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**Helping furry friends** Hidden Springs Veterinary ~ Clinic in Northville can meet all of your pets' needs with kind-0 L ness and caring. - Page 15A

### **NOVI SPORTS**



Cagers win three Wildcats found the hoop open many times last week as they picked up three key

#### Commission votes to change Master Plan

By Angeto Parlove STAFF WRITER

After some heated words on both sides of a controversial issue, the Novi Planning Commission made their collective opinion official regarding the future of some of Novi's largest park land. On Jan. 9, the planning commis-

sion unanimously voted to amend the Master Plan Map of the Novi 2020 Master Plan for Land Use. reclassifying about 95 acres of land in North Novi Park from its "community park" status, with the new classification still undetermined. This decision paves the way for this former park land to be transferred to Sandstone Associates for partial settlement in the Sandstone versus city of Novi litigation.

Novi Park will be taken off plan

"This is a very difficult decision with a lot of emotion, but we must look at the facts," said Novi planning commissioner Lynn Kocan. "I believe there is a surplus of park land in the area. With the city of Novi owing more

than \$70 million in money damages - and interest accumulating at more than \$20,000 per day - there was much pressure to hand this

land over to Sandstone to save citlzens the heavy tax burden from this settlement.

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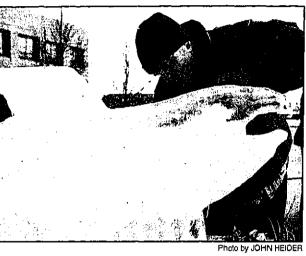
"We are facing extraordinary circumstance that cannot be ignored" said Novi city attorney Gerald Fisher. "We are facing a real-world problem and we need a real-world solution.

Before the levying of the final word on the master plan change, the Novi Planning Commission listened to more than 20 passionate

Novi residents butt heads on the matter in a public hearing. As residents stepped before the microphone in the council chambers at the Novi Civic Center, they engaged in an evening of public discourse that saw ideas and solutions mixed with finger-pointing and name-call-

On one side, residents argued the importance of maintaining all valu-

Please see SETTLEMENT, 4A



tce-carver Mike Messing works on creating a fish out of a block of ice during last year's Chilly Willy Festival in Novi.

### Get ready for some frosty fun Chilly Willy Festival happens Saturday

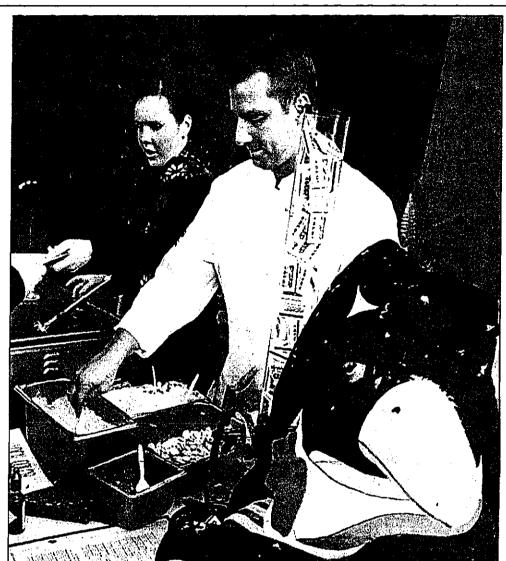
#### By Victoria Sadlocha STAFF WRITER

The time has come to fire up your tastebuds and head on over to the Novi Civic Center for the city's annual Chilly Willy Winter Festival.

The Saturday, Jan. 19 event showcases representatives from

Parks, Recreation and Forestry Department said it is important for everyone to attend and participate in the contest because not only will the official judges give an award for the best tasting chili, but a people's choice award will be issued too.

A third award for the best dressed booth will be awarded by





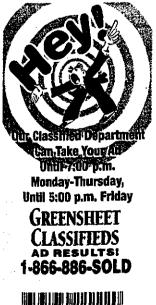
### **WL SPORTS**

#### **Central** icers toughen up The Vikings

took a hefty fall last week as they lost three large match ups against Salem. Churchill and Farmington-Page 4B

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area restaurants competing against each other in the festival's Chili Cook-Off Contest.

Official judges and attendees will have the opportunity to sample bean-filled concoctions from Local Color Brewing Company, Red, Hot and Blue, Whole Nine Yards, Guernsey Farms Dairy and Steve and Rocky's before choosing a winner.

Gwynn Tilmann from the

festival organizers. The cook-off portion of the festival is from noon to 1:30 p.m.

Along with great tasting chili, the day-long event features many activities for children and kids at heart.

"This is a family oriented event, Tilmann said. "There are many activities for young kids.



Please see CHILLY, 4A Chef Matt Bronski and Jili Szczesny dish out Local Color's chili at last year's festival.

### **Clark delivers first city address in Civic Center**

#### By Victoria Sadlocha STAFF WRITER

"Challenges Met, Opportunities Seized" in 2001 was the title and focus of Novi Mayor Richard J. Clark's State of the City Address Jan. 14 in the Novi Civic Center. Clark spoke nearly an hour to the

near 100-person crowd in the first mayoral address held for the public instead of the usual Novi Chamber of Commerce sponsored luncheon. Some of those in attendance included Rep. Nancy Cassis (R-Novi], Sen. Bill Bullard (R-Highland), Superintendent of Schools Dr. Emmett Lippe and

members of the judiciary of the 52-1 District Court.

In the auditorium draped in red, white and blue. Novi's mayor verbally applauded the city's education system, public safety officials, economic health, substantial growth and the city's hundreds of volunteers.

"Last year, I spoke of a year of change and challenges," Clark said. "Little did any of us know how great those changes and challenges would be.'

Despite the Sept. 11 tragedy and nationwide economic downturn, Clark commended the city for its viability in the prior year.

With council members seated at his side, the mayor began his speech by commending Novi's education system, calling it the "crown jewel of our community.

"Educational excellence; any-thing less is not acceptable." Clark

Please see CLARK, 4A

### Creative fundraiser gathers money for Great Lakes Burn Camp

#### By Angelo Parlove STAFF WRITER

Novi High School students reached into their pockets this week to help a few Michigan burn victims.

The student council sponsored "Hat Day" to raise money for the Great Lakes Burn Camp - a camp open to burn-injured children between the ages 6-17, offering meals, transportation, activities and 24-hour medical attention.

"This was a good opportunity to provide a fun activity for students, as well as help a group of people," said Novi High School dean of students Jamii Wilkins. "They got to enjoy helping out and having fun." Students bought "smiley-face" stickers the week of Jan. 7 for \$1, which allowed them to wear any hat to school on Jan. 11. The only catch: the sticker had do be visibly displayed on their clothes Friday

To rally the entire building

camp in order to don their cap of choice.

"We want to make the school more enjoyable. We want to make it seem more like an upbeat place."

#### Mike Hendricks Novi High School senior

around the event, the student council placed flyers and posters advertisements in the morning announcements, which were broadcast through the high school. In the end, the event raised more than \$300 for the burn

We try to do new things to get people involved in the community."

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said Justina Chiang, executive board secretary for the Novi High School student council.

"Hat Day" was part of a yearlong student council project called "Fun Friday" - which is a series of activities that happen on Fridays, such as music in the hallway, to improve the overall mood of the school.

"We want to make the school more enjoyable," said Novi High School senior and student council member Mike Hendricks. "₩e want to make it seem more like an upbeat place."

The Great Lakes Burn Camp provides its services free of charge to injured children due to the donations and support of firefightin the school, as well as ran short , ers, businesses and such school projects as the Novi High School "Hat Day."

> The camp is located at the Pretty-Lake Vacation Campgrounds, which is located 12 miles from Kalamazoo. The facility encompasses more than 200 acres of trees, trails and beaches.

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Novi High School student Teresa Dwyer sports a patriotic cap during the school's fundraiser Hat Day.

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#### 2A Novi News/Lake Area Times -- Thursday, Jan. 17, 2002 NOVI TOWN CENTER 8 **Returnables stolen from TGI Fridays** \$4.50 Family Twilight 4-6pm da \$5.00 Kids all shows \$5.50 DAILY Matinees til 4pm & Seniors \$5.75 Students & Late Shows Fri & Sal Needing gasoline Credit card misuse outside the rear of the building. Someone hit the jackpot with A 41-year-old Walled Lake man A 61-year-old Royal Oak woman The man said that he was an noticed charges from Walled Lake is on the run after pumping \$10 returnables after the general man-

### **Police News**

ager of TGI Fridays in Novi report-

ed 30 cases of empty bottles were

stolen from the restaurant. The

case remains open.

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manager called the Novi Police Department on Jan, 7 at 8 a.m., The vehicle was also traveling 70 reporting that about \$75 worth of mph in a 50 mph zone. After initibottles in the bottle-return-storage ating a traffic stop, the officer arrested. area were stolen from the east side smelled a strong odor of intoxiof the establishment's exterior. The - cants coming from the male driver -32-year-old told police he locked and watched as he fumbled to the storage area properly at about retrieve his license. The officer 11:30 p.m. on Jan. 6. When he asked the Garden City resident arrived at work the next morning, a - how much he had to drink and he beer vendor told him there were no replied, "a lot. Five to six beers." returnables in the area. The managen told police he inspected the - the 34-year-old male was unable to - female employer threatened her on area noticing a wood slat had been - count-backwards from 45 to 23 - Jan. 9. torn apart which surrounded the and lost his balance on nearly bottles and about 50 cases were every step when performing the cousin to the other woman's home missing After checking the area, he found about 20 cases stacked tion task. He was given a prelimialong the north wall of the building - nary breath test and blew a .249 and some bottles in the snow. The before being arrested.

#### WIXOM Bad timing

On Jan. 10 at 2:43 a.m., a Novi West Road in Wixom went off on Jan. 12. When the police responded, offi-

employee of the business and tried to open the door, setting the alarm off in the process. As the police ran a check on him.

they found that he had a felony warrant out of Wayne County with no bond. Thus, the man was

#### WALLED LAKE Woman threatened?

A 31-year-old woman who works for her neighbor in the 1400 block The officer noted in his report that of Oakshade, said her 66-year-old

The woman said she sent her heel-to-toe field sobriety observa- to tell her she could not report to work because she was sick The woman became enraged with

the cousin and told her "If someone is trying to screw me out of money. someone will be killed." The cousin reported the statement back to the woman who

called police. She said she took it not exist The burglary alarm at 48759 as a threat because she owed her employer money.

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on her credit card statement Jan, worth of gas at the Mobile station and driving off in a red and silver Mobile station workers gave police the man's license plate num-

10 after her credit card was lost in

The charges originated from the

Edgewater Shop, 225 E. Lake Dr.

When the woman went to find the

address, she discovered there was

A 54-year-old Walled Lake man

told police Jan. 11 that someone

has been trying to get credit cards

He said credit card companies

have been contacting him and ask-

ing if he applied for credit. He stat-

ed he has not applied for any cred-

The credit card companies did

not know who was applying for

credit. However, whoever was

applying for credit under the man's

name, gave companies a Detroit

address. The Detroit address does

No credit cards were issued and

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Board, on Monday, February 11, 2002 beginning at 7:30 PM.

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More credit card traud

ber. Police went to the man's apartment three times but no one was home The case is still being investigat-

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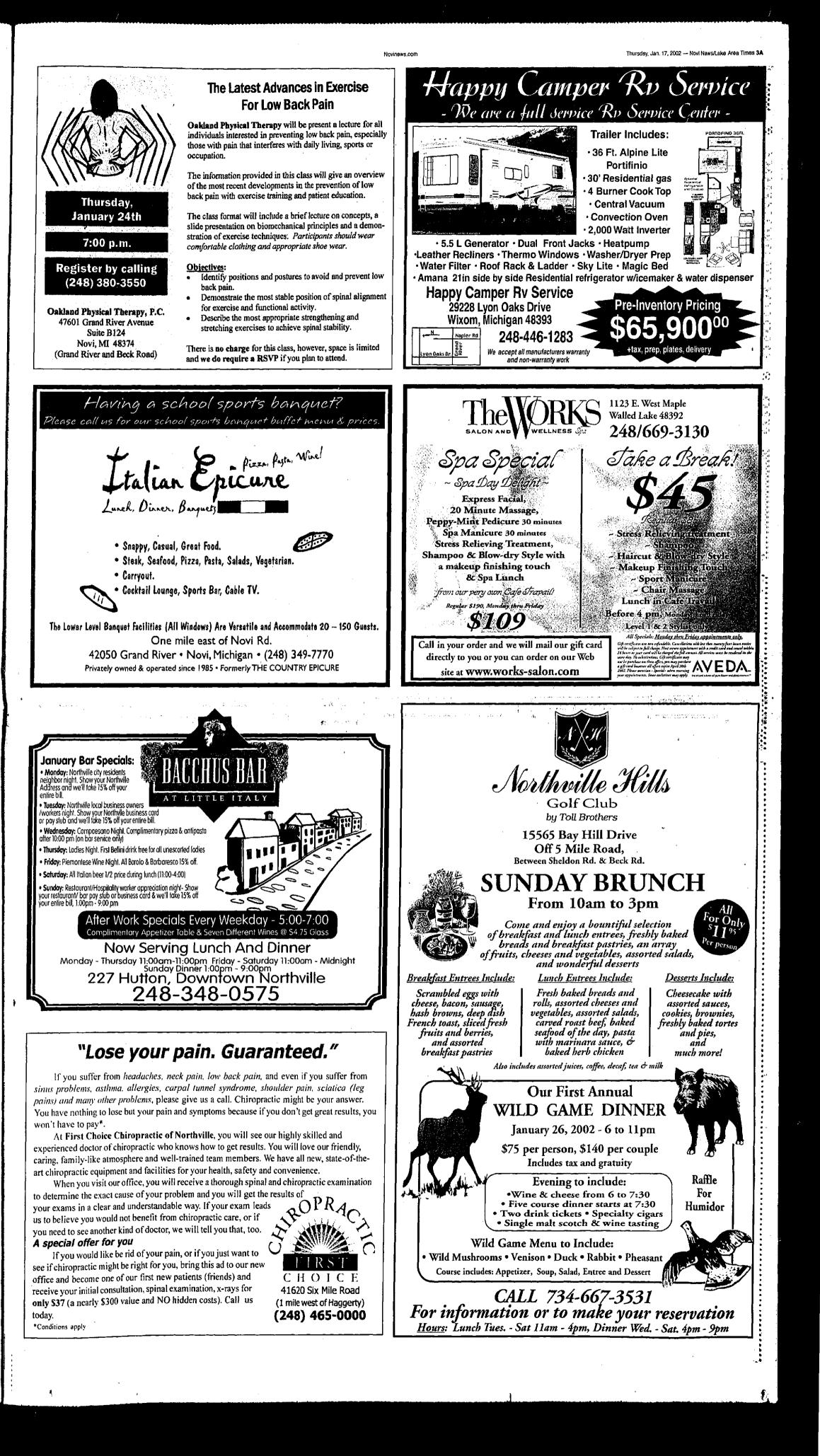
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### Record number set for volunteers

#### By Angelo Parlove TAFE WRITER

Novi High School students braved the cold winter elements. this past holiday season to set a local Salvation Army record. Over 60 students volunteered

for the Farmington Hills Salvation Army, ringing kettle bells for a total of 374 hours and setting a local school bell-ringing record which topped rival high school volunteers in Farmington, Livonia and Redford this year "Pam so proud of the Novi High-School kids," said Farmington

Hills Salvation Army manager Karen Guerreso, "No other school in the area came close." The top two Novi bell ringers, sophomores Brennan Quenneville

and Dan Ping, logged 42 hours each in 15 separate days, while other notables included Erik Janiteus, Andrew Wright and Geima Lampinen with 18, 16 and 14 hours, respectively. "These kids stood out in the cold-

to help out," Guerreso said. "I was - Continued from 1 really impressed how responsible they all were." The students took on the cold

weather, collecting donations in front of Twelve Oaks Mall, West Oaks Mall and the Farmer Jack on Ten Mile and Meadowbrook Roads. "So many students volunteered

time and gave of themselves," said Novi High School volunteer service oordinator Barb Clift, "It is an honor to work with them." In all, the Farmington Hills Salvation Army raised \$137,000

this holiday season to go to local amilies, which is needed in a year riddled with bleak national eco iomic forecasts. "We have seen an increase in

cases," Guerreso said. "People aregetting laid off and we're seeing alot of new faces, even in an affluent area like Novi." The money donations go to

assist people facing home evictions and utility shut-offs, as well = 1:30 p.m. as those needing food and emergency prescriptions.

teers," Guerreso said. "I'm hoping ties." they will come back each year."

reached at (248) 349 1700, ext. Sculpting Contest and all day ice be reached at (248) 349 1700, ext. aparlove#ht,homecomm.net.

Photo by JOHN HEIDER

This land, running along 12 Mile Road in Novi, is part of the proposed settlement to Sandstone

#### Associates by the city of Novi.

### Chilly Willy Festival celebrates winter

Two kid-approved activities and the Imagination Station. council chambers from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. and offers children the chance to relax and watch curtoons including memorable class after the event.

sies and Looney Tunes favorites. The Imagination Station, openfrom 14 a.m. to 1 p.m., will provide children with craft materials to make fun souvenirs to take home. Face painters will also beavailable creating their magical transformations A \$2 advance registration

Bridge Tournament will begin at part of Novi for more than 10-11 a.m. along with a \$10 Euchre-Tournament. The Euclire Tournament is a

Lioness Club benefit event and ling day of fun was provided by members of the club will also be Copy Max, the Lioness Club, Novi manning a pizza, pop and pop-lice Arena, several Novi Highcorn stand from 11:30 a.m. to School volunteers and the city of

promoted activities will be donat-"It is wonderful to have volun- ed to Lions Club-approved chari-Other activities include the 1-2 = 0400, plut. Score O and Super Score O

Angelo Parlove is a staff writer Hockey Contest, a weather per sculpting demonstrations "It's not every day you can see - esadlocha@ht.homeconum.net.

Tilmann said. One artist will be at the event include the Kid's Movie House carving sculptures sponsored by Community EMS. Botsford The movie house will be held in General Hospital, JCK and Associates, fue and the city of Novi. The sculptures will be displayed outside of the Civic Center

someone carve a piece of ice."

And when the fun has ended. all attendees are invited to ven--ture over to the Novi Ice Arena for open skating from 3-5 p.m. Open skating hall-off coupons will be given to the first 75 chil drea who ask for them at Chilly

Willy headquarters The lestival, which has been a years, is sponsored by Providence

Hospital. Additional help for the upcom Novi Parks, Recreation and

Proceeds from both Lioness Forestry Department. The Novi Civic Center is located at 45175 W. Ten Mile Road. For more information, call (248) 347-

Victoria Sadlocha is a staff for the Novi News, He can be mitting 10:30 a.m. to noon Snow whiter for the Novi News, She can

Continued from 1 tated would be the mission state chools if he was called for a defi-

Economic development was nother indicator the mayor sited – tolerated," Clark said s prool positive Novi continues to

nove forward. Last year. Novi experienced the sthanked for meeting many chalily homes at a cost of about \$33 viding services in-house whenever million, 147 multiple-family dwellings at a cost of \$15.3 milfrom 11 industrial buildings at a - received final site approval from - down 2 percent in 2004. ost of \$23.7 million, 70 commer- the department including Fox Run stal, office and school buildings at Village, Main Street Village II and cost of SG0.9 million, 154 cont. Mathury Estates. ercial alterations at a cost of

\$13.4 million and 482 residential anyone who was doubting the relo- working together in a spirit of partalterations at a cost of \$7.24 mile – eation of the Novi Expo Center that – nership and cooperation, that we In addition to the new construction, \$10 million of Novi's road million.

bond was issued improving city Other new Novi businesses roads and Clark said the improvements will continue in the future ship and Clark said Owens as the East Lake Drive water main, Corning is planning on coming to Village Wood and Cranbrooke Novi - a much anticipated Drive shoulder replacement, the announcement Old Novi Road bike path and the Clark said all of the city's devel-reached at (248) 349-1700. ext. come

Clark also stressed the efforts of services for enhancing existing development by continually ment of the Novi Community enforcing the city's dangerous buildings ordinance. "The message has gone out

acrease in Novi, we will be the

As the public hearing turned

Clark highlights development,

armpit of suburbia."

top education facilities as

bright spots for last year

New and existing members of the Planning Department were upletion of 480 new single-fam- lenges in the prior year and pro-possible to maintain costs.

In the prior year, 65 projects

Clark additionally cautioned

underway include a Jaguar dealer- address from 7-8 p.m. and an atri-

juture and present helps keep Novi's tax base low.

"Quality communities do not Cindy Uglow in Neighborhood just happen," Clark said. "Quality communities are planned." 2001 was a good year for public safety as well, as the completion of the Novi Police Department's new training facility and renovations to Dangerous buildings will not be the police headquarters building occurred at the same time the fire department received its new fire

truck with 100-foot ladder. Clark commended members o the police department for a job well done because while calls to the Novi Police Department increased by almost 4 percent, crime went

"We are now on a new journey it a new century," Clark said, "I am extremely confident that with all components of our communit the economic spin-off from the new will meet whatever yet unknown Expo Center will be close to \$200 challenges the future may hold for

> The mayor presented hi um reception followed his speech.

Victoria Sadlocha is a staff write. for the Novi News. She can be -105 vsadlocha@ht.homecomm.net.

### Engagements

Wes and Joan Smith of Detroit announce the engagement of their daughter, Jeanne Lee, to Brian Robert Swanson, son of Robert and Rena Swanson of Commerce Township. The bride-elect is a 1998 graduate of Novi High School. She is currently attending Hillsdale College and anticipates graduation in

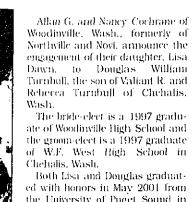
June. Following graduation, Jeanne will be employed at Federal Mogul in Southfield. The groom-elect graduated in 1998 from Orchard Lake St. Mary's

Prep. School. Following graduation from Hillsdale College this year. Brian will join E&E Manufacturing Co. Inc. in Plymouth.

An Aug. 3 wedding is planned.



Smith - Swanson



ed with honors in May 2001 from the University of Puget Sound in Tacoma, Wash., each receiving a achelor's degree in biology. They are currently participating in the

Japan Exchange and Teaching Program. Wedding plans will be completed upon their return to the States in

August.

Cochrane - Turnbull

Bob and Elaine Calco of Novi unnounce the engagement of their

daughter, Cathleen Maria, to Paul Alan Forschler, the son of Laura Forschler and Gen. George Forschler, both of northern Virginia. The bride-elect is a Novi High School graduate. She received her bachelor of arts degree from Michigan State University and her master's of business administration from Virginia Tech University.

The groom-elect is self-employed. A June 1 wedding is planned.

Calco - Forschler

Engagements

Constance and Michael Carter o Novl announce the engagement of their daughter, Laura Nicole, to Andrew William Hamel, son of Claudia and William Hamel of Jackson.

The bride-elect is a 1997 graduite of Novi High School. She gradlated from the University of Michigan, where she received her bachelor's degree in December 2000 and her master's degree in December 2001, both degrees in computer engineering. The groom-elect graduated in 1997 from Jackson County Western High School. He was awarded a bachelor's degree in computer engineering from the University of Michigan in December 2001. Their Aug. 17 wedding will be held in Ann Arbor.



Carter - Hamel

The engagement of Jessica L forn and Jamic C. Chobot is hereannounced by their parents Peter and Pamela Horn of Northville and Kathy and Chris Chobot of Livonia. The bride-elect graduated from Northville High School in 1995.

She is a graduate of Columbus College of Art and Design and is currently employed at Re/Max -The groom-elect is a 1988 gradu-

ate of Stevenson High School and a graduate of Western Michigan University. Jamie is an associate broker at RE/MAX 100. A Sept. 21 wedding is planned.



Horn - Chobot



at Pearl Harbor.

currently serves as a cryptologic technician collector at the United States naval base at Kunia, Hawaii. Erin and Bill, who is also a Navy seaman, met and became engaged while altending CTR naval training The couple plan to be married Feb. 2 on Waikiki Beach. Oahu, Hawaii, and live on the Naval Base



Selinsky - Piazza

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group" and "tree-huggers." ly 21 years in Novi. "If taxes - 0 vote

emotional at times, it saw such Robert Churella said on supporting words as "short-sighted" and "nar- the master plan amendment.

Settlement will

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inture homeowners.

continue with land



Novi residen "People are suffering due to the

suburbia. Novi resident Angie Bruder. "The master plan should hold the city back from developing everything." On the other hand, some saw eliminating excess tax liabilities and ending this settlement immediately as the only viable solution, rolding hundreds of signatures row-minded" brandished against

rom neighbors supporting their phrases like "special-interest Nonetheless, the Novi Planning surrent economic conditions," said Commission made their decision

George Krieger, a resident for near- on the matter conclusive, with a 9-"The deal on the table is the best deal you can ever get," Novi planning commission chairperson

### DeRoche announces bid for representative seat

for road funding.

### By Victoria Sadlocha

After serving more than four years — would like to see donor communities — each community on Novi City Council, member Craig - a community which pays more to will be running for a seat in the receives Michigan House of Representatives. back in serv-DeRoche, 31, will be vying for the lices - in the seat soon to be left vacant by Rep. district Nancy Cassis (R-Novi), after she is receive more

term-limited out. "Craig is one of the smartest, most from the accomplished 31-year-olds you are state. going to find," said County Commissioner Hugh Crawford (R+ cil member Novi). "Craig has been a leader in also wants getting Novi back on track. He is to make sure going to do even better in Lansing." the legisla-The Republican said he is running ture avoids for state representative because the the temptacities in the 38th District are not get- tion of raisting as much support from the state ing taxes to

as they should The support DeRoche primarily of implementing spending reducseeks is for roads and infrastruc-"This area is a regional destination council member attended Walled spot and it deserves additional con- Lake Schools. sideration for the unique demands

tions

of the district," he said. The candidate would like to see and briefly lived in Walled Lake as changes made in the state's formula well." DeRoche said. "I also have a losing to Nancy Cassis (R-Novi).



Craig DeRoche

Before his collegiate days, the city

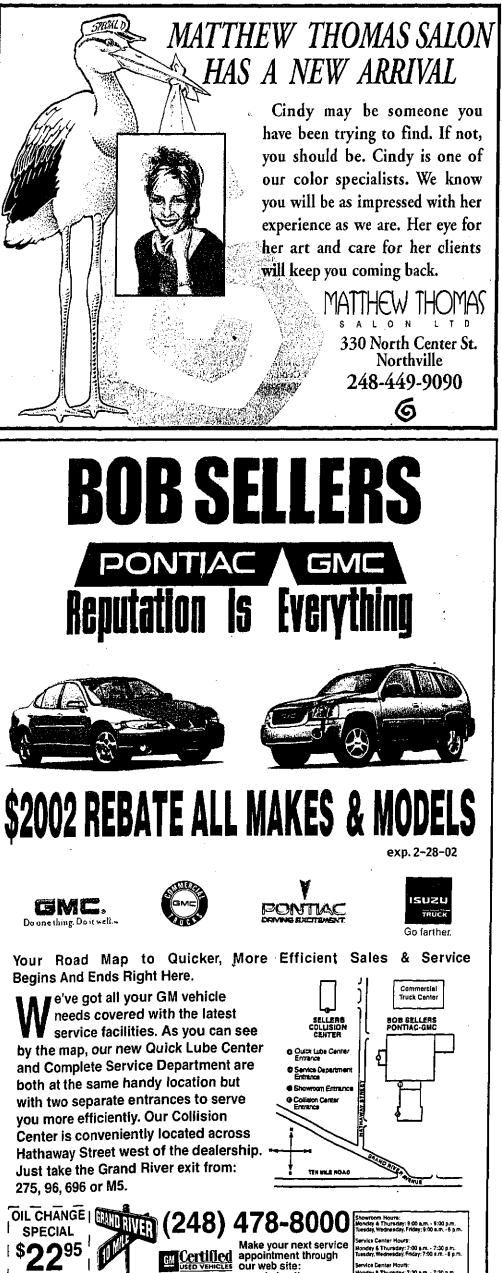
"Novi is the population base of

to bring more money to the district good working relationship of Northville, Lyon and South Lyon's DeRoche further explained he unique needs. I plan to work to help Since 1997, DeRoche has worked DeRoche announced this week he the state in taxes then what it as a marketing representative for a publicly traded insurance carrier

handling sales in Michigan, Ohio and Indiana. he founded - în 1999. BidCorp.com - a software company powering online auctions and procurement for more than 50 public entities including the state of Michigan and Oakland County. In addition to prior elective expe-

rience, extensive community involvement and numerous city council accomplishments and inltiatives. DeRoche has been actively involved in politics. "The reception that my candidacy is receiving has been overwhelming offset lower state revenues instead to me," DeRoche said, "It looks like we are already on track to raise over \$100,000 for the primary and we already have over 200 volunteers.

DeRoche resides in the city with his wife. Stacey, and 10-month-old the district, but I grew up in Wixom - daughter Carley He had ran for the seat in 1996,





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Property owner loses plea to save buildings on Grand River By Victoria Sadlocha

STAFF WRITER

Two unsightly Novi structures moving forward.

Dec. 17 appeal for more time before deeming the nonfunctional 16489 Grand River Avenue as Jems. of the properties.

take them down in conjunction contributed to the slow down. with our developmental plan," Kowal sald.

developer Rod Hadash - need ing had changed. more time because they are in the high tech development. Hadash told members of the council at the Dec. 17 meeting

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Owned'

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the lots had been slow, but was will be torn down according to Last fall, the business partners the city's schedule despite pleas started collecting bids for by the property owner for more removal of the buildings as well as getting the utilities discon-Members of the Novi City nected and receiving wrecking Council denied Andrew Kowal's permits from Detroit Edison and Consumers Power, Hadash said.

for the properties in dispute. He

also said the process to renovate

Since that time, he said the buildings located at 46481 and duo has been plagued with prob-"Dangerous Buildings" which will — Hadash explained weather ultimately result in the clearing stalled clean-up efforts necessary to remove debris on the proper-"We realized the structures had ties and wetland and woodland to come down, but we wanted to violations received by the city He explained their current holdup is finance related and

Kowal said he and his partner - since Sept. 11, the project financ-"We do have a commitment, but process of turning the Novi lots it is based on future site plan public musance." Clark said. into an office building utilizing approval and we are about one year away from preparing a site plan " Hadash said.

Novi Mayor Richard J. Clark the property. that they had interested tenants - said the city has been more than

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patient with the property owner. which Kowal did not atlend - and "This property constitutes a inspection of both properties health and safety issue and is a hearing officer for the city of Novi

Kowal said the deny of his appeal will not hinder his plans structures on May 14. to move forward with developing After a show cause hearing - in

David Byrwa, formally ordered the demolition and removal of al Kowal said he did not attend

the May show cause hearing to refute why the structures should

be demolished because he never and deteriorating roof, porch. received notice by certified mail siding trim, windows and doors; or other means of the meeting. City officials said he was served proper notification.

Byrwa reported the two Grand River Avenue structures met or exceeded the standards defining a dangerous building as stated in the city of Novi Code of Ordinances.

ound debris scattered about the of both properties. structure; a collapsed, rotting

lack of working plumbing, operating water heater, heating system and electrical services; and excessive interior vandalism. Appropriate action is being filed by Novi city attorney Gerald

Fisher for court approval of the arder Upon approval, city officials According to Byrwa's report, he will solicit bids for the demolition

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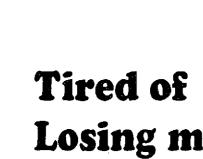
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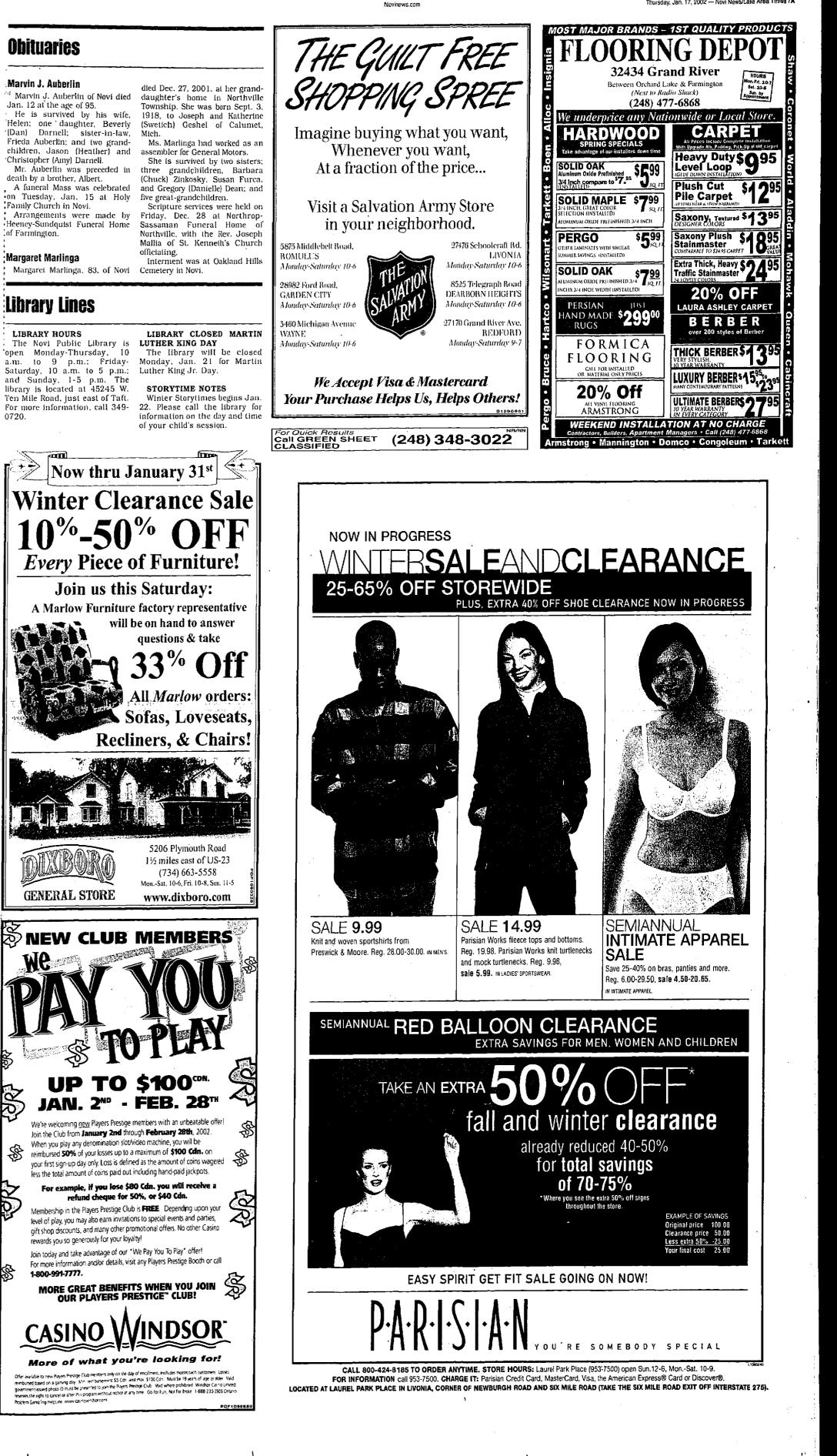
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### Schools could face money \$\vec{7}\$ crisis in 2002-2003

### By Angelo Parlove STAFF WRITER

The national economic downturn – every district in Michigan." has the Novi Community School regarding its funding for next school year. "The government is not immune fund - with the

to economic crisis," said Novi rest coming Schools assistant superintendent from local tax of finance James Koster, "Novi revenue Public Schools is not immune." According to an educational 1993-1994 funding package adopted by Gov. school year. John Engler, Novi Schools was the expecting to receive a \$200 per stu- relied on state dent increase in state aid for its funding for

general operating fund for the less than 2 2002-2003 school year, resulting percent of it. in about \$1.2 million more money general operaoverall for the district. However, due to the recent eco- The trend has nomic decline, the state of been towards Lippe Michigan is not promising any increased

increase at all in state aid for schools statewide. "If we receive zero, this school - we hope the governor will reconwill face a serious financial crisis in sider this," Koster said. "We

tain to this school district and This concern across the state since it relies on state aid for over and other services, as well as

60 percent of it general operating

Durine th district tion budget. Emmett

reliance on state dollars. "For the sake of the children,

2002-2003," Koster said. "(The hope for a promise kept for a general operating fund) is uncer- promise made or a compromise between zero and \$200." The general operating fund covers the cost of adequately running District in a state of uncertainty has escalated for Novi Schools a school, including wages, benefits

books and supplies. "We might have to reduce some of the services we provide," said Novi Schools Superintendent Emmett Lippe, "However, we can't hold up construction because this is a completely different fund." Novi Schools has four different funds in its current budget: the general operating funds, the sinking funds, the debt funds and the construction funds, which will see the expenditure of dollars regarding the many upcoming school

construction projects over the next five years. Angelo Parlove is a staff writer for the Novi News. He can be

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### Cassis continues fiscal responsibility

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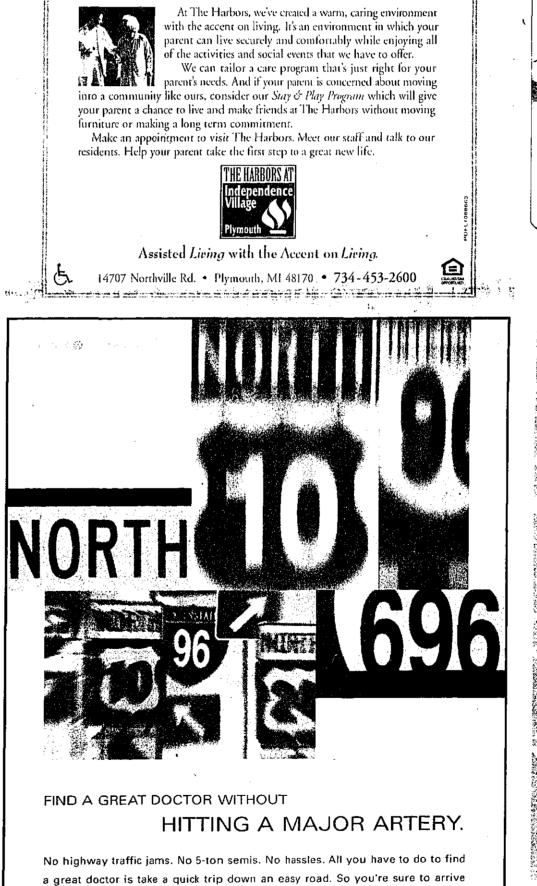
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always be a top priority in my office," Cassis said. "My commitsouthwest Oakland County residents, will not waiver."

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#### By Angelo Parlove

Dog Licenses

The Novi Planning Commission the Novi City is hearing another new voice at the commission table.

At their regular meeting on Dec. 17. the Novi City Council unanimously appointed Lynne Paul to director for herthe Novi Planning Commission. Paul sat at her first commission – development meeting on Dec. 19, filling the seat program.

due on or before February 14 in

order to avoid late payment penal-

tics. Also, Oakland County dog

licenses are available at the depart-

ment located in the Novi Civic-

Center through May 31 without

ooth, call the treasurer's depart-

David Landry, who was elected to Council - in-November.

Lynne Paul



lands behind her neighborhood. "I found that this is very interesting work." she said.

In 1984, Paul began working as an oncology nurse, where she

sion of Westmont Village in Novi

and worked to maintain the wood-

She helped coordinate the expan- PTO. Novi six years ago. "There is a lot of wonderful

people in Novi and the schools are fantastic," she said.

"It is a living, breathing docu-

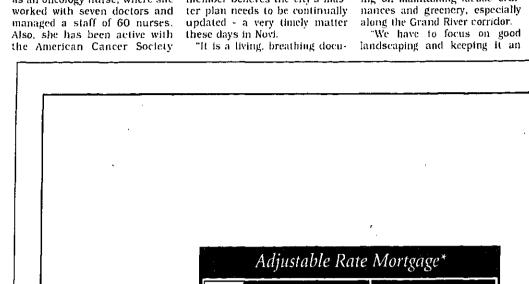
in city development was ignited. and the Novi Woods Elementary ment of the city. The city is attractive area," she said, "It is changing and you have to change the main thoroughfare for our Paul and her family moved to with it," Paul said. "You have to city." constantly look at it, constantly changing it as projects come up." Furthermore, Paul hopes to Commission in the past two

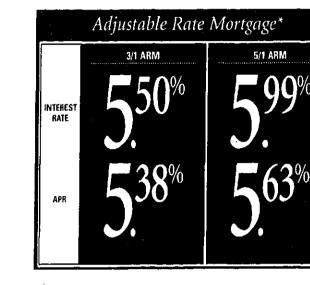
apply her creative talents in inte- months. The new planning commission rior decorating to the city, focusmember believes the city's mas- ing on maintaining facade ordi-

along the Grand River corridor. "We have to focus on good 108 landscaping and keeping it an dparlove@ht.homecomm.net.

Paul is the fourth new member appointed to the Novi Planning

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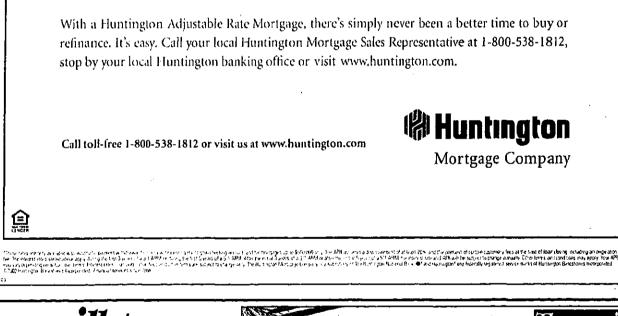


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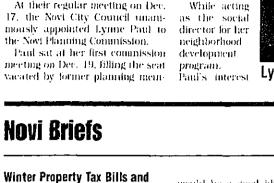
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### Paul named newest member of Planning Commission

### STAFF WRITER



would be a good idea and asked members of the library board to The Novi City Treasury discuss the topic at their Feb. 11 Department reminds all residents. board meeting to see if they Winter 2001 property tax bills are thought the idea was feasible.

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#### SWOCC

The Southwestern Oakland Cable Commission will meeting 7 p.m. Feb. 6 in the council chambers of the Novi City Hall, City Hall is located at 45175 W. Ten Mile Road in Novi,

#### Library Board Televised Meetings? At the Jan. 7 Novi city council meeting, council member Laura-

THINKING ABOUT

Lorenzo presented the suggestion to have former library board meetings televised on the city's community access cable station. Other members of the council agreed it



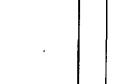
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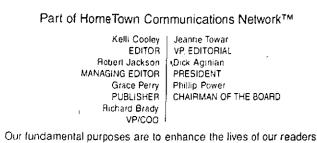
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### MLK Jr.'s vision still honorable today

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dream

I have a dream that one day this stainside, let freedom ring." nation will rise up and live out And if America is to be a great the true meaning of its creed: "We hold

these truths to be I have a dream that self-evident: that all men are created one day this nation equal."

Thave a dream that will rise up and live my four children will out the true meaning one day live in a nation where they of its creed: "We will not be judged by hold these truths to the color of their skin but by the con- be self-evident: that tent of their character.

I have a dream equal"... today.

Thave a dream that **I have a dream** one day the state of today. Alabama, whose governor's lips are presently dripping

with the words of interposition hill and every molehill of and nullification, will be trans- Mississippi. From every mounformed into a situation where lit- tainside, let freedom ring. brothers.

I have a dream today.

places will be made straight, and last! free at last! thank Godthe glory of the Lord shall be Almighty, we are free at last!"

of civil rights leader Martin This is our hope. This is the Luther King, Jr. This week, we faith with which I return to the

of despair a stone of hope. This will be the day when all of I say to you today, my friends, God's children will be able to sing that in spite of the difficulties with a new meaning, "My counand frustrations of the moment, 1 try, 'tis of thee, sweet land of libstill have a dream. It is a dream - erty, of thee 1 sing. Land where deeply rooted in the American my fathers died, land of the pil-

grim's pride, from every mounnation this must become true. So let freedom ring from the prodigious hilltops of New Hampshire. Let freedom ring from the mighty mountains 0 New York, Let freedom ring from the heightening Alleghenies all men are created ot Pennsylvania!

Let freedom ring from the snowcapped Rockies Colorado

Let freedon ring from every

the black boys and black girls will When we let freedom ring, when be able to join hands with little we let it ring from every village white boys and white girls and and every hamlet, from every walk together as sisters and state and every city, we will be able to speed up that day when all of God's children, black men I have a dream that one day and white men, Jews and every valley shall be exalted. Gentiles. Protestants and every hill and mountain shall be Catholics, will be able to join made low, the rough places will hands and sing in the words of be made plain, and the crooked the old Negro spiritual, "Free at

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Everyone have a seat, it's storytime. This week's tale is a bittersweet love affair between a municipal government who takes small things too seriously and larger predicaments too frivolously and that legal term we call lawsuits.

(UN)

Although lawsuits like to entice the city entity, the charms of the legal flirt can normally be avoided with common sense. However.



Kelli Cooley

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flirt.

cidence now seems to be a major con- this nitpicking seems to be protocol is flict in the city of Novi. These love also beyond me. affairs of lawsuits have become a seri- What is not beyond me is the reper- News and Lake Area Times. She can be ous nature and one that needs to be cussions of the city council's actions. If reached at (248) 349-1700, ext. 113 or treated as such.

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It's a Novi bittersweet love affair Further proof that the city does, in literally, from this waiting game is the fact, like to get sued or just does not residents. Taxpayer dollars will be the have enough willpower to stop from get- only thing to save the city from going ting sued, happened last week as the under if one or more than one lawsuit city council decided to once again table is filed. And I the Gateway ordinance and project. can almost

NOLI PARTSI

The Novi Planning Commission guarantee you passed the Gateway ordinance in 1999. will see people I'll say it again in case you seem move The Novi Planning that will hapstunned. Commission passed the Gateway ordi- pen. nance in 1999. The city council has lar munici- taken almost three years now to please

approve a project that should already flirting ment body be built and making money. Why is this you ask? Well, one can looking at the willpower to only speculate, but since whether the future, even avoid these parking lot should be in the front or the the immediate back of the building seems of great future, and importance, this could be one reason stop trying to

honey and if moment but there is no vision for the little things there is any future. And while the council is nitpicking on are looming whether the brick should be red or behind them. brown, the Gateway developers are sitthe

it ting on their thumbs, getting more frus- thought: seems to set trated by the day waiting for council to would like to finally approve their project. Here is where the trouble lies. Once Again, it is quite simple. The council to the city entity has gotten what it thinks has taken almost three years to pass. Schmidt who is love from the legal flirt, it soon finds this project. The fact the city has not made my day out the lawsuits are just a tease. They been sued by these developers who are last week. It's do not want love, they just want losing money by the day is beyond me. rare as a news-The fact the city does not get sued by paper editor that someone agrees with What once seemed just a small coin- half of the developers due to the fact you 100 percent. Thanks, Larry.

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gram this past summer. He will finish and Jenna B. VanWagoner, fresh-Vince is the daughter of Thomas and his bachelor's program in February. man. Clemens is the son of Chris and Terry Clemens of Northville.

Anthony Clemens made the dean's The following Northville students at List for autumn 2001. list for both summer and fall semes- Hope College were recognized for Jones is a graduate of Northville ters at Johnson and Wales University attaining at least a 3.5 or higher High School.

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Katie Jones, a freshman at Ohio State University, made the Dean's

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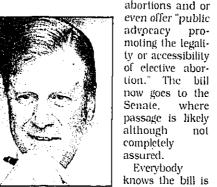
### **OTHER OPINIONS** Page 13A Thursday, January 17, 2002 **RTL's bill could increase abortions**

When it comes to Michigan Right to Life, public funds to support or advocate for move up by running for the Senate. It all the watchword in the legislature is simple: abortion services in any way. "Ready, Set, Pander,"

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Parenthood. ing, birth control devices and information, prevention counseling, pregnancy testing and counseling, treattesting and counseling, and prenatal health running for the legislature this fail, and thereby striking a blow for common sense care for mother and child. For many of most of them would kill for Right to Life's and against single-issue vendettas. these women, often poor, these services are support in a primary election. simply unavailable anywhere else.

Planned Parenthood does provide abor- will eliminate nearly 50 sitting legislators. Communications Network Inc., the company tion at three out of 31 clinic sites. But mostly Senators, at the end of this year. And that owns this newspaper. He welcomes your repeated Michigan Department of a bunch of new districts were created by comments, either by voice mail at (734) 953-Community Health audits have shown that reapportionment. Result is a whole posse 2047, ext. 1880, or by e-mail at Planned Parenthood has never used any of current House members who want to ppower@homecomm.net.

Most recent compelling evidence is late "community-based and faith-based" tious candidates and extort support for House Bill 4655, adopted late last year in organizations (other than Planned this mean-spirthe House of Representative's rush to go Parenthood, of course) to provide these var- ited and danhome for Christmas. The bill would give ious services. But in getting started up, gerous legislapriority to get \$1.8 million in federal fami- these organizations will face all kinds of ly planning grants to organizations that existing federal and government regulatory don't provide abortions or referrals for requirements, which guarantees delays in Schwarz, who is abortions and or providing these services to patients. running Moreover, when these organizations do get uphill battle for advocacy pro- going they will be required by the regula- the GOP gubermoting the legali- tions to provide exactly the same kinds of natorial nomiy or accessibility services that Planned Parenthood is nation, makes already providing.

Other than continuing Right to Life's "This legislation vendelta against Planned Parenthood, the flies in the face Senate, where bill makes no sense on its face, Some legislators are clear about this. that says abor-

Republican Sen. John (Joe) Schwarz (R- tion is legal in Battle Creek), the only practicing physician the in the Senate: "All this bill does is take States. Abortion money away from an organization with a should be availknows the bill is proven track record of providing health able, safe and aimed directly at services to low income people who can't get are." health care anywhere else." For those who a oppose abortion, Rep. Pan Godchaux (R- been referred to respected not-for-profit organization that Birmingham argues that the bill would the Family, Mental Health and Human provides family planning services to more likely increase the number of abortions by Services Committee in the Senate, where the than 60.000 women across the state. These leaving some women currently served by odds are that it will be approved for a vote in services include gyn exams, cancer screen- Planned Parenthood without pregnancy the full Senate. If passed there, it's up to

Gov. John Engler, who has demonstrated So how come RTL is pushing this legisla- over the years a pronounced reluctance to ment for sexually transmitted diseases, HIV tion just now? Simple. A ton of folks will be roll over for anybody. He should veto the bill.

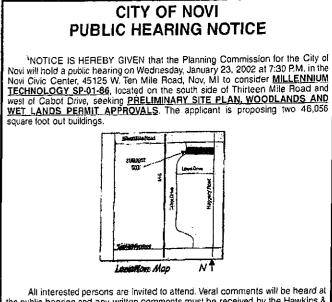
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adds up to an unprecedented opportunity The stated purpose of the bill is to stimu- for Right to Life to get leverage on ambi-

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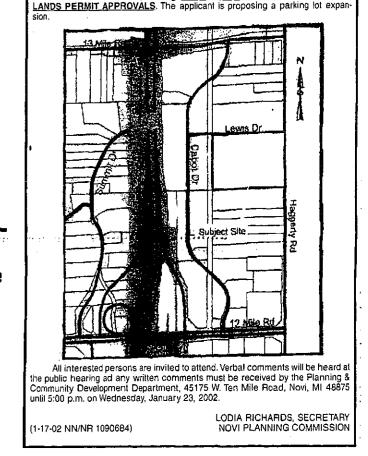
the public hearing and any written comments must be received by the Hawkins & Community Development Department, 45175 W. Ten Mile Road, Novi, MI 48875 until 5:00 p.m. on Wednesday, January 23, 2002. LODIA RICHARDS, SECRETARY

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**CITY OF NOVI** 

**PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE** 

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Planning Commission for the City of i will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, January 23, 2002 at 7:30 P.M. in th i Civic Center 45175 W. Ten Mile Road, Novi, MI to consider MAGNA PARK ING LOT EXPANSION SP 01-7a located on the west side of Hagg north of Twelve Mile Road, seeking <u>PRELIMINARY SITE PLAN AND WOOD-</u> LANDS PERMIT APPROVALS. The applicant is proposing a parking lot expan-



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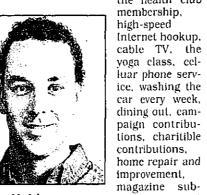


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everyone was happy. Wake up, this isn't He hopes the "tax preservers" continue Hollywood, it is Novi.

the planning commission held a public ue to protect and develop parkland. In the staff writer for hearing, allowing residents to speak for end, now that the controversy is over, my the Novi News. She can be reached at (248) three minutes each and then voted unani- Birkenstocks go off to members of the 349-1700. ext. 105 or mously to remove the requirement of park Friends of Novi Parks for their fight. I hope vsadlocha@ht.homecomm.net.

Friends of Novi Parks, a tear ran down the Park. Oh wait, before they voted, they read thing settled will appreciate there is a face of Planning Commission chair Robert what seemed to be previously prepared group of people in our city who are paying Churella as he said he would never give remarks on why they voted the way they attention. What is left now is a good lesson away the city's park land, but instead fig- did. It did make the vote seem more official, about fighting for what is right, treating ured out a way to solve the problem. but also pretty much made the whole point others with respect - which for the most Churella said he and other members of the of a having a public hearing seem like an part city officials did - and how to go commission devised a plan where the hip- inconvenient requirement. The only true about governpies would keep voice of reason at the Jan. 9 meeting was mental procetheir trails and from former planning commission member dures the right trees. As he was Glen Bonaventura. Bonaventura stood way. The only speaking a spot- behind the lectern and in three minutes thing light shined on brought it all home. He pointed out that would the doors of the both sides had good points, although the been to give this council chambers group for keeping taxes lower personally decision to resiand in walked attacked the tree huggers and the tree dents in a vote, Paul McCartney huggers never attacked anyone. He also but in my opinwho said he was pointed out that the decision to redefine ion, that would going to pay the acreage should not be about a lawsuit, but have just cost \$70 million bill to about what is best for the city. If sold to taxpayers more end this all in an Sandstone, the acreage will be zoned as a money because effort to preserve multiple housing development, so fortunately or space Bonaventura said the question really is unfortunately across the world. does that land use description fit on that the word on the After he spoke, properly and further, does it fit the vision trail is the resifriends set out in the city's master plan. He also dents didn't hugged the 1,500 Novi residents who signed pointed out that he hopes both sides con- want a petition to give away the park land and tinue with their vigor for their causes. taxes.

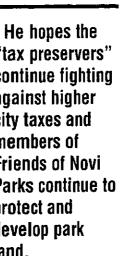
fighting against higher city taxes and What really happened was members of members of Friends of Novi Parks contin- Sadlocha is a

After an emotional speech by members of land from settlement acreage of North Novi the thousands of people who wanted this

better have higher

He hopes the "tax preservers' continue fighting against higher city taxes and members of Friends of Novi Parks continue to protect and develop park land.

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#### Bv Annette Jaworski NTRIBUTING WRITER

If your pet is a member of the famly, you want a veterinarian who is compassionate yet skilled. Mavbe that's why so many animal lovers appreciate the exceptional service at Hidden Spring Veterinary Clinic, A visit to Hidden Spring is like a drive in the country with its rural farmlike setting. The owner, Dr. Carol Geake, lives

next door in an elegant pre-civil war home. Each window of the clinic has a scenic view of the former dairy farm. You might see Dr. Geake's Arabian, half-Arabian and national show horses during a visit. "There's not a bad view in the place," commented Janet Talbot,

practice manager. The building itself is new and mproved, being completely renovated in 2000. Their goal was to create something functional as well as beautiful.

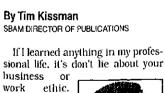
"We had grown so much we needed to expand," Geake said. The facility has come a long way from the little caretaker's house in which it began. The light and airy reception area features a kiddle play table and saltwater fish tank to entertain clients. Three exam rooms are attractively decorated. The overall effect is warm and welcoming. During the expansion, they added state of the art surgery facilities and equipment, such as several surgery tables, one with an automatic hols to lift large animals. There's brand new X-ray and ultra sound equip-

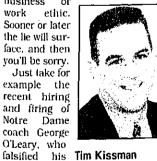
Hidden Springs Veterinarian Clinic Doctor Mary Rupley, left, and Vet Technician Jan Grant take a ment as well as a dental station. look at a golden retriever who's in their care for post-operative surgery. Even the lab and prescription station are well organized and conventheir clients. Many patients offer ient. The bins make it easy to do a their thanks and testimony, includquick inventory. There's a walk-in ing this client... shower where animals can step up to get bathed, to prevent back strain. Three front entry doors provide convenient and separate access for and Bear (cat). He's all she has and et owners, staff and for delivering means so much to her. You're supplies. They carry a full line of always so kind to us in time of prescription diets for pets with med- need. ical conditions and supplements for It is purely coincidence that the

specific nutritional requirements. Geake realizes that it's not only the attractive building and up to date facilities that makes the clinic. What's just as important is the staff, who see beyond the pet to the person behind them. "It's the human element. You

have to like people to understand how they feel about their pet," she pet's advantage. At Hidden Spring Over the years, they've developed edge and ideas to brainstorm diffi-

many special relationships with cult cases.





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knowledge, experience and skills.

expertise," Geake said .

"Dear Dr. Geake

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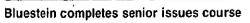
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Frank Bluestein, CSA with Maximum Financial Group, Inc. Highland, completed a comprehensive course on priority senior issues in October 2001. The course is conducted by the Society of Certified Senior Advisors, a national organization that has trained more than 4,000 professional in 47 states. Successful participants complete a thorough examination to earn the Certified Senior Advisor, CSA designation. Bluestein has taken this educational initiative to become a professional leader in meeting the key needs and issues concerning senior cilizens.

As a Certified Senior Advisor, Bluestein will participate annually in continuing education provided by the Society. The CSA member ship will ensure that he remains an informed professional for senior citizens

Former Milford resident joins Chicago law firm

A former Milford resident has been elected to the membership of Bell, Boyd and Lloyd, effective Jan. 1. Jeffrey H. Canfield was formerly an associate of the firm and is resident in the Chicago office. Jeffrey H. Canfield, 38, a registered patent attorney, is a member of Bell, Boyd's Intellectually Property Department concentrating in patent prosecution, research and litigation. He is an experienced electrical project and design engineer and worked in the machine tool manufacturing industry prior to practicing law. Canfield received his bachelor's degree in electrical engineering from Michigan Technological University and his J.D. for the John Marshall Law School. Canfield and his wife, Lynn, reside in Naperville, Ill.

Vector to start-up Highland station

Vector Pipeline announced the start-up of the Highland compressor station on Jan. 10. "With the addition of the Highland compressor station to the Vector system, our total capacity will be approximately one billion cubic feet per day," said Craig R. Fishbeck, Vector President. "This continues our planned enhancement of competitive transportation services to northwest Indiana, southern Michigan, southwestern Ontario and markets

The 42- and 36-inch Vector pipeline transports Western Canadian and U.S. natural gas from interconnects with Alliance, Northern Border and other pipelines at the market hub in Chicago to the hub at Dawn, Ontario, while also providing access to markets and storage in the U.S. Upper Midwest.

Northville Hills named Development of the Year

Toll Brothers, Inc. announced the Northville Hills Golf Club Community had been named the 2001 Development of the Year by the Builders Association of Southeast Michigan. The club has also been nonored with six awards from the National Association of Home Builders' National Sales and Marketing Council, including "Best Interior Design," "Best Product Design," "Best Sales Center" and Best Brochure.

The course is an 18-hole, 7,003-yard par 72 Arnold Palmer Signature Golf Course and 10,000 square-foot club and pro shop.

Dr. Tuchklaper giving smiles to thousands

As part of the Crown Council's 2002 "Smiles for Life" campaign, the office of Dr. Allen Tuchklaper of Novi is donating their time and services to brighten smiles while putting smiles on the faces of thousands of children in need.

From Feb. 1 through May 31, Tuchklaper is whitening teeth at a coniderably reduced price and donating 100 percent of your money to the Smiles for Life Foundation. The money raised will go to help children facing serious health and educational problems in the Novi communi ty and communities throughout North America.

Tuchklaper emphasizes how simple the process is: "The teeth whitening procedure is painless and only takes a few minutes to complete. And, best of all, those minutes that you spend in the chair can help touch a child's life forever." The Smiles for Life Foundation is a children's charity organization of

the Crown Council - an alliance of dentists who are dedicated to providing superior dental care and active community involvement. Since 1998, Smiles for Life has contributed nearly \$12 million to 116 children's charities throughout North America, including St. Jude Children's Research Hospital. Steven Spielberg's Starbright Foundation, and Camp Trillium in Canada.

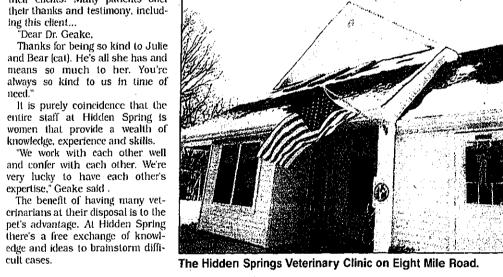
"Smiles for Life provides patients with the opportunity to have their teeth whitened while donating to children's charities. Dr. Tuchklaper's entire team donates their time and expertise. Discuss Dental donates the supplies, and best of all, kids get a reason to smile. Everyone involved benefits," explained Greg Anderson, director of the Crown Council.

Tuchklaper through the Smiles for Life Foundation is working with Garth Brooks and his Teammates For Kids Foundation to brighten children's lives. Through this unique partnership, a portion of the money raised will be donated to Little League Baseball and other organizations dedicated to giving disadvantaged children new and

Together they are making a difference and giving children the gift of a smile For more information about Smiles for Life, contact Tuchklaper's office at 348-3100 or visit www.smiles4life.com







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