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Leaking

Deerfield Elementary's roof leaks in its first year of operation.

By STEPHANIE FORDYCE Staff Writer

A leaky roof at newly built Deerfield Elementary has the school drowning in orange buck-

ets.
With the snow and ice from this winter now melting, leaks in the

writer now metting, leaks in the new school are springing up in classrooms, hallways, and offices. "Everything is all taken care of," said Deerfleld principal Richard Njus. "We really can't do anything until the weather warms up, but the roof will be fixed." While there are several areas in

While there are several areas in the roof that need to be corrected, the root that need to be corrected, both the school's architect firm Fanning/Howey Associates, Inc. and its roofing contractors, CEI Roofing Inc., said they will fix the problems at no cost to the district.

"The first year is always critical for a new building in its first year of operation," said AIA, REFP Principal/Designer from

Fanning/Howey, Michael Hall.
"It goes through heating and cooling cycles, it moves, expands and contracts so it's relatively normal that we find deficiencies and we expect some of that." After a visit from an engineer

consultant, Hall said it was found that there are several areas that need attention.

The two biggest problems of the roof are the shingles, which were improperly set and the slope, which was positioned too low

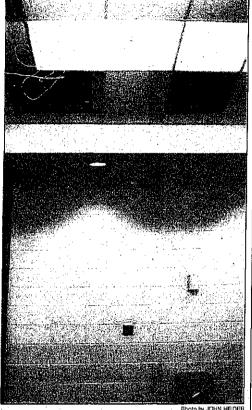
"The top of the roof, where the curve meets the ver-tical wall was too low, so the water piles up over the height of the curve," Hall explained. "We consider that a design error on our part and we will do the

work to extend it up.

Sub-contractor George Cooke from CEI Roofing
said they will pick up the cost to redo some of the
valleys between the canopy and main roof as well as

some of the shingles.

The shingles run in two directions, with each shingle 36 inches long. When we got to the end of the



Missing and stained ceiling panels and a bucket to catch falling water are evidence of some of the leakage problems that have plagued Deerfield Elementary this winter. This photo taken in its lobby area.

hip, we had to trim some of those back," he said.
Cooke said it could be a possibility that cropping the shingles may have contributed to the leakage.
"It was something that was unforeseen in the construction," he said, "but the building was built

according to the plans and specification of the design. If it's an error on my part, however, I'll fix it. But we built it per manufacturer specification.

Cooke and Hall agreed that because they have not had a chance to open up the roof, it is difficult to tell

McRobbery

Comerica Bank robbed by man with McDonalds' bag

By RANDAL YAKEY

He waited patiently in line and when it was his turn at the teller's window, he slipped over a note indicting his intentions to rob the bank.

At approximately 3 p.m. on
Theodor, the white male over

At approximately 3 p.m. on Tuesday, the white male suspect in his mid to late 20s wearing a dark colored coat and light colored denim pants entered the Comerica Bank on Novi Road, just west of the Twelve Oaks Mali, and gottin a teller's line. The suspect who was wearing a baseball cap possibly from Home Depot, waited in line and when he approached the win-

when he approached the win-dow, gave a teller a note saying he was going to rob the bank. According to police, there was no weapon visible to bank

He enter the back and stood He enter the back and stood in line for about thirty minutes and when he got to the teller he handed her a note demanding money," Novi Detective Tom Lindberg said. We don't know how much at this time and he walked directly out of the bank; the never said a word.

He never said a word. Police were on the scene min-Police were on the scene minutes after the call came in and the Novi K-9 Unit searched the parking lot and adjoining areas for evidence.

"He put the money fly a McDonald's bag," Lindberg said, witnesses said he exited the bank and went to the right. We don't know if he want up to Red

don't know if he went up to Red Lobster or got in a car in that

Federal Bureau of

Task Force picks one high school

By STEPHANIE FORDYCE Staff Writer

The last hand has been played and it looks as if one high school is in the cards for the Novi Community School District.

After exhausting deliberation by the Blue Ribbon Task Force on Feb. 15, the committee voted 18 4 to move forward and present the school board with a bond propos-al that would include an addition

to the existing high school.

"Our job, as a committee, is to give the board our best recomgive the board our best recommendation and decide what has the strongest chances for success," explained committee cochair Robert Schram. We have to give the board a clear recommendation and not pose them with a dilemma on the high school."

Before the vote, committee members went back and forth, reviewing previous data as well as last week's community survey. During the discussion, Novi High School principal Dr. Jennifer

Cheal questioned the committee's

"Is our job to recommend what has the best chance to pass or what's best for the kids?" she

Schram said that either way, the task force is doing what's best for kids because one high school has a better chance of succeeding.

mas a better chance of succeeding. "Unfortunately, we don't have the flexibility we'd-like to with the library bond coming up in August and the Novi Fire Department staffing issue pending," he said. This is really about economics and voters will vote with their rockets."

In a previous meeting, Cheal, who voted for two high schools on Thursday, said as the school's enrollment becomes larger, the sense of connection becomes smaller

"One thing that I think is impor-tant at any age, especially high

District warns businesses about peculiar ads

Promotions company has no affliation with high school

By STEPHANIE FORDYCE Staff Writer

A promotions company is using Novi High School to swindle money from area businesses,

according to school officials.
The company, High School
Sports Promotions, telephones

local businesses selling ad space for posters of the high school's football and basketball schedule. However, Novi High School princi-pal Dr. Jennifer Cheal warns that the team calendars are simply a

This is a scam," Cheal said. We have no association with this poster, nor have we ever seen it. This company never had authorization from us to sell them."

While businesses are under the impression they are helping to promote spirit throughout the school and the community, as the company claims, Cheal said busi-

ness members are being taken for

ness members are being taken for a ride.

"Unless something is written and signed by a school authority on school letterhead, don't participate in it," she said. "It just upsets the because our community is so supportive of our schools and look at all this money their sending in."

Depending on size, ads run from \$199 to \$599, and are placed underneath the school's

placed underneath the school's team schedule on a 11" X 17"

poster. Novi Police Officer Jared Hart

taken, the company is under

taken, the company is under investigation.

"When I contacted them and asked what affiliation they had with the high school, their response was we don't," he said, "Obviously, they had no permission from this school district and this week we will do some further. this week we will do some further investigating and find out what exactly these businesses were promised."

From what Hart has gathered, local businesses are led to believe

the posters are placed in area restaurants and in the school.

The lived here ten years, and

I've never seen one of these calen-

I've never seen one of these calendars," he said.
Hart said the company most likely uses the Internet to obtain, the sports schedules and there creates their own poster, using the school's team colors.
"I wouldn't he the least bit surprised if they're doing this in other communities as well," he said.

ation after attorney Louis Bugbee, from Fried, Watson & Bugbee in Novi, called the high school to inquire about the calendar, to

Continued on

Rossi Galla receives award for Woman of the Year By STEPHANIE FORDYCE cians, and other acts, she still has

With the near mention of her recent award, the exhibaration seems to bubble out of Loreta

As a reputable business owner by day and a songstress by night, the fiery brunette has been named Woman of the Year by the American Business Woman's American Business Woman's Association's Novi Oaks charter chapter.

"I'm just so honored," Galla said. "They've been so wonderful and I feel really proud that the chapter thinks enough of me to

make me Woman of the Year."

As an ABWA member since
1994. Galla has used her creative talents in promoting the organization through a number of membership campaigns, including 'Network Mingle/Business Showcase', for which she has

Loreta has been an active participant since day one in promot-ing the mission of the ABWA: to bring together business women of diverse occupations and to pro-

vide opportunities for them to help themselves grow personally and professionally said Novi chapter spokeswoman Oaks Tricia Corona.

"She shies away from taking any credit to our most successful any crean to our most successival events and her own professional accomplishments- imagine that, an entertainer who doesn't like attanton. How refreshing! After 22 years in the music business as a singer, Galla founded IRG Entertainment, Inc., in which she acts as an events coordinator and entertainment condinator and entertainment con-

dinator and entertainment consultant, pairing up performers with social functions.

"I do everything from weddings too private parties to corporate functions and graduations," she explained. "I've been on both sides of the fence now so I know a blessing for me because it's all I've ever known and it's some thing I really feel passionately

While Galla may be busy book-ing her clients, which range from comedians, magicians, musitime to entertain the public with her own band, Secrets. The 5 piece variety band, which Galla is the lead singer in, have been together since 1982.
"We do a little bit of everything

and not a lot of anything, laughed. "But my band is just a small part of what I do."

Galla sald because sees herself in some of her clients, she really tries to spend a lot of time with feels good to do what I can

"It feels good to do what I can and help someone get off the ground, because I was there once," she said. "Plus, I want to back up what I claim and give my customers good entertainment." Each year, every ABWA Chapter rationwide selects one member as nationwide selects one member as their Woman of the Year, which recognizes the outstanding con tributions and achievement tributions, and achievements made within the chapter. The

Woman of the Year is one of the highest honors a chapter can bestow on a member. Galla said it was starting her Continued on 6



Loreta Rossi-Galla received the ABWA Business-woman of the Year award.

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Amateur hockey game turns ugly Robbery suspect

in Novi.

But for one man, when the hockey game became much too combative he cried foul and filed a report that could result in assault and

battery charges.
On the evening in question, two men were involved in a game of 'floor hockey' at the Soccer Zone sports center when a fight broke out between the two. One of the men, from South Lyon, took a number of punches to the head when the game referee decided to

let the fight run its course.

The South Lyon man filed a police report and the investigation into the incident continues.

that he saw a man driving creatl-

cally along Haggerty Road about 4:41 a.m. on Feb. 20. The officer noted that the suspicious nature of the car considering the "fresh vomit" down the side of the driver's door with the window fully down." The Novi patrol officer

ripping, or participating in an ath-ctic event. After a sprain, the affected rea may swell or bruise. A podiatrist vill first examine the area to feel for

possible damage to ligaments, ten-dons, bones or joints. An X-ray is taken to rule out a fracture. After classifying the sprain as mild, moder-ate or severe, the podiatrist will rec-

Tootnotes

ANKLE SPRAINS

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Police News

in color, had streaks of "red" or a "pink" color along the passengers side of the car indicated a "side-

swipe" possibility.
The driver, an Orchard Lake resident, blew a 0.12 breath test for alcohol. According to state law, anyone with a blood alcohol level of 0.10 or greater is legally drunk.

SMOKIN' IN THE BOYS ROOM A Novi High School student was given a citation and brought to the Novi Police Department after a cig-arette smoking incident at the high school on Feb. 12 at about 8:45

a.m.
The student was apparently inside the second floor bathroom of the high school smoking when the police liaison officer went into the bathroom, enter an adjacent stall and witnessed the student stand-ing on the toilet smoking and blowing the smoke "into the totlet bowl.

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> over his own trousers on Feb. 13
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> spoke very little English, required saw one of the teens use the bat security to get a translator to explain the situation to the man. The man had two separate identiexplain the situation to the man.
> The man had two separate identification cards noting his name as charged them with vandalism two different people. According to police, on of the ID's came up as being of refugee status. That card tigate the alleged assault. was forwarded to the U.S. Border

After a Novi teen and his girl After a Novi teen and his girl friend were 'jumped' and apparently assaulted on Feb. 13 at around 8:20 p.m., the alleged victim. and his girlfriend's brother, vandalized their alleged attackers home about an hour later.

According to Novi police, the two Novi teens were jump on Leroi street and the retallation was carried out at a residence on

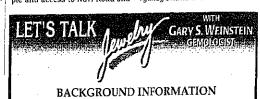
was carried out at a residence on Montmorency located on the city's northeast side.

security cameras for clues to (248) 348-7100. the robber's escape. Police suspect that the robber may have picked that particular bank because of the number of peoplcked that particular bank because of the number of people and access to Novi Road and ryakey@ht.homecomm.net.

the freeway and the ability to "blend in."
Police say that particular bank has been robbed at least investigation (FBI) was on the

scene about thirty minutes after the robbery, according to twice in the past fifteen years. Anyone with information or who may have seen a person fit-Novi police. It is common prac-tice for the FBI to help on bank robbery cases considering they are federal offenses.

Police will be checking mall saked to call the Novi police at asked to call th pect leaving the bank, are asked to call the Novi police at



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white. The darker fife base color, the more pronounced and vivid its color. Black opal's beauty is the product of the contrast between its color play and the background. Most believe a predominance of red and orrange is the ideal color. The preferred pattern is "harlequir", which is an arrangement of well-defined symmetrical and asymmetrical geometric shapes. Precious gem purchases, such as opals, should always be handled by qualified genologist, at WEINSTEIN JEWELERS OF NOVI, we assure every

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Cassis looks to Senate in 2002

By RANDAL YAKEY

In the era of term limits for state legislators, it is only common sense that Rep. Nancy Cassis (R-Novi) keeps an eye on potential job oppor

> Cassis, who will be term limited out of a job at the end of 2002, is expected to run for the soon-to-be vacated seat of Scn. Bill Bullard (Righland). Bullard, who confirmed that he

would consider running for the 52-1 District Court seat to be available in 2003, is term limited out of the senate at the end of 2002. Cassis confirmed this week that

she would be considering running for the 16th district senate seat. "Yes, I have been urged to take a run at the senate seat," Cassis said. "With an open seat, there may be other state representatives within the boundaries that may consider a

both the Tax Policy and Redistricting and Elections Committee, said she will concentrate her duties on redistricting issues concerning state senate, house and U.S. Congressional seats. After every ten year census

Cassis said, for now, she is more than happy to continue to work for the benefit of the 38th District the Novi News. His e-mail address is

Rep. Nancy Cassis Northville, Milford, South Lyon

Lyon Township, Walled Lake and Wixom. The 15th senate district includes all those communities plu

Another name bantered about as Cassis, who is a member of the oth the Tax Policy and Elections ommittee, said she will concentrative. has said that he would like to concentrate on duties as house appropriations chair.

Due to term limits, Cassis is in

state legislators are obligated to look her third and final term as a state over redistricting possibilities. representative.

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By RANDALYAKEY

Novi City Councilman Craig DeRoche has confirmed that he would consider a run at the Michigan State Representative seat currently held by Rep. Nancy Cassis (R-Novi), when her term expires at the end of

"It's something I would look at, definitely, if the seat is available," DeRoche said. "There have been

DeRoche said. There have been asking if I would rum.

DeRoche, who has been outspoken on the Michigan Economic Growth Authoritys handling of the tax abatement issue, would like to see inore. local control when it comes to the granting of tax abatements or infrastructure funding grants for compa-nies that wish to relocate or expand tion.

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within a particular municipality.

DeRoche has also said with term limits restricting continuous runs a public office, he could be a good candidate for the 38th District seat that includes Novi, Wixom, Milford, Lyon Township, South Lyon, Walled Lake and a portion of Northville.

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Bureau did not have any infor-mation about the company, it was found that High School

Sports Promotions, also goes by the name Hometown

which Cheal had no knowledge of. "My first tip that something was odd was that the company was out of East Peorla, Ill.," Bugbee said. "I don't do things over the telephone, so I asked this High School Sports Promotions to fax

prices, as well as last year's sport's calendar. "Evidently, this is not the first

In total, eight area business Including Pizza Hut. Denny's Time Warner Cable and Royalty Jewelers, placed ads with High School Sports Promotions last

"Typically when you hear about something that supports the schools, you want to help, said Bob McCann, general manager, from Time Warner Cable. "You presume your money is going towards a good cause. This kind of thing is unfortunate."

of thing is unfortunate."
Robert Georeff, owner of King
Amusements, Inc. in Novi, who
placed an ad for last year's foot-ball calendar, sald he has been

they have been harping on me for weeks to place another advertisement," he said. "I just told them I had a change of heart and now they won't quit calling. When a business harps like that, something just lan't right. I'm glad I didn't show particles and with

didn't place another ad with them."

Georeff explained that he was conta stack of posters from the high school's football schedule, team name with school colors and his and other businesses' ads

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Chamber of Commerce can't be too certain in today's society and people should not be hesitant to call and check. Stephanic Fordyce is a staff schedule for specific class locations and his and other businesses' ads

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ly didn't think much about it," he

Susan Tonti, general manager from Novi's Rent-A-Flick Video sald she not only paid for an ad in the high school's football calen dar, but also the basketball

poster too.
"I'm just shocked," she said.
"Good thing they screwed up last
year's ad so I declined to place another one with them this year When contacted, High School Sports Promotions Project Coordinator Jennifer Naas refused to comment and would

Group feels one high school best option

school, is that they feel connected with each other and with their school, but as the school gets larger, there's still, for example, only one basketball team," she said in September, "While we have a great number of athletic programs and club activities, there is still that limit to how many kids can be a part of them."

Cheal added that with more and more students, it becomes increasingly difficult to hold assemblies and other school func-

If the final decision is to build an addition to the existing high school, Cheal would be in charge of roughly 2,400 students

Committee member Terri Moblosald the reality of the situation in reviewing the survey results is that the people who want two high schools recognize the need for space and are willing to vote for two, however, she believes that those who want one high school vould most likely vote against

I think it's a very emotional issue for them and one that they won't be able to separate from the

Assistant Superintendent of Business and Operations Jim

high school, 'we have to support what we create," and the operating costs of opening a second high school have not been estimated or

factored In. Because, legally, the district can only put one bond proposal on the ballot, the decision has to be made

prior to the summer election. While the job of the task force was to implement the future needs of the district, the board does not have to accept the task force's recommendation if they feel it is not

if the board adopts the committee's recommendation as it now stands, the public is looking to see a bond proposal of around \$90 million on June 11.

night included the Bosco land

night included the Bosco land purchase, technology upgrades, a new pool, and the construction of a new elementary school. The task force will meet with the school board, and present them with their recommendations on March 1.

writer for the Novi News. She may be reached sfordycc@hl.homecomm.net

Novi Theatre Briefs

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 March 2 at 7:30 o.m.: March 3 at 7:30 p.m.; March 4 at 3 p.m.; March 9 at 7:30 p.m.; March 10 at 7:30 p.m.; and March Ti at 3 p.m.

All seats are reserved and tickets

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

Raggedy Ann & Andy Auditions for the Nov! Theatres' Children's Annex production of Raggedy Ann & Andy will take place March 13 and 15 at 4 p.m.
The Children's Annex is for chil-

dren ages 10-14. All actors must pay a participation fee of \$125 once cast. Performance will take place May

18, 19, and 20.
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years and does not, in fact, have the schools permission.

While the Better Business Hart said anyone who receives Hart said anyone who receives LESSONS a call should simply decline and in any case should always double-check when giving money.

"I would caution people if they are receiving a phone call from any organization to call before sending a check," he said. "You can't be too certain in today's spetty, and people should not specified."

LESSONS

Treat yourself to an exciting exercise. Join the 6:30-7:30 p.m. class for basic beginners in jump right in intermediate class, front 7:30-9 p.m. The lessons are followed by an open dance, from 9-10:30 p.m. The

COUNTRY WESTERN DANCE Come join the February Country Western Dance at the Nov! Civic Center of Friday, Feb, 24, from 7 until 11:30 p.m. Single and couples are welcome. Dance your favorites: Line, 2-step, Waltz or Cha Cha. Admission is \$7 for Novi resttion or call the Novi Parks and over or \$8 for non-residents





Roof will be fixed by next school year

from, is not always where it's leaking," Hall said. Hall said because most of the school buildings they do are cus-tom designed, each one comes together a little bit differently, "We don't have the liberty of

The architects and contractors said repairs on the roof will begin

developing a prototype design in a lab," he said.

as soon as the weather permits and the work will be complete way total estimated cost.

this building has a five year water-light warranty so the roof is guaranteed to be corrected at no one's expense," Hall said. "We'll take care of it, it's nothing the school district has to fight about

Due to winter break, school offi-

According to Hall, Fanning/Howey's portion of the cost to repair the roof is an estimated \$18,000. CEI Roofing stated that they did not have a complete assessment for their share.

"What parents need to know is

work or for shopping on a daily basis may want to make long term vacation plans — especially during the summer of 2004 Road Commission for Oakland County announced the list of road projects that have received federal funding for the 2004 construction season and a least three projects are in store for Novi. The Oakland County Federal Aid Task Force Committee approved the list last

By RANDAL YAKEY

Staff Writer
Those who take Novi Road to "This certainly underscores the fact that road needs in Oakland County far outpace the available funding."

Long term construction looms for Novi Road

Road Commission of Oakland County Managing Director

son Craig Bryson, a bridge will struction, there will be work be constructed over the railroad done on Twelve Mile Road, east of

Committee approved the list last week.

"An elevated bridge will be built over the railroad, and the road will be closed down, we expect, for most of the summer, of \$3.6 million.

According to RCOC spokesper-Novi Road to Meadowbrook, at an

will take place next year.
"The committee was clearly overwhelmed by the number of projects that it is unable to find funding for," RCOC managing director Brent Bair said. "This certainly underscores the fact that road needs in Oakland

County far outpace the available funding."

According to the RCOC, the committee would like to have up to \$104 million in funding for additional road work. The total amount received to all the projects in Oakland County will exceed \$24 million. Typically, the RCOC receives about \$24.9 million per year. The committee had asked the federal government for approximately \$60 million for the 2004 construction season.



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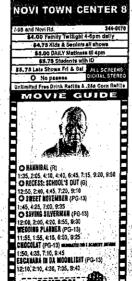
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A substantial amount of the "Obviously, the people mail stolen from a collection box in Novi was found in a wooded area in Hamburg Township during the evening hours of Feb. 15. according to the Postal Inspection Unit in Detroit. Postal Inspector Steve Lokken

said he believes he has recovered a "majority" of the mail stolen from the Novi Post Office at 24875 Novi Road.

"The police picked it up for us." Lokken said. They (the thieves) ripped open the greeting cards looking for money. Fortunately. people have learned not to send money anymore. They didn't even repeated.

touch the business mail and "We secured the boxes that

tors office, two individuals were walking in a rural area of Hamburg township when they found at least two tubs of mail The Michigan Postal Inspector's According to postal inspec-

bright." Postal Inspector - Detroit Unit

Office is still offering the \$5,000 reward leading to the arrested of anyone involved in the mail box robbery at the Novi Post Office on Feb. 12. Lokken said the boxes were secured to make sure that any similar incidents are not

here were some IRS returns in the here."

According to the postal inspection before the business many the section of the business ma Lokken said the thieves prob

building were broken into some-Feb. 12 and 6 a.m. Tuesday, Feb. 13

Even though a majority of the mail was found, those who had mailed sensitive documents or checks should take action to stop payment. Lokken said the postal service will irv to contact as many people as possible and let them know their mail has

Mail tampering is a federal offense and is punishable by fines and, or, incarceration. Those with questions regarding this situation or tips on who may have been involved in the Post Office Department of Consumer Affairs at 1-888-734-8683.

Randal Yakey is a staff writer for the Novi News. His e-mail address is ruakeu@ht.homecomm.net.

Poole's Cavern









Too Many Kittens To Feed? Place an ad in the Classifieds to find them a new home.

Twist N' Shout



Frank & daughter, Francesca, do the twist at the Novi Parks

ABWA selects Galla for prestigous award

own business that got her involved with the ABWA; an organization, she said, she'll always be thankful for.

"I have learned so much from these women, and it's so rewarding when you get to be with people that you like." she said. "The friendships, the business con-tacts, and the meaningful rela-tionships we have all developed have meant so much to me. The ABWA isn't only about networking, its much more than that."

Aside her work in her own business and the ABWA. Galla has been instrumental in her commu nity volunteering. Galla's involvement has includ-

ed continued volunteer work for domestic violence shelters, the lational Alliance for the Mentally

Depression Association.
"Her enthusiasm for life, her

work, community, and the ABWA is why she is our Woman of the Year," said Corona. "We are very proud of her. When Galla isn't singing, working or Volunteering, she enjoys spending time with her biggest supporter, her husband Michael, in their home in Milford.

If you are interested in booking tion, or are an entertainer looking for an agent, call LRO Entertainment, Inc. for more

writer for the Novi News. She may

NOTICE OF MEETING OF BOARD OF REVIEW

45175 W. Ten Mile Road for the purpose of reviswing and correcting the assessment roll.

Notice is further given that the second session of the Board of Review will meet for the purpose of hearing and considering assessment protests in the Novi City Council Chambers at 46175 W. Ten Mile Road on March 12, 13 & 14, 2001. All appearances before the Board will be by appointment only. If you or your representative want to appear in person, the appointment must be made on or before 5:00 p.m. EST, Friday, March 9, 2001. Appearances before the Board of Review are limited to five (5) minutes or fees. Petitions are evaleable at the Assessor's Office or at www.cl.novi.ml.us NO APPOINTMENTS WILL BE GIVEN UNTIL A PETITION IS RECEIVED BY THE ASSESSING DEPARTMENT.

Letters of protest will be accepted on or before 5:00 p.m. EST, Wednesday, March 14, 2001. Postmarks will not be considered. When submitting a letter of protest for the Board of Review consideration, you must attach a completed petition (available at the Assessing Department), along with any supporting information.

All agents protesting values on property, other than their own, MUST HAVE written authorization from each property owner they are appresenting.

Persons on fixed or limited income may be eligible for a reduction in property taxes due to poverty. Applications are available at the Assessing Department, or at www.ci.novi.ml.us

US BOARD OF REVIEW SCHEDULE Monday, March 12, 2001 — 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. Tuesday, March 13, 2001 — 1:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. Fednesday, March 14, 2001 — 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

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WALLED LAKE NEWS

COMMUNITY NEWS/SCHOOL BRIEFS

RICH COLEMAN AND THE WASHTENAW KNIGHTS WILL VISIT Rich Coleman and the Washtenaw Knights will be at Twin Beach Elementary March 6 at 6:30 p.m. Twin Beach PTA is sponsoring

this very informative and prevention entertainment evening.

The program will include an overview of the current trend of music styles and mixed messages in lyrics and other media sources that influence the youth. Also included will be a discussion about resources for parents and teens on at-risk behaviors of substance abuse and violence glorified in music and videos. Parental Advisory guides will be available to help identify music styles and also a discussion about actions that are being taken at the national level.

For more information, call Twin Beach Elementary PTA at (248)

956-4200 or the Michigan Parent Teacher Association

HEALTH SCREENINGS IN WIXOM On Tuesday, March 27, beginning at 9 a.m. at the Wixom Senior Center, 49015 Pontiac Trail, Wixom, Life Line screening will offer three primary health screenings to detect the risk of stroke and vascular disease. These non-invasive, painless, ultrasound screenings are conducted by registered or registered-eligible Ultrasound tech nologists, are reviewed by board certified physicians and the find-ings are mailed to each individual.

Anyone interested in the screening must register in advance by

calling 1-800-407-4557. The tests include a carotid artery screening, an abdominal aortic aneurysm screening, and an ankle brachial index at a cost of \$35 each. All three are offered at \$95. Life Line will also offer a bone density screening for women to test for the early detection of osteoporosis.

OAKLAND COUNTY PARKS REVUE - SINGERS AND DANCERS

NEEDED
Open auditions for the Oakland County Parks traveling music show "Singsation" are set.

Auditions will take place Tuesday, March 20 and Wednesday March 21, from 5-9 p.m. at Waterford Oaks County Park, Audition are open to local performers, high school seniors and older. Performers should bring a resume, a headshot, and a prepare piece of music that showcases their range. They should wear com-fortable clothing for learning a short dance movement. Singsation members perform June - August at Oakland County

Parks, company picnics, church events, local festivals and more. Singsation entertains audiences with song and dance from popular Broadway tunes. New this year is a high-energy children's show To schedule an audition, contact Derenda Howard, recreation specialist, at (248) 858-0916. No walk-ins will be auditioned. Auditions will take place at the Lookout Lodge at Waterford Oak County Park on Scott Lake Road between Dixie Highway and Pontiac Lake Road in Waterford.

Visit the Oakland County Parks Web site at www.co.oakland.mt.us for park maps.

BETTER BUSINESS BOWLING TOURNAMENT

Lakes Area Chamber of Commerce Scholarship Committee proud by presents the 17th annual "Better Business Bowling Tournament" Sunday, March 4 at Wonderland Lanes, 8265 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 i. Businesses may sign up to three teams. Any four persons sponsored by a local area pusiness or a member of the Lakes Area Chamber of Commerce may have a team.
Teams may be men, women or co-ed.

No handleapping. 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.

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.-6 p.m. at Wixom Community Center. Renew your license, gel 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.

CITY OF WIXOM WINTER BUS TRIPS

• Detroit Pistons Bus Trip

• Detroit Pistons Bus Trip

Wixom Community Center invites everyone to see the Detroit

Pistons host the Orlando Magic on Sunday, March 4, from 11

a.m. to 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.

 Disney Jungle Adventures on Ice
 Come enjoy the fun as your favorite characters from Disney's Jungle Book, Lion King and Tarzan sing, dance and skate on Saturday, March 3 from 10:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Joe Louis Arena. Cost is TBA but includes ticket, snack and bus. Call [248] 624-2850. for more information.

• Michigan Princess Blues Cruise Come join in the fun on the Michigan Princess in Lansing on Friday, March 16 from 5:30 p.m. to 12 a.m. Cost is \$55 per person and includes dinner, bus and ticket. There is a cash bar. Call (248)

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.
Range of motion and proper body mechanics can affect your golf game. Learn how to physically prepare for a great golf season from Physical Therapist John Connolly, P.T.A.T.C. and Orthopedic Surgeon Phillip T. Schmitt, D.O.

To register, call toll-free, 1-888-DMC-2500 by February 26. WALLED LAKE CONSOLIDATED PTSA COUNCIL MEETING

The next Parent Teacher Student Association Council Meeting will be on Feb. 26 at 7 p.m. in the Media Center at Walled Lake Western High School. MOTHERS TO MOTHERS SALE The Walled Lake United Methodist Church is having a Mothers to

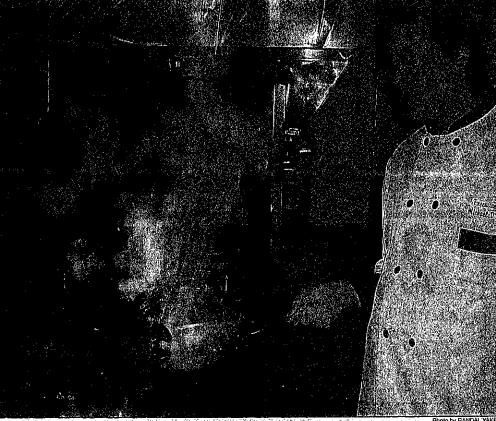
Mothers Sale on Saturday, March 24. If you would like to buy table space to sell your used baby/children's items, please call Linda at (248) 624-1084. Proceeds to benefit the church's Appalachia Service Project

Walled Lake Consolidated Schools Lunch Menu for the week of Feb. Feb. 22-25 Winter Break

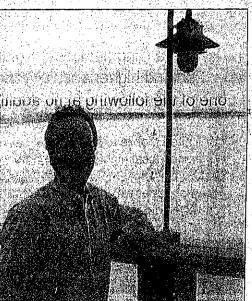
Monday, Feb. 26 Hot Dog with Bun Oven Tater Tots Chilled Fruit Cup Tuesday, Feb. 27

Aunt Jemima Pancakes w/ Turkey Sausage Egg/Cheese McBun Chilled Fruit Juice Chilled Fruit Juice Wednesday, Feb. 28 Galaxy Cheese Pizza Fun Fish Nuggets w/ Hash Brown Little Caesars Pizza at Wixom Elementary

Walled Lake Central's #12 races down the ice to score as Northville's Brandon Szatkowski follows close behind. The Vikings upset the Mustangs at the Valentine's Day game 4-2 in part, because of their victory at the city cup championship. The team hasn't won the city cup in three years.



Boathouse transforms Bogey's



shows off one of the selling points for the restaurant; its

In the heyday of Walled Lake, when the likes of Benny Goodman and Duke Ellington played at the lakeside carnival, the Bogey's building was a fixture in the downtown area of Walled Lake.
Traveling along the lakeshore in experience, the management of the new Boathouse Grille & Tavern has opened its doors.

Never heard of the Boathouse? It is the new name for a legendary spot in Walled Lake, formerly known as Bogey's, Key Largo, as well as a number of other businesses that stood at

ber of other businesses that stood at the historic 142 East Walled Lake site. The Boathouse does allow boaters to dock at the restuerant "We've got fourteen boat slips and we added six slips for the dock," Sommeville said, noting access by car or boat. "We just got done with

This is a pretty unique spot."

Activities surrounding the restau-Glazed Sword Fish, Fillet Mignon, Shrimp Riesling, Alaskan King Crab same. Patrick Sommerville, who is man-

aging pariner for the restaurant, says that he and Co-owner Mike Shuler would like to bring more. Traveling along the lakeshore in the carly part of the century, the ice boat racing and summer fishermen the carly part of the century the ice boat racing and summer fishermen the carly summer fishermen the car and pizza. The Boathouse also will

and pizza. The Boathouse also will feature a kids menu, redecorated dining room and continue to have a daily happy hours for adults.

And there is a long history of the building itself, according to Sommerville.

"We've had it for only three years," Sommerville, ait, "It was originally

Sommerville said, "It was originally Taylor Chevrolet back in the 1930s.

"We've got the largest lakeside dock in Cakland County," Sommerville said. "We've got everything." Part of it is that kids can come here with their familles and not be afraid to run free.

They can play games."

"And we do cater to an adult crowd
on Friday and Saturday."
Sommerville continued. "We'll have the Polar Open - a golf tournament on ice. We had a softball tournament out on the lake a week after that. live music and we do a really good hunch brought out in fifteen min

For more information on the new

Central icers take Northville, 4-2

By COLBY J. CAVALIERE

The formula for an upset can go something like this: Sub .500 Hariteu record, plus improving young enthusiasm, minus pressure, plus

nomentum.

The Walled Lake Central hockey team, used that exact formula to halt a five game Northville winning sald.

Senior captain Mike Farr netted. Northville may have taken us two goals for the winners; with lightly because of our record, said Adam Griffin, and freshman Central coach Jim Hogan. "Add to Kevin Francis scoring the other the fact that we were coming off two goals. Flogan worked his our first city cup championship in three years and are peeking at the right time, and you have some reasons why we were able to get

Central, looking to dictate the momentum. swarmed the Mustangs with three unanswered goals to start the game. Northville had a golden opportunity in the second period when they had a lengthy two-man advantage, but the Vikings were up to the challenge, and held off Northville for the duration of the penalty, keeping their lead in a safe spot.

They have some great goal scorers, but I think killing off their two-man advantage in the second Central, looking to dictate the

scorers, but I think kining oil their two-man advantage in the second period was very deflating to their team." Hogan said.

Despite their two goals, one of which came very lefe in the same very lef

check for most of the night, main because of Central's goalie. Vlad

"Vlad played really great against them in the close loss to

young lineup perfectly, employing the use of four lines to keep his skaters fresh. The future looks bright for the Central team. With 12 under

classmen on the current roster, and several other talented addi-tions coming in, the Vikings are

which came very late in the game, 1700, ext. 104.



Lending a hand

Photo by JOHN HEIDER Novi Rotarians (from centerright) Tony Musu, Jerry Krause, and Joe Carrier accept a donation containe correspondence Friday orning at Deerfield Elementary School from students Christa Kondracluk and Nirall Makam and Christa's mother - Mary. The students of Deerlield raised about \$900 in relief efforts

Novi Briefs

be wearin' you green on this special day. A great Irish lunch followed by the Dublin Derby Horse Race. The event is Friday. March 16, at noon. Cost is \$3.50. Tickets on sale now at

Teams and Sponsors Needed Novi Youth Assistance will be olding its annual Bowl-A-Thon Saturday, March 10, from 1-4 p.m. at Novi Bowl. The bowl-a-thon is Novi Youth Assistance's help raise money for summer pro-grams. According to John P. O'Brien, chairperson of this year's event, this year's goal is to raise fifteen thousand dollars.

St. Patrick's Irish Luncheon is that 100 percent of the money

with the money raised by this event.

The bowlers get pledges based on their score for three games. The format for the bowl-a-thon is

major fundraiser of the year to prizes and prizes for top money

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team, or donating a prize can con-tact the Novi Youth Assistance

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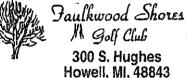
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NOTICE - CITY OF NOVI REQUEST FOR BIDS UNIFORM CLEANING SERVICE CONTRACT

The City of Novi will receive sealed bids for Uniform Cleaning Service Contract according to the specifications of the City of Novi. Bid packages are available at the Office of the Purchasing Director.

Sealed bids will be received until 3:00 p.m. prevailing eastern time, Wednesday, March 14, 2001, at which time proposals will be opened and read. Bids shall be addressed as follows:

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All bids must be signed by a legally authorized agent of the bidding firm. VELOPES MUST BE PLAINLY MARKED

"Uniform Cleaning Service Contract" BID

"Uniform Cleaning Service Contract" BID

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Obituaries

DONALD G. HAFFNER

Donald G. "Duck" Haffner, 68, of Novl died Feb. 15 in Livonia. He was born in 1932. Mr. Haffner was a 1950 graduate of Hirsch High School in Chicago and a 1954 graduate of Northwestern University, Evanston, Ill. He was a former resident of Mansfield, Ohio, and past president and member of Hansfield Exchange Club. Haffner was also an elder at

the First Presbyterian Church dent of Northville before moving He is survived by his wife, Bonnic: daughters. Sandy Haffner, Candace (Brian) Burks, and Laura (Brian) Blessing; son, Don of Austin, Texas; sister, Jean Wright; and grandchildren, Lindsey, Rusty, Jenna,

Connor, Hunter, Morgan, and

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WILLIAM E. HEATH William E. Heath, 67, died Feb. 15 at his residence in Novi. He was born Feb. 23, 1933 in Willis, Mich., to his late par ents, Guy W. and Creszentla E. (Minick) Heath.
Mr. Heath was a 23-year rest-

to Novi. He retired in 1995 after 33 years as an educator in the Plymouth-Canton School District. His memberships included the National Education Association and the

Mary M. Schutz of Imlay City;

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A private family service was held at Washtenong Memorial Park in Ann Arbor. The Rev. David Beyington of Angela Hospice officiated. Entombment followed in the mausoleum at Washtenong Memorial Park. service will be made at a later

Northrop-Sassaman Funeral Home of Northville. Memorials to Angela Hospice would be appreciated by the

ELIZABETH J. D. ROSS

He is survived by his wife, Marion L. of Novi: son, Clark E. 1924, to her late parents. of Royal Oak: two sisters, Monica J. Hovatter of Willis and During her employable years,

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She is survived by two nephews, James (Sandie) Ross and Jerry (Bernice) Ross; one niece, Janis (John) Burkhardt; and a sister. Grace Ross of Novl. Services will be held at 7 p.m.
Thursday, Feb. 22 at Casterline
Funeral Home Inc., 122 W.
Dunlap, Northville. Pastor utheran Church in Livonia will

be officiating.
Interment will be in Cadillac Farmington Hills, whom she Memorial Gardens-West in Hospice of Michigan would be

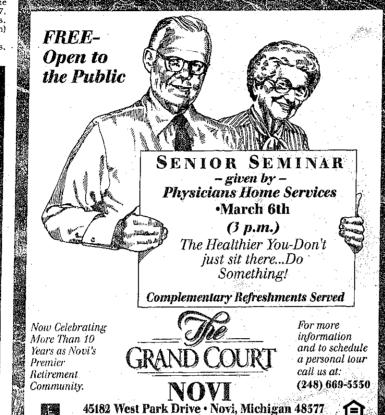
Farmington Hills, and Steve (Melissa) of Livonia; daughter, Sally (Patrick) Keyes of ELAINE A. WATSON Rochester Hills; and seven

grandchildren. Services were held Feb. 17 in Providence Hospital of Southfield. She was born or Southheld. She was born Sept. 2, 1923, in Indianapolis, Ind. Mrs. Watson was a member of Orchard United Methodist Church and a life member of United Methodist Church in Farmington Hills. The Rev. Carol J. Johns officiated. Interment was Dakland Hills Plum Hollow Golf Club in Southfield.

She is survived by her hus-band. Sheldon "Andy" of Gardens in Novi.

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STORYTIME NOTES

Registration forms for Spring Storytimes are low available in the library. Spring Storytime egistration runs until Feb. 24. Spring orytimes start March 12.

AARP TAX WORKSHOP

AARP Tax Workshops will be held at the library a Thursday, March 19, and Thursday, March 29, ach workshop runs from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. ease register in advance in person or by calling he library. (Note: You cannot prepare small isiness or rental property taxes at this work-

ADULT BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP Our March selection is "Princess: A True Story of Life Behind the Veil in Saudi Arabia" by Jean Sasson. The group meets Monday, March 5 at 7 p.m. in the library meeting room. Drop-ins are

SENIOR BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP Senior book lovers are reading non-fiction books about Switzerland this month. The senior group meets in the library meeting room on

BUYING A PERSONAL COMPUTER

Buying a computer can be a daunting process. Richard Truxall cuts through the technical jargon to help you identify the computer that best fits your needs on Tuesday, Feb. 27, from 7-8:30 p.m. Please register in advance for all Internet classes in person or by calling the library.

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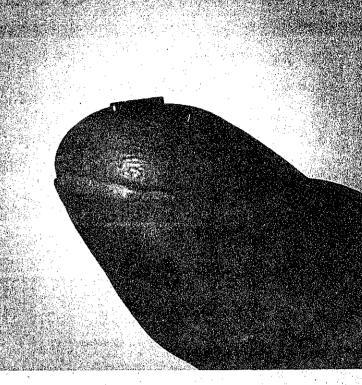
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Novi judgeship will benefit who?

Bullard (R-Highland) from return- Judgeship. The benefit is all Sen. ing to the senate in 2003. Because of that. Sen. Bullard will have to find employment elsewhere.

52nd 1st Division Court in Novi, Lyon, Walled Lake, West Bloomfield, has indicated that he would consid- Wixom. Wolverine Lake and a er running for the open judgeship. northern section of Northville. Last year, Sen. Bullard pushed that added a new judge to the 52-1 Farmington and Farmington Hills. court, Gov. John Engler signed the With the elimination of White Lake

deal, is expected later this year. The plan to bring in 2003 would also is only temporary, Novi most likely Michael could get little benefit. The for the judgeship. Batchik's seat, and send it to the 52nd benefit is all Sen. 2nd Division Court Bullard's.

in Clarkston in

January 2005, 🚾 Clarkston would also gain jurisdic- The judgeship is in desperately tion over White Lake and Rose need in Novi. The Novi district cour Township. The new additional judgeship state and has more cases per judge would be added by putting it on the than even the 46th District Court in

2002 ballot. We understand that there is noth- will only be a temporary band aid ing Illegal if Sen. Bullard runs for a that will be under scrutiny in the judgeship he helped create in the next few years. egislature. Bullard, in essence, has created the perfect spot for himself technically done nothing wrong to to run for the judgeship and the last gain himself a position in the Nov. time he could possibly switch jobs. It may not be illegal, but there is a for years. Some, including us, definite air of impropriety. The would say that was a smart move questions need to be asked. Why a for a lifetime politician to make judgeship for such a brief period of However, it may not be illegal, but it

ime? And why now? Bullard has represented the conuse political office to create a job for stituents of the area for years and. if he runs, will definitely be the

And, considering the judgeship is will prove to be worthy of the seat only temporary, Novi could get little he created for himself.

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and regional senators and representatives. Their accessibility allows you as readers to

voice your concerns directly and allows them to better represent their districts. If you

Term limits will keep Sen. Bill benefit from having this particular

Bullard's. Sen. Bullard's 15th Senate District includes Novi, Commerce. Bullard, who was instrumental in Highland. Lyon, Farmington, bringing the new judgeship to the Farmington Hills, Milford, South

The 52-1 District Court in Novi hard for approval of Senate Bill 257 covers all those areas expect the

bill last January. Approval by the Township and Rose township, Oakland County Board of which is currently represented in Commissioners, who have been lob- the Senate by Republican Matt bied by Oakland County Executive Dunakiss and Democrat John L. Brooks Patterson to approve the Cherry, respectively. It would keep Novi court's electorate within the confines of the a new judge to Novi Considering the judgeship 15th senatoria district.

it will be hard to

find anyone who

will demand as

much attention

as Bullard.

is the fastest growing court in the

Detroit. The new judgeship in Nov

The basis is this: Sen, Bullard has

court, the area he has represented

is certainly in question of ethical to

your essential "retirement" from

local government.

Personalized Chrysler crisis

iew on what has happened at Chrysler. Four hellish years ago, we purchased a new full-sized 1996 Dodge Ram converon van. Starting at 20,000 miles, we ad the following problems (in addition to

Year one - Loose shock mount. Replace O2 sensor, plug wires, cap, rotor, PCV valve, rebuild transmission and replace rear clutch and seals, replace plug wires again along with belt tensioner, up plate, and synch, electric shocks given when shrieks when in reverse. We asked for a new transmission at 25,000 miles.

Year two - Replace transmission cooler mick connect, leak in windshield, ABS malfunctions, transmission lines switch and serpentine belt, battery

Year three - Complete replacement of rear end (yoke, gear, bearings, gasket, tail shaft seal, and transmission gasket), replace radiator, replace air bag control nodule, leak in front of transmission seal, brake pad fell off and ripped rotor apart, \$36 to replace a light bulb at deal-

Year four - Transmission leaks again. wires, distributor cap and rotor, replace ignition coil and rotor, whir develops and again, fuel line in gas tank needs to be replaced, transmission completely fails

ranty expired, but we lost the arbitration case. When we called for assistance after

After the transmission completely that not all members of the board believe

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LETTERS

ago as to how lovely it looked ... how flat, how even it all was, never once dreaming

that again the storm sewer syndrome ha

not been addressed. The 1200 block of

allowed to direct the flow of water to

of thousands of dollars spent in repaying

would have acknowledged previous problems, corrected same, and addressed

drainage under the new road? I have

been accused on many occasions of no

being an engineer. How could the city's

to even breaking ground in the hopes of

alleviating these problems upon comple

tion of the project? How many times are

we going to re-do ... re-do and upgrade ... before we solve the problems that have

JCK has told the council that current

standards must be adhered to and, again, it appears that current standards

simply cannot work on properties subdi-vided in the early 1900s. One East Lake

neighbor's problems that were created by

JCK or will be continue to remain mute

any person suffering flood damage will

James E. Korte

sue the city and JCK for such.

existed prior to?

Wouldn't one think that the hundreds

areas in which it had never before been

not the only answer

When one looks at the composite picture depicted by three items in the Feb. 8 Novi News, one is able to draw a few con

serious crimes seems to be static. Item two: "Police News": Indecent exposure, drunks, stolen mailboxes, etc., con-sume a lot of our officers' time without any appreciable benefits. liem three: "Police increase traffic

stops."
With the time spent issuing traffic citations and the ensuing court appearances. our officers hardly have time to investigate those crimes that are much mor

My criticism is levied with mixed feeling. I should probably appreciate the increased revenue that our police officers Meadowbrook, alone, must produce thousands of dollars annually. Traffic control is unquestionably more profitable

This increase in traffic citations does not necessarily reflect an increase in traffic. It most likely indicates an abundance of police officers with a lot of unproductive time on their hands. Hopefully the revenue the tickets pro-It appears East Lake has not been appropriately dealt with and I hope that

More importantly, if and when I ever have a real emergency, the officer who could, perhaps, save my family from tragedy isn't preoccupied issuing a speeding ticket for 40 mph in a 30 mpl

Step back to see both sides There was an experiment done in which

two people on opposite sides of a stage were shown a bail from a person in the middle of the stage, and they were each asked by that person what color the ball was. The person on one side said it was white and the person on the other side said it was black. A great disagreement arose between the two because each believed he was right the other was totalsaw the object of contention for what it really was – a ball painted one-half white and one-half black, which each person on either side could only see his half, and a right to know the facts to protect themtherefore that was believed to be the total truth of the whole object, even though he

only saw his side.

I was reminded of this experiment after hearing and reading the opposing "views" concerning the sexual education classes in Novi Community Schools. In the experin Novi Community Schools. In the experiment, the person in the middle could see both sides, if he looked right down the middle of the ball. If he stepped back far enough from the ball, he could also see both people at the same time and why

That "person" in the Novi school matter is now the board of education, even though it is their "ball" in dispute. They are the one who needs to step back and see, not only both sides, but the reason each side sees what they do. The board members are or have been parents of school-age children. I am sure that they have had children go through the sexual education classes. I am sure not all of them have reviewed the subject matter prior to their children doing so. I am sure that some are members of some church, and have personal views based on their religious upbringing. I am sure that there are board members who believe that they represent all parents in Novi, and not just those who believe what they believe. I am sure that there are board members who believe that a child's parents are the ones who should make the final decision about what their child is to be taught, especial- We welcome your letters to the editor.

guilty. ter, then both sides will be accommodated. The "bail" will remain black and ter again, it is all true and documented. I white, but it will not belong to everyone, not just the school board, and everyone trouble and why I'll never buy another will be allowed to continually see both

Mail:

Letters to the Editor sides.

Rawland Storm Novi

■ City's engineers ■ Magazines inap-

The issue, as you'll recall, is the placement of adult-targeted magazines literal.

install a water main, re-do an existing paved street, and it still is not acceptable. front of your store. This month's "Cosmo" sports the title "Make itim crave you sports the title "Make him crave you ...
the look that will have him quivering with commented at council several months desire." I wonder if CVS management young children to this type pornography. East Lake - generally speaking, the non-frontal (lake) owners - have had increas-ing problems with water flow since Hickory Woods Elementary School was

I won't allow my children into you store and do not make purchases at the front counter as I find the irresponsible display of such publications objection able. However, on my last visit to pick up check out up front. I am offended at having to be exposed

to this type of material in order to buy my medication at your store. Such material should be placed in the magazine aisle where we customers can choose to bypass if we so desire, he placed behind covers as at Kroger, or not displayed at all. As in the past, I'm forwarding this letter for publication in the Novi News and have registered my concerns with Bill Johnson

I would appreciate the courtesy of a reply from someone at CVS responsible

John S. Parker, DVM

■ Let's take a poll

resident declared to the council that JCK has done such a wonderful job. Is he now working in the direction of solving his Sex education is a hot topic in Novi and

ments exhibited at the recent hearings. Certain groups have learned to or ize their attack and try to shout down opposition. That's a sure sign of a weak

Parents who have only sixth to ninth grade students have not yet confronted the problems of their children dating and experimenting with sex. Yet, they are giv ing advice to teachers and administra The parent in the home is the best

method of teaching morals, not the school teacher cation is right for their children, they are responsible for teaching it to their chil-

dren. They can keep their children out of arose between the two because each the sex education class and be person in the middle disease themselves. The school teacher should teach studenis health and how the body wor

selves and avoid the disastrous conse

quences to their own lives when acciden ostracized by not being in the sex education class may be somewhat true. After all, kids will be ostracized for any number of things, from being too fat to not having the latest hot jacket or sneakers to not being in the "in" crowd. They need to learn how to cope with this and parents

help teach them how. Rather than take the words of a few parents who attend these meetings, why not take a survey of all the residents of Novi and Northville. They pay for the

include all parents, grandparents and great grandparents who have a lot more experience and wisdom than the "beginning" parents heard at some of these

Maybe then we'll find out what the real **Bob Moreillon**

Novi

Continued on 13

Share your opinions

the warranty expired, we were told, too bad, we were on our own even though the same problems kept reoccurring.

If when sit comes to subject matter of such a personal, life-changing, and possibly, life-creating potential. I would hope and phone number for verification. We

ask that your letters be 400 words or less. We may edit for clarity, space

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OTHER OPINIONS

More finagling by legislators

Commission recommended raising money directly out of the pockets of tax-salaries for both representatives and sen-payers. Guess which they'll do. ators from \$56,981 to \$77,400 per year. That caused a storm of protest.

> mendation, requires both legislature to figuring would take the heat.

releases from public-spirited and wholly disingenuous - representatives promptly filled the fax machines of newspapers

Finally, the Senate — wanting the pay hike but put fully in the bag by the House vote — managed to convene for at least 20 minutes on the last day it could vote to increase went into effect.

Now it turns out that the bill is going to have to be paid. It comes to \$2.8 million just for everybody's \$20,400 salary increases in future legislative pensions

Police brief didn't

On Page 2 of Novi News. Feb 8th edition, the

story about a Midway Drive resident who suf-fered a cold pizza because his mailbox got

colors - plainly on the front of the house?

once said. "If the flames are not com through your roof, it might take us a while

So a word to the wise - put up the address

Doug McCormick

make sense

debate

That caused a storm of protest.

Next, the House (wink, wink, nod, nod)
voted 100-6 to
turn down the
SOCC recomSOCC recomS Senate's share of the bill is around full \$750,000.) House Speaker Rick Johnson is also quoted as saying there's enough in the House budget to cover the expense

> be wildly enthusiastic about bailing out the House. The nicest word I heard from senators about the House vote was "grandstanding."
> On top of this, Gov. Engler's budget for

trim expenses, not increase them. (Observant readers should note, before Engler starts thumping his chest on this one, that his budget for the next fiscal year that starts on Oct. 1 calls for a 6.6 percent increase for the Legislature, a contributions from able people, both rich Jump of nearly \$12 million that easily will and poor. cover the legislative pay increases.)

reject, but somehow never managed to been reading a wonderful new biography hold a vote. Result: The gigantic pay of Benjamin Franklin by H.W. Brands, "The First American," In addition to before the House voted and the Senate telling the rich and admirable story of Franklin's life and times, the book includes telling excerpts from Franklin's own writing. In the context of big legislative salary increases, I was particuthat run on and on and on. The question is how? larly struck by this passage in which is passage in which comes your comments, either by voice mail at (734) 953-2047, ext. 1880, or by ers should receive no compensation e-mail at ppower@homecomm.net.

LETTER

ne else will see it too.

There are two options, Either the savings or it can pass a supplemental appropriation bill that

"There are two passions which have a powerful influence on the affairs of men. These are ambition and avarice: the love Separately, each of these has great force in prompting men to action; but when united in view of the same object, they have in many minds the most violen effects. Place before the eyes of such this year calls for all state departments to same time be a place of profit, and they will move heaven and earth of obtain it and could afford to argue such, And I am also aware that paying salaries to all

cover the legislative pay increases.]

While all of this has been going on, I've

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■ Traffic control

Item one: "Crime ... up" Solving the

than accessing burglars, child molesters, shop lifters, etc.

duce offsets the cost of their wages, ben-

Patrick M. Downey

I have an individual's personal point of

front shocks replaced, rear axle bearings replaced, engine misfires, replace ignition

and needs to be replaced. We applied for a "buy back" from Chrysler for our lemon before the war-

failed yesterday, we gave up and donated that the board knows best what is best the lemon to Charity Motors. We couldn't sell it to someone, we would have felt too If common-sense prevails in this mat-

Bruce Kittle

to blame for flood-

After reading that residents along East Lake Drive are flooding. I must make comment. It appears that the new road has some elevation or topographical has some elevation or opposition of prize magazines at the candy counter at problems. My, who did this engineering? Prize magazines at the candy counter at prize to receive a reply prized to learn that once again, it is JCK & Associates, the city's consulting engineers.

are we ever going to get it right?," we ment of adult-targeted magazines literal-spend hundreds of thousands of dollars, by at eye level at the candy counter at the

propriate for children

Editor's Note: This letter was originally Fax: addressed to CVS Pharmacy.
This is now the fifth letter I've sent you on the issue of the placement of inappro-

Remember how our legislative masters lature can find \$2.8 million in savings by in Lansing finagled themselves a 36 per-cent salary increase? cutting other areas of legislative spending or it can pass a supplemental appropria

tion bill that amounts to taking the Legislative leaders are putting up a

(The 110-member House faces a \$2.1 million bill for the pay increase.) Don't expect members of the Senate to

legislature can find \$2.8 million in amounts to taking money directly out of the pockets of taxpavers. Guess which they'll do.

Phil Power is chairman of HomeTown Communications Network Inc. the compa ny that owns this newspaper. He we

It should be mandatory for each Department to compile video reports each week for the Novi City Council and for their

would soon wither and die. We are not asking for Steven Spielberg or

Responsible Gun Owners

There has been plenty of time for

Hills, and other communities around the city of Novi seem to be doing reasonably well communicating with their residents and I'm writing in response to an editoria appearing in your publication, which urged people to help defeat the new concealed Yet, here in Novi on our own city channel -

weapons law passed by our legislature.
First of all, this legislation didn't create as
much public outery from Michigan citizens as
your article would have readers believe. While a few politicians and anti-gun groups ratied against it, polls consistently indicated that the ajority of Michigan residents support this called for it. Before passing it however, the leg-

Granholm Wayne County Prosecutor (Mike) Duggan, and Handgun Control, Inc. from Channel 13? the legislature that this law was a bad idea for Michigan despite having had every opportunity to try. Their claims were refuted by case studies of 31 other states with similar laws which show that postition had been supported by the control of the provided by the p

which show that nothing bad happens when CCW permits are issued to qualified citizens. This whole petition drive is just a last-ditch ploy designed to distort the issue, conceal the facts and trick voters who aren't familiar with

To be fair, we'd like people to be able to read and understand this legislation before making stolen doesn't make very sood sense, Where, their minds up. We've posted it in its unal-does he expect the pizza to be delivered to tered form on our website at www.mcrgo.org malibox? What if he had to call 911, and it's there for all to read. People interested should the Fire Department respond to his in supporting it can contact us there or by mailbox? Why doesn't he put his bouse number in large legibile numbers and contrasting nitely two sides to this issue and i appreciate 1 like what the late Fire Chief of Hamburg of them.

because criminals don't want to risk being

shot. Our view though is that Duggan and Granholm already know that we're right and they're petrified that if this law takes effect

any less law abiding than citizens of Texas or Florida, and nothing will happen except that the rates of violent street crime will drop Departm

Ross Dykman Executive Director Michigan Coalition for

B Residents deserve news on Channel 13 A good city administration is one that communicates well with its residents and taxpayers. The cities of Farmington, Farmington

Channel 13 - we are watching the same old tired shows over and over again. And we are still listening to Christmas music in February. On Channel 13, it is not uncommon to see repeatedly, old video announcements for events that have long come and gone. Is there nothing eventfully happening in the city of Novi from week to week? Or is this a

called for it. Before passing it nowever, use to islature spent six years studying this issue sexhaustively, and both supporters and opponents were granted numerous public hearings in which to present their views. Your editorial in which to present their views. Your editorial accuses the legislature of "sneaking" this bill accuses the legislature of sneaking this bill accuse the legislature of sneaking the legislature of sneaking the legislature of sneaking the legislature of sneaking the legislature of sneakin through, but nothing could be farther from not at least deserve weekly video progress & status reports on Channel 13?

deliberate, covert attempt not to let the Novi

via weekly video progress & status reports on informational video reports on Channel 13, what, how, and where our tax money is being

spent!
It would not hurt for the Parks & Recreation This whole petition drive is just a last-ditch ploy designed to distort the issue, conceal the facts and trick voters who aren't familiar with the studies into voting this law down. If anyone deserves the title of "sneaky," it's foranholm and Duggan. At least our legislature operated openly and truthfully and granted access to everyone.

We don't need any more time to debate this access to everyone.

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issue. We've already had six years of debate and everyone has had plenty of opportunity to be heard. What we need to do now is let the are just as guilty in their lack of reporting via Channel 13. Novi residents and taxlaw take effect.

Duggan claims that there will be an increase in shootings and "road rage" incidents, but these things haven't happened anywhere else. We're confident that Michigan citizens aren't etc., are doing except spending our tax

true bosses - the Novi residents and taxpay-ers! Without the continued support and steady flow of tax money from the Novi residents and taxpayers,

George Lucas productions. We are simply ask-ing that the city administration keep us in the loop and keep us informed. Or forget about asking us to consider approving any taxes or ases in the future

Students should

be informed about I'd like to express my disappointment in the January 25th front page article and the corre-sponding editorial on Novi Public Schools' planned sex education program. I don't believe the issue is about which program is better, abstinence-based or abstinence-only.

children will be taught in this program. Whether Novi Schools has complied with State

aw while developing this program is question

parents were not encouraged to participate in the development of the program and course details and materials are not easily available nence-only program but are more concerned about so-called abstinence-based programs that can swing two ways. Will we have an abstinence-based program with the message: "Abstinence is best BUT we know that's not

likely to happen so here are some options"

and media promote that everyone is doing it. the truth.

This legislation was passed after much research and bipartisan compromise, including input from law enforcement. It was carefully crafted after years of study and debate and no one was excluded. Backers of the petition drive — Attorney General [Jennifer] carefully crafted after years of study and debate tand no one was excluded. Backers of the petition drive — Attorney General [Jennifer] carefully crafted after years of study and debate tand no one was excluded. Backers of the petition drive — Attorney General [Jennifer] carefully crafted after years, and menta promote that evelvables to emphasize respect, responsibility and self-control. Our program must also teach the possible negative results of sex, not from a fear perspective as some have challenged, but to provide all the facts.

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Our program must emphasize respect, responsibility and self-control. Our program must also teach the possible negative results of sex, not from a fear perspective as some have challenged, but to provide all the facts. Our program must emphasize the truth and the truth is sex is a serious subject. One in four females will be sexually assaulted by the time they are 18. Having sex too early can result in various emotional and behavioral disorders such as the feeling of being used, a poor self-esteem, eating disorders, and more seriously, suicidal tendencies. Unwanted

> ment all result from or relate to sex.
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> Our program must tell the truth about "safe sex." Contrary to popular opinion, condoms do not provide "safe sex." Condoms do not eliminate the risk of pregnancy or AIDS and do not protect against all sexually transmitted dis-Our program must emphasize the importance and rewards of "waiting" for marriage before having sex. Sexual behavior is deter-

mined by morals and values, not just know

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edge. As a result, our program must get the

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Subsidiary continues expansion

By RANDAL YAKEY

With the recent down turns in the automotive industry, one Novi auto supplier is bucking the trend and looking forward to an expan-sion that will include new opportu-

nities this spring.

Cosworth Technology Inc. has recently completed a \$1.5 million expansion of engineering capabilities at its U.S. based operations on Vincenți Court in Novi.

wheren Court in Novi.
"We have just completed the expansion," Cosworth Technology [CT] Communications and Marketing director Dantelle Williams said, "We are going to be hiring but I am not sure of the number right now."

The expanded engineering center.

The expanded engineering center will include a testing chamber for engine seals. The new Variable Temperature SHED (Seal Housing for Evaporative Determination) and all-wheel-drive rolling dynometer at CT's Novi location were benefited from the \$1.5 million investment. The rolling dynometer is a braking device, exclusive to the United States, to enhance breaking on small compact cars and lightweight

Cosworth is a subsidiary of the Audi AG automotive group based in North Hampton, England, and a major supplier of Powertrain and engineering services to Jaguar of North America, Ford Motor Co., Motors and Harley

Davidson.
According to Williams, Cosworth will be looking for new employees at the job fair for the Society for Automotive Engineers (SAE) World Congress and Exposition held at Cobo Hall during the week of March 5-8.

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Red Cross Blood Drive

Blood Donations Needed

On Thursday, March 22 the Novi Woods PTQ, togeth-er with The American Red Cross, will be sponsoring a blood drive at Novi Woods Elementary School on Taft Road

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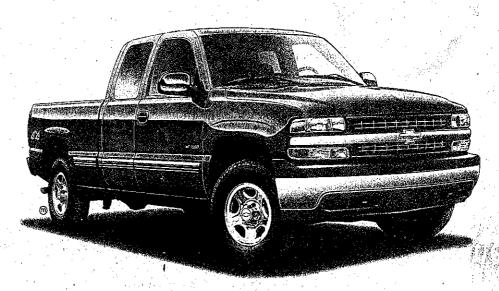
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Thursday, February 22, 2001



The Novi Varsity PomPon squad placed 2nd in the High Kick division at the UDA Nationals in Fiorida earlier this month. Pictured above is Lindsay Anan, Laura Brandau, Valerie Caroselli, Erin Chupinsky, Michelle Claverilla, Carmen Decker, Madeline DiRocco, Dana Dzwonkowski, kiley Elfring, Marcy Golota, Melissa Gorman, Alyssa Hamblin, Courtney Harfoot, Erin Holmes, Danielle Kazakos, Hillary Kroll, Holly Lloyd, Erin Mellem, Dana Moore, Christina Morianti, Lauren Powell, Stephanie Regan, Erin Reid, Abigail Saarl, Erika Slating, Karrie Smith, Betsy Thelen, and Sarah Wilson. The team is coached by Julie Hobbs.

Alive and kickin' in Disney World

PomPon squad takes second in UDA National

In early February, the Novi Varsity Pom Pon Squad's 28 members trav-eled to Orlando, Fla., to compete in the Universal Dance Association's National Dance Competition. This was Novi's first time ever entering a realizable competition, characteristics.

was tooks hist with ever interning analonal competition since forming the squad of years ago.

The squad of the "High Kick Division" competing against 24 teams from all over the United States, at MGM Studio's Indiana Jones com plex. High Kick is a lightly choreo graphed routine which must contain at least 50 klcks with a time limit of only two minutes. The squad per-formed their vigorous routine to Jimi Hendrix's "Fire." The competition was extremely competitive and out of the 24 teams, 10 were chosen to advance

on Saurday, Feb. 3, Novi made the cut to the Top 10, scoring 937 points out of a possible 937 points. The Finals were held the following day at Walt Disney World's Wide

"All in all it was a wonderful experience that called for hard work, but it was well worth it!"

> Julie Hobbs Novi PomPon coach

World of Sports Complex, now with a

World of Sports Complex, now with a totally new set of judges.

Now performed a nearly flawless routine, scoring a 2nd place showing. They were edged out of 1st place by 6 points by Seabreeze High School, a Flortida squad, which has entered this competition for the past 5 years and placed 3rd last year. The finals were taped by ESPN, with the broadcast scheduled to air on March 22.

This is the first time I've ever taken

"This is the first time I've ever taken a team to Nationals," said coach Julie

Hobbs. "The UDA provided such a great opportunity to travel and com-pete against some of the top teams from all over the country. All in all it was a wonderful binding experience that called for a lot of hard work, but it was all well worth it,"

The girls performed extremely well against professional caliber dance squads from across the United States. A second place finish for the first time ever entering this competi-tion is a milestone and rarely accom-plished. The success in the national spoilight is another in a long list of accomplishments for the team. They were Mid American State Champs in 1996,1998 and 1999 and Varsity High Kick State Champs in 1999.

riign wick State Champs in 1999.
The next and final competition for the year will be for the Mid American Pom Pon State title at Saginaw Valley State University on Sunday, Feb. 25th. They will be competing against teams from across the state of Michitem.

'Cats prey on two pool opponents

By COLBY J. CAVALIERE

team lately. After drowning Fenton 135-50 on Feb. 8, Novi returned to the pool last week to maul its next two opponents. On Feb. 12, they took out Walled Lake Western/Central 146-40, and two days later drubbed South Lyon, 141-45.

Against Central, Novi stormed off the blocks, not only winning the first three events but sweeping them as well. The Novi 200 medley relay teams swept as Ian Reynolds, Matt Ochab and Matt Schafer took 1-2-3 in the 200 freestyle, Mike Bliss, Juhwan Yoo, and Dan Thelen swept through the 200 lM, giving the Cats a very early 38-8 lead.

Brian Schoepsle and Stuart Smith nabbed 1-2 in the 50 freestyle, with Derrick Zonca, Smith habbed 1-2 in the 50 freestyle, with Derrick Zonca, Steve Alberty and Scott Rettman placing 1-2-3 in diving Following in their teammates strokes, Andrew Sawmiller and Chris Pieprzak finished 1-2 in 100 buterfly, Schoepfle, and Thelan took 1-2 in the 100 freestyle, with Dehab, Schafer, and Reynolds sweeping the 500 freestyle.

By now the Cats had an insurnountable 99-27 lead, but they continued to pour it on. The 200 freestyle relay team took first and Second, followed by Bliss and Moblo at 1-2 in the 100 backstroke. Tachwan Yoo and Ed Santos finished 1-2 in the 100 breaststroke, and fittingly the

breaststroke, and fittingly the Wildcats ended the meet with a sweep in the 400 freestyle relay.

NOVI 141. SOUTH LYON 45 In yet another display of pool dominance, Novi rolled through their final KVC dual of the season

against South Lyon.
The Wildcats started the meet The Wildcats started the meet with a 1-2 finish in the 200 med-ley relay. In the second event, the 200 freestyle, Robertson and Thetan grabbed first and second place finishes. The 'Cats liked that 1-2 winning flavor so much, they did it again in the 200 IM, with Moblo, and T. Yoo as the participants.

Bliss finished first in the 50 freestyle, and the divers once again rocked the pool with a 1-2-3 sweep by Zonea, Rhettman and Matt VanNortwick. At this point, the meet was all but over with Novi up 61-17. As the events con-tinued, so did the Wildeat wins.

Jack Tyler took first in the 100 butterfly and teammate Matt Peurach earned third. The 'Cats brought out the broom for the next two events. In the 100 freestyle, they got a sweep thanks to Capanyola. Sawmiller, and T. Yoo, and in the 500 freestyle Bilss, Ochab, and Shafer got the 1-2-3 finish.

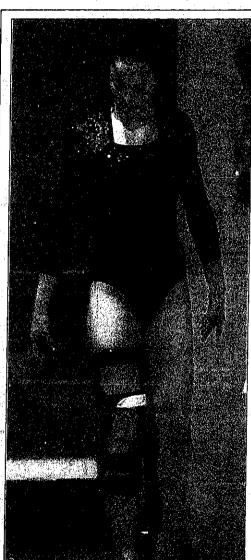
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The score got even messier when the 200 freestyle relay teams finished 1-2, and Moblo winning the 100 backstroke.

Jyoo, and David Benton got themselves a 1-2 placing in the 100 breaststroke, and once again. Novi finished a meet with a roar. when they swept the 400 freestyle

On the horizon for the peaking Wildcats is a meet at Swartz Creek tomorrow and more importantly the KVC meet on Feb. 27.

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nastics. Phelps aggrivated the injury during the WLAA meet.

Conference belongs to Wild'Stangs

The Wild Stang gymnasts ran their perfect record conference record to 9-0 by winning Saturday's WLAA Conference meet, with a team score of 146.825. Although they posted the third highest score achieved in the state this season (they also have the two highest scores), the victory didn't come easy, and wasn't with-

They earned the victory in what many consider the toughest con-ference in the state. Coach Lindsey Crews was well aware that it would be a highly competitive

"Do you realize that five of the top ten teams in the state are in this conference, and capable of hitting 140s and above," said Crews, "We knew that we would have to concentrate and hit our routines in order to win."

The difficulty of the task was

further flustrated by the final scores, with less than seven points separating Novi-Northville from fifth place Livonia. Tri-Farmington who Buished second with a score who littished second with a score of 144.925, was less than a point above third place Brighton. Host Hartland took fourth with a score of 142.174, with Livonia fifth, and Safem (138.5), Walled Lake Central (138.475), Canton (130.8) and Westland John Glenn (129.05) making up the rest of the field.

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The hard-fought win came at a price, when senior co-captain Kelley Phelps aggravated a knee injury, and may be lost for the remainder of the season. Phelps crumpled to the mat at the end of her floor routine, clutching her knee and displaying obvious pain.

You never want to see anyone years in a row," said Fink.

get injured, particularly one of your captains, said Crews. On a brighter note, the com-bined squad was boosted by the return of junior Lindsey Carlson, who led the team with a 9.1 on your lands of the company of the comvault. Sophomore Jenn Sturgis, who was recovering from a bout with the flu led the team with an all-around score of 37.2, which was good for second at the meet. was good for second at the finest Making up her all-around score were first place finishes on bars (9.75) and beam (9.5). Close behind her was senfor Megan Samhat with an all-around of 37.125, which included a second on the floor (9.55), second on beam (9.5) and third on bars

Also making strong showings for the Wild Stangs were Division Two gymnasts Alison Gillette and Monica Fink, as well as Andrea Ledbetter. Fink took second on vault (9.0), Gillette earned first on bars (9.1), and Ledbetter took third all-around (35.2). Crews expects Carison, who is also nurs ing an elbow injury, to be ready to return to all-around competition at regionals on March 3.

The team now has two weeks to

The team now has two weeks to prepare for the regional competition that will take place in Canton on March 3.

The top three teams from each of the four regions advance to the state team finals. Northville-Novi has won its regional championship for four consecutive years. onship for four consecutive year and is poised to do it again this

and is poised to do it again this year. Fink is the only member of the team remaining from the 1998 state championship winners.

"I would love to be part of a team that wins its regional four years in a row, and appears in the state team championships four



Novi destroyed Brighton in the first round of the districts, 72-3, here wrestler Matt Harsha-Strong, top, has the edge on his Brigton opponent,

Wildcats slash their way to district championship

BY COLBY J. CAVALIERE Sports Editor

They won all their dual meets they split the KVC title, and oh yeah, they also won their district. In what was almost an "oh by

the way performance, the Wildcats wrestling team rolled throughout the Walled Lake Wildcats wrestling team rolled throughout the Walled Lake Western District, with a 72-3 win, over Brighton, and a 56-15 thrash-ing of Walled Lake Western. We matched up well against W.L. Western, but we just came out focused and wrestled extreme-

ly well," said Novi coach Brad Huss. Coming off the disappointing

loss to Hartland the previous week in the KVC tournament, the Wildcats hit the mat with a wildcats hit the mat with a vengeance, never giving Brighton a chance. In the second match, they stepped up their effort level, and desire, and stifled a tough Western team, shutting them down early on the power of their top performers.

As a team, Novi has dominated for much of the year, but several individuals have also put together

impressive seasons as well. On the day, Josh Churella (103) remained undefeated and moved his record to 35-0. Ryan Churella (145) also kept his unbeaten streak, taking

his record to 40-0.

The roster is scattered with a number of impressive individual records. Here is a list of each wrestler, and their records follow

ing the team districts:

Craig Hearn (13-1), J.R.
Muldoon (36-3), Corey Nobach

Continued On 2

Regionals next for Wildcat wrestlers

(30-6), Brian Ong (30-10), Matt Harsha-Strong (8-7), Dan Cash (18-9), Chris Stallard (15-15), Andrew Becker (20-10), Vince Slovan (35-7), Scott Korlandt (30-9). Matt Kolich (16-7). Tim Stefanson (30-10), and injured Nick Slovan who finished the sea-

"If we wrestle as good as we did here in the districts, I think we will be very tough to heat, "Huss said. With the district win, Novi advanced to the regionals where they faced Troy and West Bloomfield last night for the rights o advance to the state playoffs in Battle Creek on March 2, Results of those matches were not available when the Novi Netos went to press.

INDIVIDUAL RESULTS

A day after wiping the mat with their district opponents, the focus was turned to the individual districts on Saturday, when several Novi-Northville matchaps gave the

ny some extra flare. At 103, a matchup of unbeatens started it off, and highlighted a freat day of wrestling. Something

Churella and his 35-0 mark went up against Northville's Ravi Saran and his 39-0 record. It was a hard fought contest, but Churella was able to hold on to an early lead and pionship. Wildcats and Mustangs faced off

again at 112, when J.R. Muldoon (36-3) and Josh D'Anna (20-12) squared off. The Wildcats once again bested their rivals with Muldoon winning bandily, 15-1,
The third and final matchup between the neighboring focs took

place at 160, when Novi's Vince Slovan (35-7) and Northville's Anton Palushaj (28-7). Slovan gave Novi the sweep with a victory and earned himself a third place district finish.

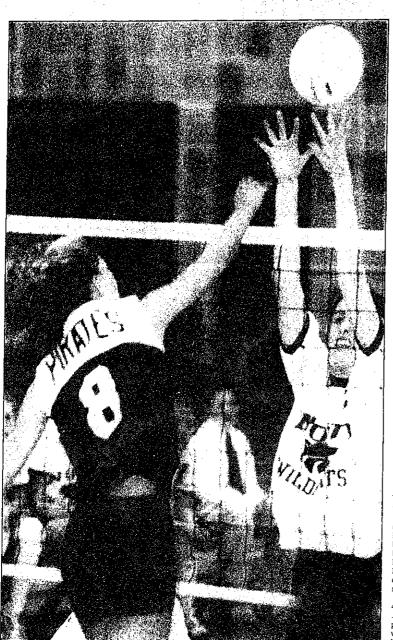
Ryan Churella remained unde-feated while taking the distric championship at 145, while teammates Craig Hearn (103) and Scott Kortlandi (171) earned third place finishes. Tim Stefanson (215)

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Dancin' dads

The Novi JV PomPon team and their dads dazzled an enthusiastic crowd with their annual Daddy/Daughter dance performance duing the February 9 JV basketball game halftime show. The dads and their girls practiced all week perfecting their dance moves and toe jumps.



Do you or someone you know deserve some

Tina Hildreth evelvates to block a spike attempt from a Pinckney opponent. The two teams played a grueling three-game match, with the Lady Wildcats emerging victorious at the end

Novi outlasts Milford in epic match

By COLBY J. CAVALIERE

An important trait of any team is

Coming off a lackluster showing, the Lady Wildcats responded by displaying guts and heart, in a three-set epic win against Milford A win didn't look to be in the

cards when Novi lost the first set 7-15 and found themselves facing a 10 point deficit in the second

"We struggled early with some mental mistakes and serving errors, and that got us in a hole." said Novi coach Julie Fissette.

But the girls grabbed their shovels and started digging themselves out, buckling down and eventually winning the second set, 16-14. The third set was almost an exact repli 11-14. Tough defense and timely serving by Tina Hildreth and Kathy

Zakaria enabled Novi to claw back and win the set, and game, 16-14. The girls were fired up and in a zone. Fissette said. We played remarkable volleyball, and it was just an amazing game to watch." Angle Schmitt, who Fissette said "played her best game ever," was a

force for the Lady Wildcats tallying an ace, seven kills and two blocks. Hildreth and Melissa Clark combined for nine kills, while Mickie Rzenka added 11 kills of her own Back-line defensive specialist Brittany Barrett played "a phenom-enal game all around" for the win-

Novi moved their KVC record to 4-5, with a chance to get to the 500 mark tonight in Pinckney at 6 p.m. On Saturday, the Wildcats will participate in a tournament at Ypsilanti, followed by the season's final regular season game Feb. 26

Hoopsters back on track Front court, free-throw shooting lead the way in two Novi wins By COLBY J. CAVALIERE Sports Editor Facing a late season spiral that could destroy a successful season, the Novi basketball team showed poise by bouncing back and winning two games last week against Hazel Park and Hartland. Coming off their third straight loss, the Wildcats played a sloppy at the half.

Coming off their third straight in 18-16 least the Wildcats played a sloppy first half against non-conference foe Hazel Park. Novi was plagued in the helf. by 14 first half turn-overs, but luckily the Vikings couldn't take the advantage, and the 'Cats found themselves up 17-16 at the half.

"We came out sluggish and slop-ny, and didn't play real well in the lirst half." said Novi coach Pat The Eagles Just couldn't muster half was a much "In our wins we shoot well

story Cats from the line, in our losses matched their first haif scoring output with 17 in the third quarter. Their hot shooting Scott Schluter Court lug-of-war, Novi head coach 47-43.

continued in a the Wildcats
tight fourth, while matching
until junior center Jamie Schram his previous game's output of 15

caught fire scoring 12 of his game high 15 points - nine of which came from the free-throw line.

'Jamier really took control inside and carried us in the fourth quartily and ter," Schluter said.

Sophomore guard Chase
Chandler handled the scoring from and fought and we couldn't put

the perimeter - notching 11 points and the team shot a stellar 77% (17-22) from the charity stripe in the 54-44 victory.

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We came back and played a ter
We came back and played a ter-(17-22) from the charity stripe in the 54-44 victory. "We came back and played a ter-

rifle second half after such a dis-mal first," Schluter said. "Obviously with the couple of loses down to free-throw shooting. In our "Obviously with the couple of loses we had in a row, this was a huge shoot poorly. That's just the way

win. "

NOVI 47, HARTLAND 43

Close, tight games with KVC opponents have been routine for on the horizon to close out the season. The first of which takes place

Once again struggling in the arly coing. Novi found themselves Colby Cavaliere is the sports edit



In a recent game. Wildcat Matt Emmenecker is forced to after

shutout with their first and only

would cap the scoring with his

Bulbak leads Wildcats in 9-1 thrashing

Hockey

By COLBY J. CAVALIERE Sports Editor

third goal of the game midway thought the period.

"We came to play," said Novi coach Dan Phelps. "The guys were fired up to come back, and resurrect themselves, and show everyone why we are a contend-After grinding through a three game stretch that included a close win, a close loss, and a tie, the Wildcats bockey team was

made.

The Pinckney Pirates were the unlucky sacrificial lambs in a 9
The win moved Novi's record to

1 thrashing on Valentine's "The guys were fired up to Day. In a day when love was come back and resurrect In the air, Novi stormed themselves, and show

onto the ice everyone..." vengeance,

Dan Phelos
Novi head coach
Wednesday, with game. Freshman Chaz Bulbak notched goal number one, fol-

owed by teammates Adam been our goal since day one," Phelps said. The district playoffs will kick

off on Tuesday, with Novi's oppo-

SPORTS BRIEFS

the young Wildcats team this sea-

This tournament will feature ten different brackets. They include 5th-6th grade boys and girls, 7th grade boys and girls, 8th grade boys and girls, 9th-10th grade boys and girls, 9th-10th grade boys and girls. All grades are based on the grade in which the student is currently enrolled.

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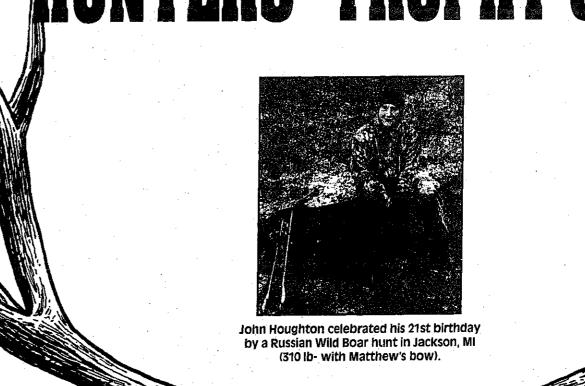
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Haberman and Justin Collins.

11 Tonly got worse for the Pirates in the second period.
Leading KVC scorer Brad Zarem gave the Cats a 4-0 lead with a goal early on. Goal number five was notched by Bryan Vigna, and before the period was over Kyle Major and Haberman would join in the fun with goals of their own. Late in the period, Pinckney would spoil the

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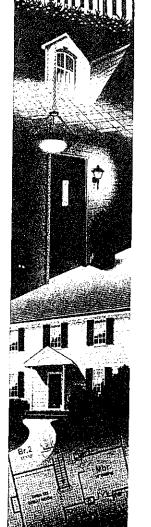


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They instead get their water from fruits and vegetables. This made me very concerned for the health electrolytes. of this person. Is that true? We can get our essential water intake through water-based fruits and body.

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more. Most people even say, "I you are getting enough water how you should drink around eight glasses a day" but they make a conscious effort to consequence of the fact is that most of you sume 8-12 eight ounces glasses a

• Water cleanses the bowels and aids the absorption of nutrients.
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stances out of the intestines

water and bloat up.

The digestive tract will decrease its ability to eliminate . The body may start to build up

 Water contains minerals and their function causing many severe problems.

 Water will also wash toxic sub-substances were linked to cancer. drink water?
 The body will start to retain to the water to kill the disease high. The human body is very sen silive to these substances. My need to replenish the cells of your body throughout your day. Have

> Dr. Stopa at Main Street Family Chiropractic center, 109 W. Main St., Northville. For any questions, call (248) 735-9800.

Endographs combat heart aneurysm

nothing while others may only radiological exams, such X-ray complain of a slight pain in the angiography, magnetic resonance complain of a slight pain in the abdomen or back that radiates to the groin. But this minor discoming from this minor discoming the perfort may be the result of a major formed for other medical reasons. and even life-threatening probleman abdominal nortic aneurysm.

To treat this often silent prob-lem, which is the 12th leading

cause of death in the United States, a new endovascular surgical approach called an endograft is being used at the University of Michigan Health System. It has proven to be highly effective and

About 80 percent of aortic for that patient ancurysms, a bulging or ballooning of the aortic artery, occur in the Michigan is antennyans, a obliging or anoming in the state of the aortic artery, occur in the Michigan is abdominal aortic segment below about 5 per- abdominal aortic aneurysm roughly 3 percent to 9 percent of those between the ages of 60 to 70 years old, have abdominal acrtic ancurysms, and many of these terms are triped and the ages of 60 to 70 years old, have abdominal acrtic ancurysms, and many of these terms are triped and the ages of 60 to 70 you have it done. The acrtical a meurysms, and many of them go after said Gilbert R.

Upchurch Jr. M.D., a vascular sur-geon at the U-M Health System. ruptured, the "[The chance for an aneurysm] is about 80 perhigher in patients who smoke, have cent. asthma, high blood pressure, or genetics contribute to the forma-

to the lower extremities including all of the major abdominal organs.

Ancurysms usually occur when the arterial wall becomes weak or damaged from accumulation of choicserol-containing fatty deposits arteriosclerosis), a birth defect, or an injury. This weakening, along with the pumping force of the heart, reduces the elasticity of the artery causing the artery to slowly stretch and bulge, and posing the risk of a rupture if left untreated.

The definition of the aneurysms and bypasses the aneurysm. Using the providing the new procedure, there has been an 80 percent success route to the aneurysm is created through the stretch and the providing t

It's often a silent problem that in many cases can be difficult to detect with just a physical exam. Most physicians become detect. Some patients may feel aware of the aneurysm through system.

Once detected, Upchurch says to pass through a series of the aneutrysm needs to be treated catheters - varying in diameter - to gain access to the aneutrysm and the arteries in the pelvis.

Through a series of ever, patients are frequently sitting up and ready to eat the same day, and then sent home the following day. immediately if greater than five centimeters to avoid the risk of a potentially fatal rupture.

aneurysm that's diagnosed and is said Williams. 'Just imagine the repaired through open surgery or the endovascular technique, the endovascular technique, the mortality rate

[aneurvsm] has

For the past 50 years, the most the aorta below the patient's artercommon way to treat an aneurysm less to the kidneys and allows the before it ruptured was to perform an elective, but highly invasive sur-

With this procedure, incisions

"Through one of the arteries we The way to treat ruptured put a very large device, about the size of a pencil in diameter, all the treat electively, or to treat it before way up to the mid-abdomen region way up to the mid-abdomen region way up to the mid-abdomen region way up to the mid-abdomen region. it ruptures - if you have an and deploy the endovascular graft."

> through the narrow mouth of the

Gilbert R.Upchurch vascular surgeon a narrow pathway to the vascular surgeon abdominal aorta. released and expanded. This seals

expansion seals

ton of aneurysms from an epidemiological standpoint."

An aneurysm affects the wall of the norta, the main blood vessel that supplies blood from the heart

(With the open surgical procedure) is a device fin the damaged array that a large upper end that supplies blood from the heart

(With the open surgical procedure) is a device fin the damaged array that has a large upper end and two smaller lower ends, sort of and bypasses the aneurysm. The

sew a graft, literally a piece of polyester, from normal aoria to normal
aoria, said Upchurch.

However, the new endograft proHowever, the new endograft procedure for abdominal aortic through the device, into the pelvis,

The endograft procedure also are made high in the groin area to gain access to the arteries. When the artery is exposed, a needle is put into it and a guide wire is used

"Someone who is healthy should

entering at risk, either because of advanced age or coexisting medical prob-lems, would be a good candidate

University of Michigan Health In a bottle, a small device is TeleCare at 1-800-742-2300, cate-gory 1010. This information will be auxiliable Feb. 19 to 25.

> involves a stent graft, a woven polyester tube being placed inside a diseased vessel without surgical-

Ab training alone can't get the right effect

The groundhog has stuck his head out offering his gloomy preshorts, tank tops, and bathing suits. The infomercials certainly warmer weather, offering every-

warner weather and the clothes it requires, the question of what works and what doesn't in reference to flattening, toning and firming the mid-section becomes the top question I receive. Unfortunately, after explaining the truth (based on how the human body works), people usually thank me kindly and look elsewhere in search of the quick, easy fix answer they desire. In my

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Drs. Martin Tamler and Sharon

natural healing and the newest

Drive, Plymouth, MI 48170.

research on Fibromyalgia.

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Mieland at 734-254-0500.

There is a required \$10 registration fee per person.

Dates are: Monday, January 29, Monday February 26, and Monday March 26, 6:30-8:30pm. For information call Ronnie

doer, flattener, shaper, melter, etc., all loaded with promises of a smaller, flatter, firmer mid-secflatten and firm your mid-section.

Take the past injuries to be concerned caloric deficit – in other words – about, and your goal is to tone, flatten and firm your mid-section.

Take the past injuries to be concerned caloric deficit – in other words – about, and your goal is to tone, flatten and firm your mid-section. tion we all desire in only a few For the real optimists, let's od. This is done through watching assume you may want to see that our food intake and increasing six-pack in the mid-section.

Based on this goal, let's now form of cardiovascular exercise. If warmer weather and the clothes it turn our attention to how the you can achieve this for a consis-

and potential injury.

As with all fitness advice, the answer starts and ends with the goal of the client, so let's clarify this, I am assuming you are the lot easier.) To achieve body fat reduction. The combination is the key, in fact, you are doing more to flatten your abdominals by accomplishing 30 minutes of cardiovascular exercise than all the strengthening

1-800-HELP NOW

pre-warm weather clothes season tradition, let me offer the truth about improving this pesky area never see them. So the first task of the claim of a flatter ter. Turning that around equates to six more weeks until warmer weather. Remember T-shirts, and potential injury.

To four bodies, once again, in hope to that firm, sleek mid-section is more firm mid-section without to reduce body fat. (This is the part where I lose the attention of reduction. The combination is the

There you have it. The same

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HOMETOWN LIFE



Thursday afternoon. He was there with his mother Sue

Above:Tracy Myers helps her son Riley, 5, into his skates

Ice Arena. The Myers attend the sessions most Thursdays.

Photos by John Heider

Story by Jennifer Norris



Slip, slidin' away Ice skating brings fun to the winter blues

ing away large amounts of seasonal mg away laige amounts of seasonal precipitation it's the very common sound heard at any ice skating rink. When the mercury plunges during the blustery months of winter, many residents head off to area ice rinks to engage in a relaxing recreational activity that oftentimes yields energizing effects.

For first-time skaters, stepping at onto the lee for the first time can e slightly nerve-wracking but and out onto the ice for the first time can skaters, parents and local ice skat-ing officials have shared a few tips to help make that first venture onto skates depends largely on the inter-

WHAT TO WEAR Tammy Hombirg, figure skating director at the Novi Ice Arena, said director at the Novi Ice Arena, said one of the key tips skaters should keep in mind before lacing up their skates is to dress warmly. Although dressing properly may seem to be common sense, Hombirg said skaters frequently wear the wrong type of clothing-particularly during summer mentls.

Hombirg said the best way to dress is to layer clothing. She said the air temperature inside an ice rink is approximately 50 degrees, so layered clothing will offer skaters a the air temperature inside an ice rink is approximately 50 degrees, so layered clothing will offer skaters a maximum amount of warmth and an increased comfort level, However, overdressing can restrict movebefore a Thursday afternoon open skating session at the Novi

include a sweatshirt and a comfortable pair of pants, such as jogging Below: Skaters take to the ice at the Novi Arena on a weekday pants or sweatpants. Gloves or mit ens should also be worn

> sock without a pattern is recommended while skating. Wearing thick socks inside tightly laced skates can restrict blood circulaskates can restrict blood circula-ion.
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> Although using a helmet is skate blades need to wiped down

instructor, said beginning figure skating students need to wear a nelmet for protection.

If a helmet is used, make sure it the swent the blades are not on the ice. Although walking on rub-

made about choosing skates.

snugly and have enough room to

est level of the skater

Cindy Shedd-Itami, a Farmington try out skating before investing in a pair of skates. She said beginnin skaters should sign up for lesson and see if they enjoy skating enough to warrant purchasing skates.

CARING FOR YOUR SKATES Like anything else, in order to get the maximum efficiency from your skates, regular maintenance is a

For those that choose to purchase Recommended clothing items Sharpening facilities are available at young child or an adult, your cur-

> not very large, the bottom of a skate blade has two edges along the sides and resembles and upside-down "U" shape. Sharpening the blades restores the desired shape, which enables the skater to perform turns being patient with your progress.

optional, some believe it is an excellent idea for youngsters to strap a helmet on.

with a soft cloth or rag to prevent rusting, said Hombirg. Blades should be thoroughly dry before Erin Banner, a Northville High they are put away.

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Hombirg also said that skate

fits securely and does not wobble on your head.

"It does no good if it's not a proper fit," said Hombirg.

ber matting in ice arenas is designed to be safe for skate blades, dirt particles or debris on the rubber mats can damage

SELECTING THE RIGHT PAIR In order to protect the boot of the OF SKATES skate from scratches and scuffs, protective cloth coverings can be



LEARN TO SKATE AT ANY AGE
There's no age bracket that Indicates when the best time is to learn to begin skating. Whether you're a said. the Arena.

Although the width of a blade is

is a natural part of learning.

"Very few people skate and never ever fall," she said. patience along with a strong desire to skate is key in developing

skating skills.
"You really have to want to do

skate is better left to vounger gen erations, skater Shedd-Itami can tell you otherwise. Shedd-Itami said she took figure

Regardless of your age, though, skating coaches and long-time figure skaters agree that the most important of learning to skate is important of learning to skate is independent with your progress.

It's harder than it looks, she

"Although skating looks easy, it takes work. The more you skate, the laster you progress," Homberg tice, practice." She also said that falling down skate as an adult makes her more appreciative of the talents of profes-sional figure skaters.

Banner agreed that having to strengthen one's skating abili-

Julie Colter, a Northville resident it," she said. "There has to be interest in the sport. Getting better does not happen overnight."

said her 3-year-old son. Zachary, received a pair of skates for the following the control of the sport. Christmas and is now involved in Mary Lynn Swinton, a taking lessons. A pair of skates was Commerce Township resident and first item on his Christmas list.

parent of a figure skater, also said kids need to be patient and understand they won't perform as the professional Olympic skaters do 347-1010 for more information.

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address a major item with an

future Purchasers as well. If the Seller is willing to provide for the

repairs by a licensed contractor

Northville Seniors

The staff at the Northville Senior Center at 215 W. Cady Street coordinates the following services and activities for senfors age 50 and older. For more vals. No charge for service, howctivity, call (248) 349-4140.

SERVICES Newsletter

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

an occasional call to eneck on their well being or to talk to someone free of charge. Please

eall the Senior Center to register.

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. St. Mary's Hospital. An

· 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 distribu-tion will be on Feb. 23.

The Northville Senior Center has created a directory of servicavailable to senior citizens e directory includes informa tion 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 oday, (Funding for this directory was provided by the Oakland County Community Development Block Grant Program.

· Tax Counseling Services fuesdays, Jan. 30 through April

local tax forms. Most forms will be on hand. Appointments are scheduled at 1 1/2 hour interion or to register for an ever, donations to the senior program will be gratefully accepted. You must call the Senior Center appointment, (248) 349-4140.

> TRANSPORTATION Bus Service for Local Shopping Trips Kohl's. Target and local banks. Fridays: Farmer Jack/Hiller's

Shopping

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| Telecare|
| Homebound residents can from your home. Cost is \$2. Call receive a daily telephone call or tions 48 hours in advance

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 Expanded Transportation for Seniors Northville's new senior bus serv-

ice provides transportation to run errands, visit a friend, have a hair

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 working days 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-

part-time bus drivers. This posi-tion requires a CDL driver's license. Hours are flexible, events are great to attend free, and sen iors are rewarding to serve. If ONGOING ACTIVITIES

• Card Playing

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\$1. The schedule is as follows:

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• 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: Debble Reynolds, March 8. (Cost

SENIOR RUDNESS Senior Drop-in Morning Volleyhall (for co-ed adults 50

and up) errands, visit a friend, have a half appointment, have lunch out, go to a doctor's appointment, etc. Medical appointments always secure priority when scheduling. Service hours are Monday from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Passengers must be a Northville or Northville Township Recreation Gym from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 n.m. Cost is 81. For to 12:30 p.m. Cost is \$1. For ister. information, call the Northville Parks and Recreation Department at (248) 349-0203.

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

selors will prepare your state and immediate need for additional \$15 for a 45-minute to one hour Rose Please call the Center (248) 349-4140 for an

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15 at 4:30 p.m., return at approximately 10:30 p.m. Dinner

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The cost is \$36 for one hour. You must call ahead for an appoint-ment. To cancel an appointment, call 24 hours in advance or you will be charged for the appoint ment. For your first appointment please arrive ten minutes early. Call the Senior Center to register.

· Foot Reflexology are reflexes in the feet relative to

preventative maintenance. Clarence Brown will conduct foot reflexology at the Senior Center on the last Wednesday of every month, 9 a.m.-noon. The cost is \$30 for one hour. Please call the for an appointment. SENIOR ACTIVITIES AND DAY

Usually held at the Senior Center on the third Monday of every month from noon to 1 p.m. Bring your own table service, a dish to pass and \$1. Potluck will be Feb. 26 this month.

· Dinner at Dearborn Inn's Byck Tavern

Join us for dinner at Dearborn

lnn's Eyek Tavern on Thursday, March 29. The bus will leave MAGS at 4:30 p.m. Cost is \$4 for transportation, payable to the driver. Please call the Senior Center to reg-

• Soaring Eagle - Hal Roach John us on March 12 at the Soaring Eagle Casino for a day of fun and laughter as the King of Blarney, Hal Roach performs an unforgettable show. Depart from MAGS at 12 p.m. and return at approximately 7:30 p.m. Cost is \$52 for residents. Dinner is on

Engagements



Howitson-

Flack Christine and James Biddle of Flack, son of Rosemarie and Leonard Flack.

The bride-elect is a 1992 graduate of Northville High School. She graduated from Ann Arbon Institute of Massage Therapy in University 1999, and is currently employed at Annie's Children's Center in Ann Lansing.

Garden City High School In 1986. A graduate of Lawrence Tech University, he is currently

A September wedding is planned. June 2.

Beckman-Buckley

Gerald and Lin Beckman of Novi Gerald and Lin Beckman of Novi announce the engagement of their daughter, Michelle L., to Christopher P. Buckley, son of Patrick Buckley and Arlene Buckley of Portage.

The bride-elect is a 1995 gradu-ate of Novi High School and a 1999

graduate of Western Michigan University. She currently works with Ace Hardware and resides in

The groom-elect is a 1991 gradu-The groom-elect graduated from ale of Portage Central and a 1996 graduate of Lawrence Tech University. He currently works with Edward Rose and Sons and also resides in Lansing The couple plan to be married on

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McCulloch

Brownsburg, Ind.
The groom-elect is a 1995 graduate of Northville High School and a 2000 graduate of the University of Michigan. He is also employed at resides in Brownsburg, Ind.

nereasing. As a purchaser, the best way to ensure you are buy-ing a well cared for home is to have the home inspected prior to purchase. It is important to make your Offer to Purchase "contingent upon a satisfactory house the protection." me inspection The purpose of a home inspection is to uncover any defects that may not have been noticed or disclosed prior to making the offer. With this in mind, the purhaser should take good care to ook a house over prior to making an offer. Often home pur-

tional stand point as opposed to

Keep in mind, when purchas-ing a used home there will always be small items that need

to be repaired (i.e., loose door

inspection is not to put togeth-

Hurra Valley

a business stand point

Don and Dianne McCulloch of Northville announce the engage-ment of their son, David Thomas, to Nicole Renee Lynch, daughter o Timothy and Pamela Lynch of Bay

ate of Bay City Central High School and a 2000 graduate of the University of Michigan. She is employed by Rolls-Royce, Indianapolis and resides in

The couple are planning an August 18 wedding.



amount that it will cost to repair or replace the item. 4) A Purchaser may request at closing for the cost to repair or replace the item. 5) A Purchaser may decide to declare the Offer

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its annual Chili Cook-off Feb. 25 at 6 p.m. There will be at least 15 different types of chili to sam-ple. All participants vote for their favorite. Dessert will be served after the awards. Please

plan to attend this fun favorite. The church is located at 41671 W. Ten Mile 349-2652 with any questions.

The residents and friends of the Northville area are invited to commemorate the start of the Lenten season at the First Presbyterian Church on Ash Wednesday, Feb. 28 at 9 a.m. as the Presbyterian Women's Association hosts the

Senior pastor Kent Clise will be presiding, with the Lenten message being delivered by associate

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al run. Sessions begin at the Novl Running Fit store on Monday, March 5 and continue through to April 9.

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YOUTH BASKETBALL CLINIC

On Campus

has been named to the Dean's

on the Dean's List must attain a

grade point average of at least

Thomas S. McNalley of

semester. Levin is a junior in the sports medicine program. She is secretary for both Phi Epsilon

rainers Organization.
Levin is the daughter of Dave

Andrew Bolin a student at Concordia College in Ann Arbor, has been named to the Dean's

List for his agademic achieve-

ment of earning a 3.5 or above grade point average for fall

Precious N. Shah of Northville has been named to the Dean's List for fall quarter at Northwestern University. She is sophomore enrolled in the Steele is pledging the Albion Steele is ple

Northwestern University. She is a sophomore enrolled in the Robert R. McCormiek School of Engineering and Applied and Alin Steele of Novi High School.

Northylle was named to the Honor Roll for fall semester at Western Oregon University. He received recognition for achievers the Roll of Ronald Phillips and Barbara Phillips and

Kristin Levin has been named to the Dean's List at Western to the Dean's List at Central Michigan University for the fall thon of earning a 3.5 or better

ing at least a 3.5 or higher grade Phillips, both of Northville.

Kappa and the Student Athletic design; Julia A. Bozyk,

Bolin is the son of Mike and design; Shawn N. Hopper

Jennifer L. Phillips pledged

the Albion College Phi chapter of Alpha Xi Delta social sorority during the 2001 spring semes-

ter.
A freshman at Albion, Phillips

Michael J. Basse, graphic

English: James Price Clarkson, biochemistry: Eric J. Cooley, marketing: Andrew T. Davis,

environmental studies and political science: Melissa Fallot, accountancy: Brett

Farkas, music jazz studies;

Brandon S. Ferriman, mechan-

ical engineering; Kathryn N. Giebel, elementary group minors; Michael Green, graphic

finance: Stephanic Garack

The Novi Co-Op Preschool will Church in Northville on Saturday, March 24. Coach be having its Open House on Steve Moreland of the Detroit March 10 from 10:00 a.m. to Pistons/Detroit Shock and 1:00 p.m. it is located at 41671

the threes, and 16 for the fours. Please be aware that enrollment is filled on a first come, first serve basis. For more contact Ward Church at (248) 374-5937 or shelley.martin@wardepc.org to register each child. Information, please contact Karrie Nye at 960-8988 or Tracy NOVI PRESCHOOL OPEN Nesler at 734-513-2841

> Jennifer L. Madden, psychology; Sarah Matusz, speech pathology audiology; Christina M. Mavian, special education,

mentally impaired-elementary; Nicholas T. Mitchell, elementary group minors: Erin Elizabeth Moore, interperson

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and Mathematics; Lisa Kyle Nitti, psychology; Kellie L. Noble, finance; Lauren M.

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WALTONWOOD ANNIVER-

Waltonwood of Twelve Oaks, senior retirement community is celebrating with an open house from 1-4 p.m. on Thursday, Feb.

Zany Brainy in-store events are sure to brighten the weekend days. Kids can show off their creativity and smarts during these wonderful winter week-ends. All events are free and open to the public, Zany Brainy is located on Haggerty in Northville/Livonia.

Marci Spiker at (248) 887-5600, ext. 216 to leave your phone · Clifford Movies 'N More number and postal address Saturday and Sunday, Feb. 24
and 25 at 2 p.m. each day. The July 7 in Novi. The reunion is scheduled for Parks and Rec

to the claw begin and assistance of the class for basic beginners or jump right in intermediate class, from 7:30-9 p.m. The lessons are followed by an open dance, from 9-The Northville High School Class of 1981 is gathering e-mail addresses and phone numbers of 10:30 p.m. The class takes place every Friday night and taught by Jean Rowe of Steppin' Time. See class schedule for specific class class mates for our 20-year reunion.

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class schedule for specific class class schedule for specific class and Recreation office at (248) 347-0400.

COUNTRY WESTERN DANCE Recreation office at (248)

Come join the February Country Western Dance at the Novi Civic Center on Friday, Feb. 24, from 7 until 11:30 p.m. Single and couples are welcome. Dance your favorites: Line, 2-step, Waltz or Cha Cha. Admission is \$7 for Novi resi-dents and seniors age 55 and

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Quinlan, as she dunked her spoor

into her spinkle-covered ice-cream.
"Valentine's is great because you get lots of candy and everyone tells

around his mouth.

With tons of valentines to read

"My favorite one is this dog on

and look over, first grader Sea

you how much they love you."

Photo by JOHN HEIDER Village Oaks student Heiko Sijan gets some help from his mother Manuela in writing some poetry during his class' celebration Wednesday of Valentine's

With heart Celebrating the holiday of love







Kylie Hurwitz, a Village Oaks ...and then sees that it's from Elementary School first grad- her teacher and has a lollipop er, reads a Valentine's Day attached to it.

first graders Mikael Yono and Mitchell Hutton how they feel about Valentine's Day- the most romantic day of the year- don't expect to find these young Romeos in the spirit. "Valentines Day is for sissies!" exclaimed Hutton. "All those heart shaped cards and mushy sayings "Tim her special guest today," Yeah," Yono said. "Tim not giving anyone a valentine's day card-especially to the girls. They smell."

While these two boys may not be

"Tim her special guest today," boasted the little four-year-old, with traces of chocolate still left around his mouth.

With tons of valentines to read swept up in the amorous mood of love, luckily others were, as valen-tines spilled out over the pink and red bags of the students, for their entire desk.

ry-eyed first grader Allison Schumaker. "Getting lots of candy times of the year

and cards- it's one of my favorite

class party on Feb. 14.
"I love Valentines Day," said starand this N'Sync one is pretty cool," he said, holding up his valentines. With some in and out of the holiday spirit, the children neve

Aside from reading all those love cards, the students were busy making heart-shaped place mats and even got to tempt their sweet tooth

Novi Highlights

Lisa Blasiola, membership vice president: Andy Beam, treasurer: Any Christine Irwin, newsletter editor. Several Jaycee members were recognized for their work on the emer-gency food bank at the Year End Review in Kalamazoo. They also tact the city clerk's office for an appli-

Jaycees will continue to attend the Novi City Council meetings every

received recognition as they did last

social informing potential members of the goals and aims of the Jaycee program; Feb. 23, a TJIF (Thank Jaycees It's Friday) at the Library Pub at 7 p.m., entertainment at 9 p.m. with ample TVs for watching. Also on the agenda for discussion will be the DSA program for this year. Membership in the Jaycees are for

please call Lisa Blasiola at 374-9703. Sept. 15. For those unfamiliar with this project – residents exchange that been appointed by the council to the commission. Sept. 15. For those unfamiliar with this project – residents exchange surplus plants, no money involved. The Garden Walk is scheduled for family education, scholarships. by the council to the commission Novi residents are encouraged to . June 27 at the Michigan State are still several vacancies in need of being filled. If interested, please con-

cation.

The commission is currently discussing plans for the second annual Begonia Give-Away set for May 19. For newcomers to the area, the Begonia is the city plant; the day-lily, the city's perennial; the Red Maple, Monday night as part of the community development project.
Individual development and membership development programs will include several social nights, such as dinner at the Lazy Lizard and a movie; Feb. 22, an informational social informing potential members. worth extra points when being judged by the commission.

Categories judged are: School

multi-family development/condos and apart ments, single family subdivisions industrial buildings, places of wor ship, shopping centers, individual businesses, government, and gas

those 21-39. For more information, perennial exchange on June 5 and

Meadowbrook and Twelve Mile Road. Areas visited will be the Hosta

Heritage Garden, the Children's Commission, its activities and projects, please call Gretchen Pugsley at 349-3555.

Novi Youth Assistance The NYA is planning their annual Bowl-a-Thon fundraiser, which will 1-4 p.m. at the Novi Bowl. Letters are being sent to former participants, organizations and businesses who may have a team or are interested in

sponsoring a lane.

Participants will be looking for

community involvement. Monies column, call 624-0173.

used to support the annual six-week Teen Center, camp programs. family education, scholarships, and

grams.

For more information or to sign up a team or individual, please call the office at 347-0410 Also in the planning stage, Novi High School is looking for students

Garden, and more.

For more information about the Commission, its activities and projects, please call Gretchen Pugsley at 349-3555.

High school is rooming or suuceus interested in volunteering their time and talents to helping others; while at the same time, bettering themsely by the same time, bettering themsely by the same time. tutoring, hospital or nursing hom service, ecology or beautification activities, school service projects, church youth projects, and more. If you know of any interested stu-dents, call 347-0410 for nomination

forms and more information.
Youth Assistance is also lookin for adults in the area who would pledges to help raise funds. In turn, once again, please call the office or bowlers will have free bowling, food, beverages, and "goodle bags" that for Tuesday, Feb. 27 at 7 p.m. in the

always include prizes.

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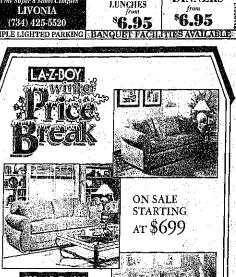
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MOVIES

Cons take on Elvis personas during heist

to Graceland unfolds against the background of the glitzy, high-energy chaos sur-rounding international Elvis Week in Las Vegas in which thousands

of Elvis impersonators flock to the etty for their shot at glory. This is really the chance of a lifetime for a thief," said director Demian Lichtenstein. "The atmosphere is totally conductive to a major heist — confusion, crowds and disguises. What more do you

Five ex-cons, who dub them-selves the Elvi 5, stroll into the Riviera. Though they're all cos-tumed in Elvis jumpsuits and tinted glasses, only one of them wears sideburns with conviction.

"Murphy believes in his heart that he is the illegitimate son of the King and feels resentful for not being recognized as such," said Kevin Costner, the Academy Award-winning actor and director of the film "Dances With Wolves," who stars as Murphy, the ring-leader of the heist. Elvis is a sore spot for him. He has a real love/hate relationship with the

King,"
"With Murphy, Kevin has creat-"With Murphy, Kevin has created one of the great bad guys," said Lichtenstein. "Personally, I put Murphy up there with Darth Vader. He is a complete mercenary, He's a bad, bad man."

Murphy's top man in the heist and former prison cell mate described with the first and former prison cell mate described by the first present who described in the first present who described on the first present where

played by Kurt Russell who gar-nered an Emmy Award nomination playing Elvis Presley in "This is Elvis, the 1979 TV movie directed by John Carpenter. Russell notes that while Michael is not as corrupt as Murphy, he is still a bad

"They're both losers," said Russell, the star of such recent hits as "Breakdown" and "Soldler."
"But Michael is a man who has
lived a criminal life and is now lived a criminal tile and is now inding his conscience. This, prevents him, for example, from participating in the victousness of the heist in the same way as Murphy. He wants to get away with the crime without being noticed and without gumplay.

Rounding out Murphy's team are Hanson played by Christian.

are Hanson played by Christian Slater ["The Contender," "True Slater ["The Contender," "True Romance"). Gus played by David Arquette ("Ready to Rumble," "Scream") and Franklin played by Bokeem Woodbine ("The Big Hit," Dead Presidents"). Athlete and actor Howle Long ("Broken Arrow") stars as Jack, a helicopter pilot who playe a crucial role in the who plays a crucial role in the

Murphy's plan is simple: get in, aid the coffers and split — fast. But his scheme goes awry when the "Elvi 5" leave the casino in ruins and a high body count in their wake, and one of their own is bit. Nonetheless, the jumpsuited crooks pull of the heist and steal away with \$3.2 million in a dramatic helicopter escape from the rooftop of the hotel.

But when it comes time to divide up the loot, Murphy betrays his fellow "Elvi," attempting to kill the others, hightail it out of their and claim the \$3.2 million for himself. Lichtenstein. "But Murphy's shocking treachery against them lays the ground work for the explosive battle between him and Michael. Michael is too tough to the state of the same and the sa "But Murphy's Lichtenstein.

die so easily and conveniently."
Surviving the betrayal, Michael beats Murphy to the hidden stash sets out to launder the marked currency with Murphy close behind, Michael rents a room at the aptly named Last Chance Motel, where he promptly meets "Cybil with a "C," played by Content Cox Corteny Cox.

"Here is a good looking guy with a lot of eash," said Cox, who stars as Monica on the long-running hit show "Friends." "She thinks Tri going to at least get a meal, hopefully sex, and maybe he'll be my ticket out of town. She's a bit of an

opportunist."

Cybil is exciting to Michael."
said blehtenstein. "A wildeat, chialenging, quick and furmy. And.
well, he's just been released from

prison!"
To complicate matters, Cybil comes with her own baggage: a precious young son Jesse (David Kaye) with a touch of kleptomania who is in desperate need of a father figure. After a flery one night stand with Cybil, Michael realized that she and Jesse are malety the deseave of callies lets. making his dreams of sailing into the sunset unencumbered increasingly difficult. Russell points out that Michael is not only a crininal seeking a retirement-sized reward but a scarred man who has closed himself off from the world.

"He is vulnerable because of what Cybil and Jesse could be to him," said Russell, "He's attracted to her and wants to trust in her but he doesn't know if he can. And he becomes attached to her little boy. I like the interplay that takes place between all three characters They're an unlikely trio that becomes a family under some pret-ty extreme circumstances." Michael and his newly acquired

family careen through state lines in his beat-up Plymouth Valiant with Murphy trailing ruthlessly in the cherry red 1959 Caddy convertible stolen from Michael. Having shared a cell for 5 1/2 years, the ex-cons can predict each other's moves. Each man gains and loses the upper hand at

gains and loses the upper name acvarying moments, but they approach the finish line neck-in-neck with federal, state and local law enforcement in hot pursuit.

Despite their brutal rift, Michael and Murphy never break their unspoken code of honor. As Russell explains, Their bond unspoken code of honor. As Rossell explains, "Their bond remains intact throughout the film. We have an opportunity to turn each other in for the heist,

but we never do.

Russell feels the jure of the heist is a shared fantasy to which every-

one can relate. Heist films films are atypically genre that stem from "Heist IIIms and American genre that stem from our heritage," said the actor. "They appeal to our unavoidably romantic notion of lawlessness and anti-authoritarianism. This film is a lot of fun — good laugh, drama and



(L-R) David Arquette, Kurt Russell, Kevin Costner, Christian Slater and Bokeem Woodbine star in the Morgan Creek Production "3000 Miles to Graceland."

unpredictable ride." "The lure of name lure of millions can bring out the best and worst in anyone said Costner. Timid men can be

of these men are fighting for the money but for different reasons. money but for different reasons. Murphy will fight until one of them

ing the odds and getting away with the big score, salling off into the sunset and getting the girl," said for a short time through these "This film is a crazy and fun Lichtenstein.

ride." agreed Cox. "And there's a love story along the way." have a good time living vicariously

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