

From the publisher

The year 2000 definitely brought some changes to your *Northville Record* and *Novi News*, and many of those changes came from our most reliable source — you, the readers.

We introduced new sections, began packaging information in an easier to read format, and geared our reporting to be more local than ever before. We added new features, improved the content of our stories, and made many small style changes, all for one purpose — to make your *Northville Record* and *Novi News* a useful tool for you, the reader.

And we're not done yet. There are two differences you might have noticed when you picked up your copy of the newspaper this week, and both are responses to a flood of suggestions we received from you. This week the *Record* and *News* returned to home delivery. Instead of finding your newspaper in your mailbox, you received it from a news carrier. This change in delivery comes after dozens of requests and comments from subscribers, and will ensure that each subscriber receives his or her newspaper every Thursday by 6 p.m. The change will also help us grow with our communities. If you have problems with the delivery of the *Northville Record* and *Novi News* feel free to contact our circulation department, toll free at (888) 840-4809, or the local circulation number, (248) 349-3627.

The second difference comes after months of phone calls, letters, and numerous conversations. Beginning this week you'll notice that we've combined our Sports and HomeTown Life sections, and have placed a greater emphasis on Sports. You'll see a bigger section, packed with high school sports and followed up with useful and entertaining information. We hope you'll like the new look and the improved "news you can use" format.

Most of all I'd like to thank you, the readers, for all your comments and criticisms. The *Northville Record* and *Novi News* are your newspapers, and our editors, reporters, and photographers welcome your suggestions. If there is something you'd like to see in your HomeTown newspaper, feel free to call them anytime at (248) 349-1700.

If you would like to voice any complaints or concerns, feel free to email me at gperry@htl.hometown.net, or contact me directly at (248) 349-1700 ext. 120.

Your comments and input can only make us better.

Sincerely,

Grace Perry
Publisher

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Board will hold hearings on sex ed

PUBLIC HEARINGS
Novi Board of Education will hold two public hearings for the community on the sex education curriculum:
Thursday, Jan. 18 at 6:45 p.m. at Orchard Hills Elementary
Thursday, Feb. 8 at 6:45 p.m. at Educational Services.

By STEPHANIE FORDYCE
Staff Writer

To ensure that parents and members of the community have their say on the revised health curriculum, the Novi Board of Education will hold two public hearings, include one tonight, Jan. 18, at Orchard Hills Elementary at 6:45 p.m.

Debates over the sex ed portion of the curriculum began in

November, when a handful of local parents voiced their concerns over the ninth grade health class.

While some slight changes were made throughout the fourth through ninth grade curriculum, parents were disgruntled to find that the ninth grade class remained "abstinence-based", versus "abstinence-centered."

"Some of the changes to the curriculum are good," said parent

Rosemarie Denton, who had approached the board about the class in November. "However, I think there's so much disease and infertility that the healthiest choice for our kids is abstinence; that sex should be saved for marriage."

Novi resident Holly Walker, who has three young children in the Novi school system, said sex is such a crucial issue that parents should be involved in and that they

can not just leave it up to the schools to teach.

"Parents need to know that when they send their kids into a classroom that they are essentially agreeing with what's being taught," she said. "I hope parents will inform themselves, because a lot of times they don't know exactly what's being demonstrated."

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Mayor looks for global market

By RANDAL YAKY
Staff Writer

The city will face challenges in the upcoming year but, according to Mayor Richard Clark, the city is in good shape to face the future.

The mayor addressed community leaders and business owners during a Novi Chamber Luncheon at the Hilton Hotel on Tuesday for his annual "State of the City" address.

Clark said he wanted to "create a pathway into the 21st century" for the city of Novi by opening the city up for a "global competitive market." He has strongly expressed this idea since taking over as Mayor last year.

Clark also told the crowd that a new "neighborhood services" program to concentrate on problems within the city of Novi would be set up. Clark said improving Novi's neighborhoods will be "top priority" in the coming year.

"The neighborhood services will co-ordinate with home owners association and this spring will be sponsoring a first ever, summit meeting at the Civic Center."

But the mayor was also vehement in his stance on bringing "high quality" tech business to the

city. Mayor Clark has been a supporter of adding new business to the city to help "reduce the tax burden on the citizens."

"At this moment several major corporations have requested confidentiality," Clark said. "But they have been contemplating the most significant investments in our community that are unparalleled with other investments in southeast Michigan."

Clark said the future of Novi is dependent on the high quality companies looking to locate in Novi. Over the past year, the growth in the community has been "unprecedented" in Novi history, Clark said.

"In the last year, 224 single family homes were built at a value of \$39.5 million dollars and those are not market values. Three hundred and eighty-five multiple dwelling units with a value of \$20.6 million were constructed and seven industrial building at a cost of \$27 million were completed (in the city)," Clark said.

For months, Clark has been stressing Novi's need to "do battle" in the "global arena" in order to

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Novi road to be cleared by city

By RANDAL YAKY
Staff Writer

With the snow storm of 2000 still fresh in the minds of residents, Novi city officials have "cut a deal" to better handle the next blast from "old man winter."

In order to improve road clearing services during winter emergencies, the city of Novi has entered into a temporary agreement with the Road Commission for Oakland County (RCOC) for snow removal, according to the city administration.

The agreement, approved by city council last week, will reimburse the city for approximately \$59,300 for man power and equipment depreciation. As a result of the agreement, the city will take over maintaining Novi Road, Grand River Avenue and Ten Mile Road. The money will be enough to provide approximately 450 hours of manpower to clear the roads. The reimbursement is retroactive to Oct. 1st, according to a memo provided by director of public services Tony Nowicki.

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Richard Helwig
Novi city manager

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RCOC spokesman Craig Bryson said there are a number of other communities that have similar agreements including the cities of Berkley, Madison Hts., Rochester Hills, Royal Oak, Sylvan Lake, Troy and the village of Lake Orion. Bryson said that the amount allocated to Novi was based on the average amount used to clear the three roads

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Lebanon comes to Novi



Petra Kozickova, left, and Pita Cafe's manager Ali Chahine offer pita sandwiches and other middle-eastern fare at their Novi Town Center location.

Foreign fare with flair

By STEPHANIE FORDYCE
Staff Writer

Diners can experience the Middle East without leaving Novi at the Town Center's newest addition, Pita Cafe.

Offering over 60 entrees, sandwiches, and vegetarian dishes, owner Ali Chahine ensures the restaurant will cater to everyone.

"We have a very large menu," he said. "I hope the people of Novi will acknowledge our presence and enjoy our food."

Chahine, who describes the restaurant as authentic Middle Eastern with a Lebanese emphasis, said this is the Pita Cafe's third location.

"We've done very well in our other locations, and I figured if the concept is working over there, why

shouldn't it work here," he said.

If the growth of Chahine's restaurant chain is any indication, the process is a well-oiled machine. Currently, the Lebanese native has a Pita Cafe in Oak Park and in Birmingham.

Chahine said with all the steak and hamburger restaurants piling into Novi, he thought his Middle Eastern cuisine would be a nice change of pace for the city.

"I noticed that there isn't a Middle Eastern restaurant that serves high quality food with a large variety of vegetarian and non-vegetarian dishes. So I knew there was a need for it here," he said.

The restaurant, which took over Kosch's, offers a number of cultural and traditional foods such as

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Dancing the day away



The Novi High School varsity Pom Pon squad practices in their gym last Friday. They'll be competing in Nationals in the first week of February. See the full story on page 3A.

Governor signs bill for new judgeship

By RANDAL YAKY
Staff Writer

The first hurdle has been cleared in bringing a new judge to the 52-1 District Court in Novi.

Governor John Engler has signed the bill that would place a new judge in the 52-1 District Court in Novi in 2003.

The judgeship, which will be presented to the electorate in 2002, will officially be seated in 2003. When the new judge is placed in the Novi court, Clarkston's 52-2 Division Court will take jurisdiction of Rose and White Lake Township, and with the expiration of Judge Michael Batchik's seat, that vacancy could be filled as a judgeship in Clarkston in 2005. The final hurdle is approval by the Oakland County Board of Commissioners.

"The next step is the county board's approval," Sen. Bill Bullard (R-Highland) said. "I'm cautiously

optimistic that it will be approved."

According to Bullard, he has met with Oakland County Executive L. Brooks Patterson about the judgeship but ultimate approval will come from the board of commissioners.

"In 1990, there was a judgeship up and the commissioners did not approve it," Bullard said.

Patterson has said that he feels the commissioners will approve the new judgeship and the realignment of the districts based on conversations he's had with the commissioners.

Recently elected commissioner Hugh Crawford said he is working on getting his constituents updated on the need for a new judge at the Novi Court.

"I'm working on getting all my ducks in a row," Crawford said. "I know we need a resolution in the

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Prior charge gets woman with counterfeit bills in more trouble

A 38-year-old Detroit woman was arrested by Novi police for possession of counterfeit currency after she was picked up from the Wayne County Jail for failure to appear in Novi's 52-1 Division Court on an unrelated charge in October of 1999.

Police News

They traveled from Jackson to spend the evening at Club LaBloom in Walled Lake. They spent the night in the Novi police lock-up.

Three teens from Jackson were pulled over by police on Novi road just north of Ten Mile after police saw them driving erratically.

The two 18-year-olds and a 19-year-old told police they were returning from a club called LaBloom in Walled Lake on Jan. 15 around 1:15 a.m. when they were pulled over. One of the 18-year-olds had a small amount of marijuana on him as well as drug paraphernalia.

Besides the charges of substance abuse violations, the teens were told to "stay away" from the LaBloom teen club.

TRUCK DRIVER HELD
A 31-year-old Blissfield Township truck driver was arrested for transporting 307 grams of Marijuana after a weigh station employee said he smelled marijuana on the driver, Jan. 11.

LOSING SHIRTS
A clerk inside Lord and Taylor's at Twelve Oaks Mall noticed that a large number of dress shirts (24 to be exact) were missing from the men's section on Jan. 12 around 4:30 p.m.

CLUBBING FROM A FAR

The man was charged with violations of controlled substances.

Novi police caught up with the semi-tractor trailer on Novi Road north of Thirteen Mile. While questioning the man, police noted that he did appear to be under the influence and searched the vehicle. They made the arrest at approximately 10:37 a.m.

BOUND FOR LEATHER
A 35-year-old Detroit man was arrested by Novi police after he ran out of Twelve Oaks Mall with \$2,500 in leather jackets on January 11.

According to police, the man had somehow accumulated seven leather coats from a store inside the mall but was spotted running out of an exit by mall security.

The suspect ran through the parking lot and apparently tossed the coats aside when he realized security was chasing him, according to police.

The man ended up inside the DMC Health Center office near the mall and tried to get another security officer to give him money for a phone call.

A booster bag is a metallic lined bag used by shoplifters to get by the security systems. Store security estimated that the man had stuffed 24 men's dress shirts into the bag. Each of the dress shirts was valued at \$39.50 a piece.

The suspect admitted to the crime, according to police reports. "I did what you think I did," the man told police.

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Join Dr. George Nicoloff for the Sports Club of Novi's complimentary Sports Injury Clinic, Tuesday, January 20.

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Nicoloff has worked extensively with college and professional athletes and is the current team physician for Stevenson High School in Livonia. He is a board certified Family Physician and is a University of Michigan Medical School graduate.

Services provided at the sports clinic will include therapy instruction/referal, exercise, prescription/counseling, and injury evaluation.

Tony Lyndon, a MPT and certified personal trainer, will also be on hand to answer questions and set optional appointments for exercise implementation.

Dr. Nicoloff, who works at PrimeCare in Novi, also offers full service X-ray, casting and splinting, injections, and sports physicals in his office. PrimeCare is located on Ten Mile, just west of Haggerty.

The sports clinic runs from 7-9 p.m. by appointment and is open to both members and non-members.

The Sports Club of Novi is located off Novi Road between Nine and Ten Mile Roads.

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Show dates are Feb. 2, 3, and 4. All seats reserved at \$10 a piece or \$8 in advance.

For more information call (248)347-0400.

Calling all News readers

Have you ever wanted to offer suggestions to the local newspaper? Wanted the Novi News would cover just one more event? Wanted to be a part of a committee working to better the newspaper?

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Novi News is proud to announce its first ever Citizens Advisory Board.

The Novi News is looking for community members age 16 and up to sit on a panel for 12 months to discuss the newspaper in a forum-type setting. The good and bad as well as suggestions for improvement will be monthly topics as well as broad topics on editorial and advertising content.

Members will receive a one year subscription free and are required to stay on for the full year.

Those interested in becoming advisory board members should submit a letter of interest, including items about yourself and why you are interested in joining.

The News staff will evaluate the interest letters and contact those selected to the group in mid-February.

Public officials or municipal employees are not eligible to participate.

The object is to get a cross-section of our readership to sit down and discuss the newspaper with us. Applications should be mailed to: Kelli Cooley, Editor, Novi News, 104 W. Main St., Northville, MI 48167 or by e-mail to: kcooley@ht.honcom.com.net. Applications should be submitted no later than Feb. 5.

Pom pon heads to nationals in Orlando

By ERIN KING Special Writer

A national title is something that most teams dream about. This year, the Novi Pom Pon squad will have their chance. In February, they will head to Florida to compete for Nationals.

Nationals is hosted by the Universal Dance Association. The girls attended UDA's camp this summer in order to qualify for the big competition.

They needed to win a superior trophy while at camp, which involves many routines and needed points.

"It's kind of like a blue ribbon," said coach Julie Hobbs.

There are four categories at the competition: jazz, pom, kick and prop. The squad will go for a title in the kick line category. Hobbs said this is what the girls do best.

"We are a traditional squad. Kick line is just what the girls excel at," she said.

Since Hobbs has been coach, the team has been state champs four

times and have been in the top three since 1994.

Hobbs has coached the girls for nine years. She has studied dance her entire life and was on her high school pom squad. She loves coaching and working with the girls.

"I love what I do," Hobbs said.

Mid-American Pom Pon is a company that sponsors state and regional competitions.

They also have an all-star team made up of girls from all over Michigan. There are 15 girls from the varsity and junior varsity squads at Novi that are on the all-star team. They make many public appearances, including the Thanksgiving Day Parade.

The girls also won the Mid-American Pom Pon championship last year in the kick line category.

The varsity squad is made up of 28 girls. They are led by senior cap-

tain Lindsay Anar, Abby Saari, and Alyssa Hamblin. Ten seniors will graduate this year, leaving it as their last opportunity at a national title.

"I am anxious to see a different competition," Saari said. "I am a little scared, about the unknown, but it is a good scary."

This is the first time the Novi squad will be attending nationals. The squad practices everyday for two hours, and will increase practice by another hour starting this month. They will have all new routines for nationals, choreographed by everyone on the team.

Before nationals begin, the girls will have a shot at the regional title in January. At the end of February, they will try their luck at states.

The talented team will get only one shot at nationals with their current coach, however. She is moving away next year.

The national competition is held in Orlando, at Disney's MGM Studios and the girls will be given free passes to all the parks during the weekend of the competition.

The 2000-2001 Novi Varsity Pom Squad includes: Laura Brandua, Valerie Caversilli, Erin Chuplosky, Michelle Cavarella, Carmen Decker, Madeline DiRocco, Dana Dzewonowski, Kiley Effring, Marcy Golja, Melissa Gorman, Alyssa Hamblin, Courtney Harfoot, Erin Holmes, Dankele Kazakos, Hillary Kroll, Holly Lloyd, Erin Melien, Dana Moore, Christina Mortanti, Lauren Powell, Stephanie Ragan, Erin Reid, Abigail Saari, Erika Stalting, Karmie Smith, Betsy Thelen, and Sarah Wilson.

Erin King is a special writer for the Northville Record/Novi News and a high school senior at Livonia Churchill. She can be reached at (248) 349-1700.

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Detroit man considers lawsuit

By RANDAL YAKYK
Staff Writer

Enrique Salinas went to work on September 23, 1999 not knowing by that evening he would be facing a month in the Oakland County jail, extradition to New Mexico and false imprisonment.

Salinas, who worked for a Green Oak Landscaping company at the time, was arrested by Novi police at around 6:15 p.m. the day after the friend he was riding with was pulled over for liquor violations.

Salinas was transported to the Oakland County jail where he was held for 38 days until his extradition to New Mexico on felony shoplifting charges, said Salinas' attorney, John Aragon of Santa Fe, New Mexico.

Aragon confirmed that Salinas is suing the state of New Mexico, the Santa Fe County Sheriff's Department and the private jail company, Cornell Corrections, originally out of Houston, Texas. Aragon said that he is still considering suing Oakland County officials that may include the Novi Police Department.

"I compare this [incident] to a Mexican jail," Aragon said. "You are in jail and no one tells you why you are there."

Aragon said all Novi or Oakland County law enforcement had to do is check the name and age of the suspect in the warrant.

"The police [Novi] arrested him and the warrant didn't fit," Aragon said. "At the time of the crime, he [Salinas] wasn't even here [in New Mexico]. Nobody check out the facts."

According to the Novi police report at the time, the arresting officer gave the information to the dispatcher who verified the warrant said the sus-

pect had 'years' and that 'the social security number and date of birth were fakes' listed on the warrant. The warrant had the wrong birth date, social security number and middle name (of Salinas), Aragon said.

Salinas, a native of Mexico who speaks little English, was incarcerated for stealing a pair of slacks and a suit from a Santa Fe department store.

Even though Salinas was exonerated by Glenn Ellington, District Court Judge T. Glenn Ellington, and set free in December of 1999 after another 38 days in a Santa Fe jail, Salinas was left stranded in New Mexico with no way to get back to Detroit.

"When Judge Ellington apologized and let him go, they wouldn't even give him a bus ticket to get back to Detroit," Aragon said.

Aragon, who said he felt sorry for Salinas, allowed him to stay in his home until transportation was secured to get Salinas back to Detroit. Santa Fe Sheriff's Department had no comment on the incident.

Oakland County Deputy Corporate Council Keith Lermieux said that the Oakland County Sheriff's Department was acting on what they thought was a valid warrant. Lermieux said it is up to the suspect's attorney to secure release after he is incarcerated.

Aragon agreed with Lermieux that Salinas' Michigan attorney was lax in his duties and should have refused to allow his client to be extradited to New Mexico.

Randal Yakyk is a staff writer for the Novi News. His e-mail address is ryakyk@nl.comcast.net

New sports editor hails from New Jersey

The Novi News has a new face at the sports desk, and it belongs to Colby Cavaliere.

Cavaliere was named as sports editor for the *News* and *Northville Record* last week and arrived on the scene last Thursday. He replaces former sports editor Jason Schmitt, who resigned late in 2000.

Originally from Fort Lee, N.J., the 24-year-old Cavaliere now resides in Fenton and commutes to the *News* office. Though the greater New York City area escaped much of the snowfall that pounded Michigan several weeks ago, Cavaliere didn't get away unscathed.

"On the day I was moving, it

just started snowing like crazy," he said. "If I'd left a day earlier, I could've dodged it all."

Cavaliere graduated from Montclair State University with an English degree, and has worked for the Palisades Park, N.J.-based Bergen Newspaper Group covering high school athletics. He also worked for WVOX-AM in New Rochelle, N.Y. as a sports radio talk



Colby Cavaliere

show co-host. Cavaliere said he left the Atlantic coast behind in the hopes of starting fresh.

"I was looking for the prospect of a new beginning," he said. "I'm definitely looking forward to this. I want to get experience and learn the tricks of the trade to build a future for myself."

When he's not covering sports, Cavaliere is a sports participant. He also said he enjoys reading in his spare time.

Novi News editor Kelli Cooley said she believed Cavaliere would provide the sports coverage *News* readers have come to expect. Colby Cavaliere can be reached at (248) 349-1700, ext. 104.

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Footnotes

Dr. Michael P. Burk

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Obituaries

GEORGE J. KORBAY JR.

George Johannes Korby Jr., 74, died Jan. 14 in Novi. He was born June 18, 1926 in Detroit.

Mr. Korby was a commercial artist for the advertising firm of Young & Rubicam in Detroit. He retired in 1990. Mr. Korby moved from Livonia to the Northville/Novi area in 1972. He was a veteran of the U.S. Navy (Seaman First Class) during World War II. Mr. Korby enjoyed hunting for deer and sheet shooting, and enjoyed traveling to Florida for vacations.

He is survived by his wife, Joanne; three sons, Ray, Rick (Bobbie) Alley and Mark Alley; daughters Susan Freeman and Sharon (Bob) Alexander; sister, Faith Hoge; and six grandchildren.

Services were held Wednesday, Jan. 17 at O'Brien/Sullivan Funeral Home, Northville. Interment was in Oakland Hills Cemetery in Novi.

Memorials to the Novi Rotary Club would be appreciated.

GEORGE R. MCCOLLUM

George Ray McCollum, 71, died Jan. 12 at Huron Valley Hospital in Commerce Township. He was born April 27, 1929.

Mr. McCollum was a pharmacist and former owner of Novi Rexall Drugs.

Memorials may be given to the Karmanos Cancer Institute.

EDNA M. LAWTON

Edna Mary Lawton, 76, died Jan. 10 at her residence in Farmington. She was born in 1924.

Mrs. Lawton was born in Cork, Ireland. She was a graduate of Grace Nursing School and Wayne State University. Mrs. Lawton was a registered nurse at Stanford University Hospital and Mount Carmel Hospital. She was also a member of the Nurse Cadet Corp US Army. She enjoyed golf and swimming and had membership in the Holy Family Golf League. She also did volunteer work at the St. Leo's Soup Kitchen. According to the family, Mrs. Lawton had a great Irish sense of humor and a large

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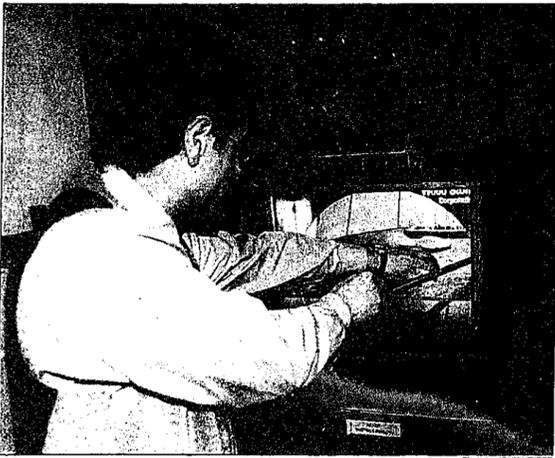
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Pita Cafe offers Lebanese dishes

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chicken, lamb shawarma, kibbi, hummous, baba ghanouj, tabbouleh and falafel, all served with their fresh steamed Pita bread.

For newcomers, Chahine recommends the Shish Tawook, which is boneless, skinless chicken breasts cubes, marinated in their special sauce and char-broiled. It also comes with a garlic dipping sauce.

Committed to only serving the freshest foods, Chahine said everything on the menu, however, is a specialty.

"If it wasn't good, we wouldn't put it on the menu," he said.

Pita Cafe also offers a number of soups, salads, and seafood dishes, as well as a full line of desserts.

Surprisingly, Chahine said while they are a Middle Eastern restaurant, their Caesar Salads are "one of the best."

You can also find a number of raw juice drinks and smoothies from carrot beet to mango.

Chahine, who emigrated from Lebanon 25 years ago, began his career in the restaurant business helping his brother open La Shish in Dearborn in 1988. The former Ford electrical engineer said after La Shish gained its popularity, it was time for him to go into the business on his own.

"I believed in our cuisine and there wasn't many Middle Eastern restaurants outside of Dearborn, so that's when I decided to take it to Oak Park," he said. "I was the first one to go outside of the Dearborn area."

Aside from the food, Pita Cafe will enchant you with its elegant Middle Eastern decor.

With its hand beaded chandeliers and antique artifacts, the atmosphere is culturally complete.

For afternoon diners Eric Karsten and Ken Hawley, who work at the Silenus Group in Novi, Pita Cafe is the perfect spot for a quick, affordable lunch.

"There aren't many Middle Eastern restaurants in the area and it's right by our work, so the location is great," Karsten said. "Plus you get a lot of good food for a good price."

Sample of what's on the menu at Pita Cafe

Hommous with Lamb.....\$10.99
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Veggie Combo.....\$9.99
Tabbouleh, vegetarian grape leaves, spintachi pie, and hommous

Beflake.....\$11.99
Veal tenderloin, thinly sliced, and sauteed with natural herbs and spices

Baba Ghanouj.....\$5.50
Baked eggplant and tahini sauce

Soyet.....\$5.50
Crocked wheat, tomatoes, onions, olive oil and natural herb and spices

Mjadra.....\$7.99
Browned lentils and cracked wheat topped with sauteed onions. Served with yogurt and choice of soup or salad

Karsten seems to enjoy the restaurant, already visiting twice since its opening on Jan. 4.

"Middle Eastern food is healthy and tasty at the same time," Chahine said. "It gives you a nice variety—something other than your regular burger and steak places. Here it's more of a dining experience, rather than just going to fill your stomach."

The Pita Cafe is located at 43224 W. 11 Mile Road next to the Novi Town Center Movie Theater. Hours are Monday-Thursday 11 a.m. to 10 p.m., Friday and Saturday 11 a.m. to 11 p.m. and Sunday 4 p.m. to 9 p.m. For carry-out orders call (248)347-7444.

St. Paul's Lutheran Church of Northville will be flying its flag at half mast on January 22nd in memory of the 40 million lives that have been lost due to abortion. Twenty-eight years ago the supreme Court decision of Roe vs. Wade legalized abortion on demand. We mourn that decision.

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COMMUNITY EVENTS/SCHOOL NEWS

Lakes Area Youth Assistance is sponsoring a Family Education Program called, "Coping With Attention Deficit Disorder." Find the most current and useful information on this childhood disorder.

This three week series will bring a different speaker each week with topics on "Nuts and Bolts of Parenting Your ADHD Child," "ADHD - Additional Issues and Children at Risk," and "How to Discipline Your ADHD Child."

Facilitators include:
• Paul Jacobs, Ph.D., Director, Beacon Hill Clinic
• Dr. Barbara Fisher Ph.D. fully licensed psychologist/neuropsychologist.
• James Windel M.A., therapist, columnist and author of "What You Need to Know About Ritalin."

Location: Walled Lake Community Education Center, in the cafeteria, 615 N. Pontiac Trail, Walled Lake.
When: Mondays, Jan. 29, Feb. 5, 12 (three sessions), from 7-8:30 p.m.
Cost: \$15 payable to Lakes Area Youth Assistance, scholarships available.

How: For registration, call Lakes Area Youth Assistance at 956-5070.

Walled Lake School District PTSA Council Meeting
The PTSA-council meeting will meet on Monday, Jan. 22 at 7 p.m. in the Media Center at Oakley Park Elementary School.

Warm Up America
The customers and staff of Darjan Yarns are teaming up to Warm Up America and help thousands of people in need. They are knitting and crocheting 7 inch by 9 inch sections and volunteers will assemble them into afghans, which will be distributed through social agencies like the YFW of White Lake, Mich.

"We got involved in Warm Up America," comments store owners, "because we love the feeling of giving and because it is a project that enable each person to make a contribution. Together we can warm someone's life in a small, personal way."

"We are looking for volunteers. Area residents who wish to participate in the program, which started Sept. 1, 1999 and will continue to April 1 of this year, can pick up a copy of the free knitting and crocheting patterns and receive additional information at Darjan Yarns, 2153 N. Pontiac Trail in Walled Lake," added Darja and Jana.

Warm Up America is a national, non-profit organization whose volunteers have produced over 50,000 handmade afghans.

Warm Up America is sponsored by the Craft Yarn Council of America, headquartered in Gastonia, N.C.

Walled Lake City Library Events
Mystery of the Missing Red Mitten with Ms. Connie from Education in Motion. Children ages 2-6 are invited Tuesday, Jan. 23 at 4-4:45 p.m. to the Walled Lake City Library located at 1499 E. West Maple to wiggle and jiggle their imaginary wings through this delightful story by Steven Reigel. Listening, learning, and reading go together as we wrap, stomp, pitch and toss. Registration is required. Call the library at (248) 624-3772.

Good enough to eat. Pine cone birdfeeders are on the menu at the Walled Lake City Library located at 1499 E. West Maple, Saturday, Jan. 23 at 11 a.m. noon. Children ages 6-9 are invited to take a craft break and make a birdfeeder to take home. Sample on display in the library two weeks prior to class. Class taught by resident craft artist, Linda Zack. Registration is required. Call the library at (248) 624-3772.

Wiron Parks and Recreation and "Broke in Band" presents "Winter Blah Buster 2001" on Friday, Jan. 26 at the Wixom Community Center, 49015 Pontiac Trail. This event is for Ages 13-18. There will be a \$5 per person entrance fee at the door.

Parks and Recreation and local band "Broke-In" invite you to jam the night away with special guest band "Lifeline." Includes pizza and smoothies. Donuts, pastries, scones, and muffins.

"We were getting so busy, and now that the demand is here, we knew we had to do something," she said. "Because we had such big dreams, we couldn't watch this space go."

Lutzo said with all this amplification, the salon is looking to increase its staff three-fold. Currently, the spa has 18 employees.

The new spa addition of 4,000 square feet includes a new pedicure room equipped with two heated and vibrating leather chairs with hydro jets, a facial room, ladies and mens locker rooms with two shower rooms and a private bathroom, vichy shower room, two treatment rooms and a treatment room for two.

The Works also welcomes customers with a gift gallery and an area for yoga and meditation workshops or for bridal or baby showers and corporate parties.

"This essentially can become your own private salon for a day," Lutzo said.

Walled Lake Consolidated Schools Elementary Lunch Menu for January-February 2001

- Italian Dunkers with Marinara Sauce
- Life Lunch - Trix Yogurt Cheese Stik and Crackers
- Little Caesars Pizza - Dublin Elementary

Friday, Jan. 19
• Cocoa Cheesecake with Trail Mix

Monday, Jan. 22
• Grilled Chicken Caboose with Bun
• Hot Dog with Bun and Oven Tater Tots

Tuesday, Jan. 23
• Aunt Jemima Waffles with Fruit Topping and Turkey Sausage

Wednesday, Jan. 24
• Egg/Cheese McBun
• Cheese Nachos
• Pizza Hot Foclet
• Little Caesars Pizza - MH Guest

2001 Prices
Complete Lunch \$1.75
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Fruit Drink Box \$ 40

The following sport schedules are for the Walled Lake Consolidated School District for the week of Jan. 11-17:

WALLED LAKE WESTERN
Wrestling
Jan. 18 6:30 p.m. Franklin

Jan. 20 9 a.m. JV at Central Invitational
Jan. 22 3:30 p.m. at Stevenson

Jan. 24 5:30 p.m. North Farmington
Swimming
Jan. 18 7 p.m. at Northville

Jan. 23 7 p.m. North Farmington
Skiing
Jan. 18 3 p.m. at West Bloomfield

Hockey
Jan. 19 8:20 p.m. Stevenson (Lakeland Arena)

Basketball
Jan. 19 7 p.m. at Canton
Jan. 23 7 p.m. at John Glenn

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Hockey
Jan. 20 2:20 p.m. Lakeland (Lakeland Arena)

Gymnastics
Jan. 18 7 p.m. at Salem
Jan. 20 10 a.m. at Hartland Invitational
Jan. 22 7 p.m. at Canton

Basketball
Jan. 19 7 p.m. Salem
Jan. 23 7 p.m. Harrison

Salon works out the kinks

By STEPHANIE FORDYCE Staff Writer

For Debbie Lutzo, owner of The Works Salon & Wellness Center in Walled Lake, watching her small dream snowball into an immense success was beyond her wildest expectations.

As she reminisced about her days sleeping in her first salon just to make ends meet, construction workers were putting the finishing touches on the existing salon's new 6,200 square foot addition.

"Normally, I wouldn't have taken on this much space this fast, but because we had such big dreams, we couldn't watch this space go."

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Two particularly unique regimens to the spa include its Vichy Shower Massage and Himalayan Rejuvenation Treatment (HRT).

The Vichy shower is a horizontal rainbar with six multi-adjusting shower heads and a separate hand held shower. With the treatment lasting an hour and a half, this new massage therapy is sure to wash all your troubles away.

The HRT, Lutzo explained, is a three hour detoxification of the body which is based upon ancient Indian Ayurvedic practices. This relaxing body treatment combines a series of innovative techniques to cleanse, purify, detoxify, and soothe the body and the mind.

This treatment includes an exfoliation and oleation friction massage, aroma tent steam bath, a scalp massage, and a cleansing of the sinuses.

Now to provide a relaxed, calm atmosphere, the salon's new spa vicinity is decorated with warm tones and browns, dim lighting,

and soft music. The rooms also give an added touch of serenity with a number of lit candles.

"In comparing the salon and the spa, it's sort of a ying-yang," Lutzo said. "The energy of the salon is very powerful and very upbeat, whereas the spa is very calming and quiet. So it's a nice balance."

Lutzo said that since clients come to the spa, they are guaranteed to be nurtured and taken care of.

"As soon as you walk in the door, we get you into a robe and out of your work clothes, so you realize that along with the clothes, you're taking off the stresses of the day," she said. "We want you to be rejuvenated when you leave and feel clean and at peace."

Lutzo added that the salon is designed for both men and women to feel comfortable, whatever their job or salary.

"I just want everyday people to feel comfortable here and make them feel special," she said. "I don't want them to feel like they have to drive up in a Rolls Royce or limousine."

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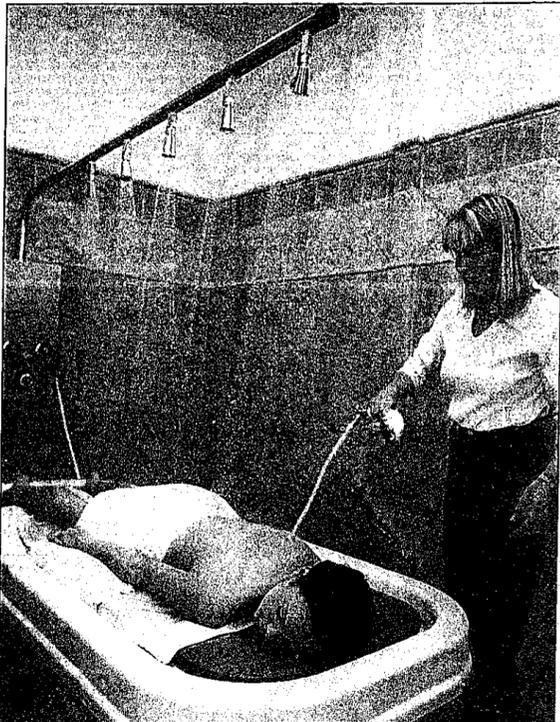
"This is a place for anyone who wants a little nurturing," she said.

Aside from its spa treatments and massages, the salon also offers cuts, coloring, manicures, pedicures, make-up, and waxing.

The Works Salon & Wellness Center is an Aveda Concept Salon and is located in the West Maple Plaza at 1123 E. West Maple, Walled Lake, MI 48390.

To schedule an appointment or for more information call 248-669-3130. You can also visit their website at www.works-salon.com

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Walled Lake salon "The Works" co-owner Deborah Lutzo, right, lets employee Nicole Varner experience the luxury of a Vichy Shower at their Maple Road location.

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NY agency sues Wixom over billboards

By Tran Longmoore Staff Writer

The City of Wixom is being sued by an advertising firm upset by a new ordinance governing billboards.

Nichols & Vann Media, a New York agency specializing in billboard building and leasing, is seeking authority to erect the advertisements plus \$700,000 lost revenues because of a new ordinance which they argue has thwarted their plans for billboards along I-96.

The complaint was lodged before Oakland County Circuit Court Judge Alice Gilbert Dec. 13.

In May, the firm contacted the city with plans to erect six billboards along the freeway in Wixom. But the city's building official notified that the ordinance didn't allow outside firms to advertise in the city. He approached Wixom attorney Jennifer Elowsky with the finding.

The ordinance prohibited billboards unless the content of the advertisement is related to the use of the property it sits on,

Blowsky said. Currently, the only billboards along I-96 in Wixom are used by firms located within the city. For example, Hartland Homes is allowed to advertise its product on its property. But it couldn't advertise Firestone Newman said. "They broke their promise. They sucker-punched us."

Newman charged that the city misrepresnted itself when it asked for 90 days to write the ordinance.

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"It's useless," Newman said.

"A municipality can regulate the size, lighting and spacing of the billboard, but it can't prohibit them."

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Wixom attorney

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Western, Central fall to Lakeland in skiing

By STEVE BELL Sports Editor

Lakeland proved to be the ski champions of Alpine Valley, much to the chagrin of Walled Lake Western on Monday.

On Jan. 15, Lakeland defeated the Warriors 11-25. Western's top finisher was Nicholas Carrion, who placed fourth overall. He was third in the slalom (34.81 seconds) and fifth in the giant slalom (28.21 seconds). After Carrion, Western's next placer was seventh, Dave Sargent's 36.09 seconds, 29.1 in the giant

slalom. Sean Reber was eighth, Seth Kalls ninth, Erik Peterson 10th and Steven Shurman 11th.

Lakeland's Kris Janssen was first overall, winning the slalom (32.42 seconds) and placing second in the GS (25.88 seconds).

Western's girls' team was beaten by Lakeland 15-22. Kristen Said was second overall (63.96 seconds combined), Lindsay Simansek fourth (68.45 seconds), Brittany Koester seventh (75.33 seconds) and Jessica Palmeri ninth (78.46 seconds).

WALLED LAKE CENTRAL 26, Lakeland beat Central 12-26, though the Vikings' Ryan Paul cracked the top three. He was third overall, winning the giant slalom (71.32 seconds), Jenny Bramlage fifth (72.76 seconds) and Emily Brown sixth (79.05 seconds).

Central's first overall Julie Craig placing first overall. Central's depth prevailed, as the Vikings took places two through six. Jill Eldridge was second (67.57 seconds combined), Katrina Bramlage third (68.06 seconds), Marissa Malory fourth (71.32 seconds), Jenny Bramlage fifth (72.76 seconds) and Emily Brown sixth (79.05 seconds).

Steve Bell is the sports editor for the Now News and South Lyon Herald. He can be reached at (248) 685-1507 or by e-mail at sbell@ht.homecomm.net

Wedding bells were ringing at Expo show

By STEPHANIE FORDYCE
Staff Writer

Hundreds of brides-to-be filled the Novi Expo Center Jan. 13-14, for the 2001 Bridal Expo last weekend.

Presented by Little & Groom Publications, the show featured an endless array of vendors who were happily on hand to help those soon-to-be-wed plan for the big day.

With photographers, travel agents, dress and tuxedo shops, invitation designers, caterers, reception venues, beauty salons, and more, the 2001 Bridal Expo proved to be a one-stop shop for couples like Ann Cunningham and Michael Mehan of Farmington Hills.

"We didn't have a clue what we wanted on any of the details for our wedding, but now I've got tons of ideas and contacts," Cunningham said.

Cunningham said while she already has her dress and the bride party gowns picked out, thanks to the Expo show, she chose Ms. Maddox Cake Shop in Farmington for her wedding cake and La Moore in Livonia to do her wedding photos.

She added that she is also hoping to get a horse drawn carriage from Crown Coach, Inc. for the momentous occasion, but that it was going to take some "major convincing" to get her fiancé to

always the best color because it can give brides a "washed-out" look. Stoffer recommends off-white or cream.

As for bridesmaids' dresses, Stoffer said, "maroon or black are still the favorites for winter, although some brides are opting for pastels and more vibrant colors for summer weddings."

"Beading and sequins along the hemlines are also coming back for brides and bridesmaids gowns," she said.

Aside from all the vendors, the event also held a number of fashion shows from boutiques such as Bonnie's Brides. The Bridal Suite Lover's Lane and The Wedding Shoppe, with flower bouquets by Sparr's of Northville.

Twenty-nine-year-old Krysta Soltecki of West Bloomfield said she already has done most of the leg work for her August wedding, but that she came to the show mainly for hair and beauty shops.

"It's so much a little prima-donna-ish, but I can't decide if I want to wear my hair up or down," she said.

Later, Soltecki said she knew she'd be wearing her hair up, after seeing a hair-style worn in the Expo's fashion show.

"I even had my mom take a pic-

ture of it so that I can take it to my hairdresser and show her exactly how I want it," she said.

The show, also sponsored by Tuxedo World and Metro Times, offered a number of resorts and travel agents as well, for honeymoon trip ideas.

For event goers, the most popular choices for honeymoons included trips to Hawaii, Jamaica and Mexico and cruises to the Caribbean.

"We're going to go to Ocho Rios," said Fawn Takla from Sterling Heights who is getting married in August. "Neither one of us have ever been outside of the United States so we really looking forward to it."

While Takla said most of her wedding plans have already been made, she did find that a videographer would be an added bonus to her blissful day.

"It would just be nice to have a professional video tape of the ceremony and the reception and set it to music. It will be something that we can have and cherish forever," she said.

Stephanie Fordyce is a staff writer for the Novi News. Her e-mail address is sfordyce@nt.honnet.com.net



Attendees admire wedding dresses at the 2001 Bridal Show. Photo by STEPHANIE FORDYCE

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Beginning Cake Decorating
Learn cake decorating basics using the Wilton Method of cake instruction. Fundamentals of the art of icing a cake, borders, figure piping, drop flowers, writing and rose making will be emphasized. The supply list will be provided the first day of class. A \$25 instructor/look fee is required. Class will be held Tuesdays, January 23 - February 13 from 7-9 p.m. in Room

155 at Novi High School. Cost is \$12.

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April 4 in the Orchard Hills Elementary gym, from 7:15-9:15 p.m. Cost is \$45 individual or \$86 per family.

Investing in the 21st Century
This dynamic class will focus on Wall Street's most popular investments, tax shelters, strategies to increase returns, investment planning, asset allocation, estate planning, mutual funds, tax advantaged investing, stocks and much more. Theories and concepts necessary to become financially successful will be discussed. The instructor, Rick Hueter, is a financial advisor with A.G. Edwards. Class will be held on Thursdays from January 25 - February 1 from 7-9 p.m. Cost is \$17 or \$15 for seniors.

Yoga
This class will center on yoga postures and practices to strengthen, tone and limber the body, reduce the stress of everyday life and enhance well being. This class is intended for beginners and continuing students who do not wish to

pursue more strenuous yoga practices. Avoid heavy food three hours prior to class. Wear stretchable clothing, bare feet. Bring an exercise mat, mat, mat, mat. Dumbbell or large towel. A limited number of mats are available for purchase for \$30. Class will be held on Thursdays, from January 25 - March 22 in the Parkview Elementary gym from 7:30 p.m. to 9:15 p.m. Cost is \$56. For more vigorous practices, a level 2 yoga class is available, which runs same place and time on Wednesdays, January 24 - March 21.

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Lose Weight
Diets don't work for you? Try a different approach through the use of hypnosis and lose those unwanted pounds. The instructor, Loretta M. Juricic, director and owner of the Inner Light Center, is a certified hypnotherapist specializing in clinical hypnotherapy. Class will be held in room 130 at Novi High School on Monday, January 29 from 7-9 p.m. Cost is \$23 or \$20 for senior citizens.

CPAP
In this class you will gain confidence in your ability to act quickly in the event of a respiratory or cardiac emergency with an adult, child or infant victim. The course will cover information about the prevention of heart disease and

accident prevention relating to children. The Heimlich maneuver and CPR skills on adult, child, and infant mannequins are included. Students will receive an American Heart Association Pediatric Basic Life Support Plus card and a Heartsaver Plus card. Class will be held on Tuesday, January 30 in the Media Center at Novi Meadows from 6-10 p.m.. Cost is \$44 or \$40 for seniors.

Stop Smoking Forever
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School Briefs

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 school year.

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 is the kindergarten deadline. Wednesday, Feb. 7, at 4:15 p.m. in the cafeteria is a Kindergarten

lottery drawing held, if needed. Parents only.

To be eligible to attend kindergarten for the 2001/2002 school year, children must be five years old on or before December 2, 2001. If you have questions, please call the Deerfield office at (248) 449-1700.

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. to 4 p.m. is open registration for non-residents.

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) 449-1248.

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Classifieds help search for missing dogs, new employees

Each week Hometown Newspapers will be dedicating two pages of its own classified sections, discovering tales of promise, misfortune and opportunity, then putting a familiar face on stories otherwise left untold and unbookmarked in the course of human events.

By David M. Aguilar
Staff Writer

Has anyone seen Annabelle?
Not much has been the same at Jim and Julie Cotter's home since Annabelle, a 1-year-old tri-colored beagle, wandered away from the family's Green Oak Township home Sunday evening, Jan. 14.

Drivers wanted
Go figure. A golf course supply company is looking for a reliable driver.

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The dollar amount is based on the estimated average cost to do the roads," Bryson said.

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Society called with what appeared to be good news, that a dog fitting Annabelle's general description had been found. When Humane Society officials arrived at the Cotter home with the found animal, however, it was clear the dog was not Annabelle.

Annabelle was close to everyone in our house," she said. "I just wish we knew where she was, so we could bring her home."

Annabelle has a light, tan-colored face, a squeaky bark and was wearing a choke chain, Cotter said. The family can be reached at (734) 425-7586.

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Clark also spoke of the Novi Expo Center.

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license. Weiper said prospective applicants should possess a good driving record and should be able to pass a drug test.

Turgrass, Inc. can be reached at (248) 437-1427. They are located behind Theser Join Deere, along Pomiac Trail in South Lyon.

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Mayor should name appointments

It's now been seven months and still no new candidates have been named to fill two vacant spots on the Planning Commission.

Luckily, the city of Novi has two very patient and dedicated commissioners: Brent Canup and Chairman Kim Capello.

While the Mayor seems to see it as a low priority in coming up with new applicants to fill both of these positions, these two individuals sit and wait for him to make a decision.

Because Canup and Capello see the future of this city as significant, they have been gracious enough to remain on the commission even though their terms were up on June 30.

What are we waiting for? If there are more qualified people to replace them, then we should have nominated someone by now. To leave these two hanging in the balance for over seven months, is not in the best interest of the city.

According to Planning Commissioner Andrew Mutch, "the decent thing to do" is for the mayor to be straight forward and up front, if he does not wish to reappoint both Canup and Capello.

We agree, the mayor needs to make a quick and responsive decision.

However, it seems evident that the most qualified individuals are already sitting on the commission, with both members having a combined total of over 12 years

on the commission. While the mayor dodges requests by the Novi News to give us some indication for replacement, Capello and Canup remain, so that the city has a fully staffed, fully productive office.

With former planning commissioner Victor Cassis now moving on to city council, the commission now loses another qualified individual.

If Canup and Capello were to leave today, which they could, our city's planning commission would be in a bit of trouble.

Not because our other commissioners are unqualified, but because they would be inevitably short-staffed. Not to mention the time it takes to get new commissioners up to speed.

Commissioners have said there is so much "jargon" that has to be learned when being a planning commissioner that experience is essential in dealing with proposed projects.

If Canup and Capello are providing us with their knowledge and years of prior planning experience, why aren't they re-appointing them? And if they aren't doing what has been expected of them, why aren't we replacing them?

These people are essentially providing us with a public service. They do not get paid for their work. So shouldn't we recognize their service to the city with positive recognition and keep hard workers like them in office?

Temporary is the key with RCOC and roads

The city of Novi has entered into a "temporary" agreement with the Road Commission for Oakland County (RCOC) on snow removal for Grand River Avenue, Novi Road and Ten Mile Road.

The agreement will reimburse the city approximately \$59,000 for snow removal and, according to the city administration, will be enough to cover this winter's snow removal. Similar Agreements are in place in other communities including Troy, Royal Oak and Rochester Hills.

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The RCOC has claimed that they are over budget because of the snow storm last December. And, considering that Oakland County is a "donor county" to the rest of the state, and we receive only a fraction back of the money paid in gas tax, the RCOC has little time to spend maintaining Novi's county roads.

The RCOC says its running low on salt reserves. What did it do with the salt it hasn't used in the past three years?

Well, that doesn't seem to be a problem in West Bloomfield or Southfield or Bloomfield Hills. The reasoning that they don't maintain the roads now so we may as well do it ourselves isn't good enough for the city residents or workers that travel into the city each day.

Who is going to reimburse the city for a new \$125,000 snow plow/truck if one is needed to maintain county roads? City residents are already inundated with high taxes. Will there be enough in the city budget next year for a new truck and, say, another needed item, like more road improvements?

Unless the RCOC is going to pay for new city employees and a new snow plow plus any other expenses related to snow removal on county roads, the city should not enter into any agreement with the RCOC. The Department of Public Works (DPW) have enough to do without spreading themselves thin by clearing roads that are the RCOC's responsibility.

FOR THE NEWS

What do you think of the new CCW law?



John Tyler: "It doesn't affect me either way. I think that, as a former Wayne county prosecutor, criminals will get guns no matter what the legal processes are."
Les Schumacher: "No, I don't think it should have been passed."
James Land: "Ya I think so. I do believe this is a decent law."
Sandra Patino: "I am terribly opposed to it."
Art Fischer: "I am not in support of some of what I have read."

By Erin King

GUEST OPINION Novi's local access gets new shows

Novi's new season of local access TV programming includes well-established shows along with the new and original. The Lansing Connection, hosted by state Rep. Nancy Cassis and Sen. Bill Bullard, is back on Novi Channel 13 as well as Channels 12 and 15. The Lansing Connection is followed by a special in-house production.

From covering the ice to the cover of a book, The Novi Public Library presents another especially interesting show, hosted by assistant director of the library, Pauline Druschel. The show, "Happy Reading," covers books that target the young adult's interests.

New programming goes hand-in-hand with new formats. The new Novi city manager Rick Helwig serves as mediator to Novi City Council's goal-setting sessions.

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LETTERS

With the verge of meat and potatoes, give good reasons for tax increase

ate reasons to support any of these proposed costly expenditures. With the American economy taking a sharp turn and heading south, add in rising prices for natural gas and oil, and include rising costs for daily living expenses, most - if not all taxpayers will be reluctant to vote for any tax increase without solid evidence of a dire need.

Like many Novi residents, I recently received a colorful 4-page flyer in the mail from the Novi Community Schools. The pamphlet outlined possible school bonding issues and two spending plans: Option A and Option B.

Both options addressed dollar amounts much higher than what I see in my pay-check or in the Publisher's Clearinghouse letters that hit my mailbox.

When I am confronted with proposals that have such large numbers, I dust off my little calculator and I break the big numbers down into more meaningful terms and understandable amounts.

Under Option A for \$105 million dollars, the cost for each of the projected 1,247 new students (and this is not including the interest fees and the cost of money expenses) is \$84,202 plus per new student. The proposed new high school cost of \$41 million dollars (and also does not include the interest fees and the cost of money expenses) is \$32,879 plus for each new student.

Under Option B for \$88.5 million dollars, the cost for each of the projected 1,247 new students (again not including the interest fees and the cost of money expenses) is \$71,772 plus per new student. The proposed new addition to the high school at a cost of \$25.5 million dollars (again not including the interest fees and the cost of money expenses) is \$20,449 plus for each new student. The projected additional tax burden for the Novi residents is about \$2,183 plus for each resident in the school district (\$8,792 plus for a family of four).

Now this is a lot of money for Novi residents to consider under either option and we, as taxpayers will need much more essential information than the results of a telephone survey. Furthermore, we shall need good solid justification and appropriate reasons to support any of these proposed costly expenditures.

Going from memory, I recall that the board considered:
• The current use of the property and the blight which would be removed with the addition of Automotrics.
• The fact that this petitioner presented a "unique" body shop business, targeting high end products: Porsche, Mercedes and Jaguar.
• There would be zero outside storage.
• Finally, the board and Ordinance Enforcement would have continued jurisdiction over the business to insure compliance with the variance granted.

For one, walked away with a much better understanding of this project. I also have an appreciation for Novi staff's commitment to working closely with residents to "build a better city."

Stephanie Fordyce should have done a little homework before submitting this article. At least a review of the ZBA meeting minutes and the language of the variance granted. The article suggested that

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Charter schools are largely a failed experiment

Well, well. Just in time for the new year, the charter school folks have unveiled a new wrinkle to get around existing state law. Although the number of charter schools in Michigan operating under university oversight is capped at 150 and that limit was reached in 1999, there's still a cap on the number of charters that can be authorized by community colleges.

So far, the evidence of the great charter school experiment does not inspire much confidence. A Michigan State University study found charters are in fact neither more innovative nor more successful in student achievement than public schools.

A Western Michigan University study, released last October, raised doubts about the basic purposes of charter schools. More than 70 percent of Michigan's charter schools last year were operated by management companies, compared with only 10 percent nationwide. The vast majority of these companies run schools as a profit-making enterprise.

Moreover, the WMU study found charter schools are selecting only the easy (and cheap) students; the practice is called "creaming." Admission is usually by interview, rather than by district-wide recruitment, which appears to be required by federal law. Charters don't provide transportation and tend to offer only elementary grade classes, which are more expensive than upper grades.

In particular, students getting special education services accounted for only 3.7 percent of Michigan charter school enrollment, compared to 12.5 percent of public school kids. As public schools know full well, special education is expensive. Those charters run by for-profit companies have an obvious motive for making sure kids needing special ed services are kept out.

Until his retirement, Tim Richard ran the state's news service for this newspaper. In a note to me last week, he expounded on this subject: "Clearly, one-third (my figure) of charter schools are excellent, and two-thirds are below the neighboring public schools. We

should be closing many of the latter before we think of taking over Benton Harbor, Inkster and Oak Park," says Richard. "Charter schools were started in New York City and most other places to be specialized schools -- e.g. performance arts, science, whatever. In Michigan, the charter association says charter operators never intended to be innovative. That's dead wrong. We're wasting a ton of money on mediocre academies to satisfy authoritative parents' whims for control. Michigan's charter schools are largely a failed experiment, a lost opportunity," Richard concludes.

Remember the old definition of government? "A large pot of money, surrounded by people who wait some of it." The charter school lobby is one of the best examples to date of the phenomenon. Their latest attempt to end-run state law offers a perfect example of the point.

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Permit is 'awesome responsibility'

Adoption of new standards for the issuance of a permit to carry a concealed weapon in Michigan has spurred a great deal of argument. As someone who favors full debate of public policy, I see that as a good thing. But not all of the discussion surrounding this issue has been of a high caliber. Rhetoric has been coming from both sides.

On the other hand, some folks have had some real insight to offer. One of the brightest conversations I've run across came from three men, all of whom claimed to already have CCW permits.

Carrying a concealed weapon is an "awesome responsibility" one CCW permit holder stated. He was wondering whether the folks who say they want to be able to carry a weapon had really given that much thought. He speculated they had not.

By It's nature, the act of carrying a gun gives you the ability to decide whether someone else lives or dies. Yes, it is supposed to be only for self-defense, and what that means is spelled out in law. But it is you who ultimately will have to make the decision of when to pull the trigger.

Such decisions, this gentleman CCW permit holder went on to say, are almost always made very quickly and in less than ideal conditions. Certainly, they are always made when circumstances have become rather frightening.

You'll have mere seconds to make this decision -- when things are moving terribly fast, perhaps in poor light, involving people you don't know, who may or may not have weapons themselves.

Police train long and hard for this moment, and they still don't always get it right. We still hear of cases in which police officers thought a perpetrator had a gun, but when they don't, Officers in that situation can still find themselves in a lot of trouble.

The CCW permit holder who thinks an attacker has a gun when he or she really does not will get no such benefit of the doubt.

The decision to pull the trigger becomes a crap shoot, the debaters continued. Deciding in split seconds whether to use the gun, it is a roll of the dice that police, prosecutors, judges and jury will agree with you later on, as they review it in less hurried circumstances.

If you think current CCW permit laws are unclear, what constitutes self defense is even less well spelled out. A wrong call here could result in jail time, and lots of it.

The legislature did nothing in its recent reform of CCW standards to address the issue of what constitutes self-defense, and your attorney won't be with you to help you

stuffer here. Their 'shock message' was as controversial as their music was loud. They played parties in Bloomfield Hills (where all the rich kids lived), or in Hamtramck or Southwest Detroit. But the 'rich kids' really loved them. They would come up and, enthusiastically, tell each member how much they loved the antics of the band.

One day, I was to go over to the house and pack the equipment for a 'gig' we were going to attend in Mt. Clemens. I stopped by the house early, as I usually did, but this time I was in for a surprise.

I guess I should have knocked, but didn't. And I suppose the creaky steps should have given me away but there was strange sound emanating from the kitchen/family room area. When I stepped from out of the hall into the kitchen, I couldn't believe what I saw. There was our 'wild man' drummer sitting listening to Frank Sinatra.

I was shocked. No Iggy Pop or the Ramones. Frank Sinatra. My image of him was blown. He walked over and flipped off the tape player and flicked on the stereo. WDET, a station on the campus of Wayne State University, was playing an afternoon of Jazz recordings.

"I've been waiting for this program all day," he said, lighting another cigarette and pouring himself a second cup of coffee. He turned around to look at me and must have recognized my expression. "What?" he said.

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10:00 a.m. - Potpourri: Bill Bowman
10:30 a.m. - The Cutting Room Floor
11:00 a.m. - Harvest Ministries
11:30 a.m. - Cosby and Company: Storyteller
12:00 p.m. - Intercessions Word Ministry
12:30 p.m. - (con't)
1:00 p.m. - Adventures with Pirate Pete
1:30 p.m. - The Hobby Corner
2:00 p.m. - A Man and His Dream
2:30 p.m. - Iditarod
3:00 p.m. - (con't)
3:30 p.m. - In the Green: Craig Harvey
4:00 p.m. - (con't)
4:30 p.m. - Aviation Journal
5:00 p.m. - New Millennium Medicine
5:30 p.m. - Army News Watch
6:00 p.m. - Christian Singles Today
6:30 p.m. - Bagels and Talk with Tracy
7:00 p.m. - Lansing Connection
7:30 p.m. - Historic District Commission
8:00 p.m. - Holistic Health
8:30 p.m. - Higher on the Mountain
9:00 p.m. - (con't)
9:30 p.m. - Wise Guys: Falling Down

Tuesday, Jan. 23

10:00 a.m. - Legislative Forum
10:30 a.m. - Consumer Corner
11:00 a.m. - Mountain Ski: Ice Edition
11:30 a.m. - Financial Strategies
12:00 p.m. - Summit University
12:30 p.m. - (con't)
1:00 p.m. - Chamber Spotlight
1:30 p.m. - Home For Life: Power Box
2:00 p.m. - Lansing Connection
2:30 p.m. - Law Talk: Risk Management
3:00 p.m. - (con't)
3:30 p.m. - Travelin' On: American West
4:00 p.m. - Cosby and Company: Storyteller
4:30 p.m. - Pet Talk: Golden Retriever Rescue of Michigan
5:00 p.m. - The Way, The Truth and The Life
5:30 p.m. - People Who Make Things Happen
6:00 p.m. - Harvest Ministries
6:30 p.m. - Aviation Journal
7:00 p.m. - Potpourri: Bill Bowman
7:30 p.m. - The Hobby Corner
8:00 p.m. - In the Green: Craig Harvey
8:30 p.m. - (con't)
9:00 p.m. - Out in the Open: Heidelberg Project
9:30 p.m. - (con't)

Wednesday, Jan. 24

10:00 a.m. - The Cutting Room Floor
10:30 a.m. - (con't)
11:00 a.m. - Travelin' On: Panoramic West
11:30 a.m. - Holistic Health
12:00 p.m. - People Who Make Things Happen
12:30 p.m. - MDOT Today
1:00 p.m. - Study in Scripture
1:30 p.m. - AMVETS
2:00 p.m. - Restoration Now
2:30 p.m. - Consumer Corner
3:00 p.m. - The Hobby Corner
3:30 p.m. - Potpourri: Bill Bowman
4:00 p.m. - Critter Connection
4:30 p.m. - Mountain Ski: Ice Edition
5:00 p.m. - Berean Baptist Church
5:30 p.m. - (con't)
6:00 p.m. - The Jesus Center
6:30 p.m. - New Millennium Medicine
7:00 p.m. - Adventures with Pirate Pete
7:30 p.m. - Financial Strategies
8:00 p.m. - Chamber Spotlight
8:30 p.m. - Step 'n Move to the Groove
9:00 p.m. - Todd L. Levitt Show
9:30 p.m. - (con't)

Thursday, Jan. 25

10:00 a.m. - Step 'n Move to the Groove
10:30 a.m. - In the Green: Craig Harvey
11:00 a.m. - (con't)
11:30 a.m. - New Millennium Medicine
12:00 p.m. - Bagels and Talk with Tracy
12:30 p.m. - That's Italian
1:00 p.m. - Aviation Journal
1:30 p.m. - Abundant Life Arabic Ministries
2:00 p.m. - SANT Health Insurance
2:30 p.m. - Holistic Health Edition
3:00 p.m. - Lewis and Clark Trail Down
3:30 p.m. - (con't)
4:00 p.m. - Higher on the Mountain
4:30 p.m. - (con't)
5:00 p.m. - Staarey Zedeck
5:30 p.m. - (con't)
6:00 p.m. - Civil War Muster
6:30 p.m. - Mountain Ski: Ice Edition
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New judge approved

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next couple of weeks and I'm confident that it will all be worked out." The Michigan Supreme Court Administrator's Office recommended earlier this year that a judge be added to the 52nd 1st Division Court in Novi to help ease the "overwhelming" number of cases Novi court gets. Last summer, there was a proposal in the legislature that would have combined the Clarkston and Novi court into one division, and given Clarkston jurisdiction over White Lake, Highland and Rose Township. That proposal died for lack of support. According to Novi's 52nd 1st District Court Administration, Novi is the busiest court in the state behind only the 46th District Court in Detroit. Each judge at the Novi court has nearly 20,000 cases on their docket.

Sex education topic of public, curriculum review

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The reproductive health portion for ninth graders includes: discussions on teen pregnancy, sexually transmitted diseases, date violence, and a fact sheet on abstinence.

While the reproductive portion of the class does foster that abstinence is the best and safest choice, it does discuss contraceptive alternatives, which Denton said is misleading and deceiving.

"What we're saying essentially is that abstinence is best, however

there is a back-up plan if you can't control yourself—and that's condoms," she said. "I think it sends students a mixed message and I think we can hold our kids to a higher standard than that."

Denton said she would like to see the district adopt the portion as an elective or design the curriculum strictly abstinence-centered.

She said she is also in favor of offering two versions of the class, one abstinence "based", one "centered" as well as even offering the course to be given with both the students and parents, either as a

mother/daughter or father/son class.

The human sexuality component of the class is just one segment of the course which also includes: mental health, stress management and suicide prevention, nutrition, drugs and alcohol, and CPR.

Assistant Superintendent for Instruction Dr. Rita Traynor said the health curriculum has been the same abstinence-based program since 1994.

The health curriculum, which was up for review by the board, was revised by the Novi District

Reproductive Health Advisory Committee in June.

Revisions included word snipping and the elimination of the fifth grade instruction, which was found to be repetitive in relation to the fourth grade class.

Denton, who served on the committee, said she was pleased to see that topics such as wet dreams and erections were eliminated in the younger grades.

Traynor said that the district is not leaning one way or the other in terms of abstinence-based or abstinence-centered,

and that it will be up to the board to decide.

"No decisions will be made (tonight), the hearings will give those an opportunity to talk and be heard by the board," she said.

Traynor said the community can look for a final decision on the class curriculum sometime after the next public hearing, February 8, at the Educational Services Building. Starting time is scheduled for 6:45 p.m.

Course materials for the class including videos are available for review at the Educational Services

Building and Novi High School.

"This is an very important issue that affects the health and well being, both mentally and physically, of our kids and I think that parents should be aware of what is being taught," Denton said.

Currently, Plymouth, Canton and Farmington Public Schools all have an "abstinence-based" program.

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Session opens for lawmakers

By MIKE MALOTT
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House leaders promised a new spirit of bipartisan cooperation in Lansing as they presided over opening day ceremonies in the Legislature Wednesday, Jan. 10.

"We say that every year, don't we," Rep. Laura Toy, R-Livonia, admitted. But there may indeed be some reason to think that it could actually come true this time.

Newly elected Speaker of the House Rick Johnson, R-LeRoy, has a reputation as a "consensus builder." Toy said. That is a label given him by many in Lansing.

"Besides, this is the second time Republicans have been in the majority," Rep. Mike Kowall, R-White Lake, said. "It took a while for some on the other side of the aisle to get used to who was in the majority — it took us a while to get used to being in the majority — and to get over the friction that change is going to cause."

Additionally, Johnson, and newly elected House Minority Leader Kwame Kilpatrick, D-Detroit, have worked together in the past, as a result of their positions on the transportation committee in the last session, and get along quite well.

"I don't think it is healthy for us to conduct the people's business with an invisible partition between us," Johnson said in an acceptance speech following his official election as the new Speaker of the House Wednesday. "I pledge to be inclusive — in my thinking, in my appointments and in my willingness to listen. Those of you who sit on the other side of the aisle, while I won't always agree with you, I respect you and value your input. Let me be clear: You can play a key role in passing laws that benefit the residents of Michigan."

"Rick is a person that I think will change the focus of the House," Kilpatrick in a speech seconding Johnson's nomination for the post. "A shift from the partisan politics and the partisan bickering that has fragmented this institution over the last two years to a place where we find common interests, common goals, common ideas."

If successful in creating a bipartisan atmosphere, lawmakers believe there will be a difference in the legislation coming out of Lansing. Kowall predicted that more Democratic proposals would be taken up and passed this year. "Not a lot from the Democratic side progressed last year," he said. Kilpatrick would agree. He said a change would be needed to address the concerns of "the new electorate, it's not the same old electorate, it is much more suburban."

He predicted lawmakers would take up issues intended to "create more livable communities and dealing with smart growth."

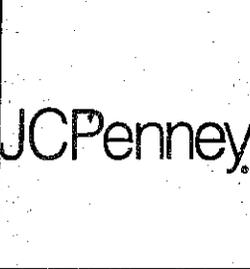
At week's end, Republican lawmakers gathered in Holland for a two-day retreat, intended to let GOP members get to know the seven new members of their caucus, settle committee assignments, and set the party's agenda for the year. Democrats have already held such a gathering.

Quality of life issues and education are likely to top the agenda. Lawmakers have already been asked to submit their priorities to the leadership for consideration. And such issues appeared on a number of lawmaker's lists.

Rep. Andrew Raczkowski, R-Farmington Hills, also had education and taxes on his list. He also wants to make it easier for foster parents to adopt youngsters in Michigan. He said he is hoping to propose tax credits that would encourage venture capitalists to make more loans to startup businesses in Michigan. Further, he said, the banking code needs to be altered to encourage more banks to start up in the state and end the trend of banks being swallowed up by out-of-state firms.

Kilpatrick said quality of life issues would top the Democratic agenda when it is unveiled later this month as well.

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Lady Cats solid in Lakeland win Hard fought victory brings volleyball team record to 4-5

By COLBY J. CAVALIERE
Sports Editor

An up and down volleyball season continued for the Lady Wildcats.

On Jan. 6, Novi competed in the Chelsea Tournament, and while they had a good showing, they lost early in the playoffs to Pinckney. Last Thursday, they fell to Pinckney at home.

The 'Cats bounced back on Monday night when they pounced on Lakeland, and won a grueling three game contest to get their record to 4-5-2.

In tournament pool play, Novi split their games, losing first to Chelsea, then beating Milan to earn a spot in the playoffs. There they were quickly ousted by the Lady Pirates, 15-7, 15-6.

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Julie Fisetto
Novi Volleyball coach

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**PINCKNEY DOWNS
NOVI, 15-4, 15-4**

After watching Pinckney oust them from the Chelsea Tournament only two days before,

Novi had a chance at revenge when they faced off Monday evening. Pinckney came out firing and overcame the Lady 'Cats in the first game, 15-4. Flagged by inconsistent defense all evening, Novi could not halt the Lady Pirates' attack, as they dropped the second game by the same 15-4 score.

"We are really struggling on defense at the net with out block-

ing," said Fisetto. "I thought Pinckney just had a good day against us in the tournament on Saturday, but I guess they are better than I anticipated."

Playing well in the loss was Mickie Rzepka, who paced the Wildcats with five kills. The loss dropped Novi to 0-2 in the Kensington Valley Conference.

**NOVI REBOUNDS WITH A
VICTORY OVER LAKELAND**

It wasn't easy, but the Lady Wildcats got back on the winning track with a three set epic at home against Lakeland on Monday night. Things didn't start well for Novi when they dropped the first game, 15-8. Instead of getting down on themselves, the 'Cats clawed back to take the next two games by the

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Wildcat volleyball player Mickie Rzepka gets a helping hand from teammate Angela Schmidt, left, after Rzepka tried for a diving save in Novi's volleyball game against Pinckney, Monday. The Lady 'Cats dropped both games by identical 15-4 scores, but a win against Lakeland helped bring the team's record to 4-5-2.

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Goal oriented



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Wildcat captain, Brad Zarem helped to power the Novi offense in a recent win against Lakeland. The Cats are 12-0.

Cats remain undefeated, beat Lakeland

By COLBY J. CAVALIERE
Sports Editor

The benefit of the close, hard fought wins might not come right away, but come playoff time, the most battle tested team is usually the one who comes out on top. The Jan. 10 Novi win against Lakeland was one of those back and forth slugfests that help shape a team.

Undaunted and looking to avenge an earlier 3-2 loss, the Lakeland Eagles swooped into Novi Ice Arena, and skated out to an early 1-0 lead against the undefeated Novi Wildcats.

"Lakeland is a very young, aggressive

team that plays with a lot of energy, and those kind of teams can be scary," said Novi coach Dan Phelps.

Sticking to their style of patient, smart hockey, the Wildcats were able to come back and notch two answering goals, the first by Robbie Harrell, and the second by Brad Zarem. The first period lead, became a second period tie when Lakeland netted goal number two early on. As they did before, the 'Cats clawed back with two more goals, these coming from Justin Collins, and Bryan Vigna, making the score 4-2 at the end of the second period.

Able to draw Novi into a fast-paced game, the Eagles netted a goal early in the period, to close the gap to 4-3. With the Wildcats playing away from their style, Lakeland was able to get several great opportunities to tie the game at four, but 'Cats goalie Jeremy Goodman was able to keep the puck out of the net.

"We started out playing our style, but we stopped playing it and allowed them to get back into the game," Phelps said.

With the lead in jeopardy, Adam

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Wildcat wrestlers earn 2 victories in weekend meet

By COLBY J. CAVALIERE
Sports Editor

In two consecutive afternoons last week, the Novi wrestling team proved to their opponents, and themselves that they will be a team to be reckoned with come playoff time.

On Jan. 12, the Wildcats went into the home of the Howell Highlanders, and scratched out a 49-13 win. The next day saw the 'Cats go 2-1-1 against some stiff competition in the Rochester Adams Duals.

Howell was Novi's first league opponent this season, and therefore first league victim. Craig Hearn (112) and J.R. Muldoon (119) started things off on a winning note with overtime victories. Brian Ong (125), Chris Stallard (140), Ryan Churella (145), Andrew Becker (152), Vince Slovan (160), Scott Kortlandt (189), Nick Slovan (215) and Nick Stefanson (275) all matched their teammates initial wins.

"We play in one of the toughest leagues in the state, and to get a nice win in the first league match

of the season is important," said Novi wrestling coach Brad Huss. "We were able to wrestle tough, and pull out the close matches, and get the usual wins we get from our stars."

**WILDCATS GO 2-1-1 IN
ROCHESTER ADAMS DUALS**

They didn't win them all, but they came close.

Novi started the six team tournament against a squad from Fraser. They swiftly dismantled the Ramblers, and moved on to face Ulca Eisenhower. Novi gained wins by void in the first three matches, and cruised to an easy 66-3 victory. Matt Kolich (189), notched his first win in some time for the Wildcats.

"Kolich is finally back from a knee injury and wrestling well. I think he is going to be big for us down the stretch as he gets himself back into wrestling shape," Huss said.

Next up for Novi was Davison. The last time these two teams faced each other, the Cardinals sent Novi home

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Novi swimmers defeat Harrison

By COLBY J. CAVALIERE
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Please excuse the big smiles of the Novi Swim team, for they have great reason to be wearing those ear to ear grins. With two dominating showings last week, the Wildcats are rolling.

"The squad is coming along real well," said coach Bill McCord. "We need some work in some areas, but overall I'm thrilled."

On January 9, Novi played a rather ungracious host to the Harrison Hawks. The 'Cats outswam the Hawks 136-52, taking first in 11 of 12 events, losing only the 200-yard relay.

"We pretty much dominated from start to finish," McCord said. "[Harrison] has had some great programs in the past, but right now they are a little down,

and we are a little up."

Making news in the pool again were the Novi divers. Not only did they sweep the event, but senior Steve Alberty set pool and school records with a score of 273.95. Right behind Alberty were Derrick Zonca in second place (234.25) and sophomore Scott Retiman in third (167.90).

"All of our divers were really on again," McCord said.

Setting the tone early was the 200 medley relay team composed of Jordan Moblo, Mike Bliss, Andrew Sawmiller, and Brian Schoepfle (1:46.45). Continuing an event winning streak that would reach eight, was Andy Capanyola (1:58.87) in the 200-yard freestyle; Moblo (2:14.91) earned the win in

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Basketball team splits pair, wins thriller against Eagles

By COLBY J. CAVALIERE
Sports Editor

The Wildcats' basketball squad experienced the thrill of victory and the agony of defeat in two contests last week.

The week started off sweet with a wild 55-50 win against the Hartland Eagles on Jan. 9. But Novi went into the weekend with a sour taste in their mouth following a pounding 53-33 loss to Milford on Jan. 12.

The bombs started falling on Novi early

Wildcat Basketball

and often, as Hartland came out with their favorite weapon, the 3-pointer.

"Hartland likes to shoot a lot of 3-pointers, and if they get hot early, they can be very dangerous," said Novi coach Pat Schluter.

While the Wildcat defense was busy on the perimeter guarding the Eagle shooters, the offense was busy attacking the game-long zone defense being employed by their opponents.

"They aren't real strong inside, so our plan was to pound the ball inside and see what we could do," Schluter said.

The inside weapon of choice for the 'Cats was senior center Erik Messink, who dom-

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Pat Schluter
Novi Basketball coach

inated the paint racking up a game high 17 points, to go along with nine blocks and seven rebounds.

"Messink had a real strong game and really helped us control the game inside."

Schluter said.

The game was a tight contest throughout, with Novi taking a 28-22 lead into the locker room at the half. But that tight six-point lead was short-lived. The Eagles came out soaring in the third quarter, surging ahead, and gaining a one-point lead at the end of the third. Regrouping, and getting back to the gameplan, the Wildcats aggressively attacked the interior of the Hartland defense, and took advantage of some open outside shots to rack up 18 points in the quarter.

Hartland continued to fire up the 3s, tallying 11 on the day, but Novi was able to withstand the barrage, and hold on for the five point-win. A major player in the fourth

quarter burst was Novi guard Kirk Safford.

"Safford came off the bench and hit some real big 3s for us," Schluter said.

Another big contributor in the win was junior guard Brandon Davis who dished out six assists to go along with his 14 points. Jason Maynard paced the Eagles' scoring with 15 points. The win upped the Wildcats' record to 5-3, 2-2 in the conference.

MILFORD 55, NOVI 33

Taking the edge off the hard earned win against Hartland was a tough 20 point loss to the Redskins. Smothered by a swarming

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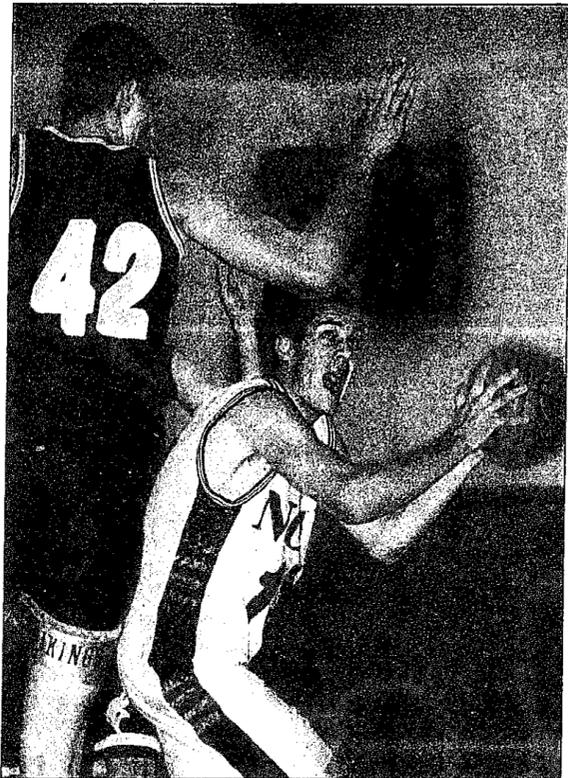


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Wildcat starter Matt Emmenecker drives to the basket during action against Walled Lake Central.

Basketball team wins thriller

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Milford defense, the Wildcats were unable to muster any kind of offensive attack.
"They took us out of our rhythm, and we just never got going," Schluter said.
Schluter said the loss was disappointing, however, he said his team played well defensively.
"We didn't allow one of their play-

ers to score in double figures, so I think we did a fairly good job defensively," he said.
Milford was led in scoring by Jim Presley, who had nine. For the third game in a row, Novi had a different leading scorer. This time it was senior Jim Cavan who led the Cats with 12. Having several go-to guys is a good sign of team depth and balance.

"We have a fairly young team with no clear cut superstar, but what we have is scoring balance," Schluter said.
Friday night the 4-1 Pinckney Pirates, came to town in a Kensington Valley Conference match up.
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Hockey team remains unbeaten

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Haberman, clipped the Eagles' wings with a beautiful goal and put an end to any hope of a Lakeland comeback. Haberman was the fifth different goal scorer on the night for the talent rich Novi squad. Lakeland was able to add a late goal, but in the end came up a goal short.
"The win moved the Novi record to 12-0, and a number three

ranking in the division two state rankings as of Jan. 8. The win versus Lakeland marked the 10th game (seventh in a row) the Wildcats have scored five plus goals in a game. They have 71 goals on the season, an amazing 5.9 goals-per-game, and have outscored their opponents by 41 goals.
The hard fought Lakeland contest was a great warm-up for what looks to be a brutal week for the

Wildcats. Tonight they are on the road to face Brighton and then return home to face another great team in De LaSalle on Friday at 6p.m.
"This is a big week for us. We are going up against two state ranked opponents, and they will certainly be a test for us," Phelps said.
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Volleyball team to compete in tournament

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All 13 members of the team saw action, and played a vital role in the win.
"We got contributions from everyone. It was just a great all-around team effort," she said.
The win comes at a good time for the Wildcats, as they go up against some tough teams in this Saturday's Northwood Tournament.

"We are going to be playing some teams we don't see that often so it should be fun," Fisetto said. "But we really need to work harder on being consistent with our serving to do well."
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Novi swim team captures Laker invitational meet

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at the Laker Invitational, held at West Bloomfield High School, a total of 6 teams participated in 44 events. Rounding out places two through six were host West Bloomfield (188), North Farmington (150), Troy Athens (133), Chardon (85), and Livonia Churchill (87).
The Wildcats took first place in 26 of the 44 events, earning them 192 of their 261 total points. As a team, Novi won the B and C 200-yard medley relays, the D, C, and B 200 freestyle relays, the D, C, and B 400 freestyle relays.
Winning individual honors were Matt Ochab (2:05.59) and Mike Reynolds (2:35.23) in two of the 200 freestyle events. Novi swept all four of the 200 IM, with Matt Peurach (2:17.87), Juwan Yoo (2:21.89), Jaehwan Yoo (2:13.00), and Mike Bliss (2:04.17) earning the wins.
Winning their 1-meter diving events were Steve Alberty (382.85), Derrick Zanca (323.60), and Matt VanNortwick (153.00), John Wang (1:11.60), Stuart Smith (1:04.76)

and Jan Robertson (59.67) pulled in wins in the 100 Butterfly. The 500 freestyle found winners in Josh Christopherson (6:04.57), Ochab (5:37.90), and Tyler (5:18.17), who came away with first place finishes. Novi continued to roll in the 100 backstroke when Mike Hepburn (1:08.98), Jordan Moblo (58.40) and Bliss (57.05) earned wins. The last individual first place finishes were earned by David Benton (1:13.07), and J. Yoo (1:08.99) in the 100 breaststroke.
Winning an invitational by such a large margin was a good barometer to measure coach McCord's team.
"When we can beat teams of this caliber, you have to feel real good about where you are at," he said.
On Tuesday evening, the Wildcats traveled to neighboring Northville after the Novi News deadline.

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NOVI DOMINATES LAKER INVITATIONAL WITH A SCORE OF 261

It's one thing to dominate a dual meet, it's quite another to dominate in an invitational. That's just what Novi did, however, on Jan. 13

Wrestlers continue winning

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losers in the Division 1 state finals.

"Even though we didn't get the win, the tie shows us we can wrestle with the best teams around," Huss said following the match.

Needless to say, this was an easy match for the Wildcats to get excited about.
"This has been a match we have been looking forward to since last year's playoffs. It didn't take much to get the kids up for this one."
Currently ranked number two in the state, Davison dropped the first few matches, but was able to rebound. Novi got some measure of revenge by forcing a tie with their foes.

Going undefeated for the Wildcats on the afternoon were Josh Churella (103), J.R. Muldoon (112), Ryan Churella (145), and Nick Sloan (215). Other contributors on the day were Alex Bruch (152), Brett TerBeek (135), Vince Sloan (160), Scott Korlandi (171), Andrew Becker (152), Corey Nobach (119), and Brian Ong (125).
The wins raised the Cats dual meet record to an astounding 11-1.
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Hands up!

Two Novi Wildcat volleyball players go up to block a shot in the team's recent home game against Pinckney.

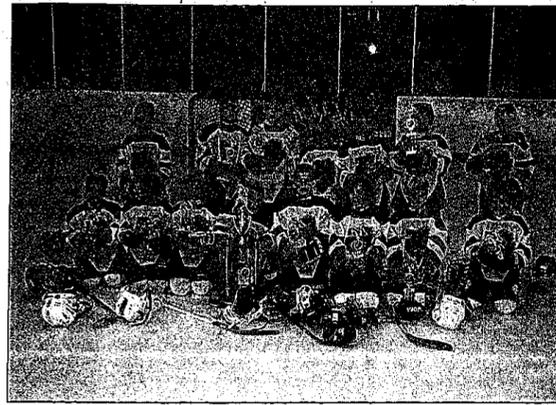
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Novi Jaguars capture title in Hockeytown Holiday Classic

Sometimes even the little ones can roar the loudest.
The Novi Jaguars Mini-Mites were the big cats in the fourth annual Hockeytown Holiday Classic held at the Troy Ice Arena from December 26-30. Playing against teams from Mt. Clemens, Royal Oak and Auburn Hills, the Jaguars swept all five games they played to bring home the trophy.

"I think our team represented Novi very well," said coach Joe Luther.
Tournament MVP honors went to Novi's Justin Antolec. Leading the Jaguars in scoring was Wixom's Kyle Shreve who netted 10 goals in the five games. Goaltie Curtis Herzog of Novi, was the winning goalie for all five contests.
Making up the remainder of

the championship team are Collin Pifer, Michael Schultz, Patrick Luther, Bryan Korona, Billy Waller, Sean Berry, Pearce Vance, Audrey Kobe, Ryan Fitzgerald, Lauren Grigg, Jacob Hole, Parker Follmer, and Johnny Durnath.
The tournament trophy is being donated to the Novi Ice Arena for display.



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The Novi Jaguars Mini-Mite team captured the top spot in the Hockeytown Holiday Classic, which took place December 26-30. The team swept all five games to bring home the trophy.

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Who doesn't know by now that they should exercise more and eat better? Fitness professionals, medical professionals, the surgeon general and the health professional industry at large have pretty much got that message crystal-clear to most everyone.

Now it is time to focus on a new question. Why don't we exercise more and eat better? Obesity is at an all time high. Coronary heart disease is the leading U.S. killer, accounting for 43 percent of all deaths, both inactivity and poor diet affecting three of the top cardiovascular risk factors: cholesterol, triglycerides and waist circumference.

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cannot make major improvements in the 2 percent time allocation. And the truth is, you can. There are mountains of scientifically based studies proving this. A proper plan can begin to produce major results in as little as 12 weeks. What I mean by major is results like doubling or even tripling your strength in certain areas of your body.

When you stop and think about it, isn't it funny that we all have time for a \$20 \$30,000 bypass surgery operation and the many months of recovery that follow, but when it comes to investing 2 percent of our weekly time to some preventative measures, other things take priority.

The key here is to get a safe and effective program from a health professional and begin making that three hours per week as important as the other time allocations.

I am too old now. The results I mentioned in reason number one above have been accomplished by 60 to 85-year-old individuals. In the 1960s, man began his quest for the moon, spending a lot of time in space, sitting in a chair doing nothing physical, totally weightless, not even having to lift the weight of his own arms.

And guess what? He found out! The astronauts lost muscle mass and strength; but at a very fast rate. It would drop 50 percent in less than one year. They would not think of putting a man in space without an exercise program. What this shows us is that a loss of muscle and strength is not as much a function of age, as it is a function of use, or in this case, disuse.

In 1996, Dr. Nalin Singh of Tufts University conducted a study to determine the effect of strength training on 20 clinically depressed women and 12 clinically depressed men aged 60-84. After ten weeks of strength training three times per week, the results were as follows:

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I tried programs over the years and nothing really worked for me. Ninety percent of the population does not invest the 2 percent of weekly time to this type of training consistently, and for those that make an attempt over 70 percent will drop out in the first 90 days.

This is a very real concern, but here are the facts. We know that a proper fitness plan will produce noticeable improvements within 12 weeks. The problem is many people do not commit to a consistent three hours per week, thus they do not see results and give up.

On the other hand, if you can hang in there the 12 weeks, the noticeable improvements you see and feel will become the fuel for you to continue and be your motivation to sustain you. Secondly, you must make sure you are on a proper plan for you so your results will come in the 10-12 weeks. This is where a credible fitness professional can help. This may sound self-serving but think about this, we go to a medical professional for help when we are sick, a legal professional for help with legal matters, a tax professional for taxes, a financial professional for money matters, a person shopping professional on shopping, see the point. Why wouldn't you seek the help of a fitness pro to help you with probably the single most important assets you possess, your health and quality of life, not only now but also in the future? It is tough to enjoy retirement in bed.

I don't know where to start, it is frightening to begin to sort out where to start in this era of information. Look for formal education and experience in the field, and also look for personality and compatibility. Take half the time it took you to plan your last vacation and you will find a solution for you. If it is home training, joining a health club, or using community services, as long as your three hours include at least a 50-50 split between cardiovascular and resistance, you are on your way. Don't neglect the resistance training, we start to lose 1-3 pounds of muscle in our 30s, that can negatively affect your quality of life in later years.

Good luck and good health.

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heard he may be assassinated while on a campaign stop in 1855, he addressed the issue first and challenged the assassins to shoot. First president to be impeached.

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In *Thirteen Days*, the power and peril of the American presidency is dramatically explored by director Roger Donaldson who captures the urgency, suspense and paralyzing chaos of the Cuban Missile Crisis.

The alarming escalation of events during those fateful days brought to the fore such public figures as Robert McNamara, Adlai Stevenson, Theodore Sorenson, Andrei Gromyko, Anatoly Dobrynin, McGeorge Bundy, Dean Acheson, Dean Rusk and General Curtis LeMay. In addition, many others - politicians, diplomats and soldiers - were on the front-line of the showdown. In *Thirteen Days*, we see all of these people, - and, above all - President John F. Kennedy and his brother Bobby through the eyes of a trusted presidential aide and confidante Kenneth P. O'Donnell (Kevin Costner).

O'Donnell who served as Special Assistant to the President was a key White House insider with a birds-eye view of the crisis. His office was next door to the President's Oval Office, and he was a major behind-the-scenes

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figure in the Kennedy White House. In the film, O'Donnell serves as a conduit to this gripping dramatization of one of the most dangerous moments in modern history.

The film moves from the bitter debates that lingered within 1600 Pennsylvania Ave. to the skies above Cuba where U.S. spy planes reveal the progressive missile build-up, and to the high seas where a standoff between U.S. and Soviet ships threatens to trigger war.

While mounting evidence suggests that the risk of a nuclear exchange was far greater than previously imagined, no one will ever know everything that happened behind closed doors at the White House. But, drawing on numerous historical sources

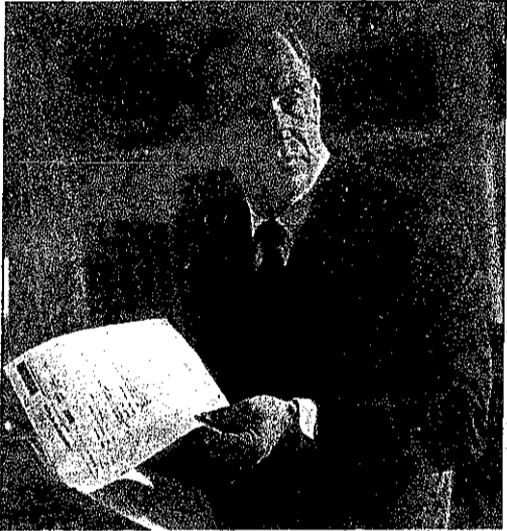


Kevin Costner, Dylan Baker and Steven Culp play President John F. Kennedy's key advisers during the Cuban Missile Crisis in the movie *Thirteen Days*.

including White House tapes, memoirs, oral histories, CIA documents and personal interviews, screenwriter David Self has dramatized and woven together a story inspired by the events of October 1962 into a memorable thriller. *Thirteen Days* is, at its heart, a story of men who, through a stunning and bold combination of force and diplomacy, attained their shining moment in what

appeared to be the nation's darkest hour.

New Line Cinema and Beacon Pictures presents *Thirteen Days*. The film features a memorable ensemble that includes Costner, Bruce Greenwood as John F. Kennedy, Steven Culp as Robert F. Kennedy, Dylan Baker as Robert McNamara and Michael Fairman as Adlai Stevenson.



Kevin Costner as Kenneth P. O'Donnell advises President Kennedy as the Cuban Missile Crisis unfolds.

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AMC LAUREL PARK	AMC LIVONIA 20	BIRMINGHAM 8
MJR SOUTHGATE 20	SHOWCASE AUBURN HILLS	SHOWCASE DEARBORN
SHOWCASE PONTIAC 1-12	SHOWCASE STERLING HEIGHTS	SHOWCASE WESTLAND
STAR FAIRLANE 21	STAR GRATIOT	STAR GREAT LAKES CROSSING
STAR JOHN R	STAR ROCHESTER	STAR SOUTHFIELD
STAR TAYLOR	UA COMMERCE STADIUM 14	UA WEST RIVER

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-Jeffrey Lyons, NBC-TV

"POWERFUL! COMPELLING!"
-David Ansen, NEWSWEEK

"EXTRAORDINARY!"
-Elvis Mitchell, THE NEW YORK TIMES

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-Mike Jelen, USA TODAY

"GRIPPING!"
-Janet Bernhard, NEW YORK DAILY NEWS

"EXCELLENT! A NAIL-BITER!"
-Peter Travers, ROLLING STONE

"FASCINATING!"

THIRTEEN DAYS

AMC FORUM 30	AMC LAUREL PARK	AMC LIVONIA 20
AMC SOUTHFIELD CITY	BIRMINGHAM 8	MJR SOUTHGATE 20
NOVI TOWN CENTER 8	SHOWCASE AUBURN HILLS	SHOWCASE PONTIAC 1-5
SHOWCASE STERLING HEIGHTS	SHOWCASE WESTLAND	STAR FAIRLANE
STAR GRATIOT AT 15 MI.	STAR GREAT LAKES CROSSING	STAR JOHN R AT 14 MILE
STAR ROCHESTER HILLS	STAR SOUTHFIELD	STAR TAYLOR
UA COMMERCE STADIUM	UA WEST RIVER	NO PASSES OR COUPONS ACCEPTED

"THUMBS UP!"
AN ENTERTAINING MOVIE WITH THOUGHT AND INTELLIGENCE BEHIND IT!
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PG-13 PARENTS STRONGLY CAUTIONED

NOW SHOWING

AMC LAUREL PARK	AMC LIVONIA 20	AMC SOUTHFIELD CITY
AMC WONDERLAND	BEACON EAST	CANTON 6
MJR SOUTHGATE 20	NOVI TOWN CENTER 8	QUO VADIS
SHOWCASE AUBURN HILLS	SHOWCASE DEARBORN	SHOWCASE PONTIAC 1-5
SHOWCASE STERLING HEIGHTS	STAR FAIRLANE	STAR GRATIOT AT 15 MILE
STAR GREAT LAKES CROSSING	STAR JOHN R AT 14 MILE	STAR LINCOLN PARK 8
STAR ROCHESTER HILLS	STAR SOUTHFIELD	STAR TAYLOR
UA COMMERCE STADIUM	UNITED WEST RIVER	NO PASSES OR COUPONS ACCEPTED

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KEANU REEVES gives a knockout performance! CATE BLANCHETT is a radiant force of nature!
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-Rex Reed, NEW YORK OBSERVER

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-Bill Hoffmann, NEW YORK POST

"TWO THUMBS UP!"
-EBERT & ROEPER AND THE MOVIES

THE GIFT

THE ONLY WITNESS TO THE CRIME WAS NOT EVEN THERE.

STARTS FRIDAY, JANUARY 19

BIRMINGHAM 8	MJR SOUTHGATE 20	QUO VADIS
SHOWCASE PONTIAC	SHOWCASE STERLING HEIGHTS	STAR FAIRLANE
STAR GREAT LAKES CROSSING	STAR JOHN R AT 14 MILE	STAR SOUTHFIELD

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