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Wonderland Martini Party" benefiting the Muscular Dystrophy Association at the Bamboo Club in Novi is from 7 to 10 p.m. Feb. 18, with a champagne reception at 6:30 p.m. The Bamboo Club man-

ager's name is Karrie Dunn.

• In last week's "Still on Hold" article regarding the Wixom Road Bridge project, the amount of funds in the Omnibus funds in the Omnibus Appropriations Bill is \$2.5 million, and there is another \$2.5 million in federal funding available.

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More homes, park la

Planning commission sends approval recommendation to council

By Pam Fleming

The city of Novi will get 45 new acres for its park system and 70 new homes if city council agrees with the planning commission's unanimous recommendation for a new subdivision, The

The commission's Jan. 28 vote followed a public hearing on the request of Robert J. Halso, presirequest of Robert J. Halso, president of Terra Libra, LLC, of

Grosse Pointe, for a Residential Unit Development Plan to be located on the north side of Nine

Mile Road east of Napier Road. The developer wants to build 70 single family homes. The proper-ty consists of just over 111 acres. Forty-five acres of property will be donated to the City of Novi park system as part of the project. The developer also plans to add

1.7 miles of pathway connecting the Community Park at Eight Mile and Napier to the property.

Quait Hollow, the subdivision to be built on the property presently occupied by the Links of Novi golf course, will also be connected on the north side of The Preserve property.

The developer is proposing to construct the 70 lots on 58 acres at

Andrew Mutch of Novi, a for-mer member of the Novi Planning Commission and member of the Friends of Novi Parks, expressed concern at the public hearing on

how the proposed subdivision will affect woodlands on the property. "I feel the plan doesn't preserve

the environmental features on the site," Mutch said. "I know the developer can do a better job in

preserving more open space."

Mutch did approve of the developer's efforts to expand the city's park system and add the trails.

"But, I still feel there are some

significant challenges with this

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Site

Sharing the Dream



psevelt Johnson of Mobile Ed Productions presents an informative assembly on Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. to students of Orchard Hills Elementary last Friday. Among the many things Dr. King tried to teach everyone, sald Johnson, was that "the seed of greatness is in each and everyone of you."

DRESSING FOR SUCCESSING

■ Clothing needed for unemployed

By Pam Fleming

Take heed, all you clothes-mon

It's time to clean out your closet before spring. And what better way to make some room than by donat-ing business clothing to those less fortunate?

Area business men and women are encouraged to bring their used clothing to the Novi Chamber of Commerce's Fifth Annual Threads of Power Breakfast at 8:30 a.m. Feb.

17 at the Sheraton Detroit Novi. A group of business men and business women affiliated with the chamber have teamed to support

and assist men and women in the area striving to enter or re-enter the workforce.

Donations of "gently-used" busi-

ness or business-casual attire will go to The Clothes Closet at Holy Family Catholic Church in Novi and the Open Door Outreach Center in

Cost to attend the event is \$15 per person, and reservations must be made by Friday by calling the Chamber office at (248) 349-3743.

St. John Health System's Providence Hospital & Medical Centers in Novi serves as the main sponsor of this year's event.

Other sponsors include Bob

Sellers Pontiac-GMC and Executive Printing Systems in Farmington Hills; Republic Bank in Northville; and Twelve Oaks Mall, Dinser's Greenhouse and Sheraton Detroit

Novi in Novi. Both men's and women's busi-ness attire will be accepted at the

Peggy Hayes, marketing director at Twelve Oaks Mall, and a member of the Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors, is the chair of this year's event.

"I know that we're helping hun-dreds of men and women enter or re-enter the work force and become independent, seif-confident employees," said Nora Champion Chamber president.

The support we receive from our business and residential communities is tremendous," she said.

"In years past we have literally filled trucks with loads of beautiful clothing," Champion said. Attendees will enjoy a buffet

breakfast, a brief presentation by a representative from The Clothes Closet and a "goodie" bag.

The clothing is designed to pro-vide suitable clothing for job appli-cants to wear during interviews or their first few months on the job until they can budget for busin

clothing.

The Sheraton Detroit Novi is located on the west side of Haggerty Road just north of Eight Mile Road.

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A break on taxes?

■ Winter bills extended three more davs

By Phil Foley

A calendar fluke means Novi taxpayers will get an extra three days to pay their winter taxes this year. Because Valentine's Day falls on a Saturday this year and Presidents Day is on the follow-ting Monday. Oakland County ing Monday, Oakland County residents have until midnight Feb. 17 to pay their winter school

and county taxes.

Beverly Valente, the city's assistant treasurer, said Novi taxpayers have already paid half the \$34 million in real and personal property taxes due for the winter. She said most of them are homeowners and mortgage companies who paid the Winter 2003 taxes before Dec. 31 for tax reasons.

Valente said taxpayers who haven't paid their winter taxes yet really should bring their payment to the Novi Civic Center. "We don't do not read to the Novi Civic Center." don't do postmarks. We go by the

don't do postmarks. We go by the day it arrives,' she said.

That means if you mail you tax check today and it arrives at the city Treasurer's Office on Feb. 18, you owe Oakland County and the Novi Community School District 4 percent more.

Valente said she expects to see

all but 3 percent of the winter tax bill paid by the end of the day Feb. 17. Those who don't pay by the 17th will have until March 1 to bring a check, plus penalty, to the Civic Center - or deal with

Although the staff of the city Although the stan of the con-freasurer's Office expects to see more people than usual at the counter over the next few days, Valente said the lines shouldn't be too bad. She added, residents can get through the process a lit-tle quicker, if they bring their entire tax bill with them. Taxpayers should enjoy the

three-day grace period created by this year's calendar, It won't happen again until 2032.

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'Marry Me at Twelve' winners count down the days

■ Pair lands marvelous matrimony contest package

By Pam Fleming

What a difference a day makes. Andrew Androff and Jane James, winners of the "Marry Me contest at Twelve Oaks Mall, were planning a lowkey ceremony at her grandpar-ents' farm in Fowlerville next

Now, they're tying the knot at 7 p.m. Sunday in front of 98 guests at the Novi mall's Center Court after capturing the \$60,000 wed-

ding package.

The couple, who met at Taco

Bell in Livonia several years ago, were late entries in the contest that ended Feb. 1. The two had to submit a photo and 100-word-or-

less essay on why they thought they should be selected. "We were at the mall about a week before the deadline and decided to enter," Androff said. "We just made the deadline. It

was very quick." James said.

They learned they were the winners the morning of Feb. 6 while being interviewed on WNIC-100.3 FM radio. Next thing they knew, they were being whisked off to the mall in a lim-

ousine to start selecting their wedding ensemble. They had no idea until they heard the news on the air that they had won. "It added to the drama so much

more because we didn't know," Androff said. "It was that much more exciting." The groom said they still can't

believe they won. "We keep pinching ourselves, staying up until I a.m. talking about it," he said. Androff, 25, a customer devel-

opment executive for the consult-

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Photo by PAUL KUBEK Jane James of Plymouth and Andrew Androff of Royal Oak are the lucky win-"Marry Me at Twelve" contest. The couple will wed at 7 p.m. Sunday at Twelve Oaks Mall's Center





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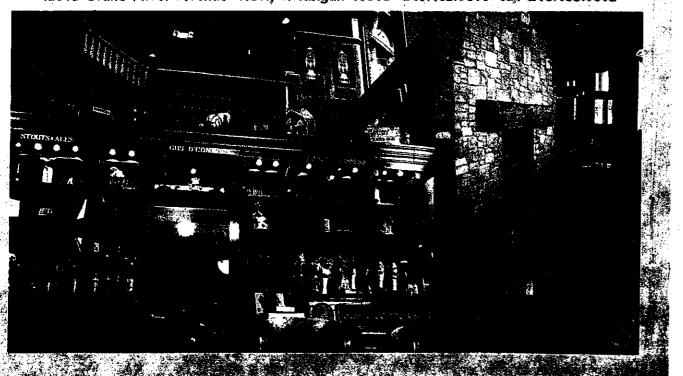


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Hotels feature Weekend specials

Novi's hotels are offering special promotions for this special

weekend for couples Novi Road, has a "Romance Package" every weekend. The package includes overnight reception, which is a cocktaevening; dinner for two at the No. VI Chop House & Lobste Bar; and a bottle of champagne.
The Valentine's Day package

includes overnight accom tions and a dozen roses placed n your room prior to arrival. Dinner reservations are full at the hotel restaurant fo can still order dinner through

The DoubleTree Hotel, 2700 ieraton Drive, has a "Swee Romance Getaway," The pack wine or sparkling cider; a rec rose; dinner and breakfast for two and a in-room movie Rooms are still available.

Sheraton Detroit Novi 21111 Haggerty Road, has a "Romance Package" that includes overnight accommodations, a bottle of wine, a cheest tray, full breakfast for two, a 4 p.m. checkout and an upgrade to the hotel's private Club Floor As of Tuesday, 40 rooms were

Courtyard by Marriott, 42700 Eleven Mile Road, has two weekend packages avail-able for couples. One provides overnight accommodations and breakfast for two. Another movie passes for the nearby Novi Town Center Theater

Residence Inn by Marriott, 27477 Cabaret Drive, is offering a one- bedroom or studio suite at a discounted rate. The normal weekend rate applies for the two-bedroom suite

Country Inn & Suites, 21625 Haggerty Road, has a "Romance Package" that provides overnight accommoda-tions and breakfast for two. The hotel, which features a pool and hot tub, will also provide a box of chocolates if couples mention the "Romance Package" when making reservations.

Wyndham Garden Hotel a Novi, 42100 Crescent Blvd. offers overnight accommoda tions that include breakfast for

105 or by e-mail at often

Valentine's

Looking for a romantic get-away with your sweetheart this Valentine's Day weekend?

Franklin Road Christian School's

nuditorium. This isn't a typical jazz show,' either. This is Cyrus Chestnut, one of the genre's leading pianist, backed by bassist Rodney Whitaker and drummer Randy Gillespie, members of the Professors of Jazz at Michigan State University.

Tired of being stung by overpriced promoters and the extra

Valentine's Day outing.
There's plenty of free parking on the school's campus, located on 13 Mile Road, just west of M-5 in "This is an exceptional value for everyone looking for something special to do on Saturday," said event organizer Tony Musu, of Concerts for a Cause, "Where are

Concerts for a Cause, "Where are you going to find an artist of Cyrus Chestnut's stature playing in a setting like this – at these prices? New York? Chicago? L.A.? You'd be lucky to pay twice the price."

Add to the fact that a portion of the procests from this concert you

gouging of the major ticket servic-es? At just \$20 apiece (\$10 for stu-dents), this show is priced just right for the couple looking for a unique

or flowers — that lifetong lovers described as part of their Valentine's Day plans. Three local couples who

will be by their spouse's side at a

restaurant, under a doctor's care, and with the rest of the family.

Douglas and Elaine Wendrick

on Valentine's Day?

How about a jazz concert? No, not in a small, high-priced club or loud, crowded arena that live music is usually heard. This one is in the

STAFF WHITER

field Subtraction of South anniversary Jan. 30, are planning to share a candlelit dinner, accompanionship, commitment and camaraderie matter than chocolates, lingerie mate dinner," Elaine said. "It's away very special," laine said. "It's possible to the subtraction of the subtraction

such a simple thing really. We're just kind of simple people."

The couple regularly dines by

candlelight, often to romantic

"We've loved one another for

50 years, one week and one day," Douglas said, "Our romance is

recently celebrated more than 50 years of marriage shared their plans for Saturday's sentimental dinner continues a long-estab-

ioliday. The husbands and wives lished tradition.

Calvary Baptist Church in his native Baltimore. He began studying at the Peabody Institute at the age of nine Boston's Berklee College of Music

Ouncy Jones Scholarship, man for the A-list of jazz greats for

"You Are My Sunshine," hit the jazz list top 10 last summer, as did his 2001 release, "Soul Food," which Down Beat magazine included on

its year's best list. With cuts like "God Has Smile

They're still in love after 50 years

Joe and Pat Sedgewick of Northville this Saturday will be

spending their own once-in-a-lifetime holiday together.

Husband will be at his wife Pat's

side as she recuperates after heart surgery at Providence Hospital this week. "I might still be there on

Valentine's Day," Pat said. The couple, who celebrated their 50th anniversary Dec. 5, was

Chestnut's solo albums. He also appears as a quest on

Another Direction

■ Dark Before the Daw

■ Earth Stories Revelation

■ Cyrus Chestnut

■ Soul Food

■ Blessed Quietness ■ Charlie Brown Christmas

to see Chesnut's early influences. "I go back to growing up in Mount Calvary in Baltimore, Md., where there was a lot of foot stomping, hand clapping, tambouring playing and joy, joy, joy all over the place," he said.

Praising his work, Jazz Times



laughed together. Pat said, when she opened her fortune cookie, which read, "You will have change of heart."

Marjoric and Julius Saner of

Marjoric and Julius Saner of

preparing for Sedgewick's sur-gery dined Sunday at the New Peking Restaurant in Novi. They

Northville, who celebrated their anniversary Nov. 27, this Saturday will count their 52nd

official Valentine's Day together.

Last weekend, the couple's chil-dren and grandchildren com-bined a celebration of the holiday

and Marjorie's Feb. 7 birthday

Saturday at Franklin Road Christian School

er crafts his sermons: heated testi-monials with conversational asides." Allman's film "Kansas City," play-ing a pianist modeled after Count In addition to playing with some Basic.

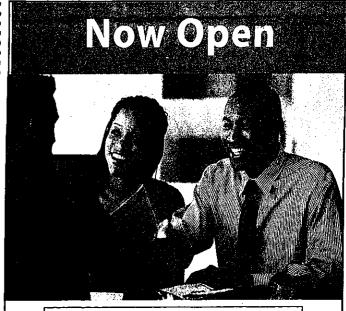


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POLICE REPORT

Just a few

2004 Dodge Stratus on north-hound Novr Road near 1-96 at 1:18 a.m. Feb. 5 after he noticed it weaving at 30 mph in a 40 mph rone. The driver, a 37-year-old male from Indiana, said he'd had a "few glasses of beer" at the 5th Avenue Bar. Officer charged the man with operating under the influence of liquor after he failed field sobriety tests and registered a blood alcohol content of .96.

Too fast

Othicer Andrew Hudechek stopped adark Ford on Novi Road sar Crescent Drive at 2:35 a.m. Feb. 5 after he reported clocking it at 56 mph in a 40 mph zone. The driver, a 28-year-old Detroit man, said he'd consumed one beer in the past two hours, but he failed field sobriety tests and registered a blood alcohol content of .10 Officer Hudechek charged the man with operating under the influence of liquor.

Left turn wreck

A 37-year-old Belleville nan was taken to Providence Park Hospital with non-incapaci tating injuries at 4:21 p.m. Feb. 5 after her 1996 Toyota was struck by a 2002 Mazala driven by a 42year-old Novi man. According to report filed by Officer Brian Tillman, the Mazda was headed south on Novi Road in the lefthand turn lane for Arena Drive when the Toyota tried to turn north onto Novi Road from a business on the west side of the driver of the Mazda was examned for possible injuries follow-

A 40-year-old Oak Park woman escaped injury at 12:15 p.m. Feb. 6 after her 2000 Ford was cut off

by an unknown vehicle on I-96
Officer Scott Bacters stopped a according to a report filed by sound Novi Road near I-96 at 118 a.m. Feb. 5 after he noticed it recoving at 30 mph in a 40 mph along the expressway.

Roll over

was taken to Farmington Hill's Botsford Hospital at 10:10 Feb. 4 to be examined for possible injuries after he apparently lost control of his 2003 Mazda and rolled it. According to reports, the man was driving north on Haggerty Road near Nine Mile Road when his car crossed the road; struck a large rock in the 20000 block; careened back across the road; and then flipped over, landing on its roof,

Purse snatched

Revolver stolen

A 41-year-old Walled Lake Tires slashed

A 69-year-old Novi woman told Officer Brian Tillman that her Harrington-Richardson revolver was stolen off her bedroom night-stand at her Fireside Street home sometime before 4:23 p.m. Jan. Tillman that she does not have a concealed weapon permit, but where. There is a suspect.

Identity theft

A 37-year-old male from Ohio ian called Officer Kevin Rhea at 10;44 a,m. Jan. 30 to report that a collection company had tried to collect on a bounced check.

Texas fugitive

A 20-year-old Northville man Employees at Dunkin' Donuts on 10 Mile Road complained at 8:44 p.m. Jan. 30 that a man had taken merchandise from the store without paying for it. After Officer Brian Tillman recovered four coffee cups and four small bags of coffee from a 21-year-old male from Texas, the employees declined to press charges. However, Officer Tillman discovered the man was being sought by authorities in Texas. The man was sent to the Oakland County Jail in Pontiae pending extradition back

woman told Officer Louis Biglaridi that her purse was smatched from her shopping car while she was in the housewares her 1997 Chevrolet Cavalier in first speaking to his lawyer. After department at Marshall's in the West Oaks shopping center at tr.12 p.m. Jan. 30. the Main Street Plaza parking lot sometime before 10:14 p.m. while she was in the Bora Bora restau-

Too fast li

Officer Erik Zinser stopped a Wrong turn Chevrolet Impala at 1:43 a.m. Jan. 31 on Crescent Drive near Novi Road after he reported clocking it at 48 mph in a 25 mph zone. The 30. The woman told Officer driver, a 28-year-old Walled Lake a right turn from the left turn lane man, admitted to having con-sumed three or four beers. Officer road. Officer Tillman said the carries the gun in her bag every. Zinser charged the man with operating under the influence of liquor sumed three beers at a bowling after the man failed field sobriety hol content of .13.

light fixed the next day. However, the man failed field sobriety tests and registered a blood alcohol content of .135, so he was charged with operating under the influence of figuor. The man was later released after posting a \$100

Turn them all the way on

Officer Michael Prough stopped a 1998 Jeep Cherokee on northbound Novi Road near I-96 at 2:08 a.m. Jan. 31 after he noticed it was driving with only its parking lights on. The driver, a 26-year-old Portage man, told Officer Prough that he was driv-ing on a restricted license. When Officer Prough asked bin if he Fence vandals was in violation of the restricwhich registered a blood alcohol ting through her yard. content of .18, but then refused to

Officer Erik Zinser stopped a 2004 Chrysler on Potomac Street at 10:49 p.m. Jan. 31 after it made at the corner of Main and Market streets. The driver, a 26-year-old Swartz Creek man, said he'd conalley in Plymouth and was on his way to pick up his wife at The Post Bar. Officer Zinser charged

Officer Keith Wuotinen stopped a 2000 Jaguar on 12 Mile Road near Meadowbrook Road at 1:31 a.m. Feb. 1 after he watched it make an improper right turn on a red light. The driver, a 29-yearold White Lake man, said he'd seen the no-turn sign, but was in a hurry. The man also said that he was the designated driver, but had had a couple of drinks at the 5th Avenue Bar. Eventually the man told Officer Wootinen that he'd had three or four drinks at Mesquire Cabin in addition to the two or three drinks he'd had at 5th Avenue. The man was charged under the influence of liquor ar with operating under the influ-ence of liquor after he failed field after he failed field sobriety tests and sobriety tests and registered a

Fence vandals

A Novi woman told Officer Diane MacGregor that vandals tore down a snow fence and no trespassing signs at her Bristo speaking to his lawyer over the phone at the Novi Police Station, the man consented to one test them to the phone is the man consented to one test them having trouble with kids cuta.m. Feb. 1. The woman said she's been having trouble with kids cut-before 1:43 p.m. Feb. 2.

Burglars fail

home suffered minor damage some burglars failed to gain entry.

Two for one

Officer Erick Zinser stopped a 1993 Dodge on 14 Mile Road near M-5 at 12;58 p.m. Feb. 1 after the license plate came back to a 30-year-old White Lake man One-eyed Jack

Officer Scott Bactens stopped a
1995 Dodge Ram truck on 129. The man was later released

Officer Scott Bactens stopped a
1995 Dodge Ram truck on 129. The man was later released who was reportedly behind the

stopped, was released after post-ing a \$100 bond and a \$10 pro-

cessing fee. The man's companion, a 19-year-old Redford Township woman, was charged with possess sion of marijuana after officers found a small amount of the substance in her purse. She was released after posting a \$100 bond.

wheel, when the vehicle was

Naisy tires

Officer Brian Tillman stopped a GMC Envoy at 1:05 a.m. Feb 2 on eastbound Grand River Avenue after watching it spin its tires while mak ing a right turn from Market Street. The driver, a 24-year-old Wixom registered as blood alcohol content of .09. He was later released after post-

Car stolen

A 42-year-old Novi man told Officer Larry Lemerand that his father's 1989 Chevrolet Caprice was stolen from his Chipmunk Trail

Burglars Iall

A Novi man told Officer Erick
Officer Paul Stuligross that Novi's
Tapia that his Princeton Street
Loyally Building Company got a call from Bank One investigator Feb. 2 that a Roseville woman had tried to cash one of the company's checks for \$874,34 at the bank's Westland Branch, The Farmington woman said that while the check number and accounts were correct, the check number the Roseville woman tried unsuccessfully to eash was still in the company' the Westland Police Department for further investigation

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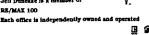
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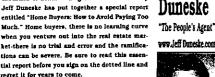
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"It's so much better than we expected when we signed up," Androff said, "We're just so grateful. We feel like we're the 23. a student teacher at Churchill High School in Livonia, planned luckiest people eyer. Eastern Michigan University in James, who said Feb. 6 she was insidering pink and brown as But their plans changed rapidly her wedding colors, said she was when they learned they'd won the with two of her sisters and friends

'Marry Me at Twelve'

winners count down

the days to big event

wedding package sponsored by
Twelve Oaks Mall and wedding
planners Emerald City Designs

"Our eyes met, and I asked
him if he knew my brother, Mark, planners Emerald City Designs
of Farmington Hills.
The package includes a couples shower for 30 at Genitit's
Hole-in-the-Wall in Northville on
Friday; a rehearsal dinner at Max.

Exercise the thermodynamic and the statement of the statement o

Valentine's Day; attire, video, photography, rings, flowers, gifts,

& Erma's at the mall on and, as the saying goes, the rest is

history.

The two both grew up in

Vendors in the \$60,000 wedding package in the "Marry Me at Twelve" contest at Twelve Oaks Mall include

THE PACKAGE

After Hours Formalwear — tuxedo for groom and best man. Cassens-Murphy Band — live entertainment.
Emerald City Designs — full wedding coordination for the bride and groom, personalized invitations, floral designs, linens and

china, ceremony arrangements and more. Epoch Events Catering of Novi — will provide butler-passed hors d'oeuvres, champagne toast, butler-passed wine and mineral water, plated dinner including salad, choice of beef tenderloin or stuffed breast of chicken entrees completed with chocolate truffles.

God**iva Chocolatier —** table favors. Heidi's Salon — hair and makeup for bride and maid-of-honor. Genitti's Hole-in-the-Wall (in Northville) — couples' shower for

production "Wedding Bell Blues." Hotel Baronnette — will provide the Presidential Suite for the couple on their wedding night and a London taxi limo ride. JB Robinson — wedding pands. Jessica McClintock — wedding dress, veil and maid-of-honor

30 on Friday. The shower will include dinner and the theater

Max & Erma's -- rehearsa! dinner on Saturday. Papyrus — personalized thank-you notes.

Paul Kubek Photography with Pictage.com — wedding photography, including a bound photo album of 180-200 photos. Pottery Barn — bridal registry and special gift. Sweet Dreams Pastry — custom wedding cake for 100.

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phone. With five daughters, the bride's

ivonia and will be moving to

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know he had such a pretty sister.

I knew that she was a real special

were in California when the cou-

Royal Oak after the wedding,

12 Oaks Mall Center Court is a splendid setting for Sunday's wedding ceremony parents, Mark Sr. and Elizabeth We picked up the keys together James of Plymouth, are probably glad this wedding's on the house. "I'm the oldest of five girls, and we have one brother. My

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we were unpacking. I planted the ring in one of the boxes I was dad's already told my sisters not to expect what Andrew and I are girl as soon as I met her," Androff getting," James said with a laugh. moving in and then asked her to James said winning the wedding package is more than a How he proposed

dream come true. "It's been super exciting. It's Inquiring minds always want nothing I've ever imagined. We're so lucky," she said. The groom's parents, Chris and Hannah Androff of Walled Lake,

ple learned they were the winhis bride-to-be, Jane James. ners, so they heard about it via "We wanted to find the perfect house before we got married, which took us about six months.

open the box." Androff said he can't wait to get married.
"I'm really excited to have

nayoung manus arways want to know how the groom proposed. Here's the "Marry Me at Twelve" wedding package winner Andrew Androff's account of how he popped the question to his bride-to-be lone forms. Pain Fleming is a staff writer for the Novi News. She can be

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proposal," Mutch said.
"When 1 first looked at this plan, it's so far superior to Quail Hollow that I can't say enough it favor of the developer. I like wha

you've done here," Commissioner Lynn Kocan. "I see a win-win situation here," said Commissioner Victor Cassis. "If we can address some of the be great. Nine Mile is a beautiful

Commissioner David Ruyle said he would like for the developer to pave Nine Mile Road from the entrance to the proposed subdivision to Napier Road, which

Halso agreed to consider.
"We can't force you to do it, but we're asking you to," Ruyle said. "I think it's going to be an out-standing development, and I appreciate what the developer has lone." Commissioner

Shroyer said.
Gwen Markham, commission chair, commended the developer for not proposing the highest number of homes available that

are within zoning regulations.
"You're the first developer lately who's done this," Markham said, "And the preservation lot park land] is going to benefit the entire city. It's our core [park] reserve.

"We're well under what we could have built under the zoning, but our interests are the same as yours," Halso said. "This is going to benefit the community for

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Local Dems pleased with caucus turnout

Representative and a what I expected," Republican State Senator Novi — Schnieder calli Republican State Senator Novi may not be exactly a "unbelievable." He said Novi Democratic stronghold, but and Commerce Township had stoler turnout for the party cau-the best turnout of West inc.

lot, Barsamian was volunteering with the possibility of losing hall.

to check in other voters.

Nadia Pellakh, a Walled Lake
Western High Schooler who just

Jr. said the "state of the econowanted to participate after reading a new spaper article. "I know thought this was important, so I just showed up," she said.

"We've had a great, great pfolew@h.homecomm.net.

Jim Gualadoni, a village turnout," said a smiling Carol council member from Wolverine Crawford. She didn't even trind

ARE WRITER Lake, was glad she did. A political activist for 15 years, diadadoni said voter furnout for the caucus was "far beyond the caucus was "far beyond

said smiling as she participated in her first election.

Minutes after casting her balOakland County are being faced

woles furmout for the party caucus Saturday left party officials
smiling.

Jack Schneider, chairman of
the West Oakland County
Democratic Club, said more
than MO Democrats had cast
their ballors by noon at the Novi
Public Library.

Among them was Allison
Barsamian, a Novi High School
seniou who won't be 18 until
September. "I really want to be
increased the seconomy is the key

Bo Coyler

Things were a little quieter
over at UAV Local 36's union
hall on Wixom Road. Rob
Colyer, the local's vice president, said about 120 people had
voted by mid-day. Still, he said
he was very pleased with the
turnout.

Monique Magee, the site
manager said the level of commitment several people made to
vote encouraged her. She noted
at least two went first to their

regular precinct voting location and then to the library before making their way to the union "I'm really happy people are

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Novi resident Ak Kosrov prepares to cast his ballot in the Michigan Democratic caucus Saturday as his son, Kevin, watches. Although a controversey is brewing over closed polling locations in Detroit, party officials in West Oakland County said ballot-

Back to the '50s; music festival kicks off with sock hop

Novi's Music & Motor Fest heads back to its original roots

poodle skirt because the organiz-

It's time to dust off your leather packet and put pleats back in your leathers. 17-year history March 13 in the MacKenzie Room of the

are getting ready to turn the clock

Tickets for the event are \$10 a

group is holding the Kick Off Lincoln Mercury and Pizza Sock Hop to let people know that Marvelous,

Kapelczak said festival organizers

quarters at (248) 349-1950. what had come to be known as the Music and Motor-Fest is refocus. Noone & Herman's Hermits will award prizes for best male and female 1980's costume at the Breverybody is so excited we're 50's Festival this summer, said Monroe look-altike is also slated



Detroit water chief Mercado Area water rates rise, but

For more than a decade, Detroit and the 125 communities it serves in southeast Michigan have been at odds over the wholesale rate Detroit charges for water

The head of Detroit Water and Sewer Department met exclusive-Home Town ly with Gome Found Communications Network editors and reporters Friday in Livonia to discuss the giant utility's relation-

ship with its suburban customers Late last year the state House formed a committee to consider requiring Detroit Water and Sewer Department have its rate increases approved by the state Public Service Commission, just as investor-owned utilities like Detroit Edison and Consumers

regional takeover of the 150-yearold city-owned utility.

Victor Mercado, who took over s Detroit Water and Sewer Department's utilities operations chief nearly two years ago, said the utility has been taking steps to mprove efficiency and cut costs.

He said that in the past year he has consolidated the equipment yards from five to four and trimmed its fleet of vehicles by 200, cutting operational costs by \$1 million and saving another \$500,000 through the sale of excess equipment While many suburban critics

s prohibited by state law from turning a profit.

For the third year in a row, said
Mercado, Detroit Water and Sewer Department has managed not to increase its operational or mainte-T'm not sure how long we can

claim that Detroit Water and

keep doing that.' Mercado noted that like many older orban water systems, Detroit is faced with making substantial increasing EPA environmental standards and growing customer ple, it has to have the ability to pfolcy@ht.homecomm.net.

Victor Mercado, utilities operations chief for the Detroit Water and Sewerage Department, explains what his agency has been doing to cut operating costs and million southeast Michigan residents.

the possibility of tripling its water

with the latest rate increase, Detroit Water and Sewer way distance and elevation were bepartment has the fifth lowest retail rate among the nation's 20 at the suburbs insistence, Detroit largest water suppliers, including switched from calculating dis-New York, Los Angeles, Houston, tance and elevation from the cenhiladelphia, Milwaake and Indianapolis. He added Detroit's tion of each community to the location of each community to make the of each community is maker. suburban customers pay a lower meters, wholesale water rate than commu-Mercado said suburban commu

Kwaine Kilpatrick for not interfering in the operation of the Detroit Water and Sewer Department. He said the utility has its own budget, ization of the Detroit system

separate from the city's. Aniong the factors in determin-ing suburban water rates, said Mercado, are average distance debt, he asked, from Detroit's water treatment facilities, elevation and peak demand. While Detroit pumps an average of 675 million gallous per day to more than four million peo-

demands. He said Atlanta is facing pump 1.2 billion gallons in order

nities served by systems in Grand
Rapids, Saginaw and Bay City.
Mercado praised Detroit Mayor

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interesting local water storage capacity.

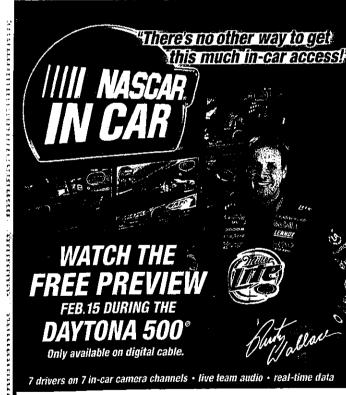
While a number of suburban

Mercado pointed out that Detroi responsible for the bills?

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"I'm not sure how long we can keep doing that."

Victor Mercado, Detroit Water and Sewer Dept.



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defends city utility's position still below regional average

tractors are finishing up a 14 mil-

lion storage tank at 14 Mile and Haggerty roads to serve Novi, Wixom, Walled Lake and

Commerce Township, once it's

Given an average water rate increase of 7.5 percent for the more than 4 million people served by the Detroit Water and Sewerage Department, Wixom residents did fine and Novì residents did great.

Novi saw its wholesale water
the thousands of gallons used.

According to City Engineer Nancy McClain, Novi currently has no water storage capacity of its own. She said that while conrate from Detroit slide up a mere 2 percent to \$16.97 per 7,500 gal-lons from last year's rate. Although Detroit's water department set its wholesale rates Ian. 28, Kathy Smith-Roy, Novi's

idents won't know what their new water rate will be until March. online it will only hold enough water to meet the city's needs for one day.

She said the city's number one ty's latest rate comparison study, Novi added a \$5.85 charge to the \$16.66 Detroit charged it for second water main across 1-96 to

Detroit

Saginaw, MI

Bay City, MI

Kalamazon, MI

Cincinnati, OH

Grand Rapids, MI

Average of Others

Difference from Detroit

Average charge - dollar amount per 1,000 cubic fee

from the utility. She said Novi res-

improve reliability and adding a booster station to improve water pressure along Novi's western 7,500 gallons of water during 2003-04. That's a markup of 35.11 percent. While that is on the low end of municipal markups, Smith-Roy said the city's markup edge.
McClain said there are two 1.5 is actually 14.15 percent.

She explained the difference by

million storage tanks in Novi's capital improvement plan, but the saying that while Detroit charges the suburbs in thousands of cubic feet, Novi charges its residents by first of the \$2.3 million structures isn't scheduled until sometime

between 2006-08.

According to McClain, it would take at least six water storgested the city build a number of began calling her "the mushroom

woman."

While Wixom saw its wholesale water rate from Detroit jump 7 percent to \$13.55 for 7,500 gallons, City Manager Michael Doman said "I'm very pleased

with the rates." Until October of 2001, Wixom wells in the city. While the city had plenty of water, residents found the iron content unaccept-able. "We had holes poked in us like Swiss cheese," said Doman.

The city still does and it has the ability to close the valves to Detroit and turn the pumps back on, like it did last summer during the blackout.

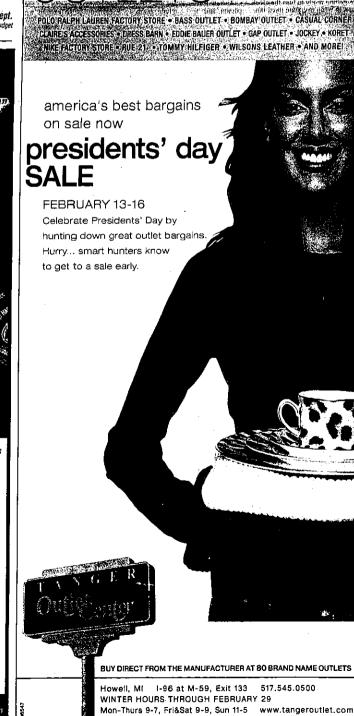
While acknowledging that Wixom's 68.75 percent markup on water was a little on the high side, Dornan explained, "we're paying back for a brand new water system." He said higher water rates now means the city will able to pay off its 2.25 per-cent loan from the state in 15 years, saving residents in the long



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Thursday 2/12
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9:30 a.m. Line Dance*
10 a m -2 p.m Income Taxes by Appt.
11 a.m1:30 p.m Sundry Shop Open
noon
12:15 p.m
1 p.m2 p.m.Computer-beginner class with Linda
1 p.m Beginners / 2 p.m. Adv. Line Dance

Friday 2/13

9 a.m Stretch & Strength
10 a.m Body Recalf
10 a.m
11 a.m1:30 p.in Sundry Shop Open
noon
noon
(2:30 p.m
7 p.m Valentines Novi-Choralaires
"Cabaret & Chocolate" (advanced ticket required)

Monday 2/16

BIRTH

Senior Center Lunch Service Transportation Closed

OBITUARIES

Colleen Bowhall Clary

February 6, 2004. She was 58.

Mrs. Clary graduated from
Norwood-Norfold Central School

May Parker; several nieces and

nephews; and many cherished friends and loved ones.

luesday 2/17	
) a.m12 p.m	Massage Therapy
a.m	
a.m11 a.m	Computer Class-Intro
0:30 a.m.	Line Dance*
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2:30	Bingo
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Computer Class-Windows	
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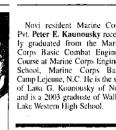
Wednesday 2/18
9 a.m
11 a.m.
noon Junch 12:30 p.m. Clogging* 2 p.m. 4 p.m. Estate Planning by Appt.

*Activities will be held at the Novi Civic Cente

	of Sarnawouve-Blue water in
	Marysville, Mich. She was a mem-
Stretch & Strength	ber of the Port Huron Power
Body Recall	Squadron and Holy Family Church
Blood Pressure	in Novi.
. Sundry Shop Open	Survivors include her husband of
TOPS Class	36 years, Douglas; two children,
lunch	Laura (Randy) Clary Parker of Los
	Gatos, Calif. and Mark (Nancy)
te Planning by Appt.	Clary of Ann Arbor; her parents,
	Doggos and Elizabeth Rosuball of

Norwood, N.Y.; one sister, Ann Murphy of Troy, N.Y.; her mother-in-law, Laura Clary of Norfolk,

In the Service



A mass of celebration was held left. 9 at Holy Family Church, hovi. Services will also be held Feb. 14 at 11 a.m. at Saint Novi resident Marine Corps Audrew's Church in Norwood. and was an avid baker and cook. Memorials may be made to The graduated from the Marine Corps Basic Combat Engineer Course at Marine Corps Engineer Course at Marine Course Engineer Course at Marine Course Engineer Course at Marine Course Pvt. Peter E. Kaunousky recent-ly graduated from the Marine Corps Basic Combat Engineer Corps Baste Combat Engineer
School, Marine Corps Engineer
School, Marine Corps Base,
Camp Lejeune, N.C. He is the son
21201 or maided to Robert Akland
of Lana G. Kounousky of Novi
and is a 2003 graduate of Walled
Lake Western High School.

Survivors include five children,
Jone (Jim) Webb of South Lyon,
Rosemaria (Ron) Johnston of
Ohsowski of Grayling, Jim (Vicky)
Serra of South Lyon, and Richard

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Colleen Clary of Canton, for-merly of Port Huron and Novi, died O'Brien/Sullivan Funeral Home,

Novi, Online sympathy message: www.obriensullivanfuneralhome.c

Andree' F. Serra

in 1963. She earned her master's degree from Potsdam State University and taught in Hawaii and Brasher Falls, N.Y. before Andree' Serra of South Lyon, moving to Michigan. For the past 10 years she was payroll manager of SarnaMotive-Blue Water in formerly of the Northville/Novi area died February 5, 2004. She was 82. Ms. Serra was born April 18, 1921 in France to the late August Reiss and Pauline Lereaux. adron and Holy Family Church She had been a resident of South Lyon for 20 years and was a graduate of South Lyon High School.

She had been a food service man-Survivors include her husband of years, Douglas; two children, ira (Randy) Clary Parker of Los ager at Awreys Bakery in Garden City and the Big Boy Restaurant located at the company headquar scoe and Elizabeth Bowhall of ters in Warren. She was a membe of Cross of Christ Lutheran Church in South Lyon and worked as an aide at the preschool, where every-one called her grandma. She was active with the Center for Active N.Y., one granddaughter, Casey

active with the Center for Active Adults and Active Faith, the Lutheran fellowship and sang in the church choir. She enjoyed play-ing pinochle with friends at Colonial Acres, traveling, especial-A mass of celebration was held

Serra of Nevada; three siblings, Joan Moran, Roger Reiss and Henry Reiss; 15 grandchildren; and

15 great-grandchildren. A funeral service was held Feb. 10 at Cross of Christ Lutheran Church with Pastor Terry Nelson of Cross of Christ Lutheran Church officiating. Interment will be at Glen Eden Memorial Park,

Memorials may be made to Cross of Christ Lutheran Church, 24155 Griswold, South Lyon, Mich. 48178 or to Angela Hospice, 14100 Newburgh Rd, Livonia, Mich. 48154.

Arrangements were made by Casterline Funeral Home, Inc., South Lyon. Adele M. Bosler

Adele Bosler died February 9, 2004. She was 58. Survivors include her husband, E.; her mother, Caroline "Sally Howden; and two sisters, Patricia

Dunn and Nancy Gretch.
Visitation will be on Thursday,
Feb. 12, 4-9 p.m. at O'Brien/Sullivan Funcral Home 41555 Grand River, Novi. A funer Church, 46325 W. Ten Mile Rd.

Novi.

Memorials may be made to
North Farmington Scholarship
Fund, 32900 W. 13 Mile Rd., Farmington Hills, Mich. 48336, Arrangements were made by O'Brien/Sullivan Funeral Home.



ENGAGEMENT

annette and Martina

Martina Marie Sumiec

Tom and Sannette Sumice are proud to announce the birth of their daughter, Martina Marie, Alberto Garcia, Son of Jesus V. Born on January 21, 2004, at Providence Hospital in Southfield.

Tom and Sannette Sumice are unusual announce the engagement of their broughter, Amy Effect Sani to Sergio their Sani to Sergio and Mrs. James Salimas of Oelessa,

She weighed 7 pounds, 5 onnees and measured 19 3/4" at birth. She is the grand daughter of Juanita Castillo and Louie Robles graduate of Western Michigan

of Lansing, and D'anna Cupps and Tom Sumice of Novi.

Both Tom and Sannette are 1990 graduates of Novi High School and currently reside in

Debra and Kenneth Saari of Novi

The bride-elect is a 1996 graduate of Novi High School and a 2000 University. She is currently employed by Plymouth-Canton Schools at East Middle School.

The groom-elect is a 1995 graduate of Edeouch-Elsa High School and a 2002 graduate of Eastern Michigan University. He is also currently employed by Plymouth-Canton Schools at East Middle School. A June 26 wedding is planned.

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Story Time notes Winter 1 Story Times end Feb.

13, but Story Time sessions will resume March 1. Brochures listing

Saturday, Feb. 14, at 10:30 a.m. Registration is not required.

Rainbow Feathers Learn how the Rainbow Feathers rescue group saves exotic birds and meet many of these beautiful crea-

tures on Wednesday, Feb. 18, at 7 p.m. Children of all ages are wel-come at the free 45-minute pro-gram, No registration.

Board meeting

The Novi Library Board of Directors meets Wednesday, Feb. 18, at 7 p.m. in the City Council Chambers at the Novi Civic Center. Children ages 12-24 months are Community members are welcome invited to join us for a half hour of stories, songs, and games on broadcast live on cable channel 13.

no registration is necessary for the

Big Kid Story Time

Elaine Horowitz, Nurse

Kids ages 5-8 are invited to join us for stories, special activities, and a snack on Tuesday, Feb. 24, from 4:30-5 p.m. No registration. Hot Topics in Women's Health

The Music Lady

25, in the library meeting room Join children's entertainer Beverly Meyer, "The Music Lady," for music and songs on Thursday, Feb. 19, at 1 p.m. For uges 4 and up; Please call Providence at (877) 345-5500 to reserve a seat for this free AARP Tax Workshop

An AARP Tax Workshop will be held at the library on Thursday, Feb. 26, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Please

Come and learn the basics of sending and receiving e-mail, and sign up for a free e-mail account on Wednesday, Feb. 25, from 1-3 p.m. Navigator, Women's Services at Providence Hospital, discusses some of the hot issues in women's health at 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, Feb.

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BUSINESS

BUSINESS BRIEFS

Novi resident joins MGM

MGM Detroit Grand Detroit Casino has appointed Richard S. Duane, Jr., of Novi as director, Human Resources, Workers'
Compensation and Safety

In this role, Duane overse MGM Grand Detroit's Self Insured Workers' Compensation Program, as well as safety initiatives that



R. Duane

extensiv based background in human resources, operations and nanagement. Duane most recently worked as a consult ant at MGM Grand Detroit Casino in both the benefits and workers' compensation

reas.
Prior to his consulting role, Duane held various human resource management and leadership roles at ADVO, Inc., Mervyns Department Stores and The Emporium-Capwell Compan

Duane has a bachelor's degree from California State University-Hayward and has earned several professional resources, workers' compen sation and safety.

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Gus O'Connor's kicks up its heels for grand opening

By Phil Foley STAFF WRITER

It's been less than three months since Gus O'Connor's Public House opened its doors on Grand River Avenue at Market Street. So far,

Irish eyes are smiling.
Waterford businessman Ed
Smith, who owns the new restaurant along with his younger brother, Mark, said business has been

"beyond expectations."
The Smiths, along with their general manager, Paul Kastran, hosted a packed house Monday night for the pub's grand opening celebration, Ed Smith said he thought he'd found a solid concept when he saw

hoods in Chicago, Philadelphia and Washington, D.C. but he said the response in Novi has been "incredi-Smith called Gus O'Connor's "a designed and fabricated in Ireland and Irish craftsmen then installed it. The facility, Tom Celani's Luna Building, once was home to

Patoosh's Mediterranean Restaurant and part of Vic's World Class

Smith said that while Peter Paisley's Local Color has been "a good neighbor," Second City, with it's two-show-a-night format may be even better for business.

Kastran said it's been mostly local residents who've kept the 489seat pub packed on nights and weekends since it opened just before Thanksgiving. He said he'd like to see an increase in lunchtime

Kastran said Gus O'Connor's is offering authentic frish music with Gerard Smith and easy listening on alternating weeks starting on it in operation in upscale neighbor-Thursdays. Smith said he's been pleased so far with his experience in Novi. "The city has been funtastic to work with."

He said he wouldn't rule out try-

ing another entertainment concept in the city. "I love Novi," he said. Phil Foley is a staff writer for the (248) 349-1700 ext. 108 or at pfo-ley@ht.homecomm.rut.



Gus O'Connor's General Manager Paul Kastran (left) and owners Mark and Ed Smith have been encouraged by Novi's response to their authentic Irish pub in the city's

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Police focus on The Post

By Phil Foley

The Novi Police Department was expected to present Novi City expected to present Novi City Council members with a report today detailing the number of alcohol-relat ed arrests and other law enforcement activity tied to the city's top five

nightspots.
The Post Bar, which has been under city council sentiny since October, is not expected to fare well. Last spring Detroit aca entrepre-neur Torn Celani was hailed for breathing life back into the uiting Main Street development by leasing

18,400 square feet of the former Vic's World Class Market to The Post and Gus O'Connor's, The building had been empty for more than a year However, by October Novi City founcil members were becoming

alarmed by the number of police reports being generated by The Post. Novi Police Chief Dong Shaeffer and Lt, David Molloy met with man-agers from The Post in early November: Following that meeting, John Thomson, general manager of The Post's operations in Wayne, Oakland and Macomb counties, said.

"We've done everything the police department has asked." Apparently that wasn't enough, since The Post has continued to be

Blue Water Chefs Association will

take place from 6 p.m. to 10 p.m. Feb. 24. The event will feature more

than 20 restaurants competing for

the title of "Best Restaurant" as

determined by a panel of media

judges.
Along with bragging rights, the

top five restaurants receive a cash

ward, with the first place restaurant

also gaining possession of a travel-ing trophy that resides in the win-

ning restaurant for a year. Steve &

Rocky's came in fourth in 2003.

while Café Cortina of Farmington Hills claimed the trophy.

"Rocky" Rachwitz are ready for this

Partners Steve Allen and Charles

hospitalization.

Noting that he's already fired one manager and two bartenders at the nightspot, as well as instituted week-

ly staff meetings, Thomson said he

wants his staff and the city to know

he's serious about addressing the city's concerns. He's taken a number of steps including cutting alcohol

service earlier than state law allows

with Chief Shaeffer and Lt. Mollo

other week since October.

Thomson said he's been meetin

either in person or by phone every

However, Thomson said it's important to take into account "the sheer number of people who come through The Post." He said since

opening last summer, The Post has

been one of Metro Detroit's most popular nightspots with lines of peo-

ple waiting to get in almost nightly

"Having long lines is a great prob lem to have," he said. Council Member Kim Capello

said he was concerned about what

might happen to the city's reputation among the region's entrepreneurs if the city begins closing businesses in

the Main Street district or taking their

Host Committee since its inception.
"While the restaurants compete

fiercely for the trophy, the cama-

raderie among the chefs is unmis

takable, and guests enjoy the oppor-tunity to savor samplings from some of the area's best restaurants," said

Tickets are \$75 for general admission and \$125 for Gold Salon

and are available by calling (586) 463-9660, ext. 438. Mac & Ray's, located at 30675 North River Road

licenses away.

Civic Center Monday night. However, Chief Shaeffer told council members at their Jan. 26 meeting that police incidents at The Post were "pretty much in line with the volume at other locations" in the city. He said the number of arrests generated by The Post was related in no small part "to the number of cus-

Council Member Laura Lorenzo complained that she'd seen The Post described as a "party place" in one of the daily newspapers. She also sug-gested the city might want to consid-er limiting the number of people allowed in the nightspot at any one In mid-January City Attorney

Gerald Fisher wrote a letter to Thomson warning that if conditions at The Post did not improve, Novi's City Council might consider revok-

owners are "extremely concerned," about the letter, adding "you'd be a fool not to." However, he noted, the letter's first and last paragraphs also acknowledged that The Post has shown improvement.

Restaurant hopes to reclaim honors

"We're excited about this year's

petition among participating restau-rants. the ninth annual Michigan that we lost the year before. We'll among the restaurants, enjoying the Extravaganza (MCFWF) will once the state of the properties of the p

again feature. Novi's Steve & Rocky's, which seeks to reclaim the star but if it doesn't pair well with the wine, you won't win," he top honors it received in 2002.

A Martil Gras benefit for the MCFWE Scholuship Fund and 43150 Grand River Avenue just cast and wine," said Jeff Schultz, even Blow Warez Choff, Available will be seen and Novi resident.

ed for the Mardi Gras benefit, where

they will find an elaborate sampling

of food and wine pairings at Mac & Ray's Banquet & Conference Center in Harrison Township, The

benefit will also include silent and

live auctions, a live band and raffle.
Unlike other food events,
MCFWE was designed to highlight

the complementary pairings between food and wine.

Novi City Police have already Phil Foley is a staff writer for the filed one complaint with the state Liquor Control Commission over an (248) 349-1700 ext. 108 or at pfofiled one complaint with the state the focus of city council discussions incident in November when a patron ley@ht.honuccommunet,

of Novi Road colebrated its sixth - who has served on the MCFWE

Participating restaurants are each in Harrison Township, can be matched with a wine purveyor, reached by calling (\$86) 463-9600, together they determine a food and Complete event information can

wine pairing served to guests at the be found at www.mcfwe.com. restaurant's table.

Local Color moves brewery, distillery equipment out

Former employees looking for new positions

under way for a couple of weeks now at Local Color, owner Peter Paisley's microbrewery, distillery and restaurant operation formerly located at Main Street Novi.

Crane operators could be seen ing's second floor, and former employees of the bar/restaurant

An employee at the nearby Post Bar said Feb. 6 that several former employees had inquired about openings at the neighbor-ing watering hole but were told there were currently no openings. Management at bd's Mongolian Barbecue at Main Street Novi said the stir-fry managed by a well-known prop-erty management firm in Southfield that confirmed

GMAC's ownership of the propformer employee from Local Color who has a friend who works there.

The Local Color building works there.

The Local Color building is currently owned by GMAC (General Motors Acceptance Corporation), a subsidiary of General Motors Corporation.

restaurant had already hired one

According to Novi assessor Glenn Lemmon, until May 2003, tax bills were sent to 178 LLC, Suite 202, 42075 Grand River, in

National acquired the property for \$4.3 million in a "sheriff's deed," which is usually issued to The building is now being

Color microbrewery and distill-ery operation to Green Oak Township near Brighton, where

Suite 202, 42075 Grand River, in Novi, Local Color is located in 105 or by e-mail at

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CLASS NOTES

It's official: Students must take MEAP to graduate

As anticipated, the Novi Community School District Board of Education passed on Feb. 5 a proposal that makes it mandatory for all students to take the Michigan Educational Assessment Program test in order to graduate starting this

school year.

Statistics at Novi High School show that over the past several years, of the number of stu-dents who take the MEAP test, about 20 per-cent of them

have chosen

A major factor that school districts are graded on in Education Yes! is called Indicators of School

Performance, and one of those test. The mandate that has been set for Novi says that 95 perschool to meet Adequate

Yearly Progress requirements.
On the first Education Yes! report cards, which were released Jan. 30, Novi High School received a B. However, the school did not make Adequate Yearly Progress because less than the required 95 percent of students took the

The point of this board policy is that every student takes the MEAP test," Assistant Superintendent for Academic Services Nancy Davis said. "Our goal is to have every child, the is empresed to take the

Students may earn that if they take the MEAP test in high school and successfully pass it at the two highest levels. That helped in a lot of districts around the state in terms of stu dents participating because it was a strong motivating factor for them and parents. In Novi, however, even with that finan-cial incentive, about 20 percent of the students still didn't par-As of right now, there are about 30 seniors who did not take the test last year and they will need to take it during the April testing window in order to graduate.

Davis explained that most

Department of Treasury, under former Governor John Engler, instituted the Merit Award Scholarship for \$2,500.

students don't take the test until the 11th grade because it is designed to be given to jun-iors. However, there are some who take it at the 10th grade level, but that's primarily so that they can qualify for dua enrollment. For instance, if student wants to take a college course while in high school and passed it in the same sub ject area that they want to dual enroll. For the general popula-tion of students, however, it's the 11th grade that they all must take it now,

If some students don't take the test for some reason maybe they were ill or on an extended leave - there are two make-up sessions. One is in the fall of their senior year and the other is given in April for all the juniors and any senior who has not taken it yet. For this year, the board of educa-tion was asked to approve the change and have it in place for the graduating class of 2004

who is supposed to take the MEAP test, take it and of course pass it with high grades. It will be a supposed to take the work of the

Our goal is to have every child, who is supposed to take the MEAP test, take it and of course pass it with high grades."

Movi's assistant superintendent of Academic S

CITY OF NOVI NOTICE OF ADOPTION **ORDINANCE NO. 04-28.51**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Novi City Council has adopted Ordinance No. 04-28.51, AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE CITY OF NOVI CODE OF ORDINANCES, AS AMENDED, CHAPTER 34, "UTILITIES," TO ADD A SUBDIVISION REGARDING THE PARK PLACE ESTATES / NINE MILE ROAD SANITARY SEWER PUMP STATION AND FORCE MAIN AND TO PROVIDE FOR THE REIMBURSEMENT OF SEWER TAP UNIT CHARGES.

ons of the ordinance shall become effective lifteen (15) day The provisions or the criticianic shall become arrests and the provisions of the criticians and the provision of the criticians was adopted by the City Council or Monday, February 2, 2004. A complete copy of the Ordinance is available for public use and inspection at the office of the City Clerk, 45176 W. Ten Mille Road, during the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. prevailing local time. MARYANNE CORNELIUS, CITY CLERI

CITY OF NOVI **ECHO VALLEY SUBDIVISION -**WOODHAM DRIVE WATER MAIN SPECIAL ASSESSMENT DISTRICT NO.171

PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

Date: FEBRUARY 23, 2004
Time: 7:30 p.m.
In the Council Chambers at the Novi City Hall
45175 West Ten Mile Road
Novi, Michigan
PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Novi City Council is considering the
public improvement described below, to be financed by the establishment
of a special assessment district. Subject to receiving comments and
objections at public hearing, the Council has determined to proceed with
the improvement. On Monday, February 23, 2004, at 7:30 p.m. in the
Council Chambers at the Novi City Half, 45175 West Ten Mile Road, Novi,
Michigan, the City Council shall meet for the purpose of hearing comments and objections from interested persons regarding the proposed Council Chambers at the Novil Cyllad, 937 yets set nine mode, Novil, Michigan, the City Council shall meet for the purpose of hearing comments and objections from interested persons regarding the proposed special assessment district known as Woogdam Dribe, waster mall extension. Special Assessment District No. 171, including comments and objections to the proposed project and to the proposed special assessment district consisting of the properties anticipated to be specially benefited by, and assessed for, the improvement in the proposed project is:

The proposed improvement ("The Project") is:

The construction of approximately 1,233 feet of 8" WATER MAIN and related facilities and improvements in Section 29 which will provide a direct benefit to 12 parcels in the Echo Valley Subdivision along a portion of Woodham Drive and Cedarwood Drive

The estimated cost for the Project is \$185,112.00.

A copy of the Petition, and the plans and cost estimate for the proposed Project are on file at the City Clerk's Offices, 45175 West Ten Mile Road, Novi, Michigan, for public examination during normal business hours.

hours.

Appearance and protest at the hearing is required in order to appeal the matters to be considered at the hearing to the State Tax Tribunal. An owner or party in interest, or his or her agent, may appear in person at the hearing to protest the special assessment, or shall be permitted to file his or her appearance or protest by letter at or before the hearing and his interest to the permitted to the perm

Why don't students take it?

Dufresne and Jeannette Tiso. They both said that they would take the test if it is required for graduation, but they weren't too happy about it.
"I don't understand why they need all

of our testing," Durfresne said. "I didn't take the MEAP because I don't do very well in school. I know the MEAP records everybody's scores and gives their school a grade, but I felt the MEAP was a waste of time for me, so I didn't take it."

Tiso didn't participate in the test for different reasons. "The reason for me not taking the test was the first time I just missed it because that week I was sick," she said.

Tiso didn't take the test the first time it came around because she was sick that

eck. grade school it was mandatory and that's "The second time it came up. I planned why I thought it was cool that in high

on taking it but the college I plan on attending said they don't take any money from the MEAP," she said, "It just wouldfrom the MEAP," she said. "It just wouldn't have helped me, so I figured I really
didn't need to take it. It's good for the
kids who do get money out of it, but
that's basically the main reason why I
would need it. Now that it might be a
requirement, I guess I'll have to."
"I think it's kind of stupid to make it
mandatory because it should be our
choice if we want to take the MEAP or

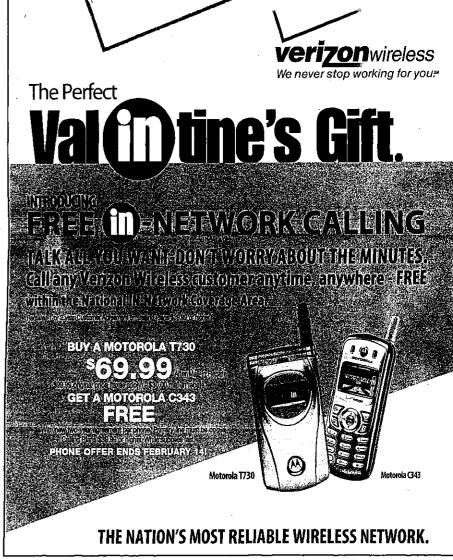
not," Dufresne said. "I don't think we should have to take it in order to graduate because really, what is it doing for as? It's really not doing anything for us indi-

school we had a choice."

Tiso said she was pretty easy going about the situation, but she could foresee

some students putting up a fight. "I can see some students refusing to do it, but if they see the other side of it, that should be enough to convince them they have to do it," said Tiso. "It just wasn't enforced before and I don't think I was ever fold how important it was. If I would have known that it was important to this district, I would have taken it a long time ago, I'll'do what I have to do to get out of high school."

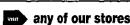
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Meadows Family Volleyball Night Novi Wildcats Varsity Volleyball players Bella Feldbaum, Anna Rickard, Jenna Kuhn and Megan Miller pose with

their team before taking the court against other Novi Meadows families mixed with other Wildcat players. Also pictured are fifth graders Jordan Shawver, Scott Stanford, Hannah Schnaidt, Stanford's mother, and Meadows assistant principals Kathy Boyd and Lisa Fenchel. After the family games were finished, the Wildcats were introduced and then put on an exhibition game. Everyone enjoyed ice cream sundaes to end the evening with the Wildcats signing autographs for all



Hawaiian Day at Novi Woods Novi Woods fourth graders Madelyn Haustein and Theresa Drafta celebrated Hawaiian Day with their fellow classmates on Feb. 6.

> Scillian visits middle school Left, Channel 4 News Anchor Devin Scilliar recently visited several seventh grade students at Novi Middle School, Here he shows a book he wrote



Japanese Setsubun at Orchard Hills Students at Orchard Hills learned about the Japanese holiday called Setsubun, which is a way of celebrating spring in Japan. In modern days, the most commonly performed Setsubun ritual is the throwing of roasted beans around one's house and at temples and shrines across the country. When throwing the beans, one is supposed to shout "Oni wa soto! Fuku wa uchi! ("Devils out, happiness in"). Afterwards one should pick up and eat the number of beans which corresponds to one's age (although the kids didn't eat the beans).



Teaching self defense
The Novi Girl Scouts were fortunate to have the Okinawan Karate Club come in and them a free lesson in self defense. Co-owner Chris Heffernan, a second degree black belt, led the session with several of her karate club members assisting with the lesson. The Okinawan Karate Club provides the teachers for the classes offered through Novi Community Education

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Guest teachers earn

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Hacqua and Lane plan to use the grant money to fund the pur-chase of book sets designed to meet the needs of individual reading levels of their kindergarten through fifth grade students. Each student will read in small instructional groups, familiarize themselves with the text, and take the

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arships will be awarded to

To request a nomination form, please contact the Sheriff's Community Liaison, Mandy Ford, at (248) 858

Nelson in "A Chorus Line" China

Ann Marie Nelson, a freshman was to perform in the production of "A Chorus Line" January 30-February I in the Midland Center for the Arts auditorium in Midland. The play is directed by Emmy Award winner Linda Talcott Lee. Nelson is the daughter of Art and Marianne Nelson of Novi and the oldest of four children. Ann

Marie said, "I began acting at Ladywood High School in Livonia but I have been singing for as long as I can remember." At her high school, she was Sister Margaretta in "The Sound of Music," Annie in "Annie," and Minne Faye in "Hello Dolly!"



Learning about

the second graders about her trip to China with her mother recently. The chilwhen she told about her seeing the Terra Cotta miniature replicas of the soldiers for all to see. The students are beginning to learn about China as part of their lessons. Many of the items from Goedert's trip are in the school

DETAILS: Parents play a key role in their children's homework and academic success. B.E.A.C.O.N offers guidelines to help parents effectively assist their children with homework, while avoiding unpleasant power strug-gles. B.E.A.C.O.N. will provide a Village Oaks Principal Mary Goedert spoke with forum for questions and will offer suggestions for easing the stressful

School Room 502

family. FEE: \$20 (plus \$10 material fee)

How to Create a Powerful Introductory DATE: Tuesday, Feb. 24 TIME: 7 – 9 p.m. LOCATION: Novi Middle

chool Room 518

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COMMUNITY EDUCATION CORNER

Internet Fundamentals
DATE: Thursday, Feb. 26 TIME: 6:30 – 9:30 p.m. LOCATION: Novi Middle School Room 524 DETAILS: Learn how the

Internet works and how to use it effectively to meet your needs. Find out which search engine is best for a specific search. Get an understanding of URLs, Web Browsers, domain names, addressing, routers, connectivity, newsgroups, auction sites, push tech-nologies, HTML, MP3 files, etc. Discover which is best for your sit-uation DSL, cable modems, dial-in

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DATE: Monday, March 1-15 TIME: 7 - 9 p.m. LOCATION: Novi Middle School Room 518

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DATE; Monday, Feb. 23

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On Campus

Novi resident Erin Gibbons has been selected to participate in the Laws, Hall & Associates ber of the student-run campaign, Gibbons is working on a promotion campaign for Follett Higher Education Group. She is a 2000 graduate of Novi High

Adam Pitcher, Benjamin J. Hadden and Bianca Mieth, all of Novi, and Logan Balestrino, Sarah Hicks and Sarah Otto, all of Walled Lake, were named to the Dean's List for fall 2003 semester at Adrian College.

Chidsey, Phillip Hornshaw, Lindsay Keling, Samantha Kelley, Michael Kowalski. Mark Levin, Monica Mull, Amy named to the Honors List at Central Michigan University for

Courtney Carr, Caitlin Entwistle and Noel Janis, all of Commerce; and Megan Burke, Donald Coffey, Jaclyn Draheim Ryan Dziedzic, Whitney Innes, Kate Maxwell, Jennifer Moore, Krystal Sinclair, Emilie Taylor and Allison Wise, all of Commerce Township, were named to the Honors List at Central Michigan University for fall 2003 semester.

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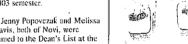
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Farrell was among the graduates at Hope College during Dec. 2003 commencement exer cises. She is the daughter of Clayton and Joan Farrell, of

Novi resident David Carl Dobryden was named to the Dean's List at Michigan State University for fall 2003 semes-

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 Monday, March 8 — Kindergarten Information Night, 7:00 p.m. Meetings held at all five buildings: Novi Woods, Village Oaks, Parkview, Orchard Hills and Deerfield (rescheduled from Feb. 9)
 Friday, March 26 — Random Selection Cards due at neighborhead schedule na leize that 400 p.m. hood schools no later than 4:00 p.m.

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Frank Raburn: 28 years and still going strong

■ Novi Middle School's Frank Raburn has touched young

people's lives in many ways By Ramez Khuri

For almost 30 years now, Novi Middle School Computer Teacher Frank Raburn has been quietly leaving his mark on many young people's lives—if not by teaching, then by coaching the other clusters are declarated with other educators."

Ing. It's tuntament's combined of 30 and that's when 1 do my planning and my work," Raburn said, "When you're coaching a morning and I'm happy to come ment for me. I get up in the morning and I'm happy to come many young people's lives—if to work. I also enjoy working with other educators."

My school day ends at 2:30 and I go right to the gym. That's live from Amoust ill! impacted students' education and encouraged their athletic abilities, and he has loved every

enjoying it. Kathy was an edu-

cation. I gave it some thought,

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he teaches.
"I really enjoy working with kids at this age level." Raburn kids at this age level." Raburn temendously, Raburn does said. "Middle Schoolers are enthusiastic about life in gener-ial. It's a lot of fun. One of the things Lenjoy most about teach-ing is that every day is different. U's a challenge, it's entertain-ing, it's fun and it's rewarding. All of those things combined 6:30 and that's when 1 do my

Memorable moments

Like many other teachers, don't realize that teachers don't Raburn doesn't have just one only work six hours a day Raburn was actually a commost memorable moment in his career. In fact, he has many, He explained that there are things that stand out in the classroom and also on the football field or in the gym that are very positive memories for him. Certain students over the years have come back to catch up on old times. puter science engineer major at Michigan State University for his major to education. He started dating his soon-to-be wife, Kathy, in 1972, and she con-vinced him to make the change, "I was doing some volunteer work where I was going into the Spanish sector in Lansing and coaching basketball for kids," Raburn said. "I was really eation major and she told me that maybe I should think about transferring my major into edu-

Raburn did not come from a teachers from his childhood don't need him as much. "But, line of educators. His father is retired from Ford Motor Company and his mom is a feechful, his fifth grade probably three or four or five homemaker. He just always

coach. I tove coarming more today.

The one teacher who has had the most influence on his life, so the community of the most influence on his life, so the community of the most influence on his life, so the coarming more today.

The one teacher who has had really supported technology in Novi schools. Raburn started out as a sixth the most influence on his life, rade teacher. He taught math thousever, was his wife. grade teacher. He taught math and language arts at first, but

over the years has taught sei-ence and social studies as well: About 415 years ago, Novi Middle School started to need

it's to the point where that's all every kid is different and they

teaching didn't happen by acci-dent though. There were two when she planted that seed of

"Kathy taught me patience," Raburn said. "She was a special education teacher, but she our students have begofts that recently retired after 30 years in Walled Luke Schools. I have don't have because of that,"

students. They flat out love him. and has coached basketball - students love him as do the fac-

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most memorable moment in his. That's not the case at all, I've

back to catch up on old times job, trying to juggle it all, trying and tell him where they are at in their fives, Also, every once in a while he'll get quite a bit of positive feedheak from parents regarding coaching and experiregarding coaching and experi-ences that their sons or daugh-Raburn, however, is ters have had, and he enjoys that are times when he feels like he needs to have two or three of Raburn's enthusiasm for himself in the room and other

toniemaker. He just always teacher, was also his first bas-toved school and did well, so ketball coach. Raburn described this curriculum. The technology him as someone whom he enjoyed being with and who

Raburn said that when his "She was going to be a teacher. At the time I knew she was the one for me, and I Dickelman, who was his social thought that would be a good studies teacher, had an enthusiidea. Raburn said. "Teaching has allowed me to do one of the things I enjoy most, which is to coach. I love coaching and I have that's what Raburn tries to do work with and to work for,

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"They have done that by sup-

porting millage bond issues to

purchase higher technology, and

boys and girls - for over 25 when students have had trouble years.

He is a dedicated teacher who teaching at Novi for over 28 at home or in the school envi-years. First it was muth and sci-ence and for 15 years or so it 545 a.m. every morning to get has been computers. He is an to school early so students can the could have left teaching long respect and like Mr. Frank tion for the impact he has had on the lives of so many young expert at computers and teaches other teachers in Novi a lot studying in. He has announced about computers. Mr. Rahum about computers, worked at the has the complete devotion of his football games and track meets and track meets and track meets.

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Novi Middle School computer teacher Frank Raburn smiles as he assists student Cristin Lawson as she devises her own website during classtime last Thursday

what I want to do. But I don't

When the students he teaches

Raburn said, "By the time the want to become teachers kids get through the entire school system, they have had opportunities and have learned opportunities and have learned make," Raburn said. "I'm not things that they might not have learned in other districts because of the support of the complaining, however. I've had a great life as an educator. It has paid my bills. I have a nice house in Novi. I can afford to do

place to work for that reason What would he change?

people. It's been a very great

have a luge savings and it's not like when I retire I'm going to have a lot of money to travel." One thing about his profes sion that Raburn would change would be to increase the amount move on to Novi High School. Raburn wants them to rememof money that educators make ber him as someone who valued because he feels the profession them as people, who valued them as human beings and who is losing some very qualified people to other professions. He also believes that good teachers. which there are many in Novi,

accepted them for who they are worth a for.

"I have kids who are in college and neither one of them Rahum said, "If they can reher at (248) 349-1700, ext.

"I have kids who are in college and neither one of them Rahum said, "If they can rehum!@ht.homecomm.net."

Subject: computers Years teaching: 28 Years in Novi Community School District: 28 College: Michigan State University for undergraduate degree and Oakland University for Masters degree Soouse: Kathy Children: Lydia, 23, currently attending University of Michigan, Frank, 22, current ly attending Oakland Interests: Has been coaching hasketball ever since he got into education. Started coaching in 1975. Also coached boys football for 17 years, but gave that up in through Novi High School because he was missing his daughters basketball games in the fall. Now coaches girl and boys basketball only. Loves to read, plays poker with his friends and brothers and he likes to go to high school and college sporting events. Also coached club soccer. Goes to Bible studies and mostly loves to spend time with his family. Does a lot of computer work for his



family and does digital pho-

tography on the side. In

that's more important than anything I could ever teach them.

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saying the impayast is wose that its neighbors simply because more incidents occur there is like saying that Novi is a more dangerous place to live than Wixom simply because the total number of police reports generated in Novi is greater.

One City Council member has criticized The Post for being the total number of police reports anyone ever willingly gone to an generated in Novi is greater.

Twelve Oaks Mall generates more shoplifting arrests per month than any neighborhood shopping center along 10 Mile Road, but no forms is a serious proble one is calling for sanctions against the mall. It's part of the cost of doing business—the more people you deal with, the greater the chance of deal- all the stores.

The managers at The Pos was halfed for helping to breath new life into Novi's troubled Main Street district. Apparently the company months of operation, if that's accubreathed too much life into the area rate, one in every 4,000 customers because within months City Council had a run-in of some sort with local

round establishment. plague of Biblical proportions.

The Novi Police Department is Secondly, we would question the

were last, they rarely tell the arrest-

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Last spring the Metro Detroit ing with some who behave badly.

due to release a report today exam-ining the number of alcohol-related soundness of the raw data in the report. This, however, in no way arrests attributable to the city's top—calls into question the integrity of five bars. As it did in a similar report—the Novi-Police Department. We in October. The Post is expected to simply question the soundness of top the list.

byproducts, we would caution against making too much of the police department's report for two. Even when they do say where they First, The Post is bigger than its ing officer how many places they next three competitors combined. Saying the nightspot is worse than drank drivers insist they only had

itself, or was described by others, as

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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Novi Woods' second grade student Emily Dobras finds her sight temporarily obscurred by her scarf as she zooms down a small hill at the school last week during recess.

The clothes can make the person

to them.

sense that when you're talking

Growing up. I polished my dad's shoes every Sunday night. He was a beer truck driver, and they were work shoes, but he always wanted them to look good. Once in a while I to look great for an interview, and you can to look great for an intervi

wingtips.

I say "get to" because it was a privilege to do it, and I realized that more and more as I got older.

After I earned my bache-

lor's degree, my graduation gift from my parents was to go shopping for clothes to wear on job interviews. A couple of sport coats, some nice slacks, dress shirts and,

would get to polish his

they no doubt helped me

As a person who interviews candidates for writing positions at this newspaper, I can tell

of course, wingtips.

I got a two pairs — one black, one brown. Those lasted me for years and years, and Cal Stone

donate their gently-used business or business casual attire to folks who can't afford it and are looking to enter or re-enter the

of Power Breakfast.

The items go to The Clothes
Closet at Holy Family Catholic Church in
Novi and to the Open Door Outreach Center

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employees," according to Nora Champion, president of the Novi chamber.

The Novi Chamber of Commerce recognizes the importance of one's wardrobe Once employed, those individuals will then have income to budget for clothing.

It's a win-win deal, and hats off to Peggy

Hayes for chairing the event again. She's the marketing director at Twelve Oaks Mall.

This year's breakfast will be held at the Sheraton Detroit Novi hotel at 8:30 a.m. next n the job-searching process. For the past five years, the organization has held a very mportant event - the Threads Tuesday. The cost, which includes a buffet breakfast and a goodic bag, is just \$15 - but you have to call the Chamber by Friday at (248) 349-3743. The idea is simple: Business nen and women are asked to

Hope to see you there - and polish those

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LETTERS

lation. Within a few weeks of taking office, all

barriers blocking parking and access to city hall and the police department had been removed. Without fanfare. Without publicity.

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Cheney, Colin Powell, Condaleczza Rice, all claimed that there was no doubt that Saddam had weapons of mass destruction. They claimed to know where they were. Now that David Kay, Mr. Bush's own weapons

I feel that this president owes the American I feel that this president owes the American people an apology and a clarification of the people an apology and a clarification of the people an apology and a clarification of the people are that led us into this quagraire in Iraq.

Fulfilling election promises

It's been just over three months since the election where I was chosen to represent you on City Council. I hope that I have not disap-

fair. And, I will continue to be so.

I am proud of the council's accomplishtime period. I am elated

Thank you to everyone who has supported

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pointed you. I have kept my campaign promises: I have always been prepared, I have always been honest, and I have always been fair. And, I will continue to be so.

Doreen Lawton the city council will begin. I intend to another campaign promise and introduce the issue of rising health care benefits costs for city employees. I may not become the most

up and start contributing to the costs of their health care benefits. Other governmental agencies require their employees to con-tribute. Pivate industry requires contribu-tions. Novi can no longer afford to bear the complete burden of this expense. City employees are paid handsome wages today, unlike in the past. Employees should contribute their fair share. And, after the administrative employees are required to contribute, the city should tackle that issue in union nego-tiations. I am disappointed that it hasn't hap-

to be able to work with Mayor Csordas and my endeavors. I am always open to sugges-

my fellow council members on important tions and invite you to email me with ideas issues facing our city. I am pleased to report that I have kept my campaign promise to Novi's senior citizens and handicapped populations. "wintry wonderland".

Novi City Council Member

The council has approved a plan which will add an enormous park to our beautiful city. Again, a campaign promise fulfilled. As my good friend Dr. Sanghvi said many times, Not lost in translation

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Soon, deliberations about Novi's budget by 11 p.m. Honestly, I didn't expect them to call me back, but I was hopeful that they would. I was thrilled at 11:15 p.m. when the interpreter cheerfully returned my call. The next morning she was right on time and I was amazed when I found out that she had gone to the office early to research the nature of our business and products so that she could be more pre

pared for the upcoming meeting.

To our delight, she performed wonderfully and our meeting was very successful. We will definitely call again if we require the services of an interprete

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OTHER OPINIONS

Gov. Granholm puts emphasis on jobs

Although it's still cold outside, things are getting hotter by the day in Lansing.

Gov. Jennifer Granholm sub
Although it's still cold outside, funding and tolerates rising health care costs, streets with potholes, contaminated lakes and rivers and contourned to recovery that is so far largely jobless, the President proposed a

mits her proposed budget for the State of Michigan this week. The administration hasn't had the foreand to Michigan our week. The ready believe that a marginal cut in taxes for Michigan businesses thought to provide me with an is really going to overcome a \$10early copy ... but

it's clear enough from leaks this week and from her State of the State speech what the The opening sentence in the State of the State speech on Jan. 27 was forthright: "The state of the state tonight is one

of total determination: Michigan
will attract and keep good jobs." With Michigan's unemployment rate at 7.2 percent, manufacturing Granholm is facing a big problem, and she doesn't have much

some interesting ideas already.
Calling for interest-free loans for college students who study. technical fields and engineering and who agree to stay in Michigan after they graduate until the loans are paid off is one first-class

l agree; our universities produce but too many/leave for greener pas-tures. We need their highly developed skills right here at home. In indirect response to reflexive

calls from some Republican legis-lators and the Michigan State Chamber of Commerce for yet more tax cuts, Granholm posed

look forward to the give up his. Nearly four years ago, he was named Emergency Financial Manager of perennially fis-cally troubled Hamtennek a time.

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city long famous as a Polish cultural

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that was the fault of all those other guys, they add, and it is high time the man they call "Oscar Schimmel" was sent packing.

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Worker Behind,"

jobs still evaporating (they're down nearly 200,000 over the past brief over the past fiscal year estimated at \$1 billion, ing, skilled hands and an ethic of excellence."

She proposes to "completely re-

werybody looking, for a job, young or old, will be trained in the skills employers need now. She cited development of a Regional Skills Alliance in Flint, where a coalition of business, labor, education and community grouns. are paid off is one first-class thought. Birmingham's Tom Anderson, director of Oakland County's Automation Alley, approves, saying the plan would training and jobs in health care, assure young companies a supply of highly trained workers and temphasize Michigan's committed ment to a high-tech economy.

Department of Labor and only barely.

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across the state. we are going a better than this see the contrast between Granholm's job growth proposals

— necessarily inexpensive, but at least strategic — and the tactical more tax cuts, Granholm posed maneuvers being made by this question; What business President Bush in his State of the

Financial tyrant gets some support

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Last week, as politicians seeking the presidency crisscrossed Michigan, Lou Schimmel, who has more power in a smaller space than any of them ever will, paused to look forward to the day he could give up his.

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Exasperated, the state, after repeated warnings, took over the city. Now 66, Schimmel, who had

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Left country comes to around \$208,000 for each college, which Granholm pointed would be just a drop in the bucket out that Michigan businesses need a high and consistent stock of high-millions — over the past two more capital. What has a far on in the bucket for community colleges in Michigan whose state funding has been slashed by 15 percent — millions — over the past two more capital. I'd add two other points, both

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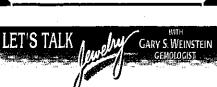
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Is The Post bar being pilloried?

Last spring the Metro Detroit ing with some who behave badly, entertainment company. The Post was hailed for helping to breath new life into Novi's troubled Main Street defined, they have a partier with left mention. It is not consensus. because within months City Council had a run-in of some sort with local members began complaining about the amount of police activity in and around establishment.

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tonomics paine diffinements of its byproducts, we would caution where he or she got drunk at and against making too much of the some refuse to answer when asked, police department's report for two. Even when they do say where they were last, they rarely tell the arrest First. The Post is bigger than its ing officer flow many places they next three competitors combined. Saying the nightspot is worse than drunk drivers insist they only had

that Novi is a more dangerous place to live than Wixon simply because the total number of police reports agenerated in Novi is greater.

One City Council member has criticized The Post for being described as a "party place." Has anyone ever willingly gone to an entertainment venue that billed

cone is calling for sauctions against the mall. It's part of the cost of doing business - the more people you deal solving traffic congestion by closing with, the greater the chance of deal- all the stores.

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Lights out Novi Woods' second grade student Emily C zooms down a small hill at the school last

The clothes c

Growing up, I polished my dad's shoes every Sunday night. He was a heer truck driver, and they were work shoes, but he always er, and they were work shoes, but he always wanted them to look good. Once in a while I to look would get to polish his

was a privilege to do it, and I realized that more and more

as I got older.
After I earned my bachelor's degree, my graduation gift from my parents was to go shopping for clothes to wear on job interviews. A couple of sport coats, some nice slacks, dress shirts and,

of course, wingtips.

I got a two pairs – one black, one brown. Those lasted me for years and years, and they no doubt helped me

secure more than one position in my career.

As a person who interviews candidates for writing positions at this newspaper, I can tell



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What happened in

Our country invaded Iraq on the basis of claims of weapons of mass destruction and imminent danger to our security. We know that Saddam Hussein was a terrible dictator. He did not possess weapons of mass destruction and therefore was not a threat to the

United States.
President Bush, Donald Rumsfeld, Dick Cheney, Colin Powell, Condaleezza Rice, all claimed that there was no doubt that Saddam had weapons of mass destruction. They claimed to know where they were. Now that David Kay, Mr. Bush's own weapons David Kay, Mr. Bush's own weapons searcher, has resigned after concluding that our intelligence was false, it is time for Mr.

An issue our intelligence was false, it is time for Mr. Bush to not only create a commission to find out what went wrong, but to do it now, not after the election. Those that testify need to do

I feel that this president owes the American of the possibilities of people an apology and a clarification of the errors that led us into this quagmire in Iraq.

Fulfilling election promises

It's been just over three months since the election where I was chosen to represent you on City Council, I hope that I have not disap-pointed you. I have kept my campaign prom-ises: I have always been prepared, I have always been honest, and I have always been for And I will compline to be so.

ments in such a short time period. I am elated to be able to work with Mayor Csordas and my endeavors. I am always open to sugges-

Soon, deliberations about Novi's budget by city employees. I may not become the most

bring it up at a future council meeting.

up and start contributing to the costs of their health care benefits. Other governmental agencies require their employees to contribute. Private industry requires contribu-tions. Novi can no longer afford to bear the complete burden of this expense. City employees are paid handsome wages today, unlike in the past. Employees should con-tribute their fair share. And, after the administrative employees are required to contribute, the city should tackle that issue in union nego

pened yet.

Thank you to everyone who has supported

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I called and left them a message at just after 11 p.m. Honestly, I didn't expect them to call was thrilled at 11:15 p.m. when the interpreter cheerfully returned my call. The next morning she was right on time and I was amazed when popular council person amongst city adminis-tration, but I believe it is time for them to step and products so that she could be more prepared for the upcoming meeting.

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10w. She early on tried to eliminate something called Manufacturing Extension Partnerships, which are based on the successful model of f skilled the agricultural extension service The Michigan Manufacturing Technology Center in Plymouth, whose mission is to help small manufacturers develop more efficient systems and train high-tech workers, was one of the targets. Thanks to senators from both par-ties, the MEPs still survive ... but

only barely.

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the EFM stopped paying their salaries. They battled him tooth and nail, but he had the power and the purse. Campaigning largely against Schimmel, Zych was reelected — by five votes — in 2002. But last November, he lost to a tavern owner, Tom Jankowski, who pledged to try for better relations with Schimmel "since he is going to

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Last spring the Metro Detroit ing with some who behave hadly, entertainment company. The Post was hailed for helping to breath new claimed they served a quarter-milpolice.
That hardly seems like a crime

> soundness of the raw data in the report. This, however, in no way calls into question the integrity of the Novi Police Department. We simply question the soundness of the information they had to work

First. The Post is bigger than its ing officer how many places they

that Novi is a more dangerous place to five than Wixom simply because the total number of police toports generated in Novi is greater.

Criticized The Post for being described as a "party place". Has anyone ever willingly gone to an entertainment venue that billed

one is calling for sanctions against - it by hammering the most successful the mall. It's part of the rost of doing business in town seems a fittle like solving traffic congestion by closing with, the greater the chance of deal-

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Lights out Novi Woods' second grade student Emily Dobras finds her sight temporarily obscurred by her scarf as she

The clothes can make the person

wingtips.
I say "get to" because it was a privilege to do it, and I realized that more and more as I got older.

After I earned my baches degree, my graduation in s degree, my graduation gift from my parents was to go shopping for clothes to wear on job interviews. A couple of sport coats, some nice slacks, dress shirts and, of course, wingtips,

black, one brown. Those lasted me for years and years, and they no doubt helped me

secure more than one position in my career.

As a person who interviews candidates for writing positions at this newspaper, I can tell

The Novi Chamber of Commerce recognizes the importance of one's wardrobe in the job-searching process. For the past five years, the organization has held a very important event - the Threads of Power Breakfast.

The idea is simple: Business men and women are asked to donate their gently-used business or business casual attire to folks who can't afford it and are

Closet at Holy Family Catholic Charch in Novi and to the Open Door Outreach Center in Waterford.

Growing up, I polished my dad's shoes every Sunday night. He was a beer truck driver, and they were work shoes, but he always wanted them to look good. Once in a while I realize there are people who cannot afford to look good. Once in a while I to look great for an interview, and you can sense that when you're talking stream.

Once employed, those individuals will then have income to budget for clothing.

It's a win-win deal, and hats off to Peggy Hayes for chairing the event again, She's the

marketing director at Twelve Oaks Mali. ...This year's breakfast will be held at the Sheraton Detroit Novi hotel at 8:30 a.m. next Tuesday. The cost, which includes a buffet breakfast and a goodie bag, is just \$15 - but you have to call the Chamber by Friday at (248) 349-3743.

Hope to see you there - and polish those

Cal Stone is the editor of the Novi News. The items go to The Clothes He can be reached at (248) 349-1700, ext.

LETTERS What happened in

Our country invaded Iraq on the basis of claims of weapons of mass destruction and imminent danger to our security. We know that Saddam Hussein was a terrible dictator. He did not possess weapons of mass destruction and therefore was not a threat to the

President Bush, Donald Rumsfeld, Dick Cheney, Colin Powell, Condaleczza Rice, all claimed that there was no doubt that Saddam had weapons of mass destruction. They claimed to know where they were. Now that David Kay, Mr. Bush's own weapons searcher, has resigned after concluding that expanding. our intelligence was false, it is time for Mr.

I feel that this president owes the American people an apology and a clarification of the having a traffic light installed there. I will errors that led us into this quagmire in Iraq.

Fulfilling election promises

It's been just over three months since the complete burden of this expense. City election where I was chosen to represent you on City Council. I hope that I have not disap-pointed you. I have kept my campaign prom-ises: I have always been prepared, I have always been honest, and I have always been

issues facing our city. I am pleased to report that I have kept my campaign promise to BGatt@ci.novi.mi.us. Novi's senior citizens and handicapped population. Within a few weeks of taking office, all "wintry wonderland". harriers blocking parking and access to city hall and the police department had been removed. Without fanfare. Without publicity. Just the way I wanted it,

The council has approved a plan which will add an enormous park to our beautiful city.

Again, a campaign promise fulfilled. As my good friend Dr. Sanghvi said many times, parks are the lungs of the community, Without them, we would not be able to breathe properly. Well, our "lung capacity" has expanded. And, we will work to continue

An issue that I would like to see addressed hands just trying to turn out of the post office.

the city council will begin. I intend to keep another campaign promise and introduce the issue of rising health care benefits costs for up and start contributing to the costs of their health care benefits. Other governmental agencies require their employees to con-tribute. Private industry requires contribu-tions. Novi can no longer afford to bear the employees are paid handsome wages today, unlike in the past. Employees should con-tribute their fair share. And, after the administrative employees are required to contribute, the city should tackle that issue in union negotiations. I am disappointed that it hasn't has

pened yet.
Thank you to everyone who has supported ments in such a short time period. I am elated to be able to work with Mayor Csordas and my endeavors. I am always open to sugges-

concerns I hope that this finds everyone enjoying our

Novi City Council Membe

Not lost in translation

us with such excellent service that I feel compelled to tell someone. And your readers their neighbors - in Novi are a good place to start. Last week we got a quote from this firm, but our client did not confirm the request, so Bush to not only create a commission to find out what went wrong, but to do it now, not after the election. Those that testify need to do are seemingly take their lives into their own 10:30 p.m. the client finally called, confirm-

ing the need for an interpreter the following morning. That's right, for Saturday. I called and left them a message at just after bring it up at a future council meeting.

I called and left them a message at just after
Soon, deliberations about Novi's budget by

I! p.m. Honestly, I didn't expect them to call me back, but I was hopeful that they would. I cheerfully returned my call. The next morning city employees. I may not become the most she was right on time and I was amazed whe popular council person amongst city adminis-tration, but I believe it is time for them to step

I found out that she had gone to the office
early to research the nature of our business and products so that she could be more pre-

pared for the upcoming meeting.

To our delight, she performed wonderfully and our meeting was very successful. We will definitely call again if we require the services of an interpreter. It is nice to see some good old-fashioned

work ethic alive and well in the workplace. This firm not only claims 247 service, they deliver it. The firm? It is suzukimyers.com.

Tracy McWhirter Dynalog, Inc.

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OTHER OPINIONS

Gov. Granholm puts emphasis on jobs

\$15 per hour wage differential

"Develop a 21st neurial.

ly skilled human capital, "In the last century, businesses came to I'd add two other points, both

Michigan looking for strong related to the old saw about the

tors? Pleeeese!

headlined;

Worker Behind,"

backs," the governor pointed out.
"Today, they also need strong
minds ready for continuous learn-

Granholm pointed

businesses need a

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Although it's still cold outside, funding and tolerates rising health 2 million manufacturing jobs over hings are getting hotter by the care costs, streets with potholes, and in Lansing.

Gov. Jennifer Granholm sub-

ov. Jeanuter Granhoim sub-nits her proposed budget for the State of Michigan this week. The administration hasn't had the fore-thought to provide me with an early copy ... but \$15 per hour

from leaks this week and from her State of the State speech what the what the main emphasis will be; Johs.
The openions speech on Jan. 27 was forthright: The state of the

state tonight is one Michigan Phil Power

tion: Michigan will attract and jobs still evaporating (they're down nearly 200,000 over the past excellence."

She proposes to "completely recingineer workforce training in Michigan" to make sure that everybody looking for a job, young or old, will be trained in the skills employers need now. She cited development of a Regional fiscal year estimated at \$1 billion. ing. skilled hands and an ethic of Granholm is facing a big problem, and she doesn't have much maneuvering room.

But the governor has produced ome interesting ideas already.
Calling for interest-free loans
for college students who study,
technical fields and engineering
and who agree to stay in Michigan after they graduate until the loans coalition of business, labor, eduare paid off is one first-class cation and community groups thought. Birmingham's Tom identified a shortage of skilled Anderson, director of Oakland health care workers. The Alliance County's Automation Alley, approves, saying the plan would assure young companies a supply while at the same time helping of highly trained workers and local hospitals hire first-class

of highly trained workers and emphasize Michigan's commitment to a high-tech economy. I agree; our universities produce very talented technical graduates, had too many leave for greener passis too many leave fo

calls from some Republican legis-lators and the Michigan State — necessarily inexpensive, but at Lators and the Michigan State

— necessarily inexpensive, but at least strategic — and the tactical more tax cuts, Granholm posed mancuvers being made by this question: What business would choose to locate and stay in a state that guts its education increasing criticism at the loss of

give up his, Nearly

years ago, he was named Emergency Financial Manager

Hamtramck, a tiny

city long famous as a Polish cultural

enclave, a place

with more color history and irre-sponsible politi-cians than most. The "EFM" has

cited development of a Regional thing called Manufacturing Skills Alliance in Flint, where a Extension Partnerships, which are steers unemployed workers to training and jobs in health care,

Financial tyrant gets some support Last week, as politicians seeking mous jelly doughnuts called paczki.
the presidency crisscrossed Scandals were common in the old
Michigan, Lou Schimmel, who has days; and at least one mayor was

prosperous auto workers. But the

down-

mostly

re power in a smaller space than of them ever will, paused to trundled off to jail. But in the old any of them ever will, paused to look forward to the day he could

the national pros-Jack Lessenberry bars. So do the politicians — days," was running a \$2.9 million though most will admit that the union jackets curse his name in city half its population

Exasperated, the state, after ing an economic dictator then was, repeated warnings, took over the damn it, probably necessary. But city. Now 66, Schimmel, who had that was the fault of all those other absolutely no ties to Hamtramek, guys, they add, and it is high time the man they call "Oscar lic bond business when he got a call. tne man they call "Oscar lic bond business when he got a call. Nothing doing, says their cmergency financial manager. Not yet. "The fact is that I would be happy to pinish this take! I am personage on with the captaing on with the captaing on with the captaing on with the captains on a Wednesday."

The fact is unall women or inight.

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They wanted me to start Friday. being out of here by the end of the year. But my first condition is that the mayor and the council and the unions independently adopt a ball-unions independently adopt a ball-u anced budget — and show good was a derelict room in a long-aban-faith that they'll live up to it."

faith that they'll live up to it."

That has been the problem for a long time.

Time was when you could spend a lifetime in Hamtramck and never need a word of English. John Paul II came here, as have acres of presidential hopefuls courting the nation.

On the streets and in the tough were lived by the place's financial control. The streets and in the tough with part of the problem were lived with what pigeons produce. He took immediate control. "Yes, I fired people, I eliminated positions. We had early retirements. I had to get the place's financial control to the problem." al Polish vote Hamtranickans were union bars, he became the most hated man on the planet. Noticing solid people who crowded into tiny frame houses and mostly worked at had a German-sounding name, the had a German-sounding nam there were the inevitable Nazi jokes

the huge Dodge Main auto factory.

They kept the streets tidy and paid their bills. But the city often

Gara Zuch, then the mayor, was a paid their bills. But the city often didn't. Squabbling politicians who couldn't get along or balance a budget have been as much a part of disenfranchised, as were the five ramek's history as the enor- city councilmen. For some months

purse. Campaigning largely against Schimmel, Zych was reelected— by five votes— in 2002. But last November, he lost to a tavern owner, Tom Jankowski, who pledged to try for better relations with Schimmel "since he is going to

city's fortunes have be leaving." been drifting, Or maybe Or maybe not. The EFM, neve one to mince words, says the new mayor is a vast improvement over the old one. But the problem, as he Four years ago, the old one. But the problem, as he sees it, is not personality, but form of government. The city has long things came to a bead.

Michigan cities are required by law to balance their budgets. Despite

either a strong mayor or a city man-ager." Last fall, a new city charter that would have provided for a city which has 23,000 people, less than manager form of government was half its population in its "glory offered to the voters. It was denounced by most of the usual politicians, and lost 55-45.

The city can try to pass the char turn over the keys and go hom Last year, a new gove office in Lansing, and some discreet inquiries were made as to whether he was about ready to declare his task done. "I can quit tomorrow," he

that's not what we had in mind he laughed. The state backed down. His department heads quickly got wind of that, however. They promptly presented him with a certificate, which now proud-

ly hangs in his conference room.
"We, the loyal few, do hereby attest all men know, by affixing our signatures below, we freely and knowing-ly resolve to support our EFM in his quest to vanquish evil." He may have hired them, but at least a few

president of Hometown Communications. He can be reached by phone at (248) 901-2561 or by e-mail at jlessenber-





jobless, the President proposed a \$250 million job-training program for community colleges to train laid-off workers.

In a previous life, I served for

nearly a decade as chair of the

amount. There is no doubt that

demand-driven, often entrepre

community colleges around the

Left country comes to around \$208,000 for each college, which would be just a drop in the bucket for community colleges in Michigan whose state funding has

been slashed by 15 percent

proof of the pudding being in the eating: (1) President Bush announced — with great funfare

based on the successful model of

the agricultural extension service. The Michigan Manufacturing

cient systems and train high-tech

Phil Power is the Chairman of

the Board of the company that owns this newspaper. He would be

pleased to get your reactions to this column either at (734) 953-

But \$250 million for the 1,200

Michigan Job Coordinating Council, wage differential Michigan Job Training with Chinese or Indian competibeen over this ground a fair

Perhaps the community colleges are great most interesting places to provide up-to-date train-initiative was ing for workers; they're flexible,

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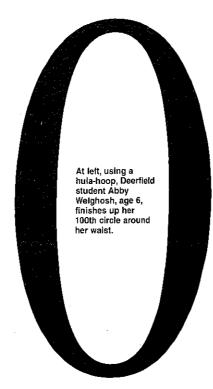
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A Celebration of the Marquis Number

By Ramez Khuri STAFF WRITER

It's amazing how time flies. The Novi Community School District celebrated its 100th school day of the 2003-04 year on Feb. 2, and with it came many events, fun activities and much learning at the elementary level.

All across the district, children at Novi Woods, Deerfield. Parkview, Orchard Hills and Village Oaks did activities with the number 100. At Orchard Hills they did a lot of counting by ones, twos, fives and 10s. They counted forward to 100, backward from 100, looked at all the odd and even numbers up to 100 and sang a song about the 100th day of school which went to the tune of "We've been working on the railroad," called "We've been working in our class-

room. The kids also talked about what they would do if they had \$100 and wrote a book about that as well. Each student was asked to bring in 100 items, and certificates were passed out for students who had perfect attendance for all 100 days. They made 100 day badges and some also made hats. They also read lots of books about how children celebrate the event all over the country.

"It all deals with the number 100," Orchard Hills First Grade Teacher Becky Hurst said. "We took the 100 items we brought in and arranged them in groups of 10s and counted them in a variety of ways. We



Novi Woods kindergartners celebrated their 100th day of school with fun activities that helped them practice their counting skills. Here, Rache Estfan and Brian D'Ascenzo display their work on strings of 100 beads



Darlene Grabowski's Orchard Hills class decked out for

toured the different classrooms to look at all the items from all the classrooms."

Primarily the students learn math from 100s day, but teachers also try to involve all activities across the curriculum, including singing, writing, reading and even physical activity. "It's a fun day, it's

really exciting and it's just like another holiday," Hurst said.

"The children were really involved in enjoying all the different activities. It just gives us a way of doing what we would normally do that day, but adding a little excitement into it by adding a theme of



Zero the Hero, played by former principal Dave Brown, came visiting Village Oaks as



The first graders at Parkview Elementary School celebrated 100's day. The children in the pictures are from Lyn Fischer's first grade class. They brought necklaces made of 100 items, a bag of 100 items to line up on the floor and they wrote what they would like when they reach 100 years old.

Vote could come this week on same-sex marriage issue

■ Two-thirds majority needed

in Senate, House By Pam Fleming

Massachusetts made history last week when the state's Supreme Court said only full mar-riage rights for same-sex couples, civil unions, would

Michigan leg-

state's consti-tution. Now, a

islature. Nancy Cassis
The Feb. 4
ruling in Massachusetts reiterated its original ruling on same-sex marriage issued Nov. 18, 2003.
It came before the constitutional convention this week by Massachusetts lawmakers to consider an amendment that legally would define marriage as a union between a man and a woman, Sen. Nancy Cassis (R-Novi)

co-sponsored, along with half of the Michigan Senate, a Senate Joint Resolution E on Oct. 7, 2003, stating that Michigan's constitution would define marriage as exclusively between one man and

one woman.

The issue is supposed to be voted on in the Michigan Legislature within the next two weeks, according to Sean Kosofsky, director of policy for the Triangle Foundation, a Detroit-based gay rights organiza-

"It's more likely to happen on a Thursday because the Senate and the House both meet at 10 a.m. that day," Kosofsky said. "We have three branches of

government — executive, legisla-tion and judicial. I believe the role of the judicial branch is to interpret the laws as written and intended and not to create new law," Cassis said.

"We really want to make sure that our definition here in

Michigan in our constitution con-firms and marriage is between one man and one woman. This is in accordance with Judeo-Christian accordance with Judeo-Christian tradition and history," she added. Cassis explained that the Detense of Marriage Act, a leder-al law enacted under during the Clinton administration, allows states to decide about the same-sex marriage issue in their own constitution or by statute.

"We're letting the people of Michigan decide if they want as part of the state constitution that only marriage between one man and one woman shall be recognized as valid in this state," Cassis



If approved by a two-thirds economic growth and job creation vote in both houses of the Legislature, an amendment could appear on the next general election ballot.

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lution has been referred to the Senate's Judiciary Committee, said. chaired by Senator Alan Cropsey. "It'

tions socially and legally," Cassis

"It's going to be close, but proponents of the ban on same sex marriages in the Michigan constifor the Novi News. She can be "The Republican agenda con-tinues to focus on stimulating

stitution," Kosofsky said.
"The resolutions hasn't been scheduled for a hearing in the Senate yet as far as I know,"

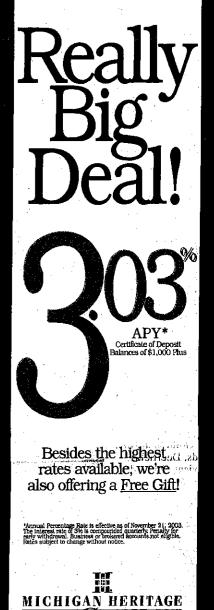
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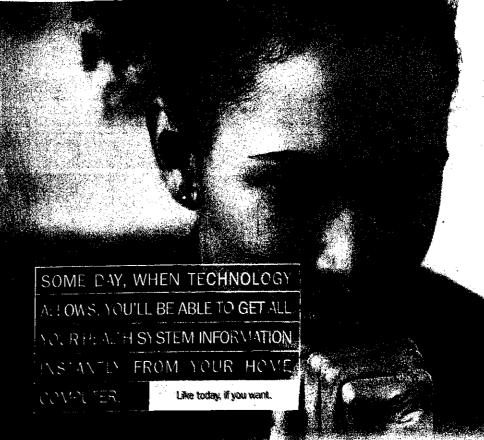
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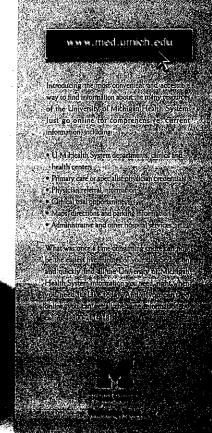
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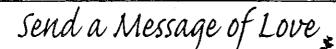


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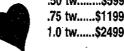


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NOVINEWS

Invitational The Novi cheerleading squad made a lot of noise with a big win at the Ladywood Invitational last week. The girls outlasted the competition despite a penalty in the final round. See Page B2 for details

Novi swimming and diving tops Pinckney Pirates



just 17 members, is coached by Larry Tehan.
— See Page B3 for story

Thinking about bringing out the golf clubs? Think again!

Maybe you'll think twice if you ever get a hole-in-one on the local golf course now.

In Japan, the hole-in-one, which is traditionally called an ace in the United States, is called an "arubatorosu," or albatross.

The lucky shot may not be so lucky in the Land of the Risino Sun. There, when fortune smiles upon you, it is traditional to share the good luck by sending gifts to all of your friends and the other members of your golf club. The price? The final sum often reaches 1,053,600 Japanese Yen, or

So how do the Japanese try to avoid the costly stroke of good luck? By carrying "hole-in-one" insurance. Almost four million Japanese golfers annually spend more than 22 billion yen (\$210 million) on policies to guard against the perfect fee shot, as well as damage or injuries caused by errant strokes.

If you're ever golfing in Japan and you see a golfer wrap his club around a tree in anger, don't assume it was because of a bad shot. It could have been thanks to a very, very good shot.



Bring on the Highlanders

The Novi Wildcats boys basketball team will play host to the Howell Highlanders tomorrow at Novi Middle School. The Highlanders are just one of two teams to beat Novi thus far this year, and the 'Cats will no doubt be looking to get it back in front of their home crowd. What's the ticket to winning this game? Hard work, emotion and plenty of defense - all of which the Wildcats are capable of having while they are out on the court

-See Page B2

TRYING TO HALT THE SKID

■ Wildcats lose fifth in a row, falling to U of D, South Lyon

By Sam Eggleston

When a team goes into a skid, it's only a matter of time before they are able to pull out of it. Unfortunately for the Novi Wildcash bockey team, that time hasn't come yet.

After dropping three straight games in the past two weeks, the Novi Wildcats found themselves on the wrong end of two more losses

- including one to Kensington Valley Conference rival CONSTRUCTION OF THE PARTY OF TH South Lyon,

Two days later, the Wildeats took another lump, this one in the form of a 5-0 drubbing against University of Detroit

Against U of D, the Wildcats found themselves plagued by seemingly unending penalties. The squad suffered through nine penalties and one 10-minute misconduct. U of D. on the other hand, had just seven penalties, including a five-

minute major.

Novi's Justin Ruccolo took the loss between the posts as the Wildcats fell to 7-11 overall n

the year. Though the Novi hockey team has been in a smart slide these last five games, this game marks just the first time the squad was shut out this year. Novi faced two different

Novi faced two different goalies in the game, but it mattered not as they managed to scrape together just 12 shots on goal against a stifling defense. Ruccolo, on the other hand, took on 28 shots, deflecting 23 of them in an impressive effort. The Wildens are becoming a

The Wildeats are becoming a group of road warriers, with their loss to U of D coming on their third road game in a row.

Against the Lions, the Wildeats

found themselves in familiar ter-ritory as they took on and fell to South Lyon at the Kensington Valley Ice House, Both squads scrapped it out right to the end of the contest, but South Lyon escaped with the victory to had the 'Cats yet another loss this



goals for the Wildeats were Brett Jaussi, Mark Eberline and John Janssens. Eric Kuptz had two assists on the night, and Jaussi and Eberline each collected one

for two-point games.

Senior goalic Danny
Morrison played between the
posts for the Wildeats. He took

on 23 shots on goal and stopped 19 of them

The Wildcats have been plagued with injuries as well as losing players. Besides the fact that former Wildcats Jordan that former Wildeats Jordan Collins left town to play junior hockey in lowa late last year, the Novi hockey squad was without five major players thanks to injury. Chaz Bulbuk, R.J. Makoski, Pat Meyer, Bryan Ellis and Ryan Dixon were sitting the beach pursing pains ting the bench nursing pains

ting the bench nursing pains during the loss to the Lions.

To help make up for the losses, Novi was forced to move players around. Most notably was the play of Mario DeGrazia, who is one of the more prolific scorers on the Novi squad.

DeGrazia, was proved from for-DeGrazia was moved from forward to defense to help keep the Wildcats in competitive form until injuries heal.

Novi is slated to be back in

action when they visit East Grand Rapids Saturday at 7 p.m. before taking a road trip all the way out to the Hartland Sports Complex to play Milford

Sports Complex to play Millord February 18 at 6 p.m. Novi's next home game is February 25 when they finally play host again, this time to Kensington Valley Conference foe Pinckney, Game time is 6:30 p.m.

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Slow-paced Mavericks fall to Novi

By Sam Eggleston SPORTS WRITER

1. Brighton

3. South Lyon

Hartland

7. Lakeland

8. Pinckney

2. Milford

4. Howell

5. Novi

It wasn't the highest scoring game of the year — but, then again, whenever a team takes on the Milford Mavericks it's not

Novi did manage to outlast

Novi did manage to outlast heir slow-paced opponents, win-ning 38-31 in the Kensington Valley Conference showdown. Though the Mavericks came into the contest with just an 0-5 conference record and still look-ing to get their first KVC win, Novi was well aware of just how Novi was well aware of just how dangerous their opponents could

The first quarter set the tempo for the contest, which was extremely slower than Novi was accustomed to. By the end of the period, Novi held a 9-7 lead before jumping out to a 13-7 lead in the early minutes of the second

quarter of play.

The Wildcats benefited from some impressive team play, including a fast break that found Anthony Harbin snatching up a loose ball and pounding it up the court on a hard pass to Trevor Hoover. Hoover entered the lane and found a wide-open Joey Fratto coming in to the hoop, who finished the play for the score. The bucket marked two of Fratto's seven points on the

night. Milford wasn't terribly impressed though, and went on an 8-2 run to tie the game by the

In the third quarter, the

Wildcats found themselves being led by none other than Harbin. The speedy junior recorded the first seven points for the Wildcats during the second half. Coach Pat Schluter's tenacious

Novi's Zach Flavin looks

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KVC HOCKEY STANDINGS

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defense buckled down to hold the Mays to just five points throughout the full quarter. The defen-sive presence and Harbin's quick scoring ability made all the dif-ference by the end of the game.

The late surge by the Milford squad did cut the lead to 31-27 with just about three minutes remaining, but several clutch free throws sealed the victory for the

Harbin led all scorers with 15-points in the winning effort. -Novi climbed to 10-2 overall

rently tied for third place with Howell in the KVC, while Pinckney and South Lyon are tied for first.

their own destiny at this point though. They squad hosted Pinckney Tuesday (after the Novi News went to print) before host ing the Howell Highlanders tomorrow at 7 p.m. Novi will then visit South Lyon in a makeup contest Saturday.

The Wildcats previous two conference losses came against the Howell Highlanders and the South Lyon Lions.

Even a late-quarter run in the fourth by Milford couldn't catch Novi as they slid away with the victory, 38-31.

with the victory while earning a 4-2 mark in the Kensington Valley Conference. Novi is cur-

The 'Cats are in control of



Novi's Mark Moore (left) strips the ball from a Lakeland defender in late January.

'Cats get past Kensington Valley rival Hartland

After losing just their second Kensington Valley Conference game the week prior, the Novi Wildcats knew they had to do something to rebound back to their beating Hartland on the road was a good

to the Eagles, 57-42, as they pounded out their minth overall victory of

the game in the first quarter as they

stymied the Eagles, 13-2. Hartland, which is a strong team this year and even more so on their home court, found the key to Novi's pressure and came back to cut the lead to 29-14 by the half as the 'Cats outscored them 16-12.

The second half was a complete-even game as both squads scored ly even game as both squads scored 13 in the third quarter and each scored 15 in the final stanza. Fortunately for Novi, their performance in the first and second quarters was enough to prove victorious in

Leading the way for the Wildcats was Brad Simpson, who poured in 17 points in the winning effort. Anthony Harbin, who has been coming around nicely for the cagers, chipped in 12 points and hauled down 10 rebounds for his first double-double of the year. Brad Chandler added eight points in the victory, while Joey Fratto pitched in 6 and Trevor Hoover and

— By Sam Eggleston

Anthony Harbin Baskethall

Harbin is the kind of player that an entire pro-gram can be built around - and he's showing that he's making strides to become that kind of athlete for Novi as well. In the last two games, both Novi wins, Harbin scored

a combined 25 points.

Against Hartland, he had a double-double, yanking down 10 boards and putting in 12 points in the winning effort.



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Mark Eberline Hockey

When a team is in a skid, it takes spe-cial players to step abilities — and Eberline is one of those players. He has

an impressive shot, a knack for passing and the ability to play his game no matter what the score on the board is or who his team is playing.



The Novi varsity cheerleading squad gathers around the most recent addition to

Wildcats win tourney

By Sam Eggleston

The Novi Wildeats competitive cheer team made some noise as

The squad, which is coached by Amy Denys and Emily Parker, collected a total of 639 points to take first place at the highly competitive

Finishing behind the Wildcats cheerleading squad was Bedford, which took second with 605 points. Woodbaven took third at most days the Invitational, while Livonia

sixth, Howell notched severith and Port Huron linished in eighth. In round one, the Wildcats were able to put together an applauseworthy performance as they col-lected 177 points to jump out to a

185.5 total points.
Round three found the guts tak-

ing home 276.5 points from the judges, including a penalty which would have found them finishing with an even higher point total on

was fifth. Franklin finished in Mavericks in dual meet action two

The Novi cheerleading square will hopefully have plenty to cheer about Saturday when they compete in the Kensington Valley Round two was much of the Conference championships. Then, same as the Wildeats shined with 185.5 total points. on February 26, the squad will compete in the Knight Invitational to round out the regular season.

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Novi looking to get back to KVC wins

has suffered enough this season, and the squad is no doubt looking to make sine that they don't feel that pain again.

After starting the year out on a great run, the Wildeats sputtered against the unexpectedly solid Howell Highlanders in their first loss of the year before doing the same thing against a very pre-pared and very determined South Lyon squad just a few weeks later. The Cats didn't seem to take the loss well, nor can I blame them, and have rebounded nicely as they are in the hunt to get their hands back on one of the top spots in the Kensington Valley Conference as well as the Court Wanderer trophy that they

originally brought into the league only to have it stripped away by the way the Wildeats have been playing basketball, I'm not say-ing that they've been doing badly or that this season is full of agony for them. Instead, I'm saying that

losing two games that, in hind-sight, could have possibly been won isn't an easy pill to swallow. Heck, Novi had won 10 games this year and look to be one of the favorites in the conference run and quite possibly the districts again (though Northville may think otherwise). This squae is full of talent, full of determina-tion and has plenty of emotion. Unfortunately, they don't carry with them a lot of experience.

The Wildeats have basically two players who saw plenty of time on the court last year is Brad Simpson and Brad Chandler, Sure, Anthony Harbin he still is in the process of learning what makes a Novi team such a potent squad to play again -and he's definitely learning it

The rest of the field consists primarily of players who saw smatterings of playing time here or there, but didn't get any truly solid starts or runs on the hardsolid starts or runs on the hard-wood. Yet, that doesn't seem to be slowing most of these guys down. When they get the chance to play, they have been doing it with some intensity and with some determination, and that makes a team a tough not to beat makes a team a tough one to beat Unfortunately, it's part of that experience I was talking about that helps a team do that week after week, and now and then the less experienced are going to have a hiccup or two, which leads

o losses.

With the majority of the regular season now sitting behind them and their eyes on the road that is ahead, I expect that the Novi Wildcats will continue to grow and learn - and, of course,

Their next challenge is going to be when they take on the

The Novi boys basketball team Howell Highlanders at home tomorrow night at 7 p.m. Don't forget that home is where the heart is this year, and Novi is playing at the Middle School in case you don't want to miss this

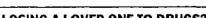
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CLUB HOCKEY RESULTS

Wednesday night's 6-0 win and Jason Dudek, scored the thirdover Davison has clinched the lunior Varsity Division 2 Championship for the Novi Wild

As they have done all season, total team effort and hard-nosed.

One goal was assisted by Jack fast-paced play in both ends of the ice, lead to the victory. After a Arnold. scoreless first period, Jacob Haf broke the deadlock with a goal sasisted by Brett Walczak and Keven Gee, Brady Babala got the first two periods. Matt Waggy in the third period and protected second goal in the net with assists

Jon Sayre was perfect in net the

the shutout. Division Two is made up of

chipped in with nine.

netted eight points apiece.

Overall 12-7-5; 4-4 in KVC

Rose Xie with three aces each.

begins playoffs Sunday, February 15th with a game at Novi Ice goal followed by a Brandon Harrell goal with Robert Lewis getting the assist. The game was capped off with two additional Arena. The League championship

game will be at Joe Louis Arena on March 13th.

The Novi Wild Prep Hockey Team players all attend Novi High School and include Mike Amold, goals by Jacob Haf for a hat trick Brady Babala, Mike Berger, Jason Dudek, Keven Gee, Jacob Haf, Brandon Harrell, Sean Hogan, James Kim, Matt LaFluer, Robert Lewis, Jack Mason, Kyle Mouch, Carlo Pizzorni, Jon Sayre, Matt Waggy, Brett Walczak, Bobby by Sean Hogan and Matt Lalluer. Division Two is made up of Davison was never able to recover and the Wild went on to score four more goals. Michael Berger, assisted by Kyle Wells son officially ends 2/8. The Wild Mason, and Manager Paul Flavin.

Underclassman Scores

Freshman basketball Overall 8-4; 4-2 in KVC

team split two KVC games last week. The Wildcat ninth graders defeated Milford, 47-36, at home ast Friday night. Three days carfier, Novi freshmen lost a tough road game to Hartland, 36-29. The Wildcats were down by 17 points against Hartland but cut the deficit to five before losing. Danny Piligian led Novi with a season-high 18 points. Brett Glover came off the bench to add three points and three rebounds. Brandon Carnegie chipped in with

Junior varsity basketball Overall 10-2; 5-1 in KVC

four points and three steals

half versus the Milford Mavericks until Bret Cocke hit a three point-er to break a 50-50 tie and Todd

Janer sealed the game with two late free throws as the Wildcats and Megan Goldsmith led the captured a hard fought contest 55-52. Wiley Moss lead all scorers with 16 points while Sean White team with the most kills. Ashley Gazdecki and Katelyn Tuck cor

Two days prior, Novi came away with a dominating 69-24 win against the Hartland Eagles. The Witdeat JV host the Novi Invitational on Saturday. They are the two-time defending The win was a total team effort as champions of this tournament

14 of Novi's players found the bottom of the net. Bret Cocke led the way with 15 points while AW Stanek and Adam Chandler each

The Novi freshman volleybal team won the Mt. Morris Invitational last weekend. The Northern in the championship round, 15-6, 10-15, 15-8. Top performers for the day were Rachel Kovacinski with 10 aces, Lauren Purdy with 18 kills, Julie Schramm with 15 kills and leyball team evened its Kensington Valley Conference (KVC) record to 4-4 last week when it defeated Howell. Top Brenna Quinley with 18 digs. the final round in all four of their servers were Courtney Ratkowiak, Lauren Troher, and tournaments this season - win-

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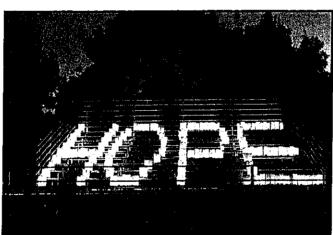
The Kensington Valley Baseball Softball Association will hold a travel baseball meeting February 17 at 7 p.m. in the cafeteria of Brighton School. The meeting is for the 2004 season and is for any new and returning U9-U18 teams.

Mustangs softball clinic The Northville High School softball program will be sponsoring a softball clinic for all girls in grades 9 through 12 on Feb. 22, Feb. 28, and Feb. 29 from 9-11 a.m. at Northville

the Web site at www.KVBSA.com

Any high school age girl interested in playing for their team this year is invited to attend and they do not have to be a Northville student There will be a \$5 fee for each day players attend the clinic, which will be collected at the door.

For more information, please contact Northville softball coach Jean Calabrese at (248) 344-8420.



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Wild 'Stangs fare well in talented field

33.05 points on the day.

In the Canton Invitation

coming on the vault with a score of 9.3. She also took sixth

on the beam with an 8.95 and

Ramsey was 10th in the same event with an 8.75.

The squad is slated to be

back in action today at 7 p.m.

The meet, which is against

Hartland, is the final home meet of the year and marks

both senior and parents night.

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at (248) 349-1700, ext. 104 or at

The Northville-Novi Wild Stangs gymnastics team is looking good as the regular season is starting to come to a close.

Against Plymouth, the Wild Stangs finished third with 144.7 points while Farmington finished first with 147.75 and Rochester Adams had 146.25.

Stangs pounded out a 142.65-125.8 victory before competing in the extremely competitive Canton Invitational and taking third with a season-high 144.7

Against Plymouth, the girls son.

Earning individual accolader found themselves earning some impressive marks, including a first-place all-around score of She was third on the bars with a 34.3 from sophomore Sara 9.55, 10th on the beam with an Ilkhani-Pour. On the bars, 8.95 and fourth on the floor Ilkhani-Pour carned an 8.8, with a 9.45. Her all-around while earning an 8.05 on the total of 37 points was good for vault, an 8.45 on the floor and a second place.

9.0 with her performance on the beam.

first with her floor routine,

"The Plymouth meet went earning a 9.3.

ry well," Novi-Northville Foucher was also first, hers very well," Novi-Northville coach Lindsay Schultz said. More girls on the team were able to get qualifying scores so

able to get qualifying scores so the beam with an 8.95 and they can compete at regionals."

Other notable performances in the Plymouth dual meet included a 9.4 from both Rachel Deneau and Sara Wilchowski on the beam. Wilchowski also carned a 9.15 on the bars with a 9.3, minth on the bars with a 9.3, minth on the bars with a 9.3, minth on the bars with a 9.0. Here are not be bars. m the bars.

Maggie Mills had a 9.35 on he floor, while Deneau had a 0.2 and Julie Foucher camed a 0.0. On the yault, Jacqueline field with an 8.95, while Janna control of the bars in the very competitive field with an 8.95, while Janna control of the bars in the very competitive field with an 8.95, while Janna control of the bars in the very competitive field with an 8.95, while Janna control of the bars in the very competitive field with an 8.95, while Janna control of the bars in the very competitive field with an 8.95, while Janna control of the bars in the very competitive field with an 8.95, while Janna control of the bars in the very competitive field with a superior of the bars in the very compe 35.95 total points were good

the floor, while Deneau had a 9.2 and Julie Foucher carned a 9.0. On the vault, Jacqueline Gazette led the way with a 9.15, while Emma Platt had a 9.0 and Jenn Mehl had an 8.45. Trish Brownfield earned an 8.5 on the beam during the compewas awarded an 8.0 for her

floor routine. "The team continues to improve with each meet and we hope this continues through regionals and states." Schultz

The highest scoring Wildcat seggleston@ht.homecon

Wildcat grapplers

It's cliché, but it's true. The Novi Wildcats wrestling team has been coming so close to victory, yet they are so far away.

The most recent examples of this

came in the last two meets the grapplers participated in. Novi fell to a tough Howell team 35-27 before being pinned by Pinckney,

"We lost two close matches we matched up well against both but we didn't win the close matches that we needed to win."

Against Howell, the Wildcats

looked as though they had the numbers to get the job done. Nick Andrew Kristofik notched a pin at 215 over Sean Cook. Also earning a pin was Kyle Margrave, who topped Mike Wojciechowski at heavyweight.
"The boys wrestled well and

have shown a lot of heart this sea Earning wins via points were Eric Hansen, Jason Sierra and Alex

125-pound weight class, topped Ben Nicklin, 3-2. Sierra topped Pete Kleeba at 130 with a final of 3-0. Baum, who is grappling at 135, earned a 13-2 win over Kurt

wins as the losses the Wildcats took --- something that will be rectified as experience is gained across the

that are freshmen and sophopete against more experienced

"It's hard to be really good when your line-up isn't full of seniors," Huss said. "Even our seniors are fairly inexperienced. The Wildcats had a much closer

Al Vellathottam earned a pin at 103 over Matt Charles and Lichorobiec carned a pin ever Steward Byrd. Hansen was quick

aned Dave McAulliffe at 171. A.J. Morris carned six points

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The problem wasn't so much the

"We are a very young team." Huss said. "We have nine starters that are underclassmen and five

to get another pin as well, his com-ing over John Broughly.

Andrew Sunisloe, who is a 145-

fall in close meets pound wrestler, pinned Andy Cremonte, while Justin Cameron

a void at 160-pounds.

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The Novi Wildcats pom pon squad competed at the regional tournament at Saginaw Heritage High School January 31 and came away as one of the top teams thanks to their performance. The squad will now compete in the state

Wildcats headed to state finals

pom pon squad knew the long hours of preparation and dediroutines since the full would pay off — and it definitely has.

The pom pon squad competed in the Mid America Pom Pon Regional Competition January

The Wildcats, who are judges and the crowd feeling the coached by Jeni Hubenschmidt, would nuleashed a fury of new, innovative choreography and soon had the crowd at Saginaw Heritage High School choosing the little of the manning the best of the Heritage High School choosing the crowd at Saginaw Heritage High School choosing the crowd at Saginaw Heritage High School choosing the crowd feeling the coached by Jeni Hubenschmidt, would play and soon had the judges and the crowd feeling the coached by Jeni Hubenschmidt, would play and soon had the judges and the crowd feeling the coached by Jeni Hubenschmidt, would play and soon had the judges and the crowd feeling the coached by Jeni Hubenschmidt, would play and soon had the judges and the crowd feeling the coached by Jeni Hubenschmidt, would play a feeling the coached by Jeni Hubenschmidt, woul

enough score to earn a trip to the state finals February 15.

Taking first in diving was the

Chris Pieprzak, who is a senior

on their feet. The squad strutted their stuff to the song "Out of My Way" and soon had the

preparing for the state finals competition, which is scheduled to be held at Eastern Michigan University's the 11 other class A schools 3:15 p.m.

- By Sam Eggleston

SHIVER ME TIMBERS! Novi tops Pinckney Pirates in swimming

ever consistent Chris Alberty, who is a sophomore. The diver put up 203.95 points to secure It's always nice when you can beat a team in their own elements.

The Novi Wildeats swimming and diving team, coached by Larry Tehan, earned a win over the Pinckney Pirates, 98-75, in Kensington Valley Conference

The Wildcats, who have just a for took third in 24.72. 17-person roster this winter. In the 500 freestyle found themselves taking on a Swift took his own firs Pirates squad that graduated just 5:42:51 while Eewis P one swimmer last year. The end second with a 5:48.62. results were exactly what Novi was looking for.

Though the squad has no home

pool this year — they are practicing at Walled Lake Northern High School — they still have plenty of heart and talent and both came out against the Kensington Valley Conference studies.

The Wildcats found them-selves earning four first-place

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tanker, took first with a 24.28 in the 50 freestyle event, while fellow swimmer Matt Swift, a jun-

the victory.

In the 500 freestyle event, Swift took his Dewis Park took second with a 5;48.62.

The team of Park, Will Deighton, Pieprzak and Swift took first in the 200 medley relay as they took a time of 1:55.05 for the victory.

place while Scott Utley, also a

Also having impressive per-formances were a wide variety of other Wildcats, Sean Bugbee, a In the 100 backstroke, sopho-more Derek O'Branovic took promising freshman, took second second in 1:06.28, while Bugbes in the 200 freestyle with a 2:05.87, while Park, who is a notched a third in 1:11.38. The 205.87, while Park, who is a sophomore, took second in the a junior, taking second with a 200 individual medley with a final time of 2:22.53. Bryan Hornacek, a junior, also had a fine showing in the 200 lM as he The Wildcats had two good. more Greg Laskowski took third in 1:23.83. The Wildcats had two good

took third in 2:29.92. second-place performances in relay action as well. The team of In the 100 butterfly, the Wildcats benefited from a second and third. John Wang, a senior, notched a 1:04.60 for second Deighton, Pieprzak, Park and Wang took second in 1:44.32, while the 400 free team of Wang, Bugbee, O'Branovic and Swift senior, took third with a 1:19,03.
Pieprzak took second in the 100 free, finishing with an impressive time of 56.71 section when they second the section when they second properties of the section when they second properties of the second properti took second in 3:55.58. Novi is scheduled to be back in action when they swim at South

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Learn the going rates. Before deciding on one vet, call the vets in your area and ask for prices of annual exams, anesthesia, shots, x-rays, as well as limb repair and gastrointestinal surgeries. If you know your breed of dog or cat might be susceptible to a certain health disorder like diabetes.

health disorder like diabetes, request a quote for treatment. Get a second opinion on pricey services. Always get an estimate on an expensive treatment from two or three vets. An established vet in a small office may charge eignificantly less than a variancest. significantly less than a young vet, newly graduated and burdened with student loan debt. The same could be true for a vet who prac-

tices in a high-rent part of town. Take your animal in for regular checkups. Annual exams give your vet the opportunity to identi-fy a potential health problem before it turns into a chronic con-

attion.

Buy your pet's prescriptions online. If you purchase your pet's medication from the vet, you could be paying as much as 250 percent more than you would had you used an online pet pharmacy like petry count or petrods could be paying as much as 250 percent more than you would had you used an online pet pharmacy you used an online pet pharmacy. You can also find bargains on pet drugs by shopping at your local pharmacy. Request a written pre-scription at the time of treatment, schipton at the bit deathers, but don't be surprised if the vet charges you a nominal fee of \$5 to \$10 for the script. Before purchasing a purebred animal, research the breed for

abnormalities and susceptibility to certain health disorders. Consult a good pet healthcare reference like the free online Merck Veterinary Manual at http://www.merckvet-manual.com/mvm/index.jsp. The site allows you to search by topic, species, specialty, disease, and keyword. If you're planning to purchase a large dog like a Labrador or golden retriever, or a German shepherd — breeds that suffer from a hereditary condition called hip dysplasia — you might be able to request the breeder provide you certification from University of Pennsylvania Hip Improvement Program and/or the Orthopedic Foundation for Animals Cocker spaniels who suffer from cataracts, glaucoma and dry eye can be certified through the Canine Eye Registration Foundation. DNA tests that identify a variety of genetic disorders are available from commercial labs. Spay and neuter your pets.

You'll not only be doing your part to control the strand popular to, you could prevent your pet from developing uterine infections and mammary tumors.

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At the Orin Jewelers' store in Northville, more than 70 years of family history and reputation back the jewlers services and exquisite selection. Standing behind the counter are Orin Mazzoni Jr., his daughter, Gina Mazzoni, Carole Urban, Susan Taylor and Manager David Beyer.

Orin Jewelers continues family tradition

Orin Jewelers celebrated multiple milestones in 2003 includ-ing its 70th year in business, 50 years in Garden City and 20 years in Northville, spanning three generations of the Mazzoni

The jewelry business has been In a gewerly obstiness has been a tradition in the family since Orin Mazzoni Sr. opened the first store in West Virginia in 1933. Orin and his wife Mary moved their family to Garden City and set up business under the name Orin Jewelers in 1932. The original business was

The original business was located on Ford Road near Middlebelt where the family lived above the store during the early years. That's where their children Carol, Joyce, Orin Jr. and Michael learned the jewelry business

asiness. Orin and Mary built a reputation for honesty and integrity as fine jewelers with a devotion to quality and service. In 1965, they moved the business across the street to its present location in the Folker Building, which formerly housed a National Bank of Detroit branch and

Bank of Detroit branch and Garden City Hall.
"Part of it comes naturally growing up in the business as children," said Orin Jr., now president of the company. "It was important to my siblings and I to be involved in the family business."

Orin Jr. and his brother Michael iologid the family busi.

Michael joined the family busi-ness after serving in the Army during the Vietnam War. When their father retired in 1969, Orin Jr. took over as president and CEO. With their sister Joyce Pappas, the Orin children have built on the foundation established by their parents.



Standing in the Garden City showroom of Orin Jewelers are (from left) Gina Mazzoni, Orin Mazzoni III, Joyce Pappas, Michael Mazzoni and Orin Mazzoni Jr.

expand, they opened their sec-ond showroom in downtown Northville in 1983. They com-

Northville in 1983. They completely renovated the building at Main and Center streets, restoring its original Victorian design. Orin Sr. and Mary continued to work in the business during their retirement years. Although he passed away in 2001 and she in 2003, both lived to enjoy seeing their grandchildren join the family business.

Orin Jr.'s children recently became the third generation of

became the third generation of Mazzonis involved in the jewelry business. Orin III joined the business in 1998 and is a gradual and a gradual state of the gemologist of logical Institute Gemological America. Gina came aboard in 2000 and earned her gradu gemologist degree from the GIA in 2003.

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expectations," said Orin, Jr. "The most important thing is to treat customers the way they deserve to be treated and make people

happy."

Orin Jewelers offers the highest quality products, including the "Hearts On Fire" known as the "world's most perfectly cut diamond." The firm is a member of the Independent Jeweler's Organization, the largest dia-

mond-buying group in the world.
The firm provides all major purchases with a jewelry insur-ance appraisal. They also appraise antique jewelry and watches as well as provide veri-fications of diamonds and col-

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gent laboratory by the American
Gem Society, a prestigious
organization that sets the highest standards for jewelers and pro-tects the interests of consumers. Orin Jr. and Orin III are among approximately 400 people in the world who hold the title of Certified Gemologist Appraiser from the AGS.

The firm's appraisers are skilled in gemstone identifica-tion, laboratory report analysis, and appraisal evaluation. It has the proper gemological equip-ment and training to provide cus-tomers with a professional jew-elry appraisal document. The business has a full service

design center in Garden City where jewelers can create cus-tom pieces of fashionable jewelry of all types with the highest

ry of all types with the nignest craftsmanship. It also has a jewelry repair department where they rebuild settings, repair worn or damaged items, and refurbish antique jew-

ciry.
"We're very fortunate to have great people who have worked here for many years. We depend on those people to provide that quality service," said Orin Jr. He is also proud to have more

graduate gemologists, registered jewelers and certified sales associates than any other jeweler in the state of Michigan. Their jewelers have undergone intensive training and have the profession-al credentials to provide customers with the best workmanship and service.

The firm's head jeweler, Jack

Bench Jeweler through Jewelers of America, Maria Buffone, customer service manager, is a Graduate Jeweler Gemologist, the highest degree given by the

Two other longtime employ-ees, Matt Tatro and David Beyer, began working in the business at age 16 and are considered part of the Mazzoni family. Tatro is merchandising manager in Garden City and Beyer manages the Northville location.

Orin lewelers also provides all types of jewelry for awards and corporate gifts for companies and organizations. It also offers a

and organizations. It also others selection of class rings, watches and other pride jewelry for many area high schools.
"Remember that Saturday, Feb. 14, is Valentine's Day and we have a variety of gift ideas for everyone's sweetheart," said Orio It.



Orin Mazzoni Jr. watches Jack Snow, a certified master bench jeweler, set a "Hearts on Fire" diamond.







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