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Novi's Fire Station Two fire-fighters jumped into Walled Lake Sunday for rescue training. - Page 16A

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If it has anything to do with video and photography, Richard Miller has probably done it. As owner and founder of Miller Media Vision, LLC, he's cap-tured 20 years worth of memo-ries with a career spanning from CBS News to children's charm. 0 Х - Page 6B

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Woman attacked in parking

By Phil Foley

Novi police say a 33-year-old man attacked a 20-year-old Wixom woman in the emergency room parking lot at Providence Hospital and Medical Center's Novi campus early Feb. 19

Orlando Gonzalez stood mute in ludge Dennis Powers' courtroom Feb. 20 as Novi Police Detective Paul Keisting read out the charges against him, including second degree criminal sexual conduct, assault with a dangerous weapon, operating under the influence of liquor and driving without a license.

Gonzalez is now being held in the Oakland County Jail in lieu of

bonds totaling \$156,000, waiting for a pre-exam con-terence before Judge Brian MacKensia at MacKenzie at the 52-1 District Court.

arraignment,

court-appointed attorney. "I'm not sure, sir," responded Gonzalez.

Gonzalez' behalf," said Keisling, According to Lt. David Molloy,

security staff at Providence heard

Somewhere, under the rainbow

Mr



Taylor Bullard, 5, races from beneath a colorful parachute during mid-winter break activity camp held at Orchard Hills Elementary School last week. The five-day long camp, sponsored by the Academy of Dance in Brighton, gave youngsters a chance to participate in a wide range of pursuits, including indoor sports, charades, drama and crafts.

PASSIONATE CONVERSAT

Local coffee house talks will focus on movie

By Paul Green GUEST WRITER

Mel Gibson's "The Passion of the Christ' opened in theatres across the country yesterday. Moviegoers will finally get a chance to see the film that has

used such stir in both nities possess a broad range of Hollywood and religious circles, The film itself is a retelling of the last 12 hours of the life of Jesus of Nazareth Point of View

Point leading up to his cruci-fixion. The pending view of the pen all depends on your point of view. Due to a rich diversity, point of view will be the primary focus of reactions in cities across the

Metro-Detroit area. Our commu-

religious, cultural, and ethnic backgrounds. Peaceful coexis-tence depends on open communication. Listening to the different

reactions and finding a common ground on which to build friendship and community is something we all strive for

With that in mind, The Coffee Trader in Novi's Main Street has agreed to host "Passion Conversations" in conjunction

C3 Ministries. /ith Starting Tuesday, March 2 and running Thuesday Anril 8, through Thursday, April 8, Passion Conversations will be held every Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, and Saturday from 7-8 p.m. The purpose of this event is to offer safe and open discussion for those who have seen the film and want to talk about it.

Photo by John Heider

Mel Gibson has promised an accurate presentation of the events leading up to Jesus' cruci-

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sobriety tests and registered a blood alcohol content of .13. Molloy said Gonzalez registered

According to Molloy, Gonzalez has been living with a Novi family since last year when he was released from prison in New Jersey. Gonzalez has an extensive criminal history in New Jersey and New York, with convictions for burglary,

Making Main St. viable

Association wants city to be 'a happening place' for all

By Pam Fleming STAFF WRITER

The downtown area is usually the heart of every community. Novi business and community leaders have been striving over the past few years to make Novi's Main Street and surrounding area a focal point of the city.

Tony Musu, a member of the Novi Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors who is active in the community, is spearheading

a new group of local business and com munity leaders to see how the area can be improved. special meeting is scheduled for

4 p.m. on Monday at the T. Musu

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Gateway Village on Grand River just west of Meadowbrook. All concerned business people are encouraged to attend. Signs will direct participants to the meeting

once they arrive at the village. This is actually the third meet-ing on the downtown area that Musu has organized with local leaders but the first to which the group is opening to all local busi-ness people.

T've been meeting with several different business owners to try to revitalize the downtown area of Novi on Grand River from Meadowbrook to Novi Road, north to the freeway and south on Novi Road to Red Hot & Blue Restaurant and Fifth Avenue

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screams in the parking lot at 12:55 a.m. He said they found the victim and saw a man driving away in a blue Ford minivan. his O. Gonzalez Judge Powers asked Gonzalez if he needed a

"Someone hired an attorney on

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he had a gan in his pocket, said Molloy. The man began grabbing at the woman, according to Molloy. When she realized he did not have

blue ford numian. The woman told investigators that she had brought to the enter-gency room a friend who had slipped and fallen. According to Molloy, she said she had just parked her compact pickup when a nuan in olive pants and a tight T-shirt approached her. She said the man told her there was something hanging from her driver's side

> Moments later the man forced Moments face too make the woman into her track, saying

lunging at her, trying to stab her in the stomach and leg. She said the man fled when she was able to set off her truck's panic alarm. According to Molloy, 40 min-utes after Novi Police broadcast a description of the van, Oakland County Sheriff's Deputies Dave

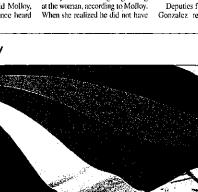
Scott and Derrick Triffic spotted a blue Ford van on Grand River Avenue near Milford Road, When the vehicle turned on to a dead end road without signaling, the deputies stopped it and found Gonzalez.

Deputies found no weapons, but Gonzalez reportedly failed field

a gun, she began fighting back. The woman told investigators her attacker backed away and pulled out a small knife. He began All in two additional tests at police beadquarters. Prior to allegedly attacking the woman, Gonzalez had reportedly been drinking at The Post Bar in Ferndale.

fraud and assault, said Molloy

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



HomeTownLife.com relaunched

Internet site easier than ever to utilize

Readers of the Novi News are invited to access HomeTownLife.com, the most rupidly growing and fastest grow-ing community-based Internet site in Michigan.

Now entirely redesigned for casicr use and offering many new features, HomeTownLife.com pro-vides local news, community information and classified ads from the Novi News, as well as business listings from its sister "yellow pages" telephone directo-ries, according to Phil Power, chairman of HomeTown

Communications Network, Inc. the company that owns the Nori News. "It's been a little more than

three years since we launched our Internet portal, HomeTownLife.com," said Power. "During that time, it has grown beyond what any of us dreamed. The site registered 36 million hits and 650,000 visitors viewed 2,341,000 pages during January alone – a 300-percent increase With our bright over last January. With our bright new redesign just coming onstream, we expect further rapid growth " growth,

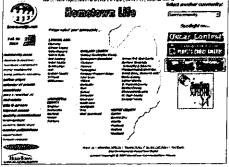
"Our subsidiary company, HomeTown Digital, Inc. manages the HomeTownLife.com sitc," Power added. "As of this week, we have outsourced the back end operations of the site to On Line

Technologies Corporation, of Ann Arbor. Our relationship with On Line Technologies will bring our users a steady stream of new, user-firedly features for our users. For our advertisers, the relationship will bring access to better technology and new, improved Internet products that will provide increased user traffic and better advertising results and value

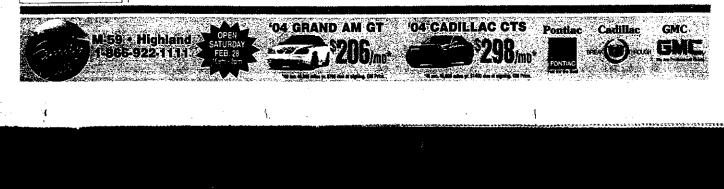
value." "We're excited about the prospect of adding features to our *HomeTownLife.com* site," said Power, "We're interested in your reactions to them. Just contact us at feedback@HomeTownLife.com. Available to Web users in Novi,

HomeTownLife.com offers: Selected local news stories

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The photo illustrates the newly redesigned home page of our Web portal site, HomeTownLife.com. On the left is a "navigation bar," a convenient way for readers to get to specific places on the site. In the middle is a listing of all the communities served by newspapers belonging to the HomeTownLife.com family. On the right side are ads highlighting special values and consumer opportunities.



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fixion, and as such this R-rated film will be visually shocking. The history of these events as recorded in the Gospels details the brutality inflicted on Jesus' hody, and indi-cations are that Gibson's film pulls no punches (or kicks, or lashes, or

I attended a lecture several years ago on the medical aspects of death by crucifixion. People in attendance were at a loss for words when considering the physical pain associated with the Ronans' slow death torture method of choice. The portrayal of the physi-

choice. The portrayal of the physi-cal events in a visual media could combine to elicit strong emotional responses from viewers. Early reports indicate that advanced screenings were fol-lowed by prayerful silence and streaming tears. No doubt then, that viewers will be achient an that viewers will be seeking an outlet to the many questions and comments they may have about the visual or historical aspects of the

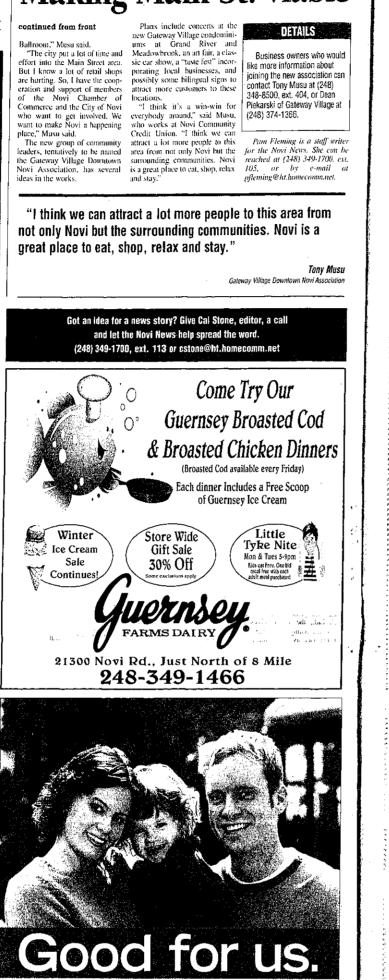
Those familiar with the story of Jesus may simply want to know there is a community of believers in their own neighborhood. Others will have very deep theological questions, logical arguments, or feelings that defy definition, Passion Conversations is a safe place for people of all backgrounds to express disbelief, question the

DETAILS Passion Conversations The Coffee Trader 43155 Main Street, Nov (248) 735-5544 Tuesday March 2 through Thursday April 8 Every Tuesday, Wednesday, ursday, and Saturday 7-8 p.m.

PASSION historic record, unburden grief, cling to hope, meet new friends, and share reactions to the film, that has followed some pass to end the ugly legacy of division that has followed some passion Much of the controversy around plays, and bring about healing and the film has been linked to the use of passion plays in the past as a Passion Conversations will help tool for inciting harm against bring people together in hones Jewish populations. This is a real discussion, and it is by this fear rooted in real acts of terror and brutality against Jews around the world. For those who are unable to world, However, comparisons to Razism and European Pograms are premature and unjust. Open the lines, three will be question slips that can be dropped in a box at The conversation about differences and Coffee Trader Also, you may reg-

finding common ground is the only ister to post your thoughts on the way to foster understanding and C3 Passion Blog at www.e3min-diffuse fear and anger. In this way, istries.org. BANKING CENTER CELEBRATION THE GRAND OPENING OF THE NEW HUDSON BRANCH MARKS FLAGSTAR'S 100[™] BANKING CENTER. LIMITED SPECIAL OFFERS 1.00% interest rate BONUS for 100 DAYS on any new interest-bearing checking or money market account. 0.25% interest rate DISCOUNT on consumer loans. 1.00% interest rate BONUS on new certificate of deposits 12 months or more. FREE 6 months online bill payment.

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"calendar of events" on your community page

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continued from front page estate agents. Real estate listings in *HomeTownLife.com* may be searched by local community, by from the Novi News, as well as address, by MLS number, by school district, by broker and by agent. In January, your complete hometown com-munity calendar. Archived news stories can be searched online by key word, while the community agent. In January, HomeTownLife.com users pulled up a total of 3,664,600 MLS listcalendar can be searched by date up a total of 3,664,600 MLS list-ings, up 1.4 million from last year, while users viewed in detail 366,500 MLS listings. • Local yellow page listings and ads taken from local telephone and by type of event. Also avail-able is a complete listing of local

resources, such as government offices, schools, churches and service clubs. Page views of news items on *HomeTownLife.com* jumped to nearly 900,000 in directories published by our sister company, HomeTown Directories. HomeTownLife.com users may January, compared with barely 60,000 in January 2003. • Classified ads from the Novi News, These ads may be browsed search this robust database by name of local community, by county and by type of business — "accountants," for example.

or searched by key word. This part of the site includes ads from Readers of the Novi News may all our sister publications and is Michigan's largest source of local use the HomeTownLife com site i place a classified ad, subscribe to "Hot Listings" for jobs, rentals, autos and real estate — a highlighted area of the HomeTownLife.com site — may paid newspapers and submit items for the community calendar - all on-line. News content and classi-fied ads on the site are updated at 6 a.m. on the date of publication be searched by Novi News readers of the Novi News. be searched by Now News readers looking for especially good deals.
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Free events focus on barns' role in Michigan

Community invited to attend programs held on Feb. 28, March 4

By Pam Fleming

Two free upcoming programs are planned in Novi in conjunc-tion, with the "Barn Again! Celebrating an American Icon" traveling exhibit currently on dis-play at the Novi Civic Center. The constraints from the The exhibit, from the The exhibit, from the Smithsonian Institution in Washington, D.C., will be on dis-play in the Civic Center Atrium through March 7, Novi is the exhibit's first stop in six Michigan cities this year. "Adaptive Uses of Oakland County Barns" will be presented from 9 a m to noon Saturday at

from 9 a.m. to noon Saturday at the history of the county. the Michigan State University Tollgate Regional Education Center located on the west side of Representatives from the Novi attend the event. Light refresh-ments will be served during the presentation, which will highlight two private and two public barn Meadowbrook Road just north of Twelve Mile Road, The event will feature slides

and descriptions of several barns. in Novi projects, "The whole purpose of this is to inspire and encourage people who own barns in the community Members of Preservation Novi and the Novi Historical Commission will host another to consider adaptive use when special program at 7 p.m. March

their barns are no longer needed for agricultural purposes," said Kaihy Mutch, site coordinator, During this event, Terry Shaffer will present "Barley Houses and By-Laws: Changing for the "Barn Again!" exhibit in Nevi. Members of the Oakland bistoric Novi Township IIal Michigan State University for *for the Novi Rews, She can be* reached at (248) 349-1700, ext. Will host the event. This is part of Public Library on Ten Mile Road. This presentation will offer a Museum and Michigan commu-tion of the Movi Rews, She can be reached at (248) 349-1700, ext. 105 or by e-mail at pfleming@ht.homecomm.net. a series of programs that the This presentation will offer a Oakland County group has glimpse into Michigan's wonder-

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steads and rural structures. Their ing educational programs and researching Michigan history. Representatives from the Novi history can be traced by examin-Historical Commission and ing changes in farming practices. Preservation Novi will also the technology available at differ-The significance of Michigan's agricultural diversity is a major focus of his work. ent times and the cultural traditions people brought to Michigan. As a result, each region of the state has a unique ious uses of barns throughout Michigan's history and how the structures have evolved. Light agricultural heritage that can be the basis for historic preservation

refreshments will also be served efforts, tourism and economic development. at this event. Reservations are recommend-ed for this event, by calling Mutch at (248) 224-4211. Shaffer is a research associate with McClurken and Associates: Ethnohistorical Consultants. He served as assistant curator/exten-sion specialist with the Agricultural Heritage Program at A barn survey is planned for Novi this spring.

Pam Fleming is a staff write nities earing for historical collec-

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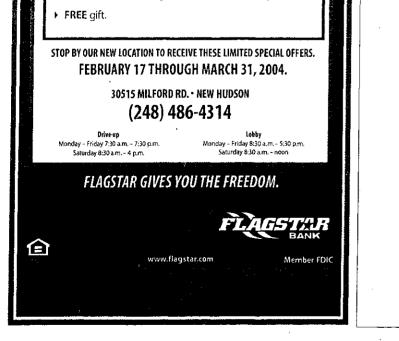
University Tollgat Regional Educational Center on Meadowbrook Road north of Twelve Mile is just one of the many agricultural struc tures that can be found in Nov Tolloate will be the site of a free program, "Adaptive Uses of Oakland County Barns," to be presented at 9 a.m. Saturday.

Shaffer will talk about the var-

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Shawley homicide trial set for March 1

Police sav toddler was beaten, burned and tortured

By Phil Foley

Emergency room workers called police. Ann Marie died Sept. 2 at Royal Oak's William Beaumont Jury selection is expected to begin March 1 in the trial of Nikole Michelle Frederick, Hospital without ever waking up Oakland County Medical Examiner Ljubisa J. Dragovic, MD, testified at Frederick's accused of the September 2003 torture murder of 2-year-old Ann Marie Shavley.

Novi Police say the last hours of the toddler from the town of the humer were a night mare of he: mobile 1i

ness confer-nce followence ing Frederick's arraignment in September, Novi Police Chief Doug Shaeffer called Shawley's death a "horrendous case of abuse" that "transcended abuse to-

POLICE REPORT

A 52-year-old Novi man told

Officer Keyin Rhea that he lost

control of his Chevrolet Impala at

8:29 p.m. Feb. 19 after he struck a deer while driving morth on Novi Road near Old Novi Road. A wit-

ness told Rhea that that man simply

missed the curve on southbound Novi Road and burrowed into the woods. The man admitted to hav-

ing a "shot-and-a-half of Drambuig

this morning." Officer Bactens charged the man with operating

Into the woods

n Novi, At a N. Frederick

rom "hlunt force trauma" He also testified that the child had been burned with cigarettes, a cig-arette lighter and a floor heating rate. Dragovic testified that hair had been ripped from the child's head leaving open wounds and here was evidence that her mouth had been covered with duet tape. "I think there was a lot of anger there," said Oakland County there." Assistant

Townsend, A 20-year veteran of the pure torture of a young child." handled. You've got to go a long. He said he expects a fairly pfoleyt@ht.hom

Glad to help

Officer Scott Bactens was

called to a rollover accident on the

1-96 exit ramp at Novi Road at 4:39 a.m. Feb. 19, He found a Jeep Wrangler sitting upright in

the ditch on the north side of the

exit ramp. The driver, a 24-year-old Lake Orion man, was con-scious and told him, "Arrest me now, I'm drunk," After the man

registered a blood alcohol conten-

According to Novi Police reports, Frederick and the child's father, John Shawley, brought Ann Marie to the emergency room at Providence Hospital and Medical Centers' Novi Campus "They did not ask for an insanity plea Labor Day morning with bruises on her head and left arm and eig-arette burns on her chin and right

The toddler was unconscious

arraignment that Ann Marie died

Prosecutor Greg

and we're not offering anything on it. This child was tortured. [Frederick] does not deserve anything.

Greg Townsend Oakland County assistant prosecutor

vay to top this." If convicted, Frederick is facing traightforward trial. "The facts will speak for themlife without parole. selves," Townsend said. "They did not ask for an insan The prosecutor noted that ity plea and we're not offering anything on it," said Townsend, "This child was tortured. Colleen O'Brien rejected Judge motions from defense attorney Michael McCarthy to suppress photographs and statements made by Frederick. The judge also rejected McCarthy's attempt to [Frederick] does not deserve anything." Townsend said he expects to call 15 to 20 witnesses, including downgrade the charges from prestaff from the medical examiners meditated murder. Townsend office. family members, police and medical personnel, He said he helieves the trial will be complete added that O'Brien also refused a request for a gag order in the case, McCarthy did not return phone

Townsend. A 20-year vectran of the prosecutor's office with more than 100 honicide trials under his helt, Townsend sid, "This is one of most horitic cases I've ever of most horitic cases I've ever the "Colombo of the courtroom." at (248), 349-1700 est. 108 or at Us soid he expects a fairly proley@ht.homecomm.net.

of a changing room with fewe

items than they took in. Store

security recover two pairs of shorts from the 17-year-old and a

T-shirt and wallet from the 18-year-old. The women were later

released after they each posted a

Compiled by Phil Foley

Novi Meadows shooter pleads no contest to attempted murder

By Phil Foley stepped out of his home on Carolina Avenue in Novi Meadows Mobile

three counts of assault with intent to

commit mur

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Home Park just before 5 p.m. Sept. 14 and shot his rifle at a 12-year-old It's likely the Novi man who police say last fall shot up his westboy and his brother as they entered side neighborhood, wounding two people before turning his gun on their home across the street. Flying debris wounded the boy. Buckmaster, according to police himself, will die in prison, Melvin Buckmaster, who will reports, then turned his gun on John Durrant, wounding him in the

tum 60 this fall, is expected to be sentenced to 15 years in prison when he appears before Circuit lower leg. Buckmaster then set fire to his own home before shooting himself in the chest. Walton said Court Judge Deborah Typer in Pontiac Friday, During the pre-trial before shooting himself, conference Feb. 13. Buckmaster pleaded no contest to arson; dis-Buckmaster fired at a third person, but missed. charging dwelling; 'ree_count

According charging a firearm into an occupied Buckmaster told police he'd been shot by someone else, Buckmaster was taken to the University of Michigan Medical Center, where 36 initially he was not expected to survive. Suffering from massive wounds and a lung infection, Buckmaster surprised investigators (ca) 0 by recovering enough by early October to talk to his doctors and transferred to Pontiac General M, Buckmaster Hospital.

Buckmaster had only one crimi-Oakland County Prosecutor Paul Walton said the sentencing guide-lines for the charges range from 10 to 17 years behind bars and that nal conviction on his record, a misdemeanor for malicious destruc tion stemming from an April incl Judge Tyner has indicated a preferdent in which he was charged with ence for something in the middle. Walton noted that last month mental health experts at the State slashing a neighbor's tires. However, according to reports, Novi Police had been to his resi-Forensic Center in Ypsilanti found dence 11 times since 1998.

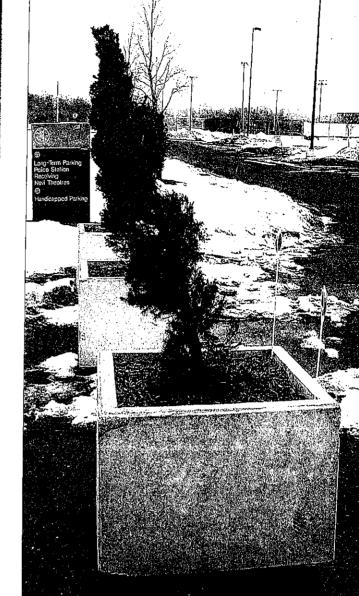
Buckmaster competent for trial. Buckmaster's attorney, Dennis Cleary of Farmington Hills, with-According to reports, Buckmaster was on the verge of heing evicted from the mobile drew a notice to lile an insanity home park and had been involved in some sort of dispute with the Walton said Buckmaster appar-

family across the street. It now appears he'll spend the ently pleaded no contest because of civil liability issues. Cleary was next 15 years behind prison bars. inavailable at press time. "There was an issue of severe depression, but it did not rise to the Phil Foley is a staff writer for the

Novi News. He can be reached at (248) 349-1700 ext. 108 or by elevel to mitigate," said Walton. Novi Police say Buckmaster mail at pfoley@ht.homecomm.net



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Three concrete planters guard the west entrance to the north access drive at the Nov Civic Center. The city blocked the drive and the optimized to the access drive at the Nov spring in response to terrorist threats, but public convenience eventually out



has come to outweigh security.' s need to provide adequate hand

> project included removing several dozen feet of earb and sidewalk and replacing it with a barrier-free sidewalk. Although city officials have been unable to provide a cost esti-mate for the work, engineers con-tacted by Novi News suggested

> > planters. He said the cost of restriping an employee parking lot and installing handicapped signs was "minimal." He added that work to expand the handicapped parking area in the Civic Center's main parking area was unrelated

noted "no one is designing build

Shaeffer said that in 1995 a domestic terrorist was able to park

Civie Center, noted Shaeffer, was built two decades ago when a diftheted by *Nori News* suggester the work could cost mywhere between between \$6,000 and \$8,000. Craig Klaver, the city's chief enerating officer, said the city conversing officer, said the city conversion of the extensive use of glass in the Civic Center, there is likely no part of the complex's parking area far, enough away to prevent major damage in the event of a severe blast, "There's a great deal more

The blast that followed claimed

barricades pointed out that all a terrorist would have to do was

drive over the six-inch curb and,

around the planters to drive across

the lawn to the building. The

Critics of the Novi Civic Center,

168 lives.

Doug Shaeffer

Novi Police chief

work and investigation to be done," said Shaeffer. He said he-and other eity officials have "talked a whole wide range of things, including permanent staffing lat the Civic Centerl. The-plan extreme to avoid hered as plan continues to evolve based on

moment, however, "After months of absolutely nothing taking place...convenience to the public, has come to outweigh security."

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Clothing heist

Officer Aryen Edgar charged

two teenage Novi women with

retail theft at 8:52 p.m. Feb. 18

after loss prevention specialists at Kohls told him they caught the women trying to take \$48 worth

According to reports, the women caught the eye of store security

when they were seen coming ou

of merchandise from the store. \$100 bond,



Security barriers melt: away at city complex

By Phil Fole

guidelines.

They went up quietly last March, first wooden barriers and then concrete planters, and they disappeared as quietly in December. In between, it appears the city of Novi spent more than \$6,000 trying to balance its desire to improve security at the civid center and police department with

non-handicapped spaces. The capped access. Following a Code Orange Alert from the federal office of Homeland Security, Department of Public Works crews put up metal-and-wood barriers held in place with sandbags March 20 at each end of the Civic Center's north access drive and at the entrance to police headquarters. The wooden barricades were soon

replaced with massive concrete planters topped with decorative vergreens Six of the planters now wait in a DPW yard for their next assign-ment. Another two guard the west end of the Civic Center's north

access drive, waiting for spring and for DPW crews to rip up the pavement and replace it with sod. No sooner did the barriers go up than handicapped rights advoto security concerns. ate Wayne Hogan and members

of various senior groups who use the Civic Center began complain-ing about the loss of eight handi-

capped parking spaces on the north side of the building, Through the summer and into the fall, Novi City Manager Rick

Helwig consistently maintained that the barricades were necessary to meet Homeland Security

The city reconfigured its main parking lot at the Civic Center, increasing the total number of

Now that the barriers have been removed from the east end of the Civic Center's north access drive, there are a total of 25 parking





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Council kills court | Developer, city still at odds over roads takeover proposal Claudio

By Phil Foley "If these Novi City Council drove a stake through the heart of plans to convert the 52-1 District Court into a third class court Monday this." Converting the 52-1 from a second class to third class court would have given Novi, and any Lou Csordas of the 10 other numicipalities that City of Novi mayor

opted to join the city, the lion's share of the court's revenues, but also responsibility for its costs. across Oakland County than After looking at a preliminary report on the court's finances, Mayor Lou Csordas declared place it on the shoulders of Novi-taxpayers, Kally Smith-Roy, the city's

Monday night, "If these numbers are true, lean't support this." He include director, said only five of noted that uot only does the the district's 11 municipalities report indicate that the 52-1 is had expressed any interest in operating at a loss, but that its - joining with Novi in a third elass deficit will continue to increase - court

over the next five years." Council Member Toni Nagy Council Member Bob Gatt - suggested forming a study comagreed with the mayor, saying it mittlee that would examine the would be "fiscally irresponsible" issue further at no cost to the city. issue further at no cost to the city. But Lorenzo said that given the for the city to take over the court. "I think the city needs to put this prefininary financials, she'd he on the back burner," she said. "embarrassed" to go to other Only Council Member Kim communities Capello argued in favor of the Capello urged his fellow coun-idea, saying he believes the "long" cil members to move forward on

term benefits will be possible." the proposal. "We are the leaders Supporters of the change in in more ways than one Noting he's been asking the court for a live-year protorma for court status have argued that the 52-1's loss is a paper loss because

Oakland County overcharges the the past two years, City Manager court for certain services. Rick Helwig asked the council for a clear direction. It gave it to hina, voting 6-1, with Capello dissenting, to drop "Even if you back out [infor-nation technology], a still shows loss," observed Council

Member David Landry, He noted the court takeover. the court has shown a growing deficit every year since 1999. Phil Foley is a staff writer for the Novi News, He can be "Let sleeping dogs lie," offered Conneil Member Laura Lorenzo, reached at (248) 349-1700 ext. She suggested it was better to 108 or by e-mail at

She suggested it was better to leave the cost of the 52-1 spread

By Phil Foley Staff writer during the session. It's been nearly a month since - Lorenzo dissenting, to authorize Novi City Council gave a Northville developer a deadline for turning some roads over to the city, but there still seems to be a little life in the altimatoru. life in the atlantation. After spending nearly an hour in executive session Monday night discussing Ken Nanda's Chettenham subdivision and two other legal issues, Novi City Council members came to no new decision. "Our last official act on record

By Phil Foley STAFF WRITER

Board of Appeals,

hearing issues.

It will be another two to three

months before developers know if it's safe to build four-car garages in Novi without a trip to the Zoning

Novi City Council voted unani-

mously Monday night to have the Novi Planning Commission con-

Mayor Lou Csordas wanted to

Council Member Laura Lorenzo

said developer Mark Guidobono

had shared his concerns over the

suggested that city staff get input from Guidobono and other devel-

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see the issue back before city.

City Attorney Gerald Fisher to suc-Narida if he didn't begin steps to turn over the roads in Cheltenham subdivision to the city by Feb. 9. Nanda and the owners of the adjacent Wilshire Abbey subdivision have been at odds for years over access to Beck Road. Before the executive session. John Garabelli, a member of the Cheftenham homeowners associa-tion, said he was "confident the board will resolve this," He and

City eyes increasing garage limits

In other action, city council:

opers before coming back to coun-cil with a final ordinance proposal.

approved rezoning 6.721 acres

on the northeast corner of Grand

River Avenue and Meadowbrook

Road from General Business to

Gateway East, Hummer of Novi plans to open an auto dealership on

The move decriminalizes sign ordinance violations, but still

a misdemeanor to a civil infrac-

tion. The move allows the city to

line violators \$200 for a first offense aud \$500 for a second

· amended its parking require-

sider amending city ordinances to increase the maximum size of accessory buildings to 1,200 square feet.

Act in a moth, but City allows the city to levy a fine. Manager Rick Helwig pointed out there are public notice and public of the city's zoning ordinance from

existing ordinance with her. She offense, much like a traffic ticket.

was nearly a month ago," said Council Member David Landry, who would only add that council members came to no final decision of a dispute between Nanda and the

Rossi's Mirage mistakes, "Please, dung the session. The council voted 6-1 Feb. 2. Development Company. with Council Member Laura Lorenzo dissenting, to anthorize Wilshire Abbey, a 29-fot subdivisaid to Mayor Lou Csordas. "The city should leave us alone and let us iron out our issues." Nanda has been at odds with city sion adjacent to Cheltenham, but has been blocked from building because the property has no direct access to a public street. council since at least 1998 over access to the Wilshire Abbey prop-erty. City ordinances require subdi-Nanda told council members visions to have at least two access points to major streets. Nanda

Monday night that he plans to make the roads in Cheltenham pub-lic, but he thinks Rossi's company maintains city officials illegally approved the final plat for Wilshire Abbey in November, since the should be required to maintain the construction hond on them. City property has no access to a public code requires developers to hold a bond on new roads for two years to Although Assistant City Manager Clay Pearson would only cover the cost of repairs in case the

say "no decision has been made outside executive session." City Council Member Bob Gatt did say the council instructed its attorney to meet with the parties again to try and resolve this,"

approved the installation of

yield signs on Dartmoor Drive at Barclay Drive; York Mills Circle at

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at Barelay Drive; Barelay Court at Barelay Drive; and Perth Court at

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While he wouldn't discuss details, Gatt said a deal was suggested. erty to prohibited truck loading and unloading on the side of a building facing residential proper-

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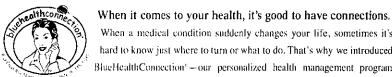
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Friendly advice on staying healthy.

Look for Ernie's new column on healthier living each week in this newspaper.

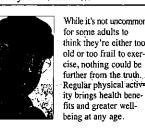
For easy-to-follow advice on staying healthy, look for "Take It From Emie." It's a new column sponsored by Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan with words of wisdom from Hall of Fame broadcaster Ernie Harwell.

Each week, Ernie will highlight simple steps we can all take to improve our health and our quality of life. You'll find entertaining information on the benefits of walking, the value of using less expensive generic drugs and simple ways to stay healthy and fit. And nobody's a better example than Ernie himself, Blue Cross Blue Shield's Health and Fitness Advocate, who makes healthy choices and exercises every day at 86 years of age.

So read "Take It From Ernie," and as Ernie says, "Take care of your health before it's lonngggg gone."

The truth about regular physical activity – at any age.

By Ernie Harwell



Regular physical activity helps improve muscle strength, stamina, balance, joint mobility, flexibility, agility, overall physical coordination, metabolism, blood pressure, weight control, even the treatment and prevention of heart disease. It also helps slow bone loss and lowers the risk of developing adult onset. diabetes. It even improves your mood.

Of course, I recommend three simple rules for regular physical activity in life's later innings: Have a physician on your team, take a lot of intentional walks and remember that, as Yogi Berra is fond of saying, "It ain't over 'til it's over.'

And please remember to take care of your health before it's lonngggg gone!

Ernie Harwell, "the voice of the Detroit Tigers" for more than four decades, retired after 54 years behind a major league microphone. Today, at age 86, Ernie's days are filled with serving as a health and fitness advocate for Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan, public appearances, writing, traveling and taking long walks with "Miss Lulu," his wife of more than 60 years. His latest book, a collection of his baseball columns entitled "Life After Baseball," is available in bookstores beginning April 2004.



Novi Public Library librarians Margie Karp-Opperer, Kelly Kolchuck, Mary Storch right, and Phyllis Weeks (not pictured) are organizing a "Battle of the Books" for young readers and the big showdown will be on Sat. Mar. 27.

Students prepare for a Battle of the Books

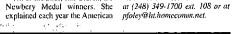
By Phil Foley STAFF WRITER Battle of the Books in conjunction Library Association awards the with The Friends of the Novi Newbery Medal to the best youth Library. She said the mayor, city fiction book of the year. "We tried to look for a variety A group of Novi fifth and sixth council members and library board members have been invited graders are on the home stretch of an adventure that will culminate with a showdown at the end of March at the Novi Civic Center and the event, which will air on Novi's Cable Channel 13, The library recruited 10 teams According to Mary Storch, a youth librarian at the Novi Public, Battle of the Books is a fairly and adult coaches back in December. Storch said they want-ed to start out small and see how the program worked. When an common event in southeast Michigan, but March 27 will mark the first time it's been tried in Navi 11th team show up, it was allowed to join the competition. "We did-n't want to turn anyone back," Storch said 11 teams of fifth said Storch. and sixth graders have been read-ing and studying five books since December. When they gather at the Civic Center in March, they II She said each team was given a set of five books "A Long Way From Chicago,"
 by Richard Peck "Sammy Keyes and the Hotel square off to see who has learned However, said Storch, it's the Thief." by Wendelin Van Draanen · "The Power of Un," by Nancy journey to the competition, rather than the competition itself, that's Etchemendy • "A Single Shard," by Linda most important. "We really want to celebrate the sport of reading," she said.

Storch, along with Thyllis Weeks, Kelly Kolchuk and Margi Karp-Opperer, organized the

a plaque at the library. The competition will be held at the Novi Civic Center from 1-2 p.m. on Saturday, March 27. Sue Park • "The School Story," by Andrew Clements. Phil Folcy is a staff writer for All of the titles, said Storch, are the Novi News. He can be reached

also have their names engraved or

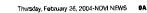
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Story Time notes

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Road. For more information, call (248) 349-0720.

listing the days and times of each drop-in Story Time session are available in the library.

Children ages 12-24 months are invited to join

us for a half hour of stories, songs, and games on Saturday, March 6, at 10:30 a.m. Registration is

Middle school book discussion

Healthy aging Novi Public Library

Providence Hospital Community Health Education Services holds a program on strategies for healthy aging on Wednesday, March 10, from 6:30-8 p.m. in the library meeting room. Please call Providence at 1-800-757-5463 to reserve a seat for this free program, which is for adults o all age

Mastering the mouse for seniors

A hands-on class designed to introduce senior A hands-on class designed to infroduce sentors to using the computer mouse will be held Thursday, March 4, from 10-11 a.m. We will com-plete a self-guidge online tutorial, learning and practicing all of the basic functions of the mouse. If you'Ve never used a mouse, this class is definite-by for you! Please register in advance for all neurone classes in neuron or by calling the fibrary. Our book discussion group for teens in grades 7-9 meets for food, fun, and a lively discussion of "Cheating Lessons" by Nan Willard Capo on Saturday, Feb. 28, from 11-11:45 a.m. No registra Internet classes in person or by calling the library

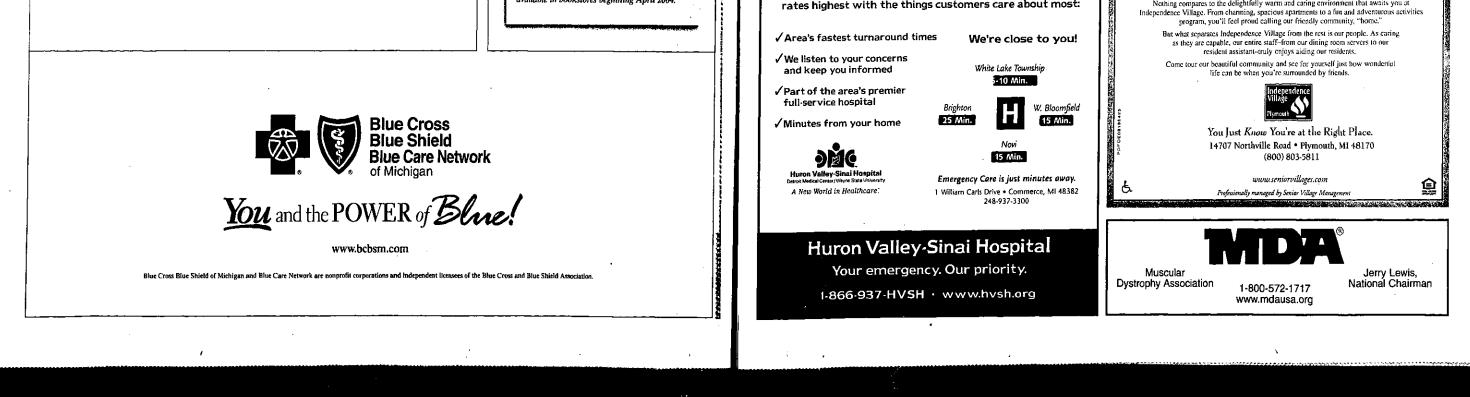
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Learn the basics of the Internet in a relaxed, upportive environment on Wednesday, March 10, from 1.3 p.m. You will discover how the Internet works, practice using a web browser, and learn about using search engines to find information. The class includes interactive discussion and hands-on practice.

of books including mystery, con-temporary, fantasy and historical fiction," said Storch. She added the selected books also included two with female leads, two with male leads and one with a brotherand-sister team at the heart of the Storch said every child participating in the contest will receive a recognition certificate and a gift certificate redeemable at the Cold Stone Creamery. The third through first place winners, said Storch, will receive a plaque and a gift certificate redeemable at Borders Books. She added they'll Registration **Required:** ng for'Good Guaranteed (877)345.5500 "SMOKELESS" 4 session program Free Introductory Session March 3, 2004 • 6:30 - 8:00 P.M. March 0, 17, 24 & 31 Providence Medical Center - Farmington Hills Fee: \$125 30055 Northwestern Hwy at Inkster Rd. Open arms. Open Hearts. We have the recipe for a better life.



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Spill wins TV prize on 'Regis' show

Northville 2-year-old wins "Babies Gone

Wild" contest

By Pam Fleming

TAFF WRITEA consistency of the work of the sector was selected as one of the four finalists. They have up to a year to go on Two-year-old Eve Corriveau of the week-long Magical Disney Northville turned a couple of bot-des of lotion into a Magical "My Disney Cruise for her tamily this Disney so it's been a special place for us,"

Corriveau was announced as Wendy said. the winner of the "Lice with Regis — As the winning entry in the & Kelly" television show's ABC-TV contest, Evels video "Babies Gone Wild" video con- will also appear on the show test at the end of the show "America's Funniest Home

spilled all over the Corriveant's Pointe Plaza, said she learned ble semi-finalists. We had to sign bedroom floor and a good deal of about the contest while watching a lot of paperwork and return it the show about three or four before they could air her video," it in her har.

"I can't believe that she won," weeks ago. "I can't believe that she won," weeks ago, vaid mon, Wendy, after the show, — "I heard that they were having "it's surreal. We're furified. That the Babies Gone Wild Contest, she was even on the show at all — Then, the very next week — on was unbelievable. Then to be one — Feb. 2. — Eve, made this huge of the top 20 seems impossible. mess in our bedroom. She had To have ber win today just doesn't spilled my body folion all over the even seem real. It seems like a floor and was rubbing it into her story. The phone's been ringing hair like shampool. nonstop. We're still trying to fath-om the fact that she won.

"I got the video camera and taped her in action so I could show Mare, Later, I thought about Eve on TV. Our families were all the block of the video camera and the second voted for her. We really appreciate their support and involvement." The family, which also includes flat-screen TV and Samsung duocam when Eve's video was select-

"I'd like to thank everyone who

Marc, an attorney at the Corriveau Law Firm in downtown Northville, and their 4-year-old won, Lac, afterady won a 15-inch The deadline was actually that Feb. 5. 11 dida't mail it until Tuesday, so I didn't even know if it would make the deadline," she Corri

"I sent it express mail, because "The content of the second sec Disney World on our honeymoon.

Her video, which the show Her video, which the show tilted, "Oops. I Did it Again," fea-tirted Eve with lotion she had spilled all over the Corrivent's Pointe Plaza, said the barrier befrom the "Regis & Kelly" show saying Eve was one of the non-ing of Feb. 13. It was a woman ing of Feb. 13. It was a woman

she said, Five finalists per day were aired "We still have the stain on the "We got lots of phone calls that bedroom floor," she said

sending it to the show, I went excited, too," she said, "What's amazing, too, is that watch Eve, whether she's their

however,

the other babies in the videos. "There were a couple of really said.

over a four-day period, and the finalists didn't even know which day their baby's video would be on the show, Eve's video appeared Feb. 19, and Regis and Kelly announced that she was one of the top four finalists Feb. 20.

Friday, I had friends that I hadn't

niece, granddaughter or cousin," Corriveau said. Chris Van Dam, owner of Van Units van Dam, owner of van Dani's, a women's clothing boa-tique at 111 E. Main St. in down-town Northville, even offered to give Wendy Corriveau a dress val-ued up to \$200 to wear on the contest category "It's Tough Being a Kid." Live with Regis & Kelly show should she be asked to make an appearance. No personal appear-ance is scheduled at this point. Corriveau hoped that the family

would win the trip but knew Eve had some stiff competition with ente ones, so I wasn't expecting her to he the winner." Corriveau

"Just seeing her on the show was exciting. Poin Fleming is a staff write for the Northville Record. She can be reached at (248) 349-1700, ext. 105 , or by e-mail at by e-mail 105 or by e-mail pfleming@ht.homecomm.net.

Photo by JOHN HEIDER The Corriveau family in their Northville home: Eve, 2, Wendy, Marc, and Luc, 4. Wendy recently entered a video of her daughter in the Live with Regis and Kelly "Babies Gone Wild" contest.







Billboard use has been political football in past

Legislation restricting use dates from Johnson era

By Pam Fleming STAFF WRITER Harvey Wolfe knows a lot about	For more information on the billboard issue, please turn to page 12A.
billboards. The owner of the family-run Harvey Wolfe Co. advertising agency in Walled Lake since 1970, he specializes In producing bill- board creative for clients throughout the area. He believes that legislation	hotels really depend on billboard advertising," Wolfe said. Wolfe noted that, in a roundabout way, the state of Michigan is even involved in billboard advertising. The state pays for signs denoting
against billboards is most common in election years.	off-expressway restaurants and gas stations pictured on blue and white
"During election years, politi- cians get on their soap box and talk	highway signs at exits. "Business is excellent, and we're
about 'Wouldn't it be nice to not	gaining new clients all the time,"
have billboards.' They call it pollu-	Wolfe said. "I would like to see the
tion on a stick," Wolfe said, "It's an	laws changed, however, to make it
easy soapbox to stand on," he said, Wolfe, who operates his business	easier to build billboards and do it in an attractive way,"
with the help of his son, Marty, and	Since zoning regulations have
daughter, Tracy Vincent, recalls	reduced the number of billboards
when former Michigan Attorney	allowed in communities, billboard
General Frank Kelly badmouthed	companies created tri-vision bill-
hillboards.	boards.
"He hated billboards and proba- bly still does," Wolfe said.	"Now three messages can be posted on one side," Wolfe said,
"There are such ridiculous ordi-	"This allows us to increase dollar
nances in local communities. They	volumes on the limited number of
want to keep billboards away," he	billboards."
said.	Wolfe said billboard advertisers
But despite efforts to reduce the number of billboards in the area, the	are usually loyal customers. "We've got clients that have used
medium is still popular. Wolfe said	outdoor advertising since 1965.
me of the reasons billboard advertis-	Probably 90 percent of our business
ng is so effective is that it pulls driv-	continue their previous accounts,"
ers off the highway to businesses.	he said. "Once they have a billboard,
"Several years ago, the number	they love it."
one tourist attraction in the state was	Wolfe said major billboard com-
the Birch Run Outlet Mall. That out- et mall wouldn't have survived	panies include Viacom, Lamar and Adams.
unless they had billboard advertis-	"Billboards are still around, and
and any has only add adventer	

"During election years, politicians get on their soap box and talk about 'Wouldn't it be nice to not have billboards?' They call it pollution on a stick."

130, in Novi, owns billboard space tear the border of Novi/Northville. His smiling face can be seen by actorists on the east side of the treet driving north on Novi Road ust north of Eight Mile Road near aemsey's Restaurant. "It's a two-sided billboard E/MAX has one side, and I have the other," Kramer said. "I think I ve the better side," he noted. Kramer believes billboards are a real way to advertise. "I have people who call me and ty, 'We need to list our house, and live right by your billboard," he

"It's a staple of my advertising dget. I won't let it go," Krame As far as restrictions on billboard

ake a living." Proponents of billboard advertis-

g nonprofit causes. "I think the industry as a whole is

'It's probably the oldest form of vertising," Wolfe said. "Cave peo-e wrote on the side of their caves,"

Pam Fleming is a staff write the Novi News. She can be

ched at (248) 349-1700, ext. unless they had billboard advertis-ing. Off-expressway malls as well as they're a wonderful means of adver-pfleming@ht.homecomm.net.

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Realtor Jamey Kramer stands by his billboard on Novi Road north of Eight Mile. The Michigan legislature is considering a bill that would restrict outdoor advertise in the state





ising," Wolfe said. Jerenty Kramer, an individual gent for RE/MAX real estate at 0500 Orchard Hill Place, Suite

Ivertising, Kramer said, "This is merica. Everybody has a right to

g also point to the many public-rvice oriented billboards promot-

ry philanthropic. It's really a great edium," Wolfe said.

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Billboards facing regulations

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industry.

2004.

Findlay, Obio, specializes in the manufacture and marketing of products for the global automotive

Childtime Learning Centers,

Inc., of Novi recently amounced operating results for the 12 weeks (third quarter 2004) and 40 weeks

(year to date) ended January 2, 2004. Increased systemwide sales and improved operating results were the highlights for third quarter

Net revenue for third quarter

2004 increased \$2.0 million, or 4.5

percent, from the same period last

year to \$44.9 million. Learning

them first?

Childtime sales increase

employers, charities and workers

launching new products and pro-

Automotive, has signed a technical

assistance agreement with Daekynog Chemical Corporation

By Pam Fleming TAFE WRITER

whose jobs depend at least in part on an ability to use billboards to attract customers of raise aware-ness of their issues, programs or Billboards are as much a part o the American scene as hot dogs and white bread. human services. But legislation and regulations could reduce or eventually ban billboards in Michigan. Billboards includes tourism, auto-motive, nonprofit, retail, recre-About two months ago, more ation, health care, telecommunicathan 200 Michigan businesses charities and state associations representing for-profit and not across the state. The group's mem-bers include the Michigan Chamber of Commerce, Small for profit employers announced a new coalition to protect billboard Business Association of Michigan, advertising. Businesses & Charities for Michigan Grocers Association, Billboards was formed to fight legislation or regulations that ould reduce or eventually ban Station Dealers and others "Businesses and Charities for Billboards will work to protect ullboards in the state. The organization seeks to pro-

tect the thousands of Michigan - outdoor advertising for the thou-

sands of Michigan businesses and The state law, Public Act 109, enacted in 1999, doubled the charities that rely on billboards for their very survival," said Roger spacing requirements between billboards and banned double-Martin, spokesman for the organidecked billboards. In fact, bill-boards are allowed only on land zation. "Billboards are already heavily numan services. "Billboaras are aucauy neavay Businesses & Charities for Billboards includes tourism, auto-notive, nonprofit, retail, recre-tion, health care, telecommunica-tion, health care, telecommunica-tion and the service of the service of the service of the Our state hillboard laws is tougher zoned for commercial or industrial use As a result of these regulations the number of billboards in Michigan is about the same today tions and other businesses from than the billboard laws in most other states. The number of bill-boards in Michigan is about the same today as a decade ago, and as a decade ago, and there are far fewer than in the early 1970s. For more information about the work of the Businesses & there are hundreds if not thousands fewer than 30 years ago," he said. Billboards, which first appeared Charities for Billboards, contact Michigan Restaurant Association, National Federation of Independent Businesses, Service lated by a federal billboard law, a Martin at (517) 487-9320. Pam Fleming is a staff writer state billboard law and local ordifor the Novi News. She can be

nances. The laws regulate bill-board size, spacing, lighting and reached at (248) 349-1700, ext 105, or by e-mail at 105, or by e-mail pfleming@ht.homecomm.net.

million, with comparable center revenues, defined as centers opene

\$0.9 million or 2.4 percent, no

comnarable centers increasing \$1.1

million, partially offset by a reduc

Franchise Operations revenues

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which consisted primarily of royal

ties, increased \$0.2 million or 12.7

percent from the same period las

increased \$22 million, or 16.8 per

Net revenue for year to date 2004

year to \$1,4 million.

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City, state restrict any future billboard production

The City of Novi has about 10 mit fees and establish a govern-billboards in use, and city officials ment fund to remove certain bill ment fund to remove certain bill-boards; and place a cap on the number of billboards in Michigan don't plan to increase that num-The ordinance only allows by halting the issue of new per

them in I-2 zoning districts, which "We are opposed to these bills," is heavy industrial use. Any nev billboards in the city would have to receive approval from the Zoning Board of Appeals. Studley said, "Every day, across Novi and throughout the state, inceses use outdoor advertis Although there is no specific ing. This legislation is unjust and "billboard ordinance" per se, the counterproductive to businesses structures fall under the city's sign ordinance, which just doesn't allow any more of them, accordability to advertise their products and services. We believe at the Michigan Chamber of Comr that billboards are a necessary and ing to the city's Property Code rtment

important part of business." Studley said Michigan Chamber of Commerce lobbyists hope to stall the bills against out-The city's sign ordinance does have a chapter on off-premise advertising signs. Ground pole signs can be a maximum of 300 door advertising, but that proposigns can be a maximum of soo square feet and not more than 15 feet high. They must also not be closer than 50 feet from any resinents of the package hope to schedule a Senate hearing this

spring. Since the enactment of the feddential property. The ordinance also states that in eral Highway Beautification Bill of 1965, the question of who should regulate outdoor advertising and the related issue of how far billboard regulation should go has been of interest and concer to Michigan's business commun

no event shall any off-premises advertising sign be closer than 1,200 feet from another such sign. Current billboards are only allowed because they existed hefore the city's current sign ordinance took effect. The large billboards on 1-96 in A study conducted last summer Novi were actually approved fol-lowing lawsuits filed against the

on behalf of the Outdoor Advertising Association of Michigan (OAAM) shows the city in the 1970s. Rich Studley, senior vice presi-dent, government relations, Michigan Chamber of Commerce vast majority of Michigan bill-boards are used by the state's leading employers and industries, including small local and franin Lansing, reports that a package of bills — Senate Bills 898-901 chise businesses, retail stores, and - has been introduced into the Michigan Senate that would tourism and automotive industries.

Charities also depend on billimpose substantial new regulations on outdoor advertising. Senate Bills 898-901 would establish an advisory council boards, according to the study, which analyzed the content of the 12,102 billboards owned by OAAM members. OAAM members own about 87 percent of Michigan's 13,828 billboards.

cent, from the same period last year to \$152.8 million. The increase was primarily a result of additional rev administered by the Michigan Department of Transportation to define "best practices" for the industry; increase billboard perenues of \$19.5 million contributed continued on back page "FREE REPORT Reveals Legal Secrets You Don't Want Your Spouse To Know!"

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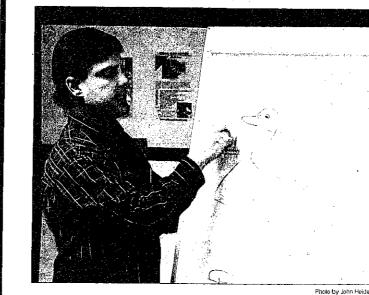
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Illustrator Michael Monroe leads a class of Village Oaks Elementary School students in how to draw wildlife during his visit to the Novi school last week

Illustrator visits to teach kids drawing

VO students also all, just have fun with kids; "My hopes are to get students interested in nature by teaching them how to do drawings of learn about wildlife conservation nature," Monroe said.

Monroe has been drawing fo about 22 years. In the first 15 years of his career as a wildlife By Ramez Khuri artist, he has illustrated different

Village Oaks Elementary studuck stamps and about 200 maga dents got a crash course in wildlife conservation a few weeks zine covers "I do about 50 or 60 book sign-"Ings-tilycar #still do about 15 art life conservation a few weeks waterillustrater by the Glenn Monroe came visiting, Heshows a year, and I have opened also showed them how to draw my own art gallery in downtow various animals using all ovals, including a howling wolf and a Brighton on Main Street," Monroe said, "My sister is also an illustrator, so 1'm out here pro-According to Monroe's Web site, since a very young age, he has known that he wanted to be an artist. A self-taught painter, more about M

Monroe spends much time meticalously honing his craft, often or call (810) 229-1915. teaching himself many new and unique techniques to add to his paintings. Jor the Novi News, He can be Now, as he visits about 70 reached at (248) 349-1700, ext.

CRITICAL CARE SYSTEMS

The Joint Commission on Accreditation of Healthcare Organizations will conduct an accreditation survey of Critical Care Systems, Wixom, MI on March 23-26, 2004, The purpose of the survey will be to evaluate the organization's compliance with nationally established Joint Commission standards. The survey results will be used to determine whether, and the conditions under which, accreditation should be awarded the organization. Joint Commission standards deal with organization quality and safety of care issues and the active of the environment in which care is Commission standards deal with organization quality and safety of care issues and the safety of the environment in which care is provided. Anyone believing that he or she has pertinent and valid information about such matters may request a public information interview with the Joint Commission's field representatives at the time of the survey. Information presented at the interview will be carefully evaluated for relevance to the accreditation process. Requests for a public information interview must be made in writing and should be sent to the doint. Commission no later than four earlying these holders the surver theories. The request must also first working days before the survey begins. The request must also indicate the nature of the information to be provided at the interview. Such requests should be addressed to Division of Accreditation Operations Office of Quality Monitoring Joint Commission on Accreditation of Healthere Organizations One Remaissance Boulevard Oakbrook Terrace, IL 60181 Or faxed to 630-792-5636 Or emailed to complaint@jaho.org The Joint Commission's Offi commission's Orlice writing or by telepho-hegins. An Account requesting the pul-indicating the locat name of the surveyor

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MIICHAEL GLENN MONROE'S WORK

Monroe's realistic wildlife paintings have par-Show nered him many honors throughout the years,

· 2000 Chosen as Michigan Ducks Unlimited

• 1996 Winner of the 1997 Michigan Duck

1996 Tawas Bay Art Show Best of Show

• 1995 Chosen by DNR to paint Endangered

1995 Michigan Duck Stamp First Runner-up

• 1994 Minnesota Deer Hunters Artist of the

1994 Michigan Wildlife Habitat Foundations

• 1994 People's Choice, Southfield Wildlife

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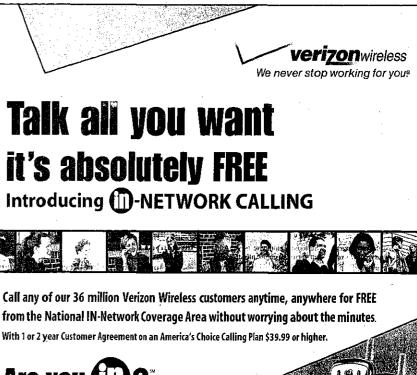
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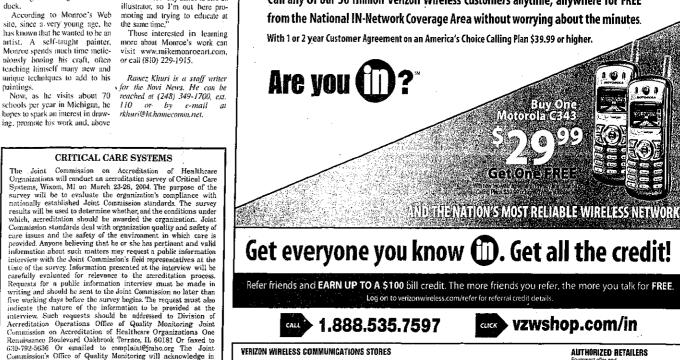
.1991-92 Michigan Wildlife Artist of the Year A list of books that Michael Gleon Monroe · 2000 Pinckney Art Show Best of Show illustrated

 Buzzy the Bumble Ree · A Wish to be a Christmas Tree (Authored by Monroe's wife Colleen and read by Katie Couric on The Today Show) . The Christmas Humbugs (Authored by Monroe's wife Colleen and read by Katie Couric on The Today Show) • M is for Mitten (The number one selling children's educational book in Michigan right now) The Michigan Counting Book S is for Sunshine Foursome the Spider · Penny the Forgotten Coin

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 L is for Last Frontier • 1994 West Shore Art League Best of Show · Noah's Ark A.B.C. Book (Authored by 1994 Harrisville First Place Senior Art Monroe's wife Colleen and to be released in June)





BUSINES BRIEFS

Parker joins Farm Bureau

grams, and creating promotional Thomas Parker III, of Howel strategies. Most recently employed by New recently joined Farm Bureau Century Sales of Walled Lake, Gemignani brings seven years of retail and wholesale plumbing Insurance as a new agent in the office

located experience to his new position. located at 44855 Grand 00 Prior to joining New Century ales, he worked for E.A. River in Novi. Parker Sales, he angenfeld & Associates, in Des recently com Plaines, III. Gemignani earned abachelor's degree from Michigan State University and an MBA in interactive marketing from Walsh College in Troy. pleted a extensive career devel- **T. Parker III** opment program for new agents, which prepared him for the state licen Cooper signs agreement with examination and provided instruc South Korea tion in all areas of property/casual Cooper Tire & Rubber Company, which has an office in Novi, recently announced that its operating group, Cooper-Standard ty and life insurance

Prior to joining Farm Bureau, Parker was a composite technician for Sikocsky in Bridgeport, Conn. Brass Craft names

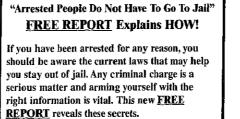
new manager

of South Korea. Cooper-Standard's NVH Brass Craft of Novi, a manufacurer of plumbing products for the professional and retail markets, recently appointed John Gemignani Control Systems Division will provide design and engineering devel-opment support for engine mount as channel manager for retail sales. systems on three future Hyundai In this newly created position, Genignani will work with corpo-rate sales managers and independand Kia vehicle platforms. "This is an outstanding opporta-nity for Daekyung and Cooper-Standard Automotive as we team ent sales representatives to ensure up to provide engine mount system technology for Hyundai and Kia," said Allen Campbell, vice presi-dent, controller, and Asian sell-through of the company's retail products to home centers, hardware stores and mass merchants. Gemignani will focus on driving sales through the retail channel by Operations. Cooper Tire & Rubber sales perform

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Best place for dancing	Best car wash

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Too close for comfort

Getting together for hockey

Ryan Barrett, Ryan Press, Michael Pascoe and Jeffrey Webe

At Orchard Hills first Annual Family Fun Night with the Plymouth Whalers, over 150

were on hand to watch the Whalers pull off a come-from-behind the with their arch rivals, the Toronio St. Michael's Malors, "Pictured are fourth graders Derek Poppenger,

Elise Carter get a close look at a baby alligator named Ally. Ally is one of several exotic animals that recently visited Deerfield Elementary school. Ally and her handler taught the students the many hazards of trying to keep a baby alligator as a pet. They also discussed the ongoing problems in Ftorida of humans building homes near alligator swamps. Elise is a fourth grader in Mr. McCurdy's third/fourth grade class.



Lieutenant visits Meadows

Students in David Ascher's sixth grade class at Novi Meadows got a special treat when U.S. Lieutenant Andrew Thueme came visiting. The kids have been writing to him for over two years.

Novi band leads Disney parade The Novi High School marching band, led by drum majors Jennifer White (left), Lisa O'Connor and Suzanne DeMarois, traveled to Orlando, Fia. last week to lead the Courtesy photo Mickey Mouse parade down Main Street USA at Disney World. About 120 of the 178-member Novi marching band participated the festivities, which included many standing ovations from vacationers all over the world

SCHOOL BRIEFS

King Tut at Novi Meadows Maureen Esther Passalacqua got students at Novi Meadows involved in her King Tut presenta-tion by showing them some of the books she had and encouraged them to find out more at their library. She also had a slide show,

Sen. Cassis honored

The Michigan Parent Teacher Student Association honored state Senator Nancy Cassis, R-Novi, with their President's Award, Cassis, a former teacher and school psychologist who now serves as vice chair of the Senate Education Committee, was recognized for her efforts and leg-islation to promote parental involvement in Michigan schools. "The mission of MPTSA is one I enhance

wholeheartedly, and I could not be more honored to receive this award from them, Cassis said, "The critical importance of parents' involvement in their children's education cannot be emphasized

enough." In December, the Senate unanimously passed a Cassis-sponsored bill calling on schools to implecustor approximation to the currence of second to impre-ment parential involvement programs and the Michigan Department of Education to post suc-cessful plans on their Web site. The legislation has earned the support of the Michigan Association of

School Psychologists and the Michigan Education Association Cassis also sponsored a law that streamlines schools' reporting requirements by requiring all data submissions to go to Center for Educational Performance and Information rather than numerous rother state agencies ther state agencies

· Monday, March 29 - Random Selection

Tuesday & Wednesday, April 20 & 21

• Wednesday & Thursday, April 28 & 29-

• Tuesday & Wednesday, May 4 & 5 -- Novi Woods Elementary Kindergarten Readiness

 Thursday & Friday, May 6 & 7 — Deerfield Elementary Kindergarten Readiness

· Monday, Tuesday & Wednesday, May 10, 11,

Seeing the inside of an eye By Ramez Khuri STAFF WRITER the kids will learn first hand the different parts of the anatomy and science of the eye." "This presentation goes ove how the eye works fike a camera eye safety and it also goes ove "This presentation goes over eye safety and it also goes over what happens in an eye exam so the As part of a partnership in edu-Kirk and Crissman also spoke to cation between the Novi Community School District and Town & Country Eyecare in Novi, Optometrists Tim Kirk and Amy the students about were eye safety second graders aren't scared about and routine eye care. their first eye exam," she said. "It's important to understand Since the students are current

The important to understand since the students are currently why it's important to take care of learning about Helen Keller, your eyes and what a visit to the Capling thought that this was a eye doctor involves," Kirk said, good time to expose them to "We hope to remove any fear from Braille writing, which is for a per-the children's first visit to the eye so who is blind or deal. Capling doctor by coming here and demon-strating the different equipment we seedlings organization, which is a sue and exhliming the more so of commany that transfers books into Crissman visited Orchard Hills Elementary to demonstrate the dis-section of sheep eyes to second the children's first visit to the eye doctor by coming here and demon-strating the different equipment we graders. They also brought along a slide show which demonstrated all the parts of a human eye. Second grade teacher Dawn Capling added her own flavor to the activiuse and explaining the process of the eye exam. We also hope to y by exposing the children to have a lot of fur with the kids with an illustration of Braille writing different optical illusions and dif- some Braille books, bookmarks second grade teacher Ella ferent activities." Kirk explained that any time how to write in Braille to show to MacArthur explained, students are learning about the parts of the eye and about people with vision diffi-culties and what they do to cope. kids can touch and feel something, it will definitely stick in their minds a lot more than if they just Highlights of the anatomy students read about it in a book. "I know that the teachers "I am challenging the kids, which explained that having guests in the classroom often times reinforces donate, I will personally double covered during the dissection were the basic parts of the eye, Students labeled the eye parts on worksheets, learned about the correa, colored what they're doing and informa-tris, pupil, lens, back of the eye, the tion sticks with the kids on a long-retina, and the wall of the eye. retina, and the wall of the eye. According to Kirk, this program has been going on since 1994. term basis." Crissman said that the slide show presentation is an important nickels, whatever, part of the activity because it shows students the parts of a human eye before they go into the dissection room, which makes at (248) 349-1700, ext. 110 or at The second graders traditionally have studied the eye. One of the highlights for them, from what the teachers tell us, is the actual eye

dissection," he said, "We hope that them well prepared. **Cutstanding Novi teachers sought** The deadline for nominations is the last day of the The Novi News will recognize monthly a local month. The Novi News staff will select the winner and a feature story and photograph will appear in the Nor News on the second Thursday of the following month teacher for his or her excellence in the classroor inations can come from students, teachers, parents, administrators or community residents who have Those not selected as the Outstanding Teacher of the contact or knowledge of a teacher's classroom activi-Month will be considered for subsequent months. To nominate a teacher, please send the teacher's name, school address and the school's telephone num-Nominations can be mailed to; *Novi News*, Cal Stone, 104 W. Main, Northville, MI 48167; faxed to

ber along with a statement of no more than 200 words (248) 349-9832; or sent by e-mail to telling us why this teacher deserves to be the estone@ht.homecomm.net Outstanding Teacher of the Month

CITY OF NOVI NOTICE OF MEETING OF BOARD OF REVIEW

Notice is hereby given that the Board of Review shall convene in its tt session at 9:00 a.m. EST, Tuesday, March 2nd, 2004 in the Nov sessing Department at 45175 W. Ten Mile Road for the purpose or iewing and correcting the assessment roll. Notice is further given that the second session of the Board of Review.

Will meet for the purpose of hearing and considering assessment protests in the Novi City Council Chambers at 45175 W. Ten Mile Road on March 8, 9, & 10, 2004. All appearances before the Board will be by appoint 6; 9, & 10, 2004. All appearances before the Board will be by appointment only, if you or your representative want to appear in person, the appointment must be made on or before 5:00 p.m. EST, Friday, March 5, 2004. Appearances before the Board of Review are limited to five (5) minutes or feas. Petitions area available at the Assessor's Office or at www.ci.novi.mi.us NO APPOINTMENTS WILL BE GIVEN UNTIL A PETITION IS RECEIVED BY THE ASSESSING DEPARTMENT. Letters of protest will be accepted on or before 5:00 p.m. EST, Wednesday, March 10, 2004. Postmarks will not be considered. When submitting a letter of protest for the Board of Review consideration, you must attach a completed patition (available at the Assessing Department or at www.ci.novi.mi.us, along with any supporting information. All agents protesting values on property, other than their own, MUST HAVE written authorization from each property owner they are representing.

enting. Persons on fixed or limited income may be eligible for a reduction in roperty taxes due to poverty. Applications are available at the Assessing BOARD OF REVIEW SCHEDUL

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Any questions should be directed to the Ass

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CHANGES ARE MADE IN DETERMINATIONS OF BASE FLOOD ELEVATIONS FOR THE CITY OF NOVI, OAKLAND COUNTY, MICHIGAN, UNDER THE NATIONAL FLOOD INSURANCE PROGRAM

On May 3, 1993, the Department of Homeland Security's Federal On May 3, 1993, the Department of Homeland Security's Federal Emergency Management Agency identified Special Flood Hazard Areas (SFHAs) in City of Novi, Oakland County, Michigan, through issuance of a Flood Insurance Rate Map (FIRM). The Mitigation Division has deter-mined that modification of the elevations of the flood having a 1% chance of being equaled or exceeded in any given year (base or 100-year flood) for certain locations in this community is appropriate. The modified Base Flood Elevations (BEEs) revise the FIRM for the community. The changes are being made pursuant to Section 206 of the Flood Disaster Protection Act of 1973 (Public Law 93-234) and are in accor-dance with the National Flood Insurance Act of 1968, as amended (Titie XIII of the Housing and Urban Development Act of 1968, Public Law 90-448), 42 U.S.C. 4001-4128, and 44 CFR Part 65. Hydraulic analyses were updated to incorporale the changes in

448), 42 U.S.C. 4001-4128, and 44 CFR Part 65. Hydraulic analyses were updated to incorporate the changes in hydrotogy for Shaw Creek in previously issued Letter of Map Revision Case Number 00-05-259P, dated December 15, 2000. These analyses have neutring in a casied delination of the fonderup an increase and

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Bowlers wanted: Must be willing to help teens Youth Assistance Teen Center,

Novi Youth which takes place during the sum-mer time. Two years ago the teen Assistance center had about 100 participants, Bowl-A-Thon but last year that number jumped to over 239. That fact alone makes to raise money increased interest in the teen cen-ter. Can call the Novi Youth Assistance Office at (248) 347for Teen Center By Ramez Khuri

According to Novi School's O410. It's free to bowl, but all that Director of Community is asked of participants is that they Education Bob Steeh, Providence try to find sponsors for them-STAFF WRITER

Bowlers get ready, The 22nd Annual Novi Youth Assistance Bowl—A—Thon will be upon us Bowlers get ready. The 22nd Hospital is once again sponsoring Annual Novi Youth Assistance the Bowl-A-Thon this year and Bowl-A-Thon this year and bowl-A-Thon this year and bowl-A-Thon this year and S20,000. urgency than ever for participants. It takes place from 1-4 p.m. at Novi Bowl on Saturday, March 6. "This is a great event and it Most of the proceeds raised for

try to find sponsors for them-selves, Food and refreshments will be provided throughout the day. Ramez Khuri is a staff writer really goes to a great event and it reached at (248) 349-1700, ext. Steeh said, "The Summer Teen Center is a great activity for kids 110 or by e-mail dt

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will make space for as many bowlers as possible." Bowlers and sponsors of lanes

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"I'm exposing the kids to Braille

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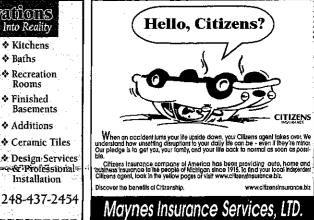
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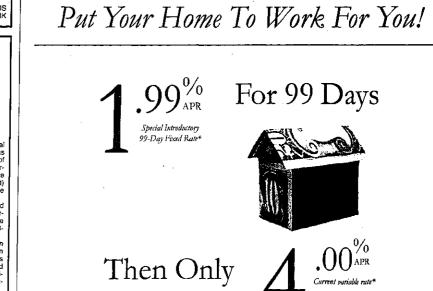
elor's degree in architecture from ice Technology University. John Carroll University has Emily Cross of Novi has been named Jennifer Kinsman, Michael Larson, and Daniel named to the Dean's List for

who really need something to do rkhuri@ht.homecomm.net.

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PTSA's 2004 Advocacy Day, held Feb. 12 in

 Friday, March 26 — Random Selection Cards due at neighborhood schools no later than 4 p.m.

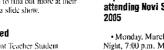
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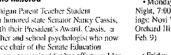
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Tatt Road "National Geodetic Vertical Datum, rounded to nearest whole loot Under the above-mentioned Acts of 1968 and 1973, the Miligation Division must develop criteria for floodplain management. For the com-munity to participate in the National Rood Insurance Program (NIP), the community must use the modified BFEs to administer the floodplain man-agement measures of the NIPI. These modified BFEs will also be used to calculate the appropriate flood insurance premium rates for new build-long and their contents and for the second layer of insurance on existing buildings and contents.

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There's a thin line between safety and disaster on the ice and its measured in fractions of an inch. Every year Novi's firefighters practice what to do when someone crosses

What's cooler than being cool? Training to save lives

Story & photos by Phil Foley STAFF WRITER

Two years ago a local teenager's dog went through the ice on a pond off Garfield Road. The teen went after her dog and she ended up going through the ice as well. A pair of Novi police officers borowed a neighbor's boat to go after the girl, but the drain plug was missing and the boat began sinking.

That, said Lt. Thomas Johnson, the Novi Fire Department's training officer, is why the department trains for ice rescues every winter. Novi, observed Lt. Johnson, has "tons of ponds." About every other year, he said, someone, often as not a child, goes out on the ice a little too early or a little too late and the fire department gets the call.

his dry suit. Once in the 38-degree water

a leak in its left armpit. The Novi Fire

due to be replaced

Department's dry suits are eight years old and

"They don't need us very often, but when they do, it's good we're here," said Lt. Johnson. The Oakland County Sheriff's Department's Marine Unit has prithary responsibility for water resne Novi Department arrives first and the victim is still on the sur-

e, firefighters take charge until vovi's Station Two, at 13 Mile toad and Paramount Street, is the re station closest to Walled Lake nd home to the city's water res e team. Every firefighter at the tation has to take ice rescue trainng. Every other firelighter in the ity is encouraged to take the framing as well.

This year about half the city's firefighters took the class. A flozen of them gathered Sunday proming at Lakefront Park on the edge of Walled Lake to don the ed dry suit and jump through a hole in the ice. "I'm ready for this," said fire-

fighter Dennis Barrati, as he sat on the back step of a rescue vehicle, pulling on the neoprene suit. Without it, he would only fast a lew minutes as the lake's 38 degree water pulled him into Inconsciousness

Before going out on the lake Lt. Johnson warned the firefighters to



Lt. Thomas Johnson, Novi Fire Department's training officer, demonstrates the proper way to rig up for an ice rescue while Lt. Jerry Holtzman (left) and firefighter Larry



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Marian F. Selinske	Detroit. Arrangements were made by	Online sympathy messages www.obriensullivanfuneral-
Marian Selinske died February 20. 2004 in Woodward Hills	Northrop-Sassaman Funeral Home, Northville.	home.com Arrangements were made by
Nursing Center, Bloomfield Hills. She was 86. Mrs. Selinske was		O'Brien/Sullivan Funeral Home, Novi.
born in Detroit on February 6,	Debra A. Phillips	11071.
1918, to the late Julius Childs and Leocadia Malkowski Childs.	Debra Phillips of Novi died February 23, 2004. She was 50.	Kathleen Karney
She was a homeimaker and a resident of Northville in Kings Mill for many years. Survivors include four children, Lenore (Robert) Kendell of Bioomfield Hills, Janice (Edward) Moylan of Novi, James (Dianel) Sclinske of Madison, Wis., and Susan (Daniel) Spurgeon of Mount Clemens; 15 grandchildren, and 19 great- grandchildren. Preceding her in death was her tusband, Frank. A funeral service was held February 23 at St. Kenneth Zatholic Church, Plymouth with	Survivors include her husband, Tod; two children, Lara and Kimberly; her mother, Phyllis Phillips; four siblings, Barbara (Mill) Cooksey, Richard (Susan) Red, Jr., Mike Reed and Nancy (Sam) Thomas; and two step-sib- lings, Tracey (Kenny) Marsh and David (Deborah) Phillips. Visitation will be at O'Brien/Sullivan Funeral Home, 41555 Grand River, Novi on Friday, February 27 from 1-4 pm. and 6-8 p.m. A funeral service will be held on Saturday, February 28 at Novi United	Kathleen Karney of Novi died February 22, 2004. She was 52. Survivors include her husband, Victor; three children, Christopher, Megan and Laurea; her mother and father, Regina and Alfred Laskowski; three siblings, David (Jane) Laskowski, Duane Laskowski; and many nieces and nephews. A funeral service was held February 24 at O'Brien/Sullivan Funeral Home, Novi. Memorials may be made to American Cancer Society, Memorial Dept. 18505 W, 12
Father Thomas Belczak officiat- ng. Interment will be at Oakland fills. Memorials may be made to the Capuchin Soup Kitchen in	Methodist Church, 41671 W. Ten Mile Rd., Novi at 11 a.m. Memorials may be made to Breanna Strange Fund, 41671 Ten Mile Rd., Novi, Mich. 48375.	Mile Rd., Southfield, Mich. 48076. Online sympathy mes- sages: www.obriensullivanfuner- alhome.com.

SENIOR CALENDAR

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Tuesday 3/2 . Lunch .Bridge* ."I Love Lucy" Movies 10 a.m. Asian Pacific 10 a.m.-2 p.m Jncome Tax by Appt. \$1 advanced reservation required 1 p.m. Beginners / 2 p.m. Adv. Line Dance noon Lunch 12:30 Bingo

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A good 30 yards out on the lake, Lt. Johnson had cut a triangular hole, six feet on a side, in the foot-and-a-half thick ice. By twos the firefighters suited up walked out on the ice and stipped into the frigid water. Lt. Johnson advised against jumping In, since being hit in the face with water that cold can make a rescuer nvoluntarily inhale and turn from escuer to victim in a moment. "It's cold, very cold," said Lt. erry Holtzman as he pulled himelf back out of the hole. While he dry suits are supposed to proect rescuers from the cold, the artment's suits are eight years ld and many of them have started o develop leaks. "Actually, it's not that bad," said a, Carl Korzeniowski. His train-

ng partner, firefighter Wally sishop, offered, "I like it. It's nice wing we're able to do this."

Phil Foley is a staff writer for he Novi News. He can be reached ((248) 349-1700 ext. 108 or at lev@ht.homecomm.net.

week.



safety line after being hauled out from a hole in the ice on Walled No job's over 'till the paperwork's done. Novi Lake. The Novi firefighters were fighter Wally Bishop (right) and a colleague among dozens who practiced ice fill out the sign-in sheet for completeing their rescues over a four day period last

ice rescue training.

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Lt. Mark Petz and Capt, Dennis Tarrant chat on the shore of Walled Lake while another Novi firefighter

trudges across the ice to take his turn in the water. The skills aren't called on often, but when they are, lives are at stake,

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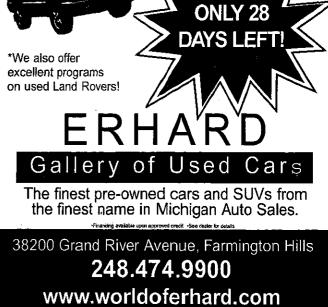
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Reading Month: Have time for a word?

library boasts impressive and varied collections. Today chil-dren's' books of all kinds are There is nothing more fundamental than reading. As such, parents should do all they can to make certain that young children are given ample opportunity to excel. That available to local residents at no cost. There are big books, small

should be lauded.

books; colorful books, pazzlefilled books. There are books with pictures, even books that talk. But what are they all for. if adults merely balk? Every reader must start some where. Some start here. Some start there. Be that starting

be a guest reader. Reading is contagious, So be a good example. Children who watch adults point. Help someone read today read are prone to mimic such behavior. Children who listen to adults read to them are likely to Reading is steeped in selfesteem that can be carried over into daily life. Those who make mouth words and make sounds. the path easier - for children, from otherwise confusing letadults with learning disabilities ters. Children immersed in reading are more likely to swim or for those who are learning English as a second language into an ocean of opportunity, rather than drown in its shal-Make someone's path clearer

means reading to children at

least 30 minutes per day, mak-ing regular visits to the local public library and even volun-

teering at elementary schools to

today, make a future brighter Read to someone. Help them lowest depths, Mostly, children who are read to are more likely to read themdiscover something new. selves. And children who read Communities are built one person at a time, from fence line to fence post, by neighbor who reach out and give back. themselves are more likely to succeed. Pretty simple, isn't it? There really are no excuses -March is Reading Month. for adults who fail to do all they can when it comes to early Reach out. And spread the child reading. Novi's public

GOVERNMENT

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Artists in the making Village Oaks students Rena Hertrich, left, and Kevin Hanlon work on their drawings of a wolf during an illus-tration workshop taught last week by Michigan artist Michael Monroe. See the full story on page 13.

A good night's sleep shouldn't be a luxury

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CALENDAR OF EVEN	NTS			1 City Council	Council Chambers 7:30 p.m.
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40 day Lenten journey	hours. Refreshments offered by the				
 DATES: Begins Ash Wednesday Feb. 25 following the 7:30 p.m. Ash 		 may do so at the site by bringing social security cards, household 		Committee	Civic Center 7 p.m.
Wednesday worship service.		income and photo I.D.	DATE: Saturday, March 27 and	10 Planning Commission	Council Chambers 7:30 p.m.
Welcome and brief orientation		PHONE: (248) 209-2658 or		11 Parks, Recreation and Fores	try Commission
inecting at 8:30 p.m. Oasis	Morning Connection	(800) 482-9250.	TIME: 9:30 a.m5 p.m.	-	Council Chambers 7:30 p.m.
Meetings through Lent on Tuesdays			LOCATION: Novi Expo Center	15 City Council	Council Chambers 7:30 p.m.
-7:45 p.m 9 p.m. or Wednesday 10:30 p.m 11:35 p.m.		Oil Painting/Sculpture Show, "Escape to	DETAILS: Adults/\$8,		
10:30 a.m14:45 a.m. 1 - 1.OCATION: Church of the Holy	LOCATION: The Payroll People, 2085 F. West Maple Rd., Ste. A-		 Seniors/S7, Youth/S5 (5-12 yrs.), Proceeds support Michigan Anti- 		Council Chambers 7 p.m.
Cross, 46200 W. Ten Mile Road,		March 9 through April 9	Cruelty Society, The Michigan	To mistorical commission	Civic Center 10 a.m.
Novi, (between Beck and Taft	DETAILS: Free, You will be		Humane Society, and The Morris	18 Ordinance Review Committe	e Council Chambers 6 p.m.
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Life, book by Rick Warren, Requires 40 day commitment to	your business cards. PHONE: (248) 624-7100	 Providence Center for the Healing Arts, 47601 Grand River Ave., 	www.midmichigancatfanciers.com	DETAILS: Bring your traditional	brought to you by the Providence
reading a brief chapter each day and		Novi,	Novi Chamber of Commerce 12th Annual	acoustic instrument and inusic to	Center for the Healing Arts. Aug. 20
applying the lessons learned. Call to		DETAILS: Free, gallery hours,		play.	- Modern Japanese Calligraphy
reserve your spot and preferred	Date: Thursday, March 4	Monday thru Friday, 8 a.m. 5:30	DATE: Saturday, April 24	For more information, contact	Ceramics. Some activities may
meeting time and we'll hold a copy-	Time: 10-14 a.m.	p.m.	LOCATION: Hotel Baronette.		include a supplies fee (no more that
of the book for you.	Location: Novi Civic Center	PHONE: (248) 465-5455	Novi.	MaryH@twmi.rt.com	\$10). PHONE: (248) 465-5483.
PHONE: (248) 349-1175 or visit us on the web at www.churchofthe-	Details: Come and meet other mothers who are home during the	Kavi Co-Op Preschool Open House	DETAILS: Partial proceeds from this year's auction will benefit	Warship service	PHOINE: (248) 400-04805
holycross.com; or e-mail to		DATE: Saturday, March 13	"Sweet Dreamzzz Detroit." The	DATE: every Wednesday	Women's Prayer Support
holycrossnovi@hotmail.com	the general meeting we trade par-	TIME: 10 a.mnoon	organization provides bedtime	TIME: 12:10-12:50 p.m.	DATE: every Saturday
	enting tips, discuss service projects,	LOCATION: Novi United	essentials for a good night's rest to	LOCATION: Church of the Holy	TIME: 9-10:30 a.m.
Outdoorama '04 Sport and Travel Show	plan outings, and socialize.	Methodist Church, at 10 &	grade school children in need	Cross, 46200W. Ten Mile Road	LOCATION: Harvest Fellowship
DATE: Feb. 25-29	Children are very welcome.	Meadowbrook,	throughout Southeastern Michigan.	(between Beck and	Church, 49329 Pontiac Trail,
TIME: Bow Hunting Day Wed., Feb. 25, 2 p.m. to 9 p.u.; Big Buck	Phote: www.geocities.com/monsclubnovi	DETAILS: Come visit the pre- school, meet the teachers, and be	PHONE: (248) 349-3743.	Taft Roads), Novi DETAILS: Come and share your	Wixom (Parking is behind the church)
Day Thurs., Feb. 26 and Freedom	www.geocules.com/infinitention	able to register for the 2004/2005		lunch hour with God at a worship	DETAILS: You are welcome to
Friday, Feb. 27, noon to 9 p.m.;	Cornerstone Christian School annual	school year.	<u>on-going</u>	service that includes scripture and	come for encouragement, help,
hamily Day Sat., Feb. 28, 10 a.m. to-	dinner auction "Embracing Excellence"	PHONE: (248) 344-0296		holy communion.	hope and prayer as you face life's
9 p.n.; Sporting Dog Day State	DATE: Friday, March 5		ðam Again	PHONE: (248) 349-1175 or	problems, issues and frustrations.
Feb. 29, 40 a.m. to 6 p.m. LOCATION: Novi Expo Center -	TIME: 5:30 punc, hors d'oeuvres, silent auction begins,	Suck Hop DATE: Saturday, March 13	DATE: through March 7 LOCATION: Novi Civic Center,	www.churchoflheholycross.com	Drop in for five minutes or longer. PHONE: Nancy & Susan (248)
DETAILS: More than 200,000	LOCATION: Genoa Woods	TIME: 7-11 p.m.	45175 Ten Mile Road	Free Blood pressure screening	926-8332 or by e-mail at harvestfel-
square teet of floor space devoted to	Conference Center, Brighton	LOCATION: Novi Expo	DETAILS: Smithsonian	DATES: every Monday	lowship@comcast.net
over 300 exhibits featuring the latest	DETAILS: Elegant evening of	Center's MacKenzie Room	Institution's traveling exhibit depict-	TIME: 11 a.m2 p.m.	
in fishing and hunting equipment,	fun, fellowship and fund-raising.	DETAILS: The former Music &	ing the role of bams in American	DETAILS: This Service will be	Adoption Playgroup
tishing and power boats, the largest	PHONE: (810) 494-4040	Motor Festival heads back to its	culture. Free and open to the public.	available until Jan. 31.	DATE: first and third Fridays of
collection of outfitters in the Midwest, outdoor education, travel	Novi Theatres' "South Pacific"	original roots as the Michigan '50s	Grand opening celebrations will be held from 3-5 p.m. on Jan, 24 (cost	LOCATION: Charter House of Novi, 24500 Meadowbrook Road,	the month TIME: 10 a.m.
festinations throughout the world	DATES: March 5-7, 12-14	Festival, and kicks off the annual event with a sock hop. Tickets are	is \$20); and 1-4 p.m. Jan. 25 (free).	Novi, MI 48375	LOCATION: Holy Family
nd conservation clubs. Tickets are	TIME: March 5, 6, 12 and 13 @	\$10, which includes pizza, soda and	PHONE: (517) 372-7770 for	PHONE: (248) 477-2000	Catholic Church (on Meadowbrook
58 adults: 54 for children 12 and	7:30 p.m., March 7 and 14 @ 2 p.m.	dancing. Tickets are available at	grand opening info.		Rd. between 10 Mile Rd. and Grand
indet: discounted family passes	LOCATION: Novi Civic Center	JCK & Associates (45650 Grand		Cakland County Health Division Child	River Rd.)
vailable; seniors receive \$1 off on-	Stage, 45175 W. Ten Mile Rd.	River Ave.) or at Varsity Lincoln	"Make A Wish", original watercolors by	Health Clinics	DETAILS: We are a not for prof-
Wednesday: military personnel eceive \$2 off on Friday.	DETAILS: Tickets are on sale now, \$17.	Mercury (corner of Grand River and Wixom Road), Only 250 tickets will	Marilyn Wolff show DATE: through Feb. 29	DETAILS: Free wellcare check- ups, immunizations, physical	it, non-denominational group that brings adoptive families together.
PHONE: Amanda Hathaway,	PHONE: (248) 347-0400	be available.	TIMES: gallery times: 8 a.m	exams, guidance/referrals on behav-	Our twice-a-month meetings pro-
dichigan United Conservation		PHONE: (248) 349-1950.	5:30 p.m.	ional, learning, and health problems.	vide families with the opportunity to
lubs, (517) 346-6488, or aliath-	Lakes Area Chamiber of Commerce		LOCATION: Nancy A. Fox Art	PHONE: Oakland County Health	share play and conversation. During
way to muce org	Bowling Tournament	Jazz Pianist Eric Reed	Gallery, Assarian Cancer Center,	Division, Mary White, Program	the summer, we meet at specially
Valled Lake Rotary Club First Annual	DATE: Sunday, March 7	DATE: Saturday, March 20 TIME: 7:30 p.m.	47601 Grand River Ave., Novi. DETAILS: Free.	Coordinator, Child Health Clinics, (248) 858-1380.	designated times and locations. PHONE: For more information
uchre Tournament, Beach Extravaganza	LOCATION: Wonderland Lanes, 8265 Richardson Rd., Commerce	LOCATION: Novi Middle	PHONE: (248) 465-5455.	(246) 856-1560.	contact Michelle Pergeau (248)
DATE: Saturday, Feb. 28	Twp.	School, Wixom Road and H Mile	Thomas (200) 103 (200)	Providence Center for the Healing Arts	887-4955 or Sandra Noonan (248)
TIME: 6 p.m.	DETAILS: \$80#team, includes	Read	Acoustic music jam session	"Tuesdays at Assarian"	960-3257.
LOCATION: Richardson Senior	team award, fane rental, shoes and	DETAILS: Former planist with	DATE: the second Wednesday of	DATE: every Tuesday night	
enter, 1485 Oakley Park Road,	pizza. Raffles during day. Proceeds	the Wynton Marsalis Septer will	each month	TIME: 5-8 p.m.	Send your calendar items to Cal
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DETAILS: \$35/per person icludes entry and dinner. Proceeds	Commerce Scholaship Fund.	Coalition That Cares, Tickets are \$20; \$10 for students.	LOCATION: Mill Race Historic Village, Cady Inn, just north of	Center, 47601 Grand River, Novi. DETAILS: Variety of activities	Main, Northville, MI 48167; fax to (248) 349-9832; or e-mail to
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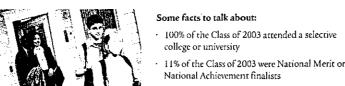
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Novi Theatres to present Rodgers and Hammerstein classic

By Pam Fleming Pulitzer Prize for Drama. The clas-sic 1958 movie featured Mitzi Gaynor and Rosanno Brazzi. F WRITER Although it's still winter in Southeast Miehigan, the Novi Theates cast will bring a touch of the tropics to Novi with their pres-entation next month of the famous musical "South Pacific," The denirin with a muin he In the Novi Theatres performance In the Novi Theatres performanc-es, Lori Asnam will play the part of Nellie. Larry Kallie of Plymouth will play Emile. Bloody Mary, a Toukinese woman who capitalizes on the military presence on her-island by selling souvenits to mili-tary personnel on the island, will feature Del McPherson of Euromotene Hift. and Emile de Becque, a French planter who she falls for "one enchanted evening." Rodgers and Hanmerstein conitary lifer is a tongo even dealer who runs the laturity for the military and the bath facilities for the women nurses on the island. Although he knows they can never be together, he has a soft spot for Nellie. This is a difficult role because the tone how boll toughness. Sher Sansom is the vocal direc-tor, and Carrie Wickert is the chore-tor. Sher Sansom is the vocal direc-tor, and Carrie Wickert is the chore-tor. itary lifer is a tough guy, wheeler-dealer who runs the laundry for the nected the stories by having Cable and de Becque go on a dangerous mission behind Japanese lines from which only one of them returns. The original production of "South Pacifie" opened at the Majestic Theatre in New York City on April 7, 1949, and ran for 1.925 performances. This made the performance the second longest-running musical Novi Theatres artistic director. of the decade. The first production starred Mary Martin and was the Broadway debut of Metropolitan Although ticket sales have been slow so far, she's hopeful that members of the community will come out Opera basso Ezio Pinza. "South Pacific" was only the sec-ond musical to be awarded the

Business workshops planned Business owners and entrepreneurs who need assistance are invited to attend several seminars in March offered by the Oakland County Business Center, • The Small Business Loan Workshop is a seminar on finance options for small business owners, Participants will learn what a banker looks for in a The workshop will lead participants to the most tion, the "5 Cs of Credit," the essential financial state-ments and SBA's Lour Guaranty Programs. The workshop will lead participants to the most effective and appropriate use of this powerful market-ing and communication tool, and will be presented by Web development expen Christine Chubenko of What Webs We Weave, LLC: Space is extremely limited for this \$30 program. Call for specifies and registration at How to Start a Business is a seminar for anyone inking about going into business. Participants exam- inking about goi

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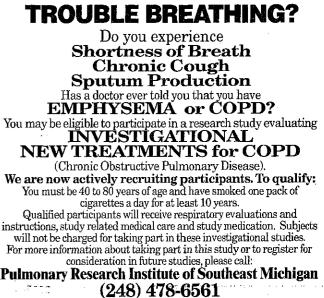
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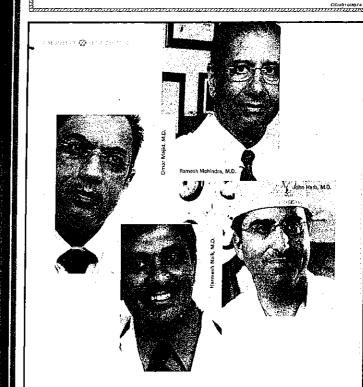
ographer for the "South Pacific" performances

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Some of the members of the cast of the Novi Theatres' upcoming performances of "South Pacific" include (I to r, front) Alex Lepola of Clawson, Patrick O'Connell, Max Landry and Jason Margolis of Novi; (top) Bruce Markham, Dr. David Glick, George Glese, John Wilson and Dick Wickert of Novi.

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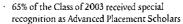
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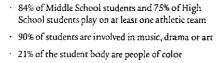
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by Tutor Time centers and \$2.3 million contributed by Franchise Operations, which were acquired at the end of first quarter 2003.

Rockwell Medical wins grant

Rockwell Medical Technologies, Inc., of Wixom, a leading, innovative hemodialysis concentrate manufacturer in the healthcare industry,

recently won a grant. The National Institute of Diabetes and Digestive and Kidney Diseases of the National Institutes of Health of the National institutes of neuron has awarded a grant for studying the prospective advantages of ferric pyrophosphate delivery via dialysate in end stage renal disease patients. FePPi, a water-soluble form of iron, is the comerstone of Rockwell's introduction technology Rockwell's proprietary teelmology for its iron-therapy product line. Rockwell has been developing an

innovative, proprietary concentrate

product containing FePPi to be used as a treatment for iron deficiency in dialysis patients. The company is seeking FDA approval of this prod-

ter which it intends to market. Compared to intravenous (IV) iron administration, the firm believes that administering the drug through its dialysate is a safer and middgi its diaysate is a safer and more effective method for maintain-ing iron balance in dialysis patients, while at the same time eliminating the associated nursing and pharma-centical IV iron administration

Children's authors coming

Local children's authors Charles David and David Anthony will appear at 2 p.m. Saturday at Borders Books & Musie in Novi, 43075 Crescent Blvd. in the Novi Town Center at Grand River and Novi Road. Road.

The authors have scheduled a reading an book signing of their

works "Cauldron Cooker's Night." "Skull in the Birdcage," and "Early Winter's Orb" — the first three books in their new series for intermediate readers, Knightseares. The Knightseares series evolved out of the desire to introduce the

epic fantasy genre to children and to establish a new benchmark for qual-ity, creativity, and entertainment in children's literature. The authors will be dressed in

period costume and perform songs that accompany each book, Call Borders at (248) 347-0780.

A Novi dentist wito specializes in aesthetic and implant dentistry will donate funds to the Assarian Cancer Center at Providence Hospital in Novi this spring as part of the Smiles for Life campaign. Dr. Allen Tuchklaper, a Crown

Council dentist, will offer teeth

whitening services at a significantly reduced price from March through June. He will donate 100 percent of the proceeds to help children facing serious health and educational prograns in communities throughout North America.

This year, however, for the first time, 50 percent of all Smiles for Life proceeds will be donated to children's charities designated by clinitical schartics designated by participating dentists. Dr. Tuchklaper chose the Assarian Cancer Center at Providence Hospital in Novi as his Smiles for Life partner this year. Discus Dental

will provide all supplies. Funds raised during the campaign will help make children whose fam-ily members are undergoing cancer freatment a little more comfortable The remaining 50 percent will be donated to country western singer Garth Brooks' "Teammates for Kids" Foundation. The Crown Council Smiles for

Life Foundation has raised more

ing nearly 300 children's charities across North Atherica. Since joining the campaign, Dr. Tuchklaper has raised more than \$40,000.

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scoff at The Wildcats made short work of the Lakeland Eagles as they 50 crushed their

NOVI LAKELAND 38 conference foes, 50-38, February 16 on the road.

Novi took the lead and did't look back as they pounded out the victory with help from a 17point night by senior guard Brad Simoson

Novi is currently sitting atop the KVC, while Lakeland is 6-9 overall and 3-7 in conference play.

Wildcats tie tough Milford

It didn't look



team was going to step up for this one - hut a spark from senior captain John

Janssens lit the NOVI fire the squad needed as they MILFORD 5

tied a very strong Milford Mavericks squad, 5-5. The Wildcats, who are coached by Dan Phelps, will have their hands full in one of the strongest regional tournaments they have ever played in starting March 1 at the Novi Ice Arena. - See page 82 for details

Novi bows out as team, but individuals still going strong

The Novi Wildcats wrestling team bowed out in the team districts against the Northville Mustangs February 19, but the squad still has three grapplers that will represent them in the individual regional come individual regional come Saturday. Eric Hansen, Jason Sierra and A.J. Morris will take on some of the best wrestlers around but they look as though they have a promising chance to move on to the state tournament in two weeks.

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It's regional tourney time!

The Novi Wildcats backey team isn't going to have an easy time in one of the strongest regionals they've ever played in, but they — along with Northville — should be one of the favorites to make it to the championship



ourtesy Photo Ernie Harwell is more than a retired baseball announcer he's a living legend. Though he retired from calling the games, he's keeping busy as a health-column writer. The Novi News will be running Ernie's column beginning next week.

He won't be calling games, but this Novi resident isn't done with the Detroit Tigers

By Sam Eggleston SPORTS WRITER

When it came to being an announcer in baseball, Ernie Harwell is the first to say that it all came about by accident — but what a great accident it was not only for Harwell himself, but for

the fans, The first-ever Hall of Fame announcer, who was inducted August 2, 1981, said that the nin was a great one, but he's not com-plaining about his retirement either.

"I've been able to relax," he said during a phone interview. "I loved being an announcer, but I just knew the time was right to netire "

Harwell's retirement has found Harweit's retirement has found a few changes in his life. Though he still spends his winters in Lakeland, Fla., a recent nove from Farmington Hills found him becoming a Novi resident. "Mrs. Harwell and I decided to will the house in Ferrinieron Hills.

sell the house in Farmington Hills and move," he said. "We live in a wonderful area. It's sort of a retirement complex that opened up last summer in July or August. We moved in around the middle of October." He and his wife, Lulu, stay in

Michigan until about the first of January before packing their bags up and enjoying a stay in Lakeland — which just happens to be where the Detroit Tigers bald genue training

hold spring training. "They've trained here since 1934," Harwell said, calling on vast baschall knowledge "That's longer than any team has been at a spring training site." Being in Lakeland does remind

Harwell of his announcing days though - which had been one of asons he found a residence

down there. "Back in the days when I did the games in the spring, it was just a little easier to be around Lakeland instead of commuting

A legend in his own By Sam Eggleston SPORTS WRITE

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They say that to have longevity in a single career, you really have to love what you do — and Ernie Harwell makes no qualms about the fact that he loves baseball. The Hall of Fame announc-

er, who retired as the announcer for the Detroit Tigers in 2002, said that base-ball has always been a part of his life.

"I've been a baseball fan since I was a kid growing up in Atlanta," Harwell said in a phone interview from his winter home in Lakeland, Florida, "My dad was a big baschall fan. That's where I got my love of the game." Harwell turned his interest

into a budding career while in high school after writing a let-ter to the editor of the

Sporting News. "I suggested that I could be his Atlanta correspondent for the minor league baseball team there," Harwell said. "He didn't know I was only 16 and he gave me a job." Harwell began his career in

sports as a writer covering the Atlanta Crackers baseball Atlanta Crackers baseball team. When he wasn't writing for the Sparting News, he found other ways to keep busy such as filling in for

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from Detroit," Harwell said. Of all the weeks of baseball, Harwell joked that the first days of spring camp were his favorite. "It's the best time of the year

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Novi whips 'Dogs

By Sam Eggleston SPORTS WRITER

The Novi Wildcats boys basketball team made it very clear that now that they've regained the top spot in the conference, they don't plan on being usurped as rightful kings. The 'Cats, who are defend-

ing the throne from last year's Kensington Valley NOVI 50 Conference BRIGHTON 36

title victory. made the statement as clear as

could be as they pounded the Brighton Bulldogs, 50-36.

"We're playing great as a team," Novi coach Pat Schluter hin "This win was a total team effort.'

The balanced scoring was an indication of that as well. Junior Anthony Harbin and senior Trevor Hoover each had 10 points in the win, while ior sixth-man Joey Fratto put up eight to neap "Joey has been playing well," "Joey has been playing well," "The said. "He's at the point Right Schluter said. "He's at the point that he could start for us. Right now, he's coming out and doing what he does best. He can shoot

Mid-winter break doesn't slow Wildcats

By Sam Eggleston ORTS WRITER

When it comes to mid-winter break at Novi High School, the students love it and the coaches fret about it.

It's never easy to expect your team to perform when they aren't in their regular schedule — especially when the team you're playing doesn't have the same worries you do. That was the case when the Novi Wildcats volleyball team took on Kensington Valley Conference rival South Lyon Lions last week.

"I was a little worried with it being mid-winter break," Novi coach Julie Fisette said. "The girls played well though, and I'm

happy with that." The Wildcats lost the first game, 25-17, before bouncing back nicely in the second and -20 and 25-19. game The fourth game went to the South Lyon squad, 26-24, and suddenly the contest rested on

unit and the bench is just as strong as the starters." The Wildcars finished

The Wildcats finished the game strong, taking the fifth round 15-12 to secure the victory, Senior Kim Zarczynski made the move to outside hitter during the contest and found herself col-lecting 15 kills. According to Fisette, her serving throughout the contest was consistent as

well Bella Feldbaum, who is also a senior, collected six blocks and nine kills in the winning effort while junior Nicole Barndt had 14 kills and three aces.

The week before, the Wildcats made short work of the Brighton

made short work of the Brighton Buildogs in just three games, 25-8, 25-6 and 25-21. "The Brighton game was a total team effort," Fisette said. "Everyone got in to play and everyone contributed." Leading the way for the Wildcasis in that contest was

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Novi News sports writer Sam Eggieston tells of the tournament and the teams that will be playing as the Novi Ice Arena starts hop ping with games being played on both rinks at the same time Should be a great day for hockey fans. -See Page B5

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the fifth game — which was played to 15 points. "We played well together even when it went all five games," Fisette said. "There aren't just

one or two girls who we depend on. The entire team plays as a

Amanda Taffoli, who is a junior, and Jenna Kuhn, who is a sophomore.

The Wildcats will visit Milford today at 6 p.m. before hosting Pinckney March I at 5:30 p.m. in the Novi High School field house.

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Districts are scheduled to begin March 6.

Wildcat Amanda Toffoli, right, leaps up to spike the ball during Monday night's home match against the Eagles of Hartland.

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Wildcats tie Milford squad

By Sam Eggleston

It was the kind of game the Novi Wildcars hockey team knew

it could have. The squad, which is coached by Dan Phelps, put up a 5-5 tie against one of the toughest teams in the conference — the Milford Mavericks. The 'Cats came into the contest

having lost the majority of their games over the past month and looking to regain some confi- after the Cats increased the lead dence. After folling behind 2-0 in - to 5-3 as Bulbuk skated in for the the first two periods, they had to score. be wondering where that confi- The Mavericks fired their dence boost was going to come - offensive machine up and came from.

anssens. The Novi captain took matters into his own hanals with assistance. from Zach Flavin. The duo combined for two quick strikes to tie-the contest in the third period. Chaz Bulbuk and Mark Eberline both had assists in the scoring

plays as well. The Novi skaters took their first lead of the night just minutes laterrough the Milford defense and rough the Milford defense and rough the Milford defense and time in the smaller rink at Novr de Arena, while Walled Lake as Brett Jaussi took the puck in Ciaverilla were given credit for Northern at 5:30 p.m. in the

Combined

squad now

By Sam Eggleston

Novi-Northville

gearing up for

Regional tourney

It has been one heck of a year

or the Northville-Novi Wild Stangs gymnastics team -- and

it looks like it's just going to

keep getting better. The squad, which is coached by Lindsuy Schultz, topped their opponents from Hartland, 146.425-139.05, February 17,

Leading the way for the Wild Stangs was Maggie Mills, who cored an overall first-place

36.80 points. On the beam, Mills

took first for her squad with a 9,45, while taking second with the same score with her floor routine. On the bars, Mills

notched a 9.15 for second before taking an 8.75 for third on the

ault. The Wild 'Stangs had some

impressive performances across

the board. In the valit event,

Jacqueline Gazette took first with a 9.05, while Julie Foucher

took second with a 9.0. Tying

for third was Mills and Jenn Mehl with an 8.75, while Emma Plat took an 8.55 for fifth and

Rachel Deneau took an 8.5 for

The bars found Sara Wilchowski taking a familiar first place with a 9.70, while

Mills took second with 9.15 and

Sara Ilkhani-Pour was third with

a 9.10. In fourth was Emma Platt with an 8.70 while Foucher and

Mehl tied for fifth with an 8.65.

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On the beam, Mills and Wilchowski tied for first with

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be closed out in the final period especially on their home ice. The Milford squad tred the contest u

The Wildcats knew they had their best chance of the season to show what they could really do and they went on the offensive. Mario DeGrazia, who has been playing the best hockey of his career this season, put Novi ahead once again with a hard slapshot into the back of the net. Not long

back with a vengeance to score The Novi captain took matters The Novi captain took matters

round of the Regional Tournament which Novi is hosting. The game is scheduled to be played at home at 7:45 p.m. followin Northville's game against Wallee Lake Central at 5:30 p.m. Waterford Kettering will take

action when they take on a stingy Livonia Franklin squad in the first



for baseball," he said. "Every pitcher is going to win 20 games, every hitter is going to get .300, hired me to every team is going to win the pennant and none of the Schmooze in the SERVIC

tastic showing

loss

The Wild plays again Monday Feb 23rd at the Farmington Ice

Arena against Farmington. The

final playoff game in the first tier

had built a seven-point lead only to witness it disappear in a 55-49

Leading scotters ... for the Wildcats were Sean White with

15 points and Todd Janer with 12

points and four assists. Sleve Hart

led all rebounders with 11

Earlier in the season the Wildeats

had lost to Brighton by 27 points.

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Photo by John Heide lead. Rvan Dixon and Tom Central will play Walled Lake Novi High's Mark Eberline, left, moves the puck up ice during the Wildcat's Jan. 28 home game against the Brighton

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game because he lived it

Ernie Harwell is a living legend to baseball fans

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twice in the home

stands."

"It was the best move I ever this time it was voluntary. Continued from BI made," Harwell said. "I love sports writers who were on Detroit."

Harwell remained a constant Harwell remained a constant vice in Detroit until December how much he was appreciated acation from the Atlanta onstitution. "I mostly did the things othof 1990, when he was informed by Tiger's management and WIR radio that the 1991 base-ball season would be his last. "I had had offers to leave, but a different o ers didn't want to do," Harwell said. "I read a lot of copy and would write heads for the news-His time in front of the type- I was never interested," Harwell writer sparked an interest in Harwell. After high school, he went to Emory University and said when asked of the years leading up to that day. "I had traveled around enough. I loved Michigan and I came out with a career already loved the people there. I wanted in mind. to stay there the rest of my life showing Harwell standin and never had any real ambition proud with microphone in hand "My ambition out of college was to be a sports writer," and never Harwell said. "I couldn't find a to leave." to leave." "I knew I didn't deserve it." But, according to manage-ment, his tenure was over. During his 32 years with Detroit, he had seen two World Championships and a slew of Ut's inside so the pigeons can't get to it and that's a good job at any of the Atlanta papers because there weren't any openings." But, Harwell did get a chance Championships and a state significant moments. "I was just happy to have Like the statue, there's some-been able to do it for so-long," thing clse that won't be forgot-ten by Tigers' fans worldwide "t'e the charming Southerm to write nonetheless. During World War II, he served four years with the Marine Corps nd wrote for their publication, Leatherneck. It wasn't a sports desk that

was destined to be Harwell's home though. While searching for a job in Atlanta, Harwell enormous outery from Tigers fans, team ownership changed hands and Harwell found himcame across an opening at the self back with the Tigers. "I came back because of Mike he just found a job sitting at a WSB radio station for a sports announcer. When Harwell showed up for the audition, things fell into realized that he would buy the team and things would suddenly settle for me again. He indicated 'I've been in radio and TV

since 1940, and it was more by accident than anything elsc," tarwell said. "I guess you could say I'm just a failed sports writer. And from 1940 on, the legend

Since that time, Harwell has of Harwell began to form. He covered some football games at Georgia Tech and even covered the Masters golf tournament in once again, he retired — but 1940 and 1941. In 1943

Harwell started calling play-by-play for the Crackers. His work with the minor So much drama, so little time. league hall club paid off, and in 1948 his work was noticed by the Brooklyn Dodgers. The deal

Harwell's not done with baseball yet "The Tigers have

Like talking to an old friend Besides rubbing elbows with the Detroit faithful, Harwell has found other ways to remain busy, Starting next week, right here in your HomeTown weekly newspaper, Harwell will have a column regarding health printed. It is sponsored by Blue Cross, Blue Shield — a compa-ny that Harwell is a spokesper-

Ernie Harwell son for, Hall of Famer Baseball Announcer Staying healthy is something Harwell --- who is 86 years old enjoys doing. "I walk a lot," he said. "My

admits that he could take the wife and I love to walk. Besides that, I lift weights three times a week and try to keep a normal workout schedule. Keeping healthy means staying alive." Harwell admits that his col-

That doesn't mean he doesn't like the fans. In fact, his relation-ship with them is a bout to become a bit closer. Though he said. "I have some good ideas. officially retired from baseball in Ood has given me good health 2002, the Tigers weren't ready to and 1 just try to take care of let him go as an employee at myself."

Tributes were played through-

out the 2002 season, and

not only by the fans, but by his

"I was very much touched by the tributes," he said. "They had a different one every night.

Guys like Bob Costas, the com

missioner (Bud Selig) and

George Brett." And then came another trib-ute — a lasting one. A statue

was unveiled at Comerica Park

"I knew I didn't deserve it,

the game would have been had

sports desk in Atlanta. "You never know when life

"You never know when hite will take you in a different direction," Harwell said. "When it does, you should just follow that direction and year where it takes you you

Sam Eggleston is the sports

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Comerica Park. "The Tigers have hired me to Sam Eggleston is the sports write Harweil, like many celebrities, schmooze in the suites and has fans approach him while he's maybe go around once or twice Nori News. He can be reached at on the home stands," he said. "I'll about any where he goes. He go around and people can take at seggleston@la.homecomm.net.

baseballs. Basically, I'm going to converse with the folks and have a good time with them. I should te getting down there quite a

It was like having an old friend give me a call after not talking to them after way too long. I dialed the number, which was all the way down in Lakeland, Florda, and moments later after two rings, that familiar voice was say. familiar voice was saying "Hello."

ing "Hetto." Ernie Harwell. That Southern drawl was so familiar, it made me smile right away.

smile right away. Unlike many of the celebrities I've had the opportunity to inter-view, Harwell was kind, I cheanet and anise fortheoming and quick to answer any question 1 shot his HomeTown Communications and way, He didn't dodge around any-who happens to be a friend of thing, he didn't try to keep coming back to something that he so des-

pentely wanted to promote and he didn't try to hurry the conversation. instead, it was like talking to an old friend that wanted to know how my wife and daughter were doing, and how the communities of Northville and Novi were treating *me*. When Harwell retired in 2002, 1

going on in my life. In all truthfulness, it was the sin-gle more relaxing and enjoyable interview I've ever had. thought that I'd be lucky to hear When I sat back and thought him calling a game here or there about it later that day, I realized the reason why it was so relaxing for me. Growing up in the Upper (which happened in the World Series, thankfully). But, low and

Harwell's.

It was like I was talking with any

long, long time and have just got

about Harwell either. We talked about how the Tigers will do this year, before the game was over, mostly due to the energy I depleted from running around throughout the about his children, about summer days. Tatking to Harwell on the phone gave me a piece of that back, even if it was just for a moment. I wasn't just talking to the first-ever Hall of Fame announcer, or my daughter and my wife, about my job and about Jack Lessenberry, who is the Vice President of Editorial for the man that was the first announce er involved in a professional trade

talked to him for nearly game was called by none other an hour. Not all of it was than Harwell. Often, I fell asleep

I wasn't just talking to the legen that Harwell is, Instead, I was talk one that I just happened across in the street, or that I've known for a ing to the man who had helped me see the game in my mind and to the man that, to this day, still makes me around to updating on what's been smile when 1 hear that Southern drawl Thanks, Ernie, for everything.

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league anyone can beat anyone right now. We just have to play

The Wildcats will be back in

Wildcats pound Brighton

Continued from B1 more highs than lows, but the We've got Hartland, Milford road hasn't been an easy one. "I thought we started the sea-son off and peaked a little before having some trouble," and he can play the point guard position or the two guard. He does what we need him to do." At this point in the season, Schluter said. "We're improving and I think we're about to the Novi Wildcats are foreing hemselves to focus primarily

on their first goal, "We want to win the confer-ence," Schluter said, noting that even though the District Tournament is looming they aren't going to change their focus, "We'll focus on that and once that is over we'll focus on the Districts and go after our

EVERY MURDER HAS A MARK.

place, Schluter said that his squad is well aware of how the other teams are viewing them right now - as the team to beat. It's nothing new for this squad though, who has basical-ly been the team to beat all

peak again, which is important at the end of the season." With his team back in first March 8.

action when they play Hartland at home — which is the Middle School in Novi — at 7 p.m. tomorrow. Then, the squad will

District championship." "We know every game is With every season there are ups and "dowris: At" 15-2; the "said, "We have to play our best Wildcats have obviously had game every night at this point. Sam Eggleston is the sports writer for the Northville Record and the Nori News. He can be reached at [248] 349-1700, ext. 104 or at seedenton@la home

visit Milford March 2 at 7:30 p.m. before visiting Pinckney for what could prove to be the title game March 5 at 7 p.m. Districts are slated to begin

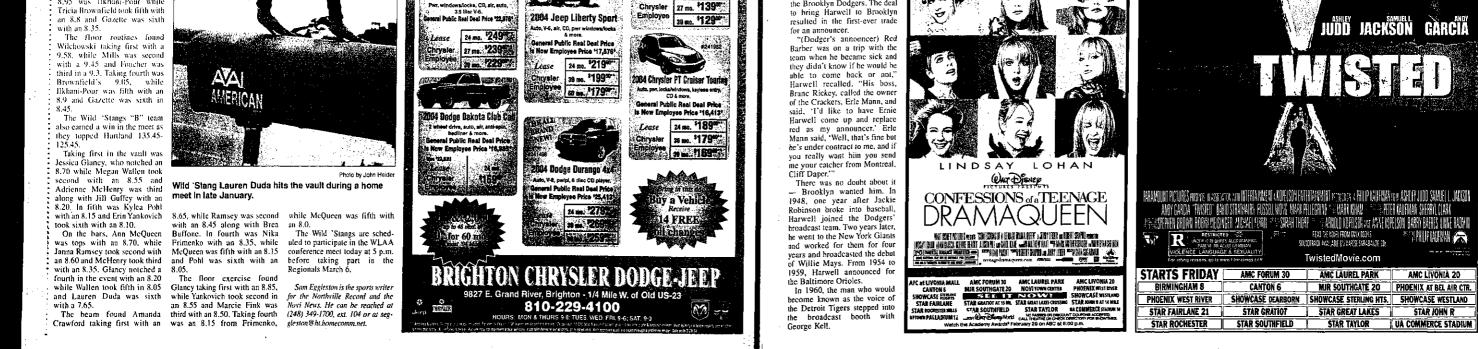


nnouncers are going to make a Though making mistakes in the booth is something Harwell doesn't have to worry about anymore, he still plans on making an appearance now and then around the Tigers. "I'll go over and hang around a little bit," Harwell said. "I try to stay out of the way, but I like to go over and be with the guys And he won't be surprised if he's recognized by those other than the Tigers. Beyond his three books, his Hall of Fame stature "I'd just as soo and his face being on television and in newspapers, Harwell finds

"I'd just as soon be ignored as recognized," he said. "If a fan recognizes me, but it's great too if that he has become a bit of a they don't." celebrity that is recognized not so nuch by sight as by sound. "Whenever I start to talk, people recognize me," he said, "They know me more through my voice than looks, Being on billboards and working with Blue Cross,

Blue Shield has added a little bit

to my recognition factor."



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Photo by David Aguita Novi's Justin Cameron looks to the official as he earns a pin in the 171-pound weight

Three grapplers make run at state tourney

TOUGH KVC MEET

It takes a lot of hard work

and dedication to place in the

Kensington Valley Conference

meet — especially with how

strong the field was this year.

The top linisher for the Wildcals this year was A.J.

Morris, who had a great show

ing in the 160-pound division for second place. Earning a

wrestler.

Morris beat Jeff Ponder, 9-6, at

Earning six points through a sold was Andrew Kristofik at

heavyweight. The Wildcats did have three

wrestlers qualify individually for the Regionals, which will be held Saturday at Walled Lake

Eric Hansen took third at the 125-pound division, white Sierra took third at 130. Taking fourth

was Morris, who wrestles at 160.

"I believe all three have a legi-imate chance of qualifying for the state meet." Huss said. "The

the state fucer. This state, the top four at each weight qualify for the state meet in two weeks." Morris is currently boasting a team-best 35-13 record and will no doubt be looking to add to his wire tords them as the low here.

win totals. Hansen, who has been

a stellar grappler all season, has a 31-19 record going into the Regionals. Sierra currently stands at 22-12.

Wrestling for the Regionals

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begins at 10 a.m.

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📕 Hansen Sierra and Morris all have legitimate chances'

By Sam Eggleston The Novi Wildeats wrestling

third-place position this year team can only sit back and won-der what if? What if they would have had a was Eric Hansen, who wrestles Both Jason Sierra and Nick full line-up in the team districts? Lichorobiec took fourth. Sierra What if they would have had just a couple of their five injured wrestles at 130, while Lichorobiec is a 112-pound

starters back? The answers will never be known, but they can be pondered against a near-full line-up prenonetheless sented by the Mustangs, At the 103-pound division, Al-"With all of our starters in the

line-up, I believe we would have won districts," Novi coach Brad won districts," Novi coach Brad Ituss said. Instead, it was Churchill who food home the title. The Wilderts Utility of the title of the fell in the opening round to carning a pin was Justin cross-town rival Northville, 32- Cameron, who topped Dave Cain 30, before the Mustangs went on at 171. to lose a close match to the Jason

So lose a close match to the Chargers. The Wildcats were ob-so-close

SPORTS SHORTS

Adult hockey league	ning in mid-April. Games will consist of three 15-minute run-	season and is for any new and returning U9-U18 teams. For fur
The Novi Ice Arena will hold	ning time periods.	ther information, contact Jeff
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ng, focus on fun and even com-	(KVBSA) will hold a travel	tion is now open at the
telition, and trained scorekeep-	baseball meeting March 2 at 7	Northville Recreation Center.
ers. Teams will play a 10-game	p.m. in the cafeteria of Brighton High School.	Players that sign up before March 1 will receive a \$10.00
schedule (including playoffs), with one game per week begin-	This meeting is for the 2004	discount.



Regional tournament champs

The Mullet Hunters In-Line Hockey Team won the TORHS America Regional Tournament held at High Velocity Sports Center in Canton February. The defending National Champions started with 2 wins on Friday night and held the top seed through Sunday beating all teams in a very tough division, including the Final against Face Dff 8-4. The Mullet Hunters racked up 33 Goals in the 5 Games player against Mission 88, Mission 90, High Top Fade and Face Off. The offense was pow ered by tournament MVP Dustin Gazley and line mates Matt Wooster, Nick Pesant and Kevin Tollison. The Defense was solid all around and the goal tending of Nick Siekirk in the first game and Scott Ozog the balance of the tournament was stellar. "Our team came to play this weekend, and seemed to really have fun playing at home in Canton where some of our players live and go to school. This is the first time we have won a tournament at High Velocity and it was one we won't forget," stated Coach Jay Pesant.

Team Players include: Ryan Lammers-Rockwood; Mike Hargreaves-Hartland; Tom Pashkot-Livonia; Nick Harris-Westland; Kevin Etzel-Northville; Dustin Gazley, Matt Wooster and Scott Ozog-Novi; Brandon Egglesfield, Nick Siekirk, Nick Pesant and Kevin Tollison all from Canton. Head Coach: Jay Pesant; Assistant Coach: Scott Etzel.



The American Cancer Society Relay For Life is coming to Walled Lake on May 22 & 23 for 24 hours of cancer fighting fun, remembrance and celebration.

At this point, losers stay home while winners keep on playing

pushovers. They'll come ready to

some great ones. I fully expect that this regional will prove to be one of the tough-

play and every game should be

est around, and that whoever

escapes will stand a great chance at making a run at the state title. This one is definitely too close to

call, but I'm willing to say that

my guess would be that either Novi or Northville will be the squed representing this regional further down the line.

For those high school lockey faits out there, the seats are there for the taking. Don't miss out on

one of the hardest regional tour

naments to escape from and defi-

intely dou't miss out if Northville

and Novi end up facing off at center ice in the final game --

Sam Legleston is the sport

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Wildcat Kim Zarczynski goes up for a spike in a recent home game for the Novi volleyball team. Zarczynski is a senior on the team and one of the top

players in the Kensington Valley Conference this year.

will be one for the record hooks

Western at 5:30

Is it playoff time already? Though it seems like the sea-son has just flown by for me p.m. Walled Lake Northern and Walled Lake Central will face off in the B game at the same tim, In the C game. Waterford when it comes to hockey this year. I'm sure the players are relieved that all of the time and Kettering will try to top the effort they've spent on the ice is about to count. This time of year Railsplitters of Ynsifauti Luncoln at 7:45 p.m. while the Nov Wildcats will take on a tough Livonia Frankfin squad in the D means one thing — win and you keep playing; lose and you go game with the same start time Neither the Novi Wildcats nor On Wednesday, Abreh 3, the the Northville Mustangs want to end up going home, but one of them will before this regional is winner of the A game will take on the winner of the B game at 5:30 p.m. and the winner of 6 all said and done. will play the D victor at 7:45 The Northville Mustangs are p.ru, The final game, which could easily the favored team in this tournament, but the Novi possibly find the Wildeats and

the Mustangs squaring off for the third time this year, will be Friday. March 5, at 6:30 p.m. Unlike years past, these two Wildcats have beat them once out of two games this year and will be hoping for the chance to do it again. But first, both teams have to get past a slew of talented teams making it to the finals def initely isn't a sure thing. Though the Mustangs are ranked and the This year, the action will start out March 1 at 5:30 p.m. when Wildeats are as dangerous as the A game features the ever, the other teams in this tour

Mustangs taking on the Warriors nument aren't a bunch of **Mustangs**



Can you say Western Division champions? The Northville Mustangs hockey team sure can, The skaters, who are coached

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by Brad O'Neill, clinched the title with a 6-4 win over the Walled Lake Central Vikings February 16. "It's great for the kids and a great achievement," O'Neill said. "It became our goal halfway through the year and we re glad we accomplished it. We didn't get the conference tille, but we didn't give it bu meh aither. The kide miss it by much either. The kids should be proud of what they've done this year." And beating the Vikings was just the cherry on top of the sweet ness that is winning the title. Northville suffered the loss o Max Lenn in a win against the Vikings earlier this year and they were determined to take another victory away from their confer-ence and division focs again this The Mustangs came out and

seored right away as sophonore Derek Mohaesi took assistance from Blake Brattina and Nick Guerro with 3:51 left in the first to take a 1-0 lead. Just about two minutes later, the Vikings - who are exitemely senior heavy this year - came back and tied the game heading into the second period. Northville came out fired up and played some impressive hockey in the second. They kent the

puck deep in the Viking zone and created turnover after turnover on their way to four goals through the Troy Engelland, a senior, scored the second Mustang goal of the night off assists from Guerro and Pat Uetz before

Bratina noched the third with Keegan Malone and Guerro earn-ing the assists for the 3-1 lead. The third goal of the period ame from Malone, who skated in hard on the net and pounded the puck home for the score. Assists were credited to senior Nick Repter and Mohacsi

Did the Movie leave To end the period, the Mustangs took a book from last year's squad Mike Monicciollo

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Preparing for launch

More Sports Shorts

Thursday, February 26, 2004-NOVI NEWS

Recreation center at

Hillside drop-in activities

ior and open volleyball, open

Current activities include sen

Girls spring basketball league

swimming, movies and organ-ized games along with pizza and drinks, which are provided by Northville Parks and Rec. The dates for Kids' Night Out are Feb. 27, March 26 and April The Northville Parks and Ree Department is currently accepting player registration for a new Spring 2004 Girls' Youth basketball Program for students in 9th through 12th 30 from 6-9 p.m. Kids need to bring a bathing suit and towel. Pre-registration required by 5:30 p.m. the day before the grade. Registrations will be processed through March 12th scheduled date. The event is open to kids from Kindergarten to fifth grade and the cost ranges from \$11 to \$21. Call the Rec Center for more infor-mation at (248) 349-0203. or until the league fills and a S10 late fee will be assessed for all registrations after March

The new league will play an eight-game schedule from April 1 through May 27 and practices will begin March 27. Cost for the spring program is \$100 for residents, \$103 for school-district residents and \$110 for non-residents. Adult coaches are needed to

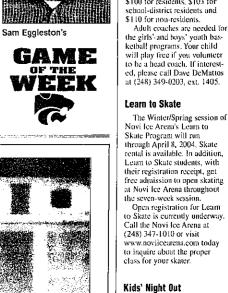
gym, open badminton, table the girls' and boys' youth bas-ketball programs. Your child will play free if you volunteer tennis and lap and open swim. For more information, visit the Northville Parks and Rec webto be a head coach. If interestsite at www.northvilleparksar ed, please call Dave DeMattos drec.org or pick up a schedule at the Rec Center. at (248) 349-0203, ext. 1405. Mustangs host softball

clinic The Northville High School softball program will be spon-soring 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 High School. 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 or through her e-mail Parents: Spend an evening account at out while your kids enjoy calabrje@northville.k12.mi.us.

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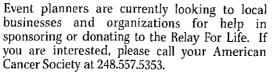


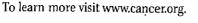






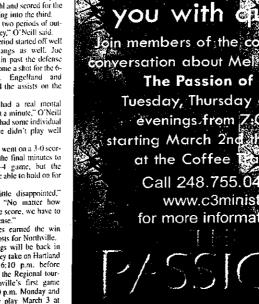
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as Mike Monceollo (ook a pass from Rob Richl and scored for the 5-1 lead heading into the third. "We played two periods of out-standing hockey." O'Neill said. . The third period started off well for the Mustangs as well. Joe Vitale skated in past the defense and clapsed home a skut for the 6and slapped home a shot for the 6advantage. Engelland and Guerro carned the assists on the "Then we had a real mental lapse for about a minute," O'Neill said, "Central had some individual efforts and we didn't play well one on one." The Vikings went on a 3-0 scoring frenzy in the final minutes to make it a 6-4 game, but the Mustangs were able to hold on for the win. "I was a little disappointed." O'Neill said. "No matter how many goals we score, we have to play good defense." Jimmy Gates earned the win between the posts for Northville. The Mustangs will be back in action when they take on Hartland tomorrow at 6:10 p.m. before gearing up for the Regional tour-nament. Northville's first game will be at 5:30 p.m. Monday and could possibly play March 3 at 5:30 p.m. if they win.



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REGIONAL MARKETPLACE

Money Matters

Charitable giving can be rewarding

; Each year, in efforts to help the lgss fortunate, millions of Americans contribute to charities. And those who give are revardled with tax deductions in return for their generosity, reports. The Michigan Association of Certified Public Accountants. Here is what you need to know to make the most of charitable contributions.

The Basics

Tax law permits taxpayers to deduct charitable contributions as itemized deductions, as long as they the made to a non-profit organiza-tion with tax-exempt status. To determine whether your chosen charity qualifies, visit the IRS Web www.irs.ustreas.gov/bus_info/eo/eo

www.hausteas.gov/nbs_introved searchithmi, where you can search by charity name or city and state. If you prefer, you may call 1-800-829-3676 to receive a free copy of Publication 78, Charitable Contributions: A Cumulative List of

Organizations. Because gifts to qualified organizations are tax deductible, your actual cost for the donation is reduced by your tax savings. For example, it you are in the 28-percent tax bracket, the actual cost of a \$100 donation i\$ \$72 (\$100 less the \$28 in tax savings)

Timing, contributions are important

A contribution is deductible in the year you make it. As long as you date your check in 2000 and mail your donation by Dec. 31, 2000, you can deduct your contribution on your tax return for 2000, even if the charity does not receive your check tatil January. Similarly, a contribu-tion made on a credit card before year end is also deductible on your 2000 tax return, even if you don't

2000 tax return, even if you don't inake payment to the credit eard company until the next year. The Jaw allows you to deduct up to 50-percent of your adjusted gross income (AGI) for gifts of cash to most charities. If you give more than 50-percent, the excess may be car-ried forward into the next tax year. Lower finits may analy the contribu-Lower limits may apply to contribu-tions to certain types of organiza-tions or for certain contributions of property.

Donations of property can save more tax dollars

When you donate property that has appreciated in value, you stand to save even more. That's because you get a deduction for the full fair market value of property you have field for longer than one year, and you avoid paying capital gains tax on the appreciated value. The deduc-tion is limited to 30-percent of your

(a) Sumaco to supercent of your AGL Any excess amount may be carried over five years. For example, suppose stock you bought four years ago for \$5,000 is yow worth \$15,000, First, you get a deduction for the full \$15,000 fair market value and, second, you are not taxed on the amoreiation. In not taxed on the appreciation. In effect, you receive a deduction for an amount you never reported as income. For traditional non-cash donations (i.e., clothing or furniture) you can deduct the market value of the gifts -- what you might pay for them in a consignment shop.

Paper trails substantiate donations

For contributions of less than \$250, your canceled check is a sufficient record of payment. However, for contributions of \$250 or more, you will need a written acknowledg-

Miller Media captures life

Advertorial

By Annette Jaworski SPECIAL WRITER

If it has anything to do with video and photography, Richard Miller has probably done it. As owner and founder of Miller Media Vision, LLC, he's captured 20 years waton, Ltc, he is captured 20 years worth of memories with a career spanning from CBS News to children's charm. His background covers everything from NFL sports games, news events, right down to family from right down to family fun.

The New Hudson business offers versatility within a complete range of media services including action and portrait pholography. Miller Media Vision, LLC, covers two

separate areas, one dealing with sports action photography and the other offering traditional portraits. The portraits include all those special family events, like wed-dings, graduations or family portraits, Miller is ready to capture those special moments, giving you memories that will last a lifetime.

"So many people go to a department store or studio and there you have to go by their time and use their studio. Me, I'll go to a park or go to their home. They'll get multiple poses for the same price," he

added. Discounts are available for large packages. Since he works with digital equip-ment, his customers are able to view proofs immediately. Family portraits will make a great Mother's Day or Father's Day gift as well.

Day giff as well. For that special event, the Premium Welding Package is an incredible option where the client receives an engagement photo-session that will be ready the day of the wedding. In addition to a generous package, they also receive a CD slide show of 30 selected photos. Many other combinations are available as well in a variety of price ranges. Miller Media Vision also specializes in

graduation photography for that special senior year. Their flexibility allows them to offer several packages including options for indoor and outdoor combina-tions. He won't hesitate to be creative. For example, a backyard photo shoot or a favorite hobby can be included in the por-

ravorite hobby can be included in the por-trait. "I can pretty much do whatever they want me to do," he said. One local client restored a vintage Mustang with her father and wanted that included in a photo as well as her pet rab-bit. He was happy to cooperate, He's available to photograph the graduation party as well as portain.

avanable to photograph the graduation party as well as portraits. Miller Media Shoot is also equipped to shoot or edit all your video footage. Do you want a highlight tage of a sports sea-son or an individual athlete, or how about a video portrait for anniversaries or grad-uations? They can put it all together for

"We have state-of-the-art equipment but not the state-of-the-art price," said Miller.

Miller. The other portion of his business is called Game Day Action Photos. It's a self-descriptive name of this part of the enterprise that covers sports photography from softhall to snowboarding. A self-pro-fessed "sports fanatic" Miller's back-ground is a true plus when it comes to capturing expert action photography. Bec apturing sports action photography. He's cen around youth and professional sports for 20 years

for 20 years. "It helps when you know what's going on in the gune," he adds. He realizes that annateurs have a diffi-cult time with action or sports photogra-phy. His service can capture those fleeting sport moments with professional results.

focus on enjoying the game without dis-tractions. "A lot of parents really enjoy this because they can actually sit down and watch the game without having to worry about taking photos," said Miller. "I can catch that fleeting moment when they're making the play." making the play." It's been a popular service with the par-

He's found most families would rather

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- Find out exactly what's included in the package so that you won't be surprised hy extra charges
- EGet references from previous customers. Ask about their background and experience
- Find out if they're insured.
- Make a list of photos you want included.

ents of young athletes. He's enthusiastic about working with new clients in the sports area, whether high school or club athletes in the Kensington and Huron Valley area. Just contact him by phone or e-mail to discuss your event. Currently, he is working closely with Hartland and other high schools covering all of their sports. You might also find him or his partner, Edward Wheeler on the sidelines at Hartland Area Youth Athletics Association, Wheeler designs and maintains their website as well.

This collage from Miller Media Vision shows the expertise the company offers. From portraits, to weddings, to sports photography Miller Media Vision offers state-of-the-art photography, video and more.

> While they're working an event, there's no cost or no obligation to stop by. Just come by and say hello, tell them if you're interested in photos. They'll have a banner with Miller Media Vision that will identify them.

> 'Get us your player's number and we'll try our best to get a shot of them in action," said Miller. Pricing and order forms are available on

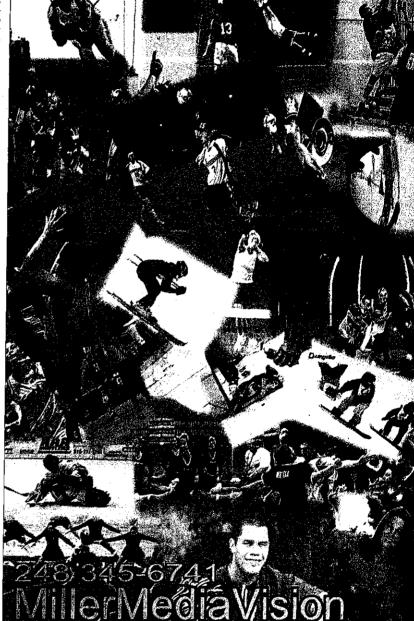
line. Also available are buttons, magnets, magazine covers and CD slide shows to name a few. Look for Richard Miller March 21 at this year's Taste of South Lyon and Business Expo. Contact Rich Miller at Miller Media Vision at (248) 345-6741 or email at millermediavi sion@comcast.net and check out his web site at www.millermediavision.com

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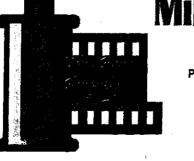
ment from the charity showing the organization's name and address. the date of the contribution, and the amount of your cash contribution or a description of the property you The letter donated. must state whether if you received any goods or services in return for your gift.

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Taxpayers who plan to contribute large sums to charitable organiza-tions should consult a CPA to discuss additional tax-savings strate gies

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