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General Fund Revenue Trends

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Giving thanks back

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Novi has been very good to Moe Leon. He came here near-ly 25 years ago from Syria a student studying construction engineering and grew to be a comfortable restaurateur with 10 restaurants in Western Oakland and Wayne counties. For the past-13-years Leon has been showing his appreciation to the community, first at his Michigan Avenue location in Dearborn, by offering a free Thanksgiving-eve dinner. — Page 9A

Brian Larson, of Novi's Larson's lewelry Design, dis-plays the winning design of a necklace that was suggested by some Novi school students. The necklace will be auctioned off necklace will be automated ceeds going Goodfellows. - Page 18A

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The city's 2002 fiscal year-end audit report shows a job well done by finance department

By Victoria Sadlocha

Along with a fiscally sound nod, the city received high praise for the work of its finance depart-ment as part of Novi's 2002 year-

and audit report. After auditing fiscal year-end financial reports and accounting records kept by the city, staff of the certified public accounting firm Plante & Moran, PLLC said there were no inconsistencies nor were there any deficiencies with Novi's records, Joe Heffernan, a partner with Plante & Moran overseeing the municipal audit, snid usually when an audit is per-formed, 10 to 15 small changes are found that need to be made to a municipality's books. Not Novi.

Heffernan said auditors found

nothing wrong with the city's financial records and made no recommendations for change. "It is not the same thing we see in other communities. It is just excellent," he said. "You have an excellent finance department." Other useds resulting from the audit remoti include a second-year

audit report include a second-year showing as Oakland County's sixth lowest community when ranked according to 2002 munici-

pal tax rates. The municipalities with the lowest tax rates going from the fifth lowest to the lowest are Troy, Lake Angelus, Orchard Lake Village, Rochester Hills and

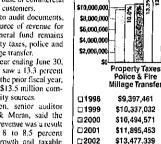
Village, Roches Bloomfield Hills. The five communities in Oakland County with the highest 2002 municipal tax rate ranging from the fifth highest to the the highest are Pontiac, Huntington Woods, Hazel Park, Oak Park and Ferndale. Heffeman said Novi has main-tained an approxitate 10.5 mills rate primarily because of the city's high taxable value per capi-ta and a solid base of commercial and industrial uncertaints. and industrial customers.

Novi's audit reveals fiscal strengths

ing from the city sources. Scott Jansen, senior auditor with Plante & Moran, said the growth in tax revenue was a result of about an 8 to 8.5 percent increase in growth and taxable

Novi's second highest source of general fund revenue came from the State of Michigan. At the 2002 fiscal year end, the

city saw a decrease in state funds with \$4.6 million entering the general fund compared to \$4.72 million in fiscal year ending 2001.



\$16,000,000

\$14.000.000

\$12,000,000

sansen explained the decrease in State Shared Revenues based on Michigan's problems with its budget deficit and operating budget is the main reason for the decrease. Jansen explained the decrease

"The bad news is that this decrease is expected to continue

into the year 2003," Jansen said. The auditor said a projection for the city indicates State Shared Revenues will be about \$4,4 million with anticipated decreases ranging from 5 to 10 percent.

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All Other

\$3,220,798

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Novi planners sink request for expanded docks on WL

By Phil Foley

Residents of Windward Bay Condominium and their attorney said they wanted to put in a board-walk and boat ramp and expand the boat dockage at 52-unit lakefront development on the border of Novi and Walled Lake in order

to improve handicapped access. No one on the Novi Planning Commission bought the argument and commission members unanimously rejected the request at their Nov. 20 meeting. City Planner Tim Schmitt noted

that the condominium received a waiver from the city for the 11 boat slips it has now when it was first approved in 1990. He added that even if the development had that even if the development had enough lake frontage for the num-ber of boat slips it wanted, the city attorney had suggested that the combination of boat slips and ramp made the project a marina, which requires a city license. David Keast, Windward Bay's attorney, declared the planning commission's staff had "created a tempest in a teapot." He argued, "this is not a commercial marina. This is for the sole use of the con-

This is for the sole use of the con-dominium residents."

According to Keast, the dock as According to ketst, the dock as originally approved by the city limited the residents' use of Walled Lake and the woodchip path as approved by the city limits handicapped access to the lake-feast

"We're only trying to provide access to the lake," said resident Donna Willaker. "It's uncon-scionable that nowhere in the city is there handicapped access to th walerway.

waterway." Margaret Laurie, a resident of nearby Southpoint Condominium, noted that her 72-unit develop-ment has 13 boat slips which is "all we're allowed" given the amount of beachfront at Combrolite Laurie utwer is in beach Southpoint, Laurie, who is wheelchair bound, said that while her condominium association would "enjoy the revenue" from being able to sell more boat slips "it would not be good for the lake." Saying that there are enough boats on the lake already, Asa Smith, president of the Lake Area Home Owners Association, a group of 950 homeowners in Novi and Walled Lake, declared "We feel what they have is adequate." He reminded commission mem-bers that the city passed its "key-hole" ordinance to prevent developers from overcrowding the lake with boats by limiting the number of boat slips allowed per develop ment to the amount of lakefront i Noting there was "nothing in our correspondence speaking to barrier free access" commission member John Avdoulous, offered, "if the issue is barrier free access, I don't see a problem." He sug gested the condominium associa-

Store helping make charities' dreams a reality

By Phil Foley STAFF WRITEF

"It's a real world experience," said Mike Ward. "You can defi-nitely see the effect of weather," nitely see the effect of weather," chimed in loc Lynch as they stood with classmates Bobby Duncan and Matt Jezior in the nearly empty Store of Dreams in Fountain Walk development Monday as snow swirled through the streets of Novi. Students from Novi High Schuell's store operations class

School's store operations class will be manning the register at the Store of Dreams though the end of the week. The school is one of five institutions benefiting from the non-profit store, which will be open through the Dec. 22. The other participating charities in Novi include The Children's

Center, Michigan Humane Society, Michigan K.I.D.S. and the Society of St. Vincent de Paul. "We selected organizations that

cover many segments of our com-munity, as these groups provide food and shelter for the homeless, literacy for children, a safe haven for animals and hope for every-one," said Cindy Ciura, vice president of corporate marketing for Schostak Brothers & Co. "This

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"All I Want for Christmas ... "

A novel concept - hospital food that tastes good?!

Northville cousins Savannah and Brianna Arindaeng share their holiday wishes with the Jolly OI' Eif himself at Novi's 12 Oaks Mall. If Santa holds to the same pace as last year, he will have had more than 17,500 children on his lap before he leaves for his annual global tour.

000,000,017 According to audit documents, the largest source of revenue for the city's general fund remains Novi's property taxes, police and fire and millage transfer. \$8,000,000 \$6,000,000 For fiscal year ending June 30, 2002, the city saw a 13.3 percent increase from the prior fiscal year, with close to \$13.5 million com-

C12002 SOURCE: Plante & Moral According to audit documents,



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Parkside Cafe aims for nearby business crowd

By Phil Foley STAFF WRITEF

When the midmorning office conver-sation toward turns of thoughts lunch, hospital cafeterias never, ever, make the list unless

S. Weipert of course vou

work in the hospital and it's too cold or too wet to go out.

Campus are hoping to change that attitude.

Weipert, director of support services at Providence's Novi Campus, and Hollis, a food serv-ice director with HDS Services, recently took the wraps off a revamped coffee shop in the facility's lobby and rolled out a whole new menu.

hole new menu. So far, it seems to be working, Since opening the middle of st month, "We've more than doubled our number of patrons, said Hollis. "The word has really gotten out."

The word, said Weipert, is that We're trying to provide an alternative to crossing the street for the greasy fast food menu."

rding to Weipert more than 6,000 people come through the doors of Providence's Novi

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tial customers for the recently remodeled Parkside Cafe

Located just off the main entrance lobby, the 72-seat, 2,500-square foot Parkside Cafe is being billed as a European-style coffee shop. Open Monday through Friday, the Parkside Cafe serves hot breakfasts from 7:30-9:30 a.m.; continental breakfast from 9:30-11 a.m.; hot lunches from 11 a.m.-2:30 p.m.; and coffee and deli sandwiches from 2:30-3 p.m.

Weipert said the hospital did some alterations to the cafe to open it up and brighten its look, but the real big change is in the menu.

"People will eat healthy," observed Hollis, "as long as it tastes good," Hollis has intro-duced grilled sandwiches made it

Providence's Barkeide Cafe (one vegetarian, one meat), two soups and one hot entree to the daily lunch menu. He said each of the menu items

Photo by Phil Foley

Hollis noted with prices rang-ing from \$2,50 to \$5.25, the Parkside Cafe is competitive

with nearby fast food outlets. Along with the sandwiches and salads, Parkside Cafe offers a daily selection of cheesecakes. cookies and pics. Hollis said the cafe has also introduced a line of Kobricks Coffee, Along with hot and iced coffees, espressos, cap-puccinos, vanilla lattes, white chocolate mochas, Hollis said the cafe is offering gift baskets, trav-el mugs and whole bean coffee. Weipert noted that Kobricks is

donating 25 cents from every tea and coffee sold at the cafe to

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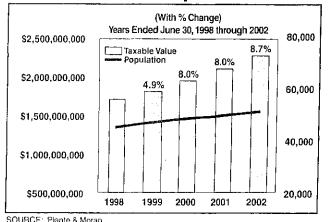
public works and the building and planning departments. Overall, the city's general fund Other sources of revenue enter me the city's general fund include. reported a \$4.7 million balance at One of the city's largest per-mately 22 percent of general fund centage increase of expenditures The auditors said a good minifrom the general fund in the 2002 liscal year, was through Novi's mum of fund balance expenditure fire department. The 19 percent expenditure in a healthy position. An independent andit of the The department, The 19 percent expenditure in a healthy position, increase from the previous year. An independent audit of the was a result of increased wages, city's linancial records is per-

union contracts, retroactive pay and the laring of new firefighters. Jamen said general government expenditure increases of about 15 percent above the prior fiscal year - or errors. amounting to close to \$5.7 million were primarily a result of legal

writer with the Novi News, She Other increasing Novi expendi- ran be reached at (248) 349tures from the general fund in the 1700, cvt. 105 or lay e-mail a 2002 year were primarily salaries - roadhocha@ht.homecomm.net, and wages in the department of

Taxable Value and Population Trends

Victoria Sadlocha is a staff



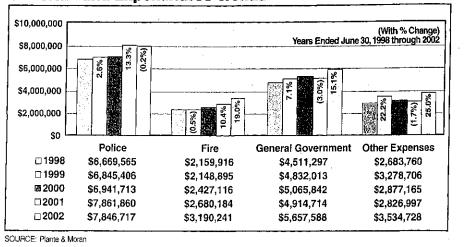
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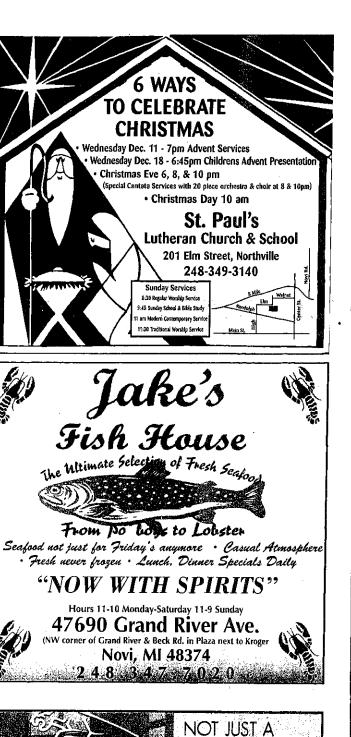
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General Fund Expenditures Trends

source: Plante & Moral



(left) The City of Novi audit performed by Plante & Moran, PLLC, showed an increase in population and increase in taxable values for fiscal year ending June 30, 2002. The increase in taxable values has risen on average of about 8 to 8.5 percent over the past few years and showed a steady constant upward trend in the increase in population



Store helping make charities' dreams a reality

continued from front truly is the most wonderful time of

the year" The Southfield-based real estate development and management firm, rolled out the Store of Dreams last year as a collection point for charities at several of the shopping centers it manages, including Laurel Park Place in Livonia and the Macomb Mall in Roseville. This year in addition to accepting donations, Schostak has opened the Store of Dreams as a retail location offering merchan dise from the participating charities. Novi schools, for instance, has

its line of Wildcat sweats, Janvards and stadium blankets for sale in the store. Duncan said he thinks sales of Wildeat stadium blankets to adults will be pretty brisk since they're normally only available at they're normally only available at the student store at Novi High School, which is only open during the school lunch hour. Linda Busse, Fountain Walk's marketing director, said that while each of the charities benefiting from sales at the Store of Dreams will take turns running the store, all of the merchandise for all of the charities will be available the entire time the store is open. Other items available at the Store of Dreams include the first in a series of Angelworks jewelry created for The Children's Center by Brighton designer Suzi LaCoste, a hand-made American ag ornament and Pewabic tiles. Busse said the Store of Dreams will be open from 10 a.m.-9 p. m.

Monday through Saturday and Sunday noon-5 p.m. She said the Free Family Fun Day will be the headquarters for the center's Free Family Fun Day, Dec. 14, which will include photos with Santa at the Emagine Theater, cookie decorating at the

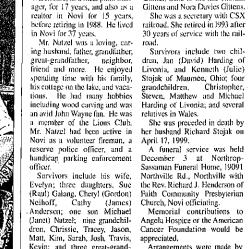
Novi Wildcats stadium blanket displayed by Novi High School seniors Mike Ward, Matthew Jezior, Joe Lynch and Bobby Duncan at the Store of Dreams. Novi school Great Indoor and face painting at Cost Plus World Market. The students will be working the store through the end of the week. The store, which is Store of Dreams, will have magic and puppet shows all day and raising funds for five area charities will be open through Dec. 22. serve as the drop off point for Fountain Walk's coloring contes Fountain Walk is located off 12 Mile Road, west of Novi Road.

Phil Foley is a staff writer for pfoley@ht.homecomm.net.



Linda Busse, (left) marketing director at Fountain Walk, examines the quality of a

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Faith Community Presbyterian Church, Novi officiating. Memorial contributions to Angela Hospice or the American Cancer Foundation would be

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Otto Natzel of Novi died

Obituaries

Otto H. Natzel

72, his loving wife, Evelyn I. (Rettig) Natzel for 50 years on November 15, 2002. He had been employed with Kroger November 30, 2002 at the Woodhaven Retirement Community in Livonia. Mrs. Stojak was born May 11, 1920 in Gomer, Ohio to the late Thomas Warehouse, as a meat plant man-She was a secretary with CSX railroad. She retired in 1993 after 30 years of service with the rail-

Survivors include two children, Jan (David) Harding of Livonia, and Kenneth (Julie) Stojak of Maumee, Ohio; four grandchildren, Christopher, Steven, Matthew and Michael Harding of Livonia; and several relatives in Wales. She was preceded in death by

the Rev. Richard J. Henderson o

kevin; and three great-grand-children, Raquel, Brennan, Northrop-Sassaman Funeral Gavin. Gavin. A funeral service was held

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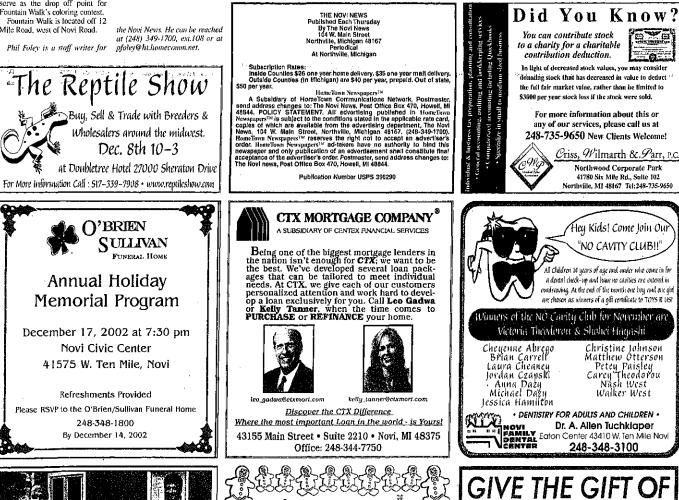


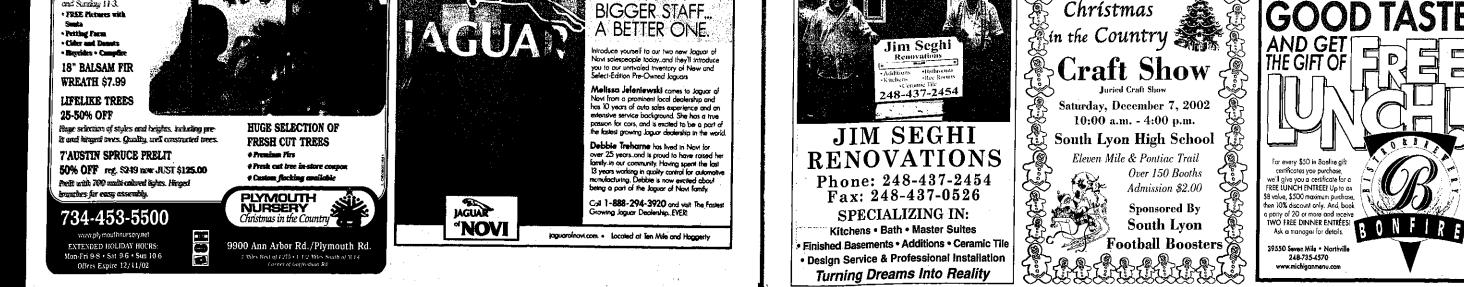
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November 23, 2002 at

O'Brien/Sullivan Funeral Home,

Novi, Mich. Interment was at Oakland Hills Memorial



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Library Lines

| Novi | Tiny Tot time | Board meeting |
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| Public Library | Children ages 12-18 months are invited to join us for a half hour of stories, songs, and games on | The Novi Library Board of Directors meets Monday, Dec. 9 at 7 p.m. in the library meetin |
| Hours The Novi Public Library is | Saturday, Dec. 7, at 11 a.m. Registration is not required, but space is limited, so toddlers and | room. Community members ar welcome to attend. |
| open Monday-Thursday, 10 a.m. to 9 p.m.; Enday-Saturday, 10 | caregivers only, please. | Senior book discussion |
| a.m. to 5 p.m., and Sunday, 1-5 p.m. We are located at 45245 W. | Story Time notes | group Senior booklovers are readin, |
| Mile Road, just east of Taft. For more information, call (248) 349-0720. | Registration for Winter Story Times begins December 9 and runs through December 28, Winter Story Times start Jan. 13, | "House of Sand and Fog" by Andre Dubus for their Decembe meeting. The group meets in the library meeting room or Thursday, Dec. 12, at noon. |

ments will be accepted at the Treasurer's office through Feb. 28

with a 4-percent penalty, but

beginning March 1 payments must be sent to the Oakland County Treasurer's Office. For more information call the

24-hour property tax information hotline at (888) 600-3773.

Mayor can't waive penalties

City of Novi Attorney Gerald Fisher would like to remind all residents the mayor is not permit-

ted to waive interest and penalties

Glenda's Garden Center

Novi City Briefs

City offices closed

Novi city offices, the recycling center and the Novi Public Library will be closed Tuesday, Dec. 24 and Wednesday, Dec. 25 in obser-vance of the Christmas holiday. All city offices and buildings will reopen Thursday, Dec. 26. Novi city offices, the recycling center and the Novi Public Library

will close once again Tuesday, Dec. 31 and Thursday, Jan, 1 in observance of the New Year holi-day. All city offices and buildings will be reopen Thursday, Jan. 2. Winter property taxes City of Novi 2002 winter prop-etty tax bills were mailed last

week. All payments are due with-out penalty on or before Feb. 14, 2003. If payments are not received in the Treasury Department by the due date, a 4-percent penalty will

be added. For residents fooking for a deduction on their 2002 income Oakland Cou For residents tooking for a deduction on their 2002 income tax tetures, Writer tax payments must be received by the city no later than the end of the business rlay on Dec. 30. Postmarks are not accepted. A drop hox is available behind the Civic Center at the corb. Late pay-

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Associations' Leader's Breakfast will be held Saturday, Jan, 25 from 9 to 11 a.m. in the Novi Civic Center. Heads of homeowner erase announts owed, but it is just not true. "I can marry you, but I cannot waive your taxes," Clark joked. associations are invited to attend the annual event where Novi Mayor Richard Clark, members of the city council and city staff will address questions and concerns in a one-on-one format. In addition attendees will enjoy breakfast and attendees win enjoy or cannot guest speakers providing plenty of information to share with neigh-borhood homeowners. Gifts will

(248) 347-0440

breakfast

citizens with proof of required to pay \$13.50. Licenses

for neutered or spayed pets are only \$7.50 or \$6.75 for senior owners. These prices will be offered through June 1. Beginning

June 2, the cost of a dog licens

will be \$30 with the exception o

new dogs. Owners must bring a current rabies certificate in fo.

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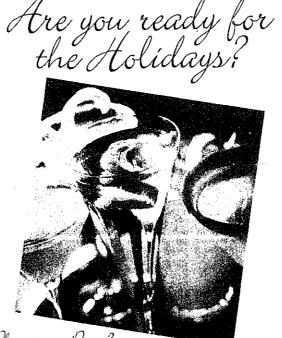
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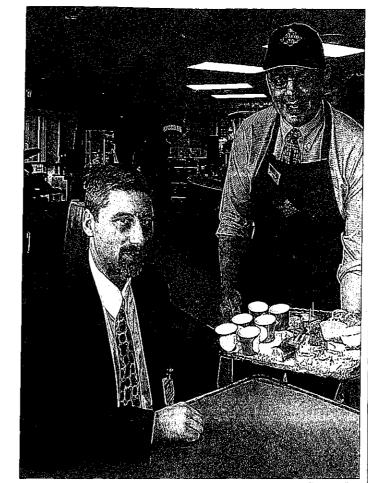
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A novel concept - hospital food that tastes good?!

Hollis said he plans to eventual ly expand the cafe's offerings to include limited catering. Hollis Said he plans to eventual the Novi News. He can be reached at (248) 349-1700, ext,108 or at Providence's Healing Arts propfolev@ht.homecomm.net



Stephen Weipert, director of support services at Providence Hospital and Medical Centers' Novi Campus, and David Hollis, food service director for HDS Services at the facility, show off samples of the new menu at Parkside Café. The pair are hoping the recently revamped cale will not only appeal hospital staff and visitors, but to employ ees for nearby businesses as well by offering healthy and tasty breakfast and lunch



Industrial building gets OK for fire restoration work

He said Dearborn-based Sunglo does fire restoration work for insur-By Phil Foley STAFE WRITER

ance companies. By spring a Dearborn firm could have as many as 25 people doing restoration work on smoke and water-damaged household goods in mindouting and household goods in an industrial park off Nine Mile toad between Novi and

Meadowbrook roads. The Novi Planning Commission voted 8-0, with David Ruyle absent, to approve Bennett Donaldson's request for final site plan approval and a special land-use permit for his company's Venture Drive spec building. The building has been vacant since the J.B. Donaldson Company completed it in 1999

Donaldson told planning commission members that Sunglo J.B. Donaldson Company's request expects to use the 16,800 square were the need for a variance from expects to use the 16,800 square were the need for a variance from the city's parking setback and a housing and administrative uses.

Commission member Lynn the building's parking lot an "inelegant solution." but she added, "I understand the need for parking." Schmitt noted that while placing Kocan was concerned about the possibility of noxious fumes and noise from the 1,3-acre site, which the parking lot between the Donaldson property and an adjoin-ing industrial property would require a variance trimming the parking setback by more than half, backs up to a residential district. Donaldson said that while

Sunglo plans to have a small clean-ing area in the facility, it will be used mainly for warehousing items coming from the company's main facility in Dearborn, "We're it would keep the parking area away from the adjacent residential area. "I'm not seeing a lot of coordiexpecting, at most, two deliveries a month," he told commission members, adding that's less than the traffic generated by some of the industrial park's existing occupants, According to city planner Tim Schmitt, the two main issues for the

nation with these industrial proper-ties," groused Markham, but she voted with the majority to recom-mend the variance to the Zoning Board of Appeals anyway. Phil Foley is a staff writer for the Novi News. He can be reached at (248) 349-1700, ext.108 or at pfo-ley@ht.homecomm.net.

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side driveway spacing requirement. Commission member Gwen Markham called the placement of

Novi City Council Briefs

New traffic sign Residents in the Meadowhrook Lake Subdivision in Novi have a lution approving a Western Wayne County Fire Department Mutual Aid Association Interlocal new 25 mph speed limit sign on Agreement after members of council gave their unanimous approval during the Nov. 25 meet-ing. The approval was needed after northbound Engishore at Nine Mile Road. The new traffic control sign is the result of a positive vote from nembers of the city council during the agreement was revised to meet the Nov. 25 meeting. The request for the sign was requested by resi-dents of the subdivision. current standards for hazardous materials incident response and to confirm changes in liability cover-

age. The new agreement was eviewed by the city's attorney, the Updated actuary study association's attorney and the State Attorney General. The Novi Fire Department has been a member of Members of the Novi City Council voted on Nov. 25 to allow

sity officials to obtain an actuary the Association for some time. study of retiree health insurance

Tree planting grant

rovisions to Gabriel, Roeder, Smith and Company in City officials received the an amount not to exceed \$11,000, The city's finance department rec-ommended the new study be done for use in the upcoming budget and at least three years into the future. approval they needed during the Nov. 25 city council meeting to apply for and accept, if awarded, a \$4,000 Detroit Edison Tree Right now, the department is basing percentage of wages needed to establish an expendable trust fund to provide for the cost of retiree health services on an actuary report dated April

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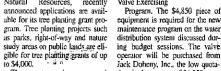
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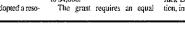
tree planting programs, Novi will already be spending the required amount of "match monies" to qual-ify for this grant. If received, the money will be utilized to help defray the cost of replanting street trees removed by the Forestr Division due to disease, insect and storm damage on public right-ofways throughout Novi. Mon specifically, trees would be planted on public rights-of-way within Briarwood Estates, Barclay Estates and Cedar Springs Estates The trees would be planted as part of the 2003 street tree planting pro-

Officials said since the city is actively engaged in Spring and Fall

New valve

Members of the city council gave their approval to city officials during the Nov. 25 meeting to pur-chase one valve operator for Novi's Valve Exercising Program. The \$4,850 piece of puringent is assumed for the new Planting Grant. DTE Energy, in cooperation with the Department of Natural Resources, recently



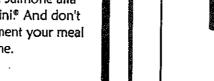


Togram. The planting grant grant program on the sequence of the new maintenance program on the water distribution system discussed during bloc for the planting grants of up does not be set of the s able for its tree planting grant pro-gram. Tree planting projects such as parks, right-of-way and nature such as parks, right-of-way and nature study areas on public lands are eli-gible for tree plainting grants of up to \$4,000.



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Schmitt said that while city staff approved of the idea of upfield. The boat launch has the anti-formation of (248), 3/9-1700, ext.108 or a unproving handicapped access, potential for lack of control." pfoley@ht.homecommunet."the boat launch and boat slips do The rest of the commission

Margaret Laurie, a resident of Southpoint

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niums, voices her objections to plans by the

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dockage on Walled Lake. Windward Bay residents said they wanted additional boat slips, boat ramp and board-

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Anued from front not meet our requirements." "We're addressing an issue of simply get a permit for a density," said commission member Gwen Markum, "The frontage agreed with her and rejected the request unanimously requirement is valid and should be the Novi News, He can be reached

Phil Foley is a staff writer for

Walled Lake's Historic exactly the right time for them to Definition of the second secon unique home and garden accessonable price. sory store. Yorkshire Rose carries. Keith and Danielle Sawdon, a quality line of lamps, furniture, artwork and clocks at very comowners of Yorkshire Rose, decid-ed to open their store in Walled Lake because, "We felt Walled petitive prices. The view of the

Wixom's station renovation complete

PECIAL WRITER

With the recent completion of a \$1 million building project for Wixon's Fire Station #1, the fire Spencer. The 8,200 square foot expantrucks and apparatus, a newtraining center and a new administrative section including a reception area and divisional offices. Landscaping and intprovements to the parking lot will be completed next spring. "This (expansion) allows us to meet the challenges that face us n a more efficient manner, I am

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Yorkshire Rose opens in Walled Lake's historic lakefront district

Screen Beat

By Brian Renner Coming to theaters this

"Analyze That," sequel to the 1999 hit film "Analyze This." While dealing with issues surrounding his father's death, a psychologist (Billy Crystal)

so struggles to help his mob ster client (Robert De Niro) whose life is being threatened With "Analyze That", director Harold Ramis presents the

universal theme that every character, whether in a dram or comedy, is struggling with a problem. His approach might he psychological, philosophica or purely through action, but he's struggling with the funda-mental problems of life," Crystal is quick to sum up their intentions for the sequel, "We tried to make it accurate. fruth is, any kind of mental disorder is certainly not some thing to make fun of O, unless f course, it's really funny." Analyze That" is a Warner between an anti-"It's a Wonderful Life" and "How the Bros, release and rated R for

some language and sexual con Crime drama "Empire" is the story of gangster Victor Rosa's (John Leguizano) quest of crude but unfunny jokes about excrement and other bod-

and free himself of the trappings of easy money on the iolent streets of the South Brook, Determined to make a lawful life for himself and his new family, Victor partners with a powerful Wall Street investment banker (Peter Sarsgaard) only to discover that the price he must pay for his new lifestyle is much more than he bargained for. "Empire" is a Universal Pictures release and rated R for strong violence, pervasive lanmovie as everyone is gearing up for the Christmas season is a good one, but it seems to come off rather hostile, angry and guage, drug content and some sexuality. Paranoid sci-fi thriller "Equilibrium" profiles a-

futuristic society where emotion is forbidden and the world s forced to take empathy-death drugs. But when an anti-cmotion enforcer forgets to take his daily dose, he starts to feel for the first time! "Equilibrium" is Dimension Films release and rated R for violence.

In theaters next week Comic drama "About Schmidt" (R), high-energy "Drumline" (PG-13), gende: bending, age-switching come-dy "The Hot Chick" (PG-13),

nodern-day 'Cinderella' story 'Maid in Manhattan'' (PG- sci-fi adventure "Star Trek: Nemesis" (PG-13) and interpersonal drama "Per Velocity" (R).

Food for Thought On video and DVD shelves

this week Animated, family comedy lt isn' McDonald's "Lilo & Stich" (PG), swinging international secret-agen "Austin Powers in fault that our nation pack of Goldmember" (PG-13) and Chinese drama "Happy weights, fimes" (PG). the Colonel's Or, for maller Premiering on BVD chain restau-rants that pile Mary Brady shelves this week "Adventures of Pine our plates high with fat laden salty, out-of-the can food. (NR), "Akira" (Japanese DTS salty, out-of-the can food. We can't blame anybody but 5.1 Edition) (NR). "The Amazing Howard Hughe (NR), "Austin Powers in Goldmember" (Infinifilm) (DTS) (Full Frame)

ourseives. In some cases we've allowed base or from a can or frozen. possessions and careers to become more important than preparing a good, healthy meal. videscreen) (PG-13). "Black Christmas" (Collector's Both mom and dad have to work Edition) (R), "My Neighbo so Susie and Johnny can have Game Boys, Play Stations and Totora" (G), "The Producers" (Special Edition) the like. A big house with a big

ENTERTAINMENT

Newest Sandler flick one of his worst yet

By Sam Eggleston ENTERTAINMENT WRITER It's just one of those movies that just makes you sit back and wonder why jt was ever even made.

Adam Sandler's "Eight Crazy Nights," an animated movie about Hanukkah (hence the Eight Nights), is just about as oad as Sandter has made — and even his fans know he's made some bad stuff in the past. Now, before all of you dichards raise a stink over that comment, just take in mind that any bad thing that is said about Sandler here can just be attributed to good fun — good, offensive fun, just like Sandler likes to make. This movie is a strange twist

Grinch Stole Christmas" (the original cartoon, not the live action). It's a bizarre holiday themed film that turns the good will of the season into the but

for the 'American Dream' as he ily functions. Luckily for those who celetries to escape his criminal pas brate Christmas, it's not about that holiday. Instead, it's those who celebrate Hanukkah that take it right on the nose. Yeah, it's about time that the festival of lights, which ends tomorrow gets some long-awaited time on the big screen — it's just too bad it wasn't done in better taste. The film seems to want to eelebrate the beauty of Hanukkah and honor Jewish people with self-loathing humor. The idea of a Hanukkah

But, that's Sandler for you. At least you know that if you an going to see the majority of hi movies that he is going to have set out to shock us on purpose And this is definitely a Sandler production and he lets you know it. Not only is he the banner star in the animated film and has his name in the title, but he

also conceived it, co-wrote it, produced it, provides four of the main voices and just about performs all of the songs. Sandler plays a malcontent (in the style of "It's a Wonderful

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in the ... Dukesberry. Life" and "A Christmas Carol") who is taught the meaning of Davey has a bit of a troubled his holiday season. His name is

only dressings?

It is also very important to know that the soup is home-

made from a stock versus a salty

Are the side dishes interesting

additional charge? And, finally,

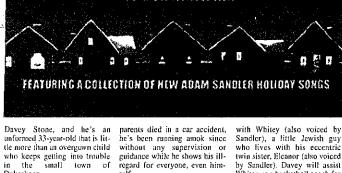
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Whitey emerges covered in feces, Davey sprays him with a hose and he freezes solid — I'm not finished yet - then, reindeer come along for a lick. Are you laughing yet?

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twin sister, Eleanor (also voiced by Sandler). Davey will assist Whitey as a basketball coach for Davey manages to land him- kids and live with Whitey and past though. Orphaned when his self in community service work Eleanor for the duration of his

BLACK BEAN CHILI & CREME FRAICHE vegetarian choices? Lots of fish from your menu. There is fresh fish or seafood? Olive oil nothing nicer than a beautifully as an option to butter? Are the poached salmon, herb roasted appetizers interesting and not Recipe provided by chef Mary Brady of Diamond Jim Brady's Bistro BLACK BEAN CHILL 12 CUPS COOKED BLACK BEANS OR TWO CANS CANNED DICED ONION 1 DICED CARROT ■ 1 RIB DICED CELERY 1 DICED YELLOW SQUASH

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Such a heart-warming story that finds us all realizing the

meaning of the season is man-gled with things like defecation

jokes, the taunting of a fat child, a guy who has seizures and the

oh-so-lovely sounds of flatu-lence and belching. This also may be the first cartoon in his-

tory with built-in product

placements. A mall scene show-

The songs aren't bad, but they

aren't great either. This film gave Sandler the chance to release his third (yes, his third) version of his "Chanukah

Song," a comic tune aimed at

keeping lewish kids from feel-ing left out during America's Christmas mania. Sandler sings

the names of as many showbiz

figures as he can squeeze in and jokes about whether they are Jewish or not. It's not really in

the movie, but if you stick

around for the closing credits

you'll be treated to it, Though a decent one for the Sandler faithful and for those

who enjoy crude humor, a warn-ing to those parents who see the PG-13 rating and the animated theme — do not drop your kids

off to see this one. This movie

really tests the limits of its

MPAA rating with the innuen-does and scenes like when

Davey shows a little too much

The group I watched this film with chuckled and giggled throughout, but then again, I was in the Upper Peninsula and

the folks there sometimes have

the folks there sometimes have an odd sense of humor. It all comes down to what you think is funny. Such as this scene that some of my Yooper friends laughed at: To show how he likes to get into the Hanukkah spirit, Davey forces Whitey inc. a port-ale which

Whitey into a port-a-let, which

he shoves down a hill. When

affection for his car.

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Victoria's

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Sharper Image, Vi Secret and Radio Shack.

hursday, December 5, 2002 You'd have to be crazy

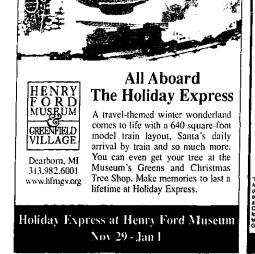


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(PG), "Star Trek: The Nex mortgage necessitates a two healthy alternatives so we'll chili is incredible and the sweet ■ 1 CUP BLOODY MARY MIX Generation: Season 6" (6-DVD Set) (NR), "The True income family. Priorities have choose them over others every potato burrito a favorite of veg-changed over the years and our time. potato burrito a favorite of veg-ans and meat lovers alike. And, 🛯 1T. OLIVE OIL changed over the years and our diets have been affected. There are millions of chubby children Our all time favorite is Dalat, a Victnamese gem in Ypsilanti, It has proved to be the find of With all this said, take my of Marion Davies" SALT AND PEPPER TO TASTE Story of Marion Davies" (NR), "Twilight Zone: Collection 1" (Vol. 1-9) (9 SAUTÉ VEGETABLES in the United States as a result. # ADD CUMIN AND CAYENNE DVD Set) (NR), "Twilight Not to mention the adults, who, the decade for us. The food is words to heart. Eat out but eat COOK FOR 5 MINUTES Zone: Collection 2" (Vol. 10-18) (9-DVD Set) (NR), "Walt Disney Treasures: Behind the What are our options? It is creative and healthful. Over the prepared (or healthy carry-out) ■ ADD BLOODY MARY MIX, BEANS, AND TABASCO BRING TO A BOIL impossible in this day and age to cook every meal at home. Instead, be smart when you eat out. Pick and choose the restau-Scenes at the Walt Disney meal. Teach your children to ■ REDUCE HEAT AND SIMMER FOR 15 MINUTES Studio" (G), "Walt Disney Treasures: Mickey Mouse in Black and White" (G), "Walt animal protein. At some point in time it just didn't taste very good anymore. Maybe it's been the bype I've read over and over SEASON TO TASTE ■ GABNISH WITH CREME FRAICHE AND TORTILLA CHIPS. Walt Disney Treasures: The rants you frequent. Share your meal, pass up the 20-ounce plate of pasta and make a list of restaurants that offer healthy choices. Yes, the fast food lane again about poor inspection at slaughter houses, or the chick-ens fattened to maturity in a matter of months or the fish that CREME FRAICHE for BLACK BEAN CHILI te Goofy" (G) and Mary Brady is a certified War and Peace" (4-DVD executive chef and co-owner of Diamond Jim Brady's Bistro in Set) (NR). 1 CUP NO-FAT PLAIN YOGURT CUP BUTTERMILK is easiest but your family is is stored on boats for weeks For more information, please the Novi Town Center. If you log on to The Movie Insider at www.themovieinsider.com. going to suffer. ere are some tips that Tom and I adhere to when we eat out. Chinese and Thai spots that dot COMBINE AND PLACE IN A WARM SPOT OVERNIGHT THE tips that Tom and I adhere to when we eat out. Whenever possible I'll call our metropolis, which offer dibistro@aol.com. MIXTURE WILL THICKEN TO THE CONSISTENCY OF SOUR Please direct any auestions, CREAM. mis, and/or feedback to ahead and ask to have a menu wonderful non-critter selec-

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and varied with more than a "vegetable of the day?" Will the kitchen split an entree for no

ing. Vegetarianism once a week isn't so bad. My personal choice

ley with haby bok choy and steamed spinach. Drizzle the

dish with some beet vinaigrette and violal Low fat, lots of fla-vors and best of all, I feel like

Needless to say, I incorporate

veggie choices into our menu continuously. Our black bean

for a great dinner is roasted bar

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Restaurant shows community appreciation with free Thanksgiving Eve dinner By Phil Foley STAFF WRITER it's all going to a good cause." 500 free dinners in Wixom and Leon noted that not only does his staff domate their time for the annual Thanksgiving Eve 51.628 in the tip jar for Toys-dinater, they domate all their tips for-Tots. He said instead of Novi has been very good to Moe Leon. He came here nearly 25 years ago from Syrin a stu-dent studying construction engi-tion the studying construction engi-tion the studying construction engisimply writing a check, he's going to have his staff go on a shopping spree for kids. "We look forward to this all fortable restaurants in Western Oakland for the past 13 years Leon for the past 13 years 13 y year long," said Debbi. For the past 13 years Leon his native Syria to study con-bas been showing his apprecia-tion to the community, first at his Michigan Avenue location in Dearborn, by offering a free Thanksgiving-eve dinner, near flaggerty. "We were so anxious to get into business it didn't matter
 Thanksgiving-eve dimer, Last year Leon's Family
 near Haggerty.

 Dining served up 12,000 dim-into business it didn't matter year Leon added his Noyi and
 "We were so anxious to get into business it didn't matter there was nothing around here then," he recalled. Even though
 Photo by Phil Foley Wixom locations to the list for the first time and ordered 300 was the Providence Hospital turkeys. Moe and Debbi Leon watch as nine-year-old Novi resi-"I hope we run out of food," clinic, the restaurant thrive and soon Leon and his brothers were dent Kerri Collins slips a "I hope we run out of food," soon Leon and his brothers were said Leon, "We're just lucky to he able to afford this. The only to afford this. The community," said Leon's the community," said Leon's wife, Debbi, Glancing around the restaurant, she added, "We feel like hey are our family, We are very hucky," added Leon "so "A lot of these people cat here "A lot of these people cat here that restaurant because it was tip in the Toys-For-Tots jar at Leon's Family Dining This year the Novi couple expanded their Thanksgiving eve traditional of free dinners for the public to their Novi and Wixom restaurants. every day," added Leon, "so showing a little appreciation isn't all that much." As the restaurant group's for-tunes improved, Leon and his o't all that much." tunes improved, Leon and his Besides, he added, "Cost brothers added more restaurants doesn't mean anything, when to the list. This year they served THOUSANDS OF USED BOOKS BOOKS ON TAPE WENDY'S Orchard Grove BOOKS "A Place to Connect LLED LAKE Sunday 123 W. Maple BOOKS 48) 960-1030 10:30 a.m. GET 1 FRE 850 Ladd Rd., Bldg. • Over 50 different styles of natural-looking Open Man, Fri, 11 To 7 Walled Lake Saturday 11 To 5 Bring a trade & SAV ocated off W. Maple Rd., Mile West of Pontiac Tr MEMBER, ONLY YOU REVENT FOREST FI 248-926-6584 If you haven't been contacted by your broker lately and feel neglected, then call me for a free, no obligation review of your current portfolio. John H. Kuhl Financial Consultant Smart investing doesn't have to take time away from the things you really like to do. Just put my experience to work. I can help with retirement funding, retirement plan distributions, reducing or deferring current taxes, funding your child's education, increasing current income, Roth IRA's and much more. Standard Financial Services Located at Standard Federal Bank Standard Financia 24101 Novi Road Novi, Michigan 48375 (248) 449-8929 Products offered or sold through Standard Financial Services, a division of ABN AMRO Financial Services, Inc., member NASD/SIPC and a Licensed Insurance Agency, are not insured by the FDIC or ar government agency, are not deposits, obligations, or guaranteed by any bank, and involve investment risk, including the passible loss of the present investment risk. ncipal amount invested. Pre-Christmas Gallery Sell-off Sale^{*}

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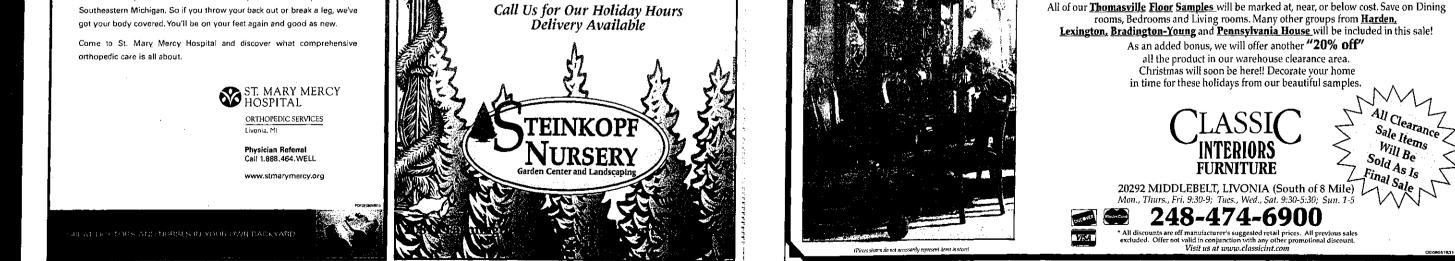
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able at Novi Parks and Ree Dept. (Ages high school -99 PHONE: 248-347-0400

Walled Lake Western High School's Holiday Arts and Crafts Show DATE: Saturday, Dec. 7, and Novi's "Ringing in the Holidays" Sunday, Dec. 8. DATE: Thursday, December 5 TIME: 6:30 p.m. 9:00 p.m. LOCATION: Main Street Western High School, 600 Beck DETAILS: Free community Rd., thetween Pontiae Trail and

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and dancing from Dance Dynamics. There will also be a speech from Mayor Roberts and

the tree lighting ceremony will-

DATE: Tuesday, December 10 TIME: 5:30 p.m.-7:30 p.m.

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event, some costs associated with various activities. Electric Light Parade, Novi High School Maple Rd.) DETAILS: Admission/\$2. Seniors and students/\$1. Arts Marching Band, Welcome Santa crafts, food, drinks, free door as he lights up the Holiday Tree, strolling carolers, horse-drawn carriage rides, refreshments, lingle Bell Boutique and the Program DATE: Sunday, December 8 Kid's Kris Kringle Workshop (where latte ones get help from the Elves to make their very TIME: 6 p.m. LOUXEION: Lakes Baptist

own holiday gift.) Celebrate the spirit of the Season? Novi Theatres Production "The Nutcracker"

DATE: Friday, December 6 Saturday, December 7 and nday, December 8 TIME: Friday and Saturday

City of Walled Lake Tree Lighting 7:30 pan., Sunday--3 pan. LOCATION: Novi Middle. 919Q eremony DATE: Monday, December 9. School, 11 Mile Rd., Novi DETAILS: All seats reserved, \$10/advance, \$12/at the door. TIME: 7 p.m.-9 p.m. LOCATION: City complex, 1499 E. West Maple Rd. DETAILS: Festivaties will Call Novi Parks and Recreation include caroling with group "Harmony", children will have chance to visit Santa, Walled r more information, 248-347 Nevi Choralaires Obristmas program. Lake Western High School Hand

"Christmas is Coming" DATE: Friday, Dec. 6, Saturday, Dec. 7 and Sunday hegin with a prayer from Deacon Smith from St. Williams Church. TIME: Firday and Saturday 7:30 p.m., Sunday-4 p.m. LOCATIONS: Friday-Parintington First United Methodist Church, 33112 Grand Business Connection-Lakes Area River, Farmington, Saturday-Novi United Methodist Church, 41671 W. Ten Mile Rd., Novi. Sunday-Church of the Holy Family 24505 Meadowbrook A Nim DETAILS: \$7/adult,

Elizabeth Lake Rd., Waterford, DEFAILS: Come see the 6/Seniors and 12 and under store, enjoy some refreshments Tickets can be purchased at the and check out the special holiloor or from any Novi day sales Choralaire, Group rates avail

Mentors Plus Training/Orientation PHONE: For more informa-DATES: Tuesday, December tion, call Choir President, Larry 10. Saturday, December 14,

Saturday, January 18, Saturday, TIME: 1 p.m. LOCATION: Greenmead, Hill February 15. TIMES: December 10-6 p.m., House, Livonia. DETAILS: All DAR member all other dates-9 a.m. LOCATION: Oakland County & potential members are wel-come. Program will be Michigan Courthouse, 1200 N. Telegraph Rd., Pontiac. One Room Schools. tion, call Sue Petres-248-344-4635. DETAILS: As a Mentors Plus volunteer, only a few hours of your time each month will help young person in your commu nity. Be a positive adult role model for someone 5 to 16 years Afternoon Tea DATE: Monday, December 16 TIME: 2:30 p.m.-3:30 p.m. LOCATION: Novi Senior PHONE: Oakland County Youth Assistance 248-858 Center DETAILS: Join us for tea. 0041. cookies, polite conversation and dignified music. PHONE: 248-347-0414. Free Teeth Cleanings DATE: Wednesday, December TIME: call for appointment. LOCATION: Dr. Brigidanne Murphy, D.D.S., 42010 Grand Novi Library Bookmobile DATE: Dec. 17 TIME: 11:30 a.m.-noor LOCATION: Novi Senior River Ave., Novi. DETAILS: Celebration of Center, 25075 Meadowbrook Five-Year Anniversary in the Community, We will be taking PHONE: (248) 347-0421. Mon.-Fri. 9-4 p.m. donations of food from patients in lieu of payment, for distribu-tion to a Community Foud Bank. Women of the Northville Manse Chapter #2226 Christmas Activity DATE: Thursday, December Please call for an appointment prior to Dec. 11, 248-380-9359. TIME: 6:30 p.m. DETAILS: All eighty resi-dents of the Whitehall Nursing Senior Book Club DATE: December 12 TIME: 12:30 p.m.-1:30 p.m. LOCATION: Novi Public Home in Novi will be receiving a personalized gift donated by Library DETAILS: Keep your mind the Women of the Moose active book discussion. PHONE: 248-347-0421. ON-GOING Plymorth Community Charus 29th lanual Christmas Concert "Sing rsports Hall of Fame "Art of DATE: Friday, December 13, Racing'' Exhibit DATE: thru Dec. 31 Saturday, December 14, and Sunday, December 15, Sunday, December 15, TIMES: Friday/Saturday-8 LOCATION: Motorsports Hall of Fame, inside Novi Expo p.m., Sunday-4 p.m. LOCATION: Northville High Center at 1-96 and Novi Road TIME: open 10 a.m.-5 p.m. seven days a week, 10 a.m.-5 p.m., Thursday thru Sundays after Labor Day. School, 457 Six Mile, soniou, 457 Six Sine, Sorihville. DETAILS: Tickets are \$12 and available at Sideways, 505 Forest Ave., Plymouth, Evola Music Center, 7170 Haggerty DETAILS: \$4/adults. \$2.00/Seniors, \$2/children Special exhibit of original paint ings by noted motor racing Rd., Canton, Edwards' Caterer artist, D.R. Shuck, Limited edi-116 Dualop, Northville, or by calling 734-455-4080 tion prints of many of the paint ings are available for purchase in the Hall of Fame gift shop. PHONE: (248) 349-7223 Nuvi Concert Band Holiday Concert DATE: Sunday, December 15 TIME: 7:30 p.m. LOCATION: Novi Civic **Dakland County Health Division** Expectant Parent Classes DATE: ongoing series LOCATION: Oakland County Center, 10 Mile (between Novi Rd, and Taft Rd.) DETAILS: Free concert, refreshments served.

bership registration, includes handbook, \$1/meeting. New members welcome. Health Division 1010 East Wes Maple, Walled Lake TIME: 7 p.m.-9 p.m. DETAILS: Classes will be Send calendar items to Cal Stone, Novi News, 104 W. Main, Northville, MI 48168 or e-mail to DATE: Monday, December 16 taught by Public Health Nurses. cstone@ht.homecomm.net.



Topics will include childbirth Nutcracker comes to preparation, labor and delivery, care of the newborn baby, Plymouth stage breastfeeding, bottle-feeding, information about keeping child dren safe, and caring for them when they are ill. Cost is Tickets are still available for the Plymouth's tradi-\$25.00. tional holiday performance PHONE: (248) 858-4003, pr of Tchaikovsky's magical (888) 350-0900 ext. 84003 'Nuteracker Ballet" thi weekend at the Salem High Oakland County Health Divisio School Auditorium. Dreastfeeding support sessions DATE: ongoing series LOCATION: Oakland County Health Division, 1010 East West The Plymouth Symphon Orchestra will join with Plymouth-Canton Ballet Company and the Maple, Walled Lake. Plymouth-Canton DETAILS: Information con Educational Park Madrigal ered includes pumping, solving common problems associated Singers in bringing more than 150 dancers, musicians with breastfeeding, taking care and singers to the auditori of mom, growth and develop-ment of the breastfeeding infant including; growth spurts, startum stage to transform it into an 18th Century Russian fairyland as they bring the story of Clara's fantastic Christmas Eve ing solids, and weaning. PHONE: 248-858-4003 Or toll free, 1-888-350-0900, ext dream to life in this timeless Christmas classic, Performances are sched Novi Toastmasters iled for Saturday, Dec. 7 at DATE: First and third 11 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. and Tuesdays of the month LOCATION: Novi Civic Center, 45175 W. Ten Mile, Sunday, Dec. 8 at 2 p.m. at the high school, 46181 Joy Road in Canton. As an additional treat, the TIME: 7-8:30 p.m. DETAILS: Toastmasters will Plymouth Symphony .cague will host their help you improve your commu-nication skills, voice your opinaward-winning Sugar Plun Fairy Tea following the ion, polish your presentations and practice leadership. PHONE: For more informa-Saturday 11 a.m. perform-ance and also one following the Sunday 2 p.m. perform tion, call Colleen at (248) 685 ance. These events provide 0226 children and adults alike the opportunity to meet and "Novi Needlers" Quilting Group ningle with cast members DATE: Second and fourth osicians. A wide and m Wednesdays of the month array of refreshments and LOCATION: Novi Senio holiday gifts also will be Center, 25075 Meadowbrook available for purchase dur ing the teas. Tickets the Nuteracker TIME: 10 a.m.-12 p.m. DETAILS: Fabric donations are \$18 for adults and \$10 velcome. PHONE: 248-347-0414 for children, A 10-percent discount applies to groups purchasing 10 or more tick New TOPS chapter in Novi DATES:Every Wednesday (no meeting-Dec. 25, 2002 and Jan. ets. Admission to the Sugar Plum Fairy Tea is an addi tional \$5. For more infor 1. 2003 LOCATION: Meadowbrook mation or to purchase tick Commons Activities Room, 25075 Meadowbrook Rd., No ets directly, contact the mphony Office at (734) 451-2112 or, by e-mail TIME: 1p.m. weigh in, 1:30 plymouthsymphony@aol.co DETAILS: \$20/yearly memm. Tickets are also avail-

able at Crystal Diamond Setters in Plymouth, Dearborn Music in Canton,

Evola Music in Canton or

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Canton Ballet Company

awards school \$500

By Ramez Khuri

Sporting

goods store

The physical education depart-ment of Orchard Hills Elementary School was improved tremendously a couple months ago, when Galyans, a sports and o adventure store, awarded it \$500 to be spent at the store on sporting goods supplies. Orchard Hills PE, teacher, Peggy Wickman, entered her school in Galyans' contest and

"There is an organization called P.E. For Life to get people excited about bringing physical education back to schools," Galvans Community Coordinator Chris Ewing said. "They lobbied in the government to instill the importance of it and we paired up with them and had a P.E. for life day. We invited all schools and had a contest. Whoever had most students show up were awarded \$500 that could be spent in our store for whatever was needed in their school's P.E. department. It

go down that Saturday morning and do a little program. I ended up greet-ing all the students, and we had the was a great contest for the schools most students come into the store between 10 a.m. to noon. They gave me a table and other gym teachers showed up as well." because times are pretty tight right Orchard Hills was the winner of that contest, which took place on Sept. 28. The school had 80 kids Wickman said that she and her store with over 90,000 products come into the science had ob and wickman, the person who should get the credit for informing her of to see the families and talk to moms the contest is Chris Renner, who is a and dads. I went back the next Friday night to see what they had and I compared it to what I needed and that's how we got our equipmother of a student at Orehard Hills. "She contacted me because she had read about the contest on her



BOND AUTHORIZING RESOLUTION 2002 MICHIGAN TRANSPORTATION FUND REFUNDING BONDS

WHEREAS, to finance the cost of refunding the Prior Bonds the City uncil deems il necessary to borrow the sum of not to exceed Two Million

authorized by the provisions of Act 175 (the "Bonds"); and WHEREAS, the revenues received by the City from the Michigan Transportation Fund pursuant to Act 61 of 1951, as amended, in the year preceding this contemplated borrowing are more than sufficient to comply with all of the requirements specified in Section 4 of Act 175; and WHEREAS, the City has received a proposal from Fahnestock & Co. Inc. and Fifth Third Secturities, Inc. (collectively, the "Underwriter") to purchase the Bonds pursuant to a negotiated sale. NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT: 1. The actimate of cert of the Prior Bonds is heraby approved.

Issuance costs. 3. The Bonds shall be designated 2002 MICHIGAN TRANSPORTATION FUND REFUNDING BONDS and shall consist of bonds fully registered as to principal and interest of the denominations of any multiple of \$3,000 nut exceeding for each maturity the maximum principal amount of the Bonds of exceeding for each maturity the maximum principal amount of the bolts of that maturity and numbered consecutively in order of registration from 1 upwards. The Bonds will be dated as of December 1, 2002 (or such other date as determined at the time of sale thereof) and be payable on August 1 in the years 2003 to 2010, inclusive (or such other dates as determined at the time of sale thereof), in the annual amounts determined at the time of calls.

sale. The Bonds shall bear interest at a rate or rates to be determined at the time of sale thereof, but in any event not to exceed six percent (6%) per annum, payable on August 1, 2003 (or such other date as determined at the time of sale thereol, and semiannually thereafter, by check or draft malled by the transfer agent to the person or entity which is, as of the 15th day of the month preceding the interest payment date, the registered owner at the registered address as shown on the registration books maintained by the transfer agent. The date of determination of registered owner for purposes of payment of interest as provided in this paragraph may be changed by the City to conform to market practice in the tuture. The Bonds shall be sold at a discount of their par value as determined at the time of sale. 4. The Bonds shall be executed in the name of the City with the facsim-le chantures of the Mayor and the City Clerk and shall be er the actual or a The Books shall beach links are arrate or rates to be determined at the time of sale intervel, but in any yearn of to exceed six percent (#5 which is as of the 15th dy of the morth precedent is the precedent is the start (b) the control to the precedent is the start of the star



Photo by Ramez Kh Orchard Hills Elementary students show off all the physical education equipment the school received as a result of a \$500 reward from Galyans Sporting Goods. Students pictured are Troy Erickson-kindergarten, Madison Cojel-kindergarten, Paola Ramirez-kindergarten, Lauren Nastwold-fourth grade, Taylor Howell-fourth grade, Lauren Ballard-fourth grade, Courtney Smith-fourth grade, Kayla Cummins-fourth grade, Alexis Kellly-fourth grade, Daniel Burris-fourth grade, Victoria Tomkinson-fourth grade, Ashley Krynak-fourth grade, Kellee Hicks-fourth grade, Brittany Puente-fourth grade and Julie Lupo-fourth grade.

computer," Wickman said. "I had to go down that Saturday morning and do a little program. I ended up greet-ies with the saturday morning and the "The store has everything from the low end to the high end," Ewing said. "We cater to everybody. We also have a 46-foot climbing wall the ball bats, to frisbees, to a minitrampolene. that's free to public. We call out Galyans is located at Fountain Walk Mall in Novi off of 12 Mile Road. It is an 80,000 square foot selves the coolest sports and adven ture store period.

Ramez Khuvi is a staff writer fa students really enjoyed the sort. "It was nice to see the kids come in the hard with includes equipment for hunt, with the parents," she said, "We got fortwear, athletics, fitnesss, golf and at taking with the parents," she said, "We got fortwear, athletics, fitnesss, golf and the taking with the parents," she said, "We got fortwear, athletics, fitnesss, golf and the taking with the parents," she said, "We got fortwear, athletics, fitnesss, golf and the taking with the parents," she said, "We got fortwear, athletics, fitnesss, golf and the taking with the parents," she said, "We got fortwear, athletics, fitness, golf and the taking with the same state of the taking with the same state of the same state of the taking with the same state of the same state of the taking with the same state of the more.

> NOTICE CITY OF NOVI CITY COUNCIL VACANCY

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN of an anticipated vacancy on the City Council. II you are interested in appointment for the term ending November 2003, an application may be obtained from the City Clerk's Office, 45175 W. Ten Mile Road or at <u>www.cl.novi.out.us</u> or by calling (248) 347-0456 until December 19, 2002. Council Interviews will be held at a Special meeting on Thursday, December 19, 2002 beginning al 7:00 m. at City of Novi, Council Chambers, 45175 W. Ten Mile Road. MARYANNE CORNELIUS, CITY CLERK

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interest on the Bonds remains unpaid, to sel aside in a separate fund, to be designated 2002 MICHIGAN TRANSPORTATION FUND BONDS DEBT RETIREMENT FUND (the "Debt Retrement Fund"), sufficient moneys from revenues recoved during such year from the Michigan transportation Fund pursuant to law to pay the principal of and interest on the Bonds nexi matur-

ing. 7. The proceeds of the Bonds shall be used to pay the costs of Issuance of the Bonds and to secure payment of the Prior Bonds as provided in this paragraph. Upon receipt of the proceeds of sale of the Bonds, the accrued interest and premium, if any, shall be deposited in the Debt Retirement Fund for the Bonds. From the proceeds of the Bonds there shall next be set aside a sum sufficient to pay the costs of Issuance of the Bonds in a fund desig-nated the 2002 MICHIGAN TRANSPORTATION FUND REFUNDING BOND ISSUANCE FUND (the Contemport Fund Cost). SSUANCE FUND (the "Issuance Fund"). Moneys in the Issuance Fun

IssuaNc2 E UND (the "Issuance Fund"). Moneys in the issuance Fund IssUaNc2 E UND (the "Issuance Fund"). Moneys in the issuance Fund smalling in the Issuance Fund after payment of Issuance expenses stall be transferred to the Debt Retirement Fund for the Bonds. The balance of the proceeds of the Bonds from the debt retire-ment funds for the Prior Bonds and any other available funds of the City, shall be held as cash or invested in direct obligations of or obligations the prior-pal of and Interest on which are unconditionally guaranteed by the United States of America or other obligations the principal of and Interest on which are fully secured by the foregoing (the "Escrow Fund") and used to pay prin-capal, interest and redemption premium on the Prior Bonds. The Escrow Fund shall be held by an escrow agent (the "Escrow Agent") pursuant to an escrow agreement (the "Escrow Fund") and littered by direct the Escrow Agent to take all necessary steps to call for redemption any Prior Bonds specified by the City upon sale of the Bonds, Intergotion, and mall investment held in the Escrow Fund bla such that the principal interest and redemption premium on the Prior Bonds. The Escrow Fund shall be held by an escrow agent (the Bonds, Incel Bonds, Incel Scrow Fund the Id in the Escrow Fund the Bonds, Incel Scrow J for Bonds specified by the City upon sale of the Bonds, Incel and inter-est payments received intereon will be such that the principal on and inter-est payments received intereon will be such that the principal and inter-ted payments received intereon will be such that the principal of and inter-

investment held in the Escrow Fund shall be such that the principal and inter-est payments received thereon will be sufficient, without reinvestment, to pay the principal, interest and redemption premiums on the Prior Bonds as they become due pursuant to maturity or the call for redemption required by this paragraph. Following establishment of the Escrow Fund, any emounts remaining in the debt retirement funds for the Prior Bonds shall be trans-ferred to the Oakt Retirement Fund for the Bonds. The Finance Director is authorized to select a Michigan bank or trust company to serve as Escrow Agent pursuant to the Escrow Agreement. B. Pursuant to the Escrow Agreement.

b. Parsuant to Act 179, and as additional security for the prompt payment of the principal of and interest on the Bonds, there is hereby inrevocably plodged the limited tax full faith and credit of the City, and in the event of insufficiency of funds: primarily pledged to the payment thereof, the City covenants and agrees to provide for such insufficiency from such resources as are lawfully evaluable to it.
9. The Bonds shall be in substantially the following form subject to such changes as may reasonably be required by a transfer agent or to accommodate the public diseascies.

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Thursday, December 5, 2002-NOVI NEWS 11A

Free food distribution by OLHSA next Tuesday

Oakland Livingston Human Service Agency (OLHSA) will be distributing free food, through the Energency Food Assistance Program (TEFAP), in Oakland DATE: Tuesday, December 10 DATE: Tuesday, December 10 TIME: 12:30 p.m.-2:30 p.m. County during December, All people who are income eligible and For income eligibility require not not are income ongoing at the site ments or additional information, by bringing social security cards call oLHSA's Community and for all household members, verifi-cation of bousehold members, verifi-pontine at 248-209-2658 or 1photo I.D. Local distribution 800-482-9250.

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CITY OF NOVI NOTICE OF ADOPTION **ORDINANCE NO. 02-18.174**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Novi City Council has adopted

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Novi City Council has adopted ordinance No.18.174- AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND ORDINANCE NO. 97-18, AS AMENDED, THE CITY OF NOVI ZONING ORDINANCE, TO CHEARE SECTION 2405, "DFEN SPACE PRESERVATION OPTION," TO PROVIDE THE OPTION FOR DEVELOPCERS TO DEVELOP CERTAIN RESIDENTIAL PROPERTY WITH 20% OF OPEN SPACE IN ORDER TO COMPLY WITH THE MANDATES PROVIDED IN ACT 179 OF THE PUB-LIC ACTS OF 2001. The Ordinance was adopted by the City Council on Monday, November 25, 2002, and the provisions of the ordinance shall become effective filteen (15) days after its adoption. A complete copy of the Ordinance is available for public use and inspection at the office of the City Clerk, 45175 W. Ten Mile Road, during the hours of 8:00 a.m. and S:00 p.m. prevailing local time. 5:00 p.m. prevailing local time

MARYANNE CORNELIUS CITY CLERK (12-05-02 NN HT0002798B)

purpose at the office of the Transfer Agent by the registered owner hereof in person, or by the registered owner's attorney duly authorized in writing, upon the surrender of this bond togetter with a written instrument of transfer satisfactory to the Transfer Agent duly executed by the registered owner or the second owner's attorney duly authorized in writing, and thereupon a new registered bond or bonds in the same aggregate principal amount and of the same transfer and exactly shall be issued to the transfer end my and thereupon a new registered bond or bonds in the same aggregate principal amount and of the same angregate principal amount and of the transfer Agent of the charges, if any, therain prescribed. This bond is not valid or collgatory for any purpose until the Transfer Agent to Entities and happen, precedent to and in the issuance of sadd series of bonds of which this is one, in order to make them valid and binding obligations of the City, have been done, exist and happen, and have the total indebted my constitutional, statutory or charter limitation. In WITNESS WHEREOF, the City of Novi, County of Oskland, State of Nohola, by tis City Council, has caused bits bond to be signed in the name of said City with the facelinitie signatures of lis Mayer and its City Cirk and a facelinitie of the City same been final and a satisfies of the City and the same diversed of which this is one, does of which the is one, does of which the sist one, does of which the name of said City with the facelinities is provided bits bond to be signed in the name of said City with the facelinities is provided bits bond to be signed in the name of said City with the facelinities is provided bits bond to be signed in the name of said City with the facelinities is one. Our control the control, all as on the Date of Original Issue.

Original Issue CITY OF NOVI

By _____ Richard J. Clark

By <u>Maryanne Cornelius</u>

[FORM OF TRANSFER AGENT'S CERTIFICATE OF AUTHENTICATION] Date of Registration: Certificate of Authentication This bond is one of the bonds described in the within-mentioned resolu

Transfer Agent

Authorized Representative

10. A copy of this resolution shall be published in full in the Novi News lewspaper of general circulation in the City once before this resolution omes effective

becomes effective. 11. The City shall, to the extent permitted by law, take all actions within its control necessary to maintain the examption of the interest on the Bonds from general lederal income taxation (as opposed to any atternative mini-mum or other indirect taxation) under the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the 'Code'), including, but not limited to, actions relating to any required rebate of arbitrage earnings and the expenditure and investment of Bond proceeds and moneys deermed to be Bond proceeds. 12. The City Council has considered the option of selling the Bonds through a competitive sale and a negotiated sale and, pursuant to the requirements of Act 34, Public Acts of Michigan, 2001, as amended, deter-mines that anegotated sale of the Bonds will result in the most efficient and expectitious means of selling the Bonds and will result in the towest interest cost to the City.

expeditious means of selling the Bonds and will result in the lowest interest cost to the City. 13. The Mayor, City Manager, Clerk, and Finance Director are each authorized to negotiate the sale of the Bonds, within the parameters estab-lished by this Resolution, with Fahnestock & Co. Inc. and Fifth Third Securities, inc., which are hereby appointed to act as senior managing underwriters for the Bonds (collectively, the "Underwriter"), pursuant to a Bond Purchase Agreement. The Mayor, City Manager, Clerk and Finance Director are each authorized to do all other acts and take all other necessary procedures required to affectuate the each senior and delivery of the procedures required to effectuate the sale, issuance, and delivery of th

City of Novi County of Oakland, State of Michigan Minutes of a regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Novi, ounty of Oakland State of Michigan (the City') held on the 7th day of clober, 2002, a 77:30 of lock pm., Eastern Daylight Time. PRESENT: Members _Bononi, Capello, Csordas, DeRoche, Landry, PRESENT: Members _Bononi, Capello, Čsordas, DeRoche, Landry, and Lorenzo. ABSENT: Member Clark The following preamble and resolution were affered by Member Lorenzo and supported by Member DeRoche: WHEREAS, Act 175, Public Acts of Michigan, 1952, as emended ('Act 75') permits the City to refund bonds issued under Act 175; and WHEREAS, in order to achieve savings on Its debt service payments, the City Council tentatively determines that it is in the best interest of the City to refund its cateble 1995 Michigan Transportation Fund Bonds, maturing in the verse 2003 to 2010, Inclusive, in the outstanding principal smount of \$2,225,000 (the 'Prior Bonds'), previously issued by the City pursuant to Act 175; and WHEREAS, the cost of refunding the Prior Bonds is estimated to be approximately Two Million Four Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$2,400,000); and

Four Hundred Thousand Collars (\$2,400,000) and issue bonds therefor as authorized by the provisions of Act 175 (the "Bonds"); and

NOW, THEREFORE, BETT HESOLVED HAI: 1. The estimate of cost of refunding the Prior Bonds is hereby approved. 2. The City Council hereby determines to borrow the sum of not to exceed Two Milon Four Hundred Thousand Dollars (S2.400,000), as linally determined at sale thereof and issue the Bonds of the City therefor pursuent to the provisions of Act 175, for the purpose of providing funds to pay the cost of refunding the Prior Bonds, including all legal, financial and other

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date the purchase of bond insurance: UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

2002 MICHIGAN TRANSPORTATION FUND REFUNDING BOND

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If such tater date to which interest thereon is pought on August 1, 2003, and services required to effectuate the sale, issuance, and delivery of the Bonds. If a payable on August 1, 2003, and services required to effectuate the sale, issuance, and delivery of the Bonds is payable on August 1, 2003, and services required to effectuate the sale. Issuance, and delivery of the Bonds is payable on the registered owner of the Bonds pursuant to Ruis 152-12 of the bonds is payable to the registered owner of a series of bonds of the ranget sequence owner of the registered owner of the registered owner of the registered owner of solver or data mailed to the registered owner of solver or data mailed to the registered owner of the registered owner owner of the registered owner of the registered

MARYANNE CORNELIUS, CITY CLERK

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and complete copy of a reso-lution adopted by the City Council of the City of Novi, County of Oakland, State of Michigan, al a regular meeting held on October 7, 2002, and that said meeting was conducted and public notice of said meeting was given pursuant to and in full compliance with the Open Meetings Act, being Act 267, Public Act of Michigan, 1976, and that the minutes of said meeting were kept and will be or have been made available as required by said Act.

MARYANNE CORNELIUS, CITY CLERK

Novi Meadows staff comes up with three main goals in Student Improvement Plan

School is in third year of a fivevear North Central Accreditation plan to improve academic production

By Ramez Khuri

In the third year of a five-year North Central Accreditation Student Improvement Plan cycle. he Novi Meadows staff has ide fied student-centered goals and is now in the process of deciding on the best ways to achieve them. At the district's last school board meeting on Nov. 21, the plan's chairs, Lisa Fenchel and Lisa LaPone, gave a detailed report of ed to report their results, including "All the goals are student cen-tered so that it's something that has their procedures they followed and possible alternative conclusions. "That's a very detailed process," tered so that it's sometring marine. a direct impact on the students learning," LaPorte said, "But it's one marine sixth grade math and science in other curriculum areas. Social impacts a result science, so they developed strategies and interven-tions for each of the goal areas. We will have implementation for the next two years, then we will start doing final analysis." Science is a regular science, so they are kind of used to having to do some of these steps. They are not all thrand new things, but these are are all of used to having the done all and handly site to do. Math is like that two the process was started by student were given tests to figure acquiring base line data, where students were given tests to figure what the question really is, how out where they started. Some forneed to be made. "We will be gathering that data social studies area."

as we go along and looking at it." Fenchel likened the process to LaPorte said. "Some of n will be data that we look at mid-year and explained that even though the

whiled to see improvement in or allow working on using that exi-that they thought maybe we can dence to support their answers, make improvement in and turned whereas, the sixth graders may both of those target areas into spe- have had more practice than that, eific goals we wanted to achieve? so they are working more on how Fenchel suid, who is a sixth grade to ask that beginning question. Inguage ars, much and science teacher at Novi Meadows. "The teacher at Novi Meadows. "The

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For the listening goal, students trying to teach is, what do I do are focused on improving compre- when I can't see it and What do I hension of information that's pre- do when all I can do is hear it," she - uo when all real to is near it, she said. "When someone gives you directions, you stop your car and say, how do I guet there and most often you are going to get oral directions. You have to figure out sented orally, so they need to be able to follow directions as well as understand informational text as they hear it. "We came up with this whole teaching staff as well as all goal because a lot of times the kids directions. You have to figure out somehow of dealing with oral directions. We are not going to tell you, stop what you're doing and listen, you have to be able to do that in the real world while you are multitastion." the support staff is involved in this. Everybody has chosen at least one are not listening or not able to fol-low oral directions," Fenchel said. "A lot of times, if there's someof the three areas to participate in." According to LaPorte, the social thing that's written, they do it, but science goal starts at the basic orally, we thought that it was kind orally, we though that it wus kind of a weakness, and not necessarily in only curricular areas, but we thought that if we focused on cur-ricular areas, you can improve their overall listening skills, which would then go with all areas." With this goal, students will be able to do two different things: To multi-tasking." The math goal is to improve problem solving skills. A big por-tion of it is to be able to look at a point of posing a social science question. It goes on to gathering and analyzing information about that question and students are then math situation, decide on what really is the question and how to go about solving it. Part of it is getexpected to construct their answer to the questions and support it with evidence. Finally, they are expect-

able to do two different things: To ting practice, which is explaining listen to something and be able to paraphrase parts of it and to be able to answer specific questions about it. "It's all oral, so it's really solving problems." solving problems. "Drawing a picture is one way you can solve problems," LaPorte said. "Working backwards, makinteresting because the kids are not really used to that," Fenchel said. "They are used to you giving directions and then reading some-

highlight as they are reading, or go back and circle important informamal and informal assessment will ing this question, decide weather it too or maybe jot down notes on explaining exactly what they did to the doed or the explaining exactly what they did to the doed or the heading in the right direction, of if changes is an easier. It's the same basic have to learn some new strategies explained that somerules, except it's focusing on the -that work when you don't have - times kids who are using a strategy

This work when you don't have the solution of the strategies that the black but hey don't necessarily kids are going to learn is called hey kids are going to learn is called know it's guess and check, but hey don't necessarily kids are going to learn is called here with the stands for Si up. At this point, committees are different levels, they have the space of the strategies and implementing data and implementing goals. The fifth gradient as the specific the space of the strategies and interventions to enclose and implementing that information and putting in the three goal areas - social set.

tried 10, but it was too low. I tried 15, but I realized it was still a little bit low. It's the idea that they are



and Nick Vaishampayan show off their edible turkey creations.



Three of Orchard Hills' first grade classes perfor he school's gymnasium.

The program included several poems, stories and songs that the rized. One of the stories told of why the Pilgrims came to America and about their Journey over by ship. The kids were split into groups and each group recited part of the story based on a letter of the alphabet. They also sang many songs including one that listed all the things they were thankful for, "Five Little Turkeys," and "The Pilorims are Coming to Celebrate.



McKinley, Sean McNiff and Justin Mustonen, show off

their potatoes that they

dressed up. Orchard Hills fourth grade

students spent a short

week studying the potato

"from farm to fork." They

learned about planting,

inspecting, processing,

marketing process as well

as the many different ways

transportation and the

in which potatoes are

The potato unit included

weighing and graphing, "mashed up math,"

descriptive writing and

potato poetry. The week

ended with the students

displaying them in a

dressing the potatoes and

quasi-potato museum. The

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harvesting, sorting,

Fourth graders, Taya cheerleaders, sports stars, couch potatoes, to name a Campbell, Colleen angels, Martians and McClure, Rebecca





Students in Dawn Capling's second grade class got a "taste" of the Thanksgiving season a bit early. On Nov. 26, the students prepared a Thanksgiving feast that com-petes with even Grandma's best efforts. The students cooked a turkey, made stuffing, mashed potatoes, gravy, corn muffins, green bean casserole and baked pumpkin and minced meat pies.

The students brought in all the ingredients and under the direction of many parent

The students prought in all the ingredients and under the direction of many parent volunteers, cooked all the food in the teachers' founge. The actual Thanksgiving feast was held on Nov, 27 with the students sitting down at a harvest table. The kids were given a helping of all the different foods and were encouraged to try everything on their plates. They had been studying about the first Thanksgiving so they had made either Pligrim or Indian costumes to wear to the feast reenacting that first Thanksgiving meal. Before they began eating, each student mentioned one thing that they were thankful for, which included family, school, teachers and fraedom.







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Novi Woods Elementary

School has a new community serv ice project this year, which replaces the Giving Tree from years past. Now, instead of a tree to hang scarves, mittens and hats on, a partner and also worked hard on; "Stir the Soup," using bells and other instruments. They have start-ed playing the recorder and are trysnowman will make an appearance in the lobby surrounded by boxes to collect the cold weather items. From now through December 13, ing hard to remember to bring their recorders to class. Miss Bennethum's and Mrs. Ray's classes should bring recorders on. Wednesdays and Mrs. Chandler's donations of new hats, mittens, gloves and scarves carl be dropped in the boxes benefiting the Salvation Army, Also being acceptand Mr. Scagnetti's classes should bring recorders on Thursdays. Fourth graders worked hard, learning "De Colores" and "This, Land is Your Land" for their pered are donations of canned goods and non-perishable items, which will be donated to the local food pantry, (no glass). Boxes will also be located in the kindergarten formance at the International Festival at Novi Middle School on Nov. 21. They have also begun rooms for donations throughout the two week period. There is also a contest to name the giant snow-man. Each class in the school will playing recorders and are busy reviewing the notes B, A and G and are eager to learn new notes and skills. An important reminder for; be allowed to submit one name and the classroom with the winning

submission will receive a treat. parents: After the children finish eating their functies at Novi-Woods, they are taken outside for: 20 minutes. The only conditions awarding an annual scholarship to a graduating senior from Novi High School who attended Novi Woods Elementary. A committee that keep them inside are, rain, or temperatures or wind chills of zero degrees or below. Please dress chilof teachers and parents is now being formed. Those interested in dren in warm coats and gloves and serving on this committee and helping select this year's recipiant should contact Janet at (248) 344when snow appears, boots. Having children dressed appropriatly makes it much more enjoyable for

Holiday Shop at Novi Woods First grade students at Novi Woods have been learning about melodies and using the words high, is Wednesday, Dec. 11 and Thursday, Dec. 12. Set-up and inventory will be Tuesday, Dec. 10. low, up, down and repeat to describe how music moves. They For anyone interested in helping," have also been enjoying beanbags, "Hey, Mr. Knickerbocker," and the freeze game. First graders will please contact Nyree Girago (248) 347-6654 or Dawn Mitchell at (248) 596-1647

soon be preparing for the school's "Holidays of December" program, which will be performed for par-ents on Thursday, Dec. 19 at 2:30 Compiled by Ramez Khuri, a staff writer for the Novi News. He' can be reached at (248) 349-1700, p.m. in the cafeteria/forum. Second ext. 110 or by e-mail a graders have also been enjoying the freeze game and the Pumpkin rkhuri@ht.homec

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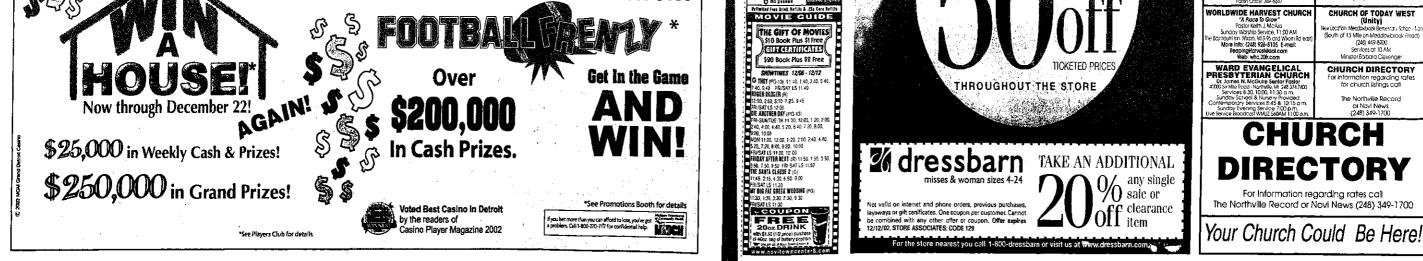
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Kudos on audit of city's finances

We'll be the first to admit it - the administration at the City of Novi takes a lot of heat, mainly for making poor decisions that leave many of us scratching our heads.

We'll be the first to admit it - the sixth lowest community in the administration at the City Oakland County when it of Novi takes a lot of heat, comes to municipal tax rates. 'That's two years in a row. mainly for making poor decisions that leave many of us This city has kept its millage scratching our heads. rate around 10.5 mills, due to So, when they do something - its high taxable value per capioutstanding, which is often, by ta and a solid base of commerthe way, we think it's only fair - cial and industrial customers. Most of the money going that the proper praise is heaped upon those deserving into the city's general fund still, comes from property Case in point: the year-end - taxes, as well as police and fire audit performed by Plante & and millage transfer. Moran, PLLC, That figure - nearly \$13.5 One of that firm's partners, million - is an increase, how-Joe Heffernan, who oversaw ever, of 13.3 percent from the the audit, said the city has "an prior fiscal year. That's because of an increase of 8-8,5 excellent finance department." He reported that there were percent in growth and taxable no inconsistencies or deficienvalue. Unfortunately, the city's cies with Novi's records. Normally, there might be a next highest source of revenue dozen or so changes required - state funds - dropped this fisto get a municipality's books - cal year from \$4.72 million to \$4.6 million - and it is expecti shape. Hats off to Kathy Smith- ed to drop again next year Roy, finance director/treasurer because of Michigan's budget for Novi, and her entire staff deficit. Yes, we'll continue to strugfor running a tight ship. While were handing out gle with issues like Sandstone, kudos to the city's administra- but when there's good work tors, let's hear a round of being done, it deserves recog-

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applause for Novi's ranking as - nition.

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OTHER OPINIONS

Gov. Granholm's first order of business? Budget crisis

In reflecting on Michigan's current that you still hear Democrats complain-budget crists, I am forcefully reminded ing about "the heartless Engler for during the Blanchard" of how apt the philosopher George Administration" when they talk about the politics of the time. "Those who cannot

remember the past are condemned to repeat it." The first state budget crisis I remember was in (1959, when I was an undergraduate working on The Michigan Daily, the student newspaper at the University of Michigan. Democratic Gov. G. Mennen "Soapy" Williams faced a legislature solidly controlled by hostile

Republicans. Williams proposed a combination of tax increases and budget cuts; the

legislature trashed it. The legislature will be revenue sharing for counties. passed its own mix of budget cuts and tax hikes; Williams vetoed it. Partisan higher education and across the board turns for all state departments. The only cuts for all state departments. The only items that Engler won't consider are road construction projects (because they're funded in part by federal road taxes) and the \$6,700 per-pupil founda-tion grant for ite default england. deadlock ensued. The result was that Michigan state employees experienced a payless payday before Williams and the gislature finally worked out a compro-When Gov. James Blanchard took office tion grant for K-12 schools. To take effect, the cuts will have to be

in 1983, he inherited a \$1.7 billion deficit from the outgoing Gov. William Milliken. Although there is still some dispute about approved by both appropriations com-mittees during the short legislative lame the size of the deficit, there is no doubt the remedy Blanchard proposed — a big hike in the state income tax — was deeply unpopular. The tax increase passed, and as a result Democrats lost control of the state Senate in 1984 and haven't won it back to this day. Gov. John Engler says he inherited a \$1.1 billion deficit from the Blanchard Administration when he took office in

begins next October is a whopping \$1.8 billion, which is why her transition team 1991. The budget cuts Engler rammed through the legislature over the next has been working feverishly ever since couple of years were drastic. So much so the election on budget matters. She's

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Victoria Sadlocha being made, or if the topic is highly controversial then a long time is spent on the story mation (or their side) if they so choose.

And the current reces-sion and the collapse in sworn into office, Gov, Granholm will state tax revenues have have to give her State of the State now produced yet another address in January and submit a balstate budget crisis. Best estimates are the budget anced budget (by state constitutional requirement, unlike the federal budget) for this fiscal year that in March. And they'll be facing a legislabegan in October is at least \$500 million out of ture with both houses controlled by Republicans.

No one expects another payless pay-day deadlock between governor and leg-islature. But there is a real risk that whack. Outgoing Gov, Engler, who has vowed he won't leave office with the state budget in deficit, will joint inexperience - Granholm is relaissue an executive order this week making a tively new to Lansing and term limits have tossed out most of the experienced reported \$470 million in bands in the legislature — will result in untutended bad consequences. Worse, because drastic decisions expense cuts. On the chopping block about the budget have to be taken so

quickly, there is probably not enough time for a thoughtful, far-reaching, possibly radical review of the structure and workings of state government. This is certainly what condidate Granhoim was thinking about when she repeatedly talked about how she wanted to "think outside the box. But most budget decisions that involve cutting expenses have historical-ly been incremental, i.e. they cut exist-

hig operations by such and such nerduck session that resumed this week. but they don't have to be passed by the GOP-controlled full House or Senate. That approach might get the budget balanced, but it's not well designed to And now comes Gov.-Elect Jennifer promote the kind of imaginative thinking that's needed about the workings Granholm, another in this long line of Michigan governors-elect who came into and expenses of state government.

Phil Power is the Chairman of the Board of the company that owns this newspaper. He would be pleased to get your reactions to this column either at (734) 953-2047 or at omeconum.net.

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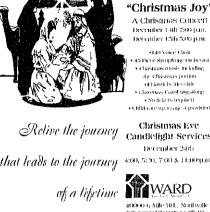
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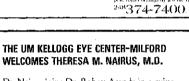
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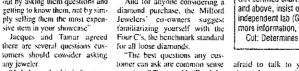
ions "Those are really the best things a customer looking to par-chase fine jewelry can do, espe-cially during the holidays. Mostly, you want to make sure you are getting value for their money," said Tamar Aguilar, who co-twins Milford Jewelers with her brother, Jacques Chopjian. The downtown Milford store is located at 441 N. Main Street next to Legends of Time and across the street front Five Lake Grill.

"And don't let anyone even make you feel that just because you are not a jeweler, or because you are not spending a lot of money, that you are not entitled to ask questions before making a purchase," she said.

Tamar and Jacques know well of they speak. The brother-sister tandem is part of a family-run jewelry operation which has been designing casting, manufacturing and retail-ing jewelry for over 30 years. Their three older brothers are also jewelers who separately own three retail stores, in addition to an industry-unique 4,000 sq. jewelry manufacturing facility. At that manufacturing site, the family has the unique ability to custom craft, design or repair all types of jewetry. Such unique resource allows the family to offer truly unique jewelry pieces at very affordable prices. Tama

said. "Basically, if you can imagine """" and for less." she said.

Well known for their intricate The splendor of fine jewelry is in full bloom at Milford Jewelers this holiday season. designs and meticulous crafts-manship, the family has worked extremely hard during the years to ensure that customers feel comfortable within their store, work they do themselves and how long it will take them to complete the job." Jacques said. "If it takes an outrageous amount of time that typically means they are sending the job to someone else to have it done. "It all starts with how comfort able people feel." Jacques said. "We enjoy helping people figure out what it is they actually want. Sometimes that is a \$2,000 ring. Other times it might just be a \$20 He said asking a jeweler about repairs — "If they do them? What work they will actually be doing? — But that is for the custorier to decide. And you only figure that And for anyone considering out by asking them questions and getting to know them, not by sim-



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From design to dollars

A stunning piece of jewelry created by a Novi resident is on the auction block with all proceeds going to a local Goodfellows charity

By Victoria Sadlocha STAFF WRITER

And the winner is,

A simple, hasic and elegant pendant designed by Novi High School Student Tae Kono.

School structure face NORO, Kowo's design for a piece of jewerry was chosen out of about 60 entries by Brian Larson, co-owner of Larson Jewelry Design, in the shop's annual contest and desiting another based of the short of the shop's annual contest and short of the shop's annual contest and charity auction benefiting the

charity auction benefiting the Novi Goodfellows. Every year at the holidays, Larson asks the community to submit a design of one piece of jewelry. The shop owner then pres over the entries, chooses a winner and works his magic pro-duction the winning nicera. dueing the winning piece.

Larson is happy with the process so far. "We had an unbe-tievable response," he said, This year's entries were prima-

rily from Novi middle and high

school art students. Larson said he narrowed the submissions down to 12 and then five and then chose the winning

design on Sunday, Dec. 1. "I thought it was the most appealing to the general audi-ence," Larson said of the winning design. "It was hard though, there were some very nice drawings. It was a tough call."

The jeweler said the design is exactly what Kowo created with the exception of a couple of dia-

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Andrew Gomes

monds he plans on adding to the yellow and white gold pendant. "It turned out very nice," he said,

But now the important part of the process begins - the actual silent bidding on the creative piece. All area residents are invited to visit Larson Design Jewelry, take a closer look at the pendant and place a bid. "I'm hoping this thing runs up into the 200 to 300 dollar range,"

Larson said

Bids will be accepted through the end of the business day on Monday, Dec. 23. Once the auction is done, the

winner will write a check directly to the Novi Goodfellows which will be offered to the organization the next day.

Larson said he received a phone call from a pleased president of the Michigan Goodfellows last week, thanking him for the effort.

The pendant will be on display at Larson Jewelry Design located at 43155 Main Street, just east of Novi Road. For more information, call (248) 347-4653,

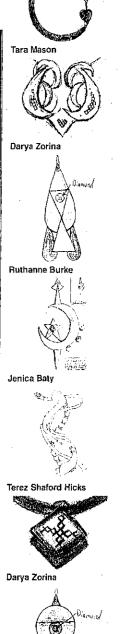
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Also shown are Brian Larson top 11 designs out of nearly 60 entries by local students.

Tae Kone



Brian Larson, of Novi's Larson's Jewelry Design, displays the winning design of a neck-lace that was designed by Novi High School student Tae Kono. The necklace will be auctioned off later this month with its proceeds going to the Goodfellows.







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Team hopes to avoid injuries which plagued it last season

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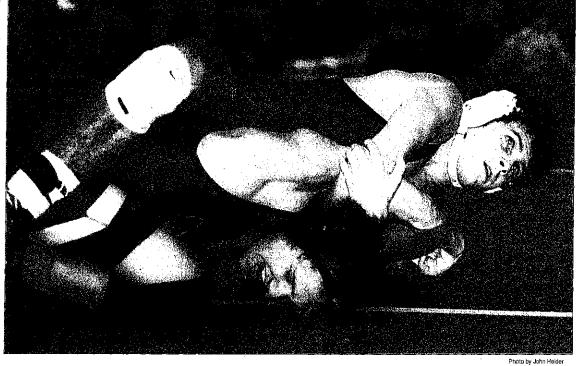
By Ramez Khuri STAFF WRITER

Even though this season's Novi High School wrestling team isn't as experienced as last year's 18-5 team, Wildcats Coach Brad huss is still expecting it do be more successful, Injuries plagued last year's team, which con-

last year's team, which con-tributed to its early exit. "We lost quite a crew to gradu-ation, but we have a pretty good crew coming back." Hass said. "Usually when you lose this many kids to graduation, you have a good chance to have a down year. But we have a lot of eved sophomeors and junior. good sophomores and juniors and the kids that are stepping in their place are going to be very successful this year I think."

Last year's experienced lineup included Matt Kolich, a 215 pounder, Scott Kortlandt, Vince Slovan, Brian Ong and J.R. Muldoon. Most of them wrestled for four years.

"Their experience was the best thing about our team," Huss said, "Most of those kids have wres-"Most of those kids have wres-tled for four years and, unfortu-nately, what happened last year, which was really something we haven't encountered for a long time, is we got hit with a ton of nijuries at probably the worst time during the season. A lot of those kids were unable to come back, or if they did come back, new serent really able to perthey weren't really able to per-form up to their capabilities because of their injuries. This year's team is different in a sense that we don't have as much expe-rience. But trathfully, I think that if we stay healthy, we may be able to accomplish some things that last year's erew, because of the injuries, wasn't able to accomplish. Obviously, time will tell, but it's also a team this year



Undefeated Wildcat grappler Josh Churella had the upper hand against Howell's Craig Zupi in their match last year at Novi High School.

that I think is going to be much better come March then we are right now, just because these kids need to get varsity matches under their belt."

Some names to look out for are Jason Sierra, a 103 pounder, who wrestled well last year as a freshman; senior Craig Hearn at 112 pounds, who placed third in the state last year; Eric Hanson, who has varsity experience; Josh Churella at 135 pounds, who is a two-time returning state champi-on; A. J. Morris, who is a junior

at 152 pounds; junior Josh Buck at 215 pounds; senior Matt Jezior at 189 pounds; and junior Chad Thurman, who is a heavyweight. Huss believes that his lineup of

wrestlers will be very competi-tive this season, "We should wrestle .500 or above in every single weight," he said. "That is usually the trick in wrestling, and having a successful team is being able to have kids who are real solid for all 14 weights. Hopefully, that will be the case this war? this year.

Novi's goals are the same as Now's goals are the same as every year. The team always has the goal first of winning the Oakland County Meet, then the KVC, districts, regionals and state. "Only eight teams make it in wrestling and we have made it three of the tast six years," Huss said. "We have been there every single year with an opportunity to do it. Those are always our goals again, and you see what goals again, and you see what happens when you get to the state meet. It's hard to predict state championships. It's a real impor-

tant event and it's a big deal to get there, so that's what we focus on. We take each goal as the sea-son comes along and our first major meet is the Oakland County, which is Dec. 21, a twoday tournament."

The Wildcats will wrestle seven dual meets in the league this season. Because Novi is in the KVC_1 which is the best league in the state in wrestling, winning the league is one of the team's biggest goals, which it has done four of the last five years. "I

think that we should have an opportunity to do that again this year" Huss said. "Northville has always been a good rivalry over the years, we kind of go back and forth and they are supposed to have a decent team this year as well."

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'Cats will be without Dicken

Basketball

By Ramez Khuri

The Novi Wildcats boys basketball team suffered a major blow about a month ago when its best all-around player, Shaun Dicken, tore his anterior cruciate ligament (ACL) while playing basketball. As a result, the team has taken on a blue collar identity as the regu-

Last season the team's overall record was 16-7 and it won the district championship for the first time since 1978. The Wildcats then ended up losing to Detroit

Mumford in regional play. "Sham was First Team KVC and he was First team All Area," coach Pat Schluter said, "He's a guard who can kind of play inside a little bit and he can do a lot of things. We lost him and that was a really big loss." Novi also lost its inside post

presence from last season y



"We played Rockford, who's probably going to be rated in the top 20 in the state," Schloter said. "We held our own, so that was a positive. We are just going to work really hard and try to get better before the season starts. We don't have the real true post play-er like we did last year. That's our weakness, but we have experi-enced guards, so that's our strength. I think with Shaun Dicken in there, we have a lot more depth. So right now we are just trying to figure out who's in out rotation and how many kids we can play." Novi was predicted to win the

Novi was predicted to win the KVC by many when Dicken was healthy, but according to Schluter, when he went out a lot of coaches were picking Milford, Pinekney or Lakeland to be on top. "We have real good kids, we're working really hard and we are going to try to get after teams defensively and pressure the ball a lot and try to score a lot of baskets by getting steals in transition," Schluter said. "The three main things this year for our team are things this year for our team are we must rebound the ball since we're small and we have to play great defense and make our free

Novi's developed fine history in short time

By Ryan Edwards SPECIAL WRITER

The Novi hockey team has been as good as any in the last few years. So it's not hard to here years so has not hard to imagine why head coach Dan Phelps would say that he's look-ing for the veterans to be conta-gious with the younger players about the history of the Novi backer environment

hockey program. That history includes three-straight KVC championships, three-straight regional champi-onships, back-to-back 23-win onsimps, back-to-back 25-win seasons, as well as two straight trips to the Michigan Highschool Hockey's version of the Final Four. Accomplishing all of this in only four

years of existence. As the Wildcats' **Hockey** head into their fifth

season, they're looking ______ for more of the same accomplishments the learn has been fortunate enough to attain

in the last couple years. "We want the kids to put their

power, you're going to feel like the well's a little dry. But the Wildeats' do have some guys they'll look to to try and fill some of that scoring punch. Junior Chaz Bulbuk, the second leading enuming and second leading returning goal scorer from last season with 14 goals, looks to be Novi's go-to guy this year; he's already scored seven of the team's 14 goals

through five games. Novi's returning goals' leader from a year ago with 15 goals, is senior Brian Jaussl, who has just joined the team following the football team's end to a great season, and they'll look to him to show some grit and create a lot of havoe around the

net Other potential goal scorer's for Cats' are senior John Murray and junior Robert

Vulaj, as well as sen-lor Jared Perras. Perras is in his fourth year with the program and will be a team captain for the third straight year, he's a great-puckhandler and should help to create some offense and get

Danny Shram graduated, He w the team's go-to guy inside. "We lost him and we don't have a lot of height from last year." Schluter said. "We have a really good jun-ior varsity team coming up and we had some key returning players coming back from last year's team, so our hope was really pos-itive. We were small, but we had a lot of speed in depth."

Schluter is still optimistic, how ever, because he has two experiguard Chase Chandler, who also

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Novi's Chase Chandler passes the ball near the net. plays foothall, is returning to the team. He has been a starter for the past three years on varsity, and senior Matt Eminecker, who has also been a starter for the past three years, is returning as well.

"They are both really good players," Schluter said. "I also have another senior in Chris Lewis, who was on the varsity

team last year and he's also a really good player. My three seniors are pretty much going to lead us and they are great kids. They, work really hard, and after that we're hoping some juniors can step up and fill other roles." The Wildcats had their first six-

Photo by John Helde

way scrimmage on Nov. 30 against some tough competition. 30

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throws. Those are the three things we will be preaching all year. We are trying to have the blue collar attitude, like getting after teams, playing real tough, man-to-man defense and try to trap a little bit here and there to throw teams off."

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Pat Schluter

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Novi basketball coach

own brick ou the wall" says Pheips. In order for this year's team to do just that, they're going to have to rely on the solid goaltending of both juniors, Dan Morrison and Trent Sisson, as well as a tough defensive group. That group is led by the return of juniors Jordan Collins and Brian Ellis, as well as senior Michael

Behind their strong team defense and great goaltending, they aren't looking to allow too many goals this season. The big questionmark, though, is how are they going to score goals? Novi lost their top three scorers from a year ago in Robby Overfield (36 goals), Adam Haberman (29 goals) and Robbic Harrell (23 goals), who accounted for 88 goals and 170 points. Anytime you lose that much fire

things going for Novi. Murray posesses some natural scoring ouch, and Vulaj has an excellen shot, two weapons that should prove to help Novi put some pucks in the net,

The Wildcats' can also rely on some help from the blue-line to get the offense running, boasting the second and third all-time Novi assists leaders for a single For assist enters for a single season, respectively, in Jordan and Justin Collins, who accounted for a total of 61 assists last season. If the team can produce enough goals to let Morrison breathe a little bit here and there, and there assists as a season of the season of then they should be able to put their brick on the wall of this growing program.

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Lakeland spoils Novi's ice opener, 2-1

By Ryan Edwards

throughout the first half of the third period until Lakeland's Eric Labari capitalized on anothe Novi opened their season two Novi mishan to make the score 2 weeks ago, November 21, on the road against KVC foe Lakeland. I Lakeland with 8:11 rema The goal came as a result of an The season-opener was a number untimely line change by the Wildcats. The defenseman were a of firsts for the Wildeats, their first game, their first goal, and unfortunately their first loss, lossecond too late changing up, allowing Lakeland's Brad Stillman to get a clear shot away ing 2-1. t was disappointing," said from the near side in between the Dan Phelps, Novi's head coach, blue line and the face-off circle

Three Novi players then collapsed

bounced right on to the stick of

Lehau on the far side, who buried

the pack into the back of the net, for what would prove to be the

on a lot of scoring

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contines of Novi Ice Arena to hos

Invitational Hockey Tournament.

They opened the weekend on

Friday night with a game against

Livonia Churchill. They beat the

Chargers 5-2 behind an unexpect-ed offensive explosion. Chaz Bulbuk scored his second and

third goals of the season while also collecting his first assist. Robert Vulaj, Justin Collins, and

Jared Perras all scored their first

goals of the season, with Perras

also picking up 2 assists, and Justin Collins grabbing 3 assists. John Murray and Brian Jaussi

each earned an assist as well for

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"It's early in the season though...it was our first game." Being the first game of the season you have to look at more than just the results of a win or a loss. "Nobody wants to start the sea-son best and finish worst," said

deciding goal. Novi controlled the play for the Phelps. The head coach seemed to be majority of the rest of the gampleased with most of the play and was especially pleased with his However, with 3:20 left, Lakeland had a great two-on-one opportuni special teams units. Yet to play ty, but fortunately missed a wide open net, fanning on the shot. With new life and a couple of peether until Wednesday's game the powerplay unit scored (1/6) and the penalty kill unit only altowed one goal on four chances. powerplay chances, Novi pep-pered the Lakeland goaltender the "There were a lot of positives, I rest of the way, but was unable to put any pucks past him. Novi's last chance came with five seconds left, but again to no think we're going to grow in smaller steps this year, said smaller steps this year," said Phelps, "We've just got to fearn from this, and I think we have," prevail. With two misreads that One of the biggest positives from this game for the Wildcats, was the experience factor. Novi resulted in goals and the failure to resulted in goals and the faiture to capitalize on a lot of scoring chances, much could be said. "I'm not going to sugarcoat anything. We got beat," said Phelps, Also, adhering to the fact that Novi is considered to be alot better team than Lakeland, Phelps said. "We're not better than any has a lot of guys who were playing in their first game and others who had obtained bigger roles and responsibilities. To play in a close game against a tough KVC

opponent can only help down the "There were some nerves out there," said Phelps of the Lakeland game, "It's going to take them some time to adapt to the

The game reflected what many predicted for the Wildcats, enter ing the season; Novi would play ood defense, have outstanding goaltending and struggle to score goals. Novi didn't struggle to get scoring chances though, or pow erplays, having six on the night. Lakeland's goaltender came up hage though and Novi couldn't capitalize on some quality opporunities. At the other end of the , it was pretty much the same ry. Novi goalie Dan Morrison stood on his head throughout the first two periods, making one phe-

nomenal save after anothe the Wildcats The two goalies owned the Saturday's championship game pitted Novi in a rematch against Farmington, whom they had lost first period, as big hits, tough defense and clutch saves. kent the score fied at 0-0 after one to 5-4 in a scrimmage earlier this year. Farmington's win in the scrimmage was no fluke; their eriod. Things opened up a little it in the second period, when Chaz Bulbuk scored on a blast team is very talented and very big from just inside the blue line with and they use their size and ability 7:38 left in the period. The power-play goal was assisted by Robert Valaj and Jordan Collins. to their advantage. Farmingtor also fields a team that includes 1seniors on their roster. The Novi goal came 2:10 after Despite all the size and experience, Novi kept it tight in the first in amazing two-on-none save by Morrison. Lakeland then tied th period, only trailing 1-0 on a period, only traing 1-0 on a Farmington powerplay goal. The Wildcats couldn't hang with them much longer after that though, as Farmington routed them 5-0. "They won all the little battles, and they usen the wore" waited game at 1-1 when Senior Captain Mex Wright scored with 1:56 left in the second period. The first goal Novi had given up this year came on a Lakeland powerplay. After successfully killing off they won the war," said Lakeland's first two powerplays, Phelps, Farmington outshot Novi in the game, Novi's penalty kill unit had a things that Phelps was referring to. "We need to start looking for iental breakdown. Lakeland's Wright walked right between the two face-off circles with the puck, two Novi defenders converged on him and then both parted like the

quantity over quality," he said of Red Sea, allowing Wright to blast one past the helpless Morrison the tournament championship The game remained fied at one proved to be minuscule losses for

Girls ready to strike

By Michael Zerkich

Crystal Corte, Angie Schmitt, Tina Hildreth, Shannon Shrader, Andrea Borashko, and Gabi Frask. There is some unfinished busi-Five juniors add to coach Fisette's depth. They are Kim Zarcynski, Sam Striker, Bella Feldbaum, Laura Rybicki, and ness from last year that is going to get addressed this season. And, according to Coach Julie Fisette, Novi's girls volleyball coach, she can sum up her team's chances of Anna Rickard, finishing their mission with three

quad is Amanda Toffoli. Corte, Schmitt, Hildreth Corte, Schmitt, Hildreth, Borashko, and Zarezynski are the I am excited." The unfinished business is winning their conference, settling a five returning starters from last few scores with teams who beat them last years powerful Wildeat team. This them last year, and having a long nun to the state championships. "Last year was tough as we started m for battle. Last season was a Last season was a break-through with a big win over Brighton who has long held the upper hand in past seasons against Novi. Other teams that loom big this year will be matches against Pinckney, Milford, and Howell. the seaso in good shape but lost our last couple of matches so that we finished second in the Kensington Valley Conference," said Fisette. The Wildcat coach should be excited as she is returning five starters, all seniors, from a rower ful six-player team. Last year's team had a conference record of 8-The season starts on the road with the South Lyon Invitational on Dec. 14. The home opener will be Monday, December 16 against 2 which was good for a second place finish. Also, they were 33-12 in non-conference play that mostly occurred in invitational tourna-Northville with a game time for the freshman starting at 6 p.m. followed by the junior varsity at about "This should be our very big 6:30 and the varsity at 7 p.m. year," saud Fisette. "All during the off-season the girls have focused and used the time to work on their If you have never seen great vol-It you have never seen great vol-leyhall matches don't miss out on this year's Novi contests. With the Kensington Valley Conference tide up in the air this year this is your chance to see Novi "settle some unfinished business." physical conditioning. Each play-er, including my bench, has a great desire to win it all this year." The returning seniors are



said "We're not better than any Wildcat defensemen John Murray, left, and Justin Collins confer before a face-off in The hockey team then fol-lowed up their loss to Lakeland me game last year their zone during a late Novem

> the 'Cats who suffered a devastatsecond goals of the season. ing blow. Senior Captain Justin Collins was lost for an estimated "We were really happy with that game" said Phelps. "We stuck six weeks, expecting to be back to our system, and the task at ing his collarbone in a game dur-ing his collarbone in a game dur-ing the weekend tourney. "We'll definitely miss him, He's hand." The victory propelled Novi into the tournaments champi-onship game, which took place last Saturday against Ann Arbor Huron, after Huron had beat Traverse City West 6-2, Huron is one of the most hard-nosed and determined leaders I've ever coached, and he brings quality to a team in itself," said Phelps. The one of the top teams in the state
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> They showed that to be true in our the championship game on their vay to an early 3-0 lead over Novi. Like they did Friday night though, hey fough toaks after falling behind early, and punched

go into the third period only down

The Wildcats then controlled **Traverse City tournament** most of the chances and opportu-Novi was looking to improve nities as well as the play in the upon their record as well as their team unity and familiarity as they third period, outshooting throughout the period. All headed up to Traverse City this chances finally paid off with 30 seconds left as Novi scored what past weekend for a tournament, They played Flint Kearsley last Friday night in the first game, Flint Kearsley has some great individual players, and gave Novi some trouble early on, getting a quick 2-0 tead. The Wildcats' were finally able tog et into their groove though en route to a 6-2 Morrison sitting on the bench to "We really took the play to them" said Phelps. Chaz Bulbuk took it to them as much as any-body netting the first hat trick of a great effort by the Wildcats to

his team's shot selection. the season, collecting half of the come back and to fight as fiercely an inissed opportunity of winning scored his first goal of the season, collecting half of the come back and to fight as fiercely as they did, but it was even tougher to lose the way they did to the community of winning the first goal of the season. in the game, while Jared Perras on a controversial call. Things and Robert Vulaj both netted their might have been different though

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The team is looking to have its nucleus of 16 returners including six who are in at least their third year with the pro-gram come together and work towards achieving their goals. They've seen what it takes over he last few years and they know how to win. The first goal of the season is to fill the shoes of the players that they've lost and it'll take a

group effort to do so. With a lot of players assuming more responsibility and greater roles and others looking to step in and be role players. Some of those players looking to be role players and do the less glamrous but much needed things to win are senior left winger Dan Hunter, sophomore for-ward Mark Eberline, junior forward Ryan Dixon, sophomore defenseman Zach Flavin and junior defenseman Eric Cunningham, If and when that happens, the Wildcats' can begin to focus on other facets of game, most importantly the fensive facets, as they look to build a team capable of captur ing the KVC championship for fourth straight year. Coach Phelps believes that it vill be a season full of learning

and growth, and that the team will have to take a lot of small steps in getting used to the sys-tem, and putting all the pieces together. If they can accomplish their goals of playing a whole 45 minutes filled with fire and a fighting passion, and win all of the little battles, it should result in victories for this tough defensive-minded hockey team. In order to have a good team. and to have any kind of chance of winning any kind of channel onships, you have to have great leadership. So, if it's true that attitude reflects leadership, this team should be solid, gritty and focused behind the great group of veterans and senior leaders they possess. Among thos eaders are three of the the best this years' tri-captains, senio Jared Perras, Garet Malott and lustin Collins - who'll look to lead this team to another great season, a standard in the brief tradition of the Novi hockey

enth tally of the year, which accounts for exactly half of the program. Novi's home-opener teams fourteen goals this year. tomorrow at 6 p.m, against U of Novi's record now stands at 2-D leanit

Photo by John Harli

had Novi not fallen behind big

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tomed to doing so far this season

"We've just gotta come case and fight and fire for the whole game, and who the small battles," said

and win the small battles," said Phelps, "The game is 45 minutes

long not 30 or 25 minutes and we've gotta play all 45 minutes. It was a great highschool hockey

It was also a huge building

block for this year's team, makin

a trip up north, building team unity and togetherness, as well as

hanging tough with one of the better teams in the state and fight-

ing valiantly after being down in both games of the tournament

Also, on Saturday, Robert Vulai

scored his third goal of the season

and Chaz Bulbuk notched his sey

game to watch though.

"We've just potta come out with



Novi girls leap upwards

By Michael Zerkicl Important competitio SPECIAL WRITER dates are: New seasons always bring December 14 - (home) new expectations, but this year's Novi - CCCAM Novi cheerleaders may have hopes that are a little more than Scholarship Invitational 10:00 a.m usual for this time of year. Novi Coach Amy Denys January 11 - at Howell -KVC 1 - 10 a.m. squad is aiming high with lots of January 18 - (home) Novi hard work and determination "I am hoping to take my team to the state finals for the first time in my coaching career, I Novi Invitational - 9 a.m. January 25 - at Grosse Pointe - Oakland anticipate with the extreme ded Macomb - 6 p.m. cation and highly developed skill February 1 - at Hartland level that my team currently pos KVC 2 - 10 a.m. sesses we can give any team a February 8 - at Ladywood run for their money this season Ladywood Invitational Our goal is to make our way p 10 a.m. the MHSAA State Finals ahead February 15 - at Ida - Ida of our past rival, Ladywood." Invitational - 10 a.m. Led by seniors Lisa Matheney Lindsay Howell and Jessica February 22 - MHSAA Kuhn, Denys squad is loaded with talented underefassmen which bodes even better for the Regionals February 28 - MHSAA State Finals next season. The juniors ar

Ashley Harshorne, Chelsie Hall Jessica Harbin, Whitney Haynes, Lisa Howell, Melissa Laird, ing juniors Ashley Lazarus and Kalie Pyett. Again, I believe that stunting is definitely one of our strengths. We have exper-ince coupled with extreme tal-Ahsley Lazarus, Katie McDowell, Emily Michel, Amanda Olando, Katie Pyett, Courtney Pistolesi and Molly Ruhl, This year's sophomores Denys noted that all of this

include Margeaux Reizian should work in the Wildcats favor this year, "Furthermore, we are hoping Amanda Smith and Natalie These days cheerleader squads to utilize these assets to our are no longer just the backdrop to boys teams. Cheerleader teams compete with squads from all over the state and feature advantage in the upcoming sea-son," she said. "For the first time, we are going to be incorporating team tumbling into our round strong athletic skills of their three (creative-stunt round), We have lacked this component in years past and we are hoping that this added element will put us in Coach Denys knows here team features top talent and is well-rounded in what it can do. line with the elite teams like "My current team is a strong stunting team," Denys said. "We have extremely experienced fly-Brighton and Hartland." Needless to say, both the Dec. 14 meet at Novi for the CCCAM ers, Lisa Matheney, Chelsie Hall Scholarship Invitational that Courtney Pistolesi and Natalie Laitinen. These girls are fearless starts at 10 a m and the Januar 18 Novi Invitational — starting at 9 a.m. and featuring 54 teams hen it comes to experimenting and trying new skills. from across the state is a super "They have great composure value Don't miss it and don't think

and confidence when they are stunting. Their showmanship that Novi won't be looking to be at the top of the pyramid when it and pos tive energy are second to none. Moreover, Lisa, Chelsie, comes to the state finals. Natalie and Courtney are sup-ported by strong solid athletes below them. Without one there Michael Zerkich is an inter for the Northville Record and the Novi News, Comments could not be the other! The bases

and spotters are led by returning seniors Jessica Kuhn and Lindsay Howell as well as can be directed to the sports department at (248) 349 1700, ext. 104.

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outs, is the first of its kind to ever come to Michigan and will give high school student-athletes a chance to get their information put into a database available for review by college coaches across the country via the Recruits the country via Unlimited website. "This gives student-athletes a that is what they desire." chance to get their name and their information to colleges outside of their region that they may not their region that they may not have had the opportunity to be in contact with before," said Greer Monterastelli, the president of Recruits Unlimited. We get these human error out that we can," Monterastelli said, "It has been Coned that a coach pressing a

One of the nice things about a recruiting service for the area's lege programs." The Recruits Unlimited pro-gram was founded by Mike Minter, a defensive back currently database like that Recruits athletes is a natural fit, and Total Unlimited has to offer is that it Performance Training Center is takes not only the conomic and area backgrounds right out of the picture, but also the class size of a

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ages and abilities. "Total Soccer Wixom is com-mitted to providing the best facil-Sam Exclesion is the sports writer for the Northville Record and the Novi News. He can be reached at (248) 349-1700, ext. ities and opportunities for the 104 seggleston@ht.homecomm.net

Jeff Weber had a stellar nigh

Whater defenseman Cole Jarrett

has been added to the OHL Western Conference all-star team,

one of three additions to the team.

He joins teammate Chad LaRose.

already chosen to the squad. Originally, former Whaler Stephen Weiss -- currently play-

ing with the Florida Panthers - a

well as Rick Nash of the Londor

Knights (and Columbus Blue Jackets), Carlo Colaiacovo of the

Erie Otters (and Toronto Maple

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Jarret An All-Sta

Whalers tie London, double up Peterborough

charged. Their offense broke through on a five-minute power

By Sam Eggleston

play run as Corey Perry slapped one in with 14:45 off the clock as the period rolled to an end, When one team notches a power play goal, fans give credit where credit is due. But what if both In overtime, the Knights came teams score one? Is it luck? How close to closing it out when Drew teams score one' is it tuck; now about if both teams score two? The Whalers and the London Knights tallied two power play goals each as they skited to a 2-2 ile in the Ontario Hockey League. The Whalers managed to hold met their scored abuge stanting. was called for a delay-of-game penalty when he knocked off the net, but the Plymouth defense held strong to preserve the 2-2 tie. The Whalers outshot the The Whalers managed to hold onto their second-place standing in the West Division with a 17-6-3-1 record. London snapped a two-game losing streak with the tie, pulling their record to 11-12-2are available by calling (734) 453

After a scoreless first period, both the Whalers and the Knights traded scores in the second. Plymouth's James Wisniewski Whalers 6, Petes 3 The Plymouth Whalers collectgave his squad the early lead with ed vet another victory when they a one-timer off a Ryan Ramsay pass to find the back of the net with 3:18 off the clock, But, just minutes later, the Knights ¹⁷ defeated the Peterborough Peters at 7 home November 30, following the responded as Brandon Prust

Whater goalie Paul Drew for a 1-1 tie at the end of the period? Ramsay banging home a rebound with Wisniewski and Karl Stewart

getting the assists, Once again, the Knights

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lead of John Vigilante's two goals and an assist while John Mitchell added three assists

Vigilante with 4:18 off the clock. Vigilante made it 3-1 with the Knights 31-21 in the contest. They assist coming from Mitchell just will return to action when they travel to Windsor today and play two minutes later. The Peles managed to cut the in Saginaw tomorrow before returning home to take on Sault Ste, Marie on Saturday, Tickets lead to 3-2 as Jordan Morrison notched a goal, but LaRose found the back of the net on a power play

goal at 15:05 as Ramsay and Cole Jarrett carned the assists to keep

Kitchener Rangers (and Washington Capitals) were all-star selectees. Since Weiss was not the lead at two. The third period was just a Whaler clinic for scoring as Gary Klapkowski took the assists from returned to the Whalers, Jarrett was added to the team. Jimmy Gagnon and Tim Sestito before Vigilante took assistance For the season, Jarrett (a fifth ound draft choice of the Blue from Fiedler and Mitchell to notch Jackets in 2001) is fourth on the two more goals. Patterson added a Whaters in scoring with six goals final tally for the Petes and 18 assists (thr

The Whalers found themselves

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Ramsay took the assist from David Liffiton and Chad LaRose

with a goal off of Josh Patterson

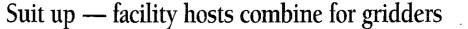
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got the first of three goals as he took the assist from Mitchell and

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Thursday, December 5, 2002

New coach breathes new life into WLW

By Ramez Khurl STAFF WRITER

After a dismal season last year, the Walled Lake Western hockey team was hoping for a change. It got it when Don Schlebold took over the coaching duties. Under him, the Warriors are determined to improve with each passing

"Trn a first-year coach with this team, so I'm just getting to know the players," Schiebold said. "It seems to me that we have some pretty nice kids who work hard and they do everything that we

By Michael Zerkich

Don't be fooled by last season's

unusually deep bench and scoring

And they have savvy Coach Bob Shoemaker working the bench. Coach "Shoe" is in his fourth season with the Vikings

and has compiled a 422-194 life-time record and has had 34 cham-pionships at five different schools.

and he likes what he sees in this

very well. Even though we have a starting lineup with no seniors, many of our younger guys already

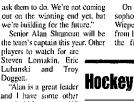
have a year or two of experience

Case in point is starting guard

The coach knows basketball

talent

year's team



and I have some other good kids as well," Schiebold said. "Steve is a junior and Eric is a first-year player, who's a junior as well. He's quite a hockey player. Troy is a sophomore."

Play with passion

shoot for victory

On defense the team has a sophomore named Scott Wiepecha. The returning goalie from last year is Justin Stobel and

the freshman goalie is Mike Percel. "We are a young am," Schiebold said. team, We have been in games, but we just haven't gotten a win yet. We are 0-3 right now, but our first game wasn't that great. We got beat pretty bad by Central, but then we played Livonia Churchill and it was a 3-2 game with five minutes

to go in the game. So we're hang-ing in there." The Warriors' goals this season are to just keep, improving every game. "We have to just keep working hard and try not to lose confidence," Schlebold said. "We also have to try to be positive because the kids are doing the right thing, but it just seems that when they are making mistakes, the other teams are capitalizing on them. We are just not getting the breaks right now and it's hard."

"We are all new," he added. "We have only been working with these kids for a little while. Ever

since we stepped on the ice, it's been nothing but hard work. They want to have a turnaround season. They only won two games last year and I hope we are going to do a lot better then that. Right now we are just trying to find out which guys are going to fit in what spots. They are going to turn it around. You have to believe."

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This could be the year for Central's boys

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With that frosty Canudian air rolling off the prairie bringing early winter snows, the atmosphere is set for another exciting year of MHSAA hockey in the Walled Lake area. The Vikings

of Walled Lake Central, one of two varsity teams in the

city, find them-selves in the early stages of their ninth regular season of competition. Under the direction of Coach Jim Hogan, a 1974 graduate of Central in his fourth season at the helm. The Vikings have had it rough in the Western Lakes Activities Association in years past, but this looks to be the light to the end of that tunnel.

that tunnel. "Although the growing pains seemed endless, this group of Vikings may indeed be in the right place at the right time," Hoga save The Vikings roster is filled with experience and are ready to show what they are made of. In juniors above 15 Outpear are ready to come

alone. 15 players are ready to come off the bench with eight of them returning from last year. The senior class is compliments by a four-year letter winner and a captain in the litter winner and a captain in the littes of Bobby Resmer while three key forwards in captain Eric Krajewski, Ryan Lukkari and Bobby Gorman are settling into their roles as seniors who lead by example. All four of these players are key in the possibility of great success of the Central Vikings this season

Third-year returning center and captain Adam Griffin will again lead the Viking attack up front.

"His relentless work ethic and passion for the game brings back memories of days gone by," Hogan said. "Grif could of skated in the 'black and white' ent and performed as he does today — in vivid color. "He troly is the player that is 'looked to for that extra ray of bril-

liance when the going gets tough." Another three-year letter winner and captain is junior Kevin Francis. He will be leading the defensive core for the Vikings yet again this season

"Kevin's outstanding play last season was acknowledged by the coaches of the WLAA, who selected him as a representative for the All Lakes Division First Team defensemen," Hogan noted. "Francis is loaded with offensive skills as he battles the blue line for the Vikings, which makes him a

the Vikings, which makes him a very dangerous weapon that oppos-ing teams must key on." Two other key components of the team are junior Jinnny Scarpace and Ben Brundt, who have shared defensive duties with Resmer and Francis for two years in a row. Both players are steady and stay at home in the defensive and of the ice. on the defensive end of the ice.

on the defensive end of the ice. "We're lucky to have limmy as he is an accomplished golfer and baseball player as well," Hogan said. "Ben has yet to suit up this campaign, as he narses a broken wrist which occurred the first day of training camp, although we expect him back this week." Adding to the mir for 2002.03

him back this week." Adding to the mix for 2002-03 are some interesting ingredients. Junior forward Dale Wrobel is com-ing from the USA Eagles Travel Hockey Club; junior defensemen Mike Prashaw is coming from the Lakeland Hawks Travel Club; jun-ior goalie Mike Sidor is arriving on the scene to challence returning on the scene to challenge returning goalie Matt McCallum for the top

genre what vice anim for the top spot. "Both goaltenders are showing that they are very capable of back-stopping this group," Hogan said. Yet another junior to arrive up front in Mike Weckesser, from the Farmington Hills Travel team. The list keeps oping as well with the list keeps going as well with the likes of sophomore forward Shawn Skelly coming from the Kensington lce House Travel Team. Skelly, who used to attend Walled Lake Western, already notched a hat trick this sea-

Basketball

Quiet, please, here's a predic-tion for you. The Vikings of Walled Lake Central basketball team is going to be a very good team this year. They have the passion, depth and speed to make a run for the top. You heard it here Brandon Cassise, who led the league in scoring as a sophomore last year and is also the starting quarterback of the WLC football 7-14 league record. That same team finished strong after a 0-7 start to get a share of the WLAA's Lakes division championship. team. He's a great passer as well and averages 20 points as a triple threat from the perimeter, driving to the basket, and also playing the low post.

Although losing starting center Erik Wilcox and starting forward Maxx Morris to graduation this year's team counters with an Another starter is junior forward Anthony Finn whose exceptional first step gets himself and others on the floor opportunities for easy looks to the basket. "Finn's a tremendous competitor," added Shoemaker. "He leads on the floor Shoemaker. "He leads on t with his effort every game.

Besides Cassise and Finn, other starters penciled in the rotation are guard Lemuel Plummer (jun-ior), forward Andrew Uceck (sophomore) and center Mark

Moroskey (junior). Another delight for the coach is the Vikings bench. "We're not as tall as last year's team but our overall (team) height is good. We have goys that can shoot the ball and we run the court the vikings bench. "We've got guys that can con-tribute off the bench this year, and (they) will get plenty of floor time," aoted Shoemaker. "Our second unit has some real speed this user and age return (spee) the this year and can move (pass) the

ball around very well." The bench consists of juniors

guards Nick Van Dike and David Worthy, and seniors Brad White at center and guard Jeff Matheney and sophomore center Brad

Burkhardt, Players rounding out the roster are senior guards Brandon Strait and Adam Simbeck plus senior forward Giovanni Rogers and jun-ior forward Justin Goltz.

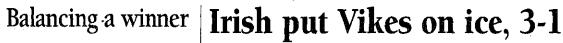
ior forward Justin Goltz. The coach expects tough com-petition throughout the league with Westland John Glenn, Plymouth Salem, and Wayne Memorial being the Vikings' top bellen cert. challengers. "We'll be in the hunt for the

league title this year. With all our young talent that have last year's experience, this team has the poten-tial to be a very good ball club." The season begins with a home

court non-conference match-up on Tucsday, Dec. 12 at 7 p.m. with Milford. League play begins with an away game against the tough Westland John Glem, Rockets on Tuesday, Jan. 7. So remember, please, you heard it here first, Viking fans, Your bas-herkell tree first, Viking fans, Your bas-

ketball team is a more than a con

Central's Steve Rabish gets around a Northville defender in a home game last February.



By Michael Zerkich ECIAL WRITER

Don't wait for the next Olympics to see gymnastics at its best. Walled Lake consolidated team will entertain you with the same events only seen on television every four years. And you can see it all right here in Walled Lake. Last year coach Jennifer

Hart had a season marred by injuries hut still wound up on the positive side of the ledger. The team had a 6-5 season.

Hart said, "We had a good season last year despite many injuries that good could have made a difference in team scorers result-

ing in another win," This year should be dif-ferent and in a positive direction for more wins, Hart remains very opti-mistic with this overview of her squad.

her squad, "We have five returning seniors this year. Of the seniors four of them com-

vear as a senior and ready to give it her all. Each year they learn a little more of what it takes to be number one and they remember and try to apply themselves that much more each new season

Everything begins anew on Dec. 16, with a home on Dec. 16, with a home meet featuring Berkley at 7 p.m. Other home meets will be Jan. 16, with Northville, Jan. 27 with Canton and Feb. 13 with Livonia.

The team features many multi-talented members The largest group is the seniors consisting of Genna Borg who is an all around gymnast (vault, bars, beam, floor) and all around members Lindsey Brown, Sarah Chrzanowski, Kate Dannecker, Amy Gursky and Katie Westlake; jun-iors: Stephanie Schmaltz, Kim Stevenson; soph-mores: Kate Dannecker; freshmen: Stephanie Furaman, Megan Kuschell,

In high school hockey on November 26, the Irish of Notre Dame Prep put together a solid defensive game plan tents

lead by goaltender Steve Henzie who came up big on 32 of 33 shots and sev-eral goal line scrambles around the net. "Henzie alone stood brilliantly

throughout the game; we couldn't find the holes in his armor," said coach Jim Hogan of Walled Lake Central, "What an outstanding performance on his part.

The Irish defeated the Vikings by a

score of 3-1. Central found themselves in a bit of a quandary over the depleted lineup during the evening as four veteran players were sidelined by injuries and ineligibility. No matter the situation, the Vikings were faced with a chal-

lenge and came up short. The Irish opened the scoring late in the first period after the Vikings had stormed Notre Dame's end of the ice. Matt Breuer was credited for the goal as he was left alone in front of the

Vikings net. He was set up nicely by foe Grusling who found him waiting like a house by the side of the road, unattended and looking for inhabi-

Central Captain Adam Griffin who comes to play every night answered the call midway through the second starza as he finished up on some hard work by Central defenders Jimmy Scargace and Kevin Francis, With the game all fied at one apiece the Vikings found that confidence level to get back into the game. A missed assignment in front of their own net cost them dearty as Ryan Schraffenberger notched h first of two on the evening to put the trish up by one again. The second period ended 2-1 in favor of Notre Dame Although the Viking lineup was full

of a pretty good work ethic through the third period it seemed to be unable to provide the chemistry so important in the line combinations to get the job done. Schraffenberger put the second goal of the night behind Central goal-tender Mike Sidor who was participat-ing in his first career high school

game. "Sidor had a steady performance giving up tough goals tonight," assis-tant coach Bill Redding added. "With a little more help in those key situa-tions, things may have been different." Central applied lots of pressure throughout the third but was unable to capitalize on a mith-third beried power.

capitalize on a mid-third period power play opportunity. Sidor was pulled for the extra attacker with 1:34 left in the period. Cantral took their timeout to sort out the possibilities and give there chosen six a rest before the final attack. The Vikings held the zone for a minute and ten seconds before the linkh were able to clear the zone and put out the fire for the win.

The Vikings will return home to face the Spartans of Livonia Stevenson Friday, Dec. 6. Game time is §:20 p.m. at the house of the Vikings, Lakeland Arena.

tender. How is a first place finish prediction sound to you?



pete all around. We have a energetic leam this year with a lot of team leaders hoping for their best season and of course making it states as a team and individually,"

She noted that with her return talent, there is a good chance that they will have a better run than last year.

We finished last year within the top five at regionals, she said. "Lindsay Brown (balance beam) and Amy Gursky (uneven bars) went to states individually last year and hope to go again. Last year one of our top gymnasts, Genna Borg, was out for the season with a knee injury and she is back this

April Meyers, Katrina Sheahan (vault, beam, floor).

Why wait for the Olympics? Walled Lake. number one in the state in gymnastics? Go see this year's team and see the tremendous talent and entertainment right here in your own local area. Sure beats flying half way your of beats around the world to see something better.

Michael Zerkich is an intern for the Northville Record and the Novi News. Comments can be directed to the sports department at (248) 349

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Many new Warrior faces this year

By Ramez Khuri

The Walled Lake Western boys bas ketball team has changed tremendous-ly since last season. The Warriors lost eight players from the roster including David Zeitlin, Brian Verdun and Chris Eagle to graduation, but coach Rex Starzek is still optimistic and ready to start over with some fresh faces. "We are sort of starting from scratch this year," Stanzek said. "It's never

good to lose a lot of good players, but the other side is, it's exciting to start

In the past, Western was a fastbreaking, wide-open team, but this year it will be more of a power team and more disciplined. Those things are exciting," Stanzek Basketball

said. 'To be able to change gears and do something different is nice. This may not be our most talented bunch, but we do have 11 kids who are working their tails off and they are out to

prove that they can play." One returning player from last sea-son is a 6'3" big man named John Sowders, who started 14 or 15 games last season. "He is big and fast and he gives us great flexibility in the post," Stanzek said. "He will give up three or four inches, but he is big and strong

and will help us out." Sowders, along with Tim Acho and Nick Miricle, will all captain the team

this season. Other players to look out for are Ronney Neely, Steve Welling and Anthony Acho, who is Tim's brother. All are seniors except for Authony, who is a sophomore. He will

Play the point guard position. "Anthony is super quick and smart," Stanzek said, "He is our best defender. We haven't scrimmaged anyone yet, but we have improved a great deal from the beginning of the summer to the end of the summer. Our goals are the same as every year, to win the divi-sion, league and district. We have won our division five years in a row." Western finished with an overall record of 12-9 last season, which was

good for second place in the league at 8-3. "I would think that if we are healthy, we should have a pretty good season this year," Stanzek said.

son — against the Warriors. The only freshmen representativ comes from the Birmingham Travel Hockey Club in the form of Ryan Bean, According to Hogan, Bean is already showing great promise in these early stages of his high school career.

Other returning players for the Vikings include junior Justin Giles and sophomore Tim Henderlong. "Two uniquely different styles of

play in these two," Hogan said. "Both are cast for the roles they play and will figure prominently in years' production. Other hopefuls for the Vikings

are newcomers Sean McMahon Anthony Theil; John Berry, Stan Titov and Roger Sheldon. Titov an

The Vikings found themselves finishing up 5-18-1 last year and they managed to fight to the second round of the playoffs after topping Rodeford Unified 8-5.

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Blue can work well in the kitchen

By Rose Bennett Gilbert COPLEY NEWS SERVICE

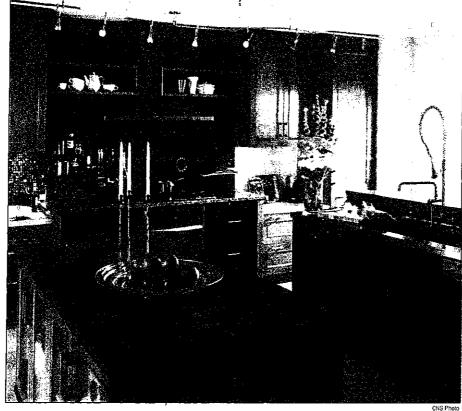
Q. I'm mad about blue! Is there any reason I can't use it in my kitchen, too? My sister-inlaw is telling me blue is too cold for a kitchen. What do you think'

A. I think that your sister-inlaw has never seen the charms of a country French kitchen, such as Matisse's famous blue and yellow kitchen at Giverny. Or any kitchen where a famous blue-loving Swede wields the wooden spoon. Or many American country-style kitchens, where blues of all hues have always come naturally

In fact, we're all so into blue, anufacturers are showing rich blue cabinetry, and finish experts like Minwax have added deep blue accent stains to their offer-ings so you can have the blues, without replacing your eabinets. Whether you paint, stain or buy them new, blue cabinets are

anything but cold, especially when they blend with other wood tones. In the photo we show here, Wood-Mode cabinets lend a blue note to a kitchen already warmed by other natural woods. The blue finish also harmonizes with the blue-bued mosaic tile backsplash and the mottled blue countertops. A p.s. for the color-chal-

tenged: In many countries, blue is believed to have protective qualities. Scandinavian house-wives credit blue cabinets with warding off flies and other pests According to the Pantone Institute, which keeps track of such colorful lore. Middle Easterners also paint their front doors blue to ward off evil, just as Southern Americans are said to paint their porch ceilings blue to scare away ghosts. Whether the tales are true blue or not. they should tickle you pink when



TRUE BLUE — Tradition holds that blue can work more than visual magic in the kitchen.

you tell your sister-in-law.

Q. My new studio apartment is absolutely square (except for a separate kitchen and bath).

ing the furniture --- I have a sleep sofa, small dining table and chairs, plus a desk and desk chair

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A. Organize your furniture around your activities. The

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side lamps. Your dining table is obviously the centerpiece of a second grouping. Hang a chandelier to maker it within its own visual anchor it within its own visual space. You may want to keep a couple of dining chairs pulled up to the table and move the others elsewhere in the room to save space between meals. Your third grouping, your "office," needs privacy enough to keep guests from staring at your works-in-progress. There are several ways to demarcate the space. You could place a tallish bookcase perpendicular to the wall and back the desk up to it. You could use a folding screen to camouflage your corner without actually blocking it off. Or simply set out a few large potted paths or other tall plants in handsome pots. You'll be surprised at how well the merest suggestion of a dividing wall will "privatize" your office area.

Q. There is no entry in this house. Our front door opens directly into the living room. It's

harsh! I need help! A. To the rescue come a little fakery and some time-tested optical illusions.

Key to creating a virtual entry: Change the floor covering just inside the front door. You could lay a rectangle of marble or tile to contrast with the rest of a hardwood or carpeted floor. Or, easier, simply lay a colorful area rug to proclaim the entry "hall.

Differentiate the wall space. too: A small console table or wall-hung shelf will proclaim the space, especially if you add

a small lamp and mirror. I can think of two other sure-fire ways to make a grand entrance out of mini-space; a coatrack or umbrella stand will do it every time

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your living "room." Anchor it with an area rug to make a cohe-sive grouping that could include all the ingredients that make any living room work: coffee table.

side table and lamps, plus addi-tional seating pieces, as space permits. Another thought: float your sofa at an angle to the wall and back it with a narrow table on which you can put your bed-





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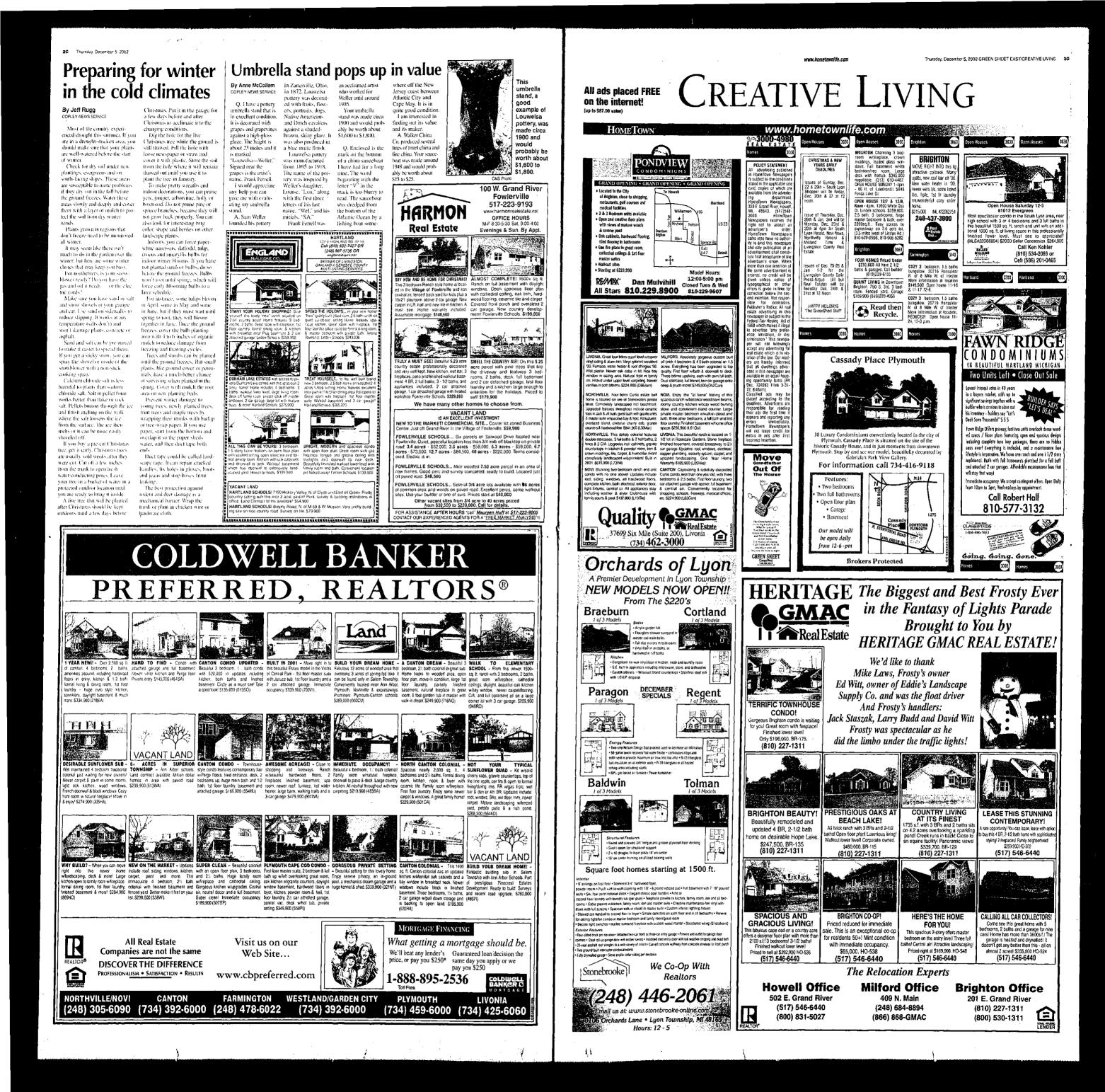
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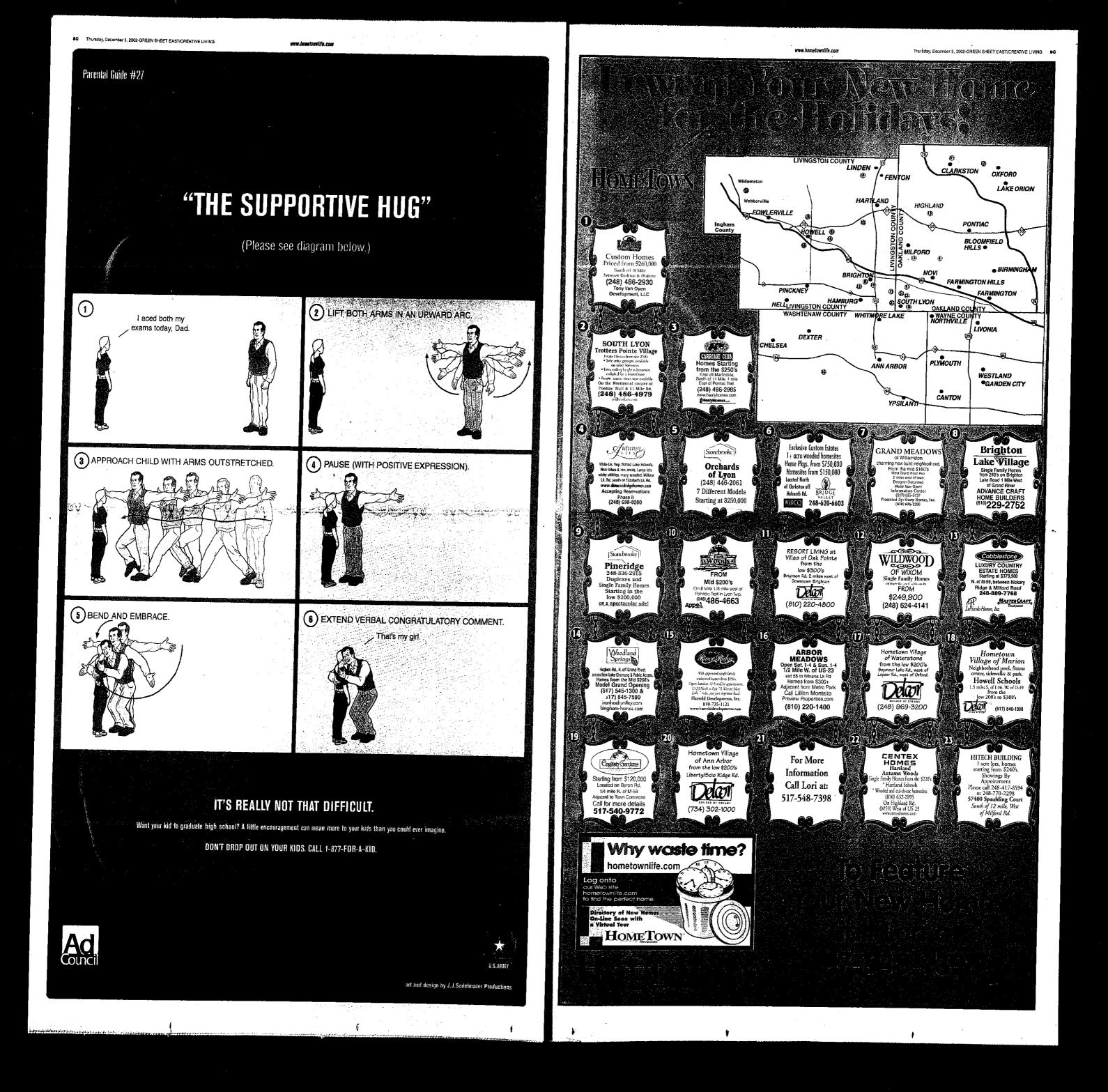
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