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Beefing up the force

Police As Novi Department hires three new officers this year, a standard-setting ratio determining the appropri-ate number of officers in a municipality will also receive a minute boost.



Varsity ranked #1

The Tampa Bay Bucs may be top dog at this year's Super Bowl; and our Wings may have a three-pete with Lord Stanley's a unce-pete with Lord Stanley's Cup; but the folks at Novi's Varsity Lincoln Mercury have a six-year withing streak as Ford Motor Company's number one Lincoln Mercury dealership. - Page 5A





Cats top Milford

Brad Simpson and the Wildcats were able to overcome some tough shooting and a Milford lead to beat their Kensington Valley Conference rivals last Friday. Page 1B

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By Phil Foley STAFF WRITER

Two Detroit men have been arrested in the slaying of a third Detroit man outside the Wixom factory where he worked late last year

Barnes was found dead from a single gunshot to the head outside Forest City Technologies Dec. 17. Goodline said Henderson was

taken into custody Saturday, Jan. 25, at a Warren hotel. Police

offered any resistance at the time of their arrest. Both men are being held with-

Jail in Pontiac after being arraigned at the 52-1 Court in Novi

Both men are charged with con spiracy to commit murder, firs degree murder, second degree murder and manslaughter. Henderson was also charge with use of a firearm in the commission of a felony crime. However,

Road project raises concerns

S. Henderson

By Phil Foley

K. Russell

Sally Zdravkovski has been serving up meals at the Rosewood Restaurant on Grand River Avenue for nearly 30 years. Down the street and across the way, Dan Tomlinson has been riding herd on Spartan Concrete operations for the bet-ter nart of two decades ter part of two decades. Tomlinson and Zdravkovski

were among scores of Novi busi-ness people nervously eyeing Road Commission for Oakland County plans to improve Grand River between Novi and Beck Roads. The commission and city held the first of a series of meetings Monday to keep Novi resi-dents and business people up to speed on the progress of the \$15 million project, which will widen the road to five lanes and replace a more than eight-decades-old bridge.

decades-old bridge. Work on the project, which is scheduled to be complete by November, could start any day? but might be held up until the end of February. RCOC engineer Bill Conklin explained, Dan? Excavating can't begin work on demolishing the old Grand River bidder over the raileout until the bridge over the railroad until it gets the green light from CSX, which is based in Jacksonville,

which is based in Jacksonvine, Fla. "I've been working with that railroad for two years," he sighed. Conklin said CSX plans to keep its freight line in opera-tion throughout the construction review! project,

Assistant City Manager Clay Pearson assured business own-ers, "We want to make this go as smoothly as possible. We're tak-ing this very serious." He said RCOC and city staff will hold a RCOC and city statt will hold a project update meeting at 9 a.m. the last Wednesday of every month through October in the Police Department Training Center, He added the city will also be sending out a monthly newsletter by fax or e-mail to everyone who wants one as well as providing regular up dates on the city's Web site and on Cable Channel 13. Zdepkenetis une newst den

Zdravkovski was upset that signs have appeared at either end of the project saying the road will be closed. "I arn very con-cerned," she said, "We've been hurt the last couple of years by construction between Beck and Wixom and 911 didn't help.

Wixom and 911 didn't help. Things have been really bad." Conklin promised to call the commission's sign shop as soon as the left the building to get things cleared up. Conklin and city officials stressed there will be signs posted at the Beck and Novi roads intersections along Grand River indicating that while the CSX bridge is out, Grand River remains open for

Novi residents and business owners with questions about or problems with the Grand River Avenue road projects can contact one of the following city officials:

- Nancy McClain
- Clay Pearson
- Novi Police Chief
 - Community Relations Mgr. (248) 735-5628 swalsh@ci.novi.mi.us

business

Since it will be impossible to post signs for every single busi-ness at either end of the project, Pearson promised business own-ers it will be "virtually open sea-son on additional signage on your presenter" during the partiyour property" during the proj-ect. He said the city will do it's best to keep the public informed that while the bridge will be out Grand River will remain open

Tomlinson. who has 40 employees and 27 trucks operat-ing out of his facility, was con-cerned about how the project will effect his business. "I understand the need for the proj-ect," said the concrete plant gen-eral manager, but he added he's

eral manager, but he added he's concerned that the planned detours will put him at an eco-nomic disadvantage. He adding to his travel time will cut the number of runs his trucks can make per day. "The key to this business," he said, "is the cost of cement in yards per hour." hour.

One businessman wanted to know if there were any plans to subsidize businesses in the project's path for lost income.

investment at this time. This is long awaited and long needed." Pearson noted that once the new bridge is completed this fall, weight restrictions currently in place on Grand River will be lifted. "This is a good thing."

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River Avenue and Beck Road Tickets for the event are \$75 per person and include a silent auction, live entertainment, a raffle and "a wonderful elegant dinner" with your ...ordertur eregant dinner" with your choice of salmon or filet mignon. Pearce said this year's dinner will also feature "two huge dessert tables." Cancer Center

chamber charity auction

The charity auction is slated for April 12 at the Novi Hilton, located on Haggerty Road just north of Eight Mile.

Tickets for the auction are now available at the Novi Chamber office in the Novi Expo Center, The Novi News office in Northville (104 W. Main) and at Republic Bank at Fight Mile and Haggerty roads. Tickets are also available from auc-tion committee members or by call-ing Pearce at (248) 219-9114 or Christy Scaberg at (248) 735-0776.

"This is the only event of its kind in Novi," declared Pearce. She said her committee has collected "a lot of wonderful items" and are adding more daily. Among the items that will go up for bid are a collectors doll house.

"It's bigger than a desk. It's huge," said Pearce. Bilders will also be able to vie for travel packages, spa pack-ages, suites at the Palace, sports tickets. entertainment and even a summer lobster barbecue professionally done at their home. "This is going to be a fun exciting event," promised Pearce.

event," promised Pearce. More importantly it will help raise money for the Assarian Cancer Center. The center's Healing Arts program, which generates no rev-enue for the hospital, offers cancer patients a wide variety of programs that augment the traditional meth-ods of freating cancer.

Chamber members are still seeking donations for the auction. To donate, call Champion at (248) 349-3743 or Randy Patterson, chairman of the chamber's Media and Promotion Committee at (248) 705-6013.

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ROAD WOES





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- Doug Shaeffer (248) 347-0504
- dshaeffer@ci.novi.mi.us Sheryl Walsh

Since it will be impossible to for business.

"That's not the way these things are done," said Pearson. He added, "Novi's fortunate to be in the position to make this

Wixom police say Kevin Leon Russell, 24, hired Samuel Lee Henderson, 25, to kill Efic

Two Detroiters charged in slaying Damell' Barnes. "This did not involve a woman," said Wixom Police Chief Clarence Goodline, "But there was some bad blood between them." Dame found there form

out bond at the Oakland County

Goodline said investigators have yet to recover the murder weapon

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Photo by John Helder Novi Meadows students Elizabeth Bosco, left, and Lauryn Hong work were top fundraisers (Bosco th \$360 and Hong with \$750) for the school's tions to the St. Jude's Children's Hospital.

Novi Meadows raises \$22,629 in St. Jude Math-A-Thon

By Ramez Khuri STAFF WRITER

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The students of Novi Meadows helped to make the lives of some cancer patients at St. Jude Hospital a little brighter when they participated in the school's Math-A-Thon program. Math-A-Thon, now in its 22nd year, is an educationally based fund-raising program in which students obtain sors for the number of math sp problems completed in special workbooks provided in grades K-9. The program is sponsored nationally by Six Flags Theme 9 Parks, who provide free passes to their parks for every student rais-

ing \$35 or more. This was the third year that Meadows participated, raising a combined total of \$64,340.80 in all three years. This year alone, the school had 328 students parthe school had 328 students par-ticipate, raising \$22,629.32. The top prize winners were fifth grad-er Lauryn Hong, who raised \$710.25, and sixth grader Elizabeth Bosco, who raised \$360. Both received boom boxes for their first for their efforts.

2003 event

will benefit

Assarian

By Phil Foley

STAFF WRITER

sale today.

Providence's

Tickets for what organizers are billing as Novi's hottest night go on

According to Nikki Pearce, chair-man of the Novi Chamber of Commerce's 11th annual charity auction, "This is a see-and-be-seen event."

Chamber President Nora Champion said the event has raised more than \$60,000 for local chari-

ty's since its inception. This year's beneficiary of the chamber's efforts will be the Assarian Cancer Center

at Providence Hospital and Medical

Center's Novi campus at Grand

"St. Jude Hospital is a research hospital for children's cancer and in particular they work with two particular kinds," Novi Meadows Student Council Coordinator Coordinator Georgia Bingham said. "One is

leukemia. They have several pro-grams for kids to participate in and the Math-A-Thon is the easi-est to participate in for schools because, basically, all it does is say the children are totally responsible for doing it. We solic-it their interest, they get a permis-sion form signed, we order Math-A-Thon booklets, we pass them out and the kids are given about two weeks to perform it."

Bingham explained that children participating go to family members who pledge an amount of money per math problem attempted, but it doesn't matter whether or not the students get the problems correct. For example, if

a student attempted 100 problem and he or she only got 50 correct, he or she will still collect money correct, for 100 problems.

"I thought that it was really important for me to do the Math-A-Thon because I wanted to help a lot of kids who don't have good health" Bosco said. I think we should do more fund-raisers to belp more kids. I pretty much just got the booklet and did as many problems as I could and I ended up finishing all of them and I got them all right. I'm having a little bit of trouble with math, so this was also something that could

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NOVIPUBLIC 1. 19 . 2A NOVI NEWS-Thursday, January 30, 2003 Two charged New officers offer a small boost in slaying continued from front page

Addition of three police officers this year will minutely The arrests come 40 days after arrest was found dead outside increase City of Novi's struggling officer-to-citizen ratio

barnes was found dead outside the Wixom auto parts plant where he worked. The killing brought together investigators from Wixom and five other West Oakland County Communities as well as the Oakland County Sheriff's office and the Michigar State Police. "We had a bunch detective

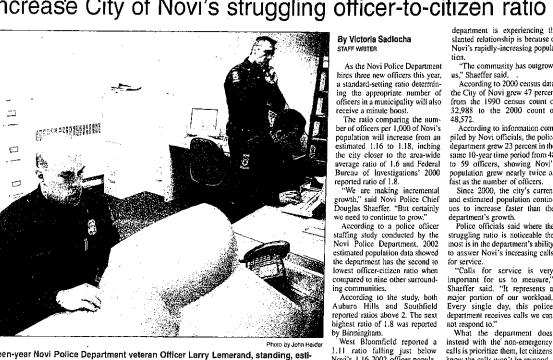
working on this who really poured their heart out," said Goodline, "This happened before the holidays and they've been unstring day and night insuvorking day and night since They set aside family business for this. They been working on this relentlessly". Goodline said he expects the

suspects will go on trial sometime this spring in circuit court i

He said that while Barnes' employer and Crime Stoppers offered rewards totaling \$6,000 for information leading to the arrest of his killers, no rewards have been given yet. "We are looking at some information," said Goodline.

He gave much of the credit for the arrests to the Western Oakland County Major Crime team, whose members "just kept on turning over stones." Goodline said he hopes the

arrest bring some peace to Barnes' family. This is a big deal" He said "When something like this happens out in the communi-ty we do everything possible to find whoever is responsible. This is an affront and an insult to the



I.II ratio falling just below Novi's 1.16 2002 officer-popula-Fifteen-year Novi Police Department veteran Officer Larry Lemerand, standing, esti-mates that a patrol officer spends on average an hour or two a day writing and filing tion indicator. reports. Joining Lemerand are officers Jeremy Stempien, left, and Mark Boody, Shaeffer said the reason the

Police Report

Ice follies

A Novi resident called police two vehicles. on Jan. 25 at about 5 n.m., renor ing a pickup truck damaged his lawn in the 1700 block of East **Missing knives** Lake Drive. The man told police An employee at Providence two pickup trucks came off the ice Medical Center in Novi filed a of Walled Lake and drove over his lakefront lawn to gain access to East Lake Drive. The Novi resident said he ran out of the house and waved his arms in the air to try and stop the second truck, but the unknown driver quickly accelerated, tearing up lawn, grass and dirt. According to the report, tire damage to the lawn also occurred. i officer searched the

report at the Novi Police Department on Jan. 24 stating a knife set worth about \$150 was missing. The Brighton woman told police on Sept. 21, 2002, she brought one set of Cutco knives into her work to send back to the company via UPS. According to the report, the woman placed the packaged-up knives in the ship-ing-receiving area, but never

area, but was unable to locate the two vehicles. heard back from Cutco. After placing a call to the knife compa-ny, the woman learned it never is the state of t placing a call to the knife compa-ny, the woman learned it never received the package. She also called UPS when a representative told a Novi officer on Jan. 21 he received a bill from The Great Indoors in Novi for purchases totaling \$6,706. The purchases said the shipping company never made on Dec. 23 and 26 were received the package either. Employees in the shipping-receiving department at Providence did not remember charged on a Great Indoors Master Card with his name and billing information. The man told police he had never been to Novi sending the package out nor does he own a Master Card. The man also called the Four The man also called the Fountain Walk store and the credit fraud Long distance shopper

hotline

Surprise, surprise After almost hitting a police activating the patrol vehicle's

lights, the driver made an illegal left turn into the Speedway gas station. The car kept going until the 28-year-old driver found a standing behind him. A Novi offiparking spot in the lot. According to the report, the officer stated when the driver exited the car, he cer was patrolling the area of Novi and 10 Mile roads on Jan. 23 at about 2 a.m. when he noticed a 1993 Pontiac turn out of the parklooked very surprised to see him behind his car. The driver asked ing lot of JW's Sports Bar into the northbound lane of Novi Road. the officer with slurred speech why he was being stopped. The officer told him he was being stopped because he alfiost hit him The officer had to swerve out of the way to avoid being hit by the driver. The officer immediately turned around while noticing the and made a prohibited left turn vehicle cross the double yellow After the driver admitted he had a lines before turning right onto westbound 10 Mile Road. After few beers, he blew a .18 and wa

department is experiencing the

slanted relationship is because of Novi's rapidly-increasing popula-

"The community has outgrown

According to 2000 census data, the City of Novi grew 47 percent

from the 1990 census count of

32,988 to the 2000 count of

48,572. According to information com-piled by Novi officials, the police

department grew 23 percent in the same 10-year time period from 48 to 59 officers, showing Novi's

population grew nearly twice as

ast as the number of officers.

Since 2000, the city's current and estimated population contin-ues to increase faster than the

department's growth. Police officials said where the

struggling ratio is noticeable the most is in the department's ability

to answer Novi's increasing calls

important for us to measure," Shaeffer said. "It represents a major portion of our workload,

Every single day, this police department receives calls we can not respond to."

know the calls won't be respond

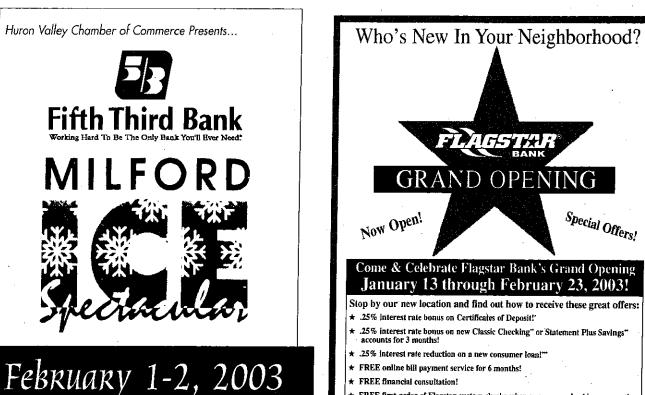
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"Calls for service is very

for service.

us," Shaeffer said.

As the Novi Police Department



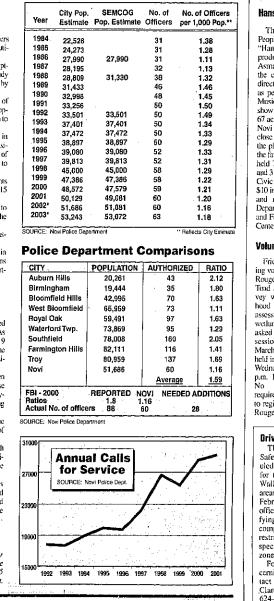
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New Novi officers offer a small boost Novi Population vs Police Manpower

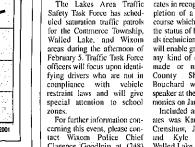
continued from page 2 composed of 61 officers and will soon be composed of 63 ed to immediately and always folow through. According to the department The Ratio Method The ratio of numbers of officers study, calls for service increased more than 55 percent in the last 10 years and are dramatically trending r 1,000 residents is heavily utized to estimate staffing needs. This ratio has been widely accept Alarm runs, suspicious people ed, is used universally by study groups, and is used nationwide by and non-criminal domestic violence calls are examples of a bulk of the volice departments, city's requests for service. Shaeffer said traffic citations have It is a highly regarded means of gauging the growth and develop-ment of the department in relation to also increased about 128 percent in a 10-year period with accidents increasing about 26 percent with the city's population adding to officers' the community. The ratio is usually expressed in numbers of officers per 1,000 residents and is a direct relationship of numbers of officers as compared to Official said the city's intense retail make-up also dramatically adds to the department's work. But amidst all of the increasing A city with 10,000 residents desiring a 1.5 ratio would have 15 officers. statistics, one important to many residents has not increased - crime. "Criminal offenses in Novi have actually trended downward," As the comm grow, the ratio declines unless the number of officers also increases, If the number of officers increases, es, the ratio increases, The method is used universally in ShaefTer said, "We think of Novi as very safe community; we don't ave street level crimes." Shaeffer said Novi's crime rate law enforcement by institutions such as the FBI, municipal departhas declined more than 35 percent in the last six years and represents less than one-third of the department's workload. ments and study groups. souce: Novi Police Department Police officials believe the intro-Officer History duction of Community Oriented Policing and its assimilation into the department is responsible for the In 1987, Novi residents approved a public safety dedicated millage. As decline. The proactive, as opposed to reac-

a result, the department added 19 officers in four years, achieving the ratio of 1.5 officers per 1,000 resi-1996 increasing crime rate. The approach encompasses high dents in 1991. Ten additional officers have been hired since 1991 with eight of those officers added through federally-funded grant programs, offsetting visibility, closeness with the community, fixed responsibility and ter-ritorial assignments. Shaeffer said the type of relationcity costs. The 1991 ratio is the highest the ships and presence delivered by hav city has seen since because of Novi's increasing population. ing the same officer in the same area "That kind of closeness, we think, "Since then we've retreated with makes a big difference," Shaeffer our relationship with the communisaid Novi Chief of Police Douglas Shaeffer. Shaeffer said numerous studies As to how much the department needs to grow, the chief said, "It is very hard to predict the future. My conducted by city council appointed crystal ball is never clear." What the chief said the depart-ment will be doing is continue lookcitizens committees, consultants and staff concluded Novi should have 1.5 to 1.6 officers per 1,000 resi ing at studies pertaining to other dents nmunities reaching a successful source: Novi Police Department officer-population ratio, reviewing the previously accumulated data and keeping up communication with the citru's adjusteration.

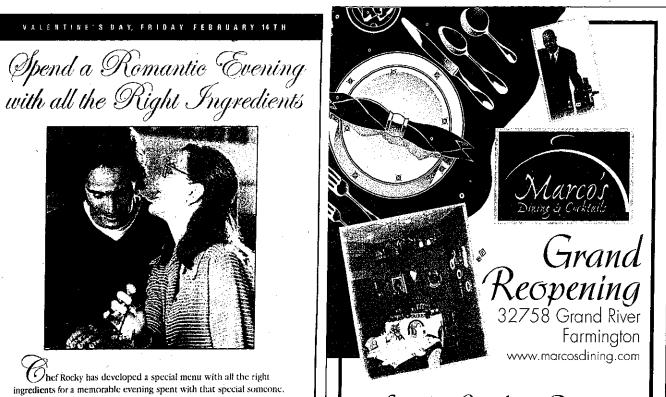
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"We are making incremental growth. But certainly we need to continue to grow."



Firefighters certified Fifty-three firefighters from 20 Oakland County fire



Douglas Shaeffer

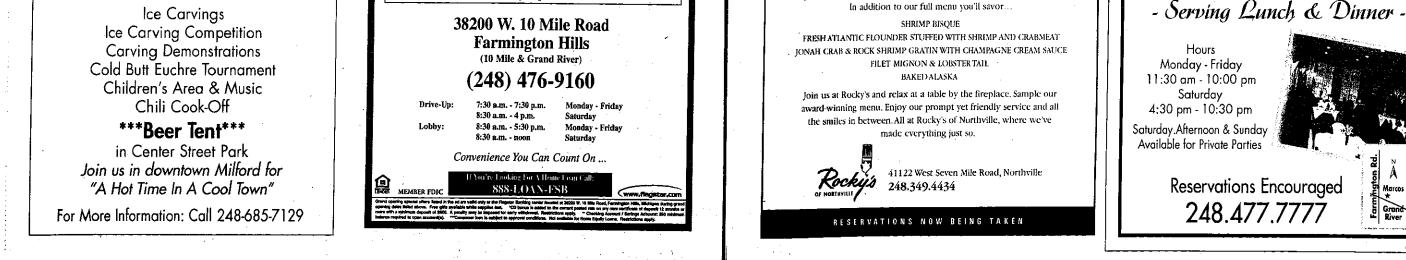
Novi City Briefs

Hansel & Gretel The Novi Theatres' Little People Players are proud to present "Hansel & Gretel." The delightful production is directed by Lori Asmann who has participated in the city's theater as an assistant director and choreographicr as well	Department at (313) 792-9621 or picoordinator@througe.org. Winter property taxes Payments on City of Novi 2002 winter property tax bills are due without penalty on or before Feb. J4. [f payments are not received in
Since on and endocegraphics as wear	Per in paymans are to receive the the
as performing in "The Sound of	the Treasury Department by the
Music" and "Music Man." The	due date, a 4-percent penalty will
show is double casts Winth a total of	be added. Postmarks are not
67 actors in both casts, Director of	accepted.
Novi Theatres Linda Wicken said	A drop box for payment is avail-
close to 90 actors auditioned for	able behind the Civic Center at the
the play. The production based on	curb. Late payments will be
the favorite childhood-story will be	accepted at the Treasurer's office
held 7:30 pm. Jan. 31 and Feb. 1	through Feb. 28 with a 4-percent
and 3 p.m. Feb. 1 and 2 in the Novi	penalty, but beginning March 1,
Civic Center Theater. Tickets are	payments must be sent to the
\$10 in advance and \$12 at the door	Oakland County Treasurer's
and may be purchased at the	Office. For more information, call
Department of Parks, Recreation	the 24-hour property tax informa-
And Forestry inside the Novi Civie	tion hotiline at (888) 600-3773,
Center, Call (248) 347-0400,	Dog licenses
Volunteers needed	Oakland County dog licenses

Friends of the Rouge are seek- for calendar year 2002 have ing volunteers for its Sixth Annual Rouge River Watershed Frog and expired. Licenses for the new year are available at the Novi Treasury Toad Survey. Volunteers will sur-Department, All dogs four month vey wetlands in their neighborand older must be licensed. The fee hood for frogs and toads to help assess the health of Rouge River wetlands. All participants will be is \$15 for dog owners younger than 65. Senior citizens with proof of age are required to pay \$13.50. asked to attend one of six training Licenses for neutered or spayed sessions held in February and March A unining session will be held in Novi at the civic center on pets are \$7.50 or \$6.75 for senior owners. These prices will be offered through June 1. Beginning Wednesday, March 5 from 7 to 9 June 2, the cost of a dog licens p.m. Pre-registration is required. No previous experience is required. For more information or to register, call the Friends of the will be \$30 with the exception of hew dogs. Owners must bring a current rabies certificate in for processing when purchasing a license. Rouge's Public Involvement

Drive right or else Departments received certifi-The Lakes Area Traffic cates in recognizing their com-pletion of a 96-hour training ourse which elevates them to the status of hazardous materi als technicians. Skills acquired will enable graduates to handle any kind of emergency, man-made or natural. Oakland County Sheriff Michael Bouchard was the keynote speaker at the graduation ceremonics on January 16. Included among the gradu ates was Karl Brown, James cerning this event, please con-tact Wixom Police Chief Clarence Goodlein at (248) 624-6146, Crenshaw, Jason Gonzalez, and Kyle Murphy, from Walled Lake Fire Department;

Mark Gall and Marcus Leece from Commerce Township Fire Department; Mar Gomez, Geoffery Ostling and Christopher Wagenschutz of Wixom Fire Department.



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The Novi Party Store on Grand River Ave. is shown adjoining its next-door neighbor, nd parking lot problem-sharer, Jonna's Fine Wines.

The Other Side: Owner of Novi Party Store responds to neighbor's allegations

Poota said he bought the store n 1977 and someone by the name

The people who will read this

Since 1991. Poota said he has

allowed Jouna's to use his parking

areas at no charge and it wasn't

until he had to climinate the offer-

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part. "They should be thankful I

millionaire," he said.

the price offered to him was dif-ferent than what was offered to

"That is being really ridie

lous," Senawi seul, "This is all coming about now because he (Poota) built his brand new store,"

Senawi maintains Poota is tr

ing to push Jonna's out of th current location and said a

comments centering around parl

ing are mute because the parking

was taken by the Road Commission for Oakland County in 1996 for future widening of the

avenue if deemed necessary by

city and county officials. "I am still here," Poota said. "Simply because 1 near people

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right

area along Grand River Aven

other buyers,

By Victoria Sadlocha STAFF WRITER

from out of town, of Jonna made another party store Novi Party Store owner Sam next to his store Poota said he was shocked and terribly upset when he learned of public comments made by neigh-bor Jonna's Fine Wine. and were around at that time will know this is the voice of truth," Poota said.

"It is a fighting between evil and good," Poota said. "My story is a beautiful story of people who ove the truth and the beauty of God's story of life. I am the follower of Christ and Christianity and I have to stand up and fight hem in a legitimate story and let

the readers decide who is the allowed them to use their parking for the last 11 years, It is like Walguilty one." Mart allowing K Mart to use their parking lot," Poota said. Poota said comments by Sam Senawi of Jonna's Fine Wine stat-ing he is trying to take Jonna's Further, Poota said accusations liquor licens, nurnosely make be is after Jonna's liquor license parking a problem, is the brand are untrue and said he was offered w person on the block and that is a millionaire are false. the opportunity to purchase the license along with the store which wish I would have been a he turned down because he said

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Barred barriers

City says concrete barriers in the parking lot of a Grand River Ave. convenience shop must be removed

him to believe it was OK.

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nesses

" Bank said

"When I put the barricades in, 1

did not do anything different than

people to the east and people to the west," Poota said.

The Novi Party Store owner said Cassis lost one of his tenants

because Jonna's customers were

Gregory Bank of the former Grand River Avenue location of

Bank's Sewing and Vacuum said

they shared parking with Jonna's

for six years before relocating from the Grand River Avenue

location and never had one prob

"There was never a problem

The placement of the barriers

and poles ignited a verbal feue

between the two neighboring busi

By Victoria Sadlocha

Sam Senawi of Jonna's Fine Wine, located just east of Novi Road, said the barriers placed in Concrete blocks installed in a the lot on New Year's Eve at about Grand River Avenue basiness parking lot must be removed early next week, said Novi city officials. 8:30 p.m. are a fire hazard and have been a tremendous parking hindrance. The horizontal blocks in the "People come here with expenparking lot just west of Jonna's Fine Wine and vertical poles in the sidewalk area must be taken out sive cars and are just ruining them," Senawi said. "It (a barrier) is slanting up because it has been vy Wednesday, Feb. 5. hit so many times." The mandate issued by the City Owner of Novi Party Store Sam of Novi to Novi Party Store was based on an opinion letter generat-ed by Novi City Attorney Gerald

Poota said he placed the barriers in good faith after purchasing the property to the west of Jonna's from Victor Cassis where the former Bank's Sewing and Vacuum and current Max Printing & "We followed up with our own letter to the owner of Novi Party Store saying it looks like the Copying are located. Poota said in order to make the obstructions and devices are on public property and need to be removed," said Clay Pearson, Novi assistant city manager. unit more attractive, he had to put the bumpers in and said he is not the only business to do so, leading

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lovi's Varsity Lincoln Mercury dealership owner

Michael Stanford, center, shakes hands with general

sales manager Dean Silver in their Grand River Ave.

showroom. The car-seller was recently named the

nation's #1 dealer for the sixth year in a row.

the introduction of the Navigator.

us that we'd never seen prior to

that," he said. "Lincoln Mercury products generally had a pretty loyal following and there wasn't a lot of new blood per se coming in. And in

'98 when the Navigator was origi-nally introduced, we saw more

nally introduced, we saw more trade-ins, more BMWs, more

Mercedes Benz. So it brought us a

whole new market and that was just

the beginning." He said products like the LS, introduced in 2000, and others in the

pipeline are bringing in customers that haven't considered Lincoln

Mercury in the past, In an odd way, the uncertain economy has also helped, said

Stanford. Luxury and affordability aren't words generally uttered in the same breath, but that was before the

fail of the dot coms. "Monthly you're looking at \$400 on an LS, where you're looking \$700, \$750 on a BMW," he observed. "Now three

years ago, the way the economy was, that wasn't a big deal with two

people working and a lot of money flowing, so an extra \$350 a months wasn't a big problem. We're seeing a lot of those people back now and

"It brought so much business to

Chevrolet dealer gets nod for building expansion

By Phil Foley STAFF WRITER Novi's oldest car dealership is

et to expand, Novi Planning Com nembers voted ananimously Jan. 6 to approve additions totaling 10,409 square feet to Marty Feldman Chevrolet on Grand River Avenue between Novi and Meadowbrook roads. According to Larry White, the dealership's general manager, the additions will allow the firm to Photo by John Heide expand its current workforce of 82 to between 110 and 120 over the next three to five years Work on the project, he said, is expected to cost the dealership around \$2 million by the time it's

completed this fall. Marty Feldman Chevrolet which opened its doors in 1981 into the SUV market in 1998 with the tri-county area offering the same product line and five other dealers in the division's top 10 nationally, currently covers 35,000 square feet of its 9.97-acre site, White, who has been with the firm 11 years, said the dealership is the 11th largest in General Motors Corp's Chevrolet division and the addivalue does not explain Varsity's suc-"I believe it's our people," said Stanford "We have such a great tions are needed to "keep up with group of people." He added, "We don't have the the growth of Novi." White told comm rate of turnover most dealers have. Most dealers turn over 50 to 55 perbers the project will include a cent of their employees on a yearly 7.331-square foot addition to the back of the existing building to expand its body shop, and a 3,708 basis. We don't have that kind of their landscaping, tumover. That has allowed some people who started with the organi-

faced with exterior aggressors and stress, skin is capable of protecting itself by producing molecules called HSP's (heat

shock proteins or stress pro-

zation to really grow and flourish." He said that has also generated strong repeat business by building solid customer relationships. Stanford said that's particularly Gheto's product helps fight aging process Gheto's Salon and Day announces the introduction of a new service and anti-aging skin important in the Metro Detroit marproduct developed by its exclu-sive skin care line, Phytomer. ket where so much of the business is with Ford employees and their fam-ilies where there's "not that much to Studies have shown when

negotiate." The reality of today's auto indus try, Stanford observed is that, "that one person who works at Ford and qualifies for A-plan, more than like ly has someone else in the family that works for GM or Chrysler, Se basically we're still at the same water level because those people are going to get a plan, whether it be Ford, whether it be Chrysler or whether it be Chevrolet."

they are price-conscious. They're coming back to Lincoln Mercify because we offer quite a bit of value That means customer service closes the deal. for what you get." However, with 16 other dealers in

Phytomer laboratories recognized the impact heat shock pro-teins or stress proteins (HSPs) have on aging, and began researching this phenomenon in the marine world. This led to the creation of an ingredient called

quare foot addition on the front of the building to expand its parts and service area. Current city code prohibits the placement of overhead doors on the side of buildings facing major

pro-HSP, a 100% natural marine extract from the brown seaweed Laninaria Gifitata that stimu-

lates natural healing and regen-cration of the skin. Pro-HSP,

when combined with a harm

nizing dose of Marine Spring

Water, gives a new concept i

facial cream: Ogenage Globa

Gjeto's Salon and Day Spa offers the Oxgenage Replenishing Treatment, which

slows the signs of aging to a leisurely pace. Products, such as Ogenage Global, that contain mineral-rich marine spring water are lavished on face

throughout the facial to increase cellular turnover and stimulate the production of elastin and collagen.

While the world's automake were taking the wraps off their lastest products and dream roads. However, the project's architect told planning commismachines at Detroit's Cobo Hall sion members that placing the service entrance doors on the front of the building would actually earlier this month, Novi's INCAT was rolling out it's newest training program for the software that improve traffic safety by allowing the dealership's service departmakes many of these vehicles nossible. ment to clear its parking lot faster during the morning rush hour "Top Gun Training," said INCAT spokesman Dan Saad, is designed to help engineers at Tier One and Tier Two auto suppliers when people are leaving their vehicles for service and estimates

get the most out of Catia V5 which was introduced to OEM's The dealershin will still have to appear before the Zoning Board of like Chrysler Group last yea Appeals to seek a variance. Farmington Hills businessman James Deutchman, who is one of Catia has been been Dassau Systèmes' flagship product since the three-dimensional produc the owners of the adjacent Fountain Park Apartments, praised design and simulation software his neighbor for "working in colwas first introduced in 1981 laboration to get the best for both

According to Saad, the latest version is "a reinvention Catia propenties." The plans, which have been nore than an upgrade." Saad said under review since early last year. "It's almost easier to train some call for a 10-foot berm topped with trees between the dealership and the apartment complex. Commission Chairman Antonia one who's never used it before. While a number of firms offe Catia training and consulting Saad said INCAT is offering a program "rooted in 'real world' experience, rather than one based in the theory of application. This was designed by people in the Nagy strongly urged the owners not to use ash or white pine trees in

trenches Saad said the new program isn't expected to require any inuncdiate staff expansion, since it is more of a model change over than an addition to product lines He said approximately 30 auto motive and aerospace organiza tions currently use Catia in the U.S. However, he added, that is expected to expand as the use of the software spreads down the supply chain in the two industries. In addition to its headquarters operations in Novi. Incat has a readquarters in Befordshire England, and operates in eight countries in North America, Europe and the Pacific Rim.

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Mercury have a six-year winning streak as Ford Motor Company's

number one Lincoln Mercury deal-

ership. Michael Stanford and brother

Lou, along with their 107 employ-ees, will be presented their sixth top sales trophy Feb. 4 during a dinner

hosted by Ford executives at Southfield's Morion's Steak House.

The brothers will then head off to West Virginia in March for more

recognition when the Number Two

Automaker's top 100 dealers for the Ford and Lincoln Mercury divisions gather together for the first time at the Greenbrier Reson.

The Stanford brothers won't want

for company, Michael said of the 17 Lincoln Mercury dealers in Oakland, Wayne and Macomb

counties, six are among the top 10 in

the country. Lincoln Mercury spokesman Jay

Joyer said that while he couldn't say who the number two dealer is, he

could say that Varsity outsold them by more than 100 vehicles, but less than 500.

According to Dean Silver,

Varsity's sales manager, the dealer-

ship sold about 3,500 vehicles last

year, which was close to even with

work, just hard work." He added, "four of top 10 salesmen in the U.S.

Silver said his biggest challenge

now is keeping the momentum

scanford agreed. "It's easy being second or third; you've got some-thing to, shoot for. When you're number "one" you're competing

He said the dealership got a shot the arm when the division jumped

Stanford attributed that to "hard

the previous year.

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Novi firm offers

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If you come, they will build it

He attributed that to television

\$5.50 Kids all sh

By Phil Foley

Novi builder Mark Guidobono says he's seeing a trend toward BIA president. "Not only is every conceivable item for the home rep-resented here, but dozens of the construction that's "a little morerustic, a little more traditional both among the high home buyers he serves and people tooking for renovations. Guidobono is CEO of tions." Cambridge Homes, which is build-

tour area and ing Bellagio, a collection of luxury expected to display the latest tech-homes on Beck Road, an expects pology, products and services for four years rid. to begin work this spring in down kitchens, baths, windows, doors, town Northville Cambridge Place, a mixed-used develop-THE 2003 NOVI HOME IMPROVEMENT SHOW ment of 31 con dominiums DATE: Friday, Jan. 31, noon ommercial 9 p.m.; Saturday, Feb. 1, 9 space, He said he's a.m. – 9 p.m.; Sunday, Feb. 2, 9 a.m. – 6 p.m. seeing a lot peo ple converting the space over their attached LOCATION: Novi Expo Center COST: Tickets are \$7 for adults. \$6 for senior citizens parages into and children under 12 are studies or extra admitted free.

bedrooms. "It's cheap space," he said, "the foundation is already in Construction, noted that about 15 Such the routine of off, Guidobono and days and the routine assar to the assar to the second days and the routine of the second days and the routine of the in some homes remodelers can cut - fion of the work themselves. That and rebuild trusses as they go liter- he said, is "double from the year ally tunneling their way through the space above and existing He at shows like PBS' "This Old House"

garage struge - shows like PBS "This Old House" According to Guidobono, while and the rise of HGTV. The doven-kitchens are a perennial favorite annong people making horne bathrooms completed in 20 min-improvements. bc's section more the and hor commercials and the people using specialty woods on reality is it takes two weeks." their floors. He added the rustie look of linestone in floors and on fireplace mantels seems to be gain-in formation for the second of the se

ing favor. Hundreds of vendors are expect ed to be on hand for the first in a scries of home shows sponsored by the state of home shows are expect to see all fail out how well you mesh with them as well as take a series of home shows sponsored by the Building Industry Association of Southeastern Michigan (BIA) when the Novi Home Improvement Show rolls into the Novi Expo Center this weekend. The Farmington Hills-based BIA also sponsors the Spring



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Home & Garden Show April 4 - 6 moment to discuss time, budget "The Novi Show offers an anazing array of home improve-ment items," said Steve Perlman, and finances. Basic remodeling these days, he noted, starts at Adomo Piccinini, another Novi

builder, noted that while high-tech investing may have gone south. "Investing in your own home is area's top contractors are also on fand to answer consumer ques-tions." More than 300 exhibitors are who heads up the Adeo Group, aid he's seen a tot of people in the Novi area adding conservatories and sunrooms to homes less then He said finishing off hasements and installing garage storage sys-tems also seem to be popular **Delaney Dobson**

> Along with the latest in home. John Molton of South Fork, Pa.: and Cindy Bowersox of Portage, Pa. Great-grandparents are Ted Bonene or Onsted; Bessie Chappell of Portage, Pa.; and

Chef Waren . "Therefore a home show is the perfect place for me to pass along my tips and knowledge of food preparation, kitchen design Kay Molton of Windber, Pa and components." Chef Warren, who has written several cookbooks used by both consumers and professionals and has appear on many television and Obituary

radio shows in the past decade, will be preparing special Italian dishes and chocolate desserts through out the show. Call (248) 862-1019 or visit the BIA's Web www.builders.org.

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Ryan & Stevenson

Debra and Frank Penzato of Novi and John and Michelle Ryan of Trenton announce the engage-ment of their daughter, Jennifer Ryan, to Sean Stevenson, son of Kathleen Stevenson of Grosse Pointe Woods and Michael wenson of Grosse Pointe

Farms. The bride-elect graduated from Novi High School in 1995, received her bachelor of arts degree in journalism from Michigan State University in 1999, and her teacher certification from Wayne State University in Dec. 2002. She has completed student teaching at Maire Elementary in

Grosse Pointe and is currently a guest teacher for Novi schools The groom-elect is a 1995 grad-uate of Grosse Pointe North High until time of memorial service 11 a.m. at O'Brien/Sullivan Funeral Home, 41555 Grand River, Novi, School. He received his bachelo of arts degree in marketing from Michigan State University in 1999. Memorials may be made to Angela Hospice, 14100 Newhurgh Road, Livonia, Mich. 48154-5010. He is currently employed as

using the K.W.L reading strategy By Ramez Khuri Orchard Hills Elementary kind of looked like a tuxedo rental shop on Jan. 10. Jennifer Smith's and Nancy Lodwick's kindergarten classes had a pen-

bouts, wand L, and they read books and did different types of guin parade as a closure to a penguin mini unit. All the chil-dren made the costumes. research of white the provided about how a fine largest kind of penguin. "It was a fun winter theme to do and it was just a mini unit and it went along with the letter P." Smith said "As we were "This is a reading strategy that we use, which is called the

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K.W.L. reading strategy," Smith said. "The 'K' stands for what

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CLASS NOTES

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Brittany Kureth of Novi was named to the Dean's List for fall semester 2002 at Colby College, Waterville, Maine. She is the daugh

Walled Lake Schools

The Walled Lake PTSA Council will host a Health Information Fair Saturday, Feb. 8 from 9 a.m.-noon at Sarah Flammer, senior, Walled Lake Central High School, has been granted an Honorable Mention the Community Education Center, 615 N. Pontiac Trail, Walled Lake. Award in Music/Voice/Soprano by the Arts Recognition and Talent Search (ARTS) program. Flammer has been selected from There will be 20-25 table displays with speakers and literature avail-4,134 applicants and is one of 33 Honorable Mention Winners in able pertaining to many health topics of interest for adults and all school-age children. Topics will include drug and alcohol abuse, smoking, proper nutri-tion, physical activity, obesity, cop-ing with stress and depression, dan-gers of tanning, and dental health. For more information, please Advancement in the Arts (NFAA)'s

we know about a subject, in this case the penguins that we learned about; the 'W' stands for what we want to know about penguins; and the 'L' stands for what we learned about pen-guins." It was appropriate because we are in the middle of 'For our final day, we had them where they live and about the Students brainstormed ideas about K, W and L, and they read books and did different types of contact Dencane Paxton at (248) 363-0998 or DMPaxton@com

Health Fair

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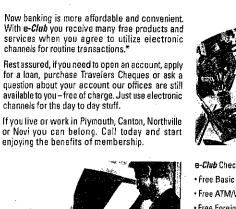


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On Campus ate of Walled Lake Central High School and Courtney Busch, a grad-uate of Walled Lake Western High School Gaur, Srinvasa Alum, rining Kitkowski, Ryan Rettman, Maureen Seymour, Eric Retzbach, Chelan Jain and Kathryn Thomas were among the graduates of University of Michigan during Dec. 2002 commencement exercises. Novi resident Maria Schimizzi was named to the fall scienter 2002 Dean's List for Adrian College

Calvin College has named the fall semester, 2002 Dean's List ter of Charles Kureth.

including Chelsea Dzenko, a gradu-

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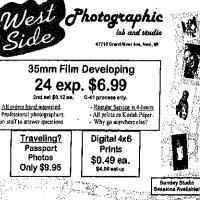
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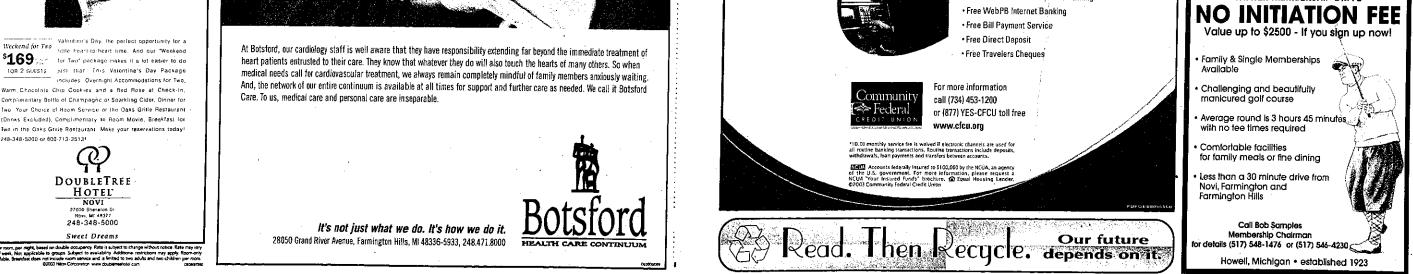
daughters, Dianne (Bob) Scope

Survivors include her two

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To us, he's someone's dad.

spas, remodel-ing, interior ing, interior design, home among remodelers. A BIA board member, Piccinini offices, furnisaid his organization is predicting that permits for new homes and ture, arts and crafts, decorative accessories, remodeling this year will stay at electronies. the same level as 2002, which wa five percent up from the year heating, cooling and appliances. Adam Helfman, presiimprovement ideas, this year's Novi Home improvement show will feature Chef, J. Warren. "With today's busy fifestyle, the dent and fourthgeneration owner Southfield's kitchen is the center of home," said Fairway



Village Oaks invades McDonald's for fundraiser STAFF WRITER night was coordinated by parent Kathleen Willett to raise money to munitain the fish aquarium which the part into the new media cen-ter at the school. shifts from 6 p.m. until 8 p.m.," Goedert said. "We cleaned tables, passed out reats and took orders at the window." The staff of Village Oaks Elementary raised close to \$400 during the schools McDonald's Family Fun Night on Jan. 21. The "The teachers didn't road"."

are talking about maybe having a fish cam, so if the kids are with their grandparents on the weekend, they

ould go on the Internet and see the

Maintenance means cleaning the tank and replacing the plants and the fish that die.

covered everything but the fish and anything that goes on inside the tank. This fundraiser was to raise

"The teachers passed out the

food, they did the drive through, they worked the French fry machine, they wiped tables, sweeped and greeted," she said.

money to fill it.

Willett said that the original grant

every year, because that's not included in the building fund either." Goedert handed out frechies to Goedert explained that Village Oaks McDonalds Family Fnn right was the most successful one at that

wonderful time and the night was a McCurdy, Jane Funfgeld, Lisa

she said. "Everyone had a Edwards, Pat Kortlandt, Diane

Clanin, Lori Gilbo, Patty Kearney, Linda Rowe, Pam Neville, Audrey

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Elementary raised close to \$400 ter at the school. "The teachers didn't cook the family Fam Night on Jan. 21. The food, but we were there in half-hour S750 grant from Providence S750 grant from Providence to \$275 gra

Courtesy photo Teachers (Mrs. Kearney, Mrs. Rowe and Mrs. Sparling) put on McDonald's aprons to serve up food and drinks to students and their families.

This quite possibly could be an annual event to help with the main-tenance every year because we are working on a corning up with a plan to fund the maintenance part of it

Board suspends foreign exchange program

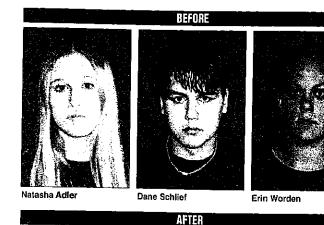
By Ramez Khuri

Novi High School's sponsorship of the foreign travel program to Germany was suspended by the board of education Jan, 9 under Principal Jennifer Cheat's recommendation. She cited recent worldlevents for her decision. Students who will be affected are one 10th

tion and our school district to send children across the Atlantic Ocean and accept responsibility for their safety and welfare in another coun-ty given would events right new." The way the program would have." The way the program would have." The way the program would have gone, had Navi stayed in participa-tion, is that one of Novi's school sion now whether their child goes to another country to go to school. I employees would have escorted the students over to Hamburg, Germany, visited their school, met we sponsored the program and something happened in world their supervising teacher and princi-



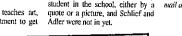






It's makeover time at NHS

ack nurr cut the next day, so she akked if she could be the teacher that McKenna said. "We wanted to get McKenna said. "We wanted to get people who would have a dramatic she was chosen, she canceled her hair appointment and work to the By Ramez Khuri Two students and a teacher from Two students and a teacher from Novi High Schoot got makeovers recently as part of a feature for the school yearbook. As the book's stu-dent Hie editor, senior Meghan the school yearbook as the book's stu-



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WL's Friends of Diversity award winners announced

"Celebrate Diversity, Create Inity." That is the motto for the Valled Lake Consolidated Valled Lake Consolidated Valled Lake Consolidated Valled Lake Consolidated versity issues and versity issues and vestern High School senior, verses as a student representative verses as a student representative serves as a student representative verses as a verse as a verses as a verse student representative ver Unity." That is the motto for the Walled Lake Consolidated Schools "Friends of Diversity" award winners Kevin Clarke, award wiiners Kevin Clarke, Karen Fleming, Sharkey Haddad ad ving force behind the "Mix it and Nicole Lown. The awards Up at Lunch" program; is a Peer. Sharkey Haddad, community were presented as part of the dis-trict's Dr. Martin Luther King, J. Connections; attend the Schools, has assisted the district and biole Lunch and the state of the district and biole Lunch and the state of the district and biole Lunch and the state of the district and biole Lunch and the state of the district and biole Lunch and the state of the district and biole the state of the district and the state of the district and biole the state of the district and the state of the stat event Jan. 13.

Leadership Diversity camp, and Kevin Clarke, Walled Lake serves on western's Advisory

C.A.R.E program for Chaldean students; organized and devel-oped a series of multi-cultural teacher in-services, and for the past seven years, has supported izing the Tenure Profess

in building bridges with the Kevin Clarke, Walled Lake Western High School assistant principal, organized the forma-tion of the African American Americans Association; is involved in the C.A.R.E program for Chaldean Martine Advela

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All aboard Walled Lake resident Kathryn Stabell and her daughter Jessica, enjoy the sight of a G-scale Sante Fe locomotive rumble by at the Novi Expo Center on Saturday.

GOVERNMENT

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

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OPINION

TDP way off base

I have heard Arianna Huffington of The Detroit Project on local radio shows, and have seen the ad "linking" driving an SUV to supporting terrorism. I can't believe that Ms. Huffington is missing the obvious solution to this: MORE U.S. OIL PRO-DUCTION!!! If The Detroit Project's (TDP) concern is that we are supporting terrorism, then surely reducing our reliance on foreign oil is a reasonable solution. If we drilled more on our own lands rather than import the oil from around the world. then not only would we not, in TDP's view. continue to support terrorist, but we would also create new revenue streams for the U.S. government and therefore be able to FIGHT terrorism even more. I believe that TDP is onto something – the more oil we used, by their logic, the more we would be supporting our own government to fight terrorism. We should actually encourage more people to buy SUVs so they would use more of our own oil, thereby support-ing our own government even more. It's so

simple it's ridiculous, The truth is that TDP cares nothing about Ramsey responds SUV owners supporting terrorism. They only care about limiting people's choices, Last week I responded to a letter of a Mr. Joseph Toth, who blasted Craig DeRoche's and the way they are going about it is absolutely disgusting and offensive. TDP is preying on the fear Americans feel after 9/11 to further their cause. To use the tragedy of 9/11 and the emotions we all as Americans feel is during the trade of the second performance during the recent City Council candidate interview session. You will recall that Mr. Toth used phrases such as "vicious attack," "an ugly display of stupidity," and "a pre-prepared hate agenda to-assault each candidate." Mr. Toth also chose to ponder "why this sad sack of a Republican politician was allowed to ver-Americans feel is deplorable and they need to be exposed for what they really are. TDP is a group of extremist who believe that we should not be able to make our own choices; they want to make them for us. If they bally thump each candidate? ... did he have truly believed what they are spewing with this new ad campaign, then surely they would come out in support of my plan as a way to stop supporting terrorism and instead help fight it!!

Anthony Shamoun comments quite inaccurate, and regarded

Reader defends President

Dear Mr. Power: We are clearly at opposite ends of the political spectrum, but in your article in today's (Jan. 23, 2003) Novi News con-cerning U of M's lawsuit, I'm glad you find of Dr. Meyer's interview, and I did depart "something intrinsically offensive" about the admission system. It's too bad that no one at our effet university has been able to one up with a were adapted of one at our elite university has been able to come up with a more palatable method of was printed by this newspaper. Mr. Korte states that I was asked to run achieving admissions balance. I just turned 60 this month, but way back in high school, I wrote a paper about the causes of the Civil War. Much of it was based on economics unless you believe that once (back in 1999) prior to the December more good folks live in the North. Today, if interview. I even stated that fact before we look at achieving balance in admissions via economics rather than race, I think many of us may find a point system based Council Mr. Korte takes issue with my record as a homeowner association president. After recently completing four years in this vol-unteer position, I can proudly say that our Roma Ridge team sports a strong list of accomplishments. The sub now sponsors only on economics to be much less offensive than one based on race. Since Michigan already has the point system in place for economics, I believe that should be enough to assist those truly annual events (such as a free adult social dinner held at a quality restaurant and a golf outing), completed multiple landscap-ing upgrades, developed improved process-es for accounting and databases, initiated a in need. It should and will help minorities without the current belt and suspenders approach. If not, study the records and

make the economic point spread 40 points! Many are spending too much time with the pedantic/lawyer's view of the quota versus point system. For the "man-in-thepetition campaign to address traffic enforcement issues, and implemented other property improvement efforts – all while is there really any difference reducing association fees by nearly 15 percent We broke the mold on how an associ-ation works, and when change occurs, sometimes people aren't happy. We provid-ed coursel fortune between going for a 10-percent quota or in finding the exact "point spread" (based on existing records) which amount to the same existing records) which amount to me same thing? Who's disingenuous, inaccurate and ed several forums throughout each year. aflammatory now?

Paul J. Chirgwin Thanks, but no thanks

I would like to thank Mayor Clark and

LETTERS

this site. Garbage trucks used to drive in to research potential improvements through two-track trails into the site to and their feasibility and impact; let's wait dump loads of - who knows what? The potential of contamination from the salt and other chemicals (ic: arsenic) used One Council question addressed how did on this site in its former incarnations, let 1 make decisions - did I make my own alone whatever was dumped there, is very real to those of us in the area who rememindependent decisions - did 1 make my own independent decisions or did other people influence them? My response was that I lisber. And, I suppose that in their zeal to ten to input from many people when mak-"gift" the City with this property, there was ing decisions. This process helps collect as ing decisions. This process helps collect as (much) information and various viewpoints as possible and can build consensus for an no mention of remediation or clean-up of (much) information and various viewpoints the site – at THEIR expense. I'm sure it as possible and can build consensus for an looked like a very good deal...on the sur-

don't always see, and she's a very smart woman as well. I don't appreciate the implication that it's a weakness for me to And, again, I say thank you for protect-ing MY interests yet again! consult with my spouse. And I have no idea Sarah J. Gray how you mixed up a decision-making process question with my wife and Beck Navi

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expansion. Finally, Mr. Korte states that, in his opinion, I interviewed poorly. Maybe so, and that could be a positive for me. You see, after witnessing all the silly and vicious public attacks, back room whining, and scandalization of the voting process over the last 30 days, the job appears to be a

migrate walting to begin. I have new respect for those who serve the city... and less for those who have nothing better to do than attempt to create controversy and inaccurately vilify those who serve

Patrick Ramsev

bally thump each candidate?... did he have a bad hair day and discovered a loss of a . few more on top? Or did his wife ask him to take out the garbage?" If you recail my response, I stated that as one of those candidates who participated in the process and who sat through the ques-tioning of each candidate, I found these comments only inversate and reserved Who dropped the ball? the letter as nothing more than a personal attack. As a result, a Mr. James Korte has chosen to respond, both supporting his friend (admirable) and attacking me (not so For the first time in a long time, the lead article (front page, top) was actually worth reading! A City of this size should be reading! A City of this size should be aware of what is going on within its bor-ders and I think the potential of a strip-joint is most newsworthy! The article did a fairly good of covering issues brough for-ward by the Michigan Liquor Control Commission (LCC). For a novice picking up this paper for the first time, they might think this article was well-written. But to sourcome who lives here knows and underadmirable). And once again, just as in the case of Mr. Toth's letter, the line of reality and fiction is blurred. Mr. Korte wonders if Rep. DeRoche asked for my party affiliation or if I had previously run for council. He did not -nor did I hear him ask those questions to other candidates during the three-hour ses-sion. However, I did miss the first portion someone who lives here, knows and under-

stands our politics, it sadly lacked information I think John Q. Public needs. Nowhere in this article is it mentioned that it was Councilwoman Laura Lorenzo who brought this issue forward in the direction of reconsideration. Yet again, this newspaper has ignored the females on Council, as it seems to do on a regular basis. In my opinion, it is only the females, Mayor Pro-Tem and Councilwoman Lorenzo, who obviously do their home-work, read their packets, and adjudicate to the best of their ability in the direction of the residents. It's quite obvious that, for whatever reason, the councilwomen are seldom quoted and, of course, are perceived to be the "dissenters" and the "obstructionists" in all areas!

The only quote in this article is attributed to the Mayor. It cites omitted and con-cealed information. Therefore, I must ask: who is at fault? One can only expect the Mayor and Council to do their best when they have complete knowledge and/or full disclosure in any issue. I am certainly NOT attacking the unanimous vote to transfer the liquor license, but I think we all want to know who dropped the ball in this case. Was it the Police Department in their investigation? I would presume that they have all tools and avenues at their disposal. It consensus decision-making process. Your hearsay comments about dissatisfaction are hearsay comments about dissatisfaction are

incomplete and inappropriate. Mr. Korte claims that I have "missed the whole picture on how a minority seeks to earlier the four chauvinists worm continue to put commercial development their way out of this one and allow the continue to put commercial development first and residential households second." Again, Mr. Korte is confused, as I stated before council, I helped coordinate efforts against the proposed rezoning request of the Aspen Group before the Planning Commission in November to change the Di-Beck property to commercial. I also presented our subdivision's position at the bearing. And, as Lam sure you are avare the City Courcil for their freent (01/05/03) resented our subdivision's position at the of goods in what I consider to be a less-tote to decline the "generous offer" made by Sandstone/Vistas for vacant land near the request was soundly defeated by an 8-0 to reverse the original decision based on the information that has surfaced



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include your name, address	IS: We welcome your letters to and phone number for verific less. We may edit for clarity, sp	ation. We ask that HomeTown	Mail to: Letters to the Editor, Cal S Northville, MI 48167 E-mail to: cstone@ht.homecomm		channels. The one bit of good news is that Disney, which was previously a pay channel, is now free on the Expanded Basic th	would regulate rates. But that competition has not really occurred. In the past, we could file with the FCC on your behalf. But that's no longer an option. Many believe that competition is the answer. Yet there is very little cable competition across that coun-	Caren Collins is the executive director of the Southwestern Oakland Cable Commission. The next CAC meeting is 7 p.m., Tuesday, Feb. 11 at SWOCC Studios. The next SWOCC meet- ing is 4:30 p.m. Wednesday. Jan.	Marcia Crumas - Receptionist nrreceptionist@ht.hcmecomm.net (248) 349-1700	Tobacco?	Association of the started

Novi Woods students enjoy a night of comedy and ice cream

By Ramez Khuri

profit organization which is entirely made up of students from Novi High School. The group Children left Novi Meadows Elementary with tears in their cycs on the night of Jan, 24, but it puts together toy-filled backpacks to give to people who either have wasn't because they were sail, burt, upset or scared. It was because they were laughing so-hard. Doug Scheer, of Scheer cancer or are affected by The collection yielded cash and approximately \$50 in gift cards. The toys and gifts were Gennis Productions, was up to hisestimated at around \$2.000.

old antics again as he performed The Legelt Factory Fun Show The show, which is just one of 10that Scheer performs, as described on his Web sile as "A compilation of the furniest moments from Doug Solver's 20 years as a conteau magnetian. It's a traveling contexty club for kints. There's magic, wacky for texts, jokes and 100 percent controlled cuarness all rolled into a 30 pointie laugh riot." Scheer's 20 years as a connedy

Community (T.A.C.C.), a nonchools. It's for families to get to know each other and for the kids to **@**, have fun together outside of school. Scheer came up with the idea for "The Laugh Family Fun Show" because he wanted chiland the second s dren to experience something unique. "This is a comedy club show for kids," he said. "There are adult comedy clubs that are 6 real popular, and I thought why P.T.O Vice President of Volunteers Kim Rinck coordinatnot have a clean, fun comedy ed the night. "The P.T.O. sponsored the event based on fundraising," she said. "This is what we do for our parents. It was kind of like an ice cream social. T.A.C.C. Pholo by Ramez Khuri Second grader Kelly Cauchi has fun looking for a playing card with Doug

After the show the kids and to the event. It's for a real good time and just get sury: Sheer described the show as an creativity schild Aryone who attend the show as an tight schild students." donations for fundraisers so it could provide different activities, like this one, for the students at Novi just 100 percent fun," he said.

con pupper, giant underwear, a "who's smarter" contest and a game called "pass the gas," among other things. The show received excellent not have a clean, fun comedy night for kids. That's what the show is all about. It's called the laugh factory and I go up there and do stupid stuff. I do goofy stuff, silly stuff, tell dumb jokes, trivia questions, kids play silly games, they win stupid prizes and we just have a lot of fun. There are a counted mozie tricks in the reviews from the audience. Third graders Chad Smith, Madelyn Haustein, Jessica Jarvis, Nathan Instanti Inadelst. "I blought that the show was really funny. My Haustein, Jessica Jarvis, Nathan Haustein and fourth grader Andy Chad went up on stage. Bagdady all had a wonderful time "I really liked it when I went up are a couple magic tricks in the show, so it's a chance for a lot of kids to get out, giggle and have a non-trime and instant with " on stage," Smith said. "I paused because it made people laugh and good time and just get silly." I like it when I started playing jokes on (Sheer). It was a good concert." Bagdady said, "I think the show

was very funny, especially the rkhuri@ht.homecomm.net.

which is sort of funny to see him in

"Picasso at the Lapin Agile" performed by thespians

studies and 23 crew members.

"Picasso at the Lapin Agile" is about

By Ramez Khuri Staff whiten

liver wonder what a conversation between Pablo Picasso, Albert Einstein and a special visitor would be like? So did Steve Martin when

all over the state to compete in the listrict competition on Jan. 25, Eachad 45 minutes to put up a set, perform a play and take the set down "Everyone has the same rules, so the kids go, see five other plays and there

37 students involved in the play. There are 12 in the cast, two underto their play and they get ranked ind rated," Novi High Drama Teacher Heather McKaig said. From there they can either go on to regionals or be done. It's kind of a a lictional meeting between Pablo one shot deal and after regionals Picasso and Albert Einstein in 1904 there are state finals. It's a competi-tive fling. The kids are judged on their vocal acting ability, their physical acting ability, the costumes, the

set, the light and how the script is . Senior Stage Manager, Keighty-Senior Stage Manager, Keighty Metallen enjoys the competition aspect of the play, "It's the best part about it because all of us get up real-is a bartender, a waitress and an old

It early in the morning and our set has to be taken apart and put back together within the 45 minutes that have in the show; she said. "During the show we have a burch "During the show we have a burch "During the show we have a bunch of judges and other people who he does and they talk about creativicome and watch us. At the end, if we ty, If's a lot about science and art and be wrote "Pleaseso at the Lapin Agile." Novi High's drama depart-ment look it upon is/eff to perform it Michigan Interscholastic Forensies Novi was one of six schools from Novi was one of six schools from all over the state to compete in the school of the day, after all the shows and some interscholastic forensies Novi was one of six schools from Novi was one this French bar because in that time period he is so out of place." Britten said that the visitor's purare done, they will give everybody mumbers. If you get a one, that means you get to move on to pose in the play is to bring a mes-

sage from the future. He has a moment with Picasso where he shows him the painting, "Les Demoiselles D'Avignon," which Picasso will paint in the future. This brings Picasso from the blue period to the red period. "Picasso opens up and has this she said. "I just help run the show According to McKaig, there are According to McKaig, there are 7 students involved in the play. There are 12 in the cast, two under-there are 12 in the cast, two under-

moment of realization," Britten said. Senior Tim Kaya plays the role of "The three main characters then come forward in their own special moment and the roof comes off the Picasso and senior Matthew Britten plays the role of the visitor. Kava explained that at the time that the har in this big, metaphorie, symbol-ic thing and they have this huge moment of understanding of their own lives and their place within the expanded mat at the time time to the explaned mat at the time time to the util the end of his blue period where all happened if they ran into each of his works were done in dark col-other.⁴ McKaig vaid, "It's very funny. There is this bar in Paris where a lot of people hang out and red period. universe and what they do."

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stof the schools raise between \$10 and a couple thousand dol-

lars, so they have prizes for all the

certificate - and they have all

you and ask if you would like to sponsor them," she said. "You can say, 'All right, I will give you two

dent is in the fifth grade, we don't



"It's not a magic show, though. There are a lot of magic shows out

there that the kids have seen, so it's something different. It works

Some of the show's contents

included turning a rope into a snake, making all the ink from a \$20 dollar bill disappear, shooting a shoe with an air bazooka, a rac-

out well?

part when he tricked me into ou

ting the planger on my head and. just thought it was a regular magic hat. It was very cool and I'm glad I came. My favorite was when I

was on stage." Madelyn Haustein said, "The

show was funny and exciting. I liked when they did pass the gas

a Jarvis agreed. "It was really funny and it was really fun," she
 said. "My favorite part was prob-ably when he did the snake part."

Nathan Haustein also shared

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Scheer's productions, www.assemblyshows.com.

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That was my favorite.

Courtesy phote The DeOliveira family concentrates on the bingo numbers at the Orchard Hills Family Bingo Night held on Jan. 24. Principal Paul LePlae calls the numbers at the front of the room.

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REGIONAL MARKETPLACE

Tax tips

Treasury, OMB, IRS launch new free file Web site The Treasury Department Office of Management and Budget (OMB) and the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) launched a new Web site featuring private-sector partners that will allow most taxpayers to prepare and file their taxes online for

A substantial majority of citizens will be eligible to use this service at www.irs.gov or through www.firstgov.gov. In Michigan, every taxpayer can choose to participate. President Bush proposed free

online tax filing last February as one of his E-Government initiatives. Less than one year later, millions of Americans (4.6 million in Michigan) will benefit from free online tax filing services. Treasury, OMB and IRS have made this possible through public-private partnership with a consortium of tax soft ware companies, the Free File Alliance, LLC. Free File is an easy, fast and secure way for citizens to file

taxes and will also allow Americans to get refunds in half the time. The efficiency of Efile saves taxpayers and the IRS The launch of this new web-

site is great news for millions of Americans. Free File makes it easy. Now they can save time, noney and get their refunds in half the time by filing their taxes online for free," stated Acting Treasury Secretary Kenneth W. Dam Simply paying taxes is challenging enough without the extra costs in time and professional help that too many Americans have endured until now. The advent of free, fast fil-

Out of a desire to slow down and spend a little more time with ing for a substantial majority of axpayers marks a great breaktheir own children, a local family said. through for the President's agenhas created the perfect business da to make the federal government put the needs of the citizen first," said Director of the OMB Mitchell E. Daniels, Jr. "Free File puts e-file within reach of more taxpayers than ever. They'll soon discover what the 47 million taxpayers who e filed last year already know. Efile is quicker. E-file is more accurate. E-file is the best way to confirm the IRS received your return, and it's the fastest oute to a refund," said IRS Acting Commissioner Robert "It's very exciting that all looking for a way to spend more time with our own kids," Artrip said. "This business allows us the Michigan taxpayers can choose to Free File," said IRS Michigan spokesperson Sarah Wreford opportunity to do that - and help the imagination, "We have lots of "There are only four other states other parents spend time with in the country where that is also their children as well." Each Free File Alliance mem about someday starting a family business that would be positive, size - even a giant one," Nail ber company sets taxpayer eligibility requirements for its own

By Elizabeth Heer

upbeat and creative, an idea brewed when the need for a nearbreved when the need for a near-by family play facility became colorful parachute, specially obvious to Artrip whenever she made for Koala Club in England, program. These requirements will differ from company to The agreement requires the Alliance, as a whole, to provide free services for at least 60 per-cent or 78 million of the nation's taxpayers during each filing sca-son. As of January 16, 2003, the

industry has exceeded that requirement. The number may fluctuate throughout the filing season as Alliance membership and offers change. The pr mary candidates for Free File are those taxpayers who prepare their own taxes and still file paper returns. Last filing sea-

son, the IRS received nearly 85

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the case,"

toned down with niches and cor-"We looked at different options ners for quiet time. Music will be included in the program as well: "We will bring out the instru-ments and teach kids how to play temborate data and the second s in terms of location, but we kept "colling back to Milford," Artrip The family brings their varied tambourines, drums, shakers of the work-a-day world and the work-a-day world and the tailing brings inter vared — tambournes, drums, shall be business ven just basic stuff, 'Nail said, ture. Antrip comes from an adver- A sibling area is designed A sibling area is designed for parents who may need to bring along a child who is outside of spend a little quality time with tising and marketing background,

stimulating activity sessions designed for the newly mobile. Beginning Walkers work on bal-ance and coordination as well as spend a Intie quality time with their young ones. The Koala Club was the brain-child of two sisters and their mother who had the desire to offer something positive to the community. Lisa Artrip of community. Lisa Artrip of the rise are change. Demarest, a the program age range. It is set up tacher and new mother, was con-in full view of the play area with sidering her back-to-work options. Nail has been a realtor in the area for 11 years, but was commerce joined her sister and their mother, Marilyn Nail, Sido of Commerce, in opening the sidering the table of the table of the table of the sider of the area for 11 years, but was starting to wind down her own "We all love children," Nail Sido of Commerce, in opening the an introduction to music and pee interaction. Confident Walkers and Runners are encouraged to use their imaginations while fura liah wari, and is obtinued with books, toys, computer, and G-rated videos. While Koala Club has all the While Koala Club has all the makings of an upscale narsey school with organized activities, circle time and themes, it throws in a different twist – parents join Saturday afternoons. "We serve and uter moule, marryn Nati also of Commerce, in opening the business a month ago. Koala Club is a result of the trio's "family first" pbilosophy. "We've always been a close family, and we were looking for a way to spend more time with our own kids," Artip right in and participate alongside their children. Each program light retreshments, although if you want to bring in pizza or other food, we'd be happy to serve it," Nail said. Balloons, incorporates age appropriate play, music, and fitness for little ones time with our own kids," Artrip aid. "This business allows us the apportunity to do that – and help after parents spend time with a matching in time, and trimmings, it's an their parents spend time with a matching in time, and trimmings, it's an environment primed to stimulate the imagination. "We have lots of after parents spend time with a matching in the second the magination. "We have lots of the programs have been the imagination. "We have lots of the programs have been to magination. "We have lots of the programs have been to magination." We have lots of the programs have been to magination. "We have lots of the programs have been to magination." We have lots of the programs have been to magination. "We have lots of the programs have been the inagination." We have lots of the programs have been to magination. "We have lots of the programs have been to make all the second to sumble second the programs have been to magination." We have lots of the programs have been to magination. "We have lots of the second to sumble second the second the second to sumble second the second to sumble second to second the second to sumble second to second the second the second to second to second to second the second the second to second to second to second to second to second the second to second to second to second to second to second the second to second to second to second to second to second to second the second to second bubbles and a few special activitics followed by playtime make each birthday a no-hassle deal for esteem," said Artrip. Programs, run for 12 weeks with one 45-minute session per week. The Stationary Babies

time when mothers can get answers and advice and realize that other parents go through the same things," Demarest said. The Crawlers group includes DETAILS Koala Club, a parent-obild ctivity center, is located in the lower level of the Mill aliey Center, at 525 N. Main Street, Suite 180, in downown Milford. Call (248) 676-9922 for information, Hours re currently Monday and hursday from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m., Tuesday and Friday, 9 .m. to 2 p.m., Wednesday, 1 a.m. to1 p.m., and Saturday, 9 a.m. to noon with birthday parties beginning at 1 p.m. Call for information on ses sions for age groups from ewborn through 4 years. Drop-in and special group rates are available. offers drop-in rates and special

discounted group rates. The gals at the Koala Club are parents while being entertaining for the kids. Another benefit is the Koala Romp, an open session for free play and a chance for the kids to hoping their new venture wi meet the needs and desires of the community. They encourage all ideas and suggestions. "We've been so welcomed into just run off some steam. The Koala Romp is offered several

be weed when the need for a near-by family play facility became obvious to Artip whenever she, made for Koala Club in England, tis a big hit with kids of all ages. And the bubbles floating minutes away from home. The Milford made it the ideal locar

"The programs have been designed to stimulate socialization, cognitive, fine and gross motor skills. It's about helping kids build confidence and self-esteem."



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Photo by Hal Gould Koala Club co-owners (L-R) Jennifer Demorest with her 5-month-old son Griffin; Lisa Artrip and her daughter Callie, 2 1/2, playing in front of her; Nathan Gore, a Koala member; and Marilyn Nail.

Families can enjoy together time at the Koala Club



The 300+ participants in Novi Meadows' recent Math-a-thon charity fundraiser pose for a photo in their school's

Novi Meadows raises \$22,629.32 in St. Jude Math-A-Thon than themselves. Through the ferent brackets for schools, but dinator, is proud of the students.

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Math-A-Thon, they are able to help provide a future for St. Jude Children's Research Hospital. heln me with improving it. Hong wanted to help raise money as well. "My brother did Children with more than 200 forms of cancer and other cata-strophic diseases find hope at St. Jude. Since its founding in 1962 by the late entertainer, Danny The whole idea is to keep it writive, and anyone who turned the Math-A-Thon too," she said. "I thought I could help and I was doing all right in math, but I want-ed to improve, too. I just decided to help, I got a dollar per prohforms of pediatric cancer have risen dramatically. "St. Jude Hospital is the last

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Brad Simpson sparks the fire, Matt Emmenecker ties it up and Lewis finishes off the Mavericks

By Sam Eggleston SPORTS WRITER

Talk about clutch.

Senior Chris Lewis was defining that word as he received the ball with time expiring against the Milford Mavericks. He took it all in Mavericks. He took it all in stride though, pulling up and burying the jumper with two seconds left in the contest to scal a 42-40 victory over the Novi Wildeats' Kensington Valley Conference rival. "We didn't play well, but we still won," Novi coach Pat Schluter said. "It was a big win for us. We were down eight points with four minutes to go and still down seven with three

points with four infinites to go and still down seven with three minutes to go." And then stepped in junior Brad Simpson. The 6-foot-2 shooter nailed two three point-ers to pull the Wildcats within two points. A quick foul later on the part of the Mavericks found sure-shot senior Matt Emmenecker sitting on the stripe and unloading two per-fect free throws to tie the game.

"Those guys really stepped up," Schluter said of Simpson and Emmenecker as well as Lewis' last-second heroics. "Once Simpson hit the three pointers, the momentum changed. That's how baskethall is, it's a game of runs. We just didn't have any runs in the rest of the game."

of the game." The key to the victory, besides the final minutes of tough play by the Novi cagers, was the incredible defense they kept playing. Though the offense was sputtering, hitting only 9-of-28 from the field and 4-of-14 from beyond the arch, the defense kept them alive and well. well.

"We kept trying to get steals and kept playing good defense," Schluter said. "That kept us in it, and once we hit the three we got things going a little bit."

little bit." Lewis led the charge for the 'Cats, netting 13 points in the winning effort. Emmenecker wasn't far behind, nipping at his fellow senion's tead with 12 of his own points. Simpson contributed nine.

The win put the 'Cats at a comfortable 5-1 in the Kensington Valley Conference and an impressive 10-1 overall. That mark finds the Novi carg-ers sitting on top of the confer-ence — with the Pinckney Pirates. With two kings on top of the hill for the moment, it s a given that one is going to get shoved off — and that will be decided tomorrow at 7 p.m. at Novi High School when the

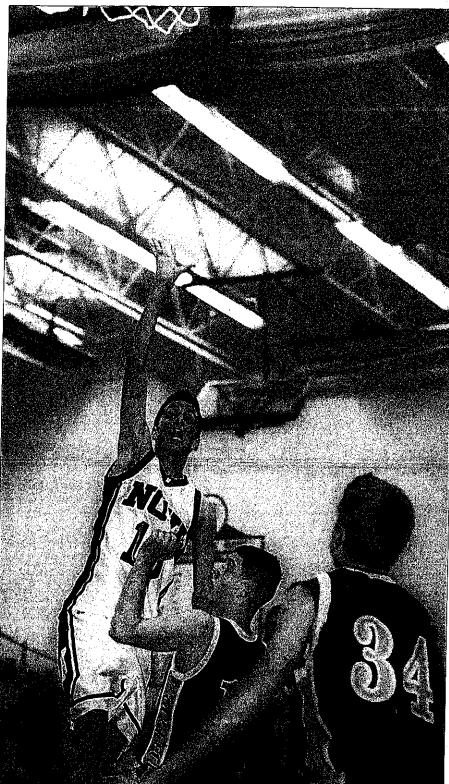
Novi High School when the two squads square off. "We are going to play our game harder than them and smarter," Schluter said. "That's the key. They have a lot of weapons, and we have to play a good game defensively." Two of the most potent weapons in the Pirates' arsenal are Brandhon Thommson and

Brandon Thompson and

are Brandon Thompson and Brandon Durco. Thompson is the kind of player that great seasons are built on - he's been the best offensive player in the KVC for the past three years. "Thompson is averaging 20-something," Schluter said, "A

couple of games ago he had 36 points. We have to find a way to take him out of the game." The Novi Wildcats are com-

ing into the contest sporting the better record overall of the two uads, and then there's always



to by John Helde Novi's Brad Simpson lofts up a shot against South Lyon during a home game in mid-January. The Wildcats were able to overcome some tough shooting and a Milford lead to beat their Kensington Valley Conference rivals last Friday as senior Chris Lewis drained a last-second shot to seal the victory and put the Novi cagers on top of the conference.

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winning effort.

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This was a contest of little

competition for the powered-up Wildcats. Leading the game 25-11 at the half, the Novi cagers

just kep building and building on their lead, taking a stagger-ing 41-14 lead at the end of the third quarter. "We had 10 out of 14 guys score," Schluter said.

said

the beauty of home-court advantage. The Wildcats have been perfect at home, with their only loss coming against the Lakeland Eagles while on the road — but that's a thing of the road — but that's a thing of the past. R ight now, the No

will be focusing on the Pirates. "They have a lot of talent on their team," Schluter said of Pinckney, "We're going to have to play our best game to win this one" this one

the 'Cats will be playing Hamtramek the following day at Novi High School. From there on out they only have two more home games on their schedule and the rest will be on

Simpson had a nice perform-ance as well, showing his rising ability as a stand-out defender for the blast extension. for the Novi cagers. He held Ypsi's star player, who aver-ages 23 points per game, to

They have what it takes

Wrestling, Hockey B2 Cheerleading B3 Thursday, January 30, 2003

This group of gymnasts has what it takes to

be one of the best squads in Michigan this year, and they will no doubl prove it as they continue to grow and improve this season. The Wild



Stangs gymnas Eggleston tics team, com-

prised of girls from both Novi and Northville High Schools, are a link in a very strong chain of tra-dition and greatness in their sport. Many will remember the dominance the Wild 'Stangs had just a few years ago when they brought home the state championship for both communities to look upon and be proud of.

Though this team isn't going to go out and jump all over their competition for a blow-out victory, they have what it takes to take on and beat some of the top teams in the state. Tradition, great coach-ing and dedication are what drives this talented squad, and it shows each and every time the girls take to the vault, the bars, the beam and the floor routine in front of their friends, family, fans and competition.

Like every athlete, these gym-nasts no doubt get a little nervous before an event — and that can make the difference in a perform-ance. As the season carries on and they become more and more accli-mated to the excitement and intensity of their competitions, these girls will no doubt continue to grow and grow and become a solid foundation of point-scorers that have the chance to earn the victories necessary to propel them

to the top. Next up on their list of oppo-nents are the girls from John Glenn. This will be another stepping stone for the Wild 'Stangs as they look to top this opponent on their way to building their confidence as well as building up their routines. No doubt, John Glenn routnes. No doubt, John Glenn will be coming into Northville tonight at 7 p.m. looking to come away with a victory of their own, but being in their own gym and in a familiar surrounding with their fans lining the benches, the Wild 'Stangs will come away victorious, lohn Glenn isn't soing to fail

John Glenn isn't going to fall down and just watch as Northville-Novi dances away with the victory. They are tough, just as every team of competition is at this level — a level that the Wild Stangs once helped set the bar for. The team that comes in show-ing the most talent is going to be the victor — and that all comes down to the eyes of the judges. This could easily prove to be a very graceful and awesome meet for all of the gymnastics fans in attendance.

I'm going to give this one up to the girls from Novi and Northville, as well as the great coaching the pushes them to strive for the best each and every time — coaching that comes from a very calm and collected, though energized, Lindsay Schultz as she prowls about the girls and urges them to step up and be the best they can be.

Wild 'Stangs 138.5 John Glenn 121.75



KENSINGTON VALLEY CONFERENCE STANDINGS

Conference Standings			Overall Standings			
· .	Wins	Losses	Wins	Losses		
Novi	5	1	9	1		
Pinckney	5	1	7	· 3		
Lakeland	4	2	8	2		
Milford	4	2	6	5		
Brighton	3	3	6	5		
South Lyon	1	5		· 0		
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Hartland 63, I Pinckney 75,		Scores from Janu	ary 24 games			
Lakeland 33, Novi 42, Milf	South Lyon 32		· · · · ·	-		

"We've been looking for -a defensive stopper since (Shaun) Dicken went down," Schluter said. "Chase was on the best players early, but we wanted to keep him out of foul trouble. pson has long arms and is ly lanky His defensive Sim really lanky. His defensive pressure is really helping us out,

Ryan Corte had a nice performance in the contest as well. "He did a great job in that game," Schluter said. "He went out there and played really hard for us.

"Everyone had a lot of playing time in that game." Sam Eggleston is the sports Leading the way in the blowout writer for the Northville Record and the Novi News. He victory was Emmenecker with 13 points while senior Chase Chandler added another 10 in the can be reached at (248) 349-1700, ext. 104 or at seggle-ston@ht.homecomm.net.

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Much better

Novi 'Cats show what they're made of

By Sam Eggleston SPORTS WRITE

Can you say perfect? The Nov ildeats wrestling team sure can

The 'Cars, under the guidance of coach Brad Huss, had a perfect meet against the Lakeland Eagles in Kensington Valley Conference play January 24, but fell to the Milford Mavericks in the same tri-meet Against the Fingles, Novi was able to collect a staggering 78.0 victory, but fell short 39-31 against

"We are starting to wrestle her ter, but still need improvement from some of our young guys," Huss said, "They have a fot of potential and now is the time for us to aminibus unit." eapitalize on it.

Against Lakeland, the Wildcars simply dominated. They carned the better team on the day though, second place while Baum and victories from Jason Sierra (103) topping the 'Cats with a total of Buck were both 3-2 for fifth place.

Novi Underclassman Scores

JV COMPETITIVE CHEER 2nd place Dakland-Macomb	McManaman led the Wildcats with the aces. Courtney Raikoviak had forefalle. On Viennies do Willow
The Novi Junior Varsity Competitive Cheer team earned a second-place finish at last Saturday's Qakland-Macourab Open at Grosse Pointe Soath. The Wildcass Inished three rounds of cheer with a total of 605 points. Troy Athens won the competition with a total score of 634. Ferndale finished third at 476. Novi	four kills. On Saturday, the Wildcats lost to Hartland in the quaterfinals of the Gold Division of the Wilded Lake Central Invitational. Novi ninth- graders finished with a 2-1-1 record on the day. They were ted by Commey Rotkowiak, who had 10 kills. Klisten Marzonie added eight ares.
JV has placed second in all three of its tournaments this year. The	JV BASKETBALL
Wildcats compete in the Kensington Valley Conference (KVC)	Overali: 5-6; KVC: 2-4
Championships this Saturday at Hartland,	The Novi Junior Varsity Basketball team lost a tough game to
FRESHMAN VOLLEYBALL	Millord last Friday, 54-50, in KVC action. Mark Moore led the Wildcats

FRESHMAN VOLLEYBALL KVC: 1-3

The Novi Freshmen Volleyball The Novi Presimen volety with solid a 54-34 non-leggue win over you have with solid, come from-behind victory over South Lyon, 11-15, 15-4, 15-4. Heather





Brighton tops Novi in defensive showdown

contain the Brighton offense or own goal of the night, and scaled icers to 6-8-4 overall, and 3-4-1 in

 Contain the Brighton offense or get past their defense.
 own goal of the night, and sealed icers to 6.8-4 overall, and 3-4-1 in the victory while capping the scoring on the game with 3:28 left in the game. The score came four seconds into a power play after County Press and Argus. "We didn't overwhelm them. We stayed with a good defensive game and didn't give them a lot of easy chances.
 own goal of the night, and sealed is victory while capping the scoring on the game with 3:28 left in the game. The score came four seconds into a power play after To del Pietila won a faccoff.
 Sam Egglesion is the sports write for the Northuille Record and the Novi News. He can be reached at (248) 349-1700; Conference itile last season, just weren't able to get the offensive

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"It hink that was a key part of weren't able to get the offensive seggleston@ht.homecomm.ret. They had shots, bat they weren't the fire uader them. They were 0-breakaways or anything like that." for-6 on the power play and Photo by John Heid

> By Michael Zerkich SPECIAL WRITER

Novi's Jason Ballantyne lifts Northville's Brad Ashby off the mat during their 140-pound weight-class wrestling match at Novi High.

 Second place while Baum and system (10) the day though, second place while Baum and point, Second place while Baum and system (10), the point far (24s with a total of the field with a 3-2 finish.
 Baum (130, won 7-2), Josh Siera (pin, Hearn (void), Hausen (135, pin), Andrew Sunisle (145, pin), Andrew Balantyne (145, pin), Al. Morris
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 Balantyne (147, pin), A.J. M Baum (1.35, pin), Andrew Sunisloe (140, pin), Jason Ballantyne (145, pin), Corey Sinone (160, pin), Dan Pasquerelli (171, 9-6), Matt Jezior (189, pin), Jish Buck (215 pin) and Chad Thurnan (275,)

in led the Wildcats with the Wildcats in scoring with 17 ourtney Raikowiak had points. Steve Hart and Mark Moore Wildcats were ferocious with nine victories. The Novi Freshmen Basketball team trounced non-league foe Ypsilanti Lincoln, 47-28, at the Novi

gym last Tuesday. Steve Gillam led the Wildeats with 12 points. David to work out. However, I feel that we Camegie scored nine, and Matt Simpson added seven. Steve Fannon, once again, led the Wildcats are only getting better. I am really proad of all twelve of my kids," The day started with close seesaw victories over local rival Walled Lake Northern by the score of 25-19 in rebounding with 10 boards and three blocks. One day earlier, the young Wildcats lost a KVC game to Milford, 43-36. Novi freshmen were and 25-20. Then Hatchets of Bad Axe, fresh off a championship at the U of M Dearborn Invitational, fell easily in outscored at the free-throw line, 20-2, which made the difference in the game. The Wildcats were led by a the opener by a score of 25-8. However, Bad Axe fought back in trio who scored eight points each -Steve Gillam, Eric Zhao and Matt the second but failed to derail the Wildcats with Novi edging their Huron County foes 25-21. Simpson. Steve Fannon had a game high 10 rebounds.

They say that football and base-ball are a game of inches. Add girls volleyball to that list. In a marathon day of gruefing competition that took 9 hours to complete Wildcats finally bowed out of its own Novi Invitational last staurday. However, nas they have done for most of the year, the Wildcats were spread throughout the team. In the Walled Lake match Angie scrambled six points to take the lead. The Falcons came right back with three points of their own bat five straight points to take a 25-20 victory. The next game Novi fell to the 11 team tournament Novi was superb in a round-robin pool af the day 25-15. In the tough Frenzy Ford matcri-Macomb County's Warren Mott provided the fourth round for these two teams banged points. If the dagain these two teams banged points with these kills. The Warren Mott provided the fourth round for. These two teams banged points back and forth all day in nail-biting with three kills. The Warren Mot Novi Coach Julie Fisctle saw much to like during the day's play. "The tournament was our best fashion. However, in the first game leaders for Novi saw Shrader and Frask with eight service points and 19. In their second contest no team could manage bigger than a four point lead with the back and forth points ending in Novi's favor 25-23. Schmidt adding her steady seven points off service while leading the yet, even though the girls where under the weather," she said. "Even the we played a long time we had a team with eight kills. Finally, against Huron, Frask lead with seven service points with Hildreth right behind with six points the we played a long time we had a good day played well in every match. We definitely have some kinks we definitely have some kinks including two aces. Kim Zarczynski was the kill champ in this one with six. in the match for the Wildcats to pull out a 25-17 triumph. The servis turned out to be the Things don't get any easier for the

Call it a game of inches

A third round with the Utica Henry Ford Falcons proved to be the toughest in pool play. Novi trailed in the opener 17-14 as the prospects for expected due and the match with a 25-16 victory.

Wildcats this week as Coach Fisette excitement match of the day. Local rival Walled Lake Central furnished points out "We have another tough week the competition. In the first best-ofthis week with Howell on Monday 15 point scoring. Novi slammed the and Hartland on Thursday, and we Vikings with an impressive 15-6 end the week with the toughest tou victory. The next game told the tale. nament of the year at Schoolcraft College on Saturday," she said, True, the schedule gets tough. Tied at 14 a piece Novi let the game slip away with Central scoring the final three tallies. The third game final three tallies. The third game reverted back to 25 point scoring but the nine hours final caught the Wildcats flatfooted. The Vikings grows old.



Wildcats showing even more improvement

By Michael Zerkich SPECIAL WRITER Two Saturdays ago at the Novi Invitational Novi was impressive with a 5th place finish. Consider that to be just a taste of what's up shead. head. Flash forward to last weekend at the Oakland/Macomb Competition at Grosse Pointe ai the Oakland/Macomb Competition at Grosse Points South and the Wildcats are attor the down from the week before. With strength and energy attor this cond, I felt taking a with a group of girls clobberd by a substantial flu virus hittig the school. Novi Competitive cheer coach May Danys substantial flu virus hittig the school. Novi Competitive cheer coach May Danys substantial flu virus hittig the school. Novi Competitive cheer coach May Danys substantial flu virus hittig the school. Novi Competitive cheer coach May Danys substantial flu virus hittig the school. Novi Competitive cheer coach May Danys substantial flu virus hittig the school. Novi Competitive cheer coach May Danys substantial flu virus hittig the school. Novi Competitive cheer coach May Danys substantial flu virus hittig the school. Novi Competitive cheer coach May Danys substantial flu virus hittig the school. Novi Competitive cheer coach May Danys substantial flu virus hittig the school. Novi Competitive cheer coach May Danys substantial flu virus hittig the school. Novi Competitive cheer coach ish. Troy Athens collected 672.5 points, Novi 642 and Perndale

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was third with 536. "We were in first place going into Round 3. Due to multiple illnesses and an injury, we opted to remove a por-tion of our Round 3 so as to lessen the physical exertion nec-essary to complete the cheer. We had many sick athletes last week and 1 was worried our stamina had worked hard this last week to

"At this point in the season, an injury would set us back and I was not willing to take this risk."

Amy Denys

end, I am hoping that we can all stay healthy," Denys said, "Illness really took its toll on our team. Let's hope all the girls got it out of their system and we can

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title Novi is now poised and experienced with the depth and

Looking ahead to next week-

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Mid-Winter Hall of Fame. The clinic will be Feb. 9 from 1-4 .m. at Total Baseball in Wixom. Call (248) 668-0166 or Baseball/Softball Camp Total Baseball's Softball/Baseball Camp will feature professional instruction from Aaron Knieper (Montreal Expos), Lee Bjerke (Michigan High School Coaches via email at totalbaseball-wixom@aol.com. Space is very limited. Hall of Fame) and Jessie Milosck (Bowling Green University Softball). **Coaching positions open** Walled Lake School recently Hitting, pitching, fielding, baserunning and more will be cov-ered in this fundamental camp. announced the following openings; Walled Lake Central Girl's Participants will be put on the radar gun for arm-speed too. Track Assistant Coach; Walled The camp will run Feb. 24-26 From 9 a.m. - 1 p.m. at Total Baseball, Cost of the camp is \$135 Western Head Girl's Tennis from 9 a.m. - 1 p.m. at Total Baseball. Cost of the camp is \$135 per player with a \$10 discount for a Coach. Interested candidates should and child. The camp is open to contact David Yarbrough, Athletic Director for Walled Lake Schools at (248) 956players ages 7-17. Call (248) 668-0166 or via email at totalbaseballwixom@aol.com. Space is very limited. 2073. Those are the only tions open at the Walled Lake Schools for coaches right now. **Baseball Coaches Clinic**

Total Baseball will be spon-Velocity Improvement soring the Ultimate Baseball Coaches Clinic, Featured speak-Pitching Program ers will be Von Joshua, a Toronto Blucjays Hitting Instructor; Stephen Jaksa, the Central Michigna University Head Coach; and Lee Bjerke,

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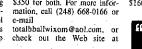
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Softhall/Baseball Private Lessons and Training Total Baseball will help play-ers, ages 6-18, improve their game. Instructors include Oakland University coaching staff, Big 10/MAC All-Conference softball/baseball The pitching camps run Jan. 11-Feb. 2 on Saturdays from 11 a:m.-1 p.m. and Sundays from 3:30-5:30 p.m. and 5-7 p.m.

Hitting camps will be Saturdays from 12:30-2:30 p.m. and Sundays from 2-4 p.m. and 6:30-8:30 p.m. \$160



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Baseball/Softball Leagues Total Baseball's Indoor Hitting Leagues will have four players per

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ages will be Sundays from 6-9 and girls softball, ages 13-and-under will be Saturday from 9-11 a.m. 7 players, the Toledo Mudhens manager, former professional players and college/HS coaches. with high school ages playing r Sunday from 6-9 p.m. The cost is \$45 per individual player or \$150. Pitching, hitting and fielding are the lessons available and are by per team with four players on each team. Call (248) 668-0166 for

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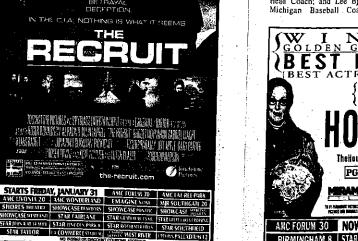
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ENTERTAINMENT B-4 **Could this become a clone war?**

'The Getaway' may look like 'Grand Theft Auto 3,' but there's a world of differences in this London-based criminal underworld

By Sam Eggleston

Man, driving on the wrong side of the street is crazy. That realization never really

struck until my hands were in control of a Honda Accord, zipping through the streets of London at break-neck speeds with nothing more than outrunning the cops going through my mind. They are quick to eatch up too, but probably more because of my driving abilities and less of theirs. J always turn into the wrong lane in that bloody country! Smack dab into one of those darn double-decker

I'm not a wanted n the United No, no criminal criminal in the United Kingdom. Well, not in real life at least. In the game "The Getaway," I've begun to live a double life as an ex-criminal but's notified back into the double that's pulled back into the dark life thanks to the murder of my wife and the abduction of my son. It seems, at least according to the crime boss who just had me worked over, that if I don't do what they say they'll have my kid floating in the river by

blasting your way out of tight situations and running from the cops. Sound like "Grand Theft Auto III"? This game definitely has a lot of similarities to that has a lot of similarities to that one, but the biggest difference is the game controls. In "GTA", J always seemed to get shot in the back and try spinning around to nail my targets. In this stunner, the aim controls, the ability to duck behind boxes and to flatten against a wall help out a ton in a firefight, but the free aim controls and the autofree-aim controls and the auto-

tree-aim controls and the auto-matic targeting help ease the pain of bullet wounds. Another big difference between these game cousins is the health of your character. I don't know how many times I caught on fire or was hit by a car in "GTA" and just simply ort up and wilked word. got up and walked away. In "The Getaway" you find your-self watching the traffic and avoiding flaming wrecks. They are definitely very, very haz-ardous for your health and a

ardous for your health and a quick kill. The graphics are very smooth, and from everything 1 understand, the city is very, very real. They scoured 40-square-miles of London to get the maoning right the streets the mapping right, the streets perfect and the cracks in the sidewalks put in the right spot. Unlike "GTA", there aren't load times for traveling through the expansive city – at least not that I've encountered to this point. Another very realistic part of the game is the real cars, such as Hondas and Audis, as well as your ability to carry weapons. You aren't going to be able to



Courtesy P Run away, run away! In "The Getaway," you find yourself running for cover quite a bit.

pick up an AK-47 and then tuck it in your belt when you grab a shotgun. Though you can use two handguns at one time, this is a plus for those of us who for 't real' up about up to the time.

According to the box the game came in, there are also strong sexual themes to worry about, Overall, I have to say this game is worth the \$40 a PS2 owner will pay for it. If you're a fan of "GTA", then this game is for you. Great driving, awesome cinematic scenes and profes-sional actors playing the roles

"The Getaway" is one of the best games I've played on the Playstation so far.

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Screen Beat

In "The Getaway" you have the chance to drive real

honest-to-goodness cars that have all the characteris-tics of their non-pixel counterparts, like this Audi.

By Brian Renner THE MOVIE INSIDER

Coming to theaters this week-end is the action-packed "Biker Boys," set in a world of under-ground motorcycle clubs whose numbers are living on the adapmembers are living on the edge every day. Lawyers and city workers by day, they take to the streets in their leathers to race by night. Laurence Fishburne stars as the undefeated motorcycle racer called Smoke, whose dominance has earned him the title of "King of Cali". But Smoke's dominance is threatened by a young motorcycle racing prodigy called Kid (Derek Lüke), who is determined to win his helmet and earn the coveted title. Writer Michael Gougis explains the motorcycle culture, "It is a world that nobody on the outside of it knows about, that nobody outside of it world to learne the det. of it wants to know about. It is completely self-sufficient. It surcompletely self-sufficient. It sur-vives on its own and once you're inside, it's just the most amazing social structure-very organized, very rigid, very protective of its members from the outside world." "Biker Boys" is a DreamWorks Pictures release and rated PG-13 for violence, served concent and language

and rates FG-15 for violence, sexual content and language. "Final Destination 2," the sequel to the hit 2000 supernatu-ral thriller, follows Kimberly Corman (A.J. Cook), who is en with route to a weekend getaway with her friends. She watches helplessly as a logging truck spins out of control and loses its deadly payload, setting off a horrifying chain reaction that leaves twisted metal and dead bodies in its wake including her own. A moment later, Kimberly finds herself still stuck in on-ramp traffic, with line of commuters she saw of she saw die moments before trailing behind her. It was only a vision. But was it also a warning? Producer Craig Perry describes "Final Destination 2" as a thrill ride which steps up the action, fear and comedic elements that made the first film such a popular and lasting hit. "This film builds upon the notion that death is all nd us." he says. "Both 'Final Destination' films tap into that universal fear. Death could be in your car or your bathroom! The conceit is not so otherworldly that it stays on the movie screen. It follows you home." "Final It follows you home." Destination 2" is a New Line Cinema release and rated R for strong violence/gruesome acci-dents, language, drug content and

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PG-13 for terror and horror images, and brief language. Comedy "Super Sucker," filmed in Jackson, MJ, follows rival door-to-door vacuum cleaner sales teams. Jeff Daniels, as Fred Barlow, heads up his team of vacuum salesmen misfits. They compete for territory and survival against Barlow's cross-town rival, Winslow Schnaebelt (Harve Presnell). Barlow dis-covers a long lost cleaning attachment and finds non-traditional uses for it, changing the lives of the home cleaning indus-try forever. "Super Sucker" is a Purple Rose Films limited release to select Midwest the-attres and is rated P atres and is rated R

in theaters next week

Action/comedy "Shanghai Knights" (PG-13), romantic comedies "How to Lose a Guy in 10 Days" (PG-13) and "Deliver Us from Eva" (R).

On video and DVD

Baby-boomer comedy "The Banger Sisters" (PG-13), kids-comedy "The Master of Disguise" (PG), independent romantic comedy "Never Disguise" (FG), romantic comedy "Never Again" (R) and romantic come-"Corving Sara" (PG-13). Again" (R) and romantic come-dy "Serving Sara" (PG-13). British comedy-drama "24 Hour Party People" (R), espionage thriller "The Bourne Identity" (PG-13), war drama "Harrison's Flowers" (PG-13), drama "Mad Love" (R), show-biz satire "SIMONE" (PG-13), wittv comedy "Tadpole" (PG-13)

Twenty years ago I would have never thought of buying a microwave for my home or business. I still rarely use a microwave, mostly due to lack of habit. Because convertioned of habit. Because convenience foods are so popular today and time is so short for cooking the microwave is becoming a best friend to cooks and culi-narians. I have nothing against

the microwave. My complaint is about a lot of the fast food that goes into them. The microwave can be a valuable tool for quick nutri-tional meals. According to a spokesperson for a large facturer, seventy percent of the time microwaves are used to reheat precooked foods, 20 percent for defrosting and only 10 percent for primary cooking functions. It is important for nutrition's sake to use the microwave for these primary

functions. Steamed vegetables are incredible, fish excellent and snacks easy. Although I do not advocate cooking meat or poultry in the microwave most-ly due to personal preference, there are many other options. Oatmeal and cream of wheat are easy, fast and there is little

clean up. Reheating soups saves pans and time. I portion leftover soup and chili into mugs and everyone helps them-selves when hungry. Eggs are simple and quick in the microwave. When bacon is "fried" in the micro much of the fat is melted away leaving a much leaner product. Melting becomes a piece of cake and defrosting liquid easy as setting a dial. The pri

RECIPE

Microwave friendly recipe: Parchment Seafood Spectacular

- .2 6- to8-ounce halibut steaks
- 1 tablespoon dry white wine
- Dash of soy sauce
- Dash of lemon juice
- 1 cup sliced mushrooms
- 1 cup small broccoli florets
- 1 tablespoon tarragon (fresh if available)
- Diion mustard
- Salt and pepper to taste

Lay two sheets parchment paper, large enough to wrap envelope style around fish and vegetables, on the counter. Place a fish steak in the middle of each and spread lightly with Dijon mustard. Add vegetables and sprinkle with wine, soy, lemon juice and tarragon. Add sait and pepper as desired. Wrap completely. Place on glass dish and microwave on high for 7-9 minutes. Let rest several minutes. Serve in paper. Potatoes, rice or pasta that have already been cooked can be added for a complete meal.

Recipe provided by Chef Mary Brady.

The actual microwaves rarely pass more than one and a half inches into the food, the other areas heat first and heat moves towards the center of the food heating it. The metal walls reflect the waves and do not become hot. Plates become hot from the food not from the microwaves. If there is no moisture, the microwave cannot pro duce the friction necestimes), are acceptable cookin sary to heat. Foods heat mickvessels. Foil and metal skewer er than other cookery methods. This has some drawbacks. Flavor is a chemical process can be used effectively but check your manufacturer's guidelines before doing so. that requires time and tempera-Like any other method of cook ing, practice makes perfect. The microwave is an indispenture to fully develop, neither which is prominent microwave cooking. sable piece of equipment in addition, standard many microwave ovens do not brown important to remember that speed can't be a substitute for foods. This is unappealing to most people. We eat with our eyes. If it looks good it will good ingredients and nutritious meals. taste good. Foods with high contents of fat, water and sugar tend to burn easily because they heat so quickly. Cook halfway and stir to prevent

colder than refrigerator tem-perature. Put frozen food through a defrost cycle first. When arranging a meal on a plate, put the denser foods on the outer rim and the less dense such as waterblack is the dense, such as vegetables in the middle. Keep your micro clean for the most efficient use.

households but it is

some nudity.

Comic-based "The Gurn" follows a young Indian dance teacher named Ramu Gupta (Jimi Mistry) as he embarks for New York City in pursuit of fame and fortune only to find himself fortune only to find himself working as a waiter in an Indian restaurant. Through an encounter with Sharonna (Heather Graham), a beautiful adult-film star, the shy, inexperienced Ramu is mistaken for a spiritual leader and becomes an overnight rity. "The Guru" is a celebrity. "The Guru" is a Universal Pictures release and rated R for strong sexual content including dialogue, and for language.

. The Espionage-thriller "The Recruit" stars Colin Farrell as James Clayton, who is recruited by Walter Burke (Al Pacino) to join the CIA and thus, joins other recruits at the CIA training facil-ity know as "The Farm". He soon ity know as "The Farm". He soon discovers that Burke is a double agent, and Clayton must turn the tables on him before he takes the fall. "The Recruit" is a Touchstone Pictures release and rated PG-13 for violence, sexuality and language

can't really shoot well. This game is very, very vio-lent and very full of four-letter words that aren't real sweet for-those young ears out there. **Food For Thought**

sundown. Lucky for you, there's a chance you can play the same role I've been engrossed in for the past weekend. Stealing cars,

In theaters now

Spooky thriller "Darkness Falls," The film follows Kyle Falls." The film follows Kyle Walsh (Chaney Kley) who returns hame to confront his troubled past and save his childhood sweethcart Caitlin (Emma Caulfield) and her younger brother Michael (Lee Cormie) from an unrelenting evil that has plagued the town of Darkness Falls for over one hundred and fifty years. "Darkness Falls" is a Sony Pictures release and rated

Premiering on DVD

"The Avengers '68 Collection: Set 5" (NR), "Baadasssss Cinema: A Bold Look at '70s (NR), "Biodo of the Zombie: The Dead One" (NR), "More Dogs Then Dogs Than Bones" (R), "Rugrats: Mysteries" (NR), "Sherlock Holmes: The Hound of the Background (NR) the Baskervilles" (NR), "Sherlock Holmes: The Last Vampyre" (NR), "SpongeBob Squarepants: Tales from the Sour Deep" (NR).

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The principle behind microwave cooking is fairly simple, yet very different from conventional oven cooking Convection ovens, or the over used to using, heats air for an extended length of time to cook food. The air transfers heat. The air inside microwave only becomes heat-ed as the food that is being cooked becomes hot. The waves, generated by the oven's magnetron tube, travel through the food at a rate of two and a half billion times per second This may sound very scientific, and it is, but very simply put, the waves penetrate food at an incredibly high speed and cause the water molecules of

burning. A microwave is much more the food to move around fast efficient full almost empty. For warming or cooking, food should be no produce friction produces heat and cooking.

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Glass, some plastic and paper (for short cooking