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Mayor: Novi's full speed ahead

By B.J. HAMMERSTEIN Staff Writer

After delivering the first State of the City of Address of his new administration, Mayor Richard Clark stressed continuing trends of cooperation and reaching common goals for all of the people in Novi.

"The city does have an open-door policy in the spirit of cooperation with the business community, the residents and the schools in Novi," Clark said.

"The past year has had some good and exciting things happen to the city and with different upcoming projects on-line, the next year will be real beneficial to Novi."

Clark spoke to more than 130 people Tuesday afternoon at the Double-Tree Hotel during the Novi Chamber of Commerce's Annual Mayor's State of the City Address.

During the speech, Clark highlighted past city accomplishments in 1999 and hinted towards upcoming projects in the M-5 Corridor for the year 2000.

"I envision a day the M-5 Corridor will be called the Fortune 500 Corridor."

Richard Clark, Mayor of Novi

"The area of the M-5 Corridor is in a position to bring to the community many high-tech businesses," Clark said.

"Over the last month and a half, there has been preliminary discussions with different Fortune 500 companies and how they want to be in Novi."

"We want to make them feel this is a place they could call home. I envision the day the M-5 Corridor will be called the Fortune 500 Boulevard."

Clark said that the firms had requested that he not go public with their plans at this time.

But with all of the positives stressed during the speech, Clark did talk about the thorns in Novi's side: the Sandstone litigation and the Novi Ice Arena deficit.

"We are not without problems of course, the most serious and important being the Sandstone litigation. That is in the appellate process and is still to be dealt with," he said.



Photo by JOHN HEIDER

Continued on 17 Mayor Richard Clark evaluates Novi in 2000.

Kids cuddle creatures from the blue lagoon

By B.J. HAMMERSTEIN Staff Writer

Five-year-old Travis Trainor reached down into the cold water and delicately touched the outer shell of a starfish.

Trainor, along with the rest of the Novi Woods Elementary students, participated in the school's "Tide Pool Touch" on Jan. 6 and Jan. 7.

Sponsored by the Parent Teacher Organization of Novi Woods and presented by the Living Science Foundation, based out of Plymouth, the Novi Woods students experienced the fascinating world of the deep in an impressive-interactive-learning experience.

"I pet the lobster and the water was really cold," Trainor said.

"I picked up the starfish. It lives in the ocean."

Cheri Crist, vice president of PTO programs, said this particular program cost about \$1,800 and was purchased through different fund raising events which the PTO conduct throughout the school year.

"Every year the children just love it," Crist said.

"We try to have a couple presentations like this a year, like this program and the Star-lab planetarium. The kids are in awe when they get to handle the animals or look at constellations."

The "Tide Pool Touch" had salt-water tanks set up holding such exotic sea creatures as sea stars, hermit crabs, lobsters and sea

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Photo by JOHN HEIDER

Novi Woods first graders crowd a sea animal tank from the Living Science Foundation.

Chilly Willy Snow bunnies ready for festival

By JENNIFER NORRIS Staff Writer

A frosty treat is in store for Novi residents Jan. 22 at the annual Chilly Willy Winter Festival.

Located at the Novi Civic Center, the festival has events fit for any age group, all put together by the Novi Parks and Recreation Department.

"The activities are great," said Parks and Recreation Clerk Robin Kummer.

"It's something to do after the holiday and it's a community event. There's something for everyone."

Appealing to both kids and adults is the Chilly Willy Winter Walk/Ski event located at the North Novi Park. Residents have

the option to take a quiet stroll or cross-country ski through a winter wonderland, if weather conditions permit.

"If there's not enough snow to cover the ground, it will be canceled," said Novi Parks and Recreation Deputy Director Marilyn Troshak.

This event is scheduled to begin at 10 a.m. and all participants will receive a Chilly Willy gift. Refreshments will be available in the Lakeshore Park building.

Participants can register as early as Jan. 3 during office hours or at 9:30 a.m. at the event location. There is a \$5 fee per car at the gate which is used to enhance

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Flu is the bug that's really buzzing here

By ANDREW DIETDERICH Staff Writer

It seems as if good old Mother Nature had her own Y2K bug in mind for the turn of the century.

An above-average number of influenza cases have been reported across metro Detroit and the Northville/Novi area isn't totally immune.

"Probably the last two weeks have been the worst," said Becky Thompson, nurse practitioner at Providence Park in Novi. "And it may peak again. The flu goes in waves."

Thompson said the mild weather coupled with large groups of people together for the holiday season served as the perfect breeding ground for the flu bug.

"Usually it's more of a gradual spread," Thompson said. "But the weather is usually worse and peo-

ple aren't together in large groups as much because more people are confined to their homes."

Even though many of your coworkers may have been absent due to illness, Northville and Novi area schools had normal amounts of students absent because of the flu, officials said.

Influenza is an acute respiratory infection caused by a variety of influenza virus, according to the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases. It's usually signaled by headaches, chills, and dry cough followed rapidly by body aches and fever. Typically, the fever starts declining on the second or third day of the illness. The upper respiratory symptoms then become noticeable through nasal congestion and sore throat.

Additionally, flu never causes

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Y2K past, travelers hit the skies

By JENNIFER NORRIS Staff Writer

Were you afraid to travel anywhere during the last few days of 1999?

Novi travel agencies had mixed results in the volume of people traveling during the holiday sea-

son. With many airline flights canceled and many residents opting to stay home with their families, multiple Novi travel companies reported low levels of business, while others said it was "business as usual" for the end of the year.

Michelle Castle, a travel agent at Elliott Travel in Novi, said people were not booking many trips in December and were apprehensive about traveling.

"People were afraid of being in the dark without water or electricity," said Castle. "They were unsure of what was going to hap-

pen." Despite people's fears regarding the arrival of the new millennium, Castle said fewer travelers did not have a significant impact on the company and business is now bouncing back.

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Photo by JOHN HEIDER

Anton Brooks grins as she stirs "slime" made with the help of NHS chemistry students Zheng Wu, left and Crystal Hubel.

From Novi High to Inkster, with love

By B.J. HAMMERSTEIN Staff Writer

Seven-year-old Kristal Harvey walked into Novi High School on Wednesday and was intimidated and amazed by the magnitude of the school.

Greeted by her 'big-sister' — Novi High Junior Nicole Hapanowicz, a friendly face in an unfamiliar setting — Harvey's anxiety soon gave way to just her tired feet.

Harvey was among 22 second grade students visiting Novi High from Baylor-Woodson Elementary in Inkster. The students came to the school as part of a day-long field trip, the culmination of a pen-pal exchange program from social studies teacher Christine Hayward's second and third block

classes. "I have been teaching for 28 years and haven't ever seen students have so much love," Hayward said.

"The students started out from being very shy to hugging and kissing and saying 'don't go when we had to leave.'"

Hayward said the pen-pal exchange began in October after students from second grade teacher Heather Babala's class sent the Novi High students a video of themselves.

Babala said it was during her conversations with Novi Woods Elementary School teacher Sally Chandler that the activity developed.

"I live here in Novi and I am so

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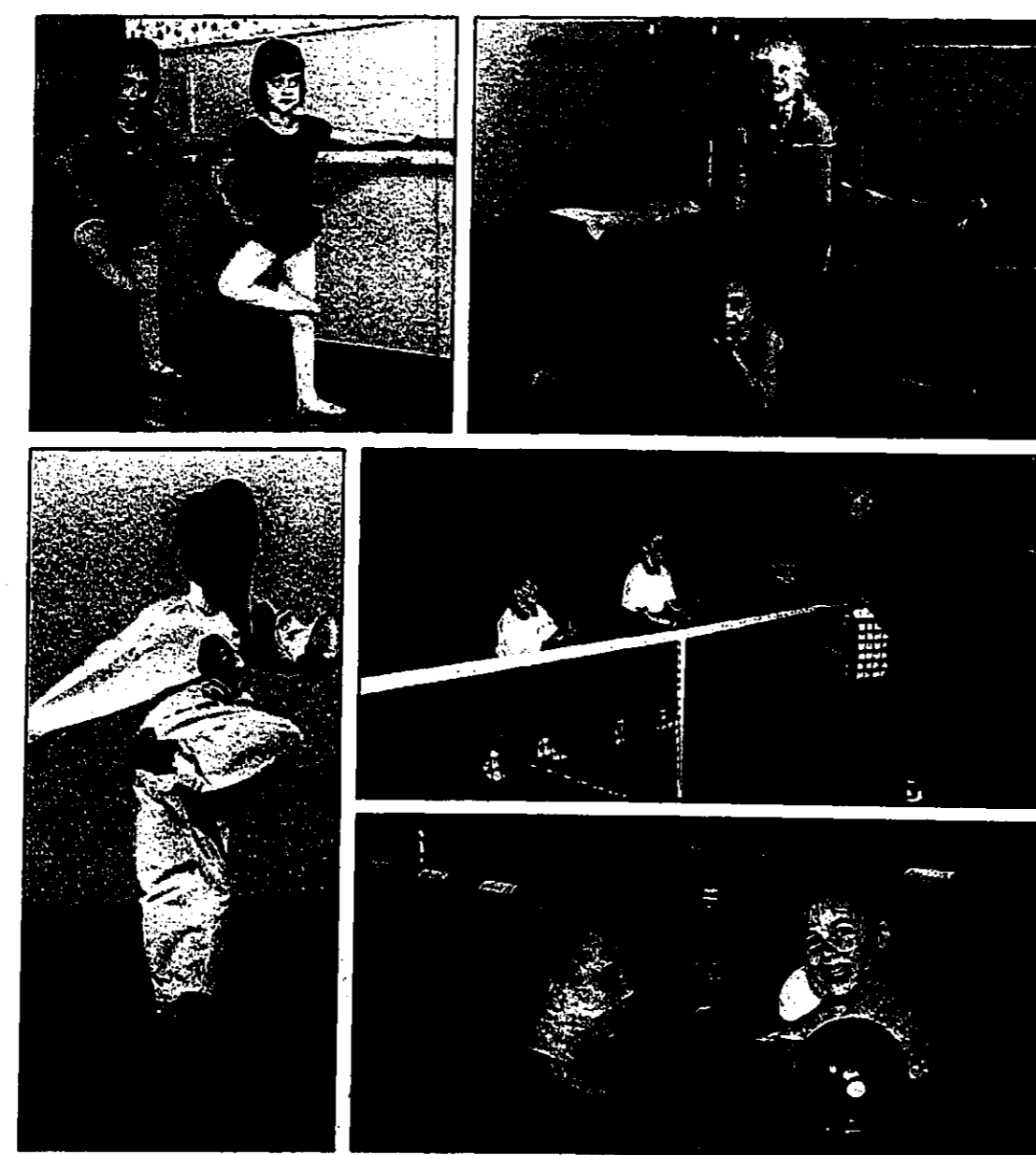
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Hometown Heroes

Award will honor those who serve their communities

By MIKE MALOTT
Hometown News Service
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"You can never thank volunteers enough," said Noreen Keating, Chief Executive Officer of Lighthouse of Oakland County. "They drive the vans that get seniors where they need to go. They provide services to those with low incomes. They do a wonderful job... They keep the hospitals operating. They rehabilitate homes..."

That's the motivation behind a new program aimed at honoring volunteers, the Hometown Heroes Award, she said.

Jointly sponsored by Lighthouse, Observer & Eclectic Newspapers, Hometown Newspapers, Mirror Newspapers and Crain's Detroit Business, the program will honor volunteers in six categories — senior volunteers, youth volunteers, those who serve on boards and committees, direct service volunteers, those who volunteer through faith-based organizations, and those who volunteer through businesses.

Nominations for the awards are now being accepted, Keating said. A ballot to nominate volunteers can be found in this edition of this newspaper. Ballots are also available through Oakland Family Services and Americore at Oakland University.

Nominators are asked to provide

information about the nominee including name, place through which they volunteer, years of service, the type of work they do, and a 100-word or less description of service and why they deserve the award.

The deadline for nominations will be February 25.

The nominations will be handed to a committee of representatives from the sponsoring organizations, who will select the final winners. Oakland Family Services will provide the computer software needed to sort through the nominees. Crain's will sponsor the business portion of the awards program.

The awards will be handed out at a luncheon at the Townsend Hotel in downtown Birmingham March 29 set to begin at 11:30 a.m. According to Keating, the awards ceremony will be the first luncheon to be held in the hotel's new addition.

The speaker for that event will be County Executive L. Brock Patterson.

Tickets to the ceremony run \$40. Keating said she is seeking corporate sponsorships for tickets for volunteers who might otherwise be unable to attend, at a rate of \$400 for a table of ten. Contact Lighthouse at (248) 335-6752 to sponsor a table.

The ceremony will double as a fundraiser for A Volunteer Place, a

new 30,000-square-foot volunteer recruitment and placement center to be built on Woodward Avenue in Birmingham. Ground will be broken for construction next week, Keating said.

The center will connect volunteers to programs that need the help in north Oakland County. It is a joint project between Lighthouse, Catholic Social Services, Oakland Family Services, St. Joseph Mercy Hospital, United Way of Oakland County, Volunteer Impact and Americore at Oakland University. It is being built with a grant from the State of Michigan's Community Service Commission.

The Hometown Heroes Award program began with an editorial, published over the past summer, by Executive Editor Joe Bauman calling for more and better recognition of the efforts made by volunteers locally. After reading it, Keating said she called the newspaper to see if it would be willing to sponsor such recognition. Keating said she envisions the awards will work together with Lighthouse's Points of Light Award and area-wide honors handed out by the United Way in April to recognize the efforts of volunteers here.

"This is exciting," Keating said. "It is an opportunity to highlight and show some admiration for the volunteers of Oakland County."



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Schuss Maybury

Dave Tate took to the trails of Maybury State Park last week on a pair of cross-country skis. Tate, an employee of the outdoor retailer REI, heads for the park when the snow's just right.

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It's official, 50s Fest bows out, Music and Motorfest is in

By E.J. HAMMERSTEIN
Staff Writer
The 50s Fest and the Motorfest will have the same location, but the Motorfest will be a much larger event and will be a lot of fun.

Scheduled for July 26-30 at the Novi Expo Center, the Motorfest and Motorfest will have the same location, but the Motorfest will be a much larger event and will be a lot of fun.

"These acts will appeal to a much larger audience and will be a lot of fun."

JEFF THOMAS
Music and Motorfest Organizer

Thursday night has America. Friday night will be Heron's Hermit starring Peter Noon. Saturday night will feature the Little River Band and closing the festival on Sunday night will be Davey Jones. Thomas said along with the entertainment changes, organizers

for the event plan on selling five-day passes, as well as individual tickets. She said the five-day passes will be transferable, allowing people who can't attend the event one night an opportunity of giving the tickets to their friends to use instead.

With funds from the event going to different service clubs throughout the community and toward the bandshell fund for Main Street, Thomas believed the changes to the event would make the event even more fun than years past.

For more information about the Music and Motorfest or if you are interested in volunteering, please call (248) 349-1950.

Protesters rally to save deer

By TRAN LONGMOORE
Staff Writer

More than 100 people staged a Saturday afternoon protest outside Kensington Park in a last ditch effort to save the lives of up to 250 deer scheduled to be killed in the next few weeks.

The protest, organized by the Metroparks Deer Preservation Council, was staged to generate public outcry about plans to have sharpshooters bait and kill more than half of the park's famed deer herd before March 1.

"I don't know, maybe it's too late, but we still have some hope," said council president Judy Brock, as motorists drove down Milford Road, honking horns in support or shouting comments at the placard waving protesters.

Milford resident Barbara Young said shooting tamed and trustful deer is inhumane. She likened it to "shooting fish in a barrel."

The people-friendly deer, known to eat out of the hands of park visitors, are one of Kensington's greatest draws. Plymouth resident Rosita Smith visits the park several times a year. When her daughter and granddaughter visit from Colorado, Kensington Park is always first on the agenda.

"I know of nowhere else in the world like it," Smith said. "But if they start shooting the deer they'll ruin everything."

Protesters had harsh words for the Huron-Clinton Metropark Authority, the Department of Natural Resources and Gov. John Engler.

Metroparks are a sanctuary for these deer and other wildlife," said Lou Nantais, who lives next door to the park on East Bunio Road. "This isn't about saving vegetation and wildlife. This is about making the hunters happy."

Nantais disputes deer population estimates. "I drive down the road every day, and there I've noticed a reduction in the deer I see," he said. Last year, it was estimated that 528 deer lived in the park. That number dropped to 454 based on aerial infrared counts done two weeks ago. But Nantais wonders why the Metroparks used deer living outside the park when figuring population density.

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Man charges room service packed a punch

A knock on a door resulted in an alleged assault of a 20-year-old Belleville man at the Novi Hilton on Jan. 16.

The victim stated that about 3 a.m. he opened his hotel room door where an unknown man was standing in the corridor asking for him.

The victim stated the suspect, a 29-year-old Lincoln Park man, allegedly assaulted him by pushing his head against the hotel room door and striking him in the mouth with his left fist.

The victim stated that two friends of the suspect intervened and persuaded the suspect to stop. Novi Police investigating the incident said they didn't see any signs of injury to the victim.

While questioning the alleged suspect, Novi Police noticed the suspect was intoxicated, while the suspect claimed he knew nothing of the assault.

The suspect said he was at the hotel because of a work party held there. After the party he went to his room to go to sleep.

The alleged suspect also had had no idea who the victim was and had been in his hotel room ever since the party ended.

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The manager said the subject priced the lock box from the wall; it contained about \$100 worth of detergent bar soaps.

With the emergency room being the only part of BMC open during the weekend and with about 10 people having keys to access the area, the office manager didn't suspect a member of the BMC would take the box.

The incident has no witnesses and at this time nothing else has been reported missing.

According to the manager, the suspect will be sending a letter to the patient informing her she is no longer welcome to the facility because of her past behavior.

According to the manager of DMC Health Care Center in Novi, an unknown subject stole a lock box from the second floor sometime between 5:30 p.m. on Jan. 7 and 12:30 p.m. on Jan. 10.

According to the manager, the suspect was in a second floor exam room screwed into the wall.

The maintenance supervisor of Beechwalk Apartments filed a complaint after suspects apparently stole money from the coin washer and dryer machines from two of the complex's machines.

While in the laundry room, the resident stated he saw two teenagers in the facility and after being spotted the teens ran out of the laundry room and away from the resident.

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With no signs of forced entry into the coin boxes for the machines, the maintenance supervisor said he did lose a set of the complex's master keys, but all the locks on coin boxes, and entry doors for the buildings have been replaced.

Without knowing precisely how entry to the grounds were accessed, it was noticed several building entry doors have been left ajar in the past.

There were four incidents reported this week of damage to Novi residents' mailboxes.

A home on the 24000 block of Nottingham had its mailbox destroyed sometime between 9 p.m. on Jan. 10 and 8:45 a.m. on Jan. 11.

Another incident occurred to two homes on the 24000 block of Kingspoint, one home on the 43000 block of Windmill and again on the 28000 block of Meadowbrook.

Currently there are no suspects or witnesses to the mailbox incidents.

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Novi Briefs

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The Red Cross is looking for blood donors for the American Red Cross Blood Drive. The drive will be held on Feb. 27 at 7:30 p.m. at the Hilton Inn, Novi. The drive will be held from 7:30 p.m. to 11:00 p.m. For more information, call (248) 477-1234.

NMU Open House

Western Michigan University has scheduled its annual open house for prospective students and their parents. The event will take place on Saturday, Jan. 27 at 7:30 p.m. at the Hilton Inn, Novi.

Housebound teens

If your teenager is displaying the symptoms of cabin fever, here's the solution. The Novi Parks and Recreation Department is sponsoring a teen trip to the mountains.

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Bartholomew resigns as clerk

By B.J. HAMMERSTEIN

Staff Writer

Maybe it is something in Novi's water, but soon City Hall will be posting several "Help Wanted" signs on its front door.

With City Manager Ed Kriewall retiring in February and Public Information Director Lou Martin moving on, one more has been added to the list of personnel leaving the city.

Novi City Clerk Tomi Bartholomew will be moving closer to home as she prepares for her new job as the Troy Deputy City Clerk.

After four and a half years with Novi, Bartholomew will be leaving her post on Feb. 11, the same day as Kriewall's departure.

"Telling people today has been excruciating for me."

"The experience here has been phenomenal," Bartholomew said Tuesday.

"Telling people today has been excruciating for me. Everyone here has been so supportive, there is no ill-will and no other motivating forces behind the move."

Martin will work in public relations for Providence Hospital in Southfield. Kriewall is heading off to retirement after 30 years with

Novi. Bartholomew said the bottom line to this move is simply her family.

"I have a three-year-old at home and this will allow me to spend more time with her," she said.

"I debated the decision to the end, but it is only eight miles from my home and it works out very good for me."

And during the winter months,

Bartholomew added sometimes it takes her about two hours just to get to work.

And while working during meetings that go late into the evening, the hour-long drive will be much shorter from her new office.

With her first day as the Troy Deputy City Clerk being Feb. 14, Bartholomew said she will still keep posted on what's happening in Novi and help out the staff in her office during their transition.

"I have really enjoyed working here and will miss everyone," she said.

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Community Calendar

Thursday, Jan. 20

Novi Rotary
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Novi School Board
The Novi School Board meets tonight at 7:30 p.m. in Parkview Elementary School, 48825 Eleven Mile Road. For information, call (248) 449-1200.

Walled Lake School Board
The Walled Lake School Board meets tonight at 7:30 p.m. at the Educational Services Center, Board of Education Room, 850 Ladd Road, Building D, Walled Lake. For information, call (248) 956-2000.

TOPS
Take Off Pounds Sensibly for all ages meets at 7 p.m. at the Novi Meadows Clubhouse on Napier Road. For more information, call after 6 p.m. (248) 344-2167.

Saturday, Jan. 22

Chilly Willy Festival
The Novi Parks and Recreation is throwing the annual Chilly Willy Festival at the Novi Civic Center, North Novi Park and Novi Ice Arena. For information, call (248) 347-0400.

Expo Show
Today and Sunday, the Livingston Kennel Club hosts at Dog Show at the Novi Expo Center. For information, call (248) 348-5600.

City Council
The Novi City Council meets tonight at 7:30 p.m. in the Novi Civic Center, 45175 W. Ten Mile Road.

ZONTA
The ZONTA Club of Farmington/Novi meets at 6 p.m. at the Embassy Suites Hotel (between Seven and Eight Mile roads, off Interstate 275). ZONTA International is a worldwide classified service organization of executives in business and the professions, working to improve the legal, political, economic and professional status of women. For information and reservations, call (313) 538-8043.

Northville School Board
The Northville School Board meets at 7:30 p.m. in the third floor Conference Room, Old Village School. For information, call (248) 349-3400.

Civil Air Patrol

The Sixgate Composite Squadron, Civil Air Patrol, meets at Novi Middle School, 25259 Taff Rd., from 7 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. Adults and youths who have finished the sixth grade are welcome. For additional information call (248) 349-2669.

Youth Assistance
Novi Youth Assistance board will meet at 7 p.m. in the Novi Civic Center, Mayor's Conference Room, 45175 W. Ten Mile Road.

Camera Club
The Novi Camera Club meets at 7:30 p.m. in the Novi Civic Center. For more information, call Hugh Crawford at (248) 349-5079.

Chess Club
The Novi Chess Club will meet from 7 p.m. to 10 p.m. at the Novi Civic Center. There is no charge to attend and all players are welcome. For more information, call Tim Sawmiller, (248) 344-4269 evenings after 6 p.m.

Optimist Club
The Novi Optimist Club meets at 7:30 a.m. at the Big Boy Restaurant on Novi Road, across from the Novi Town Center.

Novi Concert Band
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Novi Expo Center goes to the dogs

By STEPHANIE FORDYCE
Staff Writer

More than 2,000 dog breeds will be strutting their stuff this weekend at the Novi Expo Center in Novi, sponsored by the Livingston and Oakland Kennel Clubs.

The dogs will be competing in a number of different categories including breed, obedience and agility and there will even be Doggy Fashion Show.

This will be the first year that the American Kennel Club Agility Trials will be offered all three days. With more than 300 dogs participating, agility is training the dog to execute jumps, obstacles, chutes and tunnels in a certain amount of time.

Dee Gidday, president and show chairman of the Livingston Kennel Club, said the dogs will be judged by different judges at each show and separate winners will be selected.

"The agility and obedience competitions are based solely on task and timing," she said.

Not to be outdone will be the Rare Breed Show, presented by the Federation of Rare Breeds, Inc., with two breed shows a day. This year, a very rare breed — the Norwegian Buhunds — will be there, along with such breeds as the Black Russian Terrier, the Catahoula Leopard Dog, the Spinone Italiano, and the Polish Lowland Sheepdog.

For the admirers of the small breeds, the top Bolognese in the country, the Coton de Tulare and the Habanese will be presented.

Admission is \$10 per family or \$6 per individual and \$4 for seniors. Children 12 and younger are free.

The public can enjoy a number of vendor booths offering a variety of dog supplies, equipment, and gift items and breeders will be on hand to answer questions.

For more information call Galday at (248) 735-4076.

Local limo firms offered New Year's Eve rides

By B.J. HAMMERSTEIN
Staff Writer

With the New Year's parties now just a blurred memory, many people are back to business as usual.

While many focused on the "party of the millennium," many others were working behind the scenes at keeping the streets safe and drunk drivers off the road.

As part of Project LifeRide, a Mothers Against Drunk Driving sponsored event, which had local cab and transportation companies offer free rides for impaired drivers — 465 cab rides and 805 individuals helped make the roads safer.

According to Michelle Compton, director of the MADD Oakland County Chapter, three companies in Novi offered its services on New Year's Eve.

Luxury Transportation Service, ABC Cab and Metro Cars all provided rides to those who indulged on New Year's.

"We did have a lot fewer cab

requests than years past," Compton said.

"I attribute that to the fact that national and local polls showed people were staying home. It seemed like that was the way it was all over the country."

Compton added the program is funded through donations and companies participating submitted bills for reimbursement.

Throughout Oakland County, 349 rides were given to 793 people, which is down from about 1,000 people served in past years.

Compton said that she hoped it was also because people had made their own arrangements and that MADD's about drunk driving was making a greater impact.

"We don't encourage them to depend on us," she said. "We're a last resort."

With an alcohol-related double fatality in Detroit on New Year's, MADD will try again next year at achieving its goal of a zero fatalities New Year's Eve.

Fire Log

The following is a complete list of the emergency runs of the Novi Fire Department for the week ending Jan. 16. Each incident is listed by type, location, time and the Engine and Squad number which responded to the call.

MONDAY, JAN. 10
Medical, 45734 Byrne Court, 3:05 a.m., Squad 3.

Medical, 44866 Roundview, 5:11 a.m., Squad 3.

Gas leak, Beckenham and Halifax, 10:30 a.m., Engine 4.

Medical, 20931 Glen Haven, 1:40 p.m., Squad 3.

Fire alarm, 42700 Eleven Mile Road, 2:43 p.m., Engine 1.

Building fire, 27790 Novi Road, 3:08 p.m., Engines 1, 2.

Medical, 41160 Ten Mile Road, 4:57 p.m., Squad 1.

Medical, 45182 West Road, 6:04 p.m., Squad 2.

Medical, 44854 N. Hills, 8:47 p.m., Squad 3.

TUESDAY, JAN. 11
Fire alarm, 45182 West Road, 5:10 a.m., Engines 1, 2.

Injury accident, Grand River and Beck Road, 5:56 a.m., Squad 4.

Injury accident, Pontiac Trail and West Road, 6:50 a.m., Squad 2.

Medical, 24548 Bashian, 7:38 a.m., Squad 1.

Medical, 42751 Georgetown, 7:46 a.m., Squads 1, 3.

Medical, 41911 Quince, 8:07 a.m., Squad 3.

Medical, 40000 Eight Mile Road, 9:25 a.m., Squad 3.

Medical, 27023 Gornada, 10:19 a.m., Squad 1.

Investigation, 205 Henning, 12:39 p.m., Squad 2.

Medical, 45125 Ten Mile Road, 5:45 p.m., Squad 3.

Medical, 31234 Springlake, 7:48 p.m., Squad 3.

Medical, 40640 Ladene, 9:05 p.m., Squad 3.

WEDNESDAY, JAN. 12
Medical, 22445 Meadowbrook, 3:38 a.m., Squad 3.

Medical, 24711 Weathervane, 6:41 a.m., Squad 4.

Mutual aid, Canton Fire Department, 7:29 a.m., Response 506.

Medical, 29997 Adorne, 9:39 a.m., Squad 2.

Building fire, 44670 Ten Mile Road,

9:50 a.m., Engines 1, 3.

Medical, 43600 West Oaks, 11:53 a.m., Squad 1.

Medical, 29835 Rousseau, 1:07 p.m., Squad 2.

Medical, 43100 Twelve Oaks Crescent, 1:43 p.m., Squad 1.

Medical, 1393 Mariga, 10:13 p.m., Squad 4.

THURSDAY, JAN. 13
Gas leak, 45075 Pontiac Trail, 8:58 a.m., Engines 1, 2.

Medical, 45182 West Road, 9:23 a.m., Squad 2.

Medical, 45182 West Road, 11:02 a.m., Squad 2.

Fire alarm, 43043 Nine Mile Road, 11:37 a.m., Engines 1, 3.

Medical, 45182 West Road, 12:03 p.m., Squad 2.

Fire alarm, 42100 Crescent, 7:07 p.m., Engines 1, 2.

Fire alarm, 25519 Taft Road, 7:13 p.m., Engines 1, 4.

Medical, 43550 Crescent, 7:46 p.m., Squad 1.

FRIDAY, JAN. 14
Medical, 21863 Chase Drive, 8:24 a.m., Squad 3.

Medical, 45125 Ten Mile Road, 8:50 a.m., Squad 3.

Medical, 45182 West Road, 3:52 p.m., Squad 2.

Medical, 42100 Crescent, 4:41 p.m., Squad 1.

Injury accident, 41400 Ten Mile Road, 4:52 p.m., Squad 1.

Medical, 27760 Novi Road, 9:38 p.m., Squad 4.

SATURDAY, JAN. 15
Medical, 110 Aichebaun, 10:25 p.m., Squad 4.

SUNDAY, JAN. 16
Medical, 24396 Knollwood, 4:52 a.m., Squad 1.

Fire alarm, 25345 Taft Road, 5:59 a.m., Engines 1, 4.

Transformer fire, 41600 Tamara, 8:48 a.m., Engine 3.

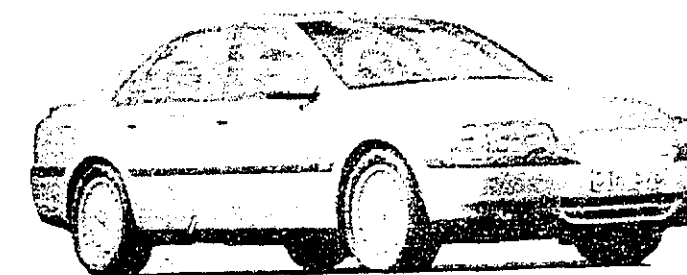
Medical, 45065 Pontiac Trail, 10:17 a.m., Squad 2.

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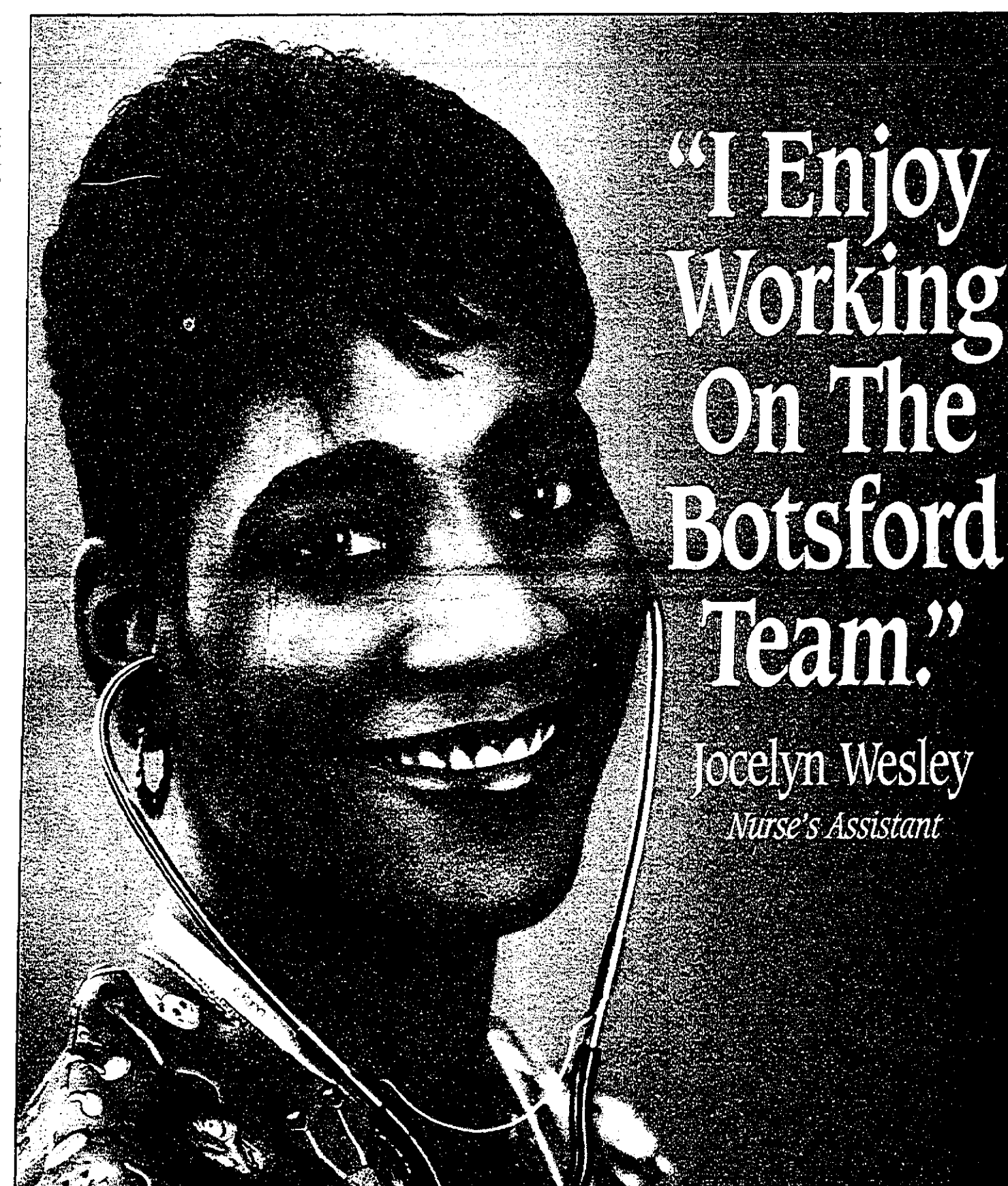
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"Business is picking up now that everything is smooth and A-OK," she said.

She said that the month of January is the high season for planning trips during spring break or Easter, with many people opting to travel to Mexico or islands in the Caribbean.

John Fuller, owner of Affordable Travel in Novi, said business for his company definitely decreased at the end of 1999, but has steadily risen since Jan. 1.

"It affected a lot of people's businesses, but now they have started up again," said Fuller.

He said that people's current concerns about Y2K have been eased and residents are now ready to travel.

"People feel okay with it now because everything went so smoothly," he said.

During the beginning of 1999, travel packages for vacations scheduled during the millennium were costing travelers three times what they normally cost, said Sandy Yono, owner-manager of Glam Travel in Novi.

"I don't think it was right to gouge the public like that," said Yono.

Later in the year, travel costs went way down and various incentives were used to urge people to travel, but people weren't taking advantage of the low-priced deals, she said.

"There weren't many people picking up the last-minute bargains," said Yono. "Everybody was already set."

She noted that although she noticed people were traveling less, business was not bad in December.

"It was not slow for us," she said. "In this office it was not slow."

Yono also said that people didn't seem to worry about traveling during the millennium.

"Those that planned on going went ahead on their vacation. People weren't afraid of Y2K problems," she said.

Brian Dookey, manager at All America Travel, was not surprised by lagging sales at the end of the year. He said a decline in December

business was quite normal and was common to travel companies.

Dookey explained that the travel industry is a seasonal business and it is common to see fluctuations in the amount of traveling people do throughout the year.

He said business typically increases in January and is very busy until May. Traveling papers are during summer months, rises again in September and normally decreases around December, he said.

Dookey also said customer concerns with Y2K didn't have an effect on travel bookings at all.

"Y2K was a non-event for us. It didn't affect us at all. I don't think," he said. "Business was normal. I didn't see anything unusual."

Dookey also said travelers seemed unconcerned about traveling during the holiday season and weren't worried about possible computer problems.

"I know more people who went places than stayed home," said Dookey. "We had more clients that were interested in being stranded somewhere warm than being stuck here in the cold."

Other travel agents also argued that Y2K worries did not bring any negative effects and the travel business was functioning normally.

"It didn't affect the travel industry at all," said Beth Wagner, a travel consultant for All America Travel. "We were ready for it."

Wagner reported that people were traveling less internationally and domestic travel also decreased, but business was steady.

She said that many people stayed at home with their families, but it was due to concerns about terrorism, not the new millennium, she said.

"It wasn't Y2K that caused bad business, it was terrorism," she said.

Kyoko Katagiri, manager of New Japan Travel also said business slowed down during the month of December, but explained that it's normal for that time of year.

She noted no unusual changes in the amount of business, and said there no differences because of Y2K.

Student enjoys learning by direct deposit

By COURTNEY ROSE RATKOWIAK
Parkview Elementary School Graduate

Following is a poem written by a satisfied customer of the B.E.A.R. Bank who has now moved on to the middle school:

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Obituaries

ROSEMARY CURRIE
Rosemary Currie, 79, died Jan. 6 at Botsford Hospital in Farmington Hills.

She was born in 1920. Mrs. Currie was a member of Rebecca Lodge No. 478.

She is survived by two daughters, Cynthia (Roger) Doll of Brighton and Bette (David) Webb of Novi; and three grandchildren, Keith, Brett and Snickers.

Mrs. Currie was preceded in death by her husband, Joseph.

Services were conducted on Saturday, Jan. 8 at O'Brien Chapel/Sullivan Funeral Home of Novi. Interment was in White Chapel Cemetery, Troy.

Memorials to the Disabled American Veterans would be appreciated by the family.

James B. Wightman
James Byron Wightman, 48, formerly of Novi and Farmington Hills, died Jan. 15 at his residence in Livonia.

He was born in Detroit to Robert and Wanda Wightman of Farmington Hills.

A graduate of Michigan Tech and Oakland Community College, Mr. Wightman was a commercial graphic designer and also worked in public relations. His memberships included the Knights of Columbus, Third Degree and Our Lady of Sorrows Catholic Church, Farmington. His interests included computers, golf and bowling.

In addition to his parents, he is survived by his son, Scott; one daughter, Wendy; brothers, Gerald, Ronald and Thomas; and one sister, Sharon.

Services were held on Jan. 19 at St. Fabian Catholic Church, Farmington Hills.

Arrangements were made by McCabe Funeral Home of Farmington Hills.

Memorials to the charity of choice would be appreciated by the family.

Library Briefs

LIBRARY HOURS
The Novi Public Library is open Monday-Thursday, 10 a.m. to 9 p.m.; Friday and Saturday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.; and Sundays, 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. The library is located at 45245 W. Ten Mile Road, just east of Taft. For more information, call (248) 349-0720.

USING THE ACCESS MICHIGAN MAGAZINE DATABASES
Internet whiz Richard Truxall explains the fine points of searching the online magazine databases, some of which you can access at home. This session is highly recommended for students and others interested in doing in-depth research on the Internet. The program will be held Jan. 25 at 7 p.m. Please register in advance for all Internet programs in person or by calling the library.


PARENTS' INTRO TO THE NET
This Internet program addresses the role of the Internet in families, including privacy issues, keeping children safe from online predators, and evaluating online content. The program will be held Jan. 27 at 7 p.m.

SPRING STORYTIME REGISTRATION
Registration forms for Spring Storytimes will be available in the library on Jan. 31. Spring Storytime registration runs until Feb. 19. The session begins March 6.

ADULT BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP
Our February selection is "In the Time of the Butterflies" by Julia Alvarez. The group meets Monday, Feb. 7 at 7 p.m. in the library meeting room. All are welcome.

TAX FORM UPDATE
Federal tax forms are arriving daily at the Novi Public Library, although we have not yet received the state forms. In addition to "original" 1999 tax forms, we also have reproducible federal and state tax forms dating back to 1996. Most tax forms are also available on the Internet. Go to the Novi Public Library home page (<http://novi.lib.mi.us>) and select "Tax Forms on the Internet."

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Reading books can be as good as money in the bank

By B.J. HAMMERSTEIN
Staff Writer

Parkview Elementary students are learning a thing or two about banking - but in this unique bank, words accrue more interest than dollars.

In the school's fifth year of the Be Excited About Reading program, the in-school banking program has students spending time reading at home for all sorts of different incentives.

"Besides helping the kids practice their reading skills, the program helps them by lining up alphabetically, a general understanding of banking and working with different math skills," said Program Coordinator Jill Bednarek.

"The big incentive for the kids is to read a lot so they can become bank tellers."

Wendy Gould, who provides reading support at Parkview, added the school's fourth grade students take on different jobs banks offer as tellers, security officers and counters.

"We have about 15 different students work the bank a month," Gould said.

"Our goal is to have as many different kids work the bank as possible."

The BEAR Bank holds office hours from about 8:20 a.m. to 10:20 a.m. in Parkview - once a month during September, October, November, January, February and March.

With the fourth graders running operations, Gould said the other students come into the bank with their pass books and make deposits into the files on the hours they have spent reading at home.

"The bank employees are eager to work and really enjoy their participation," Gould said.

"We stress customer service, good manners and we want the bank employees to treat the customers the way they would want to be treated while doing business."

Sponsored by BankOne and the school's Parent Teacher Organization, students are asked to read four hours a month at home and mark their minutes in the bank's pass book with their parents' signatures as a way of confirmation.

With their pass books, students make transactions and receive incentives such as school supplies and candy when reading the four required hours or more.

Security officer Melissa Ludke logged in 1,870 minutes of reading before being promoted from fourth grade student to BEAR Bank personnel.

"I like to read fantasy and adven-



The B.E.A.R. Bank is taking deposits from Parkview Elementary School students, who are accruing an interest in reading.

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 11:00 p.m. — Harvest Ministries
 11:30 p.m. — Consumer Corner: Governors Quality Care Awards
 12:00 p.m. — Poppourri: Left Handers
 12:30 p.m. — Financial Strategies
 1:00 p.m. — Let's Talk with Ben Marks: Lou Kassichke
 1:30 p.m. — Building Scene
 2:00 p.m. — Poppourri: Left Handers
 2:30 p.m. — Who, What, Where, Y
 3:00 p.m. — Cosby and Company: Stress Management
 3:30 p.m. — Adventures with Piratete Pete
 4:00 p.m. — Law Talk: Steven S. Toth
 4:30 p.m. — Who, What, Where, Y
 5:00 p.m. — The Todd L. Levitt Show: Attorney Todd J. Stearn
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 6:00 p.m. — Christian Singles Today
 6:30 p.m. — Bagels and Talk with Tracy
 7:00 p.m. — Lusting Connection
 7:30 p.m. — Step 'n' Move to the Groove: George Colvoux
 8:00 p.m. — The Hobby Corner: Stained Glass and Wood Carving
 8:30 p.m. — Mountain Ski Area: 50th Ski Spectacular
 9:00 p.m. — Senseless Death
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TUESDAY, JAN. 25
 10:00 a.m. — Legislative Forum
 10:30 a.m. — Building Scene
 11:00 a.m. — Law Talk: Steven S. Toth
 11:30 a.m. — Summit University
 12:30 p.m. — (cont'd)
 1:00 p.m. — Consumer Corner: Governors Quality Care Awards
 1:30 p.m. — Travelin' On: The Southwest
 2:00 p.m. — Lusting Connection
 2:30 p.m. — 400 p.m. — Center for New Thinking
 4:30 p.m. — Browne Newscast
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 5:30 p.m. — People Who Make Things Happen
 6:00 p.m. — Harvest Ministries
 6:30 p.m. — Health Quest: Sol Cogan
 7:00 p.m. — Poppourri: Left Handers
 7:30 p.m. — Financial Strategies: NCCJ
 8:00 p.m. — Salon Glamour and Etiquette with Gloria: Hair Additions for Chemos, Burns, Alopecia, and Radiation Clients
 8:30 p.m. — (cont'd)
 9:00 p.m. — Let's Talk with Ben Marks: Lou Kassichke
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WEDNESDAY, JAN. 26
 10:00 a.m. — Salon Glamour and Etiquette with Gloria: Hair Additions for Chemos, Burns, Alopecia, and Radiation Clients
 10:30 a.m. — (cont'd)
 11:00 a.m. — Financial Strategies
 11:30 a.m. — Wise Guys: Fallen Stars
 12:00 p.m. — Legally Speaking: Traffic Safety
 12:30 p.m. — MDOT Today
 1:00 p.m. — Study in scripture
 1:30 p.m. — AMVETS
 2:00 p.m. — Restoration Now
 2:30 p.m. — The Hobby Corner:

Sufferers seek new drugs for flu

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 astronomical symptoms and the illness that people often call the stomach flu is not the flu.
 Sometimes when people are sick, it is the best prevention method. Other steps may be taken to prevent getting sick or spreading the illness.
 However, some people seek there are some guidelines to follow to get better more quickly.
 "You just want to practice good

at cold viruses," Thompson said. "Get lots of rest, liquids and check if, stop, attention should be sought if dehydration occurs and you stop urinating, get dry mouth and can't hold down whatever you drink or eat, Thompson said.
 Some of the newer medicines will quickly eliminate the flu bug if taken within 48 hours of symptoms beginning.
 For example, Tamiflu is antiviral

prescription pill taken to battle the bacteria. Additionally, Releza, a new inhalant works in the same manner with the exception that the product is inhaled.
 Jerry Chezek, pharmacy manager at Bassford General Hospital in Livonia, said he's sold huge amounts of the new products.
 "We have a lot of people with the flu and a lot of people are trying the products just to see if they work," he said.

Chezek's own staff was affected with the flu after four of his 10 employees were out at the same time with infections.
 "I'm here to tell you this flu season is serious," he said.
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Northville High puts out smokers

BY ANDREW DIETTERICH
 Staff Writer
 Fewer buses are being seen at Northville High School these days, according to one school official.
 That is, cigarette buses.
 Tom Johnson, Northville High School principal, said he's seen a dramatic decrease in the number of students smoking tobacco—at least on school grounds.
 The revelation comes about three years after a program was put in place by the 35th District Court to

prevent teens from puffing away by turning them and their parents.
 "Nothing seemed to work until the money for the fines started coming out of the students' or parents' pockets," Johnson said.
 The program he's referring to is a program started in January 1997 by 35th District Court judges to try and curb minor teen offenses. The program fines parents up to \$300 for multiple offenders who are caught smoking or committing other minor offenses.

Johnson said since the high school has worked with conjunction of city police the number of smokers has dropped.
 Johnson said he couldn't put any kind of statistical numbers on how smoking has changed at the school.
 However, the number of smokers appears to be dwindling according to city police figures. For instance, in 1999 only three citations were written by the city of Northville Police Department for smoking

compared with 11 in 1998.
 Chip Snider, director of Northville Township public safety, said his department hasn't written any tickets for smoking violations as of yet.
 "Once we get the high school in the township, I expect that will change," Snider said.
 Andrew Dietterich may be reached via e-mail at adietderich@home.com.net.

Did you know dueling's illegal? Some laws never change

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A look at what's still on the books

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Realtor wins \$5,000 shopping spree

By JENNIFER NORRIS
 Staff Writer
 Talk about shop 'til you drop. Bill Bowman Sr. of Farmington won a \$5,000 spending spree in an annual fundraiser for the Novi Chamber of Commerce.
 His winning ticket was selected Dec. 21 during a chamber luncheon at the Doubletree Hotel in Novi.
 "I didn't believe it. I didn't think I'd ever win it. Somebody from the chamber called and I still didn't believe it," said Bowman, president of Thompson Brown Realtors in Farmington Hills.
 The money raised via the fundraiser helps city businesses and the local economy, said Lisa Willard, executive director of the Novi Chamber.
 Willard said that Bowman would be able to spend the prize money at any Novi business or Novi Chamber member outside of the city of Novi.
 "I'm always glad when they choose chamber members, but that's not a requirement," she said.
 The rules do require that Willard accompany Bowman while he makes his purchases and it is recommended the winner take their trip in January, she said.
 "It certainly was a nice surprise, said Bowman.
 "I'm still a little bit shocked and surprised it happened."
 Currently, Bowman said he is unsure about how to spend his prize money, but thinks he may look into purchasing new exercise equipment.
 "I haven't given it any real

thought at this point. I've never won anything like this before of this size and nature," he said.
 He said that he would likely do his shopping at local businesses in the city of Novi.
 "Novi is an excellent regional shopping area. You wouldn't need to go anywhere else," he said.
 Willard recalled that in the contest's history, two women, who purchased the \$100 ticket together, were awarded the shopping spree.
 "They made full use of the money," said Willard, who added that their purchases ranged from jewelry to home lighting.
 Bowman said his company has been a long-time member of the Novi chamber and he has purchased the fundraiser tickets for several years. He explained that the chamber members are very active and solicit tickets for the fundraiser. He said this particular ticket was purchased from Fred "Bud" Scott, a member of the Novi Chamber.
 "It's a wonderful organization. This is quite a surprise," said Bowman.
 For this year's second and third place winners the Doubletree Hotel provided a deluxe overnight stay package, said Willard.
 Willard added she has enjoyed accompanying the previous winners as they shop through local stores.
 "There's nothing better than seeing a happy winner spending their money locally," she said.

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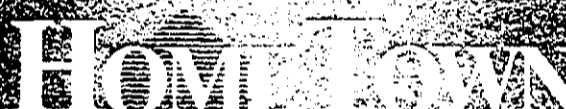
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Inkster elementary children meet their high school pals

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 glad to know there are so many wonderful high school students who are so giving and kind," Babala said.
 "The high school students have been wonderful role models and it has helped fire up my kids to write."
 "This is something we have to continue—it's also going to be real hard to say goodbye."
 While the 48 high school students kept corresponding with their new pen pals, each of the second grade students were adopted and found new friendships with their "big brothers and sisters."
 After just a short period of time the new relationships transpired to even more than only pen pals.
 Hayward said her students donated backpacks filled with different school supplies, dropped off books for the kids, passed out Halloween candies and even brought the children Christmas gifts.
 "This experience has taught many of our students about culture and different social classes," Hayward said.
 "It has helped Novi High School students understand how others live who are not quite as fortunate."
 During the day-long field trip, the second-grade students participated in a variety of activities with their "big brothers and sisters," from playing basketball and football in the field house to a tour of the high school.
 While looking hands through the hallway or traveling via piggy-back, it was evident both the high school and elementary school students would cherish the encounters on different levels.
 "It's been a really good learning experience," Haganowicz said.
 "I never really realized how we have so much at our school and how other schools are less fortunate."
 Along with senior Lauren Sorrentino, Haganowicz said many of their fellow high school students contributed even more of what was required of them for class.
 The girls said around Halloween a group of students drove down to the Inkster school on their own initiative and hung out with their newly-adopted "little brothers and sisters" read books to them, played games with them and brought them candy.
 Inkster resident April Garrett accompanied her son August to Novi High School during the day-long field trip.
 "August has been very excited about writing letters and spending time with his two big sisters," Garrett said.
 "He is an only child and this has been a very good experience for him."
 After just completing foot races with some of the other students, August agreed with his mother's notion about him enjoying the pen pal exchange.
 "I like having a person who is older I can talk and do things with," August said.
 "We were just playing games and racing around and so far it has been a lot of fun."
 Along with the tour of the school and playing in the field house, the second grade students also were involved in a scrapbook presentation, a scavenger hunt and even went swimming.
 And with Hayward's second block class visiting the Inkster school for a reading lesson and puppet show on Dec. 6 and her third block class participating in the school's Christmas party on Dec. 17, she said another group will also be participating in the fun activities of the pen-pal exchange.
 "There has been just so much love and outpouring from the students during this program," Hayward said.
 "It has been a wonderful experience for both the older and younger students."



Slippery slope
 Tom Hojnacki launches his daughter Elyse down the hill at Novi's Lakeshore Park. The pair live in Walled Lake, but enjoy the amenities in neighboring north Novi.

**CITY OF NOVI
 NOTICE OF ADOPTION
 ORDINANCE NO. 2000-88.05**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Novi City Council has adopted Ordinance No. 2000-88.05 AN ORDINANCE TO ADD SECTION 16-21 TO CHAPTER 16 OF THE NOVI CODE OF ORDINANCES, TO PROVIDE FOR MANDATORY WEEKLY REFUSE COLLECTION, REMOVAL AND ENFORCEMENT.
 This Ordinance is hereby declared to be an emergency ordinance which is immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety and shall become effective immediately. A complete copy of the Ordinance is available for public use and inspection at the office of the City Clerk, 45175 W. Ten Mile Road, during the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. prevailing local time.
 (1-20-00 NR/NN 947583) TONNI L. BARTHOLOMEW, CITY CLERK

**CITY OF NOVI
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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Novi City Council will be interviewing applicants on Monday, February 14, 2000 beginning at 7:30 p.m. for appointment to the Beautification Commission, Cable Access Committee, Community Clubs of Novi, Construction Board of Appeals, Economic Development Corporation, Housing & Community Development Committee, Historical Commission, Library Board, and Novi Building Authority.
 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 947-0450 to receive an application by mail or fax. Please submit your application by Thursday, February 10, 2000 to allow time for scheduling appointments.
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**NOTICE — CITY OF NOVI
 REQUEST FOR TEMPORARY USE PERMIT
 TUP 00-002**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Stahl Construction is requesting a Temporary Use Permit to allow the placement of a construction office trailer on the project site for Extended Stay America — Studio Plus, 3964 Orchard Hill Place, from January 26, 2000 through September 2000. Extended Stay America — Studio Plus is located on the west side of Orchard Hill Place north of the Red Road.
 A public hearing can be requested by any property owner of a structure located within 300 feet of the boundary of the property being considered for temporary use permit.
 This request will be considered at 3:00 p.m. on January 26, 2000, at the Novi Civic Center, 45175 West Ten Mile Road. All written comments should be directed to the City of Novi Building Official and must be received prior to January 26, 2000.
 GERIE HUBBS
 PERMIT ANALYST
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 (1-20-00 NR, NN 947580)

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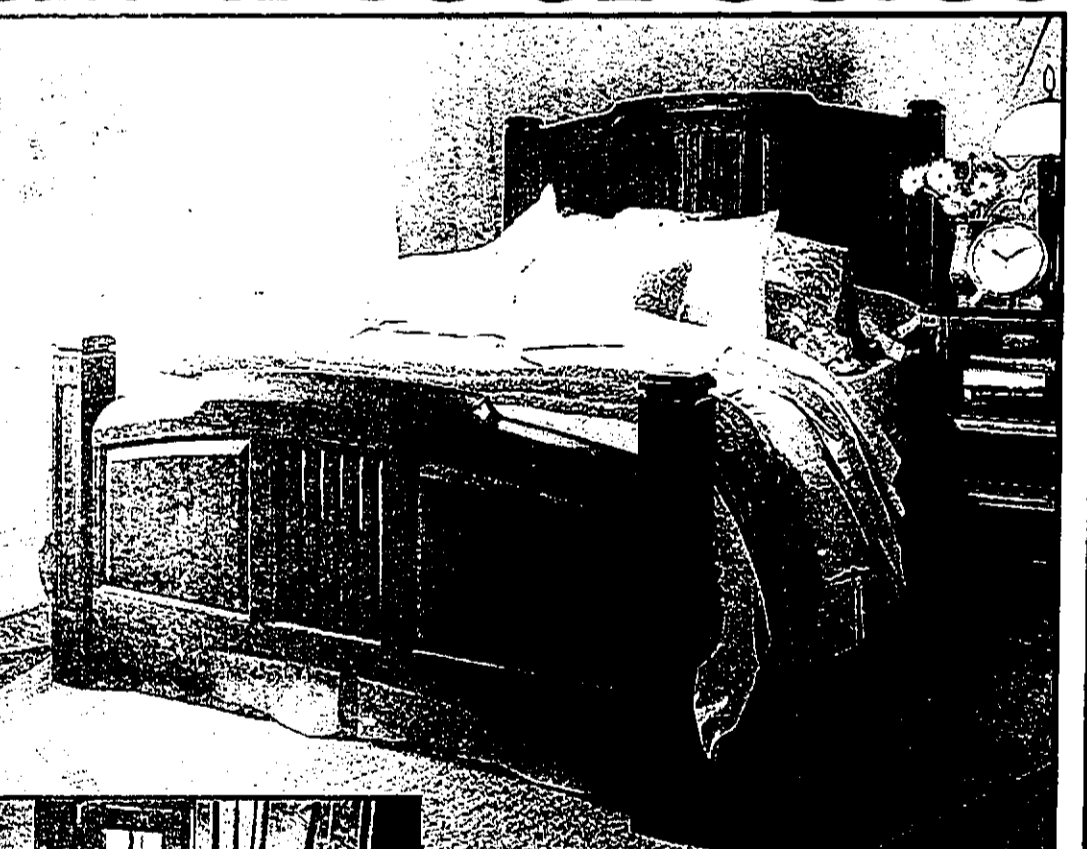
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Novi City Council has adopted Ordinance No. 2000-120.06 AN ORDINANCE TO ADD THE DEFINITION OF "HEALTH CLUB" TO SECTION 20-1 OF THE NOVI CODE OF ORDINANCES, TO AMEND THE DEFINITION OF "MASSAGE ESTABLISHMENT" FOUND IN SAID SECTION, TO AMEND SECTION 20-2 TO EXEMPT FROM THE MASSAGE ESTABLISHMENT REQUIREMENTS FOR PODIATRISTS AND TRAINERS FOR ANY AMATEUR OR PROFESSIONAL ATHLETE, ATHLETIC TEAM OR SCHOOL ATHLETIC PROGRAM, AND TO AMEND SUBPART 20-27(0)(8), TO PERMIT APPLICANTS TO BE FINGERPRINTED BY OUTSIDE LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES.
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 (1-20-00 NR/NN 947582) TONNI L. BARTHOLOMEW, CITY CLERK

**CITY OF NOVI
 NOTICE OF CLOSE OF REGISTRATION FOR
 PRESIDENTIAL PRIMARY ELECTION —
 TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 22, 2000**

To the Qualified Electors of the City of Novi, Oakland County, Michigan.
 Notice is hereby given that Monday, January 24, 2000 is the last day to register to vote or change your address for the above election. If you are not currently registered to vote or have changed your address within the City of Novi you may do so at the following locations listed in this notice.
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 • At the City Clerk's office or at the office of any county clerk during normal business hours.
 • At any of the Secretary of State Branch Offices located throughout the State during normal business hours.
 • At the specified agency for clients receiving services through the Family Independence Agency, the Department of Community Health, Michigan Jobs Commission and some offices of the Commission for the Blind.
 • At the military recruitment offices for persons enlisting in the armed forces.
 By Mail:
 • By obtaining and completing a Mail Voter Registration Application and forwarding to the election official listed below by the close of registration deadline, January 24, 2000. Mail voter registration applications may be obtained by contacting:
 Tonni L. Bartholomew, City Clerk
 45175 West Ten Mile Road
 Novi, MI 48375
 (248) 347-0456
 Note: A person who registers to vote by mail is required to vote in person unless they have previously voted in person in the City of Novi or are at least 60 years of age or are handicapped.
 (1-13-20-00 NR/NN 948403)

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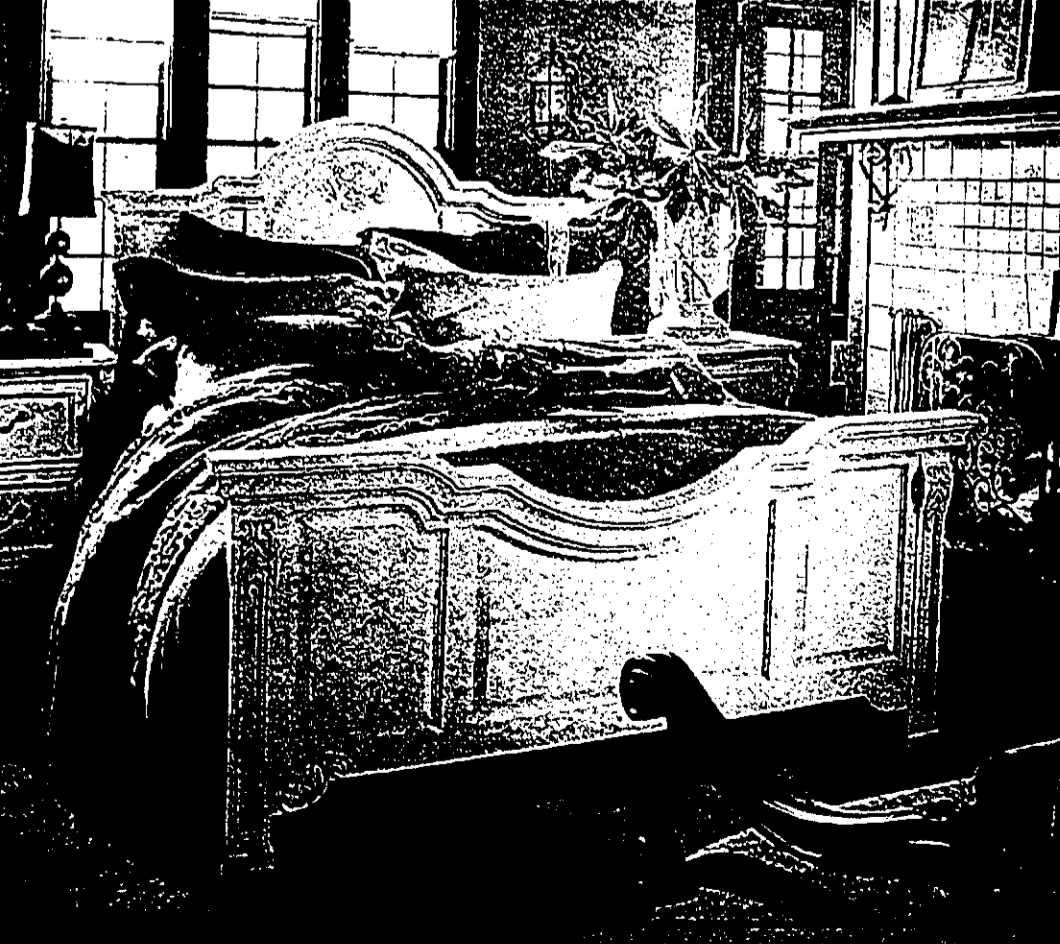
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At left, Novi Woods first graders Nathan Mayer, right, and Matthew Stark, take a closer look at a sea anemone brought by the Living Science Foundation. Above, their teacher Gerard Kendrick gives Mitchell Wong and Madeline Sinkevich a closer look at a decorator crab from California.

Meads Mill rocked with bomb scare

By ANDREW DIETDERICH and MELANIE FLEUDA Staff Writers

A case of what one school official called "pre-teen bravado" was serious enough to put the district into crisis mode last week.

Details from the school district were sketchy and inconsistent, but a Northville Township Police Department report clearly states a student allegedly made threats that included possibly using explosives and other weapons against other students at Meads Mill Middle School in Northville.

The student was suspended Jan. 7, but is expected to return to school this week, said Leonard Rezmierski, district superintendent.

"Police conducted a thorough investigation of the matter that included talking to school officials, students and the student's guardian," said Detective Paul Sumner, Northville Township police. "The investigation found that the student didn't have access to the kind of devices he supposedly talked about."

According to the Northville Township police report, the teen denied making any threats and said he may have talked about putting smoke bombs in the heating vents during sixth hour and how he liked to hunt.

Police also talked to four students who had direct contact with the student. The report said the teen made verbal references to the other students about being able to "kill the entire school" and that he had access to a sword.

Additionally, the report said school officials talked to about 30 students about what happened and the gist of the interviews was the student had made threats about the explosives and that he had hand guns.

"There is no evidence this is seemingly as tragic as some are trying to make it," Rezmierski said. "We have a case here where a kid made a very foolish statement. We're still trying to determine what exactly he said."

Rezmierski added what he did know. "A student overheard the boy saying something threatening on the bus, that student told the bus driver, the driver told (Assistant Principal) Ray (Balutowicz), Ray told (Principal) Sue (Meyer) and she began taking action," Rezmierski said.

Additionally, he said he trusted Sue Meyer, principal of Meads Mill, and Bob Sornson, executive director of special education and crisis team response member, in their handling of the situation. Had they determined the student's threats to be more serious he would have been given more details, he said.

Rezmierski also said it may have been as simple as "pre-teen bravado." Even so, the crisis plan was put into action.

"We had to see if the kid even said anything, and what context it was in, but our first priority was the safety of our students," said Sue Meyer, Meads Mill principal. Meyer said the next step of the crisis response was to gather the first-hour teachers and inform them to address the issue and any concerns the students might have about the rumors about the incident. She and Balutowicz went into the seventh grade classrooms to answer questions and ask students with first-hand information to notify Balutowicz or herself immediately. The students and his parents met with Meyer this week to discuss terms for his readmittance.

Gifts from the sea School kids get acquainted with squishy aquatic critters

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anemones. Besides the tanks, film strips were presented to the students with each grade learning about something different.

The kindergartners had "Tide Pool Touch" first graders learned about the "Pacific Garden," second graders, "Spineless Wonders," third graders, a marine biology introduction; and the fourth graders focused on shoreline survival.

Crist said the PTO picked this specific assembly as it complimented this year's school theme: "2000...Oh, The Places We'll Go."

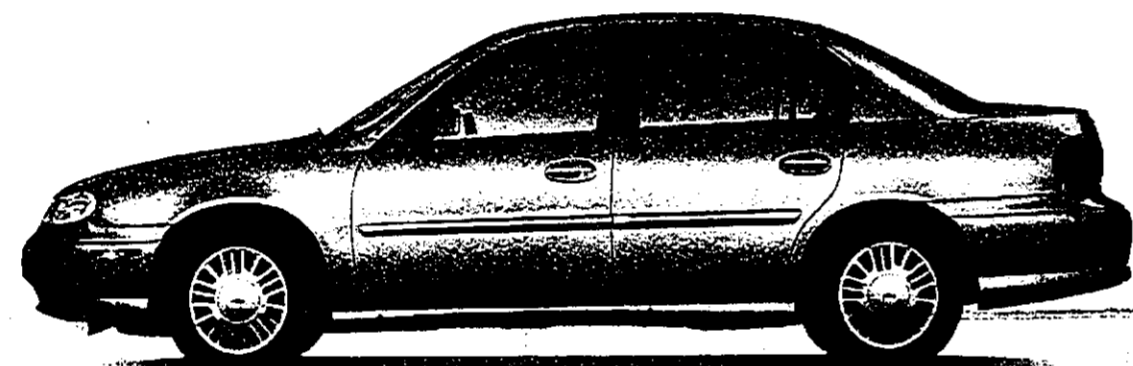
Jake Hardwig, science interpreter for the Living Science Foundation, said the program runs two

classes at the same time, one class looking at the animals in the tanks and the other class seeing the slide show. Each presentation takes about 20 minutes.

Crist said the next presentation for the students will be

"Rattle/Tap/Rhythm" presented by the Goodtime Theater Co. on Feb. 11.

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Mayor: ice arena's money woes are turning around

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"It is being handled in the appropriate manner and justice will ultimately take its course."

Clark added there is still a long way to go with turning the Novi Ice Arena around, but over the last two months the arena has posted a profit of \$66,000.

"I thought it was wonderful to hear such a broad view of what is going on in Novi," said the chamber's Executive Director Lisa Willard.

"From senior housing to the roads to commercial development, the mayor presented everything here in a nutshell."

In attendance from the Paralyzed Veterans of America based in Novi were Michael Harris, in charge of

government relations/advocacy and Ian Minicucci, who handles public relations.

"I thought the speech was very positive," Minicucci said.

"The mayor didn't sugarcoat anything and was honest."

Harris added he is amazed at how much Novi has grown in just a short period of time.

"When I was growing up, I used to visit my grandmother in Wixom and always passed through Novi," Harris said.

"Now looking at the shape the city is in, well, the outlook for Novi is very positive."

Clark also announced during the speech that city council will be conducting a special meeting Jan. 31, to address future road bond

proposals.

"Please come to the meeting," Clark said. "We want your input. This is your city. We need to know what are the important issues to you."

City Council Member Craig DeRoche said he was impressed with not just the speech, but also the job the mayor has been doing.

"In a very short period of time our mayor has a grasp over all of the issues facing Novi," DeRoche said.

"He is really starting to steer Novi in the right direction."

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the signs along the trail, said Kummer. This event will include an event number, gift, finish ribbon and refreshments.

Troshak suggested that interested participants call ahead to confirm the event has not been canceled. She said that the Parks and Recreation Department will find it pretty obvious by Friday, January 21, if there will be enough snow for the activity.

The snow-sculpting contest lasts from 10:30 a.m. until noon. Participants must register on-site for this activity and bring their own props, said Katey Staab, an intern at the department.

Troshak said that participants are not limited to making snowmen and are encouraged to be creative.

"They can build whatever they want to build," she explained.

Troshak said that if there was not enough snow for this activity, participants would still be able to create sculptures out of other materials.

After sculpting snow, participants can warm up by voting for their favorite chili at the ever-popular Chili Cook-off. The cook-off is for licensed restaurants only and is from noon to 1:30 p.m.

"I know a lot of restaurants look forward to this event," said Staab.

Troshak added that said that about 10 restaurants will be participating and have been requested to

bring between six and eight gallons of chili.

She said seven judges will participate in a blind taste test to select their favorite chili. The judges will have no knowledge of which restaurant made which sample, said Troshak.

"We try to be as non-biased and fair to the restaurants as possible," said Troshak.

Judges will not be the only ones voting for their favorite chili. Troshak said there would be a judges' award presented, as well as a people's choice award.

Samples of the chili are 25 cents each, she said. To participate in voting for the people's choice award, tasters will be charged 25 cents multiplied by the number of competing restaurants.

"People really like this contest," said Troshak, who said the event raised about \$475 last year that help cover the costs of the festival.

At 1 p.m., kids will enjoy the Score-O/Super Score-O Contest. Staab said the object of the game is to shoot a puck into goal through an opening in a board. Participants can win prizes in this event.

The festival will also have a bridge tournament at 11 a.m. at the Novi Civic Center. A \$2 entry fee is required as well as advance registration. Maximum participation is limited to 68 chairs.

Kummer said that particular activity is very popular with resi-



Photo by JOHN HEIDER

Novi City Council Member Hugh Crawford and granddaughter Alexis Matteson were chili-tasters at last year's festival.

dents. "A lot of families and seniors love the bridge tournament," she said.

In addition, the annual euchre tournament will have on-site registration and begins at 11 a.m. Contestants are asked to check in no later than 10:45 a.m. to participate. Staab said for the tourna-

ment four teams of two people, or eight players total, will be needed. Rules for the game will be distributed at the festival, she added.

Children will have ample time for creating artwork at the Imagination Stations that are open from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Since kids will be working with craft activities at the

stations, it is advised that they bring or wear clothes to get messy. Afterward, their creations may be taken home.

Open skating will also be available at the Novi Ice Arena from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. In addition, there will be 50 percent discount coupons available for the first 75 kids who ask.

The Chilly Willy Festival will also be featuring ice carvings of local businesses logos to sponsor. Kummer said companies can submit their business card or logo or the sculptor will select one instead.

The sculptures will be done outside the main entrance of the Novi Civic Center. Every sponsor will be identified on flyers and posters. There will also be signs with the sponsor's name located in front of each ice sculpture.

"It's neat to see," said Kummer. "Last year there were about six to 10 ice sculptures."

She also said that all of the logos will represent local Novi businesses. Troshak said that her favorite feature of the festival is seeing many activities available for every-

one. "It's neat to have one event encompass all age groups," she said.

"Everybody has something to do."

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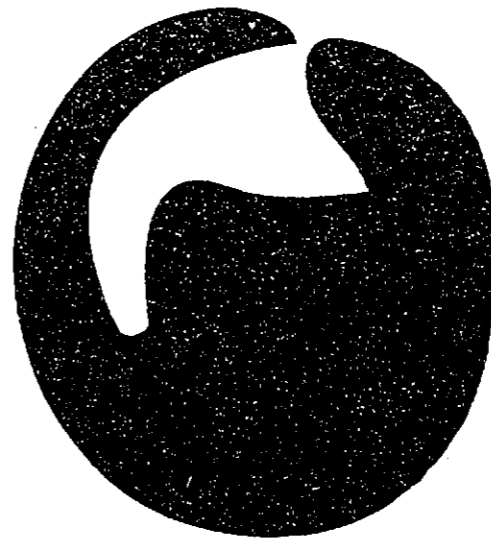


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Great Harvest Bread Company owner Ray Novelly goes over some of the store's inventory. On a regular day, the store sells some 1,300 loaves.

The mural on the inside wall of Northville's Great Harvest Bread Company depicts a stony-looking baker standing amid bags of wheat and hot ovens. Truth be told, he doesn't look too happy to be there.

Contrasting that is the upbeat music — louder than in most businesses — and the smiles worn by the living, breathing crew of Great Harvest. There's both a figurative and literal warmth to the downtown shop that promises free sample slices...as long as they last.

It's relatively quiet in Great Harvest at the moment. I'm sitting in the lobby area, taking notice of the fact that the ceiling fan above me is barely stirring, while the one in the kitchen area whips around like a helicopter blade.

"This is the slow time of the year for us," says owner Ray Novelly. He's a tall, sturdy man with a handshake like a vise. "Usually we're selling 1,300 loaves a day, but it'll stay pretty slow until after Super Bowl Sunday."

Define "slow." I ask. He stops and ponders for a moment.

"That's probably around 800 or 900 loaves a day," he says. I give the standard unfazed reporter look, but am more than a little stunned inside.

Great Harvest in Northville is one of around 130 Great Harvest locations around the country, but each one is operated almost entirely independent of its counterparts.

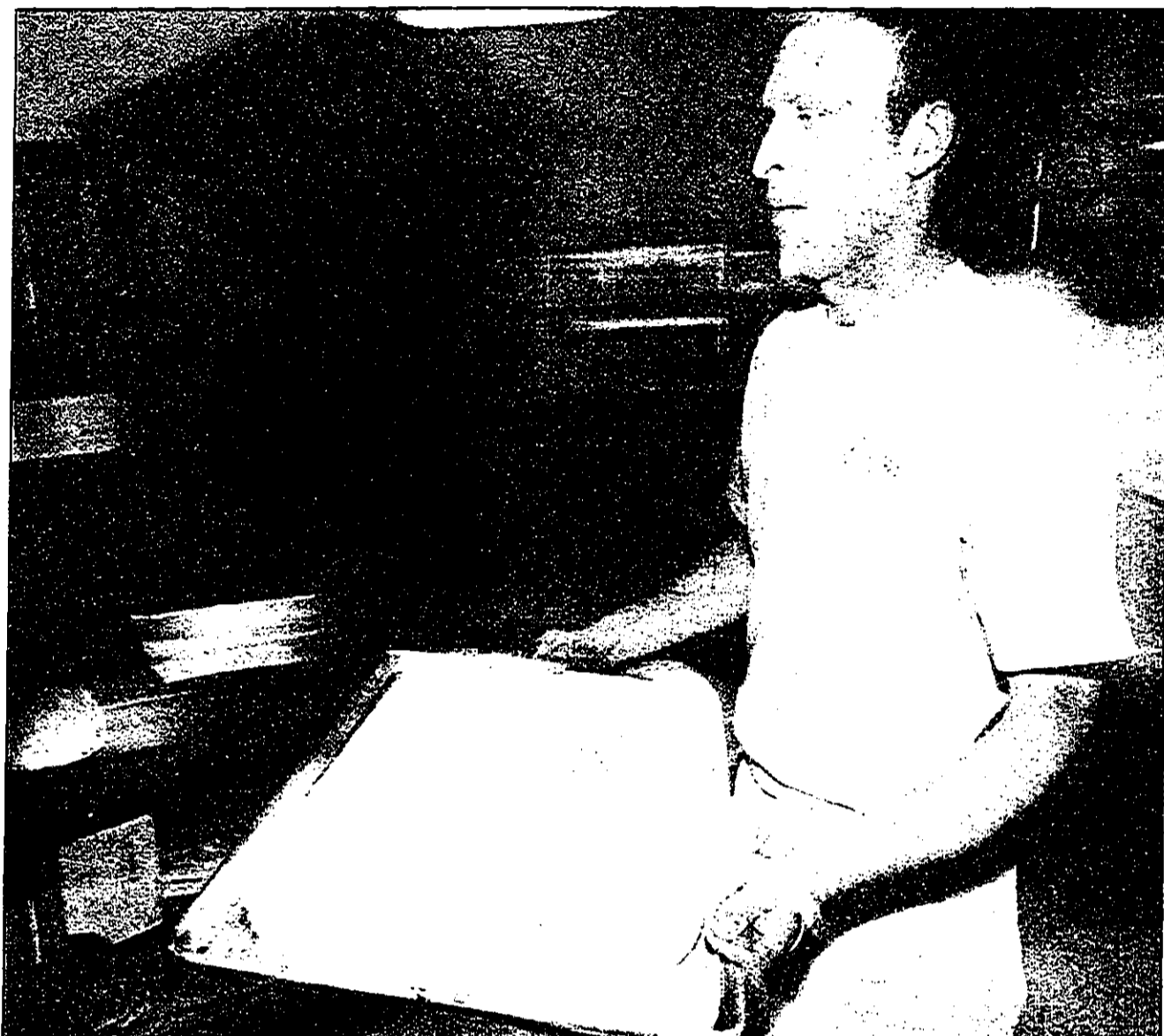
Novelly didn't get into the

business intentionally. It was largely the result of dislike for his corporate lifestyle, which had him airborne some four days a week. Living in Chicago at the time, Novelly ventured north one day some seven years ago into Milwaukee and stepped inside one of the Cheese State's Great Harvest locations.

"I fell in love with it," he said. "I came home with two loaves in a bag and told my wife that this was our future. She thought I was nuts."

But after taking her back to Milwaukee, Novelly said the family bought into his plan. He mortgaged nearly every earthly possession he had to renovate

We get a slice of life at Great Harvest Bread Company in Northville



Three-year Great Harvest employee Patrick O'Rourke takes a tray of Oregon herb bread from the 350-loaf capacity oven on a Wednesday morning. Ideally, the loaves go straight from the oven into a paper shopping bag.

the former D&C 5 and 10 store into bread bakery, not certain if his pipe dream would be realized.

One look at the sales chart answered that question. Pardon the pun, but Great Harvest is rolling in the dough.

I ask Novelly if it seems strange being successful in what seems to be so simple a product. He laughs.

"It is weird, isn't it?" he says. "We were wondering if our business would drop when the Farmington store opened up."

He makes a sweeping gesture with his arm, alluding to the small lineup of customers now forming at the counter.

"Uh-uh. Didn't happen."

FROM MONTANA WITH LOVE

Somewhere in Montana, where the towns have names like Mosby, Volberg and Sun Prairie, the fields of wheat whip in the wind and bow to the sun. Forget Nebraska and Kansas. For Novelly, there's no place like Big Sky Country to get the stuff that makes the bread.

"It's the finest wheat in the world," he says.

A full boxcar of the grain is shipped across the country to Chicago and then on to Northville. There it joins massive amounts of the other ingre-

redients used in bread-making, like honey, molasses, yeast and water. When fully stocked, the bags of wheat fill the back of the store almost from floor to ceiling.

At the start of each day (which can be as early as 2:30 a.m., but today employees were allowed to sleep in until 3:30) the wheat is taken into the mill room.

"It's the same principle as coffee," Novelly says. "You want to grind the beans right before you make the coffee. We want to grind the wheat right before we make the bread. It tastes better."

The machine looks new, but it uses the old principle of smashing open the husk of the grain and grinding it into a powder, courtesy of two heavy stones. The laws of physics say heat will be the result of friction. In this case, it's a lot of heat. So much, in fact, that copper tubes need to be placed in the bins of ground wheat to allow warm air to escape, and cool air currents blow continuously through the room. Novelly says cool flour keeps longer and tastes better when baked.

The flour is then merged with the other ingredients, all of which need to be kept at specific temperatures. An impressive-looking instrument in the sink delivers precise amounts of water and exact temperatures. Even for January, it's warm inside. I tell Novelly that it must be murder working in the kitchen in August.

"Most of these guys will be wearing shorts and a T-shirt in the middle of winter," he says. "It can get hot."

The mixed ingredients are then transferred to large holding drums, the lids for which barely cling to the bowl as the active yeast causes the glacier-like mass of dough to creep outside of its stainless steel confines. Each drum weighs in at around 200 pounds.

There was a time when some unlucky souls were recruited for

the bicep-building job of lifting the drums onto a kneading table. With the help of an engineer, a hydraulic lift now performs the task. With precision that you see only at the finest sushi bars, one of the employees uses a hand blade and chops off a hunk of the doughy mix and places it into a medium-sized machine in the corner of the room.

"That machine divides the mix into loaves 2.2 pounds a piece," Novelly says. Moments later, the hatch is opened.

"Heads up! Loaves...coming in," says one of the employees with a tone of voice resembling what you'd expect out of a baseball stadium hot dog vendor. He breaks off the portioned hunks and heaves them onto the table, landing with a satisfying, soft plop.

There's a scramble for the loaves, which are kneaded and molded into the smooth shape of dinner rolls on steroids. The kneading serves the purpose of reducing the chance the loaf will split open once it's baked.

The oven at Great Harvest looks more like a small atom smasher. Peering inside its silvery mouth, I can see the racks that hold up to 320 loaves of bread on a ferris wheel-like mechanism. If you stare long enough, the heat generated inside creates a shimmer like you'd see coming off Arizona asphalt in July.

"It's just about the biggest oven you can buy," he said. "The only bigger ones they have are on aircraft carriers and — I hate to admit this — in prisons. We would have gotten a bigger one but we couldn't fit it in here."

Depending on the kind of bread being baked, the loaves stay on the amusement park ride trip through the oven for different lengths of time. Novelly grabs two loaves and cuts them open. He points to the first.

"This is just what we want,"

he says, pointing to some steamy, stringy strands within the bread. "It's just a little bit sticky and chewy."

He cuts open the second. This time, a pocket of uncooked dough hides inside.

"This is too much," he said. "It may not have been hot enough or we didn't mix things right."

It seems that with only a handful of ingredients to work with, bread would be one of those things that was next to impossible to mess up. Not so, says Novelly.

"Bread-making is part chemistry and part art," says Novelly. "It takes a long time to perfect the method to get the loaves to come out the way you want them to."

The golden loaves are then placed on racks directly behind the sales counter. With any luck, buyers will be in line ready to snatch the bread while it's still hot. If it waits for a few hours, a loaf placed in a plastic bag.

A COMMUNITY BUSINESS

There is another fate for a Great Harvest loaf, and it's one that almost anyone who's ventured inside 139 East Main knows about: a free slice.

"Whether someone buys our bread or not, we want them to taste it," Novelly says. About one out of every 10 loaves ends up as someone's walking-down-the-street snack. As I'm listening, an older gentleman in a yellow coat shuffles to the counter and looks over the free sample loaves.

Then there's the donations. Some 1,000 loaves every month are given to charitable organizations. It's become such a task that Great Harvest now employs a person whose sole job it is to handle donations.

"It's great being able to sell

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From left, Patrick O'Rourke, Matthew Cox, Jose Ramirez and Andrew Gervasi work on kneading a batch of bread dough.



Great Harvest counter worker Mary Jo Switaj gets a sample of some bread for customer Grace Shihodeh.

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Time to take a good, hard look at that New Year's resolution



Joyce Fortier Career

It's time to take a good, hard look at that New Year's resolution. Maybe you want to be your own boss and start up a business. Maybe you want to relocate to another state. Whatever you want to do, take the needed actions to accomplish your goals.

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Grains are golden at Northville city's Great Harvest store

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community partners," Novelly says. "It makes me feel good knowing that someone out there is eating the bread we made."

There's an inevitable curiosity held by people who see the avalanche of bread coming from the innards of the Northville shop: how do they do that? The answer comes in the 200-some tours Great Harvest gives every year, of which I'm one.

"The kids love it," Novelly says. "They really get a kick out of seeing all the machines and watching the bread bake."

I do some quick math. If I've got the numbers right, Great Harvest has pulled out some 2.7 million loaves of bread in its seven years of doing business. If you were to line up all that bread end-to-end, it would go from Northville to Marquette.

The store was such a success that it was featured briefly in a Microsoft commercial because of the company's use of some of its software.

"We've had more people ask us about that ad," Novelly says. "It gave us a lot of publicity."

Statistics and corporate connections don't matter much to the people who eat it. The man in the yellow coat has apparently

settled on a slice of wheat bread for his sample. He settles into the L-shaped wooden bench in the lobby and tears away at the soft slice.

"Good, isn't it?" I ask as I walk out the door. His mouth busy chewing, the man's eyes get big and he simply nods in certainty.

Great Harvest can be reached at (248) 344-4404.

Business

The Novi chapter of Business Network International will meet on at 7 a.m. Jan. 11 at Kerby's Koney Island (21200 Haggerty Road, Farmington Hills), and the Northville chapter on Jan. 13 at 7 a.m. also at Kerby's. The Wixom chapter will meet Jan. 14 at 7 a.m. For more information, call (810) 323-3800.

Northville resident **Jacquie Rundell** recently completed a five-week flight attendant training program with Northwest Airlines in Minneapolis. She will primarily be working out of Detroit Metropolitan Airport.

Walsh College, which has a campus in Novi, announced the names of the school's three newest trustees. They include **John Danski**, a certified public accountant from Far Hills, N.J.; Mercer Island, Wash. resident

Deborah Hopkins, senior vice-president and chief financial officer of The Boeing Company; and **Bushra Kulkarni** of Saline, president and chief executive officer at Global Dynamics in Ann Arbor.

The American Subcontractors Association of Southeastern Michigan will present a seminar entitled Contractors' Business Education Seminars and Training 2000. Its theme will be "Embracing Change." The event will be held Jan. 25 from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Michigan State University

Management Education Center in Troy. Call (248) 666-1234 to register.

Brandy Soja has joined Welduction Corp. as Novi as marketing assistant. She is pursuing a bachelor's degree in sales and marketing from Cleary College of Business in Howell. Soja has been working in the field of sales/customer service for the past five years.

Novi physician **Jeffrey Weingarten** has been voted president-elect of the Michigan Otolaryngological Society for the 2000 term. He is a six-year member of the society's executive board, and is medical director of the Voice and Communication Center at Providence Hospital, Southfield. He is also section chief of otolaryngology at Providence.

Kristen M. Tsangaris of Novi has joined the firm of Dykema Gossett PLLC located in Ann Arbor. Her practice will focus on tax and estate matters. Tsangaris holds degrees from the University of Michigan.



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Where's the Zamboni?

A trio of youngsters works on clearing snow from a newly-frozen Mill Pond in Northville. Temperatures were expected to stay low through the remainder of this week, with more snow on the way.

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Northville Seniors

Northville Seniors meet on the 2nd and 4th Thursdays of each month at 10 a.m. in the Senior Center. The program is designed to provide social and educational activities for seniors. For more information, please call 248-348-1312.

Newsletter
The senior newsletter is a monthly publication filled with interesting information about the Senior Center and the community. It is available to all seniors. For more information, please call 248-348-1312.

Telephone Reassurance (Telecare)
Seniors who are unable to use a standard telephone can now use a specially designed telephone. This device is designed to be used by seniors who have hearing or vision impairments. For more information, please call 248-348-1312.

Nutrition
Hot, nutritious meals are provided Monday through Friday at Allen Terrace. A donation of \$1.50 is requested. Meals can be delivered to your home through the Meals on Wheels program. For more information on the Nutrition program, call (800) 851-1454. Allen Terrace is located at 401 High St.

Focus Hope
Food distribution is the fourth Friday of every month, 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Senior Center.

Blood Pressure Screening
Come get your blood pressure checked by a nurse. There is no charge. Held at the Senior Center on the fourth Monday of the month, from noon to 2 p.m. No appointment is necessary.

Michigan Emergency Pharmaceutical Program for Seniors
Northville and Northville Township senior citizens age 65 and over are eligible to receive two months worth of prescriptions through the MEPP program. Monthly income eligibility for a single person is \$1,000 from all sources of income and for a couple, it is \$1,283 from all sources of income. Total monthly prescription cost must be 10 percent of your monthly income. For more information, call the Senior Center.

Tax Counseling Service
Volunteer tax counselors are available to help seniors with their taxes. For more information, call 248-348-1312.

Dinner Out at Various Restaurants
Come with us for a one-on-one trip to a local restaurant. On Thursday, Jan. 20 we will be going to Chuck Moore's Restaurant in Southfield for good food with good friends. Cost for round trip transportation is \$4, payable to the bus driver. The bus will depart from the MAGS Building at 4:30 p.m. or pick you up at your home at 4 p.m. Please call for advanced reservations.

First Friday Flicks
Join us at the Senior Center on the first Friday of every month at 1 p.m. to watch a movie with friends. You will be served complimentary refreshments. Cost for the movie is \$1. Please call to register.

Detroit Symphony Orchestra
Northville Senior Center has reserved tickets to various concerts throughout the season. Departure time is 9 a.m. from MAGS. Please call to register.

Coffee Concerts are \$27 per ticket. Available classical Coffee Concerts include: Mozart and Brahms, Feb. 4; The Rose Cavalier, Feb. 11; Great Schubert, March 3; Tchaikovsky's Violin Concerto, March 17; Strauss' Tone Poems, April 7; All Mozart, April 28; and Pines of Rome on June 9.

Senior Stretch and Tone
Certified trainer Angela Kielar will teach this well balanced workout at the Senior Center on Thursdays, 11 a.m. to noon. You will need comfortable clothes, athletic shoes, water and a towel, blanket or mat on which to sit. Classes will be held for six weeks, from Jan. 20 through Feb. 24. The cost is \$25 for residents and \$28 for non-residents. Register at the Senior Center.

Senior Walking Club
Join the Northville seniors at Laurel Park Place Mall every Monday, Wednesday and Friday morning for a little exercise while you socialize. Beginning Jan. 10, we will be walking at the mall. Transportation is available from your home starting at 7 a.m. The cost is \$2, payable to the bus driver. Call the Senior Center to register today.

Senior Fitness Program at Water Wheel Health Club
Northville Senior Center in combination with Water Wheel Health Club are offering a senior fitness program. The program includes: setting up the starting date after Jan. 2; two sessions per week, Wednesday and Friday, 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.; fitness evaluation, overall program design and instruction; exercise journal; and cardiovascular, stretching and strength training. The cost for the two-week program is \$69 and the six-week program is \$99. Call the Water Wheel Health Club at (248) 449-7634 to schedule your session.

Floral Display at Belle Isle
Come with us on the senior bus to the winter floral display at Belle Isle. We will depart from the MAGS parking lot at 1 p.m. on Jan. 25. Cost is \$4, payable to the bus driver. The admission fee is \$2. Call to reserve your spot.

Mozart Concert by U of M Faculty
Celebrate Mozart's birthday with this free concert by members of the University of Michigan school of music faculty. The senior bus will depart from the MAGS parking lot at 3 p.m. on Sunday, Jan. 30. Dinner will follow at a popular Ann Arbor restaurant. Cost is \$4 for round trip transportation, payable to the bus driver. Please call for reservations.

Soaring Eagle Resort trip - Bobbie Vinton show
Ryback Tours is offering a trip to Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort in Mount Pleasant to see Bobbie Vinton in concert. The event will include roundtrip motorcoach transportation, one night first-class accommodations at the resort, a casino incentive package

Body Workout Exercise Class
This class meets every Wednesday at 9:45 a.m. at Allen Terrace. Cost is \$3 per class. No registration is necessary.

Pot Luck Luncheons
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Sparks fly in Shelton's 'Play it to the Bone'



Antonio Banderas (left) and Woody Harrelson (center) as boxers Cesar Dominguez and Vince Boureau get a final shot at the middleweight championship of the world. With only a few hours to go to Vegas, Girlfriend Grace Pace (Lolita Davidovich, right) takes them on a circuitous ride.

From acclaimed writer/director Ron Shelton, Woody Harrelson and Antonio Banderas star as best friends and professional boxing rivals Vince Boureau and Cesar Dominguez, both of whom haven't worked in years.

Finally, from out of the blue, they get the chance of a lifetime: an assignment to work together in Vegas. The job promises big money, but there's a hitch: they have to be there NOW. They quickly hit the road with Grace Pace

by Grace's own combative temper. The going gets rougher when they pick up sultry hitchhiker Lucy (Lolita Davidovich), whose presence throws the trip into further upheaval. A contentious race ensues as Vince and Cesar scramble to make it to Vegas for their big showdown.

Finally in the ring, Vince and Cesar regress to their primal instincts and are ready for war. Well matched, both are transformed into ruthless, desperate men, ready to kill each other to salvage their own careers.

Blow after blow each man recovers numerous times from near defeat to turn the fight around. The bout continues to the final bell, and the two men stagger from battle - battered and bruised - and into each other's arms.

Touchstone Pictures presents, in association with Shangha'd Films, a Ron Shelton Film, "Play It To The Bone." Written and directed by Ron Shelton. The film is produced by Stephen Chin. The executive producer is David Lester. The film is distributed by Buena Vista Pictures Distribution.

The Story
Vince (Woody Harrelson) and

Cesar (Antonio Banderas) are professional boxers, sparring partners and best friends - each clinging to a desperate hope that they will get one more "shot at the title" before their careers are over.

On the morning of yet another highly anticipated "Fight of the Century," (Mike Tyson vs. "Somebody"), the undercard fight (the semi-main event) suddenly become

"indisposed." The fight promoters, Joe Domino (Tom Sizemore) and Hank Goody (Robert Wagner), have a huge problem: They must find two other fighters who are licensed, experienced, recognizable and evenly matched in weight - and they have to get them sanctioned and to Vegas by 6 p.m. tonight.

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U-10 team finished fall season undefeated-2B

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GETTING READY:
Cheer team set to host competition at Novi High-3B

Wrestlers get their chance at No. 1 Davison

By JASON SCHMITT
Sports Editor

Sometimes a statement made in early January really isn't a statement. But rather a brief showcase of what's to come.

Such was the case this past Saturday, when Novi met Davison for a dual match in the Rochester Adam's round-robin invitational. The top-ranked Cardinals showed why they're the favorites to win the Division I state title this year by defeating Novi 37-25 in the second match of the day.

The match featured nine state qual-

fiers from a year ago, including seven from Davison. Novi dominated the match down low, but suffered the wrath of Davison's strength in the middle.

The Cardinals rallied from a 19-3 deficit to take a 31-19 lead thanks to seven-straight wins from 135 up to 189. Two of those wins were by fall and one more to a technical fall.

Novi tried to rally, as Adam Borashko picked up a win by fall over Derek Lehr by pin in just 50 seconds to bring the team to within six at 31-25. But a sick Jason Moore was outmatched by the No. 2 ranked heavyweight in Division I. Nic

Wrestling

LaFear, who won by pin to end the match.

The Wildcats started off about as well as possible, with Josh Churella pulling out an impressive win over Kristen LaBelle. LaBelle is ranked in the top five in the state at 103. Churella became just the third wrestler to beat her this season.

"She's legit," Novi coach Brad Huss said. "This was a match we were worried

about. It was a great way to get it started."

After Cory Nobach lost to Shawn Newton, who placed third at last year's state meet (at 103), 6-4, Brian Dodds got his team back on track.

Dodds topped John Whitman, who finished seventh in the state at 103 a year ago, by injury default. Huss said Dodds was winning the match when it was called, and felt his wrestler would have won it anyway.

Dan Jigg handled his business in his usual manner, pinning Nick Finley in just 1:06 to set up the match of the day

at 130 pounds.

It was there that Ryan Churella pulled off a spectacular 10-2 win over the number one ranked wrestler in the state, Chase Metcalf. It was Metcalf's first loss of the year and asserted Churella as the guy to beat at 130.

"That's pretty impressive any way you look at it," Huss said. "This was a match you get to see about once a year."

Now leading 19-3, the fun ended for the Cats.

Brent Frey and Eric Cook were both

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Junior outside hitter Mickie Rzepka passes the ball in Novi's 9-15, 10-15 loss to Milford Monday.

Milford tops Novi in straight games, 'Cats drop to 1-3

By JASON SCHMITT
Sports Editor

Unable to overcome the loss of Kristen McGlennen or the team's eight unforced serving errors, the Novi volleyball team dropped a straight-game match to Milford Monday night, 9-15, 10-15.

The team missed five serves in the first game and three more in the second to drop to 1-3 in the Kensington Valley Conference. Without their best server, Kristen McGlennen, the team was off their game.

"We just missed far too many serves," Novi coach Julie Fissette said. "We shouldn't miss serves at home, on the same court we practice on. You have to adjust things when you're missing a player. And you can't miss shots."

Fissette said it was frustrating seeing her team make so many unforced errors in the match.

"Especially when Milford's on their game. You work so hard to get a side out and you give it right back," she said.

Novi came back from a 9-3 deficit in the first game and from a 6-1 margin in the second, but both rallies fell short as the Redskins went on to win both games.

Mickie Rzepka played well for the Wildcats, collecting four kills in the first game and three more in the second. Angie Herbst had four kills in all and freshman Angie Schmitt, who filled in the middle for McGlennen, had two solo blocks from the front row. Helping out with service receiving, Christina Parrish had three kills and two aces in the match.

Fissette knew coming into the match that Milford had one of its best teams ever. The Redskins beat Novi earlier in the season at the South Lyon Invite.

"This conference has developed into a very strong conference," the coach said. "In our own little world of the KVC, anyone can win now. That's nice to see."

Volleyball

But the win didn't come easy.

Novi trailed 13-2 in the first game before getting things going. With the score 13-5, Christina Cypher served seven-straight points to get her team back into the game. After a side out, Rzepka served the final three points to end the game.

Hartland then took advantage of seven Novi service errors in the second game to peek out a

16-14 win.

"Serving is a mental task, it should be like a robot," Fissette said. "But we were like a robot with a brain."

After having calmed down for the third game, Novi had just two service errors to Hartland's seven and took that deciding game 15-10.

Novi continues its KVC schedule this Monday at Howell. The junior varsity match is scheduled to begin at 6 p.m. Next Monday the team is at home versus Lakeland.



Photo by JOHN HEIDER

Wildcat netters Christina Parrish, left, and Mickie Rzepka, center, congratulate Angela Schmitt on a kill against Milford.

Novi cagers upset Milford 55-51

By JASON SCHMITT
Sports Editor

Maybe Novi knew it had an 10-day layoff ahead of it.

Whatever the case, the Wildcats used every bit of energy it had in knocking off the Kensington Valley Conference's best team, Milford, 55-51 in front of the home crowd back on Jan. 11.

Novi played the type of down-and-dirty type of basketball that has typified KVC basketball these days, and they played it better than the Redskins.

"I thought we played a great game, but I think the key was that we played hard," Novi head coach Pat Schluter said. "We played with a blue-collar type of mentality. We were on the ground fighting for the loose balls, we set good screens and did what we had to do to win."

Senior center Dan Nawrot led the Wildcats with 15 points and sophomore Brandon Davis added 11 for Novi (4-5). Davis hit all six of his free-throw attempts in the fourth quarter, and senior forward Chad Nadolni sank two important free throws with 51 seconds left in the game. The shots broke a 51-51 tie and Davis came back to hit two more free throws in the waning seconds of the game to put it away.

"The team really wanted to win this game."



Photo by JOHN HEIDER

Novi team members (l-r) Jim Cavan, Eric Messink, Matt Gorman and Eric Walle have a lot to cheer about in Novi's 55-51 win over Milford back on Jan. 11.

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Gymnasts fall to Hartland at Invite

By JASON SCHMITT
Sports Editor

Gaining ground on one of the favorites to win the state title as well as making a statement that it belongs up there, too, the Northville/Novi gymnastics team finished second only to No. 2 ranked Hartland this past weekend at the Hartland Invitational.

The Mustangs scored a team total of 139.2, just four points shy of the Eagles. More impressively, the team came that close despite several falls on the beam while still missing a few key contributors because of injury. The team's still not healthy, yet finished runner-up in the all-team invitational. The team's Samrat and the team's an all-around total of 58.25, good for sixth overall among divisional competitors. Samrat's Andrea Edgett and D-2 with a 9.8 and

Monica Fink (7th in D-1 with a 34.4) also placed among the top eight in their respective divisions.

Northville/Novi's best event was the bars, where the team had four placers. Allison Gillette led her team with a 9.05 (2nd in D-2) and Samrat was close behind with a 9.0 (6th in D-1). Missy Esper was fourth in D-2 with an 8.8 and Fink was eighth in D-1 with an 8.55.

The team also fared well in the floor exercise. Three girls exceeded 9.0 in the event. Samrat scored a 9.25, Lindsey Carlson a 9.2 and Fink contributed a 9.0 to the team score. The trio was third overall and eighth overall. Fink was fourth in division on the vault with a 9.0 and Kelli Phelps was eighth in the event with a 9.0.

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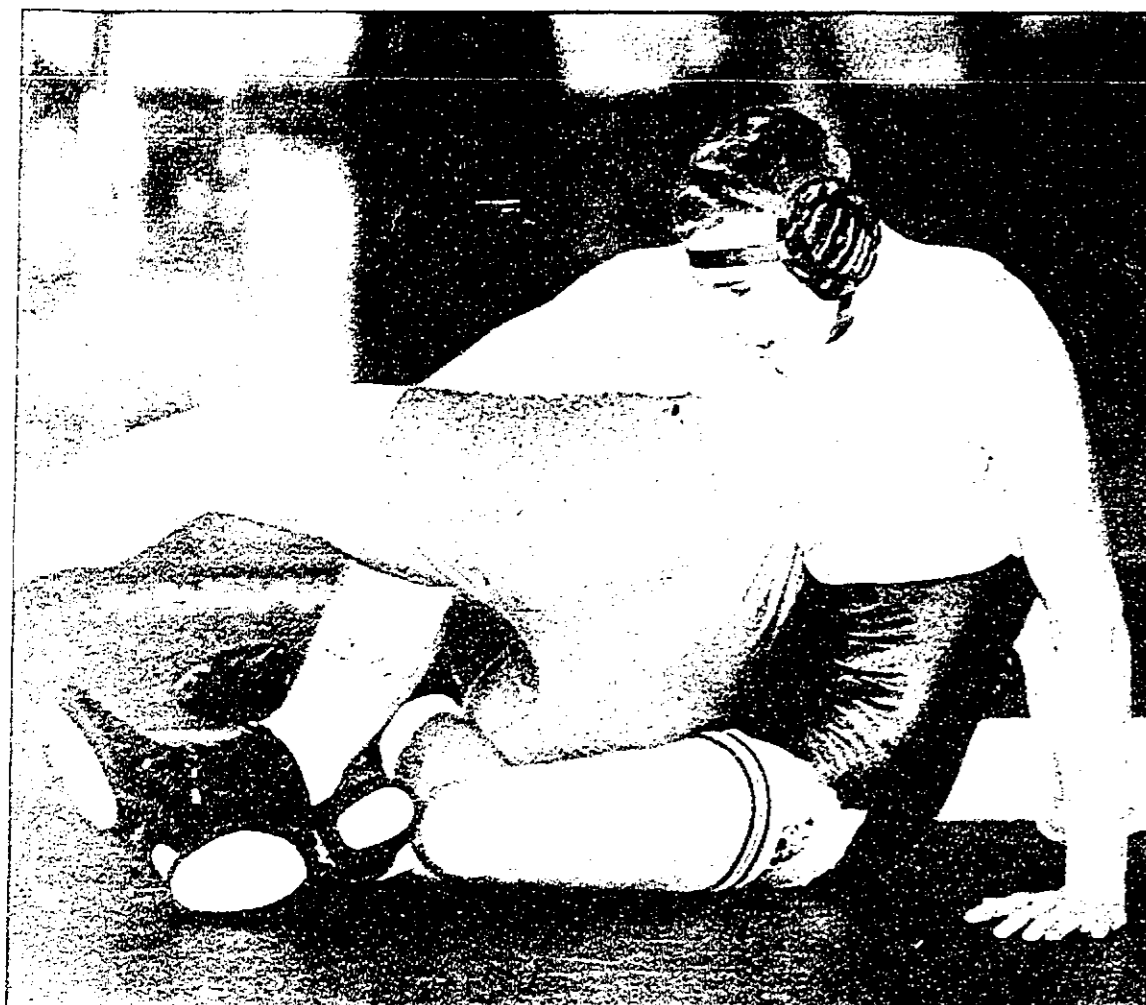


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Adam Borashko, shown here against Williamston, pinned his Davison opponent this past Saturday.

Grapplers begin quest for KVC

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Novi's wrestling team started its KVC quest by winning its first match against Williamston on Saturday.

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Huss said in a rematch, he could see Novi winning at 112 (Nobach), 152 (Vince Stovin) and with Nick Stovin in the lineup at 215 he feels his team could get a pin at 189 and 215.

"If we put Nick in there, he could pin at 215 and Borashko could get a pin at 189," the coach said. "If that happens we could win the match."

The way the brackets are drawn up, the two schools could only see each other in the state finals.

"If we improve this could be very exciting," Huss said. "But there are a lot of other good teams out there and we may not even make the finals."

In the team's other matches, Novi beat Ultra Eisenhower 60-9, Fraser 36-30 and Rochester Adams 44-24.

Dodds, Ryan Churella, Jig and Borashko all finished 4-0 on the day. Josh Churella was 2-0 and Frey and Horland were each 3-1. Quinzaman was 2-1, Nobach 2-2 and Nate Mitchell 1-1.

"Now it's time to start focusing on winning the league," Huss said. Novi is searching for its third consecutive piece of the Kensington Valley Conference title, something that's never been accomplished by any school.

"There's a reason why it's never been done. The league is that tough," Huss said.

The Wildcats begin their quest for the KVC title tomorrow night at Milford High School against the Redskins and Brighton.

Novi stumbles on the ice

By JASON SCHMITT
Sports Editor

Hockey

It would be unfair to say Novi is in the midst of a slump. But the truth is that when a 9-2-6 team finishes its week with an 0-1-1 record, it has to be called something.

"I don't want to call it a slump," Novi coach Dan Phelps said. "It's more like we're in a regrouping stage. We need to get back to our roots and play good hockey."

The "regrouping" comes after Novi tied Canton last Friday night 4-4. Two days prior to that, the Wildcats suffered a 5-3 loss to Brighton in Kensington Valley Conference play, which left Novi three points behind first-place Milford and two points behind the Bulldogs.

Phelps said it's not necessarily the number of penalties his team took last week, but rather the timing of the penalties that hurt his team. A power-play goal by the Chiefs with a little over two minutes left to play in the game tied the score at 4-4. Brighton capital-

led to special-team chances for the Bulldogs.

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Jaguars finish undefeated...

The U-10 Novi Jaguars finished undefeated in the fall six-on-six, "A" division. The team, which was coached by George Gatt and Rick Miller, finished 7-0-1.

The team is (kneeling, l-r) Hayley Miller, Jodi

Stratton, Elizabeth Miller and Allison Good. Standing are Melissa Schmidt, Lindsey Stefan, Ann McQueen, Paula Cynar, Mary Grace Denton, Haleigh Hoffman, Katie Cranmer, Sarah Reichel, Kelsey Laux and Carly Topper.

Upset of first-place Milford keeps basketball team in hunt

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Schluter said, "I was really proud of the way they played hard the whole game."

The win was Novi's fourth straight, and their second-straight victory in the KVC. At 2-2 they're just a game behind Milford and South Lyon in the conference race.

Milford was 8-0 coming into the game and are widely considered the team to beat in the league. Jon Jury and Joe Kofahl each scored 10 points for Milford.

The game was close throughout, with Novi holding down one point leads at the half and at the

end of three quarters. Schluter said his team spent nearly two full days preparing for this Milford team.

"We prepared ourselves for exactly what we saw," he said. "I tell the kids why did we win three in a row? I ask why did we win four in a row. It's because in those games we've been able to dictate the game on defense. That's been the difference from our first five losses."

Nadolin finished the game with eight points and pulled down a game-high 17 rebounds.

"When you talk about Chad Nadolin, this was his best game," his coach said. "He played great

defense and did the little things we needed. He understands that the other teams are not going to let him get a shot off, so he's being patient and playing smart."

"We had 19 turnovers, and that was without being pressured too much," Milford coach Don Palmer said. "We made bad decisions with the floor game, but that's life on the road. We caught Novi in a hot streak."

Novi did not play last Friday or this past Tuesday, but will resume their schedule tomorrow night at Howell. The game is set to begin at 7 p.m. The "Cats play again Saturday, against Ann Arbor Huron at Novi High School.

Scoreboard

BASKETBALL KVC STANDINGS		REBOUNDS		GOALS/ASSISTS/POINTS	
South Lyon	4-1-4	Jeter (Pinckney)	11.2	Hartland	3-2-9-3-2
Milford	3-1-1-1	Duncan (South Lyon)	10.2	Howell	2-5-0-10-0
Lakeland	3-1-5-2	Nadolin (Novi)	9.6	Lakeland	2-6-1-6
Brighton	2-2-0-5	Gregg (Northville)	8.7	South Lyon	1-6-4-6
Novi	2-2-5-5	Zimmerman (Lakeland)	7.6	GOALS/ASSISTS/POINTS	
Hartland	0-3-2-4	Nawrot (Novi)	7.5	Zarem (Novi)	21-17-38
Howell	1-3-3-5	Woseck (South Lyon)	7.5	Meritt (South Lyon)	17-20-37
Last weeks scores		ASSISTS		Woseck (South Lyon)	16-19-35
Lakeland 57, Hartland 52		Taylor (Pinckney)	7.4	Malott (Novi)	14-13-27
Milford 57, Howell 53		Flynn (South Lyon)	6.9	Hellebrand (Northville)	10-13-25
Novi 55, Milford 51		Crowley (Milford)	4.6	Ryan (Northville)	11-11-22
South Lyon 65, Brighton 48		STEALS		Hartell (Novi)	7-13-20
South Lyon 54, Lakeland 46		Taylor (Pinckney)	6.4	Schibobla (Milford)	12-7-19
SCORING		Downing (South Lyon)	5.3	Regnek (South Lyon)	7-12-19
Taylor (Pinckney)	18.9	Christner (Brighton)	4.1	Jausse (Novi)	4-15-19
Duncan (South Lyon)	17.7	GOALS AGAINST AVG. (4 game min.)		Cervin (Milford)	1.83
Redden (Northville)	14.9	Darr (Brighton)	1.90	Moore (Brighton)	2.00
Zimmerman (Lakeland)	14.7	Moore (Brighton)	2.00	Muirigan (Milford)	2.00
Nadolin (Novi)	14.2	Milford	6-0-28-1-3	Markowicz (Novi)	2.24
Brighton	14.0	Brighton	5-1-17-3-2	Goodman (Novi)	2.44
Nawrot (Novi)	14.0	Novi	3-1-2-9-6	HOKEY KVC STANDINGS	
		Milford	6-0-28-1-3	Milford	6-0-28-1-3
		Brighton	5-1-17-3-2	Brighton	5-1-17-3-2
		Novi	3-1-2-9-6	Novi	3-1-2-9-6

Hartland holds off gymnasts

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The team's troubles came on the beam. Samth was fourth in D-1 with an 8.5 and Ledbetter was 6th in D-2 with an 8.5. The team had eight falls among its five competitors.

The meet started on the beam for us, and we were shaky," Northville/Novi coach Laura Moyers said. "We can't have these things happen if we want to be there in the end. Our team score on the beam was three points lower than in Wednesday's (win) against Farmington."

Aside from the beam, Moyers said she was happy with her team's performance on the other events.

"I think they lived up to their potential," the coach said.

According to the latest coaches' association gymnastics poll, Hartland ranks just behind top-ranked East Kentwood. Brighton is third and Northville/Novi is fourth in division 1. Moyers said she's confident her team can compete with the top few teams in the state, talent-wise.

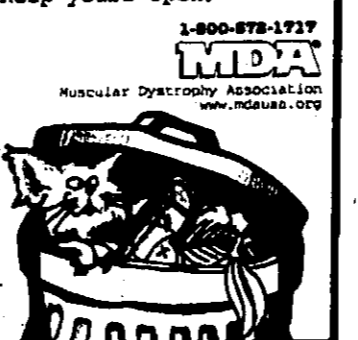
"Hartland didn't make too many mistakes Saturday," Moyers said. "We did. We are a team that can be a contender. It just comes down to getting healthy. Right now we're not healthy, and we're not winning a lot of tournaments. But we'll have a chance at the end."

The squad will take on Brighton today at Brighton High School and will take part in the Farmington Invitational this Saturday. Next Wednesday the team will get a chance to go against Hartland in a head-to-head dual meet. That meet is scheduled to begin at 7 p.m. at Northville High School.

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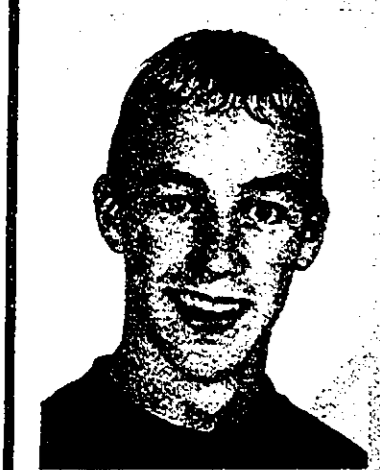
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NOVI JV RESULTS

NOVI JV BASKETBALL		NOVI JV WRESTLING	
Overall record 8-1		Mesday, Jan. 10	
1-0 in the KVC		Novi JV 15, South Lyon 5, Novi JV 15, South Lyon 5	
Tuesday, Jan. 11		Carmen Simplotini ace serving led to the first-game victory.	
Novi JV 51, Milford 43		Victoria Kaisers ace serving led the second-game victory.	
Jaime Schram led all Novi scorers with 19 points.		Thursday, Jan. 13	
Matt Emmenacker and Trey Simpson added seven points each.		Novi JV lost to Hartland in three games 6-8-15, 15-7, 6-15.	
Ryan VanTassel came off the bench to score seven points and pull down four rebounds.			
Simpson added seven rebounds, Brian Swift had six rebounds, and Brian Doyle had five rebounds.			
NOVI JV VOLLEYBALL			
Saturday, Jan. 8			
Novi JV advanced to the semifinals of the Northville Tournament before losing to the No. 1 seed, Ann Arbor Pioneer.			

McDONALD FORD SALUTES NOVI ATHLETES OF THE WEEK

Brad Zarem - Junior



A newcomer to the Kensington Valley Conference, Zarem has made his name known in his first 17 games on the ice for Novi.

Mickie Rzepka - Junior



Doing all he could to help his team, Rzepka has much improved Milford's team.

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Health Column

Pets may be the answer to stress

Do you feel like you are living or working in a concrete jungle? Canine or feline companionship may have a role in taming your "stress response," according to a study reported today at the American Heart Association Scientific Sessions.

Researchers looked at 48 male and female stockbrokers who were using medication to control high blood pressure. They found that those with a pet nearby experienced half the increase in blood pressure under stress as those who did not own a pet, says the study's lead author Karen M. Allen Ph.D., a research scientist in medicine at the State University of New York at Buffalo.

"These results are dramatic and significant," says Allen. "For over a decade I've been studying the effects of pets on people's reactivity to stress - measured by heart rate and blood pressure responses to mental and physical stress. We've shown over and over that it's beneficial to be with a pet when you're under stress," says Allen.

Her earlier work focused on healthy people. The current study is the first to look at people with a medical condition, in this case high blood pressure, and how a pet can help reduce stress reactivity, Allen says.

The stockbrokers made more than \$200,000 per year and lived alone.

Their jobs are incredibly stressful. They are on the stock exchange floor, shouting, always

on the phone. They're dealing with other people's money," she says.

A blood pressure reading of less than 140/90 millimeters of mercury (mm Hg) is considered normal. Without medication, the stockbrokers had an average blood pressure of 165/110 mm Hg at rest.

The researchers then tried to cause stress for the subjects. First, they asked the subjects to count backwards by 17 as rapidly as possible, a common psychological test that probably carried more stress than usual because the math-savvy stockbrokers felt extra pressure to excel, says Allen. They also told the subjects to give a 5-minute speech talking their way out of a shoplifting charge.

In response to the stress, their average blood pressure shot up to 182/126 mm Hg after the math test and 184/129 mm Hg after the speech.

Next, all the subjects were given an ACE inhibitor, a common drug known to reduce high blood pressure. The drug, however, does not have any effect on an individual's reaction to stress, says Allen. The medication helped to lower the stockbrokers' blood pressure to normal levels averaging 122/76 mm Hg.

At the beginning of the experiment, prior to the stress tests, the researchers randomly selected half of the subjects to get a dog or a cat.

Six months later, the researchers again per-

formed math and verbal stress reactivity tests. This time, the speech test involved trying to calm a furious brokerage client who had just lost \$86,000 because of the stockbroker's bad advice. In those who took the medication but did not have a pet, blood pressure rose to 140/89 mm Hg for math stress and 141/94 mm Hg in response to the speech.

"That doesn't really sound bad, but the increase was the same number of points as before taking medication and it was still high enough to be diagnosed as high blood pressure if sustained over a period of time," Allen says.

The medication-only group had double the stress response as those who had a pet in the room during the test, she says. Systolic blood pressure, the pressure when the heart beats, rose just 8 mm Hg in response to the math problem or the speech, remaining in the normal range at 130 mm Hg. Diastolic blood pressure, the pressure in between beats, rose 9 mm Hg.

It came as no surprise, Allen says, that over six months these people had developed a strong bond with their animals. She adds that many of the stockbrokers in the medication-only group acquired pets of their own after they heard about the study results.

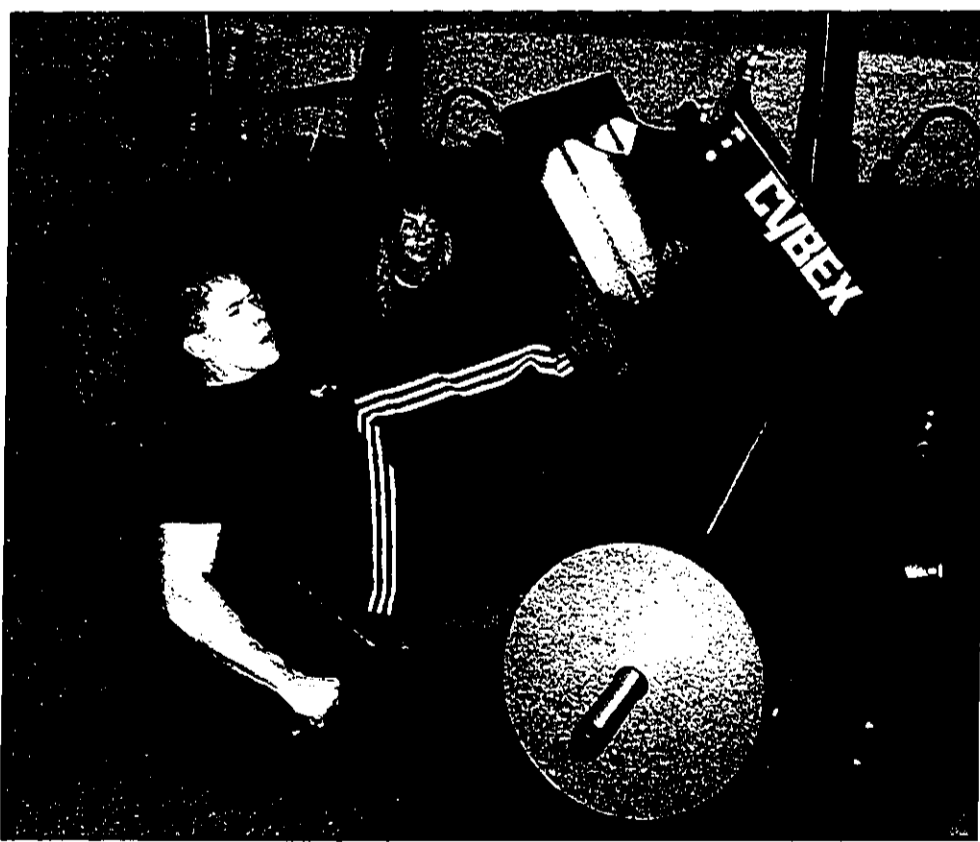
American Heart Association meeting report. Dr. Allen's co-authors are Joseph L. Izzo Jr. M.D. and Barbara E. Shykojff Ph.D.



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Lifting for charity



Members and employees of the Water Wheel Health Club came together for a "Lift-a-Thon" last week to help raise money for St. Jude's Children's Hospital.

Organized by Water Wheel fitness professional Robert Mincey, the event involved 25 people who either made contributions or lifted for the event. It was the first time the lift-a-thon was held at the Northville club, but not the last.

Water Wheel owner Chris Klebba said he hopes to have another event like this one in another month or two, open to members or non members.

(Above left) Gary Giles attempts a t-bar row lift while Water Wheel manager Boo Sadikot spots him. (Above) Joyce Pedersen attempts a lift on the bench press as husband Kirk (spotter) and Water Wheel floor instructor Charlynn Hacker looks on. (To the left) Pedersen warms up on the leg press as Hacker jots down his numbers.

Health Notes

February Community Health Education Classes. Registration and information for classes, (877) 345-5500.

• Women Lecture Series

Providence Medical Center, Novi - Feb. 1, 7:30 p.m. to 9 p.m.
Alternative Approaches to Menopause Treatment: What Works and What Doesn't. Presented by Judith Brysk M.D.

• Pre-Marriage Counseling

Mission Health Medical Center, Livonia - Feb. 2, 7 p.m. to 8 p.m.
Providence Medical Center, Novi - Feb. 17, 7 p.m. to 8 p.m.
couples applying for a marriage license must show proof that they have received counseling regarding the transmission and prevention of sexually transmitted disease and AIDS. \$25/couple, \$15/single.

• Super Sitter

Providence Medical Center, Novi - Feb. 2 and 9, 6 p.m. to 9 p.m.
Part 1: Instructions on basic babysitting skills, including safety, first aid, infants and children.

Part 2: Foreign body airway obstruction removal and Heimlich maneuver for infants and children. Class for children in grades 5 through 8. \$30 fee.

• The Latest Advances in Exercise for Low Back Pain

Providence Medical Center, Novi - Feb. 3, 7 p.m.
This lecture/demonstration is for all individuals interested in preventing low back pain, especially those with pain that interferes with daily living, sports or occupation.

• Feldenkrais Awareness Through Movement

Providence Medical Center, Farmington Hills - Feb. 3, 6 p.m. to 7 p.m.
Providence Medical Center, Novi - Feb. 4, 1 p.m. to 2 p.m.
Mission Health Medical Center, Livonia - Feb. 12, 9 a.m. to 10 a.m.
Experience Feldenkrais awareness through movement classes which can bring rewards of decreased muscular tension, increase flexibility and strength as well as an increase in energy. You can improve your natural ability to move regardless of age or physical condition. \$50 for five weeks. Proteins, carbohydrates, fats and fluids will be discussed. Fee, \$10.

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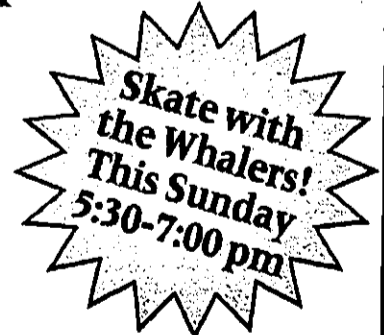


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