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## Lack of funding leaves Wixom Road ` Bridge project off MDOT's five-year plan

A vote by the state Transportation Commission last Thursday left the Wixom Road Bridge project where is was last yours - walding it the utilized

year — waiting in the wings. Its vote left Novi's state legisla-tive delegation fuming. However, state transportation officials noted comb

D. Tinberg of the Learning Activities Enrichment Program,

says Donna Tinberg. - Page 11A

## Second chance for brewery A comedy club? An Italian restaurant? What's happening with the Local Color brew pub?

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# **Bv** Phil Foley

the project hasn't ground to a Ben Kohrman, the Michigan

See an artist's rendering of how designers envision the completed bridge on page 3A.

Department of Transportation's director of communications, said the agency plans to spend \$2.5 million set aside by Congress in its Omnibus Appropriations Bill for the reconstruction of the Beck and Wixom road bridges over Interstate 96 on "protective right

of way purchases" at the Wixom interchange, Kohrman said that while that

won't change the project's status in MDOT's five-year plan, it will save the state money in the long run. Buying right-of-way now, he run. Buying right-of-way now, he said, will save the agency money when it eventually has funds to

when it eventuary has tartes to build the bridge. State Rep. Craig DeRoche said he was "outraged" to see the Wixom project left out of MDOT's five-year plan after

being a part of it for five years. He promised "tough questions" for MDOT director Gloria Jeff, who was slated to appear before his

was slated to appear before his House Transportation Policy Committee this morning. Last month Jeff told DeRoche and others at an MDOT "listening session" in Troy said that the problem with the Wixom bridge is that the agency doesn't have the \$40 million necessary to complete the project. She added a big rea-son for that is the federal road son for that is the federal road

funding formula. Last April Jeff shelved plans to complete replacement of the Beck and Wixom road interchanges as part of Governor Jennifer Granholm's "Preserve First" pro-gram, which deferred 32 other proj-ects across the state. While local, county and state officials were able to convince MDOT to put the Beck project back in the pipeline, Wixom remained sidelined.

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Funding

for DNA

testing

sought

Technology

money, says

By Phil Foley

useless without

Rep. DeRoche

Two years ago Wixom police

had the evidence to send a local man to prison for 22*h* years for raping his neighbor at knife point, but they didn't know it. Convicted of that crime in

December, Jamey Ray Johnson now stands accused of raping a Highland Township woman twice during the eight months it

took Wixom police to obtain warrants for his arrest.

That brought State Rep. Craig DeRoche to Wixom last

from Wixom

and Northville,

DeRoche

## Martinis make the money pour in

Pouring a plethora of martinis for the upcoming Muscular Dystrophy Association "Martini Tasting and Teaching" are Fountain Walk's Bamboo Club bartender Tony Minicilli, its manager Carrie Dunn and MDA's Anthonie Burk The Novi Bamboo Club will host the fundraiser on Feb. 11. See page 8 for the full story.

## School district earns mostly As and Bs

Administrators pleased with results of Education Yes! report cards

#### By Ramez Khuri

Novi Community School District administrators were happy to see that many of their schools received As and Bs on the first Education Yest Report Cards, issued on Jan.

30. The only two schools that received no grades were Deerfield Elementary — because there is only two years of test data recorded so far, not enough for a grade — and Novi Meadows School, because math and English language atts are not tested on the fifth and with emde MFAP. de MEAP sixth xth grade MEAP. Novi High School received a B.

but is the only school in Novi to not make Adequate Yearly Progress because less than the required 95 percent of all high school students took the MEAP

According to Jane Hesse, direc-tor of K-12 Curriculum and Assessment, these scores are composites of many different aspects of each school. The rea-top the his school required a li son the high school received a B is because other pieces of the composite score were very high. Over the next several years, if Adequate Yearly Progress is not attained further, improvement steps must be taken. "The report card is based on

## MAKING THE GRADE

- Grades each school received in the Novi Community School District Deerfield Elementary School - No grade because there is only
- two years of test data from the school.
- Village Oaks Elementary School A Orchard Hills Elementary School B Parkview Elementary School B
- Novi Woods Elementary School A
- Novi Meadows No grade because math and English Language Arts are not tested on the fifth and sixth grade MEAP
- Novi Middle School A
- Novi High School B (Did not make Adequate Yearly Progress
- because less than the required 95 percent of all high school stu-dents took the MEAP test)

Davis explained that some peo-le may wonder why Novi Adequate Yearly Progress of math and English language arts on the MEAP," Assistant Superintendent for Academic Services Nancy Davis said.

ple may wonder why Novi Meadows wasn't even on the list. continued on page 10

Thursday to call for increased funding for DNA testing at the state's forensic laboratories. Flanked by police chiefs South Lyon said there are 76,000

untested DNA samples at the **C. DeRoche** Michigan State Police's forensic laborato-

ries. The backlog is expected to grow by 8,000 a year, at least through 2007, if nothing bind uses. DNA testing, said DeRoche,

has the "power to convict crim-inals of rape or nurder and it has the power to clear sus-pects." However, without ade-quate funding, the technology is powerlass. is powerless. Wixom Police Chief Clarence Goodline said his investigators picked up Johnson

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## Hummer of Novi dealership makes it through round one

### Planning commission approves zoning change

#### By Pam Fieming STAFF WHITER

Novi could be humming the tune of a new sport utility vehicle dealership on the northeast corner of Meadowbrook Road and Grand River Avenue following the first round of approvals. Members of the Novi Planning

Commission unanimously approved a rezoning of the prop-erty for a Hummer dealership at a public hearing Jan. 28. The rezoning will go to city council for pos-sible approval Feb. 23.

"In general, I think this is a very good use of the property. And, the developer has made some changes to the building design to make it more in line with the surrounding area," said Commissioner Mark Pehrson,

Commissioner Mark Pehrson, The request by Scott Riddle, president of Turnkey Management Services of Bloomfield Hills, is for 6.721 acres to be changed from General acres to be changed from General Business zoning to the new Gateway East zoning recently adopted by city council. "I'm disappointed that we had to have a special option with a development agreement," said commissioner chair Gwen

commissioner chair Gwen Markham. "I like to work within the ordinances. This was a convo-

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Illustration courtesy TURNKEY MANAGEMENT SERVICES

The artist's rendering shows the proposed Hummer of Novi dealership planned for the northeast corner of Meadowbrook and Grand River. If approved by the city, the dealership could be open by the end of the year.

luted way to get there." A dealership does not fit in with a General Business zoning but does meet the requirements for

the new Gateway East zoning. "I also agree that we have much more discretion as to the design of the building with the Gateway

East zoning," said Commissioner Lynn Kocan. "I'm pleased that

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#### Thursday, February 5, 2004-NOVI NEWS Wixom Road Bridge project still on hold She added U.S. Rep. Thaddeus McCotter's office has told her there is another \$25 million in the federal pipeline for replacement of the Wixom and Beck road bridges in addition to the \$25 mil-lion already in the Omnibus Antropositione Bill continued from front page 闘 five-ycar pre-"the wrong decision," sau Richard Helwig, Novi's city man-seer. However, he added that 100 already in the Omnibus Appropriations Bill. "We are working on a number of fronts," Cassis said. Noting that the Road Commission for Oakland County spent money long before it would have otherwise on widening Grand River Avenue between Beck and Wirom roade because annually and the Beck Road proj-ect won't be done until the end of 2005, there's still time to apply pressure on the agency. State Senator Nancy Cassis, R-URS Architects Engineers Planners' design concept for the I-96 Interchange at Wixom Road, which is very simila to the Beck project. Novi, is already lining up her allies in Lansing. She said House that much harder to get the project hack on the list next year. "We have to continue to demonstrate to Michigan and the Wixom projec "Clearly this is one of the more He said it's also time to mobilize Wixom Road Bridge the "acid Transportation Appropriations Subcommittee Chairman Scott Beck and Wixom roads because non-public groups like Ford Motor test" of the governor's comments Company, the UAW, General on the state's economy during her Beck and Wixom roads because back on the list lexit year. We of pressure from MDOT officials, be to continue to demonstrate to DeRoche said it was "alarming" MDOT and the governor that the that the project is not part of the vistate's five-year plan. Wixom City Manager Michael Doman said the vote means he and his staff will have to work just important projects on the hori Shackleton and Senate Appropriations Committee Chairman Shirley Johnson have Motors Corps and other area busi-nesses that depend on the inter-change as well as the "8-to-5ers recent State-of-the-State address. Kohrman noted that Congress zon " he sold Phil Foley is a staff writer fo is slated to reauthorize its trans who are out there every day getting it done," in support of the project. Consist would be the first of the the third in the super function for assured her they will do every-thing they can to restore funding the Novi News. He can be reached at (248) 349-1700 ext. 108 or a Hummer zoning change approved

who are looking for something unique and different for transporta-tion, Riddle added. He expects to

have the Novi location open for

business by the end of the year. There are currently two Hummer models available — the

H1 and H2. The H1 is more of a

military-style vehicle, while the H2 is more luxurious. An H3

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sion of the H2 and is more afford-

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Pam Fleming is a staff writer for

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of the Hummer," Kassak said.

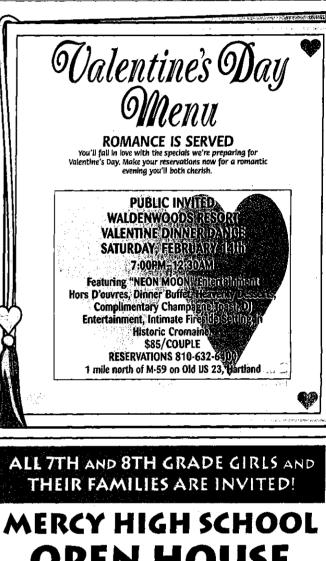
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by spring 2005.

Novi dealership will be the fourth in the Metro Detroit area, with the others located in Southfield, Troy and Clinton Township, It's The Hummer caters to people in the right direcdesigned based on what the city of Novi has asked for according to of the nearby Village condominiums the Gateway East ordinance, according to Riddle. expressed concern about increased traffic and lights from the dealer-The proposed building will be brick with stone and glass similar We have made every effort to comply with the development to the Main Street Novi architecture. Hummer of Novi will be owned nt and the GE requireents," Riddle said during the by the owners of Detroit Hummer just south of Nine Mile Road on hearing. The planning commission will Telegraph in Southfield. "If approved, this will be our sis-ter dealership," said Deborah see a conceptual plan for the ately 22,000-square-foot lealership, but the preliminary site Kassak, general manager of Detroit Hummer. Kassak noted plan will be reviewed by city counthat the Detroit Hummer dealer ship is the number one Humme Although an artist's rendering of the building has been completed, no actual plan has been presented dealership in the country as far as to the planning commission as the sales. zoning had to be approved first, "I am thrilled that we are getting "General Motors really wanted a Hummer dealership in Novi because of the desirable location at something beautiful on this prop-erty," said Commissioner David Meadowbrook and Grand River It's a unique franchise because it's a premium brand, similar to Jaguar, Mercedes Benz and BMW. "That land has been vacant the 24 years that I've lived

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## **Democrats to gather** at caucuses to select

### By Phil Foley

Novi Democrats will gather at the Novi-Public 'Library Saturday to help decide who Michigan's 130 Novi City and Novi Two. Novi Public Library 45175 W. Ten Mile committed delegates will yote for at Novi the party's convention in Boston i

Walfed Lake, Commerce Twp. Party activists are expecting to Richardson Community Cente exceed exceed their record-setting statewide turnout of 212,000 voters 1485 Oakley Park Rd. for the 1988 caucus, in part because of the introduction of Internet voting Commerce Two and in part because of the explosion Wixom City and Wolverine of cances ste Lake The Novi Public Library said UAW Local 36

Oakland County Democratic Party Chairman David Woodsvard, is one 28930 Wixoin Rd. Wixom of nearly 70 caucus sites in Oakland County alone. Four years ago, there was one caucus site in each of the county's four Congressional districts. Statewide there are more than 600 caucus sites this year, including seven in West Oakland County, Jason Ellenburg, the Oakland County Democratic Party's political director, noted that by Saturday's deadline for Internet ballots more than 140,000 people had turned in

applications. He said that while only E000 Democrats have voted online so far, the number of applications — the cancuses p for online ballots doubled in the — honor system. days just before the deadline.

"It is a very exciting time to be a constructive viole will have to go to Democrat in Michigan," said Jack the caucus site in their area. People Schneider, chairman of the West who are unsure which caucus site of the second Onliking Lemocratic Club, "The Presidential Primary Caucus is an exciting way to get involved, get active and get energized for Election The caucus sites will be open

Although Democratic presiden tial hopefuls were squaring off in seven states Tuesday. Woodward, who also serves as the state House.

from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

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## Thursday, February 5, 2004-NOVI NEWS 64 Additional funding for DNA testing sought by DeRoche

Rep. Cralg DeRoche said he's going to take a multi-faceted approach to increasing funding for DNA testing including shifting funds in the state budget: obtaining more federal money with the help of Congressmen Thaddeus McCotter and Mike Boners stablishing a check-off box on the state income tax form to create a Forensic Laboratory Fund: increasing the fees charged convicted criminals for DNA testing; increasing state efforts to recover DNA testing fees from crimi nais: and providing the state's universities with funds to create labs and process tests continued from front page

in January 2002 on child neglect

warrants. While investigators were

able to collect DNA samples from

cigarette butts and a juice bottle Johnson used while in custody,

If State Rep Craig DeRoche, R-

said Andy

Anuzis

By Phil Foley

STAFF WRITER

before the Michigan State Police Northville Crime Laboratory was able to link him to semen found at the 2001 Wixom crime scene. By the time State Police technicians were able to link Johnson to the Wixom rape, Oakland County lot of areas," he said. The State Police's Northville Wixom police had to release him Sheriff's deputies charge he com-

Bill would strip convicted

teachers of their positions

lous legal proceedings." DeRoche said he became aware of the problem when he learned

that a South Lyon teacher and

coach who had pled guilty to his

fourth felony charge still had the right to protect his teacher tenure at

a state board of education hearing.

said he's learned of a case in the Grand Rapids suburb of Wyoming

where a teacher convicted of

smoking marijuana with students

challenged the suspension of their teaching certificate and another

case in Chelsea where a teacher

convicted of killing his wife fought to keep his job. DeRoche noted that under

Michigan law, a lawyer can lose

his license for one drunk driving

it is possible for a teacher who is

serving time for a crime to still be

eligible for monetary compensa-tion," said DeRoche, "It should be

automatic for people to have their

"As the law is currently written,

He said that while the case,

Township

mitted two more in Highland Crime Laboratory is one of seven in the state and one of only three that offers DNA testing, said Dorothy Catella, the unit supervisor. She said her lab provides DNA testing The problem, said DeRoche, was at the time Johnson's DNA samples were among the more than 80,000 brought to the state crime labs that for 300 law enforcement agencies year. According to a report prepared for DeRoche by the House Fiscal Agency in September, while the number of DNA samples sent to the in Southeast Michigan.

State Police's labs shot up from 3,303 in 2001 to 50,625 in 2002, the agency only had the resources to process 9,993 samples. agency just moved its forensic lab into a new 8,500-square-foot home at the corner of Telegraph Road and County Center Drive. The new lab, 7,000 square feet bigger than the one technicians left behind, has the behind the Michigan State Police to prevent another tragedy," said space to add new services for the

said DeRoche. Northville Chief of Police Jim Petres said that while he's never needed DNA testing at his depart-ment, he fully supports increased funding at the state's forensic labs "There are a lot of things we take to the lab, and they're backed up in a

teaching certificate revoked upon

He added, teachers convicted of

some misdemeanors, such as those involving drugs, child

pornography or sexual assault, should also lose their right to

teach. DeRoche argued that these

are not the kind of people the com

authority over their children.

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DeRoche said he's hoping to get

the hill signed into law by March

school officials from having to appear before the state board of education. That's when the South

Lyon teacher is expected to fight

made moving his proposal for-

Anuzis said that while DeRoche hasn't discussed his proposal with

state teacher's unions yet, he does-

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n't think they'll be cager to protect

his certificate suspension. According to DeRoche, state House Speaker Rick Johnson has

ward a priority

bad apples

8 in order to prevent South Lyon

certain felonies."

county's 40 police departments What it doesn't have is money. The undersheriff said his agency was planning on adding DNA test-ing to its arsenal in the next three to five years, but the sheriff might be able to move that up if DeRoche is One of them is the Oakland County Sheriff's Office. Undersheriff Mike McCabe said his

successful in increasing funding. In the meantime, every time sher-iff's deputies collect a sample they ble as a police chief. It would make me feel terrible as a person. It would make me feel ten an't process, it gets sent to Northville, leaving the State Police "between a rock and a hard spot." Eliminating the DNA backlog," said DeRoche, "should be a major adorite fuerter." father. I have a daughter. What if it were mine?

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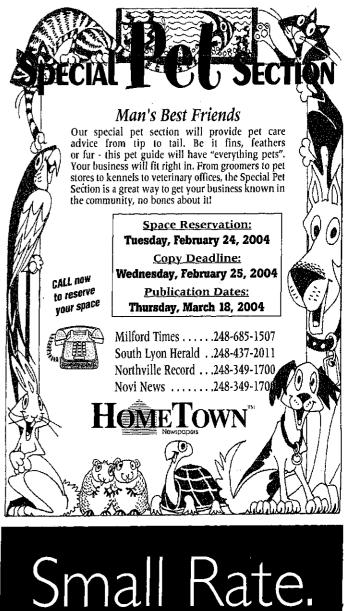
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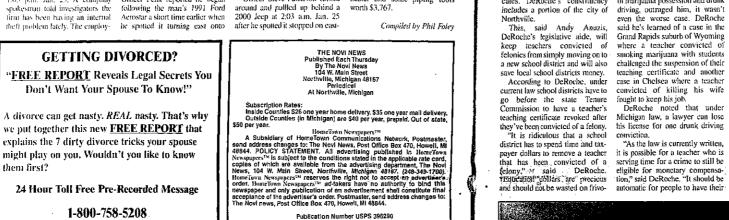
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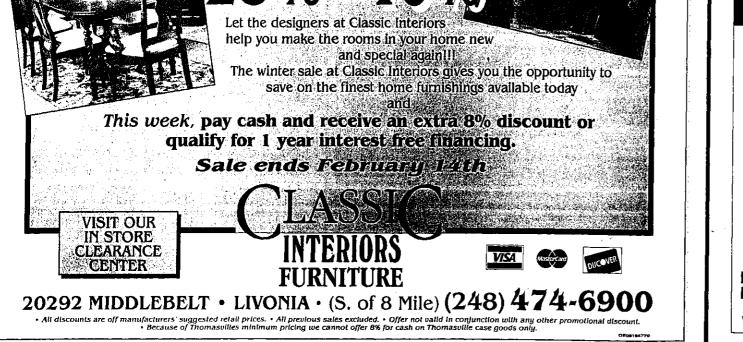
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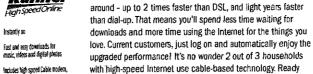
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## Backs of homes can remain the same, for now

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Guidobono suggested there could be worse things along Beck Road.

Citing the "law of unintended consequences," Mayor Lou Csordas offered that tabling the

proposal would be a good idea.
 Council Member Toni Nagy

Beck Road.

but a builder's nightmare."

Builders say plan would drive up costs

By Phil Foley

STAFF WRITER

A plan to require builders in Novi to vary the look of the back suggested that requiring devel-opers to offer three different rear of new homes as well as the front has been put on hold for a month to get developers a chance to it" item. At earlier city council and comment on its possible effects. Novi City Council voted 6-1 at its Jan. 26 meeting, with Council Member Lyone Paul dissenting. to table discussion of an amend-which faces homes along the at to the ordinance governing perimeter inward, tends to give gle-family home facades until homes along major thorough-council's first meeting in fares the look of tract homes. At the council's Jan. 26 meetment to the ordinance governing single-family home facades until

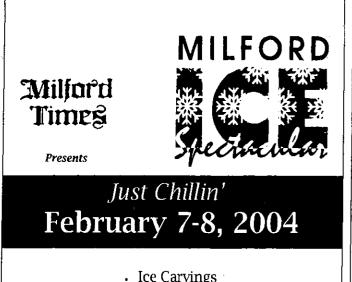
March For years the city has required ling. Paul pointed to the levelopers to vary the appear-nce of front facades on homes in the developers to vary the appear-ance of front facades on homes in the city's subdivisions, but now the Novi Planning Commission is asking City Council to require developers to vary the rear of homes that face major city streets.

Saying there was "no pressure for a decision tonight," Stuart Michaelson, president of the Builders Association of Southeast Michigan, urged coun comment on the proposal's amendment, she was unwilling to npact. to put it off past the council's Michaelson noted that his first meeting in March. impact

Farmington Hills-based compa-ny, the Windmill Group, has built numerous homes in Novi and has the Novi News. He can be

never received a complaint about reached at (248) 349-1700 ext. rear facades. 108 or by e-mai Mark Guidobono, president of pfoley@ht.homecomm.net. e-mail Got an idea for a story?





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for the library to achieve from 2004

## Library Task Force compiles six-goal plan

Funding, facility needs cited for next five years noting that nine homes in the \$500,000 to \$600,000 range form a wall of uniformity along By Pam Fleming STAFF WRITER

through 2009;Establish a comprehensive The Novi Public Library needs more space. In fact, it's the second smallest Address short-term, mid-term library in the Metro Detroit area, with only one half of one square foot per person available based on programs, services and other com-munity needs; • Develop, and maintain varied the current population. This is just one finding mem-bers of the Novi Public Library Strategic Planning Task Force dis-

covered since April 2003 when they began meeting to help plan the inture of this important city Phil Foley is a staff writer fo service "Parents can't even watch programs with their kids in the meeting room because there's not enough room for them," said Beth

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weeks," said Brenda Evans, library director, at the Jan. 22 Community and retains a high-quality, welltrained staff to support the needs of the community; and • Ensure that the Novi Public Forum at the library. Members of the Strategic Library Board continue its leader-

Planning Task Force included Kathy Crawford, co-chair; Robert Stech, ship and advocacy for the assurance Council Chambers in the Novi Civic Center. Solution of quality library programs and services, staff, resources and facili-Members propose six broad goals ties for the commanity co-chair; Carol Bauer, Beth Belter, Patrick Brunett, Jean Bush-Baceli Patricia Coblenz, Robert Cutler, Kate Gillette, Margi Karp-Opperer, One of the most challenging David Landry, Mary Ellen Mulcrone, Steve Myers, Bhavana Shivakumar, Denise Sinkovich, Kim Taylor-Papp, Rita Traynor, activities for the library over the Establish a comprehensive funding program for the library to meet community needs: Charles Walker, a retired Novi busi-

nessman, and his wife, Myrtle. The Karen Ventura, Janis Wagner and Karen Ventura, Janis Wagner and Betty Wang.
 Ex-officio members include Terry Margolis, president, Novi Library Board; Brenda Evans, library director; and Pauline Druschel, assistant library director.
 Anne Glendon of Glendon Associates in Ann Arbor servert as and long-term facility needs and Walkers are in the process of finaliz-required infrastructure to ensure adequate spaces to support desired to donate \$1 million to the library. In addition to their gift, ear-





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## OBITUARIES

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#### John R. McMillan Zuber and Gary Clarkson. A memorial service will be held and had been director of quality assurance for Cadillac Gage for six John McMillan of Novi died January 31, 2004. He was 82. Saturday, February 7, 2004 at 1 p.m. years retiring in 1992. He enjoyed at O'Brien/Sullivan Funeral Home, Survivors include his wife, Ella; solling and at one time scored at O Bhert/Sullivan Funeral Home, 41555 Grand River, Novi. Memorials may be made to American Kidney Fund, 6110 Executive Blvd., Ste. 1010, Pachriller MI 2085. four children, John (Linda), David ole-in-one. Survivors (Lou Ann), Phillip (Mary Lou) and Cheryl (Bob) Pisha; and 11 grandinclude his Marilyn M. (Snook); five children John P. (Linda) Bitterle, Thomas R children, A funeral service was held (Diane) Bitterle of Mich., Beth A (Michael) McCarthy of Mich. Rockville, Md, 20852 February 3 at O'Brien/Sullivan Funeral Home, Novi. Internent will Laurie L. (Michael) Limbers and Jack L. Bitterle be at Parkview Cemetery, Livonia, James D. (Karen) Bitterle: elever grandchildren, eight great-grand-children and two sisters, Lilliar Martin and Gina Healy. Memorials may be made to the Jack Bitterle of Hartland, formerly of Farmington Hills, died February 2, 2004. He was 78. He charity of your choice Arrangements were made by O'Brien/Sullivan Funeral Home. was born August 4, 1925 in Duluth, Minn. to the fate Raymond L, and Bertha (Mercer) Bitterle. A mass of the resurrection will b Online sympathy message: www.obriensullivanfuneralhome.co held Friday, February 6, 2004 at 11 a.m. at St. Mary Magdalen Catholic Church, 2201 S. Old U.S. 23 in He was a graduate of Royal Oak High School and Lawrence Tech. Brighton, with Father David Howell, Celebrant. Visitation Mr. Bitterle was a U.S. Naval veter-Douglas J. Charles an of WWII and was a best rowal veter st. Mary Magdalen Catholic Church in Brighton. He had been Thursday, February 5, 2004 from i p.m. to 4 p.m. and 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. Douglas Charles died February 2, 2004, Rewas 80, Survivors include his wife, Fredia; one brother, Albert Charles; and Utirteen nicees and nephews, Coret and India Commercian Julia with a scripture service at 7 p.m. a employed as a fireman for New York Central Railroad in the 1940s, working for Packard Motors, and MacDonald's Funeral Home, 31 N. Michigan Ave., Howell. Memorials may be made to th Gary and Janis Leengawin, Julie and Carol Ozar, Kathi Morris and Matthew Dropping, Bob Charles, Jr, Dotg Meyers, Steven Meyers, Tom Meyers, Jenny Meyers, Judy Capuchin Soup Kitchen, envelope are available at the funeral home. Arrangements were made by MacDonald's Funeral Home, Inc.

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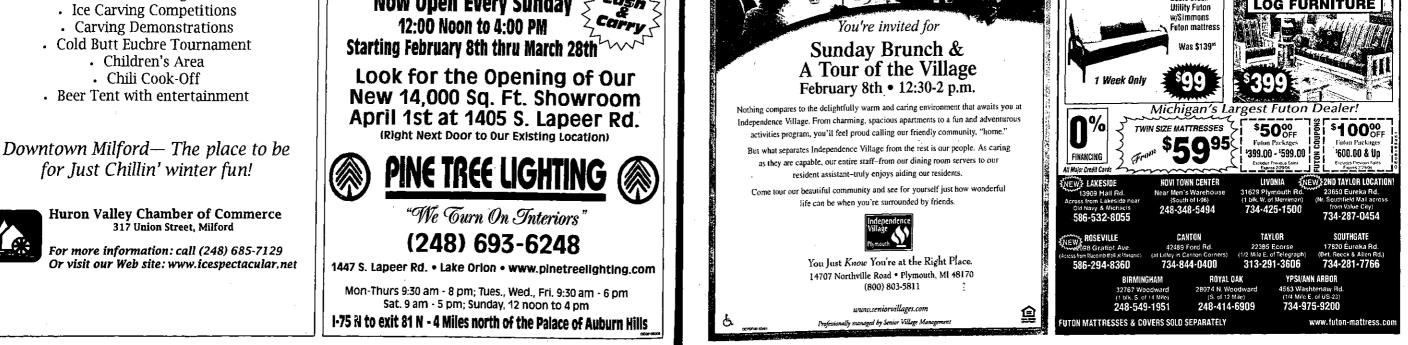
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## **BUSINESS**

#### Bamboo Club fund-raiser hoists a glass for MDA MARTINI VARIETIES The "true" martini consists of gin or vodka and dry ver-

outh, But flavored martinis By Pam Fleming are all the rage these days. Green Apple Martini: Vodka and Apple Pucker schnapps shaken and gamished with a

green apple slice. Razz-tini: Raspberry-flavored vodka, Chambord and a splash of cranberry juice. Rising Sun: Grev Goose L'Orange, Cointreau and oranne inice shaken and dai nished with an orange slice Jade Martini: Bacardi O and Mideri, with a whisper of orange juice. Lemon Dron: Lemon-fla vored vodka, Cointreau and fresh-squeezed lemon juice níctico shaken. Red Ruby: Vodka, Cointreau and grapefruit juice. Mudslide: Kahlua, Bailev's Trish Gream and vooka. Washington Apple: Crown Roval, Apple Pucker schnapps and cranberry juice, shaken and gaunished with a green apple slice. Bamboo Sakini: Vodka and

sake shaken and served with

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If you're looking for something different to do to get you out of the winter doldrums, mark your calendar for the evening of Feb.

The Bamboo Club at Fountain Walk shopping center in Novi will host "A Winter Wonderland Martini Party" benefiting the who would like to donate an iten for the silent auction can contact Burke at the MDA office. A fan of the Bamboo Club, Muscular Dystrophy Association Burke selected the Bamboo Club from 7 to 10 p.m. with a champagne reception at 6:30 p.m. The event, which costs \$30 per person and \$50 per couple, will for the event. "I thought it would be a great place to hold a fundraiser," he

feature a martini tasting and said. teaching that will include about 25 different martinis, food pair-ings, a martini glass and a silent "I'm really excited about it. It's one of my favorite places to cat, and this will give people some-thing to do while it's cold out. We Karrie Dunn, manager of the do want people to be responsible about their alcohol consumption during the event, however," he Bamboo Club, explained that guests will receive six glass beads at the event that will serve as noted. tokens during the martini tasting "We just opened in May, so this Guests will receive six martini "tastes" and one full martini. is the first time we've had a major event like this," Durn added. Some local MDA patients will Anthonie Burke, district direcor of MDA, said reservations are also be present at the event. ecommended by calling the Bamboo Club at (248) 347-1006. Dunn said that although it never really went out of style, there has Guests can either purchase tickets. definitely been a resurgence in the by debit or credit card by calling the MDA office at (734) 416-7076 popularity of the martini, She attributes the increase in

## What your MDA dollars will buy

braces or communication device Anthonie Barke, district director nity service programs. It provides of the Muscular Dystrophy Association said the organization serves about 1,800 families in the Funds raised during the annual \$19.8 million a year for its profes Labor Day MDA Telethon, hosted by former comedic actor Jerry Lewis, national MDA chairman, are sional and public health education efforts. The association gives more than Metro Detroit area. "The money we raise locally stays locally, too," Burke said. Dollars contributed to the MDA S30 million a year on its research program and funds nearly 400 proj-ects worldwide. MDA sponsors, 88 week-long divided nationwide, including Hawaii and Puerto Rico, Burke noted. The Shamrock Program in will buy the following: \$25; One flu shot March, in which donors contribute summer camp sessions each yea S62: One minute of research
 S100: One support group ses-SI for a green paper sharrock and S5 for a gold paper sharrock with their name on them displayed in serving more than 4,200 young peo-ple across the country and in Puerto Rico. Some 5,000 volunteers give a \$150; One physical, occupationbars and restaurants, raised \$11.5 week of their time to serve as camp million nationwide in 2003. counselors at MDA camps al or respiratory therapy consulta-• \$200: Professional fees related benefits like the Feb. 18 martini The Muscular Dystrophy Association is dedicated to the erad to initial diagnostic work-up at an party at the Bamboo Club in Novi, ication of the muscular dystrophies golf outlings, bowlathons, softball tournaments and other events. Burke sanid-w76 percent of every MDA clinic such as anyotrophic lateral sclerosis · \$500; Assists one person for one (Lou Gehrig's disease), myasthenia gravis, spinal muscular atrophics, Friedreich's ataxia and a host of year with the repair of a wheelchair or leg braces dollar MDA signals goes directly to \$600; Sends one child to MDA research, health care services and other neuroinuscular diseases. anmer camp + \$2,000: Assists one person with MDA provides \$68.9 million a For more information,

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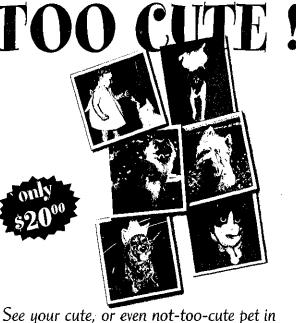
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or at the door. Burke anted that 95 percent of the proceeds for the event will go toward MDA. Items for the silent auction will being toward mDA. 44375 Twelve Mile Road on the south side of Fountain Walk shopping center in Novi. Pam Fleming is a staff write

for the Novi News. She can be reached at (248) 349-1700, ext. Signature cocktails and noninclude sports memorabilia, mag-num bottles of champagne and gift certificates from Fountain Walk stores. Local merchants "Martinis started to come back The Bamboo Club is located at 105. by e-mail a



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## **BUSINESS BRIEFS**

Therapist adds to credentials the top 50 in the United States. Carol Adler of Novi, an employee of Concentra Medical Providence creates Nurse Centers, recently passed the National Certified Hand Therapist Navigator exam, allowing her to add the des ignation CHT to her credentials. Providence Hospital has creat-Only a small percentage of therapists carn these credentials which require a four-hour exam-Adler, a clinical supervisor at Concentra's Livonia RPT clinic, care mess care messages targeted at women increase in revenue, which will The Nurse Navigator is avail-able to assist with questions has lived in Novi since 1987. women may have about health Plante promotes Schmidt issues and can provide resources Plante & Moran, PLLC named to empower them to make their own health care decisions. She Jason Schmidt, CPA, an associate in the firm's Southfield has extensive information at her fingertips about the services offered at Providence, including educational programs, medical specialists and more. office. Schmidt pre The Providence Nurse Navigator is Efaine Horowitz, a the firm. ialize specializes a and manufac- J. Schmidt turing in the firm's Assurance Department. Schmidt, who joined Planta

Navigator is Etaine Horowutz, a 2000 Nightingale Award recipient for Excellence in Nursing Education from Orkland University School of Nursing, A magnet cum lande graduate of the WSU College of Nursing, Horowitz's professional experi-ence serves her well in the posi-Schmidt, who joined Plante & Moran in 1997, has a bachelor's ence serves her well in this posidegree in accounting from Michigan State University and is tion. Her career has given her hands-on experience as a social worker, labor and delivery nurse, member of the MACPA Michigan Association of (Michigan Association of Certified Public Accountants). public health nurse, clinical research nurse, and community He currently resides in Novi. health educator.

**Crosswinds named one of** 'most admired' Crosswinds Communities, nased in Novi, has been named the ninth most admired builder in Neonatal Nurses and the the U.S. by *Big Builder* magazine in its first APEX Awards competi-International Education Association.

More than 500 home-building managers and executives took part in a national survey and were asked to rank the magazine's President George Bush said President George Bush said in 'Builder 100" companies in a his recent State of the Union address that electronic medical variety of management and lead-ership practices, including identirecords can help prevent misfying "the company I'd most want takes, All 10 medical centers within o work for The APEX Awards survey was administered via e-mail to readers of *Builder* and *Big Builder* magn-Run in Novi, now use Logician. an electronic medical record sys-tem developed by GE Medical Systems' information technoloines, "Builder 100" firms were ranked in five major categories: best leadership and management, best operational excellence and gies division. efficiency; most innovative prod. Efficiency; most innovative prod. *lact* design, best community; relat-tions/public service and best job delivering affordable housing and securely exchange clinical Medical staff members can and securely exchange clinical ing deals tot data with other providers and square feet. The survey, commissioned by Big Builder magazine, was based on the votes of 511 completed surveys submitted by qualified patients. Logician was installed at Greenspring in Springfield, Va., the pilot community, in March 2003. Since then, Erickson's home building industry executives. Any builder from the 2002

Hanley Wood publishing "Builder 100" list of the nation's biggest Logician team has installed 120 new computers, trained more than 300 staff members, and spent Crosswinds Communities is the another state of Novi's more signifi-crosswinds Communities is the largest independently owned dents' medical information from a number of Novi's more **Red Tag Sale!** 111999999999999999

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Farmington Hills started a new service this week offering to move renters into their new apartments free of charge, "We offer renters the unique

incentive of moving for free if they simply use our service to find their next rental unit," according to Robert Jamieson, company president. "For our clients that prefer to move themselves, we offer a \$150 referral fee to help offset the cost of relocating," Jamieson said, Interested renters use the Web site to narrow their search to a short list. The next step is to visit apartment communities like they

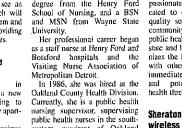
normally would. After the renter selects their She is a past president of the new apartment and signs a lease Hadassah Nurses Council and a International Honor Society of Nursing, the Association of Women's Health, Obstetric and Nonnatal Nurses and the

> Childbirth Novi reports less office space

Novi had less office space 305.910 square feet - available at year-end 2002 than neighbo ing areas, according to The Friedman Market Report recently published by Friedman Rea Estate Group., The Farmington Hills-based group is one of Michigan's largest locally owned commercial rea estate organizations. This decrease in office space in

Novi indicates that the market is slowly absorbing new structures built during the last several years, according to the report, Like other submarkets, leasing detivity increased in Novi after

midycar, with most tenants sign-ing deals totaling less than 3,500 Novi's occupancy rate was at 77.92 percent at year-end 2002. Quoted rental rates averaged \$19.33 per square foot. The Crystal Glen and Haggerty Corporate Office Center attracted



the Lead Prevention Program, Previous positions within the level by going 100 percent wire-agency include those of Public less. The property has made wire-Health staff nurse and facilitating less, high-speed Internet access The Michigan Public Health Association, Community Health Norsing Section, recently nized Novi resident Oakland County's Immunization Action Plan. Staff working with Reinke Reinke as the recipient of the Excellence in Community Health report that she is a woman who is Reinke received a nursing degree from the Henry Ford School of Nursing, and a BSN and MSN from Wayne State passionate about the importance of public health nursing, a com-passionate supervisor and dedicated to delivering the highest quality service to clients in the community. She has carried the public health message to national, state and local venues and recog-

nizes the importance of working with other disciplines to solve immediate (disease outbreaks) and potential (bioterrorism) health threats.

The hotel, located off 1-275 at 21111 Haggerty Road and Eight Mile Road, has 16,000 square feet of meeting space. Sheraton Detroit Novi goes Compiled by Pam Fleming

eastern quadrant of Oakland The Sheraton Detroit Nov County and is the coordinator of



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## **CLASS NOTES**

## Freshman possesses rare talent School district earns

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Oppermann hopes to play the harp professionally

By Ramez Khuri

Hundreds of Nova High stu-dents are involved in extracurricular activities after school They play various sports, they're in educational clubs and many play some sort of nutsical instru-However, none of them do

freshuian Katie Oppermann does. Slie plays the burp. Opportuniant as known to fre-

sprent many area establishments, soch as Providence Hospital, filling them with the sweet ounds of her music. She was anoni see a years old when she tirst heard a recording of some-one playing. She liked it so ringh that she decided to try it. Oppermann said, "She is also herself, and it's something she

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As the only known learp play-As the only known learp play-a private studio in her home in er at Novi High, Oppermann is - Dearborn? proid of her progress in the art-and accomplishments. Because the high school doesn't have orchestra, she joured the Livonia-Youh Symphony. One of her always been petite for her age and she wouldn't be able to toj another youth symphony. which has two orchestras. She - started on a small harp called a ended up making it and was placed in the symphony, which usually for people in 10th grade and higher. She made it as Oppermann said, "The amount cheshnan mainly because sheare talent. are talent. are talent. b are talent

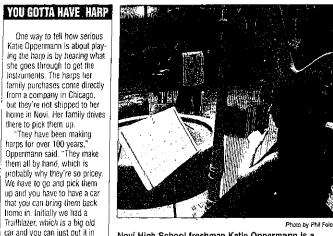
rare talent. "I had done other extracurrie-After growing out of the troudata bings before the hap that balour, which doesn't have ped-duln't quite work out for me," als, she moved up to the petite Oppermann said. "My mother size which has pedals instead of uggested Unvalie flute because. hat was one of the hand options (1) the own of the standard strain and the standard strain and the standard strain and the standard strain and strain on some recordings we had at our home. I thought it was the

neatest sounding thing." When Opperinant asked her nion what she heard on that recording, her niom told her it was the harp. At that moment, the 7-year-old knew what she wanted to take up. At first her mont laughed because she really didn't think her daughter would take it seriously, but she was very persistent until finally the arch was on for a good harp.

reacher. "We found a very excellent

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**PUBLIC SALE.** Pursuant to state law, a public sale will be held on February 14. 2004 at 11:00AM at COLONIAL MINI STOR-AGE, 48200 West Road. Wixom, Michigan 48393. competitive bidding for cash only to the highest bidder and include miscellaneous household, furniture, tools and personal items including clothing. Units are as fol-



Novi High School freshman Katle Oppermann is a frequent performer at Providence Hospital events. She hopes to one day play the harp professionally.

does nursing homes for commu-nity service and she plays in the history of the harp and fikes Novi at Providence Hospital, to play at different halls, which she likes the most. which she likes the most. "I love playing there," because of how rare it is in this oppermann said. "It has the best sound in the world, I always hurt in Gross Pointe Shores, who is When Myers first saw my fingers when I play there her duet partice, but calling her because I don't take a break at a lot makes the phone bill sky-all. I do other things, too. I've rocket. done a couple weddings. I did "She's one of my best Oppermann, she said she could-n't start playing for another year all. I do other things, too. I've done a couple weddings. I did one of my teachers' weddings, which was kind of neat." After high school Oppermann After high school Oppermann get together and practice plans to go to a good school for mean sing and a school for because it's always very difficult because of her size. She has "We rented one just in case 1 decided 1 didn't like it,"

sort of symphony where she can use a harp as her profession. She might take up teaching harp, but be brown she needs to practice her technique more before that Oppermann has to schedule a lot for because she has to practice can happen. "I'd like to go to different for an hour or more every day.

places and play," she said. "There was a very prominent harp program at Cass Tech in Detroit a long time ago and that Those interested in hearing her play would most likely find her at her favorite place, Providence Hospital in Novi.

size which has pedaly instead of size which has pedaly instead of levery. Most recently, however, she has been using a semi-grand "" how my harp," she said. "I hem play all together. My harp ents said I can get one" (ascriet pus an ensemble togeth *110 or by e-muil* er every spring with all of her *rkhuri@ht.homecomm.net.* Oppermann performs at many students, and that's really fun to hear all of the harps together."



NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Cunningham-Limp Development Co., Inc. of Haggerty Corridor Corporate Park is requesting a Temporary Use Permit to allow placement of a construction trailer for property located at Parcel 32 on Cabol Drive from February 11, 2004 to October 31, 2004. A public hearing can be requested by any property owner of a struc-ture located within 300 feet of the boundary of the property being consid-ered for temporary use permit. This request will be considered at 11:00 a.m. on Wednesday, Hebruary 11, 2004 at the how Civic center, 45175W a.m. on Wednesday, Hebruary

11, 2004 at the Novi Civic Center, 45175 W. Ten Mile Road. All written com

nents should be directed to the City of Novi Building Department and must e received prior to February 11, 2004. DENISE ANDERSON TEMPORARY USE PERMIT SECRETARY (248) 347-0415

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the MEAP test. That actually makes a strong case for the board to require that students take the MEAP test. Davis added that it its fightly probable that Novi High School would have met progress require-ments had 95 percent of the stu-tents took the MEAP. Build students take the MEAP test, Davis said. "Parents should know that the Lawrence said he needed more

educational programs and servic- time to review the scores before es that their children receive in the commenting. as not their children receive in the commenting. Now Community School District are of very high quality. The MEAP test, which is what most of for the Novi News. He can be this grading is based on, is just reached at (248) 349-1700, ext. one measure. There are many other ways that we measure suc-relation of the new succession of

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pre-determined test items. In scores over time and in some other factors like parent involveother words, just like it's imposment in the schools. sible to know a child's whole What does it measure? nature by a single grade, it's . The Report Card's single letimpossible to judge a school's ter grade is a shorthand way to whole essence by a single show how schools are doing. grade. Just as a child's report card is

Provided as a service of the Michigan School Public Relations Association, www.mspra.org an accounting of how he or she did on tests and assignments

### CITY OF NOVI NOTICE OF ADOPTION **ORDINANCE NO. 18.184**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Novi City Council has adopted Ordinance No. 18.184 – AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE CITY OF NOVI ZONING ORDINANCE, APPENDIX A, ORDINANCE 97-18, AS PREVIOUSLY AMENDED, FOR THE PURPOSE OF PROVIDING A PROCEDURE AND STANDARDS FOR ALLOWING A PROPERTY OWNER TO PROPOSE, AND ALLOWING THE CITY TO APPROVE, A SITE SPECIFIC DEVELOPMENT, INCLUDING CONDITIONS, IN CON-JUNCTION WITH A PROPOSED REZONING.

## CITY OF NOVI NOTICE

## Learning Activities Enrichment Program changing soon

## Novi's gifted program changing due to grant cuts from state

By Ramez Khurl salaries, and the grant covered very specific types of non-salary items such as teaching supplies, competitions and coaches' Parents of gifted students in the Novi Community School District should be concerned, but they salaries, Last year the grant was cut to

should be concerned, but they should also have faith that the Student Services Department is \$13,000, which was still manageable with some belt-tightening. But it wasn't until this year, after the school year had started, that doing everything it can to resolve and minimize the Novi received word that the gran will now be cut further - to \$689, "Obviously we had to rethink our situation," Tinberg said. inspace of the That included the decision to

Learning Activities

Enrichment not buy the cognitive abilities test again. That test was used for many years to identify gifted stu-dents in the second and third Program being cut. That is the message that **D. Tinberg** grade. Students taking it had to score above the 95th percentile in all three areas of that test in order to be identified. With Novi Director of Student Services Donna Tinberg wants the public to know. The program, which identifies to be identified. Kids who made the cut, which was 130, were in



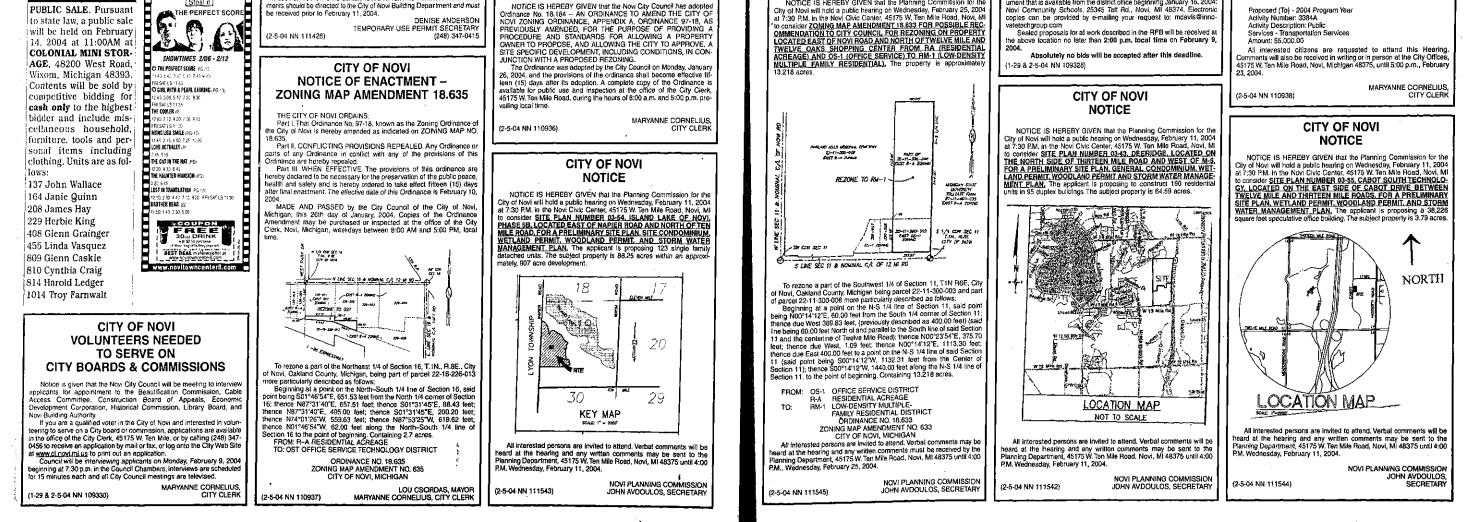
Yummy volcanoes at Orchard Hills Tricia Styles' third grade class at Orchard Hills Elementary School made edible volcances as part of their Changing Land Unit. For this project, the kids were split up into groups and they had to draw a diagram of a volcano that included the crater, ash, lava, and Magma chamber. They then had to plan how they were going to build their volcano, what edible ingredients they needed, build the volcano, present their finished product and diagram to the rest of the class and, finally, enjoy eating them. Shown (I to r) are Carrie Subject, Erin Dircks, Palge Hunter and Yuva Tabata.

#### **CITY OF NOVI-VOLUNTEERS NEEDED** FOR WOODLANDS REVIEW BOARD

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Novi City Council is seeking vol-unteers to serve on the newly formed Woodlands Review Board. If you are interested in serving on this Board, applications may be obtained in the office of the City Cierk 4575 W. Ten Mile, or by calling 347-0456 to receive an application by mail or fax or visit our wabsile at www.cl.novi.ml.us for an application 1-29 & 2-5-04 NN 110089) MARYANNE CORNELIUS, CITY CLERK

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

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Planning Commission for the City of Novi will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, February 25, 2004 at 7:30 RM, in the Novi City Center, 45175 W, Ten Mille Road, Novi, Mi to consider ZONING MAP AMENDMENT 18.633 FOR POSSIBLE REC-OMMENDATION TO CITY COUNCIL FOR REZONING ON PROPERTY LOCATED EAST OF NOVI ROAD AND NORTH OF TWELVE MILE AND TWELVE, OAKS SHOPPING CENTER FROM FA (RESIDENTIAL ACREAGE) AND OS-1 (OFFICE SERVICE) TO FM-1 (LOY-DENSITY MULTIPLE, EAMILY RESIDENTIAL). The property is approximately 13/218 acres. NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Planning Commission for th



## **IDENTIFYING GIFTED STUDENTS**

The Student Services Department is leaning towards using multiple data sources to paint a portrait of a student's individual needs:

#### · standardized tests of achievement curriculum-based assessments classroom performance indicators/portfolio assessments

teacher input/rating scales parent input/rating scales information from outside sources. Other concepts include putting less emphasis on thow smart are

you?' and more questioning of 'how are you smart?' or putting more emphasis on tailoring differentiation strategies to meet the specific needs of the student, increased emphasis on collecting data and monitoring adequate yearly progress for all students and reallocation of reduced resources to make the most creative use of the dollars Novi has,

"These are not carved in stone, they're just general concepts that we're leaning towards." Tinberg said. "It's not a definite by any stretch of the imagination. The typical process would be to be finalized by L.E.A.P. teachers, then it would go to the district committee for input, then it would come back for approval by the Board of Education. We're far from that point right now though."

Tinberg hopes to have a new system in place within the next few months

recycling where students had the

the kids through the session.

T.A.C.C. visits Novi Woods

Novi Woods families assisted the

Novi High School group Teens

Aiding the Cancer Community by voluntarily donating an item as an admission charge to Family Fun Night, T.A.C.C. fills and delivers

toy filled backpacks to Detroit area

Martin Luther King Day at

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Absolutely no bids will be accepted after this deadline.

The program, which identifies the cut, which was 130, were in gifted students and provides serv-ices to them, has annually cost the district over \$200,000. Each year for nany years, about \$16,000 of that came from state sources. The Novi district covered the teachers' Novi district covered the teachers' is an operation of teach-Novi district covered the teachers' is an operation of teach-Novi district covered the teachers' is an operation of teach-Novi district covered the teachers' is an operation of teach-Novi district covered the teachers' is an operation of teach-Novi district covered the teachers' is an operation of teach-the program. In the program district covere states and parents. About four years and parents ano

SCHOOL BRIEFS

Learning about China at VO

As part of a lesson on China, Village Oaks second graders puid attention to Principal Mary Goedert as she spoke to them about a trip she

took there several years ago. She

also showed them many items she

brought back from her trip, which she displayed in the school's show-

Nevi Woods family fun night

Novi Woods families braved

mowy, slippery weather to enjoy a

night of comedy and ice cream at

the PTO-sponsored Family Fun Night a few weeks ago. Magical comedian Chris Linn kept the audi-

ence laughing with his energetic performance that entertained all

Becky Purcell's fourth grade class

at Orchard Hills Elementary School

had an Art Smart presentation about

e accepted after this deadline.

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Art Smart at Orchard Hills

case.

ages.

you have an LQ, of over 130, in third and fourth grade you're automatically going to be put into a pull-out program once or twice a week where you work with a gifted teacher," Tinberg said. "It so these high-ability students. The was a good project, but not neces-sarily tied to your specific area of strength because everybody was working on the same thing. In fifth and sixth grade we have kids

teachers.

clustered in classrooms and the service they get really is deter-mined by the general education "There's no way around that so we put the program on hold. I sent Tinberg explained that in sev-enth and eighth grade, everybody is able to take an elective class, we're planning to do. We thought ing what's going on and what we're planning to do. We thought that we don't have that cognitive but again, the project might not be specifically linked to each of the abilities test any more, so we have students' strengths. That was to have an alternate method of students' strengths. That was to have an alternate method of looked at around four years ago identifying kids together because identifying kids together because right now we're kind of in a vacuand recommendations were gen-erated. The bottom line, said um. The old system is gone by default and the new system's not Tinberg, is the way that kids are identified needs to be changed. "We're starting to close in on identified needs to be changed. "We're starting to close in on the components that we would look like, That's what is concern-

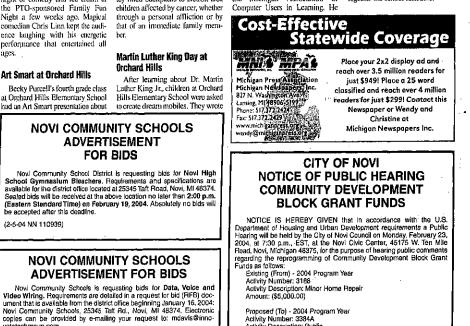
ing parents right now. like in an identification plan,"

was nominated by "I have a dream ... " and then wrote coprortinity to use recycled liens to three thoughts of what they would create their own pieces of art. A pa-ent volunteer, Suzzett Groner, led he kids through the session. Shoemaker, technology integration coordinator. Shaw works directly with staff and students, teaching them to us and getting along with others.

the most recent digital technology through mini workshops called "Tech Tuesdays". He uses technology to allow stu-

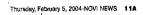
John Shaw, computer resource dents to experience historica teacher and media specialist at events, utilizing movie clips and Walled Lake Elementary, was recently selected as the 2004 Educator of the Year runner-up by sound effects. Shaw designed and maintains the building's Web page, organizes their TV News, and puts organizes their TV News, and puts together the school schedule. the Michigan Association of Computer Users in Learning, He

WL's Shaw honored



Proposed (To) - 2004 Program Year Aclivity Number: 3384A Aclivity Description: Public Services - Transportation Services Amount: \$5,000.00 All interested citizens are requested to attend this Hearing Comments will also be received in writing or in person at the City Office 45175 W. Ten Mile Road, Novi, Michigan 48375, until 5:00 p.m., Februar





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## Be cool by fixing Wixom Rd. bridge

There's lots of talk lately about cool cities and what makes one, but there's one sure-fire way to make a city hot: Put repair of a major interstate bridge project on the back burner.

Last Thursday the state's Transportation Commission turned up the heat by leaving the Wixom Road/I-96 Bridge project on hold in MDOT's five-year plan. That's after the project was part of the plan for five years.

Gloria Jeff, MDOT's director, says the agency doesn't have the \$40 million needed, mainly because of the federal road funding formula.

The good news is that there may be another \$25 million in federal funds available, according to U.S. Rep. Thad McCotter.

Our local officials, from city hall to the state capitol, spoke up loud and clear after Jeff – as part of Gov. Granholm's Preserve First program – shelved the Wixom project as well as the Beck Road Bridge project last April. The Beck work was reinstated and is underway. Now the Wixom project must be reinstated.

Its delay could have a dramatic impact on the future of Ford's Wixom Assembly Plant.

It is already impacting commuters on a daily basis. Yes, we already know that Novi is a cool city. It will be much cooler when two of our major I-96 ramps are reconstructed. We urge the governor and MDOF to reconsider their five-year plan.



Chefs Charles "Rocky" Rachwitz, left, and Steve Allen of Novi's Steve and Rocky's restaurant hope to regain the first place billing in this year's Michigan Culinary Food and Wine Extravaganza on Feb. 24, Last year the restaurateurs came in fourth place after finishing first in Best Restaurant in 2002. Look for more of their story in next week's edition.

## GOVERNMENT

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

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| Carl Levin (D-Detroit)<br>269 Russell Senate Office   | FAX: (517) 373-5777<br>mshulman@house.mi.go   |
| Building<br>Mashington D.C. 20510   | Oakland County  |
| 202) 224-6221<br>enator:2@levin.senate.gov<br>.ocal office:<br>24 W. Allegan<br>wille 1810<br>ansing, MI 48933<br>517) 377-1508<br>AX: (517) 377-1506 | Executive<br>L. Brooks Patterson<br>County Service Center<br>Building #34 East<br>1200 N. Telegraph Road<br>Pontiac, MI 48341<br>(248) 858-0484 |
| lebie Slabenow (D-Lansing)<br>02 Hart Senate Office Building<br>Vashington D.C. 20510<br>202) 224-4822<br>enator@stabenow.senate.gov<br>ocal office:  | 7th Commission<br>Christine Long<br>1342 E. Commerce Road<br>Commerce Twp., MI 4838<br>(248) 366-2666<br>Iongc@co.oakland.mi.us                 |
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**United States Congress** (248) 437-7597 potterj@co.oakland.mi.us

| 11th District                 | , ,                  |
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| Thaddeus McCotter (R-Livonia) | 9th Commission       |
| 415 Cannon HOB                | Hugh D. Crawford     |
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| (202) 225-8171                | Novi, MI 48374       |
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| Local office:                 | hughcrawford@msn.com |
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| Suite 161                     | Taunchine            |
| Livonia, MI 48152             | <u>Townships</u>     |
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Novi **Raymond Schovers** Governo supervisor

Lots of suits and ties, formal introduca local newspaper editor like myself. I'm talking about the annual Michiga Press Association's confer-ence, held in Grand Rapids last Friday and Saturday.

it's always great to see former colleagues, but the whole idea of this event is to bring back ideas to improve one's publication with the latest tricks of the trade. Editors were asked to invite their local state rep-

resentatives and senators to Friday's luncheon, where Gov. Granholm gave the keynote address. Thank you to Sen. Naney Cassis and Rep. Craig Datactor for the set of the

Friday's dinner. Motivational speaker Craig time lost at the conference, worrying about They of allow of allow the terms and a speech by an great job of making sure to be addine, etc. That's when our receptions, nucl-taking seminars and a speech by an governor. It doesn't get much headier than this for the doesn't get much headier than the doesn't get much headier than the doesn't get much headier the doesn't get much headier the doesn't get much headier than the doesn't get much headier t crowd around with his Yes, he did. humor, but it didn't take He was without a job, without a home

Interior, put it doin t take — The was without a joo, without a home, long for him to pull i off, and without money. And he was fairly His message was per- young, maybe in his carly 20s. haps the most important — I talked to him briefly in our follow, and "one of the fairly in our follow." Affective get him worksays afface through seminar: Life is short. Northville's Civic Concern organization. make the most of it. Indeed. Whoever picked Craig as the it would lead to different destination this

choice. Professional con-ferences can sometimes make you feel consumed by your job. By the time think the majority of town. those who listened had a town. The pressure of my deadline didn't seem

can be reached at (248) 349-1700, ext. 113

#### MAYOR'S CORNER THE

## Jennifer, do you want to see a cool city?

Thank you, Cal, for inviting me to occa-onally provide a mayor's view of what is appening in and around Novi. Hopefully Fountain Walk, started the process to bring the fountain walk started the process to bring the fountain walk started the process to bring the bring walk will make Novi cool. Are sionally provide a mayor's view of what is happening in and around Novi. Hopefully your readers will find a bit of information that you kidding me? We are already as cool as water and sewer to the southwest portion of interest them. The first three months of

to the southwest pointen or the city and set the 2004 you can get. Neighborhood Road Rehabilitation Program in the state (and will soon top it off with Novi

## **NOVI NEWS STAFF OTHER OPINIONS** Former Gov. Blanchard feels Kerry is Dems' man

Blanchard a couple of days ago, I asked him how come he thought Kerry could be competitive with has to be the odds-on favorite to win re-election. As usual, Blanchard's analysis was percep-tive Since the Michigan Democratic caucuses are this Saturday, this column is about political anten-Some of the best I've ever seen

are attached to former Goy. Jim Blanchard, who was stumping the state last week in support of Sen. tive. John Kerry's campaign for the Democratic nomination for to neutralize Bush on national tim strong; keep him healthy; and busit of hattum hind storig, keep nin teahing and security issues," he said. "He's an authentic Vietnam who volunteered Finding the candidate with the

President. It was Blanchard, you might remember, who came out who came out early in 1992 for Bill Clinton, who at that point was largely unknown. 1 recal} Blanchard saying to me at the time that his fellow governor "is one of the most gifted for the war resolu-

politicians R Sald tion. Nobody can question his patri-<sup>-</sup> ['ve ever met, and I think he's gonna Phil Power otism or foreign be elected presi-

policy experience. So with Kerry as a candidate, national security and defense are no longer Bush's Well, Blanchard was right in 1992, and this time around he's just as high on Kerry, who surged issues alone. "Which puts the campaign right where it should be," Blanchard continued, "focused on the econoin the polls after his victories in iowa and New Hampshire, Together with Gov. Jennifer Granholm's husband, Dan Dan my, Overall, the national economy Muihern, Blanchard has been beating the drum steadily for Kerry for more than a year. beating the drum steadily for Kerry for more than a year. Blanchard's analysis is that our manufacturing sector is in ter-Keny has "tons of momentum" in rible trouble, and in Michigan, at Michigan and thinks Granholm's least, it looks a loo like a jobless endorsement last weekend helps a recovery. The national deficit for lot. But he also worries the system the coming year is more than \$500 used by the Michigan Democratic billion and with continued deficits Pary to in their preference poll could make the result here very close. Under Michigan caucus "That's not a strong record for Soush to defend," he concluded he has gives me some slim hope So what four adjectives would that this time around the Blanchard offer for Kerry? Democrats just might be over-"Presidential," he started. "Tough, very tough, much toucher the et or mail as early as Jan.

"Presidential," he started. "Tough, very tough, much tougher than benglander, secure and comfor-uble with who When I spoke to Kerry's wife,

## Smart money to battle Bush is on a Kerry/Edwards ticket

The day after the Iowa caucus es, Michigan Democrats were as deeply confused as I've ever seen them over their below of the second seco seen them over their choice of a paign in lowa took off, sput presidential nominee. The day after New Hampshire, by the dramatic appearance of a Vietnam veteran whose life was

it seemed highly likely that, bar-ring a jolt nobody can foresee, that John Kerry will go on to a saved by the future politician when both were soldiers once, and young. There began to be a victory in the state's caucuses Saturday. sense Dean might not be quite ready for prime time, which But the week between was wild. Much of the accelerated with reports that his wife wouldn't

political establishment (includsecretly, Jennifer ing, Gov. Granholm) had imped on the Kerry bandwagon early - then W. tectered, appalled, as the Massachusetts senator's campaign sagged all



withdrawing, Edwards had isn't. Washington state votes the





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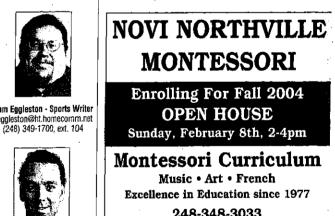
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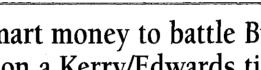




much better idea of how as heavy last night. I did rush home to see their priorities should be Thank you in Sec. You you want the second of the second of

my kids before they went to bed, and I thanked God for my family and job. Cal Stone is editor of the Novi News. He

Life is short - pass it on, please rules, you could cast your ballot 5, well before Kerry's upset victory in Jowa, and an unknown number did. Howard Dean's campaign has been tied heavily to the Internet, he reasons, and even though Dean suffered bad defeats in Iowa and New Hampshire, a lot of early "Dean(ac", yotes, might, sway, the



shown Dean with a big lead in Michigan, but the day before New Hampshire, the respected

percent in New Hampshire. Nobody else was close. Dean and Edwards were at 14 percent,

and everyone else was in the low single digits. Suddenly money was flowing into the Kerry cam-paign, and the flood of Internet contributions that put Howard

instead stay in Vermont and doing all the things a presidencine. fial campaign does when it gets The day after Iowa, Michigan a matter of fact, the Kerry cam-Democrats woke paign was doing two months

ago. Naturally, the other candidates

pfoley@ht.homecomm.net (248) 349-1700, ext. 108 Ramez Khuri - Staff Writer

also provided an interesting cap-sule definition of the job of a First Lady: "Keep him honest; keep

Democrate hate Bush so much they're willing to go for "ABB"—-anybody but Bush — and really mean it, Reflecting on American political

history, it seems to me that the old

system where candidates were picked by party leaders in smoke-filled rooms often made a lot of

sense. The bosses and insiders

knew the possible candidates well, their strengths and weaknesses, their habits and foibles. And the

power wielded by the bosses depended on the electability of the candidates they chose. But once the

parties started picking their nomi

nees through primary elections, they discovered the knowledgeable

insiders lost their power to the mass electorate, which in turn was easily

swayed by the media, TV ads and

I doubt we'll go back to old

ways of picking our candidates. •But for Kerry to emerge the way

single-issue politics.

to serve, versus a best chance of beating Presiden

President Bush who never fought bave been so interested in arguing

and skipped his over ideology or in advocating

air national guard one cause or another that they for-meetings during got the point of running for office the (Vietnam) is to win. This time around, the

war. Kerry voted

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EPIC/MRA showed Kerry with 37 percent, statistically identica 37, percent, statistically identical to his 38 percent in Iowa and 39

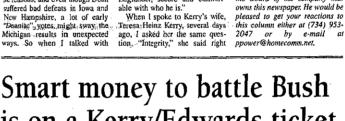
serve as First Dean on the map were said to be Lady and would drying up. Mr. Dean got a new instead stay in campaign manager, tried to Vermont and remake his image, and was

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Sam Ecoleston - Sports Writer

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Pam Fleming - Staff Writer



| 001011101                       | supervisor                      | this city council session Rehabilitation Program in we have the premier school system in the  | last year. withdrawing, say it is still early. But it really   |   |
|---------------------------------|---------------------------------|---|--|---|
| Jennifer Granholm (D-Northville |                                 | have been action packed.  | Since summer, Edwards had isn't. Washington state votes the  | 248-348-3033  |
| Twp.)                           | Northville, MI 48167            | Most of us have heard That's pretty cool. Catholic Central), our city employees are   | Howard Dean Jack Lessenberry come out of same day as Michigan. Then, nowhere to finish before February ends, eight   |   |
| P0 box 30013                    | (248) 348-0365                  | about the reopening of January brought the reso- motivated and professional and our Police  | had been the   | 23835 Novi Rd. • Novi, MI 48375   |
| Lansing, MI 48909               | (240) 040 0000                  | Grand River, the CSX  |  | Just South of 10 Mile   |
| (517) 335-7858                  | Commerce - Charter              | Bridge and the much-need-   |  |   |
| (317) 333-7838                  | Thomas K. Zoner, supervisor     | ed improvements to 12 project, the purchase of a lidoesn't get any cooler than that!  | spend too much time on-line and Dean had not only come in a bad day, ten states vote, most of the subgroup known as "Ann third, he had startled the nation them large, including California,   | jheider@ht.homecomm.net Please call to schedule appt. If you wish to see the school at any other time   |
|                                 | 2840 Fisher Avenue              | Mile Road, Good stuff, no   | Arbor liberals." But by New with his "I have a scream" con-  | (248) 349-1700, ext. 106  |
| State Senate                    | Commerce Twp., MI 48390         | doubt. You might even say   | Year's Day, it looked at though cession speech. When that night ends, the con-   |   |
|                                 |                                 | it is cool.<br>But did you know that the bid to remove 530 dead area will be the perfect location. I have been  | his campaign had a certain "Now I wish I had voted for test ought to be essentially over.  |   |
| 15th District                   | (248) 624-0110                  | the bit of Novi welcomed  | inevitability. Marie Donigan, a Edwards," Donigan sighed. Here's what the smart money  |   |
| Nancy Cassis (R-Novi)           | FAX: (248) 624-5834             | Novi Police Officer Avren held an appreciation dinner fun. I look forward to their arrival and the  | middle aged city commissioner Mark Gaffney, president of the was saying last week: The ticket  |   |
| P0 80x 30036                    |                                 | Edge back from active   | in suburban Royal Oak was state AFL-CIO, said that he too is all but certain to be John  | \$4.95/mo   |
| Lansing, MI 48909-7536          | Cities                          | duty in fraq? My guess is   | chosen to cast the first-ever was switching to Edwards, but Kerry and John Edwards, and  |   |
| (517) 373-1758                  | <u>unes</u>                     | that we have other Novi boards and commissions. Say, Madam Governor, please accept my   | Internet caucus vote, and cast it wasn't suggesting to the rank- they are going to give George   |   |
| senncassis@                     | Novi                            | residents returning from Talk about a thankless job invitation to attend the grand opening of   | for Dean. and-file what they should do. Bush the fight of his life.  | \$4.95/mo<br>Internet!  |
| senate.michigan.gov             | NOW<br>45175 West Ten Mile Road | this wat and I would like to  | Organized labor, burned by Yet the New Hampshire pri- To be sure, the same smart   |   |
| avii ato inito nga ngo v        |                                 | recognize them at this <b>Lou Csorclas</b> order to function). will be happy to show you what a cool city   | premature endorsements in the mary, which often has given the money was on Howard Dean and nation guisotic results (recent a Bush landslide at Christmas.  |   |
|                                 | Novi, MI 48375-3024             | year's Memorial Day Thanks to all of these looks like. I'll bet you will see our very cool  | past, had declined to formany matching and the basis of here   | There is a company in our area that offers fast, reliable,  |
| State House of Reps             | (248) 347-0460                  | parade. Please contact our City Clerk's office very cool people. Senator Nancy Cassis and Representative  | designate a choice, but it was no what the bar is the provide a choice, but it was no what the provide a choice of the provide |   |
|                                 | FAX: (248) 347-0577             | if you would like to be a part of this year's The Novi Chamber of Commerce hosted Craig DeRoche in attendance. We would be  | secret that many, perhaps most, Ed Muskie, Paul Isongas, you ever it a periodrata candidate still carried a torch for Dick get the idea) seemed to clear holds all the states Al Gore won  | and extremely inexpensive internet access to our area.  |
| 38th District                   |                                 | event. the annual State of the City Address. This was honored to talk to you about a few things.  | Senhardt of Missouri, long their people's heads. John Kerry and last time and adds North   | What's so refreshingly unusual is that Netpenny has taken   |
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Novi not seen as 'Second City' by comedy firm

#### By Pam Fleming TAFF WRITER

The ink is almost dry on the deal that will bring The Second City, the world-famous comedy troupe, to the bidding formerly occupied by the brewery/distillery and restaurant Local Color. "We haven't finalized any deat the said bear of the said City has agreed the said bear of the said City has agreed

Local Color. Two and the statistic for the second color control of the second control of the second control of the Leonard, producer, The Second City, Inc., Tuesday, City of Detroit officials were "We hope to be in the new space by April or May," he said. Leonard said the move to Novi obviously not pleased when, after was no sudden decision. 10 years, the cornedy troupe decid-ed to leave its downtown location, "For the last counte of years, we

(a) years, the concept treepe decide a class is the concept treepe decide a class is the concept treepe decide a class is the class is downtown location, and numbers of the Olympic tream. The Chicago location is known had looked at other venues in the for producing such comedians as the nave. The Second City Detroit is curved until we scouted the site in Murray, Mike Myers and Time Fey. The Second City Detroit is cur-rently located inside the Novi that fit all of our criteria," Heckeytown Cafe on Woodward, "The thing I love about it is the

name The Second City came from a series of derive articles written in the location is so close to the 1930s by A.J. Liebling in the no najor nunversities. University at to move the brevery/distillery of Michigan and Michigan State

By Jim Totten

snoblery," Leonard said. "Now, it's clearly invite that some of the press coverage has embraced group as far as that type of enter-

the same kind of put-downs of Novi that we saw people doing with Chicago. History is repeating itself. "We don't consider Novi a 'see-ord city' Quality is not geographic." The readd "The participation of that crowd Leonard said that The Second as far as students for classes and potential talent for our stage is cru-cial to our success," Leonard said. The Second City first opened its doors in Chicago in 1959. "We're about ready to celebrate our 45th anniversary," Leonard said. "We're the most famous comedy theater in North America and proba bly the world.

Novi that if all of our criteria; Leonard said. "Besides the physical plant being Martin Short and others. Peter Paisley, owner of Local

Chicago, saying that it wasn't a real city. It was like a 'second city. Us doping that name was our way of thumbing our nose at that level of

With The Second City moving into the former Local Color build-ing, attention is now being focused on the possibility of a restaurant also accurate and the second

ave recently applied for the outstanding license - Lucky Strike, a bowling alley planned for 44375 Twelve Mile Road in the Fountain

Hooter's Restaurant has also applied for a transfer of its Class C liquor license from Highland Township to Novi. Neither The Second City nor the proposed restaurant to be located adjacent to the Comedy Club has applied for a license. The number of liquor license the the the theorem shows an on-premise also occupying that space. The family-owned Andiamo chain of eight Italian restaurants in the Metro Detroit area is rumored to be considering the site, but that could not be confirmed by city offi-Also in question is whether the comedy club or proposed adjacent estaurant will be granted the city's last available liquor license. The Novi city clerk's office con-irmed Tuesday that two businesses

adjacent to the Comedy Club has applied for a license. The number of liquor licenses that the Michigan Liquor Control Commission grants to a city is based on population. Nov's quota, with a population of about 50,000, is now 32, according to July Wendt, director of licensing for the com-mission in Lansine could transfer one of their on-premise licenses to their new location." mission in Lansing. One liquor license granted to Jake's Fish House at 47690 Grand River Avenue at Beck Road is not Wendt said. The proposed restaurant and The Second City could also register as co-applicants for the same liquor license. "A lot of times combining being used since the restaurant businesses don't want to do that, went out of business. This license could be transferred to another owner if the owner of Jake's agrees. Peter Paisley, owner of Local however, for liability reasons,' bowling alley planned for 44375 owner of Jake's agrees. Wendt said. Twelve Mile Road in the Fountain Walk shopping center, and the Host Walk shopping center, and the Host Color, however, can't transfer his license location or transfer will

Hoa Inn, an Asian restaurant at liquor license to either The Second have to first be approved by city 31162 Novi Road at Fourteen Mile, City, Inc., or the proposed restau-

retail license to save alcohol. "If the restaurant that goes in next to the Local Color building is from Oakland County, the owners

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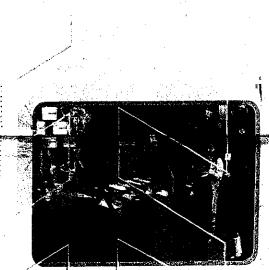




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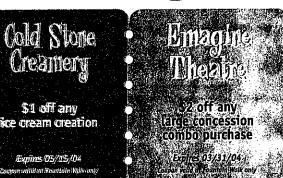




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support num with water so the Curi lip the switch on his proposed brewery/distillery at the former Thermofil building in Green Oak "I want to be open in three "I want to be open in three want to be open in three within the fixt two monitis, but is a duenery your dualed wood, membry, said Paisley, owner of the popular Local Color restaurant and brewery in Novi.
 Paisley said he's planning on making volka, rum, gin and beer at the Thermofil industrial building, which has been vacant six
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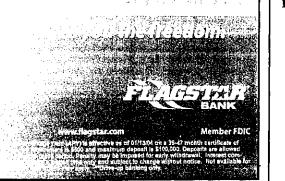


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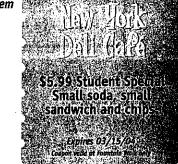
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# financial problem in nation

#### By Pam Fleming AFF WRITER

Typically, right behind getting physically fit, the No. 2 resolution with most Americans is to become more financially fit, according to financial author, speaker and syndicated colum

nist Lynnette Khalfani. Khalfani came to Borders Books & Music in

Novi last month to talk about how to improve one's financial foot-ing in 2004.

L. Khalfani

A financial news journalist for more than 10 years, she is on a book tour for her new release, "Investing Success: How to Conquer 30 Costly Mistakes & Multiply Your Wealth!" Discount brokerage giant Charles Schwab wrote the forward for the book

The South Orange, N.J., resident was with Dow Jones for nine years and was formerly a reporter for the Wall Street Journal. She has also appeared on CNBC, worked for the Philadelphia Inquirer, the Philadelphia Inquirer, the Associated Press and was a finan-cial writer for Fox-TV in in cial Philadelphia.

She wrote the book "Investing Success" because she saw so many people making mistakes with their money. And, she said when it comes to personal finances, credit card debt is the number one prob-lem facing Americans today.

Sen racing Americans today. She often gives people who attend her investing seminar a financial assessment, asking them to answer yes or no to 10 state-ments, such as:

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 I know exactly where my money goes each month.

. I know exactly how much debt I owe and how much I'm paying in interest on a monthly or annual

basis. "Out of the 10 questions I ask on this financial fitness assessment, 70 percent score between 0 and 3," Khalfani said.

'People need to look at their financial situation more realistical-ly," she said. "But don't feel that it's hopeless because of your age, what you've done in the past, the econo-

you be done in the plant the control in my or how the stock market is doing. None of that matters. There are many concrete steps that you can take to put your finances in good health if you learn how to avoid certain mistakes and do the rolet them?

right thing," she said. Khalfani has interviewed well over 1,000 financial expens and now wants to share what she's learned.

"People who are successful with their money admit they've made mistakes, correct them and move on," she said

"Not everyone is ready to invest," she added, "People should take care of the financial basics first, And, that means taking care of credit card debt. It is the No. 1 financial afflic-tion affecting America, I think it's a plague. I compare it to alcoholism,

pague, recompare in the acconomic, she said. "The average U.S. household has 13 credit cards, is about \$9,000 in credit card debt and pays an average of 15 percent interest, 11 you have \$8,000 in debt at this interest rate, it will take you 16 years to pay off this debt if you only make the uninhum debt if you only make the minimum

payment," she said. "Credit card companies want you to pay the minimum amount because it's a revenue stream for them. But, you should really be paying three times the minimum payment," she said.

Khalfani suggests calling creditors and asking them to lower your interest rate. "If they refuse, switch to another creditor," she said. Although debt consolidation has

received negative press, she believes going into a debt manage-ment program is better than contin-ually paying fate and/or overlimit fees

Khalfani noted also that new leg islation may make it more difficult to wipe out credit card debt in a bankruptcy filing.

"Congress is reviewing this. You would have to work out something with your creditors and would still owe credit card bills even after you have filed for bankrupty. This could happen as early as 2004," she

Khalfani believes people should

"You should have a "cash cushion" before considering investing. "You should have several months' worth of income set aside in case you are laid off, fired or something else happens," she said.

Jazz-jam performances/

## Author: Credit card debt top | City draws line in sand over subdivision roads squabble

## By Phil Foley STAFF WRITER

Novi City Council has given a Northville developer until close of business Monday to begin steps to turn the streets in a westside subdivision over to the city or risk being sued

The council voted 6-1, with Council Member Laura Lorenzo dissenting, to give the ultimatum to Northville developer Ken Nanda at its Feb. 2 meeting after learning that Nanda had sent the county Registrar of Deeds a letter informing it that he was withdrawing his offer to make public the streets in Cheltenham subdivision off Beck

Road public. Noting that the project had been platted in 1998, City Attorney Gerald Fisher called it an "extraor-dinary event." According to Fisher, Nanda's letter to the county amounted to an attempt to amend an approved plat without city per-

Nanda has been involved with a long-simmering dispute with a neighboring developer, William Lokey, over secondary access roads. Last year Lokey sold Wilshire Abbey, a 29-lot subdivi-sion adjacent to Cheltenham, to Claudin Ressi's Mirran Claudio Rossi's Mirage

Development Company. After Mirage won final plat approval for Wilshire Abbey from city council in November, Narda came to city council in December asking it rescind its plat approval, saying the roads in his project are still privately held and he didn't wast construction traffic on them want construction traffic on them. Nanda's attorney told council members that since Nanda is required to maintain a \$250,000 construction bond for two years after he turns his streets over to the city, Nanda was afraid he'd be held responsible for damage caused by contractors driving into Wilshire

Abbey. The city told Nanda and Rossi to At city council's work things out. At city council's Jan. 26 meeting, Novi City Manager Rick Helwig told council members that Nanda needed to live up to his commitment to turn Delundment extension unre to the the technic of the contraction of the contract city. Two days later, according to fisher, the county got a letter from Nanda indicating he is going to

Ratical indicating the is going to keep the streets private. Fisher charged this amounts to consumer fraud since 28 lots in Cheltenham were sold with the rep-resentation that the roads would be made public.

Cheltenham Association Board, told council members, "I never would have bought in his subdivi-sion if I'd known the roads were going to remain private.

Because the roads are private, the city's Department of Public Works will not salt them or plow them following a snowfall. Garabelli said he and his neigh-

bors are being "held hostage." He added it's the city's responsibility to make Nanda live up to his promise to turn the neighborhood's streets over to the city. Denying 'that he's committed consumer fraud, Nanda warned

council members that they have a council members that they have a mini-Sandstone on their hands. According to Nanda, the city "made several mistakes," among them allowing Lokey to split, a piece of property off the Wilshire Abbey development that aburde Beck Road, forcing potential Wilshire residents to drive through Collembras to act to the mission of

Withine residents to drive through Cheltenham to get to the main road. Council Member Laura Lorenzo argued against giving Fisher per-mission to begin legal action against Nanda. She said that while the Cheltenham residents might have a reason to sue and that Rossi might have a reason to sue "I'm might have a reason to sue, "I'm not sure it's our responsibility."









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the final two goals of the game. The first tied it up, and the sec-ond nailed the coffin shut on the Howell skaters.

#### Correction

The player featured in last week's varsity volleyball photo was not Jenna Kuhn. It was Amanda Taffoli.

#### South Lyon takes win in lackluster Novi showing



team not only came out looking as though they figured they were just going to get a win over their KVC rivals last week,

The Wildcats boys basketball

they looked as LIONS 46 though they 'CATS 34 expected that fictory to be handed to them

Unfortunately, the squad found out the hard way what happens when you don't come ready to play in this conference. ---- See Page B2

#### Impressive performances by combined gymnastics team

The Novi-Northville Wild Stangs gymnastics team had two impressive performances last week as they topped conference foe Salem and then took second place in the highly-competitive Farmington Invitational with a season-high final score. More and more gymnasts are qualify-ing for the Regional, which coach Lindsay Schultz said is important this late in the regular season. - See Page B2



#### Back to getting victories

The Novi Wildcats hockey team found out the type of games that are played by the best of the best last week, and ended up with two losses thanks to it. This week, however, they are looking to get those wins pouring back in tney skate into the fil of the regular season. The Wildcats will be looking to get a win over the Hartland Eagles at home. Novi News sports writer Sam Eggleston thinks they are not only going to get one, but they'll do it in style. -See Page 83

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# **A QUICK RECOVERY**

## Wildcats fall to Milford, get right back to winning ways

## By Sam Eggleston SPORTS WRITER

**NOVI NEWS** 

The Novi Wildcats volleyhall team should be about as excited as they can be,

as intey can be, After taking an unfortunate loss to one of the top Kensington Valley Conference teams, Milford, in five games, the squad bounced back nicely on a trip to Midland for the Northwood Invitational. Not only did the team show they are only did the team show they are capable of rebounding from the agony of defeat, they showed that they can do it in style as they won the highly competi-

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they won the highly competi-tive tourney. "It was phenomenal." Novi coach Julie Fisette said. "I'm extremely proud of the way the girls played. The played some exceptional volleyball." Novi roffed through pool play at the Invitational, which was held January 31 at Northwood University, and found them-selves facing off against an extremely talented Bullock Creek volleyball team. The Wildcats were poised,

The Wildcats were poised, and though they had just gone through an entire day of volleyball, managed to pull out two very convincing wins in con-secutive games, 21-10, 21-13.

The tournament victory came on the heels of the KVC loss just two days prior to the Milford Mavericks, who were undefeated in league play at the time

Novi gave the squad a run for their money though, pushing the match to five games. Novi fell behind in the contest in the first two games, 25-23 and 25-13, but came back with a wengeance in the third and fourth, topping the Mays 25-22 and 25-20.

The fifth and final game was the breaking point though, and the 'Cats fell 15-8.

"It was a great match," Fisette said.

The loss to Milford was extremely reminiscent of the victory Novi gathered January 26 against Hartland. That time, however, the Novi Wildcats volleyball team managed to squeak by Hartland in five games.

The first and second games put the Wildcats on their heels as they fell behind with two araight losses, 25-23 and 25-

21. In what appeared to be a loss about to go on their record in Kensington Valley Conference play, the Wildcats were able to dig deep and find it in them-

straight wins to the the contest, 25-23 and 25-20. In the fifth and final game, both squads were prepared and ready to play with every ounce of energy they had. In the end, it was the Wildcats who proved

to have the conditioning and stamina to win the match as they dominated with a 15-8 per-

Novi climbed to 4-2, in the Kensington Valley Conference with the victory, while Hartland dropped to 2-4.

Currently sitting in first place is undefeated Milford, with Howell a game back in second. Novi sits alone in third place, while South Lyon, Lakeland, Hartland and Pinckney are all the for furth In here blace are tied for fourth. In last place are

the Brighton Bulldogs, who are winless in league play. The Wildcats are slated to be

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The Wildcats are stated to be back in action when they partic-ipate in the Mount Morris Invitational Saturday. Then, the squad will visit the Lakeland Eagles February 9 at 6 p.m. before playing host to Brighton in the Novi Field House in the Novi Field February 12 at 5:30 p.m. Field House

Photo by John Heider

## Wildcats get pounded by state's top teams

to second-ranked Ann Arbor Pioneer just days later, 9-1. Against Pioneer, Novi suffered their worst loss of the season as they took a beating against the Pioneers in non-conference play.

made 24 saves and stopped infee-of-four breakaways. The final result of their game against Brighton wasn't much bet-ter. Though the Wildcats scored three goals, they just couldn't con-tend with the top-ranked team in Michigan and fell 7-3 by the end of the third period. the third period.

Brighton came into the Novi Ice Arena and played a physical con-test that paid off in the end despite collecting six penalties.

Concerning six penaities. The first period was as close as they get as Novi found themselves behind just 3-2 following scores by Brighton's Mike Hautamaki, Addison Doyle and Jeff Wiley.

assist on a pass to Brett Jaussi, who took it in for the score. Brighton collected a goal from

John Kivisto and Wiley before Novi's Chaz Bulbuk was able to collect the final Wildcat goal of the night off a pass from Steve Rousseau

In the third period of play, the Buildogs nailed the coffin shut with authority, earning goals from Eric Swiatek and Hautamaki to eam the conference victory over

Gealie Dan Morrison handled the net in both high-profile con-tests and did well despite the loss-¢\$ , Novi was also without defens

and who were out due to injuries in both contests. The Wildcats are stated to be



The game, which was played at Ann Arbor's home ice rink, found Novi falling to 7-9 overall. ario DeGrazia the only Novi goal of the game with just 45 seconds remaining in the contest. He took the puck down the ice on a breakaway and put it past Joonas Kylliainen, Pionecr's goalie, for the 9-1 final. DeGrazia's goal was unassisted. Kylliainen, who is a transfer student from Finland and one of the

Novi's Anna Rickard (10) and Kim Zarczynski (9) go up for a block shot in a home game in early January.



Wildcat Brett Jaussi takes up position in Novi's defensive end during a recent game against Brighton.

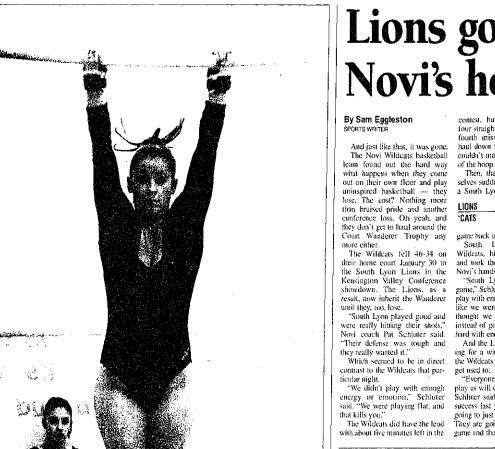
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Novi actually started off with the first goal of the night as John Janssens found the back of the net less that two minutes into the game on a powerplay. The assist went to Eric Cunningham.

Novi scored their second goal of the game, down 2-1 at the time, as Cunningham earned yet another

back in action when they visit U of back in action when they visit U of D lesuit at 4:30 p.m. Saturday. Then, the squad will host Hartland February 11 at 6:30 p.m. in a Kensington Valley Conference game.

**Chris Alberty Jacqueline Gazette** Sophamore Freshman **Gymnastics** Swimming and Divina Gazette is one of the youngest members of Though the swimming and diving team has been facing a lot of obstacles this year, they the combined Northville-Novi Wild obstacles this year, they have managed to make 'Stangs gymnastics team, but that doesn't stop her from being an their mark in more than one pool. One of the impact. Last week, Gazette collected an reasons happens to be Alberty. In the last two If your business would like to soonsor our Athletes of the Week. on the vault dur-the Farmington 8.80 meets, Alberty has taken a first place in diving despite the Wildcats coming up short in the final please contact Jennifer Dinning, advertising executive, at (248) 349-1700 îng Invitational to help her or by e-mail at jdinning@ht.homecomm.net. ad to a second-place finish and their highest point squad to a secon total of the year. score.



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contest, but ended up missing four straight free throws. On the fourth miss, they managed to haul down the rebound and still ference of experience on the

haul down the rebound and still ference of experience on the couldn't make it find the bottom court. South Lyon came into the of the hoop. Then, the 'Cats found themgame with all five of their starters returning from major playing time last year. Besides Brad Chandler and Brad Simpson, all selves suddenly down following a South Lyon spurt in the next LIONS 46 CATS 34 forced to foul of the players taking the court for Novi this year are relatively inexperienced. "I was just disappointed in the to try to get the

way we played," Schluter said, "We had our opportunities, but game back under control. South Lyon, unlike the "We had our opportunities, but Wildcars, hit their free throws just didn't take advantage of and took the game right out of them. It's just one of those things Novi's hands that can kill you, and it did "South Lyon played a great game," Schluter said. "We didn't "South Lyon played a great Novi shot just 3-for-11 from game," Schluter said, "We didn't the free-throw line. Anthony play with enough urgency, It was like we went out there and just points and fell to 8-2 overall and thought we were going to win instead of going out and playing 2-2 in conference play. Novi is home against Millord tomorrow at 7 p.m. and then will hard with energy and emotion And the Lious came out look-ing for a win too — something the Wildcats are going to have to visit the South Lyon Lions in a make-up game Saturday. The Wildcats will then host the Pinckney Pirates February 10 at "Everyone who is going to 7 p.m.

play us will come ready to play," Schluter said. "We had a lot of success last year, and no one is "We didn't play with enough energy or emotion," Schluter said, "We met playing flat, and that kills you." Schluter said. "We had a lot of success last year, and no one is the Novi News. He can be reached with about five minutes left in the with about five minutes left in the

## 'Cats have to overcome even more obstacles

By Sam Eggleston

And then there were 13. Thanks to illness and injury, the Novi Wildcats swimming

and diving team was reduced to just 13 members when they took on the Saline Hornets and Photo by John Heider Wild 'Stang gymnast Jana Ramsey works on the uneven parallel bars during a home lost, 129-56.

Gymnasts impressive in two tough meets

### By Sam Eggleston

Though the Novi-Northville still believe they have room for

meet in January against Westland John Glenn.

Northville squad put up 142.9 points to Salem's 137.6 recently

Erroma was fourth with 142.6. "The girls did a great job at the invite, but we definitely have room for improvement." Wild "Stangs coach Lindsay Schulz said. "I feel that we are gotting better and more consistent at each meet and that we have yet to reach our neak." to reach our peak."

"is a priority this late in the sea-

In Division II scoring, the gymnastics team found Foucher

third with a 9.2, ond overall.

Chris Pieprzak and Nick team of Lev Rubel, Alberty, Wright took second in 1:43.39. Scott Utley and Will Deighton In the 400 free, Pieprzak, Bugbee, Park and Wright com-In the 400 free relay, the Utley and the school free relay, the bined their talents for a team of Bugbee, Park, Wang 3:58.61, which was also good and Swift took second in

3:38.61, which was also good and Swift took second in for second place. Against Walled Lake Western the week prior, the swimming and diving team had another tough foe to try to overcome. Unfortunately, they ended up on the wrong end of a 100-85 decision 100-85 decision.



## Wildcats almost upset ranked Mavs

## By Sam Eggleston

said. "We took the ninth-ranked Milford squad to the last match After taking beatings from Hariland and Brighton last week in Kensington Valley Conference action, the Novi Wildcats and almost pulled out the upset." The Wildcats carned big wins with pins from Nick Lichorobice at 112 pounds, Eric Hansen at 125, A.J. Morris at 160 and Justin wrestling team called a team meet-They asked themselves: What Cameron at 171. In the 130-pound good note," Huss said. can we do? What do we have to division. Jason Sierra earned a win do? What does it take to be winover Paul Rossi while Alex Baum beat Tony Acree at 135. John harder, Work hardest. that path with a close loss to a powerful Milford team, 38-32, before coming back and pounding their frustrations out on a helpless Lakeland squad, 59-6.

win, while Baum beat Kyle Karbum, 10-4. Matt Crawford (145) topped Brandon Duke, 9-6. Earning pins were Hansen, Sierra, Joe Czapski (140), the kids showed a lot of heart," Huss said, "I'm really proud of the Favorite, Morris, Andrew Kristofik (215) and Kyle M (Heavyweight). Both way they fought. It's the first time all season that I've seen the inten-

"We wrestled extremely well this week," Novi coach Brad Huss

sity and desire they showed on Friday." It also bodes well for the future. The week prior, Milford beat Howell, and the Wildcats will end how it MVC and an individual tournament. Taking places for Novi were Lichorobiec, who took sixth, and Hansen, who was also sixth. Sierra their KVC dual meets at home against Howelf and Pinckney. "If we work hard this week, we can finish the KVC duals on a

Margrave oth Brett

Submitted Photo

Morris also took a fourth. though he lost his match in the took eight place, but didn't wrestle in the final match due to an injured semi-finals in double overtime. Against Lakeland, it was the Novi Wildeats show. Al Vellathottam (103) earned an 8-0 shoulder, and Czapski took sixth Baum finished third, taking a loss in double overtime that was what Huss described as a "heartwith a solid performance on the day. Dan Sprys took seventh at 189, breaker. He is

"He is really coming on strong though be weights in at just 177, "He's a sophomore that is really stepping it up for the team." Huss read. "I'm prost of him." as the season continues," he said. "He is a junior and he is starting to rice is a junior and ne is starring to some sports elieve in his abilities." writer for the Northville Record and Two other notable wrestlers in the Novi News. He can be reached believe in his abilities. said, "I'm proud of him," Taking higher places in the toor

nament were Margrave, Morris and Baum, the invitational were Jeff Rauen and Favorite.

Margrave, wrestling at heavy-

season. It was nice to see him win

a medal."

## Novi is a dangerous team

be looking to avenge their earli er-season loss to the Novi skaters. The Wildcats will be This is the kind of hockey cam that you just can't count out, no matter who they play or able to showcase their talent in when The Novi Wildeats proved that front of their home crowd and against a tough team of conferhey are the team to be wary of this year as they bounced back ence foes. The Wildcats will be dependfrom some unfortunate early

ing on some strong defensive play and a good showing between the posts, but you can't losses to be a team which will be recognized as a true threat come post-season play. The Wildcats, who are coached by Dan Phelps, will hope to add an exclamation

point to the statement they have made this year when they host the Hartland Eagles February 11 at 6:30 p.m. Novi may be one of the most

capable teams in the state when their game is on, and it is my experience that they don't start playing their best hockey until the playoffs anyway — so it shouldn't be much of a surprise f this team goes a lot deeper than most expect. The Wildcats will have to make some noise to be respect ed by their foes though, and though they've already done a

have to do more.

week plaguing this team, they will be looking to pounce on their upcoming opponents. That means the Hartland nice job of that with some huge Eagles might just have their wins in the Upper Peninsula and the toppling of Howell two weeks ago they are still going to unds full. I expect Novi is going to

come out and win this game. Hartland is a nice team to do and I'm going to be bold that against. Not only are they up and coming; but they have some speed and will no doubt enough to say they are going to win convincingly. Hartland will put up a fight in the second peri-





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Rauen, a sophomore, had a great

showing too, winning two of his matches in the 119-pound catego-

"He wrestled varsity for the first

Novi is back in action tomorrow

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when they host Howell and Pinckney at 5:30 p.m.

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time on Friday and is doing a great

Favorite won two

job," Huss said

weight, took fourth. "He's a fight heavyweight at 208 pounds," Huss said, "He is improv-ing and helping us a great deal this

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with a time of 5:37.45, while

## **UNDERCLASSMAN SCORES** Junior varsity wrestling The Novi wrestling squad trav-cled to Fetton to take part in the highly competitive field of 33 teams

Novi's freshman cheer team recently took first place at the Novi Invitational. Not long

after, the squad beat KVC rival Hartland in a dual meet.



Riley Lokar, Jamie Esponza, Aaron found themselves dropping their first KVC contest of the year. Novi fell to an overpowering Brighton squad, 71-44. White led the way Dixon, and Derek McClelland. Junior varsity basketball

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# **REGIONAL MARKETPLACE**

## Avoid shock at grocery checkouts

My grandmother spent between \$65 and \$75 each month at the Winslow, Ariz, Wm, G. Dagg Mercantile Co. to feed her four children and my grandfather, a barrel-chested man who stood over 6 feet 2 inches tall.

On one shopping excursion, according to her store account statement dated August 20, 1931, she paid 50 cents for six pounds of green apples; 15 cents for one head of lettuce; 40 cents for one pound of



35 cheese; 35 cents for one dozen eggs; and 35 cents for one pound of butter. it Today

a family of

six

Mary Davis

н you're finding that you're spending more on groceries than you want to, consider employing these money saving strategies from Consumer Reports magazine.

· Use coupons-wisely. coupon won't save you money if you're buying the item just because you have a coupon. Look for stores that will double or triple

your coupon's value. While most coupons are provid-ed in newspaper inserts, you can also download them at CoolSavings.com and SmartSource.com. But heware that you have to supply personal and information—your name, address, city, state and zip, gender, birth-day and e-mail address—to regis-ter. Type in your zip code at ValuPage.com and you can look up a store in your area for a list of up a store in your area for a rist of discounted items. When you pur-chase those items you receive the red and white ValuPage Savings certificates/coupons from the cashier at checkout good toward a fotune method.

 Look at endcaps. The items stacked nearly at the end of the isles may catch your eye, but resist the temptation to put them in your basket until you evaluate whether they're really discounted

• Eye level is at a premium. Have you ever searched for a bot-tle of shampoo and saw the most expensive brands were right at eye level? That's because companies pay a premium to have them placed there. Look on the top and bottom shelves for better bays. · Say "no" to checkout tempta-

tions

Feeling hungry and thirsty after a grueling hour of comparing prices? Resist the temptation to reach for that 20-ounce bottle of soda and chocolate bar. They're apt to cost more at the checkout stand, Feeling weak? Look for the "candy-free" aisle found at

many grocery stores. • Pitfalls of shopper's club cards. Critics say prices at stores that have shopper's club cards are higher than stores without them. And there's the privacy issue. Consumers often have to provide a name, address and telephone number to get a card, which means the store can track your buying habits.

While stores maintain they use the information for marketing pur-poses, one doesn't know whether the data collected—for example, could potentially be used against a cosumer. Check your store's pri-vacy policy before you join a

shopper's club.

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Abe Ayoub, broker and owner of Mayfair Realty, provides Realty services for all types of properties including properties in the Wayne County area from Livonia, to the entire South Lyon area and the Brighton area in Livingston County.

## **Buying or selling? Call Mayfair Realty**

#### By Annette Jaworski SPECIAL WRITER

When it comes to selling your home, you need a realtor to work hard for you -an agent who will put your needs first. Abe Ayoub of Mayfair Realty believes there's a lot more to selling a home than just putting the sign in front of a house. It takes legwork, experience, and customer sprice. service

One way he goes the extra mile is tak-ing the time to host open houses; they're great for letting future buyers see a home first hand, he believes. It's a good way for a seller to showcase a home's special fea-tures. It makes sense for everyone tures. It makes sense for everyone. "Some realtors believe it's not advanta

geous to have an open house on Sunday, I estimate I've made about 40 percent of my sales on a Sunday," Abe said. "Walking into a home makes a huge difference.

Customer service is crucial for a servicc industry and especially so in the real estate business. Just because we sell \$300,000 or \$400,000 homes every day, or whatever it costs, we can't take it for granted, he adds. It's a lifetime decision for the customer. Throughout the process, it's important to stay on top of details and keep the customer informed. He prides himself on being accessible 24/7 to his

Keep in touch and do it efficiently," he said. iluable (ool the

Artsil Cogar says he was pleased that Abe managed the piles of legal paperwork and handled all the details. It's just another handled all the details, it's just another way that he serves his customers. Cogar notes that the realtor gave him exception-al service while selling his home. He appreciated Abe's honesty and hard work, "He's been there all the way... he's the type of guy you can believe," said Cogar. And if you're thinking about selling, here's an better time than the mesent

there's no better time than the present Traditionally people think of spring as the best time for homebuyers. Abe recom-mends if you're in a market to sell, consider the months of February or March. In that case, you can get a jump on the com-petition before the market is flooded with other homes. With the principles of supoly and demand, there are fewer homes to compete with. Fewer homes on the market allow the seller to command a higher price

In addition to today's continued favorable interest rates, there's no reason to ing a home. Those who never thought they could afford a home can now purchase their first starter home. Current homeowners will be pleasantly surprised that they can afford more home for their dollar and possibly upgrade.

As a long-term asset, there's never a better investment than a home, he believe

The stock market goes up and down. I don't remember the last time I've seen a

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Above are two of the homes list-ed with Mayfair Realty. Call (248) 486-8867, or page (248) 314-1411.

"It just kept growing," he explained. Abe specializes in all types of proper-ties including the Wayne County area from Livonia, to the entire South Lyon area and the Brighton area in Livingston

"You need to be well versed on all the different prices in different areas," he said. That's where the 12 years of experi-ence makes a difference. When there are other deals on the table, you need to be aware of market values in adjacent com-munities, he added. If there's a sale conreview all contracts. An informed consumer is more likely to be a satisfied consumer,

### TIPS FOR SELLING A HOME

Abe's top tips for home sellers:

Don't forget the curb appeal, it's very important. For example, keep up the landscaping, cut the lawn and weed the flowerbeds.

Put up a new mailbox if the old one is rusty.

Put new address numbers on the home. "It looks much better if your numbers aren't old and rusty," he pointed out. Clean will sell. Make sure your

house is spotless before showing. If you're not up to it, hiring someone is well worth the money. Freshen up with paint, "Painting

is one of the most inexpensive things you can do for the most return," he added. Don't forget to paint the front door if it's needed.

might see him or his wife, Maureen, at the ice rink with their son, 6-year-old Brian, who is a member of the Mini Mites, or at Destination Imagination with their daugh-ter, 9-year-old Lauren. He's active in the Township Fire Department, the Chamber of Commerce and the South Lyon

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