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INSIDE

That quack's not a duck

The next time you hear quacking in Novi, it may not be a duck. The bird-like sound may be coming from a wood frog and is actually one of the indica-tors used when determining the

health of a city's wetlands.

Listening and identifying frog and toad calls is exactly what Friends of the Rouge wants Novi residents to help with during its 6th Annual Rouge River Watershed Frog and Toad Survey.

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And the first winner is...

Every month from now until une, The Novi News is honoring a local teacher for his or her excellence in the classroom Our first winner is Novi Woods fourth grade teacher Nancy Bain. Bain was nominated because of her ability to get through to her students and a positive inspact on their

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Full-day K gets the nod

In a daring move, the Novi Schools Board of Education granted an optional, state aid funded, full-day kindergarten for next school year at a meeting on Jan. 6. The surprise for many stemmed from the district's financial difficulty which Assistant Superintendent of Business and Finance Jim Koster explained at the same

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SPORTS



Heading to the state's!

Under the direction of coach varsity pom pon team practices for its upcoming appearance in the state finals this coming

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Food bank

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ust how much is really owed?

Debts mount from Main St. developer

County will bear monetary burden for Novi

By Victoria Sadlocha

The compounding lawsuits and financial failures of Novi's downtown development have attracted a large degree of attention from the business community, but do the monetary woes of James Chen affect the city? affect the city

affect the city?

Kathy Smith-Roy, City of Novi
Finance Director and Treasurer,
indicated amounts owed to the city
by James Chen and companies associated with Chen for special assess-ment districts (SADs), property taxes and water bills are behind.

The city received in 1995 two different sources to fund the con-struction of Main Street and supplemental street scaping require-ments which James Chen is

invoiced for as part of his Summer tax bill each year.

Smith-Roy said some of the parcels invoiced on his 2002 Summer tax bill for the SADs have been paid and some have

Delinquent summer tax payments relating to the SADs are \$332,789.

\$332,789.
If not paid, the account will be submitted to Oakland County this spring with all delinquent taxes, Smith-Roy said.
Originally, \$1.9 million cume from Michigan Transportation Bond Funds for the construction of the street and \$1.7 million was received. received via special assessment limited tax bonds for street scaping.

limited tax bonds for street scaping.
"There are two special assessment districts (SADs) – one for streetscape and one for roads," Smith-Roy said. "Both SADs provide a public purpose. The city cannot create a special assessment district for the 'development' or any other private enterprise."

The current outstanding balance of the streetscape SAD is \$849,995 after the 2002 assessment, and the balance of the

ment, and the balance of the paving SAD is \$1.01 million.

Property Tax

"Some of the taxes for 2002 have not been paid," Smith-Roy said. "The city has an agreement with Oakland County for delinquent tax collections. The out-standing taxes as of March I each year are submitted to the county for collection - the city is reim-

bursed."

According to property tax records maintained by the city, Evergreen III, Inc. owes \$594,020 in summer property taxes along with a 4 percent penalty, bringing the total outstanding bill for the corporation James Chen is a part owner and managing partner of to \$617,781.

Close to \$170,000 of Winter tax payments are due tomorrow, Feb. 14.

Water

Smith-Roy said about \$2,000 in delinquent water and sewer billings owed to the city are linked to James Chen.

If the past-due amounts are not puid as of July 1, they will be added to the city's tax rolls.

Downtown Novi



The City has an ordinance "The City has an ordinance "The City has a single "The City has a The City has an ordinance which allows delinquent water and sewer bills to be added to the property tax bill on July 1," Smith-Roy said. "It then is considered part of the property taxes in terms of ability to lien and collect."

But despite Chen's inability to pay his Novi debts, the impact of Chen's delinquencies will not be

felt by the city. Oakland County will bear the

Oakland County will bear the burden.

Novi Assistant City Manager Clay Pearson said the city will not lose any of the owed money.

"The important thing is the city is protected through collections through an Oakland County program so the city would remain whole just as with any other delin-ouencies." Pearson said. quencies," Pearson said.

quencies." Pearson said.

He explained delinquent property taxes, including past-due water and sewerage fees rolled into the city's tax rolls, are reimbursed by Oakland County and then kept on the county's books as back taxes owed.

Pearson said the county would be reimbursed by a purchaser if be reimbursed by a purchaser if the property was sold in the

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

THE SSSS TALLY

James Chen and companies ssociated with Chen owe the City of Novi:

- Delinquent Summer Special Assessment District payments totaling \$332,789
- About \$2,000 in delinquent water and sewerage bills
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- Close to \$170,000 of Winter tax payments are due tomorrow, Feb. 14

hidden need By Pamela A. Zinkosky

Food tops the hierarchy of human needs, but it's always top-of-mind when sidering the needs of Wi Lake residents.

For Pam Janson, the 200-plus families -- over 400 people --who've benefited from Walled Lake's Hospitality House food pantry donations over the past year have confirmed the need.

Two years ago, Janson and some fellow St. Anne's Episcopal Church parishioners consulted parishioners from nearby First Baptist and United Methodist churches about community outreach efforts,

For more information on Hospitality House drop-off sites see page 3A.

"We found that the biggest "We found that the orggest need in the community was help with food," said Janson, noting that all three parishes regularly receive requests for food donations.

The group eventually con-sulted other charitable food organizations to verify the need and opened Hospitality House food pantry exactly one year and four days after the initial outreach meeting. United We Serve, a nonprofit, nondenomi-national organization, runs the food pantry out of the historical portion of First Baptist Church 309 Market Street Pontiac Trail between 14 Mile and Maple Roads.
Staffed by about 25 volum-

please see FOOD page 3



Businesswomen welcome men to annual event

By Phil Foley

The Novi Chamber of Commerce may have to consider changing the logo and tag line for its annual Threads of Power Breakfast.

For the fourth year in a row Novi area husinesswomen will be gathering to network and donate gently-used business clothing to four Oakland and Wayne County charities that help women re-enter the work-force. This year, however, there will be a slight twist — men are being invited as well.

Threads of Power Chairman Peggy Hayes said, The Southfield Career Center [Workfirst Program] told us they have men in the same boat," So for the first time, men are being invited to bring gen-tly-used business clothing to the breakfast, line is

The event's tag "Women making a difference," and its logo features a stylish line drawing of a businesswoman.

please see THREADS page 3

Barricades go up as CSX railroad bridge goes down; work done Nov. 1

The barricades are up and the sounds of jack hammers could be ringing by Monday at the old CSX bridge on Grand River Avenue between Novi and Beck

Road Commission for Oakland County spokesman Craig Bryson

Novi's Main Street development.

said contractors expect it will take two to four weeks to remove the old cast concrete bridge that's spanned the rail line since the 1920s.

Patrons enter and exit Mesquite Creek restaurant last Thursday afternoon along

RCOC's contractor, Dan's Excavating, of Shelby Township, will remove the existing bridge and construct a new, wider bridge. Actual demolition will begin Feb. 17, with preparatory work taking place prior to Feb. 17. The \$6.1 milpleted by Nov. 1.

It's the first of three projects being

completed by the commission and the City of Novi, totaling \$15 million, that will widen Grand River to five lanes. Recause Jacksonville, Fla.-based

CSX plans to continue using the rail please see BRIDGE page 2

ALTERNATE ROUTES: Grand River Avenue closed beginning Tuesday at the bridge over the CSX railroad tracks (between Taft and Novi roads). Throughout the project, Grand River will be ed at the bridge, but open on either side of the bridge to proises. The official detour route for traffic vide access to area busine moving through the area is Beck Road, 12 Mile and Novi Road.

Motorists may also choose to use the alternate routes of 1-96 and Beck, 10 Mile and Meadowbrook (there will not be signs marking these routes as alternatives). .

yson said crews will be taking the bridge apart "little by little, piece by piece." Bryson said 15 CSX trains a day go under the bridge.

Tomlinson, General Manager of Spartan Concrete, said the bridge closure is going to make the Grand River - Wixom Road ntersection a mess. users along Grand River.

We had a meeting with the city, but there's not a whole lot they can do," he said. "At the moment we're ist trying to plan around it the best

Tomlinson, like other business people along Grand River between

POLICE REPORT

A few?

from A to S then said T, L, M, N, O,

will affect them over the su

A Novi police officer was patrolling 10 Mile Road near Bashian Drive on Feb. 7 at about 2 a.m. when he noticed the vehicle in Do you Yahoo? front of him swerve twice to the right and drive onto the shoulder of the road. After stopping the vehicle, the officer asked the 29-year-old Novi driver if she had drank alcohol that night. The woman said she was com-ing from Champs where she con-sumed "a few drinks." According to the report, when asked what "a few drinks" meant, the woman said "four or five." After sluring and swaying her way through field sobriety tasks, the driver was given a preliminary breath test. She blew a .103 and was

A short distance away...

A short distance away from the top described above, another drunk friver was arrested by police on the same date about one hour later. A Novi officer was patrolling 10 Mile Road when a blue Volkswagen turned off of Novi Road onto the mile road directly in front of her. The officer continued to follow the vehicle and noticed it cross the center line and right fog line twice before initiating a traffic stop. The 32-yearold female driver said she was coming from JW's Sport's Bar & Grill where she had a few beers. The officer noted, after the Livonia woman put out her eigarette and spit out her gum, she smelled alcohol on the dri-ver's breath. During field sobriety tasks, the woman was asked to count from A to T. According to the report, the Livonia driver correctly recited

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ncous complaint call from a resider living in the 45000 block of Jackson. The woman told the officer someon had been accessing her Yahoo! email account by breaking through her firewall. According to the report, the woman told the officer her computer somehow caught a virus. unlocking the security to her e-mail The resident asked the officer to investigate. He advised the woman she would need to contact Yahoo! or change her e-mail account

wearing glasses and a puffy coat came into the store, made five copies out any attempt to pay. The suspect then got into a full-size pickup truck plate number, but it came back to a car rental agency in Farmington Hills. The Kinkos manager told police the matter did not have to be investigated further, he really just needed the report for informational purposes. He also informed the officer the copy center would be going to a total pre-pay system in a few

On Feb. 7 at about 1 p.m., A Novi

The manager of Kinkos Copy Center on Grand River Avenue called police Feb. 8 at about 2 a.m. to report a 45 cent copy caper. The manager told police a white male and left. The officer ran the licens

the road either side of it is still open Getting down that road will when construction crews begin the process of ripping the existing pavement and replacing it.

Completion of the new bridge will eliminate the need for weight restrictions, which limit industrial "It'll be great once it's finished," said Tomlinson "It's just the in-Phil Foley is a staff writer for the Novi News. He can be reached at (248) 349-1700 ext. 108 or at pfo-

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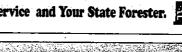
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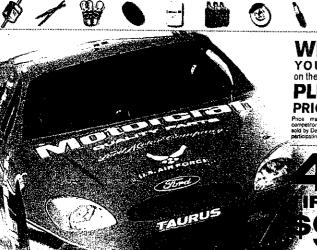
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OPEN SATURDAYS

FOOD:

Janson as president, the food pantry is open Mondays from 5 to 8 p.m., Thursdays from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. and Saturdays from 11

am. to 2 p.m.

Families in need can visit
Hospitality House every other
week to receive two weeks-worth
of food and household supplies.
Volunteers conduct interviews at

Assomine the level

Janson has been pleasantly surorised by the support she's
community. Volunteers conduct interviews at each visit to determine the level of need and give referrals to other charitable organizations as necessary. Visitors must show identification and provide their chair social security numbers.

After inst one year in operation of food, plus some partial process.

with approximately 200 square feet of space that's segmented into a lobby, an office for interviewing clients — a converted closet — and a food storage area.

"The biggest problem we're facing is that we're the only ones in the area, and there's a lot of need out there," said Janson. "Our territory – or the area we set out to serve – is Walled Lake school district," she said. "But only olunteer, we win.

"We can always use volunteers.

"Blan working the

cation and provide their chil-dren's social security numbers.

After just one year in opera-tion, Hospitality House has already outgrown its location.

The pantry currently makes do

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But Hospitality House can always use more help.
"We don't have a truck. We

don't have anything fancy. We just have the passion of our volinteers," said Janson, "We have no overhead. We don't pay anyone anything, and we hope we can continue this way. And as long as people have the passion to

Some people like working the food bank; others want to do food pick-ups, Other people can make phone calls. We'll take whatever help people are willing to give. Donations are also welcome,

whether in the form of money, which funds food purchases and insurance expenses, or goods, All pantry donations must be nonperishable food or personal care items and must not be expired

for pick-up.

If you want to know what the

exchange for food pantry dona- Hospitality House or at one of the

pantry really needs, it's deodorant, said Janson. People always think of food, but personal care items are also needed. "You don't think about it, but some people

syrup are also in high demand. Janson also asked that people remember that there's round need for food. "Chr donations are great, but in July these people are still hungry. Our biggest need is between Marc and October."

ndraiser or donate other items for the pantry's operation. Hospitality House hopes to find a business or individual will-ing to donate building space in According to the label.

You can drop off donations at the pear future - something on

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and Henderson.

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bers, conspired to

In celebration of Hospitality House's one-year anniversary, Janson invites the community to tour the food pantry, enjoy some refreshments and maybe even hear some live entertainment on Friday, Feb 14, between 3 and 8 p.m. Contact Hospitality House at (248) 624-3817.

Hospitality House donation drop-off sites

M Hospitality House food pantry, 309 Market St

■ St. Anne's Episcopal Church, 430 Nicolet St

■ Walled Lake United Methodist Church, 313 Northport St.

■ Walled Lake Veterinary Hospital, 1501 E. West Maple Road

■ Lakes Candy & Gift Shoppe, 1123 E. West Maple Road

lot to hope for.

"If anyone has a building gifted in some way. they're just dying to get rid of

the order of 1,000 square feet if we'd love to help out," she said

Wixom murder testimony begins today

Witness testimony is expected to begin today for the murder of Eric Barnes, 21, the Wixom factory worker who was shot while eating dinner in his car before his

Barnes was found dead from a single gunshot to the head by a co-

The

S. Henderson tences if con-

both today and next Tuesday.

If the court determines that sufficient evidence exists to try either of the men on separate felony charges, their separate felony cases will be remanded to Pontiac's Sixth Circuit Court.

liminary exam was rescheduled after Henderson's defense attorney, John Royal, told the court he had

prior and needed time to adequate-ly prepare a case on his client's behalf. representing three other expected witnesses, also told the court last week that he would likely offer similar Fifth Amendment counsel

Pitts, also asked that his client's preliminary exam date be re-scheduled. But today prosecutors are expected to begin diagramming who exactly killed Barnes last December, why he was killed and who financed the commission of

Russell's attorney, Comelius

the actual crime. Witnesses expected to testify during the preliminary exam include several family members of both the victim and the defendants. More significantly, as many as four of those witness have also retained lawyers and, according to

right not to testify for fear that they might incriminate themselves. Police investigators have alleged during the course of their investiga-tion that Russell paid Henderson \$5,000 to pull the trigger in December. But prosecutors believe Russell may himself have cashed in on the crime as well.

Prosecutors are expected to define the origins of how upwards of \$50,000 could have passed from

testimony could be incriminating if she testifies, since the Wixom police said she was at one point a suspect," said Susan Dunn, the defense attorney hired to represent or the defendants. "Therefore, I am planning to counsel my client to invoke her Fifth Amendment privilege."

Barnes was Sherry Russell's former boyfriend, investigations and the state of the crime. However, he said she had not maintained contact with police, as she had previously agreed.

Bilkovic said Coffey had previously expressed concern for harmonic productions.

Asst. Prosecutor Mark Bilkovic, who Asst. Prosecutor Mark Bilkovic who is expected to provide both is expected to promotive and the means with which Russell and Henderson conspire vide both a motive and the means

to kill Barnes for money last December, said he has sufficient evidence to show that Russell and Henderson, with the help of other family members, conspired to commit murder. Bilkovic said amongst the evidence to appear in court during the

preliminary examination will be cellular phone records which trace a path from Kevin Russell's invoke their Fifth Amendment right note to terific for and after the crime was allegedly committed. Furthermore, he said witness

testimony will further corroborate that Russell was not at home at the time of crime, as he has told police. He said that witness testimony will further substantiate that Russell was with family relative Annetta Simmons when she visited a bank prior to the shooting and withdrew \$51,000 in cash. Bilkovic said that is the money

commit murder. the preliminary examination to the preliminary examination of the preliminary examination of the prelimination of the preliminary examination of the prelimination of which later financed murder.

Wanda Coffey.

Bilkovic told the court that
Coffey had provided investigators
with critical information linking At press time, police were still scarching for Coffey.

Currently, both Russell and Henderson are being held without bond at the Oakland County Jail in David Aguilar is a reporter for

the Milford Times. He can be ously expressed concern for her safety prior to voluntarily remov-ing herself from HAVEN, a reached at (248) 685-1507, ext. 18 or by e-mail at

The breakfast will be held 8:30 10:30 a.m. Feb. 20 at the Hotel Baronette on Novi Road, near 12

Last year Novi businesswomen filled a coat room and five luggage trolleys with donated clothing and accessories. "The support we receive from the business and residential communities is just tremen-dous," said Hayes.

She recalled when the event first

began organizers asked women to bring an outfit to the breakfast. "There were women who came up with a carload of stuff, We don't just get one thing from most people, we get armloads," she said.

The donated items go to one of four organizations - The Southfield Career Center Workfirst Program, The Women's Resource Center at Schoolcraft College; Lighthouse Pontiac Area Transitional Housing (PATH) and HAVEN.

"The first time they came out in little cars. Now we tell them to come in big vehicles," said Hayes.

One of those who has been com-

ing to the Threads of Power Breakfast since the beginning is Nancy Swanborg, director of the Worman's Resource Center. "It's wonderful, bringing together professional woman from the community who are interested in helping other

woman, she said,
The center is part of the
Schoolcraft College District, which
includes five school districts Northville, Livonia, Plymouth-Canton, Garden City and Clarenceville, as well as a portion of Novi. Swanborg said the center provides services to between 15,000 and 20,000 women annually.

Of those, about 50 a year partici-

to Micro Chins to Blue Chins pre **THREADS:** transition into the workforce, "The majority of these women often de

Breakfast, "a win-win for us, It's an important opportunity for us to tell the public about our program and

Hayes said each group benefiting from the Threads of Power Breakfast is given an opportunity to event. "It's not a real formal program," she said, noting it's mainly

tions to network "I know we're helping hundreds of women enter or reenter the workreliant employees," said Hayes "And this year we're adding a men's component to meet their needs as

Another change this year is location. After three years at the Doubletree, the Threads of Power Breakfast is moving to the Hotel Baronette. "We just thought everyone should get a chance," said

Hayes.
This year's Threads of Power Breakfast is being sponsored by Providence Hospital and Medical Centers, Bob Sellers Pontiae-GMC-Isuzu. Dinsers Greenbouse Executive - Printing - in Novi Community Credit Union, Republic Bank and Twelve Oaks Mall. Tickets, which include a buffet

breakfast and a goodie bag, are \$15. Tickets may be reserved by calling the Novi Chamber of Commerce a

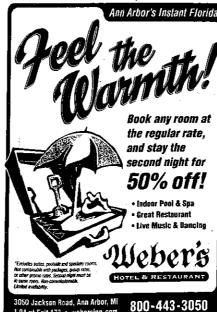
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Hometownlife.com

hits up 50 percent

Hometownlife.com, the portal web site for the Novi News, registered record usage for the month of January 2003, according to Dan Sutton, HomeTown Digital general manager.

Total site hits for the month years 12 (05 111 up more than 50

were 12,062,111, up more than 50

percent from December, while total site page views were 2,165,140, up more than 40 per-

A more meaningful statistic

according to Sutton, is the total number of unique visits to Hometownlife.com.' In January,

2003, the site registered 434,806

visits, up 20.3 percent from the

To see usage gains of this sort

on our site is unprecedented," said Sutton. "We are offering a

site that brings to Web users the very best of our local hometown

newspapers and telephone direc-

tories, together with the 24x7, fully searchable capability of the Web. This is obviously very attractive to our audience."

Hometownlife.com is the main Web presence for HomeTown

lewspapers. It includes local news items

from the Novi News, as well as

classified ads and retail advertising from the paper. The site also includes fully searchable lists of advertising from the other 40-

plus community newspapers in Michigan published by HomeTown Communications Network, and as well searchable

ads from telephone directories

ads from telephone directories published by sister company, Michigan Directory Company. The site offers links to help wanted ads placed by employers in HomeTown newspapers. Total help wanted ads viewed in January were 196,818, a remark-

January were 196,818, a remark-able 70 percent increase from the

previous month, according to Sutton. "At a time when lets of

people are looking for good jobs, the help wanted advertising on our site offers lots of local jobs,

The site also offers up to date real estate offered for sale, downloaded regularly from the MultiListService computer files.

For January, a total of 2,270,340

For January, a total of 2,270,340 views of MLS real estate search results were logged onto Hometownlife.com. A total of 227,034 detailed listing views

were registered in January (a 34% increase from the previous month) and a total of 15,357 (up 1,023 from December) unique detailed MLS listings were

Company's local Michigan tele-phone directories; a total of 71,846 site page views were reg-

istered in January, up more that

12 percent from December. January views of news items selected from HomeTown com-

munity newspapers were 60,542, up more than 20 percent from the

viewed by Web users inter shopping for a home, Sutton said.
Hometownlife.com also offers
ads from HomeTown Directory

right around the corner."

Is there a Tony in their future? More than 105 aspiring actors and crooners auditioned last week for the Novi Theatres' Performance Plus & Children's Annex upcoming presentation of "Annie." Some of those giving it a shot on the afternoons of Feb. 4, 6 and 8 included Sarah Wizinksky, right. Wizinksky and Gracie Denton and Alex Palmer were all reading a scene from Annie where the orphan-girl does not want to give up a necklace given to her by her parents. Actors 7 through college-age were invited to try for a part. Performances of "Annie" will take place May 9-10 and 16-18. For more information, call

Novi City Briefs

Winter property taxes due

Payments on City of Novi 2002 winter property tax bills are due-without penalty on or before tomorrow. If payments are not received in the Freatity English in Securing America's English by Ed. 14, a 4-percent penalty will be added, Postmarks and Homeland Security' and will are not accepted.

City offices closed

All city offices including the recycling center will be closed Mouday, Feb. 17 in observance of President's Day. City offices and disconnicements of the public and will last one hour, A conference conversation session

DeBoche Breakfast Club

State Rep. Craig DeRoche's first breakfast meeting will take place. Brooks Patterson and April 11 with tomorrow morning, Feb. 14 at the Congressman Thaddeus McCotter

Novi I spo Center. The intent of the "DeRoche Breakfast Club" is for the former councilman to meet with leaders in the community to have a dialog on finiely, important and romiciant security and will feature guest speaker Congressman Mike Rogers. The former military officer and FBI agent has visited Alghanistan, Israel, Qatar, Saudi Arabia and Uzbekistan, The 7:30 President's Day, City offices and die recycling center will reopen will take place before the program at 7 a.m. The event will take place in the McKenzie Room inside the center at 43700 Expo Center Drive, Upcoming breakfast meetings will take place on March 14 with L.

Friends of the Rouge holding a special class for Novi residents

how many of the nine species of

amphibians normally heard in the Rouge River watershed are

thriving.

"Frogs and toads are sensitive

to water quality, so if the water

isn't there either will they,

Residents volunteering will play an important role in the determination because not only

Frogs and toads found in the

frogs, eastern gray treefrogs, wood frogs, northern leopard frogs, bullfrogs, and pickerel

Volunteers will be asked to

During the training session

pact disc or tape to listen to calls at their leisure.

"It is fairly easy and even though there are a lot of calls,

there are a lot of early species

and later species," Petrella said

This allows volunteers the opportunity to focus on Spring calls first and the later season

calls later in the survey time

"Some of the larger frogs

won't start calling until about May," Petrella said,

Residents with ponds or wet-lands in the Rouge watershed are encouraged to participate and may survey on their own

The March 5 training session will be held from 7 to 9 p.m. and pre-registration is required. Five additional training ses-

sions will be held throughou

the Metropolitan Detroit area and are open to Novi residents not able to attend the Novi Civic

property, she said

Center class.

Petrella said.

By Victoria Sadiocha

The next time you hear quacking in Novi, it may not be

The bird-like sound may be coming from a wood frog and is actually one of the indicators used when determining the health of a city's wetlands. "People think frogs say ribbit,

are there abundant wetlands in the city, but a review of past surveys indicated Novi has all nine species in its boundaries. People think frogs say ribbit, but no," said Sally Petrella, Friends of the Rouge public involvement coordinator. "Green frogs sound kind of like if you plucked a banjo."

Listening and identifying frog and took calls is exactly what city are the nonular American toads, western chorus frogs, northern spring peepers, green

and toad calls is exactly what Friends of the Rouge wants Novi residents to help with during its 6th Annual Rouge River Watershed Frog and Toad

"We are especially looking to "We are especially looking to attend a two-hour training session on March 5 at the Novi "We are especially tooking to recruit volunteers for Novi," sion on March 5 at the root. Petrella said. "Novi has a lot of wetlands, and we are concerned minimum of two evenings a month from March to July for the changes in Novi and

how they are affecting its envi-ronment."

Petrella said the increasing development in the city is a con-species heard and not heard. development in the city is a con-The way the group quantifies attendees will learn how to identify the nine different species' calls, receive a training manual and will be given a comwetland health, is by seeing

Training Sessions

Sat. Feb. 15 10 a.m. - noon Bailey Center, 36651 Ford

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■ Wed. Mar. 5 7-9 p.m. Novi Civic Center, 45175 W.

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FROG, TOAD FACTS

Frogs vital in wetland quality analysis

- Michigan has 13 species of frogs and toads; 9 species have been heard in the Rouge River Watershed.
- The 9 species heard in the Rouge River watershed are: American toads, western chorus frogs, northern spring peepers, green frogs, eastern gray treefrogs, wood frogs, northern leopard frogs, builfrogs, and pickerel frogs.
- The American toad is the most commonly heard species in the more urbanized downstream areas of the watershed; spring peepers are more common in parts of the headwaters.
- Northern leopard frogs, builfrogs, and pickerel frogs have only been heard in the more pristine headwaters regions of the water
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iron added to their systems periodi-cally through IV treatments.

"We are the next evolutionary phase," said Klema. He said the cur ent delivery of iron supplements for Medical Technologies water-soluble product, he said would add smaller,

ing for the company," he said. The concentrates Rockwell produces have to add a second shift."

hemodialysis industry. Klema said, if approved, his com-pany's new product would not only offer health benefits to patients, but Wixom's Rockwell Medical Technologies, Inc. is looking for-ward to its first profitable year since the company was formed in 1996. cut labor costs for hemodialysis providers as well

Rockwell anticipates

strong sales growth

Company Vice President and Chief Financial Officer Thomas E.

reporting strong sales growth for the

Rockwell was founded by West Bloomfield entrepreneur Robert

Chioini, who remains as the compa-

ny's president. He took the compa-ny public in 1998. Rockwell trades

NASDAQ under the symbol

The company expects to report sales of at least \$3.5 million for the fourth quarter of 2002, which is an Klema announced Feb. 5 that the firm plans to report its fourth quarter carnings on Feb. 25. He said the increase of over 50 percent above reported revenue in the fourth quar-ter of 2001. Kleman added the company, which manufactures hemodialysis products for the healthcare industry, anticipates company also generated positive EBITDA (Earnings before Interest, Taxes, Depreciation and Amortization) in the fourth quarte consistent with the Company's pre-

viously stated expectations. Kleman said the company is "cash flow positive, but not report-ing carnings yet." However, he said, he expects the company to start

RMTI.

It is one of four companies in the U.S. that supply dialysis solutions, powders and ancillary products to hemodialysis providers. "We're the mollest," said Klema.

"Our sales monitories and we're working on some big proposals," he said "We're going after some of the bigger players in the business." He said the company while vear. north of 50 percent" this year.

has ambitious plans to change that. Rockwell is currently in stage two clinical trials for an iron addi-There are an estimated 350,000 tive to its dialysis solutions.
According to Klema, iron supplements are a \$270 million segment of dialysis patients in the United States and the incidence of end-stage renal disease has increased 6-8 percent or he hemodialysis industry.

He explained that hemodialysis average each year over the last decade. Klema said that since the common among certain minority must be replaced. With current techgroups, that growth rate could increase even more as those populanology, hemodialysis patients have

Klema said company executives expect the iron supplement will be a "viable and approve product" by the end of 2004 and on the market by

people, including 15 at a Texas pro-duction plant. Klema said if sales trends continue, "we could hire a few more people on the administra-"This new product is pretty excittion equipment in the plant is reaching to one chiff empsetty so we may

BUSINESS

Rockwell Medical Technologies Lab Manager Lori Wash goes over some quality control test results with company vice president and chief financial officer Tom Klema was lab tech Salwa Savah performs some tests. The Wixom firm produces materials used for kidney dialysis.

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assessed value. She said she did the same thing in South Lyon nine months ago when she auctioned off

a house and 10 acres that had been

While Rose said she is auction-

Auctions: Are they the wave of the future in home sales?

uction," she said.



Toledo-based auctioneer Feb. 15 to sell a 6.800-Township home. Rose auctwo years ago.

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to Toledo-based auctioneer Beth Rose, are the fastest growing trend in the real estate industry. Rose will be in Northville Township this weekend to help a

ocal man sell his unfinished drean ome. "We've had more than 85 calls," said Rose, adding to expects between 50 and 100 people to show up with the auction at 44555 Woodland Park at noon Feb. 15. While Rose's client is putting his

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Rose, who said she's licensed to on the market for two years.

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properties. "In New Zealand 80 percent of all homes are sold at

ness with builders who want to requirements. "We hold the auction at 12 and by 12:30 the property will be sold." move existing stocks," she said. According to Rose, real estate auctions have gained fairly wide acceptance among property owners in her native Toledo and are begin-

ing the Northville Township prop-erty on her own, she said she fre-quently works with local Realtors. Locally, she said she's auctioned in her hative Toledo and are begin-ning to gain favor among owners of "high-end and trophy property" owners in Metro Detroit. In 2001 Rose swung the gavel down on Madonna's childhood home in Rochester Hills, bringing in more than \$50,000 above the home's homes for Farmington's Real Estate One and Re-Max Classic in

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case of the Northville Township home, said Rose, each bidder will

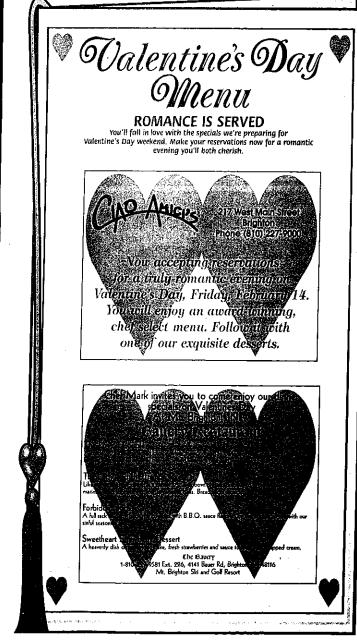
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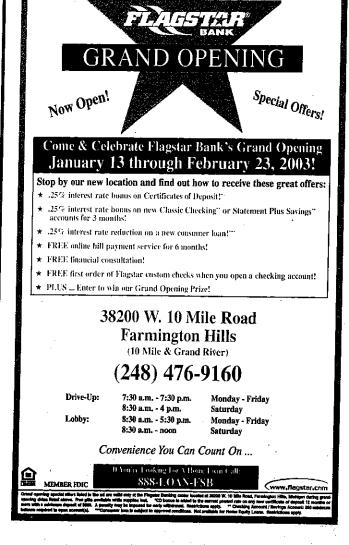
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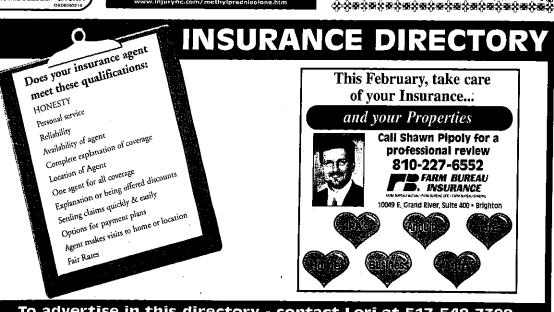
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Custom basket **business** expands

A year ago Sue Russo quit her ob as an accountant for Wayne ounty and turned her long time hobby into a full time business.

PS Baskets & Such moved out of the Wixom home she shares with her husband, Pat, and their three ons and into a store front on North Pontiac Trail in Walled Lake Feb.

The move from government service to home business to store front was hardly a snap decision. Sue, who said she's three courses shy of an MBA, said she began putting gift baskets together for family and friends as a hobby about six

years ago.

When she found her self getting bored with accounting, she began researching how to turn the hobby in to a business. After several years of research, Sue decided to make her move during a trip to Tennessee. "I asked my husband what he thought and he said, 'Go

"And you're doing great at it, baby," chimed in Pat, who is the P in PS Baskets and Such.

Suzanne Costa, a neighbor who helps out at the business, joked that Pat uses his skill at tying wires as an electrician to tie the bows for PS Baskets and Such's custom gift

Sue said the business is very much a family affair. Her 15-yearold son, James, helps out after classes at Walled Lake Western High School, Each new food item has to clear

what Sue calls "the Board of Six." with a smile. She said the board includes herself, her husband, he

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and 800 items in stock at any given the business takes off faster than they expect, "there's plenty of small warehouse space available in the time, but can get any special request item within two to three days. She said while the store has some ready-made baskets available, the area and we could convert this to all

out of their Wixom home and into a commercial space in Walled Lake. Sue, an

Sue said she expects to be doin bulk of her work is custom order. at least \$150,000 in annual sales by

accountant, ran the numbers and decided to turn her hobby of creating custom gift Phil Foley is a staff writer for the Novi News. He can be reached at (248) 349-1700 ext. 108 or at plo-400 square feet, but Pat noted that if

Golf shows on horizon – can spring be far behind?

The greens may be still covered in white and the wind may slice through you like a duffer's T-shot, but dreams of lime green plaid and titanium patters are already beginting to dance through Michigan's

Area golfers will get their next chance get a look at the latest in everything golf when Novi promoter Todd Smith throws open the doors of the Lansing Center for the fifth annual Lansing Golf Show Feb. 28 - March 2,

A week later Smith will offer an even bigger version of the show when the 12th annual Michigan Golf Show comes to the Novi Expo

While Smith claims the Michigan Golf Show, with 210,000 square feet of exhibition space and 31,790 paid lmissions last year, is the nation's argest, the editors of Golf Digest said that title goes to last months PGA Merchandise Show in Orlando , which has 560,000 square feet of exhibition space and draws between

45,000 and 50,000 people annually.
Still, Novi has a whole lot of golfgoing on with 6.03 million of the
state's 10.05 million population either actively playing the sport or raving at least tried it. According to Smith, not only does Michigan have nore golf courses per capita than any other state, despite it's relatively

that offer the quality we wanted."

Since then, Smith said, he's organized a custom car show, a short season, a higher percentage of the state's population are golfers. The Novi show draws golfers from as far away as Port Huron Lansing, Fort Wayne, Ind. and Dayton Ohio. "We even have buses coming in from New York and Canada," said Smith. He said the "Anyone can put on RV show," he noted, "The quesiton is who can put on the best one." He said that's why show has grown to the point, "we turn away 50-70 exhibitors each the center has the Michigan Association of Recreationa That, however, should change a

little when the Novi Expo Center moves to its new home on Grand River near Beck Road in a few sears.
Smith said he put together the

Lansing Golf Show after he noticed that a growing number of people coming to the Novi show were from lansing and points west. He said the owners of the Lansing Center were looking for someone to do a golf

ages from \$3 to \$20 to hit a 25-foot putt on Saturday to qualify to make a 50-footer on Sunday and take show at their facility.

He said since adding the Lansing show his company has received inquiries from two east coast locations and one in the south about putting on shows there.
Smith, who is also a vice presi-

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motorcycle show and a health and

fitness show for the Novi Expo

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Michigan Boating Industries Association handle the shows for

remember is "the attendee is the

This year attendees at both the Lansing and Novi shows will have

an opportunity to win \$10,000 for a

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"We hope somebody wins," said

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When is a flatline growth Langing Golf Show chart considered a win? When the economy is soft, gas prices are rising and the threat of war looms on the hori-Lansing Center 333 E. Michigan Ave DATES: Feb. 28 - March 2

Even though David Seiders, chief economist of the National Association of Home Builders (NAHB), expects new home Saturday 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. ADMISSION: \$7; children 14 starts to drop nationally this year by about 59,000 compared to last year's figures, Steve Perlman, president of the Building Industry Association of Southeastern Michigan (BIA) believes home starts in the region will be flat in 2003. 43700 Expo Center Drive

"That's still within the record highs of the last six, seven, eight years," he said, "I'm always a cautious optimist, but we're still building at record

West Bloomfield's Ivanhoe-Huntley Homes, said locally the number may be even better than the region's. "Novi is still very desirable place to live in because of the schools and its location," said Perlman, whose company is poised to begin work on the final 100 units at Bristol Corners off West Road.

The first three phases of the project, "sold quite well," he said. Bristol Corners began five years ago and has been market-ed on an alternate sales basis ed on an alternate sales basis with SR Jacobson.

One good sign is that while at the beginning of the year BIA members were predicting that the seven-county Metro Detroit region would end 2002 with 15,037 permits for single and multi-family homes: the letter.

multi-family homes; the latest remains one of the more solid SEMCOG statistics indicate building authorities in the

been especially hard hit by the recession, home prices in Metro-Detroit have continued to

at a slower rate than in recent

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were nearly halved to 3,624 leaving 17,705 new home stand-ing at year's end. Perlman attributed those numbers to several factors. One. he said, is "there is still a short-age of housing" in the region." Another, he added, "Southeast Michigan still offers tremen-dous value. When people go to other states, they're finding home prices are a lot higher. We're still providing a lot house value."

Area builders optimistic about 2003

Housing Summary

NEW UNITS PERMITTED UNITS DEMOLISHED

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region issued 17,705 permits.

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He added uncertainty in the stock market has also pushed people to invest their money in real estate, which he said restaints one of the more some investment choices. Investment choices Seiders noted that white smaller, or no bonuses for work-

"Following the terrorist attacks and ensuing recession, payroll jobs declined about 4.5 percent in Metro Detroit com pared with 3 percent statewide and about 1.5 percent national-ly. Yet, home prices continued to climb by 4 percent or more, compared to national average increases in the 6- to 7-percent range," said Seiders. "That's a solid increase in real house

Still, Seider cautioned, there are causes for concern. He noted U.S involvement in a military conflict could damage the oil markets and damage the U.S. economy, resulting in weaker housing demand. He added

Another cause for worry said

Another cause for worry, said Perlman, is slow-growth and no-growth proposals, both regionally and nationally. "Slow-growth and no-growth threatens one's ability to take advantage of the many econom-ic and other benefits afforded by home ownershin." said Berlman. nome ownership," said Perlman. He said the B1A, represents 2.500 home builders, develop ers, remodelers, light commer-cial builders, multi-family owners and managers and building industry suppliers in Metro Detroit, favors what he called "Smart Growth." Periman said, "No growth,

slow growth, not in my backyard attitudes, and the resulting tight restriction on growth in some areas-are reducing construction efficiencies and in other ways, adding thousands of dollars to the cost of a home, while preventing thousands from achieving the American

While concerns about fuel prices and possible war are rais-ing caution flags, there are some reasons to be optimistic Adorno Piccinini, president of Novi's Adeo Group, said his sold 35 units in November and December. He said that was above normal for his year end

Although Oakland County new housing permits decreased by 99, or 2.9 percent, to 3,336

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CLASS NOTES

Board approves full-day kindergarten for 2003-04

Deerfield program will stay the same

By Ramez Khuri

In a daring move, the Novi Schools Board of Education granted an optional, state aid funded, full-day kindergarten for next school year at a meeting on Jan. 6. The surprise for many stemmed from the district's difficulty which Assistant Superintendent of Business and Finance Jim Koster

how much of the program may or may not be offered for 2004-05.

year, which won't be fee-based, and Deerfield will continue as it is now," Superintendent Emmet Lippe said, "It hink there is an uncertainty about it because we don't know what the future holds. We know we can afford in now. We can get through this year all right with the current program and we know we can get through next year."

But when talking about 2004-05, the administration doesn't know what the future holds and hot offer as much as you can offer, that's not good," he said. "If you're that's not good," he said. "If you he best program you can now and deal with that year when it comes, that's what the board chose."

The school district has offered a committee, that Assistant Superintendent of Instructional Services Rita and you get paranoid and not offer as much as you can offer, that's not good," he said. "If you're uncertain about two years out offer, said "If you can offer the best program you can now and deal with that year when it comes, that's what the board chose."

The school district has offered a committee, that Assistant Superintendent of Instructional Services Rita Instructional Services Rita Traynor chaired, to take a look at at those questions. "When that committee came beak for recommendation, they can left the other schools of It left to offer as much as you can offer, that's not good," he said. "If you're uncertain about two years out those questions. "When that committee, that Assistant Superintendent of Instructional Services Rita Instru may not be offered for 2004-05.
"We can provide the best program we can until iten," said Lippe. "A year from now we will take a look at what we cand of or the following year, which is supposed to the district drop it? And if it's liked, maybe it should be expanded.

It last several months, the decision the board thinks it's good for the committee's recommendation to the committee's recommendation to the board thinks it's good for the committee's recommendation to the board thinks it's good for the children of Novi," she said.

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What I galhered from the meet-companies the board felt strongly expand it. That's the bottom line.

I have a fee-based program.

They decided not to do that." cnough about offering this type of program. We received enough sampling from people to say that



"...offer the best program you can now and deal with that year when it comes..."

> Emmett Lippe Novi superintenden

Traynor agreed. "We are takthere was interest out there." ing a step forward with this, and the board thinks it's good for the children of Novi," she said. "What I gathered from the meetfor the Novi News. He can be reached at (248) 349-1700, ext. 110 or by e-mail at rkhuri@ht.homecomm.net.



Brushin' up on the basics

Orchard Hills first grader Vishal Maloth practices brushing the alligator's teeth as Dr. James Ross and his assistant, Matthew Ross encourage him. Ross came in to talk to five first grades as part of their study in dental health.



graduates of Northwood University during Dec. 2002 Jennifer Bagdady of Novi has accepted membership in Golden Key International Honour iety and was individally hon

be recognized by Golden Key," said Alexander D. Perwich II, Golden Key executive director. "Our members are inspired and motivated by the challenge not only to be recognized for their outstanding accomplishments but also to make a positive impact on our world through the Society's academic honors organization that provides academic recognition, leadership opportunities, community service, career networking and scholarships.

The Society has more than 300

Paul Wading, son of Denise Wading of Walled Lake and Paul chapters in the United States, Puerto Rico, the Virgin Islands, Australia, Canada, Malaysia, South Africa and New Zealand. Membership into the Society is by Waling of Novi, was among the graduates of Northwood invitation only to the top 15 per-cent of juniors and seniors in all fields of study.

ored during a campus ceremony at Michigan State University. "It is only fitting that a high academic achiever like Jennifer

commitment to service." Gries, Senior, Mechanical Engineering, Wolverine Lake; Honour Society is a non-profit, Aaron R Lueker*, Freshman,

More than 1,300 students were placed on the fall 2002 Dean's

Northville; Jason A Maes, Senior, Mechanical Engineering, Wixom; Christine G Miller, Senior, Civil Engineering, Walled Lake; Engineering, Walled Lake; Norman A Nazaroff, Junior, Computer Engineering, Novi; Stephen J Schuyten, Senior, Chemical Engineering, Novi; Alexis M Troschinetz, Senior, Invigangual Engineering Environmental Engineering, Northville; Kiel D Vanderhovel,

Siona Heights University announced its Dean's and Academic Achievement lists for the first semester of the 2002-03 blaced on the fall 2002 Dean's
List at Michigan Technological
University, earning grade point
averages of 3.5 or higher. Dr.
Martha Janners, vice provost and
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reduced from state aid.

Students hands on in job shadow program

By Ramez Khuri

Eighteen students from Novi High, under the direction of Business teacher Jodi Forster, nar ticipated in the Feb. 5 Junior of Southeastern "Groundhog Job Shadow Day," as they visited the Novi DoubleTice Hotel to learn opportunities.

During their visit, the students

Participants: Tony Ascenzo Crystal Corte

Ashlee Doster Matthew Enmenches Brian Frey Matthew Haggerty Steve Hanlon Megan Kemski Elizabeth Kossik Chris Lewis Brittany Neville Evon Óbranovic Cassidy Saylor Ashley Smith



Banquet Manager Sandy Finch is shadowed by Novi High students Crystal Corte and Ashley Smith at the Junior Achievement of Southeastern Michigan "Groundhog Job

were given a hands-on tour of all aspects of hotel operation. Managers allowed the sudents to actively participate in a typical day at work, Harman Resource Manager Neelle Chryczyk demonstrated how she completed the powroll information for hotel

of the lauch menn.

Forster, who teaches marketing, store operations and marketing advanced topics to sophomores through seniors at Novi High ballors the mournaint of the soft of the day.

National Job Shadowing is a ballor of the day. believes the program is very benedicial, "The kids have really enjoyed it," she said, "It's an opportunity that Junior opportunity that Junior Achievements does through store

the payroll information for hotel comployees and Executive Chef DoubleTree Hotels. The students Michael Keyx allowed two stu-dents to assist in the preparation of the lunch menn.

coordinated effort of America's Promise, Junior Achievement, the U.S. Department of Labor and the U.S. Department of Education. Achievements does through store operations class, which is a section devel marketing class that's Corporation is a primary Cotaken after you take marketing sponsor. The annual initiative,

schools and businesses to tie in with the school day and shadow began on Jan. 31.

For more information, or to host a Junior Achievement Groundhog Job Shadow event, contact Junior Achievement of Southeastern Michigan at (313) 962-2550 or write to Annette Kelly at akelly@jamichigan.org.

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which put together the two areas of the school. Refreshments will be

According to Steeh, the program will cost \$32 per day and

as the kindergarten school cal-endar, which is even a little dif-ferent than the current half-day ferent than the current half-day will have." of research that showed that a

child's brain is really, at the early age, being developed. And the more you can offer it,

in 2002-03 and 2003-04 mean hard decisions need to be made

By Ramez Khuri STAFF WRITER

Steeh started evaluating the who indicated that they would be interested in us offering all-day pre-school. Director of Community Education Bob Steeh said. "We already offer a idea for a full-day pre-school about a year and a half ago. Most of the evaluation revolved sufficient space to ac

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SCHOOL BRIEFS

Open house

The Northville Presbeterian Preschool will host an Open House for families on Saturday, Feb. 15 from 10 a.u. to noon in the Children's Center of First Presbyterian Church. There will be an opportunity to tour the new faciland meet the teachers Registration will take place for fall classes for 2-, 3- and 4-year olds. One-, two- and three-day sessions are available. The church is located

at 200 F. Main Street in downtown Northville, but enter the Preschool from Cady Street, Call 349-4911.

Pitching in

Valentines cards were made by Decifield students and will be sent to the 1-39 Artillery of the United States Army. This battalion is responsible for Missile Launch Rocket System. They are currently stationed overseas, in a desen loca-

aon. There are 450 persons in this battalion and they are based in Fort Stewart, Georgia. This battalion is under the command of Lt. Colonel Craig Finite, uncle of Gabriel and Abigail Glenn, two Deertield Vide

Ribbon cutting

Orchard Hills Elementary School is holding an open house to celebrate its new media center and multi-purpose noom tonight at 7.

served after two groups of students will open the media center and multi-purpose room at around 7:15 or 7:20 p.m. The remainder of the

program granted for next school year

■ Fee-based program another option for Novi district parents

By Ramez Khuri

Something new that parents of pre-school children will have next school year is an optional, fee-based, full-day program. the state of Michigan, they in the state of Michigan, they of Education on Jan. 6,

"What we proposed to the board of education was to offer another option for parents, and basically it came from parents half-day program and have for many years in a pre-school building that's behind Novi Meadows." "It will always be depending on the availability of space and the interest," Steeh said, "We

"Parents have requested for us to consider offering a full-day from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.," Steeh said, "That's what our

Full-day pre-school

Valentine's Day probably won't be such a joyous occasion for the Novi Community School District this year. That is the day that Assistant Superintendent of Business and Finance Jim Koster inticipates hearing from the state Department of Budget indicating that there will be an executive At the Novi Schools Board of

building that's behind Novi Meadows."

The current half-day program is comprised of four classrooms: A 3-year-old program and a young 5-year-olds program and a young 5-year-old program. They meet for two and half linurs per day either on Monday, Wednesday and Friday for 4-year-olds or Monday and Wednesday and Friday for 4-year-olds or Tlesday and Thursday for 3-year-olds. The young 5s meet five days a week for morning class and afternoon class.

"Parents have requested for well well as the hopes to have a date sometime this week. Registration will be on a first-come, first-serve basis and will be only consider offering a full-serve has and will be only community

Steeh said. "That's what our proposal was and that's what our proposal was and that's what our proposal was and that's what our board granted. We are going to try it since we have space available in the instructional Technology

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We are already offering a half-day program. It's going to be already offering a half-day program. It's going to be day program. It's going to be for those people who are really looking for a full-day program,

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Valentine's Day could mark dismal financial future for district

■ State aid cuts

said. "Our pre-school program has always been fee-based, so it's not anything different. Predon't fund pre-school, With the budget, the way it is currently, we don't see it in the near future either."

open to Novi Community School District residents first,

explained that the state is having severe economic problems and, in his opinion, mathematically there was no way that the school could remain "sacred" in budget cuts. He mentioned that the executive order row that the about the content of the school could remain "sacred" in budget cuts. He mentioned that the executive order row that the about distinct the school could be supported by the school distinct the school could be supported by the school could be su The department of budget must then immediately notify the state legislature. Then the state legislature has 30 days to determine what to do. order, one that the school district

hasn't seen since the early 1980s, will most likely dictate that all the school districts in Michigan, including Novi, will receive less what to do. The state legislature has some options. It could take money from the rainy day fund and supplement the state aid, but there is no "An executive order comes out of the blue; there is no forewarn-ing," Koster said at the district's Feb. 6 school board meeting. "It just comes to the school district in money in Michigan's rainy day fund. It could take money from the general fund to supplement the state aid, but there is no money in the general fund. the form of a letter and then we have to react,"

Koster explained that on Jan.

So, it had to reduce school state 13, he received the first inclinaaid.
"On Jan. 13, we were notified tion that perhaps there is going to be an executive order for all the school districts in the state of Michigan. It was determined at of a possible state aid reduction," Koster said. "They gave me the calculation, which was \$210,000. On Jan. 16 I received the first for-Education meeting Jan. 9, Koster that point that there was going to

money in the general fund.

budget and their state aid reduc-tion amounted to \$294,000. These are 2002-03 state aid reductions and our fiscal year ends June 30. They are notifying us in January that they are going to take \$294,000 from our budget which

began last July I."

On Jan. 16, Koster said the district also had the notice from the department of budget that there is a strong possibility that in the year 2003-04 the amount of the state aid reductions will be three times that which is in 2002-03, That means that what the state is projecting for the year 2003-04 is an additional \$850,000 reduction a year for this school district,

a year for his scrion district, according to Koster.

"On Jan. 29 we were notified that the reduction is \$295,000, one thousand greater then the \$294,000. In that same letter, there is a possibility of \$410,000

for this year as a reduction. That's what it is today. We have four numbers: \$210,000; \$294,000; \$295,000 and \$410,000 as a reduction for this year. We won't know until Feb. 14, but it looks as

> have to get in our minds very clearly – having reductions this year means that they can lower the amount of money we receive per student in all the districts in the state of Michigan," Koster added. "They do not, on July 1, automatically raise that. So if they take \$294,000 away from us this year, that is also gone next year. On top of that, there may be that \$850,000 reduction. So, over a period of two fiscal years, the year ending June 30, 2004, there

is a strong possibility that we will

have the sum of these three num-

though 2002-03 will have a reduc-tion and 2003-04 will have a reduction,"
"There is something that we

Koster concluded that the Michigan is somewhat dismal, "I is a problem that not only this board has to address, but the conboard and this community has to make changes to the program as best as it can and still be finan-cially stable. That's a trick. There are going to be some hard deci sions made this year and next

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"In a round number that's roughly 1.5 million dollars that could be reduced from state aid."

Novi assistant superintendent of business and finance



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Young Leaders in Washington, D.C. ctly from individuals group of 450. Conference in Washington, D.C. to learn directly from individuals in leadership," said Michael Lasday, executive director of the Congressional Youth Leadership Council, the organization that sponsors the Conference, "Students will interact with members of Congress, Washington's

dents to the three branches of government. In one role-play activity known as I/I Were President, students act as the president and Cabinet members responding to an international crisis. Students also participate in a judicial simulation, called Testing the Constitution, in which they examine actual Supreme Court cases. NYI.C culminates with the Model Congress, in which scholars assume the roles of U.S. Representatives, and debate, amend and vote on proposed amend and vote on proposed national and world politics." mock legislation.

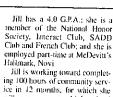
ing 100 hours of community service in 12 months, for which she will carn an extra high school class credit.



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Ouring the week-long program.
PC Scholars interact with
Washington insiders, including
Members of Congress, presidential appointees, senior military officials, top business leaders and journalists. Students observe the U.S. Congress in action, visit their press copy and key appointees to continue formulating their ideals and leadership skills. We look at each of these students as colleagues, in whose lands the future of our country lies."

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government, the media and the international community.

"White some students are reading about leadership in books, Jill Johnston will participate in the Stational."

special meetings and briefings.

Johnston will also participate in a number of leadership skill-build-ing activities, introducing the students to the three branches of government of State and Arlington National Cemetery. Additional program highlights ing activities, introducing the students to the three branches of governments are supported by the state of the state



Deerfield Principal Richard Njus poses with Novi High students Andrew Krupansky, Jenny Thomson and Brian Hornacek of Teens Aiding the Cancer Community (T.A.C.C.)

T.A.C.C., Deerfield team up to raise money for cancer victims

By Ramez Khuri

Three members of Teens Aiding the Cancer Community, or T.A.C.C. from Novi High visited Deerfield on Friday morning seeking help in raising money for their cause. Junior Andrew Krupansky, who's the president of T.A.C.C., senior Jenny Thomson and sophomore Brian Homacek all spoke to the elementary stu-dents of the importance of helping others who are less fortunate at the half hour assembly in the

school's gymnasium Deerfield Principal Richard Njus first spoke and reminded the kids of how the school raised money for people in India because of an earthquake that struck and how it was time to use the same tactics to help out T.A.C.C. The three high schoolers then took turns inter

acting with the students.

"We are a student led, nonprofit organization and what we to is, we put together toy-filled backpacks and we give them to kids who either have cancer or to kids who are affected by cancer in some way," Krupansk

Michigan hospitals and we also make home deliveries and we

organize volunteers."
T.A.C.C. partnered up with Dearfield because with expanded fiaisons, the backpacks are in higher demand now more then ever. "Jenny called the principal here and he was so excited about it and he asked if we would come and speak," Krupansky said. "We other companies, but 1 don't help tremendously. The kids here are awesome for helping."

Ramez Khuri is a staff writer for the Novi News, He can be for the Novi News, He

said. "If a sibling or a parent or a grandparent has cancer, we give them a backpack as well. We currently have liaisons with 13 Metro Detroit and Western Mishims the control of the schools have already had fund raisers for different who might want to match the who might want to match the donations as well, We are going things, so not all could help, but on Feb. 21, we are going to come back here to Deerfield to see how

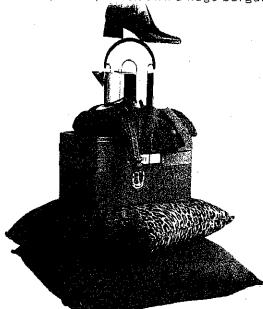
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By Ramez Khuri STAFF WRITER

Second grade students at Village Oaks were up to their knees in dinosaur fossils on Friday, as Lynn Secord and Kathy Siarto's classes participating and proportions of the properties of the proportion of the proportion of the properties of the pro ed in a paleontology dig as part are digging for fossils, like little toy dinosaurs."

Soave had fun at the dig. "We of a unit on dinosaurs. Second and Siarto provided the kids with molds made out of plaster of Paris and inside each one were a basis and inside each one were a basis and inside each one were the state of the state of the state of Paris and inside each one were the state of the state two plastic dinosaurs that they for fossils and we are trying to had to find,

"They have been studying dinesaurs for the past couple of weeks." Secord said. "We took a wonderful field trip to Cranbrook as a part of this unit as well. It's always a really motivating unit in second grade and the kids love learning about fosthe kids love learning about fossils and dinosaurs and as one of our culminating activities I like to do this to give them an idea of what a real geologist or a paleon-

tologist goes through."

The children were asked to bring in different tools and some of them dressed for the part, wearing hats and paleontology outfits. "Thanks to a couple of parent volunteers, we got these molds put together," Secord said. The kids paired up and all of them got to keep the plastic

Ramez Khuri is a staff writer for the Novi News. He can be reached at (248) 349-1700, ext. 110 or by e-muil at rkhuri@ht.homecomm.net.

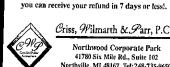


Village Oaks Elementary School students Barbara Jane Wicker, first grader, and Kate Dusenbury, second grader-right, work on excavating a dinosaur from its plaster of Paris mold during their classroom's palentology dig last Fridav.

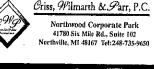
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Photo by John Helde Novi Co-op Preschool students Lara Elmblad, left and Eveline Que making 'dinosau eggs' out of baloons and pastecovered newspa pers strips last Wednesday after noon. The co-op is hosting its annual open house this

Novi CO-OP pre-school open house Saturday

By Ramez Khuri

Parents of 4- and 5-year-old children now have a new option of where they can send their kids for pre-school. The Novi CO-OP pre-school, located at the United Methodist Church at the intersection of 10 Mile Road and Meadowbrook Road, will be holding an open house on Saturday, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Parents can visit, check out the classroom, meet the teacher and ask about the pro-gram. The open house is open to anyone in the community, but it's Anyone from surrounding areas is welcome as well.

of the pre-school. She believes that there are many advantages to send-ing children to a CO-OP school as opposed to a traditional pre-school. pposed to a traditional pre-school. I playing with somebody, they I think a CO-OP pre-school is a already know that their child can nice way for parents to feel and see
what their children are doing and
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other children," she said. "It also
because they know who their kids gives both the parents and children a good start because sometimes it's hard to separate, and at least mom

> CITY OF NOVI NOTICE OF MEETING

OF BOARD OF REVIEW

Notice is hereby given that the Board of Review shall convene in its first session at 9:00 a.m. EST, Tuesday, March 4th, 2003 in the Novi Assessing Department at 45175 W. Ten Mile Road for the purpose of reviewing and correcting the assessment roil.

Notice is further given that the second session of the Board of Review will meet for the purpose of hearing and considering assessment proteis in the Novi City Council Chambers at 45.175 W. Ten Mille Road on March 10, 11 & 41, 2003. All appearances before the Board will be by appointment only. If you or your representative want to appear in person, the appointment must be made on or before 5:00 p.m. EST, Triday, March 7, 2003. Appearance before the Board of Review are limited to five (5) nitruities or less. Petitions are available at the Assessor's Office or at www.ch.cov/mill.s. NO APPOINTMENTS WILL BE GIVEN UNTIL A PETITION IS RECEIVED BY THE ASSESSING DEPARTMENT.

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Letters of protest will be accepted on or before 5:00 p.m. EST, Wednesday, March 12, 2003. Postmarks will not be considered. When submitting a letter of protest for the Board of Review consideration, you must atlach a completed petition (available at the Assessing Department), along with any supporting information.

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Department, or at www.ci.nov/imi.us

BOARD OF REVIEW SCHEDULE

Monday, March 10, 2003 - 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Tuesday, March 11, 2003 - 1:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

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Any questions should be directed to the Assessing Department at (248) 347-0485.

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The City Council has determined that all of the cost of the above inscribed public Improvement shall be assessed against the following lescribed property abutting the above described improvement:

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TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that the City Council has caused reports concerning said public improvement to be prepared, which reports include plans, profiles, specifications and estimates of cost of such public improvement, a description of the assessment district and other pertinent information, and these reports are on file in the office of the City Clerk and are available for public inspection.

TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that the City Council will meet on Monday, February 24, 2003, at 73.0 ofdock p.m., prevailing Eastern Time, at the Novi Civic Center, 45175 West Ten Mille Road in the Council Chambers in the City of Novi for the purpose of hearing comments to the making of such public improvement.

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the classroom and at times be with them."

According to Smith, the differ-ences between a standard preences between a standard pre-school and a CO-OP pre-school are also people who come from Plymouth and Livonia and Northville, so it's not always the case that the children they are in vast, "At our school, parents or

grandparents or whoever is with a child during the day can come and participate in the classroom once or twice a month, where they assist the teacher and help out," she said, "It's a chance for them to be more involved and see what's going on in their pre-school child's school day." Other commitments in a CO-OP anyone in the community, but it's not just limited to Novi folks. Anyone from surrounding areas is pre-school, they run a board and wallown as well.

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Tracey Smith is the only teacher of the pre-school. She believes that are are many advantages to sending children to a CO-OP school as gehildren to a CO-OP school as the control of th they do everything from helping

through play. The classroom is set enroll them at that time as well." up with centers, such as a science center, an art center, a writing and language center and a dress up cor-ner. There is also a playground out-at (248) 349-1700, ext. 110 or by ener. There is also a playground out-side and the children take field mail at rkhuri@ht.home

or dad or somebody can come to start out your child's education by trips. Even though the school is inside a church, it's not religious in any way. The space is just rented

"I will be here at the open house and parents can ask questions about the program, how the schedule goes and how the day is run," Smith said. "Myself and the board school with are going to go to the members will be here to answer same kindergarten."

Smith's CO-OP pre-school is a chance to see the classroom a little play-based program because she believes that the children learn. They can bring their children and

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Bain making a positive impact

Every month from now until ing lot. Inside will be Nancy June. The Novi News is honoring a local teacher for his or her achievements or planning for the excellence in the classroom. Our stress winner is Novi Woods fourth out the year to call home to promote tracket. Name Brid. Pair. grade teacher Nancy Bain. Bain vide feedback on a recent test or was nominated because of her ability to get through to her students and make a positive impact

By Ramez Khuri

A quote from her nomination ras, "Nancy Bain is truly the nost extraordinary teacher I have had the pleasure of knowing. Drive past Novi Woods on any given night and there's Mrs. Bain's car, all alone in the park-

Grade: fourth Subject: teaches all subjects Years Teaching: Taught GED classes for adults who did not have high school diplomas and ESL classes for 10 years. This is her 16th year teaching elementary students Years in Novi district: five

Spouse: Robert Bain.

Children: Adam, 29: Jonathan, 27: Ilana, 23

yoga and walking

professor at University of Michigan

Interests: reading, baking,

she found a way to combine the many things she loves to do in one job. For me, teaching is about relationships and an interest in the various ways children learn," she said. "I feel an excitement in planning what I teach, being able to use my creative side and being a little bit of an

brought innovative ideas to the building like student-led parent conferences and Family Folklore Night....She manages to draw out the best in every child. Things can't be explained in writing, but

are felt for a lifetime."

Bain was modest in accepting her win. "I like so many things about teaching that's it's kind of hard to point to one thing," she said. "I love working with the children and being able to see a sense of excitement and curiosity when they learn. I love working with the parents of my students and I find it wonderful to be able

side and being a little bit of an actress. I really enjoy the joyful gown in the ways they are able to feeling I have in my work and being able to feel fike I am doing read and write are the real speraed and write are the real spe-



Novi Woods fourth grade teacher Nancy Bain works with students Madeline Sinkovich, Michael Cauchi, Max

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and in college. "In second grade I had a teacher that I remember because of all the exciting things we did in her room. I loved a

cial moments of teaching."

Bain had a favorite teacher in makes everything click, it's hard elementary school, high school and in college. "In second grade that I remember different ways to help that the more energy I get hard from the grading papers ever, but I really enjoy all aspects of the job, so the more energy I put into my job, the more energy I get hard from the granting. and also exciting in a way too because you want to keep trying different ways to help that child and making sure

tion because of our interaction. We all work together and I'm just very lucky to he a part of this staff. We all share our ideas

for the Novi News. He can be reached at (248) 349-1700, ext. 110 or by e-mail at

Author, illustrator shows Parkview book-writing process

Children's author and illustra-tor Wong Herbert Yee came visit-ing Parkview Elementary on Friday to share some of his books with the students. Different class-es took turns listening to what Yee had to say and allot to be onete. had to say and also to be entertained by his stories.

Parkview PTO President Cindy Buckley explained that Yee's books are generally geared for young students. He talked to students about how he became a writer and distributor and he then talked about what it takes to put a book together. He showed scratch notes to scratch pictures and he

I think that being exposed to people who actually do the work is very beneficial for the stu-dents." Buckley said. "They are reading his books and getting to know someone who writes them and is a local person is interesting for these kids. The kids think that these people live somewhere else and they do other things, but he lives right here in Troy and he's a father of a young little girl. I think this really normalizes the process

Yee's introduction to writing children's books came from his interest in art. He studied art at Wayne State University and graduated with a bachelor of fine arts in print making. "I have always been interested in art and drawing from very on, as far back as first grade," he said, "I really didn't pay much attention to writing or anything along those lines." After college Yee found himself

in advertising and was doing some illustration. When his daughter was born, he started another way to do artwork. "I started going to the library and checking out books," he said. "I thought that I may as well try to write one myself. I did feel pretty

because I have always had ideas."

Second graders Janice Burnett and Clay King enjoyed Yee's presentation. "I learned that all amount of work it takes to put a his books rhyme and it takes about a year to do one book," Burnett said, "I really liked when he was reading the book,"

King agreed. "It was a good presentation," he said. "The books were good and they had funny pictures. I learned that sometimes it's a little hard to draw pictures in

Yee travels to different schools mostly in the state of Michigan. He said that he usually goes to any school that contacts him.
"I usually go and visit because the attention of the Novi News. He can be reached at (248) 349-1700, ext. 110 or by e-mail at rkhuri@ht.homecomm.net.



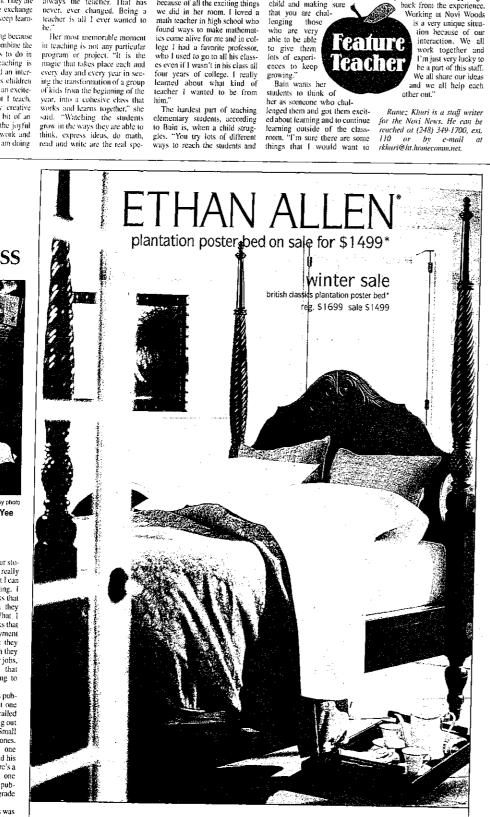
Author Wong Herbert Yee reads from one of his books at Parkview

back from the kids about your sto-ries," he said, "They are really direct and honest. I hope that I can project a message of reading, I know there are a lot of books that the kids have to read that they don't necessarily enjoy. What I would like to provide is books that they read for sheer enjoyment because I feel that is what they because I feet that is what they will carry on as adults. When they are grown up and doing their jobs, they will still remember that books are an enjoyable thing to pass the time with."

Yee has a total of 13 books published and he averages about one look per year A new one called.

book per year. A new one called "Tracks in the Snow is coming out more Fireman Small book and his first book is called "Eek, There's a Mouse in the House." That one got picked up by three other pub-lishers to be used as a first grade

Yee said. "I tarked about one amount of work it takes to put a book together. Most kids, when amount of work it takes to put a book together. Most kids, when you ask them how long it takes to do a writing assignment, give responses like, 15 minutes, half hour, hour and the process is more like a year and a half for me. Purt of that is attwock to at its writine and. that is artwork, part is writing and a lot is the amount of time it actually takes to print and distribute a book, I try to show them the process from idea to finished product."



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OPINION



Now that's cold!

With our office located in downtown Northville, it's sometmes hard for us to see everything that's happening in Novi. Luckily, readers like Nick Hurwitch and Phil Hornshaw act as our eyes and help this newspaper out when they see something interesting - like the old water tower, leaking and freezing on January 29. Thank you, gentlemen, for the fine photo - Editor.

LETTERS

Letters section not what it should be

The "Letters" section of a newspaper is ntended as space for readers to voice their position on key community issues, allowing them to support or challenge public policy or position. Unfortunately, the Novi News has created a forum where the voices of a few have complete access to the media to say any-thing that they please. Any concern for taste.

forum provides the venue to launch personal attacks. Doesn't matter if the comments are lies, insults, or anecdotal innuendo... your paper prints it all, word for word, typo for

February 6 letter by Mr. James Korte. This latest manifesto included a 200-word diatribe

that the "garbage" comment was never made and now I've twice been inaccurately vilified by me, but Mr Toth himself. Toth made the statement referring to the wife of Rep. Craig DeRoche within a January 9th letter laden between unfairly attacked over the years to a with personal insults towards the former Councilperson, My condolences to the Toth family for their loss; however, I never made the comment. The rest of Korte's letter is full of personal attacks and rambling opinions so udicrous it did not merit publication, and fur ther response from me just isn't worth the

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hind.

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Mr. Stone, a review of the editorial process
Let me cite just one recent example from a
Entrance felter by Mr. James Korg, This by serve as the voice of its community should lower itself to print such inaccuracy and driv-

much greater degree in these pages, both per-sonally and professionally. I think some apologies are long overdue.

I commend the Walled Lake School District Frommend the waited Lake School District for its excellent tribute to Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., on January 15. The event was inspiring. It was a strong recognition of the beauty of diversity in our one human family.

Thanks to the Roger of Education and Thanks to the Board of Education and Superintendent James Geisler. Thanks to the Multicultural Committee and to the many fac-

ulty, staff and students who shared their is

and talents. I'm very proud of the Walled Lake James Gualdoni Member of Council Village of Wolverine Lake

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OTHER OPINIONS

Granholm breaks pattern of State of State speeches

As I watched Gov. Jennifer Granholm deliver her State of the State speech last week, I realized posals and detailed programs.

Neither Engler's nor Blanchard's that over the years I've heard a fair number of SOS speeches given by

various Michigan governors.
G. Mennen "Soapy" Williams nasal twine disguised the bluest of blood mixed with an emerging citi-zen-participation Democratic Party

edly with a highly nartisan, GOPpartisan, GOP-dominated legisla-ture. George Romney, who rode to office on a reform movement called "Citizens for Michigan," offered a less partisan but higher key sales-

manship. Republican Bill Milliken, facing a Democratic legisla ture, was low-key Phil Power and bipartisan reaching out to sub-

urban voters and Democrats," In more recent Blanchard's State of the State speeches often wound up as mindnumbing catalogues of ideas, pro-

grams and initiatives; some of us even referred to thom as a listing of "Jim's greatest hits," Of course, Blanchard faced a state budget crisis situation nearly as grievous as that confronting Granholm today. His solution — hiking the state income tax rate - made perfectly good sense as public financial policy. But it also was a political disaster that led to the recall of two Democratic senators. The State Senate has been Republican ever since, and don't

episode,
John Engler's SOS speeches tended to be pragmatic, detailed, remorselessiy partisan, occasionally brutal. He was a magnificently polit-

Do you have a role model?

respect and emu-

late is an impor-

tant lesson to learn. (See story

"A lost art" she

She calls it

lost art because it

seems many young women and men in today's generation just flat

out don't have

ave one. I should clarify

was (and is) taking care of all of her family members, her home and basically the good of all.

doubt, but because she doesn't

probably don't thank my staff

enough in person, so I'll take the opportunity to do it here in print.

Great job on this week's edition!

er and coming up with more pic-tures, info boxes, etc. to go with those. Surveys show that's what

readers want, so that's what we're

going to give you.

My personal opinion is that this is the best Novi

here last March.

• If you haven't Cal Stone

sey's letter on page 16, please

that statement.

on page 18.)

Do you need one? Novi resident Denise Jenkins

pelieves having someone to

Victoria Sadlocha

They've been charged with my publisher about five days writing more stories that are short-

Done? Do you agree with him? So the possibility of a guest column.

speeches were particularly inspiring and, excepting Engler's ceaseless emphasis on tax cutting, neither were particularly focused. And neither of them was particularly effec-tive or emotional in their delivery. Granholm's speech was quite different. It was capa-bly written, warm-ly delivered and well received — her speech.

were full of specific legislative pro- Republicans grumbled that the

she was interrupted more than 50 times even reached for work and grit and reaching out to the

izens for their help in getting through a very, very difficult budget problem, The stuff about using up every old pad of paper, even with "Governor John Engler" on it, was just great.

She was tightly focused. Jobs and economic development: "No one will outwork me, outrun me or outhustle me when in comes to keeping or bringing good jobs to this state. The environment: Granholm's high-powered panel on land use (co-chaired by Bill Milliken and former Attorney General Frank Kelley) will for the first time seriously address the long-festering problem of sprawl.

Lastly, human capital, especially

time a child arrives for kinder time a child arrives for kindergarten, 85 percent of the brain is devel-oped," she said, "If a brain is purposely stimulated and nurtured before a child is old enough to tie his or her shoes, that child's lifelong capacity to learn will be forever enhanced. And, unfortunately, if it is ical politician, a master of the leg-inot, an opportunity is lost forever." Most political observers praised hardball player. Mixed with tax-out-ting rhetoric. Engler's speeches from "inspiring" to "well-intended."

Look inside for your role model

can't be my role model?
Do I need a woman role model

My life plan may include chil-

As

nary? I believe they are imaginary,

and basically the good of all.

No one really knows what The hardest job in the world no doubt, but because she doesn't collect a paycheck with the man's alle, she may have really been a former the state of the st

Good paper, letter, food and flick

the direction we're going to move.

Ironically, I discussed this with

ted his letter.

So, if you're planning on writ-

ing an attack on

ters, which I will

you want to take a trip to Babble-

tion should be about, and that's much on weekends, but I sur-

but probably

she

luxury of staying

model has it all.

explained. Jackie

mother, journalist, first lady, trend-setter, philanthro-pist and much

who balances it ail?

specific either. I seem to recall an old lawyer's advice that "if you've got the law on your side, argue the law; if you don't, go promptly to emo-I also suspect there is a very inter-esting core of novel thinking turking in the interstices of this budget crisis, one that Gov. Granholm hinted at in

For years and years, virtually all

speech was short on specifics. If I were facing a next year's deficit of nearly \$2 billion, I wouldn't be very

state government budgetary activity has been incrementalist, i.e. cut this by X percent, increase that by Y percent. Very rarely has either governor or legislature shown the political will or the conceptual imagination to deviate from this routine. But this budget crisis is so severe - the nm jected deficit for the next fiscal year is nearly 20 percent of the total state general fund — that the consequence of necessity may turn out to be a radical rethinking of what state government should or should not do government should or should not do and how to go about doing it. Granholm and her husband, Dan

Mulhem, are both extraordinaril smart and imaginative. It would be the back of their minds creating an unusual platform for a Democratic politician: One that actually forces a fundamental and strategic rethink-ing of how government ought to work. By so doing, they would escape the "tax and spend" tag with which big-government Democrats which big-government Democrats have been labeled for decades and at the same time advocate for a govemment that carries out its important functions in a focused and cost early childhood education, "By the

efficient way,
Hang on. The politics — not to
mention the specches — of the next four years might turn out to be very different than anything we have seen in Michigan so far,

Phil Power is thè Chairman of the Board of the company that owns this newspaper. He would be pleased to

eye.
Role modeling is more about a

Kote modeling is more about an image. An image of perfection to the looker.

And I don't think it would hurt, in fact it would help, if more people in our society created the perfect person in their mind they wished they could be.

They might actually aim higher.

They might actually aim higher.

I have never heard of a situ

yourself to greater expectations is

prised my wife Saturday and tool

The food and service was out-

standing.
Afterwards, we went to

Emagine Theaters to catch "Chicago," which just garnered over a dozen Oscar nominations. I'm not much for movies where

House celebration on Friday is an

Ing an attack on a individual that's not issue-based, go for it-but it won't be printed in this publication.

Also, we have a policy of a 400-word limit on letters, which I will

on, call me first and we'll discuss Novi News. He can be reached at the possibility of a guest column. (248) 349-1700, ext. 113 or at

explained, Jackie where self-reflection didn't reap personal rewards.

O was one opnosed of a woman because she was a mother journalist, first lady, trend-Meeting Denise was an excel-

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more.

Denise used the former first lady, or the ideal of her, to be the best complete woman she could be.

Denise once, but at the met Denise once, but at the best of the be Sam Eggleston - Sports Writer sant to be.

She is loving, honest, always subst the good of others first, is a chenomenal mother and wife and m excellent person.

The catch is, her full-time job

Are role models real or imaginate a few tweaks.

I only met Denise once, out at first glance she seems to have ideal.

Personally, I think I'll stick with my mom.

And if the time ever comes I need a little modification, I'll just make a few tweaks.





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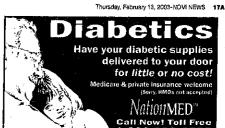


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An important lesson in history

A Novi resident's acquisition of Jacqueline Kennedy Onassis memorabilia doubles as a lesson in having a role model

ollecting, Novi resident Denise Jenkins sends an important message about the importance of having a role model.

Jenkins' role n

a recent acquisition of the former first lady's bathing suit helped

Style: Skirted one-piece with matchino side-tie sarono

Material: 100-percent cotton

live life and take grander steps while keeping family first and Color: Black and gold

Designer: Peck and Peck out

Owned: from 1956 to 1965

bodice boning, back zipper, seam binding, hook-and-eve both the suit and the sarono

Detail: Convertible straps

a mother though, when Jenkins was a child her parents took her to the White House during the ing further interest.

Kennedy administration, spark-As many growing up in the 1960s, Jenkins interest for Onassis increased after John E.

children were afforded the sim-

Kennedy was assassinated Nov. From that point on, she started

ry and the importance of having mementos linked to her inspira-"Everybody wants to be every-

"She was so graceful and so beautiful," Jenkins said, "What a strong woman. She was my men-lenkins said. "We need more women role models like her.' But it was more than beauty and graciousness which attracted Jenkins to Onassis. So when the Novi woman learned of an opportunity to pur-chase some of Jackie's former

It was the first lady of style's ability to always remain strong for the sake of her children.

"I wanted to be that kind of mom," Jenkins said.

The Navignation of the same of the personal items via an other personal items via an other personal items. nom. Jenkins said.
The Novi mother, wife, former personal neins via en online auction through Sloan's totaleaster and freelance public elations consultant talked of New York. broadcaster and freelance public relations consultant talked of how Onassis would insist her

"I picked about five things and just put a \$50 bid on them," Jenkins said, She then pried herself from the

ple pleasures of growing up, like riding their bikes in the park, spite having all eyes on them. Jenkins also admires how Computer and waited.

When she returned to the auction Web site a half hour before close, two items were still in her Onassis pushed her children to

A personal note she was bid-Her fascination didn't begin as ding on quickly left her range, but a piece of swim wear owned by Onassis was not only still in Jenkin's budget, but she was the

lucky recipient. "I called everyone and said guess what I just did," Jenkins

What she did, was purchase for

less than \$600 a one-piece bathing suit with matching sarong purchased by Onassis in 1956.

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p.m.; and Sunday, 1-5 p.m. We are

good deal considering a cracked tea cup owned by Onassis she

The 100-percent cotton black and gold swim-wear set with convertible straps was designed by Peck and Peck out of New

Jenkins later learned the masterly-crafted size 14 garment with impeccable detail was kept by Onassis until 1965.
"Then I was really excited,"

must have been a favorite because she kept it for so long." The Novi resident said she did not try on the bathing suit because the rear zipper was calci-fied, but she did try on the sarong, including when she called her friends and family the

day the swim wear arrived.

history," she said.

Jenkins hosted an "unveiling" really exciting and everyone party Feb. I at her home to share thoroughly enjoyed it."

The piece of history.

Jenkins said all of the atten-

"It is like touching a piece of

the piece of history.

The swim wear was purchased in the Summer of 2001, but Jenkins waited to have the party pill box hats, gloves and large because she wanted to make sure glasses. would have the opportunity to attend.

"Fifty women were here," she was Jenkins' role-model choice

bathing suit that she picked up at auction in New York She thinks so, especially in the dees ranging in age from 18 to 84 Victoria Sadlocha Is a staff

writer for the Novi News. She can be reached at (248) 349-"Everyone got into it in their 1700, ext. 105 or at usad-

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always changing. Today's con-sumer has sophisticated taste and ral product with outstanding qual-To meet those demands, we have effectively channeled Local Color's technology and expertise into an infused vodka that appeals to the same customers that drink our high-end beer," said Peter Paisley, president of Local Color Brewing Company, "VODA Paisley, president of Local Color Brewing Company, "VODA meets the needs of today's consumers-the product is all naturalfrom the process to the taste to the color of blueberries. Modern day distilling requires capital, sophis

powerhouse brands Grey Goose, Absolut, Ketel One, and Stoli, VODA is available in restaura drinking establishments and bottles on retailers' shelves.

"We've been developing VODA for over three years. You can't just dunip flavoring and coloring into a bottle of wodka and expect a great result. A crisp, clean, qualigreat result. A crisp, crean, quanty product requires a very complex process. We waited to release VODA until we got it right, until it was perfect," added Paisley. "From the color to the laste. VODA is a product for today's

Gardenviews contributes

Northville Gardenviews raised \$2,500 for th dichigan through sale of metal garden ornaments sculpted to resemble the image of an angel.
The angels were crafted by Lei lennessy, the artisan who created Freedom Angels as a means of paying tribute to those who died in the Sept. 11, 2001 terrorist

Lanny Orr, DC has joined the staff of Henry Ford's Center to

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tis, low back Lanny Orr manipulation and soft tissue tech-niques along with educating clients about how lifestyle changes help promote long-term healing.

He is currently enrolled in a

program for certification in a program for certification in Chiropractic Sports Medicine and has a special interest in treating sports injuries in young athletes. Prior to joining Henry Ford, Orr was in private practice. In 1990, he became the owner and director of Kingswood director of Kingswood Chiropractic Clinic in Bloomfield On earned his doctor of chiro-

practic from the National University of Health Sciences in Lombard, Ill. He received a bachelor of science degree in business administration, management and marketing from Central Michigan University in Mt. Pleasant.

Orr is affiliated with the Michigan Chiropractic Society.

Real estate broker creates customers for life

Sandra Laing is not your run-of-the-mill realtor. Not only is she one of the top selling bro-kers in the area, but her approach to the real estate busi-ness is warm and personal.

Laing believes in approach-

ing each customer on an individual basis and works to make their experience with a realtor satisfying. That approach finds its roots in her deep involvement with her church "We've been so blessed that we want to do our very best to give back and make a differ-

ence in other's lives," she said. "It's not always about the money, but helping others, 1 feel this is what I was meant to do. I love working with people it's not a job, but a pleasure. Her long career in real estate began around 1984 in Livonia after nine years at General Motors. Consistently an exemplary agent, she earned awards and designations as a top one percent in the nation for sales as a real estate broker and was a Century 21 Golden Eagle ton ence, she explained, between a real estate agent and a broker is experience. To achieve the des of top sales, complete 90 hours of education, and mass a rigorous state test. Then in 1998

Inc.
She has witnessed many changes in the real estate busi-

were at 16 percent. We used multi-list books that came out hown mainly by appointment, there to let us in. Now, we enjoy 6 percent loans and get daily home updates from the multi-list online. You can browse the Internet and take virtual tours of houses. Lock being there," she said. "Years ago we worked only for the seller, because they paid the commission. Now we can by law also work for the buyer and help them realize their best

price."
Technology has had pro-found effects on the business of buying and selfing real estate. For instance, Laing has pur-chased a program for her com-puter that will automatically e-mail new listings tailored to her customer's specifications daily customer's specifications daily as houses come on the marke

"It's a great tool," she said.
Laing's Web site is another great tool for those looking for just the right home. "It works well for our sellers, too. We display all the houses available," Laing said.

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"It's something different.

"It's something different. This technology is how we sell so many homes now, perhaps 75 percent of our business is

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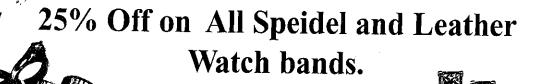


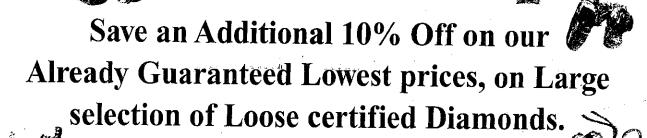




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State-bound Wildcats



The Novi Wildcats varsity pom pon team struts their stuff at the halftime of the basketball game in which Novi topped the Pinckney Pirates for first place in the conference. The pom squad isn't doing too bad itself, utilizing their talent and determination to assemble a routine that will find them participating in the state championship competition.

A new routine and a lot of fun will mark season's end

A season that finds your squad participating in the state finals has to be a good one — just ask the Novi Wildcats pom pon team.

The Wildcats, coached by Jeni Hubenschmidt, turned in a daz-zling performance to qualify for the

state finals after participating in the regional competition at Saginaw Heritage High School. "We have an extremely talented team this year," Hubenschmidt said. "It's one of the better teams

that I've ever coached."

The pom squad, which consists of nine very talented seniors, nine juniors, eight sophomores and two freshman, will be heading to freshman, will be heading to Eastern Michigan University in Ypsilanti February 16 and hitting the floor of the Convocation Center in hopes of coming away with a

e. "We've been able to watch them improve over the year and have been able to bring the talent out of them," Hubenschmidt said of her rls. "Then, we get to showcase it the finals. That's what it's all

about."

The Wildcats are going to be doing something that most teams wouldn't dare to do — they are revising their entire routine in just two treets. two weeks.

"It's scary enough," Hubenschmidt said with a laugh. "With having so much experience in the seniors, they saw (that we needed a change) as quick as I did. It's not as much of a shock as it could have been without their backing on it."

Though most teams and coaches would consider such a drastic measure to be near the brink of title-suicide, Hubenschmidt and the 'Cats are confident.

This team thrives on pressure situations and high intensity," she said. "They really believe in doing what it takes. It that means chang-



the Wildcats can look back at this

season and know that they had a lot of fun — which is an a focus of

Hubenschmidt.

"It's mine as a coach, but definitely not the focus of every team,"

Under the direction of coach Jeni Hubenschmidt the Novi varsity pom pon team practices for its upcoming appearance in the state finals this coming Sunday.

ing our routine and staying later at practices or coming earlier, they will do it. They do a lot of the work on their own time and they are will-

ing to do it."

The Wildcats are the kind of team that doesn't mind throwing a bit of a change-up into their rou-tines. In the regional meet, they unveiled a few "new moves" in their routine, and took a high score to advance to the next level of competition.

It was easy to see that Hubenschmidt was pulling out all the stops in the process of choreographing a creative routine, as she graphing a creative founte, as she cranked up Metallica with their song "Attitude" while the team members showed plenty of their own attitude in their performance to earn a trip to the state finals.

Host team Saginaw Heritage will also be making a trip to Ypsilanti, escaping from the regional to be one of the top competitive teams in the finds

petitive teams in the finals.

"This has been one of the best years we've had as far as the right

Hubenschmidt said. "They are really coming together as a team.

really coming together as a team. Having so many young members of the team was something that definitely has worked out for hubenschmidt and the Wildcats, but it wasn't always something that sounded like the best plan to have.

have.
"There are usually three or four and no freshman," sophomores and no freshman," Hubenschmidt said. "This year, we are an extremely young team. They are only going to grow though, and though it took more work in the beginning, it has been worth it in the end."

It also helps to have such a dedicated senior class.

"I've coached these seniors

"Twe coached these seniors from JV to varsity," Hubenschmidt said. "We've been together all four years that they have been in the program. They are really an extension of me and my beliefs as a coach. They are really helping pass that on to the younger girls,"

But, no matter what the final talk viscome Sunday and to matter.

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she said. "We are just built that way and we don't succeed if we are focusing on anything but ourselves

Switching an entire routine, bringing a very young team and going up against the best teams in the state — do the Wildcats stand a chance?

"Yeah, we have the ability to compete and to contend," Hubenschmidt said. "I feel that I say this over and over again, but winning isn't what we are about. We are here to do our absolute best and to showcase the talent that the girls have. A trophy is just the feing on the cake."

But don't take that statement the

wrong way.

"I'm not going to lie and say we're not competitive," Hubenschmidt said, "because we

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GOING TO THE STATES!

The Novi Wildcats managed to escape a very tough regional competition along with host school Saginaw Heritage during the first week of February. And what do they get for their efforts? More competion to beat at the state finals as well as a whole new routine that they will have put together in two weeks time. Coach Jeni Hubenschmidt along with her team will be to oking to showcase their talents and bring the best of their abilities to the floor at Eastern Michigan University's Convocation Center February 16.

Members of the team include: Deanna Albanelli, Meredith Anan, Brittney Bixman, Keli Black, Shawn Calvin, Carrie Capanyola, Sarah Celeski, Brittany Cirka, Danielle DeBiasi, Hollee DeRocco, Ashlee Doster, Kiley Elfring, Cindy Herman, La ura Hirshfield, Megan Kernski, Kristen Kern, Jessica Kim, Liz Kossik, Amanda Kowlaski, Gretchen Kroll, Christina Morianti, Audrey Ch., Julie Perreca, Ashley Powell, Lauren Powell, Emily Reid, Katie Slovan and Christy Stewart.

dynamics and who is taking home the state title, Novi still looking strong in cheer

Squad notches a first-place finish at Ladywood High School in Livonia

By Michael Zerkich SPECIAL WRITER

and you can't go up you know you are at the top.

Last Saturday the Wildcats

Last Saturday summit at Livonia Ladywood.

Performing at its best level of the year the girls took first in their division and second overall for all Class A schools. There were eight teams in Novi's division (white) and eight in the other Class A division (blue).
In the White Team Division

Troy Athens once again was their principle competition. Unlike in a previous meeting at Novi this time the Wildcats outscored them in round. If Troy Athens is a barometer of their improvement then sunny days are all in the forecast. This time the the forecast. This time the Wildcats outscored their rival by more than 40 points with a final tally for Troy Athens of 620.5 to Novi's 660. Coach Amy Denys was jumping around more than her

girls at the end of this one

"We really had another stellar day," she said. "After round one, we had already pulled ahead by 12.5 points. Although our scores were down from last weekend, this was an outstanding round. The girls had awesome precision, great facial expressions and an abundance of positive energy. They wowed the crowed and the judges. Our overall score for this round was 182.

"Round two was greatly improved from last week. I felt as if our handsprings and walkovers were the best they have been all season. Similar to round one, the girls pos-sessed a certain power that was obvious in the intensity of excited and it resonated throughout their performance." their performance. They were excited and it resonated

"I do not want to make any major changes before regionals. Why mess with a good thina?"

> Amy Denys Novi Cheerleading Coach

Denys noted that her squad has been showing a solid foun-dation of competition, espe-cially with their strong per-formances in round three.

"Round three was just as strong as Kensington Valley Conference championship last weekend," she said. "After leaving the mat, the girls knew they had once again had been

victorious. They felt cenfi-dent that they had done the best performance they possi-bly could. We will continue to strengthen this material and make minor adjustments to the overall cheer. It seems to be crowd pleasing and the girls have begun to execute it with great precision." with great precision.

The only thing holding the coach down to earth these days is the future. As in the state tournament. All year this time has been focused on making a strong run and win-ning the state tournament and anything less would be a disappointment for her squad.

I do not want to make any major changes before region-als," Denys said. "Why mess with a good thing? In the Blue Division, we were watching Allen Park, Southgate Anderson and Ladywood very closely all day. Along with Brighton, these teams are in our regional division and could be possible threats to

our chances of making it to the state meet. We used this past Saturday as an opportunity to see how these other teams in our region are looking compared to ourselves. I was glad to learn that we are just as much of a threat to them as they are to us."

What the chances of Novi can take it all. Don't bet the

Wildcats out in this game.
"It seems to be a pretty level

"It seems to be a pretty lever playing field and could be anyone's game," Denys said.

This Saturday will be another contest at Ida High School with a 10 a.m. start time. The February 22 showdown then begins at 2 p.m. with the location at Ladywood High School once again. once again.

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Getting what they deserve

Quite frankly, they are two sports that just don't get the

attention they deserve.

Pom pon and competitive cheer are two sports that are overlooked by many sports writ-

ers and newspapers, as well as televias sion and sports networks. Maybe it's because they don't work as

hard as other sports? That's Sam very doubt-ful, consider-

ing these two groups work on their routines during the spring season of the previous year in which they compete. Maybe it's because they are

girls? I hope not. Girls' athletics deserve as much attention as they boys', and I like to think they get an equal share in our sports sections.

Well, maybe it's because they really aren't that well known? Wow, I guess this could be a tough one. Though there isn't a person in America that probably doesn't know what a cheer-leader is, it took my wife about five times of asking to remember what pom pon was. I guess this is partially my fault, and also that of other media outlets. We haven't aimed out sights on We haven't aimed out sights on sports like cheer and pom because we like to think that we're too busy covering "main stream" sports like basketball, volleyball, hockey and wrestling. We find excuses to not do stories on these girls and for the events in which they participated in

ticipated in.
This is definitely something I'd like to see changed in our paper as well as other papers. In fact, catch the paper next week and there'll be stories about both teams -- though it's probably a little late to get gung-ho

about it.

I really don't have much of an excuse, other than I'm out of the cheer and pom loop most of the time. Though I can't turn back the clock and do more stories at this point, I can look to the future and plan on better coverage for next year. These girls will get their time in print, even if it means that next year we see much shorter stories on the

much shorter stories on the other squads and more stories on non-traditional sports.

Let's hope that I'm not the only one taking aim at improving coverage for these two sports. In fact, let's hope that a lot of papers are planning better coverage and better stories on the grift who are in the sports as the girls who are in the sports as well. But, of course, most of you don't read too many other papers, and so it's my pledge that I'll do what it takes to have better coverage come next year on both sports, and I'll treat them as I would any other ath-letic event on this planet.

Don't forget to catch the pom teams at the state finals February 16 at Eastern Michigan University And, of course, the cheer teams will be participating in their regionals soon too, with hopes of reaching the state finals to compete Let me be one of the few sports writers around that wish all the teams in pom and cheer the best of luck!

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It's getting lonely at the top, but the Wildcats don't seem to mind

Sometimes, even when a team wins by 14 points they are count-

on the Howell Highlanders February 7 at Howell High School, topping their Kensington Valley Conference opponents 54-

early, and we had four guys come off the bench and hit some big shots for us in the second quarter, Novi coach Pat Schluter told the

weeper in foul trouble than they would like, the Wildcats shipped their bench onto the floor and watched as they transformed a close lead into a 12-roine lead. close lead into a 12-point lead by ference.

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NEWS FROM THE MHSAA

Group ticket sales are now underway for two Michigan High School Athletic Association state finals — the Lower Peninsula Individual Wrestling Finals at The Palace of Auburn Hills, March 6-For the girls volleyball finals, orders must be postmarked no later than Feb. 14. For the girls volleyball finals, orders must be postmarked no

at University Arena in Kalamazoo, March 15.

Under the group program, groups of 10 or more can obtain a substantial discount off the stan-

dard general admission ticket
price for each session of the two
events. Group tickets are priced at
the arena, and tickets are only

"This is an excellent opportunity for school groups, youth teams on March 8. For the volleyball

rience the excitement of high watch all four championship school athletics," said John R. matches on March 15.

and the lake to come out and expe

Johnson, communications director of the MHSAA. "We hope that

take advantage of this opportunity

available for the chame

finals, one ticket is required to

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ing their lucky stars.

After getting into early foul the half, When the Wildeats were able to put the finishing touches and get the starters back in the game, there was more than enough breathing room for the Novi cagers to finish the game with. Novi, which climbed to 12-1

"We got into some foul trouble try, and we had four guys come the bench and hit some big overall with the victory and remained in first place in the first place in the string to victory and remained in first place in the try, and we had four guys come the bench and hit some big in the victory and remained in first place in the victory and victor on the second-place Lakeland Eagles Tuesday night (after the Novi News went to print). The Eagles are the only team to beat Livingston County Daily Press and Argus after the game. Leading by only two points and the Wildcats this season.

edge against the Highlanders in the first quarter before they went on an impressive 8-0 run to give themselves a nice separation.

"We didn't do a good job guard-Emmenecker and Chris Lewis as they bagged 12 points each in the winning effort. R.J. Southwell had ing them, we took quick shots that led to long rebounds, and they were able to run the floor," Howel coach Tim Olszewski told the Press and Argus. 12 points to lead the Highlanders,

Though they had created a nice

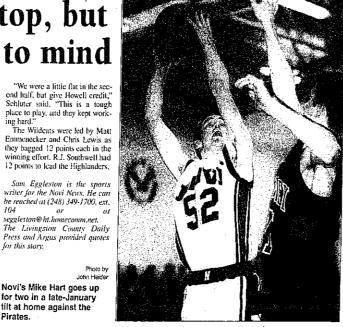
lead for themselves by the fourth quarter, the 'Cats were playing more conservative than usual, which is probably thanks to the

fouls they accumulated in the first

After taking a 19-point lead with a 46-27 advantage in the fourth quarter, Howell went on an 8-0 run of its own, but a three-point try by Highlander Adam Steele early in the fourth rimmed out of the barcher and Maria. Sam Eggleston is the sports writer for the Novi News. He can be reached at (248) 349-1700, ext. 104 or at seggleston@ht.homecomm.net. The Livingston County Daily Press and Argus provided quotes out of the basket and Novi was able to spread the floor and run the clock.

Novi's Mike Hart goes up for two in a late-January

tilt at home against the



Wild 'Stangs not slowing down

Gymnastics squad continues to shine as they beat Canton

You gotta' love winning, right? The Northville-Novi Wild Stangs gymnastics team sure doesn't mind when they perform well enough to walk away with the victory, and they've shown that more than once over the past

Against rival Canton, the Wild 'Stangs notched a 140.25-134.8 victory. Trish Brownfield collect ed an 8.75 on the beam and an 8.10 on the vault. Amanda Crawford earned an 8.75 with her floor routine, while Rachel had an impressive night, carneing an 8.4 on the bars, and 8.65 with the theor exercise and an 8.0 on the vault. Nika Frimenko earned an 8.15

the floor, while Jessica Glancy carned an 8.3 on the bars, and 8.2 on the beam and an 8.35 on the vault. Sara Ilkhani-Pour notched an 8.75 on the bars, an impressive 9.2 on the floor and an 8.25 Wilchowski notched an 8.90 on some nice marks with a 9.05 on and the floor and a 9.05 with the bars while Fink some nice marks with a 9.05 on and the floor and a 9.05 with the the beam and an 8,65 on the vault.

Caitlin Miller notched an 8.05 on the beam and an 8.5 on the floor, while Maggie Mills collected an 8.85 in both the bars and the floor, while collecting an 8.45 for her vault. Laura Motz notched a 7.90 on the floor, while tammate Megan Wallen carned a

2 on the beam.

The squad, which is coached by Lindsay Schultz, had some 7.2 on the beam. nice figures, getting an 8.3 on the bars, an 8.0 on the beam, an 8.05 on the vault and a 9.05 on the floor. Amy Wild took a 7.0 on th bars and a 7.75 on the vault, while Erin Yankovich collected

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the floor, while Daneau earned a Pour collected an 8.6 on the bars and an 8.7 on the beam.

Mehl carned nice marks with

an 8.25 on the beam, an 8.4 on Adrienne McHenry collected the bars and an 8,60 on the vault. an 8,35 in both the bars and on thebars as well as an 8.2 on Mills collected an 8.55 on the the floor, Ilkhani-Pour col beam, an 8.75 on the bars, an 8.8 with the vault and a 9.10 with the floor exercise.

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routine.

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on the floor. Yankovich earned a 7.35 on the bars and Wild earned a 7.35 on the bars. Wilchowski, who competed in only one event, earned a 9.05 on the bars, while Wallen collected a 7.9 on the bar

Whitney Paul earned a 7.0 for while Laura Motz earned a 7.6 with the floor exercise. Mills col-

The Canton Invite also found the Wild 'Stang performing well.

Brownfield earned an 8.7 on

8.8 on the bars. Caltlin Miller 9.0 in the same event. Glancy notched an 8.4 on the bars and an 8.8 on the vault, while likhaninotched a 7.45 on the beam. while teammate Glancy Mehl earned an 8.0 on the beam, an 8.10 on the bars and an 8.5 on the floor, while

Ramsey collected an 8.8 with Fimenko notched an 8.1 on

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The Novi-Northville gymnastics team had continued their winning ways January 30 when they took on and defeated the squad from John Glenn.

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'Cats on the prowl

Wow — it's definitely nearing playoff time because the Novi Wildcats' have been on the prowl their last two games.

In those two games, Novi has Hartland's Chris Breuer broke in from the near side of the ice, draped beneath the green jersey of outscored their opponents 11-2 to climb back into the land of .500 overall, and to be sitting pretty with a winning record in the KVC a Novi defender. Trent Sisson, in goal for the Wildeas, dropped to the ice to take away the bottom of the net, but Breuer was able to roof it and gave Hardand a goal of Novi traveled to the Kensington

lee House for a conference match-up against Hartland in search of that fifth KVC win. Both teams would end up finding themselves nvolved in an absolute power truggle in a game that included 4 powerplays.

Three of those powerplays

came in the first period with both teams capitalizing on all of the Novi got the first powerplay

down from behind on a break to draw a penalty. The Wildcass took advantage of being a man up when John Murray, who was stationed 3-1 Wildcat lead. behind the net, found Jared Perra Perras received the puck then deked the goalie before finding the marks of the second period. Novi back of the net. Robert Vulaj was also credited with an assist.

Hartland picked up another penalty at 9:37. Murray gave Novi a 2-0 advantage when he scored on a second-shot opportunity while off balance and falling down. The Wildcats' second goal came at 10:08 and was assisted on by Perras and Justin Collins. Novi was playing with fire though, and gave Hardand a pow-

had a flurry of scoring opportuni-ties over a two-minute span that found Chaz Bulbuk dumping multiple Hartland players onto their

Novi earned a powerplay goal at the 12:00 minute mark of the second when Vulaj found Murray positioned in the slot in front of the great it benefit is.

next nine points to finish the game.

Ativeh will undergo season-ending

ankle surgery next week.

The goal was assisted on by Vulaj

After a combined 3-tor-3 on the powerplay in the first period, the two-teams combined to go 0-for-5 in the first eight minutes of the making an incredible leg save on which he was screened and didn't the base possible Vulaj added another 'Cat score as he took a pass from Murray and raced to the other end of the ice. under heavy chase, and put a shot on goal. The goalie made the ini-tial save, but somehow the puck

and gave Novi a 4-! lead.

After assisting on a goal to end the second period, Vulaj got one of his own just :13 into the third period.

od. Vulaj was positioned in the middle of the ice just inside the blue line and rifled a shot in th upper right corner over the goalie to put Novi up 5-1. Assists went to Zach Flaven and Brett Jaussi. The two keys to the game for

their own, cutting Novi's lead in half.

After a combined 3-for-3 on the powerplay in the first period, the Sisson stood on his head in the second, and later when he made a

second, and later when he made a great save on a 2-on-1, giving him 17 total saves.

Novi netted their fourth powerplay goal of the game on their 29th and final shot. The goal came at 19:27 of the third and was set up by a Jordan Collins' pass to Mark Eberline who sent the puck across the ice to Mario DeGrazzia.

DeGrazzia mul the puck past ao wandered its way into the net. The goal was assisted by Murray for a Novi then turned up the heat between the 9- and 12-minute DeGrazzia put the puck past an out-of-position goaltender for a 6-1 lead that would stand for the remainder of the game.

Two nights prior to handling Hardand, the Wildcats' absolutely positioned in the slot in front of the goal. It looked like a practice situation as Murray had all day to sit there and pick apart a helpless the return of one of their captains.

man basketball team defeated

Wildcat Bryan Ellis tries to slow up his Lion opponent during a January game at the

Justin Collins, who had been out with an injury, notched an assist in his first game back. It came as he Jaussi both notched goals in the victory.
Novi, now standing at 8-8-5 found a fellow captain, Perras, who scored the goal while trying to kill off a two-man disadvantage in a 3-on-5 situation. Novi also got a goal from defenseman Bryan conistently as well over the past a goal from defenseman Bryan conistently Ellis, who scored his first of the two games

Vulaj, who has been red hot of 15th and 16th goals of the seaso the last two games to give him 10

for the season. Novi will resume action when it

'Cats fall to tough Mavericks

NOVI UNDERCLASSMAN SCORES

The Novi junior varsity competi-tive cheer team won the Sixth-Annual Ladywood Competitive Cheer Invitational last Saturday in Livonia. The Wildcare coached by Emily Parker, defeater 10 other teams with an overall score of 594.5 points. Novi finished the year with four second-place tournament finishes, along with the victo-

ry at Ladywood.

Cheer team members include
Lauren Anderson, Megan Corwin, Amanda Dixon, Barb Espinoza, Cathleen Garbacik, Hollie Gurizzian, Katelyn Kujawa, Jacquie Peruski, Quinn Priehs, Marie Ruhl, Natalie Shada, and Kendall Ziegler.

JV VOLLEYBALL Overall: 29-4-3; KVC: 7-0

The Novi junior varsity volleyball team won the Novi Invitational last Saturday with a resounding 15-O; 15-1 championship win over South Lyon. The Wildcats, who remain undefeated in KVC action with a 7-0 dual-match record, dominated their competitors for their

I setter, played every point and served for the first six points against South Lyon in the championship good overall game with six points,

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18 kills and nine blocks. Julie home court. In the Hamtramck game, Shane Budlong played a

match. Chelsea Ativeh served the five steals, five rebounds and three

Novi was led by Sarah Schmitt's Hamtramck, 70-31, but lost to Longo added nine kills, 11 aces and four blocks. Nicole Barndt con-tributed 10 kills, and Liz Clark added seven aces. The Wildcat team good floor game, as he registered nine rebounds, five assists and five steals. Four Novi players scored in double digits — Sleve Gillam (16 points), Todd Janer (14 points, 12 consists of 10 sophomores and two freshmen. The sophomores have played together since seventh grade and have never lost a dual match. rebounds, and three steals). Brian Putvin (13 points and 10 rebounds) and Eric Zhao (12 points, six assists and three steals). In the Pinckney FRESHMAN VOLLEYBALL

Semifinalist at Milford

The Novi freshman volleyball team lost in the semifinals to Walled Lake Western at the Milford Invitational last Saturday. The Wildcat ninth-graders finished with a 3-1-1 record. Katelyn Tuck led Novi with 13 aces. Brittany Stefanson added 11 kills, Two days earlier, Novi lost to Milford in a KVC dual-match, 10-15, 5-15.

FRESHMAN BASKETBALL

inated their competitors for their third tournament victory of the winter season. Novi stayed undefeated all day - defeating Berkley in the quarterfinals 15-3, 15-7, and then beating Sterling Heights in the semifinals 15-8, 15-11.

Becky Reichel, the Wildcats No.

MOVE to HTDconnect.

Todd Janer added five points, and Craig Lawler chipped in with four JV BASKETRALL

game, guards David Carnegie and Eric Zhao both scored six points.

Overall: 8-6; KVC: 4-4 The Novi junior varsity basket ball team extended its winning streak to three games last Friday with a solid 50-29 victory over Howell. After a lackluster first half, the Wildcats broke a 19-19 tie with

If you go by the score of a

game you may be missing

the team more focused and determined than in the first

Coach Julie Fisette agrees

and sees many positives from

"Errors killed us," Fisette said. "In the second game we had 20 unforced errors, whether first game 0-8 and came back to they were serving, hitting, the sports department (248) 349-1700, ext. 104.

Novi's overall record falls to 22-15 on the season Milford over Novi 15some standout play. Angie

Toffoli contributed and ace and

Next on the schedule is

and 15 losses for the year.

Schmitt lead her team with an The Wildcat girls volleyball she said. "The second game we can lost to a Milford squad were up 5-0 and let them back solo blocks while Amanda

Over the past few weeks meaning they played really real, Novi has taken it on the chin a few times and also won its share, too. However, the latest matches, win or lose, have seen the team.

to be their own worst enemy, Coach Fisette wants that to stop if they are going to make a run at the state championship

match at home verses Lakeland tonight at 7 at Novi High School, Michael Zerkich is an intern for the Northville Record and the Novi News. Comments can be directed to



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AS LOW AS

early in the first with a blast from the point on the power play at 7:10. Ryan Ramsay and Karl Stewart assisted on

his own at 9:35 to give the Whalers a 2-0 lead, but Oshawa came back with a goal from John Neal at 11:53 to

The Generals continued to pressure in the second and it paid off with a short-handed goal from Nathan Horton at 4:34. But the Whalers had an answer when Karl Stewart banged bome a rebound at 15:18 for the dame-winning tally. Lakose and farrett assisted on the goal. for the unassisted goal.

Despite playing with a short benchthe Whalers kept up the messure in the third to preserve the

Plymouth goalie Jeff Weber.
The Whalers jumped out to a quick two-goal lead in the first before the Spirit scored a late goal Ramsay followed with a goal of to cut the Whalers lead to 2-1 at the end of the first period. Former Spirit forward Chris Thorburn put the Whalers up 1-0 when he completed a nice passing play from Tim Sestito and Ryan Ramsay at mark. Sean Thompson forced a Saginaw turnover and walked out in front of Saginaw goalie Tyson Kellerman and roofed a backhand

2:31 in the extra period when he

tipped a Jeff Luckovitch shot past

But the Spirit fought back with a late goal with only ten seconds left in the period by Alex

Saginaw continued with the

The Saginaw Spirit stunned the Plymouth Whalers February 5, scoring three unanswered goals to notch a 3-2 overtime win. Geoff Platt tallied the game winner at 2-21 in the control of the c

Attack 4, Whalers 3

The Plymouth Whalers recent slump continued February 7 when the visiting Owen Sound Attack walked away with a 4-3 win. Matt Passfield and Pat Jarrett paced the Attack with two goals each. The Whalers are winless in the past three

games.

The highlight of the night for the Whaters came in the third period when Chad LaRose scored his league leading 50th goal of the sea-9:36. Plymouth continued to pres-sure and it paid off at the 15:40 because it pulled the Whalers within one goal. But, despite continued pressure Plymouth could not find a way to tie the game up.

Despite being outshot for most of

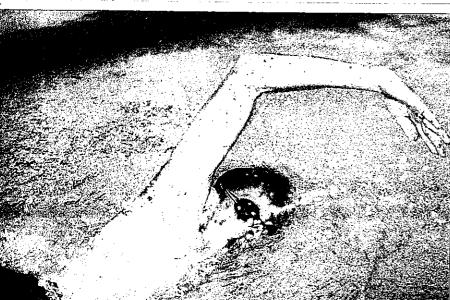
the first period the Whalers took a 2-I lead into the first intermission. John Mitchell put the Whalers up 1-0 when he beat Owen Sound goalie Dan LaCosta at 1:34 of the first peri-

Owen Sound answered with a goal from Matt Passfield at 14;13. Passfield took a pass from Brad Richardson and lifted a shot into an open net after Whalers goalie Paul Drew was knocked down. But Plymouth regained the lead on a shot from Cole Jarrett at 16:33. Chad LaRose and Ryan Ramsay assisted

the Whalers in the second and this time it paid off in the form of a 3-2 lead. Pat Jarrett tied the game up with a goal at 4:02 and then Passfield notched his second of the game at the 13:02 mark of the period. Owen Sound outshot the Whalers 16-8 in

4-2 early in the third when Jamet scored his second of the game on a 2on-I play at 1:39. The Whalers bega Stewart and Cole Jarrett assisted on the goal.

The Attack outshot the Whalers



Dunk Tank

'Cats splash Pinckney, Fenton on way to two wins

The Novi Wildcats are well aware that being host to an 8-1 record this season makes them a mark for many of the teams on

7. The Wildcats, under the guidance of coach Larry Tehan, blasted Pinckney 119-64 in a Kensington Valley Conference match-up before slapping Fenton around with a 136-

44 bruising.

Against the Priates of Pinckney, the 'Cats took nine out of 12 first-place finishes and carned them selves a 38-percent personal record rate - which means the Novi

2:14:08. Robertson, who has been of 22:64 as well as in the 100 back-231-348. Robertson, who has been sold 22,64 as well as in the 100 breast in stroke with a time of 58,24, Gariepa won the 100 breast in 1:11.84, well as the 100 breaststroke with a time of 5.06.41. Tyler notched an individual victory in the 100 fly with a 55.43 and was a member of the 400 free relay team alone with with 387.57 eniss and Bessett was the 400 free relay team along with Wright, Yoo and Robertson as they

181.25. Against Fenton, the Wildcats were playing host to the very tal-were able to spread out their talent and give their tankers a chance to which took place after the *Novi*

with 238.75 points and Bassett was second with 223,55 points

wingin, 700 and robortsoil as usey
won in 3:29-43. Returnal took first
in the diving with a score of 232,50,
while Bassett was second with
a Northville Mustangs in a battile of
the Baseline. The Mustangs, who
are coached by Rich Bennetts. experience other events. They were successful in 10-of-12 races for ins, and earned a 52-percent PR rate for their officers.

earned a victory, this time in 145.50, while Wright earned wins in the 200 free (155.83) and the 100 fly (1:00.37). Robertson was

The Novi Wildcats haven't been strangers to success this season as they have earned themselves an 8-1 mark on the 2002-03 season. Though they haven't had the luxury of swimming in their own pool. enough to make everyone

> What breeds such success? for more? The 'Cats earned a 38-percent personal record rate against the Pinckney Pirates

successful in the 50 free with a time seggleston@ht.hom

with a 52-percent PR rate

Valentines is about more than fancy gifts the truth. I can't imagine a moment

> said until death do us part I would love her and care for her and that's exactly what I intend to do. I know there's plenty of folks out there who might not be going to a black-tie restaurant tomorrow even giving a nice piece of jew

ad, snuggle on the couch after the kids are asleep, share a bowl of popcom (and microwave popcom is fine) and watch a freshly-rented movie on your 19-inch television. After all, it's the love during Valentine's Day that counts, not al the sparkling gold and foil hearts. It's a day to turn to the one you

love and tell them that, I know I I love you, Christie. I always

KVC proves to have plenty of spunk as Wildcats take fourth

Kensington Valley Conference, there's always one thing that is going to be certain — whoever walks away with the min did lks away with the win did so ough hard work and fierce dedication.
The Novi Wildcats were well

aware of this when they entered the KVC meet, squaring off against the best in their conference. Through strong wrestling and a tough ride throughout the meet, they managed to seal fourth-place behind first-place Harland, Howell and Milford. Brighton finished fifth in the ent, with South Lyon in sixth, inckney in seventh and

"We wrestled well for the first time this season," Novi coach Brad Huss said. "We can beat the way we are capable.

wrestle some of them again today as they take on Brighton, South Lyon and Howell starting at 5:30 p.m. at Novi High School In the Kensington Valley Conference meet, the Wildcats looked to their dedicated squad to make some noise. Jason

Sierra, wrestling in the 103-pound division, beat Adam Velch of Pinckney 7-5 for third place. beat Ryan Henderson
A.J. Morris beat South Lyon's Hartland 16-1 in the finals. Cody McDaniels with a pin in four minutes, 53 seconds for third as well.

and determination, beat Nick Anurak of Hartland 7-2 for third. "Excellent job by Josh," Huss said. "He has placed in the last Taking second place for the Wildcats was Matt Jezior, Jezior,

history of the Kensington

Wrestler Josh Churella Ryan Churella Kevin Nuendorf

And they'll have the chance to who is 24-10 on the year, lost 9-

ons. Craig Heam continued with his excellent wrestling for a first place finish in the Kensingto Valley Conference in the 11 beat Ryan Henderson of

Churella is one of only four wrestlers to win the title for all three of those four are from Novi. Churella's brother, Ryan, and Dan Jilg were two other Wildcats who accomplished that

Only four wrestlers in the

Valley Conference have ever won the conference title for all four years of their careers three of the four are from Novi

"Josh won his fourth KVC

an of the gay toward work.

This is where Matthew McConaughey ("The Wedding Planner" and "A Time to Kill") playing Ben comes into the story.

While out persuing with the girls find a man she can lose in 10 to find a man she can lose in 10 man Andre will test all of all rific guy-chasing strategies on and

THE FEW. THE PROUD

1 akeland

Now, that's what we call talstrength all combined in a pinning a man right to the mat. When you think of wrestling, you should think of these guys

the finals.
"Matt is the most improved wrestler on our team this year.

SPORTS SHORTS

Novi Youth Baseball Registartion

League Registration will be held at the Novi Civic Center for two days only: Today from 6:30-8:30 p.m. and Saturday, Feburary 15, from 10

Lacrosse Coaching Pasitions Open

Northville Lacrosse Program has the following openings: Northville 8th grade boys lacrosse Assistant Coach Nonhville 7th grade boys lacrosse Head Coach and Assistant

acrosse Head Coach and Assistan Northville 4th and 5th grade

boys instructional Head Coach Northville Girls 6th-8th grade instructional Jacrosse Head Coach Interested candidates should Lacrosse Programs, 248-305-9776

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Velocity Improvement Pitching Program

Total baseball will be hosting

pitching mechanics and pitching philosophy from Aaron Kniepei camp will run from Jan. 20-March 6 and the cost is \$325 per player. Each camp will be Tuesday and Thursday from 4-

Snace is limited, so contact

Softball/Baseball Private **Lessons and Training**

Total Baseball will help players, ages 6-18, improve their game. Instructors include Oakland University coaching staff, Big 10/MAC All-Conference softball/baseball players, the Toledo Mudhens manager, former profes-sional players and college/HS coaches, Pitching, hitting and fielding are the lessons available and are by appointment only. The fees for the lessons start at \$35 per 1/2 hour

Baseball/Softball Leagues

Total Baseball's Indoor Hitting Leagues will have four players per tean aiming to hit off a batting machine in a point-awarded one-hour game. Awards will be given to the champions and the best hitter. The league runs Feb, 15-

Boys baseball for high school ages Saturday 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 per team with four players on each team. Call (248) 668-0166

Have an idea for a Next Level Athletes feature or for the Next Level Athletes portion of the sports section? If you do, please contact Sam Eggleston at the Novi News sports department via

or at (248) 349-1700, ext. 104. Please have the name of the i, sport they play as well as ion and any accomplish-

nent they may have had. If this is their first season, their senior year in high school

Coaching positions open

Walled Lake School recently announced the following oper

ings:
Walled Lake Central Girl's Track Assistant Coach; Walled Lake Western Head Boy's Tennis Coach; Walled Lake Western Head Girl's Tennis Coach.
Interested candidates should

at (248) 956-2073. Those are th

ENTERTAINMENT

Don't miss out on this new chick flick movie

Don't need 10 reasons We all need a little advice in our lives

advice on topics ranging from fashion to beauty to of course men. And in particular, how to

meeting a guy things like calling a million times, telling him you love him and leaving personal items in his place are clearly not good ideas. I have to agree with her,

buying a man a dog and clothes to match your own are not a good idea after a couple Well, doling out advice

I mean really, who doesn't at least once in awhile glance at Dear Abbey or the desperately dating sections of lighthearted magazines? The letters and answers may

News decided to give it a try

The best part is, as the only female on the staff, I get to be

Abbey, Andie or whatever you want to call me.

send questions my way? I'm not a doctor nor am I a coun-selor. But what I am is a girl,

"How to Lose a Guy in 10 Days: The Universal Don'ts of Dating" by Michele Alexander and Jeannie Long.
The comedy finished in first place after its Feb. 7 weekend opening, grossing \$24.1 million.

be fun, intriguing or flat out stupid, but they are entertain-

I was thinking maybe we could call the column Vent With Vic, Vic's Version, Just

away.

Now, the big question is why in the world would you woman, best friend, worst friend, sister, daughter, aunt, wardrobe consultant, hair and

Vic or maybe even Vivacious Vic. OK, I'm getting carried

56 minutes, was directed by Donald Petrie ("Mystic Pizza," "Grumpy Old Men," "My Favorite Martian" and "Miss Congeniality" makeup approver, shoulder to cry on and crier on a shoulder.



Victoria Sadlocha

lege, a career change, good nights alone, the bad-for-you guys, the good-for-you guys and the I don't even know your questions because it will be fun. This is for entertainme purposes only (official dis-claimer) and if people partici-

pate it should be interesting.
The questions may be about anything and everything. Clothes, boys, men, manners, parents, friends - nothing is off limits. Well that isn't total

paper. So, send in your questions. vsadlocha@ht.homecomm.nei

seggleston@ht.homecomm.ne t and they might appear with

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FOOD FOR THOUGHT

If there is one thing Andie Anderson knows, it is how to freak

a guy out!
Everything she intentionally does to Benjamin Barry, from filling his

bathroom with feminine products

and making him fetch her a soda with only seconds left in a tight Knicks play-off game, is frighten-

ing and down right hilarious.

What makes her antics of calling

Ben a pet name, bonding with his mother and making a fantasy-wed-

ding album even more over the top is she only met him a couple of

What is Andie doing? Doesn't

she know she is going to make Ben

She knows all right because Andie is trying to lose Ben by doing everything men hate and that is the premise behind "How to Lose a

Kate Hudson ("Almost Famous"

and "The Four Feathers") plays Annie the "how to" girl for

Composure Magazine.

And after listening to her girl-friend's painful recounting of why yet another man left her only a

eek after dating, she is inspired

The only problem is, before the

for her next article titled, you guessed it, How to Lose a Guy in 10

slory goes to print, she must verify all of her guy-losing antics really

for her next article titled.

Guy in 10 Days.

I come from a family of teachers. My dad's father, Grandpa Smith, taught high school math. He was adored by his students and named Teacher of the Year many times during his career Nearly every time we went out mer pupil would approach their school days with him at the chalkboard. I remember fondly

his tutoring help as I struggled with geometry and algebra. He was patient and kind. Mv Aunt El. his sister, was an our language and its proper use. Back in those 'dark age' days there was no such thing as e-mail and letters were written in mail and letters were written in longhand. Several times a month we'd correspond writing on beautiful stationery using a now old-fashioned fountain pen. My aunt can be credited with teach-ing me the skills of writing and for the pure pleasure it provides. I still have her letters, along ones from my grandfath and father. They give me the same enjoyment today as they

did when I first read them ishing high school until he returned from the Korean War.

degrees. Although an engineer by profession, his first love is teaching. He has taught, on and off, for most of his career. From each of them I learned the joy of sharing knowledge with others. Gladly I've followed in their footsteps.
Over the years I have had the

to lose her guy in 10 days.

then never see again.

The twist is, Ben himself is

serusing the same bar for a female

e can stick with and make fall in

If Ben can keep a girl for 10 days, the advertising executive wins a a definite feel-good date movie.

happy-ending, fall-in-love Hollywood formula because of dreams and the two together are a

love with him in 10 days

high-profile diamond account.

Watching Andic do everything in her power to lose Ben and Ben

do everything in his power to not

walk away and pretend to love her

back makes this romantic comedy

enjoyable. It adds a comedic twist to the

course parting after the 10 days

opportunity to teach in many different arenas. Toula Patsalis, owner of Kitchen Glamour, gave me my first chance to be 'on stage' before a live audience. The classes were based on a variety of themes and taught me to be organized and thorough. I researched each subject extensively. The classes were one hour long and taught three times a day for three consecutive days, commanding a sold out crowd of 60-plus. What an incredible experience! Showtime jitters soon transformed themselves into a euphoric 'teaching high, How fun and challenging these classes were. To this day I still credit Toula as an extraordinary role model.

Soon after we had opened our Southfield Diamond Jim Brady's, I received a call from the dean of Culinary Arts at Schoolcraft College asking if I'd be interested in joining the staff on a part-time basis. Here was

reason" was dead on this time.
During the next five years I taught classes including professionalism, dining room service and breakfast cookery. I was fortunate to work with a staff that encouraged me to pursue my chef certification, which resulted in me becoming the second woman in Michigan to gain the title of Certified Execut What a coup! Exciting opportunities afforded themselves developed the recipes and around every corner. One of

sional chefs. Although some-

what apprehensive as to my qualifications, I agreed. The

saying "all things happen for a

These two look so sweet as a couple — too bad one of them is doing a story on how

The PG-13 rated movie for sex

related material is a laugh-out-loud

And this is one "chick flick"

After all, what man has not met

Adding to the humor is the

chemistry between Hudson and McConaughey. Hudson is stylish and adorable

the crazy, cling-on girl at least once in his love life and may now look back and laugh.

the pen and education into one Brady's Bistro, to Novi. The commitments that a successful writing for sometime. Last year I did go back to Schoolcraft for two semesters, taking over the International Cuisine class. It was great to be back in academia but I realized that 60-hour

weeks are not conducive to a fulfilling personal life.

Luckily, fortune is a friend of mine and once again has interested in becoming profes- knocked on my door offering

I so enjoy the time I spend writ ing them and love hearing that you take pleasure from them too. Just as exhibitanting is the chance to teach for Schoolfs Continuing Education Program in March. My class-room will be the Novi Middle School's beautiful new, fullyequipped kitchen, My pupils anyone who loves to cook cre-ative yet unpretentious food. Students will learn special techniques through hands-on cooking and demonstration. Classes taught March 5, 12 and 19 include fish cookery, stock and soup preparation and the most often requested favorites from our bistro

cets, this column being the firs

between all of the painful one

help build the romantic momen

with a running time of 1 hour and

and based on the self-beln book

The format is casual, inform my teaching career has come full circle. I'm back where I all paths of life with the passion of cooking weaving a common thread.

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

GOT CLASS?

How would you like to learn culinary secrets from a certified. xecutive chef? Chef Mary Brady, of Diamond Jim Brady's Bistro of Novi, will be teaching her own creative cooking classes to adults in the month ofMarch using the new kitchen atthe Nov hiddle School. Chef Mary Brady's specialty classes include: March 5 - BISTRO FAVORITES: For the first time, chef

ady will be sharing her most popular recipes from Diamond lim Brady's Bistro that have been revised for home preparation You'll learn her special techniques through hands-on cooking and demonstration. Recipes include a sampling of appetizers, soups, nain courses, and dessert. You'll try Dijon salmon, creamy onion soup, boursin chicken caesar and tiramisu to name a few

TIME: 6:30-8:30 p.m. \$42 to register, plus \$10 material to be March 12 - LOVELY FISH: Lose your fear of preparing fish in his class check full of information and cooking procedures. You'! discover how healthy fish really is and enjoy the diversion from

everyday fare. This class will demonstrate a shrimp risotto, lobster and crab cakes, parmesan dusted sea scallops and more. You'll be making the 'sides' for the dinner from provided recipes. TIME: 6:30-8:30 p.m. \$42 to register, plus \$15 material to be March 19 - SOUPS ON: A pot of soup and salad or sandwich

can be a satisfying meal any night of the week. A must for great soup is a great stock. Chef Brady has been known to make the be st soups. She will show you her system to make simple and healthy stocks. Everyone will leave with a quart of rich chicken stock to take home. The class will help prepare gingered carrot southwest chicken soup. Along with the various soups, you'll prepare Diamond Jim Brady's Bistro chicken and walnut salad with dried cranberries and a baby spinach salad with raspberry

TIME: 6:30-8:30 p.m. \$42 to register, plus \$12 material to be

Enrollment is limited. To register, call Novi Community Education at (248) 449-1206, using Visa, MasterCard or Discover Registration deadlines are 48 hours before class is scheduled to

begin. Come hungry and ready to eat!

It's your right to pick up your controller and have a blast

By Sam Eggleston

was beginning to wonder when Namco was going to release another title that didn't have anything to do with button pushing to have competitive

Though Max Pavne 2 is in the works, those people that are intrigued by the good cop/bad cop storylines will need something to tide them over. Namco ing to attempt a quality shoot-

that never will. Nameo decided emment.

annroach. You must remembe however, that this review is based solely on the Playstation 2 version, and things may or may not be different depending on which version you choose.

The game centers around Jack
Slate, a faithful officer from the

he is startled to learn that his father has been murdered And so it begins. As you would expect, Jack is out for vengeance, and is willing to take out countless numbers of thugs on his way. Dead to Rights is

canine unit of Grant City. At the

beginning of the game while he and his trusty dog Shadow are



disarm your opponent. While you do not have a weapon more corrupt officials than you would find in our current government.

In the opening 'tutorial' level.

ture in this game is the ability to

scrolling beat-em-up, and even some Metal Gear Solid thrown applauded for is the extremely low loading times that Dead to in there for good measure, For those who were wonderusing guns and explosives to hand-to-hand combat and using your enemies as human shields, this game brings a wide assort-

paid on site

ment of styles that will have conservative parents banning this game from their child's sys
no doubt ask yourself "Which ference between the games? Is there an advantage to buying it for the 10 ton wonder?" you do not have a weapon equipped, just walk up to anyone holding a gun, press circle, and watch. Slate will do a variety of actions which range from just twisting the persons neck, to nice but of changes to the game actually taking the waven and actually taking the weapon and compared to the Xbox ver

One thing that Namco must be applauded for is the extremely low loading times that Dead to Rights features three difficulvisually pleasing that does not give you enough time to take a nap in between sections.

Because of the loading times the action is almost always intense.

So, when a game is released improved, as well as Slate being made slightly faster.

The game was actually fairly and I walked

> say that it's worth the pocket will probably like Dead to

tankers were swimming to their bilities once again, First place finishes for Novi came in the 200 medley relay team

lar ring that is marked down to \$150 to show th she means to them and I have to won- Sam I guess I'm just Eggleston

You see, my wife never asks for

I see these ads that call for hus-

hands to hit the

led, that's all.

anything special. For our first two years together I brought her to the fanciest restaurants around, but eet out and to free up that kind of dinner with a wine and mushroom sauce along with a slew of her

she'll get the special home-cooked dinner once again, as well as time to read in the bathtub while attempting to soak away her stress and tension of being a full-time college student, a full-time mother a full-time wife and a full-tim

everything.
I do wish I could do more. 1 wish I earned the kind of bucks that haven't purchased a wedding ring yet thanks to tight times). I wish I could take her to the best steak house in Novi and bring her to the movies, but I can't. Yet, she stays

Truth be told, even though I'll

make her dinner and let her soak in a bath for a while, those will proba-

bly not turn out as nice as they sound. Our daughter has a knack for opening the bathroom door

now, so that will lead to some

usewife. She, quite simply, does happy and content with what I'm

splashing of water as she throws this toy or that into the water so her mmy can play with it. Dinner will end up being rushed thanks to

while the cook is off tending to other business - that's the kind that tends to have scorch marks. My wife does so much for me that I couldn't even name it all. She's going to college so she can get a higher paying job than that which I have so I can stay at home and try my hand at fiction. She does the laundry while I'm at work

I love her. It's quite simple to tell

Nothing like food that gets cooked

not by my side and I wouldn't want to. I took her hand in marriage and

of papers from the computer desk.

I'm too busy playing video games and she's near the box of them -

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No doubt it can be attributed to their hard work, their dedication and their coaching. And how about the desire to strive

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an intense seven-week training program for baseball pitchers 13 vears old and above Players will learn the proper techniques of arm strengthening,

It's just like being at the movies

By Sam Eggleston ENTERTAINMENT WAITER

The truth is, Michael Crichton has a way of making you think you has a way or toking yet mine you are experiencing a movie rather than reading a book when you thumb through one of his novels. His knack for making a book that is perfect for the transition onto

the silver screen is aparant, with blockbusters like "Jurassic Park" and "The 13th Warrior" (based on the book "Eaters of the Dead") already having made some nice eash on their releases. His newest release in the paper form is "Prey," and it's sure to be hitting a screen

near you soon enough. In some ways, Crichton manages to dance away from the word literature and skirts the edge of screenplay with every thing he writes. I don't mean that in a bad way, in fact I rather like reading the books he produces. But, how can the hero be shown around the topsecret factory, having sprinkler sys-tems and open-caged lifts pointed out to him, without us understand-ing it as a guarantee that such sys-tems will prove crucial come the final showdown?

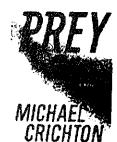
In the end, it's a final showdown that you can't wait to read. Though the book hits over 360 pages, it took me just over three hours to fintook me just over intree nours to tra-ish, and that was with my daughter tugging at it. This is a function not only of Crichton's utterly friction-less, deliberately unremarkable prose, but of your desire to see How They're Going To Get Out Of This One

It is a great idea; it will make a great film. Our hero, Jack, was a Silicon Valley computer program-mer, working on those awfully, clever programs which try to teach computers to fix themselves - the kind of artificial intelligence which operates from very basic principles rather than complex ones. However, he was sacked from his job for discovering corruption high up; and now he is unemployable, so he looks after the three kids while his wife does high-profile PR for a company working in nan-

otechnology.

She starts coming home late.

She's looking different. Better groomed, sleeker. She has a show-



er the moment she comes in rather than in the morning, like she used to. What's going on? An affair, obviously, But then the haby develops a painful rash and no one can figure out what is wrong. Just as suddenly, the rash variashes. Meanwhile, the eight-year-old's MP3 player stops working; Jack finds the memory chip has been turned to dust. He discovers what looks like a surge suppressor in the looks like a surge suppressor in the kids' bedroom. Only it's not. His wife starts acting really weird.

Despite you scratching your head at this moment and wonder-

head at this moment and wonder-ing were I am going with all of this, the action that I've outlined above is paced extremely well. Jack comes to realise that he is dealing with something extremely danger

ous.
Crichton basing his book on nanotechnology is inspired. Just in case you don't have a clue what nanotechnology is yet, imagine bil-lions of flying molecule-sized particles programmed to work together, learn, and evolve at great speed. Crichton has

It's tough to say that such a group of little robots would bond together to form something straight out of the "Terminator," but the

out of the "ferminator," but the principle is seary enough.

If you're into thrillers that test your mind, but keep you flipping the pages, then well, then you're probably already a Crichton fan. If you're not, or you haven't had the opportunity to read one of his opportunity to read one of his works, then this is a good place to works, then ust is a good place to start or to re-evaluate your judg-ment on his skills. He's one of the greats, you know, and he's proba-bly got a few more stories left up his sleeve.

SCREEN BEAT

By Brian Renner

Coming to theaters this weekend is the sequel to the 1967 Disney adaptation of Rudyard Kipling's classic novel. "The Jungle Book 2," starts where the original ends Mowgli (Haley Joel Osment) gets restless in his new village home, and decides to return to the "bare necessities" of jungle life, leaving behind his new girlfriend, Shanti, who's afraid of the dangerous wild animals Mowgli is used to rompine animals Mowgli is used to romping around with. As it turns out, she's right to be afraid, as Mowgli's old nemesis, the tiger named Shere Khan (Tony Jay), is out for bloody revenge.... can old friends Baloo

(John Goodman) and crew help Mowgli avoid Khan's lethal claws? "The Jungle Book 2" is a Walt Disney Pictures release and rated G car nothing objectionable. for nothing objectionable.

Based on the popular Marvel Comics character "Daredevil," this is the story of Matt Murdock (Ben Affleck), son of a boxer who gets killed by petty criminals. This drives young Matt to fight crime, despite a childhood accident that robbed him of his sight. That same accident, however, also granted him to be accident, however, also granted him exceptionally advanced senses of hearing, touch, taste and smell, as well as providing him with a strange sort of mental radar that helps to compensate for his lack of vision. After training hard in the martial arts, as well as excelling in law school, Murdock becomes a lawyer by day and a vigilante calling himself Daredevil by night. The film also stars Jennifer Garner, Michael Clarke Duncan, Colin Farrell, Joe Pantoliano and Jon Favreau. "Daredevil" is a Twentieth Century Fox release and rated PG-13 for action/violence and some sensuality.

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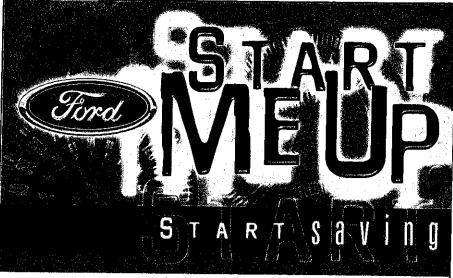
Musical "8 Women" (R), music-soaked romance "Brown Sugar" (PG-13), visually stun-ning, 10th-century drama "The Fast Runner (Atanarjuat)" (NR), bit name law budge in the party of the party law budge in the party of the party in the party i big-name, low-budget interperson-al drama "Full Frontal" (R), al drama "Full Frontai (s.), immensely popular romantic com-edy "My Big Fat Greek Wedding" (PG), romantic drama "Possession" (PG-13), culture-clash comedy "Swept Away" (R),

and cross-cultural crime thriller "Wasabi" (PG-13).

"Angel: Season One" (6-DVD Set) (NR), "As Time Goes By: The Complete Series 5" (NR), "Baby Looney Tunes: Eggs-Traordinary Adventure" (NR), "Benedict Amold: A Question of Honor" (NR), "Dixie Chicks: An Evening with the Divic Chicks: (NR) with the Dixie Chicks" (NR),

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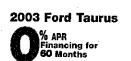


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