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Zamboni drivers at the Novi Ice Arena not only have the coolest job of driving the big machines but the heavy responsibility of making sure the ice is smooth every time - Page 5B

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After beating Howell 4-3 last last week, the Wildcats took hold of the KVC champi-onship and capped off a 20-win season. - Page 1B



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SUBMITTED PHOTO The man with the cap above is identified by police as a possible suspect for the robbery of a Comerica Bank last week.

## caught on tape By RANDAL YAKEY Staff Writer A crowded bank during the after

noon may not seem like a target for

bool may not seen like a target for a robbery. But, according to Novi police, the robber who hit the Comerica Bank on Novi Road last week did just that with a score of witnesses on

hand. There were at least ten witnesses Hone when a man wearing a Home Depot hat and carrying a McDonald's lunch bag stood in line for nearly half an hour at the Comerica Bank in front of Twelve

Oaks before slipping a hold-up note to a bank teller. Last week, the Novi News first

reported the bank on Novi Road was robbed on Feb. 20, and now police are releasing more material on the incident.

**Robbery suspect** 

on the incident. According to police reports, the note the suspect slipped to the teller read: 'I have a .357 Cal (cal-iber) pistol In my jacket. I want the money in large bills first. No die packs, tracers. No alarms or you die today. Hurry up. I am psycho-logically disturbed: I am watching your every maye." your every move.

Police say the man entered the bank at approximately 3 p.m. and walted in line for over 20 minutes

and possibly as long as a half hour. The white male suspect was described in his mid to late 20s. standing about 5-10° and weigh-ing 160 lbs. He was wearing a dark-colored coat and light-colored denim pants. According to police, there was no weapon visible to bark employee.

bank employees. Police were on the scene minutes after the call came in and the Novi K-9 Unit searched the parking lot

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Holly Diamond, Public Relations Director of Waish College's Novi campus, demonstrates the SMART board technology that is available in all their classrooms. Instead of a mouse, students and teachers can touch the board to give it various commands.

## Novi's own business college

## By STEPHANIE FORDYCE

Walsh College has been teaching business since 1922 and now has more than 12,000 graduates going on to work in Michigan and throughout the world While Novi may be renown

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also serves to equicate the community on a college level in the areas of finance, accounting, tax marketing; information technology and business

administration. The Walsh College Novi Campus opened in 1993 and in the fall of 1998, the school

moved its Novi Campus, into a

new 35,000 sq. foot, technolo-gy enriched facility. "We found that we had a lot of students in the western Oakland and Wayne counties, so opening a campus here was important to us," said Walsh College's Novi Public Relations Director Holly Diamondi

Currently, the campus has 14 classrooms, admissions and registration office, a library, computer lab, conference cen-ter, and bookstore, with com-plete Internet connectivity and the latest in educational technology resources.

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PVA director

rates to go up By RANDAL YAKEY Novi residents will get a boost in

their water rates after Detroit City

Water

their water rates alter Detroit City Council, who controls rate increas-es, voted to up the ante for Novi by an estimated 13.7 percent. The cosi for the average Novi home owner will be approximately a \$17 increase to the average water in Novi. The increases will take effect this L according to Novi effect July 1, according to Novi water officials. "We haven't set or established the

e haven't set or established the rate but the increase on the wholesale was just under 14 percent," Novi Superintendent of Sewer and Water Department Bruce Jerome said

Rate increases are out of the hands of Oakland County residents because the Detroit City Council is solely in charge of rate increases for water to Novi. Detroit City Council, which voted 6-3 to increase the raics, has stated that the increases are necessary to update infrastructure of the water system.

Jerome said he cannot say if there will be an increase passed along to the consumer but said that "most likely" it will show up on water bills this summer.

"It will be part of the budget sub-mission," Jerome said. "What we look at is our financial situation and based on that, whether or not we can absorb any of the cost. If not, we'll have to pass it on to our customers

The rate increases were needed because the city of Detroit faces mandate from both the federal and state Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) for improvements to the water system.

The rates are expected to go into effect on July 1. The Detroit water system provides water to over 4 million residents across the metro

Music Man will for its K-12 education, Walsh

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## delight guests

## By STEPHANIE FORDYCE Staff Writer

Be sure to get your ticket and climb aboard with Novi Theatres for the rootin'-tootin' revival of Meredith Wilson's The Music Man which opens this Friday.

Com see as the Novi Civic Center stage is transformed into the little town of River City, Iowa with all the sights and sounds of the early 1900s.

Directed by Linda Wickert, The Music Man stars newcomer Frank Rosamond, Sr. as the irreststible con man Harold Hill, and Julie Landry as librarian Marian Paroo, who captures his heart. "The show is going to be awe-some," Wickert exclaimed. 'This is

one of the best casts I've worked with. Everyone of all ages is sure to enjoy it."

The plot revolves around a con-Continued on 11



A handicapped parking permit lies on the dashboard of a car.

## says people are abusing parking permits By RANDAL YAKEY

Staff Writer Staff writer They are outlined in blue with a wheelchair. for an insignia, and reserve parking for those with physical handicaps. "But according to the Novi-based Paralyzed Veterans of America's [PVA]. Government Relations

Parajyzed Vetrains of Arelations (PVA). Government Relations Director Mike Harris, reports of people who would have not quail-fled for handicapped parking tags are getting them at an alarming rate.

rate. My disappointment occurred when handicap parking applica-tions were submitted to the Secretary of State's office and given to people who didn't qualify for the permit, "Harris said. "The law was meant for people with a mobility impairment." impairment.

Harris said he has been receiving complaints from Secretary of State

anonymous because of fears of repercussions, who have seen applications of relatives of doctors who have been getting handicapped

According to Secretary of State officials, there are more than 550,000 valid handicapped parking passes in the state. In a letter obtained by the Novi News, the Secretary of State officials note that implementations of the new requirements have been taking place for the past couple of years. The Secretary of State office said some individuals are still holding permits issued three years ago. Those permits are still in effect and are not subject to review until they expire. "We are just getting caught up on

(four year) permits and making changes in re-issuing those per-mits. Secretary of State Spokesperson Elizabeth Boyd said. per-State Spokesperson Enzabern Doyu sau. According to Boyd, the parking permits issued four years ago are coming under more scrutiny. "Physicians need to sign the applications," Boyd said. "We're try-

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## Phone scam foiled by bank clerk Novi Briefs

the target of a phone scam. She was saved, however, when an alert he potential fraud. On Feb. 23, the woman began

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receiving calls from a male suspect who told the woman that she had von §) million and all she had to to collect the money was send him \$500 as a 'release' on the cash. The woman told the solicitor that she did not have the \$500 and the conversation ended. The man all he needed was \$400 to release the million dollar prize. When the woman said she didn't have the \$400 - the price dropped to \$300. Finally, the man said he would settle for \$200.

When the woman talked to her ank about withdrawing the \$200, the bank elerk apparently tipped the woman off about the possibl

Police told the woman to call them if any such scam was tried on her agaln.

ASSAULT AT BOWLING ALLEY A 17-year-old Novi teen was struck over the head with a chair going to go next door to another at the Novi Bowi on Feb. 24 at about 11 p.m. The teen told police that a male

The report also notes that the a strike. The bowling is for to monor user to a Novi police report. In the complaint, When police the salor's sale, according to stop me," referring to the PPO. Anyone interested in a police.

Library Lines

LIBRARY HOURS

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child's session

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bleeding from the head at the time two suspects 'covered in a black the scene in a Ford Explorer. According to the report, the called back again, this time saying owner of the bowling alley had were taken into custody by asked a group of men to leave the Southgate police. premises just before police arrived on the scene. The victim was transported to a HAIR DON'S

A rift between the owners of two hospital by friends for treatment. beauty salons caused one owner to The case is open pending investitake property out of a Novi salon on Feb. 22. According to a Novi police report,

CAR THIEVES BUSTED a worker at Salon Vassago on Ten Southgate police arrested two Mile Road open the doors at male subjects after they apparently stole a vehicle in Novi and drove to approximately 8:30 a.m. and was greeted by representatives for the former owner who began removing the downriver community where they were found by police on Feb. property from the business. Removed were salon chairs (\$300 each), manicure desks (\$500 each), three hair dryers (\$350

At about 11:30 p.m., a employee at the Red Hot & Blue BBQ was establishment when she found her vehicle missing. A couple of hours later, a HOME BURGLARIZED

Police continue to Investigate the

A door left unlocked may have led to the theft of personnel items bleeding from the head at the bowling illey. The suspect was described as a 6 where they got the vehicle by which foot tall male and weighing in at the suspect was described as a 6 where they got the vehicle by which they responded: Took if about two hours ago from Novi, in front of a instruct 155 lbs. The suspect was from a home in the 1400 block of Both men, ages 30 and 28 years,

The owner discovered the Items missing the next morning. Police collected evidence from the scene and continue to investigate the

MOVIN' OUT

A Novi woman has inquired about a personal protection order (PPO) after she asked a former roommate to vacate the premises, according to a police incident report gathered on Feb. 20. The woman said she called the subject's work and asked that all

removed from the home. According to police, the subject apparently made threats against the woman including, "You had each) and an assortment of other business related items, according

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to police. The report indicates that the items were packed into a white

Focus on Family Workshop On March 17, the annual Focus On Family Workshop will take place at Novi Community School District's Instructional Technology Center. The keynote speaker, Theodore R. Braude, will present "Fower, Conflict & Love: An Essential Guide to Family Matters." Many resources on a variety of subjects will be provided for parents. Other topics which will be offered as breakout sessions are: "Becoming a Love & Logic Parent," "Taking the Hassie Out of Homework," "Stop the World, I Want to Get Off," "How to Keep Being a Parent When Your Child Stops Being Other topics and "Continuous" and "Continuous"

Norms.' Preregistering costs \$3, and \$5 for walk-ins. The workshop is offered to community members by Novi Community Education in partnership with Tanget Stores. For more information about the workshop, call (248) 449-1206.

Novi Theatres' Children's Annex presents Raggedy Ann and Andy Raggedy Ann & Andy Auditions for the Novi 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 children ages 10-14. All actors must pay a par-ticipation for a falls on a goal

ticipation fee of \$125 once cast. Performance will take place May 18, 19, and 20. Auditions will be held at the Novi Civic Center on Ten Mile Road.

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The woman said she called the subject's work and asked that all Novi Youth Assistance will be holding its annual Bowl-A-Thon on Saturday, things belonging to the subject be March 10, from 1-4 p.m. at Novi Bowl-a-thon is Novi Youth Assistance's major fundraiser of the year to help raise money for summer programs. According to John P. O'Brien, chairperson of this year's event, this year's goal is to raise fif-

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up." The report also notes that the i a strike. The bowling is free, along with food, refreshments, door prizes and prizes

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Novi High School Junior Lindsey Beach gets some instruction

Thursday's Junior-Achievement job-shadowing day at the Novi

Walled Lake

making by DoubleTree chef Michael Keys during last

a Child," "Rave Drugs in 2001," "Finding a Happy Balance," and "Community

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

better watch your back" and "don't returned to the community in the form of programming," he said. be surprised if your (home) blows "The bowlers get pledges based on their score for three games. The format for

Anyone interested in bowling, sponsoring a lane, making a team, or donating a rizz can contact the Novi Youth Assistance office at (248) 347-0410.

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ADULT BOOK DISCUSSION Our March selection "Princess: A True Story of Life Behind the Veil in Saudi Arabia"

The Novi Public Library is open Tow. The free program will be held Monday-Thursday, 10 a.m. to 9 Tuesday, March 13 at 7 p.m. in p.a., Friday-Saturday, 10 a.m. to

by Jean Sasson. The group meets Monday, March 5 at 7 p.m. In the library meeting room. Drop-ins are welcome. SENIOR BOOK DISCUSSION

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for group meets in the library meeting room on Thursday, aeeting room March 8 at noon, LIBRARY BOARD MEETING

The Novi Library Board of Directors meets Monday, March 12 at 7 p.m. in the library meeting room. Community members ire welcome to attend

LIVING WITH WILDLIFE IN SUBURBIA Wildlife Biologist Tim Payne, a

28-year veteran of the Michigan Department of Natura Natural Resources, discusses the pleas- can chat safely with other friends ures and challenges of sharing your age on the internet. The your backyard with geese, deer, class, designed for kids 8-12, and other wild animals; a ques-meets Saturday. March 10, from

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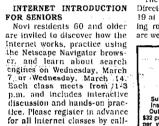
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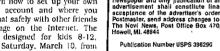
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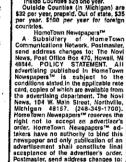
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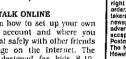
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tion and answer period will fol- 11 a.m. to noon. (Parents are also





## Students gain insight on real life jobs

## By STEPHANIE FORDYCE

Feb. 15.

A group of local high school students now know what it takes to run a hotel, thanks to Junior Achievement of Southeastern Michigan and Novi's Doubletree Hotel, as they participated in Groundhog Job Shadow Day on

The program enables teens interested in the hospitality Industry to accompany workplace mentors through a day on the Job. The goal is for mentors to demon-strate to students what their Job is like and how the skills learned In school can be put into action. "it's cool because it provides a more realistic look at what goes on in the business world and how a hotel really operates," said high

school senior Matt Hoag. Junior Achievement Education Manager Annette Hohl said the program inspires young people to follow in the footsteps of esteemed building professionals and show students the vast career opportunities that exist in the hospitality

ful program because it allows stu-dents to experience a normal day on the job and get an up-close unity at work." she said. They also have the opportunity to get real-life experiences from people who have achieved something in life." Seventeen-year-old students

sey Otling and Kerry Morrison, wo of 15 students who partici-



DoubleTree Front Offic Manager Jamle Grebeck strates check-in proce dures to job-shadowers Kerry Morrison and Cae Otting, right.

operations of a front desk manager, having the opportunity to take reservations, fill out paperwork, see how to deal with guests and employees, and even sit in on a staff meeting.

"It shows you the fundamentals of working in a hotel and what the details of the job are like," Otting said. The junior said while he is lean-

pated in the program through their marketing class, spent their day shadowing Doubletree Hote front office manager Jamle open. "I just wanted to learn more

Otting and Morrison received about business industry and now e look at the day-to-day have a better understanding of how the hotel business is run.

Otting said, "You really have to be multi-tasked." Morrison said she participated in shadow day because it will help her make a decision on what

career path she'll chose, "It was good for me because I'm really undecided on what I want to go into," she said. "This way I have the chance to look at a bunch of different careers and see what goes on before I make a decision. it's a good learning

xperience." Grebeck said Job Shadow Day is a wonderful opportunity because it is the perfect vehicle to reach students and talk to them about careers in the business ndustry.

"It's beneficial because it gets them out to see the workforce and gives them a more realistic look at vhat's out there," he said. "This way they get to see the whole pic-

The student began the day with a small orientation, before pairing up with one of twelve hotel employees. "One thing that's different this

one thing that's different this year is the students spend two hours with one employee, rather than rotating to different areas of the hotel. This way they get a more detailed look at what that person does in their specific area "explained Hohl area," explained Hohl. "This is the second year

Founded in 1919, Junior Achievement is the largest and

fastest growing non-profit economic education organization in be the world. Each year, over four

Dr. Michael P. Burk

"It's beneficial because it gets them out to see the workforce."

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amie Grebeck Novi Doubletree Hotel Front Office Manager

million elementary, middle, and high school students across the U.S. participate in Junior Achievement programs. An addi-tional one million young people in 106 countries also take part on

106 countres and an annual basis. According to Hohl, Junior Achievement of Southeastern Town by nearly Michigan has grown by nearly 60,000 students since its inception in 1995, Job Shadow Day began in 1994,

headed by Gen. Colin Powell. The shadow program begins on Groundhog Day and continues for six weeks.

Sponsored by America's Promise, Alliance for Youth, the School-to-Work Opportunities Office, Junior Achievement and the American Society of Association Executives, Groundhog Job Shadow Day is an important way in which business-es and nonprofit organizations can make valuable contributions

to America's students. Doubletree Hotel has partnered . For more information about Job with Junior Achievement and it's Shadow Day or other Junior great to be able to bring this Achievement programs, contact incredible opportunity to Novi . the Southeastern Michigan office High School students."

Stephanie Fordyce is a staff writer for the Novi News. She may reached

sfordyce@ht.homecomm.net Footnotes

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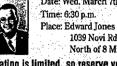
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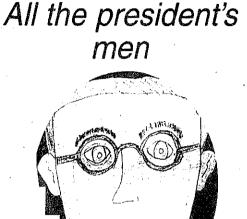
Orchard Hills Elementary First 100 days celebrated in countless ways

This week, the Novi News is ular classroom, special needs kicking off its first school feature and teachers of the arts. page highlighting pholos, poems. Support, for teachers, is provid-art work, experiments, short sto-ed by six and one half-time rise, and other items the Novi paraprofessionals, parent volumpage highlighting photos, poems. art work, experiments, short sto-ries, and other items the Novi School District is covering. This ters, a social worker, school feature is to run once or twice a psychologist, teacher consultant month, giving each school an and a speech/language specialmonth, giving each school an opportunity to showcase student vork or their latest events. Orchard Hills Elementary,

located on Quince Road in Novi, is our first school in the spot-light. Serving students in kinder-garten through fourth grades, Orchard Hills currently has an Thier staff, headed by principal Paul LePlae, includes 30 certified biles and provides constant sup-

ist. Students receive the Novi basic curriculum daily with a class of Art, General Music,

Physical Education, Media and Spanish weekly. Orchard Hills, which has been in existence since 1958, has a and North Central approved reg- port to help insure success



MICHELLE LOUI

Drawing by

Harry S. Truman By Michelle Louie Harry S. Truman was born in Harry S. Truman was born in Lamar, Missourt on May 8, 1884. His parents named him Harry in honor of his uncle. He began to wear glasses at the age of eight. When he was about 13 or 14-years-old he had read all the books in the Independence Public Library. Harry and his brother and sister visit their grandnaar.

Library. Harry and his brother the armed lorces under his and sister visit their grandpar-administration. He formed the daministration the formed the Marshall Plan giving grants to Marshall Plan giving grants to Marshall Plan giving grants to Harry attended high school in Ald war injured nation win Independence near Kansas City. Europe. He worked as a timekeeper for a California After being president he construction crew of the Santa Fe independence. Then he pub-mailing room of the Kansas City lished two volumes of his mem-Star His peri job was to work as oldrs. Vear of Decisions and

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## In 1906, he moved to Grandview

after his grandfather's death. When Harvey was president he used the atomic bomb to bring the war with Japan to a close. He formed the National Security Ocured the National Security Council and Central Intelligence Agency. He drafted the North Atlantic Treaty Organization. Harvey unified the armed forces under his

Star. His next job was to work as olrs. Year of Decisions and a clerk and later as a bookkeeper. Years of Trial and Hope.

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hockey. His name is

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I hope it will stay Maybe it will stay 'til Aayl Oh nol it's bright, the puck. My friend plays von't stay tonight. -Katie Smak Second Grader brates, when he gets a hat trick.

Football There's a new sport l his town. It's called footbal where you play with something brown! When you say hike, everyone goes out, and when you lass the whole team pouts. Football is a lot of fun, and my friend throws he ball like a gunl The bail is brown with white lace and boy does that run-ning back run at a fast pacel - Tom Wright



Ice Skating By Sophie Juncaj When you get on the ice, You better be gliding. If you don't want to, You better be hiding. When you want to jump, You better want to glide. Then you start to pump. What a terrific jump it was. Now you see that I can skate. I like it a lot. I think it's great. But now Γm all done!

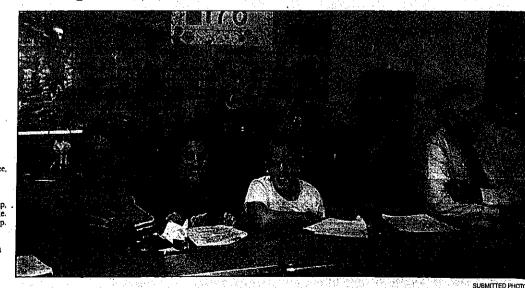


Students at Orchard Hills celebrate 100th day of school on Feb. 1 by participating in various activities involving 100.

Dreams come alive with Dr. Martin Luther King



## Taking a break...



Drawing by MALEUUMORI, SECOND GRADER

Reporters for the WOH news team take time out from their scheduling to meet their prinicpal, Mr. Paul LePlae. Students are

## **Obituaries**

JUSTIN ANDRES Justin Andres, 22, of Novi died Feb. 17 in Traverse City, Mich. He School and received her bachelors was born in 1979. A graduate of Novi High School, Mr. Andres was employed as a mechanic at Nations Rental. He oved hunting and fishing and was

a pro sports fan. He is survived by his parents, Philip and Donna Andres; broth-ers, Nathan, Rian, and Bethany; and grandmothers, Edna Heinkle and Monica Andres

Services were held on Vednesday, Feb. 21 at Holy Family Turch in Novi. Mrs. Brown is survived by her Interment was at St, Cecilia husband of 13 years, Gary N.; Emetery in Clare, Mich. Sons, David Holt-Brown and Arrangemeins were made by Brien Chapel/Sullivan Funeral Metheat Brown, both of Northville. Church in Novi. Cemetery in Clare, Mich. Arrangements were made by O'Brien Chapel/Sullivan Funeral

Home of Novi Memorials to Holy Family Church, Mott Children Hospital, or Quality Deer Management Association would be appreciated by the family by the family.

## LUCILLE BOYLE

Lucille Boyle, 82, died Feb. 19 in Botsford Hospital, Farmington Hills. She was born in 1919. Ms. Boyle is survived by nieces Sue (William) Gunn and Kathy Sue (William) Gunn and Kathy (Paul) Zimmerman: nephews, David (Carol) Kupfer, John (Claudia) Kupfer, and Mike (Jennifer) Kupfer; and many great nieces and nephews. Services will be held on Thursday, March 1 at 10 a.m. in SL Geraid Church of Earnington. St. Gerald Church of Farmington.

Interment is in Holy Sepulchre Cemetery. Arrangements were made by O'Brien Chapel/Sullivan Funeral Home of Novi. Memorial contributions to the Karmanos Cancer Institute would

be appreciated by the family. SANDRA K. BROWN Sandra Kay (Eddy) Brown, 45, of orthville died Feb. 24 in Ann Arbor. She was born in Detroit March 27, 1955.

SUBMITTED PHOTO

Drawing by JOEY CLARKSO

SECOND GRADE

For the past five years, Mrs. Brown was a member of the community. Her previous residence included Novi, Redford/Detroit,







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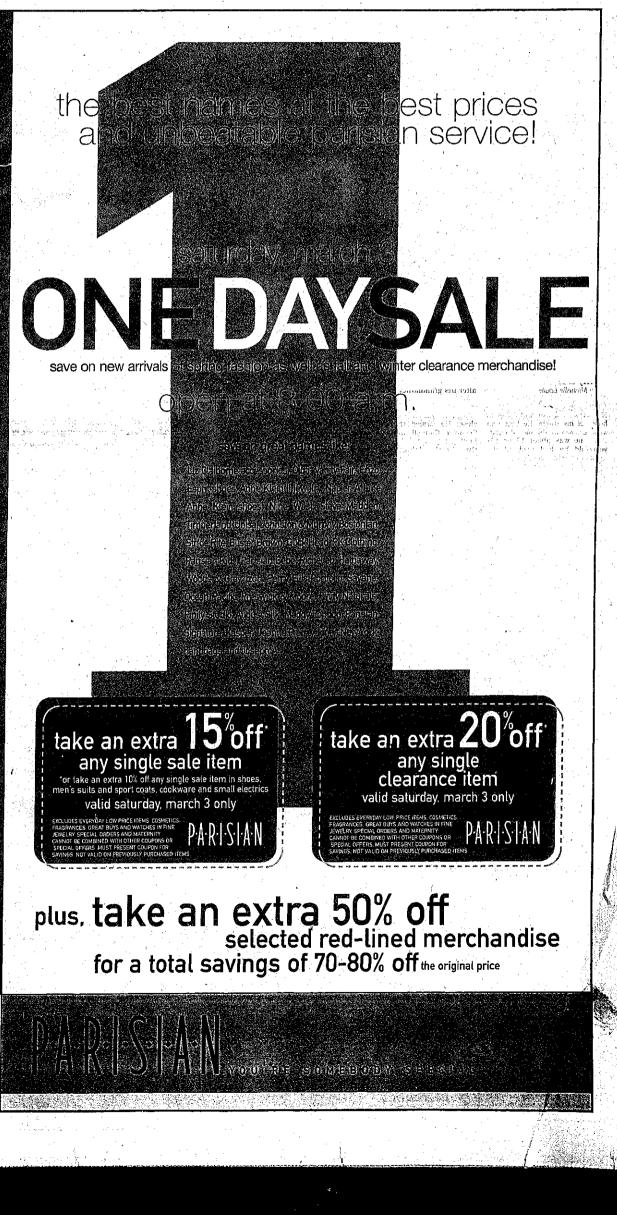
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and two years in Alabama. She was



involved in the newscasts every Friday. There are different reporters each month.

Commerce Township; parents, Walter Eddy of Novi and the late Rachele Eddy; sisters, Linda Wilhelm of Novi and Kim Hill; par-ents-in-law, Jean and Robert Brown; many nieces and nephews; and resultant Services were held on Tuesday,

Feb. 27 at Thayer-Rock Funeral Home in Farmington, with the Rev, John F. Quigley of Ward Presbyterian Church of Northville officialing. Interment was at Oakland Hills Memorial Gardens in Novi. Memorials to the American Red

## appreciated

MARILYN L. MCKENZIE Marilyn L. McKenzle, 54, died Feb. 20 at IHS of Michigan nursing home in Howell. She was born in 1946.

Ms. Mckenzie is survived by her dear friend, Donald Warneke of Novi; Donald R. (Renae) Warneke of Farmington Hills, Wendy (Patrick) Sims of Farmington Hills, David (Leona) Warneke of Florida, Elmer and Henrietta Jones of Novi, Elizabeth (Ronald) Hill of Commerce Township, and Ken

Arrangements were made by O'Brien Chapel/Sulivan Funeral Home of Novi.

GABRIEL H. SMITH Gabriel Hampton Smith, 86, died Feb. 26 at his residence in West Bloomfield. He was born May 23, 1914.

He is survived by Edith; sons, Leonard E. (Shirley) and John H. (Mary Alice); daughter, Alice M. (Mario) Di Carlo: ten grandchildrer and 15 great-grandchildren. Services will be held at 9:30 a.m. on Thursday, March 1 at St.

William Church in Walled Lake; funeral liturgy at 10 a.m. Interment will be in Holy Sepulchre Cemetery, Southfield.

Arrangements were made by

O'Brien Chapel/Sullivan Funeral ome of Novi Memorials to Angela Hospice, 14100 Newburg Road, Livonia, MI 48154-5010 would be appreciated by the family.

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HEDWIG F. STAAB Hedwig F. (Ortwein) Staab, 89, died Feb. 22 at Plrovidence Medical Center-Providence Park in Novi. She was born Oct. 17, 1911, in Peacock, Mich.

Mrs. Staab was a homemake and resided at the Applegate Condos in Novi for the past 27 years. She was interested in bowling and was a great cook, seamtress, baseball fan, and a hard

## Key plastics sale on horizon

million payment last March 15.

Because the company was unable

If the deal is completed, it is

expected that Ewing will become CEO. As for Benoit, he said he

expected to remain with the com-pany. It is unknown in what

such as Key Plastics.

By RANDAL YAKEY

Novi-based Key Plastics is a month away, According to Key Plastics offi-

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clals, the company, it's lenders, and bankers have reached an agreement that would give sole control over the company to Carlyle Management Group of Dallas, Texas.

"We have signed a non-binding term agreement," Key Plastics CEO David Benoit said, "We expect the agreement to be finalized at the

agreement to be innalized at the end of next month." The business, located at 21333 Haggerty Road, is expected to file a full reorganization plan by the end of this week. The plan is expected to pave the way for a smooth tran-stiton, according to Key officials. The transaction is expected to be completed by March 30.

According to Benott, there will be no layoffs as a result of the agree-ment with the CMG. "Economic conditions not with-

standing. Benoit suid is a strain capacity Benoit would be involved Key was facing financial difficul-ty and defaulted on a 56.8 million loan due to a liquidity problem last Solomon Company as its invest-

Blast

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It has been a long time coming but it appears the final sale for "We have signed a non-binding term agreement. We expect the agreement to be finalized at the end of next month."

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new investments.

according to company press releas-

Randal Yakey is a staff writer for the Novi News. His e-mail address

is ryakcy@ht.homecomm.net.

David Benoit Key Plastics CEO spring. The company, which pro-duces automotive components, was scheduled to make the \$6.8 problems. It is unclear if the long-term strategy for its liquidity problems. It is unclear if the Solomon Company has been involved in the sale of the company. Peter J. Solomon is known for its expertise in financial restruc-The default of Key is blamed on cost-cutting by automotive manu-facturers, coupled with rising interest rates and low return on CMG is part of the Carlyle Group of Washington D.C. with holdings of over \$10 million,

Novi Police and Fire and Rescue personnel responded to a serious auto accident sday afternoon at the corner of Grand River Ave. and Market Street. An occupant of the car at left was transported to a hospital with serious injuries.



Accident on Grand River



## COMMUNITY EVENTS/SCHOOL NEWS

BETTER BUSINESS BOWLING TOURNAMENT Lakes Area Chamber of Commerce Scholarship Committee proudly presents the 17th annual "Better Business Bowling Tournament" on Sunday, March 4 at Wonderland Lanes, 8265 Richardson Road in Union 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 570 per team (includes team award, random prize rafiles, lane rental and pizza during bowling). Proceeds to benefit the Lakes Area Chamber of Commerce Scholarship Fund. Registration is through March 1. Businesses may sign up to three teams. Any four persons sponsored by a local area business or a member of the Lakes Area Chamber of Commerce may have a team. Teams may be men, women or co-ed.

be men, women or co-ed. No hand(capping, 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, and the terms terms of the second score and co-ed). Men's teams may have one woman, co-ed teams must have all

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. Walled Lake Consolidated Schools Lunch Menu for the week of March 1

### Thursday, March 1

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- Pizza Bagel
   Lite Lunch Trix Yogurt Cheese Stick and Crackers
- · Little Caesars Pizza at Dublin Elementary
- Cook's Choice
- Monday, March 5
- Hamburger w/ bun
   Mini Corn Dogs
   Oven Tater Tots
- Tuesday, March 6
- Tyson Chicken Nuggets w/Oven French Fries
   Chef Boyardee Ravioli w/Green Beans
   Roll/Margarine
- · Little Caesars Pizza at Oakley Park Elementary
- Wednesday, March 7 Italian Dunkers w/Marinara Sauce Pizza Hot Pocket
- · Little Caesars Pizza at Hickory Woods Elementary
- Thursday, March 8
- LUCKY TRAY DAY! Galaxy Cheese Pixxa
   Nacho Supreme
- Little Cacsars Pizza at Mary Helen Guest Elementary
- Friday, March 9
- Cook's Choice
- 2001 prices:
- Complete Lunch \$1.75 Reduced Price Lunch 40 cents White/Choc. Milk 30 cents
- Homemade Cookle 25 cents Fun-size Snacks 25 cents
- Ice Cream 40 cents Sunchips, Doritos, and Popcorn 40 cents Yogurt 50 cents
- Assorted Flavors Fruit Roll Up 40 cents
- Assorted Flavors Fruit Drink Box 40 cents

## CITY OF WIXOM BUS TRIPS

- Disney Jungle Adventure on Ice On Saturday, March 3 from 10:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Joe Louis Arena, residents will go see favorite characters from Disney's Jungle Book, Lion King, and Tarzan sing, dance and skate. Includes ticket, snack and bus. Call (248) 624-2850. Trip to See Detroit Pistons
- Wixom Community Center invites everyone to see the Detroit Pistons host the Orlando Magic on Sunday, March 4, from 11 a.m. 4:30 p.m. at The Palace of Auburn Hills. Cost is \$38 per person. Price includes bus, snack and raffle. Cali [248] 624-2850. Michigan Princess Blues Cruise
- On Friday, March 16 from 5:30 p.m. to 12 a.m. on the Michigan Princess in Lansing residents will cruise the river to the sounds of Blues. Price includes dinner, bus, and ticket. Cash bar. Cost is \$55 per person.
- CAFE TRAVAIL OPENS IN WEST MAPLE PLAZA Cafe Travall has opened in West Maple Plaza, making cappuccino, lattes, specially coffee drinks, fresh fruit smoothies and light cutsine available in downlown Walled Lake for the first time. Cafe Travall translates in French as cafe work and is the latest creation of Walled Lake entrepreneur Deborah Lutzo, owner of the Works Salon and Wellness
- Center, an Aveda concept salon. The cafe expansion went from 1,800 square feet to 8,000 square feet. Lutzo and spa director Susan Vert and their spouses completed most of the cafe and spa renovations themselves. Lutzo had worked in numerous restaurants before entering the cosmetology field. She has since studied healthy food preparation and presentation to offer a unique dining expe-rience at Cafe Travail. in addition to the coffee specialty drinks, pastries and bagels, Cafe
- Travail will feature fresh fruit smoothles. Wrap sandwiches, savory soups served in bread bowls, fruit and salads will be the cafe's main stays. As the weather warms up, frozen yogurt creations will be added to the menu and sidewalk seating will be available. Cafe Travail is located at 1123 E. West Maple. It is open Monday.
- Thursday, 6 a.m. 8 p.m.; Friday, 6 a.m. 6 p.m.; and Salurday-Sunday, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. The phone number is currently the same as the Works Salon, (248) 669-3130.

## ST MATTHEW LUTHERAN OFFERS AEROBIC CLASSES St. Malthew Lutheran Church is now offering aerobic classes for women in our community. Classes are held in both the Wixom and Walled

- Lake locations. Morning classes are available at 8:40 a.m. in Walled Lake and evening classes begin at 7 p.m. in Wixom. All classes are approximately one hour
- long. Next six-week session begins the week of March 5. Instructors are Kelly

Special Occasion Ladies Dress Rental and Tuxedos carries hundreds of

dresses - from Jessica McClintock to Nicole Miller and local designers. Gowns are available in sizes 2-22 and simple alterations can be done on the spot. Dress rental fees range from \$29.95 to \$39.95. Should a cus-

p.m.; Saturdays, 10 a.m.-3 p.m.; and by appointment.

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## SPECIAL OCCASION DRESSES AND TUXEDOS AVAILABLE Women needing special occasion dresses and girls attending the prom now have an inexpensive alternative to buying a costly gown. Special Occasion Ladies Dress Rental and Tuxedos, housed in the newly expanded Works Salon and Weilness Center, has opened in downton

be held

In addition to ladies gowns, tuxedos by After Hours are available for men. Welling-McFarland is offering incentives to bridal parties such as free golf for the groom or free boutonniferes for the groom and the grooms-men. Special Occasions is located at 1123 E. West Maple No. 4. The number is (248) 755-3744. It is open Monday-Friday, 10 a.m. to 6

Country State OFFERED Oakland County Health Division continues to provide influenza shots at the Walled Lake location, 1010 E. West Maple Road. Hours are Monday, noon to 8 p.m. and Tuesday through Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Flu shots will be given while supplies last and will be available to anyone 6 months of age or older regardless of risk status. The Pneumococcal vac-less to diverge all user and the state of the between. Made possible through a grant by the Michigan Dance Heritage. Family Folk Dance will be 6 months of age or older regardless of risk status. The Pneumococcal vac-cine is given all year long. The 2000-2001 vaccine protects against three viral strains, A/Panama, A/New Caledonia, and B/Yamanashi. The Pneumococcal vaccine pro-vides protection for 23 types of gneumonia. The flu vaccine cost is \$3, pneumonia vaccine is \$7 for those able to pay. Flu and pneumonia shots are covered by Medicare or Medicaid. Please bring a picture ID with a cur-rent address and all insurance cards for billing. For more information, please call Oakland County Health Division's flu Immunization hotline at 1-800-434-3358.

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# Novi St. Patrick's Day Briefs

# WALLED LAKE NEWS

## Warriors couldn't top noise of crowd

## By COLBY J. CAVALIERE Sports Editor

Crowd Noise It's an indirect force that can play a huge role in the outcome of games and is usually an advantage that the home learn counts on.

In the WLAA semi-final game-between third seed Walled Lake Western, and seventh seen Northvilie, the visiting crowd played "Northville fans were one of the

biggest differences in the game, and a major reason why we won this game," said Mustangs' coach Scott Baldwin. Western coach Rex Stanczak

commented "We have continued to establish one of the best home court advantages in the county." A 31-3 record over the course of three years is certainly a testament to that but for mean of the arranged

o that, but for most of the evening, t was the Mustang fans providing the advantage for their team. David Gregor started the game and his monster first quarter with a

and the information on Western's Steve Soblek would respond with five points in a two second span to give his team an early lift. The pace remained fast for the entire quarter.

Western came out firing in the second quarter hoping to gain con-trol of the pace, and build their bombs by Chris Eagle and Brian Verdun, Western took an early 24-23 lead. Aaron Redden, who was quiet in the first quarter, awoke in

Thomas Knapp gave Western a 30-28 halftime lead The hot shooting hands of the first half would cool a bit in the sec-ond, but it slowly seemed as though Western was taking control of the



Northville's Tim Kelleher dribbles past Walled Lake Western's Chris Eagle, right, during the Feb. 23 game

pace of the game. The run-and-gun looking for a chance to bury yet Warriors jumped out to a 36-33 another dagger. Redden nailed a remained fast for the entire quarter. Warriors jumped out to a 36-33 another dagger. Redden nailed a long three-pointer with hands in Sobiek and center Jason Clark. The go in the quarter, but once again his face to give the Mustangs their Mustangs would make their presence fell late in the quarter when Northville bounded out to a 19-14 game at 36-36. Down four, shark infested waters, as the lead. Gregor talked 10 points and six rebounds, with Tim Ferng chip-ing in with five to lead the 'Stangs' to a 21-16 first quarter iead. Meeter do 38 align three quarter, iead saw Knapp sink both, clos- to the game was far from over the dust of 0.38 align three quarter iead.

quiet in the first quarter, awake in<br/>the second with a deep three-point-<br/>re to give the Stangs back the lead<br/>at 26-24. The frenzied pace contra-<br/>doments later, a three-point play<br/>ued, but neither team showld zeitlin tied the game at<br/>an arching jumper by Trevor<br/>Moniette over Northville centerRedden fired the first of many<br/>huge fourth quarter threes carly on<br/>to cut the Warrior lead to 42-41.<br/>But nothing about this game was<br/>to control from the other. Warrior<br/>gard David Zeitlin tied the game at<br/>an arching jumper by Trevor<br/>Moniette over Northville centerRedden fired the first of many<br/>huge fourth quarter threes carly on<br/>to cut the Warrior lead to 42-41.<br/>But nothing about this game was<br/>to control from the other. Warrior<br/>an arching jumper by Trevor<br/>Moniette over Northville centerRedden fired the first of many<br/>to cut the Warrior lead to 42-41.<br/>But nothing about this game was<br/>to control from the other. Warrior<br/>ta 28-28 with 1:35 left in the half, and<br/>ta an arching jumper by Trevor<br/>Moniette over Northville centerRedden fired the first of many<br/>to cut the Warrior lead to 42-41.<br/>Werdun cut the Northville lead to<br/>the game at<br/>clock. Baginet take on Waterford<br/>to making the score 58-57 with<br/>to mong making the score 58-57 with<br/>the take to mond on the court and in the<br/>stands with neither team showled<br/>the stands with neither team showled the stands<br/>take on Waterford<br/>to making the score 58-57 with<br/>the take to a stands with neither team showled the stands<br/>the stands with neither team showled the score 58-57 with<br/>the stands with neither team showled the stands<br/>the stands with neither team showled the score 58-57 with<br/>the stands with neither team showled the score 58-57 with<br/>the stands with neither team showled the score 58-57 with<br/>the stands with neither team showled the score 58-57 with<br/>the stands with nei stands, with neither team showing signs of faltering. But that would all change in a heartbeat when the Mustangs best marksman would make the shot of the game.

ter and saw mappions send to any hyperbolic two. Ight gap to two. Leading 40-38 after three quar-ters, the favored home team hoped to gain some momentum and put to gain some momentum and put trol of the pace, and build their to gain some momentum and put court, the Warriors refused to quit. Sobiek nailed a quick three, cutting bombs by Chris Eagle and Brian Northville had a fired-up crowd and a forward that had yet to fire all the bullets in his gun. Redden fired the first of many

> home, making the score 58-57 with only 13 seconds on the clock. Ferng would hit another free-throw giving Northylle a 59-57 lead with 11 secmake the shot of the game. Lurking on the perimeter just the Warriors to steal a win that look

so improbable only minutes before. Despite their effort, the home rims would not be kind again, as Western's game winn three point attempt would come up

Gregor lead the Mustangs with 21 points followed by Redden with 16. Ferng, who Baldwin felt played 'a major role in the outcome of this game' finished with 11. Western was led by the trio of Sobiek (14 points). Zeitlin (11 points) and Verdun (10 points).

"Our bunch of seniors would not be denied tonight," said Baldwin, "We are peaking right now, and playing the kind of baskeiball we should have been playing all year."

As for Districts, Walled Lake Western will take on Waterford Kettering at 6 p.m. on Monday, March 5

Colby Cavallere is the sports editor of the Novi News. He can reached at 349-1700, ext. 104.

## Oakley Park students to learn about Iditarod By JENNIFER NORRIS

What does the Alaskan Iditarod race and reading have in common at Oakley Park Elementary?

to see just how a team of dogs can pull a sled across hundreds of niles of Alaska's rugged terrain. On March 6, Dan Anderson is scheduled to visit the school and conduct a presentation for each elementary grade level and teach students about dog sledding, the

state of Alaska and the infamous Iditarod race. In the race, teams of dogs and mushers race from the city of Anchorage, Alaska to the city of Nome, covering more than 1,000 miles in a few weeks. Susan Whalen, a second grade

teacher, said in conjunction with Family Folk Dance to

Michigan Dance Heritage musicians and caller Steve Gold will take participants through the steps as they learn old-time folk dances of Michigan. Michigan. Recommended for preschoolers. teens and adults. Invited are daddies, daughters, mothers sons, grandmas, grandpas aunts, uncles and everyone in

neld on Saturday, March 3 from 1-3 p.m. at the Richardson Community Center, 1485 Oakley Park Road, Commerce. No cost, no registration, no necessary efreshments provided by the

"It's one of the things that I feel peak chil-

With the help of a special visi-tor, students at Oakley Park Unrest interest and cap-tures imagination." Susari Whalen

the Alaskan race, students will be participating in their own "Idita-read" race. Whalen said a map of

As the true mushers make their

way through the blustery climate, Oakley Park students will also be moving along their own trail by devoting time to reading. In addition, each classroom will

select a mushing team and wind monitor their progress periodical-by throughout the race, said "It's one of the things that I feel "It's one of the things that I feel Second grade leaderal Jy throughout the race, saw Oakley Park Elementary The "iditaread" contest will The "iditaread" contest will the siditaread" tures imagination, "she said.

begin March 5, and will involve the whole school. Whalen said Anderson will be

Alaska will be constructed at the bringing an assortment of equip-school and as students read, their ment, as well as a team of dogs. mark will nove along the trail. After the indoor presentation, 107 or by e-mail She said that 300 minutes of students will get to see a genuine *fnorris@ht.homecomm.net*.

reading will equal 50 miles on the siedride outdoors. If no snow is or the ground, the sled be wheeled. The Iditaread event will corre-spond with the "March is Reading Month" activities.

Whalen said the dog sled races combined with the reading contest, is hoped to intrigue the stu-

Jennifer Norrts is a staff writer for the Northville Record, She can be reached at (248) 349-1700 ext. 107 or by e-mail at

Washed away



near West Road after water eroded its support from the base. The road was closed for two days while workers repaired the damage.

## Threads of Power turns sequel into great success

## By STEPHANIE FORDYCE

When the Novl Chamber of Commerce asked local residents and businesses to donate a sult for their annual Threads of Power breakfast, they received much more than they had anticipated. Not only did participants bring in more than one suit, but shoes,

scarves, jeweiry and other dress-for-success accessories at the event held on Feb. 13 at the Doubletree Hotel. chamber director Stacey DeRoche. "The community's generosity is truly invigorating and we could not have een this successful without them," Threads of Power is a relatively new program, coordinated by the chamber and local business women in 2000,

entering the work force do not have the financial freedom of purchasing the proper Business attire.

"It's really about helping women move from homelessness, welfare and Shawn Boeneman.

esteem when they see themselves in a suit for the first time is amazing. Their Aside from the public's generosity, DeRoche said it was the hard work of many individuals who helped make the event possible. the event possible. Business persons like Susan Cusick from Novi Credit Union, Anne Kohls, from Mound Business and Kohls Associates, Holly Diamond

from Walsh College, Peggy Hayes from Twelve Oaks, Shannon Hannon from Twelve Oaks, Shann success accessones at the event new on Feb. 13 at the Doubletree Hotel. "Its amazing to see the amount of donations we received this year," said the chamber to assist the efforts of They have had a lot of experience and a lot of resources to pull this thing together and make it as suc-cessful as it is, DeRoche said, I real-

ly appreciate all the time and energy they put into this." The clothing donated at this year's and local business women with low incomes, douated Business clothes incomes, double clot benches these women who are re-benches these women who are reand The Southfield Career Center. These donations of clothing are so important for the single women we have at PATH," said PATH employee

level of confidence just sky-rockets." Nancy Swanborg from The Women's Resource Center .at Schoolcraft said she was over-whelmed by the number of contributions brought in. The value these woman place on

these donations are monumental," she said. Program coordinator Mildred Pivoz from the Southfield Career Center's Work First Program agreed. Michtgan has the most single

women households in the United States, so we are so grateful for the enormous flood of donations from the Novi Chamber," she said. Threads of Power was spor John Clements of A.G. Edwards

Barry Melamed and Ken Manko of The Print House, and Peggy Hayes and Catherine O'Malley from Twelve Oaks Interested in donating to Threads of Power or taking advantage of the group's services? Call (248) 355-5400 group's services? Call (248) 355-5400 for PATH, (734)462-4443 for the Schoolcraft's Woman's Resource Center, or the Southfield Career Center at (248) 945-5100.

## Council requests time limit on participation

cil chambers affect decisio

Both Kramer and Lorenzo feel

Kramer said some resident

"If any resident has a prob

problems could be directed into other areas and they would not need to come before council.

## By RANDAL YAKEY

making and effectiveness, espe-cially if a serious issue is forced Novi City Council meetings are notorious for lasting well into the early morning hours. Mayor Pro-Tem Laura Lorenzo said she would like to cut down the time council members spend the chambers. on council after midnight. the time is right to review audi-ence participation time limits. I think the matter deserves n chambers. some discussion," Kramer said Lorenzo said she would like to "I think it was our intent to have the mayor exercise some control

see a time limit on the audience participation. Lorenzo, who has noted that she would like to see over audience participation." a time limit on speakers in front of council as well has asked hat the issue be brought up for a review by council. "It is my observation that since lem, they should have the abili ty to work it out with the city administration," Kramer said. "(But) we could see a way we we eliminated any time (limit) for udlence participation; I think t's just human nature that with-

Investigation (FBI) was on the scene about thirty minutes after

the robbery, according to Novi police. It is common practice for the FBI to help on bank robbery cases considering they are federal

Police suspect that the robber

offenses.

and the freeway.

low Appearing..

Lisa Cunningham

track of time," Lorenzo sald. 'I think it's important that we achieve a balance between pubic participation, which we do tion, said he was not in support want to encourage, but we also of any restrictions, have an obligation to get "The people elected us and not through a certain amount of the other way around," Clark usiness at a reasonable hour," said. "Some citizens have taken The mayor would have the longer than others to express option of granting speakers extra time to drive home a The city council is expected to

point. Lorenzo and council review the audience participation member Ed Kramer both have issue as an agenda item at a later noted the longer hours in coun-

lars helped pay for," he said. As part of the assembly, the stu-dents engaged in a cultural experi-ence as they watched a few of their

tastic job."

structure,

crime. According to a statement given to police by a Home Depot manager, the hat the man was Some of the male students joined dance. Student Goutham

past fifteen years. Police are asking for anyone

may have picked that particular bank because of the number of Randal Yakey is a staff writer people and access to Novi Road for the Novi News. His e-mail address

Police still looking for Novi bank robber stores in Novi for clues to the and adjoining areas for evidence. According to the police report, the dog lost the scent at the perimeter of the bank parking lot. The Federal Bureau of

given to police by a Home Depot manager, the hat the man was wearing may have been one of 500given to customers of the store when it opened last year. Police said the bank robbed has been a target at least twice in the

who may have seen a person fit-ting the description of the suspect leaving the bank to call the Novi police at (248) 348-7100.

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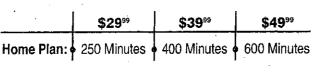
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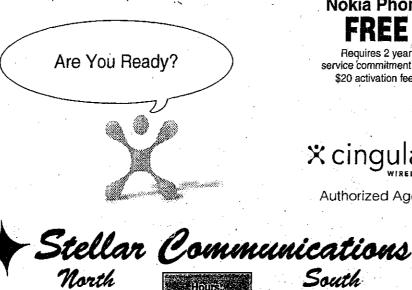
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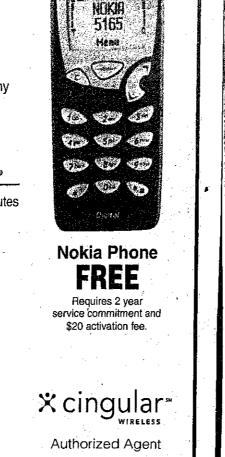
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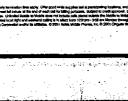
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## **Community comes** together for India earthquake relief

## By STEPHANIE FORDYCE Staff Writer

quake

In response to the recent earthin India, Deerfield Elementary students put logether their every dollar, dime, nickel and penny to help the Novi Rotary Club in their efforts to bring the country much-needed assistance

in hopes to ald victims in the dev-astating natural disaster that hit the country in January.

"It brings a tear to my eye to see the children of Novi helping people on the other side of globe, people they don't even know," said Novi Rotary Club president Anthony Musu. They should be very proud of themselves, they've done a fan-

destroyed all but a few buildings in the area, Musu said the money raised by the children will be put towards constructing a housing Musu explained the building will

Because the earthquake in India

be a 10-unit facility, equipped with restroom facilities, providing peo-ple in India a place to stay and sleep. "Once it is completed I will go

back to Deerfield and show them exactly what their hard-earned dol-

on stage to sing India's national anthem, while Pallavi Vadapalli performed a traditional Indian

explained that India's national anthem, "Jana Gana Mana," illustrates a patriol's feelings freedom from colonial rule.

Deerfield principal Richard Njus said he was extremely proud of his students and their generous efforts.

"This has just been a super expe-rience for the kids," he said. "Its wonderful what our kids are doing." Reaching 6.9 on the Richter

With the school bringing their "Kids That Care" motto to life, the students presented \$900 to Novi Rotary Club members on Feb. 16 during the last 180 years. The quake has claimed at least 30,000 lives, has left nearly 170,000 injured and a million or

more have been rendered home less Damages have been estimated to the extent of \$ 5.5 billion.

Currently, the Novi Rotary Club is collecting money at Expo Center events and Musu said Rotary mer bers are hoping to begin a city-wide campaign on local street corners. As of now, the goal for the

Rotary's relief fund is open. In 1999, the Rotary helped collect more than \$3,000 for religees in Kosovo. ents helped us col The Novi stude lect money when we held our Kosovo fund and now they're hear again helping," Musu said. "We couldn't be

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

Contributions are tax-deductible and those who donate \$100 or mor will be listed in the Novi News Musu said that International has allocated itself to match the april elief elfor

Stephanie Fordyce is a staff write for the Novl News. She may be reached of sfordyce@ht.h

Pallavi Vadapalli performs a traditional Indian dance during an earthquake relief fund assembly at Novi's Deerfield Eler School sponsored by the Novi Rotary.





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## **Obituaries Con't**

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vorking farm girl when living in the apple orchard country. She is survived by sons, William

(Maria) of Grosse lle and Lawrence (Stephanie) of Grand Haven: daughters, Jeanette (Ronald) Gerard of Okeechobee, Fla., and Hildegard Staab of Novi: sisters. Emma Scheib of Marseilles. Ill. Florence Motzer of Luther, Mich. Gertrude Hensler of Southfield: five grandchildren, Bret Schneider, Bradley and Mark Gerard, and Billy and Pamela Staab; and one great-grandson. Andrew Chase Schneider,

Mrs. Staab was preceded in death by her husband of 47-plus years, Geblard in March 1986. Visitation will be from 2 to 9 p.m Fhursday, March 1 at Thaver-Rock

uneral Home in Farmington. Services will be held at 1 p.m. Friday, March 2 at the functal iome. Pastor Matthew McMahon of Spirit of Christ Lutheran Church, Novi will officiate. Memorials to the Salvation Army, 16130 Northland Drive,

Southfield, MI 48075 or the National Multiple Sclerosis Society, 21311 Civic Center Drive, Southfield, MI 48076-3911 would be appreciated. Interment will be at Glen Eden

femorial Park in Livonia. DOROTHY L. THOMAS

Dorothy L. Thomas, 84, died Feb. 26 at her home in Northville. She was born Feb. 4, 1917 in Montreal to Fred M. and Daisy (Moremunt Ascah. Mrs. Thomas was a registered urse and homemaker. She

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fied by a licensed physician. The

law requiring physician signatures came into effect in 1994. In meet-

ings with the PVA in 1997 and

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General Hospital School of Brighton; 14 grandchildren and 20 had a passion for drawing and Funeral Home in Novi. Nursing, Her memberships includ-ed Highland Lakes Women's Club and Ward Presbyterian Church, Northville. She is survived by her husband. Sydney R., whom she married in July 1943; sen, Clark (Debble) of Minnesota: daughters, Joan Valente of White Lake and Susan (Jack) Huntley of Novi; one grand-son, David Huntley; sister-in-law, Mildred Ascab of Montreal; and brother in-law, Jack (Margaret) Thomas of Harrow, Canada, Mrs. Thomas was preceded in death by two brothers, Gerald and

Fred Ascali; and sister-in-law, Jeanne Ascah. An 14 a.m. service will be held on Thursday, March I at Ward Presbyterian Church in Northville, with Pastor Brian Tweedie official-

, interment was in United Memorial Gardens. Arrangements were made by Casterline Funeral Home Inc. of lorthville The family would appreciate memorial contributions to a chari-

ty of your choice. ALICE L. VALENTE Alice L. Valente, 90, of Novi died Feb. 20 in Botsford General Hospital of Farmington Hills. She was born Feb. 27, 1910 in Battle Creek to Phillip and Anna (Riede)

Halm Mrs. Valente was a self-employed beautician and a member of Holy Family Catholic Church in Novi. She is survived by her husband. Armand: daughters, Anne (Thomas) Mark of Flushing and Phyllis Glomski of Paw Paw, Mich.; and son, Richard (Diane) of

Alzheimer's Association, 17220 W. Twelve Mile Road, Suite 100. Southfield, MI 49076 would be appreciated by the family. ROMEO VALENTI Romeo Valenti, 89, died Feb. 16 in Beaumont Hospital. He was born April 20, 1911, in Sault Ste. Marie, Canada. He is survived by his wife of 70 years, Betty; sons, Richard (Mary) and George; daughters, Joyce Carcone and Janet Certo; one

great-grandchildren. Services were held on Friday, Feb. 23 at Holy Family Catholic

Church, with the Rev. Andrew

Czarnecki officiating. Interment was at Holy Sepulchre

Cemetery in Southfield,

brother, Art (Virginia); sister, Jean Odierna; and 11 grandchildren Rick, John, Karen, Jerry, Lisa, Jamie. Russell, Anthony, Tina, Amber, Scott, and Sinder. Services were conducted on Tuesday, Feb. 20 at Holy family

Catholic Church in Novi. Interment was in Oakland Hills Cemetery. Arrangements were made by O'Brien Chapel/Sullivan Funeral Home Inc. Memorials to the American Heart

Association would be appreciated. WILLIAM C. VANDER LOOP William C. Vander Loop, 69, died Feb. 14 at University Hospital in Ann Arbor. He was born in 1931

Mr. Vander Loop was at Hydromatic Inc. for 33 years. He Permits are plentiful in state

employment.

woodworking. According to the family, Mr. Vander Loop was very

proud to have raised ten great chil-

He is survived by his wife, Jackie: daughiers, Joan, Susan, Melanie, and Bonnie; sons,

Michael, Bill, and Jonathan; brothers, Lewis, Jim, and Bob; sisters, DeDe, Rita, Joyce, and Donna; and 22 grandehildren and šix great-

Mr. Vander Loop was preceded in

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Robert, Scott, and Casey. Services were held on Saturday,

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In St. Joseph Hospital, Ann Arbor. She was born in 1937.

Mrs. Zurkan is survived by

sisters, Donna Guthrie and Judy Haught; brother, Lorenzo Robinson; sister-in-law, Ruth

daughter, Joan; son, Jeff (Linda)

Washtenaw County

clated by the family.

CAROL J. ZURKAN



Suneral Home in Novi. Zurkan: grandchildren. Craig Interment will be in Wisconsin at Alexandra, Madison, and Chloe

Senior

Carol J. Zurkan, 63, died Feb. 19 Cemetery, Livonia,

She was preceded in death by her husband, Theodore J. Services were held on Thursday,

Feb. 22 at Newburgh United

list Church in Livonla.

Interment was in Parkview

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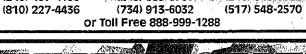
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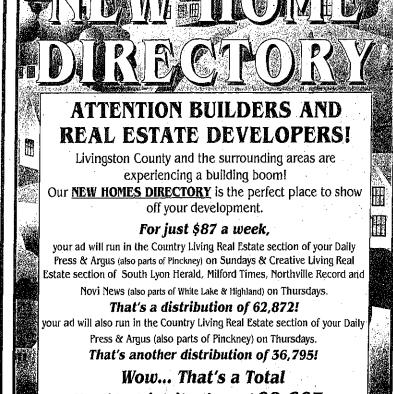
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songs as "Seventy-six Trombones," and "Till There Was You," and spirited musical choreography by Carrie Wickerl.

With outstanding set design and beautiful costumes, the cast of 76 includes actors ranging in age from 7 to 85. "It's really a family show with all

sorts of people from the community-your family, your friends, and your neighbors," Landry said, who co-stars with her entire family of five. "The play has really come together extremely well and everyone is sure to love it. We're really excited." Rosamond, who is starring in his first Novi Theatre production, said he has been pleasantly surprised by the warmth and dedication of the

entire cast and crew. This is a real tight group, and I think that it will shine through during the performances," Rosamond

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Harris said making physicians accountable for who gets parking permits does not address the issue on the ever-increasing number of Boyd sald any other reforms on temporary or long-term permits in the parking permit issue would Ings, the state agreed to press for the employing of original planting permit issue would have to come through a legislative that the Secretary of State office and the permits jumped by that the Secretary of State office investigate and are noted that the Secretary of state office investigate continues the Implementation permit spectrum of permit spectrum to a secretary of state office investigate investigate and are not required to investigate i

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## **Give audiences** time to speak

It is a well know fact that the What needs to be stressed i Novi City Council meetings run the type of language used in the extremely late into the evening. We also agree that perimeters not need to be tolerated. for audience participating could help the extensive council agenda hangs in a local courtroom," the to move along quicker. But, mayor said, "Judge me not by the allowing the citizens of Novi the manner of my speech but by the chance to speak at council meet- justice of my cause." ngs is essential for citizens to feel a part of their government. On a number of occasions, res-

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two or three times to speak on the council meetings. different issues. Perhaps the council could limit

the number of times a particular feel some concerns are given to resident can come up to speak. If taking more than a few moments your point hasn't been made on to expressing our views," Clark the second stint at the podium it continued. "And our fellow citigives the impression of a debate. zens are compelled to listen to us

And if an issue is in need of a Perhaps the council could debate. then public should be sched uled to voice opinions on the issue. come up to speak. If your We sympathize with all the council members and the second try, it gives the the mayor who want

evenings to be shorter Mondays. But the voice of the As a newspaper, the Novi News people must prevail.

the council chambers. In other communities, such as ber of times a resident can take Hamiramck or Warren, there is the podium during a council much more turmoil than in any meeting, we cannot support time

of Novi's council meetings. However, when the time comes - Clark quoted the late President for unlimited time for audience Harry Truman who said, "If can't participation, the option should stand the heat, you don't belong

he there

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council meetings. Vulgarilies do "I am reminded of a saying that

Even the most humble among

us are able to discern between vulgarities and true discourse. idents return to the nodium one. Common sense should prevail in

"At times, we all, and I include myself, of some cause or issue we as we a deliber-

ative body, owe hearing limit the number of times a idents particular resident can point hasn't been made on their impression of a debate.

even when they may not agree which what is being said.

been an advocate of free speech is needed is a few editorials like and is saluted for his stance, this one to let everyone know needs to be the voice of reason in about the issue. But, other than vulgarities or limiting the numlimits on audience participation.

them no less." Most Novi resextremelv respectful when it comes to listening to residents concerns

believes whole-heartedly in the Mavor Richard Clark, who has freedom of speech. And maybe all

of time spent by police officers to write traffic citations. One could infer that this reader probably received a citation recentchildren of Novi are a bit safer because another speeder has been chastised. The reader also stated that because of all this traffic patrolling, police officers have no time to investigate other crimes. Well, that's what detectives are for. Patrol officers do that just that: patrol.

> only preventable by the general public, as they lock doors, set alarms, and keep their eyes and ears open. Police officers do not have crystal balls in their patrol cars, and activities. the alternative, total and complete moni-

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Tim Sawmiller

## New officers need to be elected

Why has there not yet been an election of officers on the new Planning working that has stymied this city. Their

aches are most welco How did this happen? Then, after being cussed and assessed. shown a memo from the sitting chair to In simple terms, the continuing finan-

Ing could or should be changed at the planning level. Mr. Pearson was hired to make the nec-essary changes and get us on track. We've already watted too long for some of these changes to be made. While I realize it took With I realize it took With I arge amounts of money flowing Northville, MI 48167

so we can see how well or how poorly our taxes are being spent. Joseph G. Toth And I guess it's time for me to say that of the three seats up in June, two have to go and the third is questionable

Kathleen Hartwell of the Lenawee Conservation League helps Jameson Forshee, 10, with some archery tips at the

LETTERS

MUCC Outdoorama at the Novi Expo Center last Friday. The outdoorama offers resident a chance to escape bac into the wilderness through means of camping, hunting and just about every other outdoor activity imaginable.

## Taxes are a dark If that is the case, then perhaps the burden for Novi residents

city is awfully important to everyone from a Novi homeowner to the owner of a busi-ness in Tweive Oaks Mall. Yet, all of us, They are out there ready to respond to any from homeowners to the business people

Other crimes such as burglary, child nolestation, and shop lifting, as men-toned by this reader, can only be reacted Police Building remodeling and upgrade to after the fact. These types of crimes are project. Sandstone litigation expenses, only preventable by the general public, as etc. Still, we the taxpayers do not see nor receive periodic monetary status informa-tion on these expensive and high-priced Again, a disgusting pervasive atmos-

It would suggest that it's time for this reader to assume some personal respon- City departments. A few, quick, mindnumbing meetings are usually held and then the multi-million-dollar budget is formally approved. And nothing more about Novi the budget details is even whispered in the city until the next year.

budgets, project allocations, and company funds on an ongoing basis as part of our

daily jobs. Generally, each department would Commission? Certainly we had to wait receive their yeary automent ousce. Out their approved staffling, work assignments, and company requirements. Department tandry and Kocan – are quite appropriate. Their approved staffling, work assignments, and company requirements. Department managers & supervisors had to then pressent at least monthly (and in some cases we leave the pressent at least monthly (and in some cases). We welcome your letters to the editor. Commission? Certainly we had to wait receive their yearly allotment based or weekly) ongoing financial status reports. These financial status reports showed Please include your name, address At the last meeting on Wednesday, Feb. 1. a public hearing has to be continued much money was committed, and what because the residents of a condominitum funds menalment to be disbursed. All variresidents across the street in Walled Lake. impacts on the program or project dis-

Clay Pearson, assistant city manager, many things became clear. The memory for a many things became clear. The memory for a fault of the departments was sum-marized and exposed on a regular basis for all to see and comment on. This allowed any potential problems Call basis of the departments was sum-marized and exposed on a regular basis for all to see and comment on. This allowed any potential problems Call basis of the departments was sum-marized and exposed on a regular basis for all to see and comment on. This allowed any potential problems

changes to be made. While I realize it took longer than expected to hire the new plan-ning director, we must move posthaste in a positive direction. I presume the assisa positive intertoint is pleasing direc-tor will work together to satisfy the needs of this city. I also would like to remind the old by network planning commissioners that they are neither elected nor hired to sit in the Novi residents do not know because

judgment. The Planning Department is not there to serve the whim of the commis-sioners. Rather, this department is to frank and open communications policy.

refine, define, and bring projects forward; hopefully, in accordance with city ord-nances and codes, it is the planning com-missioners' duty to deem merit and

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## James E. Korte Research for sex Novi ed class available

There is a controversy in Novi regarding the ninth grade sex education curriculum. There has been name-calling and finger pointing which serves no useful purpose. Instead, focus on the best curriculum for the hildren of this community

There are four types of sex education cur-The long-term financial health of the ricula that Novi could offer. They are: a com prehensive program; an abslinence-based or abstinence-plus program; an abslinence-centered program; and an abslinence only program. Has the committee examined these four

They are out there ready to respond to any from nomeowners to the outsuices people calls and emergencies that come their way. Traffic offenses are one of only a few events that a police officer can observe and react to immediately. In the function of the recently passed weekness in each program? Are there any weakness in each program? Are there any are any transported of the second of the s minutes or written explanations of these four types of programs or courses? I have been hearing that we must give our children information to make intelligent deci-

sions. Can we as parents explain what is imilar and what is different in each of these four types of curricula? Some parents have said, "We want a com-

prehensive program." Likewise, some parents have said, "We want an abstinence only program." Yet, can either group of parents explain the similarities and differences in these four

types of programs? Therefore, for interested parents or school

personnel who would like an explanation of these four types of programs, I have written a cry unut the next year. Now I, like many others who are working (or who have worked) in private industry have dealt with all kinds of department budgets, project allocations and composi-

researching this issue for the past ten months because our district is working on months because our curriculum as well. selecting a sex education curriculum as well. Tom Horrigan Northville

and content.

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# **OTHER OPINIONS**

## **Another education reform deal**

Tongues - especially Democratic ones are wagging about how newly-elected advocates of "local control" over education. President George W. Bush has hit the ground running in the first few weeks in to improve education for everybody, letting

Consistent with his campaign, he made education reform a big theme, delivering an seems a nifty way to make sure Mississippi extensive message to the Congress, holding kids remain at the bottom of the national bipartisan meetings with Senators and Representatives, visiting classrooms and so For what it's worth, here are a few obser-

vations from a options must eventually get good options i Michigan perthe resident's failing schools ought to receive vouchers ten-Candidate Bush's views on education didn't ers to be handed out are those to get kids into play especially

well last to test results and give out vouchers to November. Bush improve schools in America, why shouldn't lost Michigan to we make the same demands on private and lost Michigan to Al Gore by a parochial schools? substantial mar-gin, seven out of ut - rightly - that the Constitution proe i g h t hibits governmental interference in private Democratic can-didates for dollars on vouchers tenable at private and

didates for dollars on vouchers tenable at private and statewide education posts won, and the parochial schools in order to improve educa-

voucher proposal to divert public money to tion in America, we'd better figure out a way private and parochial schools was defeated to make sure "good" private schools are in overwhelmingly. It remains to be seen actual fact better than the "failing" publics, whether President Bush's views on education will experience the same faite as candidate Bush's. Bush proposes annual testing of student inner city districts. Are vouchers the best

Phil Power

performance in reading and math, which remedy for these? Maybe, maybe not seems perfectly sensible to me on the grounds that you cannot improve what you do not measure. We're already doing that in Michigan through the MEAP test, together family is likely to learn in almost any school, with science, writing and social studies. But he wants the tests to be designed by history of drug abuse isn't going to make it,

## Don't change OMA; ban firings

Michigan's outgoing the issue, then providing an exemption for Superintendent of Public Instruction, was university president searches, Lawmakers eticulous in his efforts to keep the State allowed for a closed process at universities Board of Education in compliance with the until the field was narrowed to the final Open Meetings Act as they worked last five, Later, the Supreme Court ruled the week to select his replacement. OMA does it had become quite clear some members anyway. of the Board were uncomfortable with the prospect of having to debate the relative whether it is for university presidents, merits of the five finalists in open session. state superintendents, superintendents of

Ellis convinced them not to try to circunvent the law. If they don't like it, he work with the urged,... they should Legislature later to change it. Supported Ellis in his point, saying that allowing a closed process would have created an entirely different This

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Expect it to come up again. Ellis himself

Mike Malott

subject of much debate.

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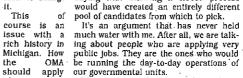
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our governmental units. I'd just as soon that those who prefer to be viewed as an anti-competitive prac operate in secrecy stay home anyway. Ellis explained that word often gets back to candidates' current employers that they have applied for another job. Considering

that only one can be selected, it leaves a has been the lot of unsuccessful applicants who may be in hot water with their bosses. Ellis told of one applicant who inter-

That's the outrage, if you ask me.

employees, not slaves, not indentured Michigan be the first The purpose of such retribution fir-Mike Malott reports on the local implicamiss out on a lot potential talent. That was exactly the argument raised back in 1996 when the state last debated warning that they should not go look-back in 1996 when the state last debated warning that they should not go look-

## Media went overboard on story about lost dog; \$10,000 reward There are always strange stories that Were they afraid of being called dog appear in print or on the TV news. But haters? Or being insensitive to the

did you hear the on about the \$10,000 woman's plight? If the woman had a 'real' friend, the friend would have said some- acle" that the dog came home. A number of media outlets, including thing like, "Hey, Judy, you think you're

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TV, radios and print, did stories on how a going a bit overboard on this dog hunt woman from thing?" Taylor spent 

heart.

contacted Randal Yakey police.

things! And popody has dared juntil this mais. point) to speak out on what a bunch of nonsense this story was.

\$10,000 to find Angeles picked up the story. Why, I'll ing from the dead...now that's a her dog. Mind never know. you, the dog Is this what's relevant in people's lives? miracle. you, the dog Is this what's relevant in people's invest was neither a TV station after TV station ran the story. seeing eye dog A local TV newscaster told said he way, was living very well in another woman's home in Redford) when chilthe owner with that the dog came home. Miracle? dren go hungry and homeless families any other ail- real. That's not a miracle. Parting the Red ments other Sea..rising from the dead..:that's a miralive in shelters. If you want to spend \$10,000, give it to the Red Cross and ments other Sea...rising from the deal...that's no there is a mira-than a lonely cle. With media from across the countrysay a prayer for the dog.

I can see putting an ad in the paper or how about just buying the dog some dog tags so you know where to find it if it It just seems like an awful waste of money. Randal Yakey is a staff writer for the Novi News. He can be reached at (248) 349-1700. ext. 105. or at 349-1700 exi.

following the story, the miracle would be The woman if they didn't find the dog. ontacted Please, do not write me or e-mail (or used anything) about how insensitive I am to private detec the plight of animals. I have had dogs, tives, sketch artists and even advertise- cats, a guinea pig (who ran away and I ments in order to find this poolle. The cried – you can't get more sensitive media outlets put the story on the 11 than that!), a bird and a pet rabbit (I o'clock news. The 11 o'clock news of all called him 'Bugs'). So, I do care for ani-What dets me is that someone would ryakey@ht.homecomm.net. spend \$10,000 for a dog (who, by the

- during a chit-chat with reporters before viewed here in Michigan and then went the final session in which the Board would home to Florida where he was promptly vote to name Thomas Watkins as canned by his employer for applying Michigan's new superintendent - called elsewhere the existing law "horrid." 'His argument was familiar. Michigan's law requires a very open process. All who submit their names for consideration may a job somewhere else? They are retribution firings as wrong. Let 'His argument was familiar. Michigan's have them made public. That keeps some candidates from applying in the first servants. place, so government units in Michigan



But if the purpose of reforming education is Mississippi (for example) design its own tests to evaluate its own miserable school system kids remain at the bottom of the national education heap. Bush is no doubt sincere when he says

each individual state, a bow no doubt to

that schools must be held accountable: "Parents and children who have only bad we're to succeed all across the country From this, he argues that kids who attend

able at good schools. But Bush seems to assume the only failing schools are public ones and the only vouchprivate and parochial schools. If we're going

tion in America, we'd better figure out a way As a practical malter, most public schools in Michigan are preity good and getting bet-

ter. The bad ones are mostly concentrated in As to inner city schools, the old adage that "schools don't count, families do" seems fun-damental. A kid from a solid, two-parent

What concerns me about the Bush proposals on education reform is that they mask the main issue: money, taxpayer money, Private and parochial schools want it. Politicians want them to

## have it.

even at Cranbrook. Maybe education reform in inner cities has as much to do with fixing family structure, drug abuse and poverty a t does with poor teachers and inept principals.

What concerns me about the Bush proposals on education reform is that they mask the main issue: money, taxpayer money. Private and parochial schools want it. Politicians want them to have it, but without having to bear the same standards of

accountability they apply to public schools. Maybe there's a deal out there, just begging to be made. Require the same tests for all kids going to any school — public, pri-vate, parochial, charter — throughout the entire country, Based on fest results, designate "falling schools" -- public, private, parochial, charter. Give out vouchers tenable only at non-failing schools.

And as to inner city schools that otherwise are likely to wind up as dumping grounds for kids from dysfunctional families, co-locate in the same buildings all the range of social and health services the society can bring to bear.

Phil Power is chairman of HomeTown Communications Network Inc., the company that owns this newspaper. He welcomes you comments, either by voice mail at (734) 953-2047, ext. 1880, or by e-mail at

## **Brighton store lets** the Creative Side out

By David M. Aguilar

Each week, Hometown Vewspapers will be delving into the pages of its own classified sections, discovering tales of promise, misfortune and opportu nity, then putting a familiar face a lot of people, even therapeutic on stories otherwise left untold in the course of human events.

For all the aspiring artists of the world, individuals just dye-ing to make a splash on paper or on can-vas, Brighton is the place you need

The Creative Side, a Brightonbased art supply and framing store owned by Donna and Carl Engstrom, hold a variety of day nd night art classes in their store live days per week. The objective is o better serve individuals who express themselves rough art, regardless of their bility level.

"All you have to do is be able to walk in the front door," Carl Engstrom said, "We will take it rom there. We have people ranging anywhere from intermediate

o professional taking classes. We have something for everybody." That range includes painting and drawing classes that color the world in acrylics, water colors astels, collages and experimental crylics.

"We try to run classes all the time," Engstrom said. "And in the summer we try to open it up to tids."

vide visit the specialized art store. some out of curiosity, others earching for specific art materials. He said that diversity is also reflective of the students who David M. Aguilar is a reporter for attend the couple's classes. One constant is the level of enjoyment

ach participant receives. e-mail "A lot of people just do it for the daguilar@homecomm.net.

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fun of it." he said, "For some peo ple, this is the only chance they get to paint because they are so busy during the week. They will come here and be around people they have gotten to know and jus have a good time. It is relaxing fo Engstrom said the most popu lar classes are oil, acrylic an

water color painting classes, though he said none of the class curricula has yet rubbed off or him.

"Donna is the artist," he said of his wife who currently has 20 paintings hanging in the Howell Chamber of Commerce. "I am only a helper, I do our framing. That's how I earn my keep. She teaches the classes, and people really have a good time with it.

And so why is it that none of that art intellect has been passed, even by osmosis, to him?

"Between my framing and my golf game, who has the time?" Engstrom rhetorically asked, chuckling.

Classes range in price, Engstrom said, but registration can be completed in-person, over the phone or on the Internet (www.thecreativeside.com). The Creative Side is located in Brighton inside Taorello's marke place. They can be reached a (810) 220-3244.

There is much to be found i the pages of HomeTown's Classified section — the Green Sheet. Turn to section D of this Engstrom said people far and paper to find out more. To place any ad, big or small, call the Green Sheet Classifieds toll free at (888) 999-1288.

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## It's an argument that has never held much water with me. After all,

OMA doesn't apply to university searches In any case, the argument is the same individual districts, or city or iownship

managers in local municipalities. State Board member Michael David

we are talking about people who are applying very public jobs. They are the ones who would be running the day-to-day operations of our governmental units. ing other employment. That's what should be outlawed.

Even free-market thinkers may be able to see the justification in such a ban. If you consider each worker as nothing more than a vendor of labor, out in the marketplace seeking the highest bid for his or her services then such retribution firings can only

We've heard quite a bit now about how, in today's information-based new economy, our workforce needs to be very flexible and highly mobile. How do you square that with the idea of letting people punish workers for going out on the job market? Ellis countered, and rightly so, that

no law we could pass here in Michigan would have an effect in Florida. True enough. It is also true that states look to each other for examples

News media from New York to Los

The dog owner said it was a "mir-Miracle? Get real. That's not a miracle. Parting the Red Sea...ris-

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## 14A -- NOVI NEWS -- Thursday, March 1, 200 Walsh offers classes for working students

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"One thing we're really proud of is that, as far as technology, we have a lot of things the other colleges don't," Diamond said. These include Picture Telwhich allows students and teachers from the Troy campus and the Novi campus to inter-act, LCD projectors, and the Smartboard- which allows instructors to teach on a com-puter using a wide screen placed in front of the class.

"Basically, the Smartboard allows you to do anything you'd normally do with a mouse, but instead you touch the screen," Diamond explained. Diamond explained. "Instructors like it because they can prepare a lecture before-hand using word or power point and navigate the Internet with-

out hiding behind a computer." With the Smartboard, the class can even write on the screen with special markers. Aside from its classroom tech-

nologies. Walsh offers a full electronic library with over 30,000 items and 70 accessible databases.

"The college has invested a lot of money in research databases, which most of our students use," Diamond said. "We have a number of databases in which students can access full journal articles, business statistics, investment reports, portfolios,

norestinent reports, portiones, and even quarter/annual reports." Diamond said another thing that sets Walsh apart from most other colleges is their faculty. "Most are professionals cur-

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

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Holly Diamond Public Relations Director, Novi

rentiy working in the areas that they teach, so our staff really brings a unique insight into the

classroom," she said. Diamond explain Diamond explained that Walsh offers the last two years of bachelor degree studies as well as eight master's degree programs

The Novi Campus offers the Bachelor of Accountancy, The Walsh MBA, a Master of Science in Finance, a Master of Science in Management and a Master of Science in Leadership Innovation.

In addition, many of the courses necessary to complete the Master of Science in Professional Accountancy and the core requirements for all Walsh College undergraduate

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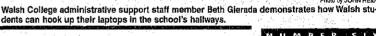
dents work full-time, classes are offered in the evenings, weekends, as well as online.

minimum of 60 semester credit hours and a maximum of 82 semester credit hours, Diamond said.

said. Waish accepts applications year-round, with spring semes-ter beginning March 30 while summer semester beginning April 30. Registration begins February 19, for the 11-week spring semester, and March 19 for its 14 week summer semes-ter

For more information about Walsh College call 248-349-

Stephanie Fordyce is a staff writer for the Novi News. She may be reached at



## Community Events

JEAN BRADLEY TO SPEAK Roses-West Rose Society of Novi is hosting Jean Bradley of Bay City, an American Rose Society an American Rose Society Horticultural and Arrangements judge, on Friday, March 2 at 7:30 p.m. at the Novi Civic Center, Her presentation will be "How to Make Arrangements with Roses." This free program will also include a social hour.

For those new to the area, the address of the Novi Civic Center is 45175 W. Ten Mile Road, (248) 347-0400.

NOVI PRESCHOOL OPEN

HOUSE The Novi Co-Op Preschool will be having its Open House on March 10 from 10:00 a.m. to March 10 from 10:00 and, to 1:00 p.m. It is located at 41671 Ten Mile Road in the Novi United Methodist Church. Bring your child to explore our classroom and meet the teachers. This is also a good opportunity for you to ask questions about what a

to ask questions about what a Co-op is all about. The Open House is the first date that open enrollment begins for the school year of 2001-2002. Class sizes are limited to 15 for the threes, and 16 for the

fours. Please be aware that enrollment is filled on a first come, first serve basis. For more information, please contact Karrie Nye at 960-8988 or Tracy Nesler at 734-513-2841.

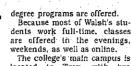
#### NOVI NEWCOMERS AND NEIGHBORS GIFT AND CRAFT

NEIGHBORS GIFT AND CRAFT AUCTION A silent and live auction will be held by the Novi Newconners and Neighbors on March 24 starting at 7 p.m. at Village Oaks Club House. Cocktalls and hors d'oeu-vres will be served. All are wel-come. Reservations: 380-9244









The college's main campus is located in Troy, with two University Centers at St.Clair County Community College and Macomb Community College.

Diamond explained that stu-dents can even combine two years of study at a community college with two years at Walsh and still earn a Walsh College

degree. The college offers the final two years of study toward two degrees and students who transfer to Walsh need to have a

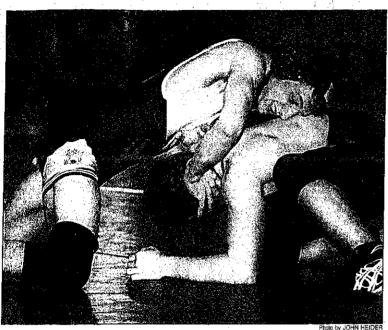
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## NOVI PUBLIC LIBRARY MICROFILM COPY **SPORTS** Thursday, March 1, 2001



NovI wrestler Andrew Becker (152) gets rough with an opponent in a match earlier in the year. The 'Cats beat Troy and West Bloomfield to win the regional title.

# Wildcats set sights on states

Novi bests West Bloomfield for regional championship

(103) and J.R. Muldoon (112)

Brad Huss

Novi wrestling coach

By COLBY J. CAVALIERE

Great expectations are tough for any team to live up to, and often those expectations cause a team to crumble.

erumble. The Novi wrestling leam has been under pressure since day one of the wrestling season and has flourished rather than crumble with the added stress. with the added stress. With a KVC co-championship in

their pocket and a district champi-onship banner on the wall, the Wildcats added a regional championship when they took down West Bloomfield 48-18 on Feb. 21. Before they faced West

take care of them they did. Novi opened the match with wins by Craig Hearn (103), Josh Churella

"We lost a few that we could have and should have won"

"We wrestled very well, but we lost a few close ones that we could have and should have won," said Novi coach Brad Huss.

After Troy, came West Bloomfield, with the right to go on to the state playoffs up for grabs. Once again, when the pressure was on and the spotlight the brightest, Novi put up a tertific performance

handily winning by 30 points. Hearn, J. Churella, R. Churella; Muldoon, Ong, and Stallard all repeated their first round victories, Corey Nobach (119), Vince Slovan (160) and Scott Kortlandt (171) Joined their teanmates, and made up the 10 Wildcat wins. With the win, Novi became one of

eight teams to advance to the Division 1 state playoffs in Battle Continued on 2

**'Cats** third in region

With a third place finish in the cheer regionals on Feb. 24, the Lady Wildcal's season came to an end

Novi started out with a twist in a great round one. The Lady Wildcats made a change to one of the required jumps in this round to try and get a jumpstart on the compe-trues, but coach Amy Denys had

her concerns. "I was worried that someone would execute the wrong jump because we had never performed the change before. However, the girls had no problem remembering the new part and the choer was performed without a flaw," she said

After round one, the team was in second place behind Brighton with a score of 177. "I was so proud of the girls after this round. All of their efforts came

shining through in this cheer. They really showed what a great learn they have become over the past several months. Their energy and exuberance were second to none," Denys said.

As it has been for parts of the season, their second round was

again the team's weak point. "Our walkover skill really hurts us. We have been struggling all season with this portion and once again it played against us," Denys

Besides being Novi's most difficult round, the team suffered an Injury earlier in the week that impacted the cheer. Denys was forced to replace Junior Lindscy Broadwell with Senior Eve Costlow. 'Eve had never performed a



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walkover in a cheer but pulled through for her team and did an

outstanding job on Saturday," Denys said. Unfortunately, the team's walkovers were not precise enough

waikovers were not precise enough to gain them the points needed to beat Ladywood or Brighton in the round. Brighton's total had jumped to 199 points, Ladywood's 183.5 and Novi's 168.5. The subpar round by the 'Cats allowed Ladywood to leapfrog them into second place. But Novi rehouned and had the

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best third round of the season. The team finished with a score of 255.5 only 10 points behind Brighton

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Icers lock up KVC championship

Netminding by Goodman, late goal by Haberman give 'Cats the KVC

BY COLBY J. CAVALIERE SPORTS EDITOR

For the most of the last two sea sons, the Novi hockey team has been on the top of the KVC hill, Last year they stood atop the conference with Brighton, but this scason, after thwarting the many attempts at their perch, the Wildcats stand alone

After beating Howell 4-3 last Wednesday, Novi wrapped up the KVC championship, and capped off an amazing 20-win season.

an amazing 20-win season. "Everyone wants a piece of you when, you are on top," said. Novi coach Dan Phelps. "We had to come out and play hard every game, and being able to have the KVC to our-

selves this year is a great feeling." Facing a fast, darting team, the Cats needed to be on top of their mental and physical game to avoid a slip-up

We got hurt ourselves in the KVC by losing a close one to Milford. We knew we controlled our own destiny, so the kids came out fired up, and hungry, knowing a win would give us the title," Phelps said.

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nd to give the Cats a 2-1 lead after one. Brian Jaussi made the score 3-1 with a goal early in the second, and

Novi looked to be on their way to duplicating an early season 13-2 destruction of the Highlanders, but Howell had other plans. Perhaps spurned on by the opportunity to

FINAL KVC STANDINGS Novi 13-1 Brigton 12-2 Howell 9-5 Milford 8-6 Lakeland 7-7 South Lyon 3-11 Hartland 3-11

Pinckney 1-12 play the spotler, Howell attacked swiftly, scoring two goals to tie the game at 3-3, out-shooting Novi 21-8 in the period.

us the title," Phelps said. Both t teams came out on top of their games, with Howell you when you are on top." to go a costly penalty gave Novl a man advantage, and they made it Dan Phelps Novi head coach count. Adam Haberman, on a

pass from KVC scoring champion Brad Zarem, proved to be the game - and con-ference-winning - goal for the 'Cats. The Wildcats finished the regu-

lar season 20-3-1, and set a school record for wins. But all that meant nothing when the Division II regional playoffs kicked off last night. After upsetting South Lyon



Novi's Adam Haberman lines up a opposing player near the boards in a earlier season game

nameni.

in the first round, Pinckney advanced on to play Novi last night. Results of that contest were

noi available at press time. Tomorrow night the regional finals will be held at Novi Ice Arena at 7:30 p.m., with the winner advancing on to Flint to partici-

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pate in the Division two state tour-

## Early March brings second season for most Novi teams

## Brian Ong (130), Chris Stallard (140) and Ryan Churella (145) got three more wins to place Novi at a comfortable lead. That lead shrunk a bit with losses at 152, 160, and Before they faced West Bloomfield, they first had to take care of Troy in the first round. And 171, but the 'Cats returned fire when Matt Kolich (189) won a tight match 6-4, and Tim Stefanson (215) pinned his opponent. A West Bloomfield void at heavyweight closed the Novi win, 42-21.



## **Big Rapids Champions**

Novi's Midget House Hockey Team won the championship of the Big Rapids Area Invitational Tournament held on Feb. 9, 10, 11. Novi competed against several local teams, outscoring them 21-7. Pictured above is: Evan Bavarskas, Jonathan Beavis, Marcus Brodfuehrer, Danny Brenikowski, Matthewe Harsha-Strong, Matt Herbert, Stephen Karaisz, Ray Kennedy, Nathan Kuhn, Brandon Kummer, Valdis Lenss, Steven McCrumb, Lawrence Mills, Nick Popravsky, Michael Ward, and Matt Winkel.

> te assessment

BY COLBY J. CAVALIERE SPORTS EDITOR

After of season of highs and lows the slate is wiped clean when many post-season tournaments get into full swing next week.

The Wildcat basketball team looks to stay hot, and continue their winning ways when their dis-trict tournament kicks off on March 5.

After their regional victory, the wrestling quad became one of eight teams vying for the state champi-onship. Also going for individual titles are Josh Churella, J.R.

Muldoon, and Ryan Churella. After an up and down year the volleybail squad will look to shake things up in the district tourna-ment on March 3rd, while the Hockey and Gymnastics teams hope to uphold high expectations after winning their league championships.

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## **NOVI HIGH SCHOOL** POST-SEASON SCHEDULE

District, Regional, and State playoff schedule:

Basketball; Districts, @ Northville H.S., March 5

Wrestling: State, @ Battle Creek, Team:March 2, Indiv.: March 8.

Swimming: State, @ Pioneer, H.S., Ann Arbor, March 6

Volleyball: District: @ Novi H.S., March 3rd

Hockey\*, Regional Finals @Novi Ice Arena, March 2. Gymnastics: Regionals, @ Plymouth-Canton, March 3.

pending outcome of game on 2/28

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## 2B-NOVI NEWS-Thursday, March 1, 2001 **Grapplers try** for team and individual titles

 
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 Josh Churella (103) and his 43-0.

 Creek. The Wikleats Join teams from Bay City West. Grandville.
 Josh Churella (103) and his 43-0.

 Karl Lovas of Utica in the first
 Karl Lovas of Utica in the first
 Tennerance Bedford, Detroit Catholic Central, Davison, Holt and Roseville to vie for the coveted

state title. Novi will face off against 16-9-2 Roseville in the quarterfinals tomorrow at 3:15 p.m. Davison, a potential opponent down the line, is a familiar foe. Davison eliminated Novi from the state playoffs last year, and the two teams tied earlier this season. Temperance Bedford joins the trifecta of teams that och Huss feels are the favorites Td have to say we are one of the three teams to beat and I would be very disappointed if we didn't at least get to the semifinals," Huse

said. "If we wrestle as good as we have been, we should do real well." INDIVIDUAL REGION RESULTS Alter taking the team title and moving on to the states, three indi-viduals became regional champi-

ons and earned themselves the lor of the Novi News. He can be right to wrestle in Battle Creek.

round, J.R. Muldoon (112) who moved his record to 43-4 in the Eastern's Matt Hanson, who is 36 and other undefeated wrestler is 48-0 Ryan Churella (145) Churella

wery well," Huss said. "Josh and Ryan have been there before, but J.R. is new. In order to be state champ, he is going to have to heat guys that have beaten him already this year; but I have all the confidence in the world in him and his abilities

individual tournament is slated to start on March 8, at 3 p.m. in Battle Creek.

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## Cheerleaders wrap up season with third place

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in the numbers.

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and 5.5 behind Ladywood. All in all, I was a successful afternoon for the team. With a total score of 601, the Lady Wildcats carned a third place finish, just behind second place Ladywood, who scored 620. Brighton won the region with a score of 656.

when they feel that they have made progress and the scores do not show this growth. For example, region with a score of 656. "The girls were very proud of their performance. We had satid that there would be no regrets if the girls had their best perform-accurate The team definition endowing the our round one performance (jump round) was one of the best of the ance yet. The team definitely outseason yet our scores were nearly did themselves which made for a the same as the week before lat in themselves when make for a great ending to a long hard sea-ion," Denys said. At the conclusion of the year, Ladywood). in fact, they were one point lower. It is nearly impossible to

Lindsey Cook, Eve Costlow and Jaimee Renume will become Denys' first graduating seniors at Novi High School.

"I have been coaching for the past four years at Novi and these three girls have remained in the program the entire time. They are my first graduating seniors to have completed all four of their years under my supervision. They have set the stage for years to come and the many girls that will precede them. All three girls have been great team leaders each in their individual way.

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regionals will take on Lansing 10. Novi's third state participant will be pitted against 37-8 Mike Paul of East Kentwood. "All three have a chance to do

The first round of the Division 1

The 'Cats placed second with a

ing for more visible improvement

associate improvement with scores

in competitive cheer. From week to week teams perform for a different

panel of judges. Opinions differ

thus, making the officiating seem inconsistent. Additionally, judges

have been known to score easier at the beginning of the season and

become tougher as the season pro-

gresses again making scores seem

stagnant. Novi fell just short of

first place, which was taken by Allen Park with a score of 607.5.

"Allen Park is a strong team and the girls felt accomplished coming

"It is frustrating for the team



Novi wrestler Matt Harsha-Strong on the back of his opponent in an attempt to get him to the mai

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## **Junior Varsity Results** Milford beat Novi, but the Wildcats

NOVI JV BASKETBALL Overall Record: 13-5 KVC Record: 8-4 The Novi Junior Varsity basketeam finished its home schedule early this year, and must play the remainder of its games on the road. But that didn't stop the road. But that didn't stop the but cut that lead to live at the half, young Wildcats from posting two more victories last week. The team first traveled to Hartland and beat the Eagles. 58-31. The first game between the teams came down to the last game. It was a great team effort with a defense that shut down the Wildcats won. This game was over cut or 21-4 third quarter advan-tage, and the game never got any discrete the state of the teams came down to the last with a defense that shut down the Wildcats won. This game was over cut or 21-4 the Cats for the wildcats the teams came down to the last with a defense that shut down the Wildcats won. This game was over

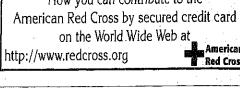
with a defense that shut down the Wildcats won. This game was over early, as the Cats defense held the Eagles to 20 points through three quarters. All of the players saw some significant game time. Now Wildcats with 17 points, and Brai Simpson chipped in eight points. The Wildcats then traveled to Milford to face an always tough and well-coached Redskin team. In the first contest of the season.

have continued to improve and handed the league-leading Redskins a very sound loss on their

At the end of the first quarter, Novi found themselves down 11, but cut that lead to five at the half.

home court this time around.

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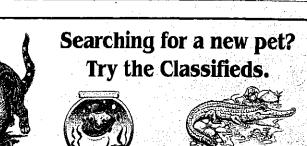
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## Wildcats continue to heat up, win two more

## By COLBY J. CAVALIERE Sports Editor

When a team doesn't have a superstar they can lean on in tight games, they depend on executing the basic fundamentals to win--including free throw shooting.

The Wildcats fit that mold perfectly in their 55-50 win over Milford on Feb. 23, scoring nearly half their total on free throws - 74% (23-32) shooting from the line. Down 23-20 at the half, Novi scratched their way back, outscor ing the Redskins by 12 in the third

quarter to take a nine point lead. In the fourth quarter Milford tried desperately to fight its way back, sending the Wildcats to the line time and time again hoping Novi's hot shooting would turn cold. But they should have known bet-

As they have most of the year, the Wildcats held off any and all

scored one hoop in the final quarter, scoring the rest from the line. A few desperation shots by Milford in

number of their guys in foul trouble," said Novi coach Pat Schluter. "In the fourth quarter, they kept send-ing us to the line, but we did a good job of converting our shots from there.

Senior center Eric Messink was the newest player to lead the team in scoring with 18 points. Fellow senior Jim Cavan had 11, with underclassmen Matt Em and Jamie Schram combining for 18.

The win was the third in a row for the Wildcats, all of them coming on the road. Their record now stands at 11-7 for the season, with Redskin rallies by caning free-throw after free-throw in the News' deadline - against KVC fourth. In fact, the 'Cats only leader Pinckney yet to be factored

in. The team will wrap up its regu-lar season on the road March 2 in Howell at 7 p.m.

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few despectation shots by Multiou in the final seconds got them close, but in the end they fell short, 55-50. "In the second half we really pounded the ball inside and got secone of their guys in foul trouble." "The team is getting continent, and if we can get healthy and keep our momentum going. I think we can have ourselves a good post-season." Schluter said. District play will kick off on

DISTRICTS District play will kick off on Tuesday, March 5, with all games being held at Northville High School. The draw was held on Tuesday evening, but the results were not available at press time. The following teams make up District 25, Class A:

Canton-Plymouth Salen Detroit-Henry Ford Livonia-Churchill Northville Novi Plymouth Canton

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Local youth gets chance to skate with Scott Hamilton

## BY COLBY J. CAVALIERE

On Feb. 10, 12-year-old Greg knew | could do it..." Zuerlein was chosen to represent the Detroit Skating Club in a Stars on Ice performance at the Palace of Auburn Hills. The Stars on Ice tour has

bounced around, performing in venues all over the country, and is former Olympian Scott Hamilton's farewell tour, as well. In each city a young male skater is selected from a local club to play the role of a young Hamilton in a specially-choreographed skil. Zuerlein, a Northville resident, was hand-picked to play Hamilton, and got a chance to skate alongside some of the biggest names in professional figure skating. including Tara

"...But then I relaxed and became excited because i

Greg Zuerlein 12-year old junior national skater

competitor, and member of the United States Figure Skating member participated with Hamilton in a 45 second piece in front of capacity crowd of 20,000. When I was first chosen to skate with Scott I was really nervous.

"But then I relaxed and became excited, because I knew I could do it, and I am used to skating in front of crowds that big," said the

young skater. Zuerlein, who practices many hours a week, first began skating

when he was four years old at the Plymouth Cultural Center, and is currently coached by Allen Schram of the Detroit Skating Club. Through the years Zuerlein has competed in several funior national competitions, with the most recent taking place in Colorado in December. Besides skating, Zuerlein also

enjoys baseball and is a member of the Northville Thunder youth

But his love remains figure skating, and he hopes the long hours of competitions and prac-tice gain him a spoi on the Olympic pedestal in the future. "My goal is to skate in the Olympics one day," said Zuerlein

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## Eating disorders strike teens

#### EATING DISORDERS: MOST DEADLY MENTAL ILLNESS FOR TEENS

Teri Ouiffette just wanted to lose a little weight. So the high school student started to exercise a little more. She joined the track team just for fun. And after the first sea-

esson, Collectie said, "And then 1 10, 11, 12, 13, and then we see cating disorder, seek out assis-vanted to lose weight, and lose anorexia again start showing up at tance because it is likely to nore weight, 1'd ignore my body around age 18," Rosen said. Progress, The longer the enting diswanted to lose weight, and lose nore weight. I'd ignore my body when it'd say it was hungry. When she finally went to the doc- called the

psychiatric illuesses anorexia ner- nates the sa, bullmia nervosa and binge- food by selfcating disorders, according to the induced American Australia Bullinia vomitting, Association.

During Disorders Awareness Week, Feb. 25 through March 4, physicians and researchers at the University of Michigan Health System are accounting everyone to learn and sector is showing that the study call 600/742-2500 (xt. 2200, crooping everyone to learn and in parts at least article at a person's genes. ters and make sure loved ones find the help that they need to get better, including a new counseling program at the U-M.

Eating disorders kill people," said Dr. David Rose, director of the going to be unique. It's going to be Teenage and Young Adult Health program and clinical associate pro-lessor of pediatrics and communicubic diseases at the U-M Health exclude the role that society cul- control or when you feel like System. I think that in the public's ture and the media play in pur-view of mental bealth conditions, naay people think depression kills unachievable, but that young more people because they commitsuch to grant a schizophrenia kills contained appresentation of the some incertains they will be a some incertains they will eating disorders kill more people than all of the other mental health

are much more common now than matte and obvious changes in eatthey have been in the past. "We're not sure exactly why that is, whether or not we're just finding

them better of whether they actually are increasing in frequency over

what they have been in the past," he said, The two most common eating disorders are anorexia nervosa and bultmla nervosa. Anorexía nervosa is marked by the desire for thin-ness that leads to voluntary starvation - sufferers tend to believe have gotten to sooner." they are overweight even though Son, she just kept running throughout the year. Tt started out as ne just want-

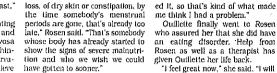
Bulinia nervosa, sometimes order is present, the harder it is to disorders are a real problem, that When she finally went to the doe-tor, she was 98 pounds. And her monin. Robin said Tert was con-tused, indecisive and would "cry at tased, indecisive and would "cry at

Terl Outliette Is one of an esti-mated 5 million American men and psychiatric illnesses anorycha mer-psychiatric illnesses anorycha mer-

laxatives. National Eating fasting or excessive exercise, apprecia nervosa or hulimia pe Bulimia nervosa tends to afflict older teenagers around the ages of 17 and 18, Rosen said, New research is showing that

in part, due to a person's genes. "Some people are actually predisposed to the development of eating disorders," Rosen said. "The path-whether it's weight reduction or a way by which any one person healther diet." Rosen said. "What develops an enting disorder is based on genetic factors, family factors, personality factors. And then, of course, I don't want to women aspire towards."

certain classes of food altogether such as fast or carbohydrates. conditions combined." Later signs may include obvious Contrary to what some may weight loss, the need to go to the i fell really weak and think. Rosen said eating disorders bathroom after every meal, a dra-cloudy all the time."



"J feel great now," she said. "I will If you're concerned you or some- eat anything. If my friends want to one you know may have an eating go out for pizza, fill got out. I have disorder, find professional help to a lot more friends now. I don't feel sort things out, said Rosen, if you as withdrawn and I actually, I can Ing to get better for the next track old, but we're seeing them al ages know for sure that someone has an season," Oullette said, "And then I to 11, 12, 13, and then we see eating disorder, seek out assis-wanted to lose weight, and lose anoresia again start showing up at tance because it is likely to - Eating Disorders Awareness Week makes people realize that eating

provide effective treatment, he added. the problem often goes unrecog nized, and that it doesn't get a lo of attention because people are Currently underashamed of it. "We really count on parents, on

brothers and sisters, on friends, on boyfriends and girlfriends," Rosen said, "to help identify those who may be at risk and work towards in a very loving way, getting them the help that they need to get betresearch M.D., M.P.H designed to project o test a new type of counseling to decrease ter symptoms

For more information, call vosa and to improve health and well being in women with these dis-Telecare at (800) 742-2300, catego-ry 1010. This Information will be orders. For more information about available Feb. 26 through March 4. the study, call (800) 742-2300, ext.

Facts About Eating Disorders

· Experts say that the key issue develop eating disorders start out in pursuit of some health goal, in anorexia nervosa is not food, but is more directly related to the person's desire for attention o approval. People who develop the binge/purge pattern of bulimia tend to be perfectionists who strive when those efforts start to be maladaptive, when those efforts start to make you feel worse instead of to please others. better, when those efforts get out of

· Eating disorders go beyond the you've lost control over what's hapextremes of anorexia, bulimia and binge eating disorder. Dangerous pening to you." Teri Ouillette knows those feelfad diets are also widespread in this country, according to the American ings. She would do exercises every night before bed, "and I feit like I Anorexia Bulimia Association.

 Treatments for eating disorders may include medication, psy-chotherapy, nutritional counseling, group therapy or family therapy. In some cases, hospitalization may be ed not wanting to hang out with my friends. I felt really tired and I was really sore from running so much. I felt really weak and my head felt recommended.

bathroom ance, start, mages in eat-matic and obvious changes in eat-ing habits, and choosing not to eat around others anymore. "By the time patients arc having symptoms, by the time they're symptoms, by the time they're symptoms, of duziness, of hair binking it was unfair, and i want-

## More and more turn to contacts

from laser eye surgeries, soft con- natives are increasingly turning to

Ed Schilling, executive director of the CLC is not surprised. The after learning about the risks, heavy advertising and marketing limitations, and costs associated efforts of laser eye surgery practices have increased interest in 2000, the Federal Trade

competition Website; people looking for alter- risks Risks alone are not the only from laser eye surgeries, soit con-tact lens use grew 8 percent in the year 2000, according to research reported in Contact Lens Spectrum. The Contact Lens Spectrum. The Contact Lens that advertising may in fact be wearers in the U.S. alone, with more than 34 million vorldvide. Ed Schilling executive director Ed Schilling executive director enter that many of their patients are solution of the solution of the exam room asking about laser eye surgery, they are workers that many of their patients ere solution of the solution of the solution of the exam room asking about laser eye surgery, they early the solution of the solution of the exam room asking about laser eye surgery, they early the solution of the solution of the exam room asking about laser eye surgery, they early the solution of the solution of the exam room asking about laser eye surgery, they early the solution of the solution of the exam room asking about laser eye surgery, they early the solution of the solution of the exam room asking about laser eye surgery, they early the solution of the solution of the solution of the exam room asking about laser eye surgery, they waters in the U.S. alone, with effective director early the solution of the solu are opting for contacts instead,

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for the vision changes which occur around the age of 40. According to Barry Weiner, an occur around the age of 40. According to Barry Weiner, an optometrist and advisor to the CLC, these patients are opting to The increase of the second precision warned consumers forgo expensive surgical proce-alternatives to glasses, he said. Can because they like the "We're hearing from everyone: about the increasing number of nuanifacturers; eye care profes-sions; and consumers who call from laser eye surgery, and the offering greater comfort, ease of use, and the ability to correct for changes, he adds.



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The condition affects approximateby half of women age 45 and older, developing as they move from peri-developing as they move from peri-developing as they move from peri-down and rebuilding of bone at menopause, which is one year after the last menstrual cycle. Durit the as recent study, Jane Durit the as recent study, Jane

Health System research fellow, and a bone. Health System research fellow, and a Alkaline phosphatase is attached a simple and inexpensive blood test nay give women in the early stages of perimenopause the warning they alkaline phosphatase also can be found to the outside of bone-forming cells called osteoblasts. So, its levels rise with the increased bone activity. But alkaline phosphatase also can be

need t prevent osteoporosis. The study of 38 healthy, non- said. In order to be sure that the smoking women between the ages of increased enzyme levels were a result of the bone activity, the study partic-concentrations of alkaline phosisured as part of a routine blood t. The study results were recently blished in the Journal of Women's st. The stu Health and Gender-Based Medicine. We looked specifically at women who were having menopausal com-plaint and irregular cycles. Lukacs add. "What I found is that women who are slightly further along in the our results showed that where we menopause, women who have had

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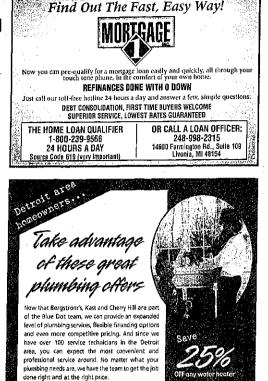
clse, and eat a very balanced muti-tious diet that incorporates calcium found in other organ systems, Lukacs and vitamin D in the diet. But even though you've incorporated lifestyle changes, it's not going to prevent bone loss. But perhaps it will slow the rate.' concentrations of auxiante pros-phatase - even levels within the non-mal range of the enzyme - may indi-cate an increased level of bone cell activity and, therefore, potential bone loss. The enzyme level is usually

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physician, 'How was my serum alka-line phosphatase?" Lukacs said, "If there is blood work done, more than to preserve bone," Lukacs said. likely this test is incorporated in it." "Certainly one would want to exer- If the serum alkaline levels indicated in the serum alkaline level If the serum alkaline levels indicate increased bone activity, the physicia and patient may decide to perform a more definitive test to osteoporosis risk, such as the bone

"The benefit to knowing that you've got increased bone activity is that it's Menopause is the time in a probably going to stimulate you to do not influenced by the liver. With mose accounted for, the increased in pro-duction of alkaline phosphatase bone activity, suggesting bone loss. These who are at higher risk for the sum of the bone which increased rate of bone turnover and bone activity, suggesting bone loss. These who are at higher risk for the sum of the bone which increased rate of bone turnover and means that postmenopausal women are at an increased risk for bone loss. These who are at higher risk for the sum of the bone who are at higher risk for the sum of the studies, Lukacs hopes to the sum of the the sum of the the sum of Those who are at higher risk for developing osteoporosis include women who have reached confirm the clinical significance o this finding by including bone densi

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From behind the wheel of an ice resurfacing machine, the drivers give a glimpse of life on a Zamboni



Jason Kocembo nilots a Zamboni machine around the "red" rink at the Novi Ice Arena prior to a high school hockey practice." Kocembo has been driving the machine for about five years.

## By LON HUHMAN

The clock in the Novi Ice Arena ticked down 5 p.m...4:45...4. The blades of the hockey players' skates sprayed shreds of ice as they came to a quick stop in a battle for the puck. A new streak cut into the ice over a previtoward the goal. The practice ended as the clock buzzer sounded with the players skating off leaving a well marked ice rink. An empty ice rink meant only one thing -- time for the renewal of the ice. The gates opened for the illustrious Zamboni to make its entrance. All eyes became fix ated on the machine as it moved around e outer edge of the rink beginning to play its restoration symphony. "We take pride in our ice," Glenn Lada, a Zamboni driver at the Novi Ice Arena

said. "The challenge for a Zamboni drive s to be able to have quality ice each time It's our job to sell good ice. The job of a Zamboni driver is to make the marked-up and used ice appear as if it is brand new by leaving stripes of clean, glassy surface behind it as the machine

turns its way around the rink. To make the glassy surface possible the Zamboni shaves the ice, removes the shavings and applies warm water

because it freezes quicker, to complete the resurfacing process takes only ten minutes to complete at the Novi arena, but this is plete at the Novi arena, but this is because the drivers understand their job so well. "Consistency is what we shoul for here," Zamboni driver Justin Shaw said.

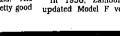
'Muscle and memory are the two things that allow for a good consistent resurfac-Lada said a driver must be able to read

1939 after several years of business Zamboni realized the method of manually the ice to be able to do a good resurfac-ing. There are a variety of factors to properly read the ice.

Usage ranks at the top. "Throughout the day there will be figure staters, high school hockey practices as well as the youth practices," Lada said. "The bigger guys will work over the ice much more than the smaller players, so

much more than the sinalet players, so the type of usage is a big factor in how we will approach the resurfacing job. The idea is to have each resurfacing come out the same and look equally good." To ensure a good resurfacing the driver can control the flow of water to certain areas. Shaw said some surface areas will need more water than others because e taker more skating activity may have taken place in that particular area. The driver

during a practice.

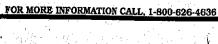


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rink at the Novi Ice Arena.



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The tires of the Zamboni machine are studded with metal to provide better traction on the ice.

DANGER



Photo by JOHN HEIDER Jason Kocembo heads out onto the the ice past a "Danger!" sign near the arena's Zamboni entrance.

According to Lada, there will be two increased both the water and snow-carry-Zamboni machines out on the ice for resurfacing during high school hockey games. The Zambonis being used at the Novi completely new auger system to convey

The legend of the Zamboni had its origins ard they in the 20th century. Frank Zamboni, the creator of the machine, was born in 1901 in Eureka, machine was bo

shaving the ice, removing the snow and water application was very time consum-ing and labor intensive. The first Zamboni ice-resurfacing machine made its appearance in 1949 at the Paramount lociand Skating Rink. This water, 195 gallons of warm water and 2 innovative machine had four-wheel steering on a band-built to shave a management here, specifically general cost was later surplus axles and effort was later added at the first water for the cost in the source of the sour

A cover was later added at the front from falling onto the fresh ice surface.

"I caught onto it fast," Lada said. "It probably look me a day to catch on to the basics and two months to get really good intake snow-melting system along with a at it." washing system. The Model A introduced Lad Lada compares driving a Zamboni to

operating a commercial or large lawn mowing machine. According to Shaw, the can also adjust the shaving blade by either lowering or raising it. We lower the blades much more after a high school practice." Shaw said. The bigger guys mark up the ice pretty good an also adjust the shaving blade by that helped recirculate water used to driver must be aware of what's going on the differences on the ice. Lada said the driver should have his head almost on a swivel to ensure everything will go well (248) 349-1700, ext. 109.

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and safely Shaw said experience and judging of the speed enables a driver to know how fast to go and when to slow up, and added that as the resurfacing takes

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Zamboni driver." The great lyrics of the songwriter Martin Zellar song "Zamboni" summed up the appeal of the Zamboni the best with this excerpt, "Well ever since I was young it's been my dream that I might drive a Zamboni machine. I'd get that ice just as slick as could be and all the kids would look up to me...'cause I wanna drive the Zamboni, 'cause I wanna drive the Zamboni. Yes I do.

Lon Huhman is a staff writer at the Northwille Record. He can be reached at

## ZAMBOOZLED

Let's face it --- "Zamboni" isn't a commori word, outside of the world of skating rinks. So we trolled the diconary to find other terms with the prefix "Zam." (There aren't many.)

Here's what we found

ZAMA: An ancient town of north Africa, southwest of Carthage in present-day northern Tunisia.

ZAMBEZI: A river of central and south Africa and flowing 1,700 miles to the Mozambique Channel.

ZAMIA: Any of various chiefly tropical merican cycads of the genus Zamla having a thick trunk, palmlike terminal leaves and seeds borne in woody cones.

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thought it might be nice to sug-gest a few helpful hints on how to look at furniture before you buy. Once you've decided on what While you have that table open, check the thickness of that veneer. If it looks like paper, it probably is. My advice, buy solid you want and where you're going to buy It, listen to what is being sold to you. Solid wood veneers with hardwood solids or laminated wood furniture; it lasts forever. Chairs too. Turn them upside down and look carefully at the joints. A screw or nail added for solid hardwood veneers are tricky descriptions sometimes used. People tend to focus on the word never have these. The main sivle

or the back of the chair should go all the way through the seat and should have a wedge pounded in Plymouth, the couple will honeythe end to spread it Expect to pay a little more (actu-ally, a lot more) for good furniture. But good furniture stays good forever. Ask questions, lots of them, and remember, bottoms up,

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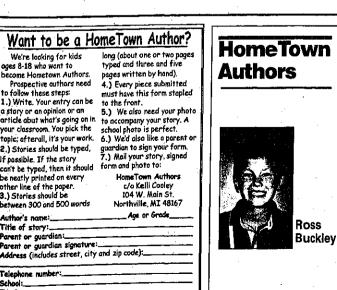
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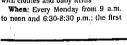
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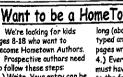
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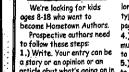
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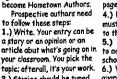
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NOVI HISTORICAL SOCIETY

What: Gives residents of the com-munity a knowledge of their common heritage; fosters the collection and preservation of records and objects; and loans historical material to othe historical societies or educat institutions have a curator. It is also the purpose of the society to establish Phone: (248) 349 6774

NOVI JAYCEES What: Group of men and women ages 21-39 working on community projects, leadership and spiritual and management skills. The Jaycees sponsor fund raising projects for muscular dystrophy, St. Jude, March of Dimes and local charities affiliated

When: First Thursday of every

nonth at 8 p.m. Phone: (248) 348-6684

## NOVI LIONS CLUB AND LIONESSES

CLUB What: The Lions' objectives are to help the blind, sight-impaired and blind physically and mentally chal-lenged children and to help find cures for preventable blindness. Llonesses work with the Llons Club but also host their own projects and programs Where: Kim's Garden Restaurant,

When: Lions; every second and fourth Wednesday: Lioness: every third Tuesday. Social hour is at 6:30 p.m. with dinner at 7 p.m.

Phone: Lions: (248) 348-0531 Lioness: (248) 348-

## NOVI MINISTERS ASSOCIATION

NOVI NEWCOMERS AND NEIGH-

What: To help newcomers to the area, as well as, current residents

## SHARE A PEAR

Have you ever seen an orange pear? They are very, very rare. I saw one the other day. Or was it in May? I would be happy to share!

Ross Buckley is a 9-year-old Novi Woods student, enrolled in Mrs. Nancy Bain's class. He is the son of Denise and Steve Buckley.

who would like to become more famil far with the community on a social and civic level. Newcomers hold fund raisers to aid the Novi community When: Once a month; September through May. Social interest group neet once or twice a month. Phone: (248) 347-3537

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## NOVI REBEKAHS LODGE 482

What: A fraternal organiza women's division of the Independe Order of Oddfeliows When: Second and four fourth Thursday of every month at 1 p.m. Phone: (248) 349-2835

#### NOVI HOTARY CLUB

What: A service-oriented club com posed of business and professi people within the comm Rotarians hold a variety of fund rais ing events every year Where: Novi United Methodis Church, 41671 W. Ten Mile, Novi When: Every Thursday at noon Phone: (248) 380-6500

#### NOVI YOUTH ASSISTANCE

what: Prevention program that relies on local citizens who volunteer their time and skills toward the goal of preventing juvenile delinquency They are aided by a professional stal person in implementing programs such as Summer Teen Center, parent ing classes, and Substance Abuse

Where: Novi Community Education Office, 25345 Taft Road, Novi When: Committees meet every fourth Tuesday at 7 p.m

Phone: (248) 347-0410 ORDER OF ALAHAMBRA Phone: (248) 349-2903

## PRESERVATION NOVI

What: Non-profit corporation whose stated goal is to promote and encourage probuildings in ervation of histori Novi, · for example restoration of the Fuerst Farm prop crty

where: Annual meeting is in the ond quarter and open to all inte ested residents Contact: Kathy Mulch

## Phone: (248) 349-6774

SWOCC What: Southwestern Oakland Cable Commission serves Novi rest ients with community access telev

Residents interested in registering for the TV or radio workshops can call for more information

Phone: (248) 473-7266 UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN CLUB

## ne: (248) 348-907

#### VETERANS ALLIANCE OF NOVI What: VAN is a coalition of the fol

lowing veterans groups: Novi Post 19, The American Legion; Perry Kenner Post 76, AMVETs; Northwest Detachment 162, Marine Corps League; and Novi Post 2165. Veterans f Foreign Wars. Where: Novi Expo Center, 43700

Expo Center Drive, Suite 100, Novi When: First and third Monday every month at 7:30 p.m. Phone: (248) 349-2835

## VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS -

NOVI POST 2165 What: Service oriented organiza-tion dedicated to helping military veterans, their families and the commu

nity. Membership is open to all honorably discharged veterans of active for eign duty during a wartime as prescribed by the U.S. Congress Where: Novi Expo Center, 43700 Expo Center Drive, Suite 100, Novi When: First and third Tuesday

#### every month at 7:30 p.m. VFW POST NO. 4012

WOMEN'S NATIONAL FARM AND GARDEN ASSOCIATION Phone: (248) 349-7596

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# MOVIES

## Workaholic learns to live life to its fullest in this drama

is a self-absorbed and emotionally isolated man focused on his future,

"He grew up poor and an only child whose parents are dead," said Keanu Recyes. "My take on him is that his father sold door-to-door and wasn't very good at it. Subconsciously, Nelson is trying to become the successful version of his father. But in manifesting that, he has shut off the part of himself that allows him to feel."

allows him to feel." Until the day he meets Sara, a charming, fearless woman whose just for life disrupts Nelson's safe, single-minded drive. "She is in touch and in tune with

She is in touch and a rene with what's going on around her," said Charlize Theron who gamered criti-cal praise for her role in the Academy Award-nominated drama "The Clder House Rules," "Sara really knows what she wants out of life and how to live it to the fullest, and she has made it a priority to share that knowledge with other people.

She's not scared to get close and intimate with strangers." Director Pat O'Connor, Interna-, tionally-acclaimed for such films as "Circle of Friends" and "Inventing the Abbotis," explains, "We all go around with our little games and our camouflage, but Sara is smart and sees through the walls people build around themselves. And she has a hunch about Nelson."

Sara senses the vulnerable and wounded aspects of Nelson's charac-

"There's still a part of Nelson that Is alive and Sara recognizes that," said Reeves. "She tells him that he's miserable. And Nelson says, 'No, I'm not miserable. I'm successfui,' But once he slows down, he realizes that he is miscrable." "The fact that Sara sees something

In Nelson is what makes her such a fabulous character," remarked pro-ducer Erwin Stoff. "She has an irre-sistible heart, and she knows that anyone as driven and motivated as Nelson isn't simply running toward something; he's also running from something."

something." Challenged by Nelson's outward impenetrability and broken inner spirit, Sara leads him on a journey of self-discovery during the month of November, after which they plan to go their separate ways.

"Part of her process is that she doesn't spell everything out for, Nelson," said Theron. "She wants to open the door and eventually let him continue the journey himself." Sara gradually peels away the lay-ers that Nelson uses to guard him-off contact influences

self against intimacy. "She takes Nelson's clothes and his watch and cell phone and says Slow down and just be present and look around, look at life," Reeves said. "Being nurtured by her spirit wakes him up to what is important." Neison is also affected by an important force in Sara's life, her

upstairs neighbor and trusted confidant Chaz, played by Jason Isaacs, who starred as the villain opposite Mel Gibson in the epic Revolutionary War drama The Patriot.



Sara played by Charlize Theron teaches Keanu Reeves' Nelson how to relax and enjoy life in "Sweet November."

knows how to live life, and he knows how to laugh." At first, Nelson feels threatened by Chaz and his close relationship with

Sara "Nelson's fears are slightly allayed

"Nelson's lears are slightly alayed when they meet for the first time at Sarah's apariment," Isaacs explained. "Ultimately, Chaz and Nelson develop a bond. They both love Sara, and they both have her best interests at heart." As their relationship progresses, Sara gives Nelson a glit he never expected.

expected. "She gives him insight and the ability to use that insight to see the world as it really is, rather than being driven on a very narrow path toward a kind of an ill-defined future based on material gain," O'Connor said. "She teaches him to communicale with other people. And he ends up learning about himself, and therefore, seeing life in a broader

But not everyone in Nelson's life is pleased with the impact Sara is hav-ing on Nelson, especially his parasit-ical colleague Vince, played by Greg Germann, who stars on TV's "Ally McBeal" as Ally's eccentric boss Richard Fish.

"Vince is the quintessential bot-tom feeder, the kind of guy who rides someone else's coattails to whatever success he can find," said Germann. "Once Nelson decides to detach him-self from Vince and from his previous style of business conduct. Vince realizes he'll have every little chance realizes he'll have every little chance to rise to the top without him. Vince sees his future written on the wall and it says "Bus Boy." As driven as Nelson is by his

demons. Sara is motivated by another set of very personal circumstances

"She has reasons for why she lives such an unconventional life," Theron revealed. "She's built this lit-

peace with that and live by those becomes involved with Sara in a true way, and she involves herself with nules. Although it is not part of her agen-a. Sara finds herself falling for Nelson.

"He is part of a plan she has in order to live her life the way she wants," said O'Connor. "But Nelson

him in a way she wants." Nelson is equally caught off guard by his feelings for Sara.

"The Love that grows between them opens up a whole new world for him." Reeves said. "He can smell



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the flowers. With love and apprecia-tion of this other person, he becomes more human." And in turn, Nelson changes

"Sara realizes that everything she teaches him is not necessarily what she's done with her own life," said

heron. Producer Deborah Aal noted that Nelson comes away from the experi-ence with a more fulfilled life than he would have had without knowing Sara.

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"One of the best pieces of advice I was ever given is to make the most of all that comes and the least of all that goes," said Aai. "At the end of the film, I think everyone will leave with what Sara has given Nelson. I hope that people will see the world through Sara's eyes as Nelson docs

Producer Steve Reuther concurs. "I am attracted to the moments in this story in which the characters are forced to find their better selves," Ruether said. "Love stories demand that kind of insight and courage. This is one of those

"When the story begins, Nelson is a greater fixer," observed Isaacs. a greater fixer," observed Isaacs. "He throws money at a problem or hires someone to fix it. But by the end of the film, he realizes there are some things in hife you can't throw money at, and you simply have to accept and make the best of your circumstainces. That's what the film is about; setzing the moment and making the absolute most of every minute you're alive on this planet."

making the absolute most of every minute you're alive on this planet." After seeing the film, "I hope the audience is overwhelmed by the beauty of life and its possibilities and its hardships," said Reeves. "Through our understanding of life's hardships, we're better to ourselves and better to those around us."

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