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Playing up the positives

The Health, Fitness & Lifestyle Show at the Novi Expo Center last weekend helped residents and guests make good on their New Year's resolutions. With over 200 health, exercise, nutrition medical, recreation, and beauty vendors on hand, the event has become a major show in the health industry — Page 3A

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Stretching for health

Yoga is no longer a new agey exercise complete with chants and candles. Nowadays, everyone can

stretch their body and minds

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Restaurant robber waits in bathrooms



By RANDAL YAKEY Staff Writer

He could be called the 'bathroom stall robber and Novi police are interested in talking to him about his restroom etiquette.

On Friday, December 29, at 10:21 On Friday, December 29, at 10/21 p.m., a customer went into the bath-room at the Red Lobster on Novi Road only to be grabbed from behind by a white male subject who brought a knife his throat and demanded the man's wallet and

money.

The victim complied and the sus-

pect took the man's wallet and money and fled the store. The victim then ran out of the restaurant and confronted the suspect in the park-ing lot. The victim demanded his wallet back and, according to police, told the suspect if he did not get his wallet back, he would "beat him up." Later that evening, Novi police were called to the On The Border

restaurant on Haggerty Road, just north of Eight Mile Road. Restaurant management reported a similar robbery attempt close to 11

Management reported that a male subject entered the bathroom and told the victim he had a gun and demanded the man's wallet and cash. The victim complied and the suspect fled the scene. Witnesses at the scene of the robbery were able to

the scene of the robbery were able to put together a composite drawing of the suspect.

The victim said the suspect told him he "needed a fix" and that he was "sorry" he had to rob him. The suspect reportedly told the man "I have a gun, don't move and give me

Before leaving, the suspect told the victim "I know where you live."

Police are looking for a white male, approximately 6'-2" to 6'-4" with a medium build and blotchy, acne tainted skin.

We think it is a reasonably good possibility that it is the same guy," Novi Delective Pat Fanning said. The composite (drawings) are relatively similar."

Anyone with information in either of these incidents are encouraged to call the Novi Police Department at (248) 348-7100.

Center receives tax abatement

By RANDAL YAKEY Staff Writer

The question of whether or not the Novi Expo Center will pack up and leave the city has been answered - they're stay-

Ing.
Novi City Council approved the tax abatement for the new Novi Expo Center on Monday by a vote of 4-2.

Mayor Pro-Tem Laura Lorenzo and council member Michelle Bononi were the two members to vote no at the Jan.

The abatement will add up to approximately \$255,000 for the new Expo Center but the city revenue from the project will bring the city over \$1.5 million over the next twenty years, according to the Novi City Assessors office. The city is expected to receive only \$12,875.09 from the empty property as is in the next fiscal

year.

Novi Expo Center President
Blair Bowman said he was
pleased by the city council vote
but would caution that there
are other "hurdles" that need to
be cleared before ground breakting can start

"We're very pleased with the outcome." Bowman said. "The majority of council made good strong, independent judgments on what the benefits were to this community. The bottom line is that this is a very posi-tive thing for the community."

"We now must do more analysis and site design work for an engineering standpoint," Bowman continued. "Then

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Cassis chosen for city council

Victor Cassis will replace Hugh Crawford on city council.

Quick and to the point. Quick and to the point.

After over a quarter century of being a fixture in Novi. Victor Cassis was unanimously voted in as the new city council member replacing Hugh Crawford, who was contacted the Company of the point of the contact of the cont

elected to the Oakland County Board of Commissioners last "I feel overwhelmed," Cassis said. "I was watching from home and I am humbled and honored by the unanimous vote. I love this city and I love the spirit of volunteering here. I will be a unifying person, a

Novi Mayor Richard Clark said that he was pleasantly surprised that Cassis was selected to replace

"We were kind of surprised when the vote came back," Clark said. "Because (Craig! DeRoche was ask-ing what do we do if we the 3-3. We didn't realize it was unanimous." But Clark said Cassis has been a

long time member of the Novi com-munity and expects Cassis to be a unifying force "He has the knowledge to bring

people from different backgrounds together." Clark said. "He's been a

consensus builder. Partners-in-crime



Photo by JOHN HEIDER

Brothers Erik, left, and Greg Abbc toast the opening of their new restaurant, La Luna, on Benstein Road. For the full story, see page 7A.

Slithering science lessons



Novi Woods student Ben Puente gets a snake-hug from an Austrelian jungle python during last week's Living Science Foundation visit to the school.

Novi visits the Outback

By STEPHANIE FORDYCE

The kindergarten class of Novi The kindergarten class of Novi Woods Elementary could hardly believes her vess as they watched five year-old. Hannah. Patterson allow a? foot jurgle python draper around her neck:

"I wasn't scared. He was really soft and very friendly," she said.

As part of the school's study on

global studies for grades K-4, Novi Woods invited Nicole Kinbbe from

the Living Science Foundation for an assembly on Australian ani-mais last week, allowing students to experience exotic animals firsthand instead of simply reading

"I think it was neat that we were allowed to pet and hold the ani-mals," said 6-year-old kindergart-ner Spencer Lattinen.

Bringing in animals ranging from a wallaby to a white tree frog, the students learned all about the

deserts and rain forests.

Kinbbe displayed a variety of other unusual animals as well.

including a Blue Tongue skink and a tortoise named Molly. Kinbee presented each animal a time, explaining the unique fea-tures of each species, their eating habits, and how the animals interact with the environment.

The fun really began when she

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Novi mother charged with burning her 11-month-old

By RANDAL YAKEY Staff Writer

A Novi mother of two was taken into custody by the Novi police over an alleged case of child abuse right before the holidays

Marisa Borsa, 22, was arrested on Dec. 22 after police claimed that the woman held her 11-month-old child in scalding bath water for up to three minutes. Such an exposure could have produced second or third degree burns on the child, according to Oakland County Prosecutor's Family Division Deborah Carley. Carley said Borsa initially tried to

Carley said Borsa initially tried to blame the incident on her 2 1/2 year old daughter.
This child was held down in 120

degree water," Carley said. There are second and third degree burns on over 15 percent of the child's body." Borsa's Attorney Randall Lewis said Borsa has indicated the entire

"This child was held down in 120 degree water."

Oakland County Prosecutor Family Division

this child." Lewis said. "She was picked up the Friday before Christmas, she had no prior criminal record, and she spent Christmas and New Years in Jail."

Borsa is currently being held on Borsa is currently being near co-\$150,000 personal bond. She was originally held on \$150,000 cash bond which would require her to pay a personal bond is put up (\$1,500) she will be released to a three-quarters house in Pontiac under courtsanctioned supervision. Judge Brian MacKenzie. 52nd 1st District Court, has prohibited Borsa from any con-tact with her children, or any minors,

until the case has been res According to Lewis, there also remains a neglect case against Borsa. Borsa's children are currently in the custody of her parents who, Lewis said, were "extremely upset

that their daughter was 'hauled off' in such a manner.
"They grabbed her out in front of her house," Lewis said. 'She had no attorney present. There was no reason for that.

Lewis said Borsa's previous attor-ney told police if she was going to be arrested that his office be contacted. Police never contacted the attorney and Borsa was taken into custody

and Borsa was taken into custody.

The evidence doesn't agree with what she said. Novi Detective Kevin Hebert said. The physical injuries to the infant do not match."

Prosecutors have field a petition to terminate Borsa's parental rights. A hearing on the neglect issue is scheduled for this week in Oakland County Circuit Count.

ported to Providence Hospital in Nort where he was pronounced dead at 9:21 p.m. There were no other passengers in the Dodge, Icy roads are considered to blame for the accident.

A 21-year-old pregnant female was also transported to the hospi-tal but she was listed in temporary serious condition at the time of the accident. No further information was available on the female who was a passenger in the Expedition.

Accident investigators are completing their report and will submit their findings to the Oakland County Prosecutors Office for

CLERK ASSAULTED

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Police say that a gas station clerk was assaulted by a male subject that she did not steal the

after he refused to sell eigarcites to the man's female comp When a female subject entered the Speedway gas station at 47395 Pontlac Trail and tried to purchase a pack of eigarettes, police said she left the station upset and her com-panion went inside to purchase the

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When the clerk tried to explain Retail Fraud, according to police that he could not sell the cigarettes to the woman, the male subject

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spit in the clerk's face.
Both suspects left the scene and returned after approximately ten minutes, according to the clerk The male subject tried to enter the store and, as the clerk attempted to keep the man out, both men ended up outside where the suspect struck the clerk several times in

The incident has been forwarded to the detective bureau for further investigation.

A 35-year-old Novi woman was

arrested after police say she fried to steal two gold necklaces from a jewelry store on Novi Road on Wednesday, January 3.

items and was actually bringing the items back to be checked.

The woman reportedly told police that she "couldn't afford to get in arrests before, but the 28-year-old investigation.

The incident was forwarded to the detective bureau for further investigation. anymore trouble" because she was already on probation from the 52nd 1st Division Court in Novi for drunk driving and the Oakland County Circuit Court for Felony

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male was arrested for drunk driv-ing after he was pulled over by Novi police during the early morning

hours along Ten Mile near Wixom Road on Jan. 8, Police pulled the man over and indicated that he was 'highly infox-A SIGN FROM ABOVE

Nov! Police arrested a male subject after he tried to use a phony purchase receipt to claim a power tractor at the Home Depot on Cond River on Saturday, Jan. 6.

Cond River on Saturday, Jan. 6.

The police point in the police report. The suspect appeared not to be too worried and reportedly told police that he "probably drank too much" but that "it's okay because I have After police brought him into custody, they questioned him about being a possible accomplice. While in custody, the man received the man received and party at the Wyndam Hotel as a phone call from, someone who he well as at the Library Pub. called his cousin, who wanted to

RANSACKED HOME

know when the man would be released. When asked how the caller knew he was in custody, the man said that "the Lord Jesus" had Montmorency to find it had been i broken into and ransacked on Jan

The suspect, an 22-year old from
Oak Park, had apparently used
another phony receipt to acquire

When police arrived on the
scene, they found that a storm another tractor from a Home Depot door was removed and items were strewn all over the inside of the home. The victim was still calculating stolen items at the time this

report was being compiled.

The incident was forwarded to

Novi Briefs

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told his cousin.

Parks and Rec group meets

The Novi Parks and Recreation Commission meeting scheduled for Jan. 11 will begin at 6:30 p.m. [not 7:30 p.m.] at the Novi Civic Center Council Chambers. For further information contact Dan Davis, director, at (248) 347-0400.

Sex Education Public Hearing

A public hearing on the health curriculum, including sex education instruction, will be held on Jan. 18 at 6:45 p.m. at Orchard Hills Elementary. Course materials for the class including videos are available for review of the Polymer Course. or review at the Educational Services Building.

Deerfield Kindergarten Registration

An information meeting and registration deadline have been scheduled for parents who are interested in enrolling their children in the full-day kindergarten program at Deerfield Elementary School for the 2001/2002

Tuesday, Jan. 23 at 6:30 p.m. in the cafeteria. This information meeting about their full-day program is for parents only.

Monday, Feb. 5 at 4 p.m. in the office: Kindergarien deadline
Wednesday, Feb. 7, at 4:15 p.m. in the cafeteria: Kindergarten lottery

drawing held, if needed, Parents only, A Novi resident returned to her trailer home in the 29000 block of Montmorency to find it had been described by the described

Preschool Registration

Novi Community School District Preschool Program for the 2001/2002 school year will be held on a first come, first serve basis according to the following schedule: Saturday, Jan. 27 from 8-10 a.m. registration for Novi residents who

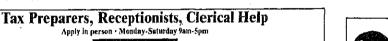
are currently enrolled in the program begins.

Saturday, Feb. 3 from 8-10 a.m. is open registration for district residents.Thursday, June 1 from 8:30 a.m. 4 p.m. is open registration for

Parents may register children who are 3,4, or 5 years old by Dec. 1, 2001 at the Community Education office. Classes begin the week of Sept. 5, 2001 and end May 31, 2002. For more information, please call (248)

CARE Program

The Novi Community School District CARE program will be open during Mid-Winter break [Feb. 19-23] at Deerfleld Elementary School. The hours will be from 7 a.m. to 6 p.m., Monday through Friday, All schedules and payments must be turned into CARE leaders by Feb. 2. There will be a field trip to Novi Bowl on Wednesday, Feb. 21. A Bowl-a-thon will be held, with proceeds going to Novi Youth Assista



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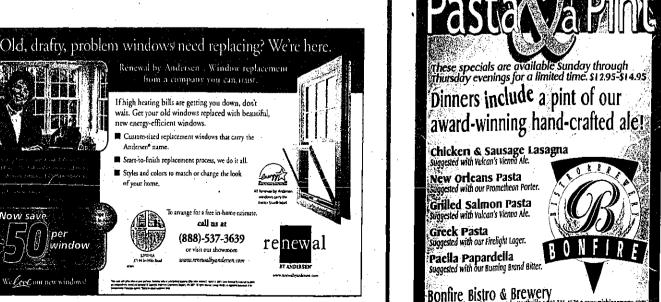
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Changing for 2001

Show inspires healthy attitude for attendees

By STEPHANIE FORDYCE

Thirty-five-year-old Ashley Dobbs of Redford came to the Health, Fitness & Lifestyle Show at the Novi Expo Center looking to make good on her New Year's reso

"My goal for 2001 is to lose 35 pounds," she said, while surveying some exercise equipment. "I want to be the size I was when I got mar-Gloria Gaines-Hanna of Glogannis Spa in Farmington Hills.

ried six years ago."

For Dobbs, and others like her, event," Starrs said, "where you come in and there's something for nom and dad. We also have somelast weekend's Expo show was the perfect place to start.

thing for the kids such as nutrition, medical, recreation, and beauty vendors on hand each year. rollerblading and skating activi the Health, Fitness & Lifestyle Show has become the premiere event in health care supplies and The show also welcomed cooking seminars and guest speakers like 2000 World Toughwoman services.

"We wanted to create a show not Champion Mary Jo Saunders and Just for weight lifters, but for the average person-someone like me, who may not be in the best of fitness guru Peter Nielsen.
Nielsen's message of health and fitness went beyond the concepts of proper nutrition, exercise and changing eating habite shape," said co-promoter Brian Starrs of H & F Productions. changing eating habits.

One of his many objectives was to show individuals that he or she

"We want people to come in and get ideas on how to improve their lives and longevity."
With over 20,000 people in attendance throughout the weekend, Starrs said they are hoping to be a national example for this kind of can achieve success within personal relationships, family, business

convention. "We have everything having to do with health and fitness," said the Novi resident. "We have home exer

cise equipment, vitamins, health clubs, and medical screening from

loss to cosmetic surgery Other exhibits also included "We try to make this a holistic and metaphysical prod-ucts, hot tubs and spas, sportsfamily event, where you wear, and personal training.
Visitors could also get free exams come in and there's from chiropractors like Dr. Karen Slota from Greater Michigan Chiropractic of Livonia as well as

something for mom and dad. We also have something for the kids such as rollerblading and "We try to make this a family

skating activities."

Brian Starts.

show promoter and physical appearance by working hard, having self esteem and, most of all, maintaining focus with

aspirations in life.

Sponsored by H & F Productions,
WWJ, and the Detroit News, the
Health, Fitness & Lifestyle Show is now in its third year running. Stephante Fordyce is a staff writer for the Novi News. Her e-mall address is

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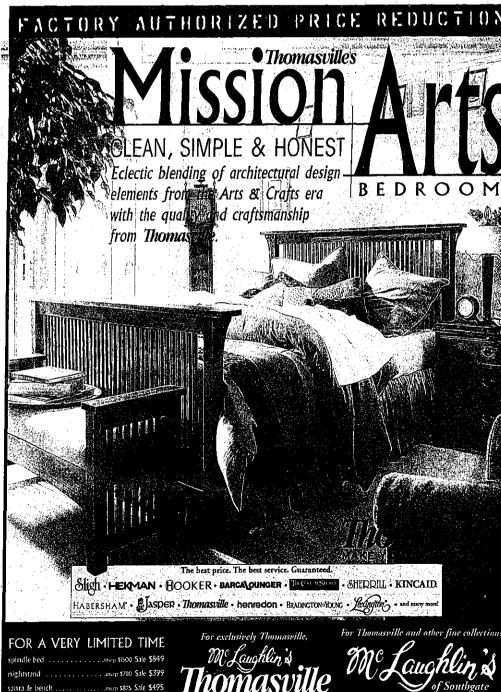
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Some students had an acceptant of the students of the students and the students had an animal.

Some students had an opportunity to come up and pet Radar the wallobe, who calmly let the children grace their hand across his back.

Kindergartners Milan Tvardek and Matthew Kolowicz, both 5, said Radar was definitely their favorite, and were amazed at how fast and high he

feet and as fast as 45 miles per hour, and that he can put his entire body weight on only his tail. Students also enjoyed hearing about Calvin & Hobbes, two white tree frogs, who release water out

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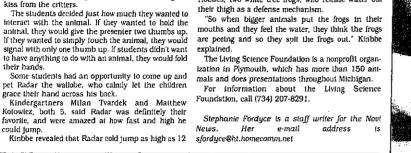
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Ward Presbyterian Church 40000 Six Mile Road, Northville (Behind Barnes & Noble at 6 Mile and Haggerty)

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Novi Woods Elementary School student Meghan Telder holds

on to a blue-tongued skink last Thursday as animals from the land of Australia visited the school.

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Elementary students explore like Vikings

Though not quite ready to cross
le North Atlantic, students in the melee was Ericson's brother. the North Atlantic, students in Suzanna Aheimer's class at Thornton Creek Elementary built a Viking ship while studying European and Scandinavia

Aheimer said she wanted to bring to the classroom. The building of the ship started in mintature when a student bullt a model of a Viking ship and brought it into class.

We thought it looked neat, and pretty soon we had all kinds of materials coming in from the stu-dents' homes," Aheimer said. "We Just kind of found ourselves in over our head with stuff and we had a ship before we knew it."

the other European explorers," he

Erica Tykao learned that shields adorned the port and starboard sides of the ships as a defense against attack from competing explorers or native populations. The Vikings made their multiple litrips between the Old World and

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where sailing was concerned, they weren't necessarily the brightest when it came to warfare. Student Greg Sheppard said he learned that on one of Lelf Erleson's return visits to Vinland, Ericson and some of his fellow sailors located row presence of another party nearby





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City gives funds to auto supplier

"...we feel there will be a spill-over for the city in

MEGA approved a \$5.3 million
Single Business Tax Credit for
Tower Automotive that would be
spread out over a ten year period
last December 17.

tions improvements, the company
will be able to bring 100 new jobs
into the city of Novi. The jobs will
be high tech workers whose
salaries will range from \$50.000

last December 17.

"We need this to perform at high speed," said Tower Automotive's speed," said Tower Automotive's also said that the tax obligation to John Wasylyk, who noted that the

new telecommunications lines would be available for other businesses to tap into.

Tower's Richard Burgess said that with the new telecommunications. This will be the focus for our North American operations, Burgess said, "And we feel there

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Novi." Novi Mayor Richard Clark said the estimated \$50,000 that Tower Automotive will contribute to the

city's park fund will help offset the cost of the infrastructure funding.
"In the long run this access line

Council Member Michelie Bononi, who voted against the funding along with Mayor Pro-Tem Laura Lorenzo, said she felt the

city was being "held hostage" by the MEGA board in forcing the city to pay for funding so Tower could

can be tapped into by other the OST corridor," Clark said.

blies used by auto makers all over

Volkswagen and Mercedes-Benz,

Michigan Economic Growth Authority (MEGA.)

The Novi City Council approved a resolution for local support that would provide \$64,320 for "infra-The Vikings took no chances with the gods, though, and decorated the bow of their crafts with Monday.

Tower Automotive, a leading designer and manufacturer of structural components and assem-

flgureheads. On the S.S. Aheimer. explorers.

The ship, constructed from card-board boxes, tubes and a bedsheet, was one of the hands-on elements was one of the hands-on elements. the world including, Ford, General Motors, Saturn, Honda, Nissan, Bavarian Motors (BMW), also bridged gaps and formed friendships between classmates. "We like to be a hands-on class," Ahelmer said. "Of course, we have asked the city for the funds only as a requirement to receive an esti-mated \$5.3 million from the to read the books, but in between

we try to have activities that give us a chance to manipulate or build something. We try to have a little bit of fun along the way."

The ship was just one part of the explorers unit. Other elements of study have included pen-palling with sixth grade counterparts in Jyvaskyla, Finland, and learning labout the feared Vikings Eric the land and Luff Erloren.

Red and Leif Erleson.

The lessons learned about the 11th and 12th-century seafarers was apparently sinking in. Student Luci Boar said he learned that the 'Vikings made landfall on two areas of modern-day North America: Vinland and Newfoundland, He also learned that the Vikings were capes and carried battle axes.

They were a lot different than

or clearance item : the New to trade for goods.

True to form, the S.S. Ahelmer was also protected from attack with shields of its own, albeit of the

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and shattered lives are what's left of a liaison between a regis-

girl.

Gary Michael Platko, 44, a reg-Istered dietician in the city of Farmington faces criminal sexual with a teenager from Novi.

Police said when a friend rec the relationship turned unprofessional when the two began sexual rendezvouses at three dif-ferent locations including Platko's office and the teen's

According to police, the father and Platko met about a year and a half ago at the Farmington Tennis Club, where the teen had stopped in to watch the men play

who is a nationally board certi-fied registered dietitian, began seeing the teen professionally later that month

According to the police reports.
Platko, as part of the teen's nutritional counseling, would give 'massages' that he called energy balancing.' The teen told police that during one of these massage sessions Platko engaged in oral sex with her. in oral sex with her.

"A lot of people believe in this
Chakra energy hoeus poeus,
Oakland County Deputy Chief
Prosecutor John N. O'Brien II
Conduct in the feeted." That was the resident of the control of the said. That was the vehicle by which he took advantage.

On Aug. 8, the teen said Platko came to her residence in Novi and engaged in sex with her. Two days later Platko picked the teen up from her residence for a luncheon date and afterwards

spent time at the teen's home. In October, police interviewed Platko over a two day period October 24 and 25th. During the

interviews, Platko admitted to

'nutritional counseling.' Platko, who is a nationally board certified registered dietitian, began and Novi. Platke detailed for police how.

during one encounter, he walted for the girl's mother to leave work, entered the home and went upstairs to the girl's bedroom. took off all my clothes and got into bed with her. Platko told police. "She was naked. She

always sleeps naked. I performed

O'Brien said Platko will be charged with Criminal Sexual Conduct in the first degree and al hearing within the next two

He was supposed to be caring for a small child but police say he broke that trust by sexually assaulting a child while the mother was away. Former Novi resident Timothy Allen Brown, 33.

has been charged with criminal sexual conduct oretble contact with a 6-year old girl, according to

that after the mother of the six-year-old dropped the child off at the baby sitter, the child told the sitter of

According to the police reports, the child told the sitter that Brown laid down next to the child and put his hand on her "privates." Brown apparently told he child that he was only checking her underpants

Police reports indicate the mother told police the child accused Brown because she wanted him "out of the house." Later, she changed her mind and has been 'fully cooperating' with the prosecutors office, according to Oakland County Prosecutor Shareen

duct (CSC) in the first degree which carries a maxi-

"It was a six year old girl," Lynch said. n: was a any year old gift. Lyttert said.

Brown, who currently resides in Farmington Hills, is expected to be in Oakland County Circuit Court on January 27 in front of Judge Wendy Potts for pretri-

Randal Yakey is a staff writer for the Novi News

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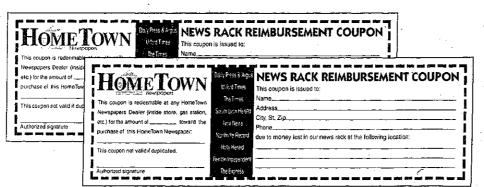
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is many women in the Officer States die of neart disease and stroke is from all forms of cancer.

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The Fridge is now open at Waterford Oaks County in Waterford. conditions permitting, through Mid-March.
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available; purchase can be applied to an all-day pass on day of

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mate 10' incline. Guests can bring a sled or purchase one at Lookout Lodge. The sledding hill is open during regular Fridge Waterford Oaks County Park is on Scott Lake Road, between Dixie

Highway and Pontiac Lake Road.

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Upcoming sporting events for the week of Jan. 11: WALLED LAKE WESTERN

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Wrestling	•	
Jan. 11	6:30 p.m.	Canton
Jan. 13	9:30 a.m.	Freshmen at Garden City
Jan. 13	9:30 a.m.	Varsity at Romulus Invitational
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Jan. 13	8:30 a.m.	Varsity at Royal Oak
		Invitational
Jan. 17	5:30 p.m.	at Canton
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lan. 11	7 p.m.	at Walled Lake Central
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Jan. 16	6 p.m.	at South Lyon
Skiing		
fan. 15	3 p.m.	Lakeland
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lan. 12	6 p.m.	at South Lyon (Kensington
	3	Valley Arena)
an. I3	5:20 p.m.	Churchill (Lakeland Ice Arena)
Basketball		
an. 12	7 p.m.	North Farmington
an. 16	7 p.m.	at Salem
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Vrestling		
an. 11	6:30 p.m.	at Salem
an. 13	8 a.m.	Varsity at Troy Invitational
an. 13	9:30 a.m.	JV at Garden City
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an. 15	5:30 p.m.	at Franklin
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The Ninth Annual Walled Lake Schools Parenting Education

Fair will be held on Saturday, Feb. 9 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at

Walnut Creek Middle School. Everyone is invited to attend.

Dr. Nancy Buck, an author and nationally known parenting-education.

Dr. Nancy Buck, an author and nationally known parenting-education. The statement of the statem Dr. Nancy Buck, an author and nationally known parenting-education speaker, will deliver the keynote address. Her topic is a break from the elements.

7 p.m.

Jan. 12

at Franklin

Peaceful Parenting.

Twenty-four break out sessions on a variety of topics will follow br. Buck's presentation. Topics include "Healthy Childhood Self Engowering Your Pre-schooler." Managing Sibling Rivalry. Empowering Your Pre-schooler. "Protecting Our Kids on the Internet." Survival Strategies for Parents of Teens. "21st Century Fathering." "Reys to Effective Discipline," and many more. Admission is \$8 for the entire program. An optional lunch will be available on site for \$6. Child care for children ages 2-12 will also be available for a nominal fee of \$2 per family for the entire day.

available for a nominal fee of \$2 per family for the entire day.

Additional information and registration materials for the

Parenting Education Fair are available by contacting Alec Bender at



Cookin' with flair

La Luna dishes up Italian delicacies

people talking.
"The food is out of this world,"

said Sherri Walker from Wixon, who now calls herself a regular. Everything from the Wedding Soup to the Veal Marsala to their Now I look forward to coming here every Saturday night for dinner."

With nightly specials and nearly Gratella which 50 entrees to choose from, La comes with Luna's co-owner and chef Erik sautéed fresh Abbo hopes his dishes will intro-duce clients to a potpourri for the ed peppers,

"This isn't the Olive Garden," he mushrooms said. We have a number of unique dishes all original recipes. Everything is homemade and has Dishes like his handmade Risotto

and Provimi Calves Liver are just two of many entrees Abbo aspires will set La Luna apart from typical American-Italian restaurants.
"I wasn't even going to put (liver)
on the menu, but people really seem to dig it and my Risottos I'm

restaurant with his three brothers; Greg, Jay, and Aaron, said they are dedicated in serving the cleanest, purest foods available, using only sundried tomatoes, fresh herbs, cream and brandy, and the

"Everything I make, I make as if I Do not expect to find a generic ltalian menu at La Luna Grille on Benstein Road. was going to eat it. he said. People are only going to get the best. We only use fresh herbs, choice cut meats, and all our sauces are

> pasta, shrimp, veal, chicken fish, or steak, La Luna has it all plus they are vegetarian friendly, serving dishes like Lasagna Primavera, Eggplant Parmesan and Fettuccine Alfredo.

encouraged to sit at the bar where they can sip some fine Italian For new com-Tramisu, is absolutely delicious.

Now I look forward to coming here commends the crs, Abbo recommends the S a 1 m o n Gratella; which comes i with sautéed fresh experiences. Everything I make, I selection of wines and cock- which selection of wines and cock- tails. Set in a quaint sautéed fresh experience in the dining room and tell me how good the food is. It's almost embarrassing how

Each meal is served with warm

baked foccacia bread with the chers original dipping sauce, and salad with their balsamic vinaigrette house dressing made from "The salads here are heavenly," said first time patron Norine Ruese of White Lake who was din-

ing with her friend Craig Young.
"It's full of mixed greens and
Romaine lettuce- not something

"He had a really good time," she

Michigan winter for the first time.

"It caught her by surprise," she

comes | with sautéed fresh spinach, roast ed peppers, cannellini beans and portabello restaurant for Abbo and his broth-

As the former chef of West Bloomfield's Paparazzi's Restaurant, Abbo has over 14 years of experience as a cook, serving in restaurants all over Michigan and southern portions of the United States. His brother Greg, who been in

and out of the restaurant establishment managerial wise for several years, said opening La Luna's was not only a business move for the brothers, but also a tribute to

are the chefs ravorite, but customers will also enjoy unique "starters" like the Wild Mushroom/Polenta, with sundried tomatoes, fresh herbe cream and "" arso a tribute to meir father.

"My dad passed away a year ago, and in a way, this is in honor of him." he said.

With Grede house of the cheft of the Township. For more information With Greg's business expertise writer for the Novi News. Her eand Erik's ambrosial cooking, the two make for a winning combina-

Italian sausage garnished with a crispy cornmeal fritter and pickled garlic cloves.

Cal Valentine of Milford said be sure to save room for desert, as, he fed himself the last morsel of time when they ear and and his comman. Chocolate the last work of the save to be save to

Even after dinner, guests are

their multitude so good to us," he said. "They drag

September after the closing of th

The restaurant will soon be offer ing catering services as well as cooking classes and also plans on holding theme nights like "Scotch & Cigar Parlies" and "Wine Parties" during the week.

Prices range from \$8.95 to \$17.95 and private parties are also available. "The service is excellent and the food is great. It's a nice place," said Novi resident Rena Reno. Benstein Road in Commerce

call (248) 669-2122.

Students spent time wisely for Christmas break

For a brief time spanning the final week of December and spilling make the winter break especially over to the following year, students memorable and enjoyable within the Walled Lake School had the chance to put heir pens, pencils, and note-thing from snow creatures to snow forts out of the abundant supply of away their pens, pencils, and note-

of an academic year, students within the district were released for began Dec. 21 and ended on Jan. With the responsibilities of

Lindsay Holbrook, an eighth Other students also said they had enjoyed their vacation and took advantage of the wintery conditions outdoors. said. "It was really nice.

busy but enjoyable one.

Holbrook during part of her Scott Sells, a sixth grade student vacation, she helped celebrate the at Clifford H. Smart Middle School, said he opened presents Christmas morning and also watched family videos picturing his grandparents

After delying through nearly half white stuff that has pummeled

much of the area

at a relatively young age.

The cold weather also made for

"It was very relaxing. It was just nice not to do anything." Students wasted no time in

Louise Schneberger computer resource teacher

autdoors for winter recreation and snowmen.

While some students and their families stayed around the area visiting friends, others used the Perhaps the most favored aspect visiting friends, others used the time to take a family vacation, Seventh grade student, Kelsey Barris, had a memorable vacation. She said her family took a trip to Canada and visited Niagara Falls.

she said. While indoors, Barris said she fireworks outside at midnight Students from Clifford Smart Middle School weren't the only

ones, enjoying a holiday break.

and relaxing vacation period. Louise Schneberger, a computer resource teacher, said she used the time off to catch up on some recreational reading. Schneberger said she took a list of books to the library, checked them out, and immersed herself in the stories.

"I love to read," she said, "It was

Schneberger said she also had Holbrook said during her vacation sells also find tion she helped a friend build a snowman, who is experiencing a well as built the seasonal snowfort seems of the state for the state of t The party was attended by school co-workers, neighbors and friends. Perhaps the most favored aspect ties or traveling many miles, but spending tranquil moments at home away from the hustle and bustle of everyday life.

Schneberger said she spent New "It was my first time visiting," Year's Day, making candles and also had the opportunity to swim in the hotel pool. As well as see a few thing."

Jennifer Norris is a reporter for the Milford Times. She can be

Fire Log

Monday, Jan. 1 Medical, 45125 Ten Mile Road, 3:26 a.m., Squad 3, Medical, 20800 Woodland Glen, 4:32 a.m., Squad 3, Medical, 22:132 Edgewater,

12:08 p.m., Squad 3. Medical, 44490 Eleven Mile Road, 3:26 p.m., Squad I. Medicai, 27414 Novi Road,

Fuel Spill, 31270 Springlake,

Tuesday, Jan. 2 Investigation, 25922 Areadia. 10:40 a.m., Engine 4.

p.m., Squad 2.

Injury accident, Nevi Road Squad 2, and 1-96, 1:02 p.m., Squad 1, Medical, 1516 LaBenta, 1:34 Thursd

10:26 p.m., Squad 3

Wednesday, Jan. 3

Medical, 31128 Sherecrest, 12:04 a.m., Squad 2, Medical, 42141 Elston, 5:17 a.m., Squad 3. Medical, 24375 Knollwood. 10:18 a.m., Squad r. Medical, 22227 11:09 a.m., Squad 3. Service, 23400 Greening, 1:24

River, 6:39 p.m., Engines 1, 4. Car fire, Meadowbrook and Brownstone, 10:02 p.m., Engine Medical, 24380 Venice, 10:27

Jun., Squad 4. Wires arcing, 39820 Eight injury accident, M-5 and Twelve Mile Road, 11:59 p.m., Squad 2. Service, 1155 S. Lake, 8:43 a.m., Squad 2.

Medical, 41144 Vincenti, 9:34

a.m., Squad 1. Medical, 45150 Wilshire, 9:55

a.m., Squad 2. Fire alarm, 42500 Arena, Fire alarm, 42500 Arena, Squad 3.
12:20 p.m. Engines 3, 1.
Medical, Twelve Oaks and 12:57 p.m., Squad 1. Parking, 12:59 p.m., Squad 1, Medical, 905 Lemay, 2:57 p.m., Squad 2. Injury accident, Grand River and Meadowbrook, 5:36 p.m.,

Squad 1. Medical, 23620 Meadowbrook. 10:05 p.m., Squad 3. Friday, Jan. 5

Fire alarm, 43155 Main St., 1:45 a.m., Engines 1, 3. Medical, 31065 Beachwalk, 6:14 a.m., Squad 2.

Fire alarm, 40000 Grand River, 9:54 a.m., Engines 3, 1. investigation 45420 White Pines, 10:51 a.m., Engine 3. Medical, Ten Mile and Taft,

12:19 p.m., Squad 3.
Injury accident. Eight Mile and Orchard Hill. 12:50 p.m., Squad 3.
Medical, 41108 Vincenti, Investigation, Novi Road and Inserting Market Street, 9:13 p.m., Engine 4.1.
Investigation, Novi Road and Market Street, 9:13 p.m., Engine

Expo Drive, 2:52 p.m., Engine 10:30 p.m., Squad 3. 1. Medical, 43465 Bennington.

Fire alarm, 43155 Main, 4:49
p.m., Engine 1.
Medical, Twelve Qaks and 11:51 p.m., Engine 3. Hudson's, 5:37 p.m., Squad 1. Medical, Grand River and Meadowbrook, 6:41 p.m., Squad

Electrical fire, 148 Henning, Total p.m., Engine 2.
Injury accident, 1-96 and Novi
Road, 8:08 p.m., Squad 1.
Injury accident, 1-96 and
Beck Road, 8:23 p.m., Squad 4.

Beck Road, 8:23 p.m., Squad 4.

Service, 42975 Grand River, 8:38 a.m., Response 507.

Size alarm, 42705 Grand

Saturday, Jan. 6 Medical, 45182 West Park, Fire alarm, 42705 Grand River, 7:18 p.m., Engines 1, 3. Trash fire, Charlemagne and 12:08 a.m., Squad 2. Trash fire, Charlemagne an Medical, 25565 Clark St., Chateau, 7:36 p.m., Engine 2.

Sunday, Jan. 7

Medical, 45182 West Park, 1:14 a.m., Squad 2. Medical, 24848 Old Orchard,

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Obituaries

WILFRED A. STERNER

in Farmington Hills. She was born Dec. 25, 1912, in Detroit to Fredrick W. and Lalvina (Wurm)

Ms. Sterner was a lifelong resident of Novl. She was a retired engineer with the auto industry, and a member of St. Pau's Evangelical Lutheran Church of Novlethella Ms. Sterner was a lifelong resident of Novl. She was a retired engineer with the auto industry, worthville.

Arrangements were made by grandchildren, and grandchildren, an engineer with the auto industry, and a member of St. Paul's Memorial contributions to the Evangelical Lutheran Church of Northville. Ms. Sterner was a American Bible Society, or the Ms. Maschmeyer was preceded in death by her husband, Land V. St. Santies were held on Eriday. graduate of the University of

Michigan.

She is survived by two brothers, Melvin [Gwen] of Farmington
Hills and Fredrick (Bettle) of Margaret c. ! Kalkaska; and nephew and niece. Walter (Mim) of Indiana.

Ms. Sterner was preceded in born in 1912.

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Ms. Sterner was preceded in death by a sister.

Services will be held Jan. 11, 11:30 a.m. at St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church in Northville, with Pastor Thomas Lubeck officiating.

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Services were held on Friday, Jan. 5 at O'Brien C. Chapel/Sullivan Funeral Home

Interment was in White Chape

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1.00 p.m. - Adventures with 1:30 p.m. - The Hobby Corner

2:00 p.m. — Community Living 2:30 p.in.-3:30 p.m. - Where

Do We Go From Here? A Post Graduate Documentary 4:00 p.m. — Holistic Health 4:30 p.m. - Aviation Journal 5:00 p.m. - New Millennium

5:30 p.m. - Army News Watch 6:00 p.m. - Christian Singles

Today 6:30 p.m. — Bagels and Talk 7:00 p.m. - Lansing Connection 7:30 p.m. - People who Make

8:30 p.m. — Mountain Ski: Inside the Mind of a Ski Racer 9:00 p.m. — A Man and His Dream: Modeling the Interurban 9:30 p.m. — Historic District

comulssion: Farmington Junction Tuesday, Jan. 16 10:00 a.m. — Legislative Forum 10:30 a.m. — Law Talk: Risk

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1.00 p.m. — (con't) 1:30 p.m. — Chamber Spotlight 2:00 p.m. — Home For Life: Drywall Techniques

2:30 p.m. — Lansing
Connection

3:00 p.m. - Living Without 3:30 p.m. — Walled Lake School: Maple Elementary Thanksgiving

Play
4:00 p.m. — Cosby and 4:00 p.m. — Cosby and Company: SpirIt of Ford 4:30 p.m. — Pet Talk; Golden Retriever Rescue of Michigan 5:00 p.m. — The Way, The Truth, and The Life and The Life

5:30 p.m. — People Who Make Things Happen:
6:00 p.m. — Harvest
6:30 p.m. — Aviation Journal

7:00 p.m. - Potpourri: Bill 7:30 p.m. — The Hobby Corner 8:00 p.m. — The Cutting Room Floor 8:30 p.m. — (con't)

9:00 p.m. — Out in the Open 9:30 p.m. — (côn't) Wednesday, Jan. 17 10:00 a.m. - The Cutting Room

10:30 a.m. — (con't) l 1:30 a.m. — (con't)

12:00 p.m. - People Who Make

Cable group meets Tues.

The Cable Access Committee will meet at 7 p.m. on Tuesdays at SWOCC, 24021 Research Drive, Farmington Hills. The dates are as follows: Jam. 9, Feb. 13, March 13, April 10, May 8, June 12, Sept. 11, Oct. 9, Nov. 13, and Dec. 11.

The SWOCC will meet on the following dates, time and place:
• Tuesday, Jan. 16, 4:30 p.m. at Farmington City Hall Council Chambers, 23600 Liberty St.,

Farmington Hills City Hall Council Chambers, 31555 Eleven Mile

oad, Farmington Hills. • Tuesday, May 1, 7 p.m. at Novi Hall Council Chambers. City Hall Council Cl 45175 W. Ten Mile, Novi. • Tuesday, Oct. 2, 4:30 p.m. at Farmington City Hall Council

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7:30 p.m. - Financial Strategies

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hildren of the Snow 11:00 a.m. — Michigan Living: Winter Car Care 11:30 a.m. — New Millennium 12:00 a.m. - Bagels and Talk 12:30 p.m. — That's Italian 1.00 p.m. — Aviation Journal 1:30 p.m. — Abundant Life Arable Ministries

Elementary 2:00 p.m. - This is Racing in 3:00 p.m. - Law Talk: Risk

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4:00 p.m. — The Cutting Room 4:30 n m — (con't)

6:00 p.m. - We're Making

7:00 p.m. - Holistic Health 7:30 p.m. — Cosby and Company: Spirit of Ford 8:00 p.m. — People who Make Things Happen: Erwin Cohen 8:30 p.m. — Pel Talk: Golden

Retriever Rescue 9:00 p.m. — Let's Talk with Ben 9:30 p.m. -- [con'l]

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10:30 a.m. - Christian Single 11:00 a.m. - The Jesus Center

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LIBRARY CLOSED MARTIN LUTHER KING DAY The library will be closed Monday Jan. 15 for Martin Luther King Jr

STORYTIME NOTES

Winter Storytimes begin Jan. 22. Please call the library during the week of Jan. 15 for information on the day and time of your child's session. THE CHAPTER CLUB

sion group for grades four-six, meets Saturday, Jan. 13, from 11 a.m.-noon. We'll be discussing "Sasquatch" by Roland Smith. To sign up please stop by the library or call the youth depart-

Children ages 19-24 months are invited to join us for a half-hour of stories; songs and games on Friday, Jan. 19 at 11 a.m. Registration is not red, however, space is limited, so toddlers and caregivers only, please.

SERIES FUN NIGHT Youth series fans are invited to Series Fun Night on Wednesday, Jan. 24 any time between 7-8:30 p.m. There will be crafts, games, prizes, and lots of fun related to the "Magic Tree House series, the "American Girl" young readers. If you need some new series, and other popular series for

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works, practice using the Netscape Navigator browser, and learn about search engines on Wednesday, Jan. 24, from 1-3 p.m. The class includes teleposition of the class includes interactive discussion and hands-on MORE INTERNET further use of the Internet, building on

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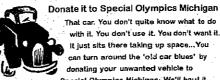
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Planning Commission for the City of Now will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, January 17, 2001 at 7:30 PM, in the Now Civic Center, 45175 W. Ten Mile Road, Novi, MI to consider <u>ERICKSON RETUREMENT COMMUNITIES SP</u> 00-56, located profit of Thirteen Mile Road and northeast of Meadowbrook Road, to consider <u>PRELMINARY SITE PLAN WITH PD-1 OPTION. SPECIAL LAND USE PERMIT, WOODLAND PERMIT AND WETLAND PERMIT approvals. The applicant is proposing a senior citizen retirement communi-</u>



All interested persons are invited to attend. Verbal comments may be heard a hearing and any written comments must be received by the Planning & Commu Development Department, 45175 W. Ten Mile Road, Novi, MI 48375 until 500 NOVI PLANNING COMMISSION ROBERT CHURELLA, SECRETARY

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The issue arose on Jan. 3, when Autometrics Collision, Inc., a body repair shop, approached the board for preliminary site plan approval. The site located on the north side of Grand River Avenue between Haggerty and Meadowbrook Roads, is zoned light

is not permitted in the district under the ordinance, However, in April, Autometrics Collision received a waiver from the Harrington, had previously applied

industrial and the body shop's use

Members debated whether or not the ZBA waiver superseded special land use approval from the com-

nance to change zoning in this area reads a so we would not see these kinds of stand." things, but the ZBA gave approval and now we are stuck with it," said commissioner Victor Cassis.

Harrington of Ke Ford Collision and Kelth Wilson of Bob Sellers Pontiac GMC did not feel the ZBA decision was fair because it allowed for outside storage. Both felt that it would allow for

an influx of "junk" and "totaled" cars that would sit there for days, thus, creating an almosphere that they were previously told 'was not what the area was looking for. "I was told that this would never fly," Wilson said, who along with

for the same special land use ness," he said.

However, according to planning approval.
"This is an ordinance enforce-

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bonded by the ZBA variance.

"Mr. (Matt) Quinn with his lal-

don't know it it's a silk purse, but

it's an improvement over the exist-ing non-use of this building, and

under the ZBA waiver, it's perfectly

Harrington said allowing outside

slorage did not seem to fit the spirit they were looking for on Grand

acceptable," he said.

Commissioner Andrew Mutch ness exceeds capacity inside?" he asked, "I'm not anti-business, but I Area businessmen such as Tim and is a problem, but that they are don't think this works in the best

interest for Novl." Aside from junk cars being placed outside the building other concerns that members had about the shop included: noise, drainage, and land bank problems all of which fall under special land use.

approval anyway because we are stuck with what the ZBA gave us, said Chairman Kim Capello. "It's unfortunate, but there's nothing

"It's not what was represented to us when we tried to move our business." he set!

Therefore, with only preliminary site plan approval in front of them

writer for the Novi News. Her e

Wang honored for life achievements

By STEPHANIE FORDYCE Staff Writer

lies from abroad.

In honor of her tremendous

Wang and her family moved to Japanese newsletter for K-12 ents become part of their children. Novi more than a decade ago students with help from the Novi resident Betty Wang is a life-saver for many Japanese people moving to the community.

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of Education meeting.

Betty truly epitolnizes what it means to be a volunteer and to us closer, finding strength and "Betty truly epitolizes what it means to be a volunteer and to give without any thought of gaingive without any thought of gain-

honor all the wonderful things lating parts of the Novi Middle she has done for our schools and School newsletter into Japanese then in 1998 she started a

deeds, Wang received a State of Michigan tribute, Jan. 4, from state representative Nancy Cassis (R-Novi) at a recent Board people from abroad coming to women and helps them find volstudents.
In addition to the newsletter,
Betty befriends many of the new unteer work or English classes

ing something in return." Cassis another, which makes all of our said. "And it is with great pleasure that I present this plaque to in 1996. Wang started transparent transparent in 1996. Wang started transparen "She makes sure foreign par

Wang and her family moved to Japanese newsletter for K-12 ents become part of their chil-

Cassis for her award, which was signed by Cassis, Gov-John Engler, and Sen. Bill Bullard (R-Highland), and for to glean from the regular school allowing her and her husband Gary, and sons Jack and Michael to be volunteers. "Me and my family will con-

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

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meet those requirements and familiarize you with the asbestos related activities that have been conducted in Novi schools during the past year.

Management Plans - The existing management plans are located in the administrative office of each building and/are available for review. A copy of each management plan is also located at the Educational Services Building, 25345 Taft Road, Novi, Mf 43874.

Periodic Surveillance - The AHERA regulation requires surveillance of the condition of asbestos containing materials every six months. This monitoring is being conducted by specially trained in-house staff.

Asbestos Abatement - Novi Community School District has conducted better expendenced to the north of the condition of the condit

asbasios removal projects during the winter of 1999/2000. The following is a fist of buildings involved: Novi Meadows 6th grade

Novi Meadows 5th grade

The material removed in the above-mentioned buildings includes surfacing material. The removal projects were performed by Michigan Licensed Asbestos Contractors and managed by Nova Environmental. Inc.

All documentation regarding these projects is available for your review in each building file and at the office of Maintenance and Operations. Air tests were conducted throughout all phases of the asbestos removal at each building. The air samples were collected and analyzed in accordance with all regulatory agency requirements. The results of the air tests at each of the projects were well within the limits established by the governing agencies. Questions regarding asbestos removal projects or any asbestos related issues can be directed to Jeffrey L. Sotzen at (249) 449-1241.

Advisory to parents/guardians

Solzen at (249) 449-1241.

Advisory to parents'guardians
As part of the Nivi Community School District pest management program
pesticities are occasionally applied. In accordance with Department of Agricultura
Regulation #637, parents have the right to be informed prior to any pesticide appli
cation made during the days school is in session. If you need prior notification, the
following information should be provided to the district.

parent/guardian name, student name,
school student attends,

Parentifypardian/student address,
 parentifypardian/student address,
 day and evening contact phone numbers.

Please indicate whether you wish to be notified of a scheduled pesticide treatment inside of the school building, a scheduled pesticide treatment on the outside grounds of the school, or both.

Your information should be sent to:

Maintenance & Operations Department

Requests for notification must be made in writing. Questions regarding pesti-cide spraying may be directed to Jeffrey L. Sotzen, director, at 248.449.1241; or enall jeotzen@novi.k12.mi.us. (1-11-01 NN 1021534)

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Whenever any vehicle without an operator is found parked or left in violation of any grovision of this division, the Director of the Department of Public Services, or the reference or the Price Department may immediately remove the vehicle or

s designee, or the Police Department may immediately remove the vehicle or suse the vehicle to be removed to a place of safekeeping at the expense of the regstered owner of the vehicle.
Fallure to comply with the requirements set forth in Chapter 33, Article III, Division 5, of the Code of Ordinances, City of Novi, Michigan, may also result in the prosecution for same, and liability to the extent of the penalty therein provided.
ANTHONY NOWICKI, DIRECTOR

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SERVICES

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Plaase take notice that per Section 1169 of the School Code, relative to revisions for Instruction on sax education units K-9 (Growth and Development.) Novi Community School District will conduct the public hearing will be held on January 18, 2001 at 6:45 p.m. at Orchard Hills Elementary located at 41900 Quince, Novi, MI 4875. The second public hearing will be held on February 8, 2001 at 6:45 p.m. at the Educational Services Building, 25345 Taft Road, Novi, MI

48374. (1-11-01 NN 1021647)

(1-11-01 NR/NN 1021863)

"I Have A Dream" celebrates Martin Luther King's message of peace

have reprinted an abridged version of

the "I Have A Dream" speech belou Five score years ago, a great American, in whose symbolic shadow we stand signed the Emancipation Proclamation. This momentous decree came as a great bearon light of hope to millions of his citizenship rights. The whirl-Negro slaves who had been seared in the flames of withering injustice. It shake the foundations of our nation came as a joyous daybreak to end until the bright day of justice the long night of captivity.

But one hundred years later, we must face the tragic fact that the Negro is still not free. One hundred years later, the life of the Negro is still sadly crippled by the manacles of segregation and the chains of diserinimation. One hundred years later, the Negro lives on a lonely island of poverty in the midst of a

vast ocean of material prosperity.

One hundred years later, the Negro is still languishing in the corners of American society and finds himself an exile in his own land. So we have come here today to drama ze an appalling condition. In a sense we have come to our

nation's capital to cash a check, When the architects of our republic role the magnificent words of the constitution and the declaration of independence, they were signing a promissory note to which every American was to fall heir. This note was a promise that all men would be guaranteed the inalienable rights of life, liberty, and the pursuit of hap—alone.

has defaulted on this promissory note insofar as her citizens of color are concerned. Instead of honoring this sacred obligation, America has given the Negro people a had check which has come back marked fatigue of travel, cannot gain lodging Insufficient funds." But we refuse to in the motels of the highways and

Insufficient funds in the great vaults the riches of freedom and the security of Justice. We have also come to this hallowed spot to remind America of the flerce urgency of now. This is no time to engage in the lux-ury of cooling off or to take the tranquilizing drug of gradualism. Now is the time to rise from the dark and desolate valley of segregation to the the time to open the doors of oppor- where your quest for freedom left at (248) 349-1700.

America. A yeur luter, King was and to underestimate the determina-awarded the Nobel Peace Prize. On Uon of the Negro. This sweltening summer of the Negro's legitimate dis-content will not pass until there is an Tenn. King's birthday — January 15 invigorating autumn of freedom and is today a national holiday. We equality. Nineteen sixty-three is not an end, but a beginning. Those who hope that the Negro needed to blow off steam and will now be content will have a rude awakening if the nation returns to business as usual. There

will be neither rest nor tranquility in America until the Negro is granted winds of revolt will continue to emerges. But there is something that I must

say to my people who stand on the warm threshold which leads into the palace of Justice. In the process of gaining our rightful place we must not be guilty of wrongful deeds. Let us not seek to satisfy our thirst for freedom by drinking from the cup of bitterness and hatred.

We must forever conduct our struggle on the high plane of dignity and discipline. We must not allow our creative protest to degenerate into physical violence. Again and again we must rise to the malestic heights of meeting physical force with soul force. The marvelous new militancy which has engulfed the Negro community must not lead us to distrust of all white people, for many of our white brothers, as evidenced by their presence here today

tiny is tied up with our destiny and their freedom is inextricably bound to our freedom. We cannot walk And as we walk, we must make the pledge that we shall march ahead. We cannot turn back. There are those who are asking the devotees of civil rights, "When will you be satisfied?" We can never be satisfied as long as our bodies, heavy with the

have come to realize that their des-

the hotels of the cities.

We cannot be satisfied as long as We refuse to believe that there are the Negro's basic mobility is from a smaller ghetto to a larger one. We of opportunity of this nation. So we have come to cash this check — a check that will give us upon demand a Negro in New York believes he has nothing for which to vote. No, no we are not satisfied, and we will not be satisfied until justice rolls down like waters and righteousness like a mighty stream.

I am not unmindful that some of you have come here out of great tri-als and tribulations. Some of you have come fresh from narrow cells. sunlit path of racial justice. Now is Some of you have come from areas

On Aug. 28, 1963, Martin Luther King, Jr. gave his historic 'I Have A Drawn' speech at the steps of the clinicaln Memorial in Washington, D.C. The speech described a fluore of racial information to work with the faith that analysis of the control of the control

I say to you today, my friends, that in spite of the difficulties and frustrations of the moment, I still have a dream. It is a dream deeply rooted in the American dream. I have a dream that one day this

together at a table of brotherhood.

I have a dream that one day even the state of Mississippl, a desert state, sweltering with the heat of injustice and oppression, will be transformed into an easis of freedon:

dren will one day live in a nation where they will not be judged by the color of their skin but by the content

I have a dream today. I have a dream that one day the state of Alabama, whose governor's lips are presently dripping with the words of interposition and multifleation, will be transformed into a situ

Planning member named to council

big part of the community for a long

time."

There were six individuals who met the Dec. 12 deadline for filling for the vacant council spot. The six were Anthony Avdoulos, Michael Meyer

and Cassis, Mever was Mayor

Richard Clark's challenger in the

1999 election.

City council will have to appoint a replacement for Cassis on the plan-Brent Canup, whose planning conmission terms expired in July. Both remain on the planning com

with little white boys and white girls and walk together as sisters and brothers.

I have a dream today.
I have a dream that one day every valley shall be exalted, every hill and mountain shall be made low, the rough places will be made low, the crooked places will be made stratight, and the glory of the Lord shall be revealed, and all flesh shall be revealed, and all flesh shall be revealed and all flesh shall

ation where little black boys and discords of our nation into a beauti-black girls will be able to join hands with little white boys and white girls this faith we will be able to work.

Coloradol Let freedom ring from the curvaceous peaks of California!

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I have a dream that one day this straight, and the glory of the Lord true meaning of its cred: "We hold these truths to be self-evident: that all men are created equal."

I have a dream that one day on the red hills of Georgia the sons of former slaves and the sons of former slaves on the force in the slate to six down teachers are to the of between the slate to transform the jangling that the slate to the slate to transform the jangling that the slate to six down the shall be revealed, and all flesh shall did lead to fit legalism's pride, from every state and every city, we did lead to speed up that day when the sing. Land where my fathers dided, land of the pilgrin's pride, from every state and every city, we did be able to speed up that day when every mountainside, let freedom that one day on the red list of Almighty, we have a dream that one day on the red list of the slate and every city, we did to speed up that day when every mountainside, let freedom the sing. Land where my fathers dided, land of the pilgrin's pride, from every state and every city, we did be able to speed up that day when every mountainside, let freedom that one day on the red list of Almighty and the shall be revealed, and all flesh shall did lesh shall did lesh shall all flesh shall did lesh shall be revealed, and all flesh pilgrin's pride, from every state and every city, we did le able to speed up that day when every mountainside, let freedom that one day on the very mountainside, let freedom that of the pilgrin's pride, from well be able to speed up that day when every mountainside, let freedom that of the poligrin's pride, from will be able to speed up that day when every mountainside, let freedom they mountainside, let freedom they mountainside. Let freedom all of God's children, bleck men all of God's children, all of God's children, bleck men all of God's children, all of God's ch



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Bowman receives approval for abatement for new center

and zoning process with the city. I think between four and six months we should be able to submit some concept plans." Bowman said the project

move through the site planning deal that would bring property and zoning process with the owned by the Michigan deal that would bring property of the Michigan owned by the Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) at the 1-96 rest area into the project. Bowman is expected to pay and estimated specified to fax abalements, Mayor of tax abalements, Mayor of the residents down.

Center is to keep business in the city and help keep taxes for the residents down.

We need to spread the risk, Clark saled (If the home owners said the infrastructure is already in place and that there

in approximately 14-months.

"We've done appraisals and Richard Clark said the reason he was in favor of the abate-owned by the Michigan "Considering this is a land Department of Transport of the reason he was in favor of the abate-owned by the Michigan "Considering this is a land Center is to keep business in their tax bills. I will be "no cost to the city" for such needs when construction the men Novi Exponent for the new Novi E

Randal Yakey is a staff writer City Assessor Glenn Lemmon and the infrastructure is address is



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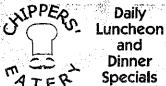
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Abatement or not, the gates are open

is it an abatement or is it not an This help with funding has only abatement? That tends to not mat- begun to bombard the city and will ter at this point.

received from city council Monday see a gain in revenue to the city an infrastructure credit which because of the business's growth, allows them to improve "telecom- such as road improvements or an munications" and receive a MEGA eventual tax reduction or (which Growth Authority) Is it an abatement? Tower

Business MEGA credit, Tower department.

no. Sounds like an like an abatement, audience. but whether or not it is, the "credit"

message gets vastly muddled when the city. pressure is put on council to give a We hope with all the other busi-credit or the business will leave nesses that will flood in soon, the and MEGA will be upset.

continue to do so. Whatever it is Tower Automotive asked and called, we as residents will either

the city will lose

our opinion that

any kind of

Center

more of the casel 85.3 million Single said no. Sounds like an Credit. Toward the abatement, feels like an gave \$50,000 to the abatement, but whether or

Novi Parks and Rec not it is, the "credit" delivshould be on a Is it an abate- ers a strong message as case by case ment? Tower said did the five or six suits basis. abatement, feels from MEGA sitting in the (grudgingly) the abatement because we fee.

message to and from city council will bring more revenue to the city as did the five or six suits from in its expanded capacity. MEGA who were sitting in the The city is not an ATM, however, audience at the council meeting on and can not be doling out money to every business that approaches The message Tower wants to council with its hands out.

deliver to the community and to The fact that this is a case by council is 'we will play nice and case basis or that the city must give you \$50,000 in return for a say no at some point, we feel else \$64,000 credit. However, that Tower credit will be determental to

city council learns how to say no.

Respect is the issue as we honor Dr. King, Jr.

the flerce urgency of now." — Martin Luther King, Jr.

respect, dignity and honor for a friendships forged. fellow human being weren't con-

could take solace in the knowl- with a sense of respect about edge that in a very

small way, people in Next week, as we take time Novi are cognizant to honor Dr. King and his In the school dis- legacy, we believe that the trict, students are being asked to civil rights leader could on Dr. take solace in the knowl-Have A Dream* edge that in a very small

King's famous speech, given at the steps of the way, people in Novi are Lincoln Memorial cognizant of his very ideal. Regardless of one's

gion, the words spoken that different than one's own. day had an impact not only in Whatever the dream and whothe immediate sense, but ever the person, let us make inspired future generations to Martini Luther King, Jr. Day. e up to the noble cause envi- Great things have been sioned by King and his support- achieved when people think

ers. globally and act locally...like In elementary classrooms, stu- Dr. King once did.

"We have also come to this hal- dents have been playing games in lowed spot to remind America of which scenarios are presented which raise the question, "Is this a way of showing respect?" Being kind isn't something that's The late Dr. Martin Luther learned by osmosis at the onset King, Jr. knew one thing perhaps of adulthood. It's learned early better than anything else; that on, when toys are borrowed and

All told, not only are we paying cepts that could wait. They need- tribute to Dr. King, but more ed to be addressed right here, importantly, expediting The right now, with a fierce urgency Dream with the sense of urgency articulated that historic day in

Washington. Next week, as we take time to We hope, all Novi residents have honor Dr. King and his legacy, we dreams of their own - dreams of believe that the civil rights leader being able to live in peace and

> themselves. Such dreams cannot · trulv he achieved however unless the are forged of honor and respect for others whose own

dreams and own backbe markedly

nence based" program seems to say "The healthlest thing to do is refrain from having



Lauren Works donates blood at the Nov! Red Cross blood drive in efforts with the local Million Moms March group. The blood drive on Ten Mile Road two weeks ago was hopefully able to produce needed blood. There has been a shortage of blood throughout southeastern Michigan for some time. R.N. Mary Downs draws blood from Works.

Now we can have our say

asked to participate in a city-wide tary school (Deerfield.) survey concerning the future needs of the Novi Community School District

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nearly 800 new students. With student population on the home values so high.

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growth in the Novi rose 54 percentaveraging 200 new students per year.

Over those ten years. Novi has seen people are not exaggerating when the construction of a new middle they speak highly of Novi's school school, renovation of Novi Meadows Elementary, ten new classrooms at

Now we have learned that the high school will exceed capacity in the next This survey is crucial in helping to three years, and whether you like it or determine what you, as a citizen, not, some kind of expansion or conwant to struction needs to be done. If we want to continue providing the

growing type of quality education that this city school dississo famous for, we not only need to is so famous for, we not only need to trict pre- stand behind the school, but we need for to enlighten ourselves on the issues next as well. five to ten 1 say this also to those residents

It is no system, because you will be the Blue Ribbon Award, secret that toughest ones to convince when it So let's keep a goo stu- comes down to a bond vote. In the year I have been working for is this paper, I can not tell you the num-

Stephanie Fordyce by 2005, the disthe disNovi schools are what attract people Stephanie Fordyce the dis-trict expects to see an increase of here. It's what makes this city so Guile possibly the biggest decision you will be asked to make is: keeping

aging there is an obvious need for space and renovations throughout haven't been in any of the schools. visit one of them- visit all of them if In the past ten years, from the fall you can. Ask your grandkids, the your voice. And your voice will greatof 1989 to the fall of 1999, student neighbor's kids next door. Ask them what they think about their schools.

district.

Stephanie Fordyce is a staff writer

The evidence is there. Student for the Novi News. Her e-mail-Parkview Elementary, the construction of the ITC, a 40 percent addition

MEAP scores can attest to that, and address the district proved last year that it is sfordyce@ht.homecomm.net

ing the type of quality education that this city is so famous for, we not only need to stand behind the school, but we need to enlighten ourselves on the issues as well.

without children going through the the high school received the National

So let's keep a good thing going. have spent almost a year researching what our schools will need in the upcoming years.

desirable, and it is what keeps your one high school or having two high

Just acquaint yourself with the issues, make your answers mean something.
This isn't just "some survey," this is

y affect the lives of Novi's youth. Now that the task force have done It should become quite clear that the leg work, now is your time to-

LETTE

■ Neighbor contemplates fire bond

On Dec. 20, our family and many of our neighbors watched in horror as our watched in horror as our neighbor's house burnt, lit Advisory Committee-" Students become was less than ten years old.) Thankfully, the aware of alternate methods of protection", The fire department arrived within nine minutes (I verified this with officials), and they did their very best – struggling with the cold and deep snow. But – they did struggle and as we were watching them struggle, someone I did-n't know commented to me, "Is this what we voted down? Don't get me wrong, the fire-fighters did the best that they could. But training once or twice a month for this kind of

should be looked at by parents

On January 18th and February 8th, the Novi School Board will hold public hearings on a proposed "abstinence based" sex educa-tion curriculum for Novi schools. I wanted to alert all parents with children in the Novi school system, and for that matter all taxpayers who fund it, not to be fooled by the term 'abstinence based', which seems to be a mis-

able for viewing. Looking at it, this "absti-

sex, but since we know you won't do that anyway we're going to teach you how to have sex and be protected. I quote from the 'Health Education Student Competencies, Growth and Development Unit', the finalized recommendations from the Reproductive Health Advisory Committee. Students become and 'Day 11-Contraceptives'. This does not

have sex, but when you do, here's how to do it". This is not the message I want my three daughters to hear. This is not the type of edcation I expect my tax dollars to be used for.

The proponents of this curriculum will tell

Share your opinions

training once or twice a month for this kind of disaster isn't enough. If we are not going to have full time fireflighters, then at least get them more training. Citizens of Novi, you need to look at this issue very seriously.

Theola Doss

Novi

Sex education

Should be looked at out of a similar program. If the Health Advisory Committee knows there are objectionable parts to the curriculum, then I Letters to the Editor believe those objectionable parts should be

I would also encourage the program to Novi News require separating the boys and girls at all grades fro the reproductive education portions of the curriculum. Although the high school kids are gaining in their maturity, boygirl relationships and opposite sex friendships are such that separating the sexes will clear kcooley@ht.homecomm.net ly provide a more relaxed, conducive environment for learning.

as acceptance by the majority. Let's make sure that the Novi School Board knows what safely, with only the clothes on their backs.

Sound 'abstinence based' to me.

The fire department arrived within nine min
I believe if you treat others with an expec
for the meetings. Let's hold our children and the majority opinion really is. Let's show up

> Rick Hagan Novi

Kelli Cooley

I encourage everyone who is concerned about this program, whether you have children in the Novi school system or not, to

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OTHER OPINIONS

Wall Street can be a harsh road

I've been darkly suspicious of Wall Street dations as whether to buy or sell a given stock

complete with cutting edge proprietary technol-ogy and a snazzy business plan. But we need-ed capital. We prepared our pitch (complete with nicely colored litp charts) and dutifully made the rounds of the venture capital and investment banking firms on The Street.



The very first issue state lawmakers will Peters, D-Bloomfield, has promised to intro

December included a 36 percent jump for up with a fair wage, we believed back then,

legislators, taking them up to a salary of \$77,400 in 2001. They get 3 percent more in 2002. Their expense accounts also jump \$2,000 annually to \$12,000.

to the Justices of the Supreme Court, taking them to \$159,960. The Lieutenant Governor gets 19 percent more, his wage rising to \$120,400.

They Do Little but Shoul 'Buy.' Analysts Often
Send Investors Astray." In these days of stock
market turmoil. It makes important reading.
The article traced the evolution of Wail Street
dations made by analysts covering companies

analysts, whose research is supposed to help investors judge the attractiveness of stocks. Analysts used to operate independently, offer-ing investors and brokers detailed recommen-

The SOCC also gave 13 percent pay hikes to the Justices of the Supreme Court, taking them to \$159,960. The Lieutenant Governor

The exorbitant increases have a number of

Each December we'd receive dozens of these same

f four has had a memorable year 2000 and I thought

My hisband Bob firally came out of his backyard bunker in trae February after the Y2K disaster never

Bob's paranola has finally abated thanks to weekly

out-and-out misrep-

resentation of our

What, one might

imagine, would these Christmas let-

ters read like if based on an honest

appraisal of one's

With an apprecia-

tion to Garrison Keillor's "Prairie

Home Companion"

exploits of our active family.

I've been darkty suspicious of wall Street ever since I tried to launch a robotics venture some years ago.

We had a pretty good idea for a company, complete with cutting edge proprietary technology and a snazzy business plan. But we need-

investors sell shares and sometimes they would recommend a buy. In the days when the commissions charged by Wall Street firms were relatively high, a far-seeing analyst's recommen-dation could generate a lot of trades and a lot investment banking itrms on 'The Street.

We were regularly greeted by bored newlyminted MBA's from Harvard and Stanford whohad obviously aced the course in "Patronizing

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Entrepreneur." I

remember vividly

one would man

> More importantly, in recent years Wall Street firms have emphasized investment banking, venture capital, stock underwriting and retail deteriorating — business conditions. shirt, white col- sales of shares underwritten by the firm, in brilliant this new environment, potentially negative vellow reports by independent analysts became a cost, not a benefit. Independent research was erod-

Legislators want to receive raises

face when they get to Lansing to start session for the year will be the question of House Speaker Rick Johnson, R-LeRoy, has

sion for the year will be the question of whether to accept the 36 percent pay raises proposed by the State Officers Compensation Commission.

Senators and Representatives will have a total of just three session days to take up the issue before the Feb. 1 dead-line. Under the rules, the SOCC.

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accountable for the increases they take

past Independent panel would more likely come

So why isn't the system working?

us back as much as he can afford.

and final nase-rina. The lad's got so many plenting

that his face whistles whenever a slight breeze pic Our sweet and innocent daughter Hilly's curren

pation consists of working twenty hours a week at the Boul A. Rama as a cocktall waitness and spends the

rest of the time at our home watching dupline scops, talk shows and informercials while sucking down Cheetos and Diet Coke.

Before her senior year at high school, Hilly spent a fur

summer at overnight camp as the oldest of four hundred

compers. She went for the full two months not because she wanted to, but because Bob and I were quite liter

Apparently the nausea, vomiting and diarrhea were only bad for a few days and most of the other campers parents' laussitic against us have been thrown out by a

parents' lawsuits against us have been thrown out by a favorable circuit court judge that Bob used to golf with

Internet warehouse site for undervalued mutual funds,

before his breakdown.

The idea was to depoliticize the issue. An

The Feb. 1 deadline is set, not by the con-

lawmakers vote

SoCC to come up with a better system for
by a two-thirds
majority
to system was to find a way to set salaries that
reject those pay
increases.

The colors

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they are being paid to do.

But it could be March 1. Or Arall 1 And

increases.

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examples cited in the Times story of supposed ly independent analysts issuing recommendations on stocks underwritten by their own even when the companies faced tough — even deteriorating — business conditions. Analysts interviewed by the Times denied this repre-sented a conflict of interest, but the denials didn't seem persuasive to me.

Communications Network Inc., the compa ny that owns this newspaper. He welcomes

More telling and far more trou-

In today's economic climate, when so many sus- ed.
e lis- The Times article quoted Robert A. Olstein, a money in the stock market and when markets more article quoted Robert A. Olstein, a money in the stock market and when markets are extraordinarily volatile, the implications of tened to us for at least three minleast three minutes before disracetrack touts than to independent investors can no longer take analyst rec-Phil Power missing us with a curt. The market's far too big for your idea...I'd advise you to go back home to, um, Michigan."

So maybe I was a little too eager to take in a piece in the business section of the New York Times on what's happened to Wall Street's stock research analysts. The Times' heading read: 'How Did So Many Get It So Wrong? As They Do Little but Shout 'Buy,' Analysts Often Send Investors Astray," In these days of stock research is maked by analysts, even in a curt. The market's far too big for your idea...I'd advise you to go back home to, um, Michigan."

'What passes for research on Wall Street to day is shocking to me, "said Olstein, "Instead of providing investors with the kind of analysts that would have kept them from marching over that would have kept them from marching over that would have kept them from marching over the violet to the wind of providing investors with the kind of analysts from marching over the stocks they tout are the same ones underwritten and pushed by their own firms. Worse, it's tough to get anybody—even your friendly broker — to come clean about which analysts are truly Independent touts.

"Caveat emptor" says the Latin tag..."Let the buyer beware."

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legislators upset, and several have promised to do their best to get the salary hikes tossed out despite the short timeframe. Sen. Gary in the law, and I think they're right. Without timeframe.

ment to change it.

Lawmakers have set it themselves, and

makers a fair chance to really debate the

issue and vote on a resolution. It could be a

their views about the proposed pay hikes to

As it stands, the arbitrary deadline is a

convenient excuse for lawmakers to take pay-hikes without having to accept the responsi-

legislators.

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I was there cheering on Jamet's ten year-old and she was so mortified by my behavior that she wouldn't talk to me for two months. Well, that's it for now. We can't wait until Christmas of 2001 when the Millers can share their lives with you

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the strength Beans (Cod willing if we can get our hands on John Heider is the staff photographer for the Northville Record and Novi News. He can be reached at

The holiday greeting - 2001 style

of Christmas letters with our family snapshot each holiday season.

Our oldest, William, or "Mr. B&E that he returns the ten thousand dollars he embezzled that he returns the ten thousand dollars he embezzled." Tucked inside of a cute card was a photo portrait of (in purchase his 'corno' and guns) and never againment. Billy" to his parole officer, is doing our family of live, these missives, penned by my moth-cr, detailed in a light-hearted and creative way the our oldest. William, or "Mr. B&E-Billy" to his parole quite well in the young offender's office; is doing quite usel in the young offender's boot camp program. While there, Billy is completing his pre-Christmas letters from our upwardly-mobile friends that expertly put a fine gloss on another year.

The Heider family was realistically just as guilty as We had to take a second mortgage on the house to Billy is completing his pre-law We had to take a second mortgage on the house to afford his legal bills, so while at the shap, he'll be paying degree and hopes to be back working at the pizza shop and Billy proudly wanted me to note that he's added his clerking part-time after his May

> dients know in a timely fashion when we heard of quarierly profit gains:
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> After losing for the fourth year in a row in our street's
> October Halloween house decoration contest, I tarched

And the governor, who appointed the members of the SOCC, gets a 14 percent salary hike, bringing him to \$172,000.

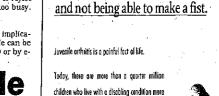
And the governor, who appointed the organized. Lawmakers are setting their it, but others stalled. Things were too busy. There was just wasn't enough time. There was just wasn't enough time. Mike Malott reports on the local implica-

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Area blood supply dangerously low

By CHRIS C. DAVIS

A deep, cold winter has not only annoyed motorists and sent heating bills through the roof. It's also emptied the supply shelves as blood banks throughout metro Detroit.

American Red Cross spokesperson Amy Neale said the area's supply of blood, which ordinarily hovers at around a two- to three-day stockrule, is providently to just one day. In the

stockpile, is now down to just one day. In the

sockpue, is now down to just one day. In the case of some of the more rare blood types, the supply is expressed in terms of hours.

"Supply-wise, we're hurting really, really badly," Neale said. "This winter has not been good for us."

Under normal circumstances. Detroit-area blood banks bring in 20 percent of their stock from other areas. Neale said heavy snowfalls

and frigid temperatures that affect the Northville area also impact other regions, compounding the lack of blood.

Neale said it's very typical for there to be a slowdown of blood donors around the holiday season, with Christmas-New Year's celebrations are the state of the stat tions providing enough distraction on their own. Couple that with icy thermometer read-ings to discourage would-be donors, and the result are the bare walls in the Red Cross

blood banks, Neale said.

A lot of people think that the need around this time of year grows because there are more traffic accidents, but that's only a small bit of the reason, she said. The bigger part of it has to do with people on vacation and a lot of the schools and auto plants shutting down. We get a good portion of our blood from those

Though she had no confirmed cases of it happening with the current blood drought, Neale said it wasn't uncommon for patients having elective surgery to be delayed until supplies were stabilized. "We're looking for donors in a big way." Neale said. "If people can give, we hope they will. We need it."

First Baptist Church of Northville will be hosting a blood drive on Jan. 22 from 2 p.m. to 8 p.m. For more information or to make an appointment, call (248) 442-7019.

Chris C. Davis is the editor of the Northville He can be reached cdavis@ht.homecomm.net.

DONATING INFO

■ An adult body contains eight to 12 pints lood #7.5 in the property of t

patients and used to benefit up to three patients.

Only 5 percent of eligible adults donate blood for the entire population of southeast. Michigan.

The most needed blood type in the area is 0 salk trades process.

The everage healthy person is able to give blood every 56 days.

Donating blood rarely hurts to see what it feels like pinch the skin on your elbow.

teels like pinch the skin on your albow.
It is impossible to get HIV or AIDS from donating bood.

Community can help by donating this month

Want to give blood but need to know about it? Here's some basic information about the donation process and where you can go to give

Who is eligible to give blood?

To give blood, a donor must be healthy, at least 17 years old, and weigh at least 110 pounds. Persons who are older than 65 and in good health may usually donate with the approval of the blood bank physi-

Is it safe to give blood?

Yes, it is very safe. Each needless disposed of after a single use. safe. Each needle used in the procedure is sterile and

How long does the donation process take?

How long does the donation process take?

All told, about an hour, it starts with filling out a small form. Donors are then given a mini-physical to check temperature, blood pressure and iron level. Donors are then asked — in confidence — about their lifestyle histories. Assuming all indications are that a donor is able to give, the actual donation takes about 10 to 15 minutes. After donating, donors are asked to spend a few minutes in the recovery cantina and to drink juice and eat cookies.

How often can a person give blood? Once every eight weeks.

Where are blood drives taking place in the next few days?

**Jah. 14 (St. Alexander Catholic Church of Farmington Hills): 8

**a.m. - 2 p.m. Call (248) 474-5748

**Jah. 15 (North Congregational Church, Farmington Hills): 2 pm. -8

**p.m. Call (248) 848-1750

Jan. 22 (First Baptist Church of Northville): 2 p.m. - 8 p.m. Call

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Yoga class instructor Tameka Galilen properly positions the arms of a student during a Thursda

Story by Stephanie Fordyce Photos by John Heider



The Sports Club of Novi's Yoga Class by Tameka Gallien performs the "downward rising dog" during their Thursday

No longer a fad..

21st century Yoga is for everyone

From Hollywood to right here in Novi, yoga has become the workout

With celebritles like Madonna and Woody Harelson practicing the 5,000 year-old Indian method, yoga has experienced a significant increase in popularity in the last

eight years.

While in the past yoga has been associated with vegetarianism. communal living, and long hair, it now has become the hottest exer-cise of the new

millennium. Yoga instructor for the Sports Club of Novi, Tameka Gallien, said the whole main structures: exercise, breathing, and medita-

'Yoga is the union of the mind and body," she said. "It reduces stress, increases flexibility, muscuendurance and overall vitali-

Brought to the United States in the early part of the 20th century, yoga was first introduced to baby boomers by Woodstock

Festival in 1969.

means "to join" or "union," and Gallien says it brings the body and mind together into one harmonious experience.

"That's why they call it a mind, body connection," she said. "It tar-gets all areas of the body, from your

the brain, with meditation." Gallien, who has been teaching yoga since 1982, said yoga can be extremely healing in our humled, worried culture because it makes us slow down, breathe and stretch our muscles where we hold our ten-

sion.
"People have so much going on in their lives," she said. They get stressed with their jobs, their kids, and even from the drive on their way here, so this is a good way for them to relax and calm down. It

grounds peo-

With yoga most popular class at the club the Sports, Club of Novi offers two different types of yoga Hatha Yoga

Meditation Yoga. With Hatha yoga, we work on physical postures, stretching and extending our bod-ies, breath-

right, and others try balancing on one foot while holding the ing exercises and relaxother during a Thursday morning Yoga class at The Sports ation techthe Meditation, we focus just on

breathing. Gallien said.
Gallien said yoga is not defined by shape or age, and that people can being practicing the art of yoga at any point in their lives

"It's a class anyone can join," she said. "It's multi-level and multi-aged. I have anywhere from teenagers to seniors in their 70s in my classes."

my classes.
Director of Community Relations for the Sports Club of Novi Debbie Nutile said what's great about Gallien and the club's other yoga instructor Ann Weurther, is that they have designed the classes to fit both beginners and more advanced "It's one of those classes where

Taneka and Ann will work with you to progress," she said. "They encourage people to do only what they can and they provide alternatives to some of the harder stretches and positions, so there is no need to feel overwhelmed or intimi-

Northville resident Cathy Rankin, who has been taking yoga at the club for the past five months

agreed.

You just go to your edge, anyone can do it," she said.
Rankin, mother of a 15-monthold, said she first got involved in the yoga class for the body conditioning but the well-distington of the short of the said. tioning, but the meditation portion proved to be an added bonus.

"initially I went for the body, but the mind followed," she said. "It was an extra benefit in that it's and that it takes you away for just that hour that you are there

Rankin said for her, the biggest candin san for her, the original advantages of yoga have included toning of muscles and an increase in flexibility. "I mean I could barely touch my toes before I started," she said.

Rankin said she has even taken the yoga techniques she has learned in class and integrated into her daily life.

"I use it when I can't fail asleep at night," she said. "I use some of the meditation techniques and concentrate on my breathing and relaxitive even used it with my



Demonstrating the amazing flexibility that often comes with Yoga Instruction, Cynthia Anthony bends forward and brings her head as close as possible to her legs in order to stretch the ham

husband because he has bad hips

and I've done a couple stretches with him as well."

Newcomer Jan Bartol, of Farmington, said she took yoga because she wanted to try moving because the water to a different news.

her body in a different way.
"I think I just wanted to explore "I think I just wanted to explore different exercise opportunities." she said. "I was looking for a mind, body thing and something that would be good for my back."

Contrary to popular belief where the past image has been that one only sits with legs crossed chanting a mantra. Rankin said yoga is in fact sufficiently stremuous.

"They don't think you do any work, but it's enough to work up a good lather of sweat," she said. "It's a well-rounded exercise."

well-rounded exercise."

Gallien said while she has modernized the yoga class to fit the club, the overall intent is still the

"It's really about them feeling wonderful and reducing their stress levels," she said. "I just want them to feel better when they

Gallien said while most yoga courses allow no talking or sound, she uses music in her classes to

music because they feel it's distracting, but I love it. I use sounds of the ocean, something natural, so they feel like their outdoors," she

Rankin said she has definitely found a new love with the club's yoga class and would encourage anyone who is looking for a little

anyone who is looking to a fixture as olidarity in their lives to try it.

"I think if you just open yourself to try it, you might be very surprised just how much you enjoy it," she said.

The Sports Club of Novi offers

both day and evening classes in yoga. Class schedule is Mondays at 7:30 p.m.; Tuesdays at 11:30 a.m.; and Thursdays at 11:30 a.m. and 6:30 p.m. For more information please call (248)

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ASANAS

Observing and practicing the integrity of Observing and practicing the integrity of each posture is the best route to getting all the benefits that Hatha Yoga can offer. Relax, breathe slowly and deeply through your nose, go with the flow and merge with the beauty of these postures. Here are some of the basic and most common yoga exercises from www.rivermaya.com

LOTUS POSE (Padmasana):

Rest the right foot on the left thigh, near the hip joint, and the left foot on the right thigh, near the hip joint as well. Clench the jaws. Press your tongue against the roof of your mouth. This is thought to be the best your mouth. This is thought to be use use the prana, vital energy of the body, enabling you to reach a more profound level of con-

PERFECT POSE (Siddhasana):

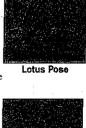
Press the muladhara (base of spine) cakra with your left heel. Then press the svadhisthana (pelvic plexus) cakra with you the bend of the left knee, exposing only your right big toe. This posture stimulates the

YOGA POSE (Yogasana):

Sit in cross-legged sitting position. Put your hands behind you and grip the left wrist with your right hand. Draw in a deep breath and slowly bring your forehead and nose in contact with the floor. Exhale as you lower your head. Keep your head on the floor for about eight seconds, then rise up slowly, breathing in as you reach your initial position. Practice this round eight times

SPINAL TWIST (Bharadvajasana):

Sit on the floor. Press the muladhara cakra with the right heel. Cross your left foot over the right knee, resting it flat to the right side of your right knee. Grasp the left big toe with your right hand while keeping the right arm along the left side of your left knee. Wrap your left arm behind your back (or rest it on the floor for support) and turn your neck to the left as far as possible. Hold your chest erect while assuming to twist your body. pressing the muladhara cakra with your left



Perfect Pose





Club of Novi.

Yoga students Pam Border,

Novi Highlights

Christmas was busy for the squad cars to be given to chil-church during the holiday sea-son starting with decorating with accidents, fires or domestic distrees throughout the church. Many Christian Service projects have taken place with deliveries ornaments. Then students partelipated in a Christmas project again this year for the residents at Whitchall Nursing Home on Ten Mile. They were asked to bring in Kleenex, hand cream, deodorants, after shave, toothdeodorants, after shave, tooth-deodorants, after shave, tooth-paste, chapstick and perfume. The reason she was selected was and give them their gifts at a that she knows the difference party. The Children were asked between "care" and "caring" and to send a Christmas card to the name they picked and to keep that person in their prayers. The church family also was involved in the "Adopt a Family" and 43 families received their gifts. December 8 and 9. Co-Chairs for this event were Janet Cross and Jenene Kozinski. In addition to the gifts, the families also received bags of paper products and personal care items so there is now a need to replenish the food pantry. Another ongoing this occasion as they are offering o send a Christmas card to the lyanna is truly dedicated and an food pantry. Another ongoing this occasion as they are offering project is the need for either new or in excellent condition stuffed need a place to meet free of charge in one of their rooms. Detroit Police Department for children who need a friend. The more than welcome to attend

The Grand Court New staff members include Angela Guskovict as Executive Director, Shirley Darnell, Senior Leasing Specialist and Audrey Ind Audrey Another was the Children's Choir Novi area. Chairman John P. Director. In from St. William's Church of O'Brien will again be chairing well, is the Walled Lake. Also, yearly the this project and is interested in the building santa Claus. Several scout would like to have a team participated was difference before the building and this included Brownies who would like to have a team participate or any business who would like to sponsor a part of the ballways stinging eards. Cut Assistance Office at 347-04th the ballways stinging eards. Cut Assistance Office at 347-04th

animals are carried in police

Bills getting too bigi

Lake Express group from West Bloomfield High School under the direction of Tim Schoener. Another was the Children's Choir the hallways singing carols. Cub Assistance Office at 347-0410. Scout Pack #104 also brought holiday fun with cards, and cookies. In addition, the Novi essay and poster contest to be Police Department came and disheld at the Novi Middle School in

Police Department came and discussed safety issues and crime prevention. Later in the month Afigeia Hospice came during Tea Time to talk about "Getting through the Holldays.

Novi Youth Assistance Plans are being made for several upcoming projects by members of the group and the date. al upcoming projects by members of this group and the date has been set for March 10 from 1-4 for the Annual Bowlathon to be held at the Novi Bowl. This is the major fund raiser the group has for the year and proceeds

Trigo Organizer from Parkview and Chairman of the Best Illustrates the laws. Last best fill ustrates the laws. Last best flustrates the laws. Last by car, over 200 young people on the contest. First prize is \$500 Savings Bond, 2nd be held at the Novi Bowl. This is the major fund raiser the group has for the year and proceeds

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some of the mini-concerts they have with entertainers throughout the month. The number to call is 669-5550. Some of the groups who entertained during the Holiday season included the Pius Program, Youth Recognition Program, Alcohol and Drug Awareness Committee and other programs to help in the prevention of deliquency, abuse, etc. for children in the Novi area. Chairman John P.

to talk with Claudia Walter,
Caseworker.

Novi Girl Scouts
The Holiday Bake Sale held in will be set up February 26. wishing for more information on any of the Girl Scout activities can call Carol Sprys at 380-6170 or Janice Church at 380-6170 or Ja

being made for representatives to come and speak to a group who would like to learn more about the role of a Mentor in a child's life. This program asks volunteers (men or women) 18 years and up to take training of 3 hours to learn more about the greaters. Young neonle ages 6; were presented to them from the hours to learn more about the program. Young people ages 6-16 need an adult to devote some time during the week and willing to be a friend. Upcoming training orientation in January will be on the 11th at 6 p.m. or 20th at 9 a.m. Stop in the Youth Assistance office at the Civic Center for more information and to talk with Claudia Walter.

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Engagements



Graf-Stanfield

Dennis Graf of Dearborn and Joan Graf of Columbus, Wisc., announce the engagement of their daughter, Jolle June Graf, to Lanny Ray Stanfileld Jr., the son of Lanny Stanfileld Jr., the son of Lanny Stanfileld Sr. of Cambridge, Wis., and Ardys Stanfield of The bride-elect is a 1993 gradu-

Oregon, Wisc.

The bride-elect is a 1992 graduate of University of Michigan. She currently lives in University in 1997 and is currently

Viston.

ate of Novi High School and a tet of Nov The groom-elect is a 1993 graduate of East High School in Madison

The groun-elect is a 1993 graduate of Ferris High School and a 1998 graduate of the University of

Wis. and graduated this year from Madison Area Technical College.

unless you also take care of yourself and your spouse. So here's a few thoughts and challenges i've made for myself, my husband, my 2-year-

old twins and my 3-month-old. Maybe it will spur a few ideas of your own. Please feel free to share them

with me and I will run them in my



Fischer

Oikarinen-Cameron

Kenneth and Pamela Olkarinen Kenneth and Pamela Olkarinen of Novi announce the engagement of their daughter, Kerri Oikarinen of Novi and Greg and Robin Cameron of Novi announce the engagement of their children. Kristi Oikarinen to Joel Cameron. The bride-elect is a 1996 graduate of Novi High School and a 1997 graduate of University of Michigan. She currently lives in biomedical engineering from the

Mom's resolutions include singing silly songs

The groom-elect is also a 1996 Carol Boivin of Lake Orion. graduate of Novi High School and is working towards his business

Michigan. He currently works at degree from Henry Utnet. Community College in May of The couple will exchange vows in March of 2001. He is currently employed with Cameron the Sandman. The couple will exchange vows

Birth



Lindsey Boivin

amounce the birth of their daughter. Lindsey Anne, born Oct. 19 at 11:31 a.m. in William Beaumon

awaited by her big sister, Allison.

The proud grandparents are
Sadie and Wallace Brown of

In Service

Hospital in Cherry Point, N. C. Wheatley is a 1985 graduate of

Navy Lt. Eric A. Wheatley, son the Navy in August of 1993. He is a 1991 graduate of the University of Michigan with a bachelor of science

Business Brief

Consumers Energy Foundation has awarded \$2,750 in grants to four southeastern Michigan community organiza-tions to recognize outstanding volunteerism by three utility

tomer service center and volunteers 80 hours each for two organizations.
She serves as Girl Scout Troop

sitions to recognize outstanding volunteerism by three utility employees.

Ann Rau is such an employee

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and put them to bed with a smile.

I will sit down and hold each child to matter how much laundry piles. band each month.

A mother's resolutions for 2001; 44 will listen carefully to my kids no matter how frustrating it becomes.

Mitzel

i will sing silly songs and dance goofy dances each day.

I will begin to teach them how to I will read to them at least 20 min-cook, no matter how messy it may

I will make a date with my hus-

versation each day with my spouse.

I will make each tap class and

I will give the boys a new experience each week; either a trip to a new place or a new craft or skill to learn.

chunk of cheese isn't lunch??

I will set a good example for my children by doing something nice for someone else once a week.

Wendy Pierman-Mitzel Is a special

uriter for HomeTown Newspapers and a guest columnist on parenting. She can be reached at (248) 349-

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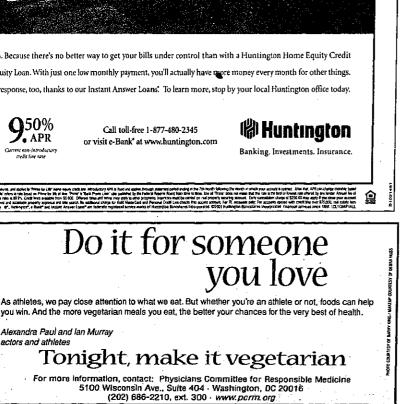


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Lauren Parkins of Novi was named to the Dean's List for winter term at the University of range to the Kennebec River from - and get their bearings. Afterward, a - Michigan College of Engineering, Parkins is the daughter of Bob and Mary Parkins, and a 1999 Novi High School graduate.

Dearborn's College of Arts, Katherine Hyun, Ford Motor Co. 4.0 scale Sciences and Letters participating in cooperative education

The Dean's List includes stu-Local students from the Jennifer Hickox, UM- dents who attain a grade point Novi High School.

Dearborn's Media Services and average of 3.5 or better on a

Eric Nadeau, son of Pamela J. Beal, an acco assignments with local employers:

NORTHVILLE
Nontier Bozyk, Society of Manufacturing Engineers and Kristina Moore, Compuware Corp.

More Naceau, son of Pamela J. Beal, an accounting and Irts Nadeau of Ing major in the Eij Broad Northville, has been named to the Ohio Northern University Dean's List for the fall quarter advantage during her of 2000-2001. He is a freshman majoring in general studies.

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• Bus Service for Local Pinochle on Tuesdays, from 12:30-3:30 p.m.

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The senior bus goes to AMC Fielder's Favorite, Feb. 8 and 20 and Laurel Park Mall for an afternoon (noon to 4 p.m.) of (Cust for Debbic Reynolds is game. If you would like transmovies, hunch and shopping. 838 for residents, 845 for non-residents, departure time is 7 ond and fourth Monday of each p.m. from MAGS.) Tickets to Center to register. month. Pick-up will begin from Pops Concerts are \$34 for rest otherwise indicated.

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your home at 12 p.m. or the deats, \$41 for non-residents.

MAGS parking lot shortly thereafter. Cost is \$2. Please call to MAGS for all concerts unless class at the Senior Center that will improve your strength and served. Please call the center to flexibility. The four-week ses-

Wednesdays, 10-10:45 a.m. Cost is \$20. Stop by the Sentor Meadowbrook Theater Center to register.

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in Manchester

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Spectacular
The Northville bus will be heading for Plymouth on Friday Jan. 19 for the annual International Ice Sculpture Spectacular, Gifted carvers will amaze you with their taiented display of frozen art. Bus departs from MAGS at 4 p.m. Dinner is on your own at one of the many Plymouth restaurants Bus Service for Movies, Symphony. Feb. 2: and Services Directory
The Northville Senior Center Mail Twice a Month Mail Twice a M

· Travel Show Come to the Sentor Center on Tuesday, Jan. 23 at 10 a.m. for our next travel show. Several tour companies will present

Join us for a trip to Meadowbrook Theater to see "The Lion in Winter." Before the show, we will enjoy a delicious meal at The King's Court in Canterbury Village. Cost is \$42. Departure time from MAGS is 10:30 a.m. Stop by the Senior Center to reg-

. Dinner at Dan's River Grill . Jan. 15-25, Marco Island. Cost is \$969 per person, double

Jan. 25, "A Sentimental Journey" at Kalloway's in Oxford. Depart at 8:15 a.m. and return at 5:30 p.m. Cost is \$49 for resi-

Beach. Cost is \$999 per person,

· March 18-23, Spring Bryan Hong, left, and Julie Crist, both Novi on a program for the Mathathon.

COMMUNITY FOCUS

Students help out St. Jude's through math

By STEPHANIE FORDYCE

Addition, subtraction, multiplication, and division equaled big bucks for St. Jude Children's Hospital thanks to students at Novi Meadows Eler

graders used their brain power for a good cause as they particlfor a good cause as they partici-pated in the hospital's annual Math-A-Thon.

"We are very proud of our students for working so hard on the Math-A-Thon," said Novi Meadows teacher and volunteer. coordinator Georgia Bingham "With their help, St. Jude Hospital will be able to create new treatments that may one day lead to a cure for many forms of cancer that will benefit the chil-dren of our state, our country, and around the world. I also and around the world. I also participated in the event.

"Our first year we raised our students, it takes all of us to our goal this time and we're very proud of importance of helping children.

"Our first year we raised who participate in the program who participate in the program learn to do more than just math problems; they also learn the \$525.80 was 10-year limportance of helping children.

"Our first year we raised who participate in the program learn to do more than just math problems; they also learn the \$525.80 was 10-year limportance of helping children.

Bingham said the students.

together and raised \$22,000 for St. Jude Hospital in a Math-a-thon. make a difference in the lives of children with cancer, and we can sponsored nationally by Six survive their bout with the dischildren with cancer, and we can

all feel proud of our response." school this year with approxi-mately \$22,209, 265 students more. participated in the event.

has attracted such artists as the

Detroit Wind Ensemble, The Galliard Brass, Gemini, The Christa Grix Trio, and the Ann

Arbor Digital Consort. In addi-

major choral works with orchestral accommanded the Northville Concert Chorale in

tral accompanied such as Handel's "Messiah," Faure's

"Requiem," and Mendelssohn's "Elijah," The concert series is in

The performance of Mozart's

"Requiem" is on Sunday, March 18 at 7 p.m. The chorale per-forms with professional soloists and the Michigan Sinfonietta

Orchestra of Ann Arbor, The

50 members. This outstanding

members and share the opportu-

chorus is eater to welcome new

nity to sing excellent choral music. Auditions are held at the

church on Saturday, Jan. 20 from 10 a.m. to noon. To sched-ule your audition, please contact Darlene Kuperus at (248) 349-

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Women's Health Seminar will held on Sunday, Jan. 28.,

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themselves,
"Children work on their math
skills while also deriving the sathelping others," she said.
Through the Math-A-Thon,

students are able to help pro-vide a future for St. Jude Children's Research Hospital. tionally. Children's Research Hospital.

Children with more than 200 forms of cancer and other cataling program in which stu-

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212 W. Cady St.
Featured will be a presentation of "Detroit and Wayne

years experience as a profes-sional genealogist. She will

tell how to access genealogi-

research, a beginner's class precedes the meeting at 1:30 p.m. This class is full of tips

your research. For more phony.org information, check their Web

cal records for one's personal

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The workshop is for people thinking of divorce, in the process of a divorce, and/or ble to win only one First

248) 349-0911. tunity to perform with the PSO. In the opinion of the NORTHVILLE GENEALOGI- judges, if there is insuffi-

tion of "Detroit and Wayne grant from the Michigan County Research" by Ruth Council for the Arts and McMahon, drawing on her 14 Cultural Affairs. The

research and where to find those records.

If you are new to family

The sex age, handicap, national origin or creed.

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Flags Theme Parks, who provide case. St. Jude fully credits Setting a record amount for the school this year with approxi- for every student raising \$35 or the generous support of people students at Novi Meadows

roblems; they also learn the importance of helping children who are less fortunate than.

\$493.25. "I wanted to get involved because it was for a good cause Bingham isfaction of knowing they are and at the same time it was good practice," Hong said.

Being a leukemia survivor,
Christ said the Math-A-Thon

annually participate in St. Jude's Math-A-Thon, which heips cover most forms of pediatric cancer all the costs of treatment to

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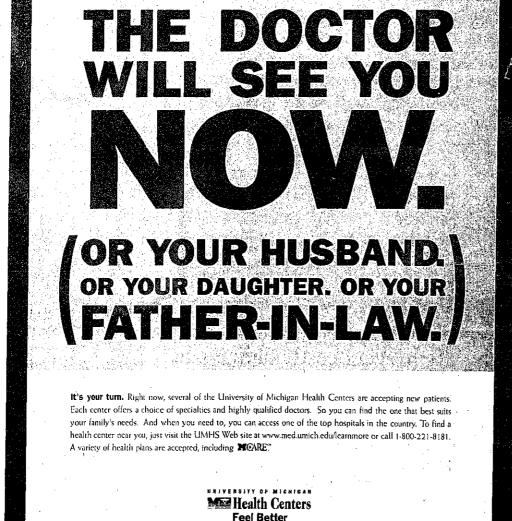
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What 'Congeniality' lacks in thrills, makes up for in fun

Unlike many who take on the task of reviewing films, I do not whew the responsibility as being akin to solving the world's ills. Rather, when viewing a film. I try to compare apples to apples which I feel allows an individual

- which I feel allows an individual film to state amongst its own.

Knowing that I wasn't entering the realm of classics "North by Northwest" or "The Maltese Falcon." I understood the parameters in which I would review Sandra Bullock's latest offering. "Miss Congeniality."

It wasn't "Citizen Kane," but it wasn't wa

wasn't "Porky's" either.
The premise behind the film is that Bullock, an FBI agent, must infiltrate the world of beauty page. cants to apprehend an illusive assassin who has used various methods to murder individuals during high-profile events. It didn't take Robert Ludium to

develop the plot. Bullock, whose appearance was reminiscent of Janeane Garofalo, underwent an extensive makeover session - with Michael Caine overseeing the project - so that she could enter the contest to get the skinny from

the contest to get the skinny from the inside.

Realty? I never would have thought of that.

Despite the obvious, it works. Bullock, as agent Gracie Hart, plays her role well as both the disheveled, Indifferent agent and the pageant contestant. Benjamin Bratt, who was more believable during his stint on NBC's "Law & Order," wasn't stellar in his performance as Bullock's fellow agent, but neither was he a stiff.

The relationship between

The relationship between Bullock and Caine was the meat of the entree. Caine, as pageant consultant Victor Melling, was lifed by the FBI to transform Bullock into beauty queen materi-al. Not exactly a miracle with what he had to work with, but the story line was still plausible.





"Bullock, as agent Gracie Hart, plays her role well as both the disheveled, indifferent agent and the pageant contestant."

Bullock's reluctance to shed her feminist ways in pursuit of the Holy Grail of bimboism was in constant battle with Caine's desire to return to the top, both forsaking the underlying reason for being there in the first place: To stop an assassin before they



Benjamin Bratt, Sandra Bullock and Michael Caine do the beauty pageant circuit in "Miss Congeniality."

given by Candice Bergen as the pageant organizer and William Shatner as the event's longtime

MC. that what the entire experience is What is most surprising about "Miss Congentality," is that "If you head into the theaters despite full-knowledge of the final" looking for an on-the-edge-of-

outcome, most moviegoers had a few laughs and spent a couple of-hours in good-natured fun. Isn't that what the entire experience is

your-seat thriller, head else where. If you are in search of the movie that you can enjoy a bucket of popcorn and relax mindless ly for a couple of hours being entertained, than may we suggest "Miss Congeniality."

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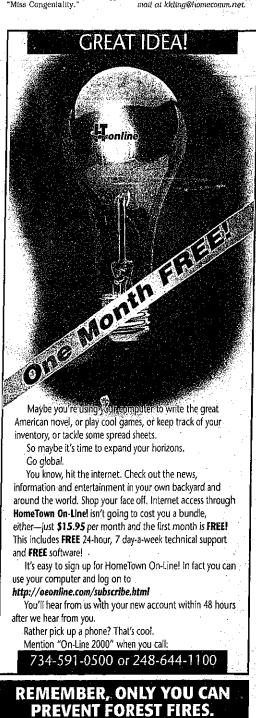
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Wildcat win moves team above .500

BY COLBY J. CAVALIERE

In a game that was all but over by the half, the Witdcats moved above the .500 mark (4-3) with a 62-33 domination of a shorthand-

52-33 domination of a snortnand-ed Hamframck Cosmos squad.

Short several players because of injuries and suspensions, Hamframck put up little fight agaist Novi. Starting the game with a zone defense, the Cosmos were quickly overtaken, and found themselves in a 15-point hole at themselves in a 15-point hole at the half. Any hope of a second-half Cosmos rally was dashed in the third quarter, when Novi lashed out on a 22-7 run to put the 'Cats up 30 at the end of three

Leading the Novi offensive attack was junior guard Brandon Davis with 15 points. Matt Emmenecker added 11, and center Jamie Schram contributed 8 points and 11 rebounds.

"It was nice to get everyone in the game," said Coach Pat: Schuker, "Overall I'm happy with the per-

"It was nice to get everyone in the game. Overall I'm happy with the performance, but I think we could have played better defense."

> Pat Schulter Wildcat basketball coach

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have played better defense."
Schulter was refering Novi's difficulties defending Hamtramck's
Shawn Edge, who lead all scorers with 18 points.

"We are a young team, but if we can keep playing tough defense, we will be able to do some things."

Colbu Cavallere is the Sports

Novi skating pair move to finals at **USFA** championship

The 2001 U.S. Junior Figure Skating Championships took place fom Dec. 11-16 at the Sun MicroSystems Ice Center, in Westminster, Colo. Hosted by the Mile High Figure Skating Association, it was the USFSA's national competition for Juvenile and Intermediate level skaters from around the nation.

Among the 35 couples competing Among the 35 couples competing in the Juvenile Dance catagory were Novl Meadows fifth grader Emily Samuelson and her partner Evan Bates of Ann Arbor. On Dec. 13 the duo competed against 12 other couples in the the qualifying round. Samuelson and Bates took first in the initial round of the event, which allowed them to move on to the finals to join the 17 other. on to the finals to join the 17 other

The first event of the final round was Compulsory Dance, which kicked off on Dec. 14. Each couple skated to the Cha Cha and then the Willow Waltz. Samuelson and Bates took third and fourth place in the dances respectively, which

put them into a tie for third place going into the final dance. The final dance, on Dec. 16, was the Original Set Pattern Dance, in which each pair creates their own dance to a set pattern. Samuelson and Bates managed to grab third place in the event, which brought them Bronze Medal for the overall competiton.

The pair represent the Ann Arbor Figure Skating Club. They are coahed by the former Russian Ice Dance team of laroslava Netchaeva,

Different strokes



Andrew Sawmiller swimming the butterfly helped the Novi swim team to a 94-92 win against a tough Plymouth-Salem team.

Novi swimmers halt losing drought

By COLBY CAVALIERE Sports Editor

It's been quite some time since the swim team from Novi High School could be happy after a meet with Plymouth Salem. With last Thursday's 94-92 win, Novi halted a long losing streak against their pool rivals. They have been the only team to beat us in a dual meet in the last four years, and in the seven years

I've been coach, we had never beaten them," coach Bill McCord said,
The two teams were tied going into the diving event, but that's where Novi really shined, and shot on their way to the victory. Novi outscored Salem 10-3 with a 1-2 Innish, Senior Steve Alberty, one of the flow divers to set new. one of the five divers to set new personal best scores, notched a score of 245.70; Right behind Alberty in second place was fellow

of 223,00.

"Our divers where in a real zone, and a key to our win, said McCord.

Novi only won two events, the second being the 100 yard backstroke, won by Taehwan Yoo with a time of 1:08.38. Despite winning only the two events, Novi swimmers placed so consistent in the others that

they were able to squeak out the two-point win.

The match was tight throughout, with three seperate lead changes, the final change comming when Novi took an 88-84 lead after outscoring the Rocks. 11-5 in the 100 breaststroke. The match care down to the final match came down to the final the 400 free relay where Novi only needed only sec-

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Senior Megan Samhat performs on the balance beam. Samhat, along with teammates Lindsey Carlson and Katle Braine helped the Northville-Novi team defeat Brighton, 139-138.

Gynmasts defeat Brighton

The 2001 edition of the Northville-Novi high school gym-nastics team showed great promise in a gritty, come-from-behind win against the team from Brighton against the team from Engineer Thursday night, Jan. 4. Aithough a number of "Wild Stang" gymnasts were unable to compete in the meet, the team still squeaked out a

139.8-138.9 victory; Northville-Novi was led by Junior Lindsey Carlson who are returning from an injury-plagued 2000 season. In this season's opening meet, she had the highest team all-around score of 35.95 and placed first on vault and beam, with second place finishes on bars and floor. Seniors Megan Samhat and Katie Braine, both shaking off nag-ging injuries, performed well for Northville. Braine finished strongly on floor, to take first place with ar outstanding 9.4. She also finished fourth on beam. Samhat placed first on bars and contributed third

team was very fortunate to pull out a victory against a very strong Brighton team, particularly considering that they had lost ground on each of the first three rotation. However, the team responded well to the challenge by registering an event score on floor of 36.55, far event score on floor of 36.55, far and away their best event score of the evening.

Wildcat wrestlers finish 5th in Tournament of Champions

BY COLBY J. CAVALIERE Sports Editor

Where can a high school where can a high school wrestling fan go to watch some of the area's best teams battle for top honors? Look no further than the Tournament of Champions, which was held on Dec. 29. A total of 16 teams participated, with the Wildcals being one of the headline teams.

When the mat dust settled at the end of a long day. Novi had been able to wrestle themselves into a fifth place finish behind the top four teams of Lapeer West, Davison, Bedford, and

If it had not been for some miss-ing wrestlers due to injury, Novi could have found themselves even state playoff level, Huss said.

higher, coach Brad Huss said "Overall, I think we wrestled fi we had our wrestlers at 119, "extremely well against some of the

and 171, I think we could have finished in second or third," said Huss. Nov! brothers Josh Churella and Ryan Churella both Churella and Ryan Churella both won their weight classes, at 103, and 145 respectively. Also winning his weight class was J.R. Muldoon at 112. Among the other Wildcat wrestlers that placed, were Brian Ong iskith place at 125], Brett Terbeck (7th place at 130), Vince Slovan (fourth place at 160), Nick Slovan (second at 215), and Tim

(second at 215), and Tim Stefanson (fifth place at 275). Missing from the Wildcat lineup because of injury were Corey Nobach at 119, and Scott Kordlandt at 171.

"Overall, I think we wrestled

"Overall, I think we wrestled extremely well against some of the top schools around."

Brad Huss

top schools around," said Huss.
At the moment the Wildcats sit pretty with a perfect 7-0 record.
They take that unblemeshed mark to Howell to face the Highlanders on Friday for the first league match

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Northville volleyball team earns honors in invitational

BY COLBY J. CAVALIERE Sports Editor

Only some of the best teams in the area could be found at the Salem invitational Tournament on Jan.6. A total of 12 teams were invited and split into three divi-sion pools of four teams each. The robin style group of matches. Following the matches, the top two teams from each division entered a playoff to determine the

Northville started pool play slowly with aloss to Tecumsen, but

"We were a little down after the slow start, but the big win over Churchill really seemed to fire up the girls, and get us going for the rest of the day," said Northville coach Nikki McEvers.

The Mustangs followed the Churchill victory with a win over-Manchester to earn the second playoff spot in their pool. Northville took down Grosse lie High School in the first round of the playoffs, but fell to Clinton in the second

ed Northville with 15 kills each on he day. Temple continued her the day. Temple continued her outstanding offensive contribu-tions to lead Northville in aces with seven. Leading the afternoon's defensive effort were Kathleen Ochmanski, who tailled 30 digs and Emily Oft with 12 blocks.

Northville gets on the bus and hits the road to take on Harrison at 7 p.m. on Monday.

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The Novi High School Pom Pon squad performs a routine at half-time of last week's Novi Wildcat basketbail game. On Jan. 27 the on times and location, call the high school at 449-1500

Northville basketball team falls 42-39

By COLBY CAVALIERE
Sports Editor

Northville was guilty of 28 turnovers, many of the unforced blame it on good defense, or a long holiday layoff, but the ball long enough to get a shot away. Northville was plagued by anything but crisp in a 42-39 loss to North Farmington on Friday.

The ugly defeat dropped Northville was guilty of 28 turnovers, many of the unforced duction, Northville found them should the ball long enough to get a shot away. Northville was plagued by misses.

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The ugly defeat dropped for 28 to the second half. We were turnovers with less than a minute to play.

To a fan in the stands, it may have appeared that three straight of the player of the

Northville's record to 3-3, and to 0-1 in the WLAA Western Division.
We clearly showed signs of the long Christmas layoff — that's for sure, said Northville coach Scott Baldwin.

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Mustang hockey team struggles for tie BY COLBY J. CAVALIERE SPORTS EDITOR It sure looks like it's going to be a long bus ride home when you hall behind by three goals in the lirst period on the road against one of the look provided in the lirst period on the road against one of the look provided in the lirst period on the road against one of the look provided in the lirst period on the road against one of the look provided in the lirst period. By an utied to single the look provided in the lirst period. By an utied to single the look provided in the lirst period. By an utied to single the look provided in the lirst period. By an utied to single the look provided in the lirst period. By an utied to single the look provided in the lirst period. By an utied to single the look provided in the lirst period. By an utied to single the look and forth goal scoring would finally come to an end, and the teams would settle for a ties at the buzer. After failing behind 4-1 after the lirst period. By an utied to single the look and forth goal scoring would finally come to an end, and the teams would settle for a ties at the buzer.

behind by three goals in the first period on the road against one of the top teams in the division.

But that's just what happened to Northville in a game against Livona Churchill on Jan. 3, in which the Mustangs railied for an eventual 5-5 fte.

To come back from being down three goals in the first against one of the top teams is a great moral victory," said Mustang coach Brad O'Nelli.

The game featured a wild come-



Wildcat swimmers

defeat Plymouth



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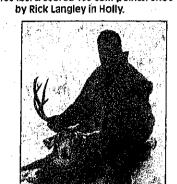
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RS virus seems like a cold in little

Nasty winter virus can send babies, toddlers, kids to the hospi-

it's that time of year again. Time for babies, toddlers and children to come down with their usual winter suffles and sneezes, and for parents to be ready with tissues, cough syrup and hot soup. But it's also time for parents and doctors to be vigilant for a virus whose symptoms look like a simple cold at first, but in fact can send little ones to the hospital.

It's called RSV, for respiratory syn-

cytial virus. And Marie Lozon, head of pediatric emergency services at the University of Michigan Health System, warns that it can take a heavy, even deadly, toll on many children – especially the very young or those with certain health condi-

"RSV is the most common cause of serious respiratory disease in younger children, especially infants and very young toddlers, sald Lozon, who sees a large num-ber of RSV cases in the UMHS Emergency Department each year. It's most dangerous in younger children or those with risk factors involving their lungs or their hearts. But even the average healthy child could get RSV and ge quite ill from it, even requiring hos pitalization, oxygen and other irealments."

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those with risk factors involving their lungs or their hearts. But even the average healthy child could get RSV and get quite ill from it, even requiring hospitalization, oxygen and other treatments."
RSV infections can progress to bronchiolitis – not be confused with bronchitits – or pneumonia, and even death. In newborns and very small infants, it can occasionally cause temporary interruptions ally cause temporary interruptions in breathing, Lozon added, leading some physicians to speculate that RSV may be associated with Sudden Infant Death Syndrome, or

The American Lung Association estimates that 90,000 hospitalizations and 4,500 deaths a year result from RSV infection—in babies, toddlers and children.

RSV is around us all the time and can live on surfaces or bands, making transmission easy. Its high season starts in late fall and peaks in January and February, often with local outbreaks. During that time, those most at risk include infants under six months; children born prematurely; those with asth-ma, cystic fibrosis, weak immune systems or heart conditions; and

the elderly. So what can worried parents do? Lozon recommended two key steps: handwashing and other practices to cut down on transmission of the virus within a family, day care group or class; and special atten-tion by parents to a child's symptoms, toms, so they can get medical attention if needed.

RSV often enters the body through the nose, mouth or eyes, or through inhalation of droplets from a cough or sneeze, if you touch an object that's been touched by a person with RSV, and then touch your face with the hand, you can be infected. It takes about four days for symptoms to develop, and some older children and adults never show signs but can still spread the virus.

Most kids get infected with RSV by the time they're 2 or 3 years old. But even though It's pretty hard to avoid contact with RSV-carrying things and people, especially in winter, Lozon urges everyone to take a few common-sense measures that can protect the most vulnerable.

First, make a habit of washing your hands often, with soap and water, especially after you've been neasomeone who's coughing or touched objects they've used. It's a good idea year-round, but becomes especially important now for many

Keeping children with any cold-like symptoms away from bables is another good idea, Lozon said, as is keeping infants and at-risk children away from crowded places during peak RSV season. And par-ents and caregivers like day-care providers should take extra care to clean surfaces and faces often, especially when dealing with one child who has symptoms and others in the same house classroom ers in the same house, classroom or day-care center who don't.

Still, there's no fool-proof way to avoid RSV completely, no vaccine at this time to prevent it, and no guarantee of immunity this year if you've had it before. Some high-risk kids may be able to get injec-tions of immune-boosting medica-tion, but most children aren't candidates for it. So. Lozon advised that parents and others learn how

FACTS ABOUT RESPIRATORY SYNCYTIAL VIRUS OR RSV.

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An adult or older child infected with RSV can spread the virus for three to eight days even though symptoms may not be present. Small infants may spread it for up to four weeks.

RSV causes about 400 000. RSV causes about 90,000

hospitalizations and 4,500 deaths each year in infants and kids.

normal cold or cough generally is confined to the upper respiratory. tract, above the collarbone." Lozon explained, "But if an RSV infection progresses, it can go into the lower respiratory tract, below the collar-bore, inflaming the small alrways and causing a wheeze and a diffi-culty in breathing." Healthy older children and adults

may have strong enough immune responses to keep it in the upper respiratory system, and should recover within a week. But younger recover within a week. But younger and sicker people may not fare so well. Infants and former premature babies have immature fungs, while kids were asthma and cystic fibrosis have lung-based problems that RSV can worsen.

Even in otherwise healthy children, an aggressive case of RSV can still cause, serious breathing difficult.

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RSV often starts like any other cold, with a fever, congestion, a runny nose and a cough, sald Lozon. "But often will progress into a more serious situation where instead of a regular runny nose, the child's nose runs continuously the child's nose runs continuously and much more so. Both nose and mouth secretions can be incredi-ble, so much that the child may be gagging on them. Then it progresses into a worse cough and then a wheeze,"

Besides the breathing problems and runny nose, infants may have other symptoms, Lozon said, such other symptoms, Lozon said, such as poor feeding and listlessness or lethargy. "Unfortunately, they also may have periods of apiea, meaning they will actually stop breathing for a short period of time, she said.

If a child has breathing pauses, is working hard just to breathe, makes a high-pitched sound

RSV infections and outbreaks

RSV infections and outbreaks occur throughout the year but are especially widespread in January and February and throughout the winter months.
 RSV may cause up to 75 percent of cases of bronchiolitis, or infections of the small sung passages in infants. It a also the most common causes of new.

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when breathing, or if their chest or belly sucks in and out when they breathe, Lozon said adults should seek medical attention immediately.

Other danger signs are if the child can't eat or drink well, is listless, has a color change or can't pur-sue normal activity despite their symptoms.

Anyone who suspects RSV in a baby, child or adult should treat the early symptoms just like they would treat a cold, using tactics approved for the patient's age group. For example, give over-the-counter medicines to reduce fever and cough, clear out nose and mouth secretions, increase water and feeding, and use a humidifier Don't give infants cold medicines, though.

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If you think you need to call a
doctor, Lozon advised trying the
child's primary physician first
and getting his or her opinion
about whether to seek further
help. Describe the child's symptoms in detail to help the doctor's
decision.

But don't refrain from going to the emergency room if you see RSV-like symptoms, she tirged. Doctors there can test for the presence of RSV, support a child's breathing with oxygen, or even give anti-virus drugs or immune treatments in serious

"I'm very comfortable that parents have excellent judgment, and if they're worried, even if I'm not, I'd rather be safe than sorry," she said, "if you're not sure, we'd rather see you than

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Take a grocery store tour to learn how to build a healthy diet this new year.

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Sticking to your resolution to lose weight by eating a well-balanced diet this new year may just be a matter of what you put in our cart at the grocery store. To get started, throw out your list and get ready to make a few changes to your grocery shopping routine to eat healther in 2001.

Gradually break away from your Gradually break away from your normal shopping routine by beginning to look for products you don't always purchase instead of shocking your family with a completely new set of foods, says Holly Noble, registered dietitian, M-Fit Health Promotion Division at the University of Michigan Health System.

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"Just open your eyes to the rest of the products that you don't normally buy," Noble said.

"People get into a routine and they tend to buy the same products and they don't realize that there might be a healther choice that is not only better for them, it that is not only better for them, it might even taste better."

Start by rolling your cart down the fish, meals and poultry alsle. There are a variety of choices you can make in the meat and seafood departments that fit within healthy eating guidelines.
"When you're looking at the fish counter, any choice is going to be better than a high saturated fat meat." Noble said.

The American Heart Association recommends eating a fish meal at least two times every week to replace the red meats that are replace the red meats that are higher in saturated fat. Fish pro-vides Omega-3 fatty acids that have been shown to help prevent heart disease. Plus. fish is an easy dish to prepare because it only takes about ten to 15 min-

Two 3-ounce servings of lean read meat or fish should be included in a healthy diet every day. Lean red meat is very versatile and can be prepared as a

healthy dish by baking, broiling, grilling, steaming and stir-frying. To find the healthiest cuts of meat, Noble recommended looking for meats with the words "loin" or "round" on the label and to limit buying high-fat meals like sausage, prime rib and spare ribs. The leanest cuts of meat

will have little marbling through-out or fat around the edges. If you're hunting for meals that are lower in fat, chicken and turkey are great choices. You also can lower your calorie intake from chicken and turkey by removing the skin after "The problem

baking, Nobie said. For a colorful assortment of foods that are mins, minerals and also are a good source of fiber, take a stroll down the

fruits and vegetables aisle "In the produce

area, from fruits to veg-etables, there's a lot of different colors and they all provide differ-ent nutrients," Noble said, "So

ent nutrients." Noble said. "So when you're shopping you want to try to put a rainbow of colors in your shopping court."
The deep purple color in blueberries has anthocyanin that may protect against heart disease, while the orange color caused by the heat cardiers in sweet. by the beta carotene in sweet otatoes can help prevent can-

when purchasing lettuce, color is a major nutritional determinate. The deeper the lettuce color, like in spinach and romaine, the more nutritional benefit it has compare to a lighter-colored lettuce such as

rg. e recommends eating at least five servings of fruits and vegetables every day by making them a part of every meal and using them as a nutritious and filling snack between meals.

But don't forget to leave some

room for carbohydrates like pasta, rice and grains in your diet. Carbohydrates should make a large portion of a diet because they provide nutrients such as B vitamins, foliate and fiber. However, it's important to remember to properly balance carbohydrates with other foods.

"The problem with carbohydrates some people have is they don't always know when to stop," Noble said. "Add vegetables to your pasta dishes to add a little more bulk. You can also choose

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whole wheat products that will fill you up, as well as giving you more nutri-ents." rice, which is a healthier choice than white rice because it conmore

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the recipe and make it more filling.
Fiber also is one of the key ingredients to look for when buying cereal. Cereal is a good option for breakfast because it provides essential vitamins and minerals, in addi-

vitamins and minerals, in addition to fiber. To get the greatest nutritional benefit from cereal, there should be at least 2 1/2 grams of fiber per serving.

"If your favorite cereal doesn't have 2 1/2 grams of fiber, you can also try adding a small amount of bran cereal to your bowl." Noble said. bowl," Noble said.

Just like cereal, everyone has a favorite snack. But there are a few things to consider when buy-ing snacks to fit into a healthy

"Everyone enjoys snacking from time to time and you don't have to eliminate that from your diet." Noble said. There are lower fat alternatives like baked snacks, some crackers that are lower fat and some cookies that are lower in fact. But you do need to watch out because sometimes lower fat does not mean lower calorie. The best way to eat any kind of snack is in moderation, of course. To do that, Noble says to moderate your portion size putting some of the food onto a plate or in a bowl rather than eating right

out of the bag or box.

Like snacks, there are a wide variety of choices down the bread aisle and it's not always easy finding the healthiest loaf. Not all brown breads, for example, are packed with fiber and wholewheat flour.

"You really need to look at the ingredient label and make sure that the first ingredient is either whole wheat flour or cat flour whole wheat flour or oat flour because some of the brown breads are just enriched wheat flour with added caramel color-ing. Noble said. Labels are also a shopper's best resource when buying dairy prod-ucts. Dairy that is lower in fat or

fat-free is also generally lower in calories, but the nutritional value ains the same. It's best to try a variety of lower fat products since many brands differ in taste and texture to find out which one you prefer. Low-fat cheese - a blend of several different cheeses has been greatly improved during the years to taste and melt better

when cooking.

The only obstacle you may face down the dairy aisle is deciding. between butter and margarine.

The margarine and butter debate still goes on, but the bottom line is that butter is a very high source of saturated fat which is known to lead to heart disease if consumed in excess" Noble said.
"You want to look for (margarine) that has two grams or less rated fat or you could also choose the margarine sprays which are calorie-free, fat-free but still give you some of that flavor." But in the quest for a healthy diet

in 2001, remember you do not have to eliminate any of our favorite foods from your grocery cart even if they may not be full of nutritional benefits. The easiest way to maintain a healthy diet is balance less-nutritional foods with food that have a variety of health benefits.