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POWERLESS

Southfield residents Sean Williams and his wife, Deveatta, refuel their Buick outside the Novi Denny's after he ran out of gas on I-96 enroute to Brighton. The Williams were among mil-lions left the dark following a massive blackout stretching from New England to the Great Lakes. Local officials were amazed how calm things were during the blackout, reporting no major incidents related to the power outage. Novi's emergency response team shipped hundreds of cases of bottled water to area senior centers and shelters. The city also took steps to put emergency generators in all its buildings.



BATTLING FOR BECK

The aging Beck Road Bridge over I-96 became one of the skirmish points in the battle over what some call urban sprawl. After 12 years of planning, the project was one of 34 axed by the Governor as part of her "Preserve First" program. House and Senate Republicans shot back with "Priorities First" after Novi and Oakland County officials complained they had committed millions of dollars to the project at state request. The project is now slated for completion in 2005.

CHILD MURDERED

Novi residents were horrified in September upon learning of the beating death of 2-year-old Ann Marie Shawley.

The St. Clair County girl and her 4-year-old sister were visiting her father in Novi over the Labor Day weekend.

Investigators say it took the toddler two days to die from her injuries after being brought to local hospitals.

District Court Judge Brian MacKenzie called the girl's

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death a torture killing. He denied bail for the girl's stepmother, Nikole Michelle Fredericks, who is now facing first degree murder charges.



INSIDE: YEAR IN REVIEW

STORIES

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BELT-TIGHTENING

Local city and school officials became as nervous as a mouse at a cat convention as the Governor began taking the budget axe to local revenue sharing, Despite having set their budgets earlier in the year, all managed to avoid painful cuts in service, at least for now, However, faced with a substantial loss in high-paying manufacturing jobs since 1999, few are betting there won't be more state cuts in the coming year.



CATHOLIC CENTRAL CONVERTS

One of the state's most respected private schools may have to change its name to Catholic On The Edge as it moves to Novi, which is almost as far west as you can go and still be in



the Detroit Archdiocese. Ground clearing is underway on Wixom Road and the school's 1,100 all-boy student body is expected to arrive in 2005. Catholic Central's plans for a new home in Novi had environmentalists on edge when the school sought relief from the city's tree replacement ordinance which required the school, like all developers, to replant the trees it out down In the end the city gave the school a decade to replace the trees.

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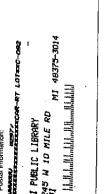
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iffers on the city's west: looking for a new place to call home as the Links of Novi makes way for homes in

Links of Novi

company agreed to donate 75 acres to the city and help build trails in what looks to be the city's second largest park. Township are con-cerned about what the project will do to traffic on 10 Mile Road. The two have agreed

CLAWIN' 'CATS

Six inches from the Silverdome That's how the season ended for the Novi High School football squad— with a 31-28 overtime loss to Brother Rice in the state semi-final Brother Rice in the state semi-final game – but that's not how the 'Cats' 2003 season will be remembered. Coach Tab Kellepourey's squad compiled a 12-1 mark, including the Kensington Valley Conference crown and perhaps the most remarkable scason in the school's gridiron history. "It's not about seniors, juniors or anyone else," Kellepourey said. "It' about Wildcat football."

A NEW LOOK AT CITY HALL

There are new faces at City Hall and old faces in new locations in the wake of November's general election. Lou Csordas took over as mayor, while Lynne Paul, Toni Nagy and Bob Gatt won seats on city council in an election whose hottest button was when and where campaign signs could be placed. Nearly every candidate who lost lined up after the election making a bid to fill an empty seat on one of the city's numerous boards and commissions. The common reason? Winning isn't everything - community service is



GOLF OUT. HOUSING IN

Singh Development's Quail Hollow project. The Novi City Commission agreed Dec. 13 to let the West Bloomfield company build 349 homes on the 324.95 acre site after the

GRAND REOPENING After a winter, spring and summer

of discontent, Novi business people along Grand River Avenue between Novi and Beck roads celebrated Nov. 14

as city and Road Commission for Oakland County Officials opened the new bridge over the CSX Railroad tracks. The new \$7.6 million replaces one built in 1925. The five-lane span features a de-icing system and paves the way for commercial development, including the new Novi Expo Center on the city's west end. The project was plagued by traffic and utility disruptions, which had local business people screaming by mid summer and wondering who would be finished first - them or the bridge. Work still remains to be completed at the Grand River and Novi Road intersection next summer.

MAIN STREET MAKEOVER

bund Main Street development, opening its doors in July. However, within weeks it began attracting attention it didn't want, becoming the city's number one nightspot for lawmen as well as revelers. Bar managers are working with Novi police to smooth things out and the entire district seems on the rebound with the opening of Gus O'Connors.



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Novi earns KVC title after 11-

It must be tough coming up with season goals with a talented group of players like the Novi Wildcats basketball team — yet, they still keep them coming.

The Novi cagers completed their first goal of the season a and clinched the title with an 82-60 victory over the Hartland Eagles February 21 after slapping the South Lyon Lions with a close

44-32 loss just two days earlier. With that goal behind them, the Wildcats have now turned to setting the school record in victories for a single season – a record set when Bob Shoemaker was still coaching and they earned 17 wins. At 17-1 overall on the year, the 'Cats have already tied that mark and will now be looking to

"The next two games won't mean anything, but we're looking to break the school record," Novi coach Pat Scluter said. "I've been coach when we've won 16 twice before. All we need is one more and we got it."

State-bound Wildeats pom

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- Phelps said, "We knew we were

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

Cheer looks strong late in the

year When you climb mountains and you can't go up you know you are at the top. The Wildcats competitive cheer team found its 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 ivision (blue). In the White Team Division

Troy Athens once again was their principle competition. Unlike in a previous meeting at Novi this time the Wildeats outscored them in every round. If Troy Athens is a harometer of their improvement then sunny days are all in the fore-cast. This time the Wildeats outscored their rival by more than

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

County.

The Wildcat tankers collected 200 points, good for third place, as they tied the all-time best finish in the meet in school history as they finished behind a dominating Birmingham Brother Rice squad, which had 471 team points, and Birmingham Groves, which notched 209 points. Bloomfield Hills Lahser collected 193,5 and North Farmington notched 186 to round out the top-five teams in the

Wild 'Stangs take second in

nference Though second place is still for the season, it's nothing to thumb one's nose at.

The Northville-Novi gymnas-

ties girls, coached by Lindsey Schultz, aren't complaining about their second-place linish in their conference after collecting 141.025 points while Brighton took the title with a very close 142,925. Hartland was a close third with 139,875, and Livonia was fourth with 139,35.

Wildcats pound Lakeland

Lakeland thought they were in this one - well, at least until a few minutes into the second half. seconds into the third quarter when the Novi Wildcats decided John Glenn, 17-2 in the MHSAA to show their Kensington Valley Conference rivals the door with a Individual Wrestling Finals held crushing defensive presence and a well-oiled score-machine as they handed the Eagles a 51-37 loss

Not that the Lakeland Eagles were looking to help Novi out any. This was one of those games that they not only beat Novi twice this season, but also pulled the

'Cats down to a tied position at the top of the Kensington Valley Conference, Unfortunately for Lakeland, and fortunately for Novi, that's not the way the game panned out.

Tankers top Stangs The Novi Wildcats swimming and diving team members should

be pretty proud of themselves.

Minus the advantages of a home pool, the 'Cats have managed a staggering 9-1 record on the season and are looking to continue their dominance as the post season comes into play. Keeping their heads above water is a key element at this point, and so is avoiding crucial losses that car

dampen the spirit of the team.

Novi didn't have to worry about that when they took on and defeated the Northville Mustangs at Northville February 11 with the final tally ringing clear at 111-74.

Goalie tandem leads Novi skaters to win It definitely wasn't the game the Northville Mustangs were hoping to come out and play -but it was the game the Novi

Phelps, and the 'Stangs, led by interim coach. Chris Kozlowski, squared off at center ice in the first game of the Regional tournament and listened as the crowd cheered and the buzzer sounded to mark the end of the game and a 4-

0 Novi win.
"Northyille's a good team," zling performance to qualify for the state finals after participating our game if we wanted to win this

> Grapplers earn state bid Though it wasn't the dominat-ing season the Novi Wildcats had hoped they would have this year, they still managed to come away with a couple of wrestlers com-peting in the state tournament.

After losing in the team district finals to Kensington Valley Conference rival Howell 39-33, the Wildcats looked to their four individual district qualifiers to do what they could in hopes of mak

15 at South Lyon High School, found senior Josh Churella stay time state champion moniker.

In the team districts, the Wildcats found themselves losing 39-33 against the Howell Highlanders in the finals. It was the second year in a row the Highlanders have been the dark horse for the Novi grapplers and

Cheer has good year, but

doesn't make states The Novi Wildcats cheerlead ing squad ended up just short of their season goal of going to the state finals when they took fourth place at the regional competition.

The final results and tallies

outscored their rival by more than 40 points with a final tally for 7 Anderson finishing on top of the froy Athens of 620.5 to Novi's regional competition, collecting a total of 690.5 points, while Allen Park took second with 683,5 and Brighton finished in third with 678. Novi was fourth in the all-star pack, collecting 669.5 points while Bedford was behind them

And so a legacy comes to an

With the graduation of senior Josh Churella from Novi High School this year, the Wildeats will lose more than just a wrestler.

The Churellas have become a name that is widely recognized in the sport. Josh's father, Mark, was a three-time NCAA champion with the University of Michigan well. But it's not so much his father or his oldest brother that struck fear into the hearts of Novi

Instead, it was Josh and Ryan. won two state titles and now grap-ples for U of M as a redshirt fres-man. Josh, on the other hand, secured his third-straight state

title and has his eyes set on Michigan as well. "I kept my eyes open, but I was always leaning towards Michigan," Churella said of college choices. "My brother is there and it's close to home. It will be

kind of cool to wrestle with my brother in the line-up." Churella was a shoe-in for the blue and gold, especially after losing only one match his sophomore year and none his junior year. This year, Churella was also undefeated and capped it off with a technical fall over Reese Cox of

Individual Wresting Finals nero at The Palace of Aubum Hills March 7-8. Churella and Cox also squared off at the District and Regional

title matches.
"The first time, I teched him," beat him by 12 and this time I tried to open it up as much as I could. I wanted to stay on the attack like I do during all the

2003: YEAR IN REVIEW - SPORTS

Novi edges Northville for

District crown
It may sound like too much like a sports cliche but Novi coach Pat Schulter hit the nail on the prover bial head in one quote after the

Schluter said following the close In a defensive struggle that had

to be seen to be believed Novi edged Northville for the District Championship 33-31 in overtime

Cagers almost make history It was the stuff that dreams are made of - and sometimes night-The Novi Wildcats' boys basketball team headed into the Regionals for the second-straight year with hopes that their prowess on the court would lead them to their first-ever victory at that level

unfortunatly, that wasn't the



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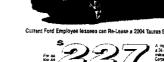


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Nip and tuck: Members of the Seeley Sanctuary were reworking plans to build a religious center on 13 Mile near M-5. Sanctuary members wanted to build a 29,000square-foot sanctuary facility and a 7,200-square-foot administrative brought a certain air to the center. building, but Novi Planning Commission Members sent them the plans were too intensive for the

Aim high: Chamber members were hoping to top the \$15,000 mark at their annual fund raiser for

jold their plans for Seeley Sanctuary were too intense, it prelly much got the same message for the compa-ny's plans to expand Waltonwood at 12 Oaks. While the company's plans for the senior care facility would have reduced its final number of units from 110 to 80, they would have increased the over all size of the project's second phase by 11,000 square feet. Singh executives

Local firm tapped: Warren city that they had tapped Novi's ICK & Associates to design a new veteran's memorial for the state's third largest eity. Plans called for moving a num-

It's a dog's life: Novi went to the Dogs Jan. 17-19 as the Oakland County Kennel Club and the Livingston County Kennel Clubs held back to back shows in the Novi Expo Center, More than 2,000 dogs of every size and description

Taxing husiness: Jan, 6 Jeff and Marie Smith opened Liberty Tax Service in Novi with plans to open satellite offices in five surrounding

Soothing idea: Joan Wysocki, a retired Novi CPA who had faced down the demons of cancer. bounced back by opening a home-based business. Wysocki introduced a line of skin creams and salves Fish or cut bait: Singh based business. Wysocki introduced Development Corp. got off to a line of skin creams and salves rocky start for the year, after being under the name Herb Ease. She started making her herbal-based products to help her get through the discomfort of chemotherapy- and radiation therapy and then began distributing them at local stores. Bar bids shark so long: Novi's 5th Avenue Billiards said farewell to

a three-year member of the staff Jan. 18 as Snoopy the Nurse Shark was flown off to freedom in the Florida Keys National Marine Sanctuary were unhappy when planning com- after outgrowing his 32-square foot mission members voted to table tank at the popular night spot. Good news, bad news:

Good news, bad news:

Residents and businesses along

Grand River Avenue began preparing for a season of discontent as the state Department of Transportation announced plans to demolish the CSX bridge over the road west of Novi Road in preparation to replace the bridge in conjunction with a city project to widen Grand River to five lanes between Novi and Beck ber of smaller memorials scattered around the grounds of Warren City Hall to a park on the city's south side and incorporating them into a land to the condition of the conditio

needed to be done, scores of Novi businesses began fretting in falle January about how the multi-million project would effect them. The city hosted the first of a series of month-

Award winning dealer: The end of the month saw Varsity Lincoln-Mercury named the nation's top Lincoln-Mercury dealer for the sixth year in a row by Ford Motor Company executives. About the same time, Novi's oldest car dealer-ship, Marty Feldman Chevrolet won approval from the city's planning commission to add more that 10,000 square feet to the dealership A Feldman spokesman said the expansion could lead to as many as 120 new jobs at the dealership by

New chief at charity: Novi resident Raquel Villarreal left ISM Management to take over as chief executive of Big Brothers/Big Sisters of Metropolitan Detroit, the state's largest Big Brothers/Big Sisters organization and one of the 12 largest in the country with an annual budget of \$1.4 million. She said she wanted to see the Metro Detroit group expand from serving 1,000 children to 13,000 children by the end of the decade.

We'll do better: The city's chamber of commerce kicked off its new year with a promise to make the chamber more visible and nnnive member service. Expansion okayed: Singh Development finally got the nod from the planning commission for

Novi Charter House resigets some help cutting her hundredth birthday party cake from administrator Jeff Cohen during a cele-bration for her Oct. 25.

not to building anything on the property it owns adjacent to Waltonwoods less than 150 feet away from the building's second

Office project delayed: Plans by a West Bloomfield developer, however, hit a snag when planning com-mission members decided the pronosed 48,000-square-foot two-story building was too large for the 4.6-acre site at the corner of 12 Mile and Meadowbrook roads. Rather than kill the project, though, planning commission member's tabled it and

a scaled down design.

Bridge comes crumbling down: Feb. 17 contractors for the State Department of Transportation began chipping away at the concrete of the camelback bridge that had arched over the railroad tracks at Grand River Avenue in Novi since 1926.

three projects totaling \$15 million that together would widen Grand River to five lanes between Novi and Beck Roads.

Threads of Power: Business

women gathered for the Novi Chamber of Commerce's annual Hotel Baronette to donate gentle used business attire to four Oakland and Wayne county groups involved in helping women re-enter the workforce for the fourth year. Bad kidneys spell profits: Rockwell Medical Technologies in

Wixom announced its first profitable year since the company's founding Feb. 5. They company, which produces materials used in kidney dialysis, was predicting strong sales growth as a result of new products and a steady rise in

ling business PS Baskets & such for heir home in Wixom to a

up a job as an accountant for Wayne County to transform her hobby into a business. She predicted her first

Builders say flat is good: Local members of the Building Industry Association of Southeastern Michigan were predicting a flat year for growth in Mid February. However, given the declining employment numbers from the pre vious year they were also viewing i as a positive thing. The noted tha despite an overall job loss in the metro area, home values had continued to increase, albeit as a slightly lower rate than the national average.

Tunnel tiling planned: The Assarian Cancer Center on Assarian Providence Hospital and Medical Centers' Novi campus unveiled plans Feb.12 to line the tunnel conkidney disease over the past decade.
Basket business burgeons: Mid
February saw local business owners
Pat and Sue Russo move their fledgproject, called Lasting Impressions,

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involved in the center but creating small works of art that offer small

Catholic Central High School look its first steps toward moving from Redford to Novi when the Novi Planning Commission voted unaniroses this year.

Business meetings planned:
Declaring "Novi's where it's happening," State Sen. Nancy Cassis
(R-Novi) announced she would mously Feb. 12 to approve the school's preliminary plans to build a 250,000 building on Wixom Road. Commission members, however, were not without their doubts. Several expressed concerns over

traffic and tree clearing issues.

Church delays move: At the same meeting, commission mem-bers ganted the Redford Baptist Clurch a year long extension for plans to build a new facility on Meadowbrook between 12 and 13 Mile roads and okayed a local real estate broker's plans to renovate a 63.500-square-foot office building on Haggerty, just north of the Sheraton Hotel.

were approve. The developer, Toll Brothers, had sought changes that would allow it to provide dockage for homes on the south side of the west end of the one-time gravel pit. denying rumors that the sprawling inventory, Wixom officials were cer-

inventory, wroon officials were cer-tain their plant wouldn't be one of the ones on the block.

Developers bank on New Urbanism: Over in Novi develop-ers from Southfield were betting that the bloom was not off the ruse of "the now urbanism. Ech. 20.

of the city's commercial district.

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Going...going...;By the beginning of Murch, hright yellow backhoes where gnawing at the approaches to the nearly 80-year-old CSX bridge on Grand River Avenue and busiwas designed get the community messages of hope to the center's patients, staff and visitors.

Catholic Central gets nod: nesses along the road between Beck and Novi roads were beginning to get the gnawing feeling that life along the river would not be a bed of

Island Lake changes okayed: The 800-acre Island Lake residen-tial development took another step toward completion at the Planning Commissions' Feb. 12 meeting when changes to its welland permit

Ford staying put says company: At the end of the month city and UAW officials in Wixom were Ford Motor Company plant there was looking at a shaky future. While industry experts were calling for Ford to shed some of its excess plant

of "the new urbanism. Feb. 20 Pierre and Mike Nona opened the doors on the first units of their Gateway Village projects. The brothers were counting on nearby shopping and restaurants to attractive people to by their planned 184

of the Walled Lake business community were upbeat about the com-pletion of the M-5 expressway. State Department of Transportation officials were predicting the new road would divert up to 50,000 vehicles a day on to Pontiac Trail and Maple Road, which run through the heart

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team up with the Huron Valley-Sinal Hospital to announce plans for an Italian Chalk Art Festival for the shores of Walled Lake at the end of

DIA pulls plug on store: Faced with mounting losses, the Detroit Institute of Art closed its 10-yearold store at Twelve Oaks Mall. The decision cost one full-time and 18 part-time employees their jobs, but managers at the eash-strapped museum said they couldn't afford

the projected \$55,000 loss.

Novi Rotary all jazzed up: In mid-March the Novi Rotary Club announced it would bring jazz great Wynton Marsalis and the Lincoln Center Jazz Orchestra to Novi High School for a two-show concert to raise money for the international fight to end polio.

Hospital, DDA team up: Early March also saw the Walled Lake Downtown Development Authority

Coordinator, Cindy Uglow, declared, "This is tweaking, really,"

Business community airs con-cerns; Taxes and health care issues

topped concerns from area business people March 10 when the met with

the state House and Senate's Joint Committee on Business Competitiveness. That came as no community in Novi, members of the surprise to Sen, Cassis, who organ-

ized the hearing.

Sign ordinance gets tweaked:
The city's planning commission approved the first major set of changes to the city's sign ordinance since 1998. However, the city's Neighborhood Services

Give the building back: March 14a federal judge in Detroit ordered Wixom City Officials to return control of the Clover Technology build-ing on Grand River Avenue to its owners. City officials said they seized the keys to the building to prevent the contents from being removed after a tenant left owing a \$289,000 tax bill. Attorneys for Riley Properties, the building's owners call the action "astonishing,"

Employees put up wooden barri-cades blocking the north access drive at the Novi Civic Center. Paintball goes Atomix: Late March also saw Walled Lake busi

approval, the had to give up plans for a 7,200-square-foot administra-

tive building and agree to pay more than \$181,000 into the city's tree

fund, if they didn't replace all of the trees removed in developing the 29-acre site.

acre site.

City goes Code Orange: In late
March, following a Code Orange
Alert from the U.S. Department of
Homeland Security, city
Department of Bublic Works

Homeland Security, city Department of Public Works

Paintball in a one-time factory on Decker Road. The pair thought the Seely Sanctuary finally got approval sport they enjoyed, shooting friends with painthalis, could be a thriving from the city's planning commis-sion to build a home for their con-gregation on 12 Mile Road. However, to get the planning body's

Bagdad hombs barely bother bankers: As war broke out with Iraq, local bankers and credit union officials were reporting business as usual despite a Threat Level Orange issued by the Office of Homeland security. However, local travel agents were reporting a slowdown in business.

A taste of Pacific Rim: Arizona based artist Christina Caldron Roberts was placing the final touches on her murals for the Bamboo Club, a new 286-seat restaurant in Novi's Fountain Walk.

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Flagstar Bank open its newest branch on Novi Road on the city's

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Golden guy: Novi's Larry Gambotto was honored by the United Way with its Heart of Gold Award for his work in raising old sales representative is also an on-eall volunteer with the Novi Fire

at Bowl event, but not ple gathered in Walled Lake April 23 to complain to State Senator about the Governor's plans to climi mate exemptions to the state's single mails bestof George Riley and ominess fax. They also complained on the Court Building in February premiums on health coverage for on the road: The fight over

Lender bought: Virginia-based funding for 34 road projects, including for Beck Road Bridge, beated up May 5 as city officials railed over the Governor's decision to delay the Beek Road project after state and county officials committed funds to officials. The governor dubbed her funding cuts "Preserve First," which lead the GOP held state Senate for lead the GOP field state Senate for fire back with their own "Priorities" storm ran up \$1 milhori in clean up

Up in Arms: Business people along Grand River Avenue between Beek Road and the CSX Rail Road were steaming in mid May over traffic congestion caused by work on replacing the aging bridge over than the control of the automatication gradual and its North the tracks. Road Commission for Oakland County spokesmen insist-

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Last rall: After 44 years of fighting fires in Wixon, George Spencer, the last of the city's original fire lighters decided to put his bunker gear in the closet for the last time. Spencer, whose family pioneered

Transmission International Company, a privately-held firm cre-ated when DTE divested itself of all its high voltage transmission lines

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tare so it wasn't so similar to. Sheridan announced her candidacy the community, rose to the rank of chief before retiring.

Electrifying moment:

Sunny's Cate next door. The bistor opened about three months ago.

And then there were four:

Novi's mayor's race heated upbriefly June 5 when Karl Wizinsky the 28-year city resident pulled out from Ann Arbor to Novi, The recently formed company is responsible for transmission of electricity October when he missed several license plate on his vintage BMW

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Certificate of Need Commission voted June 10 to not rule on a con-troversial section of the Public Act

Better late than never: Novi's Fire Station Number Four opened its doors June 28, nearly a year after opening: Abraham Konssan, owner — a 2004-led bispital fower out its Novi — its planned opening. The 5-5 and of the Bora, Bora-Bisno at 43155 arg/ampus., They commission's decay, a lion propert wayarined in the implo

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Hot time in Wixon: Jue fight

Tougher than a speeding bullet: and the Village of Novi Police Department, Clarke retired from the istrative secretary to Lee BeGole. quarter of 2004x
Tax woes: Prominent Nova dens

tist, Dr. Timonthy Kosniski was saying he didn't want to force the - found guilty in federal court of tax evision chaiges. Ecderal prosecu-tors said Kosinski, his wife and a business partner mode \$7.6 million. River Avenue and Beck Road. city council meetings for health rea- motorcycle, got an engineer at a disappear between 1996-98

nities gathered in Wixom June 17 to learn how to light propane fires, Arts & Treasures comes to

ning workshop June 4 at Meadowbrook Community Center

About 45 people attended the two hour event, which featured presen-

tations by Brenda Evans, library

director, and Christie Pearson Brandan, state librarian. Goals

include providing more computer

stations with Internet access; more

meeting norms; more programs for toddlers and senior citizens; and additional sources of local funding. Former Novi News columnist

dies: Longtime Novi resident

Novi. Highlights," that appeared in

the Novi News for close to 30 years,

died June 15 at her home. She was

Department and later became the force's first female police officer.

She also worked for Novi Township

department after 32 years as admin-

TCF Bank to build new branch in Novi: TCF Bank announces

plans to open a new location by the

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Fountain Walk: Arts & Treasures, an event featuring art, crafts and fun took place at Fountain Walk shop-ping center in Novi the first week-end in June. The event included the Commission approved a prelimi-nary site plan for the project at their May 28 meeting. The bank propos-es constructing a 6,000-square-foot building with six drive-through stathird annual Novi Lions Club Arts & Crafts Show plus a free Children's Art Village. The first 1,000 children at the event received free tickets to Titanie: The Artifac

Decision delayed on Beck North Corporate Park: Novi Exhibit at the Detroit Science North Corporate Park: Novi Planning Commission members New salon opens at Peachtree postponed approval of a preliminary site plan on the Beck North Corporate Park. A public hearing at the request of the developer, Plaza: Salon D'Mars, a new salon owned by Denise Cook, Mark Gatt and Russell Spaulding, opened May 13 at the Peachtree Plaza on the west side of Meadowbrook just Northern Equities Group of south of Ten Mile Road. The three Farmington Hills, took place June 11. Residents in the adjacent Bristol owners have been involved in the salon business in the Novi/Northville area for many Corners Subdivision came to complain about loss of trees and potenyears. The salon's name is a combitial reduction in property values. The company proposes a 24-unit, industrial park on 63 acres east of Novi Lions Club celebrates 30 years: Members of the Novi Lions south of Pontiac Trail and west of

Club announce several activities planned in observance of the club's West Park Drive ward: Planning Commission memmembers are dedicated to raising money to educate the public about and assist the visually impaired. The Lions Club is the largest service organization in the world. council can get moving on the pro-Telethon to boost Rotary fundposed plan for the Grand River Corridor in Novi, The Downtown raiser sales: A marathon ticket Gateway concept, which will be called the Gateway East Ordinance Sovi Community Credit Union on Grand River Avenue to drum up if city council members approve the ales for the June 18 Lincoln Cente

amendment, was developed in 1998 by the Master Plan and Zoning ommittee as part of the Novi 2020 the Novi Rotary Club event that Master Plan update process. took place at Novi High School will go toward the eradication of polio throughout the world. Marsalis serves as the music director of the turing the Lincoln Center Jazz Lincoln Center Jazz Orchestra in Orchestra and trumpeter Wynto New York City.
Novi Library leaders invite Marsalis took in about \$54,000 in gross sales. The Rotary Foundation public to create vision: Residents contributed \$25,000 to the event of Novi came out to give their opin-ions about the future of the Novi Public Library at a strategic planwhich was matched four-fold from Rotary International and the Gates Foundation, established by comput-

er magnate Bill Gates, founder of Microsoft. This brought the match ing funds total to \$125,000.

Arab women's delegation comes to Wixom: Michael and barbecue for a delegation of Arab women who came to the U.S. to learn about American business. The women, who hailed from several liddle Eastern countries, visited the Wixom plant as part of a pilot project, the U.S. Departme Commerce Middle East Executive Training in the United States (MEET U.S.) program.

Bambi stops by: Employees at Providence Hospital's Novi Campus were surprised by a young fawn that visited their facility several hours before wandering back into

Neighbors' cards canceled: rejected millages to support library service, Wixom normanical announced the free ride was over would have to buy library cards, if tion. they wanted to use the facility.

Doesn't bother us: Librarians in

were unconcerned over a late June Supreme Court decision on Internet Oh so close: 14-year-old Novi

resident Alex Grougran came with-in .02 seconds of a trip to Akron, Ohio for the Soapbox Derby National Championships, As it was

the store's items at estate sales, auctions, flea markets and garage sales.

MSU design students set sights on Walled Lake: Landscape design students from Michigan State University in East Lansing offered advise about the future of Walled

Novi's second mayor dies cluce 300 new stores across the Robert W. Daley, who served as country.

Grand River businesses have country troke. He was 74. His wife, Joan, said that even though Daley retired 10 years ago that he maintained his interest in politics. He was a leader of the Village Oaks subdivision in replacement of the CSX railroad the area. 1970. He decided not to hidden into yearst of Novil Road.

which is now Honeywell. Novi firm sends employee on Moe's on Ten Seafood Grill trade mission: Andrea Moorhead,

ng Commission granted

River Avenue. The school is relocating from Redford. Members discussed woodland and parking issues

from the National American Miss Contest
One down, one to go: Novi pouce had one man in custody and were seeking a second July 24 fol-lowing a July 15 car jacking at 10 Mile and Novi roads. Computer security lauded: Walsh College's Keith Pretty accepted a certificate from the National Security Agency's INFOSaccepted a certificate from the National Security Agency's INFOS-EC Education and Training Program naming it a center of excel
accepted a certificate from the National Security Agency's INFOSin restoring the park's petting farm, that suffered a fire in February 2003, or another organization that could use the barn.

Lincoln LS Owners descend upon Novi: Lincoln LS lovers from across the country met in Novi when members of the national club use the barn.

sought in a July 15 car jacking when he walked into a probation office

Mexico in July, The trip's sponsors included Budzel Long. The trade mission was officially known as the Automation Alley Small Business removal of historic barn; Members of the Novi Planning Commission took a dim view of nized: City officials and commu ry members came to Lakeshore Park

Toll Brothers' plans to not incorpo-rate an 1860s-era barn in the nex phase of the Island Lake of Novi subdivision east of Napier Road between Ten and Eleven Mile roads.

Sheraton: The Novi Hilton on Haggerty Road just north of Eight Mile had been a landmark of the area for almost 20 years. But the Hospitality totaling about \$300 mil-

Anchors away: Mid-summer Stone Creamery, a new ice cream bers reluctantly gave their approval to an amendment of the Gateway teaming up with the city's Parks shop with a unique concept, opened to an amendment of the Gateway teaming up with the city's Parks





With hairdryer tucked under his chin and brush in hand, Walked Lake welcomes unique gift, antiques shop: The Shadow Box, a gift shop featuring antiques, opens in Walked Lake's Historic Lakefront District. Owners Steve Ohloan Luke Ehricht grooms his ShihTzu "Hallmark Jolel Raggedy-Andy" at the Novi Expo Center. Ehricht of the canine as part of the Livingston Kennel Club All-breeds Dog Show.

Department to bring Great Lakes folklorist Lee Murdock to sing songs of the region's wooden ships and iron men.

The flagship store opened June 19 on Times Square in New York. The firm plans to intro-

Novi's second mayor dies: the early 1970s. He decided not to seek reelection to a second term due

opens: Well-known Detroit restau-rateur Moe Leon transforms his family diner on the southwest corner of Haggerty and Ten Mile roads A grand opening event took place June 18 at the newly renovated loca-

Fox Run Village retirement community nears completion: The newest jewel of Erickson Run Village on Thirteen Mile between Meadowbrook and doors this month. The \$350-million facility is attracting residents from across the area and offers a com-plete lifestyle for retirees.

Biessing given to Catholic Central project: Members of the final site plan approval June 25 for Catholic Central High School, a priduce 300 new stores across the

Design Initiative Program. The stu-dents toured the city, took pictures, and invented new design concepts for possible use. bridge just west of Novi Road affects businesses on Grand River Avenue between Beck and Novi

Road.
Novi firm sends employee on a sales representative at John Crane Co. in Novi, is one of several U.S. citizens selected to attend an

Automation Alley trade mission in Northville residents stepped back

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Crime fightin' mayor: Novi's Richard Clark got up close and per-sonal in the fight against crime July 28 when he tried to tackle a purs snatcher at Bed, Bath and Beyond. The felon escaped, but not for the mayor's lack of trying. God save the King: Novi and



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trading settlement Aug. 8-10.
Where there's smoke: Fatal fires Lakeshore Park efforts recogble its efforts to ensure that every July 18 for a first-hand look at the 184-acre park that overlooks Walled Lake, The city funded improve-

ments to the park with a \$60,000 community development block

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Post Bar becomes city's latest

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firm to Wixom in 1965.

Commission's Gary Peters came to Wixom Aug. 1 to kick off a lottery promotion featuring Ford promotion Thunderbirds, Cappola brought home the People's Choice Award from the 25th annual Concours d'Elegance at Meadowbrook Hall Aug. 2 for his

work on restoring his 1938 Auburn
Boattail Speedster.
Lights out: Officials in Novi, sigh of relief over what didn't hap-pen during the blackout that plunged vast parts of New England, Canada and the Great Lakes into the area. The zoning change must be the face of adversity.

Council approved a 138-page plan for improving the city's park system than calls for spending \$1.57 million a year for five years, but promised not to raise taxes to do it

Oakland Livingston Human Service Agency spokesman Trudy Long observed that she had not yet saturated the market as her agency geared up for its quarterly food distribution for the

Hot deal: Walled Lake fire fighters decided what better way to pro-mote the use of smoke detectors than follow pizza guys around town. The city's fire department teamed up with local pizza parlors and building supply companies to make world's largest authentic Irish pub. vacant for a couple of years after the closing of Vic's World Class Market. The Post Bar Detroit, at 408 Blackout byproduct:

Brighthouse Networks, the cable company serving Novi and parts of Northville and Walled Lake, with many items for the pub being shipped from overseas. agnounced that since it's hard to watch television by candlelight, it would trim its August bills in the wake of the Great Blackout of 2003. Rotary Club member turns

production and broadcast company The firm opens the new business in an old church in Plymouth. An additional location, to be called the NERVE Center, at 4719 Mt. Elliott in Detroit, will become a live venue

where disk jockeys and bands can Novi Bowl hosts Humane

into the 18th Century as the Kings's hour radiothon/bowlathon sponsor Regiment and other colonial era reenactors transformed a part of look place at Novi Bowl & Kensington Metropark into a fur Recreation, Aug. 21-22. Proceeds

in South Lyon and Pontiac prompted Novi's Fire Department to redoudenies developer Northern Equities smoke detector.

Hot wheels: The state Lottery proposed industrial park at Becl and West roads. Members said July 30 that woodlands issues had no been addressed on the site. The developer claims it has met all ordi-Hotter wheels: Novi's los panes remirements in the project.

nual Blackout 2003: Businesses made the best out of a bad situation Aug. 15 after the worst power outage i the nation's history tested people's Wixon and Walled Lake breathed a sigh of relief over what didn't hap-in air-conditioned countort were cit-

izens' main priorities.

Luxury apartment complex darkness Aug. 15. Law enforcement and fire officials in all three communities said the public reacted well in 13. Located on the cast side of Beck Road just south of Grand River Park plan passed: Novi City Ave., the \$40 million project features 254 mits. More than 100 resi-

New sandwich shop lands at Phensant Run: Jimmy Joho's, a nationally franchised gournet sand-wich shop, opens in the Pheasant Run Plaza on Grand River Avenue just west of Haggerty Road. The chain, which was the brainchild of fining John Liautaud of Charleston, III., started in 1983 when he opened a sandwich shop in a converted garage near the campus of Eastern Illinois University.

open in November. The pub will feature native Irish furnishings and waitstaff, with many items for the

Back to the future: Wixom City Council voted Aug. 26 to approve a plan that would recreate the down town the city lost some 70 years ago. The 225-acre project will be funded, in part, by \$9.1 million in county taxes that will stay in Wixom over the next 25 years. Toddler dies: Novi residents

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the city's historical society and the approval: Planning Commission Parks, Recreation and Forestry Department were gearing up for their annual nibute to the city's What's biggin' var Despite a Beck roads at their Sept. 3 meeting

Department wasn't taking any chances and boosted muscoulo control expenses by \$30,000 Afrei cases in 2002, officials across Oakland County were in no mood to -

Shooting investigated: Police cere fiving to lighte out what make -59 year-old Novi man shoot two

Bonnie & Clyde: Police in several communities were lining up to file charges against a Detroit woman ceused of going on a crime space. that started at a Novi liquor store and ended with a killing and a sui-cide an Westland Sept. 11. Investigators said Leslig Gordon's ompanion killed hanself rather

han give up to police.
Graesome discovery: A (3) ear-old woman was found in her-

ere looking for a Detroit man. Chateau northeast side.

Man charged with rape; A 35-owner vows to clean up the property car-old Wixom man stood mute sefore District Court Judge Robert Bondy Sept. 19 as he was charged. October with the home invasion and rape of a neighbor, Wixom police said the man leapt from one third floor apart ment balcony to another before attacking and raping a 21-year-old.

Legendary Detroit DJ Lee Alan came fortown Sept. 22 seeking back-ing for a concert to bring back the Walled Lake Casino's glory days. but Novi city council members were ess than excited.

Three-three split: A California entrepreneur's plans to bring an upmarket bowling concept to Novi became concerned over his request. sept. 22 to relax the city's rules over-ninors in establishments where Novi artist makes his mark

downtown: David Bair, a noted Novi artist, and Sergio De Giusti of Township, unveil 'Transcending," a new monument. Casino Oct, 6, but bowing to neigh i downtown Detroit's Hart Plaza oring labor. The work is dedicated at a special ceremony Aug. 20 making a decision, after close to three years of work by

labor activists and the local artists.

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main floor, plans to open a comedy club, called Lower Manhattan, on the lower level in the near future.

Senator wants health insurance tax cut: State Sen, Nancy Cassis Stepmother charged: A day dR-Novi introduces a bill package after Ann Mane Shawley died at Royal Oak's William Beaumont employer-funded health benefits Hospital, her 22-year-old stepmoth under the Small Business Tax. The Nikole Michelle Frederick was tax cut is estimated to save business es about \$15 million a year.

New strip mall receives

members grant preliminary site plan approval for Shoppes at the Trail, a new shopping center at the southeast corner of Pontiae Trail and Although no tenants have been selected, SKY Development plans specialty retail shops, a plarmacy and two outlots.

Office complex to feature corporate campus: Meadowbrook Woods, an 811 million to \$12 miltion office building, won preliminary site plan approval from mem-bers of the Novi Planning bers of the Novi Planning Commission, The complex, which will be located south of I-96, east of Meadowbrook Road, north of of his neighbors and their himself. Sept. 13. However, investigators interchange, has been designed to didn't expect Melvin Buckmaster to — incorporate amenities such as a day care facility, eafeteria and business

> boasts inaugural event: Organizer Jim Jerome of Northville announces that the first Michigan Independent which features the work of local artists, offers area theater-goer

Mobile home park gains new Novi, a manufacontherest Nove mobile brone Sept, 5, amounts after she died. Foul play cas not suspect. Support of the city, will have a new Burglar sought: Novi police owner after a merger between accused of hirghorzing several. Hometown America. The state upscale apartments on the city's found the park to be noncompliant. on several ordinances. The new

Auto burglars sought: Novi Police suggested the best thing area residents could do is simply lock their vehicle at night following spate of car burglaries on the city's east side Sept. 19.

MIA: All but one of the eight

people furning for city council came to the League of Women Voter's debate at Meadowbrook Commons Sept. 25, Retired Ford executive Janice Sheridan ran a veritable stealth candidacy

upmarket bowling concept to Novi when Novi City Council members—lence at 12.31 a.m. Sopt. 21, was arrested again at 8:43 p.m. when police found him in his estranged wife's home after being released on bond and being told not to go there More info sought: Novi city

conneil didn't close the door in Lec Alans plans to hold a music festival on the site of the old Walled Lake hors concerns council members insisted on more information before

No bail: District Court Judge York to Novi; The Manhattan Club, bond Oct. I after agreeing these was

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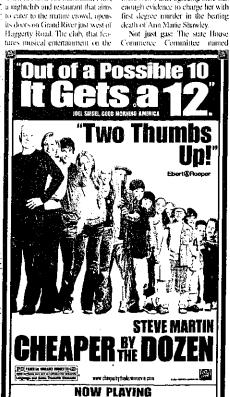
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Novi's freshman representative, Craig DeRoche to a new subcommittee on alternative fuels.

Dentist sentenced: A federal

judge sentenced Novi dentist Dr. Timothy Kosinski Oct. 10 to 30 months in prison and two years pro-bation and fined him \$60,000 after he was convicted of tax evasion. The judge also ordered him to pay back taxes and penalties that could total \$2 million.

Contract on line: Prince Bridge and Marine LTD was the apparent tow-bidder Oct. 3 for the Beck Road Bridge replacement project. The company's \$4.76 million bid was 8.51 percent under the state's engineering estimate

Sharpening knives: Lawyers for St. Johns Health System, the parent of Novi's Providence Hospital, and the Henry Ford Health System were preparing to square off against five other hospital groups suing to block plans open full service hospitals in this area. The two sides argued in front of an Ingham County Judge

Last hurrah: Novi's popular

lead to the arrest of two men on warrants from Milford and Detroit Oct. 22. The men were with an Oak Park man who's girlfriend told police had

threatened her with a gun.

Lawman promoted: Novi
Police Chief handed lieutenant's
bars to David Molloy, a 14-year veteran of the department, Oct. 27. Molloy now heads up the departmem's General Services Division.

Public hearing slated on new

tax legislation: Members of the local business community came to a Senate Finance Committee public hearing in Novi Sept. 29 to lend support to legislation that would climinate employers' tax on health care insurance as part of the state's Single Business Tax. State Sen. Nancy Cassix is sponsoring several bills known as the Cassis Care and

Compensive Package, Five win \$5,000 worth of free dental care: Five Metro Detroit residents work \$5,000 each in a smile makeover giveaway by Novi den-Novi, Eleven employees from the Toupin and Dr. Stephen Card.

Participants at a Sept. 25 Novi

O'Brien named Realtur of the Chamber of Commerce event



Corey Bryant, 13, rear, and fivan Kotlarz, 13, fly off a jump on a sledding hill at Novi's Lakeshore Park last Wednesday afternoon, Part of the fun of making the leap crash back into the soft snow.

Oct. 20. "I figure if two terms is: good enough for the president, it's

s he stepped down.

Guilty plea: Two Detroit men accused to plotting the execution style slaying of another Detroit man outside a Wixom factory last December plead guilty to second degree murder Oct. 21 in an agreement that will put them behind bars.

businessman Charles Walker and his wife, offered to donate up to \$2 million to the city's library. "I like books," said Walker, Dem bones: A construction crew putting in a sewer line on the city's

northeast corner uncovered human nined they were at least 800 years

Two for one: A domestic dispute at Polynorm, a local auto supplier,

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exhibit, which will be in Novi fron Jan. 23 through March 5, 2004, traces the history of barns in

grabs: Representatives from Singh Development in West Bloomfield will have to wait to see if they can create a new subdivision, Quail-Hollow, on land currently occupied by the 1 inks of Novi Golf Course. Commission voted to send Singh's request for a zoning change on the property back to the Master Plan & Zoning Committee during an Oct. 1

New York Deli Cafe opens at Fountain Walk: Entrepreneur Gus

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nded the gavel for the last time—bowl for the giveaway.

20. "I figure if two terms is—Smithsonian exhibit coming to Novi: The cuty has been honored by od enough for the mayor. he said being selected as the first of six sites to host "Barn Again!" -- a traveling exhibit from the Smithsonian Institute in Washington, D.C. The

Links of Novi land still up for

producer of structural components and assemblies used by automotive manufacturers, will relocate its headquarters from Grand Rapids to Novi in early 2004, The company

south of Grand River Avenue, pro-

its new 12,000-square-foot facility.

Automotive supplier moves
headquarters to Novi: Tower

Automotive, a global designer and

vides a full service salon and spa in

Shukeireh of Northville says his

East Coast-style deli has sandwich-es just like his father used to make in his New York Long delis. The

in from New York.

Year: John O'Brien, a resident of two-term mayor, Richard Clark, placed their business cards in a fish. Northville who works in Real Estate One's Novi office, was selected by his peers as Realtor of the Year for 2003. A native of Benton Harbor, O'Brien's parents, Jack and Barbara O'Brien of Benton Harbor, are also

> building in corporate park: Farmington Hills-based developer Northern Equities received prelimi-nary site plan approval Oct. 15 for the Haggerty Corporate Office V, the fifth building in their corporate campus plan. The two-story building will be located west of Haggerty Road on the west side of Cabot Drive north of Twelve Mile Road Charter House of Novi resident turns 100: Helen "Nellie" Lebegue celebrated her 100th birthday Oct. 25 at Charter House of Novi nursing home. A native of Scotland Lebegue came to the U.S. in 1929 and became a U.S. citizen in 1940. She's been a resident of the nursing

ome since 1996. U.S. Storage brings new concept to Wixon: When most people think of storage units, the image is a small, garage-like area off a black asphalt driveway. But U.S. Storage Depot, a new storage facility that opened in late September in Wixom. features an interior drivethrough making moving items easier in inclement weather.

New record: A man with a blood alcohol content of .362 was found outside The Post Bar on Market Street. It led Chief of Police Doug Shaeffer to prepare a call for service report for City Manager Rick Helwig. According to the report, police have been called to the popular night spot 58 times since it

Conviction appeal: Attorneys fraud vowed they'd appeal, A spokesman for Dr. Kosinski said their client. It was a picture that will cost Kosinski \$60,000 in fines and put him behind bars for up to 30

restaurant, that opened July 15, features bread made from dough flown Fluharty, executive director (Visions Spa Salon offers oasis Novi's Americana Foundation, was been a part of the city of Novi for more than 15 years. Now, the new Visions Spa Salon, that opened Oct. 6 on the east side of Beck Road just her decades of environmental

Court bound: Much to everyone's surprise. Melvin Buckmaster survived his reportedly self-inflicted gunshot wound. However, now the 59-year-old Novi man is facing three counts of assault with intent to commit morder and other charges sterming from a Sept. 14 shooting incident in Novi Meadows Trailer

tanced furmer Mayor Pro Tem Michelle Bononi by 610 votes to claim the mayors seat in the Nov. 4 election. Only 17.35 percent of the city's voters came to the polls. Not gonna take it no more: Fed

the city's west side banded together to form a homeowners association Bridge work: After a summer of posturing between the Covernor

and the city's legislative delegation. expected to take two years to complete the project, which has been on he books for more than a decode state representative. Craig DeRoche, was named to a new

House committee that will look into DeRoche said he wants the state to consider regulating the utility the same way it regulates electric con-Bridge reopened: Businesses

along Grand River Avenue between Novi and Beck Roads gave a collec-tive sigh of relief Nov. 14 as Road Commission for Oakland County opened the new five-lane bridge months and \$7.6 million after they

Making in better: Managers at The Post bar said they were working hard to calm city council concerns about police calls at the popular

One bright spot: While a SEM COG report showed that 9,000 jobs have disappeared from the sevencounty region since 1999, Novi increase.

A bridge too low: Residents on

Novi's north side and city officials were at odds over the height of a culvert connecting. Shawood and Walled Lakes, Asa Smith, president of the Lake Area Home Owner, between the two lakes. City engineer Nancy McClain counter the culvert met the state permit require-

continued on page 9

course is part of the acreage. Markham named planning commission chair: Gwen Markham was elected as the new chair of the Novi Planning Nov. 19 meeting, Lynn Kocan was selected as vice chair, and John tor ruled 15-months without pay

Ringing in the Holidays; Novi's

ation shifts affecting

ssor, said the increase in mem-

gearing up with the city's annual holiday parade Dec. 3.

western Deirolt suburbs: Kur

Metzger, a Wayne State University

bers of minority populations mov-

ing to the suburbs is already having a large effect on the Novi/Northville area. Metzger, research director, Center for Urban Studies, and direc-

tor of the Michigan Metropolitan

Commerce at a luncheon.

Information Center, addressed members of the Novi Chamber of

Links of Novi rezoning approved: Members of the Novi

approved: Members of the Novi Planning Commission approved a zoning change for about 325 acres

Avdoulos is the new secretary,

Gander Mountain to bring bigbox store to Novi: Outdoor recreation retailer Gander Mountain announced plans Nov. 12 to onen a new large-format store at West Oaks Shopping Center in Novi in March

2004. The new retail store will occu-

ov the former Kmart building.

Narrow escape: Novi police were looking for a motorized purse snatcher who grabbed an lonin woman's purse Nov. 30 and then dragged her nearly 20 foot across the parking lot outside Borders

Attorney Gerald Fisher ruled Dec. 1 that a gathering of city council members to look at a culvert didn't constitute a meeting. The decision left Mark Robbins less than happy.

Turkey day vandal: By the time the phones stopped ringing in Novi, Farmington Hills and Waterford Hills Township police offices, 10 dealerships had reported that some one had scratched the paint on 175

vehicles, doing thousands of dollars closed out the year with a second

Fire suspects sought: Smoking kids were the prime suspects in a Dec. 5 blaze that charred 10 acres of Walled Lake wetlands next to the Fawn Lake Traiter Park. Key suspect: Police in Farmington and Novi filed charges against a 56-year-old West Bloomfield woman after car dealers

from Waterford to Novi reported scores of vehicles vandalized over the Thanksgiving holiday. Gotcha: Secret Service Agents and Wixom Police raided the Baymont Inn & Suites Dec. 3 and arrested two men sought in a multi-state ATM fraud that the U.S. Attorney's Office said netted the suspects at least \$3.4 million in 11

entence in a plea agreement.

of southwest Novi Nov. 5, moving West Bloomfield-based Singh Development's proposed Quail months.

Better bonds: Moody's Investor Services gave Novi a better bond rating which means the city can bor-row money at lower interest rates. reality. The Links of Novi golf

Almost two years after being sacked for falsifying time sheets, two of three Novi Police Dispatchers were brought in from the cold. A arbitrawas punishment enough.

Budgetary Bactine: City officials in Novi, Wixorn and Walled

Lake promised state revenue sharing cuts would not result to cuts in serv ice, at least for now.

Quail Hollow: Novi City
Council approved a 439-unit subdivision Dec. 13 that would snell the end of The Links of Novi golf

course, but could pave the way for the city's second largest park. Mall Mess: No one was seriously injured, but a four car wreck on Novi Road Dec. 18 gave holiday shoppers headaches for hours.

Boozers beware: Novi Police joined the more than 500 law enforcement agencies across the state in gearing up for the Christmas and New Years holidays with a simple message, "You Drink, You Drive, You Lose."

Court change eyed: Novi City Council members took the initial steps Dec. 16 to what could result in more local control for the 52-1 District Court, If ultimately approved, the change could lead to a ne change for the court and more money for local communities, Infant death probe: Novi police

in damage over the Thanksgiving Plea bargain dropped: The man

TV show "The Bachelor," at Borders Books & Music Nov. 26. shooting death of a Detroit man in Wixom last December decided he wanted to go to trail and risk life in prison rather than accept a 25-year songs from his new CD "3 Signs" and signed autographs.

new tenants: Novi's newest shop-ping center at 1-96 and Novi Road announced in mid-December that six new tenants will join the com-plex in the spring. Tenants will include four restaurants, a photography store and cigar shop

Local retailers say holiday figures look good: Managers and mar-keting experts from Twelve Oaks, i Town Center and Fountain Walk malls in Novi predict a 5 to 8 percent increase in holiday sales for the 2003 shopping season over last year's figures. Clothing, electronics and specialty gifts are the hot items

this year.

New sub on track: Tuscany
Reserve, a 58-unit proposed subdivision in Novi won preliminary approval Dec. 10 from the Novi family homes and will be located on about 77 acres on the north side of Eight Mile Road east of Garfield Read in southwest Novi.

Citizens Banking Corporation

announces a major expansion in Oakland County: Two branches are planned for Novi and one in Wixom. The second-largest Michigan-based bank holding company, Citizens will make a capital branches and two hub offices over

Michigan Legislature approved legislation to reduce the state's tax penalty on employer-funded health care benefits. The bills, sponsored by Sen. Nancy Cassis (R-Novi), will reduce the Single Business Tax placed on employer-funded health care benefits by 5 percent in 2004, 20 percent in 2005, 40 percent in 2006 and 50 percent in 2007.

Local Color expanding Brighton: Local Color, one of the development, will soon expand its brewery and distillery operations The new location, which will include a small tasting room but no restaurant, will open next spring it the former Thermofil plastics plan in Green Oak Township. The site is located on Whitmore Lake Road between Lee Road and Grand River Avenue just east of U.S. 23.

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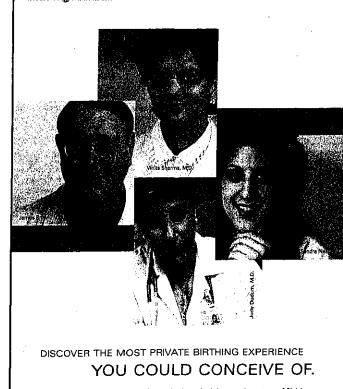
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our DPW, who unselfishly left their that morning, the roads were safe for the majority of travelers by the time they "hit the roads." they "hit the roads."

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Scouts of Novi's Pack 375, carry he American Flag during this Day parade

It all depends how you look at things

Time flies. Period. It doesn't matter if during the year and can summarize it betyou're having fun or not. It's always an interesting experience at

a newspaper to go through the Year in Review files and recall all the events that have taken place over the last 12

As an editor, in the past Eve always just had my reporters summarize their beats — business, schools, city, etc. — and we've done that the control of th that again this year. Some do it on a weekly basis so week of the year. Others choose the laborious task of doing it all at once.
There are benefits to both

methods, but the latter Cal Stone probably provides a better read because in December the writer order, but that proved to be a little too

ter. Those written on a weekly basis read more like a diary, if you will, or a writer's log. This edition's Year in Review includes both styles (Phil

Foley, all at once: Ramez Khuri, throughout the year) and a blend (Pam Fleming, who came on board our staff in May). This year I've done something a bit different, at least for me, by includ-

ing a Top Ten stories of the section on the front v well, and I don't believe there will be too much argument from readers (please let me know otherinitially intended to rank them in

are (probably) not as noticeable on this readership.

Some of our stories are bright lights,

like the Wildcats' charge. Others, like the murder of a small child, are dark However, positives can be drawn out of each, if you're willing to read, learn and be open to how stories can make your life

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Experience qualifies Republican Schwarz for turn in Congress

based on their resumes, Michigan would, pendent nature than his Republicanism. without any doubt, send maverick Republican John Joseph Schwarz to the

House of Representatives next year. they thought of Congress. Though he has Battle Creek and in the state senate, that's not his day job. He is a medical doctor who has been on the faculty of Harvard restaurant just outside Ann Arbor. Medical School and who still practices in

Battle Creek. He is a U.S. risky duty with the CIA during the Vietnam War. And for more than a decade, he won bipartisan praise for his work in the state senate, where he became known as the ranking expert on health care and higher education and as

the biggest champion of the state university system. "I'm solidly in the middle on enough issues that Jack Lessenberry

will be mad at me." he often says By turns char he has a no-nonsense attitude towards with putting a bunch of politicians in a an important issue and letting them go at it the good legislators realize there are favored in November no permanent friends, no permanent ene-

policy is made." ment's choice, Dick Posthumus, who lost RINO (Republican In Name Only)." in turn to Jennifer Granholm. Speculation was high that Schwarz might be asked to John McCain's campaign manager in join the Granholm administration, per- Michigan in 2000, when he upset George 2561 haps as surgeon general. That didn't hap- Bush in the state's primary.

pen, perhaps more because of his inde-

in, "get back in the game," U.S. Rep. "Joe" Schwarz may be the sort of man the Founding Fathers had in mind when crowded August primary field. "There are those views are, in fact, p a couple issues - health care and educahad a long career in politics, as mayor of tion - where I think I could make a con- Schwarz's handicap may have more to do tribution," he says over a plate of German with temperament than ideology. Frankly, sausages at Metzger's, a famous German Conservative on fiscal issues, "com-

> trol, Schwarz is also likely to he the best-known candidate, though Brad Smith, the congressman's 42vear-old son, is one of half-a-dozen Republicans in the race, (The Smiths made national headlines after father's charge offered him a \$100,000

bribe in the form of a campaign contribution to his

would vote for the Bush Administration's Most of Schwarz's primary opponents ought to make him the favorite. Any closed room when they are dealing with Republican nominee in Michigan's Seventh District is bound to be strongly do that."

mies, and the guy you just called a raving despite his record, Joe Schwarz may have of our great universities — that's (tanta-(expletive deleted) - might be your ally a hard time winning. For one thing, dyed-mount) to society eating its seed corn." tomorrow. I think that's how good public in-the-wool conservatives hate him.

Term limits last year meant he had to congressman," one anonymous voter ety's future. Whatever happens, this leave the state senate. Instead, he ran for posted on a conservative web site. "He is could be very interesting to watch. a pro-abortion, gun-grabbing McCainiac

"abortion should be safe, legal and rare," Yet now he has a chance to, as he puts and he was one of only a handful of lawmakers in either party who opposed legis-Nick Smith, R-Addison, is stepping down lation that allowed virtually anyone to

Those views are, in fact, probably close to the Michigan political mainstream. But he is not regarded as a very good cam-

"Actually, he is lousy at it," said Bill mon-sense" on gun con- Ballenger, publisher of Inside Michigan Politics. When he ran for governor, Schwarz found it hard to ask people for money, and harder to engage in slashand-burn sound bite politics.

Even though he racked up newspaper endorsements, he got an embarrassing 19 percent of the vote. This year's campaign may also feel like deja vu; in 1992, Schwarz started out as a favorite agains that other the elder Smith the last time the seat was

But Right-To-Life targeted Schwarz and in the end, he lost, 43-36 percent.

"I think I've learned a lot since then," son if the elder Smith Schwarz says. "Look, even if I win, I'll be 67 years old before I get there. I don't leadership role. But I know something getting it done. "There is nothing wrong are far more conservative than he, which about health care —we need to provide universal access, and I think I have some ideas other than a single payer system to

> "We need in this state, and elsewhere, Yet there are reasons to think that to do something to prevent the crippling What he would like to do is make this a

"He's unfit to be dog catcher, let alone campaign about this state and this soci-

Jack Lessenberry is editorial vice pres-Indeed, Joe Schwarz was U.S. Sen, ident of Hometown Communication can be reached by phone at (248) 901or by e-mail jlessenberry@homecomm.net.

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Frog Force 503 in FIRST: The Novi High School Robotics Club team, which is called Frog Force 503, gathered at the Novi Expo Center on Jan. 4 for the official kick off of the FIRST (For Inspiration and Recognition of Science and Technology) Robotics 2003 National Competition. \$1.4 million deficit challenges:

Assistant Superintendent of Business and Finance Jim Koster delivered some bleak news to the Novi school board when he suggest-ed that the district would have to make substantial adjustments to its spending patterns to offset a nearly \$1.5 million budgetary shortfall. Worse yet, Koster said the red ink probably wouldn't stop running in Students speak to U.S. Senator

Live by videoconference, a group of 10th, 11th and 12th grade students at Novi High School spoke to U.S. Senator Carl Levin on Jan. 14, askquestions to the Senator from the Novi High School media center and

Selvation Army bell ringing: Novi High students Valdis Lenss, Andrew Krupansky, Alice Zheng, Jill Johnston and Jeff Freers were five of 89 total students who volum teered to ring kettle bells for The Salvation Army during the December 2002 campaign. That set a new school record on the number of students participating in this event and the volunteers totaled 319

Emergent readers: Village Oaks Elementary School, with the help of Program. The program is a nation renowned, one-on-one autorial eading Center at the University of

Virginia.

ELL program support: A grant in the amount of \$5,750 was awarded to the Novi Community School District to add to the resources now used for all English Limited Learners (ELL). It was one of 29 grants provided by the Japanese Business Society of Detroit to various school districts and cultural groups in the area. This grant served approximately 250 students as a time.

MLK 15 mile walk: A group of Bowling fans had a chance to partie-

Novi High students signed up to take a field trip to West Bloomfield High School on Jan. 20 to participate in the annual walk honoring the late civil rights leader, Dr. Martin

Luther King.
\$22,629 raised in St. Jude
Math-A-Thon: Students at Novi
Meadows participated in the
school's Math-A-Thon program,
which is an educationally based I-raising program in which students obtain sponsors for the num-ber of math problems completed in special workbooks provided in that Meadows participated, raising a combined total of \$64,340.80 in all three years. This year alone, the school had 328 students participate, raising \$22,629.32 for St. Jude Hospital, a research hospital for

exchange program: Novi High School's sponsorship of the foreign travel program to Germany was sus-pended by the board of education Jan. 9 under Principal Jennifer Cheai's recommendation. She cited recent worldly events for her deci-sion. Students who were affected included one 10th grader, two 11th graders and two 12th graders.

February

Kratz, who was the Novi Community School District's super- Intendent from July 1972 through June 1980, passed away on Jan. 28 this year. According to Executive Director for Human Resources Bob Schramm, Kratz is responsible for Schramm, Kratz is responsible for super- Intendence of the Intendence of Inte Director for Human Resources Bob Schramm, Kratz is responsible for putting the school district on the verybody.

Full-day kindergarten: The Novi School's Board of Education two new scholarship opportunities granted optional, state aid funded, full-day kindergarten for the 2003for Novi High School graduates: The Marilyn Renee Camegie Memorial Scholarship and the Providence Hospital Health Career 04 school year. The surprise for

aring from the State Department

Feature Teacher: Every month

mancial difficulty.

Full-day pre-school: The Novi
Community School Board of
Education approved an optional,
fee-based, full-day pre-school year in
early Jan.

Facine budget Facing budget cuts: Valentine's around kids so much, she would do ay wasn't such a joyous occasion r the Novi Community School it even if she didn't get paid for it "It's what I do and it pays my bills, but after 24 years, 1 still look forward to getting up in the morning and getting here, she said. District this year because that was he day that Assistant imperintendent of Business and

Incumbents only ones run Carol Elfring and Dave Brown, both incumbents, were the only two run of Budget indicating that there will an executive order dictating that the school districts in Michigan. ning for positions on the Novi School Board. The election was cluding Novi, will receive less aid. held June 9. They both won.

ne Novi News honored a local May teacher for his or her excellence in the classroom. Novi Woods fourth and teacher Nancy Bain won for brusary because of her ability to through to her students and different things," said Damyanti furough to her students and rade teacher Nancy Bain won for



Brittany Hamilton, bottom, dances to surfer music at last Friday's Hawallan spirit day at Novi Woods Elementary. Joining her are Kaley Bowles, top, and Nicole Kozinsky.

make a positive impact on their Gupta, a Novi High School graduate lives. "I like so many things about teaching that it's kind of hard to and valedictorian of his 1986 class point to one thing," she said.

Orchard Hills cuts ribbon: big name for himself doing many Orchard Hills Elementary officially different things, like becoming neurosurgeon, a CNN medical cor-respondent, a White House Fellow, opened up its completed school to the public as it held a ribbon-cutting

ceremony and open house to we a writer, a sportsman, an actor, a singer and TIME magazine health come two major new building addiipate in a fun Saturday afternoon at Novi Bow! to help the Novi Youth Cosmopolitan and People maga educational scholarships as well as

Feature Teacher: Orchard Hills drug/alcohol awareness programs in order to continue preventative pro-Grabowski won for May because of her ability to get through to her stuinto the classroom in August feeling excited, fearful, and sometimes a lit Bridge construction no big deal for bus routes: Construction of the Grand River Bridge over the CSX tle insecure and isolated," she said, When they leave in June, they are

self-confident readers and problem Railroad Tracks prompted only minimal changes in the morning and afternoon bus routes, which Teri Moblo tapped for NEA board position: For years, the Novi Community School District has have caused minor to no delays in students getting home on time. been a model for all other districts in Michigan in terms of setting a stan-dard. Now Novi has a new reason to be proud. Teri Moblo, the current Feature Teacher: Lynn Barry won for March because of her ability to get through to her students and make a positive impact on their lives. "Teaching is different every day," she said. "That's what I like president of the Novi Educational Association and American History teacher at Novi Middle School, wa

Ready for anything: Worldly Association Board of Directors. The developments, which forced the United States to go to code orange, term is for three years and it started on Sept. 1. Nancy Davis takes over for brought up questions in the Novi Community School District as to retiring Rita Traynor: The Novi Community School District's Board how safe the schools are in case of a

of Education hired Nancy Davis as Dr. Rita Traynor's successor as Robert Schram, the district is ready. assistant superintendent Academic Services starting July J. Davis worked in the Michigan

Meadows Assistant Principal Jennifer Michos will take over for Two new scholarships offered Joe Imrick as Principal. the Galileo Teacher Lea

Deerfield honored by wildlife Schools came up with. to Novi High grads: The Novi Educational Foundation announced

federation: Decried Elementary is Michigan with the distinction being called a Certified Schoolyard Habitat. The National Wildlife

gr.

Tim Kava (Tony) lies in the (Maria) during a runduction of West Side Story. Federation awarded Deerfield the ities by volunteers and students that produced everything from a

Increasing population prompts changes at NHS: Buildozers, hard hats and lots of dirt will all be fixtures at Novi High School this sum mer, as the construction season has officially begun. Projects ranging from the expansion of parking lots to the total remodeling of the cafeteria and lunchroom atrium to a brance new two-story building are taking place from now until 2005.

Graduation marks new begin ning: The one thing that high school seniors have worked so hard their class participates in commencement ceremonies at the Compuware

ownship. Newsweek ranks Novi's as one of nation's top high schools: Anyone flipping through Newsweek Magazine lately may have noticed that Novi High School was ranked number 635 out of the 737 top schools in the nation. According to the magazine, the schools which were ranked have the strongest Advanced Placement or International Baccalaureate pro

new administrative position: Principal Jennifer Cheal's status has officially been elevated to a brand new position that the Novi Board of owned & operated. Education created, called executive director for Instructional Initiatives As such, Assistant Principal John Lawrence was elevated to principal and Assistant Principal Randy

earning. NHS's Andrew Krupansky named HomeTown Hero: Andrew Krupansky, a junior at Novi High School, was one of six volunteers and a business honored for giving countless hours of volunteer time to Oakland County non-profits. He County at a luncheon at the Marriot Krupansky was honored in the youth category. During his junior year, he took over as president of the Teen's Aiding the Cancer

Community (T.A.C.C.). Ketelhut won for June because of her ability to get through to her stuthe kids show their parents what they have accomplished," Ketelhut

Terry Garcia earns NEF's top teacher honor for 2003: Novi Meadows sixth grade teacher Terry Garcia was selected to be the Novi
Educational Foundation Teacher of the Year and she is enjoying the henthe Year and she is enjoying the ben efits to the maximum. She was given the opportunity to choose a car of her choice to drive for a year, free of charge from the Suburban

New way to save money: Novi School's Assistant Superintendent of Business and Finance Jim Koster has found a way to save the Novi Community School District close to Community School District Cost St \$160,000 next school year by purchasing electricity from the Michigan School Energy Cooperative instead of from Exelon,

the former long-time provider.

Traynor edits book to benefit
Galileo Leadership Consortium: Dr. Rita Traynor, who is retiring after an astonishing 31-year caree Department of Education for 13 as assistant superintendent of years and was in the school improvement office when it was mark in many ways, but one of cceds from sales go to help the Galileo Teacher Leadership Consortium. The book is a collec-

NEF's golf outing most successful ever: The eighth annual Novi Educational Foundation golf outing which raised money to facilitate student scholarships, teacher grants and to better the excellence of eduwas the most successful it has ever been. Approximately 135 golfers all gathered at the Links of Novi to showcase their talents, one of whom scored a rare hole-in-one, which

Catholic Central looking to reserve wildlife: Detroit Catholi Central's new Novi campus, which is scheduled to open in time for the 2005 school year, will be located in a heavily-wooded area near Wixon and Grand River Avenue. As such, taking every action possible to preserve the vegetation and wildlife as construction takes place.

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Elementary Schools will look a fittle lifferent from the inside this fall, a both will have new carpeting and tile installed. The main reason for the change, however, is not for cosmetic reasons, but to remove some non-friable asbestos tiles, which they were first built. According to Steve Sherwood of Pro-Tech Environmental, non-friable asbestos hich case, asbestos fibers could be

released into the air. New agreement cuts adult education by 75 percent: A compro-mise, reached between Cov lennifer Granholm and state lawmakers, cut adult education funds a drastic 75 percent but held steady the amount of money stu-dents in public K-12 programs would be given on a per-pupil basis.

Those who had been holding out disappointed by the news, but local administrators were generally

relieved.

Work on schedule for Novi school improvements: Construction at Novi High School and the brand new Novi Woods Elementary School building is moving right along as scheduled, and infew cases, ahead of schedule, According to Arthur Eckert, project engineer for Skanska Construction, when students return to the high school in late August, they will find that the first course of asphalt will be placed on the Ten Mile parking lot, the south parking lot off Taft Road and the bus loop just west of the cateteria. They should also expect to see the structural steel up.

Forced to update: The Novi and some masonry walls starting to

August

No contracts yet: By this time every year, teachers in the Novi Community School District usually don't have to worry about their contracts. This year, however, is differ ent. Because of the financial pickle that the state is in right now and the threat of educational funding being cut, the Novi Community School District, along with many other school districts in Michigan, does not have teacher contracts in place

Back-to-school shopping spree: The Mervyn's department store on a Novi Road and Grand River Avenua held a back-to-school shopping spree so that 30 at-risk or under-privileged students from Novi, South Lyon, the Lakes area, Huron Farmington Birmingham would have new Five children were chosen from each area and they are picked cause. That is why Brian Whiston,

District, city team up to help citizens: When the citizens of Novi needed it most, the city of Novi and the Novi Community School district combined their efforts to provide what they called comfort stations where people could obtain free hottled water, cool off in front of large industrial fans and use port-a-jolms during the 2003 Blackout.

Budget agreement signing means good news for Novi's schools: Gov. Jennifer Granbolm recently signed a state budget agreement which she believes is perhaps the most pro-education budget in the history of this state. Granholm signed the state budget agreement which states that the \$6,700 basic foundation grant for students will stay in fact. The biggest hit, howev-er, that the Novi Community School District took is in the adult education program, which took a 75-percent cut. Despite that, Emmett Lippe, Superintendent for the Novi Community School District, is

happy with the new development.

Woods staff finally moves into new building: Nobody in the Novi Community School District is more relieved right now than Novi Woods Elementary Principal Pam Ouitioni their school supplies and moving out and into the Instructional Technology Center for a year while Skanska and then rebuilt it from scratch, the staff is finally in their new school

Community School District is going come out of the ground on the new to be operating a little differently i the 2003-04 school year, as the theme "Reframing for the Future" will be in effect. Federal and state mandates have forced the district to adopt this theme, which Superimendent Enimett Lippe believes should have been in effect anyway. Lippe explained that there are two major aspects to reframing for the future: Achieving adequate yearly progress and making sure that what is taught is aligned with what will be assessed by the state of ers can't put all the emphasis on student achievement because they also have to worry about providing a ear-ing, learning environment and cli-

September

Whiston defends his spending: luron The American Heritage College and Dictionary defines a lobbyist as a person engaged in trying to influence legislators or other public officials in favor or against a specific according to their family's income director of governmental services and lobbyist for the Oakland

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Intermediate School District, feels - have gotten tagged once." that recent reports of expenses he made to cover a golf outing for two while attending a legislative confer ence in Palm Springs, Calif. and a trant ride for a group of legislators and lobbyists were legitimate

expenditures even if Oakland County taxpayers did furance them. Contracts approved: Well, it took a fittle while, but teachers finally have contracts in place for the new school year. A tentative teacher contract agreement was reached on Aug. 13, when a full bargaining teams meeting took place, but it was officially ratified on Sept. 4. Student safety number one pri-

ority: Increased parking space around Novi High School, combined with a whole lot of construction, has forced Principal John Lawrence and his staff to increase safety precautions around the school, "Right now we are in good shape," Lawrence said, "I don't feel that students are in jeopardy, but it's going to take a lot of cooperation from students and parents who are entering school property before school starts to drop the kids off as well as at the end of the day.

Novi School District set to receive \$286,866 from ISD: The Novi Community School District will have some extra cash on its hands very soon, courtesy of the Oakland Intermediate District. The ISD is set to reimburse 28 local districts including Novi, and two charter schools, for a \$9 million liber-optic network that it installed using special-education and vocational-education money.

Feature feacher: Novi Middle School's seventh grade teacher Nancy Bain won for October because of her ability to get through to her students and make a positive impact on their lives, "With kids atthis level, it's very engaging for them," Wizinsky said. PLATO Link now installed in

Novi Community School computers: Teachers in the Novi Community School District no longer have to wait for MEAP results any more to assess how their. Kittle Johnson, not anyone with a children are progressing in English language arts and mathematics after the Novi School Board of Education driver. Baggett explained that if approved a program called PLATO -

mechanic for 15 years. He couldn't recall an incident where the district was ever in trouble with red tags on its busses. "Last year our bus cheek was 100 percent, meaning every-thing passed the first time. The said.

The year before I think we might the said weeks ago when Wildlife Education stop school or they could cut pro-

Feature Teacher: Novi Woods third grade teacher Roberta Lazar and make a positive impact on their

Specialist Jesse Gabbard from Michigan United Conservation Clubs came visiting from Lansing. He brought four live birds of prey that can all be found in Michigan, but are either endangered or threat ened. The kids witnessed first-hand what a Red Tailed Hawk, a Grea American Bald Eagle look like lives. Lazar was modest in accent. They were also given an extensive

grams, but that has to be the deci-sion of the district. There are some districts that probably won't make it

through the year, but we're not in

came and went with legislators in

Michigan passing nothing in terms

of setting an amount of money that will be cut from the per pupil foun-

dation grant. That means that the

\$196 per student reduction (Nov

currently receives \$8,310 per stu-

order to ensure that the school aid

fund is balanced, has gone into

effect - for now. "The state will

tions for a while, and the district

doesn't know yet what those reduc-

tions will be." Koster said, "I have

be no reductions by the state."

Errors push back final MEAP

results: It looks as if the Nov

Community School District will have to wait a little longer to receive

final MEAP test results from the

State Department of Education Though preliminary scores, which

they were finally received on Oct.

20, indicated that Novi is doing well

in most subjects, they could change by the time final scores are sched-uled to be released on Jan. 30, 2004.

Fire caught in time at Novi High: Though school was already

out for the day, Novi High was evac-uated because of a small fire in the

Link Cafeteria area. According to

Principal John Lawrence, the fire

crews on campus was using a torch

to cut a steel beam and a spark from

the torch ignited a cardboard separation. The only visible flames we

on the ceiling area, but those were

quickly extinguished. Nobody was

hurt and there was no permanent smoke damage to the building. "We mainly had smoke in the building,"

Lawrence said. "As soon as

student came and told me that ther

was smoke coming out of an outlet,

so I followed her down there to have

walked into the auditorium lobby a

State cuts inevitable: Dec. 5



Novi Woods Elementary School student Nicky Cox gets a congratulatory hug from a buddy after picking up a spare at Novi Bowl last Friday morning.

ing her win. "They're kind of like lesson on what the birds eat, where class as a family."

Avoiding a turn for the worse:

Think you got what it takes to drive a school bus full of kids to and from school? Well, you better think again.
According to Novi School Bus Driver Trainers Pagie Baggett and somebody walks into the transporta-Link which has already been tion office on the corner of Taft and installed in the district's activork.

100 percent on his inspections:

John Zofchak has been a Novi bus

tion office on the corner of Taft and installed in the properties. In the properties of the

Tooman talks to them and tells them what the job entails, then they come to her for some real training.

Live birds of prey flock to

my kids," Lazar said, "I look at my they live and many other important

December

Mandated fund equity use: The Novi Community School District currently has a 14-percent planned fund equity for the 2004-05 school year. That equals almost \$8 million in cash. Fortunately for Novi, it is not in the same boat as some other school districts. But, according to Jim Koster, assistant superinter of business and finance, there is still need for concern. "If the state cuts money from the foundation grant, there shouldn't be a mandate that schools use their equity," he said. "It should be up to each district what to do. There are school districts that

Good news about reductions Though nothing is set in stone yet, i

does appear that school districts in will have an easier time dealing with per pupil foundation grant reductions than originally anticipated.

An executive order to balance the fiscal year budget was presented Dec. 10 by Governor Jennifer Granholm and State Budge Director Mary Lannoye to a join and State Committees. Appropriations Although state cuts are inevitable for the K-12 per pupil foundation grant, it may not amount that was being considered In fact, that number may be cut by

By Ramez Khuri

case. Though the 'Cats were at the

Wild 'Stangs take third It's amazing how much of a dif-

contest.
It was a tough meet with 13 of the top teams in the area compet-

points for a very close third-place

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brought freshman lineups, there were six junior high squads, 11 Class A varsity teams, and five varsity Class B. C and D squads, Novi High School's varsity crown. Their day started with a very nice showing in the jump competition with a solid 172.5

pulsory, round was even better with a 170 score that was second

a possible total of 10 wins the Wildcats were ferocious with nine

Of competition.

Both squads did more than that,

Wild 'Stangs gymnastics team

seventh-place finish in the state of Michigan March 7 as the combined Northville-Novi squad strutted their stuff in front of some of the most critical judges in the

Tennis qualifies for the finals The Novi Wildcats boys' tennis they plan on hopping on a bus and taking a well-deserved ride up there to show everyone just what

ovi tennis is all about With a third-place finish in the nine-hole and 18-hole play in the of the best for the first time in school history.

Three girls' track participants go to states

Now there are three. The Novi Wildcats girls' track and field team is going to be well represented in four events at the state finals this year in Grand Rapids. The finals meet, which is slated for May 31, will find senior Nina Schmitt, junior Jen Mehl and sophomore Christina Lis

season The Novi softball team has taken their foot off the brake and are slamming the gas pedal School, the Wildcats notched an straight to the floor when it comes 8-6 victory in some dreary condi-

Taking on Hartland in a double

KVC rivals in both games before beating Milford twice in a double header in KVC play as well. In Tournament, the Wildcats managed to go 2-3 on the day.

header, the 'Cats topped their

Kickers win KVC title Now we can call them the queens of the Kensington Valley Conference.
The Novi Wildcats girls' soccer

team secured their first-ever Kensington Valley Conference crown May 19 after tying rival Brighton 0-0. Two days later, the 'Cats secured that title with a 9-0 shelling of the Lakeland Eagles

Links team ends season on a

high note
Though the Novi Wildcats
girls' golf season has come to an
end, the squad can easily look
back on the season and see all of their triumphs.

The squad not only made drastic improvements over last year. but also set the school mark in process.

Against Hartland in the final

match of the season May 19, the girls found themselves setting a new school record for nine-holes with a 185-222 stomping of the Highlanders.

'Cats having success on dia-

mond
Late inning surges have propelled the Novi Wildcats Baseball team to win all five of their game: Wednesday, and then won all four of their games Friday and Saturday. First they blasted South Lyon 9-4 and 17-5, and then they edged out a very good Lake Orion club 7-6 and 9-7.

Lacrosse has to fight for first

Ah, victory at last, It was only a matter of time before coach Stan Zajdel and the Novi Wildcats lacrosse team were able to put one together - and home? In their final home game of the season against Troy High

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tions May 1. Three days prior, the Wildcats were on the wrong end of a loss, taking it on the chin from a strong Ann Arbor Pioneer squad, 7-1, April 18.

Ruggers have a need for

What the Northville-Novi Knights need is some break-away speed — but that's something that is either there or isn't.

cither there or isn i.
Unfortunately for the Knights,
When all is said and done, it

the MHSAA regional soccer playoff action at Dearborn High School.

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tug-of-war to the Birmingham Reid Buccaneers April 30.

The Buccaneers scored an early try in the game, touching the ball down for five points, but were

Jen Mehl in the pole vault. Girls have great showing at

The Northville-Novi rugby football club lost a defensive 11-5 of head coaching for Marsha

unable to score the point-after

The rookie track coach brought three girls to the state finals and left with a second-place finish from All-State sophomore Christina Lis in the high jump and

Wildcats take nigth at

The Novi Wildcats boys' tennis team took the long trip to Midland to compete in the Michigan High School Athletic Association State Tennis Finals May 30-31 and came away with a ninth-place fin-ish as they collected six points.

Not the situation they are

Midland's state finals Not a bad showing for their

used to

It was a rare experience for
Novi coach Bob Smith and his track and field squad. They went to the state finals and didn't bring first-ever trip to the state finals. In all honesty, such an event

> high school track and filed.
>
> This year, there were four stat titles tied or broken, and a slew of near-misses for those athletes looking to do so.
>
> For Novi, this meant that they ound themselves deep in one of the most competitive high school finals meets ever, and the weather vasn't about to cooperate for any

points to one thing — the intense increase in talent and interest in

Mustangs end Novi baseball

eason It wasn't the final showing the Novi Wildcats were expecting to have this season, especially to

their cross-town rivals.

The Wildcats, under the guidance of Rick Green, felt the sting of a season-ending loss as they fell to the Northville Mustangs in ne District title game 7-5.

Soccer loses heart-breaker to end season
It was a tough end to a great season for the Novi Wildcats soc-

cer team.

Earning their first ever title, winning the district tournament with a win over the Northville Mustangs and getting a bid into regional play. Unfortunately for Novi, that was where the trip ended. Taking

on a tough Canton squad, which seemed to be favored on paper, the Wildcats fell 2-0 in regiona tournament play. The Wildcats, who finished 15-3-2 on the year, had a heck of a run as they fought Canton every step of the way. By the end of the game, though down only 2-0, it

med that Novi knew what the

iltimate outcome was going to be.

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For those who were near the line, or standing with a good van tage point, it seemed as though that ball crossed the threshold. Of course, no one wearing black and orange would say so, but the faithful in green and white quickly exploded as the final

attempt to cross into the endzone by senior quarterback Mike Hart was waved off by the line judge in Novi's 31-28 loss in overtime to Brother Rice in the state semi final game. The call, which was an optionstyle play that gave Hart the choice to hand the ball to fullback Josh Buck or take it himself. came after Rice nailed a field goal to take the lead in their overtime

possession. "It was game 13 for us and we wanted to beat our opponent," Novi coach Tab Kellepourey said. "We have a lot of respect for Brother Rice, but we have a lot of respect for ourselves too. Our kids were fired up. We talked about

what we should do on the sidelines, and they were all in favor of going for it."

After the hand-off had gone to Buck on the previous three plays

that had went three, four and two yards respectively, it seemed as though all of the Brother Rice defenders would be keying on the big bruiser of a fullback. All, except, one. A Warrior came blitz-ing off the end, scooled around his blocker and put a hit into Hart's thigh pads just as the senior cut upfield with the ball. As he was falling forward, Hart stretched the ball and touched the

goal line as he hit the ground — but the play was waved off as the official said his knee hit the ground prior to the ball breaking "I thought it crossed." Hart said

didn't and that's all that matters." Tennis finishes season in style Now that's one heck of a finish.

The Novi Wildcats girls tennis team, led by coach Jim Hanson, showed that they deserved all of the nods they received in the rankings this year as they fought to an n the state of Michigan's Lower Peninsula tennis finals.

The Wildcats collected 15 points to finish in fifth place in

Division I, while Troy took first
with an impressive 28. Second

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Photo by John Helds Novi High's #3 ranked ten-

nis player Andrew Laskowski returns a warmup forehand while get to the court in a late-April home game.

vent to a very strong Ann Arbor Pioneer team with 23 points, Grosse Pointe South tied for third with Midland Dow with 19

Diana Ticu, a sophomore, was seeded first in the tournament and played strong throughout the day.
After earning a bye in the first
round, Ticu took on and defeated Port Huron Northern's Ashley. Hinton 6-1, 6-4 before edging out a very strong Stehanie Kossaras from St. Johns in three sets, 4-6, 6-3, 6-1. In the comi-final sound 6-3, 6-1. In the semi-final round Ticu finally fell to a surprise state champion in Rachel Hawkins, who hails from Midland Dow. he final of the match was 6-4, 6-

The fourth doubles team of following the game and then shrugged. "I can think it, every-Lauren Thomas and Becky Thomson found themselves seedone can think it, but the official ed in first place as well in the state finals. Their march to the semifinals was an impressive one. In their first match of the day, which was the second round, Thomas and Thomson pounded out a 6-4 6-4 victory over Jean Kim and Risha Kotecha of Midland Dow before beating Port Huron Northern's Diana Haidar and

Ashley Schneider 6-1, 6-1. In the semi-final round, the Wildcat duo fell to second-place finishers and

third-seeded Amelia Eaton and



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pulling out the oh-so-close victo-

ference 0,24 points can make in a cheer team gave it a run for the ing for the top spots. Falling in performance, placing them fourth play with five other teams. Out of behind Brighton, with 143 points, and definitely in the running for a possible total of 10 wins the and Hartland, with 139.45, the Wild Stangs collected 139.21 first place. The second, or com-

complete Wildcats finally bowed. Arena, out of its own Novi Invitational, However, neither a flu virus that swept the learn or the chilf of the cold temperatures of the gym were enough to keep things from the Novi Witdeats headed to with a

being exciting right to the end.

In the 11 team tournament Novi
was superb in a round-robin pool

Eastern Michigan University to compete in the MHSAA swim

finals with just one hope in mind - qualifying for the second day

not only qualifying for the second day but making their mark while

no legalite La AT AT

Novi's Lauren Carosio hits a backhand to Northville's Shannon Farris during their matchup.

The combined Northville-Novi

gymnastics team had a good showing across the board, but just couldn't top the home team or their very close neighbor at the Hartland Invitational Cheer hosts own invitational with good showing
Participating in the Invitational were 28 teams from across the state. Of these 29 ...

best overall. In the third and final but still showed with a reasonable

Maybe it's time for the Novi

Wildeats to break the tradition.

The Novi Wildeats tankers nau
the most impressive day, taking
Peninsula of Michigan has to
offer.

They say that football and base-

girls' volleyball to that list.

246.5. In all Novi finished with the fifth place award.

Spikers take on top-notch tal
Spike cratched and clawed their way to the Prozen Four semi-finals, only to be ousted in that round. This girls' yelleyball to that list

Icers frozen in final fours they were there as well.

The Novi Wildcats tankers had

competed and placed. Gymnastics finishes ninth in

Photo by John Heider

girls' volleyball to that list. year, their defeat came in the form In a marathon day of grueling competition that took 9 hours to Cardinals March 6 at Compusure of rebuilding and teaching, the straight to wins.

managed to make it into much, much more.

A second-place finish in the

Spring team can easily answer the ques-tion of how to get to Midland for the state tennis finals. For them,

missed from the state finals run, but not Novi. The talented crew of netters, under the coaching guidance of Jim Hanson, carned 20 points to secure a place at Midland to compete with the best

Softhall hit hot streak late in

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In first doubles, Cotene Brockman and Emily Holt found themselves with a second-seed and a lot of top teams to contend with. After a first-round bye, the girls went to work. Their first victory came in the form of a 6-2, 6-2 drubbing of Romeo's Kerry Serecky and Sarah Stonehouse before they advanced to Lone. before they advanced to top Troy's Sarah Campian and Sara Suckstorff 6-2, 6-3. The following match didn't have such a happy ending though, and the girls fell to the fourth-seeded and eventual state champion Traverse City Central duo of Alex Alward and Christine Milliken, 6-1, 6-2,

Tennis team qualifies for states, wins regional For the Novi Wildcats girls ten-

For the Novi Wildcats girls tennis team, going to the state finals may be a repeat of last year – but they are planning on an even better showing this time around.

The Novi tennis team, coached by Jim Hanson, won their regional with an impressive showing by earning 28 points while Farmington Mercy escaped into the state finals as well with a second-place finish of 24 points.

Last season, the Wildcats took eighth place in the Lower

eighth place in the Lower Peninsula finals, and this year they plan on having a similar showing and maybe a better placement.

In the regional meet, the Wildeats didn't seem to have too much trouble as they won five out of the eight flights.

State-ranked soccer falls to Northville in playoffs

Northylle in playoffs

Novi soccer coach Brian
O'Leary made it very clear that
whoever got the break in the game
between Northyille and Novi
would win the contest. Well, it

was Northville who got the break. Sometimes, those breaks are harder to take than others, especially when it leads to an overtime period in which Northville captured a 3-2 victory.

Soccer team has great success

Soccer team has great success It's been a good year to be a Novi Wildeat soccer player.

The Novi soccer team, coached by Brian O'Leary, finished off their regular season play with a dominating win over Pinckney, 8-0, and a 4-1 win over Milford.

With six players missing thouse.

With six players missing thanks to PSAT testing, the Wildcats had the opportunity to find room for all of their players to get plenty of time on the field. Needless to say, it paid off.

Novi wins Baseline Jug ---Again

In the end, it was all about the In the end, it was all about he win. Sure, it was great to have the Baseline Jug back in Novi for the year and it was great to top their biggest rivals – but to the Novi Wildeats, the most important thing was the victory. Novi secured at 9-0 regular senson run with an impressive 35-16 win over a very determined.

win over a very determined Northville Mustangs football team October 24. The win marked Novi's third-straight win over Northville as well as a 17-16 lead in the all-time series.

Wildcats stay undefeated, top South Lyon

The crowd poured from the stands and the teams gathered in the endzones at the Novi High School football stadium, and the rain started to come down about the fans and players as the Wildcats began chanting their fight song.

One could have thought, at that

very moment, that the rain was a perfect symbol of the tears of agony for the South Lyon Lions, or tears of joy for the Novi

The Novi football team, under the guidance of Tab Kellepourey, kept their record unblemished and



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

Photo by John Heider

in Brooklyn.

took their destiny in their own hands with a 17-15 victory over the Lions Friday. The loss for South Lyon, however, was their first of the year and knocked them

into second place in the conference standings. Control of

Boys' cross headed to state finals for sixth-straight year

For the sixth straight year, the Cats cross country boys are going to make the trip to the Michigan International Speedway

Competing in one of the tough-est Regionals in the state is never an easy task, and the Wildeats have managed to do it through the years - though coach Bob Smith

would like to see the talent in the

Regional spread out
"Region 7-1 is a blood bath,"
Smith said. "Too bad the MHSAA does not care that top schools are

left home."

And, much like the Michigan High School Athletic Association was able to change the tennis Regionals, they have the power to rectify the situation.

"Every year they have the opportunity to fix some of the problems that are plaguing our sport," Smith said. "Every year, they choose not to."

Luckily for Novi and two other Kensington Valley Conference schools, they can worry about that next year. Until then, they have a major competition on their hands with the Lower Peninsula cross country finals. The Wildeats took second place behind the Milford Mayericks, who have an unofficial third-place ranking in the nation. Also escaping from the Regional was a very strong Pinckney team in third place. Howell took fourth, but didn't

Girls' harrier squad has

bright conference showing
When it comes to Kensington
Valley Conference cross country,

no team can be ignored.

The Novi Wildcats girls cross country team is well aware of that, and made a point out of finishing their opponents off with some fleet-footed harriers as they ran to a 21-38 victory over Kensington Valley Conference rival South Lyon September 23.

Seven-hour match stymies Wildcats

Wildcats

It wasn't the showing Brad
Huss was hoping to see out of his
Wildcats – but what could he
expect out of a match that lasts over seven hours?

The Wildcats golf team had to struggle through those conditions as they found themselves shooting a 326 on the first day - a score

a 326 on the first day – a score that failed to move them up into the top 13 schools for the second day of competition.

It ended up being just one stroke that cost the Novi Wildcats a qualifying score, and they finished for a tie in 14th-place in the letter with Fighton and Holl state with Brighton and Holt.

Golf makes finals once again It's nothing new for the Novi Wildcats — but it's exciting

nonetheless.

The Wildcats boys golf team will once again represent their school and their community as they play against the best of the best in the state finals. That's after a particularly good showing that found them finishing second in the regional tournament behind a

the regional tournament behind a very impressive Detroit Catholic Central squad.

The Wildcats were led by Brandon Cigna – or, more pre-cisely, everyone was led by Cigna. The Novi senior shot a two-under 69 to earn the medalist position at the regional tournament.

Tankers prove to be road warriors

It's not easy being road war-riors, but that's the only choice the Novi Wildcats girls swimming and diving team has this year.

With no home pool to swim in due to the school construction, the Wildcats have been practicing late nights at Northville's pool and competing only on the road. The closest thing the Novi tankers have had to a home meet was when they took on Northville and fell 182-133 in an eight-lane scor-

ing meet earlier this year.

The Wildcats recently had another close-to-home meet, as they took on and defeated the South Lyon Lions 100-86 in a Kensington Valley Conference match-up.

By Sam Eggleston

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