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Review wraps up in this edition with a look at July through December. Reports were com-

piled by staff writers Victoria Sadlocha, Phil Foley and

Ramez Khuri. Sam Eggleston wrote the sports review

Vets honored: Close to 150 veterans were honored at the City of Novi's Vietnam Veterans Welcome Home Celebration. State and city offi-

cials and members of the com-

munity thanked and saluted the

veterans for a job well done and

for protecting the country in what many call the forgotten war. The close to three-hour ceremony was very emotional for many veterans in atten-

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### 2002 Reward offered for info on killer The Novi News' Year in

# By Phil Foley

It's likely Eric Darnell Barnes never even noticed the person who ended his life with a single gunshot to the head in Wixom Dec. 17.

Wixom Police have narrowed the field of suspects down to "three or four" suspects, all from Wayne County, and are hoping the promise of a \$5,000 reward from Forest City Technologies will shake loose some vital information leading to the arrest and conviction of Barnes' killer. Wixom Police Chief Clarence

Goodline announced Dec. 27 that the Wellington, Ohio-based auto parts maker had posted the reward. Although Barnes was charged

with carrying a concealed weapon by police in Madison Heights in August, Goodline downplayed that connection. "He was not carrying a firearm; it was a knife," said Goodline, adding, "I think that puts a little different spin on it."

Goodline said he didn't believe there was a connection between the two incidents

Detective Jim Osborne said that Detective Jim Osborne said that while investigators had found a few people at Forest City Technologies "who said they had had some problems with him," Barnes had recently been promo-ed and a company official said he was well liked overall. Barnes, said Goodline, appeared to have been a crea-ture of habit. Goodline said the victim always came to work an

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hour early, stopping on the way in for some fast food that he ate in the parking lot at Forest City Technologies. He parked next in the parking not at relieve to the Technologies. He parked next to the building's employee entrance, under two large lights, facing away from the building next to the employee entrance.

According to Goodline, that meant Barnes was used to people walking past bis car. He said Barnes' parking place

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The work of Judy Buresh,

he Assarian Cancer Center's artist-in-residence, will be among the items featured in the Novi Chamber of Commerce's 11th annual charity auction this spring. Auction organ-izers are seeking sponsors of all kinds for the event, which last year contributed more than \$15.000 to local charities.

# Sponsors sought for Chamber auction

"A Celebration of Life. Art and Healing" this vear's theme

By Phil Foley

It's still months away, but the Novi Chamber of Commerce is looking for sponsors for its 11th annual charity auction.

This year the chamber will be raising money for the Assarian Cancer Center at Providence Hospital and Medical Center's Novi campus at Grand River Avenue and Beck Road under the banner of "A Celebration of Life, Art and Healing." Chamber President Nora

Chamber President Nora Champion said the event has raised more than \$60,000 for area charities over the past decade. She said last year's event brought in \$37,000, leaving \$15,000 for area charities after expenses.

Randy Patterson, chairman of the chamber's Media and Promotion Committee, said he would like to improve on that percentage by getting sponsors for nearly everything. Patterson will be contacting local businesses for sponsorships ranging from bronze at \$2,500 to plantinum at \$10,000. He said he's looking for sponsorships on everything from auction items to the seven-course dinner

that will be served at the auction. This year's auction will be held April 12 at the Novi Hilton, which by then will be the Novi Sheraton located on Haggerty Road, just north of Eight Mile Road.

Patterson said the chamber picked the Assarian Cancer Center as the beneficiary of this year's charity auction because of its innovative Healing Arts program. The program, which does not generate revenue for the hospital, introduces cancer patients

# time anyone had thanked them for serving in the war. Arsenic clean-up begins: Employees of the City of Novi Department of Public Works blocked access to transferred acreage of North Novi Park, preparing for the commence-ment of arsenic contamination clean-up efforts. The Sandstone settlement-mandated remediation was estimated at about \$1.3 million to remove arsenic found in the soil from what city offi-cials believe derived from pre-viously applied pesticides. The remediation is required for Sandstone's future intention of the property which is to con-struct single family homes and business development. The city has until July 2003 to finish the land cleating Settlement proceeds received: During the Novi City

Council's July 15 meeting Novi City Attorney Gerald Fisher announced it appeared the city would be finalizing paperwork to prevent the sale of an additional 20 acres of North Novi Park as part of the settlement. The settlement agreement. The paperwork authorized the city receive \$7.75 million from the city's current and former insurance carrier to pay Sandstone. "It's a major step to save the land," Fisher said.

Ash Trees decline: During the month of July, Novi Forester Steve Printz announced the city's Ash tree population was being attacked by an Asian Emerald Ash Borer. Printz compared the ash decline to the Dutch clm disease epi-demic in the 1950s and 60s, Printz said the impact to the city would be significant for wildlife and economic values. Contributing to the outbreak

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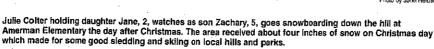
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### Commission decides to wait on Seely Sanctuary

# By Phil Foley STAFF WRITER

Rather than risk a no vote from the Novi Planning Commission that would have killed plans for a new house of worship, Khanh Pham, a manag-er with West Bloomfield's Singh Development Company, opted to try again another day. Commission members voted

unanimously to table the Singh's request for preliminary site plan approval, along with wetland, woodland and special land use

ermits for the Seely Sanctuary's 9.659-acre site on 13 Mile Road between M5 and Meadowbrook Road after Phan asked for "more time to come back with a more sensitive plan.

It was a decision that will likely cost the members of the Seely Sanctuary 60 days of the company construction season.

Commission members focused heavily on a proposed 7,200-square-foot administra-tion building that the Indian religious community has no imme-diate plans to build. "There's only so much money for con-struction." Phan explained. He said the Sanctuary, which is a predominantly Indian uni-

tarian-like religious community with elements of Hinduism and Buddism, wants to build a 29,000-square-foot house of

worship with seating for 800 people. Pharn said the community's plans call for the eventual construction of an administra-tion building with classrooms on the western edge of their site.

Commission chairman Antonia Nagy complained there were "too many variances for me to support this."

Pham countered that the variance and waiver requests in seely Sanctuary's application were the result of trying to accommodate planning staff's wishes or the result of earlier planning commission actions. He noted, for example, that the locations of earlier church and subdivision entrances approved north by city planners on the north side of 13 Mile Road made it impossible to meet the city's 400-foot spacing requirement for opposite side driveways.

Commissioner Tim Shrover Commissioner inn Shroyer said he though the design for the sanctuary was "great" but he was concerned about plans that show parking in front of the facility, which is prohibited by city code. Pham noted there is parking in front of the nearby Brightmoor Church. Several commission members

Several commission members said they were concerned about increased traffic impacts, but just two weeks earlier the comnission voted to approve pre-liminary plans for 60-acres resi-dential behind Brightmoor. Following the commission meeting, Pham said he was "frustrated."

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wide variety of programs ranging from art and ceramics to yoga and massage to classes that focus on the mind and the soul, all aimed at helping a patient deal with cancer in ways beyond those of traditional Western medicine.

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The program was the creation of Dr. William McLaughlin eight years ago. He built the program on what's called the "right brain/left brain/soul brain model," which attempts to pull together the rational, creative and spiritual aspects of an individual's person-ality to fight illness.

To volunteer to sponsor an aspect of the charity auction call Champion at (248) 349-3743 or Patterson at (248) 705-6013

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# **Deputy recovering from injuries**

### By Erin Johnson

of a home and began removing the family's wrapped Christmas An Oakland County Sheriff's gifts.

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seed two men kick in the door f a home and began removing the family's wrapped Christmas the deputy sustained injuries to his leg and head but still managed to arrest the driver of the vehicle. The deputy is still recovering to arrest the driver of the vehicle. An Oakland County Sherill's gills. Io arrest the driver of the venuele. The second suspect field the scene but was found and arrested by said. When the deputy arrived the but was found and arrested by police shortly hereafter. When the deputy arrived the but was not defined to ensure the driver is still in the but was not defined to ensure the driver is still in the area of dfile. Having one less officer puts a

the line of duty as he attempted to apprehend two would-be Christmas burglars. Det. Greg Moore, with the Det. Greg Moore, with the OCSD substation in Commerce Township, said the deputy was the invasion taking place in the home park. Moore said several neighbors called the police when they wit-

# **GEB wins Walled Lake display contest**

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Developmen Authority. Awards will be presented at the next Walled Lake City Council meeting, scheduled for January 7 at 8 p.m. in the Walled City Council Chambers. the scene were a Detroit man was gunned down in

# ing a reward for information leading to the gunman's

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### Story Time notes

Winter Story Times begin January 13. Please call the library Saturday, January 11, from 11 a.n.during the week of January 6 for noon. We'll be discussing "The Cay" by Theodore Taylor, snacking on goodies, and playing games. Dropinformation on the day and time of your child's session.

Adult book discussion group

Board meeting Our January selection is "A The Novi Library Board of Wrinkle in Time" by Madeleine L'Engle. The group meets Monday, L'Engle. The group meets Monday. Directors meets Monday, January account on Wednesday, Jan. 15, January 6, at 7 p.m. in the library 13, at 7 p.m. in the library meeting from 1-3 p.m. This class includes

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room. Community members are interactive discussion and hands-on velcome to attend. practice. Suggested prerequisite "Mastering the Mouse for Seniors. Seniors intro to the Internet Learn the basics of the Internet in a relaxed, supportive environment on Wednesday, Jan. 8, from 1-3 p.m.

nology, and searching techniques. A question-and-answer period and hands-on practice are included.

Senior booklovers are reading "Ice Bound" by Jeri Nielsen for their J January meeting. The group meets in the library meeting room on More Internet for seniors Thursday, January 9, at noon.

Goodline said he's hoping the reward offered by Barnes' employer will lead investigators to his killer. Anyone with any information continued from front was more than three-quarters of

Anyone with any information about the Barnes killing can call the Wixom Police Tip-Line at (248) 624-0884 or the detec-tivels office at the Wixom Police investigators have been able to establish that Barnes was shot Department at (248) 624-0883.

between 9:50 - (557 pm, "this is not an easy investigation." *Phil Foley is a staff writer for D* the Novi News. He can be a wrounding 'Porest' City' Technologies are closed at night.

Kim Capelio on July 30 in 52-1 District Court, the alleged decline of the Main Street area and the recent public auction pertaining to portions of the development have left his clients questioning if their payments are being scored on when City of Novi

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continued from front payments are being spent on what is legally required, in the most recent document filed in court, tenants said the development was was the fact so many ash trees were planted in Novi, including in such poor condition they won-dered if their maintenance fees many on neighborhood streets, which were chopped down. were being spent correctly.

Water Restriction: A water Vitter Restriction in which residents by the Detroit Water and Sewerage Department, limiting Sewerage Department, limiting Sunday, July 28 was deemed a success by event organizers. "Taking it to the Streets" was the outside water use to an odd-even schedule until further notice. Along with Detroit's restriction, city officials added their own city officials added their own restricts as well. City officials ask all resident to avoid using any outside water sources from 4:30 was helf in the city's damual event was helf in the city's downtown was held in the city's downtown to 9:30 a.m. and 4:40 to 9:30 p.m. area on Main and Market streets Thousands of people packed the everyday. festival events, ranging from a

Wandering Lion: On the morning of July 19, former Detroit Lion's defenseman this year's event included a chil-Detroit Lion's defenseman Atonzo Spellman was noticed walking southbound on Interstate will be even bigger and better walking southbound on Interstate 275 north of Eight Mile Road pulling his luggage behind him,

e was later spotted at the corner August of Haggerty Road and Grand River Avenue in Novi appearing very despondent. Witnesses at the scene said Spellman said he was

Contractor appointed: Novi City officials announced a new contractor had been chosen to fin-ish the Novi Fire Station No. 4 walking to Las Vegas to escape being caught by recording artist Janet Jackson. After hours of and Training Center project left walking back and forth and being observed by police, the former hanging in limbo after Greystone Construction defaulted on its con-tract earlier in the year. The new defenseman entered the vehicle of a passerby and left the Novi contractor, Project Control Systems, Inc., had already deliv-

ered construction documents to Bike path: Members of the Novi City Coincil gave their approvals in July, progressing the ect close to the goal of comple-tion. City officials estimated the eight-foot, non-motorized path-way planned to stretch along the signed with the city. The firm organized all issues involved with way planned to stretch along the south side of Nine Mile Road between Novi Road and Chase Farms, subdivision would cost about \$437,500 with \$128,000 coming from the Transportation

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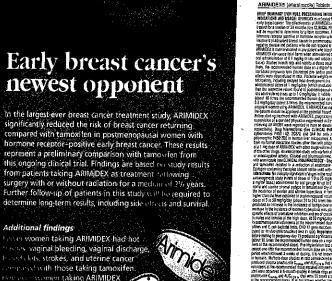
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Congressman Joe Knollenberg (R) speaks to unity luncheon party held at Novi's

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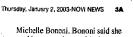


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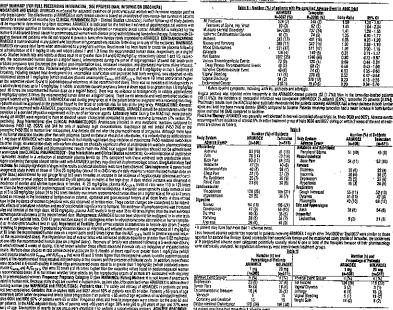
could not go along with the vote because it was essentially break-ing a city ordinance.

### September

Sept. 11: One year after the day the world stood still, many in The City of Novi stepped back and paused, thinking of how the tragic events of Sept. 11, 2001 impacted their lives. Area residents spent the horrific anniversary and grouped together in churches and meeting spaces to collectively mourn. City officials said they were still feeling the effects of the 2001 tragedy and explained the city had changed in many ways as a result. Increased training by police and fire, new city polices and extra security measures in public meeting places were some of the changes the city saw one turn later. year later.

Fall for Novi: The City of lovi's first-ever fall event was a huge hit, bringing about 600 people to the city's Civic Center Area on Sept. 7. Attendees at the five-hour "Fall for Novi" festival enjoyed some fun and jumper right into the learning experience. the event offered. Many interest ing activities took place, includ-ing mini-workshops on home owning topics, informational booths headed by city officials, Novi Police Department Open House, Fall Perennial Flower Exchange, The Fuerst Farm Clean-Up and the Household Hazardous Waste Disposal Collection.

No park land: During the city's Sept. 23 city council meet-ing, members postponed for an undermined amount of time a recommendation by Novi's administration to assign city acreage as park land. The planning commis-sion recommended turning about 25-acres of city-owned land into





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# a mile away from Pontiac Trail. which has led investigators to believe that Barnes' killer 'was already there or followed him in,' said Goodline. Goodline said that although

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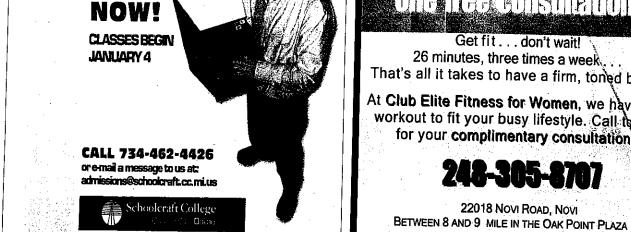
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attended the ceremony and placed his return date on the POW-MIA during the evening event. The Friday evening honorable oceasion was presented by The Prisoner of War Committee of

Farm fun: Despite some late afternoon showers, the Fifth-Annual Foerst Farm Family Day celebration went off without a nitch. Familiar faces returned to the Sept. 22 event, including Roy Prentice along with his horse-drawn wagoo and Margaret Schmidt, AKA the "Farm Lady," vith her goats, turkeys and geese. More than 150 attendees enjoyed the special guests along with sev-eral hours of live music, games ind activities and tasty treats like ice cream and kettle corn. The

annual event is held each year to bring awareness and share in the fun of the city's 10 Mile and Taft roads historical site. Management team praised: Ice Arena's management firm, Suburban Hockey, received high praise and a new contract ting its ability to take the

owned facility out of the red. Chief Operating Officer Craig Klaver said after reviewing monthly financial reports sub-Suburban Hockey, it is clear the ice arena has made significant strides in improving the operations and profitability of the arena. Klaver credited Anastos h increasing the fiscal year 2002 gross revenues by 9.3 percent while reducing operating expenses and the arena's debi-owed to the city's general fund. Anastos and his team was asked to stay on as manager of the cityowned arena for three more years.

Bridge repair questioned: An Oct. I gubernatorial veto of \$24 million in federal funds directed at the Critical Bridge Program temporarily left the fate of the city's Grand River Avenue Bridge reconstruction project in question. Lorenzo, along with Novi City The city was notified that feds Manager Richard Helwig, may have extinguished funds ear-emphatically denied the decision marked for the reconstruction of the bridne mark CRV entitiend. the bridge over the CSX railroad city's 2002 Neighborhood to the arcrist ity learned that because it was dents were under the impression promised the funds such a long on spots of the road needed fix- Ninety-nine percent of voters par time ago, it would not be cut out of the state funding.

Safety first: Novi Police Chief Douglas Shaeffer announced about 20 of the city's Ford Crown Victoria patrol vehicles would receive a new safety kit supplied at no cost by Ford Motor Company in response to allegations the police cruisers explode when rear-ended at high rates of speed. The patrol vehicles had received other modifications as a preventative measure a few ths ago. Shaeffer said the to go ahead with the first round of repairs was to take a proactive stance toward keeping the city's officers safe by elimiof vehicle nating any question of vehicle safety. On Oct. 3, the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration closed a 10-month investigation into Ford's Crown ria after finding no defects Frosty Fun which could be linked to fires caused by defective gas tanks Numerous lawsuits had been filed against the automaker after the rear-end fiery crashes took the lives of at least 12 officers with eight of the fatalities happening in

including the construction of Mallot Drive. The controversy Novi's policy not to conduct spot surrounding the 4-to-2 decision, reparing; the city only goes from violat actuation to 20. circled around including the 20foot-wide new roadway, stretch-ing from Meadowbrook Road,

More road improvements: At with of Ten Mile, to the proposed the end of October, city officials announced improvements will be made to the intersection of 10 42-lot, single family home subdimade to the on of 10 Mile and Beck roads. The crossroads will be reconfigured this construction season to include : paved, dedicated right-turn lane from westbound 10 Mile Road to northbound Beck Road. Along with the added turn lane, official said the traffic signal will be upgraded utilizing SCATS technology for timing signals based Reopens: on actual traffic volume.

Travelers hampered by the closing of the intersection at 12 Mile and Novi roads breathed a sigh of November

relief as the heavily-traveled intersection was opened to the public Oct. 17. Detoured drivers than half of the total vote, Novi DeRoche wins: With more City Councilman and Republican Craig DeRoche won the 38th were pleased the project was not only done, but done on time, and were enjoying the now five-lanes-District State Representative Race on Nov. 5, beating Democratic challenger Linda Premo. The night of the election, the newlyin-all-directions crossroads. The an-ancertons crossroads. The \$1.8 million intersection project servicing much of the city's shop-ping, including 12 Oaks Mall and Fountain Walk, closed Sept. 16. The section of 12 Mile Road east elected state official promised he will give his constituents more support at the state level and said he aspires to serve on the state's of Novi Road to Meadowbrook Road remains under construction transportation committee to make and will be completed in spring 2003. tartistic consultation construction of the state follows through on projects already approved for the projects already approved for the district. The city councilman will

Review center questioned: Members of the Novi City Council turned their questions take the place of current State Rep. Nancy Cassis (R-Novi). Cassis crushes: Republican toward city management mid

Cassis crushes: Republican, Novi resident and current State Rep. Nancy Cassis cruised her way to victory Nov. 5, becoming State Senator of the newly-aligned District 15. With 99 per-cent of the precincts reporting, Cassis source to a 22,000-vote advantume to compute du 5tb die October, wondering if the city's plan review center was perform-ing where it should be roughly 10 months after opening. The center originated by Novi City Manager Richard Helwig was created with the intention of placing the responsibility of reviewing develadvantage to capture the 15th district seat over Democratic chal-lenger Sean Carlson of Commerce Township. opers' site plans with city employees instead of city-retained con-tractors. Some members of coun-cil were concerned with the cenrepresentatives will be heading for Lansing. Craig DeRoche will represent the 38th District as State Rep. and Nancy Cassis will repre-sent the 15th District as State ter's backlog of projects and ques-M-5 Opens: Nov. 1 marked the

tioned if the center was generat-ing anticipated revenue. Other completion of the Haggerty Road connector between 14 Mile Road ontroversies centered around hirin Novi and Walled Lake and ing new employees for the center. Pontiac Trail in West Bloomfield Council questioned if the expen-Township. The fall date was espediture was warranted, frustrating some employees who felt without cially important because it also signified the completion of the M-sonnector project. M-5 is a lim-ited-access boulevard from Interstate 96, Interstate 696 and Interstate 275 interchange in Exemption Utility to David Term the proper amount of employees it may be impossible to catch up on their workload. Novi Assistan City Manager Clay Pearson said the center is still in transition, but Farmington Hills to Pontiac Trail making a lot of progress.

in West Bloomfield. The connec-tor was designed to move traffic quickly and efficiently. Galway Drive: During the month of October, some fesidents living on Galway Drives ques-tioned if the only reason their (198 1 off off managerst Novi dee Arenals, unangement team announced the biring of two new assistant managers. Todd Steinmetz and Julee Erskine were street was repayed during 2002 was because Novi City Councilwoman Laura Lorenzo lived on the drive off Taft Road. hired by Suburban Management

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to aide with the city-owned arena's operations. Both hirecs dents did not vote in the primary, Cornelius vowed during her Aug. 26 performance review she would provide a tremendous amount of skating and academic experience make it her priority to bring more city voters to the poles. tracks. Čity officials, along with help from State Rep. Nancy Cassis (R-Novi) and Sen. Bill Bullard (R-Highland), worked included in the program were the International Fest: The City of Novi hosted its annual International Festival at Novi Middle School the evening of Nov. 21 with great success. Area received the city's popular vote.



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### Tallying the results

Senator.

High turnout: Only a little

priority to bring more Novi voters to the polls, Novi City Clerk Maryanne Cornelius has done just

that. Out of the city's 30,428 reg-

istered voters, 16,556 flexed their

voting voters muscles, resulting in a 54-percent City of Novi voter

turnout in the Nov. 5 general elec-

tion. Cornelius said the city's

turnout was even higher than Oakland County's overall turnout of 51 percent. Cornelius said the

turnout was much better than

what normally occurs during a

midterm election. In August, after

realizing about 23,000 Novi resi-

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Novi City Clerk Maryanne Cornelius demonstrates how the city gathers its 19 precinct voting results with its Automated Election Returns computer program. This past election 16, 500 votes were cast in the city of Novi.

icipating in the Nov. election culture of Columbia, France, cil meeting. An approved 5-perchose gubernatorial candidate Dick Posthamus over elected Dick Posthamus over elected Scotland, Taiwan, United States er's annual salary to \$109,725 and Dick Posthamus over elected Dick Posthamus over elected Jennifer Granholm. Although not every resident voted, those who informational displays, an enter-Jennifer Granholm. Although not every resident voted, those who did voted in every race. In fact, the city clerk's up to \$74,723 a year. Both increases were retroactainment portion of the evening tive to the start of the city's fisca wowed guests. Performances b the gubernatorial race received year, beginning July 1. Both city employees had been waiting to the highest voter turnout. And in a the city's fourth graders and event Novi first, two Novi residents and current/former Novi City Council volunteers performed cultural receive their raises since receiving songs and dances. positive performance reviews i the summer

City and school at odds: After repeatedly urging members of the city council to behave in the "spir-Expo design approved: Members of the Novi City it of cooperation," Novi Mayor Council approved a recently Richard Clark was unsuccessful in revamped design of the new Novi his Nov. 12 urgings to lease land Expo Center during its Nov. 14 High turnout: Only a little to the city's school district at no meeting. The approval gave Novi more than two months after cost. During the meeting, mem-generating she would make it her bers were asked to vote on a recere. Bowman the long-awaited siteation facilities agreement between the Novi Community School with his plans to relocate the District and Novi, allowing the existing Novi Road business to the Grand River Avenue and Taft schools to use 49.37 acres of the city's Powers Park for recreational facilities. The agenda item became Road area, Bowman said he emotional after some members of believed council approved the council tried to approach the issue as a business deal. Other mem-bers, along with Superintendent of revamped design, addition of a circul of a circular drive with bers, along with Superintendent of Novi Schools Dr. Emmett Lippee, covered main, entrance, because the plan strikes the delicate balwere upset with talks about money ance of accommodating commu exchanges after the district has nity concern, economic feasibility proved so much to the city at no and appearance considerations, charge as far as lendin Catching up: Two months space for city-sponsored activities

after receiving heavy solution, the city's plan review center opened its doors to the community during During the meeting, Lippee asked the council, "why would you treat us this way when we treated you so good for so many years?" The ors to the community during so good for so many years?" a Nov. 20 open house to show scuttlebutt was later cleared up improvements are underway, late in December when the deal Some of the noticeable char was approved without charging included the

Officials receive raises; Novi City Manager Richard Helwig and city clerk Maryanne Cornelius received salary increas-es during the city at residents representing II coun-tries participated in the event, sharing with attendees the rich

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# December

Citv of Novi Audit reveals strengths: Along with a fiscally sound nod, the city received high praise for the word active thigh praise for the work of its finance department continued from S as part of Novi's 2002 year-end performance report. In a rare occurrence, auditors from Plante than 25 days, but also reduced the number of site plans submitted multiple times for approval. City Planner Barbara McBeth said & Moran PLLC found no inconencies or deficiencies with the ity's financial records. Auditors enter employees are also placing lot of focus on preapplication said normally, 10 to 15 small changes are found that need to be made to a municipality's books. meetings, bringing all disciplines together with the applicants Other trends resulting from the Iting in better cor audit report include a second-year showing as Oakland County's sixth lowest community when resubmittals. City officials said the planning, engineer-ing, traffic, fire and facade ranked according to 2002 municiews are all caught up and it is pal tax rates. Auditors said Novi only the landscape and woodlands has maintained an approximate 10.5 mills rate primarily because departments that are behind.

of the city's high taxable value per Philanthropic spending: The capita and a solid base of com-City of Novi announces how it would be allocating its 2003 mercial and industrial customers, Another trend includes Novi's property taxes, police and fire and millage transfer as the city's gen-tering in sources of the source of the source of the source of the commerce, Anoticit has already, property taxes, police and fire and millage transfer as the city's gen-tering his time in Lansing to Community Development Block Grant, placing the focus on city services including fighting famiservices including fighting fami-ly violence. HAVEN, an organieral fund main sources of revenue. get a jump on his duties abead Anuzis, 42, said the decision to ation dedicated to building a Ringing in the Holidays; violence-free community one

Kinging in the Holidays accept Dericone.source was and Despite the freezing temperature, more than 2,000 area residents gathered in Novi's downtown to ring in the holidays with a shiver of a realing. The Des S anart Despite area for the Red Wings, right?" The participation of the S anart family at a time, will receive \$12,000; \$9,000 will be paid to the manager of the city's senior center, \$6,000 to Novi Youth ring in the holidays with a shiver and a smile. The Dec, 5 event titled "Ringing in the Holidays" Assistance; \$20,000 to the Senior Van Program; and \$62,749 to Novi's Minor Home Repair featured new additions such as an artisans market, horse and car-riage rides, Santa's workshop and Program for qualifying residen tial home repairs electric-light parade. the state government and admin Representatives from area restau- istrative duties.



The most wonderful time of the year A float goes down Novi's MainStreet during the holiday parade.

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they saw a suspicious car. A

report by the Oakland County Medical Examiner's office

cuts to her neck. Police said

investigations indicated the inci-

Workers nab robbers: Or

Tuesday, Nov. 12, two Novi restaurant workers helped bring

River Avenue by the female

arrested of the crime. Strangely

enough, after the robber occurred, the female came into after the robbery

Golematis' restaurant to use the

phone to call a cab. Waitress

Lindsay Latka noticed the woman jumped out of her seat when Golematis started telling

cessful in getting away as the two workers tracked her down and

Murder-suicide: A confronta

Henley was fired from his job

about one hour before returning to the office with .22 caliber

Chief Douglas Shaeffer said the

scene could have been even more

tragic, as Henley had a couple of

wanted to kill, but they were not

in the trailer at the time he

omatic rifle. Novi Police

about one hour before retu

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Landscape

notified police.

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dent was a suicide and not

Medical Examiner's revealed Smith died from

homicide

drug to the young man

traffic, crashing into a garbage truck, police said. Sandra Jean Marzen, 41, was pronounced dead a the scene. Police said alcohol was not a factor in the Arson: Novi police speculate arson is the cause of an Oct. 20, 6 a.m. fire inside a mobile home accident occu ing on Novi Road ust south of 10 Mile Road near Arena Drive. Witnesses had located at 30060 Montmorency Drive. City of Novi Detective Sgt. David Molloy said it is believed unknown suspects called the police station prior to the accident reporting Marzen's erratic driving as she approached the scene of the crash. According intentionally started the fire to Marzen storiving record, the wontan had sight automobile accidents in the past seven years. inside the Chateau Novi Mobile Home Park, north of 13 Mile and

October

east of Novi roads. City of Novi Fire Chief Arthur Lenaghan said of the fire and no one was injured putting out the flames. The home was completely destroyed. Open House: The Novi Fire Department hosted its annual fire

Thieves nabbed: Four males safety open house without a hitch Oct. 5. The daytime event at Fire wanted for allegedly stealing items from automobiles parked in city subdivisions were caught Station No. 1 on Grand Rive Avenue, provided residents from all around town a fun and educaand arrested by The Novi Police tional time. The theme of the Department, Four males, three 2002 event was "Team Up for Fire Safety" and featured free adults and one juvenile, were taken into custody on Oct. 23 smoke detectors to qualifying after entering several unlocked the bank robbery story. The residents, fire-safety educatio vehicles around 1 a.m. in the area woman ran out, but was not sucand plenty of fun activities for of 10 Mile between Meadowbrook and Novi roads, police said. The arrested individ-Unauthorized drugs: Early in

uals admitted to prior larcenies happening in the Meadowbrook Glens Subdivision between 9 tional employee of a Novi busi-ness killed his supervisor and p.m. Oct. 15 and 7 a.m. Oct. 16 on a number of Novi streets. then turned the gun he was carry ing on himself shortly after be Many of the items taken from the fired from his job. Police said on Nov. 21 at about 4 p.m., unlocked cars included a televi sion, credit cards, cash compact discs, cellular phones, a laptop ValleyCrest Management employee Michael Henley walked into the Trans X computer, paim pilot, briefcases sunglasses and personal checks. Drive trailer office and shot 24 year-old Bryan Bowden of November Andison Heights before killing himself with a single gunshot wound to the head, Police said

Valley Hospital shortly after he was admitted. The investigation was referred to the Oakland cide in a public place in a sixmonth period occurred on Nov. 8 when the body of a Northville woman was found dead in the city's Community Sports Park, police said. Valerie Smith, 37, was found in her vehicle at about 10:40 a.m. in the park located at Eight Mile and Napier roads by police after they received a 911 call from two walkers stating walkers stating

the day on Oct. 15, a Novi High School student was transported to the hospital by ambulance after a school worker noticed the student was acting very lethargic. A preliminary investigation con ducted by the Novi Polic nent indicated the male Park suicide: Novi's third sui



rants including Buffalo Wild Wings, Red Lobster and Cottage

streets passing out samples c

their specialties to long lines of

hungry attendees. Keeping warm inside the Main Street atrium

were revelers enjoying an arts and crafts fair, Girl Scouts bake sale

DeRoche announces aide

Near the close of the year, 38th District State Rep.-Elect Craig

DeRoche announced long-time

lican Andy Anuzis will take the reins as his legislative aide when

the current city councilman is

sworn into office at the begin

ning of the new year. Known mostly for chairing the Livingston County Republican

Party and serving as the execu-

tive director of issue advocacy

Anuzis, 42, said the decision to accept DeRoche's offer was an

Dearborn graduate will balance

the duties of aiding with the

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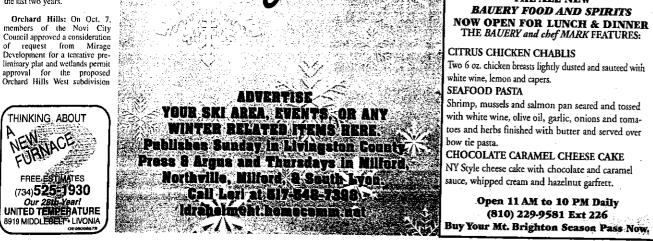
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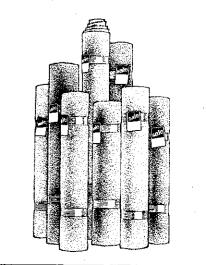
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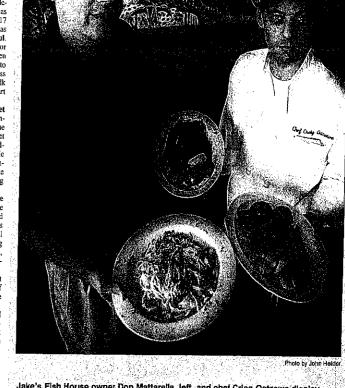


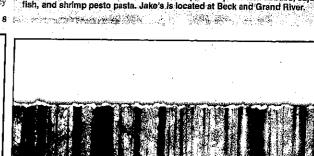


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Business	Not even an Evian salesman in the Sahara could have rustled up a crowd as large as the one waiting	a teen fashions, SCA Schucker, a Germa			
July	to enter the new Apple store when it opened its doors Aug. 31. More than 500 people waited in a	<ul> <li>manufacturer of adhesive equip</li> <li>ment for the auto industry, doi</li> </ul>			
Mid July, plans for Nov	long into the state	A year after nine tenants (	f Sandara and a state		
newest shopping developm were well underway. Found	ent corridor of Twelve Oaks Mall to	oper for maintenance fees, th	e <b>e se se</b>	A MANNAR	
Walk, a 735,000-satement	out ping center even opened. At the	complex was still embroiled i		1150-100-	
development spanning 77 ac located at 12 Mile and Donels	SOD COmputer store offering many	controversy, the several tenant	s second second second second	actives and Will	
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tainment venues, restaurants a night spots to create a one-st	ind store in Michigan	Many retailers in the complet			an a
shop for consumers' needs. Son of the establishments open no	me	were buoyed by the appointmen of Southfield attorney Joe Sirli			
include Emagine Theatre, Van Skate Park, Cost Plus Wor	n's	in July during foreclosure pro ceedings against against develop		CALL NO. N.	1. 18: 20.
<ul> <li>Market, Buffalo Wild Wings Gr</li> </ul>	rill family-owned Art Van Furniture	er Jim Chen's Evergreen III, "The appointment of a receiver is the			
and Bar, Great Indoors, Chuck Cheese's, Galyan's, Casu	al Scott Shuntrine store along with	best thing to happen to that proj- ect in four, five years," declared			
Corner Annex and Gjeto's Sala and Spa. Atrivals spon to one	on the other two Shuptrine outlets in	Kim Capello, a local attorney rep	- 14. A	and the second second	
include The Bamboo Clu Marguarita Mamas and Puttin	b, said the 40 employees in Novi had	resenting several business at odds with Chen's company.			
Edge, a glow-in-the-dark go land,	olf Van,	Business people in the 12 Mile Novi Road area were tickled as		A sol 38 to	
	Several Novi and Wixom area firms were among the more than	the intersection reopened Oct. 17 after being closed for a month as			Manus
	200 exhibitors at the Fall Remodeling Show at the Novi	part of a \$1.8 million overhaul, The Road Commission for			
	Expo Center, Oct. 11-13. Providence Hospital and	Oakland County plans to widen 12 Mile from Novi Road cast to			A la
	Medical Centers' parent entity, St.	Meadowbrook, improving access			
	John Health, rolled out a new logo in early October. The new logo	to 12 Oaks Mail, Fountain Walk and other retail areas in that part			
	featured praying hands that also form a dove in flight, both potent	of the city. Novi developer. Bennet			
	symbols for the Catholic health care ministry.	Donaldson told planning com- mission members Oct. 17 that he			
	The Oakland County Commission agreed to back tax-	couldn't part with 175 square feet			Chry Carly C
Photo by John Heider	free bonds to help move Detroit	on plans for a medical arts build- ing at Haggerty and 14 Mile			
Jeff Grosso, a skate-	Catholic Central High School from Redford to a 60-acre site on	Road. Seven of the planning com- mission's members opted for the			AL DE ASS
boarding pro from Costa Mesa, California	Wixom Road, south of Grand River. When the school opens in	nothing side of the all-or-nothing proposition.			a series d
tries out Van's Skate	August 2005, it will bring a staff of 100 and a student body of more	Novi Chamber of Commerce members wrestled over possible		and the second sec	Consent.
Park's pool area.	than 1,000.	changes to its bylaws that would have put more power in the hands			
August	informational pickets at the	of its board of directors. Several		ACT ACT AND A	
Huyusi	Oct. 4, claiming the center's man-	chamber members, including incoming chairman Lou Martin,		A. 1. 7. 7. 7. 7. 7. 7. 7. 7. 7. 7. 7. 7. 7.	a 4- A
Jake's Fish House in Novi	While union members claimed	argued the changes were unneces- sary.		Carlos IN I. N	
produced a huge splash in the sea of local cateries when restaurant	impact, center managers said it	Scott Pritcher, 47, a prominent local Realtor with Remax of			
owners opened the doors spilling fresh fish and seafood into the	did not.	Novi, died Oct. 25 in a three-care crash in Farmington Hills.			
city. The Grand River Avenue and Beck road eatery offers something	haute cuisine to Novi's chic, Too	The restaurant staff at Local			
very unique - the finest fresh fish and seafood is delivered to the	<ol><li>citing traffic congestion and a</li></ol>	Color, Novi's hometown brew- ery, brought home a gold medal			
restaurant everyday before being	Citing everything from traffic	from the Gordon Food Service trade show in Fort Wayne, Ind.,			
prepared by the eatery's experi chef. The restaurant owner also	als, Novi's planning commission	Oct. 12-13. Underwriters Laboratories			Photo by John
boasts at Jake's Fish House you may have your meal prepared	Expo Center's plans for a new	ended the month by inviting the business community in to see its	Jake's Fich House ou	net Don Mottarella, left, and	chef Criag Ostrowe display
anyway you like. Along with the great food is a pleasurable	318,900-square foot facility near	shiny new automotive electronics testing laboratory on Regency	some of their Novi res	taurant's fare: Shrimn, scal	ion and fish kehabs calun u
<ul> <li>ambiance and the choice from a full bar to compliment any meal.</li> </ul>	and Beck Road. Gina and Paul Wells opened		TISH, and shrimp pest	o pasta. Jake's is located at	Beck and Grand River.
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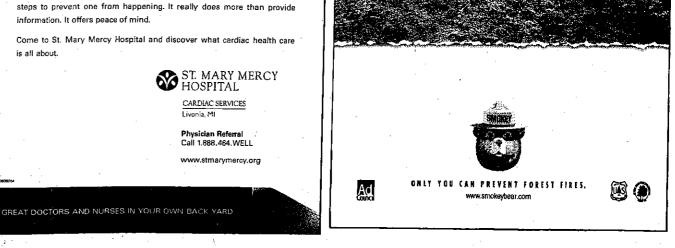
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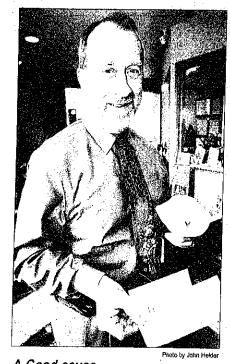
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Drive. Capable for performing L200 tests, the facility was a major expansion of the lab UL burght for the lab UL 1,200 tests, the facility was a major expansion of the lab UL bought from Eaton Industries. November growing membership base. businessman Gjeta "John" Vushaj held a grand opening for the salon and spa carrying his name in the heart of the Fountain Walk development. Saginaw company s pre-use old tires to make helicopter landing pads for the military takes off. If Denlin Corp's proj-ect fles, it could mean \$2,4 mil-to lion in sales for the Wixom firm. Chamber of Seguare foot industrial building, way for Dearborn-On the west side of town, the owners of Livonia-based Harry J. Will Funeral Homes were bet-ting people will be willing to make arrangements for that final purchase on the way from Noti purchase on the way from Novi Chamber of Kroger's to Home Depot. The Commerce members voted firm opened the Harry J. Will Nov. 19 to put off considering Arrangement Center in Novi's any bylaw changes until after its West Market Square at Grand River Avenue and Beck Road. Philadelphia-based Toll Brothers Inc. unveiled its latest product offerine at its Island Philadelphia-based Toll Brothers Inc. unveiled its latest product offering at its Island Lake Development in Novi wanted to make it easier for the modest little lakefront home

Business

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wanted to make it easier for the board of directors to change Novi area businesses geared up for the holidays with Novi Bowl holding a premotion to raise funds for a shelter for bal-tered woman and Joe Williams, a local Realtor, donating 125 turkeys to a Wayne County food with a \$1.3 million sticker price and all the bells and whistles a successful business person could hope for. The firm also offered scaled-down versions starting at \$979,975. David C. Downs was betting turkeys to a Wayne County food bank his laptop-on-steroids design would carn his new company, December

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Department in hand and others month with a champaign recep-showing interest, Downs was tion Dec. 7 at their new hair business in Novi by spring, the state's the state's the state's the state's the state's already thinking of growing the company by almost 10 times that within five years, Changes in the state's Certificate of Need law passed styling salon, Tres Jolie, Dec. Providence Hospital and Medical Center's Novi campus unveiled a new look, and menu, at its Parkside Cafe. Hospital mangers hope to lure in people from careba business units. in the closing days of the legis Only six years after getting a lature paved the way for Providence and two other metro-Detroit hospitals to move new name and a new home, the beds, allowing the construction of new hospitals. Pending the from nearby businesses with a Musu said the 1,300-square-healthy mean that actually foot facility in the McAlughins Shopping Center on Grand Plans by a Novi condominium River Avenue was needed to association to expand their meet the credit union's rapidly dockage on Walled Lake ran governor's signature, it spells the end of a 20-year wait for Novi to get a hospital of its own, Plymouth businesswoman into an iceberg of opposition at the Novi Planning Commission Nov. 20. The commission voted Teresa Harris opened her third Curves For Women health club in Novi Dec. 13.

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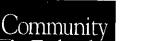
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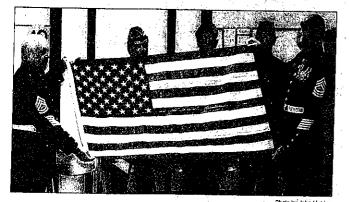


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Pholo by John Heide Patriotic education Marine Corps Master Sergeant Paul Kopjoe, right, and Gunnery Sgt. Michael Rapp, both of the Northwest Detachment 162 of the Marine Corpos League, pres-ent an American Flag to Novi's village oaks during a Veteran's Day assembly.

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V Walled Lake Consolidated Schools custodian filed a lawsuit June 21, claiming that she was racially harassed and discriminated against while administrative staff looked the other way. Susie Smith, a White Lake Township resident, is bringing a Catholic Central's board expects to cause of action against the people she worked with for both negligence to break ground on the school's new home in June 2003 and will be open cause of action against the peopleshe worked with for both negligence

and intentional infliction o for classes in August 2005. ional distress, concert of action and civil conspiracy According to court documents, the Novi Sch Smith, who is African American, clains her superiors and fellow cus-On September On September 27, the safe of todians continually made derogato-bonds to refund the callable portion ry racial remarks while she was of the 1995 bonds was completed. The results of the sale proved beneuployed at Walled Lake Central School Wixom ficial to the district with a total savand lementary. She alleges that the ings of \$1.474 million, the resoluhardsment started as soon as she began employment at Walled Lake Control in Constant to the Sept. Central in October 1997 resolution adopted by the board authorizing the superintendent to

Annie Braine, a student at execute the transaction. Oakland Schools Technical Campu Southwest in Wixont and Northville High School, won ninth place in the The unofficial enrollment num-ber for the Novi Consolidated School District in the 2002-03 lealth Occupations Students of America (HOSA) national competischool year is 5,960, an increase o 64 students from 5,896 in the 2001tion June 24-30 in Anaheim, Calif Approximately 5,000 health care adents competed in everything 02 school year. Recording to experimentation of the line line of the display to writing on a specific health care topic. Braine's "From ration to Inspiration" speech over judges. She had to memo-Aspiration to issue they look at is usually the school system and Novi has a good one, so rize facts about the student health club as well as memorize her entire school district is funded by the state speech without note cards. also is receiving more money this

Students from Novi's Deerfield Walled Lake Northern High Elementary School celebrated the apple on Sept. 26. The apples served as a teaching tool for 250 School opened its doors to students for the first time on Aug. 21 to some kindergarten through fourth grade very good reviews. The 350,000 foot building was designed students from the Tree House and o be state of the art for approxi-Green House sections of the school. mately 750 ninth and 10h grade students who are pioneers to the school, which is on 83 acres off of participating in activities that of-lized math and science skills, the school, which is on 83 acres off of school, which is on 83 acres off of Bogie Lake Road in Commerce created corresponding graphs; comlownship, pared the weight of the apples to

### October

Cutholic Central High School liquid by putting apples through a cider press,

closer to moving from its temporary October home in Redford to its permanar home in Novi when the Oakland Members of the Novi Police County Commission approved issu-Department began an investigation to find out exactly how a Novi High ing tax-free bonds to help move the 74-year-old school from Wayne School student obtained a form of animal tranquilizer he used to get solve her problem. Fr. Richard J. Elmer, CSB. high The department was notified Catholic Central's president, said Frank and Colleen Pellerito donated early in the day on October 15 that one of the students had possibly injected the drug that day. Police 60 acres of Wixom Road between Grand River and the Island Lake development to the Basilian Fathers

later identified the tranquilizer as for a high school to house between 1,000 and 1,100 boys. He said Acipromezine Novi Chief of Police Douglas Schaeffer said it was not believed that the boy used the drug as a suicide attempt, but rather for recreational drug use. It is believed the tranquilizer is commonly associated By merely passing a resolution, he Novi School District saved \$1.4 with horses.

Cartoonist Neal Levin brought I. IGNORE his workshop to Parkview Elementary School on Oct. 10. 2. MOVE AWAY 3. TALK FRIENDLY Students listened to him explain that 4. TALK FIRMLY drawing cartoon characters is not as 5. GET ADULT HELP hard as one would think. He then drew pictures of some of his charac-As part of Orchard Hills ters and took suggestions from the kids as to how to improve them. The

Elementary School's partnership with the Charter House of Novi Senior Center, Becky Hurst's first grade class did some trick-or-treatstudents also got a chance to draw some of their own characters as own characters as ng on October 31, visiting all the Levin teaches cartoon shops to esidents of the charter ho The kids visited the senior center in their Halloween costumes and elementary and middle school children to help them learn basic

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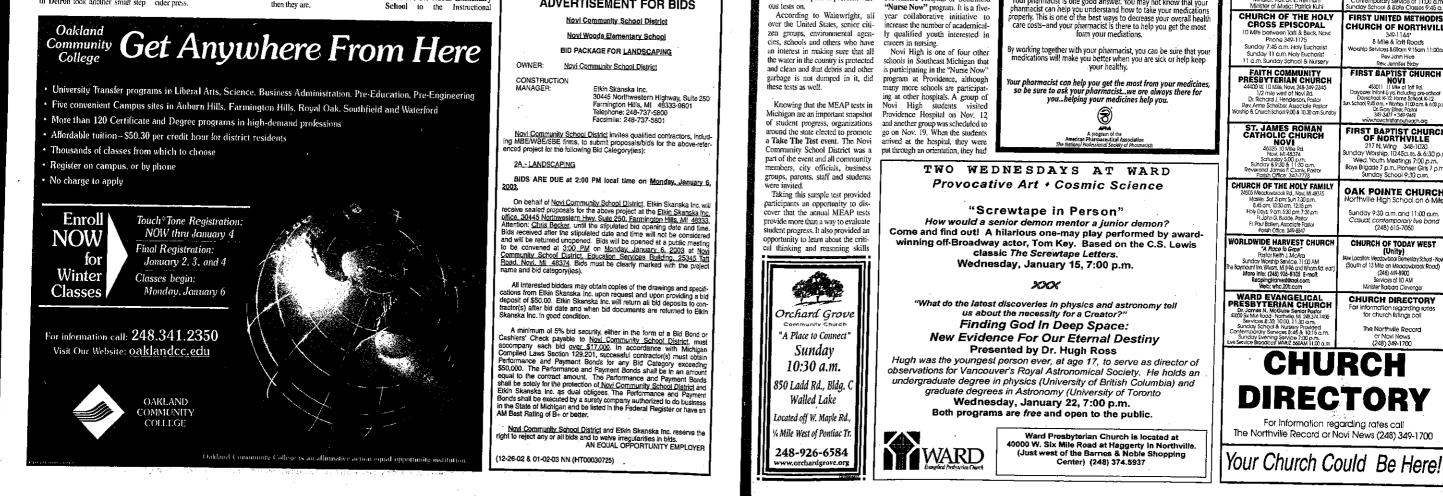
cartoon drawing skills. He has taught over 54,000 students in trick-or-treated with the residents providing the treats from 10 a.m. to approximately 30 school districts il a.m. in metropolitan Detroit since Optometrists Dr. Tim Kirk and his colleague Dr, Amy Adamee

To wrap up a three-week weath-Crissman visited Village Oaks Elementary School on Oct. 17 to er unit at Parkview Elementary School, teachers arranged for WDIV weatherman Paul Gross to demonstrate the dissection of a sheep's eye. make a visit to the school. Some Kirk first talked to the second topics he discussed with the stagraders about how an eye works, showing slides of all the parts that for the number of students it has, so it dents included why there are seasons, how the earth is tilted and how tomados are formed, make up an eye, such as the comea, iris, pupil, lens, retina and the ontio Gross visits as many schools as nerve. He then showed some

illusions and explained how they his schedule allows. In fact, he only stayed at Parkview for an hour because he had another assignment work as well. After a question and answer session, Kirk dissected a sheep's eye The students then broke up i Novi Woods Elementary

groups of five and six and each School's first community service group received its own sheep eye to project this year was to collect Beanie Babies for Sweet Dreamzzz dissect. Students observed as volu teer parents used scalpels to dissec Detroit, a non-profit organization that provides bedtime essentials to at risk children. The school also had One of the main goals that Nov

and the objects in the applies to a tribution. The school also had of apples; determined group favorites and turned a solid into a favorites and turned a solid into a Schools Superintendent Emmett Lippe had at the beginning of the school year was the successful tranwith others who are less fortunate sition of Novi Woods Elementar then they are. to the Instruction



Technology Center and back to "caught" demonstrating their Novi Woods upon completion of the B.E.S.T. behaviors by the teachers Dale Smart, lead presentor for the Organization for Bats Conservation (OBC) made a visit construction project. So far so good. or staff. Whoever is caught gets a blue ticket which is put into a fishnet Construction at the school is constant of the sense of the se o Parkview Elementary School on in the gymnasium. Principal Paul LePlae will then draw out three tick-Oct. 11. He brought along three live bats to educate students about them ets each week and those and to clear the air of some of the uiking for this current school invited to be on the Orchard Hil untrue myths that surround the creayear. The cost of financing the proj-Friday morning television program They will be "hooked" with a fish ect is coming from a \$75 million bond issue which was passed in OBC is a national non-profit pin and given on opportunity to share with their fellow students organization. Its headquarters were just moved to the nature center June 2001. According to Lippe, the additions what they are doing right at Orchard lding at Cranbrook Institute of are eight new classrooms, including Hills four kindergarten classrooms and a new media center. Science. The three bats which were brought to the school were a big brown bat, a vampire bat and a fruit Novi High School's Germa Club, accompanied by the school's International Club, the French Club bat. Smart took each one out of their The third grade classes at cages one hy one and talked about Orchard Hills Elementary School and the Spanish Club, celebrated in Novi got a first-hand experience of a school day in the 1870s as them to the students. He explained October Fest on Oct. 23 after that there are nine species of bats in school. The annual event is trad Michigan and a typical bat can eat part of their social studies unit on tionally celebrated in September in Germany with beer, but according to German and English teacher Nevada Breniser, it made more its weight every day in pioneers. As part of the curriculum ects or fruit. They are important across the district for third grade. each of the four classes spent a in the environment for insect conday at a one-room schoolhouse called Wash Oak School in sense for the high school students to celebrate in October without To kick off Red Rihbon Week, Northville's Mill Race Historical been Village. Wash Oak was built in the teachers of Novi Woods The club usually meets between 1873 and was operational until Elementary School put on a skit for two and three times per month to the students called "Bug Busters," on Oct. 21. Five teachers in the skit celebrate different German cultural Before the actual school day traditions, like October Fest, or to began, the classes were given a detailed tour of all the buildings located in Mill Race by a guide meet and play games or to com with fundraising ideas and all played the roles of students who bullied a sixth teacher, who also played the role of a student. The stutrips dent being picked on went through the five steps of Bug Busters to from the Northville Historical Society. After the tour, the children, November were dressed in nionee who clothes, spent the rest of the day at Wash Oak just as their counterparts The purpose of the Bug Buster Program is to equip children with a series of steps they can use to solve problems when other students are Ten Novi High School seniors and 42 2002 graduates have been named AP scholars by the College Board in recognition of their excepwould have over 130 years ago. "bugging" them. It helps children learn to be assertive and encourages Orchard Hills Elementary School is in the midst of a new program to help students focus in on positive tional achievement on the college self-management. It also helps to define the adult's role as one of the level AP Examinations, Nationally citizenship behaviors, including only about 13 percent of the mo than 840,000 students who took A 'B'e an active listener; 'E'xpect su assisting children after they have attempted to resolve the difficulty cess in all you do; 'S' how respect to Examinations in May, 2002, perothers and 'T'ell the truth. formed at a sufficiently high level to Children were taught that if merit such recognition, Students take AP Examinations The program involves every aspect of the student's day at school. The main strategy includes "Getting Caught," which is when children are someone was "bugging" them, they should use the five steps of the Bug continued on 13



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that are part of the Novi and State breakfast, lunch and another oriencore curriculum. In order to give students at Village Oaks Elementary School a tation as well. Schools The students of the Novi Middle better understanding of what Veterans Day is all about, the Northwest Detachment 162 Marine School Drama Department present-ed "Alice in Wonderland" on continued from 12 Friday and Saturday, Nov. 22-23 Corps League in Northville sent in May after completing college level courses. The College Board The story is about a little girl who seven of its best men out to do a follows a white rabhit of demonstration and to talk to the bit hole and ends up in Wonderland, ecognizes several levels of chievement. At Novi High School, recognizes kids. where she encounters many strange These men are all veterans of characters. All she wants to do is get one student, Eric Liao ('02), quali such wars as Desert Storm, Vietnam and World War II, They showed stufied for the National AP Schola want to miss out on her birthday. Award by earning an average grade of 4 or higher on all AP Exams dents the proper way to unfold and fold up a brand new American Ilag, then presented it as a gift to the school. Principal Mary Goedert Since the start of this school year, ken and grades 4 or higher on first through fourth grade students at Parkview Elementary have been eight or more of these exams accepted it and said it would be Novi High School senior Katie participating in a monthly "oana-ing" day, which was begun as part placed either in the main hall of th Fannon who is on the varsity tennis school or in the new media center. of the school's business partnership Then Paul Kopie, from the Marine Corps, demonstrated how Marines march and said some of the comteam, the marching band and the wind ensemble, in which she plays the French horn, recently found time to partake in a three day, 60mands they do Excited About Reading," It runs for mile walk in New York City to raise a total of six months in money for breast cancer A discussion regarding Novi tions: Sept. 1 through Nov. 30 and non first heard about a similar School's Kindergarten Program Jan. 1 through March 31. Valk from Ann Arbor to Famington Hills held earlier in the spring on a radio advertisment, but district's school board meeting agenda on Nov.7. The report stated Students at the Novi/Northville Montessori Center Inc. in Nov received a lesson in Indian culture wasn't old enough to participate that the committee will provide the at the age of 16. Fortunately for her, board of education with suggested Nov. 15 when the school celebrated options for future kindergarten prothe New York Avon Breast Cancer Diwali, an Indian Festival of Lights gramming. The study group addressed concerns of parent Walk started on her 17th birthday There were many visuals and inter The minimum amount one had to raise to participate was \$1,900, but she ended up raising \$2,040 by active songs that the preschool and groups that have been brought to kindergarten students and parents the attention of the board. alike participated in throughout the working hard over the summer. day. 93.1 percent of Novi High Students at Village Oaks School's class of 2002 grade Neinas Elementary School in Elementary took a virtual trip were college bound this fall. That's through outer space in the just one of many facts revealed in Detroit received some special, just one of many facts revealed in the Novi Community School District's 2001-02 Public handmade gifts from Novi school's gynnasium on Nov. 1. Meadows students on Dec. 6. Novi when instructor/perform Stewart from Mot Meadows students from four class erformer Peter Mobile Ed Information Report issued on Oct, es have made hats for students at Productions brought over a 15-by-35-foot portable, inflatable plane-17. It contains vital information on Neinas and two of the classes made each school in the district, includig scarves to help them out during the tarium to teach the kids about con- a profile for each school, school holiday sease ions, stars and the planets in improvement, goals, staff develop-The kids packed up 600 packment core curricaliam, parent involvment, SAT and ACT results for the high school and MEAP. our solar system. ages for the school, which con-All the kids got in a line and crawled through an inflated tunnel for the results. tained coloring books, sketch pads, crayons hats and most of the class. es collected mittens, scarfs and T-The class of 2002 highlights also shirts. One of the teachers embroylearned the numes of the planets in our solar system in order and some include interesting facts about each one and some of the Greek constellations derd scarves for the first graders One White House Presidential with all their names on them a well ike The Big and Little Dipper and Seven National Merit Scholarship Finalists and eight Orion. DoubleTree Hotel and Deerfield Letters of Commendation • 175 Michigan Competitive Elementary School participated in a schoolwide Great Community in an attempt to promote • 175 Michigan Halloween safety, Doug Scheer Scholarship qualifiers Cookie Giveaway with more than 100 DoubleTree hotels across and his assistant, Jennifer Hoemke 52 valedictorians and 16 salutatorians • 68 students graduating summa <sup>7</sup> - <sup>58</sup> magna cum laude of "Scheer" Genius Productions America, visited Novi Woods Elementary Representatives from the hotel School on October 30 to perform were at Deerfield on Nov. 22 to present 2,002 chocolate chip cookcum laude, 58 magna cum laude and 63 cum laude "The Spooktacular Halloween Show." It is one of 10 shows that • The average ACT Composite was 23.1 and the average SAT was 565 for the verbal section and 602 ies to the St. Vincent and Sarah Scheer and Hoemke perform at ele-mentary schools all over Michigan Fisher Center of Farmington Hills-a center that provides residential treatment, foster care and adoptive services, as well as outreach servicon a regular basis. In the show, Grizelda the Witch, played by Hoemke, never did her for the math section. Lee Bonner's second block stues to teen parents dents at Novi High School built a trench in their classroom in order work and now she cannot fly. More than 200,000 cookies were Thanks to a secret recipe and a giant donated by DoubleTree hotels across the country in similar third grade class community presentacauldron, she is able to stir up a to replicate those built and used in magician, played by Scheer, to World War I by both sides. According to Boaner, the purpose Grizelda learns that success was to give the students a better requires desire, commitment and hard work. Monstrous illusions; understanding of what life was like for a soldier during the first World War and to give the students an audience participation and eeric music set the stage for some magiopportunity to be their own muse-Network, the company that owns ons in goal setting, achieve- um curator. the Novi News, generated a big response from third and fourth rated a big ment and trick-or-treating safely. Parkview Elementary Schoo A William Shakespeare masterdonated clothes and food supplies to the Clothes Closet in Novi, icce, "Macbeth," was performed to the Clothes Closet in Novi, biccated on the grounds of the Holy department for its fall play. Family Church. The project is just of many com projects sponsored by the school's PTO. nity service To celebrate the 30th anniversary the Clean Water Act, Susan Ś Team Up & Talk 

Wainwright's fifth grade class from Forty-five anatomy and physiol-ogy students from Novi High School are participating in the Novi Meadows School visited Brookfarm Park on Oct. 18. The class took water samples from the stream in the park to perform vari-Providence Hospital of Southfield "Nurse Now" program. It is a five-year collaborative initiative to

ous tests or

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Deerfield Elementary School third grade student Emma Walters gets an attentive au Emma Walters gets an attentive audience from principal Richard Njus during Wax Museum where students came to life as historical figures. Walters character was Oliver Wendell Holmes.

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about different disabilit

Donna Hebel, who uses a helpe

dog from Paws with a Cause, mad

a visit to the school with her dog

She demonstrated how Cannot

helps her open doors, turn on light

switches and retrieve mostly any-thing that she drops on the floor. She also explained how Cannon

pushes elevator buttons and pick

Deerfield Elementary School

hosted a two-day workshop to teach children of the hardships and strug-

gles of being disabled. According to

Julia Schnaidt, who co-chaired the

workshon, the whole idea is to have

thy towards someone who lives life

this way. It's a program for the kids

to do hands on activities that naral-

lel situations that people with dis

in a position of what it would be

like to have a number of different

Students from Novi High School's radio station, WOVI, did

their part to spread holiday cheer as , they put on an 18-hour radio marathon to benefit Toys For Tots;

on Dec. 6. It started at 6 a.m. and

According to program director and on air personality Kelly

McMann, the radio station was try-

Deerfield Elementary School

carned Honorable Mattion in the seventh annual "Best of the Best" national yearbook contest in the

Best All-Around Yearbook category

The reason was in part because of

and the other was because students

at the school were involved in its

The Living Science organization ' came visiting Deerfield Elementary ' School on Dec. 12 with live sea '

creatures. It is a non-profit group that travels to different schools all

over Michigan and northern Ohio to

Students first viewed a slide

show where they learned about the animals they were going to see and

touch, then they went to the stage area of the school where the tide

A group of Novi High students

are taking time out of their busy school schedules to help out can-

cer victims. The kids are involved in T.A.C.C., which stands for Teens

Aiding the Cancer Community, As

a non-profit organization, the group is entirely student led. It puts

together toy-filled backpacks to

give to people who either have can-

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ing to get the whole community to

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Photo by John Helder

Principal Jennifer Cheal, is to tran-

sition students again. They are tran-

sitioned from the middle school to

the high school, but then the school

helper even walked around the

To top off a week in which

Deerfield Elementary taught chil-

GOOD SHEPHERD LUTHERAN CHURCI 9 Mile & Meadowbrook

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ents get the sense of empa-

up toys to be put away.

A new program, which will be implemented in fall 2003, will give more guidance to incoming freshgraders at Deerfield Elementar Deerfield teachers Barbara Knight and Janice Wallace went over the editorial with a group of 50 men at Novi High School. The program will help students transfer from the middle school to the high third and fourth grade students, who, in turn, wrote letters to the Nature Conservancy in Lansing, stating their approval and support of school and adjust more efficiently in the process, the purchase The goal, according to NHS

December

come into the store on Sept. 28, which was the day of the contest. Wickman used the money to buy everything from soccer balls, to wifile ball bats, to frisbees, to a

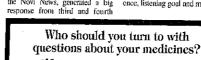
In the third year of a five-year North Central Accreditation Student Improvement Plan cycle, the Novi Meadows staff has identified student-centered goals and is now in the process of deciding on the best ways to achieve them. The process was started by acquiring base line data, where students were given tests to figure out

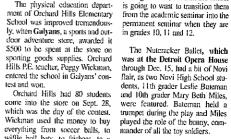
done over the next two years to help decide if the plan is heading in the right direction, or if changes need to made At this point, committees are

A sept. 19 editorial by Phil Power, the Chairman of the Board of HomeTown Communications of HomeTown Communications in the three goal areas-social sci ence, listening goal and math.

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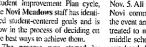
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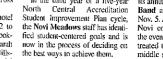












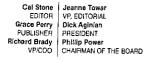




# **OPINION**

# Novi News

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# At the least, **Engler earned** our respect

In just a few days, Gov. John of conflict of interest. He called Engler will leave office, certainly for Kelley's resignation and scheduled a hearing on his conflict. Last week, Kelley resigned, a ernor in the last half-centa

He has never interested in being ell liked, and so his great accomwell liked, and so his great accom-plishments often brought with them a dark underside of unpopu-larity. Drastic overhaul of the structure of school finance, behand in wert be dramstrike and enormously achieved in part by demonizing thoughtful and respected lawyer teachers and their unions, to take Kelley's place. On balance Repetitive tax cuts, which in the appointment strengthened

times left the state budget with a massive structural deficit. Far-reaching - some would say cold fare reform. Shaping of an an and activist very conservative state judiciary.

some would say mindless - devo tion to anti-abor- Phil Power Right To Life. A vast expansion of acres of precious forestland in the

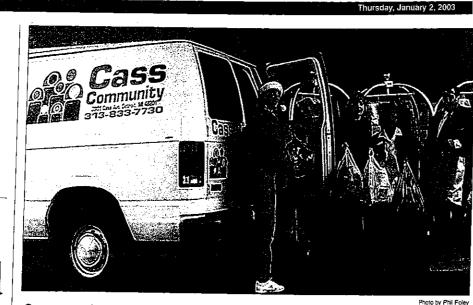
the unilateral powers of the gover-nor. On balance, the record is vitrardine. Within the nar-ket several months ago, it was obviously a once-in-a-lifetime On balance, the record is extraordinary. Michigan citizens are not likely to see a governor like John Engler for many, many years. User Michigan citizens is a conservation opportunity. But the conservation opportunity. But the cal was vast, the runnored price was in the range of \$150 million. We contacted Gov. Engler and the able of cord of contents.

Thave always been struck by his his able chief of staff, Sharou Rothwell, to ask for help. They jumped into action without a pause. Engler announced his supphysical presence. Hardly handsome, Engler is a large fleshy man with short legs and a sharply receding hairline. His posture when sitting — tilted on the edge unprecedented public-private col-laboration to raise the money. He got the Natural Resources Trust Fund to pledge \$10 million to supof the chair, his left leg thrust diagonally forward — leaves no doubt of his direct, aggressive and appraising, his hand move-engagement. His eyes are quick and appraising, his hand move-ments declsive. He is not a partic-tion for funding from the federal ularly effective public speaker, but in private he speaks rapidly, car-ries hand conviction and, if ers, a trust in Hawaii. crossed, a certain menace. And for And he invited the heads of the a man with no particular claims as intellectual, his grasp of the minutiae of policy and the byways pitch the deal and plead for their

of politics is amazing. His capacity to see an opening, to strike suddenly, and to be ruth-less in the exercise of power is unparalleled in my experience. He and pie to his guests, while argu-Reeps reminding me of William ing that the land was simply too Blake's famous line, "how important to the future of stealthy and crouch, how silent the Michigan to let it go to hard tim-

bering and piecemeal develop-ment. And the foundations came The case of John Kelley is through quickly, big time, It's too early to say whether instructive. A lawyer and former Democratic state senator, Kelly is widely regarded as very bright, but also the loosest of cannons and the quickest of lips. He also was a out the number of lips. He also was a but nor in Engler's side both in and out of the senate.

the quickest of lips. He also was a thorn in Engler's side both in and out of the senate. Elected to the Board of Governors of Wayne State University a couple of years ago, Kelley also represented the Detroit Medical Center, which of so la to furtience with Well



### Generous donation

The Rev. Faith Fowler accepts bags of clothing and blankets donated by the Hotel Baronette's staff from Susan Bender, Lisa Henderson and Len Williams, the Novi hotel's general manager. Fowler is the executive director of Cass Community, which was served the needs of Detroit's poor since the Great Depression.

# LETTERS

# Stepping backwards?

I was shocked and appalled by the behavior State Representative-elect DeRoche at last Do you remember the discussion we had you looked sitting up there? Your answer, "I'm getting contacts (lenses)." That was the Thursday's interview session! Some of the other Councilmen should also be taken to task Their behavior was, in my estimation, tacky at best, but NOTHING compared to Mr. best, but NOTHING compared to Mr. DeRoche. Please - conduct yourself in exactly depth of your understanding of my state-ment? You have also been called a buffoon in the same manner in Lansing, and you will see how quickly some of those tough "babes" that have had to fight their way into polities will treat you! They'll chew you up and spit you the newspapers. Last Thursday (12/19), you proved to the whole City that I was on target yet again. The only description that could be given to your performance was that of a treat you! They'll chew you up and spit you out! You we every taxpayer a public apology for your actions of that night, Mr. DeRoche! Yor the record, you took your Council seat on a technicality few of us realized existed – shame on us! While campaigning in the next Council election, you promised us many things: that things would change...you would do this...you would do that. All were idle rhetorie! You have done absolutely nothing while sitting in your Council seat other than revengeful brat, getting back because now he's a "big boy". The joke, sir, is on you! And I DO expect

that apology to be given IN PRINT! Your predecessor would have NEVER publicly shamed herself so badly! It was clear and obvious that many Councilmen, especially Csordas and Capello asked questions in hopes of finding the per-fect replacement for the developer-driven concepts that they have espoused for the while sitting in your Council seat other than bide your time and wait for another opportu-nity to fall into your lap. And this after telling many of us that you had no aspirations for years they, too, were on the Planning Commission. The belittling of our current higher political office. Your new position was Planning Commission - even by a current

gained on the coattails of the Republican party and the fact that your opponent didn't even put up one sign! Publicly (in print) I have called you stupid. member - was unacceptable! I thought we were looking for the best candidate to sit on Council and respect the wishes of the resi-dential constituency, let alone uphold the Ordinances in place. The struggle to regain "control" by the

developer-driven powers was obvious. And with the support of Mayor Clark and Councilman Landry, I fear they will regain the majority. Many of the residents fought so desperately in the last two (2) elections to tote candidates who claimed to put resi pron dents first and, somehow, we failed. How dis-appointing to discover that we believed the promises given yet again. Thank you again, Mayor ProTem Bononi and Councilperson Lorenzo, while you continue to strive to put residents first. It must be so discouraging to

be overridden time and again by the sexism and perceived power of "the network". The truth always comes out in the end. It is my fear that this will be the end of what many of us had hoped would be a posi-

tive change in Novi. It appears we are taking giant steps - backward! James E. Korte

# **GUEST COLUMN** Booming asbestos litigation a major threat to Michigan small businesses

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those individuals who have contracted illnesses through asbestos expo-Instead, funds are being parceled out to anyone who has ever been exposed to asbestos in any way - regardless of whether or not they are

sick. The majority of the people filing claims against asbestos manu-

sands of asbestos-disease victims and their

survivors are being victimized again. They spicket of funds to carry a growing load of finan-cial claims. I hey survivors are being victimized again. They are collecting only a fraction of the settle-ments awarded because the system cannot handle the excessive load created by ments awarded because the system cannot handle the excessive load created by

healthy claimants. Not once, but twice the Supreme Court of the United States has condemned the abetto litigation quagmire as a problem that is beyond repair by the judicial sys-tem. The Supreme Court has strongly in this tem. The urged that Congress pass legislation setting up a system outside the courts to apply medical criteria to each claim and screen out the claims of people who are clearly can't afford armies of

# Sports

Fall 2001 State Champs1: The Novi Wildcats Golf Team won its first state tournament title in school history on Oct. 19 with a score of 320. The team had a score of 296 on Friday and took a 12-shot lead into Saturday at The Emerald golf course in St. Johns.

"Friday's score of 296 was the best score I have ever seen in those conditions by a high school team," Wildcats Coach Brad Huss said. "It was raining, cold and the wind was 10 to 15 miles per hour." According to Huss, all four of

the Novi scores on Friday were in the top 15 individually. Jack Tyler shot a 72 on Friday and a 76 on Saturday. Eric Aytes shot 76 and 83; Brandon Cigna shot 72 and 80. 72 and 80; James Faysal shot 76 and 88 and Mark Eberline shot 83 and 80. "On Saturday I was hoping

for good weather, but instead it was worse," Huss said. "The wind was 30 to 35 miles per hour and the greens were extremely fast."

The top four teams in the tournament were paired togeth-er on Saturday, so Novi, Ann Arbor Pioneer, Warren DeLasalle and Portage Northern went head to head, Novi shot a 320, which is 80 per man. Ann Arbor Pioneer finished at a 321 and could just watch as Nov me the first county school

to win a state golf tournament since Bloomfield Hills Cranbrook-Kingswood in 1999.

Best season ever: Quite the impressive feat, even for these

nis team completed its best ever season as it competed in the Michigan High School Athletic Association state finals for the first time in four years and fin-ished in eighth place with 11 points behind powerhouses like Port Huron Northera (first, 23 points), Gross Pointe South (22) and Traverse City Central (20). "It was a great experience for all of the girls," Novi coach Jim Hanson said. "We have a lot returning next year, so this was invaluable to them. For the senior, this is just a great way to end their careers." Especially for seniors Gabi Frask and Megha Vadula, who play third doubles for the Wildcats. They entered the tournament in the number one seed and fought their way to the state semi-finals where they, fell to second-place Northville 6-2, 6. season. Senior Indy Lai and partner Amanda Cassidy battled their way into the second round where they fell to number three seed Traverse City Central 6-2,

The biggest surprise of the state tournament could have casily been in the third singles flight. Wildcat Anna Switzer upset fourth seed Ashley North form Ann Aber Biosen before in turn well and the flight and the second second to the second second second second second second second to turn the second s in turn made a great diving save to deflect the ball off the cross-bar. The rebound bounced right from Ann Arbor Pioneer before beating fifth seed Stephanie Royer from Grosse Pointe 6-2, 7-6 (5). Switzer finally met her back to a Bulldog, who took the shot while McClinchey was attempting to scramble off the match against eventual champi-on Jill Setter in the semi-finals

ground, "The ball was going in the net when Breat stopped the ball between his chest and the goal-post," O'Leary said. "The ball Soccer tops Brighton: Myoh-my, isn't that a sweet tasting victory? The Novi Wildcats soccer was literally trapped there and he cleared the ball away as it team must have been licking their chops after edging out rival Brighton 1-0 October 3 after beating Lakeland 4-0 just fell to his feet." Girl harriers look strong: The girls on the Novi cross two days earlier.

The Kensington Valley Conference battle with Brighton wasn't exactly played in the presteet of conditions. Durity country team have been running extremely hard all season. They've run exceptionally well greatest of conditions. Besides in the last two weeks alone going 2-1 in their three KVC meets and taking a seventh-place finish at the Oakland the constant drizzle that never quit content in the Novi kickers meets and ta had to contend with a narrower place finish field due to construction being County meet. "Our team is really solid right done on the sidelines as well as "Because of the conditions, we didn't do anything fancy and "Interview of the conditions, we didn't do anything fancy and "Interview of the conditions, we didn't do anything fancy and "Interview of the conditions," "I



WHAT A YEAR! The Novi Wildcats football team added to a simply impressive football season with their victory in the Baseline Jug game in October. These Wildcats showed throughout the year that no mountain is too big to climb and no rive too wide to cross. When they came out to play, the other teams were looking out!

though they were about to score

again. With the arm of junior Mark Sorensen leading the way, the Mustangs found the endzone with Higgins on the receiving

end. "Ite is a very talented player,"

Novi coach Tab Kellepourcy said. "A couple points, our pass defense broke down and they

were able to score. It's some-

him

since."

see how good they can be when thing we will have to work on, they're running at foll strength, Their performances two weeks ago against two confer-and it wasn't that the Novi

ence opponents allowed them to experience the sting of a 45-18 loss and the thrill of a dominat-ing 45-18 win.

Wildcats. The Novi Wildcats girls' ten-

would squirt away or take a bad hop." The single goal of the game came from Matt Nickels as he came from Mall Nickels as he poked the ball away from the Brighton goalie on a Brad Simpson free kick. "It was all the scoring we needed as Brent Coles, Mike Allie and Brad Simpson played great games on defense," O'Leary said. Another stellar performance came from the brick wall better known as Sean McClinchey. He made eight saves to carn yet another shut-out victory this Brighton wasn't far from scoring, from time to time though Coles managed to save a Bulldog shot from finding the back of the net with 45 seconds remaining in the contest to pre-serve the win.

The Jug is ours: The Northville Mustangs and the Novi Wildcats knew going into this game that it was going to be this game that it was going to be this there is a state of the state. their biggest context of the year. For the Mustangs, they had the chance to prove to their doubters that they had what it takes to beat a quality program. For the Mustangs, they had the chance to prove to their takes to beat a quality program. "It was quite a remarkable

For the Wildcats, it meant being ing week." playoff bound, The 'Cats managed to walk Third in the state!: The Novi away the victors in this contest, winning 46-26 as they put Boys Cross Country team started their season out knowing points on the board just about every way possible. "They've been running their program since they were in mid-that they were in a much similar

running shape. Nina had under-gone full reconstructive surgery on her knees last May and just

got the screws removed two

weeks ago, but she is now run-ning with the team again. Wolowice ran with the JV team

at the Oakland County meet and

is working on getting in shape for varsity. With the way this team has been performing with-out them though, it'll be scary to

they're running at full strength. Their performances two weeks ago against two confer-ence opponents allowed them to

Northville senior Tim Higgins For the fifth year in a row, the NOTICE

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just played straight-ahead, high-effort soccer," Novi coach Brian O'Leary suid. "Brighton had trouble with the conditions all he sole point in the sole sole full reconstructive surgery would souirt away or take a bad

"This was a great year." Dragon Slayers: St. George? Coach Robert Smith said, "We had to make some new adjust-ments from last year to this Is that you? The Novi Wildcat defense

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looked like St. George as they lowered their lances and year, but they were very subtle changes and worked well." The Wildcats took third behind powerhouse Rockford charged into the fray against a highly touted Lake Orion took third Dragons team November 8. The Cats, led by an incredible defense, became giant-killers for the second week in a row as they\_ambushed the Lake Onion squad with a 17-13 playoff viceand once-ranked first Milford. Their charge was led by none other than Mark Moore, the stellar sophomore that is fol-lowing in the footsteps of the "We're capable of doing anygreat runners that have come and gone through Novi before

thing we put our minds to," sen-ior offensive lineman Matt him. "You know, we kind of knew he had it in him about a month ago," Smith said of Moore. "He had a break out race against Milford, and it really put him on the edge. He suddenly realized he could run at that level, and he's here running avecome avec Jezior said of the victory, "It has been incredible. When I heard that Novi hasn't gone this far since 1988, I realized that this is a great accomplishment on its own. It's a great feeling that no he's been running awcsome even one is going to take away. with us forever. I know

Moore took eighth in the state with a time of 15:47, marking the best time for a Novi runner, always remember that night for the rest of my life. The Wildcats, who have now won eight games this season, will find themselves in a familthe second best time for a Kensington Valley Conference runner, and the best time out of iar underdog position when they

all sophomores in every divi- play the sion. Detroit he always powerful Catholic Central When asked what Moore's potential was, Smith just let the numbers do the talking.

"I'm not one to make predictions because they can come back and bite you," Smith said. "He is a very dependable, solid continued on 16

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of revenue are being sought to maintain the With the pool of big corporate targets "drying up" smaller firms are now of the United inder siege. They have

been targeted as peripherarticipants in ding legal saga. Small business owners

In recent weeks I've had the privilege of dealing with John Engler and to see at close range the sweep of his capability. I'm the chair-elect of the Michigan r of the chapter of Nature Conservancy, and when 390,000

port for the deal and urged an

support. I never will forget the sight of the Governor of Michigan

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Shamrocks 'We've been the underdogs every time, including against Millord file first week, junio Brent Pantaleo said, "No one thought we could be Millord again and recent beauty to Brent Pantaleo said. "No one thought we could be Milford again Longo and Jessica Hag and no one thought we could beat help them in their victory. Lake Orion. We did. Now, no one thinks we can beat Catholic Jessien had great nights." Novi Central, if we go out there and coach Dennis Cichonski said, Central. If we go out there and play them hard, we might surprise ean too." The Wildcats found themselves down 6-0 in the opening quarter as stellar Lake Orion runningback stellar Lake Orion runningback Roger Allison plunged into the throws in overtime." one from live yards out before frem Sisson came through Judy, a happy birthday in siyle that and blocked the point-after night, sinking 7-of-10 in the over-attempt to hold the Dragons' lead, time period to give the Wildeats a The Nowi gridders were quick 41-32 victory. to shock the Lake Orion faithful in

the stands as they marched down the field and put the ball through upright from 27-yards out also represented at the meet, with fark Angelocci naifing the kick. Trailing 6-3, the Wildcats

Brent Pantaleo as he watches the gume from the sideline with his familiar winter hat polled over his bund but he her meters and the base for the bas but, he has cancer. You see Pantalco and he's pret- team and her enaches

ty much all siniles all the time. makes his way along the side-ie in the coaches' hox and Spring 2002 watches the game play out with keen, knowing eyes. He timps, and when you are around him that's the only indication of why te isn't out on the field in full

"I would have probably been watching the game from the side-ines even if I were in uniform." lantaleo said with a slight laugh. "It's not much different than if I were playing right now."

About a month and a half ago, antaleo was what Novi Coach Tab Kellepourey considered a typ-ical junior football player. He had tools to play the game, just eeded the experience to become energy-filled senior, who will be a starter. "He knows sports," Kellepourey

them.

said. "He knows all the college-teams and even the pros. He seconds that. watches them and he knows what tralized kids with big kicks by having them run his race. You neuthey do on a week to week basis." Though Pantaleo isn't suiting whe's still a huge part of this tralize a sprinter by running faster

want to run." Cagers fall in distric title tilt: Though the Novi Wildcats basket-ball team couldn't bring home the

Failing to an incredibly tough Canton defense, the Wildcats put pays much of fight as they could manage with a 60-29 loss against the Chiefs. Though that was a tough loss for the 'Cats to take game prior was what let them take a shot at the title anyway. The Wildcats were able to shut Wildcats have had ups and downs in the recent weeks of the season, but neither have changed their ulitmate goal of having a good showing at the regional meet. The 'Cats, led by coach Robert Smith, fell to the Milford shot at the title anyway. The Wildcats were able to shut in the 3200-meter run as "After a few laps I think Tim realized that it was not his day to Redskins 76-61 in a Kensington Valley Conference match up before topping the Pinckney Pirates 83-54 in another KVC break nine minutes," Smith said "After he realized that, he just ran elp filem in uner scawy. "I thought both Laura and essica had great nights," Novi oach Dennis Cichonski said, of 9:21.9 was nothing to scoff at as contest. In a non-scored, nonleague event, called the Last Chance Meet in Ann Arbor, the Wildcats even manage to make their mark on the record books. The Cats went into action at "They really came through for us he blasted his way ahead of the pack and finished out the race when they had to. Laura managed to stay out of four trouble in the hast half of the game. Jessica real-ly cane through shooting her free the work to the state of the state Softball falls in title game: The Novi Wildcats softball team the Last Chance Meet, which is designed to assist athletes to improve their regional seeding, as Tim Moore broke his old school made the best run they could into the district playoffs, winning their first-round game before falling to Haggerty wished her mom. record with a nine minute, 0.17 second run in the 3200-meters. snapping his old record of 9:01.5. Not to be outdone, senior Scott Kortlandt ran a 14.83-second high South Lyon in the title match. The Wildcats showed that the playoffs were the beginning of a new season when they topped the Northville Mastangs, a team that hurdles to set the Novi High School mark, breaking the old Snith has good showing at Northville Mustangs, a team that states: The Novi Wildcars were record of 15.05 set by Eric season, 11-0. The Mustangs then fell to a very tough South Lyon team 3-1. season, 11-0. The Musta Brandon in 1995. stellar senior tanker Amanda kick. Trailing 6-3, the Wildcats weren't willing to let things fall part on them at that point, and took the ball on a march down the field before senior Chase had as he pounded in the ball tead as he pounded in the ball Smith making waves in the state Soccer knows how to win: The Novi Wildcats girls' soccer team blasted Hartland in a Kensington Valley Conference matchup after beating South Lyon and tying Thandler gave his squad the 10-6 time of 50.20 seconds. Smith also managed to get a behind in the contest as South from three-yards away with two ntinutes. 16 seconds remaining on the clock. Since a she type of the state of th Brighton in other KVC contests to Brighton in other LAVE Concernent kick the season off. The Wildcats, led by coach Brian O'Leary, blasted Hartland o O after tving Brighton 1-1 and Brian O'Leary, blasted Hartland 9-0 after tying Brighton 1-1 and plowing South Lyon under 10-0. The Wildcats simply dominated the Horlard Factor only sporting a single swimmer in costly throwing errors, which ultiand never know it by looking at the final day of the state finals mately led to the Lion victory. the Hartland Eagles, outshooting them 47-2 as Katie Ales, Lisa Northville ends Novi soccer Checcobelli, Kerri Timar, Kristi season: Saturday's loss to the Timar and Nikki Herman scored a Northville Mustangs in the district final marked the end of the season for Novi soccer, and the end of Smith collected five points for hersingle goal each, and Chelsea Atiych and Maureen Pawlak scored two goals apiece. Amanda Church made two saves for the high school soccer careers for four Novi athletes shutout, Tina Fennelly, Margaret Grgurich, Christine Jewell, and Moore than a feeling: There KVC Champs: The Novi was little doubt that Tim Moore Wildcats tennis team made a goal of winning the Kensington Valley Karrie Smith will all be heading could do it - hut a few people away from Novi High School and probably doubted him doing leaving their memories of high school soccer behind. Conference title at the beginning of the year and the did just that. Moore, along with two other "I'm not playing soccer in col-The 'Cats, led by coach Jim Hanson, beat Pinckney 5-3 May Novi boys and one Novi girl, took lege and I'm going to miss it," said a trip to Rockford to make a run at Jewell 13 to earn to title before going on the blast Howell. The Wildcats the state title — Moore not only notched a victory in one state linals event, he took home two of Both Jewell and Fennelly will be heading to Central Michigan University next year and Smith then regional, but failed to make it then took to the task of winning in their regional, but failed to make it University next year and Smith will be going to New York to study fashion. Smith credits soccer as something that has taught her a lot about life and have helped her about against some of the toughest "I am very proud of these play-ers," Hanson said. "I though their ers," Hanson said. "I though their University next year and Smith "He went into the 1600 placed fourth," Smith said, "He wasn't odds on favorite by any means,"

Smith said

Records broken: The Novi

Moore didn't care though. The good play carried over into the Regional, but it was a very diffimake decisions. "There are lessons that I have learned through things, and one of running for Notre Dame in col-lege, took first in four minutes, 14 them is never giving up," she said. Smith also said that soccer has "He ran a perfect race," Smith inspired her to go out and do things because she feels it is the right things to do. said. "It was just flawless. He neu-The teammates will remember the state finals "Five of our eight flights made the semi-finals," Hanson said.

the friendships that they have made through soccer and also the big games in which the team perthrough the entire race then they "We just needed to pull off a cou-Moore ran much faster than ple of more wins. We were pretty close and had some very close formed. "I've made a lot of friends most people wanted to in order to ball team couldn't bring home the district title, they sure made a good run at it. keep up with him. His first lap was recorded at 63 seconds and his second lap — which is traditional "They're all awesome girls," matches in the semis

fell to St. Joseph's 8-0 in the semi the Mustangs. In the first game, Trevor Scott final round of the Eastern Division playoffs May 11 after stomping pitched tremendously and got the Livonia 20-0 the game prior. Th Knights were also able to trounce win. He pitched almost all the game and only let in one run o dey 56-3 May 8. ne hit. In the final inning, Mike St. Joseph's was able to score a Crawford came in to close out the penalty kick early in the contest before taking advantage of a brogame for the Wildcats, "He's been our stopper all sea-son long," Green said. ken play and getting the ball on the ground in the try zone for the Crawford was aided by a diving catch by Jeff Dunwell to finish off score and the 10-0 victory, the game. The hit that Dunwell Lacrosse makes final four: The Novi Wildcats lacrosse team caught would have brought the game within one since there were knew that if they wanted to reach half of the goals they set for themselves, they would have to reach the Final Four for their furst time since 1998 — they did already two players on base, "That would've been an easy double, maybe triple," Green said. Offensively, both teams had a rough day. The wind was blowing just that, With a 11-4 win over DeLaSalle High School May 21 in and the grass was long. Darrer Guffey went two-for-three with an cult regional." RBI and a run scored. Dunwell Difficult indeed. The Wildcats and a 9-4 victory over Grosse Point North May 23, the Wildcats The team scored 14 points, but and went two-for-three with a carned themselves a trip to Birmingham United's homefield in the Final Four game. Among these who will be different "He was kind of the player of needed 18 to gain admittance into the game," Green said those who will be difficult to Linksters notch tough win: The Novi girls golf team snagged their second win of the season last

not the news of the hour though.

The Wildcats were able to hoist their Kensington Vulley Conference title with joy after

blasting the Pinckney Pirates 5-3 in the final game they needed to win to secure their crown. "We officially won it with our

match against Pinckney," Hanson

said. "It was a well played match

for both teams. We pulled off a close 5-3 win there." The 'Cats didn't earn the title

through luck, but rather hard

"We've pretty much been play-ing the best tennis of the season towards the end," Hanson said. "If

you look at our league meets and

at the scores, most of them could

The 'Cats topped a good week off by beating Howell as well.

"Howell is much imp

from previous years," Hanson said, "We knew after Monday that

we had won the conference and

we weren't about to let Howeli

Kings yet again: The Novi

Kensington Valley Conference championship last week. Unfortunately, it was the same

week that brought the team their

With the KVC crown perched

atop their heads, the team is set-

ting their sights on the post-season

we did last year," Novi coach Rick

Novi started a double-header off

this weekend against Northville

the closer, Novi had taken two

non-conference wins away from

with a 4-1 victory. By the end of

n the state playoffs than

first conference loss of the season

wreck our undefeated season in

have went either way

work

duals."

Green said.

211-218. Novi moved up to 2-5 in

the conference with the win. Laura

the team, each shooting a 51 on

the day.

contribute

oved

baseball team clinched their 2002 feet-6 in the pole vault May 16 to

aughn and Jennifer McKenna led

"Laura Vaughn has been out

consistent low scorer," Novi coach Deb Harris said. "She hasn't been

the medallist every time but she's

McKenna also has been imr

sive this year, especially because it

Other players had big days also.

including Sarah Ehlers who shot a

52. She birdied the last hole with a 30-foot putt from the fringe. Sara

Goodman shot 56 on the day to

Mehl qualifies for states: With

horrible conditions seemingly

slowing everything and everyone down, the Novi Wildcats girls'

track and field team is happy to be

sending one to the Lower Peninsula Track and Field Finals

The 'Cats, led by couch Sue

Mehl, a sophomore, to the Finals

after she notched a clearance of 9-

earn herself a rare and coveted

"That's big," Tomanek said

"We're really proud of her. She

had cleared 9-feet twice before

going into the Regional and she

said she wanted to get 9-6. She

Knights miss state cut: For the

first time in the club team's five

Nevi Knights failed to make the

years of existence, the Northville

state championship tournament

of Novi and Northville player

but, hey, there is always next year.

The Knights, who are made up

anek, will be sending len

in Rockford June 1.

place in Rockford.

nailed it."

stent player.

been our most cons

is her first year golfing.

Tuesday, Novi came back and wor Bowing out of the Regional was a close match against Pinckney,

replace will be Drew Doll --- one of five Michigan candidates for the All-American team. week against the Pinckney Pirates. After falling to Howell last continued on back page

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in the back, left to right, Lisa Cervantes, Rhonda Rasmussen, Lindsey Chomluk and Jan Hoeft; middle, Sue kelly and Dr. Kirk; seated is Dr.

# Sophisticated eyecare awaits at Town & Country

and treatment of ocular diseases, specialty lens fittings for astigma-tism as well as bifocal lenses. Crissman is experienced in

treating dry eye syndrome, a discase that can lead to serious eye-t this spring she will work closely health problems, such as an increased risk of infection and extring The architecture and the serious eye of the spring she will work closely with patients at Town & Country Eyecare who experience low office in 1994 and is celebrating nine years in business, His goal was always to build the practice scarring. There can be many differwhile providing patients with high-quality, personalized care. ent reasons people experience dry eye syndrome My hope was to eventually be "It's not just a nuisance," she said. "It can cause harm if left untreated."

busy enough where we could involve another doctor in the practice to provide addit Following an examination of the tional expertise eyes, Crissman can suggest an effective treatment that can keep and availability to our patients," Kirk said. And he's done just that. Dr. Amy your eyes healthy and feeling com-

n, doctor of optometry and ow of the American Academy "Rewetting drops are a basic of Optometry, joined the practice treatment but I also do a painless



Dr. Timothy Kirk first opened his office in 1994, and omed Dr. Amy Crissman to the practice.

in October. Crissman brings a wide range of experience with her alkowing her to treat patients of all ages. She specializes in diagnosis she said. Vision rehabilitation is another tact lenses, "I'm still amazed by how many

area that interests Crissman. She patients come into the office sta trained at Royal Oak Beaumont's ng that they were told they could Low Vision Clinic and beginning this spring she will work closely n't wear contact lenses due to their asugmatism. With the choices of lenses we have today in our practice, rarely is there a patient who we find can't wear contact lenses. "We're very excited about the vision, helping them to regain some vision or to over lisability through the use of maglatest technology such as the new nifiers or telescopes. "It's scary when you can no two-week disposable toric lense for astigmatism and Ciba's Focus

longer read or drive bees Night and Day soft lens for up to 30 days continuous wear," use of low vision," she said, "Macular degeneration is the leading cause of Crissman said. "It's a good option blindness for those over the age of for patients who don't want lase vision correction and who don't want taken want to have to wear glasses. For patients ready for LASIK surgery, 65 and currently has no cure Rehabilitation is the only answer and as our population ages, we need to meet the needs of this diswe have partnered with the su ease.

geons of TLC-Detroit and Windsor to offer absolute state-of-the-art The addition of Dr. Crissman to the office of Town & Country technology for outstanding Eyecare simply reinforces the results". goals Dr. Kirk has held for his practice since opening: That patients will receive the highest one step further with the addition one step further with the addition of its newest diagnostic instru-ment- a 6.3 megapixel digital retiuality and personalized service

nal camera- which records an exact image of your retina. Diabetes, "What sets us apart is our hightech equipment and high quality of personalized service," Crissman high blood pressure, glaucoma and id. "When you come into our many other diseases can first be detected with a retinal exam. The office you will have the time you need with either Dr. Kirk or myself. We could probably sched-ule more people an hour but we photos allow the doctors to involve the patient more closely when discussing concerns or treatment really don't want to have people plans just being a number going in and out the door. We want to take the It's the high-tech nature of the It's fue nign-econ nature or no practice as well as the quality of service patients receive at Town & Country Eyecare and the caring personality of Dr. Kirk that attract-ed Crissman to the practice. me to help them. When I go to the octor I have a million ques ions to ask, so when I'm working with a patient I try to go over everything step-by-step so that they don't need to wonder what it is I'm "I thought it would be a good fit

doing or what I'm finding." That personalized care goes hand-in-hand with the doctors commitment to helping their patients to see clearly and comfortably. Town & Country specializes

for me," Crissman said. "And the support staff is just wonderful." Jan Hoeft, certified optician; ton they are studying in class. Sue Kelly, optician; Lisa Sue Kelly, optician; Lisa "It's really a lot of fun," Cervantes, pan-optometric assis-trati and Bhorde Demonstration and the state of tant; and Rhonda Rasmussen, care coordinator; assist in

# Business

# Training options

Would-be businesspeople will get a chance to examine their entrepreneurial skills, learn how to implement their ideas and receive a list of pitfalls to avoid when starting a business during the How to Start a Business seminar Jan. 9, at the Oakland County Executive Office Building, 1200 N. Telegraph, in Pontiac. The seminar will run rom 9 a.m. to noon and cost \$30. which includes the Starting a Business in Oakland County book published by the Oakland County Planning & Economic Development Services. Jan 16 Small Busines ions, P.C. will present a seminar on choosing the best legal entity for a sole propri-etorship. Seminar attendees will have an opportunity to examine the differences between Limited Liability Companies (LLC), partnerships and corporations. Each entity offers unique advan-tages and disadvantages. The seminar will be held from 9 a.m. to noon at the Oakland County Executive Office Building and will explore the key co ions for each and the affects on the business operation. The seminar will cost \$30 per person. A Southfield Public Library esearch expert will introduce participants to sources of competitive and demographic information important to any busi-ness owner in a seminar called Market Research: What It Is & How to Do It Jan. 23. Both print onic data will be dis and elect cussed as well as research methods and strategies during work-shop which will be held from 9 a.m. to noon in the Marcotte Room of the Southfield Public Library, 26000 Evergreen Rd., Southfield. There is \$30 per person fee for the seminar, which includes materials Oakland County Busines

Center staffers will be back at the Oakland County Executive Office Building from 9 a.m. to noon Jan. 30 for a seminar called How to Write a Business Plan. People planning to become small business owners will have an opportunity to develop a plan to serve as their road map to success.. The fee is \$40, which includes all materi-

Space for each of the center's programs is limited; pre-regis-tration is required. Call (248) 858-0783 for directions and registration for any of the business

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their came against the ever-immov-

their game against the ever-improv-ing Pirates and came away with a 6-4 win. The game, which was held as the Novi hockey tearn's Senior Night, found the first four goals for the Wildcats being scored by sen-iors. Robby Overfield stanted the night off right for the 'Cats as he found the back of the net late in the first period with assists being cord.

first period with assists being cred-

ited to Justin Collins and Bryan Ellis. Just a minute later, Adam Habernan collected a short-handed

goal for the Wildcats on a pass from Garet Malott before Overfield

added another score to put the Novi

Tankers have strong swims: The Novi Wildcats boys swim team continued to look strong with a big win over the Walled Lake Western

Warriors Feb. 13 before they went on to swim the MISCA meet. The

Wildcats took home a 137-49 win over the Walled Lake Western Warriors Feb. 13 before sending lan

Robertson and the gang to the MISCA meet Feb. 16. In the MISCA meet, Robertson made a name for himself in the 100 fly. Not

icers up 3-0.

# Sports

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### Winter 2002

District champs: The Novi Wildcats basketball team pulled off something they hadn't been able to do since the school was a registered at the Class B level — win a district championship. Led by coach Pat Schlater, the Wildcats followed the on-court lead of. Sharn, Dickaet on-court lead of Shaun Dicken Jamie Schram, Chase Chandler and Matt Emmenecker as they fore up the hardwood to earn the amazing victory. The 'Cats, who were on a roll from the beginning of the con-test, proved that if you want to win, you have to play fundamental bas-ketball. If these guys are anything, they are fundamental right to the core. victory. The 'Cats, who were on a

Volleyball knows victory recipe: The Novi volleyball team continued to show their fans and their opponents why they are one of the top teams in the Kensington Valley Conference with two more wins collected in two-game fash-ion. The Wildcats, led by coach Julie Fisette, notched a 15-6, 15-9 victory over the Lakeland Eagles before topping the South Lyon Lions 15-9, 16-14 in a tough make-up game Feb. 18. Fisette noted that the game was one of intense momentum, with the final change in tide going in Novi's favor towards the end of the contest. The Wildcats got a helping hand from the steady play of Carmen Simkins, Angic Schmitt, Crystal Corte and Brittany Barrett, Simkins collected rving aces, five in the first

game, while Schmitt collected seven kills and two aces while Corte notched five kills and two only did he qualify for the state meet with his time of 54.09 sec-onds, he also broke the Novi High solo blocks as well as five aces. Barrett, who is a defensive special-ist with the team, played well in the School record in the process. Joining Robertson in the 200 med-ley relay, Jordan Moblo, Juhwan Yoo and Jack Tyler finished the race Yoo and Jack Tyler finished the race in 1:43.11, just two-one-hundredths of a second.The Wildcats notched first place finishes in the 200 Medley relay (1:43.35), the 200 free (Roberson, 1:55.10), the 200 IM (Tyler, 5:93), the 100 fire (Math Shafer, 56.87), the 500 free (Math Shafer, 56.87), the 500 free (Math Shafer, 56.87), the 500 free (Math Shafer, 100, the 100 backstroke (Shafer, 1:04.55), the 100 breast-stroke (Taewan Yoo, 1:09.47) and the 400 free relay (3:47.46). back row, Fiscile noted that there were plenty of fans present at the contest, including the Milford Redskins, who were no doubt there to get some valuable scouting time Hockey smothers Pirates: The Novi Wildcats hockey team contin-(i) Which a winning ways with a kensington Valley Conference vic-tory over the Pinckney Pirates Feb. 14. The 'Cats, who are coached by Dan Phelps, stayed at the top of their parts.

Second place: Last season, the Northville-Novi Wild Stangs gym-nastics team upset the favored Rochester Adams squad to win the Rochester Adams squad to win the state championship title – this sea-son, the Wild Stangs didn't win the erown, but they sure had Rochester Adams on pins and needles. The Wild Stangs, led by coach Lindsay Schultz, took second place in the state finals competition held at Rockford High School with a final score of 144.575. The squad took scenul only to the highly touted second only to the highly touted Rochester Adams gymnasts, who notched the title victory with a final of 147.2.

Wrestlers miss districts: For the first time in recent history, the Novi Wildcat wrestling team failed to make it out of their district. Last Thursday, the Wildcats held their own in a tough districts and made it to the district finals where they lost to Howell. With the injuries occurring to five seniors, it was hard for the team to recover.Senior Andy Becker never recovered from his injury and did not take part in the Team or Individual Districts com-

petition. Scott Kortlandt and Brian Org both came off injuries to com-pete at the team district competi-tion. In the first match of the compe-tition Novi beat South Lyon 42-30. Ong and Kortlandt each won, along with Craig Hearn, Churella, J. R. Muldoon, Chris Statlard, Maut Harsha-Strong, Slovan, Kortlandt and Josh Buck.Statlard wrestled very strongly against South Lyon to beat Dave Edwards in overtime. Edwards was a state qualifier last year and a tough opponent.After beating South Lyon, the Wildeats did not have the strength to beat Howell in the District finals.

Cheer working hard: The Novi Varsity cheer team has made an excellent showing on the last two Saturdays, performing at the Oakland-Macomb meet and hosting the Novi Invitational. On Saturday January 26, the Novi var-sity cheerleaders headed to Grosse Point South to compete in the Oakland-Macomb meet. The team made a strong showing and finished second out of the five Class A teams. The team began the day with a strong showing in the vocal area of round one. Out of ten points, the team received 9.5, 95, and 10 for their cheer in the areas of voice inflection, clarity, volume and word choice. Novi made some cheers at the beginning that they feel may have helped their performance. The team kept on going strong with their performance in round two. The first part was the precision drill in which the team did very well. In the precision drill the girls received a 9.5, 9.5 and 9. The team improved nearly 60 points above the previous week. Their final score was 672.5 only behind Sterling Heights Stevenson's 697 and ahead of Troy Athens, who they were behind last week, who had 650 points.

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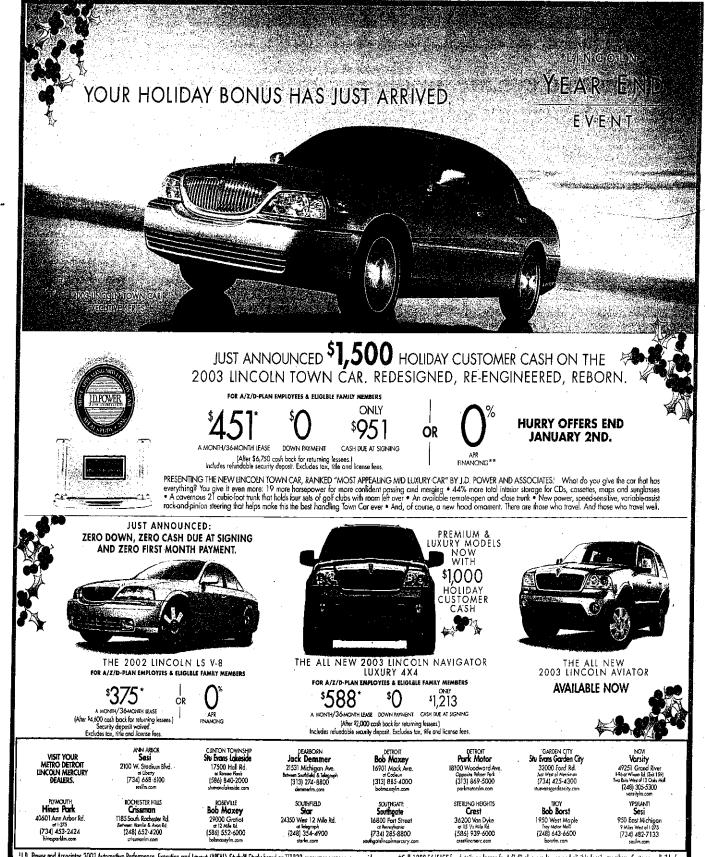
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