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SEX EDUCATION HEARING

The last sex education health curriculum hearing will be on Feb. 8 at 6:45 p.m. at the Educational Services Building on Taft Road. The hearing will be broadcast on the cable channel and a regular Novi Board of Education meeting will follow. See page 4A for the full story.

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In Sympathy



Inside this week's Novi News find a special insert, "In Sympathy" as a guide to dealing with arrangements for a death.

Businessman of the Year

Joseph Kapelczak was honored with the prestigious "Businessman of the Year" from the Novi Chamber of Commerce — Page 3A

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Crazy over Organic

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Heavy-handed victory

The Wildcats took a close call against Hartland but won in the final match with heavyweight Nick Sloan taking down the final points in overtime — Page 1B

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Countless celebrations

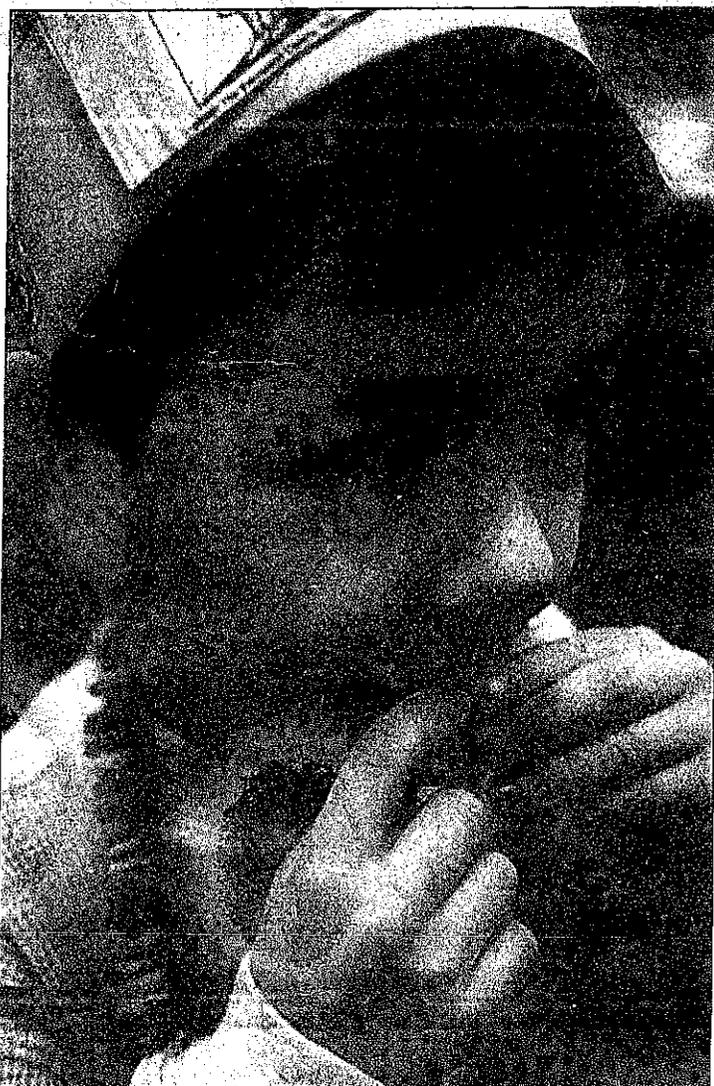


Photo by JOHN HEIDER

Deerfield Elementary kindergartner Alex Sekuloski noshes on his Froot-Loop necklace during last week's celebration of its 100th day of existence. The necklace contained 100 pieces of the cereal.

A hundred ways for 100 days

By STEPHANIE FORDYCE
Staff Writer

...98, 99, 100! While you might have not been keeping track, the 100th day of school is really something exciting — especially if you're a kindergartner. Just ask five-year-old Emily Cranmer of Deerfield Elementary. "I'm 100 days smarter," she said. On Feb. 1, Cranmer and other elementary kindergartners and first graders in the district celebrated the 100th day of school by counting to 100 in many countless ways. One hundred plastic bugs, 100 beans, 100 macaroni noodles, 100 pennies. And so on. "It's like a big math day," explained six-year-old Jackie Day. While some students were busy making a 100th day necklace by stringing 100 guessed-it-one-hundred beads, others were busy creat-

ing the digits using pretzels and marshmallows. "Once it looks right, it's time to eat," said kindergartner Andrew Abdul Nour. Some students like Allison Welgosh and Paul Johnson, looked like miniature Elton Johns in their 100 shaped glasses. "I can barely see out of them, but they're fun," Welgosh said, as she pushed the glasses back on her nose. Other students had fun doing activities such as 100 hula hoop turns, hunting through a bin of rice to find one hundred different items and participating in the number scramble. In this activity, the students waited for their teacher to put one hundred numbers in a blanket and fling it in the air. The students worked as a team to help sort the numbers in the right order. With all kinds of different interactive activities to engage in, the special day seemed to be a success. The result — 100 smiles.

EMS task force to be formed

By RANDAL YAKLEY
Staff Writer

After a debate that simmered all of last summer and resulted in a failed vote over the 24-hour fire department staffing, city officials will resume the discussion with a special task force. The city of Novi is putting together a committee to look at the emergency fire service that will include fire officials, city council members and concerned citizens. According to Novi city manager Richard Helwig, the task force has been created to look at the Emergency Medical Service and fire department staffing issues. "I hope it didn't surprise anyone that we needed to assert our leadership over how our EMS and fire department is staffed," Helwig said. "I feel we really do need to step in and, with community involvement, create a community task force." The task force will include council members Michelle Bonini, Lou Csordas, and Mayor Richard Clark. Representatives from the fire department will include fire chief Arthur Lenaghan and members from both the full time and paid-on-call (POC) firefighters.

"We would like to have this done between now and March 30," Helwig said. "Administrative recommendations to the city budget would then come forward to the city council." Helwig said that he expects the committee would study the issue and make recommendations to be implemented over a "multi-year" period. Helwig acknowledged the study would be thorough in its examination of the entire department and staffing. "We interested in getting on with charting our future as a major community," Helwig said. "If this isn't the highest of priorities, it is among the highest in the city. It warrants that type of commitment." Helwig said he wants to get the committee started right away, by next week, to keep the issue fresh. Last Nov. 7, Novi voters rejected a 1.5 mil, \$3.1 million tax hike that would provide 24-hour staffing, advanced life support and emergency medical service in the city. Randal Yakley is a staff writer for the Novi News. His e-mail address is ryakley@ht.homecomm.net

Crime slightly up due to growth

By RANDAL YAKLEY
Staff Writer

The city of Novi is in a flux and as a result, the yearly police statistics are reflective of that growth. Overall, crime is slightly higher but Novi Police Chief Douglas Shaeffer said the increase he is most worried about is the number of break-ins. According to the year-end report for 2000, the number of burglaries jumped 35 percent. In 1999, there were 126 reported break-ins and 171 in 2000. With the large number of break-ins, there were only three more suspects arrested in 2000 as opposed to 1999. Only nine suspects were apprehended in 2000 as to six arrests for burglaries in 1999. "Breaking and enterings have risen and that has given us a great concern," Shaeffer said. "We would like to patrol more in the neighborhoods." Another source of concern for the department is the number of Criminal Sexual Conduct (CSC) cases that have risen in the last year. In 1999, there were an estimated 26 cases resulting in six arrests. By 2000, the number of cases has risen to 32 with 11 arrests. "We've had some child molesting cases," Shaeffer said. "That, of course, is a concern." A typically disturbing incident from last year was the case of for-

mer Novi resident Timothy Allen Brown, 33, who was charged with criminal sexual conduct — forcible contact — with a 6-year-old girl. Brown, who will go to trial later this year, faces up to life in prison for first degree CSC which includes penetration, according to Oakland County Prosecutor Sharen Lynch. Under "Part A" of the year-end statistics, that includes crimes such as murder, kidnapping and robbery, there was an overall drop. There were no murders in 2000, as compared to one in 1999 involving William Olsen who killed his step-father Thomas J. Tuttle. Olsen, who pleaded guilty on November 14 to involuntary manslaughter, was sentenced on Dec. 6 to 10 to 30 years in prison. And the overall number of assault cases actually dropped going from 43 in 1999 to 36 in 2000. But there was an increase in weapons charges from 56 in

Douglas Shaeffer
Novi Police Chief

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Chamber names Holland Novi volunteer of the year

By STEPHANIE FORDYCE
Staff Writer

For most of us, Elinor Holland needs no introduction. Most are familiar with her tireless efforts to be a vital part of the community. Now working above and beyond the call of duty has earned the local resident the Novi Chamber of Commerce's 2000 Outstanding Volunteer of the Year Award. "Elinor has been instrumental in making all our fund-raising projects successful," said chamber director Stacey DeRoche. "She has spent countless hours working on our annual chamber auction getting donations and in the past five years has never missed a luncheon." Known throughout the community, whether through the chamber or her own cable access show "Potpourri," Holland has dedicated much of her life to being "involved." "Volunteering and being a part of the community is really the most rewarding thing you can do," she said. "Getting involved you get to do so many different activities, go places, see things, meet interesting people — and just learn so much." Over the years, Holland has been

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Elinor Holland
Volunteer of the Year

a member of many Novi committees and organizations. Some of those include the beautification commission, the Novi garden club — which she founded, and the senior center, in which she was a former president. She was also a part of the Meadowbrook Commons senior housing project and is involved with the Diabetes Association and Paralyzed Veterans of America. In addition, she sits on the chamber auction and ambassadors committees. "She is so involved with the chamber," DeRoche said. "She does a lot for us and the entire business community, so she was really the perfect candidate for this award."

For the past seven years, she works part time doing public relations for Dr. James McClintchey of the Coward Care Center in Farmington Hills, who she credits to her involvement in the Novi Chamber. Some of her projects around the city have included the trees around the civic center, which were sold through the beautification commission and a commemorative bench which sits outside City Hall. "We had so many seniors who were passing away, so others talked about putting up a plaque but I wanted to do something more," she said. With Parks & Recreation Director Dan Davis, they found a piece of property to install a bench and honor the memory of those deceased who were very active in the senior center. While Holland may be 76 years old, her golden years don't seem to slow her down. "When you get older and you stop working, you have to do something to fill your time," she said. "If you

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Photo by JOHN HEIDER

City of Novi's volunteer of the year, Elinor Holland, gets a good reaction out of senior center director Kathy Crawford, left, as Elinor shows her the plaque given for this honor.

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Hockey fights; on and off the ice

While the Novi hockey team battled it out on the ice, a worker at the Novi ice arena battled with attackers in the parking lot on Jan. 31.

According to Novi police, the victim went to take out the trash behind the ice arena when he was approached by a female teen who told him there was a bag of trash in the front parking lot. When the man went out to the front of the arena, at around 11 p.m., he was attacked by two white male suspects, according to police. The victim said he was kicked in the stomach several times during the scuffle.

Inside the arena, the Novi hockey team defeated Hartland 7-1.

BEER DRINKING MAN
Novi Police were dispatched to the CVS pharmacy at 45065 Pontif Trail on a call concerning a man who was sitting in his car for "two hours, drinking beer," according to Novi police reports. When police arrived on the scene, they found a half full 40 oz bottle of Milwaukee's Best Ice in between the front seats of the man's car. According to police, the man flew a 9.225 on the alcohol test. According to the state of Michigan, 0.10 is legally drunk in Michigan.

The incident was reported by pharmacy employees on Jan. 31, around 10:30 p.m.

NOVI EXPOSURE

Police News

A clerk at the Davis Amoco on Twelve Mile reported to police that a white male suspect came into the gas station and exposed himself to her on Jan. 31, at 3:30 p.m.

According to the what the woman told police, the white male suspect came into the gas station, dropped his pants and began masturbating. The victim told police that she screamed, "Oh my god," and the suspect repeatedly said "I'm sorry while he picked up his pants and left the store." Police said they tracked down the suspect and he told police the incident was a mistake. According to the report, the man said that his pants fell down and he exposed himself because he wasn't wearing underwear.

TEMPER TANTRUM
A Novi Woods Elementary student, who had "trouble with the bus," and did not get a ride home was taken to Novi police station after the school reported that he did not have an emergency number for the child on Jan 31 at around 4 p.m.

According to the report, the child had some problems with violent behavior. On arrival at the station, the child began turning over tables and chairs before being quieted down with

a stuffed animal and food. Police were able to contact the child's grandmother who came to pick him up.

LOVERS QUARREL
A rental property owner along South Lake Drive was chased by his girlfriend after the girlfriend decided her beau was cheating on her, Jan. 31 just before 11:30 p.m.

According to police reports, the girlfriend confronted the man over the other woman and when she did not get a satisfactory answer, she maced him. Police are continuing to investigate the incident.

ROAD RAGE
On Feb. 3 at 1 p.m., an officer was conducting a traffic stop on Beck Road when he was flagged down by a citizen who said he had almost been shot.

The citizen stated he had been heading northbound on Taft Road, south of Ten Mile in line with approximately six other cars. The suspect, a male in his mid-30's, was in the rear of the line and began to weave around the other cars in an attempt to pass the line of traffic.

When the line of cars began to move, the suspect, who was driving a green, four-door car, forced his car back into the lane, cut

ting off the complainant. Both vehicles turned west-bound on Ten Mile. The suspect then pulled over to the shoulder and when the complainant slowed down, the suspect began waving a handgun. With his driver's side window rolled down, the suspect yelled, "Pull over, I got something for you."

The complainant continued driving and saw the suspect pull into the Briarpointe Plaza. Officers checked the area but found nothing.

FOUND OUT
On Feb. 4 at around 6 p.m. in the JC Penney parking lot at Twelve Oaks Mall, a woman claimed she spotted a white male in a beige four-door mas-turbating in his car. Police came to the scene but the suspect had fled.

WHERE IS MY PIZZA?
A resident on Midway Street in Novi found his mailbox had been stolen which caused his dinner to arrive late on Feb. 3.

The resident discovered the mailbox was gone when he ordered a pizza after the deliverer called and stated he could not find the house. Knowing the address was printed on the mailbox, the resident went outside to find the mailbox and its post had been pulled out of the ground. The complainant stated the same thing had happened about five months earlier. Police have no suspects at this time.

Novi Briefs

SENIOR CENTER HAPPENINGS

St. Valentine's Chocolate Fest
A wonderful luncheon followed by a program on chocolate with samples of chocolate favorites. The event is Wednesday, Feb. 14, at noon Cost is \$4. Tickets on sale now at the Senior Center.

St. Patrick's Irish Luncheon & Dublin Derby
"Faith & Begorra," you better be wearin' your green on this special day. A great Irish lunch followed by the Dublin Derby Horse Race. The event is Friday, March 16, at noon. Cost is \$3.50. Tickets on sale now at the Senior Center.

Threads of Power Breakfast
On Feb. 13, at the Doubletree Hotel, the Novi Chamber of Commerce will host its 2nd Annual Threads of Power breakfast to provide women with low incomes with donated business clothes for jobs and interviews.

The clothing will go to three local organizations: The Women's Resource Center of Schoolcraft College, Lighthouse Pontiac Area Transitional Housing (PATH), and The Southbick Career Center.

Those attending Threads of Power are asked to bring women's gently-used business outfits and professional attire as a donation.

The breakfast is \$15 and reservations must be made by Friday, Feb. 9, 2001. If you would like more information about Threads of Power, please contact the Novi Chamber of Commerce at (248) 349-3743. The event, held at the Doubletree Hotel in Novi, is from 8:30-10:30 a.m. Both individuals and businesses are welcome to attend.

The event is sponsored by the John Clements of A.G. Edwards, Twelve Oaks Mall, and The Print House.

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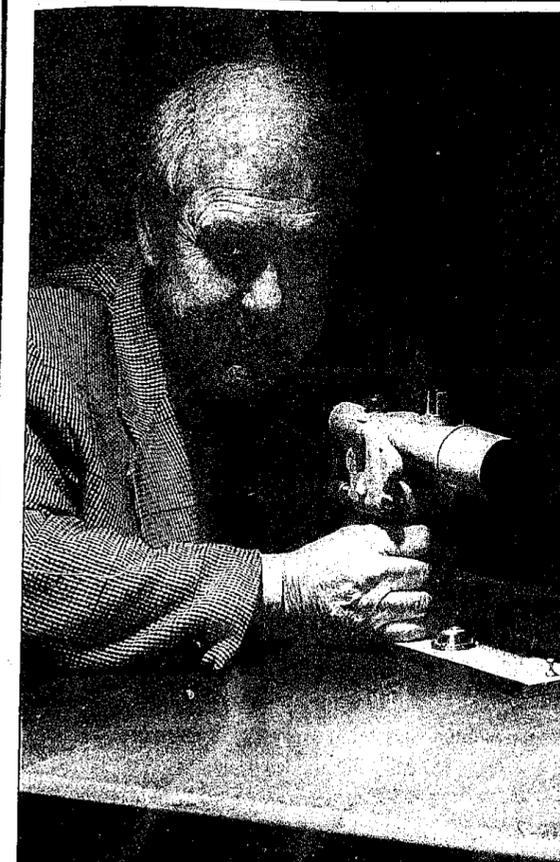
Novi Youth Assistance will be holding its annual Novi-A-Thon, Saturday, March 10, from 1-4 p.m. at Novi Bowl. The bow-a-thon is Novi Youth Assistance's major fundraiser of the year to help raise money for summer programs. According to John P. O'Brien, chairperson of this year's event, this year's goal is to raise fifteen thousand dollars.

The great thing about the event is that 100 percent of the money raised is returned to the community in the form of programming," he said.

The Camp program, Teen Center, Scholarship and Recreation, Family Education, and Youth Recognition are all run with the money raised by this event.

The bowlers get pledges based on their score for three games. The format for the bow-a-thon is a nine pin, no tap. If you knock down nine pins, it counts as a strike. The bowling is free, along with food, refreshments, door prizes and prizes for top money raisers.

Anyone interested in bowling, sponsoring a lane, making a team, or donating a prize can contact the Novi Youth Assistance office at (248) 347-0410.



Novi's Businessman of the Year, JCK President Joseph Kapelczak, holds an Alidade scope instrument on a surveying table that he bought from Detroit's Cass Tech High School's engineering program 23 years ago.

Kapelczak's the man

Local engineer named businessman of year

By RANDAL YAEKY Staff Writer

After 37 years of being in the engineering business, Joseph Kapelczak has seen it all when it comes to engineering needs for the city of Novi. Kapelczak, who was recently named business person of the year by the Novi Chamber of Commerce, was recognized for his "excellence" in the engineering profession. Kapelczak is co-founder of JCK & Associates, Inc. and principle owner of the company since 1978.

"I started with Johnson & Anderson Inc. in 1964 doing survey work," Kapelczak said. "I worked on the original sanitary sewer link that went all the way up to Walled Lake."

Kapelczak, 57, whose father was the mayor of East Detroit (now Eastpointe), attended St. Veronika's and Harper Woods Notre Dame High School.

"I started working at 19," he recalled. "I worked on the first road [project]."

Kapelczak said he remembers

when the only paved roads in Novi were the main arteries.

"Novi, Grand River, Eight Mile," Kapelczak said. "The rest were all gravel."

Kapelczak has seen a lot in his time at JCK. And he has seen a lot mayors come and go.

Kapelczak has been involved in the Geographic Positioning Systems (GPS) for Oakland County. He said that the new GPS is an exciting advancement for engineering surveying and planning.

And, though he said there are sometimes clashes with council on these, he has the utmost admiration for those who serve the community either on council or on a city commission.

"They don't get paid much," Kapelczak said. "They do it for the love. And you have to respect that."

On Jan. 17 at the chamber's Annual Installation Dinner at the Hotel Bironette, Kapelczak was one of several others honored for their work in the community including

Volunteer of the Year, Elnor Holland of Coward Care Center; City Employee of the Year, Tim Wright, a crew leader for the Department of Public Works; and Novi Police Officer of the Year, Paul Keisling.

Novi Expo Center president and past Chamber of Commerce president, Blair Bowman said Kapelczak was more than just a business partner to the city.

"Joe probably knows more about the city than a lot of people," Bowman said. "He's done a lot with the community but he's given a lot back too."

Kapelczak, besides being a member of the Chamber of Commerce, is also a member of Novi Rotary Club, Lions Club, Michigan Municipal League, Optimist Club as well as being on the Board of Directors of the Motorsports Hall of Fame currently located inside the Novi Expo Center.

Randal Yaeky is a staff writer for the Novi News. He can be reached at (248) 349-1700.

Sports Club Briefs

Pre and Post Natal Fitness

If you are pregnant and exercising, don't miss out on this lecture. Join certified trainer and RN Nancy Carroll for a complimentary lecture on pre and post natal fitness, Saturday, Feb. 10, at the Sports Club of Novi from 10:30-11:30 a.m.

Questions such as, "What exercises are safe for me and my baby?" "How high should my heart rate go?" "How long can I exercise during my pregnancy?" "What should I eat before and after I exercise?" "Do I need more water, vitamins, or minerals because I exercise?" and topics like how your hormones affect the type of stretching you do safely will all be answered.

Carroll, a registered nurse and mother of three, has worked in neonatal care for over twenty years. Her hands-on experience as well as her desire to help women maintain their fitness level throughout their pregnancy is sure to be informative for any mother-to-be, any woman planning to have a child, or any mother with a new born.

Members and guest are welcome.

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Julie MacEachern has a B.S. in Physical Therapy from Eastern Michigan University. She has been a physical therapist for 15 years. She is currently employed at the Novi Expo Center.

earned her degree in Health Sciences and is also a certified trainer at the club and has worked in post physical therapy for the spine.

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WALLED LAKE NEWS

Parenting Education Fair at Walnut Creek Middle School
The ninth annual Walled Lake Schools Parenting Education Fair will be held on Saturday, Feb. 10 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Walnut Creek Middle School. Everyone is invited to attend.
Dr. Nancy Buck, an author and nationally known parenting-education speaker, will deliver the keynote address. Her topic is "Peaceful Parenting." Twenty-four break-out sessions on a variety of topics of interest follow Dr. Buck's presentation. Topics include Healthy Childhood Self-esteem: A Gift for a Lifetime; Managing Sibling Rivalry; Empowering your Pre-schooler; Protecting Our Kids on the Internet; Survival Strategies for Parents of Teens; 21st Century Fathering; Keys to Effective Discipline; and many more.

Chatfield to receive new position
Walled Lake Schools are pleased to announce that Bill Chatfield, current Director of Facility Operations in Holy Schools, has been selected to become our Director of Operations, succeeding Chuck Kussaw who retired on January 1. His hire will be recommended to the board of education at its meeting on Feb. 1.
Mr. Chatfield holds a bachelor of science degree in electrical engineering from Lawrence Technological University. Prior to his work in Holy, he served as a facilities engineer for Birmingham Public Schools. Plans call for him to join us in Walled Lake starting Feb. 26.

City of Wixom Winter Bus Trips
For more information call (248) 624-2850.
Detroit Red Wings
Feb. 14 from 5:30-11 p.m. at Joe Louis Arena. Cost is \$60 per person. Join us as the Wings take on the Carolina Hurricanes. Price includes bus, admission, snack and raffle.

Wixom Parks and Rec. Teen Special Events
Albion Skate Park Bus Trip
Ages 12-17 on Feb. 20 from 2:30-7:30 p.m. Cost is \$15 per person. Michigan's largest indoor street and vert skate park. X-treme In-line skate or skateboard with cool ramps and rails. Must bring own skates, board, and full safety gear. Safety gear is available at no additional charge. Includes food. Check out the Web site at www.albionskate.com for more details. Sponsored by Wixom Police Dare Program and Parks and Rec. Call 624-2850 for more information.
Alpine Valley Snowboard and Ski Trip
Ages 12-17 on Feb. 22 from 9:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Cost is \$20 with own equipment or \$40 with either full ski or snowboard rental. Attention skiers and snowboarders. Cool fun includes 25 trails, 350' half pipe, 10' vert, ramps, rails and launches. Bring lunch. Concessions available. Call 624-2850 for more information.

Mothers to Mothers sale
The Walled Lake United Methodist Church is having a Mothers to Mothers Sale on March 24. If you would like to buy table space to sell your used baby/kid's items, please call Linda at (248) 624-1084. Proceeds to benefit the church's Appalachia Service Project group.

Impres Wanted
The Lakes Athletic Association of Commerce Township is looking for officiating players from the ages of 7-14. Experience is a plus and basketball knowledge is required. Call (248) 975-8157 for more information. Preferred age is 12 and over.

Friends of the Walled Lake City Library
Join the Friends of the Walled Lake City Library at their next meeting on Monday, Feb. 12 at 1 p.m. in the Library. The Friends are a volunteer group that helps support many library activities. Guests are most welcome. The library is located at 1495 East West Maple Road in Walled Lake. For more information, call (248) 624-3772.

- Walled Lake Consolidated School District's lunch menu for the week of Feb. 8-14:**
- Thursday, Feb. 8**
 - Oven Barbecue Chicken with Spudster Potatoes
 - Homemade Spaghetti with Corn
 - Little Caesars Pizza - Loon Lake
 - Friday, Feb. 9**
 - Cook's Choice
 - Hamburg with Bun
 - Wint Corn Dogs and Oven Tater Tots
 - Little Caesars Pizza - Keith Elementary
 - Tuesday, Feb. 13**
 - Cheese Nachos
 - Pizza Hot Pocket
 - Little Caesars Pizza - Twin Beach
 - Wednesday, Feb. 14 - Valentine's Day**
 - Heart Chicken Nuggets and Oven French Fries
 - Lasagna Roll-up with Green Beans, roll and margarine
 - Valentine Treat

The following is the sports schedules for Walled Lake Consolidated Schools for the week of Feb. 8-14:

WALLED LAKE WESTERN

Feb. 8	6:30 p.m.	Crossover
Feb. 9	TBA	at JV Conference meet (Central)
Feb. 10	8 a.m.	at Conference meet (Central)
Feb. 14	TBA	at Team Districts
Feb. 17	TBA	at Individual Districts

Volleyball

Feb. 10	9 a.m.	at Novi JV Invitational
Feb. 12	6:30 p.m.	at Northville
Feb. 14	5:30 p.m.	Westland John Glenn

Swimming

Feb. 13	7 p.m.	at Novi
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Skiing

Feb. 8	9 p.m.	League meet at Alpine Valley
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Hockey

Feb. 9	8:20 p.m.	Northville (Lakeland Ice Arena)
Feb. 10	5:20 p.m.	Central (Lakeland Ice Arena)

Basketball

Feb. 9	7 p.m.	Northville
Feb. 13	7 p.m.	Livonia Stevenson

WALLED LAKE CENTRAL

Feb. 8	6:30 p.m.	at Crossover (Western)
Feb. 9	TBA	at JV Conference
Feb. 10	8 a.m.	Conference
Feb. 14	TBA	at Team Districts
Feb. 17	TBA	at Individual Districts

Volleyball

Feb. 10	8 a.m.	Varsity at Bedford Invitational
Feb. 10	9 a.m.	JV at Franklin Invitational
Feb. 12	5:30 p.m.	Livonia Stevenson
Feb. 14	5:30 p.m.	at North Farmington

Swimming

Feb. 8	7 p.m.	Harrison/Farmington
Feb. 13	6 p.m.	at Pinckney

Skiing

Feb. 9	9 p.m.	League meet at Alpine Valley
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Hockey

Feb. 9	6 p.m.	at Livonia Church Hill (Eddie Edgar)
Feb. 10	5:20 p.m.	at Western (Lakeland Ice Arena)
Feb. 14	6 p.m.	at Northville (Novi Ice Arena)

Gymnastics

Feb. 10	Noon	at Ann Arbor Pioneer Invitational
Feb. 14	7 p.m.	Livonia Co-Op A & B Teams

Basketball

Feb. 9	7 p.m.	at North Farmington
Feb. 13	7 p.m.	at Canton



Wall-covering furnishings store owners Susan Linnen and Ivy Glynn, left, assist customers Karl Vanderdijk and Wendellny Ladappo in picking out some wallpaper selections in their Walled Lake location last Friday.

Eye candy Home decor shop caters to wallpaper

By STEPHANIE FORDYCE Staff Writer

Whether it's a small face-lift or a drastic redecoration of a home, All for Walls in Walled Lake has the tools needed to turn that tiresome eyesore into eye candy.

The new wallpaper and home specialty shop, which opened Jan. 22, offers a number of decorative supplies and ideas for home and office.

"We can offer everything for both the residential and commercial customer," said owner Susan Linnen, "whether they're looking for something more modern or traditional."

Carrying a full-line of wallpaper, with over 200 patterns in stock and thousands available to order, homeowners can redecorate nearly every room in their home, from the laundry room to the master bedroom.

"With wallpaper, there is no end to the patterns and colors available," Linnen said. "It's not just flowers anymore."

Linnen said the trend is now going back to wallpaper, because it's more predictable and less expensive.

Linnen said people tend to wallpaper their kitchens and bathrooms more than any other room in their home, but children's rooms are wallpapered the most frequently.

She added because choosing wallpaper is such a big decision, she encourages her customers to take their time before making a commitment.

"We recognize that people go and look half a dozen times before they decide on anything," she said. "This is something they are going to have to live with for a long time."

Aside from wallpaper, All for Walls also offers redecorating tools and home accessories.

"We have everything you need to redecorate, from start to finish," Linnen said. "Do-it-yourselfers can visit All for Walls, select paper and begin a project the same day."

While this is the first retail venture for Linnen, she is available for home consultations. "We can provide advice, in-depth consultation, and installation services to customers who require more assistance," Linnen said.

She added the store will also begin working in conjunction with another Walled Lake business, Paint Smart Studios, to help customers with window treatments and custom drapery.

Linnen said she is very happy to be a part of downtown Walled Lake and said the city has been very helpful and supportive.

"I've been pleased with the changes in Walled Lake's Downtown District and wanted to take advantage of the convenient location," she said.

All for Walls is located at 500 N. Pontiac Trail in Walled Lake and is open Monday, from 10 a.m. - 9 p.m.; Tuesday - Friday, 10 a.m. - 6 p.m.; Saturday, from 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.; and Sundays by appointment. For more information please call, (248) 960-8987.

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Central cagers continue undefeated season

By COLBY J. CAVALIERE Sports Editor

When you are the only undefeated basketball team in Oakland County, like the Walled Lake Central Vikings are, you try not to take any team for granted - even one struggling through a five game losing streak.

On Jan. 30, the Vikings took to the court looking to extend the misery of the Mustangs and continue a 12 game winning streak of their own.

"We were very concerned about going up against them after the team we played against last year," said Central coach Bob Shoemaker. "The guys that came back from last year's team put up 60 points against us the last time we played them, so needless to say I expected a very tough game."

But what Central faced was an injury hobbled Northville team, struggling to break out of a funk. Missing two starters and having two more playing through injuries, the Mustangs didn't put up much of a fight in the Vikings 56-35 win. Stangs were dominated on the boards and victimized in the paint in the 21 point loss.

"We played really well both offensively and defensively," Shoemaker said. "We were able to grab a lead and build on it."

Bob Shoemaker
Central basketball coach

The Vikings slowly and steadily dismantled the "Stangs, building leads of 6, 10, and 18 points in the first three quarters. Steve Horn took care of the scoring from the outside with 18 points, and center Mark Bortz made the paint his home, overpowering the injury riddled Mustangs to the tune of seven points, 10 rebounds and three blocks.

"We gave a good effort against a team with a strong offense, but we never were really able to get in the game, and be a threat," said Northville coach Scott Baldwin.

The win pushed the Vikings record to an unblemished 13-0 and dropped Northville to 4-8.

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Cooking delights featured at OTC - southwest

By JENNIFER NORRIS Staff Writer

Caution, scrumptious delights spotted near the OTC southwest campus.

Culinary students attending the Oakland Technical Center Southwest Campus in Wixom prepared scores of recipes and tasty treats in honor of the Winterfest Buffet luncheon Jan. 22-23.

The Winterfest Buffet was hosted by the culinary art department housed within the Oakland Technical Center, located at 1000 Beck Road.

Area residents attending the Winterfest celebration raved over the available food selections and the professionalism of the students.

"The food is great," said Wixom resident Tati Walz. "The students do such a great job. The dessert bar is great."

According to Deb McCartney, a pastry chef within the culinary department, special buffet lunches are conducted approximately three or four times a year, especially around holidays and major events.

When students are not busy hosting luncheons, extensive work and time is being poured in to preparing dishes for The Culinary Cafe, a restaurant tucked away inside the campus. The Culinary Cafe is open to serve the public Tuesday-Friday from 11:30 a.m. until 1 p.m. The restaurant features a wide range of items to select from at inexpensive prices.

"People don't understand it's a full service restaurant," said Paul Kemp, a chef and instructor of the culinary art department. "It's the best-kept secret in Oakland County. People don't know how good the food is."

McCartney explained that high school students in grades 11 and 12 can take courses at the technical center to acquire work skills to help set them on their way towards a career. Students come from schools throughout Oakland County to participate in the various programs available.

Within the Culinary Arts department, McCartney said students can gain work skills to pursue a pathway in the culinary arts or even improve their cooking abilities.

Technical education sessions are offered in the morning or afternoon and students can even receive school credit for their involvement.

McCartney said students in the culinary arts program go through a rotation process so that each student becomes familiar with every food service and preparation department. As each student is rotated to a new position, they become familiar and learn the concepts and responsibilities each station requires.

"What we end up with is a well-rounded student that is ready for work," said McCartney. "Students not only learn how to prepare festive and delectable dishes, but also provide a service to the community through the restaurant and various buffets."

"It's a great way for the community and these students...to interact," said McCartney.

Students also said the cooking program was a commendable way to help prepare them for a future in the culinary field.

Amber Hare, a senior at Northville High School, said the program provided her with not only credit for graduation requirements but a foundation to pursue additional studies and work later on.

Jake Selzer, a junior at Walled Lake Central High School, also had a similar opinion.

"We just all work together as a group," he said. "It's a lot of fun."

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More people means more crime for city

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1999 to 76 in 2000. Shaeffer said growth in the community will reveal itself in crime statistics.

"We've got more people and the numbers are reflective of that," Shaeffer said.

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Police increased traffic stops in 2000

By RANDAL YAKEY
Staff Writer

When it comes to traffic, Novi residents are under the gun — the radar gun that is. According to the new statistics for 2000, there was a 33 percent rise in radar citations from the Novi Police Department.

The annual year-end statistics report shows there was over a thousand more radar citations issued and 2,500 more traffic stops in 2000 as compared to 1999.

The Novi police made 13,863 stops in 1999 and that number jumped to 16,068 in 2000. When using the radar gun, Novi police

stopped 3,199 drivers in 1999. In 2000, that number jumped to 4,264.

"There are a lot more cars on the road," Novi Police Chief Douglas Shaeffer said. "More traffic, more stops."

And when it came to issuing warning to drivers, the police were less likely to let a transgression pass. In 1999, there were 2,995 warnings issued to drivers. That number dropped to 2,324 in 2000.

Over the past year, there were 374 accidents in 1999. In 2000, there were 430, a 14-percent increase. Traffic volumes were to blame for most incidents.

In the malls, there were also more problems. According to the year-end statistics, when it came to retail fraud the number of incidents decreased over the past year with 357 cases reported in 1999 and 304 reported in 2000. The number of individuals arrested by police for retail crimes decrease from 214 to 180 over the same amount of time.

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Council member proposes tax abatement alleviation

By RANDAL YAKEY
Staff Writer



Council member Craig DeRoche

When it comes to controversy, nothing stirs the stew in Novi more than those two dreaded words — "tax abatement."

Even though Novi has granted only one abatement for the new Novi Expo Center along Grand River, there have been inquiries from a number of large corporations, according to city officials.

A number of council members including Craig DeRoche, are concerned that the number of requests for infrastructure funding or tax abatements could be a drain on the finances of the city.

According to DeRoche, he would like to see a fund set up by the city where they could withdraw money to pay for infrastructure funding or alleviate the burden brought on by tax abatements. The fund would be open to contributions by businesses that wish to "partner with the city."

DeRoche said he is in favor of quality companies locating to Novi, but he also said the city should not be "held hostage," by corporations or the state when it comes to funding tax abatements or any application for funding assistance.

The Michigan Economic Development Corporation (MEDCO), through the Michigan Economic Growth Authority (MEGA) program, can provide companies with funding for relocation or improvement funding. However, to receive this funding, the companies must first get local approval. According to MEDCO officials, the funding is only a small portion of the amount granted by the state. It is the funding DeRoche said could be a "problem" financially for the city and put the city in a "precarious situation."

"If they wish to partner with the

city on helping us meet the financial needs of the city, that's what we would prefer," DeRoche said. "It would be helping the city. We have the same financial challenges other city have and we don't have millions of dollars to do all the things we may want to do. But by no means would this be gold pro quo and no relation to the funding issue."

MEDCO Chief Executive Officer David Rothwell, who is the administrative overseer for the MEGA program, said such plan is "questionable" because of its timing.

"It's a shell game," Rothwell said. "He wants extortion. I think the city should be careful about such an arrangement."

Rothwell said under the Public Act 188, any such agreement is illegal and any such arrangement for donations from a business would be suspect especially if it is in direct relation to a tax abatement application.

"The thing would be in question," Rothwell said. "He can say that would not be 'quid pro quo' but it is definitely playing a shell game."

with money."

According to Rothwell, any city that does not wish to accept the terms of the MEGA agreement with the prospective business, whether philosophically or otherwise, is not obligated to give funds.

"It's up to the local politicians," Rothwell said. "I don't think it's fair that the state fund the entire thing. I think most residents would agree with that. And it is only a small part of what the state is willing to put up."

But Novi city attorney Gerald Fisher said just setting up a fund to offset any money that may be granted to companies looking for help in relocating or improving will serve the city.

"My understanding was the fund would be set up for anybody interested to make contributions from time to time," Fisher said. "If you had a fund like that, you would not have to draw on the general fund."

"It could be business A, B and C that contribute but the funds would be used to bring in business D," Fisher said. "It would be a pool of money. It would be used to bring business in rather than putting a strain on the general fund."

DeRoche also said he would like to see the city set up a committee to look over each abatement or application for city assistance.

According to the MEDCO, over 77,000 jobs were created in Michigan in 1999 and over \$3 billion in private investment secured. The MEDCO announced last week it will provide over 1,200 workers new job training through \$464,339 in grants.

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Novi Ice Arena's deficit grows; yet officials say future is bright

By RANDAL YAKEY
Staff Writer

It was a slushy summer over at the Novi Ice Arena but once the weather got cold, the action picked up, according to city officials.

"The deficit has grown," Novi Finance Director Kathy Smith-Roy said. "But that's anticipated. The three busiest months are January, February and March."

According to Smith-Roy, the ice arena did better than expected. Suburban Hockey management's President Tom Anastos said he expected an up turn in the revenue of the arena but noted that the arena has a lot of competition.

Suburban Hockey Management President Tom Anastos said the budget is going well and though there are still problems, the arena's future is looking up.

Even though the net balance is at \$447,729, there is expected to be gains with the peak season currently under way.

"We've well organized and promoting our spring programs," Anastos said. "The critical factor is programs. We have to provide programs people want."

Anastos said the current market is saturated with ice arenas providing quality ice time for customers.

On June 30, the fund balance at the ice arena was at \$353,421. But according to Smith-Roy, that was in the mid-summer and a low part in the ice arena's season.

In an attempt to eliminate the debt of the ice arena, city council came to an agreement with the telecommunications company Sprint to install three cellophane towers on the Novi Ice Arena property.

According to the contract between Sprint and the city, revenues from placement of the three towers could add up to an estimated \$583,500. The agreement also stipulates that if Sprint's revenues increased because of the deal, the city could potentially receive an estimated \$1.6 million.

With the contract with Sprint and increases in revenue on the horizon, the future is "better" for the arena.

"Suburban (Hockey) is doing a good job." Mayor Pro-Tem Laura Lorenza said.

Bi-monthly reports were requested by city council to keep up-to-date on the fiscal viability of the ice arena.

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Obituaries

CASMIER L. PALERMO
Casmier L. Palermo died at Sunrise Assisted Living of Northville on Jan. 30. He was 85. Mr. Palermo was born in Buffalo, N.Y. on Oct. 1, 1915 to Anthony Palermo and Rose (Giannoli) Palermo. Mr. Palermo worked at Chrysler for more than 36 years as a credit analyst and had resided in Northville since 1989.

Visitation was held at the Northrop-Sassaman Funeral Home on Feb. 1 with a Mass following on Feb. 2 at St. Renard's Church in Plymouth. Interment was at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery.

Mr. Palermo is survived by his two children — Richard (Dresler) Palermo of Grand Ledge and Carolyn (William) McGuire of Novi. He is also survived by six grandchildren and two brothers.

JAMES FISHER
James "Harold" Fisher died Feb. 1 at his home. He was 70. Mr. Fisher was born on Oct. 10, 1930 in Crystal to James Harzev and Ehelinda Inez (Reed) Fisher. In 1972, Mr. Fisher married Jerrilyn Devo. He moved to South Lyon in 1978 and was a member of the Michigan Harness Horsemen Association and was a driver and trainer of harness horses.

Mr. Fisher is survived by his wife, children — Laurel (Charles) Cassie of Novi, Lisa Fisher of Farmington, Lynette (Jeremy) Tompkins of Howell, James "Van" (Kim) Fisher of Iowa; one sister and six grandchildren. Mr. Fisher was preceded in death by his sister.

Visitation was held on Feb. 3 and 4. A funeral service was held on Feb. 4 at Phillips Funeral Home of South Lyon.

MARK J. SMITH
Mark J. Smith of Plymouth died in Livonia on Jan. 30. He was 50. Mr. Smith was born Aug. 27, 1950 in Northville. He was a batchman for National Concrete Products in Plymouth, and came to the Plymouth community in 1994 from Ypsilanti. He enjoyed traveling and hunting in his spare time.

Mr. Smith is survived by his wife, Georgia; mother, Helen Smith of Rose City; step-children — Jeffrey Sykes of Northville, Jamie Sykes of Belleville, Lisa (Chuck) Boggs of Ann Arbor, Donna Froehlich of Belleville; siblings — Helen (Jerry) Stevens of Northville, Robert Smith of Albany, Ga., and grandchildren — Jeremy Sykes, Samantha Sykes, Ethan Sykes and Kerry Smith.

A funeral for Mr. Smith was held Feb. 1 at Schrader-Howell Funeral Home of Plymouth with Rev. Roy Forsyth officiating. Interment was at Oakland Hills Cemetery in Novi.

LYLE E. GATRELL
Lyle E. Gatrell of Novi died at Hospice Home of Farmington Hills on Feb. 3. He was 74.

Mr. Gatrell was born Aug. 10, 1926 in Greens Run, W. Va. to Glenn R. Gatrell and Ida E. Johnson. He later married Jean E. Gatrell, who survives him.

Mr. Gatrell lived most of his life in the Novi area and had a career as a welding technician.

In addition to his wife, Mr. Gatrell is survived by his siblings — Geneva Wolfe of West Virginia, Juanita Glenn of Gladwin, Betty Hammett of West Virginia, Jack R. Gatrell of Northville, Geradine Lamp of West Virginia and Evelyn White of Northville; children — Sharon K. Gatrell of Ohio, Renee A. Jewell of Illinois, Helen B. Gatrell of Howard City and Douglas M. of Oregon. He is also survived by seven grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by one daughter — Lois E. Rambo.

A funeral for Mr. Gatrell was held Feb. 7 at Casterline Funeral Home of Northville with Rev. Gordon Nusz of First United Methodist Church of Northville officiating.

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Holland receives volunteer of year

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don't have a hobby or an interest, sitting around all day watching television just isn't rewarding for me. I felt I had to get out and do something."

Holland said her drive to public service came from her mother, who did volunteer work at the Masonic Burn Center in South Carolina.

"My mother set a good example and I wanted to set a good example for my daughter as well," she said.

Few people have mastered careers in more than one field, but Holland has had an amazing list of accomplishments throughout her life.

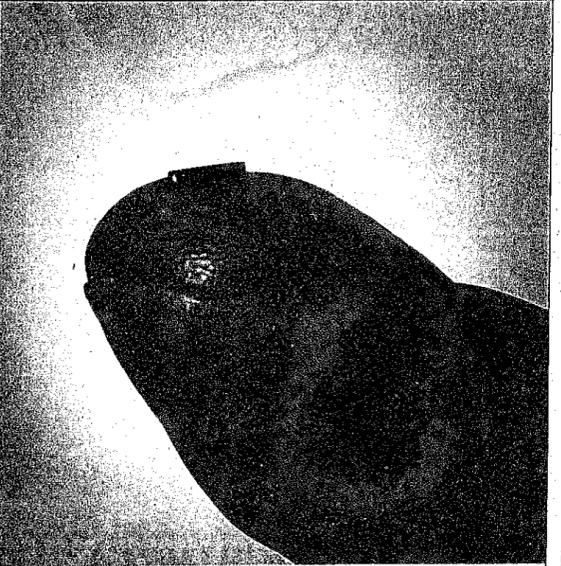
With a Bachelor's of Law from Loyola University, Holland's department head in Clarksville Schools.

where she taught social studies and constitutional law. At one time she majored in journalism at Michigan State University, where she worked for the State News and later worked as a reporter for Mademoiselle magazine.

For the past ten years, Holland has used her reporting skills for her own television show, "Potpourri," out of the Time Warner studio in Farmington Hills. She gets to interview all kinds of people from a variety of backgrounds, she said.

On Jan. 17 at the chamber's Annual Installation Dinner at the Hotel Baronette, Holland was one of several others honored for their work in the community.

"I almost didn't make the list because I was ill," she said. "I was just so shocked when Stacy announced my name. It was just my turn."



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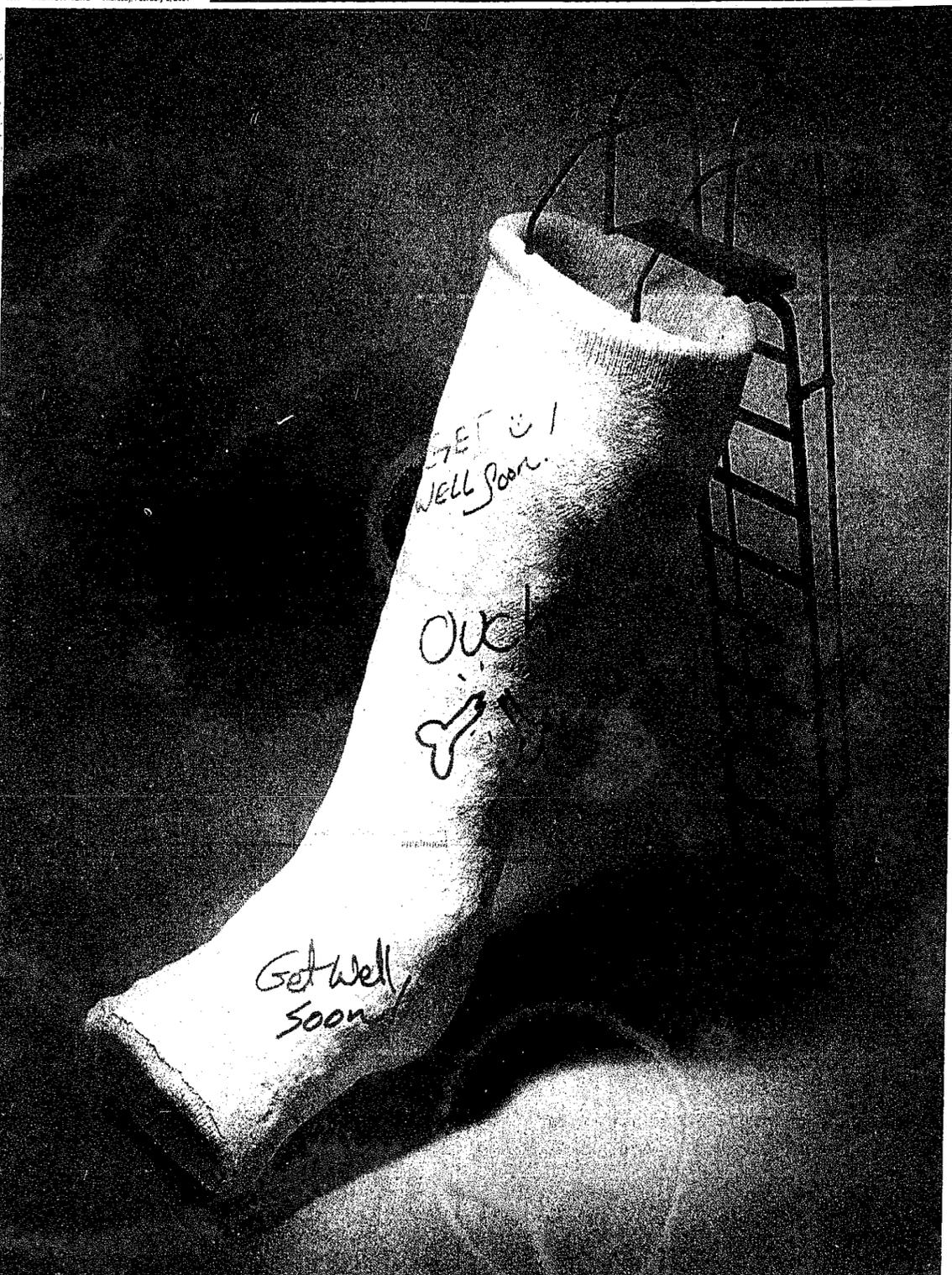
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Shulman introduces bill to enable Engler's 'Cybercourt'

By Mike Malot
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Last week Gov. John Engler called for the creation of a "Cybercourt" in Michigan, an electronic court designed to let high-tech companies litigate commercial matters strictly over the Internet, during his State of the State address.

This week Rep. Marc Shulman, R-West Bloomfield, introduced the bill to create it.

The idea behind House Bill 4140 is to duplicate the success of the state of Delaware, where national corporations have long set up their headquarters, Shulman explained. Delaware's legal system was specifically set up to make it easy for firms to incorporate, he explained, and provide a court system intended to quickly resolve corporate disputes.

Shulman hopes the Cybercourt will do the same thing for Michigan, but concentrating instead on high technology companies who don't want their business plans slowed down by the machinations of long drawn out legal matters.

Shulman envisions the court would handle mainly contract disputes, resolving differences between companies regarding the agreements they have reached. It would not take up other types of litigation, such as liability claims or employment disputes. Intellectual property and copyright violations would more likely go to federal court, it certainly would not handle criminal matters, he said.

The plan would be modeled on Chancery Court, a forum strictly for business disputes, but would be unlike any court in operation in the country today. Cook

County courts in Chicago have a special business calendar, intended to speed resolution of business cases, but that is not a separate court.

In Cybercourt, everything would be done over the Internet, Shulman said. Briefs could be filed electronically, hearings could be conducted by video-conference.

"You might have one party in New York and one in California. They would do all their subpoena work by video conference. Witnesses could be questioned by video, all without having to travel halfway across the country," Shulman said.

Although a new system, attorneys who want to use the court shouldn't need to invest in lots of new equipment. Shulman plans on it relying on computers and audio/visual equipment already widely available today.

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Rep. Marc Shulman
(R-West Bloomfield)

The representative, who said he has been working on the concept for almost a year, said the closest thing currently in operation in the country to what he has in mind is a virtual courtroom in operation on the campus of the College of William and Mary in Virginia. Shulman has visited it. "It's quite impressive," he said.

There would be a need for an actual courtroom, Shulman explained, a location for the judge to work and receive the incoming transmissions from attorneys. The courtroom would be open to the public and would have access to electronically filed material, as in any other courtroom.

The judge would likely have to

operate over extended hours, due to the time differences between the east and west coasts. Shulman suggested.

He envisions a pilot project for three years, with the judge seated in a courtroom in Lansing. The court would be new court under the state system, separate from current circuit courts. But the system would have allow for appeals.

The key feature of the court would be a "rocket docket" allowing for fast resolution of disputes between companies who need it to keep up with international competition. With technology changes coming at lightning speed, the state that first creates the necessary business and legal climate to enable these firms to be successful and reduce the cost of litigation will be in the forefront," he said.

Library will feature actress in 'First Lady' performance

"My Life As First Lady" to be performed at Novi Library

Actress Susan Berg will present her one-woman show, "My Life as First Lady" at 7 p.m. Feb. 13, at the Novi Public Library.

The live performance features Berg as three of our most popular First Ladies: Frances Cleveland (the youngest First Lady and the only one to be married in the White House); Grace Coolidge (a lively singer and dancer in the Roaring 20s); and Jacqueline Kennedy. Quick costume changes set to music reflect the fashions of each era.

Berg has performed at the Meadowbrook Theatre, the Michigan Opera Theatre, and the Greenfield Village and Henry Ford Museum Theatre. She also toured with the Prince Street Players and Mobile Ed Productions. In addition, Berg is a playwright whose scripts based on classic fairy tales have been performed at the Marquis Theatre in Northville.

The free performance, sponsored by the Friends of the Novi Public Library, will be held in the library's meeting room. Due to limited seating, please reserve a spot in advance by calling (248) 349-0720.

Public Access - Channel 12

Monday, Feb. 12

10 a.m. - Potpourri: Bill Bowman
10:30 a.m. - The Cutting Room Floor
11 a.m. - Harvest Ministries
11:30 a.m. - Cosby and Company: Mercy High School
12-1 p.m. - Intercessions World Ministry
1 p.m. - Adventures with Pirate Pete
1:30 p.m. - The Hobby Corner
2 p.m. - Automobile Racing
2:30 p.m. - Travellin On
3-4 p.m. - Comical Mystery Tour
4 p.m. - Mountain Ski: Sick Sense
4:30 p.m. - Aviation Journal
5 p.m. - New Millennium
5:30 p.m. - Army News Watch
6 p.m. - Christian Singles Today
6:30 p.m. - Bagels and Talk with Tracy
7 p.m. - Lansing Connection
7:30-9:30 p.m. - Higher on the Mountain
8:30-9:30 p.m. - Travellin On: Lewis and Clark Trail

Tuesday, Feb. 13

10 a.m. - Legislative Forum
10:30 a.m. - Mountain Ski: Harvest
11 a.m. - Travellin On: Pacific Northwest
11:30 a.m. - Financial Strategies
12-1 p.m. - Summit University
1 p.m. - Chamber Spotlight
1:30 p.m. - Home for Life

Landscape Edging
2 p.m. - Lansing Connection
2:30-3:30 p.m. - Travel the Movie Trail
3:30 p.m. - Harvest Ski Spectacular
4 p.m. - Cosby and Company: Mercy High School
4:30 p.m. - Pet Talk
5 p.m. - The Way, The Truth, and The Life
5:30 p.m. - People Who Make Things Happen: Jerry Lewis Tiger Fantasy Camp
6 p.m. - Harvest Ministries
6:30 p.m. - Aviation Journal
7 p.m. - Potpourri: Bill Bowman
7:30 p.m. - The Hobby Corner
8 p.m. - Farmington Players
8:30 p.m. - 4 X 4 Ever
9-10 p.m. - Life Talk: Video Magazine

Wednesday, Feb. 14

10-11 a.m. - Lewis and Clark Trail
11 a.m. - High Performance Driving
11:30 a.m. - Travellin On: American West
12 p.m. - People Who Make Things Happen: Jerry Lewis Tiger Fantasy Camp
12:30 p.m. - MDOT Today
1:30 p.m. - AMVETS
2 p.m. - Restoration Now
2:30 p.m. - Travellin On: Tennessee and the Great Smoky Mountains

3 p.m. - The Hobby Corner
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4 p.m. - Critter Connection
4:30 p.m. - Mountain Ski: Unknown
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6 p.m. - The Jesus Center
6:30 p.m. - New Millennium
7 p.m. - Adventures with Pirate Pete
7:30 p.m. - Financial Strategies
8 p.m. - Chamber Spotlight
8:30 p.m. - Step N Move To the Groove
9-10 p.m. - Todd L. Levitt Show

Thursday, Feb. 15

10 a.m. - Step N Move To the Groove
10:30-11:30 a.m. - Higher on the Mountain
11:30 a.m. - New Millennium
12 p.m. - Bagels and Talk with Tracy
12:30 p.m. - That's Italian
1 p.m. - Aviation Journal
1:30 p.m. - Abundant Life Arabic Ministries

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3-4 p.m. - Leadville Trail
4 p.m. - Farmington Players
4:30 p.m. - Ski TV
5-6 p.m. - Shaery Zedek
6-7 p.m. - Community Meeting
7 p.m. - Wise Guys: Falling Down
7:30 p.m. - Cosby and Company: Mercy High School
8 p.m. - People Who Make Things Happen: Jerry Lewis Tiger Fantasy Camp
8:30 p.m. - Pet Talk
9-10 p.m. - Let's Talk with Ben Marks
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5:30 p.m. - Todd L. Levitt Show
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ALL INTERESTED PERSONS are invited to attend. Any written comments may be sent to the Department of Public Services, Attention Woodland Review Board, 45175 West Ten Mile Road, Novi, Michigan 48375, until 3:00 p.m., Thursday, February 15, 2001.

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If you are interested in serving on a City board or commission, applications are available in the office of the City Clerk, 45175 W. Ten Mile, or by calling 347-0458 to receive an application by mail or fax, or at www.ci.novi.mi.us. Please submit your application by Thursday, February 8, 2001 to allow time for scheduling appointments.

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Threads of Power empowers women

On February 13, at the Doubletree Hotel, the Novi Chamber of Commerce will host its 2nd Annual Threads of Power breakfast.

In order to provide low-income women with donated business clothes for jobs and interviews, a group of business women in Novi affiliate with the chamber... The harsh reality is that without a job, many women cannot afford the right clothes...

For women who are struggling to find jobs because they either have found themselves recently single or for other reasons are wrestling financially, these clothes are more than just apparel. These clothes symbolize faith in every woman's ability to succeed.

We commend the chamber and the other women behind this enabling charity because "Catch-22" can be an intimidating obstacle for low-income women entering the job market. By giving women the opportunity to present themselves professionally, we believe Threads of Power and other programs like them, are allowing these women to take control of their destinies.

City should take time for fire issue

The city of Novi has put together a committee to look at the emergency fire service that will include fire officials, city council members and concerned citizens.

The committee, consisting of city council members, Mayor Richard Clark, fire department officials and citizens will, hopefully, be finished in time for the Novi budget hearing scheduled for this spring. City manager Richard Helwig, who receives high marks for his work in bringing the committee together, has asked the committee to begin deliberations this week.

The issue of fire protection will not go away. The committee needs to take all the time it needs to investigate all avenues of funding, staffing and implementation, even if it takes as much as a year. As Mr. Helwig said, there must be no alternative agendas for those involved in the committee. That means no consideration of agendas for financial gains by both the full time firefighters union and the paid-on-call (POC) firefighters. The Novi firefighters are some of the most respected and revered men and women the city has.

After the fire debate that resulted in a defeat of the 24 hour Fire Services Charter Amendment in a 8,605 to 11,796 vote last November, there was much confusion over what should be done about fire service. Fire Chief Arthur Lenaghan has said there needs to be an upgraded fire protection system in Novi. He also said for the time being, be redrawn during committee debate.

QUOTE OF THE WEEK

"Now I'm a Swedish meatball!"

Gunnar Hemstrom referring to his physique after he once considered himself a 6'6" blond haired, blue-eyed Swede.

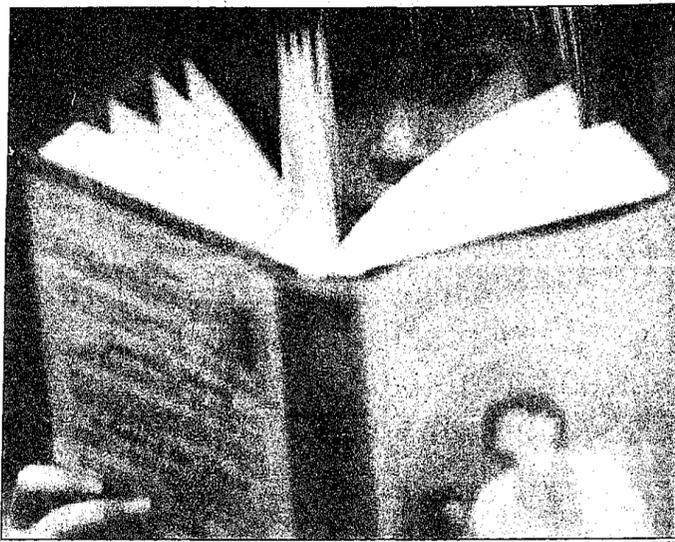


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Kaitlin Gibrach, and other Thornton Creek Elementary students like her, recently read hundreds of books in a competition sponsored by the school's library in Northville. Schools across the country are participating in reading month.

Six more weeks means more snow

Ah, six more weeks of winter. That's right, the groundhog (Paxataway Phil to his closest friends) saw his shadow which means we can expect to see six more weeks of that big, white fluffy stuff.

Monday was my favorite kind of snow (if I must have a favorite kind). The large, almost super-sized 3D flakes that float down from the sky, stick to your eyelashes and land squarely on your tongue, even when you are twirling around to catch them.

Yep, I'm an adult and I still try to catch snowflakes with my tongue. There's something peaceful and silly about it, just the thought of twirling around and catching snowflakes puts me in a good mood. However, I only like to see these great snowflakes about twice after December, then they can go away.

With the Detroit Water and Sewer Department raising wholesale water rates 12% and sewer rates 8%, where is the in-depth and hard coverage on this especially critical hometown issue?

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Every year, the Novi Goodfellows help many families in Novi have a happy holiday with certificates for food and gifts of clothes and toys. Our heart is warmed by the generosity of the Novi community this past year in donating their time, services and money to the Novi Goodfellows to assure that Novi area children will find toys and clothes under their Christmas tree and food on their holiday tables.

Searching for next big industry

The title of Gov. John Engler's State of the State speech last week was "Building the Next Michigan." The idea was to frame a series of economic development proposals as steps needed to transform Michigan's economy, but it got lost in the usual welter of ideas that get tossed out in such speeches.

To encourage businesses in "emerging fields" -- life sciences, micro-systems and information technology -- the governor wants to "put out the welcome mat and exempt them from Michigan's state business tax." Conservative ideologues chiding allegiance to "pure market forces" have attacked the idea as "industrial policy." But virtually all new business start-ups don't pay a cent of the Single Business Tax, which itself is in the process of being phased out over the next 20 years.

Engler also wants to create an unfortunately named "Cybercourt," which allows "e-filings, web-based, conferencing and virtual courtrooms" that would resolve legal disputes entirely over the Internet. What the governor is really getting at is trying to find a way for Michigan to become the standard-setter for deploying new technology in the legal arena for new corporations, just the way Delaware has become the legal standard for old economy corporations.

Engler reserved his harshest comments about various forms of local government -- municipalities, school districts and counties. Sure, he took the occasional shot at others, getting a dig in on California over its energy crisis and taking aim at Al Gore over his comment about inventing the Internet. Even if they were, listening about them were just "one-liners anyway."

Engler's reference to "broadband bandits" was a comment about municipalities and fees they charge to cable companies and telecommunications providers to string wire along public rights-of-way. "Local governments should not be allowed to erect stoplights and expensive tollbooths on the information highway," he said.

Engler also took on school districts who have joined in the so-called "Durant III" lawsuit over the way the state pays school aid. But management of these rights-of-way has in the past been left to cities. And when a contractor shows up in a resident's front yard, tearing up the lawn, driveway and sidewalk to lay some line, it is city hall that has to sort things out and make sure they put it all back the way they found it.

Valentine ideas for the holiday buff

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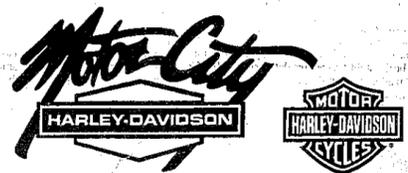
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Some locals say Engler's speech was not 'civil'

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"Civility" may still matter as Gov. John Engler said in his eleventh State of the State address Wednesday, Jan. 31, but proponents of local government contend the speech was anything but an example of it.

"It is absolutely incongruous of him to talk about civility and then take such an aggressive and abrasive approach to dealing with school districts and local governments," said Bloomfield Hills attorney Dennis Pollard. "But I don't know that the man understands that ... He is still the slash-and-burn governor, as closely aligned as he is with our new president, he would do well to take a page from the president's book."

Engler reserved his harshest comments for various forms of local government — calling municipalities "board-and-ban" for the "excessive" fees to they charge information utilities when using public rights of way, threatening counties with a take-over of their child support systems if they fail to join a statewide computer system, and accusing school districts of "greed" and "gullibility" for joining the Durant III lawsuit.

"This latest lawsuit is unfounded and unwarranted. Motivated by greed and furthered by gullibility, it is an assault on the informed decisions of the legislature and on Michigan taxpayers who have been exceedingly generous in funding public education, including special education," Engler said, delivering his speech in the state House of Representatives chamber Wednesday evening. "Let's put the focus back on the classroom, not on the courtroom. These districts should stop litigating and start educating."

About 400 school districts from across Michigan have filed suit, alleging the state government has shorted them by double counting "foundation grant" money as special education funding. Pollard, their attorney in the case, said Thursday neither he nor the districts have any intention of dropping the action, despite the governor's comments.

Counties too were on the receiving end of some sharp words.

"I am frustrated, and quite frankly, fed up that our child support enforcement system has failed to serve so many children. Because a handful of counties have not participated in a federally mandated, statewide child-support system, Michigan will suffer a \$38 million federal penalty," Engler said. "If any county fails to participate in the state system, I will work with the legislature and the Chief Justice to seek to terminate that county's responsibility for child support enforcement. One thing is certain. I will not ask this legislature to continue to pay outrageous penalties because some counties wish to have it their way. It is time the Friend of the Court became the Friend of the Child."

Ten counties have yet to connect to a \$200-million-plus state child support collection computer system, including Oakland, Wayne, Ingham, Genesee and Clinton. But according to Rep. Patricia Godchaux, R-Birmingham, "we shouldn't be pointing fingers at any one person. We can point fingers all around. We are all just as guilty ... Until we started incurring penalties, no one took this seriously."

Oakland was computerized long before the state was, Godchaux explained, and has a well-run system that includes some features the state system won't provide. Nonetheless, the main advantage of being on the state system will be the ability to conduct database searches for non-paying parents, so-called "deadbeat dads," statewide and eventually nationwide.

In Wayne as well as Oakland, there had also been co-icers about whether the state computer would handle the heavy caseload. Matthew Sorbet, spokesperson for the state Family Independence Agency, acknowledged that had been a concern, but the system has received additional work over the past year and she said she is now confident it can manage that much data.

Ingham and Clinton have just signed agreements to join the system. Oakland officials met with state FIA administrators Thursday to determine what will be needed to hook up.

Godchaux said the state likely won't be able to avoid the \$38 million penalty from the federal government, but hopes are that further fees can be avoided if all counties are hooked up by October 2002.

Sorbet agreed there is plenty of blame to go around, even to state officials.

"You have to remember that Engler never served in local government," Godchaux said. "So he doesn't have a sensitivity to it."

Municipalities too are bristling at one of the governor's comments.

"Clearly, in the economy of the Next Michigan, speed matters," he said in his address. "Disturbing unfettered access to the information economy is an urgent priority of state government ... Local governments should not be allowed to erect stoplights and expensive tollbooths on the information highway. We need an express lane to the future ... We need to eliminate excessive access fees. We need to curb lengthy litigation. We need to curtail costly delays. The public interest demands that we break the grip of these broadband bandits."

Rep. Mike Kowall, R-White Lake, and the governor's deputy press secretary Susan Shafer explained the reference was about the franchise fees that cities and townships charge to telecommunications firms, cable companies and Internet access providers when they string wire along municipal rights-of-way.

Some municipalities charge only a few cents per foot, others charge \$2 per foot, Kowall said. Some try to charge not only the company that strings the cable, but each company that puts information across it, Birmingham, Troy and Dearborn have all had run-ins with utility companies on the issue, he said.

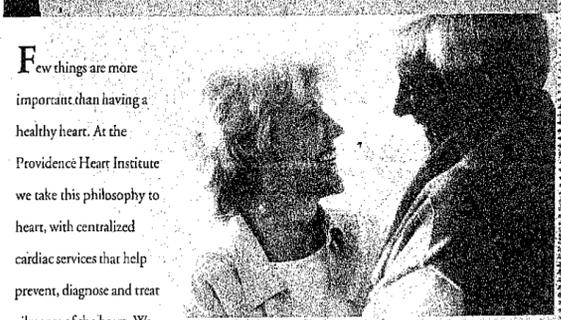
Shafer explained that the governor wants a statewide standard on how the fees are assessed, and the price should be set at a level to recover costs incurred by the municipalities.

"We don't consider ourselves 'broadband bandits,'" Scott Schragger of the Michigan Municipal League said. "We consider ourselves to be trustees of the public protecting the public's rights of way ... It was a nice alliteration and a fancy line, but it really was an unfortunate comment because we have been working with the Public Service Commission to resolve the issue of franchise fees and we had thought the discussion was being productive."

Neither would agree Engler targeted local governments particularly in his speech.

"Local government is used to taking it on the chin," Stypula said. "... he has a right to his opinion. He has the bully pulpit. But at the end of the day, we have to sit down and talk about the concerns on both sides. If the governor wants a statewide standard, terrific. But there is also the issue of protecting the citizens and addressing their concerns when a telecommunications company comes in and starts digging up the right of way."

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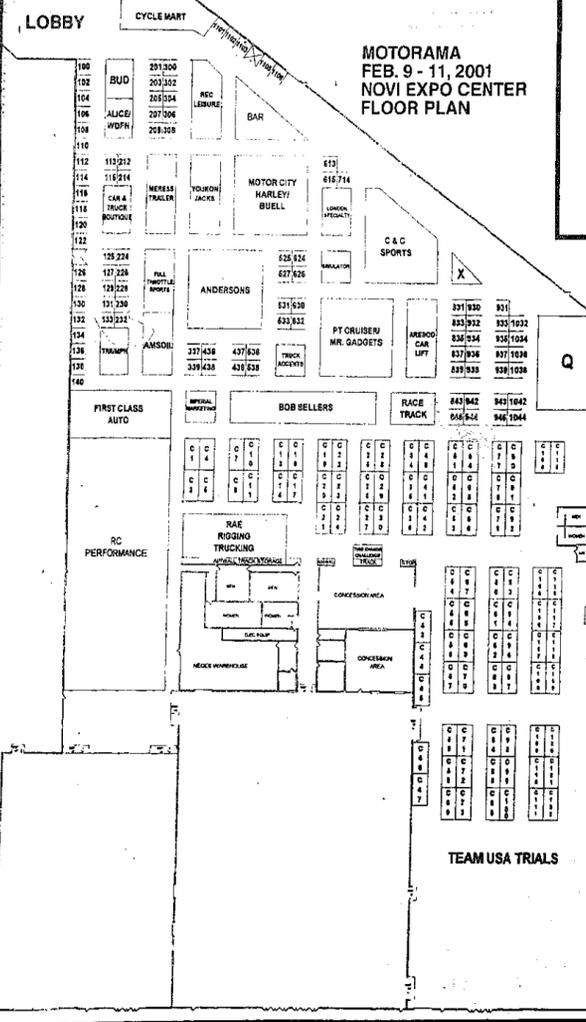
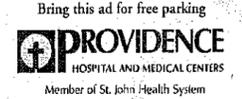
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Highlights of Gov. Engler's State of State address

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"The quest is on" to transform the state into the Next Michigan, taking its place in the New Economy, Gov. John Engler said in his State of the State address Wednesday, Jan. 31.

It was the central theme of his speech, his eleventh since he first took office.

"The Next Michigan is more than a place. It's an attitude — smart and civil, confident yet compassionate, mindful of tradition yet constantly changing. The agenda I outline tonight remains true to our principles, builds on our successes and is full of changes vital for the transformation to the Next Michigan."

Highlights of the speech included:

- To encourage businesses in

"emerging fields — life sciences, micro-systems and information technology," Engler proposed that the state "put out the welcome mat and exempt them from Michigan's state business tax."

- He proposed a "Cybercourt," allowing for "e-filings, web-based conferencing and virtual courtrooms," all intended to resolve legal disputes entirely over the Internet. "Done correctly, America's first Cybercourt will make the Next Michigan uniquely attractive to the next generation of technology-driven companies. The Next Michigan has the potential to be to technology companies what Delaware has been to public corporations," he said.

- Engler called on the Michigan Economic Development Corporation to entice the Internet 2, a non-profit group based at the University of Michigan and developing the next generation Internet,

to make its permanent home in Ann Arbor.

- Engler renewed his call to lift the cap on charter schools. "It would be a shame — no, it would be a tragedy — if an artificial cap blocked Michigan from sharing in the new \$3 billion Charter School Homestead Plan proposed by the President," he said. "The cap must go."

- But he also said, "it is time to allow teachers' unions to operate charter schools. The unions that represent classroom teachers are uniquely qualified to run schools. Let's tear down the barriers and expand public school choices."

- He proposed the creation of a new Department of History, Arts and Culture. It would combine the Library of Michigan, the Bureau of History, the Mackinac Island State Park Commission, the state archives, underwater preserves, and the Michigan Film Office into a

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Gov. John Engler
in State of State address

central administration. "Other states have done impressive things with history and cultural tourism, but I believe ... we can surpass them," he said.

- Engler proposed strengthening the Taxpayer Bill of Rights to

assure "homestead exemptions are received by those entitled to them, by requiring Boards of Review to provide residential property taxpayers with written explanations of decisions, and by easing electronic filing requirements."

- He called for increased access to "effective pain management" as an alternative to assisted suicide. "I will work with this legislature to remove barriers to pain relief so that the end of life can be dignified, and the physical and emotional suffering can be eased."

- He said the state's "most precious liquid asset — water" is in danger of being diverted to other states. He vowed that "Great Lakes water is not for sale" and that he would fight to keep the lakes under the control of Midwestern states.

- Engler urged preservation of farmland and open space, proposing a new Land Conservation

Plat Act. "Our conservation strategy envisions development that would balance the desire for open space with the need for more housing. How? By creating incentives to preserve open space with existing natural features like wetlands and woods while more intensively using less acreage to develop family-friendly neighborhoods," he said.

- He urged that future governors be allowed to name one justice to the state Supreme Court every two years and that the justice receive one 14-year term.

- Engler asked that governors be allowed to make additional appointments to state university boards and the State Board of Education. In addition to the elected positions, which would remain elected, the governor could appoint seven new members, Engler suggested.

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Donna- Thanks for all the wonderful things you do. Happy Valentines Day to you! Love, Dana



Brian & Katie- To my two most favorite Valentines! I love you very much -Mom

Dan & David- To the best boys in my life. I love you. Happy Valentines Day to you! Love, Dana



To the love of my life, you'll always be special to me. I love you more than words can say. Punky Brewster



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Undeclared senior Ryan Churella, left, grapples with an opponent in a recent match on the mat.

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Heavyweight victory

Slovan wins in O.T. to seal Novi victory

By COLBY J. CAVALIERE
Sports Editor

The meet, the championship, four-year high school careers. It all came down to the final match between the heavyweights.

In what has been the epicenter of KVC championship wrestling for the past years, Novi and Hartland faced off on the mat last Friday night with winner taking all.

Much has been said about these two storied rivals and just how good they are. Both teams have state ranked wrestlers, undefeated league records, and aspirations of not only knocking off their biggest rival, but also claiming the top spot in a very competitive conference. With all of this on the line, everything came down to the final match of the day, an overtime, epic slugfest that would go down as one of the greatest matches in league history in the minds of many spectators. But there can only be one winner, and for this day, Novi was crowned king of the KVC.

With Novi leading going in the final match, 30-27. It was up to Hartland's 31-2 Jim Bunn to save the day. Standing in his way looking to claim yet another championship for Novi was 32-4 Nick Slovan. After all the hype and drama of the previous matches of the afternoon, they finally went at it.

Bunn jumped out to a quick 2-0 lead, but as the match wore on, he faltered and began to give way to the more agile Slovan. Slovan cut the lead to 2-1, but soon after, Bunn extended it to 3-1. Undaunted, Slovan tied the match 3-3 with a takedown mere seconds before the end of the period. Slovan took his first lead early in the third, but a penalty on Slovan tied the score at 4-4.

Overtime is sudden death with everything coming down to the first wrestler to earn a point. Biding his time and waiting for the tiring Bunn to let his guard down, Slovan shot and then shot again, this time taking his opponent down, scoring the 6-4 overtime win.

Slovan's plan was to tire out the bigger Bunn and was patient



Photo by CHARLIE HARP

Novi senior Nick Slovan, at right, beat Hartland's Jim Bunn 6-4 in overtime to seal the KVC Championship for the Wildcats.

enough to wait for just the right second to make his move and get the win for himself and his team. "That was the most exciting match I've ever witnessed or been a part of," said Novi coach Brad Huss. "To see almost one thousand people standing and going nuts as the matches went on was simply awesome."

The final match may have been historical, but the earlier matches were the ones that allowed the final to become what it was.

Novi jumped out to an early 8-0 lead, when Josh Churella (103) remained undefeated with a 16-1 win over Gabe Chevrier, and J.R. Muldoon (112) beat Steve Johnson 5-2.

Those early wins by Josh and J.R. over some tough opponents got us off to a great start," Huss said. But that great start would quickly turn sour, when Hartland won five straight to surge ahead, 18-8. Ryan Churella (145) broke the streak with a big pin, and cut the Hartland lead to 18-14. The Eagles would return the favor when Mark Nelson earned a pin of Andrew Becker (152), to give Hartland a 24-14 cushion.

Novi called upon their big men, and they responded. Vince Slovan (160) would win by major decision, and Scott Kortlandt (171)

would pin Brian Doyle to tie the match at 24-24. At 189, Hartland again took the upper hand with a 4-1 win, giving them the lead at 27-24, but a clutch pin by Tim Stefanson (215) would give Novi the 30-27 lead, the lead that Nick Slovan held up in the final match.

"Tim and Scott's wins were so huge for us. Scott's pin tied it and Tim's pin gave us the lead. They both gave Nick the opportunity to earn the win for us," Huss said.

Going in, both schools knew the match would be as tight as it could be, with neither team having an advantage.

"We knew every single point would be important," Huss said. "Even when our guys lost, they wrestled their guts out to save points and that contributed to the team victory as much as the individual wins. It was a flat out, 100 percent team effort."

The two teams won't have to wait long for a rematch. On Saturday at 10 a.m. in Howell, they will face off in the KVC tournament. If Novi wins, they win the KVC. Hartland must beat Novi for a share of the title and hope Novi finishes third or worse in order to win the title outright.

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Cheer squad takes 3rd at KVC

The Novi Girls Competitive Cheer Team competed recently at Pinckney High School on Feb. 3. This was the KVC competition and one of the most anticipated cheer events of the season in this area. Due to strong rivalry between Brighton and Hartland and a good performance from Novi, it was a great event.

Novi was awarded third place title with 633.5 overall points. Hartland took second with 671 and Brighton came out on top once again with a grand total of 673.5. Other participating teams included Milford (4th with 584) Lakeland (5th with 578.5) Pinckney (6th with 567.5) Howell (7th with 567) and South Lyon (8th with 544.)

Overall, the Novi girls had a good day. They were a little off in their first round jumping. There were a few mistakes and many precision errors. They received a score of 180 points which was respectable.

"We were hoping to improve from weeks past and this score was only slightly elevated," said coach Amy Denys.

Despite round one, the team really had a spectacular performance in round two where they scored 190 points.

"This was the best we have ever done in this round during the current season. Our walkovers are looking much better and our material has had a slight makeover. We will keep working to improve for next week," Denys said.

Similarly to round two, round three was incredible. Again, one of their best performances, they

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Photo by JOHN HEIDER

Novi swimmer and co-captain Matt Ochab moves ahead in the 200-yard medley relay for the 'Cats.

Wildcats sink Saline, 108-79

By COLBY J. CAVALIERE
Sports Editor

Much can be learned from a team coming off its first loss of the season.

The Novi swim team hit the pool last Thursday for the first time since their loss to league powerhouse Brighton five days earlier. The question was, would they be discouraged and come out flat against Saline, or rise back up and continue to dominate like they have for much of the season? The question was answered early, as the Mustangs hit their stride and never looked back.

The team of Jordan Moblo, Andrew Sawmiller, Mike Bliss, and Taewhan Yoo got back on the winning track with a 1:45.64 time in the 200-yard medley relay. The 'Stangs didn't win the second event, the 200 freestyle, but

racked up major points when Matt Peurach (1:58.81), Andy Capanyola (1:59.38) and Matt Ochab (2:03.61) finished in second, third, and fourth places to give Novi a 19-11 lead.

Moblo (2:11.57) and Ian Robertson (2:13.06) took first and second in the 200 IM, followed with a win in the 50 freestyle by Bliss (23.63).

Next up was the diving event, where Derrick Zonca (230.15) and Steve Aiberty (211.45) finished in second and third. Jack Tyler (59.56) took first in the 100 fly, extending the 'Cats lead to 59-35 after six events.

Bliss (51.52) and Sawmiller (52.36) would then take second and third in the 100 free, followed by another two, three finish by Robertson (5:25.89) and Capanyola (5:33.48) in the 500 freestyle. The points earned in that event opened the lead to an

almost insurmountable 24 points.

Second and third place finishes in the 200 freestyle relay, followed by three straight wins in the 100 backstroke by Tyler (1:01.56), 100 breaststroke by Juhwan Yoo (1:06.71), and 400 freestyle relay by T. Yoo, Moblo, Sawmiller and Tyler (3:33.09) closed out the satisfying, 108-79 win.

Novi saw a great percentage of the team roster get pool time, as well as some swimmers have a chance to work on some different events, all in preparation for the post-season.

"We have really been looking for an opportunity to move people around and get guys a chance to swim some different races, as well as get some of the swimmers on the roster a chance to get into the pool," said Novi coach Bill

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Gymnasts tough at Canton, move up state ranking

By COLBY J. CAVALIERE
Sports Editor

It was good news and bad news for the Wild 'Stang gymnasts on Saturday at the prestigious Canton Invitational.

The good news was they scored 145.75, the third highest team score registered in Michigan High School gymnastics this season, but the bad news was the Rochester Adams High School team scored an even higher

146.55 to capture the first place trophy and retain their number one ranking.

Included in the nineteen team tournament were the top eight teams in the state as ranked by the

Coaches Association for the week of Jan. 31: Adams, Portage, Brighton, Northville-Novl,

Farmington, Plymouth Salem, Hartland, and Holland. After the hotly contested competition, there should be a clearer picture of the top teams that will likely participate in the state team championship tourney scheduled for March 9, at Rockford High School.

Each of the top five finishers at the Canton Invite scored in excess of 142. Adams (146.55), Northville-Novl (145.75), Brighton (145.05), Portage (143.25), and Farmington (142.55).

Northville-Novl was lead by senior Megan Samhat, who compiled the third highest all-around of 37.1, which included a first place on floor (9.6). Sophomore Jenn Sturgis, who put together the

sixth highest all-around score of 36.85, placed third in bars, beam and floor. Also making contributions were seniors Katie Braine, Alison Gillette, Monica Fink, Andrea Ledbetter, and freshman Katie Wilchowski, who averaged higher than 9.0 on the three events she competed in.

Coach Lindsay Crews was pleased with her team's performance, but said "we have to work harder and practice better if we want to continue to improve and

complete with the best." Crews also added, "To win, top teams must remain injury free, peak at the right time, and have a little luck."

On the injury front, the good news is senior Katie Braine, who finished seventh in last year's Division 1 finals, is returning to competition after overcoming various nagging injuries. Crews indicated Katie is capable of posting a 37.0 all-around score, and "should be a boost for the team."

Junior Lindsey Carlson may also be returning to action soon.

"Lindsey is one of the toughest competitors on this team," said coach Jeff Pergament. Casting a dark shadow on the injury list is senior Kelley Phelps, another Division 1 gymnast, who may have suffered a season-ending knee injury. Junior Missy Esper, who has been hobbled for recent meets, is expected to recover shortly.

Crews hopes to use the final two

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	LEAGUE		OVERALL	
	W	L	W	L
Pinckney	6	2	(8)	(5)
Brighton	8	2	(6)	(6)
Lakeland	5	3	(8)	(5)
Novi	4	4	(9)	(5)
Millford	4	4	(7)	(7)
S. Lyon	4	4	(6)	(8)
Howell	2	6	(3)	(9)
Hartland	1	10	(3)	(10)

Slip-n-falls can be amplified if not treated well

Many Northville residents are reporting slip-and-falls. The numbers are increasing with the icy conditions. Most people are falling on their tailbones, while others are jolting their bodies very hard.

Slip-and-falls should be considered as serious as auto accidents. There should be thorough examination of the entire spine immediately after the fall. Most people feel a little sore the day of the fall. The next day the entire body will ache. This is a type of whiplash of the body. The person can feel neck soreness, low back stiffness and tailbone pain.

Most of the time, one limb is also affected. A person will usually try to break their fall with the arms affecting that limb. Other symptoms most commonly experienced are burning in the tailbone area, tingles in arms and fingers, stiff neck and stiff back, low back pain and a burning sensation running down the leg.

Many people suffer with headaches after a whiplash of the neck. Researchers have often noted the relationship between the spine and many types of headaches. For example, one study of 6,000 long-term headache sufferers revealed that neck injury from whiplash or falls was the most important factor in the cause of the headache and should be suspected in every non-specific case of headache.

Most falls cause the neck to get jolted. The pelvis area is usually

landed upon during a slip-and-fall. The pelvis will shift and cause pain and discomfort in the lower back. The spinal column of the low back might also be affected. The vertebrae of the low back may be shifted out of alignment, causing pain and discomfort of the low back area. A thorough spinal examination should be done after any slip and fall.

If you do experience a slip and fall:

- If you are on the ground with someone, have that person call EMS.

- If nothing is broken, get to your spinal care physician to check for whiplash and misalignments of the spine.

- Get an extensive spinal examination from head to tail from a chiropractic physician.

- Ice the affected areas for 20 minutes, on and off for one hour, then repeat.

- Do not stretch, move or exercise the affected area.

- Do not put heat on affected areas. This will increase inflammation and pain.

- Elevate any affected limb, especially if it's swollen.

- Do not wait to get an examination.

- Get an examination even if you have no pain. Symptoms are the last sign of damage to the body.

Ken Stepa is a Northville chiropractor and can be reached at (248) 735-9800.

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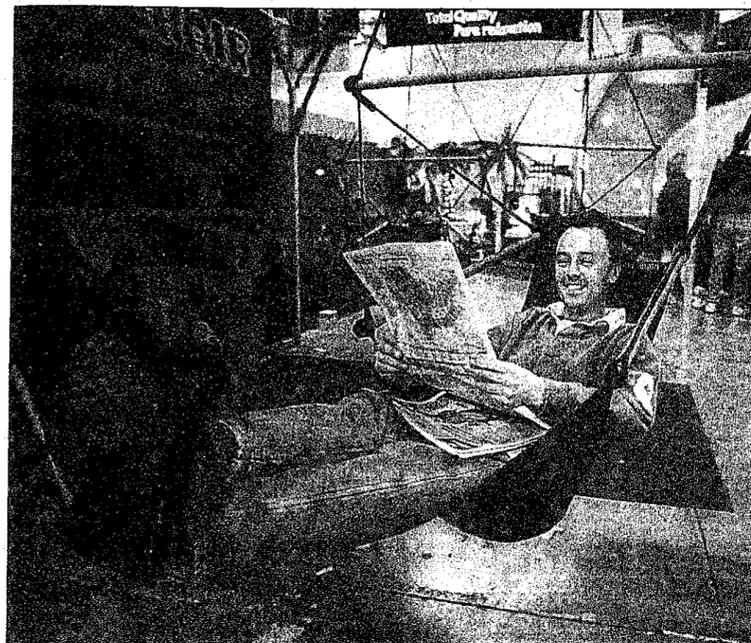


Photo by JOHN HESDER

Carl Hochreiter takes it easy in an "Air-chair" that he was selling Thursday afternoon at the Home Improvement Show at the Novi Expo Center. The suspended chairs ran between \$149-169.

Building on a dream...
Expo Center's Home Improvement Show lets home owners' imaginations run wild

By STEPHANIE FORDYCE

Staff Writer

Bob Vila and Martha Stewart would have been in heaven last weekend as the Novi Expo Center presented one of the largest home shows of its kind. Thousand of homeowners gathered Feb. 1-4, for the ninth annual Home Improvement Show presented by the Building Industry Association (BIA) of Southeastern Michigan.

The show featured over 300 exhibitors, providing a huge selection of indoor and outdoor appliances, furniture, decorative accessories, tools, spas, and other home products and services.

"We have everything from the attic to the basement," said BIA spokesperson Nancy Rosen. "Whether people are looking for specific items, want to get price estimates, or just want redecorating ideas, this is really a one-stop place for any spot in their home, inside and outside."

Additional show features included demonstrations on decorating, home repair and remodeling.

"Many people don't want the trouble and expense of a full-scale relocation, when for a lot less money, they can customize their present homes," said Stephen J. Tagliano, president of BIA and Westminster & Abbey Homes in Bingham Farms. "Our show is replete with remodeling ideas and much more."

Exhibitors were also on hand to give advice, ideas, and innovations for kitchens, baths, doors, windows, interior design, home offices, landscaping, electronics, heating, and cooling.

"This kind of Expo show is great because people don't have to feel pressured into buying anything," Rosen said. "They can look around, ask questions and walk away."

Local exhibitors included Novi's Dixie Cut Stone & Marble Inc., specializing in cultured and natural stone, limestone, marble and granite for kitchen and bath countertop laminations, and McCoy Sauna & Steam of Novi, which exhibited a 6 X 6 modular

sauna room, portable sauna, heaters and steam products. Some of the most popular attractions to the show included a central vacuum system from Bull-in Vacuum & Sound and the Zoe toilet by Toto. The revolutionary toilet features a deodorizing fan system, seat warmer, and with the hit of a button, you are bathed with a gentle, warm stream of water. The Zoe even comes with its own remote control.

"It's interesting to say the least, but I don't think I'd buy one," said Cathy Harris of

White Lake. Other highlights of the show included WJR's "The Appliance Doctor" Joe Gagon and "The Garden Show's" Dean Krauskopf and WXYT's "Ask the Handyman" Glenn Haegle. "Money Talk" with Rick Bloom and "PC Mike's High Tech Weekend" with Mike Wendland.

The show also welcomed renowned chef Raymond Wong for a live demonstration on how to cook low-fat, healthy Chinese foods. Wong featured creative ways to use leftovers, cut down on salt and make the most of interesting spices. "This is really the biggest and best show under one roof," said Gary Swanson, a truck driver from Flat Rock. "My wife and I came here to get some deck ideas and now we're set on putting in a pool too."

Stephanie Fordyce is a staff writer for the Novi News. Her e-mail address is sfordyce@ht.homecomm.net

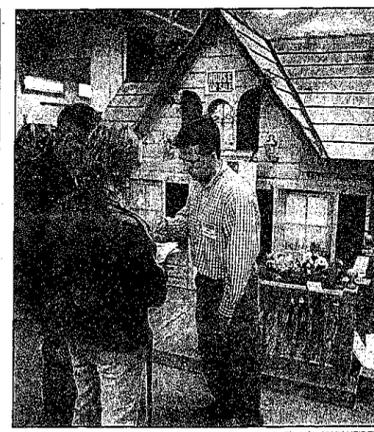


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Peter Grebeck of Peter's Hardware in Highland, MI, gives some information to Home Improvement Show attendees about his line of playhouses and gazebos at the Novi Expo Center last Thursday.

UPCOMING EXPO EVENTS

MOTORAMA
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Admission is \$6. Parking \$5.

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Parking is \$5.00.

HUNTING, FISHING AND CAMPING OUTDOORS SHOW
Show runs Feb. 24 thru March 4.
Times are Mon., Tues., Thurs. and Friday, 3 p.m. - 9 p.m., Wed. Noon - 9 p.m., Sat. 10 a.m. - 9 p.m., and Sun. 10 a.m. - 6 p.m.
Admission for adults is \$7, and for seniors \$3.50. Parking is \$5.

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Drew Robert Fisher is a third grader in Ms. Sally Mullen's class at Moraine Elementary in Northville.



Drew Fisher

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The Very Icky Dinner

HomeTown Authors

Every night at 6 p.m. my mom serves me some dinner. I usually look down at my plate and see lots of liver. Then I say to my mom, "What kind of food is this? It's really really icky!" Then my mom says, "Dear, you are very, very picky!" Now mom, what I prefer for dinner is something really sticky!

Kaley Moore is nine years old and a student in Ms. Connie Dye's class at Parkdale Elementary in Novi.



Kaley Moore

Community Events

CAMERA CLUB WILL MEET

The Novi Camera Club will meet at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 13 at the Novi Community Center, 45175W. Ten Mile Road. The topic of the evening will be "The Wizard of Photography" - George Eastman.

This is a video biography of George Eastman from the early years to the founding of Eastman Kodak Co. - including all his inventions of cameras and films. Included are segments on the famous "Brownie" cameras.

Guests, family and friends are always welcome.

LOOKING FOR CLASSMATES

The Novi High School Class of 1941 is gathering e-mail addresses and phone numbers of classmates for our 20-year reunion.

Please e-mail NHTS@reunion.yahoo.com to supply your information and obtain reunion updates or call Marel Spilker at (248) 887-5600, ext. 216 to leave your phone number and postal address.

The reunion is scheduled for July 7, 2001 in Novi. This event offers advance ticket sales only. Additional information will be distributed via e-mail (preferred) or post.

ACS OFFERS CANCER CONTROL PROGRAM

The American Cancer Society is enrolling women over the age of 40 in the "Breast and Cervical Cancer Control Program," which offers free breast and cervical cancer

screenings. This program is available to women in the metro-Detroit area who meet federal income guidelines and are not members of a HMO or Medicare part B.

"One in eight women will be diagnosed with breast cancer at some time in their life, and the risk of breast cancer increases with age," said Ruba Mahfouz, community development director for the American Cancer Society. "When detected in its earliest stages, breast cancer is up to 97 percent survivable."

It is projected that 193,700 Americans will be diagnosed with breast cancer and approximately 12,900 American women will be diagnosed with cervical cancer this year. Women who detect their breast and cervical cancers early have a much greater chance of surviving the disease.

For more information on how to enroll in the "Breast and Cervical Cancer Control Program," call your American Cancer Society at (248) 557-5353 or toll free at 1-800-925-2271.

GUIDE TO PERFORM SOUTH PACIFIC

The Plymouth Theater Guild proudly presents Rodgers and Hammerstein's "South Pacific" on Feb. 16, 17, 23, 24, 25, and March 2 and 3, curtain at 8 p.m. and 6 p.m. on the Feb. 25 performance.

Shows are performed in the Westwater Theater, located on the campus of Northville Psychiatric Hospital, 41001 W. Seven Mile

Road, Northville. All shows are general seating. Adults, \$12; youth 18 and under, \$8; group rates, 15-29, \$10; and 30-plus, \$9. Tickets may be purchased at the door on the night of the show or at vendors: Pennington Deli, 820 Pennington, Plymouth; Evola Music, 7170 N. Haggerty, Canton; and Gardenview's, 202 W. Main St., Northville.

For further information, call the Plymouth Theater Guild hotline, (248) 349-7110.

BLOOD DRIVE

The American Red Cross will hold a blood drive from 12:30 to 6:30 p.m. on Tuesday, Feb. 13 on the campus of Madonna University.

The process is safe, simple and takes only a short time. To make an appointment, call the office of student life at (734) 492-5426. Walk-in donors are also welcome.

The Red Cross is in desperate need of blood donations. Eligible donors must be at least 17 years old and may donate every eight weeks or no more than five times per year.

WORKSHOP ON ATTENTION DEFICITS TO BE HELD IN NORTHVILLE

An after school workshop will be held Wednesday, Feb. 21 at the Northville High School Forum, 45700 Six Mile Road.

Two sessions will be presented by David Brautman, "Best Practices at School for Students with Attention Problems, 3:30-

6:30 p.m. and "Best Practices at Home for Students with Attention Problems," 7-8:30 p.m.

All teachers and parents who share a concern for improving the educational success of children with attention difficulties are invited to attend.

Please call the Northville Public Schools Special Education Department to register, (248) 344-9453.

AADW MEETING WILL FEATURE STORYTELLER

A librarian for the Center for Afro-American studies at the University of Michigan will speak at the Feb. 13 meeting of the Northville/Novi branch of the American Association of University Women.

Elizabeth James, a third generation storyteller, is a member of the Ann Arbor Storytellers Guild and the National Association of Black Storytellers.

The meeting will start at 7 p.m. with a half an hour for socializing at the Northville Senior Center, 213 W. Cady St. The speaker is slated for 7:30-8:30 p.m. A half hour business meeting will follow. The public is invited and the location is barrier free.

ZANY ACTIVITIES

Zany Brains In-store events are sure to brighten weekend days. Kids can show off their creativity and smarts during these wonderful winter weeks! All events are free and open to the public. To locate a

Zany Brains store in your neighborhood, visit www.zany-brains.com.

Let's Chug Along with Thomas

Saturday and Sunday, Feb. 17 and 18 at 2 p.m. each day. Young fans of Thomas the Tank Engine will make their own engineer's hats. Then they'll turn a few "surprise" ingredients into a set of train wheels that "chug, chug, chug" - just like Thomas. Ages 3 to 5.

CLIFFORD MOVIES 'N MORE

Saturday and Sunday, Feb. 24 and 25 at 2 p.m. each day. The big Zany Showtime Theater screen features two new Clifford videos. Join us for Clifford's Best Friend and Here Comes Clifford - then make your own big, red Clifford ears. Ages 3 to 5.

GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP FOR WIDOWS

New Hope Center for Grief Support, a Christian-based bereavement outreach center, offers support for widows and widowers with children on the second and fourth Tuesday night of each month. The group meets at St. Kenneth's Parish in Plymouth, from 7-8:30 p.m. and is offered free of charge. Professionally led children's groups meet at the same time and place for children between the ages of 4 and 12. New Hope also offers groups for widows and widowers of all ages and a

group for bereaved teens as well as other bereavement resources. For more information, call (248) 348-0115.

FAMILY KALEIDOSCOPE SERIES

Northville First United Methodist Church, 777 W. Eight Mile, Northville, has offered a series of sermons about family life. The next Family Kaleidoscope sermon will be held on Feb. 11 during the three worship hours of 8 a.m., 9:15 a.m., and 11 a.m. "The Price of a Good Robe" will offer a message on sibling rivalry. For more information, call (248) 349-1144.

NORTHVILLE WOMEN'S CLUB

On Feb. 18, the Northville Women's Club will meet with a speaker pertaining to "Cherished Hair Art" at 1:30 p.m. at the Plymouth Historical Museum.

RELIGIOUS PERSPECTIVE OF SUFFERING

The Assarian Center will have Rev. Walter J. Schoenherr, a Retired Auxiliary Bishop of Detroit, speak on "A Christian Perspective on Suffering" as part of their religion series. The talk will take place on Feb. 13 from 7-8:30 p.m. in the meeting room of the Center on the corner of Beck Road and Grand River. Following the presentation and discussion, there will be evening prayer. All are welcome.

Northville Seniors

The staff at the Northville Senior Center at 215 W. Cady Street coordinates the following services and activities for seniors age 50 and older. For more information or to register for an activity, call (248) 349-4140.

SERVICES

• Newsletter
The senior newsletter is a monthly publication filled with information on senior citizen activities, trips and services. You can pick up a newsletter at the Senior Center or receive it monthly by mail for an annual contribution of \$7.

• Telephone Reassurance (Telecare)

Homebound residents can receive a daily telephone call or an occasional call to check on their well being or to talk to someone free of charge. Please call the Senior Center to register.

• Blood Pressure Screening

Come get your blood pressure checked free of charge. Held at the center on the second Tuesday of the month, from 10 a.m. to noon by Westland Contraception Center and the fourth Monday of every month, from noon to 2 p.m. by St. Mary's Hospital. An appointment is not necessary.

• Focus: HOPE

Food distribution is usually the fourth Friday of every month from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Senior Center. February distribution will be on Feb. 23.

• Senior Services Directory

The Northville Senior Center has created a directory of services avail-

able to senior citizens. The directory includes information on support programs, health and medical services, available housing, organizations providing financial assistance and much more. Please stop by the Senior Center to pick up your free copy today. Funding for this directory was provided by the Oakland County Community Development Block Grant Program.)

• Tax Counseling Services

Free tax counseling sponsored by AARP will be available on Tuesdays, Jan. 30 through April 10. Hours are 9 a.m. to noon and 1-4 p.m. Volunteer tax counselors will prepare your state and local tax forms. Most forms will be an hand. Appointments are scheduled at 1 1/2 hour intervals. No charge for service, however, donations to the senior program will be gratefully accepted. You must call the Senior Center ahead of time to make an appointment. (248) 349-4140.

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• Bus Service for Local Shopping Trips
Tuesdays: Meijer, Kohl's, Target and local banks.
Fridays: Farmer Jack/Biller's or Shopping Center Market/Busch's (alternating Fridays).
Bus begins pickup at 9:30 a.m. from your home. Cost is \$2. Call the Senior Center for reservations 48 hours in advance.

• Bus Service for Movies, Lunch and Shopping at the Mall Twice a Month

The senior bus goes to AMC 20 and Laurel Park Mall on an after-noon (noon to 4 p.m.) of movies, lunch and shopping. The days scheduled are the second and

fourth Monday of each month. Pick-up will begin from your home at 12 p.m. or the MAGS parking lot shortly thereafter. Cost is \$2. Please call to make reservations.

• Expanded Transportation for Seniors

Northville's new senior bus service provides transportation to run errands, visit a friend, have a hair appointment, have lunch out, go to a doctor's appointment, etc. Medical appointments always secure priority when scheduling. Service hours are Monday through Friday, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Passengers must be a Northville or Northville Township resident, 50 years of age or older and handicapped.

• Wanted: Bus Drivers

With the addition of a second bus in January, we now have immediate need for additional part-time bus drivers. This position requires a CDL driver's license. Hours are flexible, events are great to attend free, and seniors are rewarding to serve. If interested, please call the Senior Center at (248) 349-4140.

ONGOING ACTIVITIES

• Card Playing
Join us for cards at the center. Enjoy several hours of fun for just \$1. The schedule is as follows: Bridge, Wednesdays, 12:15-3:15 p.m.; Pinochle, Mondays and Thursdays, 12:30-4:30 p.m. and

beginning Pinochle on Tuesdays, from 12:30-3:30 p.m.

• Detroit Symphony Orchestra

Northville Senior Center has reserved tickets to various concerts throughout the season. Tickets to Classical Coffee Concerts are \$28 for residents and \$35 for non-residents. Upcoming classical concerts include: Beethoven's Eroica, Feb. 23. Future Pops Concerts include: Fielder's Favorite, Feb. 8 and Debbie Reynolds, March 8. (Cost for Debbie Reynolds is \$38 for residents, \$45 for non-residents, departure time is 7 p.m. from MAGS). Tickets to Pops Concerts are \$24 for residents, \$41 for non-residents. Departure time is 9 a.m. from MAGS for all concerts unless otherwise indicated. Registration is necessary.

• Senior Fitness

• Senior Drop-in Morning Volleyball for co-ed adults 50 and up
Do you want to look young, think young and feel young? Get rid of that sedentary feeling. Come out and play volleyball. All levels of play are welcome. Held on most Mondays, Thursdays and Fridays at the Parks and Recreation Gym from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Cost is \$1. For more information, call the Northville Parks and Recreation Department at (248) 349-0203.

• Healing Touch Therapy

Healing Touch is an energy-based alternative healing. It balances the human energy field: touching body, mind, emotion, and spirit. Beginning in January, Cynthia Droshagen R.N., a Healing

Touch practitioner, will be available on Fridays, 10 a.m. to noon at the Senior Center. Cost is \$15 for a 45-minute to one hour session. Please call the Center (248) 349-4140 for an appointment.

• Massage Therapy

Treat yourself to a well-deserved hour massage by a certified therapist on Wednesdays at the Senior Center.

• Mind Games at the Gem Theater

Come and watch the amazing mind games by expert Marc Salem at the Gem Theater on Feb. 28. Includes dinner at the Century Club. Depart from MAGS at 4:30 p.m. The cost is \$4 for transportation, payable to the bus driver. Call the Center for reservations.

• Soaring Eagle - Hal Roach

Join us on March 12 at the Soaring Eagle Casino for a day of fun and laughter as the King of Blarney, Hal Roach performs an unforgettable show. Depart from MAGS at 12 p.m. and return at approximately 7:30 p.m. Cost is \$52 for residents. Dinner is on your own on the return trip. Stop by the Center to register.

• Tallulah - Fisher Theatre

Come with us on March 11 to the Fisher Theatre to see this special pre-Broadway engagement as Academy Award and Tony Award nominee Kathleen Turner returns to the stage for the performance of two lineages. Depart from MAGS at 4:30 p.m. Dinner is on your own at Fishbones in Greentown. Cost is \$62. Stop by the Senior Center to register.

• Valentine's Day Party

Join us for our Valentine's Day party on Feb. 14 at the Northville Parks and Recreation meeting room. This is co-sponsored by American House. Includes refreshments, door prizes, and entertainment by a concert violinist. The cost is \$4. Stop by the Senior Center to register.

• Sweetheart Tea

You are invited to our annual Sweetheart Tea on Feb. 13 at 1 p.m. to enjoy Valentine treats and entertainment with friends and neighbors. Cost is \$6. Stop by the Senior Center to register.

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COMMUNITY FOCUS

200 Resident swims in club class record

By STEPHANIE FORDYCE Staff Writer

While Gunnar Henstrom's chronological age may be 72, he has the energy and enthusiasm of a 22-year-old.

As an avid Sports Club of Novi member for the past two years, Henstrom celebrated his 200th aqua aerobics class on Feb. 2.

Complete with a song, crowning and small ceremony, Henstrom was truly the king of the club.

"Gunnar is the most dedicated, energetic man," said Director of Community Relations for the Sports Club of Novi, Debbie Nuttle. "At 72 years old, he's had two knees replaced, open heart surgery, and a shoulder replacement, and yet he rarely ever misses a class. We're very proud of him."

The Swedish native who has had two bypass surgeries and currently has a pace maker, said he has been taking the class ever since the club opened.

"They give me hell all the time," he laughed, "but I love it. This is really the only exercise I can do with my bad knees because you have to do something to keep going."

Henstrom, who lives in Northville, was so pleased with his accomplishment that he even made a plaque, engraved with 200 along with all his

instructors names on it.

"Hopefully, I can make it to 400," he joked.

Nuttle said that aqua aerobics is a great class for anyone and for people like Henstrom, it's good physical therapy.

"The class is really for all types of people in all types of physical conditions," she said. "We've got people in here that are in their 20s and then we have people here like Gunnar who may not otherwise be able to exercise and get a workout."

"That's why it's such a wonderful class. The beauty of the water is, because of the buoyancy, there is no impact on the joints. There are power moves, but compared to the land classes, the water aerobics is a whole different ball game," she continued.

For seniors seeking relief from aches and pains -- and improvement for conditions like arthritis, stroke and osteoporosis, Nuttle said aqua aerobics is the perfect exercise.

Nuttle also said the benefit of aqua aerobics includes increased flexibility, mobility, and strength for all ages.

"The barrier of the water increases your workout because now you've got your upper and lower body working against a resistance, so it improves muscle tone,

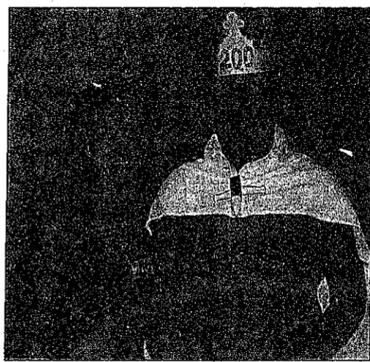


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Sports Club of Novi Director of Communications, Debbie Nuttle gave swimmer Gunnar Henstrom a towel and crown for his accomplishments.

strength, and the water also helps with your flexibility," she said, adding that other benefits include posture and balance.

Henstrom, who comes to the club three days a week, said aqua aerobics is a good, tough hour workout.

"Anyone with any kind of medical condition, especially someone with new parts, can take this class," he said. "It gets the blood pumping and the muscles strong. I've lost nearly 30 pounds and I feel like I'm in good physical condition."

Henstrom, a retired engineer from General Motors of 32 years, described himself as a 6'6" blond haired, blue-eyed Swede when came to the states in 1955.

"Now I'm a Swedish meatball," he said.

An avid sportsman, Henstrom was a strong slalom skier and water polo player in Sweden and in 1950, even competed in the water polo world championship.

Now he enjoys playing lots of golf and going on hunting trips.

As Henstrom's wife, Yvonne, watched her husband get in the pool for the 200th time, she said she was extremely proud of her husband's accomplishment.

"He's so committed, he's my little water bug," she said smiling.

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Take action to help prevent cardiac arrest

WHAT IS THE CHAIN OF SURVIVAL?

The American Heart Association is working to increase public awareness and support for a strong chain of survival for victims of sudden cardiac arrest. The "chain of survival" is a sequence of actions that must be initiated as soon as a cardiac arrest is detected in order to save the person's life. Here are the four links in the chain of survival:

• Early Access to Care

Upon recognizing the signs for heart attack or cardiac arrest, it's important to act quickly and engage the emergency medical service (EMS) system immediately by calling 9-1-1 so that appropriate emergency personnel can be dispatched to the scene, if an

EMS system isn't quickly activated, a cardiac arrest victim has little chance of surviving.

• Early Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation (CPR)

If the victim is in cardiac arrest, call 9-1-1 immediately. Then start CPR by administering mouth-to-mouth breathing and chest compressions to provide the oxygen and blood flow needed by the heart and brain. CPR is important because it can help sustain the victim until defibrillation (electric shock to the heart) can be provided.

• Early Defibrillation

Defibrillation is the delivery of an electrical shock to restore the heart's normal rhythm. Early defibrillation is the only known therapy for cardiac arrests, most

of which are caused by an irregular heart rhythm (arrhythmia) called ventricular fibrillation (VF). Cardiac arrest victims must receive defibrillation within 7 to 10 minutes. Otherwise, the person will die because the chance of survival is reduced by 7-10 percent each minute that passes. Few attempts at resuscitation are successful after 10 minutes.

New, easy-to-use, automated external defibrillators (AEDs) now make early defibrillation more possible, substantially strengthening this link in the chain of survival. The American Heart Association has set a goal of increasing cardiac arrest survival by shortening the time to defibrillation, placing automated external defibrillators in the community,

and increasing the number of lay rescuers trained in CPR and AED use.

The American Heart Association is working with businesses and other public facilities (such as airports, sports stadiums, shopping malls and other places where large numbers of people gather), encouraging them to purchase AEDs and train personnel in the use of AEDs and CPR.

• Early Advanced Care
After defibrillation, many patients need highly trained medical personnel and equipment for advanced treatments, such as ventilation and intravenous drugs, on the scene and on the way to the hospital. Without them, some people may revert back to cardiac arrest.



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Sprint PCS opened a new store in Novi on Jan. 25 with the help of city manager Richard Helwig, fire chief Art Lenaghan, middle, and council member Victor Cassis. Sprint members included retail sales manager Kenneth Albert, far left, Phil France, retail sales manager, second from right, and Tony Lont, area vice president, far right.

Parks and Rec Briefs

Music Man Musical

Don't delay, tickets are now on sale for the Novi Theatres Production of Meredith Wilson's "The Music Man." Showtimes are Friday, March 2 at 7:30 p.m.; Saturday, March 3 at 7:30 p.m.; Sunday, March 4 at 3 p.m.; Friday, March 9 at 7:30 p.m.; Saturday, March 10 at 7:30 p.m.; and Sunday, March 11 at 3 p.m. All tickets are \$15. Reserved seating.

For more information please call the Novi Parks and Recreation Department at (248) 347-0400.

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MOVIES

Karl Kling, Editor 248-685-1507

Thursday, February 8, 2001

Past indiscretions haunt these junior high pals

"Valentine" is set against the background of the tradition of Valentine's Day, a time when love is on everyone's mind.

"Sex and love go hand in hand with death in all horror films," said producer Dylan Sellers. "You're already going into a holiday that focuses on the former, so it's only natural that death comes along for the ride too. Our story takes revenge and obsession up a notch. And that's what this movie is — these men and women desperately looking for love and crossing the line."

The film revolves around Kate (Marley Shelton), Paige (Denise Richards), Dorothy (Jessica Capshaw), Lily (Jessica Cauffiel) and Shelly (Katherine Heigl) who grew up together, went through school together and shared their dreams of the perfect boy and the perfect future. Lily is the school princess; Paige, the class bad girl; Kate is quiet; Dorothy plump and insecure. The four become a group and stick together, scolding the nerds and presenting a unified front to the school bullies.

"Junior high is the strangest time of your life," said Marley Shelton who stars as Kate, "because in the grand scope, it's only a few years of your life, but for some reason — I think a combination of puberty and all the changes going on — everybody really remembers those years. I do think that a lot of our identity is shaped during that time, and it does affect who we are, presently. So, I think it's really great that this movie hits on that and uses that as an

engine." Years later, they are still friends. Their lives now include careers, but like many young women, they are navigating through the singles scene.

"These women truly do not know what's in store for them and how their earlier indiscretions are going to come back to haunt them," said director Jamie Bliandos.

David Boreanaz, whose star has catapulted in the top-rated series "Buffy" and his own spin-off "Angel," makes his big screen starring debut as Adam, a sports writer with whom journalist Kate finds herself in on-again-off-again relationship.

"Adam has a thing for Kate," said Boreanaz.

As the film unfolds, and terrible things begin to happen to Kate and her circle of friends, Adam and Kate become even closer. Boreanaz explained, "He tries to make her feel at ease in a very uneasy situation that he finds himself in the middle of. He's trying to be a shoulder to cry on and just comfort her. I've always loved playing those comforting roles," he joked.

Denise Richards, who ignited the screen in "Wild Things," plays Paige whom the young actress describes as "very sassy and witty. Paige knows exactly what she wants and sticks up for herself always."

When the film takes a darker turn, Richards explains, "Paige is not afraid. She will not shrink at the first sign of trouble but charge into it without fear."

Jessica Cauffiel stars as Lily who has become enthralled with artist



Marley Shelton and David Boreanaz in "Valentine."

Max Ives (Johnny Whitworth).

"Lily is a fun member of this foursome, this group of girls who all have very distinctive personalities," said Cauffiel. "Lily is the goofy one with the incessant wit and sense of humor. She is always there with a witty quip. When necessary."

Jessica Capshaw plays Dorothy, still the poor little rich girl who is falling way too fast for handsome Campbell (Daniel Cosgrove), a charmer who keeps his past to himself.

"Dorothy was always the really shy girl and is always battling all these demons," said Capshaw. "She has a family that wasn't so caring, and she was just kind of different than everyone else. Now she's grown up to be something quite different and very much looks like she belongs but still feels like the little girl that didn't belong."

The story begins before Valentine's Day when the friends convene for a close friend's funeral, after which they all start receiving



Jessica Cauffiel, Jessica Capshaw, Denise Richards and Marley Shelton star in the Warner Bros. Pictures thriller "Valentine."

strange, menacing Valentine messages.

At first, the women dismiss the twisted greetings as a sick joke. Then, they meet with the detective (Fulvio Cecere) investigating their friend's death and learn there could be a link to someone they all knew and tormented years ago at a Valentine's dance in junior high school — a boy named Jeremy Melton. The police try to trace him, but the trail is cold. They can find no recent address, employment record or photograph. If Jeremy Melton still exists, he could be anyone, anywhere.

As the treats of violence intensify, each of the women grapples with the realization that any man she knows — or ever knew — could be a vicious killer.

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