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Sisters of America wants to
expand to reach 1 million children with its mentoring programs. In Oakland, Wayne and
Macomb counties that means
taking an organization that
serves the needs of 1,000 children and growing it one that dren and growing it one that serves 15,000.

"I love a challenge," said Raquel Villarruel, who recently took over as president and chief executive Big Brothers/Big Sisters of Metropolitan Detroit.

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New faces in the chamber

Lou Martin, the Novi Chamber of Commerce's new chairman, presented his vision for the organization at a recent

The Novi News serves up a Profile of the chamber's newest board of directors.

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#### **SPORTS**

Tops in the conference

Swab the deck with those Pirates, mate!

The Novi Wildcats basketball team did just that as they put on a defensive clinic on the expense of the Pinckney Pirates January 31, routing the top-ranked squad 55-26 on their way to securing first place in the Kensington Valley Conference.

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# Kratz mourned by many

By Ramez Khuri STAFF WRITER

A very important part of the Novi Community School District's history was lost when Dr. Jerry Kratz passed away Jan.
28. Kratz was the district's super-intendent from July 1972 through June 1980. According to Executive Director of Human Resources Bob Schram, Kratz is responsible for putting the school district on the map in terms of high academic standards and



him during

time

moved into the commu-Jerry Kratz nity in 1976. In 1973 my wife and I moved into Farmington because the perception was that Novi didn't have

very good schools. In 1976 we

ception was that Novi had very wonderful job," Schram said. "I knew 'Jerry Kratz played an impor-

tant role in taking a sleepy com-munity school district and making it into a very good school district," Schram added. "I got elected to the school board in 1978. I was on the school board for about two years and it only got stronger in

Kratz came aboard at a critical time - when the city of Novi was emerging. "He was a very strong

leader," Schram said. "He was responsible for hiring Dr. Rita Traynor and he hired Bill Barr, who used to be our assistant superintendent. It was a critical time which required critical, strong people to take charge - and he did. He surrounded himself

with those kinds of people."

Kratz worked for Southfield
Public Schools before coming to
Novi, From Novi, he went on to the Jackson County Intermediate

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### Detour ahead

Signage for maneuvering around Grand River during construction announced

By Victoria Sadlocha

With the closing of the Grand River Avenue bridge thorough-fare comes questions from residents asking how they will nav-igate through the highly trav-eled city roadways.

The \$6.1 million City of Novi and Road Commission for

Oakland County project will close both ends of the bridge over the CSX railroad tracks for most of the year preventing the avenue from being a transporta-tion route from Novi to Beck

The city-approved, signed travelers utilize 12 Mile Road from Novi to Beck roads as an alternate route.

An unsigned route suggested by the city utilizes Meadowbrook Avenue to 10 Mile Road to Beck Road. City officials acknowledge

the detour routes may not be ideal, but are the best options available.

City of Novi Community

Relations Manager Sheryl Walsh said the main reason the signed 12 Mile Road detour route is suggested is because of weight restrictions on surround-

ing roadways.
For example, Beck Road south to 10 Mile is weight restricted for commercial trucks.

Walsh said of course residential vehicles may choose whatever alternate route they chose, but trucks must use the signed 12 Mile Road detour route.

Traffic is undoubtedly one of the primary concerns of our community," said Douglas Shaeffer, City of Novi Police

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Orchard Hills student Ian Techlenburg counts his 100 plastic soldiers on the school's 100 Days-day. Students were encouraged to bring in 100 of their favorite objects. For more photos and the story, please go to page 11.

## Second quarter shows city's progress

By Victoria Sadlocha

The status of many major city projects is one of the highlights of Novi's second quarter perform-

ance report.

The fiscal year 2002-2003 summary offers a snapshot of the city as of Dec. 31, 2002, Novi's second quarter end date, including a progress report of major reports primarily for members of the city council

'It is a nice overview for the city council to take a look and see the status of issues that may inter-este them," said Sheryl Walsh, City of Novi Community Relations Manager. "That is how munication.3

Walsh said the quarterly docu-ment is available for community members via the city's Website and is also avaibable in hard copy

form at city hall.

Movement by category in many of the city's projects during the second quarter include:

Sandstone Litigation

#### Settlement

According to documents issued by the city, during the second quarter significant progress was made increasing sanitary sewer capacity along 12 Mile Road. The target completion date for the increase is the city's fourth quarter Progress also continues with the report really came about, but it is also in keeping with open com-

of North Novi Park and removal of soil contaminated by arsenic. As of Dec. 13, 2002, four rounds As of Dec. 13, 2002, four rounds of excavation and sampling were completed. Officials said about 70,000 cubic yards of soils were removed from the property along with debris and old buildings. Since the middle of December, the fifth, sixth and seventh rounds of excavation have been completed Clearing dead restrictions on ed. Clearing deed restrictions continues on as the city's challenge with the settlement agreement.

#### **Public Safety**

City officials confirmed laptops in the city's police department patrol vehicles were replaced and

for the grounds of Novi's Public Works garage. The Novi Police Department is also on track with hiring three new police officers. Jeremy Stempien was intro-duced to the community last

month and two more officers will be introduced shortly. The Novi Police Department has also made substantial progress with enhancing the city's emergency pre-paredness. Officials said a "mock disaster" was conducted on Nov. 19, 2002 at the Novi

Civic Center. The scenario was the Novi Civic Center was heavi-ly damaged by a tornoado and would not be operational for six months. The exercise was a surprise to the majority of those

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#### GET THE LATEST

Monthly updates pertain-ing to the Grand River Avenue bridge project will be held the last Wednesday of every month at 9 a.m. and 7 p.m. in the Novi Police Department Training Center located at 45125 W. Ten Mile Road.

Representatives from the city and the Road Commission for Oakland County will be on hand providing an update and answering any questions asked.

Additionally, the city will distribute a monthly newslet-ter via fax or e-mail to anyone interested

To receive a newsletter, either attend one of the monthly information meetings or e-mail the city's community relations manager, Shervi Walsh, at swaish@ci.novi.mi.us.

Bi-weekly updates will also be shown on local cable

### War clouds concern family

By Phil Foley STAFF WRITER

More than most, Al Schmitz, a retired General Motors Corp engi-neer from Novi, has a clear idea of what may be going through the minds of men on both sides of the

border between Kuwait and Iraq.
As a 16-year-old boy, Schmitz faced the onslaught of the U.S. Army as a member a German defense force made of the very young and the very old, during his father's native country's last gasp in World War II. "I was hit by American shrapnel right here," he said pointing to his upper lip just below his nose.

Last month Schmitz' son-inlaw, Sean Byrne, was promoted to brigadier general at the U.S. Army Command Personnel Command in Alexandria, Va., and he now awaits an uncertain future in the deserts of Kuwait.

Ever since Byrne shipped out for Kuwait last month, Schmitz and his wife Julie have called their daughter Christine at the Byrne's home in Springfield, Va. at least three times a day. "There's

been a little bit of crying. It's

hard," said Schmitz,

But it's not the first time Byrne has been in harm's way three decade career in the army. as been in harm's way during his As a young lieutenant was sta-tioned at Fulda, Germany, where NATO commanders believed Soviet armor would strike first if the Cold War ever went hot. Later as a colonel, he served in the Eighth Army's personnel command in South Korea.

In between he served as a mili-

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Novi resident Al Schmitz's son-in-law is Sean Byrne, a Brigadier General in the U.S. Army, and may be involved in the military action against Iraq

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#### Police Report

#### Suspect soin out

A Farmington Hills man ended up with more than just your average spin-out accident after Novi police smelled alcohol on his breath. The officer was exting Interstate 96 onto the northbound M-5 entrance ramp on Feb. 1 at about 2 a.m. when he noticed a but BMW crops contables.

Action!

Maranatha Shattera Col

officer was exiting Interstate 96 onto the northbound M-5 entrance ramp for Feb. 1 at about 2 a.m. when he noticed a blue BMW spun out about 25 feet into the field to the west of the road. The officer approached the 28-year-old driver and questioned him on the accident, As the driver explained he slid off the road because of the snow, the officer smelled intoxicants on his breath. He also noticed his speech was Last week, a Livonia resident

slurred. After being questioned by police, the man admitted he had just left 5th Avenue Billiards where he started drinking at about 7 p.m. After asking the driver to count from 91 to 69, the man counted 91, 99, 89, 88, 78, 86 and down to 69. The man blew a .11 and was arrested.

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Silies so he initiated a traffic stop. The driver said he had two beers at JW's since 10 p.m. and he was drinking in Walled Lake before the proof, the cliver of the counter of the same said his brother came home at about 5 a.m. and parked in a legal spot in the complex. According to the report, the window white her car was parked in a legal spot in the complex. According to the report, the window white her car was posted for cutting the officer off and blew a .11 and was arrested. failing field sobriety tasks, the man

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parked in a legal spot in the complex. According to the report, the woman told police the vandal responsible doesn't even know how to spell "else." The woman told police she had already wiped the lipstick off and no damage to the vehicle was found by police. The woman said the complex does not his truck. The man said he parked his his truck. The man said he parked his dence at the scene

or towed by apartment complex management. The resident also had possession of his keys. The truck was valued between \$2,000 and \$3,000, and police found no evi-

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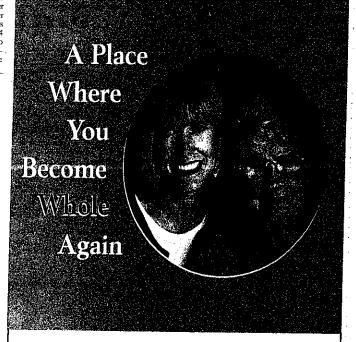
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### Second quarter shows city's progress

of the city's departments from res-cue to record keeping.

Novi has accomplished many scheduled road projects including the 10 Mile bike path, the 2002 the 10 Mile bike pain, the 2005 Neighborhood street repaying program, the widening of Grand River Avenue from the city limits east to neering, environmental and architectural services. roads intersection. According to documents provided by the City of Novi, significant progress to addi-tional projects was also made during the second quarter. Projects moving forward significantly dur-ing the second quarter include to the 10 Mile and Beck roads intersection, the construction of the Nine Mile Road bike path and the removal and replacement of the Grand River Avenue Bridge over the CSX railroad tracks. Novi road projects completed during the sec-ond quarter included widening and signal upgrade to the 10 Mile and Cranbrooke roads intersection, Novi's maintenance/joint and erack sealing program and road and bike path repairs including

#### **City Services**

During Novi's second quarter, two civil engineers were hired to assist the city in its ongoing goal of autonomy, Benjamin Croy, PE was hired in November for the plan

sion is now fully staffed to the authorized level. Significant progress was also made control-ling legal bills, controlling overing tegal ons, controlling over-time incurred by eigh employees, constructing the M-5 Sanitary Sewer Extention for the city's OST discrited and with soliciting requests for proposals for engi-

#### Parks, Recreation &

Forestry Officials said during Novi's secutinal projects was also made during the second quarter. Projects omeoving forward significantly during the second quarter include miprovements to the intersection of the 10 Mile and Beck roads intersection, the construction of the Nine Mile Road bike path and he removal and replacement of the difference of the construction of the removal and replacement of the difference of the difference of the construction of the Nine Mile Road bike path and the removal and replacement of the difference of the construction of the Nine Mile Road bike path and the removal and replacement of the difference of the construction of the construction of the nine of the construction of the construction of the construction of the nine of the construction of th department was allocated \$280,000 from the city's general fund and \$55,000 from Community Development Block Grant funds for park

improvements in the current fis-cal year budget. Significant progress was also made with the department's strategic master plan and the enhancement of com-

continued from front page involved and it tested every aspect of the city's departments from responsition. Novi's engineering division and Brian Coburn. PE shifted to the roads and utilities postion. Novi's engineering division and Community Sports parks, and Community Sports parks, Walled Lake and 13 Mile and the Ella Mae Power Park. Officials said the tree-removal program was initiated to reduce a number of the potential hazards in Novi's park

According to documents provided by the city, significant progress was made during the second quar-ter with Novi's Storm Water Pollution Prevention Iniative. The initiative was developed and approved by the MDEQ. Officials said components of the initiative are currently being implemented on an ongoing basis. Work also continued with the city's Storm Water Management Ordinance. The ordinance is being reviewed by the city's paring represent by the city's engineering and envi-ronmental services staffs to evalu-ate its implementation.

#### Growth Management and Development

The city's open-space zoning text amendemnt was completed during the second quarter and sig-nificant progress was made to the city's office, service and technoloty events. An example was the revamping of December's holiday festival. Completed during the sec-

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### **Detour ahead**

■ Signage for maneuvering around Grand River during construction announced

#### continued from front page Chief, "We have the opportunity

to make a significant improve-ment in our community. It is wise to take advantage of it."

Shaeffer said all of the Grand River Avenue improvements will result in a safer and vastly

improved traffic flow.

"It will cause some inconveniences, but everyone I know of associated with the project are doing their best and have pledged to overcome as many problems as possible to minimize the disrup-tions," Shaeffer said, "The Police Department will be on site and throughout the area to help motorists, residents, businesses, and contractors to make these projects happen as smoothly as

Walsh said the city anticipates the bridge will come down by the end of the month, Right now city officials are waiting for the final approval between the excavating company hired by the city for the project and CSX Railroad.

A new, wider bridge with side-walks on both sides will be the

### For questions or more infor-

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Relations Manager 248.735.5628 swalsh@ci.novi,mi.us

Further, the city will widen Grand River Avenue to five lanes and build sidewalks from Beck

mation, contact any of the fol-

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temporarily closed.

Road to the bridge and from the bridge to Novi Road.
Widening the avenue from
Beck Road to the bridge is tentatively scheduled to begin in March and end in November.

City officials said there will be temporary lane closures, includ-ing west of Beck Road, but one lane in each direction will remain open at all project times.

The widening project from the bridge to Novi Road is anticipated to commence in July and last five tion of Grand River Avenue

tion of Grand River Avenue between Novi Road and the bridge will remain open at all times, officials said.

Accesses to all businesses along Grand River Avenue between Beck and Novi roads will remain open during the bridge reconstruction project. Officials said Grand River Avenue at the east side of the Novi Road intersection will be

Bypass routes for the Novi Road and Grand River Avenue intersection will be the Town

will be accessible from Beck Road, and businesses east of the bridge will be accessible from Novi Road.

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### Villarruel takes the helm for the Bigs

By Phil Foley STAFF WRITER

It's a goal so daunting that it would send many manufacturing and sales executives running for an industrial size barrel of Maalox. By 2010 Big Brothers/Big Sisters of America wants to expand to reach

I million children with its mentor-ing programs. In Oakland, Wayne and Macomb counties that means taking an organization that serves the needs of 1.000 children and rowing it one that serves 15,000.
"I love a challenge," said Raquel Villarruel, who recently took over as president and chief executive Big Brothers/Big Sisters of Brothers/Big Sisters of Metropolitan Detroit.

Villarned, who has lived in Novi

since 1995, takes over an organiza tion with a annual budget of mor

4 million, a staff of 20 and more Villarruel will have to increase Big Brothers/Big Sisters' match rate by 20 percent a year. During 2001, the than 1,000 volunteers. The agency, which was formed in 1974 by the merger of five smaller groups, is the most current year the agency has an annual report for, Big Brothers/Big Sisters of Metropolitan Detroit state's largest and the 12 largest of the nation's more than 500 Big Brothers/Big Sisters. increased Big-Little matches by 8.4

To reach her goal of matching 15,000 at risk children, or "Littles" as the groups calls them, with men-GETTING INVOLVED To volunteer for a Big Brothers/Big Sisters program, call (248) 569-0600 weekday

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Photo by John Heidi President of Metro Detroit Big Brothers/Big Sisters and Novi resident Raquel Villarruel meets in her Southfield office with Devlopment Director David Lingholm

tors, or "Bigs" as they are known, for lunch

It's a goal Villarmel said she believes is completely reachable because "our model works." According to Villamel "Littles" who meet with "Bigs on a regambasis are 46 percent less likely to become involved with drugs; 27 percent less likely to to start drinking; 52 percent less likely to skip school; and 33 percent less likely to

iced for mentoring services provided by groups like Big Brothers/Big Sisters urban issue, Villarruel the need is across the board, inner city, suburbs, countryside. She noted that even if her agency meets its goal of matching 15,000 Littles annually by 2010, "that's only 10 percent of the kids who are in need."

To help meet that need, Villarmel said Big Bruther/Big Sisters has her to "combine volunteerism with been expanding beyond its tradition— al model of one-on-one mentoring to to site-based programs such as

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Villarruel said the biggest diffi-culty in reaching her goal is simply getting the word out. For instance in the entire Novi, Northville Soul Lyon and Milford area, there are less than 20 active volunteers.

Brothers/Big Sisters of Metropolitan Detroit's staff is cur-rently working on a public service announcement campaign to reach more potential volunteers

To support those volunteers Villarruel said her group will have to expand its budget and to do that, she needs to develope more strategi partnerships with area corporation

Villartuel comes to Big Brothers/Big Sisters from ISM Management, a consulting firm for nonprofit groups. Prior to that she was vice president of busines development at Novi's Trinity Health and operations vice president for Detroit's Mercy Hospital The chance to take the reins a

Big Brothers/Big Sisters, said Villarruel came at an opportune time. "I was looking for a career transistion and I've always done vol unteer work." She said this allo

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Buddies, a program where area kids
join employees at local companies

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### War clouds concern family

and then President George Bush. "They kept him there four years," bragged Schmitz,
"He was the longest serving
military aid at the White House. He's one of a kind." Bachelor of Science in Administrative Personnel During his years at the White House, one of Byrne's duties was to carry "the football," the Management, Byrne started his briefcase that contains the president's nuclear launch

only one in 60 to get a regular commission," recalled Schmitz During most of his military Schmitz is clearly proud of his son-in-law. He has stacks of his son-in-law. He has stacks of career, Byrne has been respon- cars for GM, "I got nothin photographs of him with the sible for personnel issues. Now time. I'm very interested." elder Bushs and shaking hands with world leaders like the Pope. Schmitz. notes that while at the War College, Byrne wrote a 14-page essay on urban warfare that's now required states. The process of the shooting of the Novi News, He can be starts in the Middle East. "What you gonna do," asked warfare that's now required schmitz. "That's their job. He's plotey@ht.homecomm.net."

made all of his promotions a his son-in-law's "number one year ahead of schedule. "He's a fan."

fust-tracker," hearned Schmitz.

After graduating from the ROTC program at the University of Detroit with a doms."

He noted, "It takes a special thind of person to be willing to give their life for our free-doms."

However, he added, "I try nor Personnel to think about that a lot. career as a paratrooper with the 82nd Airborne, "He was the of Army Times to newscasts on in Iraq. Schmitz, who once helped design experimental cars for GM, "I got nothing but

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### Novi Chamber of Commerce takes aim at the future

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Chair of Business Education

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Name: Gina

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Previous chamber positions:

Committee board member.

Most significant business issue

facing Novi: City management

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and needed services to business

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needs are and be in tune to those

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Commerce: Two years board

member 15 years member

Previous chamber positions:

Most significant business issue

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What I hope to accomplish as a

chamber board member this

year: To actively promote the

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developing in Novi less over-

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Firm: Tower

How long with

years

facing Novi: Infrastructure

Increase member

Name: John

Firm: Novi Expo

How long with

business, Growth and infrastruc-

Auction committee

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facing Novi: Managing growth of

Instead of a fancy banquet, the Novi Chamber of Commerce kicked off the year with a modest lunch.

with a modest lunch.
"We've always had an installation diner,"
said incoming Chamber Chairman Lou
Martin, "but I want to focus on service to
members. We have to ask," If it does not serve the members, why are we doing it?" Martin pledged to create more events like the recent Novi/Livonia/Canton Chamber of Commerce Mixer to give chamber members more opportunities to create business con-

"This is a response to what our members have been telling us they want," he said. Networking opportunities are very impor-

Pointings."

Pointing to people like new board member Art Johnson, who "have all their risk and investment in Novi," Martin said the chamber needs to work harder to create

chamber needs to work harder to create more opportunity for its members.

He noted board member Peggy Hayes has taken charge of the chamber's marketing committee and revising the chamber's Website with an aim toward "putting a face on the Novi Chamber."

Martin gave Chamber President Nora Champion a part on the back. "Nore is a

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lant, Martin said. "Who knows what kinds of opportunities are going to poen up going in to these things."

Pointing to people like new board members this year," he declared. "We are volunteers. We are here for servitude."

He praised Board Member Jim Koster's service. "We finally know where we are

financially and we know where we're going,"
One of the places the chamber will be going is to a new home. Martin announced the formation of a building fund committee during the lunch meeting at Maisano's Jan. 21, but later renamed the committee the

building location committee, saying he didn't want it to seem the chamber is commit-

the Novi Chamber."

Martin gave Chamber President Nora
Champion a pat on the back. "Nora is a
Champion at getting new members to sign
up. She is amazing at getting people to say
yes."

"I want our number one focus to be serv"I want our number one focus to be serv-

By-laws committee Chairman Frank Hickey acknowledged the size of the chal lenge by joking, "golf season is only 60 days away." He also promised to bring the chamber members a set of by-laws that are inclusive, guarantee that power is shared equally and that provides for checks and balances between the chamber's leadership

He quoted the late Robert F. Kennedy saying, "Some men see things as they are and say why? I dream things that never were and say "Why not?

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Previous chamber positions: Current marketing committe member. Also, since 1995 I. have worked on a wide array of projects and issues with the

How long with firm: Three year:

How long with Novi Chamber o

Commerce: I have worked with

the chamber since 1995, and

became a member of the board

of directors in 2000.

Most significant business issue facing Novi: 1. In the current face of an economic downturn issues currently facing the busi ness community is to not only

one of the most significant to aggressively pursue growth opportunities. The chamber's tunities' are a top priority - the need to connect with business partners and potential con-

man-elect, chairman, Marketing committee chairman, Convention and Visitors Bureau chairman Most significant business issue

ment for the developer What I hope to accomplish as a chamber board member this year: Have a succeesful year with

committee but I helped bring it to

firm: 22 years the Board, chaired the Golf

and healthy business center. What I hope to accomplish as a chamber board member this year: Promote the goals of the Chamber of Commerce - support

W. Sutschek.

civic/charitable activities

Firm: Ramco-Gershenson,

How long with How long with Novi Chamber of firm: 14 years Commerce: Five years How long with Novi Chamber of

Previous chamber positions: Auction committee and mbassador chairperson, member Ambassador cornittee

Most significant business issue facing Novi: Infrastructure of Novi roads and continued ment of downtown Novi and the ntruction and complettion and of the Novi Expo Center (it's our

What I hope to accomplish as a year: Have in place our chamber ring program, our chamber speakers' bureau and coupon oage on Novi Chamber Web site for use of Novi Chamber mem-

bers and non-members alike.

How long with firm: 10 years

How long with Chamber: The district has been a member for numerous

Previous Chamber positions: none

Most significant business issue facing Novi: 1) Maintaining your Firm: Forum Entertainment

Most significant business issue facing Novi: Attracting clients What I hope to accomplish as a

chamber board member this

Name: Dougla:

Firm: City of

How long with

firm: 10 years.

committee work

Previous chamber

Novi Police

year: Increase the value to exist-

How long with Novi Chamber of

member: three additional years in

positions: Auction Committee

Committee five years Bylaws

Small Business Person of the

Year, Police Officer of the Year,

Fire Fighter of the Year, Studen

Committee Disney Institute

Committee (Not sure it was a

Most significant business issue

nomic down turn has impacted

Novi with stalled developments

remains profitable, finish the half

desirable businesses, and provide

residents with an attractive, safe,

of businesses and promotion of

Commerce: I have been the com

years. Ramco has been a mem-

Previous chamber positions:

Directors; chair of the E.D.C.

Committee (currently co chair)

Most significant business issue

that the city has some control

over. Funding from the county

and state is more like a grab bag

and very subject to the economy

director on the Board of

completed projects, keep retail

and vacant retail space. It is

important for businesses to

facing Novi: The national eco-

town.)

of the year, etc.) Office Relocation

Committee image Awards

seven vears Business Education

Committee (Volunteer of the Year,

What I hope to accomplish as a chamber board member this year: Continue to immmve the oudget process and financia analysis.

Name: Gina Firm: Bevond

business presence during the

process at City Hall

upcoming road construction, 2) Continue to improve the approval

Business Solutions How Iong with

would mean that the needs of the exceeded while attracting new How long with the Novi Chamber of Commerce: My firm has been with the chamber for six months now. My previous employers mbers. I have been with the chamber (through different

since joining the chamber. I

Committe for three years, 1

Corvette Raffle, Recognition

Most significant business issue

facing Novi: I would have to say,

the economic state. I guess that

though. I'd like to see Mainstreet

What I hope to accomplish as a

chamber board member this

year: To continue to bring pro-

grams and opportunities to the

members that they can benefit

ntain Walk experiencing

goes for the entire nation,

greater success.

from.

Musu

Name: Tony

Firm: Novi

Community

How iong w

awards and Bi-Laws.

served on the Auction committee

and chaired theraffle portion of it

in 2002: I have served on numer

employees) for five years now. Firm: Twelve have been a director for the past five years. Previous Chamber positions: 1 have served on many committees

chaired the Business Educ How long with Novi Chamber of Commerce: 4 1/2 years Previous chamber positions

Always on the Marketing Most significant business issue

facing Novi: traffic congestion;

What I hone to accomplish as a chamber board member this year: create effective programs/events that enhance member's networking opportun Web site (novichamber.com) and

promote its use/benefits to our members Name: Art Johnson Firm: Presider

firm: 15 years in Business in Novi How long with the Novi Chamber of Commerce: Chamber member

year serving as a board member

Most significant business issue facing Novi: Growth of the infrastructure and tax base are future concerns for Novi and need to be planned for carefully.

What I hope to accomplish as a chamber board member this year: I'd like to encourage more businesses to join the Novi golden egg.) Chamber and get involved in programs to help Novi in becoming a leader for business and com munity, and to reach the future potential it truly has available

Name: Jame treasurer Firm: Novi School Distri

How long with Novi Chamber of Commerce: 1998

Name: Nikki

Pearse

Previous chamber positions:. In 1999 I joined the auction com-

the entire state of Michigan, there the state, county and city level that can properly coordinate and fund the maintenance and expansion needs of the roads in the city and surrounding area. The city has passed road bonds pro-

What I hope to accomplish as a chamber board member this involved with other chambers in the Metropolitan area in order promote the area as a great place to do business. Also to develop and improve programs, like the speakers bureau and mentoring program that provide direct bene

fit to our members

and political influence.

Thomas, past Firm: Music &

Motor Fest

How long with

How long with Novi Chamber of Commerce: 12 yesrs

Previous chamber positions: Board member eight years. Treasurer, vice president, chair-

facing Novi: Creating a happy residential interests. Creating a

events and meet member needs

Webb

Firm: Novi Family Dental How long with

How long with Novi Chamber of Commerce: 14 years - previous chamber positions: chairman of mittee. Auction Committee.

Most significant business issue facing Novi: Growth, infastructure, and expansion of the city

What I hope to accomplish as a chamber board member this year: I plan to help in whatever in any way that I can in helping to by helping promote the chamber s a vaulable asset to any Novi business person. To help market the chamber to not only new hij existing members, the city, and the community as a whole. The valuable asset to me and the

past 14 years. Name: Keith

Firm: Bob GMC How long with

How long with Novi Chamber: 10

Director since January 2000

Most significant business issue facing Novi? The down-turn in the economy and loss of businesses. The infrastructure is also a serious problem.

What I hope to accomplish as a chamber board member this bership, help to address-their businesses stronger,



maintain a consumer base, but annual membership survey has shown that "networking opporsumers in all areas. 2. The City of Novi understands

the need for a balanced tax base. This is another area of importance for both the business and residential community The city has made real progress, especially in the OST area with Magna and Owens Coming, and continual progress in this area is very important for all of us - res

idential, commercial, industrial and high-tech. Novi has grown to become a great community for numerous reasons, and one of them is access. The benefit of access such as infrastructure maintenance and long term expansion The various projects focused on

Grand River, 12 Mile and the uture I-96 interchanges at Beck and Wixom roads are improve nents that will enhance the overall business climate and quality of life in region. At the same time, these projects also create a large need for commu-nication, both to and from businesses in the area so that the minimized. Communication with the governing authority (city, county or state) is vital. The business community if fortunate that Novi's Mayor, City Council

and Administration have always

emment, increased communica-

been advocates for open gov-

What I hope to accomplish as a chamber board member this year: There are several priorities that have been outlined by the chamber hoard of directors a our "program of work" retreat last November. As part of this list of priorities, and one of my main focuses as chairman is to create an ad hoc Building Fund Committee. This committee will establish priorities and explore all options for the relocation of the chamber's office at the time

that the Novi Expo Center relo-

to fill board

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selecting a replacement for Holly Diamond. in mid-July, where she was lirector of Novi Campus and

Retention Programs, to take over as university registrar a Southfield's Lawrence Technological University "i just cannot commit the time with my new position," Diamond said. "I felt I would be letting the chamber down in

not having the time available Diamond had been an active volunteer with the chamber before being recruited to run for a two-year seat on the board last year. Diamond said that while she's resigned from the board, she still plans on attending chamber functions as

often as possible. at (248) 349-3743.



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### Planning commission eyes landscape ordinance Wednesday

Commission meeting slated for Feb. 12, looks to be a long night. In addition to the preliminary site plan for Detroit Catholic Central In addition to the preliminary site plan for Detroit Catholic Central High School's proposed new home on Wixom Road: a wetlands permit for the sprawling Island Lake development; and a office remodel on Haggerty at Orchard Hills, commission members spent will be taking another look at the city's landscape ordinance.

Tommission members spent mearly three hours pearing over the 20-page document, which has been undergoing committee the feather of the lattack of the sprayed and the commission members and a burgeoning arealy three hours pearing over the 20-page document, which has been undergoing committee the feather of the sprayed as the commission members and the demise of American clms in an earling good community."

Several members of the land adaptive acting your post-post of the commission seeking more flexibility in the ordinance.

Dr. Robert Schutzki, representing the Michigan Nurseryman's Association, said a burgeoning mearly three hours pearing over the 20-page document, which has been undergoing committee the feather of the commission commission consistence of the commission on the commission of the existing ordinance is "becoming very restrictive." He said despite the best of intentions, the ordinance of capting in the contrained power of Great Oaks Landscaping, urged commission members, "Don't let one species of antistic papers." There should be some flexibility in the ordinance.

Commission nembers of the land owner of Great Oaks Landscaping, urged commission members, "Don't let one species of antistive presenting the Michigan Nurseryman's designers. There should be some flexibility on the city to pack as specific that you tie the hands of designers. There should be some flexibility on the city to pack as specific that you tie the hands of designers. There should be some specific that you tie the hands of designers. There should be some provided commission on the city to pack as specific that you tie the hands of designers. There should be some provided commission on the cut of the commission on the c

How much difference do a con-

Rather than risk seeing his

plans for an office building at the corner of 12 Mile and Meadowbrook roads shelved, a

its site and others were concerned that the design did not have a

oading area separate from the

front entrance. "I don't think employees should have to walk commission member Lynne Paul.
Planning Director David
Evancoe told commission members, "This is not a whole new

of three-inch trees. approach, but rather a tightening

state's "landscape industry scram-

the need for one setback variance.

A month earlier Pham had argued that many of the variances he was seeking were the result of

ple of parking spaces make.

About a month for Singh Development Company, which wants to expand its Waltonwood retirement home near 12 Oaks Mall by 16,600 square feet.

In December, the West Bloomfield development firm presented plans that would have pave 35 percent of the site when city code only allows 30 percent site and site coverage.

Waltonwood wants to commission approval, but Pham todd commission members the redesign was required to better reserve the needs of the future residents of the assisted living facility to the coverage.

Waltonwood wants to commission approval, but Pham todd commission members the redesign was required to better reserve the needs of the future residents of the assisted living facility to the very living facility to

on nave a proment with setoacks and site coverage.

Khan Pham, the project's manager, came back to the Novi Planning Commission Jan. 15

Indicate a proment with setoacks and site coverage.

Commission members agreed a rank 1248) 349-1700 ext. 108 or at pfoley@h.homecomm.net.

Loading zone puts office plans in park

ing," said commission member

In order to incomorate a load-

ing dock into the design, it appears HEFCO's architects would have to reduce the build-

Meadowbrook roads shelved, a West Bloomfield developer put them on the table instead.

HEFCO Properties wants to build a 48,000-square-foot two-story office building on a 4.68-acre situ-zoned Office Service Technology District.

However, several Novi Planning Commission members appeared to be willing to make allowances for the side-walk and landscaping issues, the loading zone appeared to be willing to make allowances for the side-walk and landscaping issues, the loading zone appeared to be willing to make allowances for the side-walk and landscaping issues, the loading zone appeared to be willing to make allowances for the side-walk and landscaping issues, the loading zone appeared to be willing to make allowances for the side-walk and landscaping issues, the loading zone appeared to be willing to make allowances for the side-walk and landscaping issues, the loading zone appeared to be willing to make allowances for the side-walk and landscaping issues, the loading zone appeared to be willing to make allowances for the side-walk and landscaping issues, the loading zone appeared to be willing to make allowances for the side-walk and landscaping issues, the loading zone appeared to be willing to make allowances for the side-walk and landscaping issues, the loading zone appeared to be willing to make allowances for the side-walk and landscaping is make allowances for the side-walk and landscaping is make allowances for the side-walk and landscaping to make allowances for the side-walk and land

site is a wetland, which is current-

ly not slated for development. Commission member Lowell Sprague suggested, "It does not

Lynn Kocan.

around a track to get in the build- make sense to build a path hang-

were all issues for her.
The area west of the HEFCO

Phil Foley is a staff writer for the Novi News. He can be reached

Citing the current problems with ash trees and the demise of American elms in an earlier gen-eration's cityscapes, Gary

land the company owns,
Singh could have built its original plan for Phase II of

ing in the middle of nowhere."

Commission member John
Avdoulos agreed calling dead-end

boardwalks "a waste of money."

members appeared to be willing to make allowances for the side-walk and landscaping issues, the

at (248) 349-1700 ext. 108 or a

However, while commission

"I don't want anything slipping through the cracks," declared commission member Lynne Paul. Planning Director David livenese told commission member and the want to the market, there is a shortage with other landscaping ideas to the market, there is a shortage with other landscaping ideas to the market, there is a shortage with other landscaping ideas to the market, there is a shortage with other landscaping ideas to the market, there is a shortage with other landscaping ideas to the market, there is a shortage. with other landscaping ideas to the Zoning Board of Appeals for

variances.
According to Pat Conroy, the

landscapes. Evançoe said there are provi-

complained that language calling for a landscape plan for any proj-ect that increased a building by 25 "create an undue burden on any-Conroy and Roberts urged one wanting to improve their

mercial properties and residentia

sions in the proposed amend-ments to the ordinance that would do just that.

Homeowner Paul Weindorf changes they will be sent to the city commission for final

percent or 400 square feet would the Novi News. He can be reached at (248) 349-1700 ext. 108 or at

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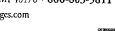




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products, and personal blends of

concept salon and use only these

top-quality products, because our

clients deserve the best," stated

### Experience the difference at Tres Jolie by Cameron

Step into Tres Jolie by Cameron and you will love the difference. While many salons opt for the sleek and clinical look there is a decided change at Novi's newest salon and spa of style. Color in rich jewel tones, faux wall painting, sumptitions soft furnishings, beautiful soft fabrics, and eclectic mix of antique and classically modern furniture are incorporated into a well-designed area with serper tine walls, curves, niches, and pri-vate areas for services. People come in here and have

commented that they feel as if they have walked into someone's beautiful home," said Angela Varne, manager at Tres Jolie by Cameron. The salon is a feast for all the senses, from the front desk, and the senses, from the front desk, which is actually a cherry wood bar with brass railings anchored with clephant heads, the eyecatching display of colorful glass in the lobby area, to the incredible wall treatments. With each turn of the corner you wonder how they the corner you wonder how they thought of that. Each service area has its own special look – the hair washing area with a luxurious couch, the manicure area, even safari there - the "elephant bath-room" is not to be missed with its jewel-encrusted walls and faux vall painting, and the "monkey athroom" is in progress.
The salon's ambitious design is

the creation of master stylist Cameron Watson, Cameron, who has owned other salons in the area, opened Tres Jolie on December 12 along with partners Jim and Angela Warne. Jim Warne is the marketing and financial partner, while his wife, Angela, manages the day-to-day aspects of the salon. Cameron brings into play his expertise of more than 20 years in the salon business along with an outstanding reputation for his unique style and talent. He received his formal training from Vidal Sassoon in London. England, "Cameron has been an educator, has produced fashion shows in England, and comes with a lot of experience," Angela

came from the South Lyon salon cates are available from \$10 and

Scappare.

Hair services for women, men, and children include formal updo's, bridat consultation and salon, meaning only Aveda prod-ucts are used and sold. Aveda's styling, tints, highlights, and perproducts are grown from a simple premise that what you put on your body should be as healthy and "Come in for a free consulta-

like what you see we can book an appointment," Angela offers.

She explains that Tres Jolie is an up-market salon that is dedicated to providing the ultimate in "We're all about customer serv-

www.tresjoliebycameron.com. ice. We make sure we lit in with the client's schedule instead of the other way around. No one is turned away because they might Cameron leads a staff of 15 professional employees whose only goal is to make sure every client looks and feels their best, not have an appointment. We want looked after and pampered." That catering to the client's pleasure client looks and feels their best. They provide a full range of service in hair design, hand and nail treatments, pedicures, facials that treatments, pedicures, facials that the back, makeup application, and waxing of brows, face, and body. Not satisfied with just one Vidal Cassoon trained hair evilst. Tress of difference "the said of difference" the said. Sassoon trained hair stylist, Tres of difference," she said.

Joseph Damed nair stylist, trest Jolie boasts two. Julian, another 20 year veteran, was trained in New York by a Vidal Sassoon teacher and was head stylist at the world famous Breakers Hotel in Palm Beach; more recently he was with Marzeion in Northyille. the bathrooms. There's a hint of Palm Beach, more recently he safari there—the "elephant bathwas with Marzejon in Northville." Julian recently joined the staff at and relaxation and will als Tres Jolie.

Nail technician Suzy Sawyer and stylist Susan Kinity both

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#### My problem Is Your

I've decided to give up trying to make a profit during the "killer" months. If I can only minimize my losses during January, February and March, I will come out shead to the other nine months. Here's how this (admittedly daring) offer came (admittedly darring) offer came win at the end of the year. I'm about. Every year, the big manufacturers of air conditioners have to guess how many to build to meet the demand. Of course, they're never carely right. So, they always have some inventory they must hold over until the next summer season. I went to one of these wints to the of these wints and the end of the year. I'm offer that is "irresistible" (at least it should be if your furnace want to present the paid, and I barely mark it up above the price I paid, I will accomplish two things: season. I went to one of these companies (Big name) and contracted for the purchase of 24 air conditioners and furnaces in cheap, out-of-season prices. They are brand new 2002 models. And they are NOT the seconds of "blems" or standard "builder" models. They are factory-fresh, air conditioners and furnaces and have a full factory warranty.

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#### Senior Calendar

9 a.m.-12 p.m. Massage Therapy

9:30 a.m Line Dance* 10 a.m2 p.m. Income Taxes by Appl, only	12:30 p.m
noon Lunch & '12:15 p.m. Bridge 1 p.m4 p.m Computer Class Lab 1 p.m Line Dance-Beginners 2 p.m Line Dance-Advanced	Wednesday 2/12  9 a.mStretch & Strength 10 a.mBody Recall 11 a.mBlood Pressure 11 a.m1:30 p.m Sundry Shop Open
Friday 2/7         9 a.m.         Stretch & Strength           10 a.m.         Body Recall           1000         Lunch           12 ρ.m.         Clogging*           12:30         Bingo	11 a.m

10 a.m.

9 a.m.-11 a.m. . . Computer Class

9:30 a.m. Line Dance

10 a.m.-2 p.m. .Income Taxes by

0000 Lunch & 12:15 Bridge

1 p.m.-4 p.m. . .Computer Class

1 p.m. ...Line Dance-Beginners

...Line Dance-Advanced

12:30 Book Discussion at Novi

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.Cloqqina ' Dupl. Bridge Pen Pal Letters Due Monday. February 10

... Stretch & Strength 9 a.m. 11 a.m. . .Computer Class 10 a.m. .Body Recall 1:30 a.m.-2 p.m. Sundry Shop

Tuesday 2/11

9 a.m.-12 p.m. Massage Therapy .Line Dance\*

. .Lunch 12:30 p.m. Pinochle Tournament\* 1 p.m.-3 p.m. . . . Healing Touch \*Activities will be held at the Novi Civic Center, 45175 W. Ten Mile Road, All other activities will take place at this Meadowbrook

.Panera bread

Community Center. Note: ALL TRIPS will depart from the Novi Civic Center on Ten Mile Rd.

CITY OF NOVI **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED TO SERVE ON** CITY BOARDS & COMMISSIONS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Novi City Council will be inte viewing applicants for appointment to the Cable Access Commission, Construction Board of Appeals, Historical Commission (2 vacancies-terms expiring January 1, 2004 and January 1, 2005), Stormwater Management & Watershed Stewardship Committee, Zoning Board of Appeals (1 vacancy-term expiring January 1, 2005) on Monday, February 10, 2003, beginning at 7:33 PM.

If you are a qualified voter in the City of Novil and interested in volun-

you are a quantito voter in the City of Novi and interested in volun-tering to serve on a City board or commission, applications are available in the office of the City Clerk, 45175 W. Ten Mile, or by calling (249) 347-0456 to receive an application by mail or flax, or log onto the City Web Site at www.ci.nov.mi.us to print out an application. Please submit your appli-cation by Monday, Fobruary 3, 2003 to aflow time for scheduling appoin-ments, Interviews are 15 minutes each; all City Council meetings are tel-nosert. (1-23/30 & 2-6-03 NN 37414)

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The Novi Senior Center is to register for a wide variety of senior programs as well as any .Clogging\* sentor programs as welf as any other program offered through Novi Parks, Recreation and Forestry.

Center activities include: fit-the menu for daily lunches.

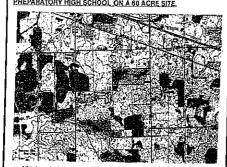
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CITY OF NOVI

**PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE** 

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Planning Commission for the City of Novi will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, February 12, 2003, at 7:30 P.M. in the Novi Civic Center, 45175 W. Ten Mille Road, Novi, MI to consider CATHOLIC CENTERA HIGH SCHOOL, SP 02-61, LOCATED ON WEST SIDE OF WIXOM ROAD SOUTH OF GRAND RIVER AVENUE. THE SEEKING PRELIMINARY SITE PLAN, WETLAND, AND WOODLANDS, PERMIT APPROVALS AND A SPECIAL LAND USE PERMIT, THE APPLICANT IS PROPOSING A PRIVATE COLLEGE PREPARATORY HIGH SCHOOL ON A 60 ACRE SITE.



All interested persons are invited to attend. Verbal comments will be heard at the public hearing and any written comments must be received by the Planning Department, 45175 W. Ten Mile Road, Novi, Mi 48375 until 5:00 p.m. on Wednesday, February 12, 2003.

Muscular Dystrophy Association Jerry Lewis, National Chairman 1-800-572-1717 www.mdausa.org

#### **Business Calendar**

Threads of Power Brunch
DATE: Thursday, February 20
TIME: 8:30 a.m. 10:30 a.m., registration begins at 8 a.m.
LOCATION: Hotel Baronette,
Novi Road, near Twelve Oaks Mall.
DETAILS: \$15 per person; with a donation of a gently used business suit or business casual attire. Representatives of the Women's Resource Center of Schoolenaft The Novi Senior Center is tance, home repair, health eduopen Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. until 4:30 p.m. and offers opportunities for residents transportation and so much the political forms and will also speak briefly on the political forms and will also speak briefly on the political forms and will also speak briefly on the political forms and will also speak briefly on the political forms and will also speak briefly on the political forms and will also speak briefly on the political forms and will also speak briefly on the political forms and will also speak briefly on the political forms and will also speak briefly on the political forms and will also speak briefly on the political forms and will also speak briefly on the political forms and will also speak briefly on the political forms and will also speak briefly on the political forms and will also speak briefly on the political forms and will also speak briefly on the political forms and will also speak briefly on the political forms are political forms and will also speak briefly on the political forms and will also speak briefly on the political forms are political forms and will also speak briefly on the political forms are political forms and will also speak briefly on the political forms are political forms are political forms. Visit the Novi Senior Center what it takes to enter the workforce.

DATE: every Wed, ongoing LOCATION: Novi Civic Center, 45175 10 Mile Rd.

TIME: 7 - 8:30 a.m. DETAILS: Meeting of local pro-fessionals and business looking to increase word-of-mouth referral business. Various classifications open and eager to bring you quali-

DATE: First and third Tuesdays of the month LOCATION: Novi Civic Center.

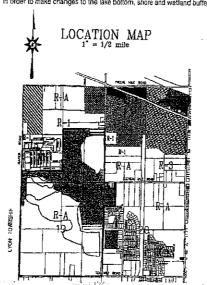
PHONE: (734) 462-6460

TIME: 7-8:30 p.m. DETAILS: Toastmasters will help you improve your communica-tion skills, voice your opinion, pol-ish your presentations and practice eadership. PHONE: For more information,

call Colleen at (248) 685-9226.

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Planning Commission for the City of Novi will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, February 12, 2003 at 7:39 P.M. in the Novi Civic Center, 45175 W. Ten Mile Road, Novi, M. to consider SITE PLAN NUMBER 02-52 ISLAND LAKE OF NOVI LOCATED WEST OF WIXOM ROAD BETWEEN ELEVEN MILE AND TEN MILE ROAD, TO CONSIDER A WETLAND PERMIT APPROVAL, The applicant is promosing to modify the welland parting previously issued. ne applicant is proposing to modify the wetland permit previously issue order to make changes to the lake bottom, shore and wetland buffer.



All interested persons are invited to attend, Verbal comme All interested persons are invited to attend. Verbal comments will be heard at the hearing and any written comments may be sent to the Planning Department, 45175 W. Ten Mile Road, Novi, MI 48375 until 5:00

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 Best oil change shop \_\_\_\_\_\_ Best place for chicken Best Italian restaurant \* Best dry cleaner Best place for seafood . Best oriental restaurant Best Tex-Mex restaurant\_\_\_ Best place for pizza

Best wine selection (restaurant)

Best after work meeting place

 Best place to get nails done \_\_\_\_\_\_ Best real estate company \_\_\_\_\_ Best real estate agent (agency) Best mortgage company Best used car sales person (dealership) \_\_\_\_\_\_ Best auto dealer \_\_\_\_ Best auto service Best collision shop · Best tire shop - Best lawyer Best travel agency \_\_\_\_\_\_ Best childcare service Best video store Best place for barbeque ribs
 Best house painter Best rental company \_\_\_\_\_\_ Best landscaping company Best health/fitness company\_\_\_\_ Best waitress (restaurant) · Rest car wash Best tanning salon \_\_\_\_\_

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#### Police reveal new developments in horse tranquilizer incident

By Victoria Sadlocha

A warrant for one of the indi-duals involved in a Novi High School animal tranquilizer incident late last year was issued out of the Oakland County Prosecutor's Office, police said. The status of the warrant remains outstanding

remains outstanding.
Meanwhile, the department still waits to see if charges will brought by the prosecutor's office against two other Novi individuals involved in the injection of a tranquilizer commonly associated with horses.

"Juvenile petitions have been requested by the Novi Police Department through the Oakland County Probate Court," said Detective Sgt. David Molloy of the Novi Police Department Police officials said the one varrant issued in the case was

ical agent - a 93-day misde-Molloy said the 17-year-old Molioy said the 17-year-old student named in the warrant allegedly injected a 15-year-old rangle in the leg with male in the leg with Acipromezine for recreational

or the prohibited use of a chem-

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High School student cases being reviewed by the prosecutor's office are for the 15-year-old male accused of taking the tran-quilizer and a 15-year-old female suspected of bringing the

tranquilizer to school.

It is believed by the Novi Police Department the tranquil-izer was originally written by a Lyon Township veterinarian to the female student's family for care of their horse.

Molloy said it could be quite some time until the department learns whether or not charges will be filed against the two 15year-olds suspected to be On Oct. 15, 2002, a school

employee noticed the male student suspected of taking the tran-quilizer was acting very lethar-gic and notified proper authorities.

Molloy said department offi-

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Actipromezine for recreational purposes.

"The 17-year-old was assisting in delivering the tranquilizer," Molloy said.

The two 15-year-old Novi

### **Novi City Council Briefs**

#### Special city council meeting

Members of the Novi City Council will be holding a special meeting Saturday, Feb. 8 at 9 a.m. to discuss council shortterm and long-term goals. Other agenda items that will be discussed include consensus discussion and adoption of additional goals, discussion of policy issues, origin of ordinance proposals, performance guarantees, development agreements and community development philosophies. The meeting is open to the public and will be held in the Novi Civic Center.

#### **Public Hearing**

A public hearing has been set for Monday, Feb. 24 so members of the Novi City Council may hear resident input regarding the approval of Resolution No. 2 of cials commended the school's administration for its quick reac-tion and involvement of the Special Assessment District 165. The assessment impacts residents of the Connemara Hills Subdivision. Petitions have been presented to the city clerk from property owners on Bryne, Galway and Kilrush drives requesting the extension of a water main to provide service to their properties. SAD Resolution No. I was adopted by city council on July 15, 2002, directing tem will cost the city \$63,229. It

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attempts to extend water mains into the entire subdivision, but they failed due to lack of the nec-

#### Fire record management

Members of the Novi City Council approved an agreemer for fire records managemer between the city and Oaklan County. The one-year agreement will cost \$7,900. The management program offered by the county includes software, hard-ware, printers and connectivity to all four Novi fire stations. Technical support is also includ-ed. Additionally, the manage-ment program meets the state and national fire reporting standards and gives the department records of training, equipment, hydrant, fire and EMS reporting, inspection and fire prevention activi-ties,

#### New telephone system

Approval was given by all council members to purchase a phone system from Nextira One, the city's contract vendor, for Novi Fire Station No. 4. The sys-

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that preliminary engineering plans and cost estimates be completed. There have been previous attempts to extend water mains into the entire subdivision, but plete the process of linking all skill/videa amusement games major city facilities with voice and data. Nextira One, formerly Williams, was awarded the bid for the city's telephone system in

Massage renewals

43236 11 Mile Road and Salo

Arcade license

Agape located at 43155 Main

Chuck E. Cheese's in the city's Fountain Walk Development will carry on its fun as all members of

the Novi City Council voted to

approve the children's destina

The Novi Police Departmen members of the city council Members of the Novi City Cherokee Carpet and Floor Covering of Novi will be replac-Council approved the renewal of business massage licenses for two city salons. The first approval was awarded to Salone Nadwa and Day Spa located at company was the lowest bidder

#### City offices closed

All city offices including the recycling center will be closed Monday, Feb. 17 in observance of President's Day. City offices and the recycling center will reopen Tuesday, Feb. 18.

Compiled by Victoria Sadlocha

#### CITY OF NOVI **PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE**

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All interested persons are invited to attend The proposed critinance.

All interested persons are invited to attend. The proposed ordinance is available for review at the Planning Department. Verbal comments will be heard at the public hearing and any written comments must be received by the Planning Department, 45175 W. Ten Mile Road, Novt, MI, 48375, until 5:00 p.m. on Wednesday, February 26, 2003.

(2-6-03 NN 37648)

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Planning Commission for the City of Novi will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, February 28, 2003 at 7:30 p.m. in the Novi Civic Center, 45175 W. Ten Mile Road, Novi, Mile consider 20NING 0RDINANCE TEXT AMENDMENT 99-18,176; AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 28, "SIGNS," OF THE CITY OF NOVI CODE OF ORDINANCES TO ADD REQUIREMENTS FOR TEMPORARY GARAGE SALE SIGNS.

FOR TEMPORARY GARAGE SALE SIGNS.
All interested persons are invited to attend. The proposed ordinance is available for review at the Planning Department, Verbal comments will be heard at the public hearing and any written comments must be received by the Planning Department, 45175 W. Ten Mile Road, Novi, MI, 48375; until 5:00 p.m. on Wednesdey, February 26, 2003.

(2-6-03 NN 37649)

NOVI PLANNING COMMISSION LYNN KOCAN, SECRETARY

#### CITY OF NOVI WEEK CUTTING/MOWING/ LANDSCAPING **ADDENDUM #1**

Intent:
This addendum has been issued to modify and/or interpret the original
Documents, including the Specifications. Unless otherwise instructed, the
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unything contrary on the original Documents, and shall hereinafter be con-

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The general inlent of the work required by this Addendum shall be the Arme as originally specified, and all incidentatis required in connection with the work hereinafter described shall be included even though not specifi-ally mentioned.

Response:

ny menuonisa. **Response:**The Contractor shall verify receipt of this Addendum in the Bir

Contents:
Included in this Addendum are 19 pages of written addenda descrip
ions. No Drawings accompany this Addendum.
NOTICE: The bid due date has been extended to 3:00 P.M. prevailing
astern Time, Thursday, February 13, 2003.

Dated: January 29, 2003

CAROL J. KAI INOVIII

CAROL J. KALINOVIK PURCHASING DIRECTOP (2-06-03 NN 36872)

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All interested persons are invited to attend. The proposed ordinance is available for review at the Planning Department. Verbal comments will be heard at the public hearing and any written comments must be received by the Planning Department, 45:175 W. Ten Mile Road, Novi, MI, 48:375, until 5:00 p.m. on Wednesday, February 26, 2003.

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#### Engagement



Roger and Chris Crownover of Novi announce the engagement of their son, Scott is planned.

The bride-elect is a 1994 grad-uate of West Bloomfield High School. She earned her Bachelor of Arts degree in Musical Theatre Performance from Western University in 1997. She is currently employed as a professional actor and Singer.
The groom-elect is a 1990

Costello of West Bloomfield.

graduate of Stevenson High School. He earned his Bachelor Arts degree in imunication-Performance at Spring Arbor University in 1995. He is also currently employed as a professional actor and A September, 2003 wedding

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critical questions every spa shopper must ask before buying a new spa.

#### In the Service



USMC LCpl Seann M. Hogan is currently serving his country with 9th Comm BN in Kuwait, Formerly stationed at Camp Pendleton in Oceanside, CA specializing in electronic com-munications, he is a 2000 Novi High School graduate. He is the son of Chet and Maureen Olszewski of Novi and Michael and Anette Hogan of Laguna Niguel, Calif.

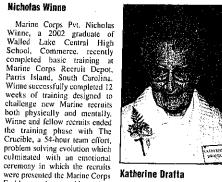
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#### Obituary



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She was the wife of the late
Shift mother of Eugene (Mary)

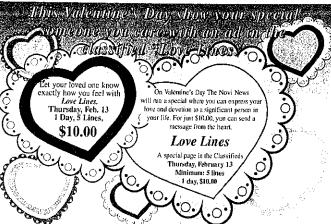
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and the late infant son Stephen: nama of Robert (Terri) Drafta Ronald (Eva) Drafta, Cynthia Drafta, the late Michelle (Richard) Dee and Susan (Philip) Nowak, She is also sur-(Philip) Nowak; She is as sarvived by eight great-grandchildren, PFC Rick Dee, U.S.
Army; Kristin Dee; Billy and Rachel Drafta; Britney and Allison Nowak; Benjamin and

Katherine Drafta

Theresa Draftu. She was the sister of Sophie Shaver and the late Adam Holowatz. Arrangements were made by O'Brien/Sullivan Funeral

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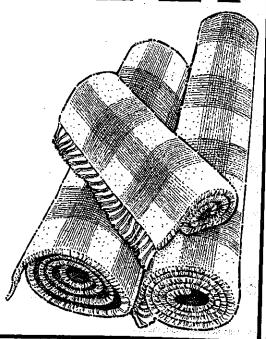
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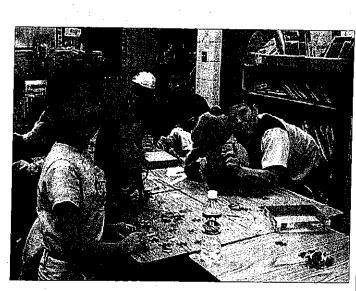
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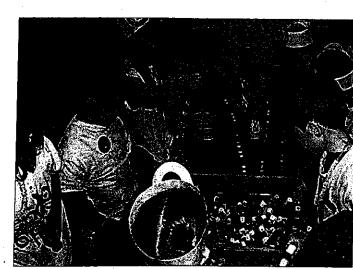
Orchard Hills first grade students of teacher Darlene Grabowski celebrate their hundredth day of school with their "100" hats and glasses.



To celebrate the 100th day of school at Deerfield, Mrs. Sherry Griesinger's and Mrs. Jennifer Semeyn's 1-2 classes collected 100 cans of soup to donate to the local food bank. (They actually collected 120 cans!)



Courtey photo Third grade students at Novi Woods put together 100 piece puzzles in groups to cele-brate 100's day.



its at Village Oaks break out the toys to celebrate 100's day.

### School children mark milestone with a wide variety of activities

ing was heard throughout the whole Novi Community School District last week as 100's Day once again rolled around. Kids and teachers alike at Orchard Hills, Village Oaks, Novi Woods, Parkview and Deerfield Elementary schools put on their 100's Day glasses, hats and any Parkview

just a way of counting. We have weighed 100 pieces of pop corn and 100 pieces of popped popcora to see which weighs more. They have made structures out of 50 toothpicks and 50 marshmallows.

They have been making a winter which we went, a variety of the kindergarten and first grade rooms. The children are sporting toothpicks and 50 marshmallows.

They have been taking place in the kindergarten and first grade rooms. The children are sporting tooms of the following activities: Writing numbers to 100, singing

counting book that shows 10 of a set and that adds up to 100. We talked about poems of 100. They have tape-recorded themselves counting to 100. They have done a 100 board and have written the word 100 100 times."

In the words of Orchard Hills first grade teacher Darlene Grabowski, "Unlike adults, chil-dren love to watch the days pass by as they happily witness their Distribution of the country of the c

songs about 100, writing stories about spending \$100, predicting what they might look and act like when they are 100 years old, taking 100 steps in the hallway, sorting their 100's collections into groups of five, 10, 20, 25 and 50, and assembling 100 piece puzzles. They made a magic wall where they have been able to walk through the zeros in the number 100. They've count ed 100 kernels of pop com and watched to see what it all looks like once it is popped. Hundreds Day provides opportunities for high interest activities that stimulate all of the senses and provide a multi-tude of situations that encourage hands on learning."

And that's only at Orchard

Hills! Take a look at the photos to see what kids in all the other

for the Novi News. He can be reached at (248) 349-1700, ext.



Kids at Parkview celebrated 100's day by pairing up with a partner and laying their

"Unlike adults, children love to watch the days pass by as they happily witness their own growth and change."

# Local resident appointed to military academy by Stabenow

#### Northville High student says he's ready for West Point Academy

Northville High senior and Novi resident Peter Kelley prob-ably doesn't like to be yelfed at too much, but he should get used Kelley is one of 11

much just like boot camp for six to eight weeks," he said. "I feel mentally prepared though I mentally prepared though. I know it's going to be difficult and stressful, but I think I can take on that challenge." State Cadet Basic Training

to it. Kelley is one of 11 Michigan students appointed to military academies by U.S. Senator Debbie Stabenow, He will be attending West Point this summer, which is a United States Military Academy in New York.

Kelley understands that he "That was a good window," he



basic training which takes place during the summer. Throughout the schoot year you always have and they sent me a packet with to be in uniform even when you're in class and you have to address everyone correctly, like sergeant or lieutenant."

To be appointed to a Service Academy, students must first seek the nomination of their Medium of the commendation.

Academy, students must first seek the nomination of their seek the nomination of their U.S. senator, their U.S. repre-sentative or the president. Once U.S. senator, men senators or the president. Once sentative or the president. Once anominated, the students must be accepted for admission by the academy to which they have applied. Students nominated by Stabenow's office went through a rigorous application process by a momination for the academy.

Wasn't unto the heard back and had to go in for an interview. "I didn't talk with Debbie Stabenow herself," he said, "I talked with some of her academy of the academy of the academy of the academy of the momination for the academy."

Ramez Khuri is a staff

Kelley understands that he will be facing all the stress and demands that are normally events that I will be experiencellaced on a freshman cader, but ing, kind of like stress and stress and even more towards people in the stress and the stress and even more towards people in the stress and the s

questions like, what's my grade

Kelley turned in all of those requirements and I waited. It wasn't until the fall when he heard back and had to go in for

The future cadet wanted to be a member of the army when he started high school as a freshman. He even already received a 110 or

"I would say it's pretty diffi-

cult to be accepted to an academy," Kelley said, "The thing that helped me the most was that I turned in everything really early because there are a few differ ments were done as soon as possible. It was a great relief to attending the academy of my dreams. I just have to keep my

### NHS junior wins DECA Award

### Renner's interest in Internet journalism sparks victory

High School, is putting his com-puter skills to good use. He started his own movie critics website complete with writers in Los Angeles and Chicago and most Angeles and Chicago and most recently has wor round one of the school students enrolled in mar-national DECA Awards. Renner created a banner advertisement for the Internet, advertising 7-LP2 this release work him School students with the creation of the Oscars, but he school students enrolled in mar-school students enrolled in mar-school students enrolled in mar-keting education programs. It's own dill go.' he said. 'On my Web site mission is to enhance the CO-cur-ricular education of students with National Competition in April.

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"There was an Internet competition and I submitted a banner advertisement." Renner said. "It was sponsored by 7-UP with ngo and integrate college baskethall or music. I won round one of the competition and there is another round in March."

another round in March."

Renner is planning on entering again in March for the second round If he wins thet use he will be a second round. If he wins that they have the second round If he wins that they have the second round If he wins that they have the second round If he wins that they have the second round in the second round ro

According to its Web site, It is a student-centered organization whose program of leadership, career and personal development

"They are looking for a target audience. They are looking for what they can advertise on the Internet to successfully sell a could do myself, but I can't. I like product. They wanted me to explain in a paragraph what the explain in a paragraph what the target of this banner ad is, what kind of sites it will be placed on

of the eight who win, one will get a "People in the contest had no idea of the eight who win, one will get a \$2,500 scholarship for college." DECA stands for Distributive Education Clubs of America. According to its Web site, It is a student-centered organization of the student content of the student successful, he has received pres accreditation for the Oscars, but I do movie previews, reviews, entertainment news and stuff like that. I just started small and made it grow. I had to keep working on it to get it to where it is now, but the people who write for me get to go to free screenings and the women in LA who does it, I send

again in March for the second round. If he wins that one, he will four words describe college baseceive another \$500 in cash. "I was the top winner in this round, but there are eight total winners in all in the two rounds," he said. "Out

■ OPEN HOUSE: The Northville Presbyterian Preschool will host an Open House for families on ■ OPEN HOUSE: The Northville Presbyterian Preschool will host an Open House for families on Saturday. Feb. 15 from 10 a.m. to noon in the Children's Center of First Presbyterian Church. There will be an opportunity to tour the new facility and meet the teachers. Registration will take place for fall class-cs for 2-3- and 4-year olds. One-, two- and three-day sessions are available. The church is located at 200 E. Main Street in downtown Northville, but enter the Preschool from Cady Street. For more information, call the church at (248) 349-0911.

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### Novi Meadows take virtual trip to Japan

DETAILS

The PLANS Web site and membership information is at

www.geocities.com/plansinnovi. An up-coming event on Monday, Feb. 17 is a parent discussion and bullying presentation. There is

also a parenting class offered throughout the Farmington Public

schools coming up "For parents who want their bright children to Achieve in school, Understand limits, Be self-disciplined, have good

self esteem, be responsible, get along with peers, deal effectively

with stress, and strive for excellence. The class begins Monday,

The contact is Farmington Public Schools DELTA program, 33000 Thomas Street, Farmington MI, 48336.

March 3 and will meet Monday mornings or evenings for six classes

Students learn culture through three travel stops

By Ramez Khuri

Sixth grade students at Novi Meadows took learning Japanese culture to the next level on Jan. 14 when they essentially took a trip to Japan. The classroom was trans-formed into different stations called travef stops where the kids

was the origami station and the second travel stop was onigin, which is a traditional Japanese rice balt. Mothers gave a background on the food and according to Hall, it's so compact it can be taken on picnics or school bunches. "It's like a peanut butter and jelly sandwich a peanut butter and jelly sandwich as death of the picnics or school bunches." It's like a peanut butter and jelly sandwich side and kids learned to write their side and kids learned to write their a peanut butter and jelly sandwich for American students," Hall said, side and kids learned to write their "The rice is steamed and lightly names in Japanese.

"It's basically an introductory course," Novi Meadows Foreign Language Teacher Nadine Hall said. "We had Japanese mothers come in and students learned to make origami and they used newly acquired skills to make tsuru, or happing crain birds, which is a symbol of good luck."

Each child got a chance to use all three stations. The first station was the origami station and the second travel stop was onigin, which is a traditional Japanese rice ball. Mothers gave a background

Ranie: Khuri is a staff writer fo Novi News, He can be reached ut (248) 349-1700, ext. 110 or by



Students at Novi Meadows write in Japanese calligraphy, which is called shuji or shodo.

### PLANS looks for more accelerated programs for gifted Novi students

Most school districts Michigan have a Parent Teacher Organization or a Parent Teacher Association in place, and Novi is no exception, but some of the par-ents have even taken it one step further. Some parents of gifted students in the district have come

stitions in the district have come together to form Pursuing Learning Advancement for Novi Students, or PLANS.

According to PLANS President Katie Raeon, the organization works in partnership with the school district, similar to a PTO group, helping gifted, children group. group, helping gifted children make the most of their educational experiences within Novi Schools. Plans also has a website and is affiliated with the Michigan Alliance for Gifted Education

"In Novi we cover all of the schools in the district and we schools in the district and we started seven years ago," Racon grade students. They go through sid. "The way that they identify gifted students in Novi is, all the third grade students are given a CAT test, which is a national stun. CAT test, which is a national standardized test."

Students who score a 95 percent or better on all three sections of the test qualify to be in the dis-trict LEAF program, or Learning Enrichment Activities Program. There are different ways it pres-

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schools is also their reading spe-cialist. At Novi Meadows, there is a full time LEAF instructor who

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and seem in different age levels. In elementary schools, the third and fourth graders are pulled out of class and they spend some time every week with a LEAF facilitator, which at the elementary studying at the time.
"When students get to the middle school, they actually have the seventh and eighth graders in one classroom for a 12 week period," Racon said. "The problem we that for one 12 week period and it

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of their four electives and if they want to take the other classes, like sewing or something else, they don't have any electives left. It's a difficult to have any electives left. It's a difficult to start rolling. The school's emphasis is on difficult to start rolling. The school's emphasis is on difficult to start rolling. The school's emphasis is on difficult to start rolling. The school's emphasis is on difficult to start rolling.

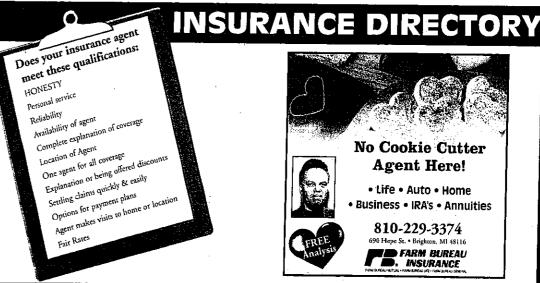
her oldest son was identified as to gifted in third grade. She was talking to other parents about what's going on with their chilthe and they decided to get together to help improve the communication between teachers and parents. "We wanted to know the same the help are to the same they can take in more material with not as much repetition. "There is only so much that the same that same the same the

enrichment and going deeper, Racon started PLANS when like to see, as parents, both opportunities, for enrichment and advancement if the child needs Raeon explained how a lot of the Michigan Alliance for Gifted

what's going on and also to try to address certain issues that are need to go beyond, but that's one to be e-mail at address certain issues that are need to go beyond, but that's one 110 or by e-mai important like the availability of of our long range goals, is to try to rkhuri@ht.homecomm.net.

we would like to see is them to have the curriculum meet the learning of the child wherever they are at and that kind of goes along with the philosophy of the Michigan organization, which is

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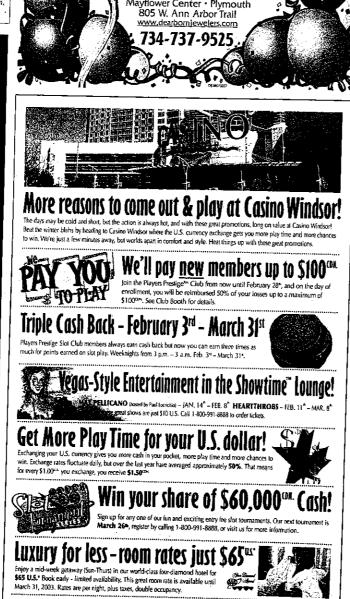
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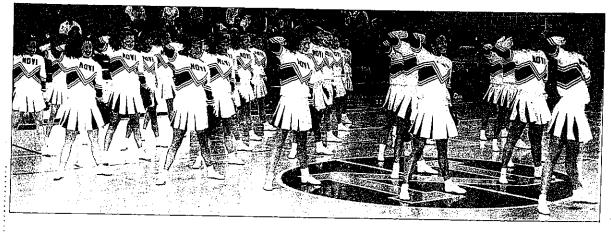
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Your paper used to have a POLICY that letters to the Editor be limited in words and content. Letters were not accepted that provided a forum for such defarming statements, and character assassinations that you are now printing. I hold the Editor responsi-

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Isabel C Collins

#### Road work necessary

#### Thanks to associations

I would like to extend heartfelt thanks to all the Homeowner Association Leaders for the outstanding job they do throughout the year to help improve the quality of life of Novi residents and our neighborhoods.

Also, a special thanks to all those leaders who braved the cold and early morning hour to attend the 2nd Annual Leaders Breakfast at the Novi Civic Center on Saturday, January 25, Attendees had the opportunity to visit informational booths staffed by City department staff and talk one-to-one with

Mayor Clark and members of the City Council.

The following neighborhoods were represented:

Abbey Hills; Autumn Park: Barclay Estates; Beckenham Estates; Briarwood Condominiums Briarwood Village south; Carlton Forest; Cedar Springs III & IV; Chase Farms; Chelsea Knolls;

Greenwood Oaks: Haverhill Farms; Jamestown Green; LAHA; Lakewoode Homes; Meadowbrook Glens; North Hills Estates; Novi Heights; Oakridge Place Condos; Orchard Hills; Orchard Ridge Fstates; Pebble Ridge; Riverbridge; Roma Ridge; toyal Crown; Summit Hills; Talk Road; Turtle Creek; Wilton Oaks; With Hills Wallan Weda Wakeh is Wallan Condos; Orchard Ridge; Oaks; Victor Black Words and 8:00 AM or between 4:00 and 5:00. Village Oaks; Vista Hills; Walden Woods I; Walden Woods II; Warrington Manor; Willowbrook; Wintergren; Yorkshire Place.
Thank you again, not only for your attendance, but

for your time and commitment to the City of N.

Cindy Uglow Neighborhood Services Coordinator

I can easily understand the concerns the business owners have with the reconstruction of Grand Rive Avenue, After all their very livelyhood and existance is at stake. However, I don't believe that anyone can deny that it needs to be done, especially over the

The problem I have is with the proposed detour The problem: I have is with the proposed detour route to be used during the construction. According to a recent article in the Detroit Free Press, the suggested route is 12 Mile Road. Now just in case the officials from the City Of Novi, the Oakland County Road Commission and M-DOT have forgotten, 12 like to remind you that 12 Mile is in the midst of a major rebuilding project that doesn't appear to be anywhere near compolition. anywhere near completion.

The question that I and a lot of other people have is, why don't you mass your resourcers and finish one project before starting another one that parallels the one already torn up? I know you are going to give me the political hogwash about losing matching funds etc. and if we will all just bite the bullet for the Springs 111 et 19; Chiase rarius; Cheisea Khous, CNHA; Country Place; Creek Crossing; deerbrook; Dunbarton Pines; Dunnabeck Estate; Eeho Valley; to have both roads entirely redone. Allow me to let

PM once Grand River is closed and I think you'll agree that we may be on to something.

David Shingler

#### Korte again

It's always wonderful when I get to expound again and point out the naivete of residents who chose to argue when they have NO clue.

Mr. Patrick Ramsey, I did NOT personally attack

you. I made no comment upon your presidency of a homeowners association (Roma Ridge). I merely pointed out that you were such of same. If you reread my letter, you will see my comments had to do with several people not being happy with your com-ments. Are you so thin-skinned or do you just think everyone address everything you do and say. Thank you so much for telling the reading public of you wonderful accomplishments within Roma Ridge. don't remember ASKING what they were....but thank you for giving me SO much information that, as the world turns, nobody cares! How nice that

as the World turns, hobody cares! How nice that you are being child-oriented...how nice...how nice. What does this have to do with the running of the City?

A personal attack is exactly what now-State Representative DeRoche did. In his apologies to several people, he admitted same, I think you should accept the fact with these apologies, he has acknowledged his actions. So, that is now a done deal – it's over with.

If my statement that Lou Csordas asked you to

is thickening a bit, too, and that is a positive.

Let's take a step into Beck Road. I don't know if
we're paying for research on Beck Road or not, but I can certainly tell you: It's never going to be five lanes! Why didn't the Planning Department, so many years ago, ask or demand rights of way from those now lovely subdivisions? At the best, we're going to get three lanes and we certainly need a middle (turn) lane. Hopefully, with appropriate turn lanes that hold more than two cars at corners. And, if you look at the improvement to the 10/Beck turn lanes, that's a pitiful joke! Thank you to whichever engineer to

vhich we paid too much money to design this fiase My final statement and before expounding, I will apologize to the family of Joseph Toth. It is now twice, Mr. Ramsey, that you have put in print, "Did his wife ask him to take out the garbage? his wife ask him to take out the garbage?" If you were knowledgeable, you would realize Marsha has been gone for several years now. I'm sure Joe and his children would love to hear her voice asking them to do anything! If you knew the Toth family you would understand that she would not have had to ask for anything! It would automatically have been done - that's how they raised their wonderful family, who lost a beloved wife and mother. You owe Mr. Toth an apology for the insensitivity of your remark Now, how are you going to find THIS to be a personal attack upon you? Mr. Toth used the phrase "...an ugly display of stupidity..." I can't think of anything uglier than your stupidity in bringing up the deceased. Maybe had you prepared your appeals a deceased. Maybe, had you prepared your agenda a little more accurately, you wouldn't be looking the fool. Please: put more in print. The more you put in print, the more we really know what you're all

James Korte

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Not Mr. Kratz.

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Newspapers run obituaries oneself with good people every day and, in this case, every week. Every one of the deceased is special to many fitta Traynor and Bill Barr. He people for many different rea-

But once in a while, a com-munity loses an individual who's contributions have made such an impact that something more than an obituary is

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there,
That's more than enough verbal notices letting us know Cratz's passing on Legislature and was, not sur-January 28 deserved more – prisingly, elected to serve once again.

By all accounts, he is the He volunteered his services

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mourn. Thank you, Jerry Kratz, for One of the keys to a great leader is the ability to surround all that you gave us.

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## OTHER OPINIONS

### Hillegonds is closest to state's indispensable man

"Tagne with you that there is a natural aristocracy among men. The grounds of this are virtue and tal-tillingonds for years, of course, as the little goods for years, of course, as consoly."

There to the take the remarkable impact his on every young person in the son every young person in Michigan and on the future of our conony."

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He's not particularly well known (in part because he prefers to operate behind the scenes), but through his closest thing I know to lichigan's indispensable man.

Paul who? A reasonable question. Slightly built with a high forehead and short brown hair crowning a pair of circular eyeglasses, Hillegonds is suggest a wonderful (and throughout the state

goes way back to 1979, when he was elected to the elected to the Michigan House of

humor, and his

from a district Allegan County, on Phil Power

state. An ally of former Gov. William Milliken, he become Republican leader in the House in 1986, served as Co-Speaker of the House in 1993-94 when evenly split Republicans and Democrats agreed on a novel power-sharing deal. He became Speaker in 1995-96 when the GOP took over control.

In 1997 he left the legislature to become President of Detroit media heavies that urged state budg-Renaissance, a non-profit civic et makers to avoid the reflex to slash organization made up of southeastern Michigan's main business lead-ership that works on economic development and public policy issues. Married with two children, reship that works on economic levelopment and public policy susses. Martied with two children, dillegonds fives quietly in Plymouth fownship.

That skeletal resume does not one of higher education to the future of our state. It's tempting to look at university budgets on a year-to-year basis, depending on revoluces available. But we really do need to pay long-run attention to the Hillegonds lives quietly in Plymouth

put public support to help our kids learn best. But governments tend to be reactive and to form budgets from one year to another, rather than to focus on the long term best, most cost-effective solutions for public Hillegonds was one of the organ-

extraordinary network of contacts

Succeed is a coali-

starts only at age 5 makes little sense.

"There are com-pelling research findings about

where we should

izers of the University Investment Commission, another coalition of business, labor, government and support for colleges and universities.
"I'm concerned about the imporeconomy."
Hillegonds serves with me as a

one of the truly sane people on the Michigan political scene. But recently it has seemed as though litmember of the Executive Committee of the Michigan recently it has seemed as though literally every time I went to a worth-while meeting. Paul Hilligonds was there, sitting quietly for the most part but occasionally saying something extremely sensible in his thoughtful, low key way.

We had a long talk last week about his career and interests. Here's a sampling of where he has devoted his time, energy, common sense and extraordinary network of contacts.

Being President of Detroit Renaissance is tough, given Detroit's problems, 'The price of the racial and economic divide between tion of community leaders working to bala reliamental and the rest of the state is very high, as well as the great combally reliamental and economic and the test of the state is beroit and the rest of the state is leaders working to help policy-markers realize that little kids learn best from a very early age and that a K-12 school system that starts only at age 5.

As a trustee of the Michigan Chapter of the Nature Conservancy
The Conservancy has a fundamental commitment to conservation based on market reality and good science that will benefit Michigan for hundreds of years,"

Paul Hillegonds seems to be

everywhere where good people with Over the years, I've talked to a lot of people about Paul; uniquely in my experience, I've never heard anyone

nything nasty about him.

As a newspaperman, I often try to sum up an interview after it's over At the end of my conversation with

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

### Former editor on the lamb

News in the most unusual places for about the last seven or eight humor.

journalist as Mike Malott, former editor of this very If you happened

week's Novi News, you may have noticed Mike's "mugshot" at the top of the page. He was being coy about it,

only showing a portion of his face Cal Stone and using the pseudonym "S. Henderson."

It didn't throw me off the track

But a suspected That's it, Malott. It's time to do something about you - or at least

Another time,

Briefs section,

was the author,

And he's been a

guest columnist.

Business photo, it ends up being printed with Mike's picture instead. Our techs think they've finally

boxes, banners, info boxes, etc.

Sometimes, not always, when I

One time he there's a glitch in our computer

was the chairman of Home Town Communications Network, Phil

he was posing as pull a one-column mugshot box somebody else in onto the page and place a person's

we hope so. And if you see him or the streets, don't be alarmed. He's not running from the law. He's just trying to escape this beast known as modern technology.

ough.

It didn't fool my bosses either.

In fact, we had been seeing He's more like a victim. A victim cstone@ht.homecomm.net.

# Send our troops elsewhere

Cowboy George scares the snot - Muslim world that this is not about a petty dictator who has repeatedly invaded his neighbors and killed his

out of me.

I am certainly not concerned for myself, My graduating high school class was the last to tour Vietnam and even if the old draft was still in effect, my draft number is so high in effect, my draft number is so high in effect, my draft number is so high in

declare war or everybody. I'm not my oldest son. He's Sadaam will likely be little more than an unpleasant memory by the time he's even close to enlistment ge. I just keep seeing ormer Scnator

to the flight deck in

Fred D. Thompson mounting the stairs

Thave no doubts about our mili-ary's ability to turn Bagdad into a moking hole in a matter of hours, if tary's ability to turn Bagdad into a smoking hole in a matter of hours, if not days. What concerns me is what I am personally more concerned

will happen after. em is that we are starting something that will make Vietnam look like a walk in the park. All Sadaam has to do is convince the Age.

even if he looses and it looks more

tions to come. And for what?

In the years since the Gulf War, sanctions against Iraq have marginal-ized its importance on the world oil

The steady rise in gasoline prices this winter hasn't October." Over the explosion of a crashing fighter, he bellows, "This ty or lack of Iraqi oil; it's been a vill spin out of control and it will function to the steadily deteriorating situation in Venezuela. Strikes there

> Venezuela will effect my daily con Iraq will slip back into the Stone

to do with return on investment. and more like he is doing just that. We could well find dourselves stumbling from one Third World dust bowl conflict to whiff of frustration in not being able to the whole with the could be wi another for genera- to track down bin Laden more than

to dark down on Laden more man a year after 9/11. The irony that bin Laden was our buddy as long as he was turning Afghanistan into the Soviet Union's Vietnam and we cozied up to Sadaam as long as he was shooting at the Iranians, is not lost.

It seems to be a national character flaw of ours that we keeping forget-

ting that when you dance with the

devil, sooner or later you will get devil, sooner or later you will get burnt.

If we're going to send John Wayne and Randolph Scott some-place, we should at least send them someplace that will do us some good. Caracas, at least would give us a stable government and with it sta-ble oil mice.

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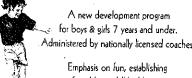


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# CLASS NOTES

#### School Briefs

#### Possible bus delays

The Novi Community School District transportation depart-ment was notified by the Road Commission of Oakland County that Grand River Avenue will be closed at the onstruction project. This project is expected to continue throughout the rest of this

While not all schools are near importance of sleep for students this area, most bus routes and at 7 p.m. Wednesday, February 12 at Walled Lake Middle School, 46720 W. Pontiac Trail, Walled Lake. schedules will be affected by the extra traffic caused by the detours to Ten Mile and Twelve Mile Roads.

Walled Lake staff panel par When the construction starts ticipants include: Dave Yarbrough, Director of P.E. and has not yet been determined, but Director of Transportation Dan Tooman doesn't anticipate it to Athletics; Allen Archer, Dean of Students, Clifford H. Smar Middle School; Sharon Horowitz, Counselor, Walled begin for at least two to three Middle vecks. "There will be reroutes Lake Western High School, and high school students. tic at first, but we will just have Walled Lake Schools' Sleen to adjust. I think that after a Needs for Learning Committee was formed last year to educate

Tooman said that he hopes to

Sleep needs discussion

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Consolidated Schools Sleep

By Ramez Khurl Needs for Learning Committee is hosting a panel of district experts to discuss the new research and information on the

If they're not careful, students walking through the hallways of Novi High may think they're in Japan for the next month. The school's Japanese Club is putting up a display which will demor strate Japanese culture in the According to Japanese teacher

NHS Club

showcases

Japanese

culture

Noriko Rosen, the hope is for other students in the school to get an idea of what Japanese culture is all about. "It doesn't teach language." she said. "Everybody has a different idea but what we planned to put up a poster and also make origami and decorate the showcase. We will have a drawing and we will have the Japanese flag in as well."

The site of the display is used for different clubs at the school. This just happened to be the Japanese Club's turn to sho Japanese Club's turn to showcase something, 15 students in the club all had different tasks to get the display off the ground. Some



Novi High School Japanese teacher Noriko Rosen, right, helps a student to make some origami cranes last Thursday afternoon for the school's Japanese Club display.

of the fastest in the world," Rosen said. "It's a huge display. We will make crains with origami, which Mt. Fuji, they will see a replica of Mt. Fuji, they will see an example pictures including the train and Mt. Fuji and we will have a kind of art like Japanese anima tion, which is very popular. We have some entries from our anima-

lapanese poster."

Club members Anise Hayes and Tiffany Kelly are excited about the display. "We hope that the studisplay. "We hope that the stu-dents learn more about Japanese culture because it's a very diverse culture with a lot of things to offer like food and language and gener-

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of the Japanese Shin Kansen, which is the bullet train and other

tion contest that are going to be on

display here. The winners will be

up as well as other examples of Japanese culture, like food, pre-sentations of art culture and just

plain Japanese culture in general.

viding the tools and resources to

develop."

Novi City Councilman May

Very was the archi-

"He and Dr. Rita Traynor had a

reached a new height in efforts.

He was also president of the Chamber of Commerce and the Novi Rotary. He was a dynamic

and outgoing gentleman. He was also the architect of the first

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has been named to the fall semester, 2002. Dean's List at Capital

Gary Allgeier of Novi, is listed n "Who's Who Among Students in Universities University, Midland, Michigan in December, 2002.

Hong Weng, Novi and Andrew named to the Dean's List at Kettering University for summ

Brittany A. Kureth of Novi is spending her Colby College, Waterville, Maine spring semester, 2003 in Italy at the New York University in Florence, Kureth, a graduate of Detroit Country Day

Student Show at De Pree Art Center in December, 2002. She is the daughter of Randy and Jan Root, Novi. and is a 1999 graduate

was a personal friend of mine for 25 years. We got to know each

other because we went to the same school in Novi. He invited

our lives. I was very sad to hear the news of his death on the radio.

soul rest in peace; he deserves it.

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## Loss of former Novi superintendent Kratz mourned by many

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School District and worked there for 21 years. When he retired from there he ran for State Legislature and was elected.

'He was a fine man," Schram said. "We didn't want him to leave when he left, but he got that opportunity in Jackson. He made n impact, on the community then he was here. He had very high standards as far as education goes, and he had high standards for the staff. He set the bar high, and obviously it's been 21 years since he was here, but he started the school district going in the right path. He started it, but we had to have other people to keep it going. He took something that, in the perception of many, wasn't very good to start with and he had very important job of raising He had to build it and Dr. Emme Lippe had something to build upon. He was a very important

Kraiz was a father of four who lived with his wife. Elemon in Grass Lake. He was a lifelong ducator who began his career a an art teacher in 1955 after gradu University. He held a bachelor of degree in social studies and art; a master's degree in education and a doctorate of education in curriculum development at Eastern Michigan University in Ypsilanti since 1973 and acted as administrative search consultar

trict candidates. He also worked as a site salesperson for Ed Kratz was active in the Jackson-Hillside branch of the American Red Cross as a volunteer driver of veterans to the VA Search Committee, a fundraising drive to raise local disaster relief

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State Senator Nancy Cassis said these words on the Senate floor the day after Jerry Kratz

is a very sad day for me and

newly-elected State this weekend at the State Convention and again last

night at the Michigan Manufacturers' Association doing what he passionately ple: a teacher, a superintendent, an educational leader in

Jerry hired me in 1980 as in Novi, starting a path, a journey that ultimately led to the House and now the State Senate. We had just renewed our friendship, so to lose him

s especially painful. We join with his family and loved ones in sending most sincere condolences and sorrow. Truly his memory will live on through us and our work."

said. "It gave him an opportunity to do a lot of good educational

Victor Cassis, husband of State Senator Nancy Cassis, knew Kratz for many years. "I knew him when I first came to Novi and

John P. O'Brien

#### IN NANCY'S WORDS

"How fragile, how short life is...My fellow colleagues, I join Senator Hammerstrom - today

Representative from Jackson,

our state, and now a represen-

"His experience in Novi was

Clinic; and a member of the noon Rotary Club of Jackson.

the community with a core set of

facts about connections between

human sleep needs and learning and to explore possible action

plans to support healthy, more

productive learning experiences

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For the facts about the cor

the school district and was what I believe the foundation for the great school system that we know

We have lost a dear friend, a

Jerry Kratz, though vigorous all

loves, his calling - serving peotative of the people. the second school psychologist

things and meet a lot of great peo-ple, and he always remembered that."

hadn't come to Novi. He was

tomers and we had many chats and we enjoyed each other's com-pany. For a number of years he led day. He was a true innovator and diligent hard worker." "Novi was entering a golden era of greatness at that time," he added. "Today we just built on that tradition that he started. It was my good fortune to see him again. He went to Jackson, and

once in a while we would send Christmas cards." Cassis told a story of how he was at a reception just two weeks ago and spotted Kratz there. " approached him and we hugged each other and from there on we spent hours reminiscing of old days and old times," he said. "He was so excited to see me. When I was at his funeral last Saturday, his kids told me how excited he was to see me. It's such a tragic thing. He told me he just retired and wanted to do something to give back to the community more

on a larger scale. He ran for State Kratz passed away within days being elected. He personally hired State Senator Nancy Cassis as the second Novi schools psychologist in 1980.

"He belonged to the Rotary

Club and succeeded in bringing me into the club," Victor said, "I had a wonderful experience. In a sense, it was so glorious to see him, but it really created sadness in me because all of a sudden you

much remorse over losing Kratz.
"He hired me and I owe a tremendous gratitude for that," she said.
"It set me on a path that would have turned very differently if I

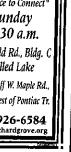
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tragedy." Senator Cassis also expressed

School District to a first class district. He brought his vision, insight, and his ability to work with the community and saff and parents, to the Novi School System.

"He and Dr. Rita Traynor had District. He was highly thought of by so many people in the commu-nity and a real integral part of the community. Oftentimes a community is known by the quality of the school district. He made Novi a

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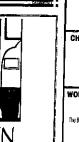
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ing children. I was so excited about the fact that he had just been elected representative and I was going to be able to share wis-dom and experience and back-ground and education. I was when he passed away. It came as his memory will live on through us and our work. I am rememb



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Lemforder Corporation, the pas senger car chassis divis

Novi resident, Lindsev Root, a



Michael B. Carlson has joined Camaco ager, according

motive market. Carlson had been a senior cos the Parts Cost Management Group Carlson's previous positions

included management and engineering posts with Excel Industries (Southfield, Mich.), Atwood Automotive Industries (Rockford, Ill.), W.G. Carlson and Sons (Rockford, Ill.) and the Reliable

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Northville Township-based ZF Group North American Operations — a regional division of leading automotive supplier ZF Friedrichshafen AG — promoted Tom Gorman to vice forth America, and Kirrt ositions are within ZF

2000 as general manager of the chassis components business unit, after 17 years with Dana Corporation. He earned a bacheor's degree from University of Detroit Mercy and a master's degree from the University of Michigan. In his new position, he is responsible for ZF Lemforder manufacturing plants in Brewer. Maine: Duncan, S.C.; Lapeer, Mich.; and Toluca, Mexico, as well as service departments in

Mueller joined ZF in 1997 as a project manager, after 20 years with Dana Corporation. In 1999, he was promoted to general man ager of the chassis systems busi Bowling Green State University. In his new position, he is responsible for ZF Lemforder manufacturing plants in Tuscaloosa, Ala.; Duncan, S.C. and the new Chicago facility - opening in

resident Amy K. Hunt has been elected

President and Pradhan, His responsibilit include cost estimating of nev designs and changes as well as establishing cost targets for all parts and assemblies. Camaco is the largest independent supplier in North America of engineered se frames, headrests, armrests and

estimator at the Nissan Technical Center, North America, working in

fachine Company (Rockford, Ill.). Carlson began his career as a tool and die maker in the mid 1960s, and later served in supervisory positions as plant manager, process engineer and model shop

that creates specially gift baskets, stocks fragrant candles, has an inventory of country themed gifts, and tart burners officially opened their doors at 825 Pontiac Trail, Suite 2 in Walled Lake on Monday. They will celebrate their grand opening on Monday, Feb. 10 from 2 p.m.-6 p.m. and light





In House ZOOM

People first" is the philosophy of the staff: (L-R, front row) Julie Taylor, Barb Lewandowski, Dr. Landi Heller, Susan Grove; (back row) Mary

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Lafavette in South Lyon,

andi Heller, located at 505 S

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appointments," Heller said.

Dr. Landi Heller, DDS

ing impression, and her entire staff enjoys giving smiles as much as creating them. Lyon's newest dentist to set up shop, having recently purchased "The smile is the first thing I the practice of Dr. Richard Petricca, a long time practitioner in the area. While practicing as totice on someone," says Heller. an associate dentist for the past 15 years, Dr. Heller developed a "people first" philosophy, and is dedicated to providing a high quality of cure that is specific and unique for each and every

bleaching (whitening), bonding, reshaping or contouring teeth, or applying porcelain veneer or applying Heller said. "We every dental visit comfortable, "We regularly use headsets, nitrous oxide, pillows, empathy, and anything else we can to make people comfortable. We crowns. Besides home bleaching, patients now may have their even have electric hand pieces teeth whitened by several shades in the dental office through a (dental drills) that cause less noise and vibration so that peoprocedure called "Zooming"

ple can relax more during their Dr. Heller stresses and prac-ices preventive dentistry.

The properties of the process of the process and prac-ices preventive dentistry.

The process are practice and improvement in how their mouths and gums feel after havtices preventive dentistry. when they had a toothache or cavity," Heller said, "Now peo-ple realize that with regular preentive care, such as a profesional cleaning to remove calcuus (tarter) as well as checking

for bacterial growth below the gum line, they can actually save money in the long run." more people are opting for implant-retained dentistry. In keeping with her philoso-phy of treating people, not just For every dollar spent on preventive dental care, eight dollars in restorative care can be saved. teeth, and recognizing the corre ation of dental health with gen-eral physical health, Dr. Heller likes to spend time educating people about their dental needs. Children are especially catered atients keep their natural teeth for their lifetime and to create

"It's an exciting rite of pas-sage to lose a tooth as a child, to in the practice. ut it can be quite tranmatic as to have positive experiences in

As a "Smile Specialist" Dr. distry, including different methods of fluoride application, pre-and attractive smile leaves a last-ing impression, and her entire, as methods to detect problems well-being, she said.

Prepare for some pampering able, tooth decay and tooth loss in the newly redecorated office Staff members comme can be rare occurrences. She notice on someone," says Heller.
"It's very simple to brighten, change, or upgrade your smile."
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disease,
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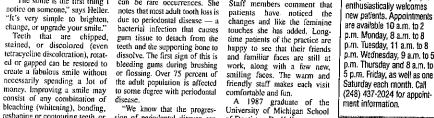
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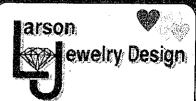
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# Kings of the KVC...for now

### Novi swabs the deck with Pinckney for top spot

By Sam Eggleston

Swab the deck with those Pirates

The Novi Wildeats basketball team did just that as they put on a defensive clinic on the expense of the Pinckney Pirates January 31, routing the top-ranked squad 55-26 on their way to securing first place in the Kensington Valley Conference. If that weren't enough, the 'Cats put on a scoring clinic the next day as they slammed Hamtramck 89-39 with a solid

drubbing, Against the Pirates, the Wildeats knew they would have to play at the top of their game while taking the Pinckney squad out of theirs if they hoped to earn a victory, Lucky for them, they did just that. The victory pulled the 'Cats (12-1 overalt, 6-1 KVC) a game ahead of the Pinckney cagers as well as the Lakeland Eagles and the Milford Mavericks (all are 5-2 in the KVC) and found them sitting solitary at the top of the food chain in the con-

The Wildcats came out strong, but held only a seven-point advantage at the half, leading 27-20 as they headed into the locker room. The second half of the contest found the Northern Second half of the Conte found the Novi squad making some adjustments and closing the Pirates

down for good.

"We switched up to zone defense," Novi senior Matt Emmenecker said. "Basically, we just helped out inside because that's

■ 11 Lakeland 5:30

# 14 Brighton 5:30

Howell is currently last in the KVC with a 1-6 record (1-9 over all), while Brighton is in the middle of the conference pack with a 4-3 KVC record (8-2 overall). The Lakeland Eagles, the only team to beat Novi this year, are 5-2 in the KVC --- which ties them for second with Milford and Pinckney, Novi is currently 6-1 in the KVC (12-1 overall).

where they were hurting us."

And hurting them the Pirates were. The inside game, which consisted mainly of forward Danny Lezotte as he scored all 10 of his points in the first half. Though he was able to lead his squad in point toals on the might. Lezotte's sectotals on the night. Lezotte's sec-

ond-half experience was a mirror image of his first, "They took the inside game away," Lezette told the Livingston County Daily Press and Argus, "We started relying on the jumper. You live by it, you die by it and tonight we died by it."

Novi's head coach, Pat Schluter, has always preached that the best offense is a good defense. His philosophy is that if you can keep a team from scoring 45 points, you have a great chance at winning the ball game. It's apparent that his squad listens. They held the Pirates to 10-of-55 from the field, as well as keeping them from scoring in the third quarter and only allowing a single three-pointer from the floor single three-in the fourth.

"I think that was our best game of "Hinhk that was our best game of the year," Schluter said, "Pinckney is a very good team. You hold Brandon Thompson to eight points and you are doing something well. It's a tribute to our kids."

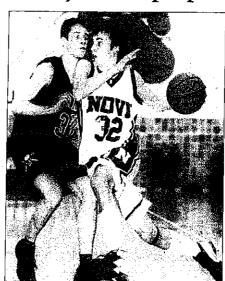
The Wildcats knew when they hit the floor for the opening tip that they were going to have to stick to their game plan. This time around. it was keeping the Pirates off bal-ance and forcing them to go into a game that they are not very comfortable with.

"It just seemed like once we got the lead, they got really frustrated and that was our game plan to take them out," Schluter said. "We're a tough team once we get a lead. We want to spread the floor out and make them guard, so that's kind of how we play."

Emmenecker led all scorers for

Emmenecker led all scorers for the contest, sinking a remarkable 21 points as he lit the fire for his squad. Junior Brad Simpson, the team's defensive specialist, added 10 points, including two threes, in the winning effort. Chris Lewis and Mike. Hart both collected eight points with their offensive efforts. The 'Cas will not doubt he look.

The 'Cats will no doubt be looking to have a repeat performance over the next three games - espe-cially when they host the Lakeland



Novi's Brad Chandler moves around his Pinckney defender in last Friday's home victory against Pinckney.

Eagles February 11. The Eagles are currently in second place in the con-ference and are the only team to beat the Wildcats this season. The Novi cagers also have Howell

gainst Hamtramek, the cats invited their guests into their gym before putting on a scoring clinic that found their opponents getting on the bus while won-dering just what it was that hap-pened. The 'Cats blasted Hamtramck 83-39 in a game that found Emmenecker scoring 15 points to add to his totals, while Chase Chandler added 14 and

### *'Cats'* to get KVC crown?

impressive.

Not only have they stepped up to

every challenge that has been exception of one the Novi Wilder team has done

everything that they need to do to Eggleston repeat their per-formance from last year — with a nice little addition. I have a sneaking feeling, and I may end up cru-cified for this one by the end if the 'Cats can't prove me right, that these guys just might end up sitting on top of the Kensington Valley Conference by the end of the sea-

Quick play, top-shelf shooting and great coaching has helped this squad float to the top in a season that they really didn't know what to expect from New all of that is to expect from. Now, all of that is just peachy, but the big thing that has proved to be the kicker this

year has been the defense.
Offense gets the glory, but
defense wins the game. In the case
of this team, it's everyone doing everything. Brad Simpson, a junior, sparked his team to victory just the other day against the Milford Mayericks and has been one of the sturdiest defenders on the squad. Seniors Chase Chandler, Chris Lewis and Matt Emmenecker haven't been pushovers on either side of the ball either.

Though I go about mentioning these guys quite a bit, pointing out the seniors and such, I am going to step forward right now and say that I haven't give credit where credit is due. It's the whole team that's winning games. Not only the guys who hit the hardwood to help out from the bench, but also those who haven't had multiple opportunities to get off the bench itself. They cheer their squad on and route for

them game in and game out.

Then, there are the fans. I can't tell you the number of comments I have received from friends, fans and parents of this basketball team as they brim over with joy and excitement of a great season. O fan even told me that the other night against Pinckney was one of the largest crowds they had ever seen at a Novi basketball game. You have to admire that kind of

drawing power.

The 'Cats are no doubt going to have their hands full for the remainder of the season. Now instead of being a team that is looking to the top and what they have to do to be there, they are a team that the other teams are setting the bar against. They are now using these Wildcats as a measurusing affects whocat as a rifeasing stick to what it is they have to be to sit at the top of their conference and book down at the others they play against. They are looking at these Novi cagers to know what it is to be defending District charms.

I have no doubt these Wildcats are going to live up to my expectations, and possibly even more. I just wanted to let everyone else to know what it was that I feel about these guys and all they have accomplished thus far as well as what they are going to accomplish by the time it is all said and done,



# 'Cats make splash at county

### Tie Novi record, too

By Sam Eggleston SPORTS WRITER

The Novi Wildcats swim team probably had no clue in the beginning of the season that in a year that would find them minus a home pool, they would be the third-best team in Oakland

County.

The Wildcat tankers collected for third place, 200 points, good for third place, as they fied the all-time best finish in the meet in school history as they finished behind a dominating Birmingham Brother Rice squad which had 471 team points, and Birmingham Groves, which notched 209 points. Bloomfield Hills Lahser collected 193.5 and North Farmington notched 186 to round out the top-five teams in the

The Wildcats collected four individual first-place finishes from their field of determined tankers. Ian Robertson continued his ever-impressive performances as he won the 100 butterfly in 53.54 seconds as well as carving a victory in the 200 medley with a time of 2:00.24. Jack Tyler went 4:55.55 in the 500 freestyle event to take a first-place victory from his opponents, while stellar diver Dan Bassett continued performing to the top of his game for a victory with an impressive 376.85

"h's been nine or 10 years since we've finished this high at the county meet," Novi coach Larry Tehan said. "Hopefully, today was just a stepping stone for us. We need to carry this momentum into the last part of our season and into the state meet.

The Wildcats at least had a chance to measure themselves against some of the best swimmers in the state if nothing

All-Americans David Lessard and Steve Schoenhals were big factors in Brother Rice's victory. Dan Priestley, of Birmingham Seaholm, is also an All-American and was a victory in a handful of events. Groves also sports one of the top swimmers around in Alex Nienberg, who continued his streak of victories with a win in the 100 breaststroke.

If fans are wondering just how Novi and teams similar in structure fair against a powerhouse like Brother Rice, just take this stat into consideration: This was Brother Rice's third straight county title and the ninth in the last 10



Novi diver Dan Bassett warms up before a meet at Plymouth Salem in mid-January.

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Girl's Tennis Coach. Interested candidates should contact David Yarbrough, Athletic Director for Walled Lake Schools at (248) 956-2073. Those are the at (248) 950-2075. Those are the only positions open at the Walled Lake Schools for coaches right

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**Undefeated this season** 

The Novi Junior Varsity volley-ball team remained undefeated last week with two solid KVC victories

over Howell and Hartland. The

Wildcat JV also took first-place

tournament this Saturday at Novi

The Novi Junior Varsity basket-

ball team continued its winning

ways with a 71-32 non-leagu

thrashing of Hamtramek last Saturday, Novi JV outscored Hamtramek 22-0 in the third quar-

ter. Nine players scored for the

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#### Baseball/Softball Leagues

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Boys baseball for high school ages will be Sundays from 6-9 and girls softball, ages 13-and-under will be Saurday from 9-11 a.m. with high school ages playing Sunday from 6-9 p.m. The cost is \$45 per individual player or \$150 more information.

played one of its best games of the year last Friday when they defeated

Pinckney, 57-35, in KVC action at Novi. The Wildeats led 37-13 at

halftime thanks to A.W. Stanek's

floor leadership. Eight players scored for Novi JV. Mark Moore and Brad Spisich paced the attack

with 13 and 12 points respectively

Both the Novi Junior Varsity and

Freshmen Competitive Cheer teams finished in second place in the

Kensington Valley Conference

(KVC) Championships last Saturday at Hartland. Both Wildcat

teams lost to Brighton. Novi JV fin

ished just 56 points behind Brighton

after six rounds of competition

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# Oh, how sweet it is!

Finally! Despite a year of injuries, illnesses, and tough judges decisions Novi's competive cheer team finally jumped over the top of long time nemesis Hartland

Novi finished second, in this the second of two KVC meets. The final totals were Brighton 704, Novi 689, Hartland 684, Lakeland 568.5, Howell 541 and Milford Coach Amy Denys was delight-

ed at the post-Kensington Valley Conference meet results held this last weekend hosted at Hardand

she said. "My team caused an upset by beating Hartland in rounds I & 3 bringing us a second place victory. I say victory because the goal of my team was to beat Brighton and/or Hartland. We have been consistently coming in 3rd place for about the last 4 years at KVC and, quite frankly (we were) sick of it! It was thrilling for us all to finally accomplish something that we had been working toward for so long. The Hartland victory was the

only thing to cheer about that day.
"Not only did my team beat
Hartland, but they came within points of Brighton as well," Deny's said of the competition "With our ending score of 689 we posed a slight threat to Brighton's 704 point linish. Hartland was not far behind with 684. Knowing that Hardland and Brighton were ahead of us after round two with 397.5

and 405 respectively I had no idea that my girls had come in second place after round three. I knew Brighton had scored 299 in the third round to our 297; therefore, leading me to believe that we had once again fallen into our usual third place finish. Much to my surprise, Hardand was announced as the third place team.

"My heart soared as my girls looked up at me from their tight circle on the mat with dismay. They were as shocked as I was by the outcome. I say this not because



The Novi freshman cheer squad hoists into a lift at a recent competition.

honor, but rather because I had no ings.
"We will work again this week "We will work again this week "Tournd two." Deny's Saturday, I told the girls they needed to command the attention of the audience with their performance and if they could do this they could do anything. I assured skill. Obviously, the officials saw them that once they held this power over the crowd they would surely come out on top. They certainly took this to heart,"

The Wildcats performances in

all three rounds were excellent. Key to their success was a certain extra spirit that the team reached back and pulled out for their per-

in round one as they carned scores from the three judges of 9, 9,5, and 10 - all out of a total of 10 ance it was definitely in round two. The coach's assessment echoed some of the judges find-

said. "I was disappointed with our scores for our toe touch jumps in this round. For some reason, we received very low scores for this something I did not because I thought their harshness was unnecessary at 7.5, 9 and 8.5 out of 10. Our back handspring scores were high 11.5, 11 and 10.5 out of dedicated athletes who deserve

"Scores such as these, can be credited to very hard work this last week. We repeatedly worked

offort to up our scores.

Obviously, the hard work of the appeal and round 3 was stronger Senior Lisa Matheney, Junior Melissa Laird and Sonhomor performances. As of recent, the pain, all persevered on Saturday, I was so proud of them for putting their team first with no com-

recognition for their efforts. In a combined two Kensington standings were Brighton in first with 15, Hartland second with 14, Novi in third with 13. Howell an Milford finished fourth with 10

#### 12 as were our heel stretch scores of 9, 9.5 & 9 out of 10. The coach was delighted with the extra energy putting them

over the top.
"I have never seen such deter-Novi had their best performance mination and drive in our stunt 3rd round," Denys said, "This past weekend, was flawless. Definitely our best performance,

might not appear to be a con-tender or a threat. But, with the

amount of tough, close, hard

fought, down-to-the-wire game

they have played, they should be

# All tied up and nowhere to go

It's never easy skating to a tie.

especially when it's your fifth of

The Novi Wildeats once again found themselves knotted up, this time tieing it up with Kensington Valley Conference

rivals South Lyon January 29. Novi fought hard and played and scoring punch due to the lack of Chaz Bulbuk and Ryan Dixon, who sat out because of library and left could be supported by the same of the lack of

Entering the second period of play, the Wildcais found themselves trying to dig out of a hole as they faced a 1-0 deficit, comtended to the plant of a 2-1 Wildian second to the plant of t pliments of a South Lyon powerplay goal at 7:34 of the first peri-

Jordan Collins wasted no time answering the bell though, notching a goal 59 seconds into the second session. Collins did the second session. Collins did so by breaking to the net and well despite the loss of some grit deking the goalie. He showed

Less than six minutes later, Brett Jaussi dazzled the goal-tender for a 2-1 Wildcats' lead with an assist from linemate Mark Eberline.

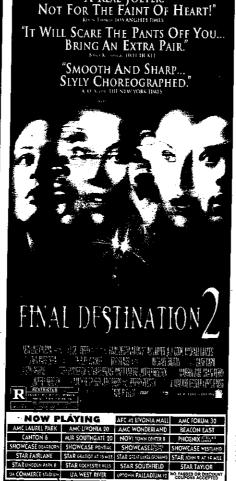
Unfortunately, South Lyon was able to tie the game at 2-2 on their second powerplay goal of the night, just 44 seconds into the third period. Despite the game resulting in a tie. Novi's fifth of the season, it

In the meantime, they have five regular season games left So they will look to put the last pieces in place, with back-to-

back games against Brighton Feb. 10 and Milford Feb. 12. just the right amount of chippi-"A REAL JOLTER.

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# Novi looking sharp

do. On the days we won they didn't

The former owner of Major League Baseball's Chicago White Sox team. Bill Vecck, once said that: "I do not think that winning is the most important thing. I think winning is the only thing."

lovi volleyball coach Julie Fisette had a past week that would probably echo Veeck's point of For in one week her Wildeat team

lost a heartbreaking, painful, and less-than-their-best effort in a home loss to the Highlanders of Howell. opponents scoring a 15-12 and 15-13 loss.

Novi beat Hardand 15-9 and 15-11 January 30. If Volleyball

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there is a turning point in the season it may be the Novi scoring 14 unanswered points. "No one ever does that," said

Follow the Hartland performance days later at the 30th Annual High School Volleyball Tournament at Schoolcraft College. Try a first place in the Silver Division. Their eason record now stands at 22 wins

another loss in a squeaker by Plymouth Salem. However, we did advance with wins in the Silver plate and tend to perform through Division with some very good their great belief and confidence in teams. We beat a Fenton team in one an other." three games who beat us last year. Then we played Farmington and then Divine Child and both of these Schooleraft Tourney abound, Senior

Gabi Frask had a whopping 16 servmatches went the full three games. Fisette noticed a clue to the team's play. From the Howell loss on Monday there was something missing that on Thursday and Saturday were most evident "The girls had fun and they won." she said. The more enjoyment you service points apiece in the loss to have in the game the better you will Grosse Pointe North and the win

with 7 against Farmington. Finally, in the fatal victory against Divine Child senior Angie Schmitt came up big with 10 service points while fel-lem capings. Shappen Shapler added They didn't look at the bench or scoreboard when they made mistakes but keep their minds in the game. ow seniors Shannon Shrader added 8 more and Corte added 6 kills. "If they can take the tournament

and use that for the rest of the year we should be in great shape. This tournament and the win at Hardand on February 6th at 6:30 and with on the 13th at home verses Lakeland at 7:00 p.m. should be the building blocks we need to finish strong for the rest of

"The girls like a challenge," and 14 losses on the year.

"I think we've turned a comer in our scason," Fisette said. "Basically our scason," Fisette said. "Basically we had a great day. We got beat by a lough Grosse Pointe North team and is like. However, I will say this, that Fisette said. "The more dominate a ty

a.m. Saturday The Novi High School girls varsi-

impending disaster. Sometimes, however, it takes

one goal lead to hand the Whalers their 9th loss of the

season.

The Plymouth Whalers blew

a third period lead in Brampto February 2. After leading for

scored two goals in the fina five minutes to notch a 4-3 wir

Adam Henrich tied the gam

up for the Battalion at the

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Corte lead the team with 10 service points while senior Tina Hildreth pitched in 8 kills. Gabi Frask agian led the team twice more with 13 against Fenton. Sophomore Amanda Toffoli 8 service points while Corte led the team in kills

Next match for Novi is at Milford

One additional note, the Junior Varsity volleyball team will be hosting their Novi Invitational at the Middle School at starting at 9:00

on top 15-8 and 15-10. Fisette was braced for the worst.

Before the game the coach knew day and the various shades of gray, green, and pale faces on the court end, though, her eyes sparkled with were the visual evidence of an a pride and admiration only a coach



formance at the 30th-annual Schoolcraft College Volleyball Tournament.

of several injuries the Wildcats of Novi came onto the floor warming slam dunks at the net. These weren't just coughs, either. Some of the players had fevers of 101ths

was the flu virus. Overlaid on top team. In this case, a two game win of their illness," she said. "At the shows this team is not only good but lough. The final score was Novi pretty ill, and we still pulled togeth

> for the Northville Record and the Novi News, Comments can be directed to the sports depart

Ramsay with a goal and an assist to knock off the Attack.

After a scoreless first period.

the lead with two goals in the second. Jonas Fiedler put his

tally at 6:28. The Whalers power play went to work on the second goal when Cole Jarrett fired a shot into the back of the

Ramsay and Chad LaRose assisted on the goal. The Attack battled back in

when Andre Devaux broke Jeff

### Wild 'Stangs have good showing against 'Dogs

Though the Novi-Northville Wild 'Stangs aren't looking to blow anyone out of the water this season, they are still looking to

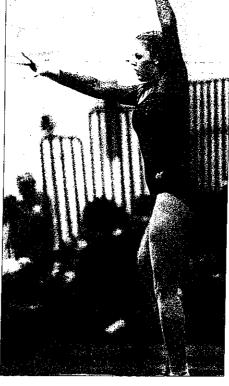
Solid performances, increasing scores and overall determination by these gymnasts throughout the season has yielded steady improvements and a promising future. Against Brighton January 23, the Wild Stangs had another good showing but fell 138.90-137.55. The squad also had a nice showing at the Parmington Invitational two days later.

Against Brighton, the Wild Stangs turned in a slew of impressive marks, For the A-squad, Trish Brownfield collected an 8.5 on the heam, while Rachel Denear

Marcie Fink recorded an 8.55 or the vault for the combined squad, while Jessica Glancy earned an 8.8 in that event and an 8.55 on the floor. Sarah Ilkhani-Pour was awarded an 8.35 for her efforts on the bars, and an 8.75 on the beam. Jenn Mehl collected an 8.1 on the Maggie Mills had impressi

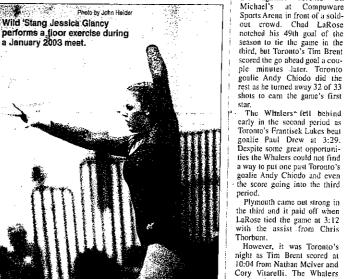
marks on the day, notching an 8.35 on the bars, an 8.85 with her floor routine and an 8.75 on the vault. Sara Wilchowski continued with her stellar marks, carning an 8.45 on the beam, and 8.9 on the vault and a team-best 9.0 on the bars. Highlights for the B-team wer

bars, 7.65 on the beam and an 8.7 on the vault. Nika Frimenko earned an 8.05 on the floor as we as a 7.9 on the beam while Adrienne McHenry earned a 7.45 on the bars and an 8.4 on the floor. Cortney Paul notched a 7.25 on the bars and an 8.6 on the beam while vault. Amy Wild notched an 8.3 on the vault and Lindsay Yusko col-lected an 8.0 on the beam.



an 8.5 on the floor and an 8.90 on Megan Wallen collected a 7.7 on the bars, Erin Yankovich earned an carved an 8.7 on the vault. Mills 8.7 on the floor and an 8.25 on the earned an 8.10 on the bars, while Wallen notched an 8.55 on the vault and Yankovich earned an 8.6 on the floor. Wilchowski led her At Farmington, the squad high-lights included Brownfield's 9.0 on the bars, a 9.0 on the bars the floor as well as Crawford's and a staggering 9.25 on the floor.





#### Plymouth outshot the Battalion 38-20 in the contest. tinued its streak of not losing two games in a row when the knocked off the Owen Sound Attack 3-1 on February 1. Plymouth bounced back with a solid effort from Ryan

Whalers back on track after

dropping two tough games

the 8:33 mark of the first. Chad LaRose and Karl Stewart earned the assists. But Brampton answered with Oulahen's first of the game at 12:23.

In the second it was Plymouth scoring early on a Tim Sestito goal at 1:10. Chris Thorburn and James net at 10:26. Wisniewski assisted on the

only goal of the period.

The Battalion needed only 40 seconds into the third to tie the third to cut the lead to 2-1 the game up on Oulahen's sec-ond of the afternoon. But Plymouth answered with a goal from Thorburn at 4:07. continued to pressure late in the period but could not answer. Toronto held onto the

Whalers answered with a unas-The Whalers appeared to be sisted effort from Ramsav at heading to a win when 14:17 to put the game away. THE ULTIMATE CHICK-FLICK FOR GUYS.



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# Shanghai Knights worth it

### Like many buddy flicks, this one touches on cheesy, but pulls audiences along well enough with laughs to make it work

By Sam Eggleston ENTERTAINMENT WRITER

It's the kind of movie that you

just hate to like.

Cheesy coincidences of history and characters, stupid one-liners and tiring and over-acted kung-fu scenes all fill "Shanghai Knights." Yet, you find yourself laughing and nodding because you know exactly where they are coming from in the film. That's why you just can't say it's bad, or good for that meters.

"Shanghai Knights" finds the duo of Chong Wang, played by Jackie Chan, and Roy O'Bannon,

played by Owen Wilson, teaming up in the sequel to their surpris-ingly popular and very funny buddy-flick "Shanghai Noon." Instead of taking on baddies in the wild, wild West, the two-some head overseas in search of the bead overseas in search of the murderers of Wang's father. Their quest brings them to London, England where they track down Wang's sister, Lin, before they find out that the murderer is none other than the 10th in line for the throne in the form of a rather das-tardly duke. tardly duke,

Fight scenes abound in this movie, starting in New York City where Roy has found himself working as a waiter/gigolo instead of living high on the hog on the gold the duo recovered in the first movie. Soon, they are running from the cops and hitch-

running from the cops and hitch-hiking aboard an England-bound ship, which is also known as being stowaways.

Soon, Roy is pickpocketed by a young orphan, while Wang must find a way to free his sister from Scotland Yard as well as get revenge for his father's murder.

Another finds seen finds the due Another fight scene finds the duo being escorted to the Yard by none other than Inspector Doyle, who has found a new way of investigating called deductive reasoning.

Just take a look at these guys and you know they are looking for trouble. They find pleny in "Shanghai Knights."

Needless to say, Roy and Wang find themselves getting into plen-ty of trouble throughout the show, with Wang and his sister getting them out of the majority of it. Roy, being his old self, just manages to crank out the funniest lines throughout the show.

Another character is the young Charlie Chaplin, as well as the origin of Sherlock Holmes' char-

The positives are some gut-

Now, there are some very funny moments throughout this movie, but there also some of those great things that make an audience member groan. One of those things is the soundtrack. I've never been a big fan of modern music in movies based well before our time. This show manages to bring on that music and bring it extra thick, Another thing is the "coincidences" of charac-ters. Roy and Wang not only rub elbows with Inspector Arty Doyle, who is knighted to Sir Arthur Conan Doyle by the time things are all said and done.

busting laughing moments, some good fight scenes and a very good feeling when you leave the theater knowing that for eight bucks you

can still get a laugh.

Though this movie isn't going to be winning any Oscars, it's good enough to bring your family to if they are wanting to see some well-choreographed fight scenes that are enough to make you shake your head with a chuckle at time, and are just plain ridiculous at other times. The acting, as it always is the Jackie Chan, is palatable with Wilson doing a

good job to pick up the slack.

Overall, I'd say this movie is a good one to catch, especially if you liked the first "Shanghai"



Jackie Chan and Owen Wilson are back in this sequel to the surprisingly big hit "Shanghai Noon."

movie or just enjoy buddy-flicks,

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#### Screen Beat

By Brian Renner

Coming to theaters this weekend is the romantic comedy "How to Lose a Guy in 10 Days." The film follows Andie Anderson (Kate Hudson), Composure Magazine's 'How-To' columist who has an necessary. nist, who has an unusual assignment and a quick dead-line. She has to write a first-hand account of all the things women do to drive away men, she has to find a guy, make him fall in love with her, then get dumped... all in 10 days. But little does she know that her target, ad agency execu-tive Benjamin Barry (Matthew McConaughey), has just made a high-stakes bet with his boss that he can with his boss that he can make any girl fall in love with him in 10 days. "How to Lose a Guy in 10 Days" is a Paramount Pictures release and rated PG-13 for some

sex-related material.

After taming the Wild West in the comedy "Shanghai in the comedy "Shanghai Noon", Chon Wang (Jackie Chan) and Roy O'Bannon (Owen Wilson) are back in "Shanghai Knights." When a Chinese rebel murders Chon's estranged father and escapes England, Chon and Roy make their way to London with revenge on their minds. Chon's sister, Lin, has the same idea, and uncovers a worldwide conspiracy to mur-der the royal family, but no one will believe her. Chon gives Victorian Britain a kick in the pants as he attempts to avenge his father's death and keep the romance-minded Roy away from his sister. "Shanghai Knights" is a Touchstone Pictures release and rated PG-13 for action violence and sexual content

Contemporary romantic omedy "Deliver Us from Eva" centers on a group of men who plot to rid them-selves of their mates' gorselves of their mates' gorgeous but meddling sister Eva (Gabrielle Union). The plan to pay a man (LL Cool J) to romance and distract Eva goes awry, leading to surpris-ing consequences and unexcomplications. "Deliver Us from Eva" is a Focus Features release and rated R for sex-related dia-

Check out Brian Renner and his gang at The Movie Insider via their Web site at www.themovieinsider.com for all of your up-to-date movie needs.

#### Next week

Martial-arts adventure Martial-arts adventure "Daredevil" (PG-13), sequel to the 1967 Disney adaptation "Jungle Book 2" (G), French romatic thriller "He Loves Me, He Loves Me, Not" (NR) and comedy-drama "It Runs in the Family" (PG-13).

#### On Video and DVD shelves

"Formula 51" (R), drama "Igby Goes Down" (R), family drama "Little Secrets" (PG) and romantic comedy "Sweet Home Alabama" (PG-13).

#### Premiering on DVD

"All in the Family: The (3-DVD Sct) (NR), "Blue's Clues: Blue's Big Band" (NR), "The Complete Musketeers" (2-DVD Set) Clues: Blue's Big Band"
(NR), "The Complete
Musketeers" (2-DVD Set)
(PG), "Dora the Explorer:
Dora's Map Adventures"
(NR), "Good Times: The
Complete First Season" (2DVD Sct) (NR), "Jane Doe"
(NR), "Joey" (PG), "Larger
Than Life" (PG), "Married
with Children Vol. 1: The
Most Outrageous Episodes"
(NR), "The Money Pit" (PG13), "Predator 2" (R),
"Sanford and Son: The
Second Season" (3-DVD Set)
(NR), "Six Feet Under"
(First Scason) (NR), "Straight to Hell: The Alex Cox Collection" (4-DVD Set) (NR), "Ultimate X" (PG) and "The Wiggles (4-DVD Magical Adventure! Wiggly Movie' (NR). Magical

### **Food For Thought**

We are fortunate to live in a country where the accessibility of portable water is readily available. In most third world countries people rarely have more than one quart of water per day for all their needs. This includes cooking, personal hygiene, drinking and laundry. One quart. A mere pittance to us, gold to them. Bread may be the staff of life but water is life the staff of life but water is life itself. Our bodies are a bundle of cells chock full of this mar-velous liquid that transports minerals, vitamins and toxins to

and fro. In addition to the obvious functions water performs it also may be the single most important catalyst in loosing weight and keeping it in check. In this day of a zillion diets all claim-ing to be the answer for weight loss, consider these facts.

When the body gets the water it needs to function properly several miracles happen. Most important, to the dieter it suppresses the appetite and assists the body in metabolizing fat. Our kidney's, a natural filter, removes impurities as they flow through them. If the kidneys go "thirsty" part of their workload

is transferred to the liver whose main job is to metabolize stored fat into useable energy. If it works overtime less fat is metabolized, more is stored and weight gain results. A good point to bear in mind is that the overweight person has a larger metabolic load and requires more water to assimilate fat. Also, remember that drinking water fills your stomach, which sends an "I'm full" message to the brain.

While it doesn't seem to make sense, drinking an optimum amount of water also helps your body to eliminate stored fluids. obday to eliminate stores threes. If bloating is a problem load up on nature's purest nectar. Water flows through the kidneys taking excess sodium with it. When inflow is not adequate our brain signals our cells to shut down the out-flow and thus we suffer from swollen feet, hands and tummies. The more salt you eat,

the more water you need. Too much water is never an issue. Other functions of water include maintaining muscle tone and riding the body of waste. Many times with weight loss, skin becomes saggy and dull. Water assists muscles in

#### HOW 8 GLASSES A DAY **KEEPS THE FAT AWAY**

Ingredients:

Morning:

I quart consumed over a 30 mi nute period.

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I quart consumed over a 30 minute period

Evenine:

1 quart consumed between 5 an d 6 p.m.

Bon appetite!

retaining their ability to conreact and remain firm. Skin looks healthy rather than drab. Your complexion will benefit too! Loosing those excess pounds creates another monster waste,

So, how much water is enough? For the average person cight, eight-ounce portions a day should do just fine. If

you're overweight add an addi-tional glass for each 25 pounds. Remember that heavy exercise and hot weather increases perspiration and fluid loss so drink some extra. Cold water is absorbed into the system more quickly than warm and studies have shown that it actually helps burn more calories. Remember that thirst is a late warning sign of not drinking enough water.

Drinking the ideal amount of water synchronizes your bodily functions perfectly. Fat is burned, fluid retention eliminatburned, fluid retention climinated, stored water flushed, wastes and toxins are washed away, and a loss of hunger is experienced. Try the following "recipe" borrowed from "The Snowbird Diet" by Donald Robertson, MD and Carolyn Robertson.

Mary Brady is a certified executive chef and co-owner of Diamond Jim Brady's Bistro in the Novi Town Center If you have culinary questions or com-ments for chef Mary Brady, you can contact her via e-mail at djbistro@aol.com.



#### Just Chilling

JOHN HEIDER Actor and filmmaker Jeff Daniels prepares to more media during a premiere of his new film Super Sucker on the night of January 23rd at

E-magine

#### Dont' miss...

Want to hear some

Novi's very own 9 Miles 2 Go bringing their music right to Novi tomorrow night at the Novi Civic Center bands Desktop Heros, Paperbag Lunchbox and One Too Many.

The live music, coming via the "Mid-Winter Mayhem" Fest will start at 6 p.m. February 7.

9 Miles 2 Go will also be playing Saturday around 9:30

p.m. at the Northville American

Legion Post.
They are also scheduled to play live at the store Music Go Round at the Novi Town Center February 22.

The band is scheduled, though a date has not yet been decided on, to play at Vans Skate Park in

Novi's Fountain Walk Mall. Check out their website at www.9miles2go.com for play dates and band information. Their CD can be purchased there