg (Amy) Azzoli; grandchildren, Adrianne, Anthony, Lauren, Rachel, Marie,

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256,965 miles, effectively circling the globe at the Equator more than 10 times. A total of 212 Fox Run residents, staff, family and friends participated in the project held last month.

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walked 21.903.36 total miles which is just shy of the circumference of earth at the equator (24,901.55 miles). As a community. Fox Run also walked in 12 states and 4 countries including Canada, Italy, Argentina and Australia. Individual Fox Run

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results included: most recruits - Noni St. Amand. 16; Geri Angel, 11; June Owen, 8; most individual miles - Gerri Flowers, 480 miles: Roy Birmingham. 477.25 miles; Ralph Rays, 398 miles. The winner of the FRV building challenge for most

Free parks entry on Veterans Day

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Oakland County Parks and Recreation will offer free park entry on Sunday, Nov. 11 to all guests in honor of Veterans' Day, including Lvon Oaks County Park at 52221 Pontiac Trail in Wixom.

Salvation Army Farmington Hills seeking bell ringers

The Salvation Army Farmington Hills Community Corps Center is seeking energetic individuals to spread Christmas cheer and help those in need by ringing a bell for The Sal vation Army's 2012 Red Kerrle Campaign.

Applications are currently being accepted for volunteer and paid shifts. Shifts are available from Nov. 9 to Dec. 24. Sundays excluded. Paid five-hour shifts begin at \$8 per hour. Depending on the site, volunteer shifts range from two to four hours.

Individuals can volunteer at nine area sites including Twelve Oaks Mall, Busch's Market, Kroger and Walmart. Paid bell ringers can ring at a variety of 42 local sites through-

out Farmington Hills, New Hudson, Novi, South Lyon, Southfield and Milford. Those interested in volunteering for The Salvation Army Farmington Hills Community Corps

Center can visit www.reg istertoring.com/salmich or call (248) 477-1153 ext. 12. Applications are accepted between 10 a.m. and noon and 1-3:30 p.m. Monday-Friday at 27500 Shiawassee

Funds collected at red kettles go toward The Salvation Army's 2012 Red Kettle Campaign goal of \$8.5 million. Donations collected will allow The Salvation Army Farmington Hills to continue to Do the Most Good by providing a wide range of servicparticipation was Fountain es throughout the year to those in need within the community. The annual campaign

runs from Nov. 9 through Jan. 31. To make a tax deductible contribution to The Salvation Army Red Kettle Campaign:

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Art Institute of Michigan in Novi hosts job fair

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The Art Institute of Michigan will host an upcoming job fair on Nov. 13 to allow local employers an opportunity to review Art Institute students portfolios which range from culinary to graphic design.

Participants will be provided the opportunity to interface with students for internships, part-time and full-time positions. Art Institute offers excellent candidates with specific training in fashion marketing and management, graphic design, animation, web design, photography, culinary, baking and pastry, interior design, and audio For more informa-

tion and to RSVP, contact Michelle Trevino, career services, at (248) 675-3849 or mtrevino@aii.edu. The Art Institute of Michigan is located at 28175 Cabot Drive in Novi.

Rodeo-style competition featured

The annual fall Novi Equestrian Expo will be returning to the Suburban Collection Showplace Nov. 9-11. This year's event will feature a Dancing with the Horses Show, which will be actionpacked and will delight audiences with spectacular dance performances that will showcase the skills and talents of the rider and horse.

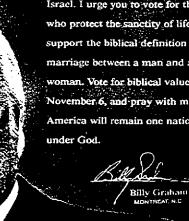
exciting events that will be taking place during the Novi Equestrian Expo, we will also present our very first Youth Riding Competition," said Andrea Picklo, event manager of the Novi Equestrian Expo. "The Expo will not only be filled with fun and entertainment, it will also provide our guests with a rare opportunity to learn about our Michigan

Competitors participating in the competition will demonstrate their skills in the areas of flag racing, pole bending, keyhole and

include a Model Horse Show, riding exhibitions, as well as an extensive shopping area that will delight horse lovers of all ages. A full slate of wellknown equine clinicians will be presenting valuable information about managing horse health, tips for training and more. Clinicians include: Tommie Turvey, Equine Extremist: Bill & Cricket Nelson; Nancy Harm, Steve Shaver, Dianna McPhail and Tim Scarberry, Arabians, Ouarter Horses, Appaloosas, Morgans, Thoroughbreds, Standardbreds, Tennessee Walking Horses, ponies, donkeys, mini horses and more will all be repre-

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and this great nation is crucial. As I approach my 94th birthday, I realize this election could be my last. I believe it is vitally important that we cast our ballots for candidate who base their decisions on biblical principles and support the nation of Israel. I urge you to vote for those who protect the sanctity of life and marriage between a man and a woman. Vote for biblical values this November 6, and pray with me that America will remain one nation

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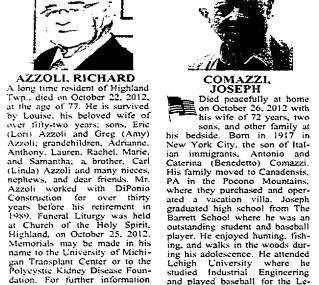
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resident on Pettibone Lake in Highland for over 70 years, died quietly on October 25, 2012, at he age of 94. She was preceded in death by her husband, Thomas in death by her husband, Thomas Arthur Foley in 2000, and is sur-vived by children, Mary Foley, Tim Foley, Anne (Jeff) Heyn, Tom (the late Lisa) Foley, Naney (Mike) Nesterowich, and Patrick Foley; grandchildren, Matt Crudder, F. Joseph Crudder, Finder, Michael Foley, Jeremy Foley, Chris, Molly, and Jeff Heyn, Gene Foley, Bill Foley, Jacob Hughes, Casey and Hanna Nesterowich and a great grand-son. Alex Crudder, She will be remembered for her contribution to the community, her love of the arts, and nature. A Funeral Mass and celebration of her life was held at St. Mary's Catholic Church, on Tuesday, October 30. Visitation was held at Lynch & Sons Funeral Home, Milford, on Monday, October 29. For further information please phone 248-684-6645 or visit

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and played baseball for the Le-high team. He spent his summers working at the villa and it is there in 1937 that he met his bride to be. Mary Strianese of New York City, who was vaca-tioning. They work the strict in the strict team.

tioning. They were married in 1940. Joe was always proud of the contribution he made to the WWH effort while working at

Sperry Gyroscope on Long Is-land. There he was instrumental in designing and overseeing the manufacturing of vital assets in support of all branches of our

military services. His career was spent in the zine and aluminum

die casting industry. He was em-ployed by Advance Pressure Castings of Brooklyn, NY and later of Denville, NJ where he

rose to the position of VP of En-

gineering and Manufacturing. His family moved to Morris-town, NJ in 1960. He and Mary

lived there until 2005 when they moved to Michigan to be closer to their family. Joseph was a faithful father and husband and

always worked hard to provide for his family. He taught his three sons by his example the importance of hard, honest work

and a responsible work ethic. His hobbies included fishing, golf-ing, woodworking, bridge and stained glass. He and his sons

stained glass. He and his sons spent many weekend days on Long Island fishing and crab-bing. His family's homes are fil-led with beautiful stained glass and wooden furniture. His neigh-bors called him Mr. Fix It be-cause he could fix just about

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anything and was always willing to lend a hand to friends in need.

He cherished time with his

grandchildren and great grand-children. One of his more recent



Passed away Oct. 18, 2012. Age 84, Salem Twp. resident. Beloved wife of 54 yrs, to the late Ted Bell. She is survived by her loving children: Dianne. Bonnie (Ron) and Barbara (Joe). Also grandaughters, Laura and Kacie, and her sister Dolly (Aurel). Flo was an amazing woman and passed peacefully to our Lord. Sincere thanks to South Lyon Senior Care & Rehab Center & Great Lakes Hospice. Inumment at South Lyon Cemetery.

BURKHERT. JOHN ALLEN

Age 73, passed away October 28, 2012. He was born on April 15, 1939, in Detroit, to the late Walter and Beny (Barber) Burkhert. He was a member of (Barber) the V.F.W., American Legion and the Moose Lodge. John is survived by his children: Valerie, Bonnie, Laura, Vera, John Jr., Brenda: siblings: Beverly, Sher-yl, Bonnie, Diane, Linda, Patri-cia; 21 grandchildren and 4 great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his parents Walter and Betty, Visitation will be held on November 1st, Thursday, from 5pm-9pm. A funeral vice will be held on November 2nd, Friday, at 10am, at Phil-lips Funeral Home, 122 West Lake Street, South Lyon. Memorial contributions may be made to the Lincoln Park Moose Lodge #1665, 1600 Fort St., Lin-Coln Park, MI 48146 or the American Cancer Society, 2010 Hogback Rd, Ste. 4 Ann Arbor, MI 48105. Online guestbook:



happy times and proud days was spent playing a round of golf with his son, grandson and greatgrandson. He was preceded n death by his parents, sisters Pierina and Clotilda, and his son Joseph. He is survived by his wife Mary, son Anthony (Lynne) of Ypsilanti, MI, son Robert of of Ypsilanti, MI, son Kobert of Boston, MA, nine grandchildren, Teresa, Joseph, Gina, John, Christian, Katy, Mary, Jorma and Jenna, and 16 great grand-children. A visitation was held at Lynch and Sons Funeral Home, 404 E. Liberty, Milford, Mars, of Christian Burial was

Mass of Christian held at St. Mary Our Lady of the Snows, 1955 E. Commerce Road, Milford, MI on Monday, October 29 at 10 AM with Fr. David Harvey and Fr. Ron Anderson officiating. A private bur-ial will take place at St. Mary's Cemetery following cremation. The family requests in lieu of flowers that donations be made in Joseph's memory to either St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, 501 St. Jude Place, Memphis TN 38105 or Season's Hospice & Alliative Care, 27355 John Rd. Madison Heights, MI 48071.

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FERGUSON, GARY G.

Age 67, of Highland, passed away on October 22, 2012. He was preceded in death by wife, Michaeline Ferguson, 2008. He is survived by preceded in death by his daughter, Michele (Dustin) Ferguson: brothers, Michael (Dar-lene) Ferguson, Ronald Fergu-son; sister, Patricia (Kent) West and many nicces, nephews, exand many neces, nepnews, ex-tended family and friends. A Fu-neral Liturgy was held at Church of the Holy Spirit with Fr. Leo Lulko officiating. Burial and Military Honors, Highland Cem-For further information phone

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Age 77, of Milford, October 29 2012. For more information. contact Lynch & Sons. 248-684-6645 LynchFuneralDirectors.com



Passed away Oct. 12, 2012 at St Mary's Hospital in Livonia. Sur-rounded by his family - wife Elaine (nee Kirchner), sons Tim of Northville, Marty of Linden, M. Theme, Cheitapher United MI. Thomas Christopher, United States Army combat surgeon, overseas, unable to attend.



Age 82, of longtime resident of Northville, passed away October 1, 2012. She was born March 17, 1930 in West Brownsville, Pennvivania; daughter of Joseph and Mary (nee Gavelic) Bailey. She was united in marriage to Ri-chard A. Kelly on June 21, 1969; and they spent 43 loving years together. Polly, who had a Mas-ter's Degree in Education from Penn State, was a 6th grade teacher with Wyandotte Schools for many years. She was a member of Our Lady of Victory Catholic Church and the Northville Garden Club. Polly was a very special aunt to her nieces and nephews, who truly adored spending time with her; she was also a loyal friend and good neighbor to many. She was a gourmet cook and wonderful hostess, Polly was very creative olic Church and the Northville Garden Club. Polly was a very hostess. Polly was very creative and everything she did was pre-sented beautifully; including floral centerpieces, often using flowers from her own garden and delicious desserts she made. She was a world traveler; but espe-cially loved the Greek Isles. Fol-lowing retirement, she and her husband spent their winters in Arizona staying warm. Polly also enjoyed playing cards and games with family and friends. She is survived by her devoted hus-band, Richard A. Kelly; her brother, Vince (Audrey) Bailey; her brother and sisters-in-law, Betty: (Dop) Christiansen Mary Betty (Don) Christiansen, Mary (Bob) Walker, Pat (Jane) Kelly. (Bob) Walker, Pat (Jane) Kelly, and Jean (Tom) Troxell; and many nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her pa-rents and her brother-in-law Bob Kelly, A Funeral Mass will be held Saturday, November 10, 2012 at 10 a.m., with a time o gathering beginning at 9:30 a.m. at Our Lady of Victory Catholic Church, 133 Orchard Dr., Northville. In lieu of flowers the family would appreciate memo-

orthville Garden Club, 19592 orthridge Dr., Northville, MI 48167 or the charity of the givers choice. Arrangements entrusted to Casterline Funeral Home of Northville. McCORD, ANDREW P. Age 61, passed away Oct. 27, 2012. Memorial Nov. 17, 11 am,

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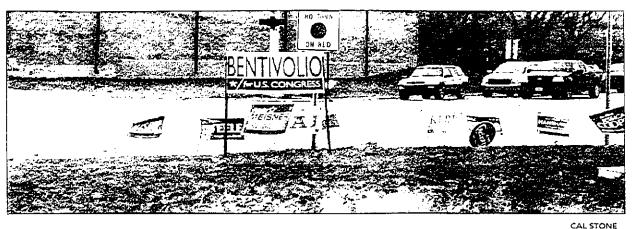
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Political signs dot the landscape as candidates vie for votes in next Tuesday's election.

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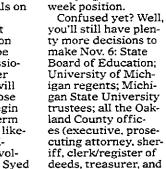
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ing that seems to be clouding rather than clearing the issues for

voters. Cornelius noted that in the 2008 general election, there were only two proposals on the ballot

One of the most unusual choices on the ballot could be the 11th Congressional race, or rather "races." Voters will first have to choose a candidate to begin a full two-year term in January, most likely either Republi

can Kerry Bentivolio and Democrat Syed



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Taj. Then they'll have to decide who will fill the remainder of the term vacated by Thad McCotter this summer. Bentivolio, David Curson, John Tatar and Marc Sosnowski are vving for that six-

water resources commissioner): Supreme Court justices: Court of Appeals judges: Circuit Court judg es; Oakland Community College trustees: Schoolcraft College trustees: school board members for Walled Lake, South Lyon, Northville; Walled Lake Schools sinking fund: and Northville schools bond proposal

Still, with all these choices, Cornelius anticipates Novi having its results tallied "between 8:30 and 9:30 p.m." election night. And you can read those online at

www.novinews.com

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#9 & 11 Brightmoor Christian Church: 40800 W. 13 Mile Road

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#20 & 21 Deerfield Elementary School: 26500 Wixom Road

> City of Novi **Public Hearing Notice**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT the Zoning Board of Appeals for the City of Novi will hold a public hearing on **Tuesday, November 20, 2012 at 7:00 p.m.** in the Council Cham-bers Novi Civic Center 45175 W. Ten Mile Road to consider: <u>CASE NO. PZ12-0043 22700 HESLIP DR (BELLANGER, INC.)</u>

CASE NO. PZ12-0043 22700 HESLIP DR (BELLANGER, INC.) The applicant is requesting a use variance from the provisions of Section 1905 (1).a of the Zoning Ordinance to allow outdoor storage of new cars on the parking lot east of the build-ing as well as staging of manufactured product prior to shipment. The property is located north of Nine Mile and east of Heslip in the I-1 Zoning District. CITY OF NOV1, CODE OF ORDINANCES, Section 1905 (1) a. states that all uses within the I-1 Zoning District shall be conducted wholly within a completely enclosed building. CASE NO. PZ12-0047 1201 SOUTH LAKE DR (Parcels 22-03-327-003 and 22-03-332-003)

<u>332-003)</u> The applicant is requesting variances from the CITY OF NOVI, CODE OF ORDINANCES. Section 2400 to allow construction of a new covered porch on an existing single family home on an existing lakefront corner lot with a reduced front setbacks of 5.3 ft. and 6.5 ft.

a minimum side setback of 4.2 ft. an reduced and a maximum lot coverage of 37%. The applicant is further requesting variances to allow construction of an oversize and over heigh structure on the adjacent lakefront parcel of 200 (12.5 ft. x 16 ft.) square feet and 10 ft. overall height. The property is located west of Novi Rd. and south of 12 Mile Rd. in the R-4 Zoning District.

CITY OF NOVI, CODE OF ORDINANCES, Section 2400 requires that a structure within an R-4 zoning district have a minimum front yard setback of 30 ft., minimum side setback of 10 ft and maximum 25% lot coverage CITY OF NOVI, CODE OF ORDINANCES, Section 2910 limits allowable structure with

vater frontage to 10 ft. x 10 ft. in area and maximum 8 ft. in height CASE NO. PZ12-0048 23538 MEADOWBROOK RD The applicant is requesting a variance from the CITY OF NOVI, CODE OF ORDINANC-

The applicant is requesting a variance from the CITY OF NOVI, CODE OF ORDINANC-ES, Section 2400 to allow an open porch roof to extend 8 feet into the required 30 ft. front setback for a an existing nonconforming residence. The property is located east of Meadow-brook Road and south of 10 Mile Rd. in the R-4 Zoning District. CITY OF NOVI, CODE OF ORDINANCES, Section 2400 requires that a structure within R-4 zoning district have a minimum front yard setback of 30 ft CASE NO. PZ12-0050 1316 EAST LAKE DR

The applicant is requesting variances from the CITY OF NOVI, CODE OF ORDINANCES, Section 2400 to allow construction of a new single family home on an existing lakefront lot with a reduced front setback of 18.6 ft, a minimum side setback of 5.92 ft, an reduced aggrecast of Novi Rd. and south of 14 Original maximum bit soverage of 37%. The property is located cast of Novi Rd. and south of 14 Mile Rd. in the R-4 Zoning District, CITY OF NOVI, CODE OF ORDINANCES, Section 2400 requires that a structure within a R-4 zoning district have a minimum front yard setback of 30 ft., minimum side setback of 10 ft., a minimum aggregate side setback of 25 ft. and maximum 25% lot coverage.

CASE NO. PZ12-0051 25875 NOVI RD (PANERA BREAD) The applicant is requesting a variances from CITY OF NOVI, CODE OF ORDINANCES, Section 2400 and Section 2506.12.d. Parking setback requirements are stated in Section 2400. The minimum front yard parking setback in the TC-1 District is 20 ft. The proposed parking area is setback 10 ft. in the front (eastern) yard, 10 ft. short of the mandated

minimum. Requirements for drive-through lanes are stated in Section 2506.12. All drive-through facilities shall have an 18 ft. bypass lane. No bypass lane has been proposed. The property is located north of Flint St. and west of Novi Rd. CITY OF NOVI, CODE OF ORDINANCES, Section 2400 requires that parking in the front word in the TCL District the archivel 20.0 yard in the TC-1 District be setback 20 ft. CITY OF NOVI, CODE OF ORDINANCES, Section 2506.12.d requires an 18 ft. bypas

lane adjacent to all drive-through lanes. CASE NO. PZ12-0052 47045 PONTIAC TR The applicant is requesting a variance from CITY OF NOVI, CODE OF ORDINANCES, Section 1402.1.A. Requirements for fueling stations are stated in Section 1402. Access drives to fueling stations shall be no less than 100 ft. from adjacent residential districts.

The proposed access drive is 42 ft. from the adjacent residential zoning. The property is located south of Pontiac Tr. and east of Beck Rd. CITY OF NOVI, CODE OF ORDINANCES, Section 1402.1.a requires access drives for fueling stations be a minimum of 100 ft. from adjacent residential districts.

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Congressional candidates: Race for partial term key

entities.'

By Karen Smith **Observer Staff Writer**

Voters in some cities. including Novi, will vote in two races Nov. 6 to fill the 11th District congressional seat, adding to an already long ballot. One is for a full twovear term; the other is for a partial term ending Jan. 2, 2013, to elect a successor to Thaddeus McCotter, who resigned in July amidst a petition signature scandal. Řepublican Kerry Bentivolio and Democrat Syed Taj are running for the two-year term, along with Libertarian John J. Tatar, Green Party candidate Steven Paul Duke and Natural Law candidate Daniel Johnson. Bentivolio, Democrat David A. Curson, Tatar and U.S. Taxpavers candidate Marc J. Sosnows-

ki are vying for the partial term The race for the full term has received a lot of media attention

with the spotlight on the Republican and Democratic challengers -Bentivolio and Taj. Curson, the Democrat running against Bentivolio for the partial term. is concerned the lack of coverage and endorsements in the partial term

race sends the wrong message to voters, making it appear the last session of the 112th Congress is insignificant. Taj did not run for the partial term.

"In reality it may prove to be one of the most important and memorable sessions in history," the Belleville resident said in an email to the Observer. "If the upcoming lameduck session does not act on certain legislation, the country falls over the fiscal cliff (the Budget Control Act of 2011) and nearly every taxpayer will see an increase in taxes. Over 1,000 government programs — including the

defense budget and

Medicare are in line for deep, automatic cuts if the 112th Congress fails to act by year end. Businesses and investors will be dramatically impacted, as will many other Curson, a Marine

Corps veteran who became a journeyman diecast diemaker at Ford's Rawsonville Plant in Ypsilanti Township, has spent the past 39 years as a UAW representative, 27 of those on the International Union staff.

"I have proudly spent a lifetime being a problem solver — fighting for worker rights and fairness in the work place to give workers a voice on issues that directly impact their lives, the well-being of their families, and the opportunity to contribute to their communities." he said. Curson said the issues he will work to enhance

and protect are job creation, affordable health care. Social Security and Medicare, the elimination of unfair tax loopholes used by corporations, oil companies and the wealthiest Americans: veterans' affairs; oversight and regulation of Wall Street and a stop to the attack on the wages and benefits of first responders, public service employees and teachers.

Bob Dindoffer, Bentivolio's campaign manager, agreed the race for the partial term is extremely important.

"In particular, we have to work out a deal on the debt," Dindoffer said. "And Kerry Bentivolio stands with the majority of the district on debt issues. He doesn't think we should kick the can down the road and burden our children and grandchildren with a

massive debt. "We trust the majority will vote for Kerry Bentivolio."

Dindoffer said electing Bentivolio to the partial term, as well as the full term, will give him more seniority than other new Congressional members. "That leads to better representation of the people," he said. "If his opponent wins, the people in the district



will lose clout.'



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By Nathan Mueller Staff Writer

man turned Oakland County Executive candidate Kevin Howley. But after years of watching issues he felt were important get pushed to the side. Howley decided it was time to challenge incumbent L. Brooks Pat-

Huntington Woods, said residents should be expecting more than they are the county forward.

tegically about how the going to fall behind." Howley is tired of hear





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Patterson returns to work, ready for election

By Jay M. Grossman Staff Writer

"I'm on a pretty good track." His voice is a bit raspy, but Oakland County Executive L. Brooks Patterson is ready to rumble. Still recovering from a devastating car crash in August, the popular political figure returned to work this week. He also plans on winning another four-year term in

"I'm probably rushing it," he said during a phone interview last week. "But I'm getting bored and I'm mending quickly. Although my staff is more than capable, I'm ready to get back.'

If Patterson isn't going door to door for the upcoming election, he probably doesn't have to. Few politicians have a better track record than Patterson, and almost no one has better name recognition in southeast Michigan. The only thing holding him back right now is the accident.

On Aug. 10, he suffered multiple injuries from a two-car crash in Auburn Hills. Patterson. 73. was a passenger in one of the cars and was cited for not wearing a seat belt. For the past several weeks, he's been undergoing intensive physical therapy and staying out of the public spotlight.

Being it's an election year the accident has prompted his opponent, Kevin Howley, to raise questions about Patterson

and whether he's fit to serve in office. Several press releases from Howley's camp focus on the crash and suggest Patterson will resign right after the election so he can hand-pick his successor.

Patterson dismisses the talk, letting his record speak for itself. Oakland County has weathered the recession bet ter than most areas in terms of jobs and property values. Those positive economic indicators are reinforced by the county's AAA bond rating. So when Howley questions

whether Patterson can do a better job with the budget, it's not surprising the longtime Repub ican responds with a jab "He's not very aware of how

we operate in Oakland County,' Patterson said. "We're the only county in America with a threeyear balanced budget. We're the only county to achieve that and, believe me, Wall Street takes notice when we get a AAA bond rating.

During Patterson's time away from the office, his top deputy, Gerald Poisson, had been running the day-to-day operations. The county executive checked in daily with his department heads. He was quick to credit his staff for the job they're doing and for keeping him in the loop.

He then paused for a moment, perhaps to recognize the thin line he almost crossed, separating a nasty crash from a

"I'd like to think the accident was a once-in-a-lifetime experience." he said. "It better be, because there's no way I want to go through this again. As for the future, Patter-

fatal one.

son listed Medical Main Street Automation Alley, Main Street Oakland County and other programs his office helped initiate that he wants to see to fruition. He rattles off the names as proof Oakland County has a bright outlook.

Yet, he's well aware there are many families in the county who are still reeling when it comes to their finances.

"These are challenges we didn't anticipate 20 years ago, but they're here," he said.



Howley ready to move Oakland County forward

The world of politics is a new venture for business-

terson and the status quo Howley, who lives in

getting from the current administration, which he said has no plan to move "We are treading water, which means we are balancing our budget and we are taking care of some of

the day-to-day stuff, but we are not thinking straworld is changing and how we can change with it," he said. "In my world, in the business community, if you are treading water you are

ing about Patterson touting the county's balanced budget ("You have to by law," said Howley) and that residents should be happy because at least Oakland County isn't like Wayne

County. "To me those are not sufficient reasons to say we are doing a great job," he

In terms of the budget, Howley would like to see zero-based budgeting to see what the needs are. He also is a proponent of cost benefit analysis, which looks at spending and the

return on the investment Howley wants to know what is next, and that is why one of his goals is to pursue a comprehensive strategic planning process that will identify objectives to drive decision making.

Some immediate areas of interest he would attack would be helping smalland medium-sized businesses grow their operations, breaking down the barriers in the region, having a strategic plan for diversifying the county's

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a solution to regional transportation. Howley feels that Patterson has isolated the county, and as a result, there is not a "free flow of ideas. human capital and business

capital.' "When businesses look at this region, they do not see an integrated region with a regional planning cooperative effort," he said, noting his business background in startup operations and turnaround management

would help. Patterson's focus on the emerging sectors of the automobile industry, defense industry and med-

"We cannot afford to have it fail anymore," he said. "We have to develop a solution that works." The same moniker applies to the county as a

whole, Howley said, and

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him as the candidate that can take the county to new heights despite is political inexperience. "People need to make a choice," he said. "They

he is hopeful people see

can keep doing the same old thing and Oakland County is going to fall behind... or they can look at the opportunities that are ahead of us and raise our expectations.



LOCAL NEWS

McCotter staffers face trial on felony charges

By David Veselenak erver Staft Writer

Two former staffers of U.S. Rep. Thaddeus McCotter were bound over for trial on several felony charges on Oct. 23 by 16th District Judge Sean Kava-

Paul Seewald and Don Yowchuang were bound over to Third Circuit Court for charges related to McCotter's failed reelection bid.

Yowchuang, a Farmington Hills resident. faces 10 counts of forgery and one count of conspiracy to commit a legal act in an illegal manner. Seewald faces one count of conspiracy to commit a legal act in an illegal manner. Yowchuang also faces six misdemeanor counts of falsely signing a nominating petition as a circulator, while Seewald also faces nine similar misdemeanor counts.

Kavanagh took two weeks after the pair's preliminary examination, which saw McCotter testify, to review transcripts of interviews with investigators. After the review, Kavanagh decided there was enough evidence on the conspiracy charges to send the

men to circuit court in Detroit. Kavanagh said three weeks ago that he believed there was enough evidence in the 10 counts of forgery against Yowchuang. "I was convinced there was enough evidence presented," he said. "There's no discussion on that one.' The pair are two of four former McCotter staffers charged after

the Michigan Secretary of State determined nominating peti tions had photocopied signatures from previous elections. Defense attorneys

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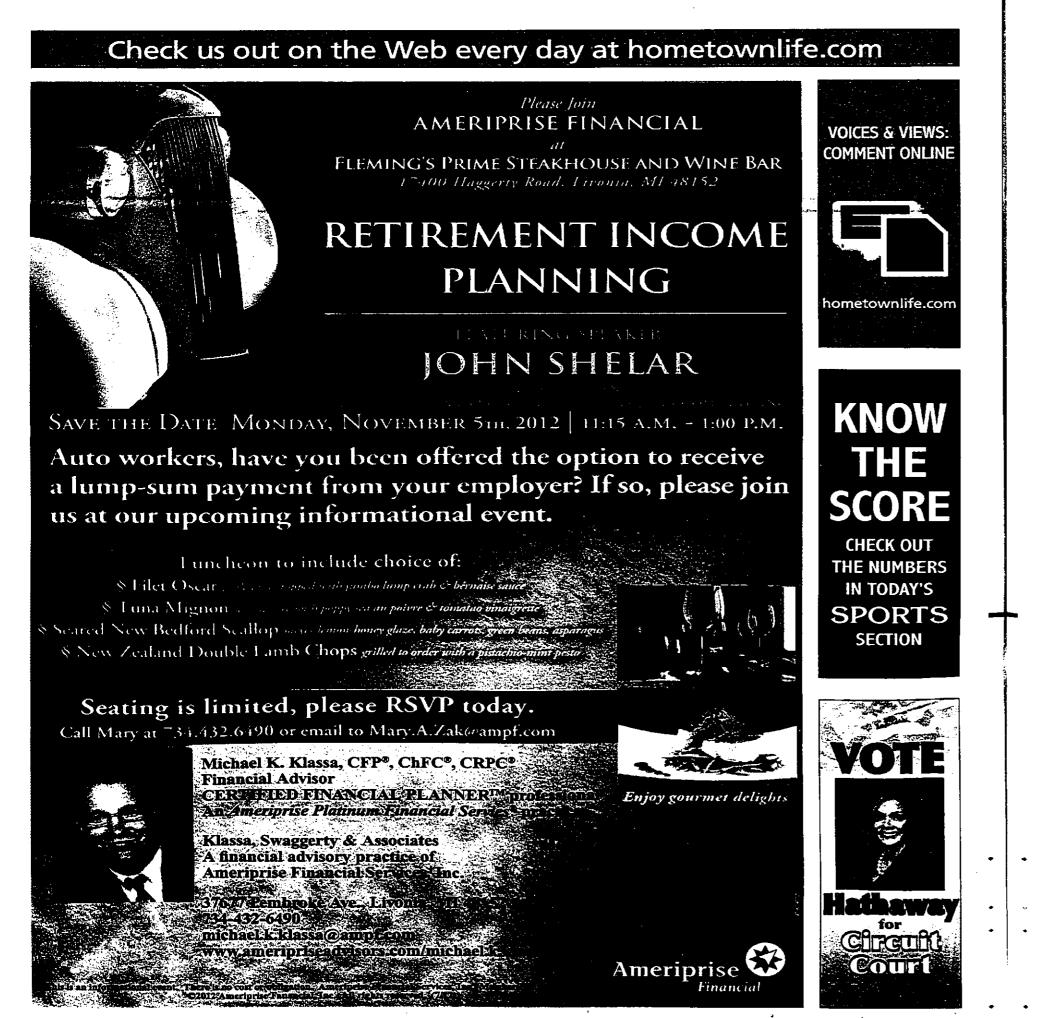
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McCotter staffers face trial on felony charges

By David Veselenak Observer Staff Writer

Two former staffers of U.S. Rep. Thaddeus McCotter were bound over for trial on several felony charges on Oct. 23 by 16th District Judge Sean Kavanagh.

Paul Seewald and Don Yowchuang were bound over to Third Circuit Court for charges related to McCotter's failed reelection bid.

Yowchuang, a Farmington Hills resident. faces 10 counts of forgery and one count of conspiracy to commit a legal act in an illegal manner. Seewald faces one count of conspiracy to commit a legal act in an illegal manner. Yowchuang also faces six misdemeanor counts of falsely signing a nominating petition as a circulator, while Seewald also faces nine similar misdemeanor counts. Kayanagh took two weeks after the pair's preliminary examination, which saw McCotter testify, to review transcripts of interviews with investigators. After the review, Kavanagh decided there was enough evidence on the conspiracy charges to send the

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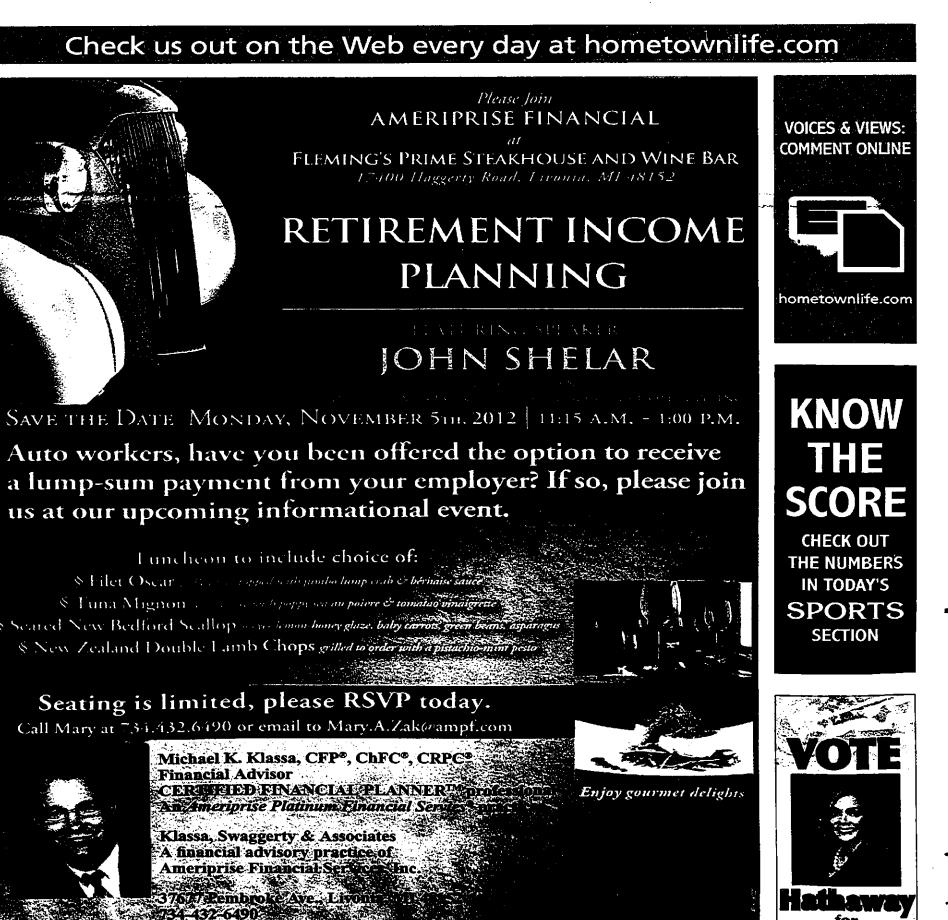
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Church's marathon team shatters fundraising goal

NorthRidge team reaches out to help in Zambia

others.

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 oth-

"I could never have

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

"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 nonprofit organization that builds houses for struggling families in Detroit and suburban communities such as Redford. Westland, Farmington



NorthRidge Church members (from left) Rita Thompson, Cathy Jordan and Kristen Hare run the Chicago Marathon 1 raise money to bring clean water to Zambia.

Hills and Southfield. "We think it will be a great project," Downs said, saving 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, North-Ridge 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

Before the race. Amann, Miller and 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 Run ners for "doing good

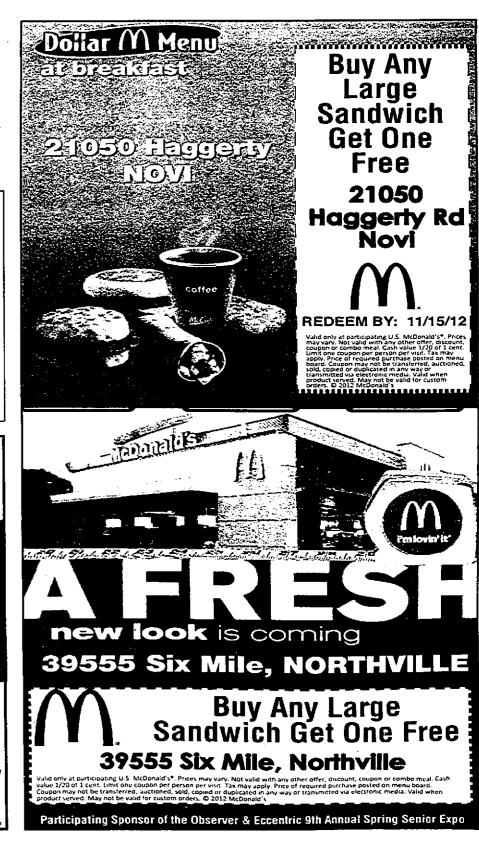
work.' NorthRidge's philanthropic efforts have stretched from Detroit to the post-Hurricane Katrina Gulf Coast to countries such as Colombia, India, Croatia, Haiti, Nicaragua and the Philippines. The church's initiative to bring wells and other clean-water amenities to Zambia came after

Hobart, the Ridge Runners' co-captain, had a conversation last year with a World Vision rep resentative 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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OUR VIEWS

Hand Meisner second term as treasurer

When people talk about government having its hand out, they usually are talking about a demand to pay taxes. Not so with the Oakland County Treasurer's Office and Andy Meisner, the Democratic county treasurer who is seeking his second term in that office



Sure, the treasurer's office collects those taxes, but under Meisner's leadership, that office has done much more. Meisner understands the plight of residents, activev extending his hand out to help homeowners mired in the foreclosure process. He has worked hard to facilitate

meetings between financial institutions and

homeowners to help protect their interests. Meisner, a former state representative, also has developed payment plans for those who are having a tough time paying their taxes, and he has sought a reduction in fees charged for late payments.

Furthermore, Meisner has set a statewide precedent that has won millions for the county and state coffers from mortgage giants Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac. He successfully won a lawsuit filed against the mortgage holders, forcing them to pay real estate transfer taxes.

It is that kind of leadership and direct involvement in the operations of his department that earn Andy Meisner a second term.

Meisner's opponent, Republican Marty Knollenberg, is term-limited as a state representative. The son of former Congressman Joe Knollenberg, he ended his bid for a congressional seat after districts were redrawn. Knollenberg, who also formerly served as an Oakland County commissioner, was the impetus behind changes in benefits for legislators to more reasonable levels. An insurance business owner, Knollenberg has always touted himself as an advocate for business as a way of providing jobs.

But the job of Oakland County Treasurer demands a more balanced approach, with the focus on all taxpayers, residents as well as business owners.

Ultimately, there is no reason to argue with success, and Andy Meisner has demonstrated the kind of success that warrants voters' confidence by returning him for a second time as treasurer.

Prop 1: Vote yes on emergency manager

If you're bleeding so profusely that you can't stop it, you'd nope that someo would get you to the emergency room so doctors could save your life. Similarly, on a much larger scale, there are cities and school districts losing so much cash that they need an emergency manager to save them from insolvency.

Michigan has a law, the currently-suspended Public Act 4 of 2011, which allows the governor to appoint such a financial expert - and he has in Allen Park, Benton Harbor, Flint, Three Oaks, Stevensville, Detroit, Ecorse and Pontiac. Many of those are returning to local governance.

The law is an unlikable last resort that defies our democratic process, but it's a mechanism that forces correcting problems that local officials can't (or won't). There are now designated red flags in place that start an early dialogue between struggling local units and the state to curtail financial collapse.

Plain and simple - without the law, these troubled school districts and local governments could go bankrupt, causing a ripple effect that would eventually hurt all taxpayers in this state.

Unfortunately, voting no on this proposal will only avoid addressing many of the true causes of these financial woes - unaffordable legacy costs, contracts and unrealistic budgets. Those problems won't go away on their own for those who continue to spend more than they take in.

Vote yes on Proposal 1 on Tuesday to make accountability mandatory.

Grace Perry,

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OUR VIEWS

Vote 'no' on Proposals 2-6 when you head to the polls

Government by initiative is no way to govern. Voters should reject attempts to strongarm the changes and amend the state constitution by voting "no" on Proposals 2-6.

Special interest groups are behind the ballot proposals in this November's election. While some of the proposals have merit, they should not be part of the state constitution Lawmakers should take heed of the rush to initiative and listen to what has become an increasingly frustrated electorate. Drafting legislation would allow debate and input, instead of voters needing to decide an "all or nothing" ballot proposals.

Proposal 2 forgets that workers already have the right to bargain, and it would strangle the role of government.

Proposal 3 does not address how realistic it would be to require utilities get 25 percent of their energy from renewable sources by 2025 (not to mention that renewable sources are specifically listed and could mean that new resources would be prohibited).

Proposal 4 would create a Michigan Quality Home Care Council and ensure that in-home care workers could collectively bargain. It does not belong in the constitution, and is

The Oakland County pros-

ecutor's race boils down

to courtroom experience:

Jessica Cooper has it, while

Cooper for Oakland County

years on the bench, is seek-

ing re-election for a second

four-year term. Bishop, a

former state lawmaker who

spent 12 years in Lansing,

is seeking his first county

office. Both candidates are

relentless when it comes

to campaigning. Bishop's

only real political defeat

came in 2010, when he lost

in the Republican primary

to state Attorney General

Bill Schuette. Cooper's only

defeat came in 1996, when

she ran as an independent

In that sense, it will be

interesting to see who comes

two-year term has been held

for the past four years by

Republican Hugh Crawford.

of Novi, who has helped get

He has been representing

his constituents for many

vears on the city council.

as a county commissioner

and now a state legislator. In

short, he has spent a lifetime

in public service. In Lansing,

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for state Supreme Court.

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We recommend Jessica

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Mike Bishop does not.

prosecutor on Nov. 6.

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one for the Legislature to handle. Proposal 5 would require a vote of the

people to approve new taxes, something we already have (Headlee Tax Limitation Amendment), and would further shift Michigan government into a new direction - from a republic to a direct democracy under which voters would have to approve every change.

Proposal 6, clearly directed at the controversy over a new bridge plan that would link Michigan and Canada, wrongly calls for a statewide vote of the people for any bridge or tunnel that is proposed to be built.

Cooper's the Democrat and Bishop's the Republican. But since both can- er. 5-7 didates believe the office of Cooper

Cooper as prosecutor our recommendation

county prosecutor should be nonpartisan, party politics should not come into play here

Bishop, 45, of Rochester admits he's somewhat of a reluctant candidate, only entering the prosecutor's race because he was recruited to run by County Executive L. Brooks Patterson. He's an attorney, but the bulk of his career was spent in Lansing. His main criticism of Cooper is that she's too bossy when it comes to dealing with the neys. He also takes excep-

It's a par- tion with how she's handled tisan race information requests from Barry King, the father of Timothy King, one of the victims of the so-called Oakland County child kill-

> Cooper, 66, of Beverly Hills, is just the opposite: All her professional experience is drawn from the courtroom. Her first political victory came in 1978 against an incumbent judge in Southfield's 46th District Court. She then served multiple terms on the Oakland County Circuit Court and Michigan Court of Appeals.

Cooper has demonstrated she can run an effective prosecutor's office. She also has the endorsement of numerous local police agencies. With those factors in mind, we recommend assistant prosecuting attor- Jessica Cooper for Oakland County prosecutor.

ing laws.

What happened to

George Bush? When Bill Clinton became deficit from George H.W. Bush. During the Clinton years, employpaying jobs with benefits and the Clinton left office.

After eight years of Bush-Cheney, there was a huge budget deficit, unemployment was rampant and getting steadily worse, and millions of jobs had been shipped to foreign countries. Also, the nation was paying staggering bills from two wars, from which Halliburton and other mega-corporations were making enormous profits. The Republicans put all the blame on President Obama for the nation's economic woes. The truth

O'Connor, Cadwell solid choices for schools

redrawn to include all

of Novi and the Oakland

County portion of the City

being sought by three individuals — incumbent Dennis

O'Connor, Tracey Cadwell and Brad Leidal — and the winners will begin in January. Dennis

O'Connor was elected to the board in 2008 and was involved in the hiring of Dr. Steve

Matthews as superintendent, a good decision for the Novi district. O'Connor

Two six-year seats on the is also very familiar with the district's finances, which are currently in much better shape than most others with 10-percent fund equity in a \$70 million budget.

He supports review of a fiveyear attrition program "so we don't have to talk about serious cuts" and not replacing teachers at the secondary level. He is also committed to closing the district's academic gap and the goal of "one year's growth in one year's time.

Tracey Cadwell, who earned 24 percent of the votes the last election, has worked in education since 1999 and has a degree in business administration. She offers a perspective that many parents and students can relate to as a minority (African American) who relo-

cated here from a district that performs well under Novi's

Cadwell's in favor of an entrance exam for transfer students to test their academic proficiency to assist with their education; implementing quarterly standardized testing and workshops to address identified problem areas; and providing surveys to families to adequately address their needs and provide resources to assist them with education of themselves and their families.

Novi schools are ranked highly and on the right track because of board members like Dennis O'Connor. Tracey Cadwell will bring new ideas to the board. We recommend O'Connor and Cadwell for Novi schools Nov. 6.

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Re-elect Crawfords for rep, county commission The Michigan House of Representatives 38th District

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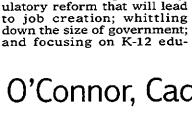
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Crawford

across the aisle to make it happen. Incumbent Kathy Crawford, also a Republican represents the Oakland County Commission's 9th District, which has been

of Northville She was elected two years ago, and has brought her spirit of collaboration in problem solving to a variety of committees. including finance. Crawford devoted 30 years to working with senior citizens, and is a great representative to have in place as older adults begin requiring services that she understands inside

and out. We endorse the husband-and-wife team of Hugh Crawford for the state House of Representatives 38th District and Kathy Crawford for Oakland County Commissioner 9th District on Nov. 6.



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please consider that a YES vote on Proposal 2 will send a message to the nation that we can work

I am proud to be a social studies teacher of 14 years at Novi High School, president of the local teachers union and a small business owner. It is through these connections that I have met many of you and gained your trust over the years. While I am deeply troubled by the amount of money spent on campaigns in general, I am truly appalled by the negative and deceitful nature of the anti-Proposal 2 campaign. So it is with great conviction that I ask each of you to carefully

consider the following: Establishing collective bargaining as a basic right of all Michigan workers protected by our state constitution is common sense. It is about making a good faith effort to resolve differences at the lowest level possible. As a classroom

teacher and head of our local, it means having the ability to openly communicate as a group of professionals with our administration and Board of Education. I often find myself working with building principais to discuss human resource and personnel issues that are bound to crop up in every organization. My members place their trust in meand their elected representatives so that we can collectively improve the quality of education for our students. If Proposal 2 fails, the voice of the professionals in the classroom would be ignored. When our collective voice is limited, as has been the case for the past two years thanks to a state Legislature that has specifically targeted public educators, divisiveness is the result. Their motive is clearly

political, and the effect of these actions will continue to be devastating to our local school district and our entire system of public educa-Proposal 2 is not a power grab by

special interests. It is a step toward re-establishing trust between employers and employees and it is supported by real people who care about serving the public. It is no coincidence that student performance is highest in states that historically have had strong collective bargain-

As our founders noted in the Preamble, the U.S. Constitution is designed to form a more perfect union, Voting Yes on Proposal 2 is a big Michigan step in that direction! Tom Brenner Novi Education Association president

president, he inherited a big budget ment was high, people had goodeconomy was humming. There was

a budget surplus when President

is that there has been slow but steady job growth for the last three years. Obama has not started any new wars, has ended the war in Iraq, and is bringing the disastrous war in Afghanistan to an end. Housing starts are creeping up and the economy is becoming stronger. Republicans have a miserable track record when it comes to

policies that provide a decent living for the majority of Americans. Why have George Bush and Dick Chenev been kept out of sight, even at the Republican convention? Because the party is embarrassed by them and fearful that voters will be reminded that it was Bush-Cheney who are responsible for the recession. Think about your future and re-elect President Obama! Mary Jane DuLyn

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Don't vote R for reverse George W. Bush was our first president with only a degree in

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business administration. His experi ence in business was mostly from runnina oil drillina companies into bankruptcy. Bush started two wars and

added a prescription drug plan to Medicare and made no attempt to pay for any of it. He also cut taxes which reduced revenue and left office with our economy in the ditch and the country much further in debt.

Now we have another businessman who wants to be our president. Today, many of those in the business world prefer to take a company into bankruptcy when they feel their obligations become challenging. Mitt Romney is an expert at loading companies with debt and taking them into bankruptcy.

Bush loaded up our country with debt and the Right Wing is crying "the country is bankrupt." We have a large debt but we are not broke. Romney could be what the Right has been looking for to avoid owning up to America's obligations and paving the Social Security and Medicare benefits the middle class has paid for.

Romney hides his money in foreion banks and savs he wants to be our president? This would not be accepted by a Democrat candidate and it should not be accepted by

any candidate. It's a good thing Obama had faith in American workers and did not et Detroit go bankrupt. Instead he gave loans to GM and Chrysler and now, along with Ford, they are moving America forward.

Don't let Mitt Romney take our country into bankruptcy. Let's not back up. Don't put it

in R. Vote Democrat and move forward.

Carleen M. Tindall Novi

Mark one for Markham

Oakland County has rested on past achievements for too long now. Next week, I will be voting for new energy, new ideas and new opportunities. I will be voting for Gwen Markham for county com-

Gwen grew up in Oakland County and has lived here for the past 17 years. Her work experience includes automotive and defense electronics manufacturing. She has served on the Novi Planning Commission and has helped raise thousands of dollars as president of the Friends of the Novi Theatre. She is about supporting the community in which she lives.

During the campaign season she has knocked on thousands of doors in Novi and Northville sharing her ideas and vision for Oakland County. She is a hard worker and would be an excellent choice for the commission.

Visit her website (www.voteforgwen.com) to learn more, and then mark your ballot for Gwen Markham for county commissioner on election day

Karen B. Zyczynski Novi

Turbine opponents blowing hot air

The required area (780 square miles) for 3,100 wind turbines might impress former Public Service Commissioner Steve Transeth, who opposes Proposal 3, and Nancy Cassis, who frets over a half million acres being dedicated to wind turbines. The numbers cited will seem formidable for a lot of voters --- especially the ones who do not realize that they constitute less than 1/100th (.008) of Michigan's land and water area of 97,990 square miles (62,813,600 acres). Turbines are located on water as well as land.

Voters, you will not be living in the shadow of a wind turbine as the opponents of Proposal 3 imply. Your concern should be directed at the price you pay for electricity and the air you breathe. Ask yourself, why does Canada, rich in natural energy resources, persist on erecting wind turbines? Why are most progressive nations, with but fractions of our land masses, converting to renewable energy? Do they know something that we don't know?

Your concern should be directed

at the price you pay for electricity and the air you breathe. Profits are the major concern of coal, oil and natural gas producers. They abhor competition. Progress trumps profit. Patrick M. Downey Novi

Romeny's tactics won't work

Since the Romney/Ryan ticket lack details about their "vision" for our country, the candidates rely on lies, half truths and fear against the Obama administration. This tactic is not succeeding with thinking voters. Obama's coined word "Romnevsia" is appropriate to show how Mitt Romney has changed his opinions depending on the time and circumstance

The second tactic, voter suppression through dubious means, is insidious. It demeans democratic principles of free, honest elections. Florida, Arizona and Pennsylvania are among the states where there is evidence of voters' rights, specifically those of minorities, are being threatened.

Citizens want fairness, compassion, authenticity and honesty from their leaders. Adlai Stevenson was correct when he said during the 1950s, "When Republicans" stop telling lies about Democrats, Democrats will stop telling the truth about Republicans."

Hannah Provence Donigan Commerce

Voting Romney irrational

How can so many voters be undecided at this point? How can you even consider voting for Romney if you don't even know what he stands for? Romney has revealed that he is a person who plays loose with the truth. The now-historic "47 percent" videotape caught and exposed him saying callous, condemning, elitist and ignorant things while writing off 47 percent of Americans when he was relaxed and among his friends and supporters, Now, oddly, he expects us to ignore his remarks and pretend with him that he does care about all 100 percent of us.

As a prep school senior, he sat atop a classmate he thought to be gay and, with his buddies holding the classmate down, cut the classmate's long hair. He neither admitted nor denied the occurrence when the event was brought up early in his campaign. He wants us to buy his answer that he "doesn't remember" the incident. What an insult to our intelligence!

He refuses to say from where the revenues will come to pay for the extension of the Bush tax cuts and the continued oil company subsidies. He won't reveal whose tax loopholes will be closed - the most wealthy or the middle class? And what loopholes does he have in mind? Does his plan eliminate the mortgage interest deduction? Health care premiums and deductions? Who knows?

He says our country can't afford Obamacare, but it can afford Bush tax cuts and continued oil subsidies?

Whose back do you think he has? Romney is consistently changing his mind about what he says he believes, which is his right. However, when he is called out on his inconsistency and denies it is a different position, that is dishonest. Character should count. That he thinks he can get away with revising his history in this day of spell-checkers phone videos and Romney's own website is, quite frankly, bizarre. It also says something else about his

character. That people would even consider entrusting the presidency to this man is irrational — as irrational as racism and blind party loyalty. Allyn Ravitz Wolverine Lake

No more Stabenow

Recent polls show Debbie Stabenow ahead in the race for the U.S. Senate. Some pundits have even extolled her and her recent sponsorship of a minor farm aid bill and all but anointed her queen. The truth is, Stabenow has been in the Senate for 12 years and has accomplished very little for the state. Michigan has been a donor state for all of her years, sending more tax dollars to Washington than we receive in grants — money we

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COMMUNITY VOICE

Do you understand the six proposals on the Nov. 6 ballot?



"To be honest, the last time I voted was in 1968 against Richard Nixon. I'm not that political. It's the same old, same old. So, no, I don't."

Linda King



"I understand the basic gist of all of them, but not the details just yet. I will study up before voting though.

David Dilworth



Most of them. They are



on both sides of the

issues.

a large corporation, old attitudes still linger in some groups, especially today's very conservative Republi-

especially the insecure ones, happy to lord it over women and deny them their rights. Women are getting wiser; change is unsettling But what I cannot understand is why any woman with self-respect would accept a position where a bunch of middle-aged men will dictate what she may or may not do with her body In other words, how can she vote for a man, Gov. Romney, who treats her with such disdain? The polls indicate that women are getting wiser now

Northville

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should have realized if a more concerted effort been put forth. And during her tenure, she consistently voted for every spending bill before the Senate, including the budgetbreaking Obama care bill and the ill-conceived economic recovery act, earning her the dubious title of

most liberal Senator. Her portrayal of a grandmotherlytype standing in a machine shop, looking concerned for the plight of poor workers in recent TV ads is pure Hollywood-esque. The millions being spent on these ads come from her \$12 million campaign chest (of which 55 percent came from out-of-state donors) funded primarily by unions, lawyers and Wall Street bankers (all of whom will be waiting with their hands out, if she should win).

Make no mistake, if she is reelected she will be adding to the deficit by voting for the Obama plan to withdraw \$700+ million from Medicare to help fund Obamacare. It's time for a change. A vote for Peter Hoekstra will accomplish that and will also be a step closer in removing Harry Reid, the worst performing majority leader of the Senate in decades.

> Ned J. Hart Northville

Political note doesn't intimidate

I want to share a note that was found on my car window after church Oct. 21: "Hey, Just a heads up ... Some

jerk vandalized your car by slapping a Romney sticker on it. I wouldn't want you driving around looking like an idiot. No need to thank me! A Good Samaritan'

For the first time in my 64 years I chose to place (from the inside) a simple bumper sticker with the name of the person I plan to vote for on Nov. 6. I am very disappointed that this should happen in a church parking lot and that apparently freedom of speech does not exist.

1 will not be intimidated. I pray that everyone will take time to study the candidates and proposals on the ballot, not be swayed or intimidated by anyone and vote your own conscious. This should be a personal thing for you in the voting booth. I have my reasons and you should too.

Wiser women

If the Romney-Ryan ticket were to win in November, we could expect that a woman's right to regulate her own reproductive system would end. Presently, we have four activist, right-wing justices and one other justice who usually votes with them. If one of the remaining four justices out of the nine would have to retire for whatever reason, i would make a solid majority of five justices ready to overturn Roe vs. Wade, the Supreme Court decision that established women's right to choose abortion in the early stages of a pregnancy or later under certain restrictions.

Gov. Romney has already told us he intends to outlaw abortion and wants that case reversed. He would appoint a justice, if a vacancy occurs, who would vote with the other right-wing justices (Scalia and company) to do so. Additionally, he also favors an amendment to the Constitution, making a fertilized egg a human being, thereby making any abortion — and maybe even some contraceptives — into a homicide.

But the Republican Party is also fighting contraception itself, trying to excuse employers from covering their cost to their employees. It wants us to go back to those "good old days," the 1950s when

a woman could get her abortion from somebody down the street with a pair of long scissors or a coat hanger. Yes, some women ended up with complications and dying, but most survived.

The question is: Why do Gov. Romney and the Republican Party think it is normal for him to interfere with women's rights? The answer is obvious. For centuries, women were considered inferior to men, dependent on them and obligated to obey them. Despite the fact that women now become doctors, lawyers, deans of universities, and occasionally a CEO of

Carol Kapusky Northville

kind of conflicting once you read them over." Arcadius Rossner

'Yes, and I'm paying attention to the discussion

Lynn Wells

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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 breakin 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

B&E at Novi Road business

been taken as well.

An attempted break-Ling and entering was reported at 23965 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.

Damage to Dinsers

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 Dinser Drive, had another incident occur on either Oct. 18-19. Previously, they found another golf ball broken through a sepa-

rate greenhouse. Disorderly Conduct

4 man was arrest-ed for disorderly con-

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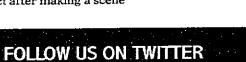
On Oct. 20, Novi police were dispatched to the Inn and found a woman and man verbally arguing in the parking lot. The man was acting hysterical and screaming expletives. There were a num ber of witnesses, including children. Police said the man

anneared to be drunk. but he refused to take a breathlayzer.

Compiled by staff writer Lonnie Huhman.

duct after making a scene





Duczyminski completes Staff and Command program

The Novi Fire Department

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

Duczyminski successfully comoleted 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 proj-

ects, managing fiscal budgets, and managing personnel matters.

"I am particularly proud of Phil as



Department and his significant academic accomplishment. noted Director of Public Safety and Chief of Police David

online at hometownlife.com

E. Molloy. "The program provides fire officers with the edu cation and training needed to strengthen their leader-

ship capabilities with the Novi Fire Department and ensures enhanced resources to the citizens of Novi." Duczyminski has served as a member of the Novi Fire Depart-

ment 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 organiza-

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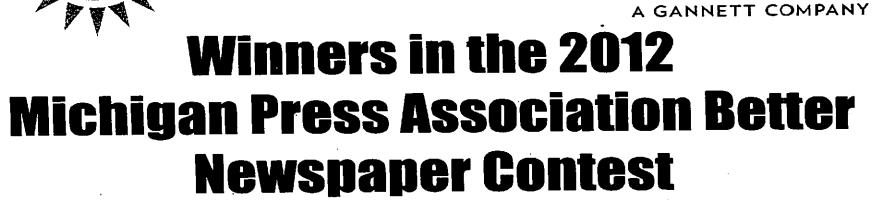
Police Department in 2001 after graduating from Michigan State Univerity with a bachelor's degree in criminal justice. Dur-Baetens

ing his time with the Novi Police Department, Baetens has held numerous assignments, including serving as a field training officer and detective. He is currently work-

ing toward a master's degree in tech nology studies at Eastern Michigan University with a concentration in homeland security and emergency management.

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tion to the shootings are untrue. He said a man vas arrested after a state

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an outstanding member of the Novi Fire

for child support and was driving on a suspended driver's license. That motorist, 30-yearold 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 nore than 600 tips. Those officers have beefed up patrols along the I-96 corridor from Oakland to Ingham counties. Law enforcement offi-

cers 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 vic-

tims. Reports also have identified the vehicle as a Ford Mustang. The majority of the shootings occurred Oct. 16-18 in Oakland, Liv-

ingston, Ingham and Shiawassee counties. The two most recent incidences occurred Saturday on 1-96 near the Fowlerville

All but one victim - a man taking 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 con-

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



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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. Fol-

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ey III said at the Wixom news conference that investigators are putting together a profile of the shooter.

are not ready to release any details until a complete profile can be done, but they are pleading with anyone who has

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nolice trooper stopped his vehicle for a traffic violation and learned the man had outstanding warrants

Investigators said they

information to come for-Shaw said police have

ents 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 usu-

LOCAL NEWS

al 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

vour dailv 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.

Anyone with information is asked to call (800) SPEAK-UP or (800) 773-2587.

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TIMELINE OF THE SHOOTINGS

Police said the highway shooter has randomly targeted people in 24 separate shootings as of Monday.

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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 inci-

dent 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. 3:30 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 response for the I-96 corridor shootings. This brings the reward to \$102,000.

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tation. On Nov. 2, travel to Detroit with a docent presentation and tour of the Detroit Institute of Arts' Faberge: Rise and Fall special exhibit; luncheon at the renowned Rattlesnake Club, and motor coach tour highlighting Detroit's architecture.

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45175 W. Ten Mile Road. to register is Monday, For more information on the On the Road series and other programs, visit www.novilibrary.org

Superheroes and Princesses invited to cut loose for an evening of fun

The City of Novi Parks, Recreation. and Cultural Services Department is excited to host the first-ever Princess and Superhero Party from 6:30-8:30 p.m. Friday, Nov. 9 at the Novi Civic Center. Princesses and superheroes of all ages will enjoy a night of live music, costume contest,

appetizers, goodie bags, and much more. Registration is \$19 per child online and is

going on now at cityofnovi.org. The deadline

Nov. 2. For questions, contact Greg Morris, recreation super-visor, at (248)735-5646 or gmorris@cityofnovi.org.

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 popu-lar 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 cityofnovi.org.

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number of tunes from that era and some musical theatre standards and told of his experiences playing with Marvin Hamlisch, Tony Bennett and Chubby Checker.

International Foods and Ingredient 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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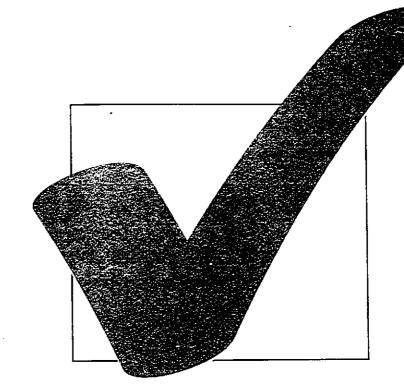


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'Cats advance to first semifinal since 1998 state championship



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

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

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THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 1, 2012

HOMETOWN WEEKLIES

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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 Matt Kiura took a corner kick from the right side and loftgoal 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.

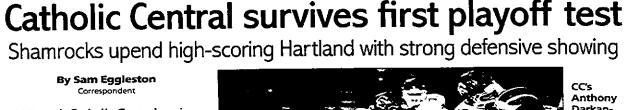
"Set pieces are big for us," Novi coach Brian O'Leary said. "We have players who are good in the air. We have people who can throw the ball far for us, multiple people. We spend a lot of time on setting up our set pieces. We had everyone on an assigned spot and we got it perfect and we got a goal because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

Skyline increased their offensive

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

"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 Please see SOCCER, B3



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

Please see FOOTBALL, 85



Darkangelo slice through the Hartland defense en route to a 21-15 Shamrock victory.



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

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

By Chris Jackett

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

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.

in 58.23 seconds and 100 backstroke in 58.34 sec-

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

Please see SWIM, B5



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LOCAL SPORTS

Novi field hockey loses shootout in state semifinal toughest battles Novi faced this year so far.'

Defending state champs knock off Division II champion Wildcats

By Chris Jackett

The storybook season for Novi's field hockey team came up just short of a state title last week. The young program

was undefeated within Division II after winning last year's Division III title, earning the 'Cats (15-1-1) the third overall seed in the mixed-division state tournament despite graduating a few key student-athletes and a coaching rearrangement this season.

Against pre-seasor odds, the Cats made it to the state semifinals to battle defending state champion Ann Arbor Huron (14-2-2), the second overall seed, Oct. 25 in Saline. After a scoreless regulation, scoreless overtime and both teams going 5-for-5 in the shootout, the 'Cats came up short in a sudden death shootout extension. Sofi Mosso, Lauren Brown, Lizzie Malear, Megan Murphy and Megan Paul scored on their shootout opportunities.

When the overtime clock ran out, only tension and panic hovered over each talented team. as they both felt more pressure than ever to step up," junior Haley Notarantonio said. "Now penalty strokes were the last resort in determining the winning team that would play in the state finals

"The final result of the game was unfortunate for the Wildcats, but they lost their first and last game of the season with grace and tremendous sportsmanship. The girls left (the) tough game with their heads up high.

NOVI SPORTS ROUND-UP

By Chris Jackett Correspondent

Novi volleyball trades blows with highranked Marian squad

Ranked No. 12 in the state, the Wildcats (35-12-1) battled through several close matches last Saturday at the Temperance Bedford Tournament. Novi defeated No. 28 Trov (29-20-0) in a 23-25, 25-16, 15-8 battle; No. 20 Bedford (63-12-3) by a score of 25-20, 25-16; No. 6 Birmingham Marian (50-12-0) in a 20-25, 26-24, 15-10 slugfest and then Bedford again 21-25, 25-20, 15-6 before losing a rematch to Marian 25-16, 15-25, 15-12. The volleyball squad began playoffs two nights ago with a district quarterfinal at

home against No. 160 Plymouth Salem (5-14-2), with the winner advancing to a 7 p.m. district semifinal tonight at Novi against No. 21 Plymouth (25-8-3). The winner heads to a 7 p.m. Novi-hosted district final Friday for a chance to advance to the regional semifinal Tuesday and regional final Nov. 8, both at Brighton.

Berg to continue swimming collegiately

Novi senior Kara Berg was recently offered an athletic scholarship for girls swimming and plans to verbally commit to Ball State University in Muncie, Ind.

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determined to win the state championship title next year, and the year

after that." Huron went on to lose to top-seeded Ann Arbor Pioneer (16-0-2) at Saline by a score of 1-0 follow ing a 4-2 shootout decision after a scoreless championship game. Novi had tied Pioneer 1-1 on the road Aug. 28 in the Wildcats' only other non win of the season. Katrina Koomen held down the goal against both Huron and in the Oct. 23 quarterfinal against 11th-seed Bloomfield Hills Cranbrook-Kingswood (9-5-3), which Novi won 3-2 in overtime on Detroit Country Day School's indoor turf field in Beverly Hills. Mosso and Murphy both knocked in early goals for the Wildcats against Cranbrook, but the

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While trying to make a play near the net, Novi's Morgan Statetzny crashes into the Ann Arbor Greenhills School netminder during the teams' Sept. 24 game.

Cranes were able to notch against Cranbrook, a Division III team ranked 11th, was one of the

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cialty Foods and Fine Wine will also have wine experts in attendance to enhance your wine tasting experience.

Live entertainment will be performed by saxophonist Tola Lewis. A silent auction and wine auction will also be held during the event. Tickets are \$30 per person and can be purchased by contacting Mary Ann Roney, event chair, at maryann.roney@century21.com or (248) 207-3663): or Kristine Notarantonio, co-chair, at k_notarantonio@ hotmail.com or (248) 982-0929. All proceeds from "A Toast to Athletes" wine tasting event will be earmarked for the planned weight room expansion project at Novi High School.

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open for players, parents, coaches and fans to nominate (nominations will taken throughout the season) with voting opening on Oct. 7, will award each week's top votegetting team with a pizza party at their nearest Metro Detroit Play It to make a purchase in the store and a chance to be entered into the

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Skyline senior Akeme Okonkwo, sophomore Lawrence Mullin and

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they scored yet another goal and Novi struggled to maintain possession of the ball. With their backs against the wall, the Wildcats

held off a Crane flurry to make it to overtime tied 2-2. With both teams sending seven players to the field for the overtime period, Novi was able to utilize the space and Mos so dribbled around several Cranbrook defenders to knock in the gamewinning goal to send her team into the semifinals gainst Huron.

Notarantonio said. "The

second half was domi-

nated by Cranbrook as

Set to debut in Division I next season, the Wildcats are the only Michigan field hockey team to capture each of the Division II, III and IV titles, all since the program's inaugural season in fall 2008.

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"The quarterfinal game

one a few minutes before halftime to cut the deficit to 2-1 at the break

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again as the Eagles penetrated up the side, often dangerously crossing the ball through the box, but senior Drew Amstutz couldn't get through to

Meanwhile, Kiura, junior Don Nakashima and senior Tyler Sloan kept Skyline's defense humble as they peppered Eagle junior netminder Cameron Lekas with a few shots from distance and one up close that a Skyline defender had to save on the goal line sev en minutes into the sec-

Novi got a buffer goal with 9:10 left in the contest off a throw-in from Kiura 20-yards out on the right side that took one high hop through the goal box to Nakashima near the penalty spot for

a bicycle kick into the top right corner, just out of Lekas' reach. "The biggest areas he's improved this year is playing with his back to the goal," O'Leary said. "He's always been a great player facing the goal because he has good size and speed and this sloppy effective-

ness to him when he gets going, but this season he improved his game vastly with his back to the goal. And that's how he scored tonight, he had his back to the goal the Lasinski found himself

with a chance for Skyline as he dribbled into the Novi goal box with 1:45 remaining, but Netter made the save to preserve his 13th shutout of

"As close as our games have been, he hasn't been that busy," O'Leary said of Netter. "We know he's a quality goalie and it's a big comfort to have that if something does go wrong you have that last line to help you out." The regional title was Novi's first since win-

ning their only state title in boys soccer in 1998. Novi has since lost their last four quarterfinal appearances, including in 2010 to Canton and 2009 to eventual champion Bloomfield Hills Brother Rice



Novi fans celebrate the Wildcats' second goal.



Wildcat Aric Mann in action on Oct. 25.



Novi's Matt Kiura prepares to inbound the ball.

"If you would've asked me at the beginning of the season, I would've bet evervthing, I would've bet my house that we wouldn't be in the semifinals,' O'Leary said. "We lost 10 starters from last

year. Not only did I lose 10 starters, the kids I have didn't even play last year. The other kids were so good, there was such as gap. Those kids were such a higher level than these kids here. "It's just the ulti-



Novi Wildcat Tony Asimadu leaps in the air to play a ball during his team's Oct. 25 game at Farmington High.

team. We really got here because we did

everything as a team. The regional semifinal proved to be a tougher contest Oct. 23, as Novi defeated Dearborn Heights Crestwood (14-4-1). Despite an 18-4 shot advantage, six cor ner kicks, at least 15

ON TAP Ranked No. 16 in Divi sion I and with a new regional title under thei belt, Novi's boys soccer team (17-3-3) was scheduled to face No. East Kentwood (20-1-4)

last night at Holt for a chance to compete in Saturday's Division I state championship game, which did not have an announced time or location as of press deadline Visit www.mhsaa.com for the most up-to-date playoff schedule.

"State tournament any thing can happen." Nov coach Brian O'Leary said. "I've seen East Kentwood play three times

now and they're loaded with talent. They're like a college team. They've got college-level players at every position. We're not going to lay down. We're going to go in there with a game plan and stick with it. We're so happy to be there, we don't care who we're playing."

The other semifinal is between two unranked teams in Utica Henry Ford II (12-6-5) and Grand Blanc (15-6-2) Novi defeated Grand Blanc 1-0 in an Oct. 10 crossover between two KLAA division runnersup. The 2010, 2008 and 2007 champion, East Kentwood is coming of a 4-1 quarterfinal victory over 2011 runners-up Grand Haven (12-9-3).

long throw-ins, 12 i<mark>ndi-</mark> rect free kicks into the goal box and two break aways, Novi couldn't get a ball past Crestwood netminder Ayman Youssef for a goal.

"The star of the game was their goalie. He was great, the best goal ie I have seen all year,' O'Leary said.

However, with four minutes left in the second overtime, Novi junior Parker Sutton carried the ball to the touchline and crossed it into the box for a one timer by junior Nick Oakley that found the back of the net for the 1-0 victory.

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Mullins qualifies for third trip to state meet

Wildcat harriers end team seasons at Regionals

By Chris Jackett

Waterford's Hess-Hathaway Park marked the of the season for all but one member of Novi's boys and girls cross country

Senior Jackie Mullins placed higher than any Wildcat, leading the girls in 19 minutes and 31.5 seconds to finish 14th of 94 runners at Regionals Oct. 27 and qualify for a trip to the Division I state meet Nov. 3 at Michigan

any individual runners finishing in the top 15 individually qualify for the state meet. Waterford Mott's Sarah Hale set the cutoff mark at 19:35.5, placing just behind Mul-

In the boys race, Northville's Nick Noles set the mark in 15th at 16:41.9, just 7.6 seconds ahead of Novi's top harrier, junior Brian Barnes, who fin-

ished 18th of 104 runners "In my opinion, Barnes ran the smartest race of

ing to take the gamble. Hess-Hathaway Park his high school career," is known to be a slow Novi coach Robert Smith said. "Brian had to course. I'm comfortable



Novi senior Ben Jenkins races down the regional course Oct. 27 at Waterford's Hess-Hathaway Park en route to a 52nd-place finish in 18:02.6.

in saying that Barnes change his race tactics would have run about in order to give himself a chance. He is a strong finisher, but he had to run his first mile much faster than he normally does in order to put him into position near the finish. He quickly got himself into the top 20 and raced with the leaders the whole way. I am extremely proud of him for taking the chance. There is always the risk of 'blowing up' if you go out too

fast, but Brian was will-

a 16:15 anywhere else today." Mott senior Nathan Burnard won the boys region in 15:52.5 and West Bloomfield senior Erin

Finn won the girls region in 17:50.8. Mullins was the lone individual qualifier because neither Wildcat squad finished in the top three as a team against the very competitive field. Novi's girls were ninth of 14 teams with 260 points, behind first-place Birmingham Seaholm's 29 points and

runners-up Northville's

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Novi's boys finished 10th of 15 teams with 281 points, trailing firstplace Waterford Mott's

28 points and runners-up Northville's 84 points. "We knew going into the meet that the prospect of advancing was quite slim," Smith said. "But actually, our guys are ready to race anywhere. I enjoyed the quality com-

petition. After Barnes, the other Wildcat finishers were senior Ben Jenkins (52nd in 18:02.6), sophomore Cameron Misko (64th in 18:20.5), junior Michael Dickmann (71st in 18:31.6), senior Phil Bae za (76th in 18:39.2), sophomore Nate Hall (80th in 18:50.2) and senior Tim MacPherson (81st in 18:54.5)

"Ben came on strong at Regionals last year, and it was great that he was able to end this season, and career, on a high note again this year," Smith

In the girls' race, sophomore Hannah Lonergan was Novi's second finisher, landing 22nd in 20:11.9. She was followed by senior Carrie Subject



Novi senior Jackie Mullins stops for a photo Oct. 27 at Waterford's Hess-Hathaway Park after qualifying for States by finishing 14th in 19:31.5.

(73rd in 23:47.1), junior Melanie Murphy (74th in 23:48.0), freshman Sanja Ramakarishna (85th in 24:30.2), freshman Cecile Baeza (88th in 25:08.0) and freshman Summer Mitchell (89th in 25.24.0).

Although neither varsity squad finished in the top three, the junior varsity boys finished second in the JV race with 47 points, behind Waterford Mott's winning 39-point

performance. Freshman Andrew Mizerowski (second in 17:45) led the way for the young Wildcats.

"Andrew had a fantastic race today," Smith said.

ON TAP

Novi's senior Jackie Mullins is the lone Wildcat cross country qualifier, boys or girls, for the Divi sion I state meet and will take to the Michigan International Speedway track 3 p.m. Saturday in Brooklyn, Mullins was 37th at 19:00.7 in 2011 and 12th at 18:42.2 in 2009, but did not qualify as a sophomore.

'He tied his seasons' best. That is almost impossible to do on this course. Mizerowski was the second fastest Wildcat of the day when you combine the two races. In fact, we had nine JV runners who ran comparable times to our varsity. Our top 16 guys are very evenly matched.'

The JV Wildcats' other finishers were junior Cameron Rich man (eighth in 18:06). senior Allen Potter (ninth in 18:08), junior Tom Groechel (12th in 18:23). junior Andrew Turek (16th in 18:41), junior Palguna Thalla (22nd in 18:44) and sophomore Paul Li (24th in 18:46).

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NOVI BOBCATS FOOTBALL ROUND-UP

Varsity advances to Super Bowl

In a playoff game held at home Saturday, the Novi Varsity Bobcats (8-1) defeated the Northville Stallions (5-4) in convincing fashion, 35-16. With the win, this year's squad becomes the first-ever varsity team to advance to the Western Lakes Junior Football League Super Bowl.

The game began with the Stallions scoring on the third play of the game to lead 6-0 before a minute had even been played. They then successfullv executed an onside

kick and were back in business at midfield, but the Bobcat defense, led by Ian Patterson, Ricky Turner, Rvan Welch, Connor Moore, Scott Latham, and Tyler Vankirk, shut the Stallions down, and the Bobcats' offense took over. Led by the hard running of Antho nv D'Annibale and Patterson, the Bobcats responded by pounding out a first quarter touchdown to tie the game, and added three more in the second quarter to take a commanding 28-6 halftime

From there, the Bobcats defense continued to control the game, even with the Bobcats starting eight on the sidelines. Led by Rakin Parker, Jordan Castleberry, and Suhas Chinthalapuri inside, the Bobcats thwarted the

Stallions running game until late in the third quarter when they scored following a blocked punt and a costly penalty by the Bobcats. The Bobcats responded immediately with a long drive ending with Patterson bulling his way in for the Bobcats' final touchdown behind an offensive line that has plocked with determina-

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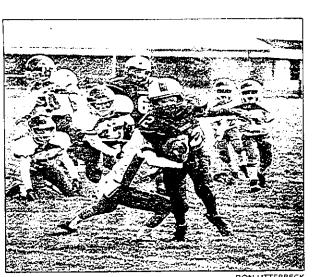
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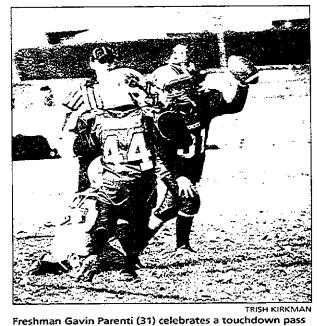
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IV Bobcat Eric Budd (32) makes a hard run up the middle for a touchdown against the Falcons.



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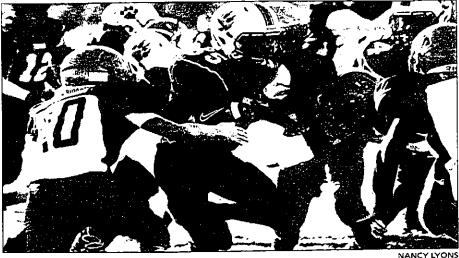
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Welch. On the day, Patterson scored four touchdowns, D'Annibale added another, and King kicked two PAT's. Late in the game Travis Davis made

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Bobcat Varsity Suhas Chinthalapuri (65) runs against the Northville Stallions during their playoff game in Novi.

The Falcons led at half-

a diving interception to halt a Stallions' drive, and the Bobcats ran out the clock for a 35-16 victory. The Varsity Bobcats now advance to the championship game against the undefeated Livonia Falcons (9-0) at EMU's Rynearson Stadium in osilanti, on Saturday, Nov. 3, at 4 p.m. — By Eric Smith

JV season comes to an end

The Novi JV Bobcats played a hard-fought game against the Livonia Falcons this past weekend. This matchup had the Novi Bobcats with the number one defense in the league, against the Livonia Falcons with their hard running offense.

After a long Falcon drive that resulted in a touchdown, the Bob cats started to move their offense on their first possession. Trendon Hankerson had back to back positive runs behind key blocking from Daniel Erno, Jonah Matas, Adam Burgol, Ethan Brennan, Rvan Farris, and Kyle Utterbeck. The Bobcats drive stalled and the Fal-

cons regrouped for another sustained touchdown drive. After a defensive showdown for most of the 2nd quarter, Hankerson provided the offensive spark by scoring on a 55-yd punt return for a touchdown in the final seconds on the quarter.

time, 19-6. During the third quarter the Falcons continued to match the number one Bobcat defense play for play until the Falcons broke through for another touchdown to put the Falcons up 25-6. However, there was no quit in the Bobcats as they moved the ball well on a long sustained drive behind strong run ning from Evan Budd, Andrew O'Connor, and Makari Paige, Eric Budd capped off the dive with a touchdown up the middle that cut the deficit to 25-14. The Falcons responded by grinding out hard earned vards late in the fourth quarter that put them up 32-14 as the final score.

The entire coaching staff would like to thank the JV Bobcat players for a great season along with all their hard work, dedication, and commitment to the team. This season was truly a team effort that saw contributions from each and every player. Furthermore, the Bobcat organization would like to thank Head Coach Jeff Budd for his leadership and dedication to the organization in making this a successful season. ---- By Joseph Smythe

Freshman lose, 20-13

The Novi Freshman Bobcats (3-6) fell for the

second time this year to the Northville Stallions (5-4), in the season-ending playoff consolation game

for both teams. The Bobcats scored first on a 16-yard run around the right end by Ethan Cooper. The PAT attempt was no good, and

the Bobcats led early 6-0. With just under a minute to play in the first half, the Stallions scored on a 54-vard touchdown pass and converted their PAT, giving them a 7-6 halftime lead.

Late in the third quarter the Stallions extended their lead to 14-6 with a 25 yard touchdown run. With just over eight minutes left in the game the Stallions scored their third touchdown, extending their lead to 20-6. before the Bobcats' Jack Beno hit Michael Kirkman for a 45-vard pass. On the next play Beno found Gavin Parenti open for a 10-vard touchdown pass and the two hooked up again for the PAT, bringing the score to 20-13. With time running out in the game, the Bobcats attempted an onside kick but it was recovered by the Stallions to halt any chance for another Bobcat score.

Alex Vargas had another strong game on defense, leading the Bobcats with eight tackles. Parenti recovered a first half fumble caused by Malik McGee, and Beno made a second half interception

- By Chris Parenti

CITY OF NOVI NOTICE OF ADOPTION ORDINANCE NO. 18.263

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE NOVI CITY COUNCIL HAS ADOPTED ORDINANCE NO. 18.263 TO AMEND ORDINANCE NO. 97-18 AS AMENDED, THE CITY OF NOVI ZONING ORDINANCE, AMENDING ARTICLE 2 - CONSTRUC-TION OF LANGUAGE AND DEFINITIONS, ZONING DISTRICT AND MAP. AS WELL AS ARTICLE 25 - GENERAL PROVISIONS, TO PROVIDE DEFINITIONS AND STANDARDS FOR PLUG-IN ELECTRIC VEHICLE CHARGING STATIONS AND PARKING SPACES, AS WELL AS TO ENCOURAGE THE INSTALLATION OF PLUG-IN ELECTRIC VEHICLE CHARGING STATIONS AND SPACES WITHIN NEW AND EXPANDED OFF-STREET PARKING AREAS.

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in the 100 back from seniors Andrea VanderMey (third in 1:01.88) and Dana Morgan (eighth in 1:04.65). Novi got a third division title in the 200 medley relay when the Buhas, VanderMey and senior Kelsey Shurmur teamed up to win it in 1:52.09. Morgan, freshman Lauren Kim, senior Dana Kilponen and senior Janice Burnett added a seventh-

place time of 2:00.51 in the A fourth individual division title came in the 1-meter dive, where senior Rachel Aepelbacher won with 392.65 points. Senior Jillian Odom took fifth with 358.0.

Although the 'Cats didn't have any top-10 finishes in the 200 freestyle, 200 individual medley or 100 freestyle, they did earn solid placements in several other events. such as the 50 free, where they took five of the top 10 positions. South Lyon won in 24.67 seconds, but had tough competition from Maranda Buha (second in 24.77). Burnett (sixth in 25.42), Vander-Mey (eighth in 26.08), Kilpo nen (ninth in 26.50) and freshman Ava Bianchi (10th in

tez took seventh in the 500 free in 5:35.55, behind Northville's winning time of 5:05.41. And Kim took fourth in the 100 breast in 1:12.81, while Northville won that event in

Freshman Alexandra Cor-

The Buhas, Cortez and VanderMey teamed up to take second in the 400 free relay in 3:47.60, behind the Mustangs' winning time of 3:40.65. South Lyon took the 200 free relay in 1:40.40, but Novi put two teams in the top 10. Burnett, Kilponen, Bianci and Cortez were fourth in 1:47.87, while Shurmur, junior Jenny Chang, senior Lindsey Vaughan and Kim were ninth

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The Detroit Catholic Central Shamrocks will be back in action when they hit the road against Walled Lake Northern tomorrow at 7 p.m.

yard line-the Shamrocks forced a fumble that was recovered by Marcus Rashid.

The Shamrocks moved the ball to the Hartland 18-yard line before turning it over on downs and the Eagles regained control with just over two minutes remaining in the game. A pass by Hartland's quarterback on the following play, however, was intercepted by Malone to shut down any hope of a scoring drive by the The Shamrocks scored

on the opening kickoffa 97-yard return by Malone-to begin the game with a 7-0 lead.

Hartland got on the board in the second quarter with a two-point safety when a long snap misfired over the punter's head and out of the end zone to make it a 7-2 game. The Eagles then took the lead on the following drive, scoring on a pass from Milarch to Austin Pierce for an 8-7 advantage.

But, in true Detroit Catholic Central fashion, the Shamrocks' offense began to methodically march down the field on the following possession Leading the way was Garrett Moores, who helped put his team into position on a long run from scrimmage before David Houle rumbled across the goal line from a yard out to recapture the lead, 14-8, following an extra-point kick by Moores.

The squad came out of the locker room and added to their lead following a stop by the defense. Moores ended a 65vard drive with a pass to

Roney for a 16-yard score to make it a 21-15 game with just under six minutes left in the third quar-

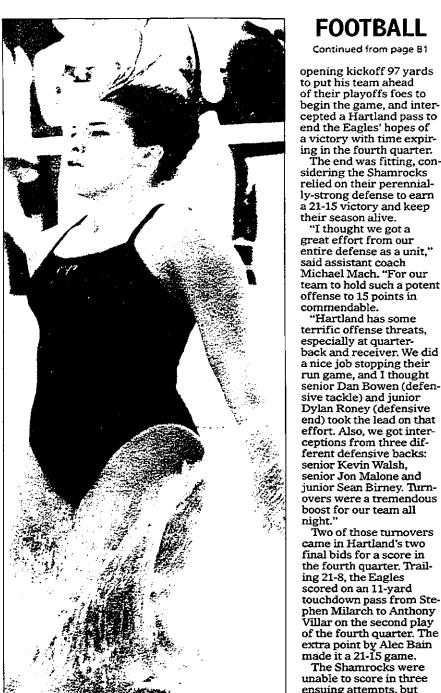
The Shamrocks are now 6-4 on the year and will play tomorrow at Walled Lake Northern, which is 8-2 and has won eight straight to earn their first playoff appearance.

"They run the option, so we know we're going to have to play assignment football," said Mach. "We are going to stress discipline and solid tackling and do our best to win one-on-one battles. That is what is so challenging about their attackthey spread their opponents out and make them defend the entire field. both horizontally and vertically, and then use all 11 guys to attack. There no 'handoff' playerevery back or receiver touching the ball for them is a threat to run, and to

Sam Eggleston is a freelance writer and former staff sports writer for the Northville Record and Novi News

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JOHN HEIDER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER Novi's Jillian Odom hits the water on Oct. 26 as the Wildcats host the KLAA Central Div. swim and dive championships.

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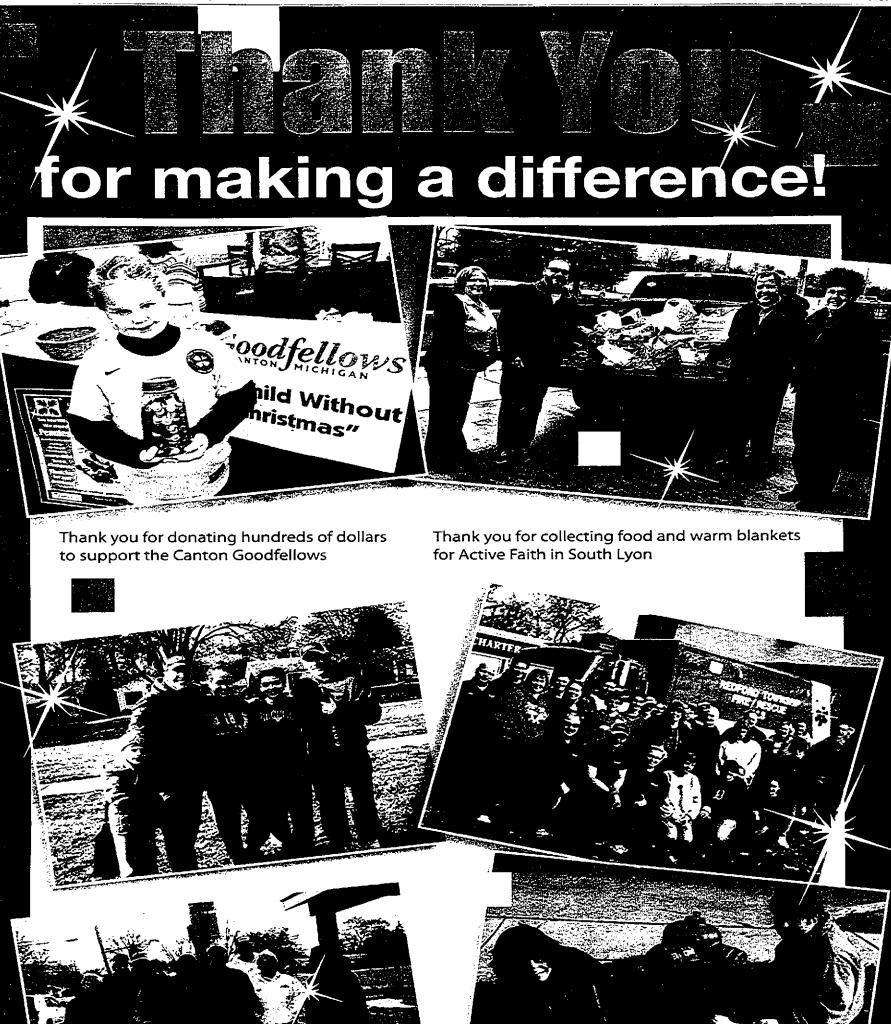
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Anything memorable about what you have done in your industry: "ProtectCell looks

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was first to market protection plans that also included additional benefits bevond traditional

Lakes Area Chamber hosting 4th annual EXPO,

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 on its sixth location at 25875 Novi Road in

Novi, said

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ProtectCell enhances wireless lifestyles

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kind of thinking had a lot to do with getting this company off the ground.



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 wav

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

What makes your business "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

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.

don't have their phones.

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

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."

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

DETAILS

Business: ProtectCell Address: 39500 High Pointe Blvd., Suite 250, Novi, MI 48375 Names/Titles: Bryan Finnerty, co-founder and CEO; Rob Emery, co-

founder Hometown: Wolverin Lake (Finnerty) and Village of Orchard Lake (Emery)

Business Opened: 2006 Number of Employees

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, by providing a device when needed, but also safequards 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." Phone: (248) 319-0450 Website: www.protectcell.com

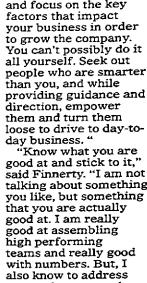
to help at a nonprofit, charity, or school, and an additional 20 hours a vear to invest in doing something for themselves. We really want to show our employees and the community that this is a company that understands about

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 to grow the company. direction, empower

"Know what you are said Finnerty. "I am not address them by having high performing people wireless industry. He is with the amazing ideas We are a great contrast and a great balance for



my weaknesses and around me to do those things. Rob knows the the one who comes up 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.



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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 informa-

Cooper Standard debuts oducts Group at AAPEX

Novi-based Cooper Standard marked its inaugural trip to the 2012 Auto-motive 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 Stan dard now has the infrastructure to effectively and efficiently meet this demar, 1.

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Getting to know you: Realtors mix business, pleasure



Tony Schippa, Greater Metropoli tan Association of Realtors president, and Doug Whitehouse, a GMAR member, visit at the event

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

The event was among those in which Realtor Tony Schippa of Coldwell Banker Preferred of Plymouth, current president of the Greater Metropoli tan 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-

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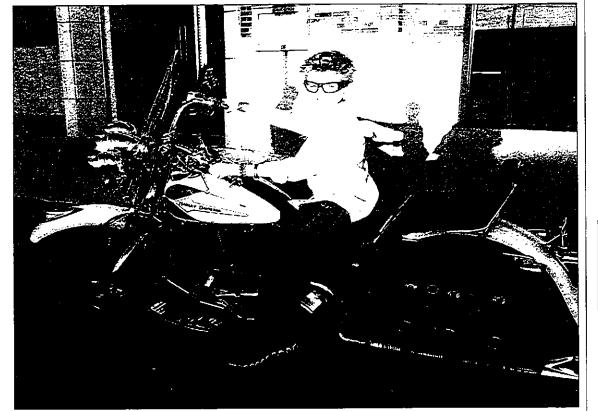
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Aidan Cristbrook is the son of James Cristbrook, one of GMAR's members. Motorcycles were part of the fun at the GMAR event.

y Association of Realtors and Oct. 16.

The event was sponsored by the RPAC Riders Club, which raises money both for charity and the PAC. Motorcycles were present. "The kids there had a good time having their pictures tak en on the motorcycles," he said. The local PAC's goals that relate to the public are allowing homeowners underwater on a mortgage to keep or transfer a home. The Realtor

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

"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.

By Julie Brown

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"We've been putting on a

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Smith said of Lockhart's BBQ.

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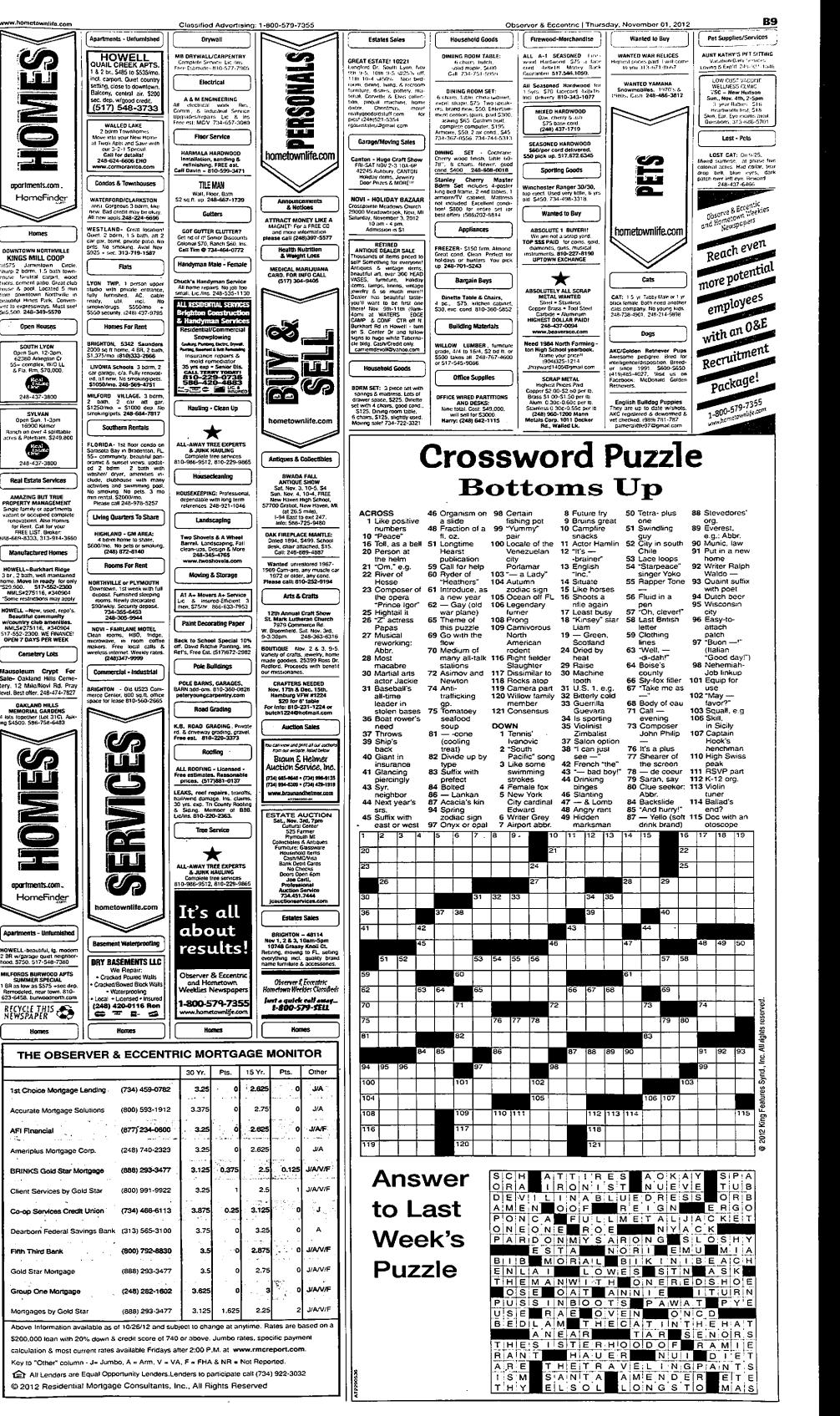
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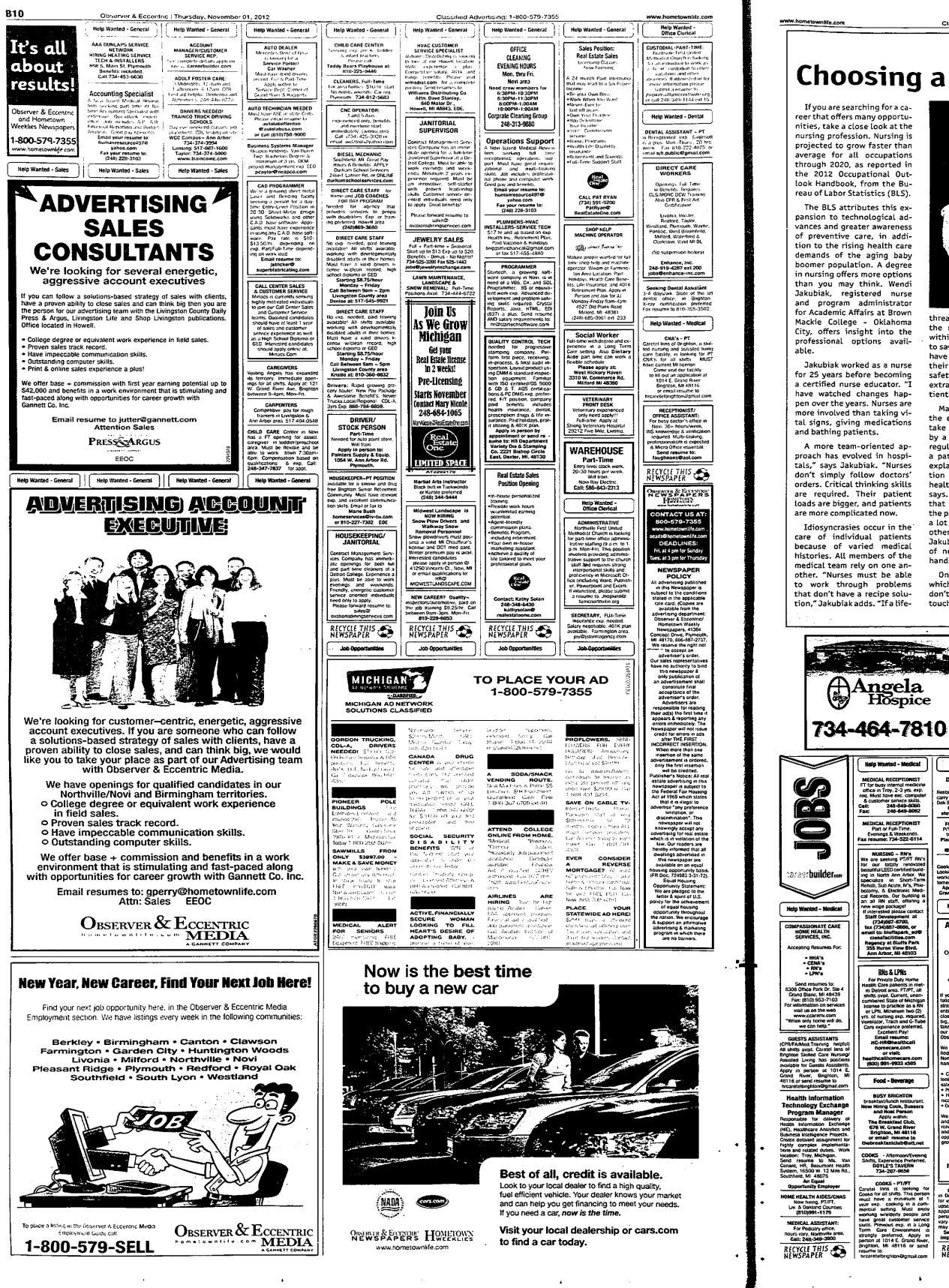
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The BLS attributes this expansion to technological advances and greater awareness of preventive care, in addition to the rising health care demands of the aging baby boomer population. A degree in nursing offers more options than you may think. Wendi Jakubiak, registered nurse and program administrator for Academic Affairs at Brown Mackie College - Oklahoma City, offers insight into the professional options avail-

Jakubiak worked as a nurse for 25 years before becoming a certified nurse educator. "I have watched changes happen over the years. Nurses are more involved than taking vital signs, giving medications and bathing patients.

A more team-oriented approach has evolved in hospitals," savs Jakubiak, "Nurses don't simply follow doctors orders. Critical thinking skills are required. Their patient loads are bigger, and patients are more complicated now.

Idiosyncrasies occur in the care of individual patients because of varied medical histories. All members of the medical team rely on one another. "Nurses must be able to work through problems that don't have a recipe solu-

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cally, is to become a care manager or care coordinator. This position involves managing outpatient care to make sure needs are met and health is maintained when a patient leaves a medical facility. The home health care coordinator's job is broadly based on patient education. Good health assessment skills and good nursing skills are necessary elements of care. These skills, plus teaching skills, help keep the patient as independent as possible. The care coordinator's position at an insurance company is similar to one employed by a hospital. "They work with an eye toward keeping treatment aspects in line with guidelines," says Jakubiak. "A knowledge base is essential to perform the job. One must be able to be a manager, have a broad understanding of the body and a scientific background."

Education is another option for those with a nursing degree. A shortage of nurses, widely reported since 1998, has abated somewhat, due to a large number of nurses delaying retirement in a down economy, according to a recent report by Bloomberg. As the economy improves, another shortage of nurses is anticipated.

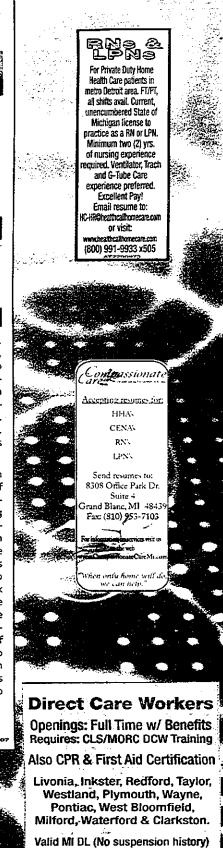
According to the American Association of Colleges of Nursing, enrollment in entrylevel baccalaureate nursing programs increased 5.1 percent in 2011. "I literally run into people who remember me taking care of them 20 years ago. They often stop me to say, 'Thank you,'" Jakubiak says. "The profession can be what you make it. We have the ability as nurses to show compassion and caring - on top of all the technological stuff - to impact someone's life when they are most vulnerable. This opportunity is a huge gift to make a positive impact."

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Chrysler Redoubles Hispanic Outreach in Ram Campaign



Chrysler is redoubling its reach-out to Hispanic truck buyers with its new advertising campaign for Ram. And it doesn't hurt that the new 2013 Ram 1500 was just named "Truck

of Texas" — a top award

By Dale Buss

in Ram's biggest market and one where Hispanic consumers are crucial.

As part of its new "Moving Heaven and Earth" national general-market campaign around the launch of the new 1500, Ram is running a new series of TV, print and radio ads regionally in its top-volume Hispanic markets that seek to extend its successful initial effort of last year.

The campaign is a new iteration of the "A Todo, Con Todo" theme that Chrysler introduced last year and, this time around, features Juanes, a world-famous Latin musician who has sold more than 12 million albums.

"We're dialing it up a notch" from last year, in part by targeting the 17 leading U.S. metro markets for Hispanics, mostly across the South and West, compared with 15 markets last year, Fred Diaz, president and CEO of the Ram brand and of Chrysler de Mexico, told me.

Also, Ram increased the stakes by turning to Juanes, Diaz said, "He's wildly popular in South America and in Europe, and he's starting to become wildly popular in the U.S. as well." The entertainer recently gave a speech to a national society of Hispanic MBAs in Orlando "and the crowd exploded with applause," he said.

"He's also a philanthropist and just a down-to-earth guy," Diaz said. "Olivier

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[Francois, Chrysler's CMO] was able to find us the perfect guy who is working incredibly well with this campaign." (Many had the same feeling after Francois personally recruited Eminem a couple of years ago to star in Chrysler's iconic "Imported From Detroit" Super Bowl ad.)

Juanes demonstrates " the type of personal conviction and dedication to doing what's right that makes [him] an authentic brand ambassador for Ram, a true representative of the idea of living 'A Todo, Con Todo, " Diaz said in a press release.

Diaz feels intensely about Ram's Hispanic-focused campaign in part because he's a Latino who hails from San Antonio. "This has been a passion point of mine for some time," said Diaz, who was communications manager for Dodge and Ram several years ago and learned about the importance of the Hispanic market to Chrysler's pickup-truck franchise.

It's not that Ram necessarily out-indexes with Hispanic buyers versus the mainstream market, he said. But Latino customers are most prominent in many of the states that are most crucial to the pickuptruck segment. "Ram 1500 and 2500 are among our best-selling nameplates to



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Hispanic buyers," Diaz explained. Ram sales to Hispanic customers are up 33 percent this year, Diaz said, and the brand represents 18 percent of all of Chrysler Group's sales to Hispanic buyers.

Yet, Diaz said, until recently Ram was sort of hamhanded about reaching out directly to Hispanics, he said. "We dabbled with it

a bit, and sometimes we'd get excited about it and told dealers we were going to get into it, and then as soon as budgets would get screwed down, the first thing to go was diversity marketing," he said. "But we knew it was important."

Finally last year, as Chrysler's recovery got legs and marketing resources became more available, Diaz vowed to do it right.

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So in September 2011, Ram gathered Latino marketing journalists and pitched its first iteration of a new strategy, under the "A Todo, Con Todo" theme — colloquially meaning, as Diaz put it, "Give it everything you've got."

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"They had never done a stitch of acting, and it was 100 percent their words and unscripted," Diaz said. "You have to be true and right and authentic and know the cultural nuances. You can't just do a Spanish voiceover, or the Hispanic consumer will see right through it and you'll run the heavy risk of being offensive and disrespectful to the Latino population."

This year, in its expanded efforts featuring Juanes, Ram is placing ads in Spanish and English on Hispanic TV networks such as Telemundo and Univision; in national Hispanic magazines including Automundo and ESPN Deportes La Revista; and in Spanish-language local newspapers and radio stations.

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