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Mayor: Novi's stock keeps clim SPECIAL PHOTO PAGE

Life lessons

It's all about survival in the great outdoors, Novi Meadows annual trip to the Walled Lake Outdoor Education Center went off without a hitch with students

learning about wildlife, respecting the selves and others, and survival skills during the twoand-a-half day trip. — Page 15A

BUSINESS



New digs for vets

Meadowhrook Veterinary's of Drs. Joe Osbourne, Morris Christleib and Mary Collisi take a look at office cats "Sam" and "Guy" (who's doing the lick-ing). Meadowbrook recently opened up shop at the shopping plaza at northwestern corner of Ten Mile Road.

REGIONAL MARKET

1-22-0 Looking good ŕ

> Town & Country Eyecare's new home is only the second location for the uctry practice

founded by Dr. Timothy Kirk in February of 1994 - Page 6B



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By Phil Foley STAFF WRITER In an atmosphere reminiscent of a Big Three new product rollout, complete with a flash video to kick things off, Novi Mayor Lou

Lou Csordas

could become

infractions, not

misdemeanors

Novi Planning Commission members unanimously approved Jan. 14 a recommendation to City

in city policy, but it actually has some rather far-reaching conse-

quences. First, the amendments would decriminalize these minor offenses

Per pupil

yet again

By Ramez Khuri

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amount of that reduction keeps getting lower and lower. Governor Jennifer Granholm's

original proposal of a \$196 reduc-tion was cut to \$96 last month, then to \$84 - and it may go even

According to State Budget

Director Mary Lannoye, the state of Michigan completed closure of

STAFF WRITER

Officials

lower

By Pam Fleming

AFF WRITER

Csordas painted a rosy pic-ture of the city at the Hotel Baronette Tuesday with the Sandstone debacle behind it

and a long list of residential and commercial develop-ments ahead of it. Incoming Novi Chamber of Commerce Chairman Keith Wilson declared the new mayor, "the kind of guy who wilson said the city's "silent majority" spoke out this fall and elected someone who will listen to the city's residents and business community. and business community. Csordas promised that "bal-ance, common sense, respect and flexibility will be the key" to City Council in Novi. He said the city will uphold and update its land-use master

update its fand-use master plan, while adopting "zoning that makes sense." The mayor, who fell afoul of the city's sign ordinance himself during the campaign, listen to the city's residents

Prepare for landing

said the ordinance needs to be amended to allow for signs for one-day special events. He added the city needs to re-examine its prohibition on residential garages that residential garages that exceed 1,000 square feet. Overall, however, Csordas focused on the city's accom-

plishments over the past year. He pointed to the city's recent bond rating upgrade by

New York's Moody's Investor Service, which will save resi-dents thousands of dollars, and to the eity's office occu-pancy rate, which is five percentage points better than the

contract of the sector with the region's Csordas cited "prudent fis-cal decisions" for allowing the city to move forward without

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Penalty may change for violating zoning and sign ordinances Offenses

MASTER PLAN MEETING

The public is invited to attend another Master Plan & Land Use Citizen Input Meeting at 10:30 a.m. Jan. 24 in City Council Chambers at the Novi Civic Center.

This is the second in a series of meetings in which planning commissioners are requesting ideas and feedback from members of the community. For more information, call Darcy Schmitt at (248) 347-

0586 committed by ordinary citizens.

Second, since such violations yould be subject to a formal hearing and not a preliminary exam, no juries would need to be involved. Third, and probably most impor-tantly, with a civil infraction, a judge

Financial news better and better for schools

CLARIFICATION

grant reduction Last week's article 'Per pupil could decrease foundation grant reduced to \$84" should have stated that the state's per-pupil grant will be reduced by \$84. Governor Jennifer Granholm's original proposal of a \$196 reduction Novi Community School District know that the state will be cutting its per pupil foundation grant, but the

was out to \$96 last month and then to \$84. The Novi **Community School District** currently receives \$8.310.

its financial books for fiscal year 2003 on Dec. 23 with publication of its Comprehensive Annual Financial Report. The school aid fund closed with a year end posi-tive balance of \$113.7 million, more than originally anticipated.

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Kevin Preville, 16, of Commerce, enjoys a tumble through the air after launching off a homemade ramp while sledding down North Novi Park's hill last Thursday afternoon.

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Sobriety Court graduates celebrate redemption

--- Page 13A Council to change the penalty for violations of zoning and sign ordi-nances from a misdemeanor to a nances from a misoemeanor to a civil infraction. This means that zoning and sign ordinance violations could be treated more like parking tickets than criminal offenses in the near future. It may sound like a minor change

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By Phil Foley AFF WRITER

If there's anything that ouickens, an American's heart quite like beat-ing the odds, it's redemption. Last Tuesday night at the Novi

Civic Center was all about beating the odds and redemption.

The olds and recemption. One by one the 42 graduates of the latest session of the 52-1 District's Sobriety Court came to the city council chambers podium and told a bit of their story. They used words like toxic, mis-erable and lonely.

erable and lonely. According to Judge Brian MacKenzie, these are not people who tipped one too many at a wed-•ding 1 eception or stayed too long at an office party. Sobriety Court graduates are party country court gial last chance.

"My heart is beating as fast as the day I got pulled over," said Cheryl

McDowell, standing at the podium. By the time she got to MacKenzie's court, she'd racked up five arrests for driving under the influence of alcohol - and that wasn't even the record. That went to another defendant

who came in with nine. "We're talking people with serious substance abuse problems," said the judge.

Mike Cantanzaro, who has been sober for a year now, said he was "on my way to death" before he found himself in Sobriety Court. He said completing the program was "just like being born again." Melissa Carr talked about the

look in her father's eyes when she was put in a squad car for the last time and the sleep her mother lost worrying over her. When these

When these people entered Sobriety Court, they were not the kind of people you'd trust to watch your dog, much less your kids, and

yet many of them have kids themselves.

Denine Benavides admitted that "my three daughters had been put through hell their whole lives and I didn't know it until I went through this program."

Before the program, said Kevin Carlson, "I had one friend -- my botthe of booze." Today he's engaged. Kimberly Austin, who just got her driver's license on Jan. 15, said,

"I'm getting bits of my life back." MacKenzie said the youngest graduate from Sobriety Court this time is only 19, the oldest is in his mid-60s

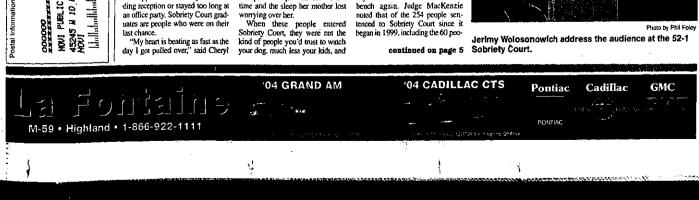
He said he expects to see few of He said he expects to see lew of any of them back in front of his bench again. Judge MacKenzie noted that of the 254 people sen-tenced to Sobriety Court since it began in 1999, including the 60 peo-

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Photo by Phil Foley

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Jerimy Wolosonowich address the audience at the 52-1 Sobriety Court.



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The Straight Scoop: Digital Hearing Aids Can Significantly Improve Your Quality of Life

According to the U.S. Department of Health, 28 million Americans, or 1 out of aids are very affordable today and are available newest generation of smart digital hearing aids more flexible than the analog hearing aids they every 10 people have a treatable hearing in a variety of styles and sizes. Yet they still and is a quantum leap forward in digital hearing replace. To take full advantage of the newest dig

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Digital hearing aids are, by nature, much

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Csordas: Novi's stock is on the rise

\$10,541.60 in city revenue annucontinued from front page

ally, Still, he noted, "Novi is the utting staff or services as the state 's rainy day fund dried up and state evenue sharing was slashed. "It is good to be a fiscally respon-tion of the state of the st "It is good to be a fiscally respon-sible, growing community," he told Novi Chamber of Commerce and Troy." Csordas credited that In the decade ending at the turn to "the fiscally responsible deci-

of the century, Novi saw its popu-lation burgeon 43 percent to 50,000. Csordas anted the when he moved to Novi in 1976, there the moved to Novi in 1976, the move the move to Novi in 1976, the move the mo were only four restaurants. Today "There is no pork in Novi's budgsaid, there are more than 100.

At the same time he pointed to a S6 million voter-approved bond issue that has led to major road improvements along 12 Mile Road, Grand River Avenue and Beck Road. The latest is the rebuilding of the Beck Road inter-He added that the city, and the region, is served by more than 2 million square feet of retail space. To house Novi's growing popu-lation, 19,717 housing units have been built. Half of them are single rebuilding of the Beck Road interfamily homes ranging from mod-est homes on 30-foot lots in a subchange with I-96 - slated for comchange with 1-90 - stated for com-pletion next year. "Am 1 optimistic?" asked the mayor. "You bet 1 am, and for good reason. Our future is so bright, I have to wear sunglasses division that was platted in the 1920s to the 15,000 square foot estate homes located on 10 acres,

said the mayor. The balance of the city's housing stock, he said, is split between condos, 23 percent; and I just can't stop smiling." apartments,16 percent; and Phil Foley is a staff writer for mobile homes, 1 Ipercent the Novi News. He can be reached

He noted that in one develop-ment, Bellagio, on Beck Road, the at (248) 349-1700 ext. 108 or at average home is selling for \$1 pfoley@ht.homecomm.net, million, which generates

New ambulance home opens

By Philip Alimen HOMETOWN NEWSPAR Depending on the victim's conditions, HVA paramedics will trans-port patients to their hospital of choice, according to Vince Waryas, HCVA paramedic supervisor. "It hinges on the patient condition and choice. Their medical condition Six months after starting service in the area, Huron Valley Ambulance has a new home. The Plymouth-based company will help determine that choice." opened a station off Pontiac Trail in Someone requesting transport to Beaumont Hospital in Royal Oak Milford Township to help cover Milford Township, Milford Village and Wixom for emergency transport while suffering a heart attack is not appropriate, he said. For southern Milford and Wixom, the closest hos-pital is Providence Hospital in Novi. Farther north the closest medical "Southwest Oakland County is a growing area for HVA, and we need o have a station there," said Paul center is Huron Valley-Sinai ood, vice president for HVA's eastern operations. "We would like our medics to become as much a part of According to Waryas, HVA averages five to seven calls in a 24-hour period in the Millford-Wixom area. "We have to be close to limit the response time," he said. "With this the community as possible." Under normal conditions, three imbulance crews are stationed throughout the three-community area to keep response-times to a minimum, Huron Valley Ambulance new station, we can limit the response time to two minutes dready has a station in South Lyon. The new station is located at instead of 10 minutes." For more information on Huron Valley Ambulance, check them out 50224 Dennis Court, just west of the Wixom city border. online at www.hva.org. "The municipalities invited us to come in to provide 9-1-1 services," said Joyce Williams, spokeswoman Philip Allmen is the editor of the Milford Times. Reach him at (248) 685-1507 ext. 20 or by at pallfor HVA. "We never go into an area where we're not invited. men@ht.homecomm.net

Bush's tax policies examined in Novi

policies moderated by State Rep Craig Roche (R-Novi). Joining McCotter will be Harry Veryser, Organizers of the Citizens for a Sound Economy are promising that their Bush Tax Cut Symposium won't simply be an advertisement for the administra-Walsh College's economics chair man, and Dr. Don Byrne, who teaches at both Walsh and University of Detroit-Mercy. tion's economic policies. tion's economic poincies. US Rep. Thaddeus McCotter (R-11th District) will join with two local economists in the McKenzie Room at the Novi Executed 2320 are todowin The trio will evaluate the Bush tax cut program, discuss the state's economic picture and take Expo Center at 7:30 p.m. today in questions from the public. The a discussion of the Bush tax cut event is free.



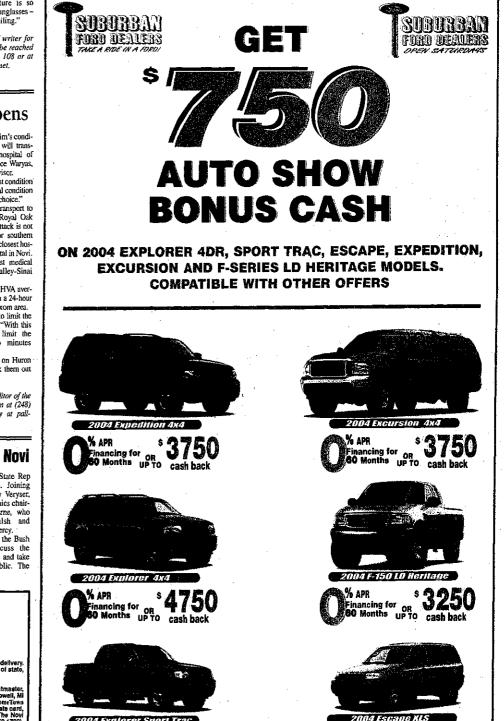
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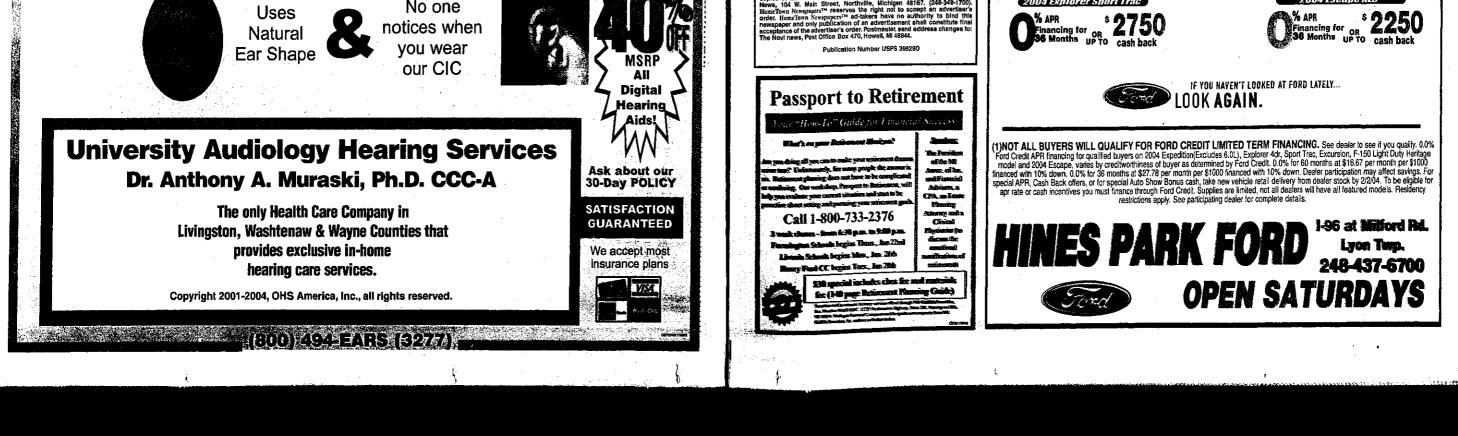
Mayor Lou Csordas discussed the various projects in the City of Novi and the stages they are in.





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Lorl Winans of Cleveland grooms her standard poodle "Dijon" at the dog show held at the Novi Expo Center the weekend of Jan. 17. Winans was grooming the poodle on Friday afternoon for a judging to take place later



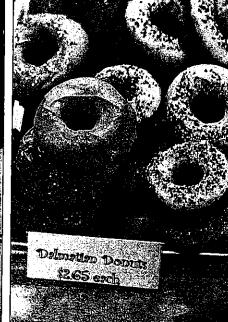


Golden retrievers "Chynna", left, and "Secret" hang out with their owners Sue Thomas and Monica Everts while scanning the crowd for other dogs during the show.

a photo essay IT'S A DOG'S LIFE by JOHN HEIDER







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Financial news better and better for schools Grads

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In addition, joint actions In addition, joint actions fincluding the passage of a six-month pause in the personal income tax reduction) of Governor Jennifer Granholm and the Legislature in December identified nearly \$90 million in additional funds to mean k 15 continued from front page people who didn't complete the propeople with that relative the part gram, only four have been arrested again for DUI. The judge noted that of all first-time DUI arrestees, one in three are arrested a second time. "With this additional funds to support K-12 education in the current fiscal Locally, that means the Novigroup," he observed, "you'd expect a much higher recidivism rate." He credited the program's success to its intensity. He said that while district's foundation grant of \$8.310 per pupil will now be reduced by only \$79 to \$84. That's still a decrease in funds

most similar programs last a year or less, he opted for an 18-month pro-gram after talking to substance abuse researchers at the University from the state, but it's a far cry from \$196. That amount could decrease even more in February to reflect

of Michigan. MacKenzie said that rather than follow the model of the state's first Sobriety Court, which sentenced every one to a program, he decided to follow the Albuquerque model, which focuses its resources on a small percentage of the population. "It gives a chance," said Curol Ravicchio, director of the Oakland County Chapter of Mothers Against Drunk Driving, "to people who have problems facing their demons." Ravicchio was one of the scores of people filling the Novi City Council Chambers for Sobriety Court graduation. While MADD has been most noted for its aggressive push to criminalize drunk driving and its chiminalize arunk onlying and its demands for tougher sentences, Michele Compton, a MADD mem-ber who sits on the Sobriety Court's advisory board, said, "We just want to get drunk drivers off the read, and ve don't care how it's done," David Wolock, who served in the Wayne County prosecutors office for 29 years and is now a defen-

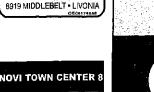
dant's advocate, called the program "tough and smart." He said it gives people the "tools and support" they need to change their lives. MacKenzie said that one of his carlier graduates who had been addicted to heroin, cocaine, marijua-na and alcohol for two decades has the after account for two decides has gene back to school to get a degree in social work so he can help others. David Boyce summed up a lot of graduates' feelings. "I've got a lot of work to do and I know I can do it."

purchases in fine jewelry Phil Foley is a staff writer for the Novi News. He can be reached at (248) 349-1700 ext. 108 or at valid Friday, January 23 thru Sunday, January 25 cuoses Great Buye, Watches, Special Events and Designer Collections, unuer present this coupon for savings, Cannot be combrad with any el descuint ofter, Not valid on previously priorbaset items. Fine Jewein el avaitable at Downtown Birmingham, Richland Mall, Hortfulate Malt, pfoley@ht.homecomm.net OUTSIDE STORAGE

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between \$79 and \$84 as of last Thursday, but that's not even set in stone," said Jim Koster, Novi's assistant superintendent of Business and Finance. He estimates the latest state reduction for Novi will now drop from \$610,000 to somewhere between \$450,000 and \$510,000. "I'm making these calculation based on what I think it should be, but we have received no clarification on that from the state yet," he said.

"At this point, we're looking at

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decisions from the Revenue Estimating Conference held last Wednesday. It paints a slightly rkhuri@ht.homecomm.net.

HOW NOVI IS MAKING UP THE DIFFERENCE

Regardless of the reduction in cuts, the Novi Board of Education has implemented a reduction of

\$229,700 from its budget through eight cuts of its own, which are still in effect.

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Discontinue all district funded conferences

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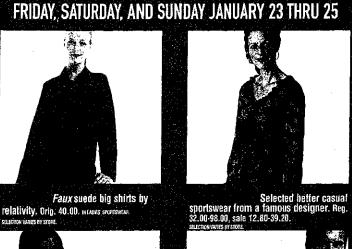
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A quintet of German pointers and their handlers, including one at the left who bends down to share a kiss with her pooch, await their fate from the judges during the recent Livingston County Kennel Club Dog Show held at the Novi Expo Center. The three-day event brought dogs of all shapes, sizes and breeds and their owners from all over the Mona Seering of Clare carries her pomeranian Tyler, who is a mere four months old. Midwest to Novi.





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Island Lake of Novi projects on the move for Toll Bros.

Planning Commission preliminary approvals OK'd

By Pam Fleming

harmington Hills based devel oper Toll Brothers Inc. recently on approval from the Novi ward with their private waterfrom



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The proposed condominiani units would be built on about 6.69. acres of the levelopment. Here was series discussion or the datasets or setual tybels en-the participation function and adjacent monenty. Die city requires an 20 property the trive exprises as so toot retired, from side and rear yards foll Boothers provided only 55 feet and 10 trees, respectively. The developer will require a viance from the Zoung Board of opports on the association. A set to or the association of setting. earth beting as to required next h parking areas his none has been provided by visione from this

puters just north of the area.

Penalty may change for violating sign, zoning ordinances

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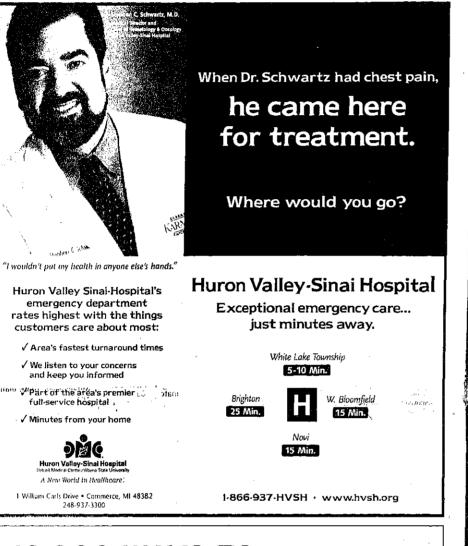
around when pulling a boat trailer. mine," Avdoulous said, park is just north of the area. The proposed waterfrom put to the area and heat lends waterfrom put to the north of the sould be and lead boat lends with the source low parking spaces. This first Brothers did, however, agree sourced or discourds with the source low parking spaces. This first Brothers did, however, agree sourced or discourds a source low sould to at about 2.5 agrees out of 907 area or the ing very hard to comply with the source of property.

"This strikes me as the proverbial case of trying to fit 10 pounds into a 5-pound bag. You have this tiny piece of property that you're trying to do too much with." Gwen Markham

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that you're trying to do too much with. I think we need to either adjacent to the waterfront park and parking area has not been change the RUD or have you put sold yet in picnic areas and other things outlined in the original RUD. We wouldn't have a problem amend-Pain Fleming is a staff writer for the Novi News, She can be reached at (248) 349-1700, ext. 105, or at

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Taser subdues distraught Wixom man

By Phil Foley was laughing at me," said Yon. Yon said he knew that if he and his fellow officers tried to subdue It could have ended very badly the suspect, "there'd likely be at in the wee hours of Jan, 4 when Wixom Police got a call about a distraught man armed with a samurai sword. What they found least one injury and it would prob-ably be me." About that time, Deputy Roddy arrived on the scene, armed with a Taser. Yon said the suspect laughed at Deputy Roddy and threatened to do great harm. A moment later, recalled Yon, the man "let out a near Potter Road was a very large, very unhappy man with a neck wound, but still capable of doing Some scrious damage. Sgt. Charlie Yon was backing up Oakland County Sheriff's Deputy David Roddy at an acci-dent scene on Benstein Road at 2 little squeal" and "dropped like a house," According to Yon, the man was first taken to an emergency room. a.m. when dispatch reported a 6foot-7, 270 nound man armed Vinh a large machete in the Trans of Loon Lake neighborhood. Yon, who stands 6-2, said he found an intoxicated man, bleed-ing from the neck, who was so big "homode me feel like a little boy," The man's giffriend gave offi-two semural swords and a with a large machete in the Trails with his girffriend and was extremely uncooperative, said You. He tried to spray the suspect with pepper spray, bat the wind blew it back in his face. "The guy

Police seek tool-wielding robber

By Phil Foley TAFF WRITER

Wixom police are looking for a smash-and-grab robber who made off with a bank deposit bag from a factory in the 50000 block of Pontiae Trail about 3:30 p.m. Jan. 13. According to Detective Jim Osborne, the compa-ny's officer manager told investigators that she was sitting in her car when a man smashed the car's driver's side window with a pair of long-handled bolt ters and demanded her purse, keys and bank deposit bag.

Investigators aren't saying what company is involved or how much money was taken. They are, however, checking the surveillance camera tapes of the nearby businesses. Osborne said surveillance tapes from Wixom area businesses last year helped in the conviction of two Detroit men involved in the contract killing of a Wixom factory worker. Osborne said the officer manager, who has worked for the company for 10 years, told investigators that

she's certain her attacker wasn't a co-worker However, he noted that since the woman made the business' bank deposit the same time every day, investigators haven't ruled out inside involvement. Osborne said that while Wixom police arrived ments after the woman dialed 911, they didn't get

there in time to see the suspect's dirty, greeh, four-door Chevrolet drive off westbound on Pontiac Trail. The victim told police that it appeared the suspect had removed the license plate from the small car. "We're really hoping someone will call us," said Osborne, Anyone with information regarding the robbery can call the Wixom Police Detective Bureau

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cars with one of the \$800 units eventually, it doesn't have any of the devices on the street yet. Tasers look like futuristic handguns, but instead of bullets the device fires (up to 21 feet) two probes attached to insulated wires that deliver a low-amperage 50,000 volt jolt on contact. According to Det. Jim Osborne who volunteered to take a Tase: bit during training recently, "It's the most painful thing I've ever felt. I never want to do that again." "There's nothing you can do," said Yon, who also took a hit durand for who also dok and there where it hok four sithes to close a neck wound that missed his jugular vein by about a half-inch. The fill down, it wouldn't hurt Yon said the man was then sent to a psychiatric facility, "where,

it spinning across the median into southbound M-5. The Honda, according to reports, then ricocheted back across fou M-5. Both cars had to be towed, and the West Bloomfield woman was cited for violation of basic

year-old, light-complected white male with no facial hair, standing about 5-foot-

7 and weighing approximately 160

pounds

in a 40 mph zone. The driver, a 20-year-old Novi woman, denied having been drinking, but

when she registered a blood alcohol content of . 058, she was charged with operating a vehicle under the age of 21 with a blood

Erratic driving leads to alcohol content. She was also charges cited for driving without a Officer Kristie Gmenwald license. The woman wa stopped a 2002 Yukon near Cherry Hill and Meadowbrook released after posting a \$100

Bussian to trouble

Police Report

A 47-year-old Farmington man escaped injury Jan, 15 when his 1998 Ford was broad-

sided by a 2002 Honda, driven

Bloomfield woman, as he head-ed north on M-5 about 4 p.m.

According to a report filed by

Bloomfield woman was entering the highway when she lost con-trol of her Honda on ice and

snow and slammed into the pas

senger side of the Ford, sending

anes of traffic to the east side of

Minor in possession

Officer Ayren Edgar stopped a 2001 Lincoln on Novi Road near 10 Mile at 12:42 a.m. Jan

15 after he clocked it at 54 mph

bond

Officer Jeff Brown, the West

by a 45-year-old West

r-boned

spotted it driving erratically. The driver, a 44-year-old Novi man, was charged with operating Officer Ayren Edgar spotted a 1998 Ford Explorer driving susunder the influence of liquor piciously near 11 Mile Road and Town Center at 12:58 a.m. Jan. 16. The driver, a 40-year-old Russian man from Walled Lake, after he failed field sobriety tests and registered a blood alcohol content of .087. He was later released after posting a \$100 said he'd had a fight with his bond. girlfriend and was looking for the Firestone store. The man, in

Straddling lanes broken English, also admitted to

Officer Jeremy Stempies stopped a 1996 Pontiae Grand Am on Novi Road near 1-96 after he clocked it at 50 mph in a 40 mph zone while straddling two lanes. The driver, a 19-year-old Waterford woman, denied having anything to drink, but she failed field sobriety tests and registered a blood alcohol con-tent of .11, She was charged with operating under the influ-

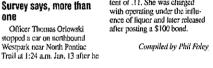
Later in the day, Officer Tim

Harper took the man into cus-

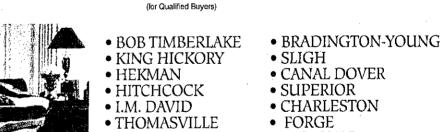
at 10:01 p.m. Jan. 13 after she

violation warrant.

stopped a car on northbound Westpark near North Pontiac Trail at 1:24 a.m. Jan. 13 after he



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spotted it weaving. The driver, a 50-year-old Farmington Hills woman, said she'd only had one glass of wine at Steve & Rocky's, but she failed field sent four to area hospitals sobriety tests and registered a blood alcohol content of 15 By Phil Foley STAFF WRITER Officer Orlowski charged he with operating under the influence of liquor and she was later Novi police are still trying to sort out a New Year's Eve party that sent three local men and an released after posting a \$100 outstate visitor to area hospitals Bad time to visit and a Novi teen to jail Novi High School officials old Officer Jerrod Hart at 9 a.m.

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Police still

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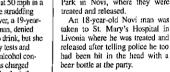
investigating

According to Novi Police Department Lt. David Molloy, a 24-year-old Novi man was cited Jan. 13 that they'd found a young man wandering the halls who was not a student. The for hosting an open house party at his Meadowbrook Road residence after police were sent to his home at 5:26 a.m. Jan. 1. Brownstown Township 21-year-old told Officer Hart that he was Lt. Molloy said police were sen visiting his 17-year-old girl-friend. When Officer Hart told to the home near the corner of the man he'd have to leave school property, the man said he'd ridden the school bus that

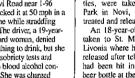
Llorrae and Meadowbrook after neighbors reported hearing shout-ing and glass brenking. At the home police found 16 people between the ages of 18 and 26. Three of them, said Molloy, had hear bit in the hard with her morning and had no ride home. Officer Hart suggested the man wait at the nearby public library. had been hit in the head with bo tles, while a fourth had been struck tody after it was learned he was being sought by the police in Lapeer County on a probation with some sort of metal object. Officer Jonathan Zabick charged an 18-year-old Novi man with minor in possession. The outh was released after posting a

\$100 bond. Molloy said investigators have been getting conflicting stories, but it appears trouble broke out when several uninvited guests arrived at the party. He said it's still nuclear exactly what hap pened, but it appears a disturbance began in the house and then spilled

A 23-year-old Arizona man originally from Novi, told investigators he was struck in the face with either a tire iron or a basebal bat as he stepped from his 2003 Dodge Stratus. Someone also smashed out the car's rear window. The 23-year-old, along with a 21-year Novi man and a 21-year-old Northville man who said they were hit in the head with beer bot ties, were taken to Providence Park in Novi, where they were treated and released.



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having consumed three or four beers, Officer Edgar noted the man swayed as he stepped from his truck. The man also failed field sobriety tests and registered a blood alcohol content of .19. He was charged with operating under the influence of liquor and The suspect was described as a 20-to-25driving while license suspended.

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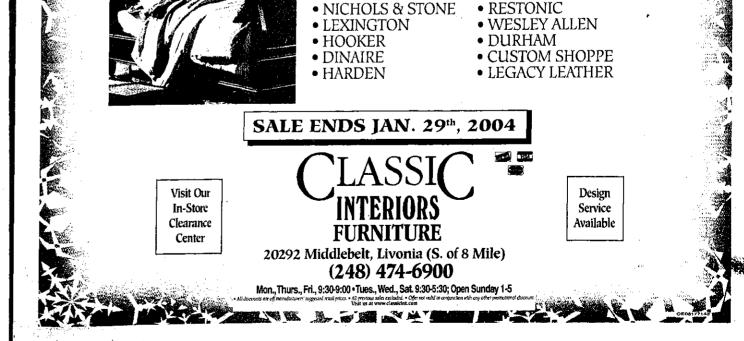
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Legislature focuses on alternative fuels at auto show | Library

State Rep. Craig DeRoche have and how far companies are today led a group of House from mass production. At a members and staff to the North time when manufacturing jobs American International Auto Show for a tour focusing on the use of alternative fuels

DeRoche, charr of the House hybrid and other alternative ommerce Subcommittee on chernative linergy, invited opportunity we must seize. We ommittee members to a tour must ensure Michigan remains a Commerce Subcommittee on Alternative Energy, invited committee members to a tour that included presentations from engineers at DaimlerChrysler, General Motors and Toyota on the use of alternative fuels for the future of the automotive ed the tour. industry. "This subcommittee was cre-

ated to look into the infrastructure and regulations the state industry," said Palsrok, R-Manistee, must have in place before cars running on fuel cells or other alternative fuel options could be put on the market," said DeRoche, R-Novi, "We need to the Michigan economy, it is essential that we are leaders in be ready so that these cars will continue to be produced and test alternative fuel technology in order to ensure Michigan is in a marketed in Michigan. position of strength nationally "This tour showed us the and internationally

otential these energy sources

LIBRARY LINES

Novi Public Library

Hours The Novi Public Library is open Monday-Thursday, 10 a.m. to 9 p.m.; Friday-Saturday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.; and Sunday, 1-5 p.m. We are located at 45245 W

Story Time Notes

Drop-in preschool Story Times advance for all Internet classes in are now underway. Brochures listing the days and times of each Story Time session are available in the library.

Community Forums

Practice makes perfect! Join us for an opportunity to practice any of the skills you've learned in our Strategic Planning Task Force will hold two Community Forums to present the strategic plan and obtain community feedback on its contents. The first forum will be beld Thursday, Jan. 22, at 7 p.m. in the library neeting room. The second forum will be held Monday, Jan. 26, at 7 p.m. in the Old Orchard Condominiums meeting room at 40000 West 10 Mile Road, between Haggerty and Meadowbrook Roads. For further information, please call the library at (248) 349-0720. All interested Novi residents are Seniors urged to attend. Middle School Book We will complete a self-guided online tutorial, learning and prac-Discusison

Our book discussion group for teens in grades 7-9 meets for food, fun, and a lively discussion of "Stargirl" by Jerry Spinelfi on the mouse. If you've never used a you.

CITY OF NOVI PUBLIC NOTICE MASTER PLAN FOR LAND USE

The City of Novi hereby announces a special work meeting of the Master Plan and Zoning Committee (a sub-committee of the Planning Commission) will be held on Saturday, January 24, 2004 at 10:30 a.m. in the Novi Civic Center Council Chambers, 45:175 W. Ten Mile Road. The purpose of the special meeting is to receive public comment on the pro-posed update to the City of Novi Master Plan for Land Use. All interested persons are invited to attend. For further information, please call Darcy Schmitt, Planner (248) 347-0586. 1-22-04 NN 108713) CITY OF NOVI

CITY OF NOVI NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Planning Commission for the



State Reps. Craig DeRoche, left, and David Palsrok, right, listen as Reginald Modiln, director of Environmental & Energy Planning for DaimlerChrysler, discusses alternative fuels.

He's opposed to the war in Iraq, and is extremely critical of

particularly of American "biased and unconditional support of the state of Israel, to the tune of \$4

hillion per year." It's those types of issues that voters care about. Fondarski said, adding that he's been the

political career. He ran for Congress in 1999 against Rep. David Bonior, then

"My name change had nothing

He feels Polish because of his

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to do with politics. When the judge asked me why I wanted to change my name, I said it's

Fundarski aims for McCotter

By Carol Marshall Saturday, Jan. 34, from 11-11:45 a.m. No registration is necessary Mario Fundarski sold his home in Roseville in July, packed up and moved to Novi.

with one goal in mind.

Fundarski said.

gle-issue Democrat.

"I moved to Novi specifically

bopes to win the U.S. (1) District Congressional seat from McCotter (R-Liconia) in next business and the formation of the search of the search

the top priority, and beating McCotter is second. Everything else falls in line after that." He ran for Congress in 1999

The president's foreign and economic policies are failures, according to Fundarski, and in campaign literature, be's called name at the end of 2000.

to run against and beat Thaddeus McCotter." said Fundarski, who

McCotter a "party hack" and "incumbent winp." Fundarski calls himself a sin-

E-mail for Seniors

E-mail is a great way to stay in touch with friends and family, wherever they are! Come and learn the basics of sending and receiving e-mail, and sign up for a free e-mail account on Wednesday, Jan. 28, from 1-3 p.m. This class includes interac-10 Mile Road, just east of Taft Road. For more information, call (248) 349-0720. tive discussion and hands-on practice. Suggested prerequisite: "Mastering the Mouse for Seniors." Please register in

person or by calling the library Internet Practice Lab for Seniors

The Novi Public Library

"I'm a Democrat because of because I feel Polish," Fundarski Internet classes on Thursday, Jan. 29, from 1-3 p.m. During this two-hour session you may choose to work on any Internet unions. I strongly support said, unions. I'm convinced without He unions a tot of workers wouldn't values skills, with librarians to assist you have the pay and the benefits they have," he said, "One of the and answer any computer-related questions. Note: There is no set agenda for things I would do is to work with unions to help them organize Wal-Mart." this class; you may come and go as you please during the two-hour Val-Mart. A Catholic, he considered in every other way, he's as con-seeking brides in Italy, Ireland and the Philippines before thoreand the number of the pro-choosing Poland as the perfect Mastering the Mouse for

A hands-on class designed to introduce seniors to using the computer mouse will be held Thursday, Feb. 5, from 10-11 a.m

"Tim pro-life, Fin pro-Second Amendment, Fin for lower place to find a wife. His expen-taxes, and Fin opposed to gay ence led Fundarski (then marriages, he said, "My values fundaro) to write a book for the Observer a fundaro) to write a book be reuched at (734) 953-2109 or boot his experiences, as well as for reheated at (734) 953-2109 or thouse his experiences, as well as ticing all of the basic functions of mouse, this class is definitely for 🔏 CommunityFinancial

Since 1992, Fundarski ha owned a Polish-American matri the president's foreign policy, monial service talso known as narticularly of American "biased matchmaking), which helps matchmaking), which helps American men find Polish brides, He's had a hand in maktems by 2023. ing the introductions to 600 hap pily wedded couples, charging a finder's fee of \$3,500 per wed

married for 10 years.

leader.'

ding, he said. "I would love to introduce American women to Polish men. but I haven't had much luck "Defeating President Bush is Mario Fundarski was once known as finding American women inter-"Defeating President Bush is Mario Fundarski said. Fundarski's wife, Grazyna the state average. While nowhere in the draft Rtaj, died in July of pancreatic cancer. The couple had been

plan does the task force directly call for the construction of a Prior to owning his business new library, it's hard to imagine Fundarski said he worked in a the expansion of collections and management position for General Motors, then Chrysler. services the document calls for without some sort of building He then worked as a social expansion. worker, but was fired in 1980

after trying to organize the state's social workers, he said. nessman Charles Walker and his wife, Myrtle, offered to donate Even though Fundarski is try \$1 million to the library, if it ing to defeat McCotter, he said he happens to like the district's could raise a matching amount Evans said the library and the values and his business ties to Poland, he said. He met his wife "McCotter is a good man," he Walkers are close to finalizing in Poland, after he went on a three-year mission to find a bride. A Catholic, he considered details on the donation. The task force is expected to said. A smart man, He s a nice guy, But I think he needs to come back to Michigan and serve, and I need to be in Washington, as a proactive leader". issue its final report to the Library Board at 7 p.m. Feb. 18 in the City Council Chambers at

the Novi Civic Center. Phil Foley is a staff writer for the Novi News. He can be reached at (248) 349-1700 ext. 108 or by e-mail at pfoley@ht.homecomm.net.



By Phil Foley

Novi, residents will have a chance to comment on the future of their library today at 7 p.m. at the Novi Public Library and again Monday at 7 p.m. at Old Orchard Condominiums meeting room when the Novi Public Library

Strategic Planning Task Force

rolls out its draft five-year plan

Library Director Brenda Evans noted that while library

usage has increased 20 percent

in the past year, the library is

still using the same 23,000

square foot building that it built

couples shower for 30 people at Genitti's Hole-In-The-Wall in Northville on February 13. The couples wedding shower includes a seven-course, family-style Italian meal and dinner theatre.

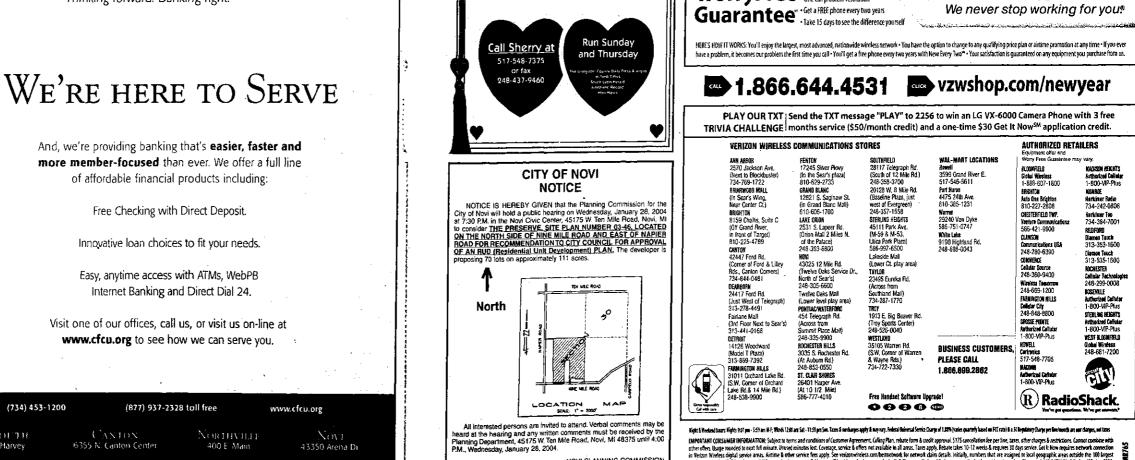
priately, an interactive cornedy titled Wedding Bolls Blues," set at a Polish/Italian wedding. The rehearsal dinner for the couple and wedding party will be hosted at Max & Erma's at Twelve Oaks

on Valentine's Day, February 14. Guests will order off the menu. Epoch Events Catering of Novi

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Mall wedding to include shower, reception, honeymoon

"Marry Me at Twelve"

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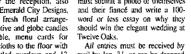
c/o Management Office, Twelve

Every dream wedding must include a wedding shower, clegant dinner and honeymoon. Extravagance will not be spared when planning the wedding for the lucky couple who wins "Marry Me at Twelve," the fantasy wedding contest running now until Feb. 1 at Twelve Oaks. The "Many Me at Twelve" contest is presented by Emerald City Designs of Farmington Hills and Twelve Oaks and sponsored by

Epoch Events Catering and 100.3 ŴNIC The lucky couple will experience a wide array of fantastic tastes, including a wedding shower rehearsal dinner, dinner reception redding cake, party favors and more. The winning couple of "Marry Me at Twelve" will be thrown a

The winning couple and guests will have dinner in a private room then enjoy the performance with other others. The featured plan, is more enjoy the performance with other groups. The featured play is, appro-

which includes videotaping of the pre-ceremony with the bride and groom, the ceremony and reception. The couple will receive an edited





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holo by Phil Fole

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Robert and Judith Overmars of Novi announce the engagement of their daughter, Jaime Overmars, to wedding dress, veil and maid Mark LaBelle, son of Dorothy and Femand LaBelle of Leesburg, Fla. The bride-elect is a 1995 graduate Max & Erma's - rehearsal Papyrus - thank you notes bridal party gifts, toasting

Milford.

ENGAGEMENTS

Novi announce the engagement of their son, John Hardin, to Candice Ryan, daughter of Patrick and of Novi High School and graduated Linda Ryan of Highland. The groom-elect is a 1994 grad-with a bachelor's of science degree uate of Novi High School and a in business administration-human graduate of Michigan State resources. She is currently University. He is currently employed as a human resources spe-cialist for biotechnology company in employed by Dimenional Validation Inc. The bride-elect is a 1992 gradu-

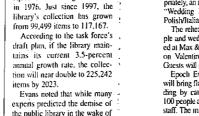
Hardin & Ryan

Robert and Marcy Hardin of

The groom-elect is a graduate of ate of Milford High School, and Fryeburg Academy, Fryeburg, graduated from Eastern Michigan Maine and the University of Maine. University in 1996 with a bache-He is currently employed as an ERP lor's in science degree and in 1998 senior sales representative for with a master's of science degree Microsoft Re-Seller in New She is employed at the University of Michigan Medical Center. A May 2004 wedding is planned.

27500 Novi Road, Novi, Mi England. 8377 An April 2004 wedding is Visit www.shoptwelveoaks.com. planned.





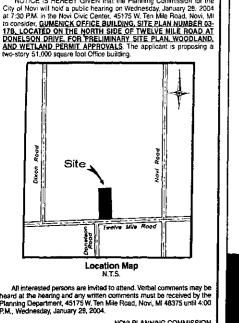
the Internet, use at the Novi Library has actually increased. According to the draft plan, at more than 320.000 items loaned out annually, activity at the Novi Library is nearly double

experis predicted the demise of the public library in the wake of

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CLASS NOTES



Village Oaks student Robert Vuljaj gets a kimono expertly wrapped on him by Chisato Cho, left, and Atsuko Mase during last week's Japanese Day celebrations at the Novi

Village Oaks studies Japanese culture

Japanese Day.

By Ramez Khuri

Village Oaks Elementary School turned into a mini-Japan-last week as students learned all about the Oriental culture, They participated in making origami-shapes, they drew Japanese callig-raphy and even tried on traditional kimonos in three senarate sta-

Emiko Nakashima, a Village Daks parent and organizer of Japanese Day, was teaching the vere many different kinds of virgani section to differen. She origami section to children. She explained that origami is good for students to learn because they need a lot of patience, concentration, understanding and hand and - draw traditional Japanese shapes, ve coordination to do it. And if each one meanin can acquire those skills, it

will help them with other school dents will want to try more of subjects, such as moth and what they learned after they left English language arts. for the day. livery other year, the school asks Nakashima to put on a "This is good because the kids

won't temember harder subjects, like Japanese History or anything, Japanese Day, "We enjoy doing it." Nakashima said, "Origani is very popular in Japan, It's fun for chil-dren to learn and it's displayed at Hilternetical. but they remember these three because they participate and it's tun," Nakashima said, "They remember calligraphy, kimonos and organii. These are very tradidifferent occasions. tional Japanese things. We have other things, but they're more dif-ticult for elementary school chil-dren to understand, but these three In the kimono section, students

are fun and it's good for them." ferent traditional Japanese occasion. The calligraphy section gave stu-dents the opportunity to actually 110 or Nakashima hopes that the stu-,



Guest school bee Novi resident Karen Janik has been selected to play in Valparaiso University's Luce Do you know the name of Geographic Society. the Muslim country that was The kickoff for this bee was once part of British India, the week of Nov. 17 with thou-Band. The ensemble is an auditioned symphonic band focusing on the development of musicianship skills. She is where Urdu is the official lan- sands of schools around the a freshman music education major and is the daughter of Christopher and Nancy Janik. Novi resident Chelsea

On Campus

The school-level bee, at bee April 2, which students answered oral. The winner The school-level bec, at bee April 2. Which students answered oral questions on geography, was the first round in the 16th Geographic Bee national Annual National Geographic championship on May 25-26, Bee sponsored by the National in Washington D.C.

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Bennett has been named to the president's list at Freed-Hardeman University, Henderson, Tenn, for the fall

2003 semester. She is a psy-chology major and is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs.

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Novi High's Rzepecki hoping to make it big in photography

thing to do. I also take creative shots in the art field that I would love to get out to the Jeannette T Rich artistic background conununity." Rzenecki has been working at helped student Focal Point Photography in Farmington with her aunt and decide career

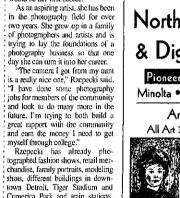
cousins for the past couple years. At first it was just a summer job, but it got kind of serious when she was trained to be a professional photog-By Ramez Khuri STAFF WRITER rapher. Starting in June she will be loing senior portraits there "I've always watched how they o senior portraits and it doesn't Megan Rzepecki always knew that she wanted to do something in the art field, but she wasn't quite

look very fun, but I think since I'll sure what. Her dream of becoming a be the one behind the camera I'll be photographer started with a Christmas gift she received from her aunt, and after that it all just clicked more creative with it," Rzepecki said. Growing up, Rzepecki had many - literally. interests that involved art. At first

she did a lot of drawing and paint-ing. She then switched and wanted to go into fashion design. It wasn't Rzepecki is a senior at Novi High School this year. Prior to that, she had to until she received her camera two attend many other schools as she moved Christmases ago that she absolutely knew what she wanted to do, "It's a really great camera," Rzepecki said. "When I got it I start-

, around because of her ed going out and taking pictures of everything, and it kind of came to me. I thought that maybe this is what I'm supposed to be doing." father's job. She has lived in Dearborn, M. Rzepecki Her interests in painting, drawing and fashion all faded when she got Livonia and as far away as Colorado Next fall Rzepecki Next fall Rzepecki plans on attending cither Kendall College of

Art and Design in Grand Ranids or the Fashion Institute of Technology in New York, though the latter would be her first choice.



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She has also done some nature shots, flowers, trees, leaves and pumpkins during the fall. "I do a lot of black-and-white

the camera, but it's all starting to come back together again because

of her aspirations to go into fashion photography. One thing is for cer-tain, though – she does want do stay





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Rzepecki's work, e-mail her at creatveimagery21@yahoo.com or call (248) 613-6827. To see what she's selling on eBay, visit www.ebay.com and search photos under contemporary art. Her name is on every auction she places.

The two girls are friends, and they work together as Rzepecki takes photos of the shows, "I have taken a lot of pictures of Jeannette and other students doing modeline," Rzepecki said, "I did a lot of her fashion shows, which is great for both of us." Rzepecki has recently gotten into taking portraits of families. She explained that her work is really inexpensive compared to normal studio prices.

Rzepecki currently has a lot of her work up for sale on eBay. In fact, the highest price she ever sold a photo for was \$25. After college, Rzepecki would

Jeannette Tiso, also a senior at Novi High, has started a fashion business for herself and puts on fashion shows to display her work.

love to make it big with her talent, bu she knows it's going to take a lot of hard work and commitment to do it. For more information on

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

Senator Nancy Cassis visits Novi Meadows State Senator Nancy Cassis spoke to the fifth graders at Novi Meadows Elementary last week about how she became involved in politics, her role in

serving the community and the law-making process in Lansing. Cassis, a forme Novi School District employee, answered students' questions and encouraged the children to be aware of their own ability to influence legislators. Her visit was a real-time lesson in Core Democratic Values and a very personal example of how a local person can influence and make a career in state-level politics

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OPINION

Time for Cheers, Jeers and Thanks

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Thanks to reader Doug Drake who sugdevelopment --- and we robbed the best facul-ty from the U-M, in particular, during downgests another way to look at the more-than-decimated (check out the dictionary for the etymology) state spending on colleges and universities: "Since the peak funding in FY 02, \$234 million has been cut from university turns in the '80s."

operations, 14,5 percent. especially severe when other states get out "Sounds like a lot when put that way, but ahead. Michigan needs to invest even more here's a way that makes it sound like even more: \$234 million is the equivalent of com-pletely eliminating all state funding for the six since our degreed population lags and we need new talent to transform the economy," Cheers to Gov, Jennifer Granholm who just

smallest schools plus two-thirds of the seventh (Michigan Technological (Michigan Technological University.) That's how much has been pulled out of the sys-tem with no real discussion or understanding of the scope of its impact." Back in the 1980s, I served as a member of the Commission on the Future of Higher Education, charted by its impact.

Ingoler Education, changed by legendary former Michigan State University president John Hannah. The commis-sion considered what should be Jone if state support for Phil Power

Utah), this imaginative miversities fell below a cerattempt to boost new, entretin level necessary to usuatin quality. And all preneurial Michigan start-up companies is a hell broke loose when we suggested criteria real step forward. Although the state dabbled with a similar idea back in the mid-1980s, the present fund is bigger and better. The guaran-teed return should help in attracting investors. The Michigan Venture Capital Association pushed the bill, with Mitch Mondry (Mthe governor and the legislature would react to the storm of protest if they actually faced up to closing Lake Superior State, Saginaw Valley, both University of Michigan branch Group in Birmingham) and Jason Burr (Arbor Partners in Ann Arbor) being the main campuses at Flint and Dearborn. Northern Michigan, Oakland and Michigan Tech (the institutions cited by Mr. Drake as the smallmovers. Well done!

Still, it seems curiously clumsy for state Thanks, also to Eastern Michigan University President Sam Kirkpatrick, who responded to my column on how the state is government to be creating a \$150 venture cap-ital fund to support technology transfer from university high tech labs while at the same hort-changing our colleges and universities: time slashing support for those same research "We're not setting up for disaster, we are in one. The latest report issued last week indi-cated the national average of state support declined by 2.1 percent for the current year. universities Jeers to the deceptively named Michigan Civil Rights Initiative which kicked off a drive last week to outlaw affirmative action in

scenario (y) are partern to the corrent year, compared to our 15 percent reduction, and 27 states have actually increased appropriations.

It's midwinter, cloudy and gray, cold and generally awful. But cheer up! It's time for another edition of "Cheers, Jeers and Thanks." I used to love this Michigan stuff when 1 was in Texas and Arizona." Kirkpatrick said, "because we were eating Michigan's lunch on all fronts — economic development, quality all fronts - economic development, quality enhancements to higher ed, even cultural be lough to do without resorting to expensive paid solicitors. Both the Democratic and Republican parties are formally opposed (although some GOP legislators are active in the movement), along with most employers Bottom line: "It takes many, many years to recover from these cuts, and the impact is and the universities. As far as I'm concerned, the effort to ban affirmative action in university admissions is nothing more than an end run around the U.S. Supreme Court decision that upheld the prac-

tice. The effort almost certainly will promot signed a bill to create a \$150 million venture capital fund outright racial politics. Readers with good memories will recall the thinly veiled GOP for early-stage companies in Michigan. The Michigan attempt to do just this in the 2002 gubernato-rial election in order to win outstate and sub-Venture Investment Corp. urban votes. Most voters rejected this tactic will be funded by investment. then, and most should reject it now. The evifrom corporations or banks. If those investments don't return at a market rate (6-7 dence is compelling that most employers (importantly, including the U. S. military) are vitally interested in attracting capable and percent), investors would be highly educated people of all racial backeimbursed by credits toward

grounds. Without the extra help from affirmative the state's Single Business action in admissions, our universities are like Based on what's being ly to become re-segregated and our business-es and military impoverished without the ben-efits of diversity. The misguided petition drive done in other states (Oklahoma, Iowa, Obio, deserves to be tossed.

Cheers (and applause) to the U-M and the University Musical Society in Ann Arbor upon the reopening of celebrated Hill Auditorium over the weekend. This magnificent hall was dark while an 18-month renovation went forward which turned out to hav been brilliantly executed. With its world famous acoustics unchanged, breathtakingly beautiful décor and improved amenities, Hil is back to its role of hosting the world's best musicians and performers for Michigan audi-ences. I urge every reader with any interest in

music to check it out.

Phil Power is a board member of the University Musical Society and the Chairman of the Board of the company that owns this. newspaper. He would be pleased to get your reactions to this column either at (734) 953-2047 or at ppower @homecomm.net

This mayor's rockin' the house

Let's make winter driving safe

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If it was a concert, it would be been show...uhh, I mean speech. "sold out." No tickets available. Maybe Dressed sharply for center

standing-room only. The artist? Mayor Lou Csordas. No, it wasn't a concert, but it was a live performance Tuesday afternoo at the Hotel Baronette. Hizzoner was giving his State of the City address at the Novi Chamber of Commerce's monthly lunch-eon, and his first number was rockin'! After the opening act - a



GUEST

bang. A flash followed by loud, thumping music and a big screen pro-jection with a quick look at what's hap-his, too: the Beck Road interchange, nened recently in Novi widening of Grand River, a new Expo It was impressive. The perfect way to get Cherr and Catholic Central. He can be reached at () a luncheon crowd ready for the rest of the Not a bad tune in the bunch. One that 113 or at estone@ht.ho

city. Then Csordas played a wide variety of songs. Some were well-known hits -great schools, more than enough retail, a comfortable ing the songs the audience wants to hear. That audience is both residents AND amount of cash in the savings account. Others tunes were a little more obscure to The venue is council chambers And the sounds they create will be heard some fans – only 68 percent of land in Novi is develthroughout the City of Novi and beyond. The tour just started with a bang, folks. I

think we're going to like what we hear. Cal Stone is the editor of the Novi News."

He can be reached at (248) 349-1700, ext

COLUMN



Meadowbrook Veterinary Drs. Joe Osbourne, Morris Christleib and Mary Collisi take a look at office cats "Sam" and "Guy" (who's doing the licking). Meadowbrook recently stern corner of Ten Mile Road opened up shop at the shopping plaza at north

Meadowbrook Veterinary sports brand new facility

Public, pets invited to Jan. 24 open house and other small animals. The office had been located in

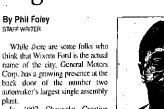
By Pam Fleming "We actually moved to the new facility Oct. 28 and have been Cats, dogs, other small animals

and especially their owners will be pleased with the new offices of Meadowbrook fine-tuning things for the last cou-ple of months," Dr. Christleib Meadowbrook Veterinary. The public is invited to an open said. The two veterinarians also own

house to cells influent all opening of Breckenridge Veterinary in Novi the new Novi office located at all 21524 Novi Road in the 41589 FeatMile-Road in the "Breckenridge Plaza" on the cast Farmer Jack shopping plaza at the corner of Ten Mile and Mile and Nine Mile roads. Farmer Jack shopping plaza at the corner of Ten Mile and Meadowbrook. The open house "Our two locations are connected by computer, so all records are accessible at either place. We're will take place from 1 to 4 p.m. San, 24. accessible at either place. We're "We'll have some refreshments and will give tours of our new vet-erinary hospital," said Morris Christleib, DVM. were excited about moving to the Dr. Christleib and a grouper Dre Christleib and co-owner Dr. Christleib and co-owner

Joseph P. Osbourne, DVM, are joined in the practice by Mary Collisi, DVM, and Steven Zinderman, DVM. can drive behind Farmer Jack right to that parking lot just to the west of our new front door. "It's much nicer than having the

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rooms, a new surgical suite, new lose and getting hurt in the park-x-ray room, laboratory and recep-tion area," Dr. Chistleib suid. Veterinarians at the full-service owner and the animals to be close veterinary facility treat cats, dogs to the front door," Dr. Christleib said. Dr. Christleib said his father the same shopping center in Novi next to Pet Supplies Plus since industrial arts teacher, and his

grandfather was a dairy farmer. I grew up on a farm, but I didn't think about being a veterinari an until I was a senior in college I thought I might go to medical school. Then, a friend of mine

mentioned veterniary medicine as a sales agency agreement with RDK Power Systems of Novi. RDK will introduce McKebzie a career choice one day, and it just clicked with me. Bay's WindStor system to clients and other prospective said. Hours at Meadowbrook customers.

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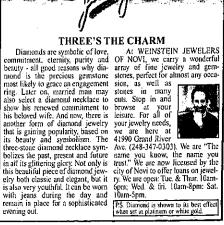


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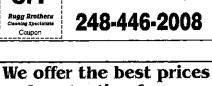
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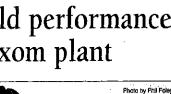




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Dressed sharply for center stage, Csordas acknowledged audience members - elected officials

usually has a sour note, the Sa suit, appears to be officially retired from the band's repertoire. Hopefully, we'll never have to hear that one again. The challenge for Csordas and his new and dignitaries - before presenting former leader of the

band (City Council) will be to continue pumping out the hits like his predecessor. Sure, they're going to have a bad show every now and then. What performer doesband, ex-Mayor Richard Clark, with the key to the n't? But as a former rock and roll guitarist, Lou knows the value of good equipment (a Fender Stratocaster, right?), the ability to collaborate with band members, and play-

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Village Green Companies of ume, the state's Unemployment Insurance Agency (UIA) recom-mends that newly idled workers avoid filing their jobless claims Farmington Hills, a Midwest's developer and manager of luxu-ry apartment communities, recently assumed management during the first hour of their designated call-in periods. responsibilities for Beachwalk

"We have found that about half of those who file their Apartments along the waterfrom of Walled Lake in Novi. Beachwalk becomes Village claims by telephone will call ou phone application line during Green's 36th southeast Michigan apartment community, expand-ing the company's metro Detroit portfolio to more than 9,200 apartment units. Village Green's the first hour of their call-in win said David Plawecki, deputy director for the state's Department of Labor & total ownership and manage-ment portfolio includes more than 100 apartment communi-ties in eight Midwest states, with Economic Growth, "As a result," early callers may encounter busy signals when trying to apply for

UIA has a telephone call-in- over 28,000 total units. schedule for unemployed work-ers to follow when filing their The Beachwalk agreements marks Village Green's first management venture with Bernie Glieberman, president of Noviclaims. The schedule is based on the last two digits of workers' Social Security numbers. UIA's based Crosswinds Communities toll-free phone application num-ber is (866) 500-0017.

Village Green has an estab-National and the second week does not delay the processhome. Residents who choose to puring of an unemployment appli-

chase Communities home are eligible for a rent rebate of 10 percent of Unemployed workers can also file their unemployment claims online at the agency's Web site their monthly rent, up to \$2,000. Beachwalk Apartments are located off of Fourteen Mile Road, just west of Novi Road, (www.michigan.gov/uia) week-days from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.

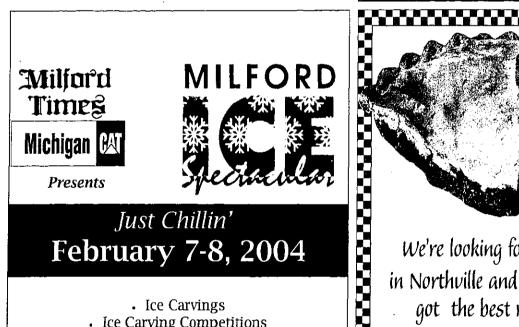
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Restaurant launches TV campaign

Ferndale-based bd's mongolian barbeque recently launched its first television advertising campaign. The commercials, which began Jan. 12, will run for six weeks on network affiliates house with brand new fitness in the Detroit market. center and entertainment area Currently, there are 23 bd's mongolian barbecue locations improvements to the communiacross nine states, including one ty, including new siding and windows; redesign of site land-scaping and the private beach area; and the creation of select at 43155 Main Street in Novi. "We're excited to reach out to those who may never have been to a bd's mongolian barbeque," said Billy "bd" Downs, founder and president of the restaurant

chain. The 30-second commercials, produced by Function L.C. in Royal Oak, feature footage of grillers with swords stir-frying food on a 7-foot grill and diners



with about 230 people listening to the approximate two-hour presenta-tion, according to Karen Brown from discussion confirm enrollment. Checks can from the club. he made payable to the isba-Vasudev is an international Foundation and mailed to 2047 speaker, spiritual leader and author Hickory Trail, Rochester Hills, with spiritual and cultural insights on health and human values. He also MI 48309. For more information, visit spoke to employees at Ford Motor Co., General Motors Corp. and the Web site www.ishafoundation.org or call local Isha Yoga Henry Ford Hospital in the area last contacts at (248) 478-4786. the is the founder of the Isha

By Pam Fleming

Happiness in life cannot be

achieved with the accumulation of

wealth or possessions. It's obtained by finding inner joy, peace and living life, according to Sadhguru Jaggi Vasudev from south

India, who presented a lecture on

"Inner Fitness - The Science of

Effortless Living," Jan. 6 at the Sports Club of Novi. The lecture was well-attended,

(313) 882-5683 or (734) 483-Foundation, a nonprofit human 8162. The Isha Foundation is a services organization with key pro grams. These include Isha Yoga pro nonprofit organization dedicated to health through yoga science. grams, nature awareness programs world peace partnerships with the United Nations, inner freedom for should be searching for improvement on the inside. "Our fundamentals are out of the imprisoned, action for world rejuvenation, medical and disaster relief for the poor, youth developplace. We believe that by fixing the outside, everything will be OK. But

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p.m. Saturday and Sunday.

St. Toma Church, 25600 Drake Road, is the tentative

location for the event. Cost is

\$275, with a \$50 deposit due to

Sadhguru Jaggi Vasudev will

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ment and scholarships for needy childre this generation is living proof that Vasudev is also a delegate to the fixing the outside is not enough," he United Nations Millennium Peace said. Summit and a member of the World

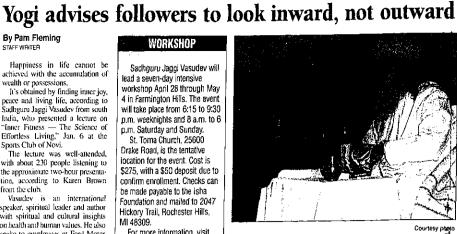
Council of Religious Leaders. Brown has attended his four-day residential program in Indiana and his seven-day program in Fannington Hills. "It was such a deep and profound Crosswinds experience," she said, "It's hard to find a program that can touch you

physically, mentally, emotionally and spiritually," she said. "I had tried other programs, such and feature one- and two-bed room floor plans starting at as yoga, self-help and spiritual books, attending lectures and semi-Amenities include a private nars. But nothing has touched me as beach on Walled Lake with deeply as this yogic science, access to year-round water sports, an outdoor heated pool, sauna, tennis courts and club-Brown said Vasudey has synthesized the sei

ence the science of yoga into a dynamic program that allows people to restore and maintain optim ealth and inner balance. Isha Yog has helped thousands find relief from chronic physical ailments as well as improving mental clarity oncentration and emotional well-

"The basic philosophy is if you units with new kitchens, new work on your inner state, your oute well-being takes care of itself," Brown said. Vasudev told the audience that

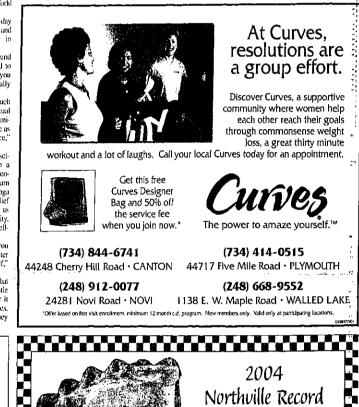
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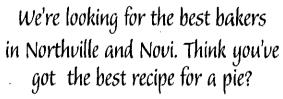


Author, international speaker and realized yogi Sadhguru Jaggi Vasudev from south India, talked to more than 200 people and signed copies of his latest book Jan. 6 at the Sports Club of Novi. He will present seven-day Intensive workshop in the area in April.

achieving near-impossible "People try to create an outwardly perfect life, but quality of life is based on the inward. Once the mind positions. "But yoga is not any par-ticular activity. It's a certain way to takes instructions from you, it's a be," he said. mineulous thing. But if you instruc-tions from the mind, it's a disaster. Your mind is saying it's all non-"Isha Yoga is a way of ush every aspect of your life as possible growth. We should spend more time living life than thinking about it," he added. "If you're joyful, you don't sense. It's not listening to what you say," he said. Vasudev said that most people

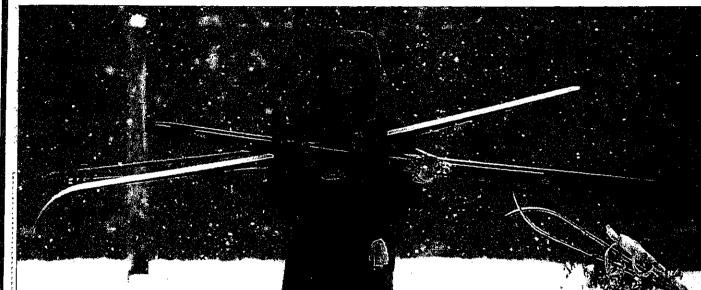
care where it comes from think of yoga as an exercise is







Nov! Meadows' students get some simple instruction on cross country skiing before heading out to the trails of the Walled Lake Outdoor Education Center two weeks ago



PICTURE PAGE

As a gentle snow falls, Novi Meadows' fifth grade student Joey Leppek gathers up his cross country skils after an outing with his fellow students

t's all about survival in the study in class. "I learned about the food chain, what great outdoors. Novi Meadows annual trip to the Walled Lake Outdoor Education Center went off different animals eat and how they get their food," fifth grader Shital Chauham said. "This is a fun way of without a hitch with stulearning. We went hiking about five miles, but we did it in separate classdents learning about wildlife, respecting them-S." One class, which is not in the curselves and others, and survival skills during the two-and-a-hal riculum is cross country skiing, but that's only taught if it snows. Fifth day trip. Novi Meadows has been taking its fifth grade students to the outdoor camp for 25 years now. In the past it grade teacher Marianne Malarkey said that if it's taught, it is usually the first experience the kids have with it. was a five-day program, but more recently it was cut to two-and-a-half days because of the availability of the facility. That fact hasn't diminished the Another class is Survival, which teaches kids how to survive if they are stranded in the woods. Parents also volunteer their time. "Parents sign up to help us 24 hours enthusiasm that the students have for the trip, however, a day while we are there." Malarkey "I thought the camp was a lot of fun," fifth grader Alan Mencer said. "I learned a lot of things about trees and said. "We have parents who stay overnight and we have parents who help us out in the kitchen. The parents owl pollets. It was a very useful camp." "According to Novi Meadows Fifth Grade Teacher Cary Hurst, the facility is owned by the Walled Lake School District and Novi Meadows rents it. have been very supportive of the camp." Nine different teams in the fifth rade take turns going to the camp. The first group went in December and Malarkey and Hurst's group was the last to go. They left on a Monday morning and returned on Wednesday "We have gone at all different times of the year," he said, "We have gone dur-ing winter time in the past and we do a ot of different activities. The kids stay afternoon. in a dormitory, which is nice because we are all together." "I learned about owl pellets and all the different kinds of bones you can find in them and what kind of animals owns 11 acres of land, so the students they ate," fifth grader Madeline Cole said. "I think I found the bones of a ave access to all different types of for-at area. "Every Novi fifth grader goes sud, "I think I found the bones of a shrew. This makes you understand it more because we actually are doing what they are showing you and explaining it right in front of you instead of just reading it from a book." According to Malarkey, one of the unique things about New is that there gout to the program, so it's louching everyone who goes through the sys-tem," Hurst said. The students' regular classroom teachers also teach classes at the camp; however, a Walled Lake employee unique things about Novi is that there are five elementary schools, so this is akes them on a hike. are live elementary schools, so this is an experience where the kids are com-ing together and they don't know only their neighborhood kids anymore, but they get to meet other kids. They learn a new routine and they have all these new faces. The kids are divided up into color groups, there is a schedule for the groups each day and the children attend six classes. There are about four For five topics and they learn about the second topic of

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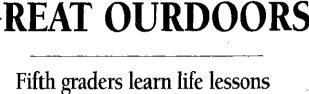
This is not only educational, bu also the kids are able to make new friends," Malarkey said. "They learn about other people in terms of getting ready for bed together and having din ner and breakfast together. It's some thing that they don't normally do. Just having to live with people for two-and-a-half days teaches them a lot." Malarkey explained that this is unique age for 10- and 11-year-old kids hecause they are trying to be inde-pendent, but yet there is guidance along the way. This is an excellent opportunity for the kids because they are away from home, so they have a little bit of independence, but yet we are all right there in one big group. They are learning how to become independent and responsible for themselves," Malarkey said. "When it's over the feeling in the classroom is a little different. The kids have a different respect for us as well as us for them."

Students Zach Reilly, Breaugh and Courtney Kramer all found the camp worthwhile. "There are a lot of chances that you could be stuck when you go on hikes," Reilly said. "You could get separated and these skills will help you. It's also important to know how to identify different plants so that you can know which ones you can use." Breaugh had different expectations

of the camp before he got there, but he did enjoy it very much. "I learned a lot of useful things," he said. "I had a great time.' Kramer agreed, "I think that instead

of just reading a book about certain things, it's a lot more fun to experience it," she said. "We learned how to survive and which supplies you should bring with you when you go outside.

Ramez Khuri is a staff writer for th Novi News. He can be reached at (248) 349-1700, ext. 110 or by e-mail at



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at Walled Lake **Outdoor Education Center**

> Meadows student A.J. Heinrichs looks for aguatic lifeforms under a microscope. Heinrichs and other students scooped up wate samples from a nearby pond ther looked for tiny bugs and plants

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Novi Meadows fifth grade teacher Glen Walthall leads a discussion about cold and warm blooded animals with his students after a field

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lov) Meadows student Kate Vallerand prepares for a cross country skiing expedition with her fellow classmates veeks ago at the center.

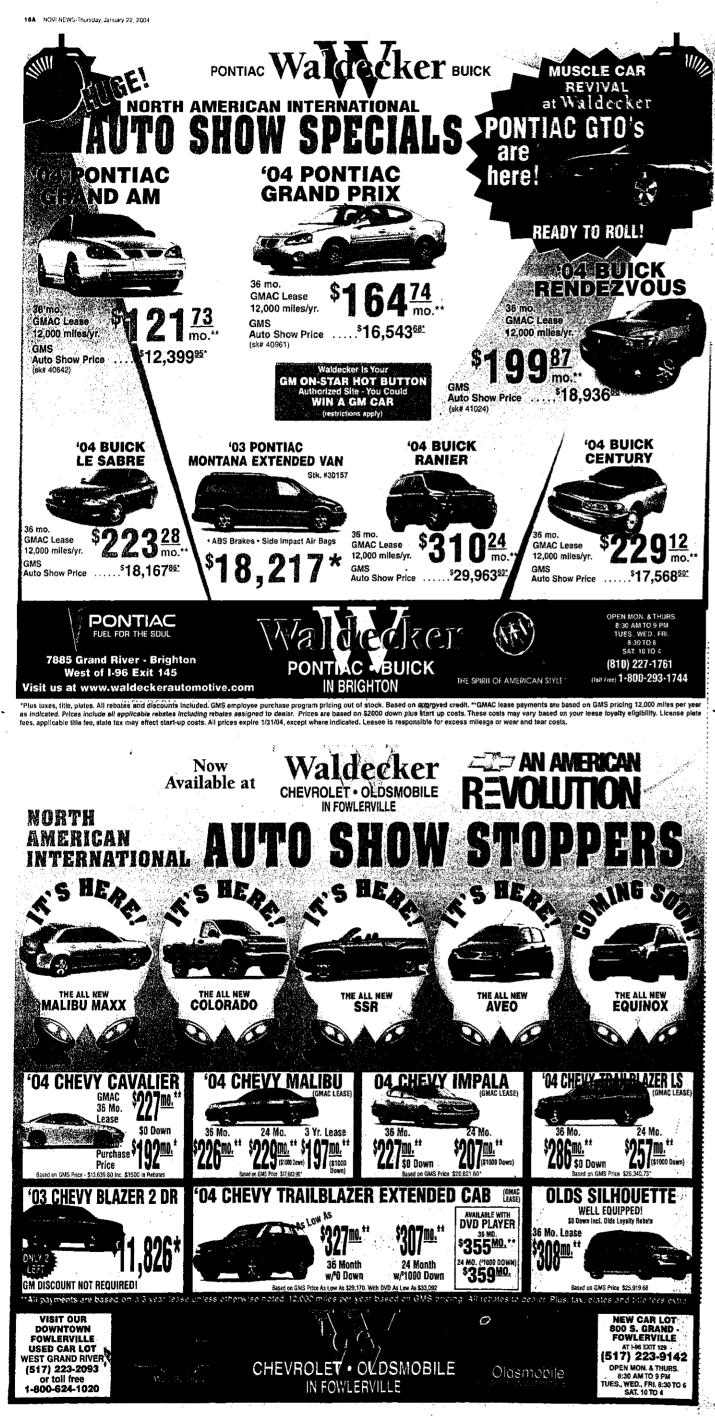
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where they have a 20-minute lesson involving terminology, discussions, diagramming and note-taking. Then the instructor takes them on a one-and-a-half-hour hike through the nature trails. Students walk through the forest locating, predicting and dis cussing the stages that ecosystems undergo, plant and animal identification, as well as human impact on the environment . Pond Life: In the science lab, the students take part in dis-

cussing, diagramming and brainstorming knowledge of a pond ecosystem, food chains and food webs. They take a short hike to the pond and acquire water samples. Samples are collected from different depths and different areas. Sometimes stream and snow samples are taken as well. Samples are brought back to the lab to examine under microscopes. Findings and results of the pH testing are shared and discussed in the group.

 Owis: In the science lab, students watch a short video on owis and their habitat. Discussion after the video helps the students understand the owl's eating patterns and digestive process. The students hike to an owl habitat. Students predict where owl pellets will be located by searching for clues. Once pellets are found, they return to the lab and dissect the pellets. The bones found in the pellets are deciphered and then identified. Students then draw conclusions as to what the diet was for that owl.

· Wildlife: The students brainstorm how predators track their prey. After discovering many ways animals track their prey, scent tracking is the focus. Students then form groups of three or four students. One student is chosen to be the deer, or prey, the others are the wolves, or predators. The deer takes a spray bottle and leaves scents on the ground for the wolves to find. The wolves need to decipher the scent to see if it is their prey. The object of the game is to locate their prey.



"Antigone" has 20 cast members CALENDAR OF EVENTS and 20 crew members PHONE: (248-449-1600 Novi Co-op Preschool Open House Barn Agala DATE: Jan. 23-March 7 LOCATION: Novi Civic District Court Judge Brian DATE: Saturday, Jan. 31 TIME: 10 a.m.-1 p.m LOCATION: Novi United Methodist Church, at 10 Mile and Meadowbrook. MacKenzie, Following breakfast will be a citizen input meeting for the Master Plan for Land Use Center, 45175 Ten Mile Road DETAILS: Smithsonian Institution's traveling exhibit Update. PHONE: Cindy Uglow, (248) depicting the role of barns in 347-0437, for reservation American culture. Free and oper to the public. Grand opening cel ebrations will be held from 3-5 school year. DATE: Wed.-Thurs., Jan, 28p.m. on Jan. 24 (cost is \$20); and 29 (7 p.m.); Sat., Jan. 31 (4:20 (248) 344-0296. -4 p.m. Jan. 25 (free). p.m.) LOCATION: Novi Middle The Art of Recruiting and Selecting Employees with Talent DATE: Thursday, February 5 PHONE: (517) 372-7770 for grand opening info. School DETAILS: Novi High's Winter Homeowner Association Leader's One Act Play, "Antigone," will be performed to the public free TIME:8:00 a.m. to noon LOCATION: Walsh College in Breakfast DATE: Jan. 24 TIME: 9-10:30 a.m. LOCATION: Novi Civic of charge. "Antigone" is part of the winter competition which will be going on all day on Saturday, Jan. 31. Many other area schools will be performing DETAILS: The seminar, hosted by Performance Progression, LLC of Novi and The Law DETAILS: Annual gathering Office of David A. Bayles of for those on homeowner associathat day as well, with Novi Northville, will cover aspects of an effective recruiting and selec-High's performance happening at 4:20 p.m., also free of charge. tions or condominum boards Guest speaker is Chief 52-1 tion process and legal issues to SENIOR CALENDAR Thursday 1/22 .Pinochle 12:30 p.m. 9 a.m.-noon Massage Therapy 9:30 a.m.Line Dance Tuesday 1/27 11 a.m.-1:30 p.m. .Sundry Shop Oper Lunc 9 a.m.-12 p.m. . 12:15 p.m. ... Bridge 1 p.m.Beginners / 2 p.m. Adv. Line Dance

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.....Clogging*Dupl. Bridge*

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Ft. Myers Beach Florida Trip

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tools, information and a new perspective on healthier living through wholeness. Open to the public; \$45 per person; registraion required PHONE: (248) 465-5455 Spotlight Players Dinner Theatre "Steel Magnollas" DATES: Feb. 6, 7, 8, 13, 14,

LOCATION: Summit on the Park, 46000 Summit Parkway, Canton DETAILS: Jennifer Camilleri

of Novi, producer, \$30 includes family style Southern cuisine and performance, Tickets must be purchased 48 hours in advance. PHONE: (734) 394-5460, www.spotlightplayers.net.

consider throughout the process. PHONE: The seminar is free

but requires advance registration by sending an e-mail to regis-

trar@performanceprogression.co

DATE: Sunday, Feb. 8 TIME: 3:30 p.m. LOCATION: St. John Lutheran Church, 23221 Gill Rd, west of Farmington Rd. and south of Grand River Ave., Farmington Hills. DETAILS: Classical Bells is a group of seasoned professionals who have appeared nationwide with groups such as The Detroit Symphony, Michigan Opera Theater and Birmingham First Night. They also provide bell-

"Classical Bells" Concert

for prospective students DATE: Sunday, Feb. 8

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Cyrus Chestnut concert

DATE: Saturday, Feb. 14 TIME: 7:30 p.m. LOCATION: Franklin Road Christian School, 13 Mile Rd., DETAILS: Jazz pianist will perform with Rodney Whitaker, bass, and Randy Gillespie, drums, of the Professors of Jazz at Michigan State University. Tickets are \$20; \$10 for students. Call (248) 477-7711 to order.

Send your calendar items to Cal Stone, editor, Novi News, 104 W. Main, Northville, MI 48167; fax to (248) 349-9832; or e-mail to cstone@ht.homecomm.net.

Northern Michigan University Program

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Henry Ford Complementary Medicina Center Class "Don't Worry-Be Kappy" DATE: Wednesday, Feb. 11 TIME: 7 p.m.-8:30 p.m. LOCATION: Henry Ford Medical Center, Novi, 40000 Hotel, Haggerty Rd. DETAILS: For prospective stu-dents and parents, informations on financial aid, orientation, and housing. Meet NMU students, Eight Mile, one block west of aggerty. DETAILS: Course fee is \$5 per class. Space is limited and preregistration is required. Learn

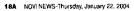
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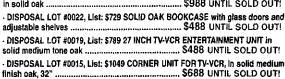
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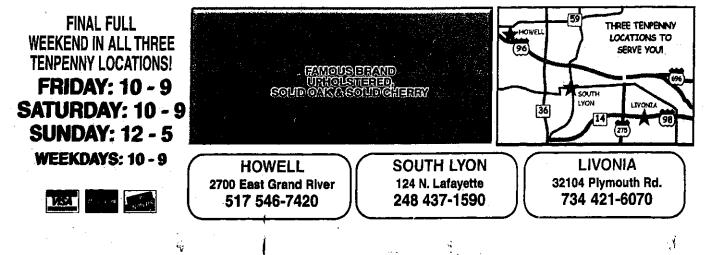




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Wildcat basketball gets back on track with two victories



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Wildcats, with a bio win over the Belleville Tigers, secured the Wanderer Trooby. which will stay with the 'Cats as long as they don't lose. Sound intriguing? HomeTown Newspaper sports writer Stan Frank did some digging and found out the origin of the traveling trophy and what it takes to get it and try to keep it.

— See Page B2 for details And don't miss this...

If you don't mind going on the road, the Novi Wildcats basketball team will visit the Brighton Buildogs tomorrow at 7 p.m. The 'Dogs represent the most recent threat to attempt to snag the Court Wanderer Trophy from its new-found owners.

Wedding Bells

Coaches getting married seems to be the theme at Novi High School

this year. Novi's junior varsity wrestling coach, J.J. Balagna, will be tying the knot May 15 of this year to Emily McGuckin, Balangna was a varsity wrestler for four years at Novi before graduating in 1997, while McGuckin graduated in 1998 and was a four-year varsity swimmer and a team captain during her senior year for the Wildcats. Congratulations to both of these Novi alumni. Will green and white be the color scheme for the bride's maids and groom's men?

Jordan Collins leaves Novi to play Junior A hockey in Iowa

Novi hockey player and senior Jordan Collins recent ly left the Wildcat hockey team and the high school for a

Jordan Collins stint with a Junior A hockey team in Sioux City, Iowa



GAME WEEK Novi Wildcats Volleyball Milford Thursday, January 29 5:30 p.m. at Novi

Proving the experts wrong

Doesn't it just ruffle your feathers when you hear of so-called-experts making a determination on which teams are going to rock and which aren't during the regular season? That's the case with the Novi Wildcats volleyball team. So many people think they don't

to recover from their KVC open-ing loss to Howeli the week

an impact on their next team in order to make it known that they are serious about contending for the Kensington Valley Conference title

Conterence tille. The squad did exactly that as they pounded KVC rival Lakeland in three straight games, 30-28, 25-17, 25-22.

thing falling into place for the 'Cats.

"Cats. "Overall, it was just a bal-anced team effort," he said. "Everyone got in to play and everyone contributed." The Wildcats were still trying

provided some big time play in the back row for the Wildcats. "She showed her senior lead-ership and got us back on the board and in the game," Herbst said. "From there, we took control of the rest of the night and

woo." Though the Wildeats managed to squeeze out a win in the first game of the night, they knew better than to sit back and relax. Against Howell, the 'Cats won the first game as well, but ended

The team reary stepped up coming off that loss to Howell," Herbst said. "We won the first game against Lakeland but knew that didn't matter much if we didn't win two more. We had to close the door in the second game and we did it."

called high school volleyball experts doubting their ability thanks to a high number of grad-



That was an area we struggied

for their play. "They did a nice job of spreading the ball around," Herbst said.

action today when they visit the Brighton Bulldogs at 5:30 p.m. before playing at home Saturday

this team <u>Just</u> is just amazing." Novi played extremely well as a whole, but Herbst noted Kim Concernski and Bella Zarczynski and Bella Feldbaum's play as a positive. "They did a great job estab-lishing blocks all night," he said.

a little bit in the latter half of the Howell match." At setter, Laura Rybicki and Becky Reichel were also noted

The Wildcats are back in

By Sam Eggleston SPORTS WRITER

Besides a quick run in the third quarter, this game was nothing but Novi

The Wildcats boys basketball team jumped to a quick lead and kept it as they crushed the Lakeland Eagles, 42-25, in a Kensington Valley Conference f the Novi basketball team was

worried that they might lose their LAKELAND 25

Court Wanderer trophy to the Eagles at the beginning of their game January 16, then they must have been breathing a sigh of relief by midway through the sec-ond quarter. Novi leapt out to an amazing

14-0 lead before the Eagles were finally able to notch their first

finally able to notch their first points on a lay-up with 4:39 left in the second quarter. "Our defense in the first quar-ter was unbelievable," Novi coach Pat Schluter said. "It was a great first half of basketball." The Wildcats, who were deter-mined to reclaim their defensive

mined to reclaim their defensive superiority over their Kensington Valley Conference opponents after losing to Howell in the league opener, used their impres-sive man-to-man defense to shut the Eagles down and utilizing any mistakes the young Lakeland squad made. By the end of the first half, the Wildcats were leading 22-7. "Lakeland likes to run that

"Lakeland likes to four that slow offense, so you can always expect scores to be a lot lower against them," Schluter said. "They didn't change that game they and at times we held the hall "They didn't change that game plan, and at times we held the ball as well.

The Wildcats had a slight hic-cup in the third quarter and the Lakeland Eagles took a quick advantage of it as they outscored Novi 13-5 to cut the deficit to just seven points, 27-20,

But, the fourth quarter was once again all Novi. The Wildcats simply ran over their foes as they nutscored them 15-5 to secure the win

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"Lakeland is well coached and "Lakeland is well coached and they are capable of shooting the ball on you," Schluter said. "I thought we did a great job of tak-ing away their two best scorers and because of that they had a hard time getting points on the board." board."

The Wildcats were fully expecting an all-out onslaught from the Eagles – who won their KVC opener and now hold a 1-1

record in the league. "Everyone who plays us is going to come after us," Schluter said. "No one is going to be sitsaid. "No one is going to be sit-ting back. Novi is the game they want to win. We won the league last year and were real successful. They are all going to be bringing

They are all going to be bringing their A-game when they play us." The Wildcats, who are now 1-1 in the league following the win and 7-1 overall, were led in scor-ing by point guard Brad Chandler, who put up 12 points in the game. Trevor Hoover added eight, Anthony Harbin had seven and Brad Simpson scored six. Senior Mark Angelocci also had five points on the night. Novi is slated to visit Brighton tomorrow after a week off. The

tomorrow after a week off. The game's tip off is scheduled for 7

game is any or its scheduled (of 7 p.m. Unfortunately for Novi, Brighton also had a week off, "We're playing there too, which is always tough," Schluter said. His squuid is about to put the Wanderer trophy on the line gain, "We have to take it one game at a time. As always, I'm, going to be preaching team and defense."

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Photo by John Heider

Novi's John Janssens tries to bat the puck out of midair in a game against Northville.

'Cats fall to Milford

It definitely wasn't the ending the Novi Wildcats wanted in their game against the Mavericks. After keeping the contest close throughout the majority of play, the Wildcats gave up two quick work and the en open with the goals and then an open-netter to fall 5-1 to their Kensington Valley

fall 5-1 to their Kensington Valley Conference tivals. "Milford is very strong this year," Novi coach Dan Phelps said. "They are an up-and-coming team. We're not the only team that is going to have trouble with them

other to watch their chances dwin dle to a 4-1 cushion in favor of the Mavericks.

Mavericks. Novi pulled goalie Dan Morrison in hopes of getting an advantage on the attack, but the Mavericks pounded the coffin shut with a goal for the 5-1 finish.

with a goal for the 5-1 minit. "Their goalic definitely played a big factor in the final score," Phelps said. "He had some huge saves. We had some chances right on his door step. But, I have to give the kid credit. He stood on his head and stooned us."



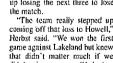
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SPORTS WRITER

By Sam Eggleston The Novi Wildcats volleyball team knew that after losing to Howell, they would have to have

Novi was without one of their central figures for the contest – coach Julie Fiscite, who was out

of town on business. Filling in for her was none other that Rusty Herbsi, and he saw every-



up losing the next three to lose the match. "The team really stepped up

The Wildcats are a team that is in a position that finds the so-

what it takes ompet tive this year, but Novi News sports writer Sam Eggleston disagrees. He thinks the Wildcats are geared up and ready to surprise a lot of people and will have a blast doing it.

-See Page B5

prior, and found themselves on the ropes for part of the first game as they fell behind the Eagles. It took just a spark to get momentum going though. their and that spark came from Sam Stricker. Stricker came off the extremely deep Novi bench and

uates from last year. Novi, however, doesn't find that to be a

"We had a really good camp over the summer and we have two really good sophomores in Jenna Kuhn and Megan Miller helping us out. The juniors and seniors as a whole are playing

at 9 a.m. Novi will then visit Hartland January 26 at 5:30 p.m.

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Novi was the first to get on the board, scoring on a powerplay as Chaz Bulbuk took the puck in and scored for a 1-0 lead.

From that point on, the 'Cats fell behind 2-1 before giving up two goals within 40 seconds of each

and stopped us." Novi is back in action tomorrow

when they visit Lakeland at 3:30 p.m. before returning home nuary 28 against Brighton with a 6:30 p.m. face off.

– By Sam Eggleston

Eric Hansen Senior

Wrestling

Hansen, who wrestles at the 125-pound weight class for the Wildcats, took home a medal and wins in all five of his matches at the South Lyon Invitational Wrestling Tournament last week. Hansen has been a steady wrestler for the Wildcats and will no



doubt be a contender for some individual honors this year if he continues to wrestie the way he has been.

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Sam Stricker Senior Volleyball

Sometimes, a team just needs a boost from one of their senior leadone of their senior teac-ers — and Stricker gave that to the Wildcats last week against the Lakeland Eagles. Stricker came in during an intense first game that ended 30-28 and helped spark to Noti camed into som



the Novi squad into some impressive play that led to a victory in three straight games. The whole team played well in the contest, but Stricker was the spark that lit the fuse.

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debauchery, such as those tagged to the NHU's Stanley Cup, are

"It's pretty well protected," he

said. "The untested theory is that

you can set it on the rim in its case and push it off and it would still be

"But I don't recommend any-

team's ownership of the Court

"I'm trying to build it up to my

guys," Schluter said, "because I know every team we play is going to build it up, It's going to bring a

Indeed, if defeating the defend-ing KVC champions proves not

enough incentive, opposing team likely will be looking to capture

the rights to Novi's new priz

verance of a normad, making

briefly its home in 12 Michigan

By Stan Frank IOMETOWN NEWSPAPERS

Like a vagabond, the Court Vanderer drifts from place to

It has now journeyed to a haskethall court near you. With a 50-49 double-overtime victory at Belleville, the Novi var-

sity basketball team captured and bussed home a golden sphere that, since its inception 24 months ago, has been gaining recognition body doing that," LaFreniere added with a laugh. "The neat thing is that all the teams that have won it have taken their school logo sticker and stuck it on the outside of the case." Novi included. Wildcats head coach Pat among enthusiasts of Michigan ngh school basketball. In doing e Wildcats provided teams in the Kensington Valley Conference an added incentive to upsetting last Schluter consciously made the decision to not undervalue his

year's league champions. Conceived in Manton, a small town outside Carlillac, by its high school athletic director Ren Labremere III, the Court Wanderer is a magnificent trophy in the shape of a basketball that can be attained by a Michigan school only upon beating a team which pos-

rsses it. LaFreniere created the concept of the Court Wanderer after learn ing of a similar traveling trophy in Indiana. He then was granted per-mission by his school superintendent to produce the golden globe, which, along with its protective ase, cost about \$750.

communities. Now, seven schools in the KVC will be aising to 'It wasn't cheap," LaFteniea said last Friday, "but we didn't knock off Novi and become the want it to look cheap. We wanted it 13th to be pretty impressive, so that when people get it they are wowed Whoever said No. 13 is unlucky?

The Novi players were quick in assuming affection for the trophy. Last Friday night, in their first defense of it, the Wildcats routed Lakeland to retain its possession Afterward, members of the team ited it high in the air while posing

for pictures. We want to keep winning and go into the playoffs with it." Novi's Brad Chandler said. "We don't want any other KVC teams to much it."

touch it. LaFreniere said reaction to the trophy has been overwhelmingly positive. In fact, in light of its suc cess, LaFreniere established last fall the Lady Court Wanderer. "I once listened to a game on the radio when a team knocked off another that had it and the place

ounded just like mass chai LaFreniere said. "That kind of sen a chill down my spine." To Labreniere's knowledge, the

The Court Wanderer Court Wanderer's innocence has

Photo by Michael Shuste

retain possession of the traveling trophy until they lose. This is the first time the trophy has been in the Kensington

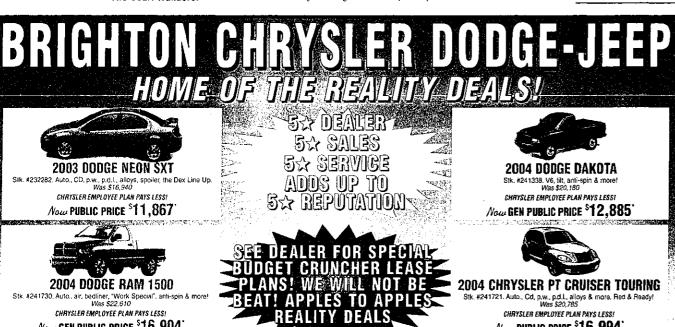
Since January 2002, the Court Wanderer has exhibited the perse-Hoover's last-second heroics win game, Wanderer for Novi

For more information on the Court Wanderer, visit www.court-By Sam Eggleston

Stan Frank is the sports writer Coming off a loss to Howell and their first of the season, the Novi Wildcats boys' basketball team was determined not to suffor the Milford Times and South Lyon Herald, Reach him at (248) 685-1507, ext. 25, or by e-mail at fer another one. The 'Cats, who are coached

The 'Cats, who are conched the fact that the Wildcat game. That's why he's so dan-by Pat Schluter, collected a 07 defense was able to hold the groups off the bench and why I huge win over the NOVI 50 under 50 points two overtimes, 50-49 through a game and a half is remarkable only boosted the Wildcats enough but the way they came morally, but also gave them something to show for it as they more who have the Cam Workers. took home the Court Wandere rophy (see related story, this age) Novi started the game off on

themselves on the wrong end of guards, Hoover pulled up on a cach.



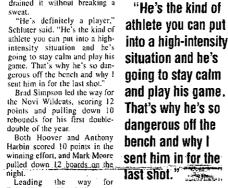
By Sam Eggleston SPORTS WRITER NOV HUUT they did.

Novi's boys basketball team, coached by Pat Schluter, won the Court Wanderer Trophy from Belleville. Novi will

a 29-26 deficit by the end of the first half. I long three-point attempt and drained it without breaking a "Belleville is a serious team," Schluter said. "Whenever you play a team with the talent they have, you have to consider yourself lucky to escape with the win" the win? The fact that the Wildcat game. That's why he's so dan

motioned for senior Trevor Hoover to get of the bench and into the game. The idea? To force the Tigers to flow with the

the right foot, taking a 14-5 lead over the highly competitive rigers in the first fourn minutes of the first quarter, but found



Pat Schluter Novi basketball coa

Thursday, January 22, 2004-NOVI NEWS 3 Wildcats rank with some of the best

Especially considering Cheasing Union is the former state champion for cheerleading, and Carleton Though the Novi Wildcats didn't take first place at the Novi Invitational cheering competition, they now know they are in good company. The Novi Invitational, which Airport always in the **Collins** running. "We were absolutely thrilled to was held at Novi Middle School January 17, found Carleton Airport winning with a total of 673.5 points and Cheasing Union have scores that were as close to theirs as they were," Denys said, "If feels good when our kids are came in second with 662.5 points. Novi was third in their competi-tion, scoring a total of 651 points. "We were very pleased," Novi ranked with schools that have been state champs or that regularcoach Amy Denys said of herself ly make appearances at the state and coach Emily Parker. "We had me good scores and the girls were really excited with how well



Ruhl Thankfully, Novi had cheerleaders that were willing and able to fill in and learn the routines that

they needed to learn. Juniors put them in second by themselves. Kristen Collins and Marie Ruh stepped in and helped the 'Cats on And the Wildcats weren't with-out obstacles to overcome either. Seniors Melissa Laird and Katie

their teammates." Novi scored 183.5 points in round one before notching 193.0 points in round two. Round three, which is easily Novi's most spec acular showing, scored the team 274.5 points. "We are really proud of the girls." Denys said. Novi will be back in action today when they visit the Hartland Eagles. Currently, the Wildcats are tied for second in the conference with the Hartland cheerleaders, and a win today wil

Sam Eggleston is the sports

Novi dominates South Lyon The Novi Wildeat cheerlead-The Wildcats blasted th

ers may have already taken a conference loss, but that didn't stop them from pounding out a huge win over South Lyon January 15, 672-548. awarded just 165.5 points. In round three, where the 'Cats excel, Novi put up a stag-gering 291.5 points to South Lyon's 231 to seal their victory The Wildcats, who are coached by Amy Denys and Emily Parker, dominated the. meet from the start as they rebounded from a loss to Brighton from the week before. "We were scored generously," and keep them on the road towards a possible Kensington Valley Conference title.

Denys said. "The scores were relatively high, but I think they were reflective of the hard work we have been doing. The girls Currently, Novi is tied for second place with Hartland, and ha just one conference loss Brighton is in first and is unde seem to have felt pretty good about that, and they like to see feated those high scores."

- By Sam Egglestor

one-dimensional writer. In fact, he writes for the Northville High School paper, *The Mustanger*, as

well. "I have a regular column

reviewing the latest video games and rating them," he said. "I also

write sports stories and cover dif-ferent school clubs and their

But when all is said and done,

Simich would like to find himself

sitting in front of his home com-puter and making a living doing

"It would be great to write fic

tion for a living," he said. "I have a lot of ideas for books, I just

activities.'



State champs — again!

Novi has its fair share of talented athletes - and the future is looking bright as well. Here, seven Novi soccer players pose after winning the State Cup game October 4 with their team, the U15 Michigan Hawks Soccer Club. The state title is their second in a row. The victory at the state level, which was a 3-2 final over the Bloomfield Force, gives them a berth into the regionals in Illinois in June. Wins at the regionals will give the girls the chance to play for the national title later in the year. Pictured are (from left to right, top row) Emily Essbrook, Stephanie Crawford; (middle) Jessica Barndt, Kelli Corless, Kristine Chaklos; and (front) Katie Walker and Kelly Walker.

CLUB HOCKEY RESULTS

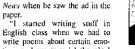
Brandon Harrell, who scored his three goals in a more 19 seconds! Harrell also had five assists. Two days later, the Wild beat Northville's club squad 7-3. Berger and Harrell both had anoth-Edge. Wild finished on top 7-3. This time junior Kyle Wells scored the hat trick for the Wild. Other Goalie Matt Waggy played a great game, stopping Troy's breakaways and keeping the Wild on top. Berger and Harrell both had anoth-er great game with two goals each. Kyle Mouch and Brett Walczak,

Simich is a natural

Writing is something this intern knows how to do

By Sam Eggleston

For Northville senior Matt Simich, writing is just something that comes naturally to him. So, it's no wonder that he was interested in writing sports for the Northville Record and the Novi News when he saw the ad in the paper.



tions and events and I thought I

was pretty good at it," Simich said. "It came really easy to me." Simich also tries his hand at science-fiction and fantasy writing — though he admits that they don't always come out the way he would like. One of the things that makes

Simich such a well-versed writer in the field of sports is the fact that he is a multi-sport athlete himself — something that gives

him insight to the emotions that ture. follow both a win and a loss. "I have been in those situa-tions," he said. "I've been through because you get to go to the games, talk with the coaches and an really awesome win where you players immediately after the game and get their point of view feel unbeatable, and also in some

tough losses where you keep replaying the game in your on a certain play in the game," he said. "It just kind of flows out of my fingertips when I'm writing at Though Simich has covered a the computer. It feels great to fin

variety of sports for the newspa-per, he is quick to admit he has a ish a story and reread it before I submit it." But don't think Simich is a worite among them





Matt Simich

gotta say basketball," he said. "It's my favorite because there's a lot of action. It's so fast paced. One minute, you're on offense and the next you're on D,

Simich has written, he says that game coverage has proven to be favorable over the occasional fea-

he wasn't

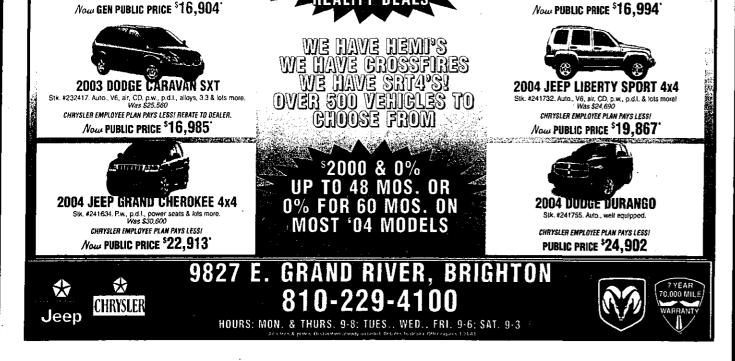
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have to sit down and give them some form, plot and details. Hopefully, someday I'll do this." Until then, Simich will be busy pecking away at his keyboard and Of the two styles of articles being the beat writer for the Northville varsity basketball tean a job he definitely enjoys.
As for the future, who know? Simich is going to be a member of the track and field team and "I like writing game coverage

will hopefully still be writing for the *Record* and the *News*. The parents who look for his articles each week would sure miss him if

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UNDERCLASSMAN SCORES

Junior Varsity Basketball Lake Western in the semifinals, 15- division, while Aaron Dixon tool 8, 12-15, and 15-12. Novi whipped Wayne Memorial in the quarterfi-nals, 15-12, 15-5. Courtney sixth at 145 and David Cox finished Novi remained unblemished i sixth at 189 league play as the team defeated Huron Valley Lakeland 44-28. The Huron Valley Lakcland 44-28. The Wildcats only led by two at the half but played inspired defensive basket-ball to hold Lakeland to only 11 points in the second half. The Wildcats were lead by Steve Hard's 13 points, Sean White's 12 and A.W. Stanck's five steals. Then days prior. The Wildcats Ratkowiak led the Wildcats with 13 Freshman Volleyball blocks, 14 kills, and six aces. Ashely Gazdecki added nine blocks and 14 kills. Katelynn Tuck had five blocks, The Novi volleyball team defea ed Howell last week in four sets. The Wildcats won, 21-13, 17-21, 21-14, while Kristen Marzonie and Kaclyn 21-12. Top performers were Natalie Frask with nine assists, Emily Esbrook with 10 digs and Lauren McAboy chipped in with six aces Stanet's hive steals. Two days prior, The Wildcats jumped out to an early 10-2 lead but could not contain the Belleville Tigers on the boards as the Wildcats **Junior Varsity Wrestling** The Novi Wildcats wrestling team made some noise at the 38th Annual eventually dropped their first game of the season 53-42. Novi was led by Garden City Freshman/Sophomon iley Moss' 13 points and White's tournament last week. Placing for the freshmen were Adam Ballentyne, taking first in the [25 pourd division, while Adam Junior Varsity Volleyball Here took third at 103 and Brad Frey took lifth in the same class. Also tak The Novi volleyball team won the Northville Invitational on Saturday.

ing fifth for the freshman were Mike Cash at the 130-pound weight class, Jan. 10 with three exciting victories over Walled Lake Northern, Walled and Jeremy Young at 135. For the sophomores, Bill Buccilli Lake Western and Wayne Memorial. The Wildcats defeated a tough-hittook second at the 152-pound class, while Derick McClelland took secting Walled Lake Northern in the championship round, 7-15, 15-13, ond as well at 171. Jeff Raun earned and 15-13. The Wildcats beat Walled a third-place finish in the 125-pound

Purdy with four aces and four kills. Freshman Basketball The Novi basketball team extend ed its win streak to four games with

a 51-49 overtime road victory over Howell on Friday, Jan. 9. Novi trailed by two points with 14 sec-onds left in regulation when Brandon Carnegie hit a short runne as time expired to tie the game at 44 44. In overtime, Carnegie, who led Novi with 13 points, sunk three of four from the line to seal the victory Trevor Borsak's scored nine of his 12 points in the first half.

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Novi club skater competes nationally

13-year-old Melissa Bedell and her partner take ninth at national figure skating event

By Pam Fleming

Thirteen-year-old Melissa Bedell brought a touch of fame to the Skating Club of Novi recently by becoming the first member to compete in the U.S. Figure Skating Championships. The competition, which is the premier amateur event for U.S. skaters, took place Jan. 3-11 in

Bedell, an eighth-grader from Farmington Hills, competed with pairs partner Brandon Hanson, 18, of Montrose, just forth of Flint, Although Hansor is currently a member of the Detroit Skate Club, he practices with Bedelf at the Novi lee Arena and plans to join the Novi club in the near future Out of the 12 teams that com

peted in the national championships, Bedell and Hauson finished eighth in their short program and t0th in the long program, giving them ninth place overall. "This was their first national

competition after only being together for six months, so I think they did wonderfully. I'n very proud of both of them,' said Debbie Bedell, Melissa's mother.

"I thought we did pretty good." Melissa Bedell said "Our long wasn't a perfect pro gram, but our short program was really good. Overall, I was pleased."

Bedell, who has been skating since preschool and hopes to become a skating coach some Hanson la day, has worked with coach Tammy Liptak, skating director at the Novi lee Arena, for four big broth years. She also works with ship. His coach Paige Petty at the Novi - safery," sl

Joe Mero, who also works out great tin of the Novi Ice Arena, is their pairs coach, and Geri Campbell erves as their choreographer. Bedell said she likes skating awesome Everyone with Hanson

"He's really nice, and we get Hanson

lanson last Jaly they thi it off, "Their personalities really work well together, It's like a big brother/little sister relation- ship. His concern is for her safety," she said, Melissa Bedell said she had a	"Our long wasn't a perfect program, but our short program was really good. Overall, I was pleased."		
great time in Atlanta at the national championships. "It was really exciting. It was awesome just being there, Everyone was really nice," she said.	<u>.</u>		Melissa Bedell Skating Club of Novi
Hanson, who recently started as a skating coach at the Flint	about 10 years. "We deserved to be ninth. We		long program. We been in the top

along really well," she said, Debbie Bedell said when her lecland Arena, has been skating didn't skate as well as we could three," he said.

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Skating Club of Novi member Melissa Bedell and her partner, Brandon Hanson, competed in the national figure skating championships earlier this month. The duo places ninth in the competition.

rogram. We

in the top too, so he had to carry her off

Although Hanson doesn't The two took first place in regional pairs competition at the Novice Level in October in believe it was a factor in their less-than-perfect performance Nashville. That qualified them to go to nationals, Bedell did suffer an injury on the first day of the sectional competition in Debbie Bedell described the November in Dallas, where they incident. "He put her up for a split dou-

ble twist and she over-rotated, rotating right out of his arms. He was able to break her fall, tition in Atlanta. out her right knee, which is her Pam Fleming is a staff write

landing knee, hit the ice. The for the Novi News. She can be reached at (248) 349-1700, ext. 105, or by e-mail at pflemwind got knocked out of her.

Novi's Collins heads to Iowa for junior hockey

By Sam Eggleston

there and he already has a few game and an ample amount of recognition with college scouts and a much hetter chance at earngame time," Phelps said. ing a scholarship to a larger hockey program. His time in Sioux City is



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104 or by e-mail seggleston@ht.homecomm.net. e-mail "FUNNY...WITH **REAL LAUGHS**

Wild Switzer's sights set on the stars

part of that."

great that it takes a focused indi-vidual to succeed there - not to mention the demands just to get in.

Switzer currently has two nomi-

nations from political figures, as

well as her accomplishments as a tennis and track captain and her 3.9

grade point average. Even with all of that, she doesn't know what her

chances for getting in to the Academy are – especially consid-ering of the 1,000 incoming fresh-men each year, just around 200 of

those are females. That statistic

alone makes Switzer looking to become just one-half of one per-

cent, which is quite the feat if she an astronaut.

'Stangs By Sam Eggleston SPORTS WRITER

take For Novi tennis star Anna Switzer, it's a dream that's on the cusp of becoming a reality. Switzer, like many other high school seniors across the country. wants nothing more than to have

third the opportunity to serve our coun-try. But, unlike many high school the masses, but to be one of the select few – Switzer wants to be an officer in the United State Navy. By Sam Eggleston

"Both of my grandpas were in The Northville-Novi Wild the Navy and so were my dad and 'Stangs gymnastics team found itself in one less competition than they thought they d be in last my uncle," she said. "I just always visited the Academy when I was hitle. I must have been there 10 times visiting it, and I just fell in is able to accomplish it. The Salem meet, which had

eniors, her goal isn't to be one of

originally been slated for Jan. 14; was pushed back to Jan. 29 due to inclement weather conditions. The Wild 'Stangs did, however, con pete in the Hartland Invitational

st three days later. The "A" squad came away with a third-place finish with a total of 142.325 - just a sliver off the lead, which was taken by Rochester Adams' 144.225 points. Hartland, The Novi Wildcats volleyball team knows exactly what it feels like to win and to lose as they've which was the host team, took secdone both this season. ond with 143.2 total points. Individually, the Wildcats had some decent showings. Sara

It's understandable why they don't want to feel the latter any more, and why the first would be an extremely enjoyable experi-ence if they can keep it going through the rest of the season. This is a squad that was highly Wilchowski took a first on the bars in "A" team competition as she notched a total of 9.65 for her efforts. On the beam, she took doubted by the so-called expert fourth with a 9.25 and then on high school volleyball, and it's my belief that the Novi Wildcats are about to let everyone know notched a fifth-place finish with a 9.425 with her floor routine. Emma Platt took sixth on the that those predictions were a

vault, collecting a score of 9.0. "The girls struggled a bit on the beam, but performed very well on floor and bars." Northville-Novi bunch of malarkey. They know what it takes to win, have the stamina and the ability to do it, coach Lindsay Schultz said. "We and won't be backing down in any still have a lot to work on and to of their uncoming matches That goes for one of the toughine-tune, but they are definitely heading in the right direction." The squad's "B" team had a est on their schedule this year as vell- their home match against remarkable showing on the day as they took first place with 129.75 Milford a week from today. The Milford Mavericks are always a strong team no matter what sport they are fielding a team in and

points. Marcie Fink led the way on the vault, collecting a first-place finish with an 8.9. Rachel Deneau took first on the floor exercise with a

Schultz

9.5 to help the squad to victory. Cortney Paul took fourth with

her performance on the beam, where she collected a score of 8.6.

Maggie Mills was third in over-

orthy total of 35.2. On the bars

all points, collecting an applaud-

she took fourth with a 9.15, and also collected a score of 9.2 on the

floor exercise, which was also

The Wild 'Stangs are back in action today when they host the

gynnasts from John Glenn at 7 p.m. before going to the Farmington Invite Saturday. Then, the team will host Hartland at 7 p.m. Jan. 27 and

Salem two days later with the same start time scheduled.

good for fourth place.

her

Lindsay Schultz pushes her squad to be the best By Matt Simich on the monkey bars when her mom asked, "Do you want to do SPECIAL WRITER gymnastics?" and Schultz said Twirl round and round, flip on to the lower bar, twirl around again to back flip on to the high bar into a handstand. Prepare for she did. From that point on she participated in a variety of gym-nastics clubs such as USGF, which was a private gymnastics club. She also did one year of gymnastics her freshmen year in college at Michigan State the finale, one last breath and swing around the bar three more times. Release the bar and flip through the air to stick the land University. After her first year ing. This is a typical day for the gymnasts on the Northville and Novi team. The person who got she decided to concentrate on her

'Stangs comes from. Under her leadership the squad has gotten a teaching degree. When she graduated, Schultz them there is head coach Lindsay started student teaching at Lake load of titles, including win started student teaching at Lake load of titles, including winning Orion and remained there for two the state title in the 2001-2002 Schultz got her start when she was a youngster at the age of Northville High School in 1999



choice of the average high school-er. The demands on mental, physi-cal and leadership aspects are so witzer said. "I just want to be a McAuliffe. I was born on the day Penn State and Embry-Riddle. At Penn State, my major will be aero-space engineering, which is a little art of that." of the Challenger accident and I Switzer's goals climb even fur-didn't have a middle name yet. different that what I would like. At Embry-Riddle, it's space physics, which is exactly what I want to do."

ther than just going through the Academy. If she's accepted and And since my mother was a teacher, she named me after her. In once she's through, she hopes to third grade, I did a report on become a pilot in one of the most technologically advanced pieces of Christa McAuliffe and I've been interested since then." The destruction of the military equipment around today -

higher learning, Switzer is deter-mined to become one of the elite in Challenger and the Columbia the service of her country. From the fighter jet. From there, the goals and space shuttles hasn't been enough there, she wants to become one of to deter Switzer either. "I think it's just a risk you take," she said. "And it's well worth it." dreams of Switzer continue to grow and aim even higher than any the elite in service of her planet. With goals like that, Switzer can tell her family that she's reaching for the stars - and she'll mean it Switzer has contingency plans

in case the unfortunate incident of her not being accepted into the Sain Eggleston is the sports writer for the Northville Record and Academy occurs. "I'll still become a Naval offithe Novi News. He can be reached

love with everything about it." "When you go to the Naval always been interested in," she cert's he said. "I've been accepted The Naval Academy isn't the Academy, you're focused on said. "It started in third grade, actu-into the NROTC programs at both at (248) 349-1700, ext, 104 or at seggleston@ht.homecomm.net

Wildcats need to prove the experts wrong

jet could ever take her. By the time

she's through, Switzer hopes to reach for the stars and hopefully

even touch them - she wants to be

"It's just another thing I have

Though Milford presents a different challenge than the Eagles did, I think the Novi spikers have finally found their footing and a game they are comfortable playing.

volleyball is no exception. The first game sounds more like a bas good thing about this upcoming contest, which is scheduled to start at 5:30 p.m., is the fact that it's at home in the Novi High School fieldhouse. The Wildcats will have to be at

the absolute top of their game to pull this one out, but I think they are going to be able to do it. It idid. I think the Novi spliters have did. I think the Novi spliters have finally found their footing and a game they are comfortable play-ing. I have no doubts in my mind that they are going to be competi-tive in each and every game that is remaining on their schedule this may take all five games, but the 'Cats showed in their contest against Lakeland that they have the energy reserves to outlast their opponents. A 30-28 final in the

department. During her first year of teaching at Northville she was

offered a coaching job for the gymnastics team and leapt on the opportunity. For the first year, she was the assistant coach, but

in the next year she became the

head coach and has been for the

past four years. The team consists of gymnasts

from both Novi and Northville.

which is where the name Wild

On that note, I am calling Nov ketball score than a volleyball tally, and the Wildcats were no out as the winners in this game. I worse for the wear as they went think they have what it takes as well as the ability to get them-selves into the hunt for the KVC on to win in three-straight matchcs. Though Milford presents a dif-

crown this year. ferent challenge than the Eagles Novi wins in five games

title 9 times in a row.

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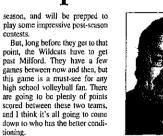
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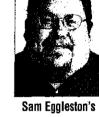
> tributions.' Julie Forcher i "The team just keeps on get-ting better and better each meet," said Schultz. This year for their first meet they took on the another athlete with talent in the floor routines. The Wild 'Stangs show a lot of

first meet they took on the Canton Chiefs. Even though the team lost a tough meet Schultz promise and have a huge reputa-tion to live up to this year. The season is just getting started and with Schultz as their leader, there is no telling how far they can go

says: "It was probably one of the Matt Simich is an intern fo Schultz has big expectation: from gymnasts Sara Wilchowski the Northville Record and the on the uneven bars and balance beam. Also on the beam, vault and floor exercise, Rachel Deneau should make some great Novi News, Comments can be directed to the sports depart-ment at (248) 349-1700, ext. 104.







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NFIB UPDATE

Identity theft stinks

Although they sound like the latest extreme sports, "dumpster diving" and "shoulder surfing" are methods identity thieves employ to swipe personal financial data and telephone calling-cial data and telephone calling-eard numbers. According to offi-cials, such crimes are on the rise. In one notorious case, an identity thief ran up \$100,000 in credit card debt, bought motorcycles and handguns in the victim's name, and even obtained a federal home loan with the stolen

formation. While small businesses that seek federal contracts aren't reporting strange people in their trash bins or lurking over their shoulders, these little firms have become victims of identity theft to the tune of billions of dollars

Adding insult to injury, those who got away with the money won't he charged with crimes. The government knows who they are, how much they got and how they got it. But all will be forgiv-en. It was all just a little oversight in the regulations, as they

say in Washington, D.C. Some oversight. Back before they became big businesses, some little enterprises registered with the U.S. government to be considered for federal contracts. As success took hold and they grew, they never bothered to go back and tell the feds they had become large companies. But they don't get all the blame. It seems the feds never bothered to ask-in some cases for more than 20 years—if these contracting firms had grown larger than "a small business concern that way independently owned and operat ed and not dominant in its field?

According to an Associated Press report, some of the nation's largest and most successful telephone utilities, food corporations and book sellers still identify themselves as small businesses so they can qualify for government contracts. Once listed, they can disguise themselves as small businesses for the life of a contract, which can be as long as two decades.

Congress passed the Small Business Act to ensure that a fair portion of all federal contracts be placed with small concerns, President Bush set the figure at 23 percent of the federal pic. But the General Accounting Office (GAO), after reviewing contracts given to five large companies totaling more than a billion dol-lars, found that \$460 million of that was reported as small-business awards

Digging deeper, the GAO determined that federal regulations don't require updates as companies grow, merge with other enterprises or are acquired by a large business. That, plus bureaucratic and error-prone data collection techniques, has let big firms mask themselves as small businesses and snatch away the goods

But on Capitol Hill, at least one lawmaker is taking names and checking assets. U.S. Senate Small Business Committee Chair Olympia Snowe (Maine) has called on the responsible agency, the Federal Procurement Data System, to solve this identity cri-sis so small businesses will get their promised share of federal

Identity theft stinks, whether done in a dumpster or in the fouled files of the feds. Small business deserves a clean sweep.

Jack Faris is president of NFIB (the National Federation of



Advertorial

providing designer frames. Seated in the customer service area of the new facilities at Town and Country Eyecare, Kirk and Crissman are joined by members of their staff (from left), Rhonda, Nicole, Sunshine, Lisa and Debbie.

Discover a better view of your world

Town & Country Eyecare provides primary eyecare, glasses, contacts

By Duane Ramsey SPECIAL WRITER

Town & Country Eyecare moved into its new facilities at the corner of Novi and Nine Mile roads just in time to celebrate the firm's 10th anniversary. The new home is only the second location for the optometry practice founded by Dr. Timothy Kirk in February of 1994.

Town & Country Eyecare moved into the new facility from its previous location down the street in the Oakpointe Plaza on Novi Road. The practice almost doubled its space with 2,600 square feet in the new

Its space with 2,600 square feet in the new clinic, according to Dr. Kirk. "The new location is convenient for our patients, offers plenty of parking and good visibility for our practice." Dr. Kirk suid. "We purchased the building and property for the clinic expansion because we wanted to remain in the Novi-Northville area." The presents for maximg to the larger

The reasons for moving to the larger location include: increase in examination rooms for improved appointment availability and

flow;

increase in optical display and labora-tory space for improved service;
addition of new designer frames and

eye care products; to allow for future high-tech growth and offering additional services. The interior of the new facility features

natural woodwork, slate floors, and soft colors to create a warm comfortable envi ronment for the patients, "representing homes in town and country of our area,"

said Dr. Amy Crissman.



hotos by Duane Ramsey Dr. Kirk and Dr. Crissman check the images taken with the new digital retinal camera. Town & Country Eyecare will host an open house for contact lens from 6:30 p.m. to 8 p.m. Feb. 4.

basis, taking care of entire families and meeting the needs of the community.

"In our private practice setting, we con-

nect with the patients and get to know them on a one-to-one basis," Dr. Kirk said, "We have grown by providing per-sonalized quality eye care for the entire family. "We often hear. 'This is the most thor

ough eye exam I've ever had from any type of eye doctor,' from our patients," he said. The staff at Town & Country spends ail least an hour with each patient for a complete examination, he added. Town & Country Eyecare keeps up

with the latest in technology, such as the digital retinal camera that captures an instant image of the back of the eye. The doctors can compare the digital images of the retina for each patient from year to

The practice will hold its second annu-al open house for contact lens Feb. 4 from 6:30 to 8 p.m. Guests at the open house will have the opportunity to try on tinted contacts at no charge with a chance to win a free contact lens fitting and a six-month

supply of contacts. Dr. Crissman will discuss the newest options and technology in contact lenses, including bifocal and colored contacts. New technology has made contacts available in bitocals and in toric lenses to treat

astignatism. "We can fit almost anyone with con-tacts today," said Dr. Crissman.

The latest advancement in contacts is a new material developed for soft lens contacts that allow more oxygen to reach the eyes through the lens. People can wear

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at Novi and 9 Mile roads

Presentation by Dr. Crissman

Grand Opening Celebration

in contacts, according to Dr. Kirk, Unlike 10 years ago, today optometrists routinely prescribe medication for eye injuries or infections and diagnose eye diseases such as glaucoma and diabetic eye disease

Town & Country offers a wide range of popular brands and the latest styles of cycwcar. The staff hand selects all brands and models of frames carried by the practice, Dr. Kirk said.

"We feel fortunate to have a highly trained and skilled staff of professionals here," said Dr. Crissman. "We stress continuing education for our staff and many are nationally certified in their profes-

Town & Country Eyecare has participated in the Partnership in Education pro-gram with the Novi and Northville School gram with the Novi and Northvine Sensor districts through the local chamber of commerce. They have made presentations to about 6,000 second graders in the two

school districts over the past 10 years. "We teach the science of vision and try to remove any fear students may have of going to the eye doctor," Kirk said.

With a decade of contributing to the

Town & Country Evecare

Feb. 4, 6:30 p.m. – 8 p.m. Contact Lens Open House

Feb, 25, 4 p.m. - 6 p.m. **Ribbon Cutting Ceremony** with the mayor of Novi

Feb. 28, 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.

For more information, call (248) 347-7800

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She joined Town & Country Eyecare in 2002 after practicing optometry for seven years in different settings. Crissman said she realized that private practice allows

patients understand their "The patients understand their eye health explanations better because they can see it in the photographic images on her to treat people on a more personal the computer screen," Dr. Crissman said.

eyes introdge the tests reagine car wear these contacts longer even overnight, according to Dr. Crissman. One-third of the practice involves pri-mary eye care, including minor eye injuries, infections and visual rehabilitation, one-third for eyeglasses and the hal-

community and its investments in the new high-tech clinic, Town & Country Eyecare is committed to the visual welfare of the area for decades to come

