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By Victoria Sadlocha

STAFF WRITER

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#### Cats run wild!

The Novi High School basketball squad notched a determined victory over the South Lyon Lions 71-47 and are tuning up

## **Another Main Street casualty?** Ventimiglia blames city, Chen on Vic's demise

In a recent article in a metro-Detroit news-Vic Ventimiglia, owner of Vic's World Class paper. Ventimiglia was quoted as saying that the city nitpicked details such as signs and color schemes and sometimes took as long as two years to approve plans.

Ventimiglia did not return repeated phone

Novi Council Member Laura Lorenzo, who has been involved with the Main Street project from the beginning, said she can't address general allegations, but would address specific instances where Ventimiglia thought the city was unfair.

Lorenzo does not believe the city is to

"We've been trying to streamline our processes," Lorenzo said, but overall believes Main Street is a private development and the

Lorenzo said. "We can't favor Main Street."

Lorenzo said it wouldn't be fair to other developers if rules or ordinances were bent for the downtown project.

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"Any time he (Chen) came before us we tried to accommodate him within our parameters. We wish it was further along too.'

The former 5-year planning commission member said at one time Mesquite Creek wanted outside awnings for the summer time and the city approved it,

"We've approved signs for parking," Lorenzo said. "We approved Main Street Village and Main Street Village Phase II which should have helped tremendously.

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## District mourns Piwko's passing

Past school superintendent remembered for contribution to local students

By Angelo Parlove STAFF WRITER

Former Novi Community School District superintendent Bob Piwko died on Feb. 2 in Hilton Head, S.C., from complications resulting from a heart attack. He was 61 years old.

Piwko served the Novi district as

Novi Schools' Board of Education

treasurer Julie Abrams. "He raised

the level of academics in this dis-

trict and was an expert on curricu-

ed the district from its technologi-

cal roots in the early 1980's to

being a national leader on the mat-

"We went from computer tech-

nology in its infancy to being the

envy of many districts in the nation

Piwko was at the helm of the dis-

trict between 1980-1992, when

upon his departure, current Novi

Schools' superintendent Emmett

visionary and promoting excel-

lence," Abrams said. "Because of

him, the district was in a position to entice, encourage and attract

the top levels of potential candi-

dates for superintendent from

"We can thank Bob for being a

because he promoted technology,"

ter in the years that followed.

The former superintendent guid-3

superinits tendent for 12 years, before leaving to take a superintenfor the state of Illinois. "His greatest legacy that be

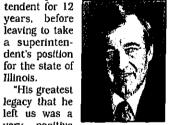
very positive

learning envi-ronment," said

lum.

Abrams said.

Lippe was hired.



**Bob Piwko** 

process Should Novi officials change the way they award con-

### By Victoria Sadlocha

After announcing Greystone Construction will no longer be involved in the construction of Fire Station No. 4 and accompanying training center, city council members are now questioning how the city awards its contracts.

James Chen and Greystone Construction could receive the contract to build the \$1.9 million dollar project in light of his appar-Stree

Officials question contract

other shopping developments to be built in

the area while Chen was having a hard time

attracting new businesses and nitpicking.

tracts? Our opinion can be found on page 12A.

STAFF WRITER

In response to questioning how

for

Market, is blaming Novi officials along with project developer James Chen for losing about \$5.5 million and about 40 employees after closing doors earlier this month. In addition to blaming the demise of his calls made by Novi News staff. Novi market on Chen for not completing the project in the promised five years, he also accused city officials of delaying plans, scaring away potential tenants, allowing too many

success or failure is not something the city has control over.

through all of the city's processes and we have to be consistent and we have to be fair.

"I liked his store, I shopped in his store and I will miss his store," she said. blame for Main Street's problems.

"As a private project it did have to go

for the District Tournament Page 1B

## LAKES SPORTS

Streak ends The Walled Lake Western basketball team saw its six game winstreak ning come to screeching halt

at the hands of the Northville Mustangs Page 4B

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Assistant City Mange Development Services Manger Clay Development Pearson explained it is Novi's construction bid policy to award contracts to the lowest responsible bidder. Pearson said under current city

policy, public contracts don't have auditors determine all the business relationships between a contractor's corporations and sub-corporations.

As far as the existing policy goes, Pearson said Greystone met the bidding requirements and were able to bond and provide the necessary financial guarantees for the city to recoup full costs of completing the project in the event of default.

The lowest bidder answer did not slt well with all city policy makers.

"We need to set objective standards for professional consultants and contractors," said Craig DeRoche, city of Novi council member.

DeRoche asked the city to form a committee to evaluate its process and feels objective standards should be put in place.

"I definitely feel we need to look al the process," said Laura Lorenzo city of Novi council member.

Lorenzo suggested looking closer

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Six-year-old Anna Cratty cuts the rug with her dad Scott, currently on active duty in Sicily.



## Navyman keeps Valentine date with daughter

Cott Cratty waited 133 days called into action Oct. 2 as a and traveled 18 hours by Uplane to be with his valentine.

His valentine is 6-year-old Anna Cratty and they had a very special date - Novi's annual Daddy-Daughter dance.

The Petty Officer 2nd class with the U.S. Navy Reserves was

result of events occurring on The 1987 Plymouth-Canton

School District high-school graduate and current Canton resident was sent to Sicily as part of the Navy's police unit where he does his part protecting America

Since leaving, his thoughts have been on his wife, Michelle; 10-year-old son, Christopher;

"I couldn't wait to come home," Cratty said. "You take for granted

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# **One Call Does** it

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#### The offices of Novi's Future Wise Trading Group, Inc., located in the Crystal Glen Buidling, are closed and dark.

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## Investors may not recoup funds from local firm, NFA official warns

By Lon Huhman and Victoria Sadlocha STAFE WRITERS

The chance of recouping funds placed with a Novi futures firm does not look good for at least 60 clients who trusted a Northville resident with their hard earned cash.

"At this point when looking at the assets available compared to the deposits made, there would not be enough to pay all of the clients 100 percent of their deposits," said Dan Driscoll, executive vice president and chief compliance officer of the National Futures Association.

Driscoll stressed this is a preliminary opinion because the analysis is based on records provided by Todd James Snively president of FutureWise Trading Group and Commodity Consultants International in

the Crystal Glen Office Center.

Snively, 40, provided records to the association which Driscoll points out may or may not be accurate. The records show Snively began taking orders in June.

Snively's trading groups were closed Feb. 6 by the association and now a complaint has been filed by the Commodity Futures Trading Commission in the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Michigan. Scott Williamson, an acting regional counsel for the division of enforcement in the central regional office of the CFTC in Chicago, said the complaint charges defendants with fraudulently operating an Internet-based trading platform which purportedly per-

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mitted investors to place orders for commodity futures contracts through CCI and FutureWise. In addition, it



Sept. 11. against terrorism. Story by Victoria Sadlocha - - - Photo by Tom Hibbeln

and daughter, Anna.

what you have here. It's tough knowing it's just me.

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## **Novi Briefs**



#### Dog shelter volunteers seek stolen puppy By Victoria Sadlocha She hopes by hard to monitor everyone picking received are strays from Detroit breed The sibling of STAFF WRITER spreading the puppies up from their pens. and she said they also receive a lot which a puppy Adoption days also become very of "surrenders" which are dogs left word someone may also tolen from Local dog shelter volunteers need have a lithomeless after their elderly owners might know a crowded at times. outside of a area residents' help finding a tle husky The missing pup came to the enter nursing homes. friend or family Novi pet sup-"It's very upsetting," Schneider stolen puppy. member who no-kill shelter after she was her. in "It really scares us because the was one of ply store hopthe found roaming the streets of said. "You just worry. If it went to a

charge is \$150," said Cheryl many Schneider, Novi resident and Critter Connection volunteer. "If shelter they are stealing a puppy then brings to chances are they can't afford the its care." Schneider said the 10-week-old

pit bull and terrier mix was taken Feb. 9 from outside of Pet Supplies from noon Plus located at the corner of to 5 p.m. in the Farmer Jack Meadowbrook Avenue and 10 Mile Road. The cost of the dog covers shots

this dog may now be without. The black short hair mixed-

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Schneider has been with Critter care." Connection for more than one year

ing pet adoptions outside of the Cheryl Schneider at (248) 349the adoption Novi pet supply store for three to 0567 or Critter Connection at (248) four years. The nonprofit group is dedicated to finding homes for stray, abused

> they are adopted. They never put for the Novi News. She can be dogs to sleep.

Schneider said a lot of the dogs

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## Local teen to participate in state pageant

Novi High School, will represent the city of Novi at the 2002 Miss Junior American Michigan State Finals, scheduled for Feb. 23-24 at the Novi Hilton The Junior (ages 16-19) Pageant competition and show

Feb. 23, and will include casual wear modeling and gown competition. Stevens nonsor for the event is Linda's Hair and More, located on Meadowbrook Road in Novi.



"We're really upset someone is cold out," Schneider said. "You placing them in foster homes until would do this," Schneider said. "We want them to hold them and see had two black puppies and all of a what they are like."

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brought dog home that Detroit. None of the

volunteers assisting with day saw anything mysteri-

and said the group has been hold- the missing puppy is asked to call

685-1693. For more information about Critter Connection visit www.crit-

terconnection.freewebspace.com. Victoria Sadlocha is a staff writer reached at (248) 349-1700, ext. 105 or at vsadlocha@hl.homecomm.net

good home and I knew It I wouldn't

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Julie Stevens, a junior al

will take place at 6 p.m. on

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## Ventimiglia alleges Chen, city caused closing

"The ordinance at the end of the surrounding the Main Street devel-

people coming to Main Street. "Sour Grapes," said Louts on sign ordinances for the Main Csordas, Novi city council member. "He (Ventimiglia) had full support of the city." Coordas said the city does have a just my opinion."

tion to details and if that is becoming a detriment to the city then it should be looked into. "There is no question the city of

Street development. "The signs seem to be attractive to me," Csordas said. "But that is Csordas said he currently sits on a city-wide sign approval committee and personally can not recall a time he ever turned a request

mission member said he rement-

saving officials were too restrictive

This is not the first time the word The two-year council member nitpick and city officials have been

and former 3-year planning com- used in the same sentence. Gateway Ordinance to remain later when site plans come in." unadopted.

> been kicked around since interest as residents of the city. September 1999 when the Novi-Planning Commission gave its Lorenzo said. "They don't." positive recommendation, will Grand River Avenue thoroughfare to the downtown area will. Market location, does not seem too he said. look like.

day is all we have." Lorenzo said. opment Novi city council members "With the Gateway Ordinance we have been accused of being over- want to, with the best of our abili- about it." Pardington said. "We reparticular causing the city's ty, make sure we won't be sorry Lorenzo said sometimes develop-The ordinance, which has ers don't have the same vested

"We live with the consequences," John Pardington, owner of ultimately define what the Holiday Market in Canton who has it, but I really don't know enough an interest in the empty Vie's World

worried about all of the scuttlebutt

"I've read about it. I've heard purchasing the store. just going about the course we've been taking. Pardington said he is putting

more reliance on market studies and financial analysis before making his decision. "You certainty have to look at If what they have?" Pardington said. someone like Vic can't make a go of

about Chen to comment on that, Pardington announced last week he

Ventimiglia since August about Although he would not comment one way or another as to if he was going to fill the vacated Main Street location, he did say he had interest "Do residents want a market like

for the Novi News. She can be reached at (248) 349-1700, ext. 105 had been talking with or at vsadlocha@ht.homecomm.net.

Feb. 15 and 16 and was heavily "Tickets sold out fast," said Gwynn Tilmann, recreation coordi-Tilmann said this year, department employees rearranged the floor plan placing the dancing in the auditorium and the food and tables in the civic center's atrium making more room to accommodate for the 350 ticket holders each "Evervone seems to be enjoying themselves," Tilmann said at the Dance attendees dined on tacos, meatballs, chicken, fruit salad and cookies while D.J. Willie played crowd pleasing tunes including favorites of the night "YMCA" and Overall. Cratty enjoyed the evening with his daughter and said because he will not be home again.

### Photo by TOM HIBBELN

The structure at Wixom and 10 Mile roads now stands one-third The failure to perform announce-

ment came after Chen was named in various lawsuits alleging problems with Novi's Main Street devel-

When exactly the downtown still being disputed, but some residents have questioned why, if city officials knew Chen may have problems, would one of his company's receive the nod to build the much needed station.

Other community officials have also come forward citing problems with Chen between the time the Main Street tenant lawsuits were contract from Chen's Greystone filed and the Greystone contract

Victoria Sadlocha is a staff writer Chen was unable to provide ade- for the Novi News. She can be quate documentation showing he reached at (248) 349-1700, ext. 105 or at vsadlocha@ht.homecomm.net.



## Investors may not be able to recoup funds

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alleges the defendants misappropriated investors' funds. The complaint states the defendants solicited and accepted at least \$2.9 million from at least 60 people. "Investor protection and market integrity are the commission's primary objectives. In this case, our Chicago enforcement staff, in

courdination with the National Futures Association, moved swifthalt this alleged fraudulent activi- what attracted so many clients to \* said CFTC Chairman James - trade through his firm. Newsome. This is a good example together with a front-line regulator – extremely low." to produce positive results. I will of our fraudulent activity in the from a customer segregated bank fntures market."

The complaint alleges that on Feb. 6. investors could either trade for place trades through CCI and can not talk about the case yet. FutureWise. According to the complaint, however, no trading occurred on behalf of investors. It Sinclair said on Feb. 15. is alleged the defendants misappropriated some of the investors' tion, the complaint alleges the vide a comment. defendants induced to maintain

and add to their investments by providing account statements over the Internet that reflected investors" purportedly profitable futures trading. Driscoll said the association has

not discovered any actual brokerage accounts. "He was soliciting clients to open accounts and trade futures at a very low commission rate," he said. Representatives of the association believe the lure of Snively's ly to protect investor funds and Internet trading charge of \$5 was

"That was his big selling point, of how the commission works. Driscoll said. "Five dollars is It is also believed Snively withcontinue to promote the use of all drew \$2 million of investor funds

account held in the name of CCL The Chicago attorney represent

sworn testimony next week," The futures attorney said once

unds for their own use. In addi- matter of public record he will pro-

NFA issues 'action' on local firm

Anna Cratty rushes through the doors at the Novi Civic

Center, site of the annual Daddy/Daughter Valentine Dance.

The National Futures Association is a futures industry self regulatory private organization authorized by the U.S. Congress similar to the NASD.

The association has the authority to issue disciplinary actions. In Snively's case, the National Futures Association first issued a "Member Responsibility Action" to make sure the firm would not disperse

funds, solicit or accept additional customer accounts or transferring funds "Legally our action does not for instance freeze his assets or bank accounts," Driscoll said. The Commodity Futures Trading Commission is the body with the ability to go into court, freeze bank accounts and issue restraining

orders The commission was responsible for filling the actual complaint in United States District Court for the Eastern District of Michigan. "Both organizations are similar in many ways," Driscoll said. "Both

are necessary. Driscoll said members of the association are working with the commission on the case. -- Victoria Sadlocha

themselves on the platform or ing Snively, Gary Sinclair, said he Futures Association came to Williamson said the CFTC will Snively's office Monday, Feb. 4 to seek a preliminary and permanent "Mr. Snively will be providing a examine Snively's records after injunctive relief, an accounting, being alerted of possible foul play. restitution to customers, disgorge-"When our questions started ment of ill-gotten gains and civil really honing in he told us we had monetary penalties of not more Snively's Feb. 21 testimony is a to leave his office," Driscoll said. than the higher of \$120,000 for

Gadola of the U.S. District Court tary gain to defendants, among Auditors from the National for Michigan's Eastern District, other remedial relief.

On March 6 before Judge Paul cach violation or triple the mone-

Local TV celebrity visits **Deerfield Elementary** 

#### By Angelo Parlove STAFE WRITER

Deerfield Elementary students three minutes," Kleist told the stueagerly awaited their special guest - dents. "I walk and point out things last Monday afternoon, with arms that are important. ready to be raised and questions to be asked.

The kids filed out of their classroom at 12:30 p.m. "Everyone move in," said cast meteorology program at Deerfield Elementary student Mississippi State University. teacher Sarah Carley, as the students made room for each other on of it and the broadcast part of it." the carpeted floor of the general she said. gathering room in the Lighthouse

wing of their school. They sat cross-legged and listened as "Action News Weekend" meteorologist Mary Kay Kleist from WXYZ Channel 7 in Detroit talked the time it spends over the water. to the students about the weather the stronger and stronger it gets." and the behind the scenes action of a television news station.

cast for today, tomorrow and the next are so strong we can't measure five days." Kleist told her gathered them. A hurricane is like a onlookers. "The five-day forecast is machine that moves across the helpful because if you have big plans, water." you can plan your weekend." Kleist told how her day begins from the American Meteorological

take shape for her evening broad-"I drive into work, look out my window and see the cloud pat-

terns." she said. The meteorologist does the 6 WGN-AM in Chicago.

each Saturday and Sunday. "Each forecast lasts about two to Kleist received her bachelor's

the University of Central Florida In Orlando and completed the broad-"We have to learn the science end

Inquisitive Deerfield students rattled off questions about hurricanes and tornadoes to the televi-

sion reporter, who wielded replies. Kleist on hurricanes: "The longer Kleist on tornados: "They're hard to forecast because they're very "We put together the weather fore- short lived. Sometimes the winds

Kleist holds a Seal of Approval and how the weather news starts to Society and the National Weather Association. Before coming to Michigan. She covered the weather for three years in Tampa, Fla., at WFLA-TV, as well as held weather anchor positions at CTV-TV and



Detroit Channel 7 meteorologist Mary Kleist talks about her job and forecasting the weather to a group of Deerfield Elementary School students Monday afternoon.

Photo by JOHN HEIDER

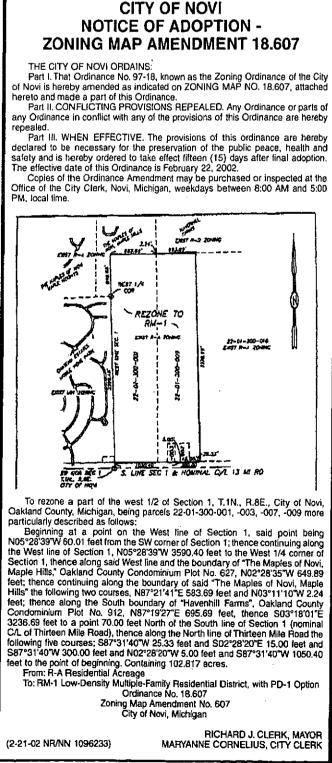
Former superintendent mourned by colleagues Continued from page 1 who lives in Illinois, and David. who lives in Florida with his wife

across the nation." Upon retirement from a life Head to enjoy the warm weather and golf.

"Bob did enjoy his retirement, said Lyn Piwko, Bob's wife. "He was a great lover of life."

Wanda "The (Novi) staff, educators and devoted to education in 1999, .community were all very supportthe Piwko's moved to Hilton ive," Piwko said. "It was a very enriching time in his life and a very exciting time to be there."

Angelo Parlove is a staff writer for the Novi News. He can be reached Piwko is survived by his wife, at (248) 349-1700, ext. 108 or at Lyn, and his two children, Sheryl, aparlove@ht.homecomm.net.



## contract procedures Continued from page 1 into financial statements and per- complete.

forming complete reviews of references. She maintains a more thorough check may be in order. "I disagree with the standard operating procedure of lowest bidder gets opment it," said Louis Csordas, city of Novi council member. "The lowest bid development came into question is

shouldn't always get the contract. Csordas feels the process needs to be changed. Novi City Manager Richard Helwig said he stands behind how

the city awards its contracts and believes there is not a problem with the process currently used. The questioning started after city officials vanked the fire station

Construction company earlier this was terminated.

The contract was pulled after could finish the project.

in the location Holiday or are they happy with "That is what I need to determine." Victoria Sadlocha is a staff writer



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Lorenzo said city officials want bers Chen coming before the city

reputation for paying close atten-

Novi takes its time," he said.

Navyman keeps date with daughter Council discusses

attended.

night

nator for the department.

"Who Let the Dogs Out?"

Victoria Sadlocha is a staff writer

for the Novi News. She can be

reached at (248) 349-1700, ext.

until September.

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The officer said it has been hard being away from his family. "Christmas was the toughest time." Cratty said. "We did it over speaker phone.

He also said it was hard missing his son's birthday, but he did have the dance to look forward to. "My wife called all over the place. looking for a dance," he said.

For the past three to four years

he had taken Arma to the Canton-

Daddy-Daughter dance.

He couldn't make it home in time - event. for that one, but was happy to hear his wife found out about Novi's special evening. And special it was.

Scott in his dress blues and Anna a vision in pink adorned with a flowered wrist corsage swirled and twirled across the festive dance floor of the Novi Civic it was even more meaningful Center.

"She is a little angel." Cratty

The unique couple walked hand-

The two-hour dance, hosted by

the City of Novi Parks, Recreation 105 or at

and Forestry Department, was held - vsodlocha@ht.homecomm.net.

in-hand most of the night.

## **Police News**

### False alarm

A false alarm brought Novi police to Twelve Oaks Mall regarding a children were locked in a car with- cle was gone. out an adult in it. The security officers received the information from a mall patron. While the Novl officer was driving p.m., the Novl Police Department

to the mall, Twelve Oaks security canceled the call. Roses-West meeting set

The Roses-West Rose Society of Graden Roses slide program, with Novi will be meeting March 1 from potted Roses and garden products 7:30 to 9:30 p.m., at the Novi on display. Mile Road, in Novi.

Also on the agenda will be an Old 4626

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Alone at the mail

Three days later at about 4:10 received another possible child neglect call from Twelve Oaks Mall.

## dren into custody who were alone removed from the play area. was too old to be playing there.

children were taken into custody. The parents were paged several NEW HUDSON CHIROPRACTIC

The parents told the Novi police Mall security officers responded officer the children were left alone Novi police responded to fight com- to the report, there was an 18-Security officers told police they with the Family Independence ball bats and mace and were intoxasked the children to speak to their Agency, the parents told the Novi icated. parents and they didn't know officer he was being "ridiculous" where they were. At that time, the and blowing the whole thing out of call where they found some sus- minor in possession by consumpproportion.

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ents he would have to file a report subjects were fighting with base hands. Several officers responded to the

times, but did not respond until unsafe to leave children alone in wooden baseball bat on the ground was secured before leaving.

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In Middle of Feb. **FANCY NAILS** 

by the scene. A female inside of the house told police there were people in the house who were beaten up On Feb. 13 at about 1:30 a.m. and sprayed with mace. According kitchen holding his face in his

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The female said the suspects were party crashers. One 20-yearold at the scene was arrested for pects outside, some inside and tion. All appropriate interviews and The officer advised them it is some running. They also noticed a arrests were made and the scene



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## Perani's scheduled to take over Novi Ice Arena pro shop

#### By Victoria Sadlocha STAFE WRITER

flowe is what Bob Perani's Sport Shops is shooting for at the Novi Ice Arena.

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Hockey World the self-described week. "Toy Store for the Hockey Player." Vince Brooks, vice president of Bob - council with the recommendation should be very successful, it is a - Perani's. beautiful arena."

Brooks said the largest independent hockey dealer in North America celebrating its 26th year of Selection of high quality merchan-

"We hope to bring the product in 1999. quickly and have no down time for the arena," Brooks said. name of the owner and former Flint per year.

Generals' goalie, has 13 stores spread out between Michigan. Ohio, Pennsylvania, Windsor and A pro-shop worthy of Gordie - Dallas with the closest store to Novi in Livenia. The approval to enter into nego tiations with Perani's was given

Beginning May 1, the city operate Aug. 27 by members of the city ed pro-shop will turn into Perani's council, and made official las Tom Anastos of Suburban We will broaden the selection of Hockey who manages the arenawhat they've had in the past," said provided three proposals to the

Perani's Sport Shops, Inc. "We to enter into the agreement with According to documents submitted to council, the Perani's lease

proposal will generate \$27,000 in revenue per year compared to city business, plans on Illing the carned net profits of \$19,531 at the \$7,742 at the end of fiscal year

The proposal also stated payroll expenses for the Novi fee Arena-The company, carrying the would drop by about \$20-\$25,000

"We will broaden the selection of what they've had in the past. We should be very successful, it is a beautiful arena."

> Vince Brooks vice-president, Perani's Sport Shops

Other proposals were received pay a total of \$132,000, but in the from B & R Sports, Inc. and The first three years of the lease Anastos originally recommended

either Perani's or B &R. Perani's offered to pay rent of \$27,000 per year for five years with ning. a live-year option to renew at Anastos said The Skate Shop arena. 1.000-square-foot area with a wide end of liscal year 2001, \$22,232 at \$30,000 per year. B & R offered to would not provide enough income years with a two-year option for justify leasing it to them, renewal at \$30,000 per year.

> lease period, Perani's would pay a tory and leasing keeps the city total of \$135,000 and B&R would from tying up the financial

Skate Shop.

Perani's would pay \$81,000 and

Other anticipated benefits of up, in the first five years of the allowing greater diversity in inven- interests, then that is when a deal

inventory.

before council in an attempt to arena were up while expenses were whittle away at the budgeted year- down.

approval to serve as the council's rent fiscal year. "point person" and seek naming rights proposals for the arena. B&R would pay \$72,000, generat- nomic conditions. Anastos will tract renewal talks with Anastos. ing \$3,000 per year more rental communicate with companies and

ing the right to put its name on our "The rink is doing just fine withthe end of fiscal year 2000 and pay \$24,000 per year for three for the city on an annual basis to out it [selling the naming rights]."

Anastos said. The rink manager said if the per Assuming renewals were picked leasing the pro-shop space include feet offer comes in serving the city's

> would be made. "The arena is progressing

resources used stocking ongoing well," Anastos said. "We are a little bit ahead of plan." The lease arrangement is one of At the beginning of the year, revmany ideas Anastos has brought enues and participation for the

end loss of \$244,000 reported at Combining that good news with the completion of Novi's 2001 fiscal the normal increase of business year end and the \$550,000 the associated with the Winter arena owes the city's general fund. Olympics prompted Anastos to tell On Jan, 28, members of the Novi council members they will be city council gave Anastos their pleased at the end of the city's cur-

Members of the Novi City Council also passed a motion at the Jan. 28 Despite the not so favorable eco- meeting to move forward with con-"You took over a very tough spot income for the arena in the begin-foundations interested in purchas- and put your shoulder to the wheel," said Novi Mayor Richard J.

Clark. Clark and all member of the council commended Anastos for what they believed to be a job well done.

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## Edward Jones grabs top ranking in annual survey

Edward Jones grabbed the No.1 our clients, which gives this rankranking in Representative magazine's annual survey of the nation's eight largest ticularly proud of the No.1 rankfinancial-services firms. The maga- ing because of the number of zine randomly selects brokers years Edward Jones has achieved nationwide (50 representatives from the honor. each firm) and asks them to rank heir firm in 20 different categories. Hetherton said. "We are doing things The categories in the survey differently at Edward Jones, and we nclude quality of the firm's oper- are proud of that distinction." ations, quality of the products offered and overall ethics of the options or commodities. Instead, firm, Edward Jones' investment it specializes in helping individual representatives gave the firm the investors meet their long-term top spots in all of those cate- financial goals and is known for

ranked No.1 in nine other cate- philosophy. gories for a total of 13 out of 20. "It's always an honor to be rec- financial-services firm advising ognized by a national publica- individual investors exclusively ion," Sean Hetherton, the local traces its roots to 1871 and cur-Edward Jones investment repre- rently serves 5 million clients sentative, said. "But this ranking The firm offers its clients a variety s formed by the opinions of the of investments, including certifinvestment representatives-the cates of deposit, taxable and non-

## For the ninth year running, measure of how we are doing for Registered ing a greater significance." Hetherton added that he is par

"Nine years is no coincidence, Edward Jones does not offer

gories. Additionally, the firm its "buy-and-hold" investment Edward Jones, the only major

## Safety, career resources top student survey

### By Angelo Parlove

safety and career resources top- students are accepting of each of educational opportunities within tions, as well as their high admiraping many lists. The Novi High School sought a full the students respect the teaching spectrum of opinions and comments staff and the school building is a the good, the bad and the ugly from students, teachers and parents last October in the form of a survey. "From these surveys, you are able to start seeing some things at the high school. come to the surface and some common areas of concern across the board," said Novi High School health teacher Carol Diglio. The school unveiled the results of these surveys to the Novi Board of Education at its Feb. 7 regular

meeting. Students were randomly selected in their morning seminar classes, with 330 surveys being collected. "That was an excellent place to

target students because seminar classes have all grades - freshman. sophomore, juniors and seniors," Diglio said

other, you can make friends easily. safe and secure environment.

However, according to the survey, students are concerned about dents having difficulties, career the lack of use of career resources awareness.

"Students just don't feel they are using that enough," Diglio said. Also, students said that they don't look forward to coming to school and too much outside reading is assigned.

Over 300 random parents were nailed surveys, with the school receiving 110 responses. "The parents who responded

gave us a good range of grade levels," Diglio said. The Novl High School parents noted the positives: there was much pride at Novi High School,

Coming from the students them- other with respect and the school ronment, for the way teachers selves, the top positive points building is a safe and secure envi- show students respect and how The survey is in, with student about Novi High School are that ronment, as well as a broad range teachers handle disciplinary situathe school.

And the concerns: the school abilities. does not effectively handle "at-risk" students, the use of alternative teaching strategles for those stu-

A significant parent concern was that many students are not prepared for the world of work. Furthermore, all 110 Novi High

School teachers were surveyed on the matter, as well. "Everyone responded, and we

Diglio said The teachers applauded the aparlove@ht.homecomm.net.

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teachers and students treat each school for its safe and secure envition for their colleagues' teaching

However, teachers are concerned that students do not use career exploration resources enough, that students are not taking responsibility for their behaviors and that the school's high grades do not reflect high achievement

Also surveyed in this project was the Novi High School graduating classes of 1995 and 2001.

Angelo Parlove is a staff writer for were very pleased about that," the Novi News. He can be reached at (248) 349-1700, ext. 108 or at

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## **Obituaries**

### Joseph C. Marocco

and Elia

Joseph C. Marocco of Novi died - Home Jan. 24 at St. Joseph Hospital in Ann Arbor, He was 81. Mr. Marocco was born May 17, 1920. He was the husband of Ann: dent of Novi, died January 29. father of Anthony, Joseph and of grandfather Michael; Anthony Jr., Michael, Jessica, Mario and Angela; great-grandfather of Nicholas, Michael and Ashton and brother of Francesca-

A memorial service for Mr. Marocco was held Jan. 26 at O'Brien/Sullivan Funeral Home in Nova. Interment will be at Glen-Eden Cemetery in Livonia. Memorial contributions may be sent to the Westland Community. Foundation, 38110 Executive 48185

Funeral arrangements were made by O'Brien/Sullivan Funeral Gertrude Eigel

Gertrude Eigel, longtime resi-She was the beloved wife of Abe Katherine Mark, loving grandmother of Michael, Heidi and Shawn Goldman, Joshua and Nicholas Karres.

Services were held at Hebrew Memorial Chapel. Interment is in Hebrew Memorial Park Cemetary. Nancy Lynn Smith

Nancy Smith of Northville died

Northville, She was 51

held a beautician's license and worked as a waitress at Northville Downs for 22 years. Ms. Smith is survived by her mother. Anne G. Smith of

relatives. Ms. Smith was preceded in death by her father. Lawrence H. Smith. was held Feb. 19 at Northrop-Eldon Beery officiated the service.

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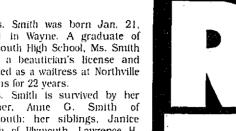
### Eigel, loving mother of Samuel Plymouth: her siblings, Janice Eigel, Barbara(Neil) Goldman, Faye Smith of Plymouth, Lawrence H. Eigel and son-in-law David Karres. Smith of Westland and Steve G. dear sister of Irving Mark and Smith of Canton; and many other

Sassaman Funeral Home. Rev. interment will be at Rural Hill

Drive, Ste. 100, Westland, MI Feb. 15 at her residence in made to the American Diabetes

Ms. Smith was born Jan. 21 1951 in Wayne. A graduate of Plymouth High School, Ms. Smith

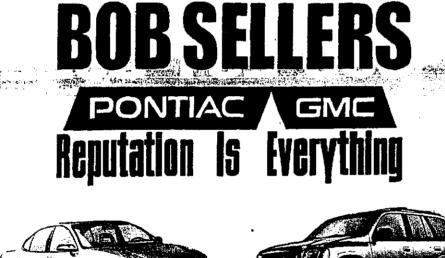
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#### STORY TIME NOTES Registration for Spring Story

Registration forms are available in snacking on goodles, and playing the library. Spring Story Times games. Drop-ins arc welcome, begin March 11. AARP TAX WORKSHOP

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The Novi Public Library is open person by calling the library. (Note: THE CHAPTER CLUB

The Chapter Club, our book discussion group for grades 4-6, meets Saturday, March 2, from 11 a.m.noon. We'll be discussing "Joey Pigza Times runs through February 23. Swallowed the Key" by Jack Gantos.

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classes by calling the library.

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## Company debuts new clothing line

#### By Jennifer Norris STAFF WRITER

Ruffles Prints. Colors. When it comes to finding the latest and most fashionable women's apparel, just ask area resident ynn Hughes.

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Hughes, an Area Development Manager and wardrobe consultant for Casuals Etectera, said the many communities that can hanintroduced their line of clothing to ness." Michigan

York City-based company is the Colorado. newest national direct sale fashion consultants who show the clothes - way for me to get back into it."

In their homes, she said, "Etcetera did a lot of demographte studies in Michigan," sald

Etcetera company has recently dle and support this kind of busi-Hughes said she learned of the

According to Hughes, the New company through a close friend in periodic trunk shows. "She was a sales consultant for house, joining such well known - Etcetera," said Hughes. "After herlabels as sister-brand Carlisle first trunk show she called and told women's wear is available through - many years ago. This was a good - 2002. Hughes also said the benefits of

"It's a home-based business so

"My job is to develop this area and hire consultants who want to have a home-based business in fashion."

#### Lynn Hughes Area development manager, Casuals Etcetera

She said that part of her responsibilities as an area development manager include recruiting wardrobe consultants and hosting

and hire consultants who want to - I've purchased. have a home-based business in fashion," she said, adding that jug the spring season trunk show Collections, Doucaster and The me how fabulous the collection she will be hosting a trunk show or becoming a wardrobe consult Worth Collection. This brand of was, She and I worked in retail in her home from March 18-23, ant, contact Lynn Hughes at (248) Hughes said the clothing line es1@twmi.rr.com consists of separates ranging from

working from home were enticing. size 0-14. Items can be mixed and matched to create many wardrobe the Northville Record. She can be

In the stores." Ordered items take approximately two weeks to arrive, she said. Hughes said this method of shopping is more user-friendly

new collection for Michigan,

Hughes said. "They call it classic

with a twist. It's nothing you'll find

because it offers personal wardrobe consulting and excellent customer service. She also said the Etcetera clothing line features top grade items

suitable for nearly every occasion. "I've been very pleased," said Hughes. "They fit like a glove. The quality of the fabric is wonderful "My job is to develop this area - I've been very pleased with what

For more information on attend 596-1909 or by e-mail at lhugh

Jennifer Norris is a staff writer for

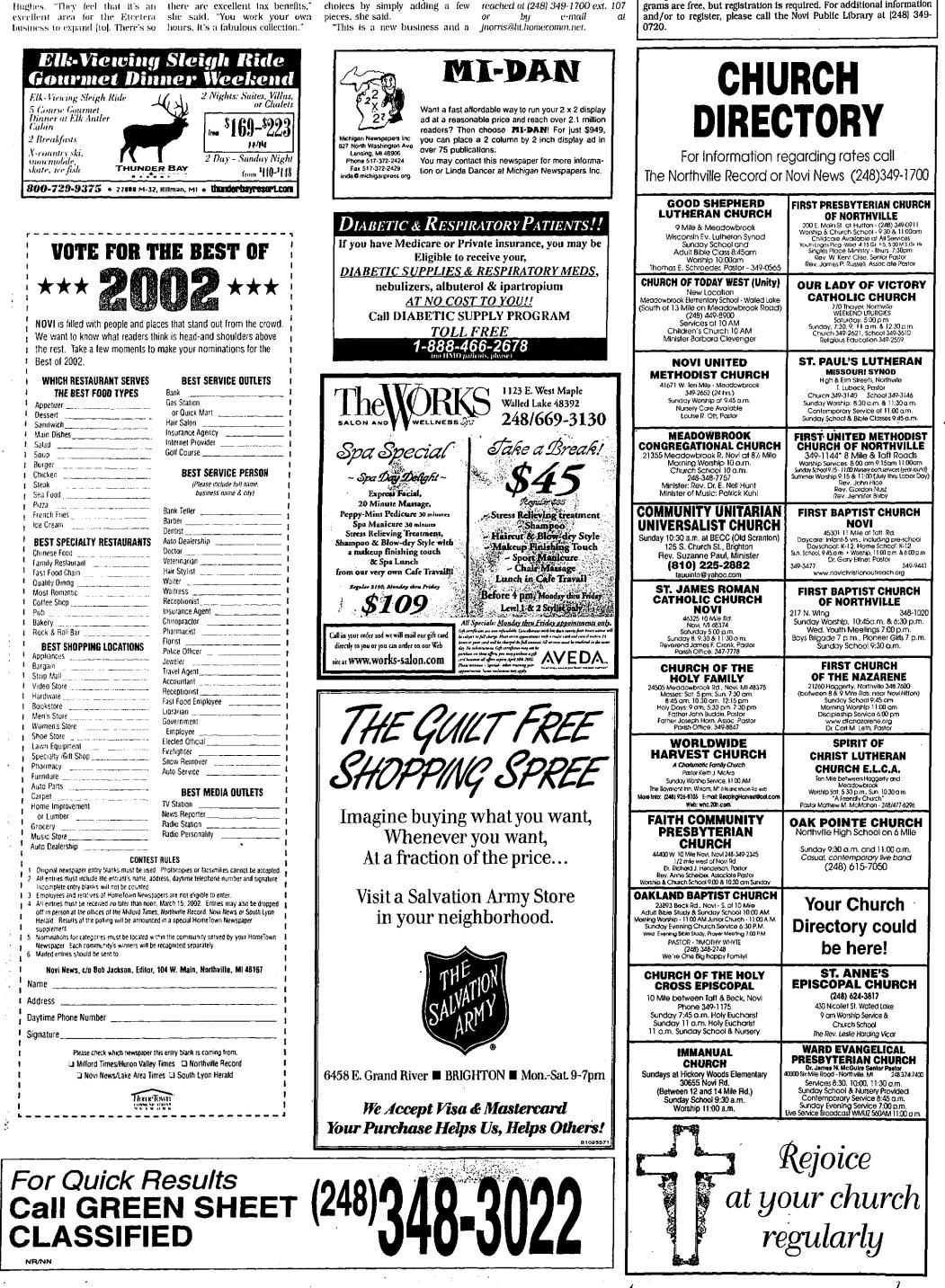
## Library to host family workshops

The Novi Public Library will host four workshops in the upcoming Family Matters 2002 series. The March workshops, which were developed in response to the pain of recent events and stress of uncertain times, will be held at various locations throughout Oakland County. Faculty members from Oakland Community College (OCC) will conduct all of the Novi workshops.

The first workshop at the Novi Library. "Religion in the Modern World, will be held on March 1, at 10:15 a.m. OCC Professor of lumanities, James Cook will use historical examples, such as the Holocaust, to illuminate the spiritual strength and resiliency of the human spirit. Comments and questions will be welcome during this interactive presentation.

On Thursday, March 7, Darel Garth and Albert Rosen, also from Oakland Community College, will present "Need Not Fear" at 7 p.m. The presenters will explain the natural role of fear in life, while helping participants respond affirmatively to life's challenges. OCC guest speaker Imam Achmat Salie's presentation, "Introduction o Islam," takes place March 18, at 7 p.m. Imam Salle will discuss the core beliefs of the world's 1.2 billion Muslims and compare these

beliefs with those of the Christian and Jewish religions. The final presentation in the series is "Us versus Them," scheduled for March 25 at 7 p.m. Dr. Don Nichols, OCC Professor of Social Science, will explore how societies create an "us vs. them" mentality. In addition, Dr. Nichols will discuss how exposure to information valuing all persons can lead to acceptance of diversity and counter xenophobia. The Family Matters Community Support Initiative is coordinated by Common Ground Sanctuary, Oakland County Youth Assistance, and Wise Mothers. It is a cooperative venture between Oakland Community College and Oakland University. All of the Family Matters 2002 programs are free, but registration is required. For additional information



## Novinews.com Engler's \$200 gift brings relief to Novi School District

### By Angelo Parlove

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Officials at Novi Schools heaved James Koster. a collective sigh of relief last week as Gov. John Engler reinstated the Michigan schools, meaning \$1.2 Engler restored the increased million more money for the district school funding on Feb. 6. next fiscal year.

The district was facing an Lippe. adjusted budget deficit of over \$1.7 "The \$200 allows us to do the

Schools' superintendent Emmett in the future."

the remaining \$250,000 to its fund which will be adopted by the school equity, a cash reserve. "We still need to plan for the

a blessing that we don't have to reductions in programs we tional program and in order to do crate the educational program said. "The committee brainstormed reduce as much," said Novi thought we would probably have that we have to save for it because here," Koster said. Schools' assistant superintendent to recommend," said Novi there is too many unknown things. An advisory committee - com- sclwes."

Novi Schools plans to use the over \$800,000 in general operating tion - met for two days, on Jan. 28 tee's list of prioritized reductions at promised \$200 per student million for the 2002-2003 fiscal state aid to pay down next year's fund cutbacks for the upcoming and Jan. 30, to prioritize a list of upcoming board meetings next ncrease in 2002-2003 state aid for year just one week ago, before Gov. deficit by \$950,000, while applying 2002-2003 preliminary budget, potential cutbacks.

board in June. "It's been a blessing that we tightening of the belt items, but future," Koster said. "Our goal is to tions, but I believe the reductions tary, middle school, high school at (248) 349-1700, ext. 108 or at

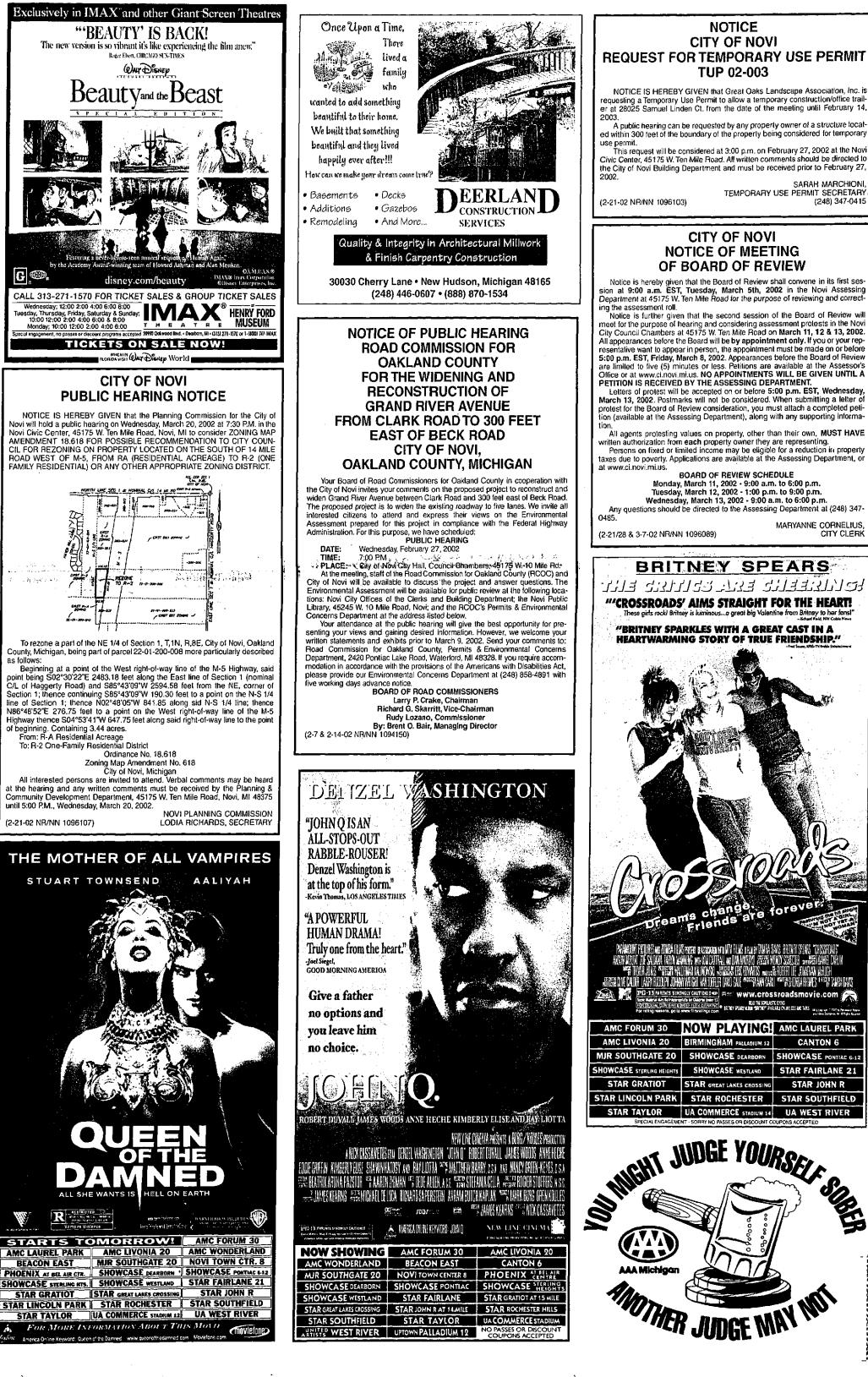
Thus, the district must still meet parents, teachers and administra- Education will discuss the commit-"We began a process to evaluate and review the district. They looked

"We will still have to make reduc- at all levels of education - elemen- the Novi News. He can be reached received the \$1.2 million. It will be also avoids the substantial maintain and improve the educa- will not in any severe way desc- and community education," Koster aparlove@ht.homecomm.net.

budgetary reductions among themposed of over 40 people, including The Novi Schools' Board of month

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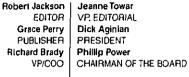
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## In Novi we get what we pay for...or do we?

always get what you pay for. At least that's the sentiment of forcing projects to be completely some city council members this redone at taxpayer expense. week. During their regularly scheduled meeting Monday, council mem- instance. Back in 1997, the bers took time to discuss the recent Northville city council awarded a termination of a construction con- sidewalk replacement contract to a tract with James Chen for the \$1.9 relatively new construction compamillion Fire station and training ny. The company had good refercenter construction. Woefully ences, appeared to be able to do the behind in building the facility Chen job - despite never having laid a was forced to relinquish the con- single foot of concrete for sidetract last week, which has left coun- walks. The company did the work, cilmembers pondering how such a completing the contract early, and thing could have happened.

Well, Mr. Mayor and councilmembers, maybe we can help you — try lack of oversight.

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That's the only way we can explain lowed up more closeallowing a contractor, who is having problems with other projects taking place in the city (a la Main Street), to fall behind on the fire station project. We figure wasn't right with the that if someone had been checking on project and they Chen's Greystone could have acted Construction company from time to accordingly. project. time, all of this wouldn't have been a

surprise. council received another seeming council and administration need to surprise the other night when mem- look at the existing policy and perbers discovered that the city's exist- haps make changes that don't ing policy governing construction "lock" the city into having to always bids calls for awarding the contract select the lowest bidder. We also to the lowest responsible bidder.

with councilmembers Laura Lorenzo, become more of a priority. Craig DeRoche and Lou Csordas. "I Let's face it. If the city would have process," Ms. Lorenzo said.

You know what? He's right.

instances in neighboring cities where positive completion of the project.

It seems that in Novi you don't the lowest bidder did substandard work, causing delays and sometimes

Take neighboring Northville for went on their merry way. Meanwhile, the new

sidewalks began to crack and crumble Let's face it. If the and before anyone city would have folcould do anything about it, the sidewalks began breaking apart. The city ly on Greystone, city went after the comofficials would have pany to get them to redo the work. The discovered the warnproblem? The construction company ing signs that all had filed for bankruptcy and the city was left with rebidding the project. Now, we realize that's an extreme

case, and perhaps overhauling the current

would be unwar-And talking about surprises, ranted, but one thing is certain: the believe that ensuring proper over-That apparently doesn't sit well sight for city construction projects

policy

definitely feel we need to look at the followed up more closely on Greystone, city officials would have Mr. Csordas was a bit more out- discovered the warning signs that all spoken. "I disagree with the standard wasn't right with the project and they operating procedure of lowest bidder could have acted accordingly. Instead gets it," he said. "The lowest bid of having to react to the problem once shouldn't always get the contract." it was discovered, city council and officials could have been proactive There have been countless and kept things moving towards a

### GOVERNMENT

Per reader request, we have compiled a list so you can get in touch with your local and regional senators and representatives. Their accessibility allows you as readers to voice your concerns directly and allows them to better represent their districts. If you feel we have missed anyone, contact us at (248) 349-1700, ext. 113.

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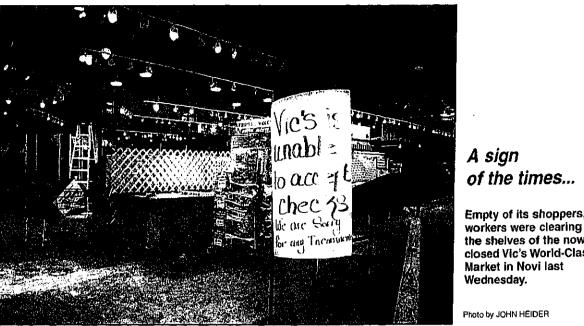
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workers were clearing the shelves of the nowclosed Vic's World-Class Market in Novi last

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## Mourning another Main St. casualty

It seems there is more controversy sible because he didn't complete the Purposely delaying a project is going to going on along Main Street than busi- Main Street project within the prom- affect the bottom line, and any developness these days. Class Market, a popular storefront in delayed plans, scared away potential Novi over the past eight years, was tenants, allowed too many other shopshutting its doors for good. I have to ping developments to be built in the admit, upon hearing the news the first area at a time when Chen was having thought that crossed my mind was, difficulty attracting new businesses. "Main Street must be in worse trouble

> than thought." Cynical, 1 know, but you advocate here. have to wonder when a

> > vegetable

shopping.

**Robert Jackson** 

How could this happen? Well, apparently owner Vic Ventimiglia has a few answers to that question

Ventimiglia, who was quoted in a Detroit daily newspaper this week, is blaming Novi officials and Main Street developer James Chen for the demise of his market - which translates to \$5.5 million, he alleges.

Chen, for that matter, could be respon- would purposely do that. After all, a sible for the market's downfall. Well, developer's sole purpose in the busi-

ised five years. He also alleges that city er I've ever met takes the bottom line Last week we learned that Vic's World officials are responsible because they eyes and chalk up Ventimiglia's claims stop for a moment and play devil's What if his claims are justified?

I'm not saying that they are, mind you, cessful opera- claims are true? What if Chen's troubles tion like Vic's with his Main Street development congoes out of tributed to the market's closing? After business. I all, more businesses located on Main mean, heck, Street translates to more foot traffic, and the place was more foot traffic translates into more always packed shoppers, and more shoppers translate when I'd stop into more money, and more money there to do my translates into...well...you get my drift.

And let's suppose for a minute that the city is also responsible. Let's say that city officials purposely held up plans, that they nitpicked every little detail, and consequently things didn't get done in manner that a developer or businessperson would possibly consider beneficial. If all of that is true, then I'd be scratching my head and doing some wondering

But personally, I don't believe the city would purposely do that. I even think You may be asking how the city, or it's a stretch to claim that James Chen

very seriously.

Same can be said of the city. City officials need Main Street to be a success. They're married to the concept and with good cause — there are taxdollars attached to Main Street. Tax dollars Now, before you begin rolling your that could be used for important things like infrastructure improvements, betas nothing more than sour grapes, let's ter police cars, social programs and yes, even the purchase of much-needed park land, to name but a few.

As a matter of fact, I want our city officials to be nitpicky. That's what we hire seemingly suc- but let's just suppose Ventimiglia's them to do. I want them to hold developers accountable for every single item they propose to construct. I want them to set development standards and then hold companies to them. I want them to be fair, yet firm and allow projects to work

towards completion in a timely manner. Most of all I expect accountability and oversight. I want city officials to make sure that every single project that takes place in this city is not only going to benefit business and the local economy but be a benefit to the taxpayer, as well. Am I disappointed to see a business such as Vic's Market succumb to the realities of a bad economy? You bet I do. Ventimiglia and his business were good for Novi. Did the current problems plaguing Main Street play a part in the narket's demise? Possibly, but as my professor used to economics say...that's the cost of doing business.

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Readers need to know what the writer

a moral obligation to support the wellbeing and progress of Main Street. After all, failed to tell them but what, importantly, is we went after developers to make it hap- detailed in your own HomeTown pen, they did not come to us. But, the past planning commission that was totally Malott's researched column on the use of entrenched in the "old boy" philosophy did state aircraft printed in the Milford Times Just WHO is writing these editorials? is everything they could to support ANY on Feb. 14. it YOU Mr. Jackson? When is it going to be developer that wished to overbuild and It has been the practice of the announced, if ever, that Kelli Cooley is now make money in our fair city. Fountain Aeronautics Division of [the Michigan among the string of people who wear the Walk is but one of these over-built proj- Department of Transportation since its title "past editor" of the Novi News? Isn't it ects. The Expo Overlay, old boy driven; the inception to transport department heads common practice to announce when some start of the Gateway Ordinances all seek- and elected officials to public hearing and one leaves, or are we hiding Ms. Cooley's ing to benefit those Chamber/Old Boy meetings in remote parts of the Upper cronies, let me remind you, the readers, it In the February 14, 2002 edition, you is only since our last (November) election cost of the use of the plane is borne wholly (the Novi News) chastised city officials and that the new Team Novi has gained con- by the legislator or department head using asked them to (paraphrasing) "...dlligently trolling majority on council. Put the blame the aircraft. The purpose must be for pubmonitor...tax dollars." However, in the edi- squarely where it belongs, not on the new lic business and cannot be used for recre-

LETTERS

regarding the parkland lawsuit issue. You to finally put into print the political expen- nate and suspect. I welcome disagreements said the council was wrong to leverage 95 ditures of and contributions made to the on a voting record when they are accurate acres. If you remember, it was a unani- candidates who ran for office last and not personalized. mous decision by the pre-November city November? We would ALL like to know council. The two new members have also who financed whom and the amount many cast their votes in the direction of past to of the losers paid for the lesser of the facilitate settlement and closure. The rea- votes. When I asked Kelli Cooley in the son two councils have voted now in this past, she always said, "We're working on manner is exactly to exercise fiscal it." I've left a message on your phone, Mr. responsibility and save the taxpayers some Jackson. Now, let's get it in print. It may be

### Setting the record straight

It looks like the dirty campaign season is much as I like to criticize council, gener- starting earlier this year. A Milford writer's ally speaking, the past two mayors had recent letter to the editor ("Cassis voting for done their best to keep taxes reasonably airplane inappropriate") was completely misinformed and possibly designed to mislead the good readers of our HomeTown And as for Main Street: it too, is now Newspapers regarding my record of putting

before Mayor Clark and this council were against any legislative pay increase, and to on the scene -- the "old boy network" and deal with my salary. I have set up a perthe former city manager are to blame IF sonal civic charitable account as noted by blame is, indeed, to fall on city shoulders! the Detroit News. Both the Novi News and As for Mr. Capello's recent comments in the the Detroit News printed articles recently Free Press of wanting the city to help bail documenting my saving taxpayers more

expect us to bear, sir? For years, I have transported by any such aircraft anywhere made comment that this city should have in Michigan.

Newspapers' political correspondent Mike

Peninsula, for example. Importantly, the ational or private purposes.

Rep. Nancy Cassis (R-Novi) 38th District

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and more questions

tion of January 31, 2002, you questioned administration and council. both the planning commission and council Question: WHEN, if ever, are you going The Millord writer's attack is unfortu-\$70,000,000. It appears you like to criticize old news, but it iS news! for not watching our tax dollars, but when the council shows responsibility and lead-

ership, you continue to criticize! You can't have it both ways! The \$1.9 million of a new fire station seems quite minor if you look at how responsibly this administration and council have acted. The contracts for the construction were not initiated last month and it would be my presumption that at the time of the contracts being awarded, things were -- or appeared to be -- fine. As low. If blame is to be laid, please make sure at whose feet your are standing.

seeking to blame council for their short- taxpavers first. comings. For the past eight years -- long For the record, I have consistently voted out" Main Street -- isn't it enough we than \$82,000 over the last five years. GAVE them the land to put the road in? Furthermore. I have never stepped into a How much MORE of a subsidy do you state-owned aircraft, much less been

To the editor: departure for some reason?

Questions, questions

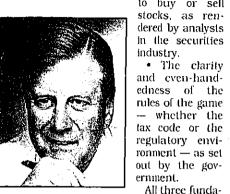
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capitalism depends entirely on public confidence in three underlying propositions: The accuracy of statements of company earnings and net worth, as validated by the accounting profession. • The integrity of the recommendations



Phil Power

the events of the past several years, culminating in the Enron scandal What the Arthur Andersen accounting firm did at Enron is now widely known and easily condemned. The firm certified

mentals

that Enron's financial statements, accurately presented the profits, assets and interest, the public can no longer take executives, accountants, lawyers, Wall debts of the company. But it turns out their recommendations as independent. Street firms, Congress itself - will shy that Arthur Andersen helped invent and then accepted complex accounting tricks to survive, people have to have confidence ed to restore confidence in our economic that inflated profits and tolerated moving that the rules of the game are fair, even-system debt off the corporation's balance sheet handed and understandable. into legal but deceptive partnerships.

a particularly bad or unethical public politicians for? To get the Commodity pany that owns this newspaper. He welaccounting firm; it's not. Rather, it's that Futures Trading Corporation (the relevant comes your comments, either by voice Arthur Andersen, like other accounting regulatory federal agency) to turn the mail at (734) 953-2047, ext. 1880, or by efirms, has in recent years got into the company lose to run an unregulated ener- mail at prower@homecomm.net

business of helping companies find ways gy derivatives trading business. To pick to aggressively jigger financial statements members of the Federal Energy to inflate profits and disguise debts, usu- Commission. To sit in secret meetings ally legally and "in accordance with generally accepted accounting standards." This kind of activity is very profitable. But when the accounting firms --- whose integrity of their audits.

rules of the game also has been eroded as it has become Congress once delighted to accept camregulatory envi- given stock are also employed by the same executives. ronment — as set Wall Street firms that profit by underwrit- Sure, Enron is a scandal. And there are ing and selling that stock. According to lots of people to blame. Probably, there All three funda- Journal, these supposedly independent conflict of interest rules for accountants compromised by firms without revealing their own affilia- cause a lot of expense but not get at the tions. Reporters found that the vast root of the problem majority of these were "buy," even when The real problem posed by the Enron ness conditions.

Lastly, for our modern business culture – away from the kind of radical reform need.

with Vice President Dick Cheney in developing energy policy for the Bush Administration

, February 21, 2001

Understandable? Take a quick look at functional purpose in our economic sys- the U.S. tax code. Our tax laws are now so to buy or sell tem is to maintain public trust in the enormously complex and filled with excepstocks, as ren- accuracy and integrity of financial state- tions, gimmicks and loopholes that no dered by analysts ments — also engage in what might be ordinary person has a chance of undercalled "earnings consulting," they immedi- standing them. Hence high-priced ately put themselves in a conflict of inter- accounting consultants. Hence a political est. This risks public confidence in the culture that trades campaign contributions for special interest access to writing The integrity of the securities industry the tax laws. Hence the hypocrisy of a - whether the clear that many of the market analysis paign contributions from Enron now in tax code or the who recommend that we buy or sell a full cry to pin blame on greedy Enron

the New York Times and the Wall Street will be linkering around the edges of the have analysts often have issued recommenda and stock analysts. I suspect these will in been seriously tions on stocks underwritten by their own practice waste a lot of extra time and

> the companies faced deteriorating busi- mess is that it strikes to the heart of our modern economic system. I am very much So as long as the stock analysts are afraid that the interest groups that have unwilling to fess up to their conflicts of been so profitably involved - business

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intensely frustrating.

compromise. Gun control, abortion, the same basic concept. death penalty are such issues where it is The latest round came recently when the Board of Education after the recent hard to find a middle ground. They're the State Board of Education considered a delay too, and he started talking about black or white. You're either for 'em or plan for accreditation of schools put abolishing the state board. But then agin 'em.

they do — and and Fs. still nothing gets

issue of school accountability having the state own system. identify "failing" schools -- or "struggling"

Mike Malott

performing" schools, or "priority" schools, plan yet this spring. or whatever the heck you want to call them — and lending them a hand.

All the major players have given at least be overlooked that his committee has had possible. to see in such a program, and they all and has done nothing with it. The state Michigan has yet to receive any such House Republicans have outlined what it would target the lowest five percent of school year. they'd like to see, and it's pretty much the schools, sending in three-person assess-

same. in the works. The governor wants it done. report back to a state education improve- be reached by phone at (810) 227-0171 or

Some debates seem to defy attempts at education program revolves around the around in a district.

together by state Superintendent Tom Engler has been involved in a power tussle More frustrating yet. In my opinion, are Watkins. His idea is to look at six different with the board for years and he's done just entising out but relation by relation of the areas of performance and hand out letter mabout all the can to move programs away, , which everybody grades to school districts for their overall from its department and put them in agrees -- or at work. By his estimate, 1,100 schools offices he controls. least they say across the state would get low grades, Ds

ple of this is the plan's detail.

(R-Holland) pretty frustrated. He said he'd standards for two years.

Politics and policy making can be described a program that sounds a lot like would be to specifically figure out what the others. Even President George Bush's would have to happen to turn things Gov. John Engler was frustrated with

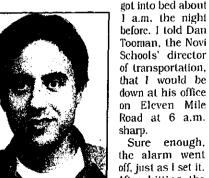
Nonetheless, on the issue of accreditation, as state board members point out.

it's taken too long, much of the responsi-

## School bus drivers earn writer's respect

in the morning. And second, I rode on a ing? up kids.

five in the morning, that was right before 1 that side of 5 a.m. in years.



Angelo Parlove

would have failed me.

I didn't bother to shave. I wasn't going to morning brew and the pretty girl behind 349-1700. ext. 108 or at wake up before the sun and shave, too. I the counter who serves the vanilla latte to aparlove@ht.homecomm.net.

Well, I did two things last week that J put on a sweater because I was too tired to you at your favorite cafe. But not a single haven't done in probably 12 or 13 years. tackle six buttons on a dress shirt. How regard for the person who gets your com-First, I woke up at 5:15 a.m. Yes, that's do these bus drivers do this every morn- munity's kids to and from school safely school bus. You know, the kind that picks I made it to the Novi Schools'

I set my alarm clock for about quarter to bad. I thought, considering I hadn't seen impressed after my ride along. I'll be the "Right on time, if we were in Chicago," a.m. the night Tooman loked.

before. I told Dan The morning was already underway for Tooman, the Novi the bus drivers, and I was to tag along for sidewalks, navigate snow-banked streets Schools' director the early shift, which included four routes and morning work traffic in a giant yellow of transportation, — a high school, a middle school and two vehicle, carry on conversations with stuthat I would be elementary runs. Drivers were buzzing dents in the front seats and answer silly down at his office around, inspecting their busses. Others questions from a Novi News reporter. And on Eleven Mile were already set to go and swapping jokes then turn around and do it again in the Road at 6 a.m. over coffee in the break room. I had trou- afternoon. Could you? ble just mustering a hello at this time, let Not only couldn't 1 do the job, but I'm Sure enough, alone sharing any wit.

snooze button a time you see a Novi bus driver, wave hello. ered my senses each morning. half dozen or so They have a thankless job. Honestly, So, the next time you go out to your car my crumpled self out of bed. There was no driver during their busy daily routine. Not your driveway, wave a hearty hello. I am.

mercy in this bittersweet world, I thought many, I would guess. Probably none, in to myself. If there was, my alarm clock fact. You think about your slow Internet Angelo Parlove is a staff writer for the service, the dry cleaning, your necessary Novi News. He can be reached at (248)

five days a week.

I don't know, maybe the drivers Transportation Center at 6:12 a.m. Not to hammed it up a bit for me, but I was first to admit that I couldn't deal with a bus packed with noisy kids, greet each rider by their first name, hit every stop like clockwork, wave to morning joggers on

not sure that I'm even brave enough to the alarm went Now, I write this column to suggest to assume the responsibility of it. I mean, off, just as I set it. you readers, if there are any of you still these bus drives safely send 100 kids on After hitting the plucking away at this story, that the next their way to school before I've even gath-

times. I hauled how many people think about the bus to head to work and a school bus passes by



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sound pretty much alike. The state Senate Senate put together its own "priority assistance from the state and chances has already passed its version. State schools package and passed it back then. look very bad for the process to begin this ment teams. Those leams would try to fig- Mike Malott reports on the local implica-The State Board of Education has a plan ure what's going wrong in a district and tions of state and regional events. He can The Michigan Education Association has ment board. The purpose of the evaluation by e-mail at minalott@homecomm.net.

primarily in the detail. Kuipers and the Republicans can be as With everybody agreeing on the basic frustrated as they want, but it should not idea, you would think fast action would be a basis description of what they would like a proposal on the table since last spring At the moment, however, no district in

But the Board of Education has gues- the effort revise standards dates back tions about how this will work and put off almost 10 years under the governor's The best exam- until early March finalizing much of the choice for superintendent was in place. If It was not the first delay by the state bility rests with Engler's own people. Board. Earlier Watkins had tossed out an The MEA came up with a plan for devisand assistance. accreditation plan put together by his ing "State Directed Assistance Plans" for

schools, or "low have to put his own school accountability The differences in all those proposals is

That's the idea of predecessor so he could come up with his those struggling school districts. And Bush's "No Child Left Behind" act includes That left state House Education the same idea, calling for assistance to Committee chairman Rep. Wayne Kuipers school districts that fail to meet state-set

## Third party candidates may find more access to ballot

## third party candidates

By Mike Malott IomeTown News Service . funalott#homecomun.net

Legislation designed to make it candidates on the ballot is expectmakers.

Democrats appear ready to vote for - the number of votes cast for winties to get on the ballot despite the - race. volets away from the major parties. The 2000 elections. A dispute in the Teer bours. It does sound counterintuitive. Reform Party kept that party's can-

That's right. Republicans and the ballot, must get 1 percent of got 20,000 votes more.

doesn't it, said Rep. Bruce didates for president off the ballot

Sugg Head: Lawmakers plan to Patterson (R-Canton), chair of the in Michigan. Libertarians had a Bill 5237 to change the standard, only for lower offices in order to give more access to the ballot to state House Redistricting and presidential candidate, Harry His bill would define a party's prin- stay the ballot. Drolet argued. Elections Committee. But there is Browne, but he didn't fare very ciple candidate as the one that gets also a belief that if the system is well. According to Libertarian seen as more legitimate, voters will spokesman Fred Collins, voters regardless of which office he or she view it less cynically and it will returned to the major parties is running for. increase voter participation over- because the Bush-Gore race was so close.

At issue is the standard third So Libertarians didn't meet the exsier for third parties to get their parties must meet to maintain standard. The Reform Party, whose est number of candidates." ballot access. Current Michigan highest candidate was running for cet to win approval from state law law says the party's "principle U.S. Senate, however, did. Yet the parties would like to run people the change, even though it kept its always been that if ballot access candidate," the one highest up Libertarian candidate for Senate

columon belief those parties draw That produced an odd result in \$30,000 and innumerable volun- seat in order to maintain ballot the more onerous quandaries" for for ballot access, he said. The high-

Township) has sponsored House into adopting a strategy of running spokesman Marc Reichardt.

the highest number of votes, win approval when it comes up Drolet contends the current

standard "distorts the process" and of "penalizes parties with the broad-"I've been told that these third higher up the ballot," Drolet place on the ballot in the last elec- laws were made easier, that third explained, "but have decided tion. Party officials have told law-Collins said that to get back on not to run a candidate at the makers they agree the outcome of a law making it easier for third par — ner in the Secretary of State's - the ballot, his party had to circu- top of the ticket, but go for some - the last election was unfair. late petitions at an expense of lower office or some obscure

> access.' Rep. Leon Drolet (R-Clinton Third parties should be forced law, according to Green Party of the ticket in those states has

Patterson predicts the bill was again before his committee on

Thursday, Feb. 21. The change has won the support Libertarians, the Constitution Party and the Green

Party of Michigan The Reform Party too supports

 The change would solve "one of third parties in current election est number of candidates at the top

"We're planning on running gubernatorial and Secretary of State candidates next year. Under the current law, our Secretary of . State candidate could win, our gubernatorial candidate could fail to reach the margin, and the Green the Party would fall off the ballot with a , Secretary of State in office," he

> Drolet said the assumption has parties will load up numerous candidates at the top of the ticket. That hasn't happened in the 34 states that have similar standards

been seven, he said.

## Times captures **SNA** awards

The Millord Times, Oakland County's longest serving weekly advspaper, won three national awards for journalism excellence. the Times fared well among Quss N newspapers in the Suburban Newspaper Association's 2002 Editorial Contest, winning hist place for best reporting onbreaking news and best coverage of logal education issues, and honorable mention for best in-depth. reporting. We are very proud of the Millord

Tignes winning national awards in journalism," said Grace Perry Assistant Publisher for HomeTown Newspapers, which publishes the Millord Times. "It shows that the staff of The Times is dedicated to providing breaking news, business news and news on local issues, gov erfunent and schools." Perry said the awards reallirm the Millord Times' reputation as the pows leader in Huron Valley.

fif you want to know what is happening in Huron Valley, then you have all you need to know is in the Milford Times," Perry said. Milford Times Editor Karl Kling vas pleased with the awards.

We won for breaking news, indepth coverage, and school coveruse," Kling said, "That's an indication of the wide range of news inwhich we cover in the community even week

Kling credited his staff for the fAll three of our general assign ment reporters contributed to the stories which were awarded by the SNA," Kling said, "I think that is a

sestimony to the overall quality of the staff. Kling added that readers can expect continued miprovement from the Millord Times.

The Suburban Newspape Association is the only non-profit. protessional trade organization for suburban newspapers. The association boasts a membership 2,000 newspapers from across North Adurnea.

The awards come on the heels of a successful year for the newspaper. In 2001, the Millord Times garnered seven awards from the Michigan Press Association, including first





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## Un squisito pietanza! No time like the present for retirement savings

A delicious meal can always be found at Little Italy in Northville

#### By Annette Jaworski CONTRIBUTING WRITER

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You don't need a passport to enjoy great Italian cuisine. A trip to downtown Northville's Little Italy can satisfy your urge for the perfect pasta, veal, steak, and seafood.

They specialize in traditional and some contemporary interpretations of yeal, steak, seafood and pasta creations. Many of the recipes used by owners Jeff Jepko and John Gallagher have originated in Italy and passed down for generations.

You'll find appetizers like Spiedini alla Maria with its layers of bread and mozzarella, or the Zuppa di Pesce, a tempting mixed seafood simmered in a bowl of tomato broth. Some like it hot, as in the Bucatini e Pollo al'Arrabbiata, a traditional dish prepared with "angry" red tomato sauce with chicken, vodka, Parmigiano and spicy red pepper. It's tossed with long hollow pasta strings and topped with fresh basil.

Seafood lovers can enjoy Linguine Pescatora, with a variety of shrimp, scallops, clams, mussels and sould in a light red sauce. 'Find all this in the unique setting of a historical Victorian home. a cozy restaurant that prides itself on inspeccable service. Outside it's bright and colorful as sunny as Italy itself. Inside the ambiance reflects the warmth and elegance of Italy with its art lined walls.

"We just finished remodeling," Gallagher noted.

Little Italy is a rare and refreshing operation, where the owners remain hands on in the kitchen and out. John's brother, Robert Gallagher, is also part of the team that prides itself on perfection in the kitchen. When the restaurant is open, one or the other, sometimes both owners, are on hand giving the food the attention to detail it deserves.

At Little Italy, the focus of their cuisine is regional Italian. The owners travel extensively through the country for inspiration. Some of the special offerings include a chefs tasting menu with hot and cold appetizers, salad and pasta a complete meal. Look also for reg-



Photo by JOHN HEIDER

Jeff Jepko and John Gallagher welcome customers to their Little Italy restaurant in Northville.

#### BEST ITALIAN FOOD FOUND HERE!

Little Italy was voted the Best Italian Food in the 2001 People's Choice Awards for Northville. Dinner hours are Monday through Thursday from 5 p.m. to 10 p.m., Friday and Saturday from 5 p.m. to 11 p.m. and Sunday 4 p.m. to 9 p.m. The Bacchus bar features lunch as well, their hours are 11 a.m. to 11 p.m. Monday through Thursday, Friday and Saturday from 11 a.m. to midnight and Sunday from 1 p.m. to 9 p.m. Al fresco dining will be available as weather permits. Located at 227 Hutton in downtown Northville. Call (248) 348-0575.

price during lunch (11 a.m. to 4 p.m.) And Sunday is restaurant/hospitality worker appreciation night. Show your restaurant/bar pay stub and take 15 percent off your bill from 1 p.m. to 9 p.m. After work specials are every weekday from 5-7 p.m. with complimentary appetizer table and seven different wines at \$4.75 a glass.

They're also proud of their grow-

Saturday all Italian beer is half wine list has grown to the current 300 plus offerings. And if you're not comfortable in making a selection, the knowledgeable staff or the owners themselves can suggest a wine that will perfectly compliment dinner.

Future plans include the creation of a market type area, which will feature sauces and other products offered at the restaurant so the great flavors can be enjoyed

at home.

There's no time like the present to start or accelerate retirement savings, thanks to changes in taxdeferred retirement savings plans. With last year's tax cut bill, more formally known as the Economic Growth and Tax Relief

Reconciliation Act of 2001, you can now invest more in tax-favored retirement savings plans. What's more, employers must accelerate vesting schedules on any matching contributions made to plans in 2002 and beyond. This

ensures employees faster rights to 100 percent of employer contributions. This is especially good news for employees who anticipate job or career changes.

The contribution increases, the biggest ever, will affect the contribution limits on several retirement plans including 401(k) and 403(b) accounts, SIMPLE and SEP plans and IRAs, which have not seen an increment increase since they were set in 1981. Contribution limits are scheduled to rise in increments over the next four to six years and once they have been phased in, future increases will be indexed to inflation.

#### **Individual Retirement** Accounts and Roth IRAs

Contribution limits for both traditional IRAs and Roth IRAs dramatically increase, with even high limits set for older workers. The general contribution limit will be \$3,000 for 2002 up from \$2,000. For workers aged 50 and older, the contribution limit will be \$3,500.

#### Employee plans

The employee contribution limits for employer-sponsored retirement plans also increase. The limit for 401(k). 403(b)) and 457 plans jumps to \$11,000 in 2002. This is up from \$10,500 in 2001 for 401(k) and 403(b) plans and \$8,500 for 457 plans. The limits for 401(k) and 401(b) plans will continue to go up in \$1,000 increments each year until maxing out at \$15,000 in 2006. Workers, age, 50, and older will generally be eligible to contribute \$1,000 more than the regular limit in 2002.

### SIMPLE plans

The contribution limit for SIM-PLE plans, offered by employers with fewer than 100 employees. increases to \$7,000-\$7,500 for workers over age 50 — from \$6,500 in 2001

## **Money Matters**

button plans, the contribution limit jumps to \$40,000 from \$35,000. For defined-benefit plans, the max-. imum annual pension benefit that a retiree can receive increases to-\$160,000 from \$140,000.

#### Retirement savings credit

Lower and moderate income workers will be eligible for a new tax credit that provides a subsidy of 10 to 50 percent of the first, \$2,000 a year contributed to a 401(k) plan, a 403(b) annuity, SIM-PLE or SEP contributions, contributions to a traditional or Roth IRA, and to after-tax voluntary contributions to employee qualified plans. Joint filers receive the 30percent credit if their adjusted gross income is as much as \$30,000. With an adjusted gross income of as much as \$50,000, they can still get a 10 percent credit. Singles can earn as much as \$15,000 for the 50 percent credit and \$25,000 for 10 percent.

To get the most out of the new changes, consider investing the maximum in your 401(k) or 403(b) plan, if your are eligible for one, Contributions in 401(k)s are made with pre-tax money, and often employers will match a portion of what you put in. If your aren't eligible for a 401(k)), contribute to whatever retirement plan your employer makes available to you, a 403(b). SEP or SIMPLE. Like the 401(k), these plans allow pre-tax contributions, and your money grows tax deferred.

Starting this year, employers must either grant 100 percent vesting after no more than three years of adopting this phase-in schedule: 20 percent after two years, 40 percent after three years, 60 percent after four years, 80 percent after five years and 100 percent after six. vears.

"The new yesting rules apply only to contributions starting this year. To find out the optimum investment plan to meet your retirement agenda, contact a personal financial planner or talk with your employer's retirement plan coordinator.

Lori Z. Bahnmuller is vice prestdent of Association Services for the

particular area with the appropriate entrée," said Gallagher.

And those who don't have the desire for a full meal can enjoy the same great menu a la carte at the Bacchus Bar. This is a new addition to the business six months ago.

"It's a more casual and intimate atmosphere," John Gallagher notes.

Bacchus Bar specials include Monday night is Northville city residents' night. Show your Northville address and get 15 percent off your entire bill. Tuesday is local business owners/and works ers night - show your Northville business card and take 15 percent off your bill. Wednesday is Campaesano Night, with complimentary pizza and antipasta after 10 p.m. (bar service only). Thursday is ladies night, first Bellini drink free for all unescorted ladies. Friday is the Piemontese Wine night. All Barolo & "We match a wine maker from a Barbaresco is 15 percent off.

ular wine maker dinners.

ing expertise and offerings of wine. In their 13 years in business the of Little Italy," said Gallagher.

"It's an extension of the concept

Local chamber stays connect to its vast area

LAKES AREA CHAMBER

#### By Annette Jaworski CONTRIBUTING WRITER

Covering a vast area of seven communities is no casy task, says Janine Sturm, Executive Director of the Lakes Area Chamber of Commerce. That's why it's so important to stay connected.

That's one of the main goals of the organization, which offers an array of ways to network and advertise local businesses.

"We're growing so fast. Each one of these townships and cities we represent has a different flavor and atmosphere," said Sturm.

For example, with its Ford Manufacturing plant, Wixom has a strong tendency toward the industrial and technology. Waterford has a strong commercial market and Commerce is actually the largest growing in the residential area.

Walled Lake is currently working on the Main St. Program to revitalize the downtown area. And Waterford is growing by leaps and bounds, she observed.

Sturm says the chamber's roles are as diverse as the communities they serve. They act as an information bureau, voice of the community, spokesperson and goodwill ambassador all rolled into one.

Throughout the year they provide a number of opportunities for members to get acquainted. One way they promote networking is through monthly "morning connections."

It's a perfect way for busy owners to get to know each other's businesses and communities. These are held from 8:30 to 9:30 a.m. in the morning at a different location each month. February's morning connection was

The Lakes Area Chamber of Commerce serves the cities of Walled Lake and Wixom. the townships of Commerce, Waterford and White Lake, and the villages of Union Lake and Wolverine Lake.

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held at The Inn at Cass Lake in Waterford. On March 27. it will be held at the Scrapbook Page in Commerce Township.

"We've found they're very successful without taking a lot of time out of their (business

owners) day," she added. On March 3, they're out to have some fun at the Better Business Bowling Tournament. at Wonderland Lanes on Richardson Road. They hold yearly golf outings in spring and fall as well. The first golf outing is scheduled for June 3 at Mystic Creek in Milford. On July 18, they'll host their Forth Annual Barbecue at The Boathouse Grille and Tavern in Walled Lake. Future events planned include a mystery surprise package, which will be held in February 2003.

They're also currently taking reservations for another popular event, the employee appreciation luncheon. It's a good way to show an employee that they're especially valued, Sturm pointed out. The 10th annual event will be held on April 24, from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m., and she guarantees they'll be in and out in an hour-and-a-half. Each year they try schedule a different fun activity from fashion shows to makeovers.

"We try to change it a little bit, so it's different every year," she said.

Education plays an important role with the Lakes Chamber as well. Locally, there are several resources to tap. Sturm notes. This includes Oakland Community College, Walsh College, Lawrence Tech, the five high schools in their coverage area and Oakland Schools Technical Campus Southwest through their Partners in Education. Parinerships in Education works to improve education through the sharing of resources and involvement and understanding between schools and the business community.

Oakland Schools Technical Campus Southwest will be hosting a luncheon and presentation by Visual Imaging and Business Management Marketing Technology on March 13. They'll demonstrate their new robot and offer tours of the campus as well as lunch.

In addition to aiding and promoting local businesses, the Lakes Area Chamber awards yearly scholarships to each of the five high schools in its coverage area; Walled Lake Western and Central, Lakeland High and Waterford Mott and Kettering.

At that time, they'll also present beautification awards for business. An existing building and a new building are chosen each year from each community. They'll also present awards for the outstanding chamber member and citizen or businessperson of the year at that time.

#### Self-employed retirement plans

The contribution limit for selfemployed Keogh and Simplified Employee Pension (SEP) plans will also increase. For defined-contri-

### Huron-Valley among best

According to 2001 fourth quarter Press Gancy patient satisfaction survey results, Huron Valley-Sinai Hospital (HVSH) ranks among the top in the nation. Inpatient scores were ranked in the 97 percentile.

"Our staff's attention to detail, hard-work and dedication to customer service has been recognized by our patients. We are rewarded with Press Ganey scores that place us among the best in the nation," Karen

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Kauffman-Flack, manager of emergency services, said on behalf of the HVSH Emergency Leadership Team.

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## NOVI PUBLIC LIBRARY **NOVI SPORTS**

## **Volleyball gets** two more wins

By Sam Eggleston SPORTS WRITER

The Novi volleyball team continued to show their fans and their opponents why they are one of the top teams in the Kensington Valley Conference with two more wins collected in two-game fashion.

The Wildcats, led by coach Julie Fisette, notched a 15-6, 15-9 victory over the Lakeland Eagles before topping the South Lyon Lions 15-9, 16-14 in a tough make-up game Feb. 18.

"We played really well," Fisette said of the South Lyon contest. "There were a lot of fans there and it was really, really loud."

Fisette noted that the game was one of intense momentum, with the final change in tide going in Novi's favor towards the end of the contest.

"I was glad the momentum ended in our favor," she said. "I can't tell you what a third game would have been like."

The Wildcats got a helping hand from the steady play of Carmen Simkins, Angie Schmitt,

Crystal Corte and Britlany Barrett.

"We played well as a team and really came together," Fisette said. "I am just happy that we are past them right now

Simkins collected seven serving aces, five in the first game, while Schmitt collected seven kills and two aces while Corte notched five kills and two solo blocks as well as five aces.

Barrett, who is a defensive specialist with the team, played well in the back row.

Fisette noted that there were plenty of fans present at the contest, including the Milford Redskins, who were no doubt there to get some valuable scouting time in.

"I am glad that the girls got to play in such a loud atmosphere now," Fiscite said. "It is going to be loud at Milford and when Howell is here (Thursday night)." The Wildcats will return to action when they take on the Howell Highlanders for senior night tonight before taking a trip

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## **Icers stop Pirates**

#### By Sam Eggleston SPORTS WRITER

The Novi Wildcats hockey team continued it's winning ways with a Kensington Valley Conference victory over the Pinckney Pirates Feb. 14.

The 'Cats, who are coached by Dan Phelps, stayed at the top of their game against the everimproving Pirates and came away with a 6-4 win.

They are a team that is much improved," Phelps said. "I think we beat them 7-2 last time we played and this time we only beat them 6-

The game, which was held as the Novi hockey team's Senior Night, found the first four goals for the Wildcats being scored by seniors. Robby Overfield started the night off right for the 'Cats as he found the back of the net late in the first period with assists being credited

Just a minute later, Adam Haberman collected a short-handed goal for the Wildcats on a pass from Garet Malott before Overfield added another score to put the Novi lcers up 3-0.

to Justin Collins and Bryan Ellis.

"We are not going to win every game by five goals and we are not going to score seven or eight goals a game," Phelps said. "We won 6-4 and that is kind of the bottom line. We didn't look at it that we should beat Pinckney by X-amount of goals. Pinckney is a much improved team."

The Wildcats continued with their goal-scoring as Robbie Harrell put the puck past the Pirate goalle on a pass from Justin Collins before Pinckney added a score of their own late in the second to cut the Novi lea to 4-1.

"It is definitely something to say that KVC hockey is on the rise, **Continued** on 3

## Last season game should be top-shelf

By Sam Eggleston SPORTS WRITER

Now this is going to be exciting. The Novi Wildcats hockey team is going to be taking a little trip to take on the Grosse Pointe North hockey squad. So what, you say, Why is that a big deal? I'll tell you why.

Now, I am not one of those sports writers who puts his faith in rankings. In fact, if I am not the one putting one, two or three in front of a team's name. I really don't put too much faith in them at all. But this game, according to the coaches who pick the top-ranked teams, is going to be a battle of number one versus number two. Unforturnately, Novi isn't number one -- but that can all change in the time it takes three periods of hockey to be played.

The Novi Wildcats will be no doubt looking to end their season with a win, and to take the top spot in the process. But to do that, they are going to have to get by one of the toughest teams in Michigan high school hockey - Grosse Point North.

And who, exactly, is going to do this for the Novi Icers? I'll tell you who Let's start off with a guy



VS **Grosse Pointe North** 

ICE HOCKEY

Saturday, February 23 7:30 p.m. at Grosse Pointe

named Adam Haberman. There are two things this guy likes to do on the ice. Check and score. Checking

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Novi's Matt Emmenecker tries to score two around Brighton's tallest player in last week's home game Tuesday night.

## **Cagers smother Lions**

#### By Sam Eggleston SPORTS WRITER

The Novi Wildcats basketball team may have fell out of the running for the Kensington Valley Conference litle when they dropped into a cold streak this season, but that didn't stop them from gaining momentum built on wins just before the start of the District tournament.

The Wildcats, led by coach Pat Schluter, notched a determined victory over the South Lyon Lions 71-47 Feb. 16 after dropping the ball in an overtime period to their conference rivals, the Brighton Bulldogs, 53-49 two days prior.

We played well enough on defense

but didn't shoot well (against Brighton)," Schluter said. "We really came back and took it out on South Lyon Friday."

The 'Cats did indeed take out their KVC frustrations on the Lions. One Wildcat in particular scored 29 points to lead the Novi cagers to an outstanding victory - Shaun Dicken. The Lions, who fell to 8-2 in the

KVC, went into the basketball game 25. with a huge home crowd to cheer them to victory - but that victory never came. As the only KVC team to have brought the Lions down this season, the Wildcats came in looking to not only collect a win, but to show the KVC that though they are not on

the top of the conference standings. the Wildcats are still a force to be reckoned with.

The Novi cagers started the contest with a 17-10 lead at the end of the first quarter and never looked back as they increased their lead to 33-22 at the half. The point scoring never let up for the 'Cats either, as they put in 38 points through the second half compared to the Lions'

"That win definitely gives us momentum," Schluter said. "We were fired up. We knew that we beat them the first time and we wanted to do it again. Their style helps us with how they play."

The Lions particular style of play,

which is very fast paced, fell perfectly into the Wildcat game plan.

Swimming B2 Wrestling B3

Thursday, February 21, 2002

"I think this was our best overall game from beginning to end," Schluter said. "From rebounding to shooting, we played real well. If we shoot well, we are a tough team to beat."

Another factor in the Wildcat win was the top-notch defensive pressure provided by Chase Chandler. Chandler had the job of shutting down stellar shooter Jamie Gasperella and did just that, holding the guard to only three points.

Leading the 'Cats in scoring was Dicken with 29 points while Jamie Schram added another 17. Senior

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## First seasonis a good one for Novi Wildcat bowling teams

#### By Brian Doyle SPECIAL WRITER

In its first year of existence, the Novi Boy's bowling team placed very well in their district competition and is on their way to the regional competition this Saturday. A team of eight young men coached by former head football coach, John Osborne, took fourth place in their district, which was well enough to qualify the team for regional competition, which will take place

Saturday at Taylor Lanes in rounds and averaged around 140 Taylor at 9:00am.

All nine teams that were in Novi's league competed in the competition. Only four teams will be going on to the next level. Although Novi was eighth in the league going into the event, the team bowled very well to pass even the second and third placed teams in their league.

"We bowled very well on the right day," Osborne said.

The team traditionally has had trouble during the Baker scoring

points. Baker scoring is a system in which the first the bowler bowls the first frame, then the ing," Osborne said. second bowler the second and so on until five bowlers have gone through and the rotation repeats. At the district competispares and other things. The tion the team averaged 190 in the Baker scoring rounds, a 50their league in the regular seapoint increase.

"We got on a roll," Osborne said. The team had some tough

son standings, but always felt they had more talent then they

were showing. "We are a first year program so we lacked experience," Osborne times throughout the season, but

In the competitions, the team

they appeared to put everything said. together at districts.

The team traditionally was led They always thought they in scoring by Eric Aytes and were better than they were bowl-Luke Burlon.

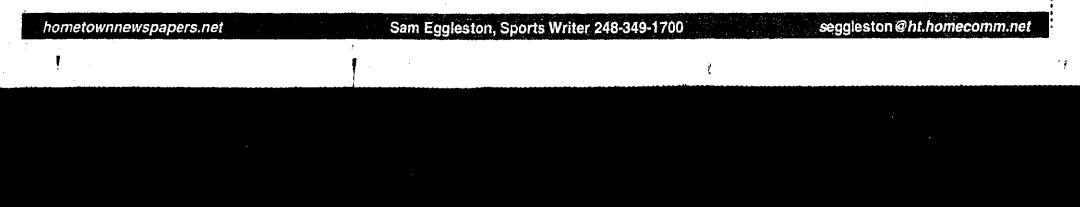
The team could dress seven players for each match and those would sometimes fail to pick up players were Aytes, Burton, Brandon Cigna, Jeff Courter, team finished near the bottom of James Fasal, Kelsey and Matt Lewis. Brian Fry was also a member of the team.

Two individuals also qualified to participate in the next level of individual competition. Aytes and Kelsey both were within the

top 16 bowlers in their district; competition. Both bowlers did exceptionally well. Aytes took fifth at the competition and averaged 212.5 for four games. Kelsey took sixteenth and averaged 191.25. Cigna also came close to making the cut with his; average 189.75 points over four games but was one place below; the cut.

The team practiced three days a week for one and a half to two

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### **Sports Shorts**

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Duffy Daugherty Coach of The Year Clinics Coach of the Year Football Clinic will be at the Soaring Eagle in Mt. Pleasant on March 1-2, 2002. The

February 22. High Schooll, Harry Lumley tional athletics. (Windsor Herman High School), Joe Tiller (Purdue University). Ralph Friedgen (University of educational athletics is imperative. Maryland). Brad Lawing (Michigan - The traits of courage, good judg-University), John Dignau (Eastern ment, integrity, respect, and perse-Michtgan Millipan University Brother Rice High Schooll Mike Lodish (Brother Rice High School). these qualities, the sportsmanshin Dave Lawson (Eastern Michigan University). Jim Herrman (University of Michigan), and Gary – ents will be bonored at the halftime Barnett (University of Colorado) the clinic can contact Don Lessner. Breslin Student Events Center in Clinic Director, at 173-9671-6072 East Lansing on March 23. for more information.

The Michigan High School Athletic Association's Scholar-The NIKE Duffy Daugherty Athlete Award program has selected its nine scholarship recipients for the 2002 winter sports season. February 22 and \$70 after one of them. To be eligible to win season loss to the KVC squad.

the Scholar Athlete Award the stu-Speakers include: Tony Annese - dent must carry at least a 3.5 fon a (Muskegon High School), Mel 4.0 scale) grade-point average, and Skillman (Merrill High School). Tab have previously won a letter in a Kellepourev (Novi High School), varsity sport in which the MHSAA Herb Brogan (Jackson Lumen sponsors a postseason tourna-Christil, Dick Cromwell (Toledo St. ment. Other requirements are to Francis]. Bob Sutter (Farmington show active participation in other HIBs Harrisonl. Scott Merchant school and community activity and (University of Detroit Jesuit), produce an essay on the Impor Woody Thomas (Detroit Central tance of sportsmanship in educa-

According to Harsha-Strong's essay, he wrote: "Sportsmanship in University]. John verance that are taught by sports-(Central Michigan manship can be used to achieve Steve Morrison goals in athletic and in life. In order to ensure that every athlete learns superstars must lead by example. Each of the scholarship recipi-

ceremonies of the Class C Boys Anyone interested in attending Basketball final game at the Commemorative plaques will be given to other finalists in recogni-Winter Recipients Of Scholartion of their accomplishments along with a \$1000 scholarship.

## Gymnasts look good

#### By Sam Eggleston SPORTS WRITER

The Northville/Novi gymnastics team, the Wild Stangs, continued their winning streak by adding their sixth straight dual

Athlete Award Announced

win to their record of 6-2. The Wild Stangs, who are roached by Lindsay Schultz, collected a 146.5-141.5 victory over a conference-rival Salem squad. "We did a really good job." Schultz said. "We have been working very hard on our rou- this season, took a 9.00 in the tines, adding difficulty and that vanit portion of the competition has helped bring up the scores." = a 9.35 on the bars, a 9.3 on the need of higher point totals, routine, Lindsey Carlson, one of the Sturgis, who collected a total of - ty to add to her routine."

37.75 in the meet. Carlson took a 9.20 in the vault as well as on the bars while - final scoring. taking a 9.40 on the beam and a 9.0 with her floor routine. there is even some room for higher points. "Her floor routine wasn't as good as usual. She added a dance move that she got difficulty (to her routine) and

could even do a little better " Sturgis came out and collected - come down to whoever hits that a 9.35 with the vault, a 9.15 on day. the bars, a 9.7 on the beam and 5 9.55 with the floor exercise to lead the Wild Stangs in point scoring.

ble help," Schultz said when scaaleston@ht.homecomm.net.

asked of the team's 0-2 start this season. "That and we started off against two very tough teams. Hartland and Farmington are two tough programs to start your season against. The Wild Stangs collected additional points from Andrea Ledbetter, the team's other sen-

for, as she notched an 8.90 with the vault, an 8.30 on the bars and an 8.90 in the floor exercise Sophomore Sara Wilchowski who has been up and coming As if the Wild Stangs were in beam and a 9.10 with her floor

"She has really taken the ini (cau's two seniors, collected a trative this season," Schultz total of 36.8 points, second on said. "She is really wanting to the team to junior Jennifer get some new skills and difficul-Jenn Mehl also added a 9.10

on the beam to the Mustangs The victory over Salem was the team's last regular season mee "She is definitely putting and they are now looking to the league meet, which is schedule Schultz said, and added that for today at 4:15 p.m. at Farmington High School. "I think the league meet is going to be fough," Schultz said "It could come down to Brighton à little mixed up on. She did Farmington, Hartland, us and really good, but she added more possibly one of the other teams. It is hard to say because this is a very tough league. It will all

Sam Eagleston is the sports writer for the Northville Record, the Novi News and the Lake 1 think the addition of Area Times. He can be reached Jennifer has obviously been a at (248) 349-1700, ext. 104 or at

## **Cagers beat Lions, fall to Brighton** Continued from 1 South Lyon, they did a great job."

Brian Swift had nine rebounds in the

winning effort. The Wildcats (10-6, 5-5 KVC) will Out of those nine Novi wrestler Milford Redskins tomorrow at 7:30 their three-point shooting. cost for the clinic is \$60 before Matthew Oliver Harsh-Strong was p.m. in hopes of revenging an earlier Districts," Schluter said. "I have been We missed some threes that we had happy with the defense the past cou- wide open looks for."

ple of weeks. Especially against

Brighton 53, Novi 49, OT

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return to action when they visit the Brighton Bulldogs Feb. 12, especially only one more foul throughout the ing effort. "We just shot bad," Schluter said. on to score 21 points, grab 17

Bulldogs on the ropes when Brighton missed some easy shots and Grimm The Novi Wildcats just couldn't get just couldn't capitalize - but Grimm have probably won that game." things to fall their way against the did. Not only did the Bulidog commit remainder of the contest, he went

"We played a great game defensively boards and block 10 shots to record writer for the Novi News and the "We have four games left before and we had the opportunities to win. his first triple-double of the season. Lake Area Times. He can be Grimm got his three fouls in the 104 The Wildcats looked to have the first quarter," Schluter said. "We seggleston@ht.homecomm.net.

center Chris Grimm drew his third blocked a lot of shots. If we would foul in the first quarter, but the 'Cats have shot a little better, we would Dicken had 19 points in the los-

Sam Eggleston is the sports "We had the momentum after reached at (248) 349-1700, ext.

## Novi tankers continue strong swims

#### By Sam Eggleston SPORTS WRITER

team continued to look strong with they went on to swim the MISCA meet

The Wildcats took home a 137-49 win over the Walled Lake ished the race in 1:43.11, just two- (1:43.35), the 200 free (Robertson, reached at (248) 349-1700, ext: Western Warriors Feb. 13 before one-hundredths of a second.

In the MISCA meet, Robertson meet, finishing with their season the 500 free (Moblo, 5:18.10), the made a name for himself in the best times with all of their relay 100 backstroke (Shafer, 1:04.55). The Novi Wildcats boys swim 100 fly. Not only did he qualify for teams. the state meet with his time of The Wildcats were not only suca big win over the Walled Lake 54.09 seconds, he also broke the cessful in the MISCA meet, they (3:47.46). Western Warriors Feb. 13 before Novi High School record in the also made short work of the WLW process. Joining Robertson in the Warriors. 200 medley relay. Jordan Mobio, Juhwan Yoo and Jack Tyler fin- finishes in the 200 Medley relay Lake Area Times. He can be

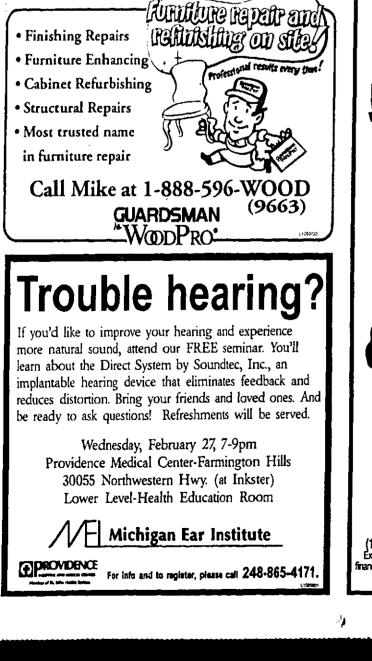
The Wildcats notched fist place

1:55.10), the 200 IM (Tyler, 104

gang to the MISCA meet Feb. 16. all of their relays at the MISCA the 100 free (Matt Shafer, 56.87) the 100 breaststroke (Taewan Yoo, 1:09.47) and the 400 free relay

> Sam Eggleston is the sports writer for the Novi News and the af





## Strikers having ball

Osborne said

Jerry Harris, the owner of Novi

the lanes and practice time for

Brian Doyle is an intern for the

Even though the team had two

"When they got back, they

Continued from 1 hours each time. A lot of their Bowl, coached the girl's team. time was dedicated to spare Harris also funded both bowling shooting and working on concen- teams this year. Harris supplied

tration. Novi's girls bowling team also the team this year. He also fundhad a good season although they ed Northville High School's did not qualify for the regional competition. The girls finished in seventh place out of nine teams

higher than that

at the event. The girls had a reg- Northville Record, Novi News and ular season standing that was the Lake Area Times. Comments can be directed to the sports "I think they were disappointed department at (248) 349-1700, at the district competition," ext. 104 No districts for Novi

teams.

### By Brian Doyle earlier this year by one point, but fell 32-22 this time.

## SPECIAL WRITER

For the first time in recent his- of their injured wrestlers back for tory, the Novi Wildcat wrestling the team competition, it wasn't team failed to make it out of their enough. district.

Last Thursday, the Wildcats weren't back at top form because where they lost to Howell. The fol-

this Saturday. junior Josh Churella, who took first in the Individual Districts. With the injuries occurring to respectively. five seniors, it was hard for the team to recover.

down," Vince Slovan, who also qualified for regionals, said. Senior Andy Becker never recovered from his injury and did not he said.

take part in the Team or Individual Districts competition. Scott Kortlandt and Brian Ong both came off injuries to compete at the team district competition. "Ong and Kortlandt were

injured and really sucked it up for that match," Slovan said. In the first match of the competition Novi beat South Lyon 42-30. Ong and Kortlandt each won,

along with Craig Hearn, Churella, J. R. Muldoon, Chris Stallard, Matt Harsha-Strong, Slovan. Kortlandt and Josh Buck "Josh Buck has stepped it up a

also qualified for regionals Saturday. Stallard wrestled very strongly against South Lyon to beat Dave Edwards in overtime. Edwards

was a state qualifier last year and a tough opponent. After beating South Lyon, the Wildcats did not have the strength to beat Howell in the

Muldoon, Harsha-Strong, Alex wasn't enough to overcome the ext. 104. Highlanders. Novi beat Howell

#### held their own in a tough districts they had to take time off," and made it to the district finals. Churella said Coming off his injury, Ong won lowing Saturday, four Novi his match, but Kortlandt lost wrestlers made it out of Individual against Howell and wasn't able to Districts and into the regional participate in the individual comcompetition which will take place petition two days later.

Hearn, Churella, Muldoon and "I was pretty disappointed Slovan all qualified for regionals teeth rattle. He doesn't kid around, because every year we usually this Saturday. Churella took first that's for sure. make it to Battle Creek," said Novi at 125 and Muldoon took first at 130. Hearn and Slovan earned third place at 103 and 171 Churella is currently undefeated for the year and has high

"The injuries really slowed us hopes of reaching and placing well at the state competition. "I feel pretty confident, but I Hearn also believes he may

have what it takes to make the state competition. "I'm hoping I'll make it out of regionals and to get in the top eight in the state," he said.

Both wrestlers know they must work hard to perform at that Continued from 1 high level. "I have to stay on my game Phelps said. "We have some fantas-

the room." Churella said. week.

"I'm sure the competition will come through and do what I know [ can."

All four "wrestiers have perto the individual regional competition on Saturday.

Brian Doule is an intern for the Northville Record Novi News and District finals. Churella, Ong, the Lake Area Times. Comments Burtch and Slovan all won, but it department at (248) 349-1700.



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### quick photo before a home game against Highland. From left: convince them that they have to seggleston@ht.homecomm.net. Carmen Simkins, Brittany Barrett, and Jaime Jo Sabol. ch team will be number one?

Along with these Wildcats, the ously when they hear "save the best

brothers. Jordan and Justin as well to South Lyon or even over to

as Charles Bulbuk, John Murray, Brighton, but for those diehards

Grosse Pointe North players are for last."

going to have to face the Collins

Kennedy and Garrett Mallot.

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seems to be his specialty. When Haberman hits an opponents, my Secondly, we have Robbie Harrel and Robby Overfield. These guys Fred Napier, Mario De Grazia, share more than first names. Both Jared Perras, Bryan Ellis, Ryan hockey, taking the trip is probably have the ability to score nearly on Schoenbach, Steve Stork, John going to be well worth it. Both of command and both have a wide Jansen, Robert Vulaj, Brett and these teams bring plenty of arena awareness that gives them Brian Jaussi, Mike Karas, Ray weapons to the ice and both teams uncanny passing ability. Continuing on, we have Dan know there's tough completion," one of these guys are going to be in hands full with this Grosse Pointe and players. I have no doubt in my reached at (248) 349-1700, ext

between the posts? Who cares, both squad. In fact, I think this is going mind that those who attend this 104

plan and work as hard as I can in tic coaches in our conference now that have been there for a year or Slovan and Muldoon will also two. They are developing styles not face stiff completion in the next just with their teams, but with their bockey programs." The 'Cats scored again in the and he came up big for them again. lot this season," said Hearn, who be good," Slovan said. "I have to third period, this time off the slick of Brian Jaussi. At the five minute, 55 second mark in the third, the 'Cats felt a sting of a slight break. . it."

game to pull the score to 5-3. "We had some breakdowns," something like 47 compared to their 15 or 17 (shots on goal). They have an outstanding goaltender We'll take the win and where ever

front of the net.

we had breakdowns we had breakdowns, we'll just continue on from

notched a goal at that mark, but Jaussi notched his second of the think they beat them, and we tied again with 3:27 remaining in the game on assists from the Collins them. Every day is a new day as brothers, Jordan and Justin. The win gave the Novi icers a 17-Phelps admitted. "I think we shot 3-2 overall record for the season. The Wildcats will resume action when they visit the number one

> Pointe North Saturday at 7:30 p.m. - the 'Cats are currently ranked second in Division II. "We haven't had a whole lot of common opponents," Phelps said

teams build trough the season They (Grosse Pointe) plays a tough schedule and have been doing very well. That is why they are where they are. This is going to be a neat way to finish the season."

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The thing that Fisette had to do to keep her girls focused was to 104

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game may be

Redskins pull

28 for the final

into town Feb. ----

when

Milford

ease and both are intimidating in the season, if not the toughest. I guess these Novi icers take it seri- intensity, emotion and heart all

I know that this isn't a trip over

looking to see some top-notch Novi

15-9 In a game that found all of the Wildcats getting a chance to play,

Novi beats Lakeland, 15-6,

to Pinckney Feb. 25. The biggest

Volleyball

the

home game of the season.

with "Everyone played." Fisette said. "We played really well together and everyone who played did a good job.

play to their ability and not to the ability of the teams they play. In the process of beating Lakeland. the Wildcats got some top-notch play all across the board. Jamie Jo Sabol collected six

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Spikers win two

kills in the match with five coming in the first game while Schmitt, who has been very consistent this season, notched five kills, one solo block and two assists.

Two other Novi spikers that played well were Shoko Oshima, who notched two serving aces; the Novi Wildcats showed the six top of the line passes and four Lakeland Eagles the importance digs, while Nikki Rermann got of having a deep bench to work three kills, two top-notch serves and some good passes.

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see an exciting mix of strategy

rolled into one heart throbbing

I am going to send this squad to

Grosse Pointe with a big shout of

confidence that Coach Dan Phelps

and the boys are going to come

back the number one team in

Division II bockey, Novi 4. Grosse

thrill of a high school shootout.



**Hockey tournament** 

Bracket Northville Mustangs ٧S. Lakeland Eagles: Feb. 25 at 4:25. Ypsilanti Lincoln vs. Novi Wildcats: Feb. 25 at 8:15 p.m. The winner of Northville vs. Lakeland will play the winner of

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The winner of Franklin vs. South Lvon will play the winner of the Saline vs. Kettering game in the semi-finals on Feb. 27 at 5:30 p.m. The winners of the two semifinal games will play March 1 at the Ypsilanti vs. Novi game in the 7:00 p.m, at the Novi Ice Arena, semi-finals on Feb. 27 at 7:30 p.m. located just off of Novi Road near Franklin Patriots vs. South Lyon the Novi Sports Club.

## 2002 Ice Hockey Tournament Lions: Feb. 25 at 6:25 p.m. Saline vs. Kettering: Feb 25 at 6:20 p.m.

team in Division II hockey, Grosse

Pointe North 2. Sam Eggleston is the sports are well respected throughout the Now, I don't doubt that the state thanks to the hard work and writer for the Novi News and the Morrison and Trent Sisson. Which Wildcats are going to have their dedication of their fans, coaches Lake Area Times. He can be or have the ability to stonewall you at to be one of the toughest games of particular hockey game are going to seggleston@ht.homecomm.net. Hockey team skates by KVC rival Pinckney

## WALLED LAKE SPORTS



# Central cagers get fourth win

#### By Sam Eggleston SPORTS WRITER

Can you say win number four? The Walled Lake Central Vikings sure can.

The Vikings, led by coach Bob Shoemaker, carved out their fourth victory of the season when they toppled the North Farmington Raiders 78-64 in a Western Lakes Activities Association contest Feb. 15.

"We played a great game," Shoemaker said. "They pressed us the whole game and we handled it from beginning to the end."

The Vikings, who climbed to 4-13 on the **Central bas**year, took a 19ketball 16 lead at the end of the first

quarter and never really looked back. The closest the Raiders came to overcoming the deficit was in the third quarter, when they cut the Vikings' lead to two points - but that didn't last long. Senior Maxx Morris, who has been having a stellar final high school season, came down the court early in the third and drained a three-pointer before outstanding sophomore shooter Brandon Cassise nalled a three of his own to put the Central cagers up for good.

"They cut the lead to two and we put it right back up to 10," Shoemaker said. "We were able to maintain the lead for the rest of the game.

Not only did the victory upset the Raiders, but it upset the division as well. For the first time that Shoemaker could remember, the WLAA Lakes Division is in a fiveway tie for first place. Plymouth Livonia Stevenson. Salem. Westland John Glenn, North Farmington and Walled Lake Central all finished with 3-2 records in the division.

"If North Farmington would have won, they would have won it outright," Shoemaker said. "Instead, there is a five-way tie. I think that is the first time ever.

the victory without the assistance of their two top senior players -Morris and Erik Wilcox; who fouled out in the third quarter. Instead, the Vikings turned to Mark Morowski, a sophomore, who came off of the bench in the fourth quarter and scored seven points to help seal the victory.

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"He did an outstanding job." Shoemaker said.

The Raiders knew if they were going to stand a chance against the resurgent Vikings, they were going to have to shut down Cassise.

"They put a lot of emphasis on stopping him," Shoemaker said. "He has so many ways to score that stopping him completely is not really an option."

In some ways, holding the sophomore guard under 20 points may be considered a success in shutting him top-notch scoring ability down. Cassise managed to score 17 points with all of the pressure and was joined by Jeff Matheney, who also collected 17 in the winning effort. Cassise had five assists in the game while Matheney collected rebounds.

Morris, who fouled out in the third, collected 16 points and 10 rebounds for yet another doubledouble while sophomore Lemmie Plummer added eight points for the Vikings.

"Anyone who is watching us now that had been following us through, would say we are not the same basketball team." Shoemaker said. "Really, we aren't. Morris is twice the player as when he started, and so is Wilcox. The other, younger players are really coming through for us.'

The Raiders (9-8, 6-5 WLAA) followed the scoring lead of Marcus McComb, who scored 21 points in the losing effort, while Mike Leach added 14 points and Andy Zak contributed 11.

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> ond with an 8.5 and Lindsay Brown took third with an 8.45.

The bars found Brown taking a

The beam found Gursky and

The Walled Lake gymnasts rounded out the meet with

Schmaltz tied for first with an 8.6

while Chrzanowski took third with

Schmaltz taking first with an impressive 9.1 in the floor routine

while Brown collected an 8.8 and

The Ann Arbor Pioneer Invitational found Brown placing in

the top-10 with her routines in the

floor event and on the uneven bars as the entire team took fifth-place

"It is the end of the season and it

is important to keep the team spir-

it up for successful competitions,"

The gymnasts will return to

action when they compete in the

Conference tournament Saturday.

Time and place was unavailable

when the Novi News went to print.

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writer for the Novi News and the

Lake Area Times. He can be

and brought home a trophy.

Gursky took third with an 8.65.

an 8.35.

Hart said,



The Walled Lake Western Warriors just couldn't come up with the win against the Northville Mustangs.

## Win streak comes to halt Mustangs snap Western's six-game winning streak with loss at Northville

By Brian Doyle SPECIAL WRITER

In a game of streaks. The Northville Mustangs managed to pull away from the Walled Lake Western Warriors to grab a tough win, 66-48, over their conference rival

After falling behind by 17 early. Northville rallied back to beat Walled Lake Western last Friday, in a game that was closer than the score showed.

"It was one of the most bizarre basketball games I've ever been a part of," said Walled Lake Western head coach Rex Stanczak

After Northville took a 10-8 lead early in the first quarter, Walled Lake Western took off on a 13-2 run to lead 21-12 by the end of the first quarter.

Northville continued to fall behind as Walled Lake Western built their lead up to 29-12 with six minutes left in the first half.

"For the first eight to ten minutes we looked invincible." Stanczak said.

Everything was going right for Walled Lake Western. Senior Bryan Verdun scored most of his 20 points in this quarter. Northville was also having problems of their own.

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"It was one of the most bizarre basketball games I've ever been a part of."

#### Rex Stanczak Western basketball coach

"We were taking too quick of shots," Northville head coach Darrel Schumacher said.

However, from that point on Northville stepped up their play. Northville scored 14 points in the six minutes leading to the end of the half compared to Walled Lake Western's two. Northville senior Tim Ferng hit two three's in a row.

"The coaches told us to keep our heads in it," said Northville player Dave Oljace, who scored ten for the Mustangs. Walled Lake Western still had the lead going into half-time 31-26.

The third quarter kept on going as a continuation of Northville's run at the end of the half. Walled Lake Western was unable to score and Northville notched 17 points in that quarter to take a 41-31 lead.

"We stepped up and they hit a solid game and lead all scorers in cold streak," Schumacher said. points. Walled Lake Western, usually a very strong shooling team, had

some very serious problems. "My kids have never been that cold," Stanczak said.

The Warriors couldn't seem to score and didn't end up getting on the board in the second half until early in the fourth quarter. "We can't win if we don't hit a

shot," Walled Lake Western senior Chris Eagle said.

The Warriors pulled back within eight, but that was as close as the game would get as the Mustangs pulled away down the stretch.

Through the course of the game, adversity seemed to be piling up on the Warriors. They were behind and couldn't get the best shots. "We didn't get the calls, some of

our kids felt we should have gotten," Stanczak said. "We were settling for jumpshots."

Northville's game plan after they fell behind early was to get the game back in pieces and not try to take it all back at one time. They also wanted to keep the ball out of Verdun's hands.

"We were trying to keep 44 (Verdun) from catching the ball," Schumacher said.

Verdun still managed to have a

points.

"Verdun had a pretty good game," Stanczak said.

Northville's leading scorer was Thomas Knapp with 19 points followed closely be Adam Konst who scored 17, including two 3-pointers. Oljace and Ferng each had ten points to add to the total. Ferng was coming off an injured jaw and Oljace made strong con-

tributions on the defensive end. "OJ got tough all of a sudden," Schumacher said, referring to a charge Oljace took.

For Walled Lake Western, Steve Sobieck put up 12 points while John Sanders and David Zeitlin put up six apiece. Eagle and Adam Muehl added two points each for the

Warriors. Rounding out the Northvile scorers were Roger Garfield with nine and Tom Borda with six

"Borda did a nice job on the boards," Schumacher said.

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victory and loss

#### By Sam Eggleston ORTS WRITEI

The Walled Lake gymnastics first-place finish with a total of team felt the sting of a loss and the 9.25 points while Gursky was secexhilaration of victory as they conond with an 8.6 and Stefanie Schmaltz notched a third-place tinued their brutal pace towards the tournaments at the end of the with an 8.35. season.

The Walled Lake team, led by coach Jennifer Hart, fell to the Northville/Novi Wild 'Stangs 146.55-132.2 Feb. 6 before topping Fraser 137-120.7 Feb. 11. The girls also notched a fifth-place finish in the tough Ann Arbor Pioneer Invitational Feb. 9.

"We are working on polishing up the routines and staying consistent on all events," Hart said in a prepared statement.

In the Northville match, the Walled Lake gymnasts (6-5) found Amy Gursky taking second in the vault with an 8.8 while Lindsay Brown notched a third-place finish in the bars with a 9.0 to round out the Walled Lake top-three scoring.

The Wild 'Stangs took the win after sweeping both the beam and the floor routine and taking first and third in the vault and first and second in the beam exercise.

Against Fraser, the Walled Lake girls collected a win as they swept the top-three positions of each event.

reached at (248) 349-1700, ext. vault found Sarah The Chrzanowski notching a first with 104 seggleston@ht.homecomm.net. an 8.6 while Amy Gursky took sec-

## WLW wrestling results

#### Livonia Stevenson 37, Walled Lake Western 30

(Championship Match) Feb 14. at Walled Lake Western

103 pounds: Dan McAuliffe (LS) decisioned Dave Murphy, 4-2 (OT): 112: Charlie Rabaut (LS) pin. Andrew Rudzki, 0:34:119: Ryan Beech (WLW) pin. Corey McKay, 0:36; 125: Jared Seaman (WLW) dec. Dan Leith, 10-3; 130 Jason Fischer (LS) won by major dec. Chris Yezbick, 12-2; 135; Jared

McClellan (LS) pin. Richard 4:36; 140: Lawson, Justin Nazaroff pin. (WLW) Sean O'Halloran, 1:35; 145: Jeff Goodman (WLW) pin. Aram Markosian, 0:32; 152: Matt Radley (LS) dec. Jeff Koenig. 6-3: 160: Jesse Baskin (LS) pin. Brodak, 0:34: 171: Dario Mainella (LS) dec. Pete Busciglio, 6-2; 189: Strye (WLW) dec. Kevin Domingo, 9-3; 215: Lance Shunia (WLW) won by void; 275: Mike Robinson (LS) pin. Brandon Burtis, 2:43.



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