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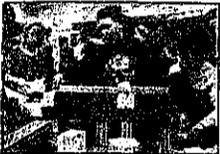
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## City divided over one school or two

By STEPHANIE FORDYCE  
Staff Writer

The Blue Ribbon Task Force school survey results have been tallied and it looks as if the city is divided when it comes to building a second high school or adding an addition.

The city-wide telephone survey, used to sought voters' opinions and attitudes about the district's building and facility needs, was conducted in mid-January to aid in

the on-going research by the school district's Blue Ribbon Task Force.

Questions asked ranged from technology needs to adequate class room sizes, but the biggest question posed was how the community felt about the increase in population in the high school and what should be done about it.

"There was only one other time in the forty years I have done these surveys that I have seen this type

of equal division," said survey coordinator Kathy Peaster of School Public Relations Consultant Services. "The community is really split."

According to the survey, which randomly polled 377 registered Novi voters, nearly one-half (46 percent) believe the district should continue to have one high school, while 41 percent say there should be two separate high schools in the district.

The biggest reason offered by those who prefer one high school were led by the fact that it prevents competition and rivalry between the schools. Other reasons included: maintaining closeness of students, keeping community united, and it costs less to operate one than two high schools.

The biggest reasons offered by those who prefer two high school were less crowding and meeting future growth needs. Others

included: more individualized attention, higher opportunity for students to be involved in sports and other extra-curricular activities, and better disciplinary control.

Currently, Novi High School has a capacity of 1,800 students with a projected peak of 2,400 and high school enrollment looking to exceed its capacity by the

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Photo by JOHN HEIDER

As water rises in his East Lake Drive backyard, Novi resident Ken Wolken moves building materials and furniture last Friday afternoon to keep them from getting wet. Wolken and other East Lake Drive residents were experiencing problems with runoff from a newly-paved road.

## Flooded out; road possible cause

By RANDAL YAKY  
Staff Writer

When the rains came last Friday, the city was flooded with calls of backed-up sewers and flooded yards.

It was a hectic day down at the Department of Public Services office. "There is flooding everywhere," said one city employee.

And that seems to be the way it went for a number of residents all over Novi on Feb. 9. The amount of rain was too much to handle for the city and some homeowners had no

choice but to succumb to the elements.

Residents in the 1200 block of East Lake Drive seemed to have more than their share of water and the paving job on their street raised serious questions about water runoff.

Debbie Meyer said the reason the flooding has become such a problem along East Lake Drive is because she and two of her neighbors' yards, are completely flooded out.

"They cut grooves into the street and you can see the water doesn't even go into the sewer," Meyer said.

According to Meyer when the road was paved, the workers failed to put the sewer opening below the plain of the road causing the water to run into the yards of residents. One East Lake Drive resident, Wayne McClure, has water damage in the back end of his house due to the flooding.

"I've been here forty-five years," McClure said. "They tell me you have to have a flood to get flood insurance. They don't consider that

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## Student dazzles audiences with magical illusions

By STEPHANIE FORDYCE  
Staff Writer

"How'd he do that?" Even if you pay close attention, local magician and Novi High School senior Matt Hoag can perform a dazzling card trick literally within inches of your eyes.

While you're still trying figure out how he snuck three playing cards in your pocket, Hoag is already on to his next trick.

Now this local magician hopes to pull a dream career out of his hat, turning his talent into a potential business.

"I think I'm finally starting to get good, so I figure why not try to make some money off it," he said.

While the 18-year-old may have been practicing magic for only a year and a half, he already knows how to perform over 150 tricks.

Card stunts, money tricks and illusions such as a levitating cane are just some of the tricks Hoag has up his sleeves.

"The most popular tricks are those that require spectator participation," he said.

The young magician has already performed at private parties and local businesses like the Lazy Lizard and hopes other gigs will follow.

He can wander from table to table performing magic with cards and floating bills or he can perform large scale tricks on stage before a room full of people.

Not only does Hoag "trick" onlookers with his magic but he knows his way around a balloon; making animals for the kids.

"It's good for a place like a restaurant because I can offer entertainment while people are waiting and keep the kids distracted," he said.

Hoag, who looks up to magicians such as David Copperfield, Lance Burton and Jeff McBride, said he realized he could make money from his newfound talent after running out of money while visiting Chicago.

"After repeating the moves, everything starts to get easier. A lot of it is really about timing and misdirection. That's what makes a trick successful."

Matt Hoag  
Novi High senior and magician

With a little encouragement from his friend and mentor John Kohl, Hoag wasn't out on the street for very long until a restaurant owner asked him if he wanted a job.

"I told him I couldn't because I lived in Michigan, but it gave my confidence a real boost," he said.

Hoag said even though some of the tricks are really hard and complex to learn, the payoff comes when he gets to see people's reactions.

"Close-up tricks have really come a long way," he said.

Hoag became interested in magic when at the age of five, he saw David Copperfield but that it was Kohl, also a magician, who really sparked his interest.

"John has been a huge influence in my magic career," he said. "He bought me my first magic book."

Hoag said in the beginning it was difficult but after lots of practice, things began to fall into place.

"After repeating the moves, everything starts to get easier. A lot of it is really about timing and misdirection," he said. "That's what makes a trick successful."

And while magic may seem like an inexpensive hobby to take up, Hoag has spent over \$2,000 on tricks.

Enthusiastic and excited about his career in magic,

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Photo by JOHN HEIDER

Novi High School student and magician Matt Hoag has been honing his craft for years now on local stages.

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# 76-year-old woman hits police car

A 76-year-old Novi woman was pulling into her driveway in the 30,000 block of Rousseau, when she happened to hit a police car that was parked in front of her house on Feb. 9.

The woman was apparently coming home from a gathering that evening and misread the driveway. The accident was alcohol-related.

According to police accident reports, the police were parked in front of the woman's home attending to another call when the woman missed the driveway and struck the police car.

Police report that the woman was making a left hand turn into the drive but missed. Little information was available on the woman's condition. Police did arrest the woman for operating a motor vehicle while under the influence of alcohol. Anyone who blows a 0.10 or greater on the breath test is legally drunk, according to state law.

## THIEVES LOOT BUILDING SITE

A construction site at 27875 Cabot Drive was looted of copper wiring and assorted building materials in the overnight hours of Feb. 8.

According to Novi Police reports, in upwards of 18 or more

## Police News

wiring spools of approximately \$100 each were taken from the site. A trailer on the site was also broken into with an unaccounted for number of items stolen.

Police reports indicate that the thieves were after the copper tubing inside the wire spools. Management of the site reported to police that the thieves also took a large number of scrap copper from the site.

At an adjacent site, 27870 Cabot, police reported that a similar theft had taken place. No extensive information was available about the incident. Police are investigating both thefts.

## EASY RIDER BUSTED

He was riding around in his car with his loud muffler blaring and a sign in the back window that read "God Made Pot."

When police pulled the 17-year-old Novi resident over and asked him if he had any marijuana in his car, he responded, "I don't know. Can I look around?"

Police found a baggy containing a "green plant like substance," five grams of marijuana

under the front seat of the vehicle. Police booked the suspect and had him transported to his residence.

## COCAINE FOUND IN WORK CLOTHES

The owner of a local pizzeria found cocaine, marijuana and drug paraphernalia inside company work jackets on Feb. 11.

When the owner of the establishment called police and told them he found the materials, police responded to the business and questioned an employee about the substances.

Police did find marijuana rolling papers inside the man's car. No further information was available about the incident. Police will continue to investigate.

## TOYS MISSING; SUSPECT QUESTIONED

After Novi police got a call about the theft of a number of Playstation video games from the Toys 'R Us in Novi, they received notice that the suspect had

stopped off for dinner at a local Northville eatery.

The word was put out a little after 4 p.m. that the suspect had entered the restaurant. Police located the suspect's vehicle in the parking lot with a number of Playstation video games laying on the front passenger seat.

When police enter the restaurant, the owner was able to point out the suspect to police. The suspect was transported to Novi for questioning.

## YOU CANT PARK THERE

When police arrived on the scene of a one car accident, they found the driver 'staggering' in the street apparently drunk on Feb. 10.

When police asked the 25-year-old South Lyon man if he had been drinking he said, "No way! What do you think, I'm stupid?"

But when the police gave the man the breath test, he registered a 0.21. According to state statute, anyone blowing a 0.10 or more on a breath test is legally drunk.

The man was arrested and his car impounded.

## Novi Briefs

### Healthy Spine Workshop

On Saturday, Feb. 17, from 12-1 p.m., join Mollie MacEachern at the Sports Club of Novi for a complimentary Healthy Spine Workshop. Take a look at the spinal skeleton and see how it works. Learn ways to increase strength and muscular endurance in your spine. Learn quick and easy exercises to do daily and help alleviate spinal stresses.

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

Members and guest are welcome. Please register at the front desk. For more information call (248)735-8850, ext. 4011.

### "Music Man" to be performed by Novi Theatres

Tickets are now on sale for the upcoming Novi Theatres musical, The Music Man. The show, held at the Novi Civic Center, will run Friday, March 2 at 7:30 p.m.; Saturday, March 3 at 7:30 p.m.; Sunday, March 4 at 3 p.m.; Friday, March 9 at 7:30 p.m.; Saturday, March 10 at 7:30 p.m.; and Sunday, March 11 at 3 p.m.

All seats are reserved and tickets cost \$15.

### Brick classes

Homeowners interested in learning to lay their own brick patios, walks and driveways can attend classes at Brickscape gardens on the border between Northville and Novi, every first and third Saturdays of each month at 3 p.m., from April through September.

Registration fee for the one-hour class is \$5 per person, refundable with any brick purchase. Call (248) 348-2500 to reserve a spot today.

For further information about classes, please call Brickscape at (248) 348-2500.

### Expo Center MARVAC Camper and RV show

The Michigan Association of Recreation Vehicles and Campgrounds opens its five day show at the Expo Center starting Feb. 14-18. On display will be over 300 new 2001 vehicles as well as information on campgrounds. For more information call (517) 348-8881 or visit the MARVAC Web site at www.marvac.org.

# Paralyzed Veterans raffle off 1945 Jeep

By RANDAL YAKY Staff Writer

Ever wanted to own a 1945 Army Jeep?

Now dreams can come true as the Michigan chapter of Paralyzed Veterans of America (PVA) is raising funds for its programs by holding a raffle. The prize - a completely restored 1945 Willys Army Jeep. This authentic vehicle comes fully equipped as if it had just rolled off the assembly line.

Carroll Classics, a classic car restoration company in Dearborn Heights and a division of Carrion Industries, donated the jeep and agreed to display the car at various car shows around the state.

The raffle will take place at the Auto Rama at Cobo Hall on Feb. 25 at 4 p.m. Former Detroit Red Wing Captain Ted Lindsey will be pulling the winning ticket.

Director of Communications, Development and Sports for the Novi branch of the PVA, Ian

Mintucci said the raffle helps not only veterans, but funds research on spinal cord injuries.

"Health care is a big issue," Mintucci said. "Especially for the veterans. Funding is something of a concern for us."

Executive Director of the Michigan PVA, John Atherton, thanked Carrion for the donation.

"We deeply appreciate the efforts of Carrion Classics for giving us this opportunity," Atherton said. "Their past contributions to charities in Metro Detroit area are well known."

Raffle tickets will be sold for \$5 each or three for \$10. The winner will also have the option of receiving \$15,000 in cash should they decide not to keep the jeep.

Second and third place winners will receive \$1,000 and \$500 respectively.

Adult admission at the Auto Rama is \$12.50 and \$5 for children under 12. Children under

# Bullard, Quinn could run for judgeship

By RANDAL YAKY Staff Writer

Term limits will keep Sen. Bill Bullard (R-Highland) from returning to the senate in 2003, so the long time politician is looking for other opportunities which could land him in Novi's judge's chair.

Bullard, who was instrumental in bringing the new judgeship to the 52nd 1st District Court in Novi, has indicated that he would consider running for the open judgeship.

"That is a possibility," Bullard said. "Some people have talked to me about that. Some people had talked to me about running for circuit court. I represented the whole area though we will be losing Rose Township and White Lake."

Last year, the legislature helped gain approval for Senate Bill 257

that added a new judge to the 52-1 court after Gov. John Engler signed the bill last January.

Approval by the Oakland County Board of Commissioners, who have been lobbied by Oakland County Executive L. Brooks Patterson to approve the deal, is expected later this year.

The plan to bring a new judge to Novi to 2003 would also take one judgeship, most likely Michael Batchik's seat, and send it to the 52nd 2nd Division Court in Clarkston in January 2005.

Clarkston would also gain jurisdiction over White Lake and Rose Township. The new judgeship would be added by putting it in the 2002 ballot.

15th Senate District includes Novi, Commerce, Highland, Lyon, Farmington,



This poster shows the top prize, a 1945 Willys Jeep.

three are admitted free. The Auto Rama runs from Feb. 23-25. Doors open at 4 p.m. on Friday and close at 11 p.m. On Saturday, hours are from 10 a.m. to 11 p.m., and on Sunday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

The PVA of America is a congressional charter of veterans organization established at the end of World War II. Nationwide, their membership is over 17,000.

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all of whom suffer or suffered from spinal cord injury or dysfunction. The PVA administers numerous programs including veterans benefits counseling, wheelchair sports as well as research for all disabled citizens.

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# Classifieds help animals find good homes

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

By DAVID M. AGUILAR Staff Writer

Kayla Allen is a professional matchmaker of sorts, and she connects well-meaning pet owners with dogs and cats who have been rescued from harm or neglect.

Allen is the manager of the Pontiac-based Michigan Animal Rescue League, a group that three times a month holds a pet adoption service at the Northville PetSmart located at 17677 Haggerty. The event has been held inside the store for the past four years, Allen said.

"We also have a 40-question interview process that helps potential pet owners determine if this is the best animal for them," Allen said. "This is a very good way for some people to adopt a pet, especially for those who might otherwise find going into a shelter relaxing for some people, and more stressful for others."

The adoption fee is \$120, cash or check.

The Michigan Animal Rescue League is located in Pontiac at 790 Featherstone where they house up to 120 animals. Another shelter is located in Rochester. The shelter can be reached by calling (248) 335-8290.

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# Concerns boil over on sex education curriculum

By STEPHANIE FORDYCE  
Staff Writer

Should morality play a part in sex education? That was the topic of discussion at last Thursday's school board meeting, as an outpouring of concerned residents filled the Educational Services Building, Feb. 8.

In the debate over the role of abstinence in Novi's sex education program, parents, school employees, and students attended the final public hearing on the district's Human Growth & Development curriculum.

"Some here tonight would want you to believe that by giving students comprehensive sex information, we're sending them a mixed message: a license for teens to engage in sexual behavior. But when discussing contraceptives, students understand the vast complexities of sexual decision making and the incredible responsibility that they must take to lower their risk," said Novi High School counselor Donna Roemer who came to support the district's current abstinence-based program.

"The message we send when we purposefully eliminate this information is that high school students, despite the sexual messages that bombard them each and every day, are too immature and incapable of handling it."

Primarily, comments made at the public hearing were not about whether education about sex belongs in the Novi schools but rather, how to approach the topic.

answer, at least according to some local parents.

"I feel the health curriculum in our schools has expanded way beyond acceptable boundaries of traditional sex education and now embraces human sexuality," said Novi resident and mother of four, Suzanne Cortez. "The school does not have the right to determine the appropriate maturity level for our children to be exposed to such topics. The schools take a zero tolerance on all other moral issues, including drugs, smoking, violence and alcohol, so let's maintain consistency and hold our children to the same high standard on sex education. Let's teach abstinence only."

Abstinence-only approaches the issue of marital sex as the only option for teens, while avoiding specific discussions of contraception or safer sex.

Comprehensive sex education, or an abstinence-based curriculum, begins with abstinence but also makes teens aware of the consequences of sex and how to protect themselves. The program includes instruction in safe sex behavior, including use of condoms and other forms of contraception.

"In an abstinence-based program, you're teaching half of the truth because you are not teaching good moral behavior," said Novi parent Michelle Santoni.

But some parents begged to differ. "Kids need this information," said resident Laurie Hildebrath. "Do you want your children facing these types of situations without any decisions on how they will

react? Because they will be the ones who will become the statistic: pregnant, infected or dead."

Mother Kathy Haganian said even for students who are fortunate enough to have parents that are comfortable to discuss sex openly, kids still need concrete, fact-based information.

"Do we want our children to learn about this from their friends or their dates? Or from parents, and educated concerned adults in the schools?" she said. "Information is power, we shouldn't be afraid to give it to our kids. We need to dispel the myths and rumors, and counter the pressure that their peers will throw at them."

Residents like Shert Minke and Holly Walker suggested the matter could easily be settled if the class was offered as an elective or if students and parents could be given the choice to enroll in either an abstinence-based or abstinence-only curriculum.

"The way sexual information is given varies from family to family, that's why this subject is such an emotional issue," said Walker, mother of three children in the school system. "Because every family is different, they should be given a choice. This way parents can choose how their children are educated in this area, resulting in a win-win situation."

Novi High School Junior Danni Krause said she feels student should be able to choose what he or she is subjected to.

"If the student feels it goes against their

morals, then they shouldn't have to take the course," she said. "I think it would only benefit all students if they could choose what classes would be best for them."

However, Roemer said she believes students that are more enlightened about sex are also more committed to their resolve to postpone sexual activity.

"Instead of encouraging them into sex, (an abstinence-based education) serves as a real deterrent because when given all of the information, the reality of unwanted pregnancy sexually transmitted disease, and HIV/AIDS becomes more real to them."

Novi High School senior Colleen O'Neill said the discussion of contraceptives does not, in anyway, seduce teenagers into sexual activity.

"Students need to know the facts and the truth about sex," she said. "Just because teens learn about contraceptives, does not mean that they will use it to have sex. They're not going to take this information the same way they aren't going to take what they've learned from the DARE program and get high. Teens are not that naive and I think we deserve more credit than that. Ignorance is not bliss. It's dangerous when it comes to sex."

Resident Colleen Kohls said the more information given to teens, the better, and in today's society, it is crucial keeping them safe, and in some cases, alive.

"I think the majority of parents in Novi want their children to be armed with

information that they need to grow up in the 21st century and they recognize the current curriculum will help them face the future with the necessary knowledge," she said.

Mother of three Jeanne Denure said even though abstinence is currently taught as the only safe-guard method, the district's standard should nevertheless be raised.

"This standard should be upheld in the home, church, and school," she said. "Parents are still the primary educators of their children and a sex education program that includes contraception should be offered at a parental request only and taught after school."

A health advisory committee, which writes curriculum, is appointed by the board and meets to review and rewrite the curriculum every two years.

But many members like Rosemarie Denton, stated the meetings were insufficient when it came to reviewing the classroom materials and many members are still unaware of what is being presented.

"We never saw a book or even a test," she said. "This curriculum is not ready and we should have more time in order to conduct a substantial review."

With the public's viewpoints now laid out on the table, the board is looking to make its decision on the future direction of the curriculum at the March 1 board meeting.

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# East Lake homes in water after rain

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a flood.

Ken Wolkenes, whose backyard was completely under water, said he hasn't had a problem like this since he moved in last summer.

"The worst part is that I put \$10,000 in since October," Wolkenes said. "I put new drywall, doors, and paint. I stand to lose it all."

At 1270 East Lake Drive north, the property line drops leaving a low section of property sloping down to an low section of land that Wolkenes said he had worried about since moving into the home.

"I tried to buy flood insurance last month and they wouldn't sell it to me because this isn't a flood plain," Wolkenes said, standing in ankle deep water behind his garage. "This is not a question of a flood plain. This is a question of liability."

Novi director of Public Services Tony Nowicki said combination of drain overflow and frozen ground caused the flooding. There was no place for the water to go, especially on East Lake Drive.

"It was rather shocking," Nowicki said. "We'll either get the contractor (VIL) or the DPW will get out there to fix the problem. They (VIL) didn't put on the final layer



Photo by OWEN HEDDER

Cuts like this in the newly repaved sections of East Lake Drive are sending water runoff into neighborhood homes.

of asphalt and that was the problem with water on East Lake Drive."

Nowicki said the road wasn't finished because of the early winter weather last December. VIL is a Sterling Heights based contractor.

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# Sandstone in talks with city over suit

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Decker Road expansion within a reasonable two year span, harricaded the road, and created a \$3 million special assessment district on land donated to the city by Sandstone Vistas. According to the ruling, the city blocked off the entrance to the subdivision easement. In essence, the city "took Sandstone land without due process," Howard said.

The developers said their dream project, which would have created an urban area complete with a downtown and parks area,

was destroyed by the city and Judge Howard agreed. At the time, Howard called the city's treatment of the developer's project "malicious" and "vindictive."

It is estimated that if the city loses the main appeal, the residents of Novi could be forced to pay as much as \$200 a year extra in taxes to make up for the lawsuit, according to the city assessors' office.

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**CITY OF NOVI PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Planning Commission for the City of Novi will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, February 21, 2001 at 7:30 p.m. in the Novi Civic Center, 45175 W. Ten Mile Road, Novi, MI to consider **NOVI EXPRESS #2 02-28A**, located on the southwest corner of Pontiac Trail and West Park Drive, to consider **PRELIMINARY SITE PLAN, SPECIAL LAND USE PERMIT AND WOOD-LAND PERMIT** approximating a self-serve gas station, convenience store, fast food restaurant and car wash.

All interested persons are invited to attend. Verbal comments may be heard at the hearing and any written comments must be received by the Planning & Community Development Department, 45175 W. Ten Mile Road, Novi, MI 48240 on or before 5:00 p.m., Wednesday, February 21, 2001.

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# Area unites to help earthquake victims

By STEPHANIE FORDYCE  
Staff Writer

In response to the recent earthquake in India, the Novi Rotary Club is hoping to raise funds to bring much-needed relief and supplies to the country's affected areas.

The devastating earthquake that hit the state of Gujarat this past January reached 6.9 on the Richter scale and is listed as one of the worst earthquakes to have occurred in the country during the last 180 years, with aftershocks still continuing.

The quake has claimed at least 30,000 lives, has left nearly 170,000 injured and a million or more have been rendered homeless.

Donations have been estimated to the extent of \$ 5.5 billion. "The country is struggling to survive and hundreds of thousands of homeless residents are in desperate need of shelter," said rotarian May Sanghvi. "I hope we as a society can get involved and aid India in its time of need."

Rotary International has already committed itself to match the funds from this relief effort.

"There can never be too much help in a situation like this," Sanghvi said. "We are children of the same planet and we need to be compassionate and understanding and come together to help one another."

By expressing sympathy for the victims of the devastating earthquake and by providing the economic assistance to meet the substantial relief and reconstruction needs, Sanghvi said the people of India can continue their efforts to rebuild their cities and their lives.

The earthquake destroyed all but a few buildings in the area and Novi Rotary president Anthony Musu said there is a great need for reconstruction.

"We are raising the money, specifically, to build a housing unit," he said.

Musu explained the building will be a ten-unit facility, equipped with restroom facilities, providing people in India a place to stay and sleep.

Musu said the club is currently collecting money through the Novi Expo Center and Deerfield Elementary school, and hopefully will begin a city campaign on local street corners.

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"It's important to us to see that this effort continues and alleviate some of the suffering of the people of India. I would hope that if the tables were reversed, someone would return the favor."

Joining in the rotarians effort, Hometown Newspapers have already donated funds to help avert further death and suffering by the thousands of people left homeless.

"It's important to us to see that this effort continues and alleviate some of the suffering of the people of India," said Hometown East Publisher Grace Perry. "I would hope that if the tables were reversed, someone would return the favor."

For those interested in making donations to India's earthquake relief effort, donors are asked to write checks - made out to the Novi Rotary Foundation - and mail to the India Earthquake Relief Fund, care of the Novi News, 104 W. Main Street, Northville, MI 48167.

Contributions are tax-deductible and those who donate \$100 or more will be listed in the Novi News.

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# Magician will attend Western Michigan in fall

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Hoag said the biggest challenge is setting himself apart.  
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Hoag is currently building his first illusion that he hopes to debut at the high school's prom fashion show.  
Aside from the prom fashion show, the young magician has already booked three

other upcoming performances at NHS including the school lock-in, senior all-night party, and the school store's fashion show.  
While Hoag said he would love to pursue magic as a career, right now it's just something he's enjoying.  
"I'd love to take this as far as I can go. If I could get a job at one of the casinos downtown, that would be great, but I'm realistic," said the senior, who plans on

attending Western Michigan University next fall.  
Hoag is available for local venues and private functions, like birthdays and corporate events. For rates and information, call Hoag at (248) 380-0902.  
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## COMMUNITY BRIEFS/SCHOOL NEWS

**Better Business Bowling Tournament**  
Lakes Area Chamber of Commerce Scholarship Committee proudly presents the 17th annual "Better Business Bowling Tournament" on Sunday, March 4 at Wonderland Lanes, 8268 Richardson Road in Union Lake. Check-in time is 12:30 p.m.; tournament starts at 1:30 p.m.  
Cost of the event is \$70 per team (includes team award, random prize raffles, lane rental and pizza during bowling). Proceeds to benefit the Lakes Area Chamber of Commerce Scholarship Fund.  
Registration is through March 1. Businesses may sign up to three teams. Any four persons sponsored by a local area business or a member of the Lakes Area Chamber of Commerce may have a team. Teams may be men, women or co-ed.  
No handicapping. Each team bowls three games. The total scores of each game will be added up and that will be your team score. One team award will be given to at least the top team in each category (men, women, co-ed). Men's teams may have one woman, co-ed teams must have at least two women, and women's teams - all four must be women.  
The names of bowlers are not needed until tournament check-in on March 4. If you are interested in donating a door prize for the event, please contact the chamber office at (248) 624-2826.

**Richardson Senior Center Activities**  
The center is located at 1485 Oakley Park Road (across from Walled Lake Central High School in Commerce Township).  
Lunches Monday through Friday by reservation. Please call 669-4510.  
Monday: Bingo, 12:30 p.m.  
Tuesday: Woodcarving and crafts, 10 a.m.; Euchre, 12:30 p.m.  
Wednesday: Line Dancing - intermediate at 10 a.m.; Pinochle at 12:30 p.m.  
Thursday: Pinochle, 12:30 p.m.  
Friday: Line Dance (advanced) at 9:30 a.m.; intermediate and beginner, 11 a.m.; stretch and strength exercise, 12:30 p.m.; cards of choice, 12:30 p.m.  
Second and fourth Friday: Bridge, 1 p.m.  
Sunday: Cards and sociality at 1 p.m. - drop in.  
For information about trips, day and extended, and other activities and programs, call 926-0063. An open invitation to visit the Senior Center.

**Sec. of State mobile unit in Wixom**  
A Secretary of State mobile unit will be in Wixom on Thursday, Feb. 22, from 11 a.m. - 5 p.m. at Wixom Community Center.  
Renew your license, get license plate tabs, change your address, and register to vote. Everything you can do at a branch office can be done at the mobile unit.

**Library Events**  
"This Little Piggy" will be at the Walled Lake City Library on Monday, Feb. 19, from 2-3 p.m. Children ages 3-7 are invited to a farm presentation given by Margaret Schmidt. "The Farm Lady." Piglet stories, piglet facts and a live bottle-fed piglet will add to the fun. Registration required. Call the library at (248) 624-3772.  
"Magic by Jason" will be at the library on Wednesday, Feb. 21, 2 to 3 p.m. Program is recommended for children ages 4-12. Registration is required. Call the library at (248) 624-3772.

"Design a Bookmark Contest." Boys and girls, kindergarten through fifth grade, are invited to submit a drawing. Contest rules with bookmark specifications are available at the library. Certificates for first and second place winners will be awarded. Winning bookmarks will be printed and distributed at the library. Entry deadline is Saturday, Feb. 17 at 5 p.m.  
The library is located at 1499 E. West Maple. For more information concerning library events and activities, please call (248) 624-3772.

**Snow Days Equal "Make-up Dates"**  
Due to the inclement weather in December of 2000, the last school day for Mary Helen Guest Elementary students has been rescheduled for Thursday, June 14. The last day for teachers is Friday, June 15. These dates are pending any further school closings. Please watch the Guest Elementary Parents Newsletter for additional updates.

**Walled Lake Consolidated Schools Lunch Menu for the week of Feb. 15-25**  
Thursday, Feb. 15  
• Italian Dunkers with Marinara Sauce  
• Taco Bell Burrito  
Friday, Feb. 16  
• Cook's Choice  
Feb. 17-25, Midwinter Recess

**Free Lifeguard Training at Oakland County Parks**  
Free lifeguard training is offered by the Oakland County parks for those who pass a preliminary swim test and are hired by the parks system.  
Oakland County parks employs approximately 120 lifeguards each summer. Guards are needed at two waterparks plus two campgrounds and one park with swimming beaches. The opening date for applications is Feb. 20.  
Competitive wages range from \$8.85 - \$10.22 per hour. New hires must fill out an application for employment and pass a preliminary swim test.  
The swim test consists of a 200 yard swim (crawl or breaststroke) in about 4 1/2 minutes, a two minute tread without using hands, and retrieval of a 10 pound brick from a depth of 8-10 feet.  
Swim test dates are set for April 21 and May 5 at Oakland University. Qualifiers will be eligible for the lifeguard training following the test. Training dates are April 21, 22, 28 and 29 or May 5, 6, 12 and 13. Candidates must attend one set of four sessions. License as an Ellis & Associates Special Facility Lifeguard may be granted to those who are subsequently employed and complete the training program.  
A renewal session is available for returning guards. Call Mike Boyd, recreation supervisor, at (248) 858-4637 for more information.  
Lifeguard positions are available at many locations including Waterford Oaks Waterpark in Waterford.  
Application forms are available by contacting the Oakland County Personnel Department at (248) 858-0330 or Oakland County Parks at (248) 858-0906.  
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**Trip to See Detroit Pistons**  
Wixom Community Center invites everyone to see the Detroit Pistons host the Orlando Magic on Sunday, March 4, from 11 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. at The Palace of Auburn Hills. Cost is \$38 per person. Price includes bus, snack and raffle. Register early. Call (248) 624-2850.

**Huron Valley-Sinal Hospital offers Golf Fitness Seminar**  
Huron Valley-Sinal Hospital in Commerce will offer a free Golf Fitness Seminar on Wednesday, Feb. 28 at 7 p.m.  
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**Youth Assistance Sponsors Family Education Program**  
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Facilitator Bill Winkler is a graduate of Wayne State University and certified by American Guidance Services.  
The program will be held at the Walled Lake Community Education Center, 615 N. Pontiac Trail, Walled Lake on Tuesdays, Feb. 27 through May 8 from 7-9 p.m.  
Cost is \$25 per person/\$30 per couple and includes book and materials. Scholarships are available upon request.  
For registration, call Lakes Area Youth Assistance at (248) 956-5070.



Wixom's Sarah Banks Middle School teacher Julie Kuether talks to students Tom Mollure, left, and Elin Condreas Monday afternoon in their home economics classroom.

## Kuether awarded Teacher of the Year

By JENNIFER NORRIS  
Staff Writer

A teacher within the Walled Lake School District has been rewarded for her continued success within the community and in student instruction.  
Julie Kuether, a life management teacher at Sarah Banks Middle School in Wixom, was named the Michigan Life Management Educators (MLME) 2000 Teacher of the Year.  
Kuether was presented a certificate and an engraved clock from the MLME board at a conference which was hosted in Traverse City. "It was exciting," she said. "To be honored by your peers is really special."

Kuether said she was nominated for the award by another teacher outside of the Walled Lake School District. Nominees are required to put together a professional portfolio which summarizes special projects conducted within the school and the community.  
Kuether, who has been teaching at Sarah Banks since it opened, has had a long history with the school district. She has been teaching 13 years in Walled Lake. In her life management classes, which are targeted for students in grades 6-8, Kuether said a major component of the class involves community service work. She added that the rationale behind performing community service work is to help students understand the importance of volunteering and experience the rewards of helping others. She added the course curriculum is tied in with the community.  
"Our whole school tries to be connected with the community," Kuether said. "We do a lot of things with Wixom. We're real supporters of Sarah Banks Middle School."  
In addition to participating in community projects, Kuether also said another focus she has is incorporating technology into the classroom. Similarly, using hands-on curriculum and real life exper-

## Over 400 attend WL school parenting fair

By JENNIFER NORRIS  
Staff Writer

Parents face difficult situations every day.  
For example, what is the best way to handle a demanding child? Protect youngsters on the Internet? Manage sibling rivalry?  
Answers to these parenting issues and many more were addressed at the Walled Lake Schools 2001 Parenting Education Fair Feb. 10. The parenting fair was hosted at Walnut Creek Middle School from 8:15 a.m. to 3 p.m. and was put on by the Walled Lake Schools Parenting Education committee.  
Over 400 parents packed the gymnasium and the classrooms for the ninth annual event.  
Nancy Buck, author of "Peaceful Parenting" was the keynote speaker at the seminar. Following her presentation, two sessions of workshops were available for parents to attend. Parents could select from a variety of courses that best matched their interests and age of their child/children.

## Smooth sailing



Mike Jarvis sails his 16' arrow ice boat on a now snow-free and frozen Walled Lake last Friday afternoon. Jarvis lives along East Lake Drive.

# Recommendations will be presented in March to board

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2003/2004 school year. Either way, some form of expansion or reconstruction is needed.

Given this information, voters were asked how they would vote, if it came down to placing a proposal on a ballot.

Voters listened to two options. One option is building a new 9-12 high school for about 1,200 students and remodeling portions of the existing high school (Option A). The other option is to build an addition to and remodeling portions of the existing high school (Option B).

Both options also included other district needs including technology upgrades, elementary renovations, enlarging transportation warehouse, and upgrading/constructing pool facilities.

Nearly half of voters, 44 percent, were in favor of option A, and 57 percent were in favor of option B.

However, after hearing the costs of both proposals, support dropped, with 40 percent of voters in favor of option A and 44 percent in favor of option B.

Option A, with an estimated cost of a \$165 million bond issue, an increase of about 3.45 mills, would cost the owner of a home with a market value of \$200,000 about \$345 a year for 25 years.

Option B, with an estimated cost of a \$8.5 million bond issue, an increase of about 3.29 mills, would cost the owner of a home with a market value of \$200,000 about \$329 more a year for 25 years.

Biggest reasons why voters disagree with option A, both with nearly 12 percent, were the need for a second high school is not there and they simply don't want to see two separate high schools. Reasons such as, "it would cost too much" came in at 11 percent and "would cause competition/rivalry" came in at 9 percent.

Biggest reasons why voters disagreed with option B, both with nearly 9 percent, were one high school "would be too large with too many students" and it

"While we really didn't have an idea what the community felt about the high school situation, I was surprised to see it as close as it was."

Dr. Emmett Lippe  
Novi Schools Superintendent

"would only be a temporary solution and not meet future growth needs." Other reasons such as cost came in with 3 percent and "need a separate high school" came in with 5 percent.

When voters were asked to choose an option, they continue to be divided in their opinions, with 41 percent preferring two high schools and 40 percent who prefer adding on the existing high school.

Now that the results from the survey are in, the Blue Ribbon Task Force will meet today and review them. Using this input, the committee will produce a final recommendation report, which will be presented to the board sometime in March.

Once the Board of Education hears the final report of the Blue Ribbon Task Force, they will consider their proposals and possibly decide on a bond vote.

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SCHOOL SURVEY RESULTS			
One or Two	Total	Public-School Parents	Non-Parents
One High School	46%	52%	41%
Two High Schools	41%	41%	41%
Depends on cost, location, etc.	6%	3%	9%
Undecided	7%	4%	9%
<b>3.45 Mill Bond Issue</b>			
<b>Option A</b>			
For	40%	42%	39%
Against	46%	44%	48%
Depends on cost	13%	13%	13%
Undecided	1%	1%	1%
<b>3.29 Mill Bond Issue</b>			
<b>Option B</b>			
For	44%	55%	33%
Against	45%	36%	53%
Depends on cost	11%	8%	14%
Undecided	1%	1%	1%
<b>Voter's Preference</b>			
Option A (two high schools)	41%	40%	42%
Option B (adding on existing h.s.)	40%	46%	33%
Neither	15%	7%	17%
Whichever is least expensive	1%	1%	1%
Undecided	6%	6%	6%
<b>Technology Improvements</b>			
Yes, needed	74%	76%	73%
Yes, needed, but not so much	3%	2%	4%
No, not needed	11%	12%	11%
Depends on cost	1%	1%	1%
Undecided/don't know	11%	10%	12%
<b>Elementary Renovation &amp; Construction</b>			
Yes, needed	51%	56%	47%
Renovations, but not a new elementary school	11%	14%	8%
New elementary needed, but not renovations	1%	1%	1%
No, none are needed	10%	11%	9%
Depends on cost	2%	3%	2%
Undecided/don't know	26%	15%	35%

## Fire Log

- Monday, Feb. 5**  
8:29 p.m. — Squad 3.  
Medical, 24500 Meadowbrook, 12:38 a.m., Squad 1.  
Medical, 42005 Twelve Mile Road, 12:55 p.m., Squad 1.  
Medical, 40300 Grand River, 12:57 p.m., Squad 1.  
Medical, 46845 Twelve Mile Road, 3:54 p.m., Squad 4.  
Medical, 27472 Novi Road, 6:23 p.m., Squad 4.  
Medical, 30209 Coleste, 10:41 p.m., Squad 2.
- Tuesday, Feb. 6**  
Investigation, 24730 Apple Crest, 7:26 a.m., Squad 1.  
Medical, 45182 West Park, 8:13 a.m., Squad 2.  
Investigation, 27460 Beck Road, 3:38 p.m., Squad 4.  
Medical, 40000 High Pointe, 7:30 p.m., Squad 3.
- Wednesday, Feb. 7**  
Medical, 24500 Meadowbrook, 12:09 a.m., Squad 1.  
Truck fire, Novi Road and I-96, 5:44 a.m., Engine 1.  
Personal injury accident, Nine Mile and Beck Road, 8:26 a.m., Squad 4.  
Medical, 27475 Huron Circle, 8:53 a.m., Squad 1.  
Fuel spill, 24161 Novi Road, 9:28 a.m., Engine 3.  
Medical, 27155 Sheraton, 8:49 p.m., Squad 1.  
Medical, 45182 West Park, 11:46 p.m., Squad 2.
- Thursday, Feb. 8**  
Fire alarm, 43155 Main St., 12:22 a.m., Engines 1, 3.  
Medical, 45182 West Park, 12:18 p.m., Squad 2.  
Service, 30988 Springlake, 12:50 p.m., Squad 1.  
Medical, 43135 Crescent, 4:48 p.m., Squad 1.  
Medical, 31245 Wedgewood, 6:16 p.m., Squad 2.  
Investigation, 1289 East Lake, 7:52 p.m., Squad 2.  
Medical, 23731 Pheasant Run,
- Friday, Feb. 9**  
Medical, 29525 Le Grand, 5:40 a.m., Squad 2.  
Medical, 45182 West Park, 11:13 a.m., Squad 2.  
Medical, 40000 High Pointe, 12:05 p.m., Squad 3.  
Personal injury accident, 101 Wildcat, 3:02 p.m., Squad 3.  
Investigation, 45748 White Pines, 3:14 p.m., Engine 3.  
Medical, 45125 Ten Mile Road, 6:27 p.m., Squad 3.  
Fire alarm, 30949 Tanglewood, 9:02 p.m., Engine 3.  
Medical, 41050 Haggerty, 8:48 p.m., Squad 3.  
Wires down, Pontiac Trail and Wedgewood, 11:07 p.m., Engine 2.  
Transformer fire, Ten Mile and Meadowbrook, 11:12 p.m., Engine 3.
- Saturday, Feb. 10**  
Wire down, Border Hill and Bethany, 1:39 a.m., Engine 1.  
Personal injury accident, Ten Mile and Beck Road, 2:27 a.m., Squad 4.  
Medical, 21111 Haggerty, 7:28 a.m., Squad 3.  
Medical, 42178 Gladwin, 10:05 a.m., Squad 3.  
Fire alarm, 43155 Main St., 12:05 p.m., Engines 1, 3.  
Personal injury accident, Eight Mile and Haggerty, 12:56 p.m., Squad 3.  
Personal injury accident, I-96 and Novi Road, 2:14 p.m., Squad 1.  
Personal injury accident, I-96 and Novi Road, 2:51 p.m., Squad 1.  
Medical, 22515 Heshlp, 5:09 p.m., Squad 3.  
Fire alarm, 43155 Main St., 6 p.m., Engines 1, 3.
- Sunday, Feb. 11**  
Medical, 31081 Woodstone, 12:59 a.m., Squad 2.  
Medical, 24500 Meadowbrook, 11:35 a.m., Squad 1.

# Work continues on police station new addition

By RANDAL YAKY  
Staff Writer



Work continues Monday morning on the addition to the Novi Police Department, Lee Begole Building. Due to heavy snow in December, the building will not be finished by April but officials said the project will come in on budget.

Inside the Novi Police administration offices, the carpeting has been removed and an alternative work space has been set up for the employees.

Behind the police station, workers are constructing the new lock-up that would provide a safe environment for officers and prisoners alike.

According to police chief Douglas Shaeffer, the city needed an expanded jail area to keep male and female inmates separated. Shaeffer said the department had difficulty housing female prisoners because there was not enough space for them.

"We wanted one-person cells so that we could keep prisoners separate," Shaeffer said. They can be violent and there are some with infectious diseases.

Shaeffer did say that while work on the outside of the building had been behind schedule, workers continue to work on the inside renovations.

"They have done a lot on the interior of the building," Shaeffer said. "They are ahead of schedule on that."

Novi City Council approved the \$1.9 million expansion project last summer after a citizens committee determined several modifications and renovations were necessary. A 1998 bond issue approved the funding for the project.

The project, which was originally scheduled for completion sometime in early April, will be pushed back because of the significant snowfall in December. The snow in December slowed down the work," city manager Richard Helwig said. They were not able to lay the cinder blocks.

City officials did say the project would come in on budget and there would be no cost overruns due to the winter slow down.

The original plan also calls for the station to be made handicapped accessible, have additional storage space and gain a training center for officers. There will also be an expansion of the vehicle repair garage.

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## Public Access

- Monday, Feb. 19**  
10:00 a.m. — Potpourri: Arbonne  
10:30 a.m. — The Cutting Room  
3:00 p.m. — The Hobby Corner  
11:00 a.m. — Harvest Ministries  
11:30 a.m. — Cosby and Company: Mercy High School  
Auction  
12:00-1:00 p.m. — Intercessions  
Word Ministry  
1:00 p.m. — Adventures with Pirate Pete  
1:30 p.m. — The Hobby Corner  
2:30 p.m. — Dickerman  
2:30-3:30 p.m. — The Great Escape: Sailing  
3:30-4:30 p.m. — Community Meeting  
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. — A bit O' Ireland in Farmington Hills  
8:00 p.m. — Farmington Players  
8:30 p.m. — Back Stage  
9:00-10:00 p.m. — Life Talk Video Magazine  
**Tuesday, Feb. 20**  
10:00 a.m. — Legislative Forum  
10:30-11:30 a.m. — Sampler  
Pioneer Women: Their Lives Through Song  
11:30 a.m. — Financial Strategy  
12:00-1:00 p.m. — Summit University  
1:00 p.m. — Chamber Spotlight  
1:30 p.m. — Home For Life: Snap Seal Gutters  
2:00 p.m. — Lansing Connection  
2:30 p.m.-3:30 p.m. — O'Hare Irish Dance  
4:00 p.m. — Cosby and Company: Mercy High School Auction  
4:30 p.m. — Pet Talk: Afghans  
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: Arbonne  
7:30-8:00 p.m. — Community Meeting  
8:00-10:00 p.m. — Out in the Open  
**Wednesday, Feb. 21**  
10:00 a.m. — Farmington Players  
10:30 a.m.-11:30 a.m. — Stage Door Canteen  
12:00 p.m. — People Who Make Things Happen  
12:30 p.m. — MDO Today  
1:00 p.m. — Study in Scripture  
1:30 p.m. — AMVETS  
2:00 p.m. — Restoration Now  
2:30 p.m. — Going to the Chapel  
3:00 p.m. — The Hobby Corner  
3:30 p.m. — Potpourri: Arbonne  
4:00 p.m. — Critter Connection  
4:30 p.m. — Mountain Ski: Tomgat Mountain Spirit  
5:00-6:00 p.m. — Berean Baptist Church  
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  
9:00-10:00 p.m. — Todd L. Leffitt Show  
**Thursday, Feb. 22**  
10:00 a.m. — Step 'n Move to the Groove  
10:30-11:30 a.m. — Community Meeting  
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. — Dance with Virginia: Irish Dancers  
2:30 p.m.-3:30 p.m. — O'Hare Irish Dancers  
4:00 p.m. — Farmington Players  
4:30 p.m. — Fiddler on the Roof  
5:00-6:00 p.m. — Shoney Zedek  
6:00 p.m. — A Culinary Adventure: Copper Creek  
6:30 p.m. — Wise Guys: Falling Down  
7:00 p.m. — In the Studio with Bry Heather Catallo  
7:30 p.m. — Cosby and Company: Mercy High School Auction  
8:00 p.m. — People Who Make Things Happen  
8:30 p.m. — Pet Talk: Afghans  
9:00-10:00 p.m. — Let's Talk with Ben Marks: Bill Gadsby  
**Friday, Feb. 23**  
10:00 a.m. — Lumen Christi  
10:30 a.m. — Christian Singles Today  
11:00 a.m. — The Jesus Center  
11:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. — To Be Announced  
5:00-6:00 p.m. — Todd L. Leffitt Show  
6:00 p.m. — To Be Announced  
6:30 p.m. — The Hobby Corner  
7:00 p.m. — Cosby and Company  
7:30 p.m. — People Who Make Things Happen  
8:00 p.m. — Chamber Spotlight  
8:30 p.m. — Pet Talk  
9:00 p.m. — Farmington Players  
9:30 p.m. — Potpourri

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In their exploration of Michigan Day, Orchard Hills students try to build a replica of the Mackinac Bridge out of building blocks last week. From left are Kyohel Tada, Arin Schorr, Angelo Ferry (partially hidden) Adam Dieter, and Gregory Kozma.

Orchard Hills student Adam Bucilli tries to find the city of Marquette on his map during the school's program of Michigan Day.

# Proud to be a Michigander

Orchard Hills students learn about the Great Lakes state  
By STEPHANIE FORDYCE

Orchard Hills Elementary students created some excitement last week, as they rediscovered their home state of Michigan. Students learned about the Great Lakes' state history, symbols, geography, resources, and culture. But what students like Adam Bucilli, John Abbo and Jon Deltrich, thought was the most fun was a lesson on Michigan foods. Kids sampled an array of treats, from Kellogg's cereal and Better Maid potato chips, while learning about the cities in which they are home based. Fourth graders Megan Bungarner and Samuel Gillman said they enjoyed hearing about the early fur traders and the history of the Mackinac Bridge. "The Mackinac Bridge is the one of the world's longest bridges and is 5 mile long," Bungarner said. Gillman explained that the Mackinac Bridge is what links Michigan's lower and upper peninsulas. Ten-year-olds Maxelle Schlaff, Morgan Gerich, and Sarah Robb had fun drawing their favorite places in Michigan, while visiting the tourism center headed by parent volunteer David Gillman. Gillman instructed the girls to think of two places in Michigan that they liked the most.

You can do all kinds of stuff like camping and fishing. I'd like to live here my whole life."

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# Kocan, Landry ready for planning challenges

The Novi Planning Commission welcomed two new members last week as Lynn Kocan and David Landry attended their first meeting. Both were in attendance at the Feb. 7 meeting and both say they are ready to make their own personal contributions to the city. Kocan, who has been a Novi resident for the past 13 years, said her involvement over the past ten years in city government will help her make the important decisions on the planning commission. "A number of residents have been asking me to put my name in and the timing was just right," Kocan said. "My main focus is going to be ordinances. Not that I'm against development, but I do want to minimize ordinance variances." Both Kocan and Landry would like to see more adherence to city ordinances. They also said if some ordinances were outdated that they should be reconsidered by the city council. "We don't need to keep granting variances to city ordinances," Landry said. "If there is a problem with the ordinance than maybe we should get rid of it." Landry said with the enormous amount of construction going on in the city, it was important that the planning commission be astute students of the potential for growth. "I think it is crucial to the city," Landry said. "There is so much development activity that we have to be careful of the decisions we make on the planning commission." After months of debate and speculation, Mayor Richard Clark made appointments and city council approved the appointments of Landry and Kocan last month. Clark also re-appointed Brent Canup to fill out recently appointed Novi City Council member Vic Cassis' seat set to expire June 30, 2002. Landry and Kocan terms are to run through June of 2003. Planning commissioners' terms run three years.

# Sen. Peters to throw in hat for Governor's race

Sen. Gary Peters announced his intention Friday, Feb. 9, to run for governor of Michigan in 2002. The Bloomfield Township Democrat said he is getting an early start in the race because he needs to overcome a lack of name recognition. Among those considering running for governor, Peters admits he is one of the least known statewide. "No one has ever questioned my ability, background and experience to be governor," Peters said, making his announcement. "Lack of name identification is something that can be remedied over time." But he also noted that candidates can peak in popularity too soon, a pointed reference to the early April runners. Peters filed papers with the Secretary of State's office to establish an exploratory candidate committee. He has also launched a website for his campaign, www.PETERS2002.com. He also conducted his first mailing, to 2,000 party activists seeking support in his campaign.

# Michigan has fewer worries about electricity, lawmakers say

Perkovic power outages for one of every four customers while rates skyrocketed 3 years ago, on the verge of bankruptcy... government forced to seize electric company assets, buy energy on behalf of its citizens, and ask the courts to order that generator plants keep the lights on for customers. No, these events are not taking place in some third world, underdeveloped nation, they are occurring now in California, part of a growing energy crisis there. The most frequently cited cause is "deregulation." Michigan lawmakers completed work on a package of bills to deregulate electric utilities here last spring, but nearly all — lawmakers, utility officials, state Public Service Commissioners and consumer organizations — say this state's future is much brighter, literally. They say a similar energy crunch here is unlikely, some even say "impossible." One dissenter, Barry Cargill of the Small Business Association of Michigan, says the state's energy picture is far from perfect. Michigan power producers are increasingly relying on natural gas to fire their electric generators at a time when prices for natural gas here are on the rise, he said. That could lead to electric rate hikes in the future. And while Michigan's deregulation plan is much better than the scheme attempted in California, Cargill said he expects it will be five to ten years before a truly competitive electric marketplace exists in Michigan for "the smaller consumer." Jim Padgett, manager of regulatory affairs at Detroit Edison, disagrees. Eighty-five percent of Michigan's generation capacity is still coal-fired, he noted. And he believes small businesses will be among the first to benefit from competitive spurred by deregulation. In any case, Padgett and Cargill agree, Michigan won't likely experience any of the rolling blackouts now occurring in California. A primary cause of the problem there is the lack of construction of new power plants over the past decade while California's electric demand has increased at nearly twice the national average. Its deregulation plan is only part of the problem. Neighborhood protests over the location of new plants and tough environmental restrictions have kept any power facilities from being built in the past 10 years, Padgett said. By contrast, more than a dozen new power plants have been proposed in Michigan in just the past year, according to Joe Demand, aide to state Sen. Mat Dumasids, R-Lake Orion, the primary architect of Michigan's "customer choice" deregulation plan. Two are already under construction, one by the Southern Company in Zeeland and another by KM Energy in Jackson. And while these plants are primarily being located in outstate Michigan communities, she said, they could sell energy to utilities in the southeastern corner of the state to keep the power on here as well. If all those proposed plants were eventually completed, Demand explained, they would produce 8,800 megawatts of electricity, roughly equal to 40 percent of the state's current power need. Detroit Edison has already put more generators on line, according to company spokesperson Lorie Kessler. Edison has recently "retired" its old Coopers Creek power plant in downtown Detroit, switching it from coal to natural gas in the process. A River Rouge plant has also been completed by Detroit Edison while the company has been adding "peaker" plants, intended to supplement supply when demand is highest, she said. Michigan's prospects were some- what dimmer until the passage of that deregulation bill last year. Demand contended. Companies interested in building new power plants had been holding off until they knew what the rules of deregulation would be, and the spurt of construction is a result of passage of that law. "Now and then the Legislature does something right," Dumasids stated. "I want to assure Michigan residents that we will not face the electric energy crisis seen in California. Michigan's electric industry is poised to provide residents with both reliable and affordable electricity." Padgett said he does not believe the state was headed for a shortage, but power companies were holding off until the legislature laid out "the rules of the game." He too attributes the spurt in construction to the passage of that act. Still, utility regulators in Michigan have kept an eye on the situation in California and raised concerns about its implications for Michigan. Last month, the Michigan Public Service Commission ordered the state's two largest electric suppliers—Edison and the Consumers Energy Corporation—to update their annual "capacity plans," explaining how they intend to meet the need for electricity in Michigan this summer, when demand is at its highest. The documents are due in Lansing this week. Padgett said Edison's plan would predict a peak need in its service areas of 7,800 megawatts. It has already stated to the PSC that it has generated roughly 80 percent of that itself. The company has already signed contracts with Ohio utilities to supply the remaining power need, about 2,100 megawatts, according to Kessler. Consumers Energy is expected to project a peak need in its service areas of 7,800 megawatts. It has already stated to the PSC that it has generated capacity well over that amount, giving it 15 percent reserve.

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Sandstone Vistas: Proceed with care

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Northville Township firefighter Chris Madzik straps on another bottle of oxygen before returning to last week's home fire on Beck Road north of Main St. Novi will be studying the Fire Department and EMS squads through a task force to determine if more training or a 24-hour service is needed.

Photo by JOHN HEIDER

LETTERS

Subdivision boards are just as important

North Hills Estates subdivision in Novi is one example of the lack of public participation government and political affairs.

North Hills lies on each side of center Street, roughly bounded by Bedford Drive, Superland drive, Galway Drive, and Nine Mile Road.

At our last annual membership meeting, only one or two people expressed a mild interest in being on the board. They never accepted a board post. There was not even enough attendance at the meeting to have a quorum.

At the next meeting of the board, also poorly attended, the board declined to take action. There was not enough attendance at this meeting to elect new officers for 2001.

The result of such poor attendance and participation in subdivision affairs means that the same few people carry all the load and make all the decisions.

We need much broader participation in the affairs of North Hills Estates subdivision. I urge any resident of the subdivision interested in joining the board to phone me.

Bob Moreillon Novi

Is the school board willing to listen? Barbara Hayes Novi

I attended the public hearing on the grades 4-9 Growth and Development/Health Education Curriculum. First of all, I would like to thank you for listening to all of the viewpoints expressed at the public hearing on Feb. 8.

I hope you have taken into consideration the turnout at this meeting as well as the concern expressed by the parents of this community. Several parents expressed their support of the current curriculum.

You have allowed us to speak at these hearings (the first was Jan. 18) but my concern about these hearings is: Will you listen and take into consideration what we, the community, have said? Many of the opinions expressed were against the cur-

rent curriculum. The board has planned to discuss the approval at the March 1 meeting. As elected board members, you represent this community. But based on the hearing and watching your expressions as we spoke, it seems that you were only allowing us the courtesy of speaking.

My point in all of this is, where did civility go? You cannot abandon one of the oldest standards of our nation's way of dealing with issues in a public forum and be truly credible.

As an educator, I have seen that students really know the difference between "talking the talk and walking the walk" taken by their adult role models.

I suggest that this probably needs to be looked at as carefully as the "open meetings act" some alluded to Thursday night. I will say in closing, how much my teaching colleagues, administrators and board members showed civility and forbearance at that meeting.

I was born and raised in Pinckney. Pinckney is a great town, but the downtown has plenty with room for more.

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Evaluate by services given

Way back in 1982, my wife, Kathy, and a number of other parishioners at St. Andrew's Church in Ann Arbor started a feeding program for street and homeless people.

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Lurking behind each of these objections, however, is a kind of "either-or" mentality that frames the issue in exclusive terms: Either people will be forced into gov't. programs or they will be forced into ones by religious groups.

Connor is worried President Bush's initiative could set off a secular-religious contest of vendors, each contesting with the other for programmatic scraps. He hopes the Office of Faith-Based Action will work to bring legitimacy to on-going and effective religious approaches, not in contrast to but in collaboration with secular strategies.

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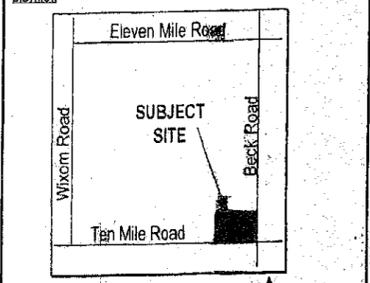
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All interested persons are invited to attend. Verbal comments may be heard at the hearing and any written comments must be received by the Planning & Community Development Department, 45175 W. Ten Mile Road, Novi, MI 48375 until 5:00 p.m., Wednesday, March 7, 2001.

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# Motor Rama conjures up memories of olden days

By RANDAL YAKKEY  
Staff Writer

It was a trip down memory lane, or maybe more like roaring down Highway 66 of America's automotive past, at the Motor Rama held inside the Novi Expo Center last weekend.

With cars from the golden era of automobiling on display from the 1950s, 60s and muscle cars from the 70s, you couldn't escape from finding a personal favorite.

Derek Talaga was brought to the Motor Rama by his father,

David, and a neighborhood friend. The Talagas were happy to be at the Motor Rama and even Derek's twin brother was enjoying the evening.

"Our neighbor brought us here and I'm having a good time," Derek said. "Even my brother Ryan's having a good time. He loves cars."

"I like the hotrods and motorcycles," interjected Ryan.

Ryan and Derek, both 6-years olds (soon to be seven) from South Lyon, were definitely excited

about being at the show. And Dad was more than willing to bring the boys up for a look at the 'old cars'.

"My neighbor suggested that we come," the boys' father said. "It's the first year we've been up here."

And David had his own opinion on his favorites.

"I always like the modified Fords and the 30s sedans," he said.

When asked what the best cars were, the twins commented "The Chevilles", not the fifties singing group, but the muscle cars from

the 1960s and 70s.

Bob Kanis had his 1967 Oldsmobile 442 out at the show and he claims the project is a "work in progress." And for Bob, and his wife Lori, it has sentimental value.

"We had a 66" when we were married," Bob said. "But somebody stole it."

The Kanises, who have been married 35-years, live out near Columbus Township near Port Huron and work for Chrysler.

Kanis stepped out on a limb to

talk about the layoff packages that Chrysler has been offering up.

"My retirement package is going to be a raffle ticket for an 85' K-Car," Kanis said laughing. "The only thing is they are five bucks a piece and you have to send them to Bob Eaton. And nobody knows where he is. Oh, and you get a happy meal with that."

You can almost hear the Beach Boys singing their classic "409" as you walk by all the old classics.

"It's a 63' Impala," said Clinton

Township resident Paul Abraham, who had a sign above his car saying "They don't write songs about Volvos."

"I was at the Woodward Cruise and there was a sign hanging off a building," Abraham said. "I thought it would go good with the 409 because they wrote the song about the 409."

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# Michigan avoided repeating California's costly mistakes

California is a case study in "how not to deregulate" electric utilities.

The good news for Michigan is that it did not repeat those errors when it passed deregulation legislation last spring, according to the state Public Service Commission's new chair Laura Chappelle.

"There are a number of differences," Detroit Edison spokesperson Lorie Kessler agreed. "You can go right down the list and check them off."

For one, California lawmakers ordered their utilities to divest themselves of power generation plants, state Rep. Ken Bradstreet, R-Gaylord, explained. The idea was that electric utilities would be split in two. There would remain just a single distribution network for electricity, over

existing wires, but generators of electric supply could competitively try to sell their power to customers.

Bradstreet said Michigan's deregulation avoided such a divestiture. "A utility has to have its own capacity," he said, although the state's "customer choice" deregulation plan will allow users to buy power from alternative generators.

California utilities were then required to purchase their power wholesale from "energy pools," and by law they were prevented from entering long-term contracts. According to Jim Padgett, manager for regulatory affairs at Detroit Edison, long-term contracts were frowned upon in California because lawmakers there feared price fixing or manipulation

between distributors and generators.

But when the price of natural gas, needed to fire the electric power plants, became volatile, California utilities were still required to buy supplies on a the wildly spiking day market.

Bradstreet, now chair of the state House Energy and Technology Committee, said Michigan law allows utilities to lock in prices of energy supply for the future, which adds protection against fluctuations in price.

Finally, rates charged to consumers were capped in California while wholesale prices for energy were left unregulated. California lawmakers envisioned competition would keep the prices down, but that didn't happen. So as supply

prices rose, utilities were forced to sell energy at a loss. Losses there have been estimated at over \$12 billion, forcing several utility companies into bankruptcy court.

Chappelle called that a "phony rate cut." While Michigan law did order up a 5 percent rate reduction for Michigan customers, those long-term contracts are expected to avoid putting them in a similar financial bind.

Michigan's deregulation law, known as Public Act 141 of 2000, ordered utilities to institute "customer choice" programs in which consumers will be able to contract with alternative power suppliers for electricity. Although the power would arrive to customers' buildings over exist-

ing lines, the plan would allow users to seek lower prices for their power supply.

The law, drafted by Sen. Mat Dunaskiss, R-Lake Orion, put the PSC in charge of overseeing the process of deregulation and the creation of a competitive marketplace.

While the plan is expected to benefit businesses first, which often have very large electric requirements, residents may also find savings in the program. To do that, they will have to "aggregate," or join in with other homeowners to make group purchases from lower-cost suppliers.

A feature of the bill is that customers who do not wish to go shopping for electric supply can opt to continue their electric service as is, according to Dunaskiss.

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Novi swimmer Ian Robertson pushes ahead in the pool. Together with his teammates, the Wildcats made quick work of Fenton last week, drowning the Tigers 135-50.

## Wildcat swimmers dominate

By COLBY J. CAVALIERE  
Sports Editor

In the last few weeks, the Novi swim team has looked outside of the Kensington Valley Conference for some competition.

Thus far, they haven't found much of it. The Fenton Tigers were the latest team to find out what the teams in the KVC know - the Wildcats are good.

Last Thursday, in a battle of big cats, the Wildcats gouged the Tigers 135-50. Novi racked up first place finishes in all 12 events and added eight second place, and five third place finishes.

Nick Long, Jinhwan Yoo, Jack Tyler, and Ian Robertson (1:54.61) got things started with a win in the 200-yard medley relay. Jordan Moblo (1:55.78) and Matt Peurach (1:57.20) finished 1-2 in the 200 freestyle to stake Novi to an early 22-8 lead that would quickly grow wider and wider as the evening went on.

Robertson (2:13.59) would earn first in the 200 IM, followed by his teammate Matt Ochab (2:27.20) in third. Andy Capanyola (23.61) and Matt Schafer (26.61) would expand

the Wildcats' lead to 45-17 with first and second place finishes in the 50 freestyle. Steve Alberty (2:39.20) and Derrick Zonca (2:17.70) would keep things rolling with 1-3 finishes in diving. Yet another 1-2 finish would be achieved by Peurach (1:02.87), and Chris Pieprzak (1:07.31) in the 100 fly. Novi would lead 80-29 after Moblo (53.30) and Tyler (54.30) would go 1-2 in the 100 freestyle and Shafer (5:33.54) and Mike Reynolds (5:45.23) would earn the third straight 1-2 finish for the Wildcats in the 500 freestyle.

The Wildcats would continue to boil the pool water when the 200 freestyle relay team of Moblo, Peurach, Capanyola, and Josh Christopherson (1:41.33) finished first, followed closely by the team of Stuart Smith, Pieprzak, Shafer and Robertson (1:42.67). The one-two finish would put Novi up by 65 points. Tyler (1:01.76) would take first in the 100 yard backstroke, with Dan Thelen (1:10.18) earning a third place finish.

In the final two events, Wildcat

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## Wrestlers forced to share KVC title

By COLBY J. CAVALIERE  
Sports Editor

There may have been eight teams participating, but everyone had their eyes on Novi and Hartland.

After all but wrapping up at least a share of the KVC title when they beat Hartland in the final dual meet of the season, Novi looked to take the title outright by winning the KVC tournament last Saturday. Hartland, still stinging from the bitter loss against their arch-rivals the week before had to beat the Wildcats to earn a share of the title.

With their backs against the wall, the Eagles went out and set a KVC tournament record with a team score of 254, besting Novi by 25 points, to capture their own piece of the KVC pie. Despite finishing with more conference championships, Novi just couldn't overcome a determined, hungry for revenge Hartland squad.

"We wrestled extremely well, and have nothing to be ashamed of."

Brad Huss  
Novi wrestling coach

"We have nothing to be ashamed of," said Novi coach Brad Huss. "We wrestled extremely well, but there was no way anyone could wrestle better than Hartland did."

Losing to their rivals wasn't the worst thing that happened to the Wildcats on the day. Senior Nick Slovan, who was looking to repeat his overtime win versus the Eagles' Jim Bunn, sustained a crippling shoulder injury early in the bout - ending his high school wrestling career.

"I feel terrible for Nick. I'm prob-

ably taking it harder than anyone else because I know this is his senior year, and I know he had a great chance to be state champion," Huss said.

On a more positive note, Novi had 12 wrestlers place in the conference, including seven champions. Leading the way were Josh Churella (103) and Ryan Churella (145) who kept their unblemished records intact. J.R. Muldoon (112), Corey Nobach (119), and Vince Slovan (160) were the other conference champions.

Brian Ong (125), and Tim Stefanson (215) earned themselves second place finishes, with Scott Kortlandt taking third. Dan Cash (135), Andrew Becker (152), and Matt Kolch (189) all earned fourth place honors for the 'Cats.

It may have been a rough, topsyturvy day, but Novi can call them-



Novi wrestler Brian Ong, top, has the upper hand on his Brighton opponent in a meet against Brighton High School.

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## Lady 'Cats not themselves in difficult defeat

By COLBY J. CAVALIERE  
Sports Editor

Bad games are something every athlete and team goes through from time to time, and the Novi Lady Wildcats are no exception. They mired through a kind of game where few things went right and play was not indicative of their talent level.

"Everyone was off. We couldn't serve, set, block or do much of anything. We just weren't ourselves," said Novi coach Julie Fissette.

Trying to avenge their recent loss to Howell, in which they played well, the 'Cats came out and laid a dud in a 4-15, 7-15 defeat.

"There wasn't many positives for us in this one," said Fissette. "I tried to find someone to spark us and get us some momentum, but it never happened."

Mickie Rzepka had four kills to lead the 'Cats, and Tina Hildreth added three kills and four blocks.

Novi has struggled a bit since losing their starting outside hitter, Christina Cypher to injury a few weeks ago.

"We haven't been able to find an outside hitter to replace Christina and that's hurting us. We should be getting her back in the next few weeks, so hopefully that will help us," Fissette said.

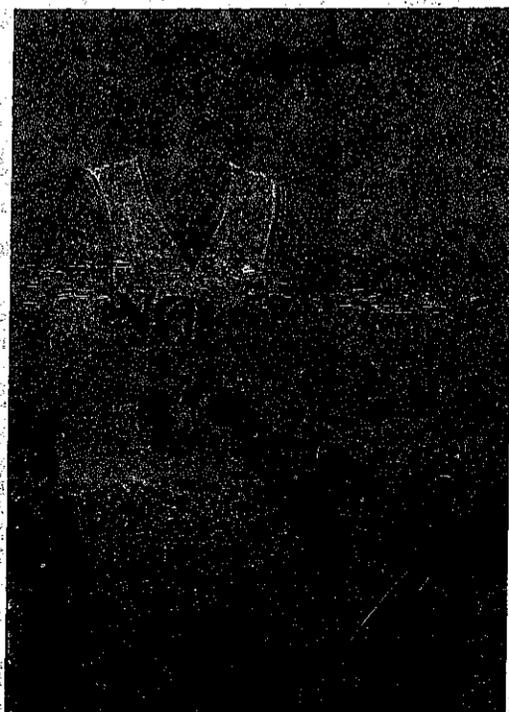
The Lady Wildcats will entertain Milford tonight at 6 p.m., hoping to improve on their 3-5 KVC record.

### JV WINS

On a positive note, the JV squad earned second place in their tournament this past Saturday. Finishing first out of pool play, the Lady 'Cats went on to beat Walled Lake Western in the semi-final, only to fall to Brandon in the final in three games.

"We were pleasantly surprised with how well the JV team did in the tournament," Fissette said. "It's a great boost for the girls and gives us plenty to look forward to in the future."

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Senior forward Eric Messink feels the pressure as he charges toward the hoop.

Photo by JOHN HEIDER

## Cagers struggle late as losing skid reaches three

By COLBY J. CAVALIERE  
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The loss of their most experienced starting guard, coupled with a brutal second half schedule has sent Novi into a losing streak that has reached three games.

Brandon Davis, the team's best free-throw shooter and ball handler, has been out the past several games because of injury. He has been sorely missed down the stretch of games in the Wildcats' two most recent losses. Several players have stepped up their games, but the young team can't seem to play consistent basketball for all four quarters. By nearly identical scores, their losing streak was from losses to Brighton and South Lyon last week.

### BRIGHTON 52, NOVI 46

Someone forgot to take the lids off the baskets in the first half of the game against the Bulldogs. Nary a hoop was scored in the final 4:35 minutes of what would be a 4-4 first quar-

ter. The second quarter was a bit better, as Brighton staked itself to a 19-13 halftime lead, despite their leading scorer Chris Grimm being held in check. Both teams failed to shoot better than 40 percent for the half.

"We shot poorly in the first half, but we were able to control their big guy and keep the game close," said Novi coach Pat Schluter.

The scoring and resulting excitement increased in the second half. Novi outscored Brighton 15-14 in the third, to cut the lead to five. However, Brighton pushed their lead to 42-33 in the fourth behind torrid free-throw shooting. Undaunted, the 'Cats clawed their way back on three point bombs by Matt Emmenecker, to close the Bulldogs lead to 46-43 with 48 seconds on the clock. Forced to foul, Novi continually sent Brighton to the foul line in the final seconds, only to watch them make shot after shot. For the game the 'Dogs shot 82 percent

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# Tankers dunk Fenton

swimmers would emerge from the pool in first and second, with Yoo Continued from 1

(1:06.77) and David Benton (1:14.76) in the 100 breaststroke, and the teams of Moblo, Christopherson, Peurach, Capanyola (3:41.31) and Robertson, Smith, Shafter, and Tyler (3:43.48) in the 400 freestyle relay.

Having exhausted KVC opponents, Novi will once again look out of conference when they face Walled Lake Western on Tuesday night after the *Novi News* deadline. The teams final warm-up before the KVC tournament comes Friday against Swartz Creek.

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# Wildcats earn part of KVC crown

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selves KVC champions for yet another year. Huss was actually very pleased at the end of the day feeling his team wrestled better than they did the previous week.

"We had a lot of the same matchups against Hartland, and in just about every instance our guys did better than they did the previous week. It may not have been enough to get us the win, but it shows me that we are becoming a better wrestling team."

There is still plenty of wrestling left for Novi, as the team districts kicked off last night, with the individual districts to take place on Saturday at Novi High School. The team regionals are slated for Feb. 21.

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And the cutline goes here for the inside...

# Gymnasts roll through season

Leading all-arounders for Northville-Noti included: Sturgis (36.85), Sambat (36.8), Brahe (35.2), freshman Sarah Wilchowski (35.0), and Glicette with a personal best of 34.75. Sambat had a first on vault, and second on floor. Brahe, returning for her first all-around competition of the season, posted a first on balance beam (9.50) and tied for second on floor. Sturgis took first on bars (9.4) and first on floor. Wilchowski took second on bars (9.05) and tied for second on beam (9.15).

Coach Linisey Crews seemed surprised that her team posted another 147 score. "Tonight we were just trying to get gymnasts qualified for States and work on quality routines," said Crews. "We are happy to have Katie back and Lindsey [Carlson] may be coming back next week." Crews added, "We hope to have the whole team healthy and fit for Regionals and State." On Tuesday, Feb. 13, the team

traveled to Hartland for their last dual meet of the conference season. On Saturday they will be participating in the WLA Conference meet at Hartland. The WLA meet will feature three of the top five teams in the state: Northville-Noti, Brighton, and Tri-Farmington. Add to those teams from Hartland, Livonia, Salem, Canton, John Glenn, and an improved Walled Lake Central team, and competition is expected to be fierce.

# JV Roundup

NOVI JV BASKETBALL  
Overall Record: 10-5  
KVC Record: 6-4

The Novi JV Wildcats visited the Brighton Bulldogs last Tuesday night and were handed a tough loss. The Bulldogs made a shot with 1.5 seconds left on the clock to win the contest 45-44. The 'Cats held the lead until the end of the fourth quarter. Despite leading the entire game, the Wildcats had plenty of opportunities to put the game out of reach, but they had a poor shooting night from the field, shooting only 39 percent. Novi was led in scoring by Chris Lewis with 16 points. Shaun Dickens added nine points.

In last Friday's contest against South Lyon, the JV team gave the crowd a thrilling, two-overtime victory in the last home game of the year, 64-60. Brad Chandler's foul shot with seconds remaining in the second O.T. sealed the win. The game saw the score go back and forward in the fourth period as Chris Lewis helped keep Novi in the game with many critical baskets. Brad Simpson's running, off-balance shot with seconds to go in the fourth put the game into overtime. Dickens and Lewis lead all scorers with 25 points and 14 points respectively. Ryan Corte contributed with several key rebounds for the Wildcats in both overtime periods.

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Wildcat forward Jared Parras was part of the offense barrage that fired an amazing 60 shots on goal in a game against Salem. Here he is seen controlling the puck in the opponents end of the ice in a recent game.

# Cagers look to bounce back in hoops

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(18-22) from the line. Novi also shot well, but only went to the line eight times in the game. Emmenecker paced the Wildcats in scoring with 19 points, while Michael Sovran contributed nine in the 52-46 loss.

"We had a hard time stopping them in the second half, and they hit just about every free-throw they took down the stretch," Schluter said.

**SOUTH LYON 51, NOVI 46**

For the second game in a row Novi scored 46, and once again it was in a losing effort. Down only 8-4 after the first quarter, the Wildcats managed to put up brick after brick in the second. They shot a measly 2-19

(12 percent), and were overwhelmed 17-4 for the quarter, looking up at a 25-6 halftime hole.

"We put ourselves in way too big of a hole in the second quarter," Schluter said. "In the end, that was what killed us."

The dice straits continued in the second half, and at the end of the third quarter, the Wildcats looked dead, down by 16. But there was still some fight left in the 'Cats, as they roared back with a ferocious offensive and defensive assault, cutting the Lions lead to only three with 1:30 left in the game. Despite the valiant comeback attempt, they would fall short in the end, 51-46, and suffer their third loss in a row.

"We made a terrific comeback in the fourth

quarter, but our first half shooting got us in a real big hole we weren't able to climb out of," Schluter said.

Novi has gone 0-3 since Davis was injured and now stand at 6-7 for the season. Davis was not expected back for Tuesday night's game against Hazel Park and is questionable for Friday's road game against Hartland at 7 p.m.

"We have no shot at the division now, but we need to regroup, get healthy and try and gain some momentum for the districts," Schluter said.

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# Shots a-plenty, but icers still settle for 3-3 tie

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When a hockey team has 89 shots on goal in two games, they expect to score plenty of goals. But in two games last week, the Wildcats could only manage a 1-0 win over Milford and a 3-3 tie against Plymouth Salem.

Following a 'Rockies' goal, a Salem player would be called for holding the puck on the goal line, resulting in a penalty shot for the 'Cats. Pitting enough, Zarem, the school's all time leading scorer would net the first penalty shot in school history to bring Novi even at 2-2.

Zarem would be heard from again, early in the third period when he gave Novi the lead 3-2. But minutes later, the Rockies would skate down ice and net the game tying goal. Wildcat goalie Brian Markowitz would be tested in the final seconds with several shots from the doorstep, but he was game and held the game at 3-3.

Novi outshot Salem by 43 and were once again unable to take advantage of a tremendous amount of scoring opportunities. To their credit, the 'Cats have faced some solid netminders in the past few games with the Wildcats looking to improve on their 17-3-1 record. Feb. 19 Novi faces Livonia Franklin at 7 p.m.

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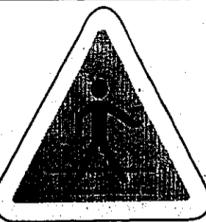
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## Heart health has many dimensions

Sue had just turned 33 when the unthinkable happened. She was waiting in the customer service line at the store one morning, her young child in tow, when a heart attack struck out of nowhere.

Luckily, she made it to the hospital in time and is now recovering with the help of regular appointments with a University of Michigan cardiologist and a rehabilitation program. But her heart attack, which came without any warning symptoms, changed her life forever. It also changed her attitudes about who gets heart disease.

"I thought this was more of a man's condition," she said today. "Now, I'm becoming more aware of how young people can have heart attacks, with no known history of cardiac disease, and how it can happen to anybody, including a lot of females - more than I had thought."

Sue's story should help all women realize the danger they face from heart disease - and the steps they can take to prevent it - at any age, said U-M health system cardiologist and assistant professor of internal medicine, Claire Duvernoy, M.D.

"Most women in this country perceive themselves as not threatened by cardiovascular disease, but the fact is that it's the most common killer of women in the country," Duvernoy said. "If you ask most women, they'll tell you that the major threat to their life and health is cancer, especially breast cancer. I don't want to downplay the significance of cancer, but more women die of heart disease in the U.S. than die of all forms of cancer combined."

Another thing that surprises many women, she continues, is more women than men die of heart disease, and women who get heart disease often fare worse overall than men. These facts challenge the stereotype that heart problems are mostly a man's concern.

Worse still, such wrong impressions can escalate women's risk even more, Duvernoy warns. They

may fail to take preventive steps, recognize symptoms, manage their other heart-damaging health conditions effectively, or pursue the best treatment for a heart problem.

Early diagnosis and appropriate measures to stave off problems are key to even out the odds. That's why the U-M Health system offers its Preventive Cardiology Services, where women and men can be evaluated for their cardiovascular risk, prescribed a range of preventive strategies and treated. Those women who prefer a female cardiologist can be seen by one.

Part of the reason for the difference between heart disease death rates for women and men is the difference in life span. Women tend to develop serious heart problems about ten years later than men do but they live longer overall, and advanced age is a risk factor for heart disease.

"So is menopause - possibly due in part to the fact that a woman's level of estrogen, which seems to protect the cardiovascular system - decreases as she approaches and enters menopause," Duvernoy's own research focuses on the effect of estrogen on blood flow in small blood vessels. Women who wish to enroll in her clinical trials of hormone replacement therapy and hormone alternatives can call (734) 769-7100, ext. 5425.

Women are also more likely than men to have the kind of chronic health problems, like obesity, diabetes, and high blood pressure, that can harm the cardiovascular system over time. More girls and women are smoking at younger ages, posing a long-term risk to their heart. All of these factors can remove the heart risk advantage that younger women have over men their age.

"These 'co-morbidities,' or existing conditions, not only help cause heart disease, they can also make a woman who has heart disease harder to treat and less likely to do well after treatment. Once a woman's been diagnosed with heart disease, she does not have as good a prognosis on average as a

man of her age group who has been diagnosed," she said.

Part of the problem in American health care as a whole, Duvernoy said, is that doctors and other health care providers have the same skewed perceptions as women themselves. They may not be as quick to consider heart problems as a possible cause of a woman's symptoms, or they may not treat a woman's condition as aggressively as they would a man's.

Another problem involves actual differences in the way women experience, react to and report symptoms. For example, unlike Sue, women who have a heart attack sometimes don't even realize what's happening to them. They may report their warning signs as general malaise, nausea, abdominal pain or excessive fatigue, which don't match the chest pain, gray color and sweatiness that are widely thought of as a heart attack's typical symptoms.

As a result, some women don't seek medical attention quickly enough, and when they do, they may not get checked quickly for a heart attack. That can hurt their chances; early identification and treatment of any heart problem is key to making the outcome as good as possible.

Su, Duvernoy said, women must learn what to look for and take symptoms seriously. "The message for women should be: Be aware of your body. Pay attention to what's going on. Don't downplay your symptoms because you don't have time for this," she said. "If you feel like something's wrong, you need to seek medical attention immediately."

After a heart attack or other problem, it's important for patients to get follow-up rehabilitation, including carefully planned exercise. But Duvernoy finds that women are less likely to follow through. "Women have a lot more barriers to enrollment in rehab. They tend to be the caregiver in the family and they don't think they have the time to go and do something for themselves because

they're taking care of their children, husbands or parents," she said. "But rehab is very helpful in improving a woman's prognosis and making her feel a lot better."

Preventive and follow-up care for heart disease have a lot in common, Duvernoy said. In general, she recommends that women follow these steps:

- Exercise regularly, whether it's walking your dog, doing aerobics or another activity.
- Eat a heart-healthy diet, watching your fat and cholesterol intake.
- Don't smoke, or if you already do, quit.
- Get regular medical checkups, including blood pressure checks and blood tests.
- Control your weight, especially if you have diabetes.
- If you have diabetes, control your blood sugar to help cut your high risk of heart disease.
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- If you have diabetes, control your blood sugar to help cut your high risk of heart disease.
- Keep track of the levels of "good" and "bad" cholesterol in your blood - women whose levels of these substances are out of balance are more likely to develop a heart problem than men. If you have a high "bad" cholesterol level, ask your doctor about medication.
- If you're an African-American or Hispanic woman, realize that your risk is even greater than that of white women and work hard on prevention.
- Don't count on hormone replacement therapy to reduce your heart risk after menopause. Duvernoy counsels that there's not yet enough evidence that hormone replacement protects the heart, or that it doesn't increase stroke risk, though she doesn't recommend that women stop hormones taken to ease menopause's effects or cut osteoporosis risk.
- If you've had a heart attack, make sure you follow rehabilitation recommendations.

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- **Cancer Support Group** for adult cancer patients and significant others meets at Assarian Cancer Center, 47601 Grand River Ave., Novi. Free program. Call 1-877-345-5500 for more information.
- Every Tuesday and Thursday at noon.
- **Alcoholics Anonymous** - all are welcome. This free program meets at Novi Providence Medical Office Center, 39500 W. Ten Mile (at Hagerty). For more information, call (248) 348-9362.
- Fourth Thursday of every month at 6:30 p.m.
- **Parents Supporting Parents.** For those coping with the loss of an infant through miscarriage, still birth, or newborn death. Free program. Novi Park Providence Medical Center, 47601 Grand River Ave. For more information, call (248) 424-5342 or (248) 685-7596.
- Every Friday, 7:30 p.m.

- **Overeaters Anonymous.** For overeaters looking for a support group. Novi Park Providence Medical Center, 47601 Grand River Ave. Free. Helpline: (248) 424-5342 or (248) 474-9456.
- First Tuesday of every month at 7:30 p.m.
- **Menopause Support Group** for women who experience symptoms of menopause. Novi Park Providence Medical Center, 47601 Grand River Ave. Free. Call (248) 424-3348 for more information.
- First Monday of every month, 7 p.m.
- **Stroke Support Group** for stroke patients and their families. Providence Medical Center, 47601 Grand River Ave., Conference Room D, Novi. Free. Registration required. (248) 465-4190.
- First and third Wednesdays of every month at 7:30 p.m.
- **Major Depressive - Depressive Association of Metro Detroit (MDDA)** for those with depressive illness. Novi/Providence Medical Office Center, 39500 W. Ten Mile Road (at Hagerty). Free. Call (248) 960-1288 for more information.
- Second and fourth Thursdays of every month at 7 p.m.
- **Adult Attention Deficit Disorder Support Group.** A mutual support for members and their family. First United Methodist Church, 777 W. Eight Mile Road at Tall Road, Northville. Free. Call (734) 427-6992 or (248) 553-2923 for more information.
- Every Wednesday at noon.
- **Alcoholics Anonymous** - all welcome. Livonia Mission Health Medical Center, 37595 Seven Mile Road. Free. Call (734) 953-1188 for more information.
- Feb. 15, from 6:30-8 p.m.
- **Oakland County Health Department - Free Class to Quit Smoking.** All welcome. Novi Park, 47601 Grand River Ave. Free. Call 1-877-345-5500 for more information. Educational materials and a smoker's emergency kit provided.
- Feb. 21 at 11 a.m.
- **Prewriting Class** for the child who is not currently writing. Novi Park, Providence Medical Center, 47601 Grand River. A \$54 fee for four weeks. Registration required: 1-877-345-5500. Skills addressed: postural awareness and control, gross and fine motor strengthening, visual motor control, and beginning letter formation. Suggestions given by instructor for home activities.
- Feb. 21 at 5 p.m.
- **Printing Class** for the child who is having difficulty with legible printing. Novi Park, Providence Medical Center, 47601 Grand River. Fee: \$54 for four weeks. Registration required: 1-877-345-5500. Skills addressed: postural awareness and control, gross and fine motor strengthening, visual motor control, and beginning letter formation. Suggestions given by instructor for home activities.
- Feb. 28, from 6-9 p.m.
- **Babysitter Class** for those 12 years and over. Novi Park, Providence Medical Center, 47601 Grand River. Fee: \$20. Registration required. Call 1-877-345-5500.
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## Know the signs of increasing stress

No one can live without experiencing some degree of stress all the time. Crossing a busy intersection, exposure to a draft, or even sheer joy are enough to activate the body's stress mechanism to some extent.

Stress is not even necessarily bad for you. It is also the spice of life, for any emotion, any activity causes stress. But of course, your system must be prepared to take it. The same stress which makes one person sick can be an invigorating experience for another.

Are you under stress? Here are the seven major symptoms of stress:

- The first symptom of stress is headaches. Most headaches are stress related as evidenced by the fact that they come and go. Stress irritates the nervous system, resulting in tension in the muscles of the neck and shoulders. The blood to the brain can be reduced causing a lack of oxygen to the brain.
- The second most common symptom of stress is fatigue. Fatigue usually comes about from nervous exhaustion and improper nutrition. When the nervous system is irritated, you become tense and have trouble getting complete rest.
- The third major symptom of stress is tension or pain in the neck, shoulders, or lower back. Back pain comes about due to the build-up of tension in the spine and muscles.
- The next symptom that people manifest from stress is a problem of sleeping. People who do not sleep well are tense and cannot easily relax. The cause of built-up tension in the body is irritation to the nervous system.
- The next symptom of stress is digestive troubles. Digestive problems are known to be related to tension and stress. A nervous stomach is caused by an irritated nervous system.
- If the stress continues, you go into the stage of resistance. Your body tries to adapt to the stress. It puts up the barricades so-to-speak. You run from or fight the threat; you tense your muscles; you raise your fever; you struggle to prevail.
- If the stress still continues, you may pass into the stage of exhaustion. Your body cannot continue indefinitely to be primed for action. Your system falls prey to anxiety, ill-health and chronic disease (disharmony).
- It is often said that stress is one of the most destructive elements in people's daily lives, but that's only a half-truth. The way we react to stress appears to be more important than the stress itself.

Irritated nerves connected with the colon can result in digestive malfunction. One of the top ten manifestations as a result of a car accident can be digestive troubles due to damage to the spine and nervous system.

- The last symptom is that of allergies and sinus problems. The reason a person becomes overly sensitive to things in their environment is that their nervous system has become hyper-sensitive from stress. This can be brought about through falls, poor posture, accidents, lack of exercise, tension, or stress.
- What Happens When You Face Stress?
- First, your body quickly prepares itself for confrontation. This is the "call to arms" - the alarm reaction. Messages stream from your brain to your endocrine (hormonal) system in a "fight or flight" response. If the stress stops, you revert to normal.

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# The Best

We want your nominations for what's hot in Novi for 2001



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Mackinnon's of Northville was the overall winner for best restaurant in the 2000 Northville Record Restaurant Poll. This year, the field of competition has been opened to include not just eateries, but all sorts of people and places throughout Northville.

So who's going to be King of the Hill this year? That all depends on what readers say.

The Northville Record and Novi News, as well as the four other sister HomeTown Newspapers, are seeking nominations as to who - or what - is tops in Northville.

The "Best Of 2001" special section is an expansion of the wildly popular annual reader restaurant poll, which last year generated some 500 responses and some very close battles among loyal eatery patrons for the esteemed First Place position.



file photo by JOHN HEIDER

Last year's winner of the Best Overall Restaurant award went to Northville's Mackinnon's. Novi's Border Cantina and Guernsey Farms Dairy were among the winners in other categories for the restaurant poll.

Northville Record and Novi News managing editor Bob Jackson said this year's poll would help open the field to a wider array of businesses and businesspeople around town.

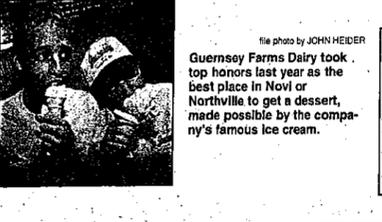
"Our aim was to give recognition to the places that our readers thought had done an outstanding job in what they do," Jackson said. "We drew up a much larger pool of categories to reflect what's hot around Novi and Northville."

The new "Best Of" poll will run today through March 15, at which time the entry blanks will be tabulated. Results of the contest will be published in a forthcoming special HomeTown Newspapers' insert.

Novi News editor Kelli Cooley said she was looking forward to learning what readers thought of businesses in Northville.

"Novi has more than its share of businesses, and I know that a lot of them are outstanding in what they do," Cooley said. "Hopefully, having readers nominate their favorites will validate the people and places in town as being the best of the best."

Separate tabulations will be created for Novi, Northville, Milford and South Lyon. Questions about the contest can be directed to Cooley, who can be reached at (248) 349-1700, ext. 111, or at kcooley@ht.homecomm.net.



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What is filled with people and places that stand out from the crowd. We want to know what readers think is head-and-shoulders above the rest. Take a few moments to make your nominations for the Best Of 2001.

Please check which newspaper this entry blank is coming from:

- Holly Herald
- Milford Times
- Northville Record
- Novi News
- South Lyon Herald
- Fenton Independent

- BEST FOOD TYPES**
- Appetizer
  - Desert
  - Sandwich
  - Main dishes
  - Salad
  - Soup
  - Burger
  - Steak
  - Pizza
  - French fries
  - Ice cream
- BEST SPECIALTY RESTAURANTS**
- Italian food
  - Family restaurant
  - Fast food chain
  - Quality dining
  - Coffee shop
  - Bar
  - Bakery
- BEST SHOPPING LOCATIONS**
- Appliances
  - Bargain
  - Gift mall
  - Video store
  - Hardware
  - Bookstore
  - Men's store
  - Women's store
  - Shoe store
  - Lawn equipment
  - Specialty shop or gift shop
  - Pharmacy
  - Furniture
  - Auto parts
  - Carpet
  - Home Improvement or lumber
  - Grocery
  - Music Store
  - Auto dealership
- BEST SERVICE OUTLETS**
- Bank
  - Gas station or quick mart
  - Hair salon
  - Insurance agency
  - Internet provider
- BEST SERVICE PEOPLE**
- Bank teller
  - Teacher
  - Barber
  - Dentist
  - Car dealer
  - Doctor
  - Veterinarian
  - Hair stylist
  - Waiter
  - Waitress
  - Receptionist
  - Insurance agent
  - Chiropractor
  - Pharmacist
  - Florist
  - Police officer
  - Jeweler
  - Travel agent
  - Accountant
  - Receptionist
  - Fast food employee
  - Librarian
  - Government employee
  - Elected official
  - Firefighter
  - Snow removal person
- BEST MEDIA OUTLETS**
- Television station
  - News reporter
  - Radio station
  - Radio personality
- MISCELLANEOUS BEST-OF'S**
- High school varsity sports team
  - Local band
  - Rock 'n' roll club / bar
  - Place to take a date
  - Most romantic location
  - Movie theater
  - Hotel / motel
  - Place to have fun
  - Beach
  - Golf course
  - Park
  - Festival

**CONTEST RULES**

- Original newspaper entry blanks must be used. Photocopies or facsimiles cannot be accepted.
- All entries must include the entrant's name, address, daytime telephone number and signature. Incomplete entry blanks will not be counted.
- Employees and relatives of HomeTown Newspapers are not eligible to enter.
- All entries must be received no later than noon, March 15, 2001. Entries may also be dropped off in person at the offices of the Fenton Independent, Holly Herald, Milford Times, Northville Record, Novi News or South Lyon Herald. Results of the polling will be announced in a special HomeTown Newspapers supplement.
- Nominations for categories must be located within the community serviced by the. Each community's winners will be recognized separately.
- Mailed entries should be sent to:

Novi News  
c/o Kelli Cooley, editor  
104 W. Main Street  
Northville, Mich. 48167  
(248) 349-1700



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The Novi Pizza Company was recognized by newspaper readers last year as being home to the best slices in town.

**LAST YEAR'S RESTAURANT POLL WINNERS**

- BEST INEXPENSIVE RESTAURANT: Border Cantina
- BEST BREAKFAST: Bob Evans
- BEST SANDWICHES: TGIFridays
- BEST SOUPS: Big Boy
- BEST SALADS: Grady's American Grill
- BEST PIZZA: Novi Pizza Company

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## Novi Highlights

**Novi Retirees Association**  
This newly formed organization held their January meeting at Leo's Restaurant in Wixom. Special guest speaker was Novi city manager Richard Heibig, who was accompanied by human resources director Tim Gronlund-Fox. Prior to the meeting, president Lee DeGole announced the honoring of four new members and that current and future retirees will be recognized throughout the year.

Plaques were presented by president DeGole to Sgt. Phillip C. Schoen, who joined the police department in 1975; Sgt. Herbert Harting III, joined in 1972; Chaplain the Rev. Leslie Harding in 1993; and Lt. Thomas Lesse in 1972. Lt. Lesse is continuing his police career with the South Lyon Police Department. A buffet dinner was served at this time.

Following the dinner Heibig gave a presentation and included Novi's challenges to the continuing growth of the city, a question and answer period followed. Heibig spoke of his plans to look into the concerns expressed by members and would provide answers at a later date.

This association was formed after retirees from the city of Novi expressed interest in its formation. An Exploratory Committee checked

other cities and their by-laws. The current membership of 25-plus met on the third Monday of the month at Leo's in Wixom. Any person officially retired from the city of Novi is eligible for membership. For more information, send your inquiry to P.O. Box 1142, Novi, MI.

**Hope Lutheran Church**  
The church is engaged in a capital Stewardship Campaign titled "Equal Gifts and Equal Sacrifice." Whatever your situation is - student, stay-at-home parent, full-time worker, single, married, retiree, widow - there is a place to use their gifts. The end of this campaign will be April 8 followed by a celebration brunch on Easter Sunday.

There are many areas of fellowship on the church calendar, one of which is Scout Recognition Sunday held on Feb. 4. The scouts were encouraged to dress in uniform. The church is offering assistance to scouts working on God and Country badges by providing classes on Saturday mornings, effective Feb. 17. These classes will be open to the Hope membership as well.

A group of single and/or married adults between the ages of 20 and 40 has named itself, The Friends Group. They meet the first

Saturday of the month for fellowship and food. Their most recent gathering was held at Fidler's for dinner.

Another Way Pregnancy Center is also helped by the church. Most recently, church members spent several hours helping the center to organize donated maternity clothes for distribution.

Lenten season will start Feb. 28. Plans are to have a noon worship service followed by a Lenten Soup Supper of soup, salad, bread and dessert at 6 p.m. A second worship service of the day will be held at 7 p.m.

All women of the church who are interested in the Secret Pal program are invited to a soup and salad luncheon at noon on Saturday, Feb. 17. Conversation will include the sharing of ideas on acts of kindness.

**Novi Chamber of Commerce**  
This month's chamber luncheon will be held on Tuesday, Feb. 20, from 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m. at the County Epicure, R.S.V.P.'s must be in by Friday, Feb. 16.

Speaking at the luncheon will be representatives from Oakland County whose presentations will include high technology alley, a cluster of technology-driven companies located along a stretch of interstate highways in Oakland County. They will relate information about employees and owners of automation technology, 1,800 technology businesses, who are enjoying high-paying jobs, challenging career opportunities, a lower-than-average cost

of living, and a superb quality of life.

The next mixer on March 1 will also be a kick-off for the "Magic Night to Remember" Harley Raffle. The gathering will be held at the offices of the Michigan Paralyzed Veterans of America, 40550 Grand River. Also available at the mixer will be information on sponsorship, advertising, and donations. At this time, the attendees will preview auction items and can purchase raffle tickets for the April 7 "Magic Night to Remember" at the Novi Hilton. Because of support for the chamber, a donation of \$22,000 has been made to the MPVA over the last three years. Serving as honorary chair for the auction will be Len Barber, former Detroit Lion and member of the NFL Hall of Fame.

Stylize Displays and Services of Michigan will sponsor free seminars on March 28 and 29. There will be two shows - 9:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. - held at the Holiday Inn South Convention Center in Lansing on March 28 and again at the DoubleTree Hotel-Nowi on March 29.

**Novi Highlights** is written by Joyce Fortier. Should you wish to contact her with information for this column, call 624-0173.

## On Campus

**Judith M. Montgomery** of Novi received a Scholarship College Faculty Scholarship for winter term. Montgomery is majoring in child care and development.

Fort Lewis College student **Melinda George**, sociology and human services major from Novi, has been named to the Dean's List for winter semester. George was recognized for maintaining a 3.4 or higher grade point average for the semester. Fort Lewis College is located in Durango, Colo.

**Cynthia Anne Mills** received academic recognition for achieving a 3.0 or higher GPA for fall semester at Wake Forest University, located in Winston-Salem, N.C. Mills is a sophomore from Northville.

Northville students named to the Academic Honors List for fall semester at Spring Arbor College were: **Lisa Mines**, sophomore, English; and **Carriane Chrenko**, freshman, English. Chrenko

achieved a 4.0 cumulative grade point average.

To receive academic recognition, full-time students must receive a grade-point average of 3.5 or above which was Scout Recognition Sunday students must receive a 3.5 GPA for the semester and carry a cumulative 3.5 GPA.

**Eric Nadeau** has received the Pepsi Cola Scholarship from Ohio Northern University for the 2000-2001 academic year. He is a freshman majoring in general studies.

The Pepsi Cola Scholarship was established by the Pepsi Cola Bottling Co. to assist deserving students. Nadeau is the son of Michael and Iris Nadeau of Northville.

**Nicholas Fleszar**, senior, industrial and systems engineering, **WALLED LAKE**

**Scott Smith**, senior, computer engineering.

Local area students at Albion College were named to the Dean's List in recognition of their academic achievement of earning a 3.5 or above grade point average for fall semester.

**NORTHVILLE**  
**Kelly M. DeLeonards**, a sophomore, is the daughter of Darryl and Judith DeLeonards of Northville and a graduate of Northville High School.

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Wednesday: 7:30 PM

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## Engagement



**Bell-Luehmann**

Dr. and Mrs. R. Kraft Bell of Northville announce the engagement of their daughter, Emily Elizabeth, to Mike Luehmann, son of Mr. and Mrs. Hank Luehmann of Kay, Texas.

The bride-elect is a 1997 graduate of Southfield Christian High School. She received her bachelor's degree this year from Master's College, with a major in Bible exposition. Aside from being employed, Emily is also studying for her master's degree in biblical counseling at Master's College.

The groom-elect also received his bachelor's degree in Bible exposition from Master's College this year. Mike is also employed while enrolled at the Master's Seminary. The couple plan to wed in May of this year.

## Birth



**Blake Strand**

Laurie and Aaron Strand of Commerce Township are pleased to announce the birth of their son, Blake Anthony, born Dec. 5, 2000 at 9:50 a.m. in Huron Valley Hospital. He weighed 5 pounds, 9 ounces and was 19 inches in length.

Baby Blake's proud grandparents are Tom and Darlene Grobowski of Novi and Clint and Karen Strand of Milford.

The Wildlife parent organization meeting will be Tuesday, Feb. 20 at 7 p.m. in the Forum Room at Hillside Middle School. Come and learn about the fun monthly events we have planned.

## Religion

Holy Ascension Eastern Catholic Church of Northville is holding its first annual Mardi Gras fund raiser. "Getting to Know You," on Saturday, Feb. 24 at 6:30 p.m., immediately following 5 p.m. liturgy at Our Lady of Providence Center, 11615 Beck Road, Northville.

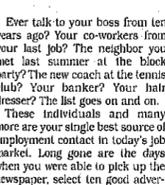
For an adult donation of \$20 (children \$1), revelers will enjoy a catered dinner, entertainment, raffle and fabulous door prizes. Tickets can be purchased in advance by calling Mary Christie at (734) 453-4079. Friends and guests may share their talents with the parish family as we all join in the entertainment.

For information, visit Holy Ascension's Website at www.holyascension.intranets.com (access code: "family"), or call the Rev. Wayne Ruchy at (813) 582-1424 or Myron Zolkewsky at (248) 366-1769.

**Wildlife is coming to Northville.** Wildlife is a non-denominational, not-for-profit, Christian organization specifically for middle school kids. Does it sound familiar? That's because it is run by YoungLife, the Christian outreach ministry for high school kids.

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## Networking, the key to jobs



**Joyce Fortier**

Ever talk to your boss from ten years ago? Your co-workers from your last job? The neighbor you met last summer at the block party? The new coach at the tennis club? Your banker. Your hair dresser? The list goes on and on.

These individuals and many more are your single best source of employment contact in today's job market. Long gone are the days when you were able to pick up the newspaper, select ten good advertisements, mail resumes and get five offers. Today, in order to job search effectively, you must be aggressive, visible and determined. You must network.

Networking entails establishing a network of contacts who could conceivably help you in the development of your career - or put another way - it is the exchanging of information and resources and ideas in such a way that builds relationships. Talk to everyone you know. Tell them you are looking for a job. Let them know what kind of work you have done in the past and what you would like to do in the future. This information gives them a clear picture of what you are looking for, and they just might know of someone who could help.

While more powerful than ever, networking is not the same beast it was just a few years ago. The old technique of information interchanges is disappearing because people don't have time for it anymore. Instead, people who network now gather intelligence in other ways. The best technique is to be interested in people wherever you go, whether it's the car pool or professional association or training course. Make those connections your information network.

Not surprisingly, as with almost every other facet of life, the Internet has made its mark on networking, too. You can find excellent detailed information to

people surveyed say they actually enjoy networking.

Most people think networking is just calling up saying "hello," but when executed properly, networking efforts have a distinct agenda and the networker initiating the contact takes responsibility for directing the discussion. Again, it's up to you to let people know what you want and how you are qualified.

Naturally, most people think about networking when they are out of a job, desperately wanting a job, or suspect they are about to be cut loose. But ideally, networking should be an on-going process - in fact, it is essential. Follow these strategies:

- First, keep your network informed of what is going on in your career - you never know when you are going to need it.
- Second, periodically take stock of your network - keep your professional address book updated.
- Finally, don't expect instant gratification from networking, especially from the first meeting.

Networking is the key to success in today's job market. Set goals for yourself - five new contacts per week, ten new contacts, whatever is most realistic for you. If you establish only three new contacts each week, and get three more from each of those individuals, before long you will have a wealth of networking and contact information leading you successfully to your next position.

Joyce Fortier, CFWR, JCTC, has worked in career development over nine years. Her business, *Creat Your Career*, is in Novi and she is a member of the Professional Association of Resume Writers. Joyce welcomes any questions you have regarding career development. She can be reached at (248) 478-5662 or visit her website at [www.career1st.com](http://www.career1st.com)

## Snowday

### HomeTown Authors



**Max Wujczyk**

By Max Wujczyk  
I woke up in the morning light. Thinking of a snow hall light I put on my snow gear, and lace my shoes. For on a snow day, there's so much to do. I get some friends, and form a group. When we are cold we have hot soup. At the end of the day, when there's no more games to play, I say to myself, "I hope tomorrow's another snowday!"

Max Wujczyk is a fourth grader in Mrs. Connie Dye's class at Parkview Elementary in Novi.

### Want to be a HomeTown Author?

We're looking for kids ages 8-18 who want to become HomeTown Authors. Prospective authors need to follow these steps:

- 1.) Write. Your entry can be a story or an opinion or an article about what's going on in your classroom. You pick the topic; after all, it's your work.
- 2.) Stories should be typed, if possible. If the story can't be typed, then it should be neatly printed on every other line of the paper.
- 3.) Stories should be between 300 and 500 words.
- 4.) Every piece submitted must have this form stapled to the front.
- 5.) You also need your photo to accompany your story. A school photo is perfect.
- 6.) We'd also like a parent or guardian to sign your form.
- 7.) Mail your story, signed form and photo to:

HomeTown Authors  
c/o Kelli Cooley  
104 W. Main St.  
Northville, MI 48167

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Parent or guardian signature: \_\_\_\_\_  
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- What a "stretch" IRA is?
- That you may access your IRA money prior to age 59 1/2?
- That having too much money in IRA's could mean an unnecessary tax bill in the future?
- What an Irrevocable Life Insurance Trust is?

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- Power of Attorney
- How to avoid probate
- Minimize or eliminate federal estate tax

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<b>PLYMOUTH</b> Mon., Feb. 19 8-9:30 pm Plymouth Cultural Center 525 Farmer St.	<b>LIVONIA</b> Wed., Feb. 21 11:30-1 pm Civic Center Library 32777 Five Mile Rd.	<b>FARMINGTON HILLS</b> Thurs., Feb. 22 1-2:30 pm Coskirk Activities Center 28600 Eleves Mile Rd.	<b>NEW HUDSON</b> Mon., Feb. 19 6:30-8 pm Plymouth Cultural Center 525 Farmer St.	<b>TUES HUDSON</b> Tues., Feb. 20 6:30-8 pm City Hall 27003 S. Milford Rd.
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# Community Events

## GUILD TO PERFORM SOUTH PACIFIC

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

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

All shows are general seating. Adults: \$12; youth 18 and under, \$8; group rates, 15-29, \$10; and 30-plus, \$9. Tickets may be purchased at the door on the night of the show or at vendors.

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

## LOOKING FOR CLASSMATES

The Northville High School Class of 1982 is conducting e-mail addresses and phone numbers of classmates for our 20-year reunion.

Please e-mail NIS

## 18cunton@yahoo.com to supply your information and obtain reunion updates or contact Marcel Spitzer at (248) 887-5000, ext. 216 to leave your name, number and postal address.

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

## ACS OFFERS CANCER CONTROL PROGRAM

The American Cancer Society is enrolling women over the age of 40 in the "Breast and Cervical Cancer Control Program," which offers free breast and cervical cancer screenings. This program is available to women in the metro-Detroit area who meet federal income guidelines and are not members of a HMO or Medicare part B.

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

up to 97 percent survivable."

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

For more information on how to enroll in the "Breast and Cervical Cancer Control Program," call your American Cancer Society at (248) 857-5353 or toll free at 1-800-925-2271.

## WORKSHOP ON ATTENTION DEFICITS TO BE HELD IN NORTHVILLE

An after school workshop will be held Wednesday, Feb. 21 at the Northville High School Forum, 45700 Six Mile Road. Two sessions will be presented by David Braukman: "Best Practices at School for Students with Attention Problems, 3:30-6:30 p.m." and "Best Practices at Home for Students with Attention Problems," 7-8:30 p.m.

All teachers and parents who share a concern for improving

the educational success of children with attention difficulties are invited to attend.

Please call the Northville Public Schools Special Education Department to register, (248) 344-8453.

## ZANY ACTIVITIES

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

## Let's Chug Along with Thomas

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

## Clifford Movies 'n More

Saturday and Sunday, Feb. 24 and 25 at 2 p.m. each day. The big Zany Showtime

Theater screen features two new Clifford videos. Join us for Clifford's Best Friend and Clumsy Clumsy. Then make your own big, red Clifford ears. Ages 3 to 5.

## GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP FOR WIDOWS

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## NORTHVILLE WOMEN'S CLUB

On Feb. 16, the Northville Women's Club will meet with a speaker pertaining to "Cherished Hair Art" at 1:30 p.m. at the Plymouth Historical Museum.

## WALTONWOOD ANNIVERSARY

Waltonwood of Twelve Oaks, senior retirement community is celebrating its first year anniversary with an open house from 1-4 p.m. on Thursday, Feb. 22. RSVP at (248) 735-1500.

## FAMILY KALEIDOSCOPE SERIES

Northville First United Methodist Church, 777 W.

Eight Mile, Northville, has offered a series of sermons about family life. The last Family Kaleidoscope sermon will be held on Feb. 18 during the three worship hours of 8 a.m., 9:15 a.m., and 11 a.m. "Life Together" will offer a message on The Shema, the heart of devotion all families are to rehearse. A message on spiritual formation in the home. For more information, call (248) 349-1144.

# Northville Seniors

The staff at the Northville Senior Center at 213 W. Cady Street readjusts the following services and activities for seniors age 50 and older. For more information or to register for an activity, call (248) 349-4140.

## NEWSLETTER

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

## Telephone Reassurance (Telecare)

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

## Blood Pressure Screening

Come get your blood pressure checked free of charge. Held at the center on the second Tuesday of the month, from 10 a.m. to noon by Westland Convalescence Center and the fourth Monday of

the month from noon to 2 p.m. by St. Mary's Hospital. An appointment is not necessary.

## FOCUS: HOPE

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

## Senior Services Directory

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

## Bus Service for Local Shopping Trips

Walmart, Meijer, Kohl's, Target and local banks. Fridays: Farmer Jack/Hillier's or Shopping Center Market/Busch's (alternating Fridays). Buses begin pickup at 9:30 a.m. from your home. Cost is \$2. Call the Senior Center for reservations 48 hours in advance.

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

The senior bus goes to AMC 20 and Laurel Park Mall for an afternoon (and a 4 p.m.) of movies, lunch and shopping. The days scheduled are the second and fourth Monday of each month. Pick-up will begin from your home at 12 p.m. or the MAGS parking lot shortly there-

after. Cost is \$2. Please call to make reservations.

## Expanded Transportation for Seniors

Northville's new senior bus service provides transportation to run errands, visit a friend, have a hair appointment, have lunch out, go to a doctor's appointment, etc. Medical appointments always secure priority when scheduling.

Service hours are Monday through Friday, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Passengers must be a Northville or Northville Township resident, 50 years of age or older or handicapped. The service area will be a five mile radius from the Northville Senior Center. Reservations must be made at least two weeks in advance. Monday through Friday between 9 a.m. and 11:30 a.m. Requests cannot be accepted at any other time. Call (248) 349-4140.

## Wanted: Bus Drivers

With the addition of a second

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

## ONGOING ACTIVITIES

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

## Detroit Symphony Orchestra

Northville Senior Center has reserved tickets to various concerts throughout the season. Tickets to Classical Coffee Concerts are \$28 for residents and \$35 for non-residents.

Upcoming classical concerts include: Beethoven's Eroica, Feb. 23. Future Pops Concerts include: Debbie Reynolds, March 8. (Cost for Debbie Reynolds is \$38 for residents, \$45 for non-residents, departure time is 7 p.m. from MAGS.) Tickets to Pops Concerts are \$34 for residents, \$41 for non-residents. Departure time is 9 a.m. from MAGS for all concerts unless otherwise indicated. Registration is necessary.

## SENIOR FITNESS

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

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Chaz Bulbuk, center, with the help of his gear-clad brother Drew, instruct a few Orchard Hills students on how to play hockey last Friday morning.



As Drew Bulbuk puts on gear, Chaz Bulbuk points out their purpose.

## Peers give lessons in playing hockey

By STEPHANIE FORDYCE Staff Writer

Two hockey players gave Orchard Hills students a lesson on the game when they dropped in for a brief visit last week. Novi students Chaz and Drew Bulbuk, who have been playing hockey for seven years, told the students about equipment, moves, and terminology of the game, and later demonstrated drills. The students learned about skating, stick handling, puck carrying, passing, shooting and goal tending, and later got to try out some basic hockey moves. For fourth graders like Ryan Berry, Tawny Apsley, and Adam Buccilli, the demonstration proved to be both entertaining and educational. "It was cool to learn about all the different types of penalties and I was surprised to find out a puck can travel up to 75 miles per hour," said Berry, a Red Wing fan. The students also learned interesting facts like that players use black tape on the stick so it's difficult for the opposi-

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## Deadline is March 2 for next nation ACT test

College-bound high school students can take the ACT Assessment on April 7, the next nationwide test date. The registration postmark deadline is March 2. Late registration on ACT's Web site - www.act.org. The Web site also has helpful information, sample tests and the opportunity to order test prep materials. The ACT Assessment is given in all 50 states. It is curriculum-based, designed to measure a student's academic achievement and the appropriate course level for college placement. There are four sections to the

## Community Education Briefs

Here's the upcoming events Community Education has to offer you and your family this month.

**Painted Pottery Creations** This workshop will provide that everyone can be an artist. Spend a special afternoon with your child while creating a work of art. Techniques include sculpting, stamping and stenciling. Children will have a sense of accomplishment after creating something that is functional as well as fashionable on a pottery piece of their choice. Class will be held Feb. 21, at Novi's New Ready, Sect. Painted Pottery, 2380 S. Milford Center from 1-3 p.m. Cost is \$20 for a parent and one child and \$10 for each additional child. A material fee of \$7 is also required.

**Bulb's Disease Seminar** Prepare for the State Bulb's Disease exam with this course that includes 18-20 hours of instruction and nine hours of simulated exam questions. A two-hour seminar covering the Construction Lien Law will be held off-site. This class is approved by the Michigan State Assessors Board for six hours of recertification for Level 3 & 4 assessors. Registrations are accepted at the first class. Class runs Feb. 26 - March 14, Mondays and Wednesdays, totaling six class sessions. The seminar will be held in room 146 at the Novi High School from 5:30 - 9 p.m. Cost is \$165. A \$20 material fee is also required.

**What's Food Got to Do with ADD/ADHD?** Nutrition Magician Judy Stone will talk about what you can do to nutritionally help your child with attention deficit, behavior problems, depression and poor study habits. Some of the underlying nutritional factors that can cause or heighten these problems, such as food allergies, blood sugar irregularities, nutrient deficiencies, and food additives will be discussed. Both food and supplements can provide an alternative or complement to medication. This class will give you valuable, practical information that can ease the stress for you, your family, and your child. Stone is a psychotherapist, Certified Nutritionist and the founder of The Institute for Food, Mind and Body. Visit her Web site at www.nutritionstrategies.com.

Class will be held in Room 128 at Novi High School from 7-9 p.m., Tuesday, Feb. 27. Cost is \$28 or \$25 for seniors.

**No Load Mutual Fund Investing** Are you paying too high a commission on mutual funds and stocks? Should you be investing internationally? Are you confused

by mutual fund literature? Should you hold your investments jointly with your spouse, or with your children? Wondering which sectors of the market should you be investing in? Learn the answers to these questions and how to read a prospectus and Morningstar report. Understand the differences between various types of mutual funds and whether or not the manager is staying true to the funds management philosophy. Class will be held in room 129 at Novi High School, every Wednesday, Feb. 28 - March 14, from 7-9 p.m. Cost is \$30 or \$28 for seniors. A \$19 workbook fee is also required.

**Caffeine Blues** Want to kick the habit without headaches, depression and fatigue? This class will help you discover vitality, mental clarity, better sleep and improved health without caffeine. Can't get throughout the day without a fix? Do you need caffeine to provide you with energy, make you more alert, or help you lose weight? Caffeine is country's most readily available addictive substance. It increases stress levels in your body and is related to PMS, headaches, joint aches and pains, gastrointestinal problems, lower immunity, depression, anxiety, osteoporosis, heart attacks and

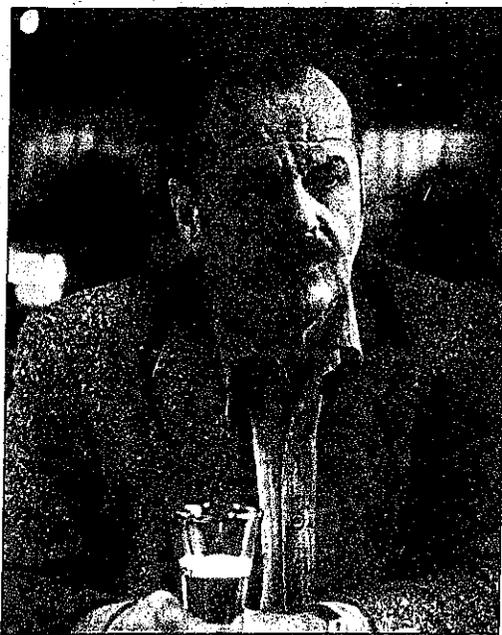
breast cancer among other things. This class, taught by Nutrition Magician Judy Stone, will cover the health effects of caffeine and will give you a plan for weaning yourself off without all those miserable withdrawal symptoms. Even if you have no plans to quit, this class will provide valuable information for your self-health tool kit.

Class will be held in room 129 at Novi High School, March 1 from 7-9 p.m. Cost is \$28 or \$25 for seniors.

**Windows Level 1** This class is a must for anyone using Windows 95, 98 or Windows ME! The key to successful computing is understanding how the computer organizes information. This class offers easy explanations on how to manipulate folders and files. Students gain an understanding on how to locate information, how to create folders, and other helpful tips on managing computer data. Students work in teams to allow for better comprehension and understanding. Class will be held March 1 in room 516 at the Novi Middle School, from 7-9 p.m. Cost is \$35.

To register for the above classes or for more information, call Novi Community Education at (248) 449-1206.

# MOVIES



Jack Nicholson plays Jerry Black in his latest film, "The Pledge."

## Jack's back:

## Nicholson vows to keep his promise in latest film

Academy Award-winner Jack Nicholson stars as Jerry Black, a Nevada homicide detective who volunteers for one final investigation on the eve of his retirement. "I've got six hours left on the clock," insists Jerry who offers his expertise at the compromised crime scene and ends up making a promise to the young victim's mother (Patricia Clarkson) that will change his life forever. "It's one of those existential situations he's presented with, and he has to choose how to relate to these people," explained Nicholson. "It's a combination of Jerry not really wanting to leave the familiar scene of his life and the enormity of the crime and the emotion presented to him by the victimized family."

Following through on his pledge, Jerry observes the interrogation of suspect Toby Jay Wadenah (Benicio Del Toro) who was identified while fleeing the crime scene. Detective Stan Krolak (Aaron Eckhart) wrenches a questionable confession from the simple-minded ex-con who quickly shoots himself with a detective's gun, and the case is closed. But Jerry can't shake his gut instinct — an innocent man confessed to the crime — and he can't shake the vow he made. From the airport bar on his way to his retirement gift of a fishing trip to Mexico, Jerry resolves to begin his own investigation with no leads and no authority into the murder. "I see this as a retirement crisis story," said director Sean Penn

whose previous collaboration with Nicholson, "The Crossing Guard," garnered worldwide critical acclaim. "A guy adopts a kind of mission to supply his life with purpose. That's the driving notion behind the film." Driven by his promise, the tenacious fisherman buys a rundown gas station at a strategic intersection. "He's looking at the junctures like he might the junctures of tributaries and streams," explained Nicholson. "He checks his maps, checks the traffic and decides this is the place where he has the best chance of catching the killer." In the process, Jerry befriends Lori, a local waitress (Robin Wright Penn) who has been bruised and battered by her ex-husband. Jerry offers his home and his protection

to Lori and her young daughter Chrissy (Pauline Roberts), and his life is suddenly and unexpectedly enriched by their company. "Jerry chooses a place strategically in the middle of where these killings are taking place," Penn said. "But bit by bit, in the unfolding of his relationship with Chrissy, his motives become less clear-cut." "So much of his activity has dual purpose, and that's part of what makes this an unusual picture," said Nicholson. "You don't know the depths of Jerry's obsession until he steps over the line and doesn't really realize that he may be using this child as live bait." "There are hundreds of detective films and detective television shows, but I don't think there's one quite like this," Nicholson concluded.

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