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### Next forum to be held on February 24

By Ramez Khuri AFF WRITER

Parents had mixed reactions to tacuts nan mixed reactions to the possibility of random drug testing among student ahletes during a public forum at Novi High School last week. Curt Ellis, the school's athletic director, held the first of the

director, held the first of two meetings about the proposed ath-

**Random drug tes** letic code of conduct in the high school's auditorium on Thursday. "If the parents say random drug testing is not effective, or it's not the route that they think can be most effective, we may indeed take it out (of the new code of

conduct)," he said. That may be the case, as many of the parents voiced their disap-proval of the random drug testing. One of those was Kathleen Bartlett, mother of junior football player Alex Bartlett, a receiver on the varsity team.

"I understand the issue of random drug testing is still under dis-cussion, but nonetheless, these are



moment prob-ably occurred. **Curt Ellis** I have already addressed (drugs) with my child and I don't think the school needs to address

that

it again." One parent in favor of the

changes is Carol Sprys, whose son Dan is the captain of the varsity wrestling team, a thrower in discus and shot-put in track and an offensive guard/defensive tackle in football.

"Athletics is a privilege, it's not a requirement," she said. "If that's what needs to be done, then do it." Ellis said the two things that

drove him and the committee to review the code of conduct were that they knew it was lacking lan-guage on hazing and also lacking consistent language on conse-quences in a lot of different areas.

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Still swinain' Waltonwood resident Milt Aptekar has been playing his trumpet for decades. For the full story on a group of Novi seniors who are still making music, please turn to page 13A.

## School board filing deadline Tuesday

Two open seats on Novi School Board

By Ramez Khurl STAFF WRITER

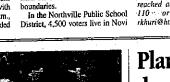
The deadline is looming for those planning on running in this year's Novi Community School

Board of Education election. Two seats will open this year, as board president John Streit and board member John Balagna both publicly announced that they will not be running again. Both of their terms expire June 30. Each board member term is for four years. Individuals interested in running

must file their nominaling petitions and affidavits of identities with Oakland County by 4 p.m., Tuesday, Feb. 8. Materials needed

are available at City of Novi offices The election will be held Tuesday, May 3, a month earlier Tuesday, May 5, a motor carter than in previous years. Instead of the district administering the elec-tion as in the past, Novi City Clerk Maryanne Cornelius now will run it. Cornelius will also be running the Northville and Walled Late school elections in the Novi

Lake school elections in the Novi boundaries. In the Northville Public School



and 118 are in Novi Township. Recently-passed legislation calls for election consolidations and allows for four election dates in a year for school districts – February, May, August or November. Novi chose May.

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## Over 50 gather to discuss concerns with city

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Annual city hall breakfast keeps growing

#### By Pam Fleming STAFF WRITER

Being president of a home-owners association is kind of a thankless job.

thankless job. There's no pay, a lot of responsibility and a big time commitment. But once a year, representa-tives from Novi's neighbor-hoods do receive a small benefit from the city by being invited to the Homeowner Association Leadership Breakfast. This year's event took place last Saturday at the Novi Civic Center,

Cindy Uglow, Neighborhood Services coordinator, said the Jan, 29 breakfast was a tremendous success, with representa-tives from more than 50 home-

owner associations present. After talking with many of the associations' leaders, Uglow said major concerns of Novi homeowners are:

· The city's updated master plan Neighborhood and child

watch programs • An update on the Emerald Ash Borer's effect on city trees • Roads and street replace-

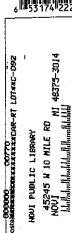
ment Mary Beth Mascari, presi-dent of Wintergreen Park subdi-vision on the south side of Ten Mile Road between Taft and Beck roads, was one of the neighborhood leaders attending the breakfast.

"I feel every year it's a very well-organized celebration of our city and what's going on around us. It's a chance to get

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#### HOMEOWNERS' ISSUES

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- Association Leadership Breakfast at city hall were: The city's updated master
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- watch programs An update on the Emerald Ash Borer's effect on city
- Roads and street replacement



### celebrated in style

Chinese

New Year

#### Residents party at Novi Middle School

#### By Pam Fleming STAFF WRITER

For Americans, New Year's celebrations consist of getting together with friends or family to

together with friends of family to welcome the coming year. This month, the Chinese cele-brate their New Year with their own special traditions. The holiday is based on the Chinese Lunar Calendar, which follows the cycles of the moon.



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The White family, from left: Michael, Martha, Erica, 19 months, Nicole, 4, and Malia, 6, at Sunday's Chinese New Year party at Novi Middle School. Martha enjoys taking Chinese classes at the Michigan New Century Chinese School with Malia and Nicole every Sunday. The couple plans to adopt their fourth child this summer.

The date for New Year's Day is different every year, with the hol-iday falling on Feb. 9 this year. Since this is just around the

corner, members of the Michigan New Century Chinese School

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Consultants see dining, entertainment and recreation

By Pam Fleming STAFF WRITER

Downtowns are as much a part of America as hot dogs

and apple pie. Cities and towns that have them cherish them. And those that don't have one usually want one. Last week, experts assessed

area municipalities that are part of the National Main Street Center program, including Walled Lake.

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Architect: Novi missed boat on downtown planning

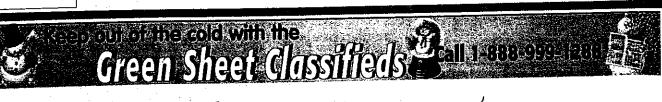
By Pam Fleming STAFF WRITER

About a decade ago, Novi's lead-ers had a vision — to create a



downtown along the north and south sides of Grand River Avenue just east and west of Novi Read. The result as Main Russell Lewis was

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■ Next drug forum slated for February 24 continued from front page Those were the two real rea- works we wanted to go back in and really review the code of conduct to find some alternatives led us to to find some alternatives led us to the first place and then the sub- sequent conversation about trying to find some alternatives led us to the first said that though the major one, it was only part of the new proposed code of con-	rently and to obtain feedback that can shape a final recom- mendation to the board of edu- cation. Ellis said that most of the code of conduct has stayed the same throughout the years. There has always been language in it about attendance and about cumulative or gross misconduct. What the committee has done, however, is make changes that center on the potential of random drug testing and the specificity of penaltics. As far as the purpose of talking about those two issues now, Ellis said it was important to have spe- cific consequences so that there is consistent application across the	<b>EXANDOM</b> The following is the proposed of duct concerning random drug tes To encourage lawful decisions legitimate deterrent for our stude School District will randomly drug from the start of fall practices in A year. Both "In-season" and "out- be tested. Refusal to take a test w and will constitute a violation of the Those student-athletes who test p to regular testing, (at no cost to the calendar year from the date of the to the Athletics Director to cease the	ting: and provide a meaningful and nt-athletes, the Novi Community test student-athletes each week lugust until the end of the school f-season" student-athletes may ill be considered a positive test ne Athletics Code of Conduct. Jositive will be required to submit ne school district) for at least one if positive test and must appeal	student is going to represent his or her school and/ or community ought to adhere to the same stan- dards. "We have so many kids who are involved in multiple activi- athletes who are in plays, some athletes who are in plays, some add on a sports team. It's not just different kids with different expectations: it's the same kids with different expectations. That's something that I think we iced to address." The next scheduled meeting is from 7.8:30 p.m. on Thursday, Auditorium Lecture Hall B.	Annual city hall breakfast keeps growing continued from front page acquainted with leaders of other neighborhoods to discuss con- cerns that involve us all," she said	ye tee Th wa ts: pro yol
duet, which was produced by the athletic code of conduct committee. He said that the pur- pose of the meeting was simply to share information about where the committee is at cur-	athletic department. "There wasn't before, or at least not to the extent that there should have been," Ellis said. "The coaches felt like that really put them in a quandary, and it	wasn't in writing, for sure." The intent of random drug test- ing was that it may be something that could provide a deterrent to kids.	Ellis believes that any kind of code of conduct should be an extracurricular code of conduct, whether random drug testing is involved or not. He said that if a	Ramez Khuri is a staff writer for the Novi News. He can be reached at (248) 349-1700, ext. 110 or by e-mail at rkhuri@ht.homecomm.net.	Mascari snid. Currently, Wintergreen Park residents are working on an entrance beautification project. Mascari said she looks forward to the annual breakfast. "It's a celebration and a chance	thi: jnv her ret Ste
■ Residents party at Novi Middle School continued from front page had their New Year's Party at Novi Middle School on Jan. 30. The school has classes Sunday aftermoons in a rented class- room at Schoolcraft College in Livonia. Zen Chen, a Novi resident for more than 10 years and a volum- ter at the school, said the party included student performances	in the auditorium, games and refreshments. Chinese New Year is a time to offer best wishes for health and prosperity, Chen explained. The IS-day celebration begins on a new moon and ends on a full moon. On the final night of the celebration, a Lantern Festival takes place in which celebrants carry lanterns in a parade, shoot firecrackers and dance. People are encouraged to wear red, a color symbolizing a sumy and bright future. Children also receive dollar bills placed in small red envelopes called hongbao (Tred envelope) in Chinesol deorat-	Chinese zodiac. The entire house should be cleaned before the new year, because one is not supposed to sweep or dust on New Year's Day as this could sweep away	tice family traditions. "Even though 1 haven't been in China for almost half my life, I want to keep the culture alive for my children," she said. Chen has two sons — Anthony Chen, a fifth-grader at Novi Meadows, and Alexander Pan, a second- grader at Deerfield. Hong Qiao (pronounced "chow"), principal of the New Century Chinese School since its inception in January 2000, said the school offers classes in language and culture. including painting, drawing, paper fold- ing and Tai Chi. "We started with 83 students and now have about 300." Qiao	said. He noted that the school has a class for families for American couples who have adopted Chinese children. "They want these children to know something about Chinese culture. We have about eight families where the parents and kids come to the school togeth- er." Qiao said. For more information, visit the Michigan New Century Chinese School's Web site at www.omfes.com/reg/mnccc/ho me. For residents who don't have Internet access, contact Chen at (248) 344-7148.	to network," she said. "It's sort of reward to all of us who assume leadership positions and devote our private time to the subdivisions that we represent. None of these are paid positions." Uglow said she was pleased with the attendance at last week- end's breakfast. "It was a wonderful event. It just keeps getting better and bet- ter. The leaders are so apprecia- tive," she said. Pam Fleming is a staff writer for the Novi News. She can be reached at (248) 349-1700, ext. 105, or by e-thali at pfleming@ht.homecomm.net.	training for the second

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15 MINUTES WITH ... TOM MARCUS

Called "Mr. Novi" by many, Tom Marcus has been volunteering and helping his community for the 41 years he's lived here. Recently, he chatted about getting involved, family and Marcus All Steak Hamburgers.

What do you do? All volungood community is. To live in Novi is to be involved in Novi. teer work

Any title you're known by: Is it a challenge to get oth-They always kidded me that I vas Mr. Novi and all that, and said, no. I think it would ers involved? Over the years l've been able to pick a few people for different things l've robably be the No. 1 Fan. been on that have just done wonderful tobs. I've sort of had a talent for that ... finding p

How long have you been colunteering? We were doing his back in the '60s. We got ple that want to give back, too What's your hest advice? wolved the minute we moved Don't look at what you don't have; look at what you do have

Where'd you work before That goes the same with your health. Give you fellow man a chance. Over the years, I've found that I've learned more by listening to the old-timers. Life etiring? We were Marcus All-teak. That started in 1927 in a railer. They had something like 4 at one time. They catered to nore like the blue-collar type. is basically the same today as it I started out on the one on efferson Avenue when I was was then My favorite saying, I come

up with a few years ago and wo years old. I always kidded, aid I had to do dishes they used it around town, They called them Marcus All steak because they were "We're not here for a long time, we're here for a good round sirloin. They were a time irm hamburger on a hot-dog un. The Livernois place was

Three words to describe he first ones that had a drive you: Very community-minded. I look at the community as a l got a job with the gentlebig family. Personality-v man that owned the first glass shop in Farmington. I belped him. I was his first employee t try to look at the good in people rather than the negative. I'm very positive, I look at the good in people. I was very shy when I moved to Novi. Nobody open up the shop there. Tha was back in 1963. We had Marcus Glass. That was the first glass shop in Novi, tha . That ever believes that.

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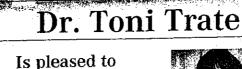
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Person who influenced you we opened in March of 1970 most (and why): My dad and We raised our children in the siness from the time they mother were the same way They were always giving. They were involved back then with the school and things like that, were babies. We grew with the What do you do in a day?

and projects. Dad just always said, "You That's pretty interesting. get more bees with honey." He always said, "Treat people the Different people ask me to do different things, whether it's the city or the hospital. It's usually, "Well, call Tom way you want to be treated." We did that with the business, Marcus. He'll get it for you? too.

Quality you admire most in a person: I look for people like myself that respect other peo-ple. Respect is big, I think. Their integrity. What do you enjoy most about what you do? I told a millionaire one time that 1 wasn't rich with money. I was rich with friends. I think by giving your time, you get so

much back than you give, real ly. There's nothing like it. What's your pet peeve? Just when people are downing peo-ple, hurting other people, I don't like that. You've got to Any drawbacks to volum look at the good in people teering? No. That's what a

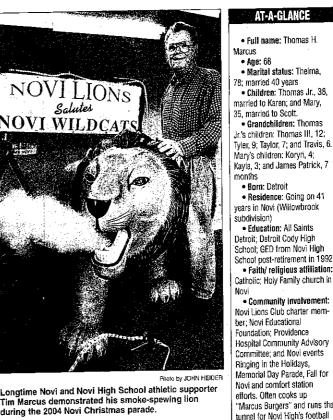


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Tim Marcus demonstrated his smoke-spewing lion during the 2004 Novi Christmas parade

What's your greatest fear? I've never had a fear. I sort of If you could change one thing about yourself, what would it be? Probably my education. Maybe I could help laugh at that because if I had my way I wouldn't even lock my doors. I would probably die from principle. If I saw somepeople a more if I was a little bit smarther t smarter. When it'd come time to do a body peddling drugs, I'd turn 'em in so quick. I think that's what makes a bad community: when people see something and test, I couldn't do it. I could do it verbally. That's why I think I just loved the Novi school system so well. They have special ed and they've got so much don't come forward.

What's your most treasured possession? My family. And going for 'em. What was your first car? A Kaiser Vagabond, h was a '49 or a '51. It was bronze-colored. my friends, which I have many of. Some people say they can count on one hand their friends; well, I could count forever. It looked like a boxear.

the lottery, what would you do? I'd probably be giving it. The first thing I'd probably do is buy my son a van. He needs mey to live, but the money part is not near as import – other than to pay our bills. I wouldn't change anything I was doing. Other than, maybe I

movie? We don't get to the show too often. I think the last show was that we saw was "Saving Private Ryan,"

What do you watch on TV? I sort of stay away from a lot

What are your favorite

books? There was different ones of sayings and stuff like

Guest, some of them had their

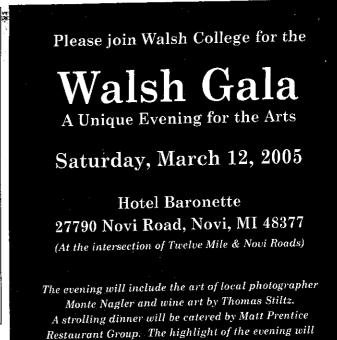
that I always enjoy. Edgar

different little sayings and

What is your favorite

quotes... on people

games.



of the bad news. I have a ten-dency more with the sports and Wheel of Fortune and Jeopardy, things like that. What music do you like? I still like the '50s. I can go back to like the Bing Crosbys and

he Perry Comos and that. I

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like the good beats. What's your favori restaurant or food? I like the old Marcus places. We eat a lot of fish — chicken and lish. When I cook our hamburgers I eat 'em. There's a half a dozer

of us old-timers that meet at the Big Boy on Saturday mornings.

What are your hobbies? certainly still like to do the hamburgers now and then. I go hunting but I don't take the gun out. I set with the younger ones and watch the deer go by. I love the outdoors. I love the woods, I love nature. I respect

the animals. I like the football, definitely and the basketball. My son was in track and football. My daughter was volleyball and softball, We'd never hardly

hissed a game. We're on the field with the football teams. My wife used to be a cheerleader. My daughter nd son were both in band. We

love the whole part of it. If you won \$10 million in

> a vehicle real bad. Then I'd make sure my grandchildren had money for college, school. Then I would probably try to help the older people that can't afford their medicines. We pay so much for them. Some to the city, the schools. the church. You have to have

could do more for people. I'd love that.

Interview by Kim Kovelle



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#### Consultants see dining, entertainment and recreation

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Although it's just in the plan-ning stages, the experts believe that there are great things in store for the future of Walled Lake's downtown district.

At a press conference at Walled Lake City Hall following their report. Nicholas Kalogereis, pre gram associate, National Main Street Center, National Trust for Historic Preservation, and Russell Lewis, principal planner/architect for Oakland County Planning 8 Economic Services, said the lak Road. community has a lot of potential. "I think within the next two

years, you will see substantia estiment and reinvestment in the downtown district. It's just waiting to happen," Lewis said. Walled Lake's downtown includes Walled Lake Drive,

Pontiac Trail from Walled Lake Drive to just east of South Commerce Road and Maple Road from city half to Ladd Road. Kalogereis sees dining, enter-tainment and recreational offer-ings by the lake. He envisions mixed development with busi

boating in rather than driving your car." Lewis added. "During the winter, you could snowmobile in. There could be ice fishing. Let the Development Services Division. in 2000 to help communities revi-talize their traditional commercial lake be the focal point, the gather ing place. There's no place in Oakland County that could accommodate that other than districts.

Architect: Novi missed boat on down-

Street Novi, which has been riddled with landlord/tenant problems in the past, with several businesses pulling out of the development. Russell C. Lewis, principal anner/architect, Oakland planner/architect, Oakland County Planning & Economic Development Services, stud last

leaders made the decision to initiate and develop a Main Street following raditional development patterns. "We worked with them on that project. They wanted a downtown, and they weren't getting a downtown," Lewis said. Novi Town Center was built, but then city leaders said, "Time

out. That's not what we wanted That's when they asked the county for help," he said. Lewis said the balk of the coun y's work with Novi was on the or

its Town Center Project in 1990 "We were requested by city coun-cil to work with them through their Town Center Steering Committee," he said.

The project, in the county's then Planning Division's Community Projects Program, ctually started in late 1989 and



DETAILS Main Street Oakland County Walled Lake is one of 10

communities currently partici-pating the Main Street Oakland County, a downtown revitalizaion program offered by the Dakland County Planning and conomic Development Services Division

Walled Lake's downtown Walled Lake defines its lowntown as Walled Lake Drive, Pontiac Trail from Walled Lake Drive to just east of South Commerce Road and Maple Road from city hall to Ladd

A recent market analysis showed an additional 30,000 square feet of retail in Walled Lake's lakefront district, Lewis

The division established MSOC

was finished in early 1991. Main

Street Oakland County was estab-lished in 2000, and Novi is not a

MSOC community. "It would not and could not

because Novi doesn't get it. They

(city leaders) are not concentrat-ing on what they wanted 10 or 15

years ago. Lewis believes planners and

consultants on staff at the time didn't understand the idea of a centralized downtown area and

how critical that is in creating a focal point of the community

"It's the suburban mentality – build out every mile intersection

and put in pods of luxury, single

family residential neighbor-hoods," said Lewis. "It's surbur-bia-plus. It's a shame, because we

thought we got them started in the

right direction." Traditional downtowns.involve

such aspects as historic, commer-weial and mixed-use structures built

to the sidewalk. "That's where historically you

put your infrastructure, your

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said. Rebert Donohue, Jr., coordinator, Main Street Oakland County, was also involved in the Jan. 24-25 annual assessment. Goals were to recognize accomplishments, advise on downtown revitalization issues and eliminate barriers to achieving goals. Walled Lake is one of 10 com-

nesses on the lower level and homes upstairs. There is the opportunity for munities currently participating the Main Street Oakland County, a downtown revitalization pro-gram offered by the Oakland County Planning and Economic

qualify for the program because Novi has no traditional downtown town planning -- only a few spotty remnants left continued from front page

in what was their original historic commercial core," said Lewis, MSOC is a historic preservation-based downtown revitalization Lewis said county staff spent many months working with a city steering committee to develop a downtown Novi, "Our plan was presented and endorsed by coun-cil. We went home exhausted, and then we never heard from them

week that somewhere along the way city planners lost the vision for a downtown in Novi. The said in the 1980s, Novi city again," Lewissaid. "They had a downtown, and they blew it," Lewis added. "They might as well rename Main Street,

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Courtesy pho This street in the historic lakefront district of Novi's neighbor Walled Lake could be the site of new businesses, restaurants and homes in the near future. The community is in the process of beginning a major downtown revitalization effort with the help of Main Street Oakland County.

process. Walled Lake was chosen plan to get them moving in the name Walled Lake, what do right direction. the name Walled Lake, what do right direction. "But, I think you've made mas-lake. That's the identity of the in MSOC's first application round in September 2000, along with Royal Oak and Rochester. "Some communities take three sive progress," he told the Downtown Development Authority staff, "When we first community. It's the only commu nity in Oakland County where the downtown has direct, immediate lake frontage." years to get all the joints put together and the machinery in place, and then they go gang-busters," said Kalogeresis. "Some came here, nobody told us where downtown was. Now, you're telling us where it is, and you're Pam Fleming is a staff writer for the Novi News. She can be reached at (248) 349-1700, ext. 105, or by e-mail at communities take a little bit excited about it. You guys are an EXAMPLE ready communities revi-talize their traditional commercial districts. communities are selected through a competitive application 19 @ ht.homecomm.net

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be part of the community. You

can't get that at a strip mall."

Street, because Novi doesn't get it.

wanted 10 or 15 years ago."

najor investment as a community.

It doesn't make sense not to main-tain that," said Nicholas P.

Kalogeresis, program associate, National Main Street Center,

National Trust for Historic Preservation, Chicago office "People want a place where

they can go, shop, see people and

Novi has a 'downtown, says Capello

### By Pam Fleming

Kim Capello, Novi resident, attorney, and city council mem-ber, said Tuesday that Novi did not miss the boat when it comes to reating a downtown area. Capello, a member of the Main Street Novi steering committee, said that rather than a traditional downtown, Novi's downtown encompasses several districts. He said this approach has been taken in other communities across the U.S., and that the Grand River Avenue/Novi Road area will become even more of a focal point in Novi in the future. Capello wasn't around for the

development of Town Center, the first section in the four quadrants concept. But, he said, a ring road is still being discussed that would link the four sections of property along Grand River Avenue east and west of Novi Road.

"Are we ever going to have a unique, quaint downtown area? No. Are we going to have four quadrants that simulate a downtown and can be a regional draw to people? Yes," Capello said. He said San Francisco is a great example of a downtown with var-

ious elements. "It's all downtown San Francisco, but every district is dif-ferent and satisfies a different need," he said. "I can see our Main Street area, for example, as a dis-trict where people can bike and walk around."

Novi is creating a workable downtown area. "it's not fair to focus on one street that we called Main Street

and say that because that's not completed that we don't have a downtown," he said. "We didn't blow it when it comes to creating a downtown. We're still continual ly moving forward." Capello said when the new developer shares his thoughts on the rest of vacant land by Main Street, the city already has a com-mittee in place to meet with the developer to see if Novi's ordi-

nances need tweaking. "What we have on the books right now may not be what their plans are. They may have to ask for certain concessions, which

we'll do by ordinance amend-ment," he said. Capello said city, council has Pam Fleming is a staff writer for the Novi News: She can be reached at (248) 349-1700, ext. 105, or by e-mail at capello said city council has also asked the city attorney to look into what it would take to create a

downtown district authority fo the Novi Road/Grand River area.

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# **PUBLIC SAFETY**

Novi police are on the lookout

for three suspects in connection with an armed robbery/home invasion at Thomasville

Apartments early Tuesday mom-

At about 1 a.m. on Feb. 1, Novi

police responded to a 9-1-1 call to the Thomasville Apartments near Eight Mile Road west of

intercom buzzer rang at approxi-

She answered the intercom and

was told by a man that he had car

problems and needed help. The

Meadowbrook Road. A woman was staying at a friend's ground-floor apartment at the complex and stated that the

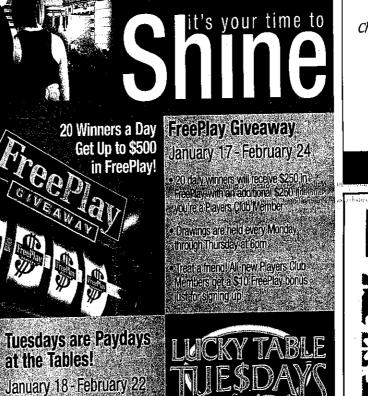
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black ski mask; a black sweatshir mack ski mask; a black sweatshift with white/orange lettering, half-cut gloves with the fingertips exposed, and carrying a small sil-ver hand gun with a white or nearle-ordered gin pearl-colored grip. The incident is under investiga-

tion. Anyone with information regarding this incident can contact Det. Kevin Rhea, Novi Police Department, at (248) 347-0537.

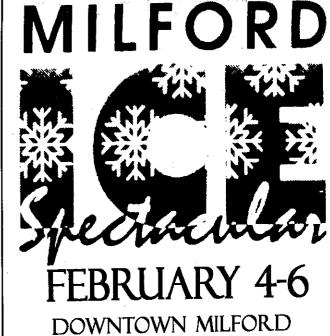


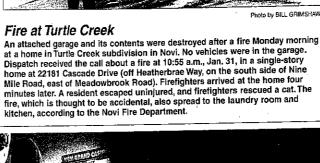


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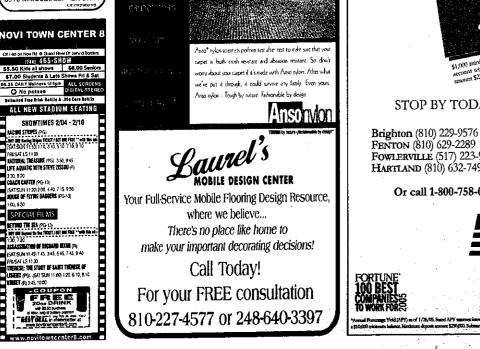




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Armed robbery suspects sought locked the apartment door, kicked the woman and struck her in the head with a small silver handgun with white or pearl-colored grip. The suspects then emptied her purse onto the living room floor and demanded her moncy. The 1 suspects then fled on foot, with the woman sustaining minor 1.33 e the second

njuries. The three suspects in the armed robbery/home invasion are





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Meadowbrook Church Sunday, Feb. 6 - Scout Sunday.
 Worship and Church School are at

Wednesday, Feb. 9 - Ash

The church is located at

Service times will be at 9:30

St. James Catholic Church

beginning at 6:30 p.m. on Saturdays. The church is located at

24505 Meadowbrook Rd.,

lynovi.org.

10 a.m.

7:30 p.m.

Police arrest three in major burglary ring

property

Hills Police Department.

A 42-year-old man was arrest-ed at his home in Roseville for receiving and concealing stolen

Novi police said that over the

More than 40 homes hit in six local

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communities

Area law enforcement officers responsible for more than 40 tome invasions The thefts occurred in Novi. West Bhoonfield, Commerce Township, Franklin, Northville and Farmington Hills in model homes, homes under construction and occupied residences. On Sunday, Jan. 30, members of the South Oakland Narcotics Consortium Intelligence rSONIC) observed three suspeets under investigation move plasma televisions from a home in Farmington Hills, SONIC officers are comprised of officers from West Bloomfield, Farmington Hills, Novi and the who lived in Macomb County Oakland County Sherill's Office. Officers determined that the TVs had been stolen from a home in West Bloomfield Township, All three suspects were surested, and stolen digital. cameras and construction sup-plies were recovered from the ome under surveillance m-Farmington Hills More than \$20,000 in highend appliances were recovered from the second residence in West Bloomfield. In the early morning hours of Tuesday, Feb. 1, members of the SONIC team executed two sepabetween municipalities.

and St. Clair Shores, More than \$50,000 in stolen jewelry, appli-ances and plana televisions were reached at (248) 349-1700, ext. 105, or by e-mail at pflem-ing& ht.homeconum.net.



the "No Turn On Red" sign. The man, who was driving a rented car, said he had rented a hotel Township, Farmington Hills and room in Novi and was driving peets were arrested on Sunday Jan, 30, and Monday, Jan. 31. back to his hotel. After noticing a strong odor of intoxicants coming from the van The Novi Police Department the officer asked the man how has also obtained warrants for home invasion arrests on the three suspects. Two suspects are being charged with eight home much he had had to drink, to which he responded, "Like two heers." A breath test showed a blood invasions apiece and the third suspect is being charged with three home invasions. Through confessions obtained alcohol level in the man of .11 from the suspects, investigators Stop sign snafu were able to locate a portion of the stolen property. The three subjects confessed to investigators that they were selling the stolen items to a man

according to Novi police. "This was a good arrest. As a result of this investigation, sever al other home invasion incidentin the last six months in Novi have been resolved," Conquest 1.r. David Mollov, Novi Police Department said that a minimu of 10 home invasion cases in Novi have been solved as a result

of the three arrests Molloy added that the succes of the investigation was a result of the interagency communication and coordination of efforts

rate search warrants in Roseville Pam Fleming is a staff writer for the Novi News. She can be

recovered in the two raids, cording to the Familington-





Celebrate National Heart Month by taking good care of your heart. A healthy lifestyle is the best way to reduce your risk of heart disease, one of the top causes of death in America. While some risk factors are out of your control - family history, race and gender there are things you can do to be heart healthy today.

- 1. Exercise: Being physically fit helps protect your heart. Physical acitivity and exercise a regular part of your day.
- 2. Reduce stress: Find ways to relax. Try calming activities like yoga, listening to music, even a good laugh. Then take a deep breath and let your grudges go.
- 3. Maintain a healthy weight and eat a balanced diet. Losing even 5 to 10 percent of your body weight can reduce your risk for heart disease.

### POLICE REPORT

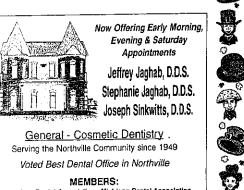
Road.

eyes were bloodshot and glassy. Magic Bag visitor A 32-year-old Chicago man was arrested for operating while ntoxicated at 1:22 a.m. Jan, 28 at When asked, the driver said he had consumed three drinks con sisting of one mixed drink and two beers and that he had eater two beers and that he had eaten earlier in the evening. A breath test revealed a blood Grand River Avenue and Novi An officer was on routine patrol on eastboard Grand River when he saw a white Grand Caravan traveling north on Novi Road turn alcohol level of .11 percent. Gus O'Connors patron right on Grand River at a red light A 30-year-old Walled Lake nst a "No Turn On Red" sign against a "No Turn On Red" sign The driver, who said he was coming from the Magic Bag bar man was arrested for open

while intoxicated at 1:05 a.m. Jan 30 at Novi and Waverly roads. arrested for committing retail fraud at 7:59 p.m. Jan. 29 at Sears in Ferndale, said he did not see Roebuck & Co. on Novi Road at An officer stopped the man Twelve Oaks Mall. when he was recorded on moving radar driving 61 mph in a 35 mph zone on Novi Road near prevention agents at the store saw Sandstone Road. sion try on a jacket in the men's After smelling intoxicants in department and leave the store the vehicle, the officer asked the man where he was coming from and if he had been drinking. without paying for it. When the agent approached the man about the jacket, asking him to take it off, the man refused The man said that he had bee to take it off, the man refu at Gus O'Connors and that he had saying it was his jacket. The agen had three beers. A breath test showed a blood then said that he saw the man take the jacket from the store, at which time the man took off the jacket. alcohol level of .09 percent.

### More than enough

A 38-year-old Novi man was A 28-year-old New Hudson man was arrested for operating while intoxicated at 1:35 a.m. Jan. 28 at the Mobile gas station at arrested for operating while intox-icated at 2:04 a.m. Jan. 28 at Ten Mile and Wixom roads. An officer was on patrol in a 43407 Grand River Ave. An officer was monitoring traf-fic from a stationary position on Main Street east of Novi Road fully marked police vehicle on estbound Ten Mile Road from Beek Road when he saw a darkcolored passenger car in front of him cross onto the double- yello facing west when he saw a tan 2002 Lincoln run a stop sign coming from a private drive onto Main Street. line. He next saw the man drive twice over the white fog line on the right side of the road. The officer stopped the man at While speaking with the man in the gas station and could detect an odor of intoxicants coming from the vehicle and that the driver's the 2001 black Acura, the officer smelled intoxicants and noticed



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ary traffic enforcement at the

ary traffic enforcement at the entrance of Wonderland Plaza when he saw a 1997 red Ford

Explorer traveling west on Grand

River stop for a solid red light, then turn north on Novi Road against a "No Turn On Red" sign.

When the officer approached

the vehicle, he smelled intoxicants

bloodshot. The man told police he

was coming from a friend's house and that he had had a few beers.

A breath test showed a blood alcohol level of .19 percent.

Rings on her finger, in bag

was arrested for retail fraud at

Items stolen and recovered

included an amethyst fashion ring

fashion ring valued at \$9.99 and a marcasite fashion ring valued at

Loss prevention agents at the

store told police that the woman was seen selecting several rings

from displays and concealing

them in her shopping bag. She

also placed a ring on her left ring finger and selected a breelet,

paying for the bracelet, but not the

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valued at \$9,99, a colored stone

Twelve Oaks Mall,

\$35.

Watch for our

upcoming St. Patrick's

word search contest

on March 10, in our

classified section of

HomeTown Newspapers

Green Sheet.

A 24-year-old Oak Park woman

1:43 p.m. Jan. 29 at JC Penneys at

coming from the open window and that the driver's eyes were

that the driver's eyes were watery

and bloodshot. When asked how

He said he had been drinking

a friend's house and that he had

consumed seven drinks. A breath test produced a blood

A 27-year-old Inkster man was

The arrest was made after loss

e man via closed circuit televi-

The recovered stolen jacket was

A 21-year-old Dearborn man

An officer was working station

Novi Road and Crescent

ted for operating while was arrested for operating while intoxicated at 1:40 a.m. Jan. 29 at

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valued at \$84.

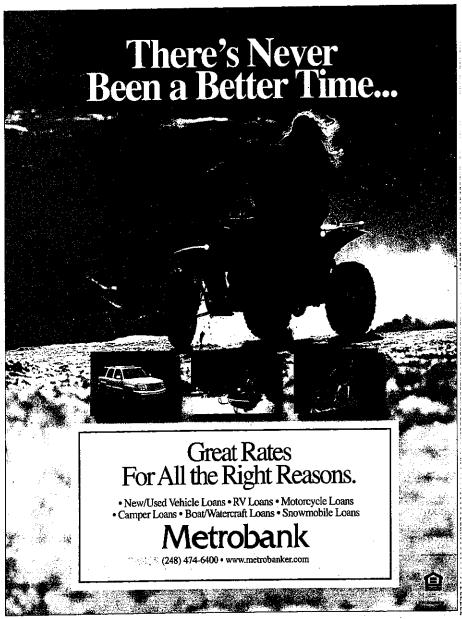
Boulevard.

No Turn On Red

alcohol level of .15 percent

Whose jacket is it?

much he had had to drink, the man replied, "I've had enough.





### YOUR HEALTH - "WARMING UP FOR SKIING"

Scott Eathorne, M.D. cles of the legs and build the PROVIDENCE HOSPITAL ATHLETIC MEDICINE muscles of the thigh and but-tocks. These often include leg presses, squats and lunges. The snow skiing season is in Cross-country skiing requires full swing here in Michigan. A little preparation can make it easier to have fun on the slopes acrobic fitness. It is also essentia for you to begin your exercise program as soon as possible. Walking, running, biking and and on the trails. Because your body is the most important piece of equipment you will use this winter, the following tips will swimming are all good ways to prepare for cross-country skiing. Most activities should be done at a brisk pace, but still allow you help you to get into mid-season to have a conversation. Downhill skiing requires quickness, agility and strength. If you're not already exercising reg-Strengthening the upper body with resistance training (weight lifting) will help especially if you utarly, you should consider start-ing before you hit the slopes. Common programs for downhill use the skating technique. Preparing for the elements will ensure that your ski outing will be an enjoyable one. Using the skiing incorporate both aerobic conditioning and strength trainlayering technique will allow yo ng. Most exercises will use musto adjust to changing activity and

#### Take care of your feet, you only get one pair

By tracking all over Michigan in the WalkingWorks fitness walks, I've realized that foot care is part of a satisfying life which includes independence and mobility. Problems with our feet

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to take care of our feet. To keep your feet healthy, here are just a few



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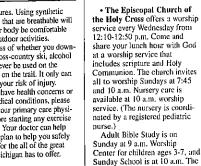
Dr. Scott Eathorne specializes in family practice and sports medicine physician at Providence Hospital. He can be reached at (248) 865-4030.

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lonannaggg gone. Ernie Harwell, "the voice of the Detroit Tigers" for more than four decades, retired after 55 years behind a major league microphone. Today, at age 87, Ernie's days are filled with serving as a health and fitness advocate for Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan and Blue Care

cross thue stneig of Michigan and Bile Care Network, public appearances, writing, traveling and taking long wolks with "Miss Lulu," his wife of more than 60 years. His latest book, a collection of his baseball columns tiled "Life After Baseball," is available at local bookstores or by calling 1-800-245-5082. 39830 Grand River Ave., Ste. B1-C (west of Haggerty). Phone



service. (The nursery is of nated by a registered pediatric nurse.) Adult Bible Study is on Sunday at 9 a.m. Worship Center for children ages 3-7, and Sunday School is at 10 a.m. The Rev. Karen Henry is pastor and priest in charge. The Rev. John W. Henry II is assistant priest. Worship Service of Compline is held at 8:30 p.m. Rite 13

(ages 11-14) and J2A (ages 14 and up) groups meet at 5 p.m. for their program and dinner. p.m. Youth Worship Service is held the second and fourth iday of every month; all are welcome. Episcopal Church of the Holy Cross has moved to 40700 W. Ten Mile (between Meadowbrook and Haggerty roads), Novi. Phone (248) 427-

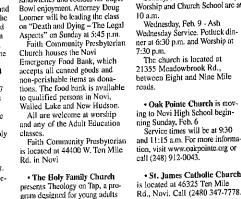
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Alpha courses running all over the world. Check out the Alpha Course Web site at www.alpha.com. Program Novi Feb. 14, "Relationships includes workbook and light upper. There is no fee. CMC offices are located at

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Presbyterian Church invite

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a.m. service. The deacons will b

offering a worship service, with

facility on 10 Mile at 2 p.m., Sunday, Feb. 6. The Mid-High

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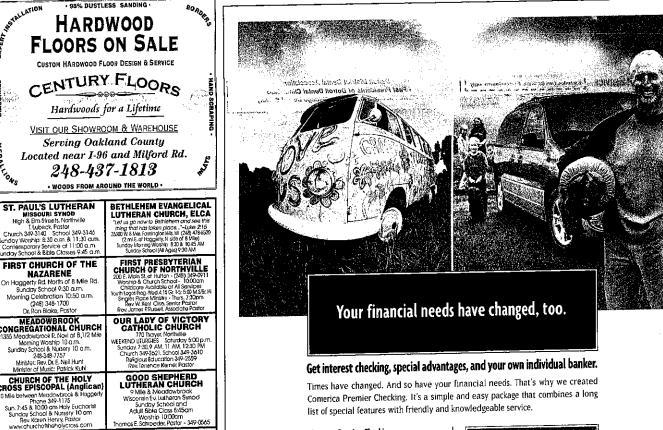
ion, at the Whitehall

Thursday, 9 a.m.-2 p.m.

is located at 46325 Ten Mile Rd., Novi. Call (2480 347-7778. (but all are welcome), at Gus O'Connor's, on the corner of Grand River and Market Street in First United Methodist Church of Northville presents a communitywide healing service with prayers for healing of body, Novi from 7:30 - 9:30 p.m. on the following Mondays: Feb. 7, "Tsunamis, Disease, Hurricanes: Why Do innocent mind, relationship and spirit on

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# **BUSINESS**

## Credit union expanding its community

Hometown looks to new office, attornev and safety in '05

#### By Kim Kovelle

After a name change and a year of searching, Hometown Community Credit Union is spreading its wings. Located in Novi for seven years, it will soon have a Livonia branch, plus new services and

safety precautions. Thanks to a charter granted by the state in late 2003, financial services are now available to 26 Oakland and Wayne county comnunities

"We used to get actually traffic walking into our office, before we expanded, from Farmington Hills," said marketing director Jeanette Assal of Novi, We're starting to get more members from our neighboring cities." But, she said, the credit union still prides itself on a one-on-one approach

#### On the same track

Originally developed in 1937 to serve CSX Railroad employees in Marquette, the credit union moved to Novi in 1997. Mike Thomson, CEO, said

since the chartering, Bornetown ook care in expanding. "We know we need to grow to compete, but at the same time we don't want to lose that smallestate organization attitude or feeling, said.

be said. "We weren't going to go ona and just spend a lot of the dol-hars needlessly. Now we're mak-ing a concerted effort." Formerly known as the Novi Commerly known as the Novi Community Credit Union, the federally-insured group's servic-

es run from certificates of deposit and mortgages to a variety of accounts and pension plans. Three days a week, attorney

members by appointment. "Always in the past, you've had apply for that privilege, Thomson said. "We figured if you belong to the organization, you



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Novi Hometown Community Credit Union employee Jeanette Assaf, left, talks to member Rita Dieter about benefits of belonging to the credit union on a recent Friday afternoon.

the phone and call the attorney." At a fee of about \$100 an hour "You're going to start seeing more and more of that because of fraud. It's one of the biggest - up to 50 percent less than typical fees. Thomson said — Harroun also helps with legal matters from divorce to real things we have to deal with." Tellers will access the comput ers by fingerprint identification After a minute of inactivity, the "Our business is to provide the computer will shut down. Currently, there are 12 full avenue of the service," Thomson time and nine part-time workers. Thomson said three new employces will be brought on to help a Safety and service the new location Hometown also has an eye on

Services including no-annual-fee Visa eredit cards also are being offered. Assaf said. other new services --- and bat tling identity fraud, Topping the list is a new com-"We do handle our customer poter system that will include digital photos of members and from A to Z." she said, "That's what we pride on doing. We still know their first names."

Grand Rapids. Though there's an eye on Expanding to Milford next, Thomson said keeping the tagline Old-fashioned values with high-

a continued anniversary cele-"We try to make everybody happy," Erica said. "We don't high-pressure sell. We do our best. We don't disappoint any-Photo by JOHN HEIDER HOMETOWN CREDIT (248) 344-8226.

#### · What: Novi's Hometown Credit Union is expanding its locations and programs to include a new Livonia branch, attorney services and anti-fraud computer system When: Livonia office and computer updates are due by April; attorney services available now Where: Novi locations are at 43350 Arena Drive and 42250 Grand River Ave. Contact: (248) 449-6227; (248) 465-1370

 Hours: The credit union's lobby is open 9 a.m.-5 p.m., Monday, Jesday and Thursday; 9 a.m.-1 p.m., Wednesday; 9 a.m.-7 p.m. riday; and 9 a.m.-1 p.m., Saturday. The drive-thru is open 8 a.m.-6 p.m., Monday-Thursday; 8 a.m.-7 p.m. Friday; and 8 a.m.-2 p.m., Saturday.

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tech services" alive is a priority. Community involvement, including Noviessian Rotary, me," Assaf said, "It's the people helping people.

tem. Petland, Inc., ranked 1867 in Franchise Time's #Top 2003 continued on next page

vi Jewelers is located at 43155 Market St., Ste. 205 For more information, call Petland grabs top ranking Along with its parent com-pany, Petland of Novi recently earned top honors from Entrepreneur Magazine. Among Petland's top fran chised stores, Novi's locale carned a No. I ranking in the magazine's pet store category Overall, it took 248th place or

500.

**BUSINESS BRIEFS** 

Novi Jewelers turns 5

After five years on Novi':

Market Street, Novi Jewelers is

celebrating with a sale. Husband-wife team Vatche

and Erica Nadiarian first start-

ed selling their bracelets, rings, necklaces, watches and neck-laces on Dec. 10, 1999.

"We sell a lot of diamond and a lot of colored stones,'

Erica said. "My husband is

specialized in designing and

this business for a very long

After immigrating from Syria about 16 years ago, the

couple first owned a shop in

include class rings, body jewel ry and Swarovski Crystal fash-

ioned into figurines and jewel-

Other offerings include cus

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omplementary gift wrapping. From now until Feb. 14, all

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#### www.rockwellmed.con of 500 stores worldwide in the 2005 Entrepreneur Franchise "It's an honor to be recog-nized as a leader in pet care," said Bob Thorne, president. Criteria included financial strength, stability, growth rate-and size of the fratchise system

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For more information, call (248) 449-7340.

photos are included The program, which aims to connect residents with local real

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Web sites and personal marketin

ecialists. For more information, visit

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The Michigan Business

Activity Index, compiled by

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wo points in December, closing

A year earlier, the index was

114 and, discounting inflation, it's down 2.2 percent from this time

last year. "With reduced production

schedules in the second half of

2004. Michigan's automotive see

July, in contrast with the acceler

tion in the same period of 2003

following the national tax cuts,

said David Littmann, the bank's

retiring chief economist. The index represents 10 differ

ent measures of Michigan eco-

Retail expects slow '05 start

After a mediocre holiday sale

season, Michigan retailers are pro jecting a slow start for this year,

A little more than one-third of

according to the Michigan

Retailers Association's retail

retailers expect increased sales

through March, according to the

index. Average holiday sales growth was just under 1 percent, less than a 7-percent prediction

In 2004 in general, average growth was 2.5 percent. About 37 percent of retailers believe sales will increase for January-March

over the same period last year.

**Tower Automotive files** 

for Chapter 11 bankruptcy Wednesday with the U.S.

Tower Automotive Inc. filed

Chapter 11

made back in September.

nomic activity.

shifted into lower gear after

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Toilet brush has 'wacky

A toilet brush warning that

read, "Do Not Use for Personal

Hygiene" recently won top prize in a contest hosted by the Novi-based Michigan Lawsuit Abuse

Watch group. The Eighth Annual Wacky

Warning Label Contest, hosted by the consumer watchdog group, gave three awards. Netting the

\$500 top prize was Ed Gyetvai of

An Illinois participant won \$250 for spotting "This product moves when used" on a children's

cooter. In third place was a South

Carolina woman, who found a tag reading: "Once used rectally, the

thermometer should not be used

orally." Winners were picked by listen-

ourpose of the contest is to revea

ow concern over lawsuits have

created a need for common sense

To enter the Wacky Warning

Label Contest, call (888) 321-

www.wackywamings.com.

Rockwell conference call

Wixom's Rockwell Medical

it will host a conference call at 11

fourth quarter and year-end results

and said it intends to release its

results before the market opens

that day. Rob Chioini, Chairma and CEO, and Thomas Klema,

CFO, will review results and

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answer investor questions. To participate, call (888) 896-

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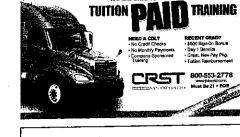
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## DirectBuy helps families save

#### Novi resident named general manager

If you're a homeowner looking

By Pam Fleming STAFF WRITER

tec. Since noneowners spend an average of \$8,900 to furnish or decorate their new home during the first year, according to the Oakland Business Review, becoming a member of DirectBuy o save a buck or two, DirectBuy in Farmington Hills may be just for you. Located at 23973 Research could be well worth their time and Located at 23973 Research Drive south of Ten Mile Road just cast of Haggerty Road, at DirectBuy you can buy like the purchasing insiders do at the same prices the stores pay. Tony Musu just became the store's new general manager late Randy D'Amore of Farmington Hills owns the Farmington Hills franchise with his wife, Deirdre. D'Amore also has ties to Novi, as he will serve as president of the Novi Rolary Club in 2005-2006. store's new general manager late last year. Musu, formerly vice D'Amore started working fo president of Hometown Community Credit Union for 20 DirectBuy right out of college and never left the company. He and his wife pur-chased the local years, is a mem-ber of the Novi Rotary and just Club franchise "We deal in high-1986 and had fin the first show ished a term on the Board of end merchandise room room in the Metro Detroi Directors of the Novi Chamber - everything from arca. of Commerce. "I'm still now has four cabinets and very active in Novi and plan on doing lots of charity work in flooring to other stores are in appliances. Clinton Township, Rochester furniture and the community," Musu said. DirectBuy offers thouand Brighton everything else in If you are remodeling your home or building a new between.' sands of products for the home from hun-dreds of brand-Tony Musu one, you can purchase all of General Manager, DirectBuy of the equipment you need at DirectBuy. The name manufac-Farmington Hills turers at cost. The company, The company, founded in 1971 by James L. Gagan in Merrillville, Ind., is now America's No. I way to buy direct, said Musu. With the stoggan, "No retail With the stoggan, "No retail D'Amore said the company markun po middle men, no kid-Statted alvertising in June 2003, with the stogan, "No retain markup, no middle men, no kid-ding," DirectBuy's mission is to nilies save money, accordsome explosive growth. It has members, ing to Musu. Solutely phenomenal. We deal in high-end merchan-



ursday, February 3, 2005-NOVI NEWS 9/

Photo by CAL STONE Randy D'Amore, left, owner of the DirectBuy franchise in Farmington Hills, and Tony Musu, the new general man-ager, say the business' mission is to save families which money. Musu, a member of the Novi Rotary Club who three just finished a term on the Novi Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors, joined the company late last year. D'Amore will serve as president of the club in 2005-06. Hills

> only one who does what we do the of 100 showrooms throughout the way that we do it at the scale that we're at," D'Amore said. United States and Canada," The No. 1 store is in Brooklyn, N.Y. "Aimost all of our growth up to that time was from word-of-mouth. We have some very satis-Open seven days a week, hour at the Farmington Hills' show-room are 10 a.m.-9 p.m. Monday through Friday; 10 a.m.-5 p.m. fied members. We were the No. 1 store as far as member retention," he said. Before the advertising blitz, Saturday; and noon-5 p.m Sunday For more information about DirectBuy, call (248) 476-2980, Ext. 109 or visit "We were the best-kept secret in

Farmington Hills," D'Amore said. Members can also shop for jew-elry, electronics and sporting Ext. www.directbuy.com. Pam Fleming is a staff write equipment at DirectBuy. Currently, the Farmington Hills franchise has more than 4,000 for the Novi News. She can be reached at (248) 349-1700, ext. 105, or by e-mail at

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# COMMUNITY

## Children's program coming to Twelve Oaks

Brighton couple creates motivational life skills show

By Pam Fleming

Parents and children are invited to a unique event Tuesday, Feb. 15 at Twelve Oaks Mall, when the creators of Kids Coins Productions, Inc., bring a free

& day spa

nationally," said co-owner Janet LaCroix of Brighton, LaCroix Nits Coins Productions, new to be working with children, about their feel-ings, how to be good and pro-vide career education in chil-ne, with he husband and busi-Lithink Have a knack for underowns Kids Coins Productions, Inc., with her husband and busi-ness partner, Gary LaCroix, standing and dealing with

y LaCroix. standing and dealing with "We have a them." LaCroix said staff from the that encom-passes all Development have expressed an aspects of interest in the Kids Coins pro-child devel-opment." she LaCroix said and carrying our products." LaCroix she said. Said that she a schedt back a she carrying our products." She said. Said that she said that she Said. Said that she Said. Said that she Said. Said that she Said. Sa

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# IFESTYLES

#### IN THE SERVICE WEDDING

Navy Seaman Apprentice Beth M. Walker, daughter of Kathi M. and Robert J. Walker of Novi, recently graduated from Operations Specialist School. During the course at Training Support Center Hampton Roads, Virginia Beach, Va., Walker learned to operate surveillance and search radars, recognize and identify electronic signals, control aircraft approach devices and operate electronic naviga-tion systems. The curriculum is

Mr. and Mrs. Troy Paddock

Novi High School and joined the Navy in June 2004. Courtney Deana Epplett and Troy Nelson Paddock were married June 19, 2004, in Saginaw, Mich, with Rev. Roger Reckling officiating the Air Force Airman Sean R. Foster has graduated from basic military training at Lackland Air Force Base, ceremony. The bride is the daughter of

San Antonio, Carolyn Epplett and the late Paul Epplett and the late Paul Epplett of Saginaw. She graduated from high school in Saginaw and is a graduate of Michigan State University. She Texas. During the six weeks of training, the airman studis currently employed at Accounting Association. The groom is the son of AnneMarie and Wayne Paddock of Novi. He is a Novi ied the Air Force mission, organization. and

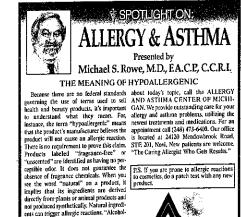
toms and courtesies; performed High School graduate and is attending a graduate program at Ohio State University. He is drill and ceremony marches, and received physical training, rifle marksmanship, field training exercises, and special training in also employed by Ohio State University. The maid of honor was the human relations. In addition, airmen who combride's sister, Nicole Epplett, plete basic training earn credits toward an associate degree through the Community College of the Air Force. and Andrea Pastor was a brides-

and Andrea Pastor was a brides-maid. Serving as best man was Travis Paddock, the groom's brother. Christopher Epplett, the bride's brother, was a groomsman. The couple honeymooned at Puma Crana Dominican He is the son of Sheryl Foster of Felske Drive, Brighton and Stephen Foster of Pondview,

Foster is a 2004 graduate of Brighton High School. Punta Cana Dominican Republic and will make their home in Columbus, Ohio.



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rotates among the three Board members. Lozano is a Clarkston-area

realtor and has served on the

boards of directors of the Dakland County Chamber of Commerce and the North Oakland County Builders Association, He is a past presi-

dent of the North Oakland County Board of Realtors and currently serves on the Guest House Board of Directors and

Great Lakes Bancorp Board of

Directors. He was first appointed to the

RCOC Board on Sept. 13, 1991.

He previously served as Board chairman in 1993, 1994, 1995, 1996, 1999 and 2000.

RCOC Board member Larry

Road Commissioner Skarritt was first appointed to the RCOC Board in 1996 to fill a partial

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Auschwitz, prior to attending ceremonies observing the 60th anniversary of the liberation of the former Nazi death camp, Jan. 27.

Improvement and Wixom areas and Highland served on the Milford Village Oakland County and Rose townships. He also Council for two terms. the Traffic Improvement Association of Oakland County and serves on the Policy and



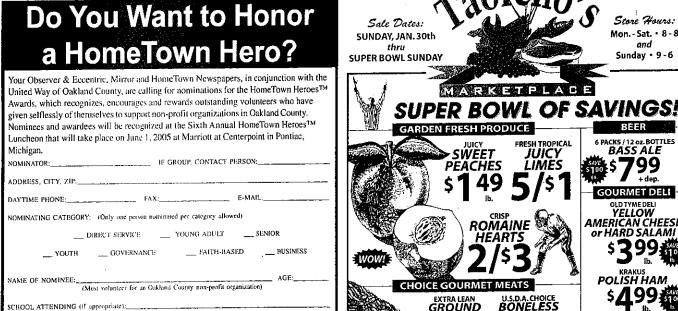


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Feb. 15 at Twelve Oaks Mall, when the creators of Kids Comproductions, Inc., bring a free vert will take place at 9:30 a.m., near the mall's food a.m., near the mall's food a.m., near the mall's food with "This is a new company, we're just hreaking ground".
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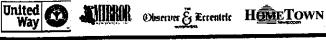
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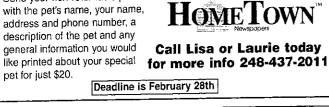
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9 a.m. Stretch & Strength 10 a.m. Body Recall - new sessions 11:30 a.m. Goodie Lady noon Lunch 12:30 p.m. Pinochle* 1-3 p.m. Healing Touch 1-3 p.m. Clogging*	1:30-2:30 p.mSing-a-long with George and Caroline     Thursday 2/10     9 a.m. Line Dance*     10 a.m2 p.m. Income taxes by appointment only     10 a.m. Computer-beginner Class     noon Lunch
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11 a.m.         "Memory" -Sharon T.           1000         Lunch           12:30 p.m.         Bingo           12:30 p.m.         Focus Hope Distribution	Activities designated with an "*" will be held at the Novi Civic Center. The Senior Center is located at 25075 Meadowbrook. Call (248) 347-0414.

12:30-2:30 p.m. Focus Hope Distribution 1-3 p.m. Computer-Intermediate Class



Wednesday 2/9

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#### SENIOR BRIEFS

Seniors give blood

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Novi's Fox Run is honoring

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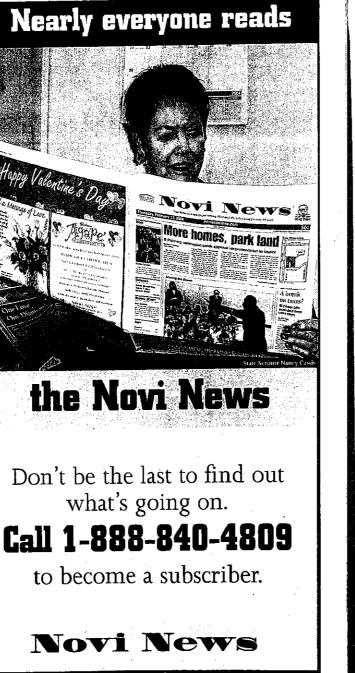
general services director Judith with Erickson retirement comm DeMarco of Romulus. Senior citizens at the Erickson Fox Run retirement community in Novi recently donated blood to the nity one-four years as of this Those at the one-year point were dining service wait stall members Mark Butler of The fourth year celebrant was Heather Krason, human resources generalist of Lathrup Village, Commerce Township and Bryan Dashort and Bryan Cremeens, while purchasing coordinator Tayetta Barwick of Orchard Lake both of Novi, Communications specialist Mary Garwood of reached the three-year mark. Two-year anniversaries included event Julie lanni of Farmington Bloomfield Hills and housekeepe Todorka Voynova of Wixom also reached one year. Hills, human resource director Sharon Mena of Belleville and



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Ruth Gootkin sings a tune from "Music Man" in her Fox Run home. Gootkin regularly sings at the Novi senior community on Thirteen Mile Road.

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George and Caroline Giese were raised in song. "According to my mother, in disc jockeys for seniors. Dick plays his sax, while George kindergarten, I was always singing," Gootkin said, "I was just a joyful singer. Every week and Caroline get seniors singing. Grounded in an era dominated by jazz, big band and vocal groups, these five are among Novi's senior citizens still bringthere were two or three new songs, Everybody knew them, "Wherever you went, people were dancing and singing. It was ing their musical talents to the Though they've never per-formed together, each in the quin-tet says they've found joy and an fabulous." In Newton, Mass., Gootkin said

inspiration ran from Broadway to pop tunes. Violin was her adolesoutlet in music - whether performing for a crowd or with the cent love, but singing persisted, starting with solos as a 12-year-old concertmistress. A variety of choral groups fol-

lowed, most currently at her Fox The glimmering gold of the horn lured Dick Cywinski and Milt Aptekar in grade school After a short clarinet stint. Run home. Run home. George Giese, 79, who accom-panies wife Caroline at Novi's ... Senior Center for their monthly sing-alongs, began singing at Detroit's St. James Lutheran

Cywinski inherited a 1939 Parisiari alto saxophone from his older brother at age 11 while Detroit as a child, He took piano lessons for about two years. "I enjoyed it so much 1 just attending Dearborn's Woodworth Elementary School. Now 80, Cywinski packs up the same horn every Wednesday evening to practice at the Maple kept playing plano all the time. George laughed. "I like jazz and all different kinds of styles of music. Singing - it just gives me Wood Center in Garden City with enjoyment.

17 gents, mostly seniors. They're called the Big Band Express. "It was a big instrument for me Alto-voiced Caroline, 90, said her childhood Taylorville, III. home was a musical magnet for at that age," Cywinski recalled, "I just liked the saxophone sound. I sort of grew up with that era of neighborhood kids. "Mom used to play the piano

and my dad used to dance," Caroline said, "He used to jig. My friends would come over and music — big bands." For retired teacher Aptekar, trumpet caught his car 80 years ago at Custer Elementary School in Dates? they would say ... 'Let's get your dad to dance!' There was music "I like the sound of the horn," all along through my life, same a said Aptekar, 89. "I think it has a George.' George, who screnaded family very warm sound. It's like

and friends barbershop-quartet style, recently recorded a CD of love songs for Caroline. Both par ticipate in Novi Theatres' senior singing." It wasn't until he met Gene Fenby in 1935 that a group evolved. Playing for auto execu-tives and introducing the likes of Luciano Pavarotti and Bob Hope

For all three, training was picked up. Gootkin found tips on NBC's The Late Show to use her until Fenby's recent death, the "singing schoolteachers" were known as the Fenby-Carr diaphragm to project. "I was watching Johnny Carson one night and they had a voice teacher," she said. "She talked "We played all the country

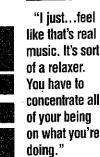
about the correct way to breathe

clubs in the area. We were mainly an entertaining or listening kind of group," said Aptekar. Their singing satisfaction comes in small packages. Caroline sees it in the happy faces hildren, bi while Aptekar taught high school jazz and played Detroit's London of seniors during sing-alongs. "You know they're enjoying themselves," she said. "We get more out of it, I think, than we Chophouse, Cywinski took a break from sax to parent and work as a Ford engineer. Today, Cywinski plays occa-sional weddings and festivals. give. To make (them) so happy for an hour or two is really, really mething." And Gootkin, who croons a Antekar directs choir and disc jockeys themed music CD nights at his Waltonwood home — where he has a practice room for few lines to newly-met faces, added that there's a certain fun to him and his trumpet. "When you like to sing, every-thing sounds like a song," Gootkin said. "I sing everywhere. With Big Band Express. Cywinski keeps swing-style tunes "I just...feel like that's real Nobody has the nerve to do it. It's r just. Her inte that s feat music," he said. "It's sort of a relaxer. You have to concentrate all of your being on what you're doing. I really think it's a lot of fun." a very 'up' hobby." Kim Kovelle is a staff writer for the Novi News. She can be reached at (248) 349-1700, est. 107 or kkovelle@ht.homecomm.net. They hail from three different states, but Ruth Gootkin and

LEFT and BELOW: Novi resident Dick Cywinski plays his tenor

a fun sing-along practice at the Novi Senior Center on a recen





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#### SING-ALONG

• What: Sing-A-Long with Geroge and Caroline Giese, featuring old classics • When: Second Wednesday of every month; next is Feb. 9 Time: 1:30-2:30 p.m.
 Where: Novi Senior Center, 25075 Meadowbrook Road, on the west side of the road between Ten Mile Road and Grand River

• Call: (248) 347-0414





ABOVE: A group of people enjoy a sing-along at the Novi Senior Center hosted by George and Caroline Giese.



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## **ROADS:** Developers need to 'show us the money'

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those," Bair said. He called it a 'worst first'

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lars worth of new projects out there that the committee hasn't

The committee reviews proj-

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to reduce traffic con-

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has taken steps to

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Oakland County

repairs by calling upon local community

and business leaders

to step up to the plate

and help close the gap between road repairs

and federal funding. A member of the MDOT staff

presented an idea recently that other communities have initiated --- having developers help foot

the bill for local road repairs.

After all, developers have

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Michigan's cities to stop relying

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the area need to look at taking

more responsibility in helping fund road projects on both city and county roads. And city leaders need to take a

hard look at area developers' role

yet even considered, he said.

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If you ask anyone who lives in Novi, or anywhere in Oakland County for that matter, what is the most pressing issue facing their community, chances are the condition of our roads would top

the list. Because of the freeze-thaw evele that affects states like Michigan, road repairs are a con-stant battle. On Feb. 2, the Funding

Committee of th Oakland County Federal Aid Task Force met at Rochester Hills City Hall to sort through the \$60 million worth of 57 road projects con peting for federal funding. Members of the

task force have to determine which communities will receive the scant Pam Fleming \$21.7 million avail-

able for roads. The 13-member committee includes 10 representatives from Oakland County's cities, villages and townships, two member in the Read Commission for Oakland County, one representa-tive from SMART and one representative from the Michigan Department of Transportation. The committee meets each February to select projects that will receive federal road funds in three years. This year, it picks projects to be funded in 2008. The problem is that no matter

how you slice the pie, somebody as going away hungry. We are again facing the situation where the road needs vastly surpass the available funding." said Brent Bair, RCOC managing director. He noted that the \$60 million worth of projects compet-ing for less than \$25 million in federal funds is just the tip of the

in contributing to road projects so important to the quality of life in southeast Michigan. iccherg. The \$60 million worth of proj eets doesn't even include all of the projects submitted. Pam Fleming is a staff writer for the Novi News. She can be reached at (248) 349-1700, ext. We are just now getting to the construction phase of projects 405, or by e-mail at pfleming@ht.homecomm.net. that were submitted three, four or

GOVERNMENT

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

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**OPINION** 

## LETTERS

To the Speaker on sprawl

In a recent Detroit News/Free Press article, State Representative Craig DeRoche defined himself as a representative for sprawl. Mr. Benche, in all due respect to sparn and would benefit yourself along with those that you represent that you clarify your statethat you represent that you mouth. Understand that sprawl can contain many negative connotations when dealing with issues such as traffic congestion and man-aged growth in relation to the survival of our natural environment.

As an avid supporter of Michigan's great outdoors, I am asking for you to take into account all possible scenarios that could become affected by your ambitious agenda for growth within our region. Take into con-sideration the effect on our local and region-al watersheds, which in turn will affect the region's vast water sources. As the domino falls, any unmanaged sprawl will affect the quality of our water and, in turn, our ability to enjoy these resources through such activities as swimming and fishing.

We should all he committed to the future of this state and its children, and as our rep-resentative, this task should weigh heavily on your shoulders. I state this in line with a comment you made during your time as a city council member for the City of Novi. The subject matter pertained to the conce over the West Nile Virus and how best to combat the local mosquite population. You stated quite frankly that your preference would have been to simply fill all the wet-lands with dirt and therefore eliminate the problem. Mr. DeRoche, I found this comment quite comical at first and then some-what saddening considering the source. Lagree we have an issue of gridlock in this region, but as a responsible and educated cit-izen I ask you to make your decisions based

on logic and facts, not on a preset agenda established by your party affiliation or you political aspirations R.J. Wolf

Stop rezoning request Almost stealthily, on a dark cold January

night, a land speculator brought a petition to the Novi Planning Commission requesting a rezoning of the southwest corner of Beck Road and Ten Mile Road from R-1, Single to fixing our roads. Money raised in Oakland County will stay in Oakland County. Developers in Family Residential, to OS-1, Office Service (a commercial zoning which allows banks and office businesses.) Such a zoning change would violate the master zoning plan of the City of Novi which specifies that this area is to remain residential.

If the zoning change request is granted, the new business proposed would bring approximately 1,250 additional cars duily going into and out of the already danger ntersection of Beck Road and Ten Mile (by If the developer's and eity's estimates.) If the zoning change is granted, requests will quickly come from the owners of the other two corners which are also zoned resi dential to become commercial corners with the attendant noise, lights, trucks and traffic. The relative peace, quiet, beauty and residen tial nature of the surrounding properties and

have paid into the program as well as those who want to be assured of something in the future. eighborhoods which homeowners have so long fought to preserve will be lost. A change in the zoning will garner the land speculator, Marcos Makohon, a great deal of money since commercial property is worth a great deal more than residential, but he will be making that profit at the expense

One of the most important jobs I have as

your Senator is to introduce legislation to belp make Michigan an even better place to live, raise a family and do

business. This year, the

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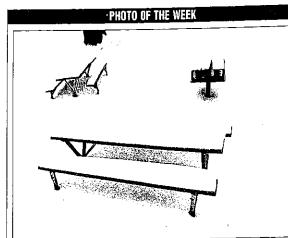


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#### Whiteout

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your children to a degree that most of us who are parents think would be horribly wrong and unfair to you and unfair to the

President Bush agrees with President

Clinton, along with a 71 percent majority of Americans (from a recent Gallup Poll) that Social Security is in a "major crisis."

So we can choose to ignore the problem or look at solutions that will protect those that

I think if you are a young adult starting

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Here are some of the facts

future prospects of the United States."

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Only a couple of snow-covered picnic tables and a grill greet a visitor to Novi's Lakeshore Park last Wednesday afternoon. Even with the recent foot of snowfall, there was nobody using the park's hills for sledding in the late afternoon

your wages and your employer pays an equal amount, for a total of 15.3 percent of your of the nearby residents and neighborhoods In addition, further commercial zoning is not needed for businesses in Novi. While

2. You can go to a Web site and do a calshopping yesterday, I counted the following culation on the future value of an investment and figure out what your savings would be at mercial business unit sites: Kroger/Home Depot Mall, 1 vacant unit; Novi Town Center, 6 vacant unit; Main Street, 5 vacant unit; City Center, 4 vacant the end of your career. A scenario of \$502 per month invested over 40 years with a 6-percent return would leave you with a nest units: Pine Ridge Center, 3 vacant units egg of \$1,000,000. Remember, that \$502 The chamber of commerce should be protesting this zoning request. As I may be out of the country when this pent would have heen 50 percent funded by your employer so you are only putting in \$206 each month. That would be zoning request comes before the Novi City Council, I hope my friends and neighbors the equivalent of a family income of \$40,159.00 per year. I believe these are very conservative numbers that could be achieved will be vigilant on this issue and go to the council meeting and express their views to our mayor and council. This issue profits one by placing your investment in bonds or T man to the detriment of all of the rest of us.

3. If you have your own retirement plan John A. Kuenzel you could decide when you want to retire. I believe by the time our kids get to retirement age it will probably be 75, with this scenario Novi you could retire after 40 years or in your

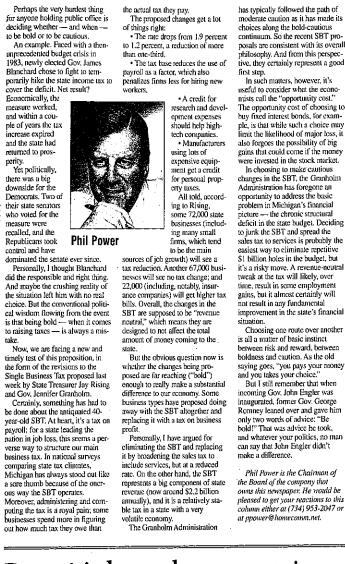
arly 60's. If your average Social Security benefit in today's plan was \$1,500/month it would take you 55 years to get \$1,000,000 in bene-

In reference to Social Security, President Clinton said on 2/9/98, "If you don't do any-thing, one of two things will happen. Either it will go broke and we won't ever get it, or Now we need to protect people like myself who have paid in for years and can't put into a plan for 40 years. I believe that it makes if we wait too long to fix it, the burden on society... of taking care of our generation's social security obligations will lower your income and lower your ability to take care of good financial sense for anyone under a cer-tain age to be in a Personal Savings Plan that very conservative (stocks and bonds) and

maybe a portion in stocks. I believe that all politicians have a hard time decreasing taxes because that money is where they get their power. Don't take my word or those of the politicians; run your own financial scenario and see if you are better off being your own financial planner or letting the government plan for your retire-ment. If I was 30 years younger, I know that I would like to be able to opt out of the Social Security program and retire when 1 want to - not when the government tells me and with a million bucks. To run your own figures, try this Web site. http://www.bankofmissouri.com/deposit\_cal

out in the workplace you should really take a close look at the proposal being presented to have your own personal retirement account. .cfm Joe Brandis

LANSING CONNECTION education programming to prevent learning on wild goose chases. For this reason, I have problems before they become serious. Early ntervention is a key to assuring children introduced legislation to make it a felony to problems bo ssue a false Amber Alert report. This change will help prevent further false reports and continue to help protect children in years to have the ability to grow throughout their education process. Statistics have proven that recognition and programming at an early age in not only a benefit to the child but the welfare of educational system as well.



**OTHER OPINIONS** 

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## Detroit's hourglass emptying; strong leadership needed now

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The one thing on which virtually everyone in Michigan agrees is that sand jobs were being eliminated, and the already inadequate bus the state's largest and most famous service was being cut back. city is in an appalling mess. But what they disagree violently Now, those who need to a bus to get to work in the wee hours are out of luck. That's no minor in on is who is to blame. They argue venience in the once-mighty Motor over who can fix it, how to fix it or n whether the city can be saved City, where, ironically, something like a third of the residents have no For many, the state of Detroit access to cars. And that's just the tip of the rustwas symbolized perfectly by what happened last weekend when Mayor Kwame Kilpatrick, a very ing ruin Fifty years ago, Detroit was a bustling industrial metropolis with two million people. Now, it has large 34-year-old man with a large diamond in his left ear, appeared before the cameras to barely 910,000, and is shrinking confirm what he The public had been denying schools are in even

for days. Yes, the luxury Lincoln shape — the mayor himself Navigator the city had leased for \$24,995 a year had been me for his wife and children. 5 However, he claimed he decid-ed it was too extravagant and had intended to

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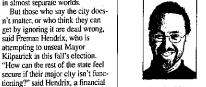
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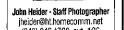
and whatever your politics, no mar can say that John Engler didn't

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expert and a former deputy mayor under the business-oriented Dennis (248) 349-1700, ext. 106 It is hard to see anyone can think Michigan can continue to be eco-nomically competitive if its main city, its sports and entertainment ital looks like something out of



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Lansing, MI 48909-7514 (517) 373-0827 FAX: (517) 373-5873 craigderoche@house.mi.gov	Novi, MI 48374 (248) 349-5079 hughcrawford@msn.com	Amber Alert Changes Several years ago, I introduced legislation to create an Amber Alert program in Michigan. Since then, it has been instru-	relief in the month of January. Similarly, this week, I introduced legislation providing a Michigan tax credit for the 2004 tax year for contributions that have been given in January	State Senator Nancy Cassis, a Novi Republican, represents the 15th Senate District, which includes the townships of	on his visits because of his inces- sant non-stop nightclub hopping into the wee hours, something the mayor denied, saying he never went "clubbing" at all.	ately impoverished enclave city surrounded by Detroit, lost control of its own affairs years ago. Even more startling, many —	suburbs have been willing to con- sider that, preferring to bash each other instead. It would be nice if a statesman with a vision emerged		ANTIQUE RADIO
. 39th District Marc. Shuiman (R-West Bloomfield) 351 Capitol Building P.O. Box 30014 Lansing, MI 48809-7514 (517) 373-1799 FAX: (517) 373-5777	<u>Cities</u> Novi 45175 West Ten Mile Road Novi, MI 48375-3024 (248) 347-0460 FAX: (248) 347-0577	mental in helping find missing children. Unfortunately, some individuals have abused the program and issued Amber Alerts for false causes. It is vital to our law enforcement person- nel that the system is properly utilized so that their important time and resources can be invested in protecting the health and wel-	2005 to organizations providing assistance to victims of the tsunami. If signed into law, the credit would be for contributions up to \$50 for an individual and \$100 for a couple. <b>Education</b> I am also working on a package of legisla- tion that would provide assistance to K-12	Commerce. Highland, Holly, Lyon, Milford, Novi, Rose, West Bloomfield and White Lake; as well as the Villages of Holly, Milford and Wolverine Lake; and the cities of Novi, Northville (the portion in Oakland County), Orchard Lake, South Lyon, Walled Lake and Wixom. You can reach her by e-mail at: sen- ncassis@senate.michigan.gov, or toll free at 1-888-38-NANCY.	All that would have been embar- rassing had it happened to the mayor of Palm Beach during an economic boom. But Detroit is in dreadful shape, with unemploy- ment rising past 14 percent and a budget deficit spiraling out of con- trol. Earlier this month, the mayor had announced that nearly a thou-	perhaps millions — of Michiganders don't care. That includes many who live in Hillsdale or Traverse City, but also well-off suburbaniles who live a short hop from the city's (amous border, Eight Mile Road. Many say the city brought its problems on itself (by which they	sometime soon. There may not be that much time left. Jack Lessenberry is editorial vice president of Honetown Communications. He can be reached by phone at (248) 901- 2561 or by e-mail at Jessenber- ry@homecomm.net.	Karen Whikehart - Receptionist kwhikehart@hthomecommo.net (248) 349-1700	SHOW and SALE SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 12 9 A.M. to 2 P.M. free appraisal/repair clinic/silent auction See hundreds of art deco and antique radios from tube type, battery operated to unusual
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# **EDUCATION**

### Public speaks on candidates

#### Special board meeting draws few speakers

#### By Ramez Khuri STAFF WRITER

In the wake of narrowing a pool of seven candidates down to three for the Novi Community School District superintendent position, only three parents addressed the board of education last week on their thoughts. All had positive reactions to each candidate, but two seemed particularly in favor of Tom

Hoster, superintendent of the Huron School District. The board held the candid, informal special meeting on Monday to give school distriet stakeholders a chance to voice their opinions towards a candi-date of either their personal choice or the choice of the emut that they might be representing. The loard spent most of the week of Jan. 10 interviewing

seven candidates and finall chose Virginia Kyro, superintend-ent of the Oxford Area Community School District; Peter Dion, superintendent of the Grosse Ile Township School District; and Hosler to further interview.

Katie Raeon, a parent, was one of the three who spoke. "I think that whatever candi date they choose, all three are very big on communication," she said. "I think communication with parents is very important to them, and that's one of the vital things we have in Novi, We have good communication both ways. From a parent perspective, 1 could work with any one of the three. I just felt they were approachable and they listened ind they seemed to be genuinely concerned. Racon has staved actively

involved in the selection proces from the very beginning because she feels the job of superintendent is the most important in the Board president John Strei

explained to those who attended the meeting that it was their chance to give their positive input towards a candidate. He stressed the word positive. "We wanted to hear from the

administrative council, the PTO, parents, any of the staff meaning leachers, or any of the other bar gaining groups that we have so we can consider that as far as our decision making," Streit said. "We had some feedback and I was hoping more people would come out. But the feedback we had was very positive in regard to the candidates and also in regard to the process that we used to get to this point." The board's next step in the

process, which took place earlier this week and today, was to do site visitations to each candidate's school district. They looked round and talked to people who work closely with the candi-dates. The board visited Dion's district on Tuesday, Hosler's

district on Wednesday and Kyro's today. They hope to make a final decision by the of the month.



Carol Paradowski, owner of the Conservatory Performing Arts Inc., and an acting teacher, uses her hands to describe how actors can open up like a flower with the proper tools and encouragement

Knitting for the needv Students in Janet

Thibideau's civics class at Novi High School knitted over 50 scarves for the needy. The scarves were donated to the Cappuchin Community Center in Detroit last week. Pictured here are (back row, left to right); Kristin Flennoy, Natalia Frask, Jill Guffey, Jacqueline Gazette. Danielle Capello, Jank Patel and Leeah Glenn. (Front row, left to right):

Amv Bielski, Missv Broadwell, Allison Place, Amv Glubzinski, Allie Sisson and Cladia Georgis. (Sitting): Thibideau and Sara Gutierrez, community member/volunteer

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academic and professional theater

for over 30 years and it was a life-

described it as theater for the people

55 years old or older. "I envision teaching acting class-

es at some of the senior centers

around the area," Paradowski said

There are always parts and roles for people that age. Paradowski teaches acting classes at the United Methodist Church in

interested are encouraged to sign up early for the next class, which

begins on March 14 in Fenton and March 15 in Novi. Call Paradowski at (810) 714-1021 for more infor-

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Paradowski now teaching acting classes

By Ramez Khuri

long dream of bers to start her own school, While attending college in Houston, she majored in drama and Nothing is more exhilarating to Carol Paradowski than seeing the curtain go down at the end of a per-formance and hearing the audience applauding students she has taught. received a master of fine arts degree in theater in 1981. She worked at the Children's Theater Company in Minacapolis and although she taught all age groups, the majority of her teaching experience has been To her, no words can describe the feeling a person receives when he or she has prepared and has given the gift of their own talent to the audiof ner teaching experience has been in higher education. "It's exhilarating for young peo-ple who have never experienced being applauded," Paradowski said. "I tell them this is the hardest work ence and, in return, hears a round of applause for their work. She says it's adrenatine rush for them and for her as well. That is why the life-long thespian started the Conservatory they'll ever do because, to become a professional accomplished actor, ar the Performing Arts two years dancer or singer, the student must study the discipline for no less than Renata Frieman at (248) 668-9733.

ago. The Conservatory for the Performing Arts is a school that offers acting classes, singing and 10 years to begin with. In fact, Paradowski said that it is In fact, Paradowski said that it is Reacted president of the United States, than it is to become a United States, than it is to become a Reacted president of the United States, than it is to become a Reacted president of the Reacted president of various types of dance instruction in Fenton, and now in Novi. Having spent about 80 percent of well known name in show business, both that should not discourage any-body from trying their hand at it her time doing sales and marketing, knocking on many doors and sendopen up her own school, Paradowski said it was well worth anyway, because you never know what could happen with a little ded- the workshops section,

ication and hard work. Photo by JOHN HEIDER her hard work. "It has been such a joy," she said, see the growth in student skill development is gratifying. To see

The encourage people to give it their all," Paradowski suid. "I praise for the Nori News. He can be people for their effort, no matter how small it may be. For me, that is it the key to developing a warm rapthese tight fulle blossoms slowly

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### SCHOOL BRIEFS

**Cassis calls Watkins matter** Community School District Board of Education select two of its members to meet with the library State Sen. Nancy Cassis (R-Novi) called Gov. Jennifer board. School Board President John Streit and member John Balagna were selected. They, along with members of the library board, will form a committee that Granholm's actions in regard to the controversy surrounding State Superintendent of Public Instruction Torn Watkins bewilderwill keep the school board informed on what progress is made in regards to improvements ing, citing a pattern of public flip-Mapping by the governor. Watkins resigned Saturday, "This is simply a flasco," said Cassis, R-Novi, "One minute, the to the library.

Long-range plan presented to Governor calls Superintendent Watkins a valued member of her cabinet, and the next, she's calling him an ineffective leader. school board The Novi Community School District Board of Education wit-Following his issuing of a report suggesting reforms of the state's educational system, the timing of the governor's comments is quesnessed a presentation which evealed the final results of the district's Long Range Plan meeting. The board is expected to tionable at best. approve the plan at lonight's

"It appears that because the governor has no authority over his contract, she is trying to forcibly school board meeting Preschool registration remove him by publicly pressuring begins Preschool registration for Novi

him to resign. If removing Watkins, who just weeks ago received rave reviews from the State Board of Education, and residents begins today. Registration for non-residents begins Tuesday, March 1. After these start dates, parents may register their children between 8:30 a.m. and 4 p.m., appointing a 120 member commit tee to deal with Detroit's educational system is the type of leader ship we can expect from the gov-Monday through Friday at the Child Care Services Office, 25345 Taft Road (in the ITC between Novi Meadows 5 and 6 Grade emor, then Michigan residents cannot have confidence in her ability to lead and get things done for our state's 1.7 million stu-Houses).

Novi Community Education Preschool offers tradition half-day preschool and an all day preschool Code of Conduct forum A public forum to discuss the program. Children must be age 3, 4, or 5 by Dec. 1, 2005, and must sion of the Athletic Code of be fully toilet trained. A registra-tion packet and more information Conduct, which includes rando drug testing, has been scheduled for Thursday, Feb. 24, 7-8:30 p.m. is available on the school district? Web site, www.novi.k12.mi.us. Parents can also call (248) 449-1713. at Novi High School's Auditoriu Lecture Hall B. The topic will be to answer submitted and new

#### Novi Co-Op open heuse

Catholic Central moving in The teachers and parents of July Novi Co-Op Preschool are cele Catholic Central High School brating their newly-renovated school by hosting an open house on Saturday from 10 a.m.-1 p.m. All are invited to see the renovawill move from its current Redford location on July 15, to its new, state-of-the-art campus in Novi where school will begin in Augus tions and meet the teachers, Joan for the 2005/2006 school year. The new address is 27225 Wixom Road, Novi, 48374. Bus trans-Williams and Tracey Smith Novi Co-Op Preschool is a non-denominational, parent-run pre-school for 3- and 4-year-old chilnortation will be available. All prospective students are invited to take the high school dren. This is an opportunity to view the elassroom, watch your child interact with the teachers and placement test on Saturday, Feb. 5 For more information, call (313) other children, meet other Co-Op 534-1310 or go to Web site families, and ask questions about the programs. The independently-run school is located in the Novi United Methodist Church at 41671 School board members to Ten Mile Road. The school phone number is (248) 349-3223. most with library board

The Novi Public Library board has requested that the Novi Compiled by Ramez Khur HOMEOWNERS: NEED CASH? Want To Clean Up Your Debt? FIXED RATES AS LOW AS 4.75%/5.0% APR CALL US ANYTIME

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## Novi Community Education Preschool offers unique opportunities for children

for Novi Education's Registration Community Education's Preschool is underway, and par-ents who may be considering enrolling their 3, 4, or 5-year-old children have a lot to look forward

Novi Community Education Preschool offers traditional half-day preschool as well as a full-day preschool programs, both aimed at developing competent, sensitive, enthusiastic learners. The pre-school curriculum has set goals in language arts, social studies, social-emotional values, science, math, music and movement, motor skills, creativity and pretend play. Each day several activities are planned, including show and tell,

Michael Conniff watches eraft projects, finger plays, snack time, songs and music, stories, and discussion of the weekly or as the colors in his marker drawing change when he places it into water. monthly "theme." January's theme with the preschool children in in Miss Sherri's class was the letter "L" Students made ice blocks, did ice paintings and made ice Miss Sherri's class reading books, cream. Every Thursday, "Big Buddies"

from the Novi Meadows Fifth week. Throughout the school year, spe-Grade House spend a half-hour

### All eyes on kids Several students from Bill humor, and cornea.

Several students from Bill Dunbar's Human Anatomy and Physiology class at Novi High School spent last Wednesday morning at Orchard Hills Elementary School dissecting sheep eyes with second graders in Sharon Neal, Ella MacArthur, Down, Coming and Andrei Kirk and Crissman also gave presentations to the second graders about healthy eye care and talked to them about how all of the parts of the eye work together to allow clear vision. The day also included a lesson on blindness. The Orchard Hills Dawn Capling and Andrea Czamiecki's classes. Dr. Tim Kirk and Dr. Amy Crissman from Town & Country Eye Care also helped students learned about Louis Braille and felt Braille typing, and discussed the life of Helen Keller.

working in teams, the high school students dissected eyes and showed the elementary kids the parts that help them see Students parts that help them see. Students schools for about six years. Each learned about, and saw first hand, several parts of the eye including based on requests from the teachseveral parts of the eye including the iris, lens, tapetum, vitreous

cial field trips are planned to nearby places and several special guests visit the classrooms. In January, the Ann Arbor Hands on Museum vis-

who presents a magic and juggling show to the students in the spring. Fire fighters also visit the classes to talk about fire sufety and give stu-dents a tour of a fire truck, and

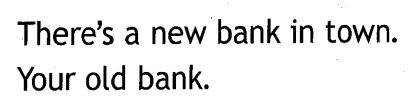
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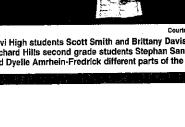
school program meets from two to school program meets from two to five days per week, depending on the age of your child and the (248) 449-1713 or visit www.novi.k12.mi.us



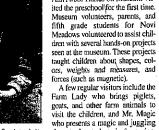
Novi High students Scott Smith and Brittany Davis show Orchard Hills second grade students Stephan Santrash and Dyelle Amrhein-Fredrick different parts of the eye.

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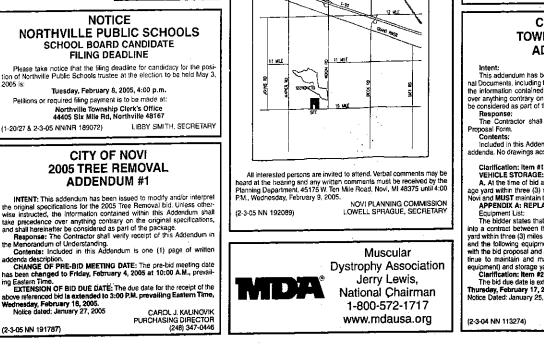
moming and afternoon sessions for all ages. Classes are held in the Community Education Preschool Building, next to Novi Meadows School on Taft Road. Full-day preschool meets from 9 a.n.-3:30 p.m. Monday through Friday in Novi Community School District's Instructional Technology

District's Instructional Tec Center, located between the Nov Meadows Fifth and Sixth Grade uses on Taft Road. Registration for both preschoo

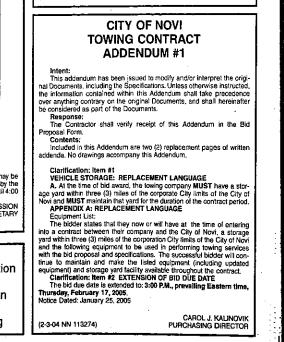
programs began on Feb. 2 for stu-dents currently enrolled Registration was opened to Novi School District residents on Feb. 3, and registration for all others will

begin on March 1. Registration will continue from 8:30 a.m.-4 p.m. until classes are full. To be eligible to attend, children

trained. For more information, including registration and tuition fees, pleas



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### WALLED LAKE SCHOOL BRIEFS

#### **Districtg challenging AYP** results

The Walled Lake Consolidated Schools' announced it is appeal-ing the district AYP report released Jan. 13. The state AYP district report indicated Walled Lake did not make AYP based on its middle school English Language Learners (ELL) English Language Arts (ELA) score and its high school Special

Education math score. The district received A's and B's on the state report cards at all levels, and made Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP) at all its schools except Western High School as a result of having a larger special needs population that did not meet the standards on the state math test

According to Superintendent Dr. James Geisler, "We are Dr. James Geisler, "We are researching our large ELL student population as well as the special education stipulations. We dis-agree with the designation and we

The Novi Community Schools

is accepting nominations from parents, students, staff and com-

munity members for the Novi

2005 Teacher of the Year Award. From all nominations submitted

three teachers will be selected as

finalists, one each from the K-6 level, the middle school level and

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will work with state officials to recalculate the data." Here's how Walled Lake's high Schools rate on the No Child Left Behind, AYP and MEAP indica tion information that composes

the grade: The high school participation rate on the Michigan Educational Assessment Program (MEAP) tests is above the required 95 percent

The high school graduation rate is 90.64 percent, well above the required 80 percent and the dropout rate is 1.47 percent.
 The general MEAP scores are will absen the scine AVE transit

well above the state AYP target score in math and language arts. "In Walled Lake we rely on our benchmark assessments, tightly aligned curriculum with the state standards and instructional "best" practices and many research based interventions including Reading Recovery, Soar to Success, an innovative English Language Learners program and many individualized strategies

used with our special learners," Geisler said,

#### Walled Lake Northern High School CAD goes 3D

Ken Melcher's CAD class at Walled Lake Northern recently received a grant from Discreet, Inc., for 20 copies of 3D Studio MAX. 3D Studio MAX is state of the art software for creating high end computer animation used in movies, video games, and visuali-zation applications. The software will be used second semester b students in the advanced 3D CAD class at Northern.

The main objective of applying for the grant was to give students the change to experience creating graphics and animation approach-ing the level of that in many commercials and animations produced by the entertainment industry. Melcher said, 'Because of the cost involved, most high school students rarely get the opportuni-ty to experience this kind of soft-

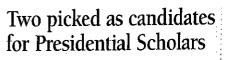
#### ware. It's perfect for those interested in a career in animation.

The education division of

Discreet has provided a series of tutorials the students will use to learn the functionality of the software. They also provided a CD with projects applying the skills students will learn in the tutorials

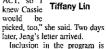
#### District announces new election dates

Due to changes in the state election law that went into effect last January, there are several tim-ing and procedural differences for the annual Walled Lake school board election. Candidate nomination petitions now must be filed with the Oakland County Election Coordinator in Pontiae, rather than with the district's election office. The deadline for filing is Feb. 8. The last day to register to vote is April 4. The election will be held on May 3, rather than in early June as in the past,



Tiffany Lin and Cassie Jeng are inseparable. They have been best friends since they were tod-dlers and are involved in many of the same activities at Novi High School. So, it was no surrise to either of them when they discovered that both have been chosen as candidates for the 2005 Presidential Scholars Program, an honor that goes to a mere 2,600 of the 2.8 million seniors expected to graduate from United

States high schools this spring. Lin received her received ... notification first. "We first. "We got the same score on our ACT. so I



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finalists and the Commission on manuss and me commission on-Presidential Schools, a group of, 32 eminent citizens appointed by; the President of the United States, will then make the final-selections. They will choose one-young man and one warm young man and one young, woman from each state, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, and U.S. students living abroad as well as 15 students at large and up to 20 students from the creative and performing arts

15 Presidential Scholars The US will

Department of Education announce the Scholars in

May. Lin is the **Cassie Jeng** Cassie Jeng daughter of Chung-Liang Lin and Shu-Fen Lin of

Novi. She is an editor of the school newspaper, president of the National Honor Society and Interact Club, and a member of the Science Club and the Quiz Bowl team. Tiffany is planning to study

piano performance or business and is considering several top universities

Jeng is the daughter of Shaw-Fang Jeng and Bilan Jeng of, Novi. She serves as president of the Science Club and the Quiz Bowl team, and treasurer of the Japanese Club. She is also a member of National Honor Society and is a teacher aide, Cassie has applied to several universities' pre-med honors programs.

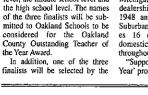


# **Tiffany Lin**

later, Jeng's letter arrived. Inclusion in the program is one of the highest honors high

school seniors can achieve, and it is unusual for one high school to have two students chosen as candidates in the same year. Selection is based on superior academic achievements, leadership qualities, strong character, involvement in school and com-munity activities and superior performance on either the College Board SAT or ACT. Further consideration is given to students' self-assessments, descriptions of activities, school reco transcript

In April, a distinguished panel of educators will select 500



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#### Novi Educational Foundation as the Novi Excellence in Education Teacher of the Year. The person selected will be awarded use of a free vehicle for one year compli-ments of The Suburban ments of Collection. Suburban The Suburban Collection is

Novi district seeking Teacher of the Year nominations

Michigan's largest automotive dealership group. Founded in 1948 and based in Troy, The Suburban Collection encompasses 16 dealerships across 19 domestic and import brands throughout Michigan. "Supporting the 'Teacher of the

Year' program is our way of giv-

ing something back to the men and women who have contributed so much to the success of our community. We want to acknowl, edge their outstanding commit-ment to the development and accomplishments of our children," said David Fischer, presi-dent and CEO of the Suburban Collection. Nominees must be a full-time,

contracted, certified teacher in good standing with Novi good standing with Novi Community Schools. They must have at least three full years of classroom teaching experience and have demonstrated the high-

est standard of excellence in their profession.

Nomination forms are available in the office of each school build-ing, at the Educational Services





Building, and by calling the Human Resources Office of Novi Schools at (248) 449-1200. The deadline for nominations is 4 p.m. on Monday, Feb. 21. Nominations should be submitted to: Novi Community Schools Teacher of the Year, 25345 Taft Road, Novi, MI 48374.

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#### – the water's fine! e on in

Throwing foam and water in his wake, Wildcat Nick Wright powers through Novi's pool during a home meet against Brighton High last Thursday night.

#### Success!

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Jamie Coley was tired of being overweight, so she went and did something about it. Find out how she dropped her dress sizes and how she's passing the recipe for success on to others. --- Paĝe 3B





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## Eat to Live can help shed weight

#### By Sam Eggleston SPORTS WRITER

Dr. Michael Roth didn't start his Eat To Live program to make money. He started it to help peo-

money, the started it to help peo-ple lose weight. Though a gynecologist by trade, Roth found himself doling out advice to overweight patients who couldn't shed the weight weithout half

weight without help. "About 95 percent of my diet patients are women," he said. "About five percent of them are men, who are usually husbands or boyfriends that my patients bring in." The key to

Eat to live, (248) 347-6100 But, unlike

But, unlike self-help book, Roth is

some self-help book. Koin is more hands on. "I baskeally give them a diet that says go to the grocery store and here's what not to buy, "he said. "I don't make lots of money off of this. If I wanted to do that, I'd make a low-calorie dit salad

of this. If I wanted to do that, i d make a low-calorie diet salad dressing." He wants to see his patients lose weight, Obesity, he said, is a disease. That's why after an initial visit he ideally would like to see his patients return to his office every two weeks — much like a diabetic would when being treated treated.

treated. "It's like diabetes or high blood pressure," said Roth. "Everyone knows someone who is diabetic or hypertensive. They keep going back to their doctor to help them maintain their pro-grams. Obesity requires the same thing." ame thing." Many of the clients Roth

Many of the clients Roth treats have tried their hand at other programs. He said they're usually frustrated with their

"There's a statistic that's interesting that says 70 percent of people who lose weight on any program gain it back in three years," Roth said. "That's why maintenance is so important."

Roth said that he urges his



ABOVE: Northville High School athletes Sean Hughes, left, and Meghan Moticciolo are just a couple of many students who are keeping in shape as they look to Spring Break, BELOW: Running is just one of many ways to stay in shape

## Students work on getting, staying fit in time for break

#### By Matt Simich

Spring break sunshine and beaches are only eight weeks

And though that means bathing suit weather, don't panic. There's still time to lose weight, tone up and look great. For starters, doing something as basic as cutting out soda or

potato chips and replacing them with fruit or vegetables can make a dramatic difference. Aaron Pintar, Fitness Director

at the Water Wheel Health Club in Northville, says eight weeks is plenty of time for a three to four percent body fat everyone is different, he said it's a safe and healthy goal. "Don't compare yourself to other people," said Pintar. "Weight loss occurs by increasing your activity level through-out the day. Working out 4-5 times a week and adding more cardiovascular activity will really help." For Northville senior Scan Hughes, getting in shape is a big deal. Hughes is headed to California for spring break and ants to be at top form before leaving. Most of the time Hughes



before I work the smaller ones." A typical workout for Hughes consists of the dumbbell bench consists of the dumbbell bench press with 65-pound dumbbells. Then he moves to pull-ups or push-ups. When finished there, Hughes works on his addominal muscles by doing the muscles. muscles by doing sit-ups while hugging a 35-pound weight on his abdomen.

his abdomen. "I always feel better when I workout," said Hughes. "When I'm finished it feels like I have accomplished something."

accomplished sometining. Getting in shape may be the top priority for some, but for others it not as important, as staying in shape. Traveling down to Cancun for break, Northville junior Megan Northville junior Megan Monticciolo thinks she is where

## Water Wheel has tools for success

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#### By Sam Eggleston SPORTS WRITE

It may look bigger and it may have a few more toys, but Northville's Water Wheel Health Club is still the home away from home members have come to

"We may look different, but our goal is to continue to be available to our clients just as we have in the past," said Aaron Pintar, the club's director of fit-ness. "It's something that we've willed about and are committed talked about and are committed

to doing." The Water Wheel recently announced the

vation to the club. Locker **Water Wheel**, (248) 449-7634 rooms are

more modern and the club features more room for members to work out. Despite a new look, few things modern

have changed. The Water Wheel is still com-mitted to serving it's clients as it has been for the past decade,

Pintar said.

Pittar said. The club offers group classes in everything from cycling to 'tower' workouts that have become increasingly popular. Free weights and machine work-outs are available, as well as all of the equipment for complete cardiovascular conditioning. The Water Wheel even has a place to sit down and take a breather while enjoying a "City Blends" smoothie. "They taste much better,"

Blends' smoothe. "They taste much better," Pintar said of the new smoothies the club offers. "We think people will enjoy them more." He said the Water Wheel has a

commitment to helping its clients have the most successful experi-ence they can. Be it weight loss — which the club employs the Apex system for — or weight gain or even maintaining a healthy lifestyle, the Water Wheel is ready to help.

"We try to provide convenient exercise for the active popula-tion," said Pintar. Pintar noted the Water Wheel

has something for everyone. From the gym-rat who loves lift-ing weights to the elderly who

clients who meet their weight loss goals to maintain their loss with continued healthy eating. If they experience a 10-15 percent weight gain he said he expects to see them again.

They should get their tushes back in here and get back on the dict. he said.

of they key factors in One Roth's diet is to keep his clients off the scale. He said they'll be able to tell they've lost enough weight just by looking in the

mirror. "It's all about perceiving a look," he said. "I tell them they'll know they've reached their goal when they look good in their own, eyes."

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works out during his gym class

es and uses a variety of weight lifting exercises to get the job "Usually I try and start out

with a dumbbell bench press first," said Hughes, who wresfirst," said Hughes, who wres-tles at Northville High School. "I work the bigger muscles she needs to be.

She gets her workout going to

pom pon practice. "Pom practice is my daily exercise," said Monticciolo. "It lasts usually around two hours

so I'm preity tired afterwards." The team's basic practice con-sists of stretching and running. Practicing the pom pon routines gives Monticciolo a great acro-bic workout and keeps her in shape.

Matt Simich is a Northville High School senior and a Novi News intern.

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loves lifting laundry "I have a client who is 74 years old with double knee replacesaid Pintar.

ments "Her workout is a lot different ner workout is a tot initerent than a 23-year-old athlete's would be. She walks up and down the stairs. The other day she told me she lifted the laundry out of her washer. She hadn't done that is upen?" done that in years.

Though plenty of exercises and workouts are discussed on a daily basis at the Water Wheel, Pintar said the goal is always the same

We want to help our clients progressively work to enhance their lives," he said. "People just

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## More fitness tips from the Water Wheel Health Club in Northville

Nutrition is important. Exercise will get results but when com-bined with good nutritional habits, you can really get lasting results. thing as simple as cutting one or two of your favorite junk foods and replacing them with healthy foods can help significantly. Often, low-carbohydrate diets can be good for the short-term but it can be difficult to keep those pounds off and maintain the muscle tone for the long haul

Low carb diets do make you lose weight," said Aaron Pintar, fit-

ness director at the Water Wheel Health Club in Northville. "But the weight that you are losing is muscle mass and water weight. When you do eat something, the weight comes right back

Another way to trim extra pounds is to stay active. Walking up the stars, jumping rope or any kind recreational sport can work. Anything that increases your normal physical activity helps. To see muscle definition, use resistance training. If you want to increase strength, do more repetitions of an exercise. The more you do, the

better results you will get and the healthier you will feel. Make sure to talk to your doctor before starting any exercise program and contact a personal trainer for a personalized fitness progi

It's not unusual to notice a big difference immediately. Even if you don't, stick with it. Everyone loses weight differently. Keep at it and by the time you are packing your bags, you will look great and be glad you did.

## Cager Harbin records career-high game

When Anthony Harbin is on fire, Chelsea Anderson and Ashley

stellar night.

control the lead.

he's basically unstoppable. The senior guard proved it once again when the Novi Wildcats ominated Garden City, 58-45. Harbin, a team captain, scored 28 points against Garden City to lead the Wildeats, Though Novi First and second place winners earned berths to the state finals, which are slated to be held March struggled in the opening minutes o the game, they came away with a 17-10 lead at the buzzer with 19 at the Detroit Skating Club. Barbin's 10 first-quarter point-

Wildcats still skidding indicating he was going to have a

The Novi Wildcats hockey team In the second quarter the just can't get a break over the past Wildcats didn't have complete con-trol of the game and led by only six four wards as they've fell into a skid they're finding difficult to get points heading into the half, 29-23

The 'Cats skated to a 4-3 loss The second half found the Wildcats slowly beginning to build momen-tum before finally outscoring their opponents 16-5 in the final quarter Rapids, 4-0.

The-Eagles

back, tying the

point guard position by keeping

Harbin scored 29 points, a season-high for the senior, in the win while earning two steals and four assists. Sean White had 10 points while earning two steaks and four started the game while earning two steaks and four off on the right assists. Sean White had 10 points foot notching a land two assists while AW. Stanck lo lead just 37 secchipped in six points. Junior Steve Gilliam scored his onds

first point of the year in the victory, nailing a free throw to give Novi heir final point of the game and the Four days later, Novi was still on a roll, outscoring Hartland, 44-33, undefeated in the to stay undefeated in the Kensington Valley Conference. The squad has won 10-straight

games and it showed as they jumped out to a 21-13 lead by the end of the first half. The Wildcats were still in control at the end of three, leading 32-22 as they scampered away with

he victory. Harbin and fellow senior captain Mark Moore led the way with 12 points each while White chipped in

#### Poetry in motion

The Novi Wildcats figure skating team had some impressive per-formances at the Individual District though, scoring the game-winning goal with less than two minutes left finals last week

Taking first place for Novi where to play

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#### Basketball

Lagles, 47-42.

Novi's offense in sync and play ing great defense on the Eagle's On Jan. 24 the freshman ba kethall team hosted Garden City point guard in a non-league game and earned a 48-28 victory. The Wildcats began the game a little The JV Cats are now 3-3 KVC and 4-8 overall. On Jan. 24, in a total team effort, the 'Cats destroyed Garden City, 66-31, Novi jumped out to an early 9-0 lead slowly at first but managed to take the lead 8-5 after the first quarter. From the two-minute mark of the second quarter through the end of the third, and never looked back. Every active Wildcat scored, led by Caleb Dean's 13 points. Nick Novi went on a 20-6 run to take control of the game. Novi had Zorova played his most aggres-10 of their 13 players score and were led by Collin Crandell. sive game of the year as he tallied eight points. Also scoring for the Wildcats were Tyler Hoover with eight points. who had 12 points, along with Yuta Kitagawa and Shaun Rydzewski who both added six Trevor Borsak with six points points each. Despite being undermanned

and Damy Piligian with five points. Scoring four points apiece were Adam Chandler, Ryan Figurski, Aarnel Salter Jan. 28, the junior varsity bas-kethall team demonstrated how much they have improved as a team by defeating the Hartland and John Brown

#### Volleyball

John Brown had his most complete game of the season, scoring 10 points and teaming up with Tyler Hoover The freshman volleyball lost Jan. 24 to Hartland in four games 25-20, 18-25, 20-25 and 19-25. and Nick Zoroya to shut down Hartland's best post player. Mike Longo, who broke his foot Three days later the freshmen fought a hard game at Milford, but fell to the Mavericks in three games, 25-21, 25-22 and 25-23. In the first game Lauren during the second week of practice, returned to the starting lineup with a bang, netting eight points and pulling down seven

Farley had four straight aces and Katie Chaklos racked up several kills, Lauren Hoomaian rebounds. Brian Smith hit for five points and had four assists, while Danny Piligian, who was bat-ting sickness all week, hit two free throws with 15 seconds left The freshman team took third

ame away. Aarnel place this weekend in the

Against East Grand Rapids, the Wildcats fell 4-0 following a 3-0 first period by the Pioneers. Novi's wrestling team traveled to Milford High School and took part in two Marderosian while Marderosian Emily Samuelson and Megan Sanctorum took second place. exciting dual meets. foes tacked on the final tally in the The Cats took the mat against

#### Notching third place was Christine Pytel and Angela Van Wiemeersch Sierra leading by example

forced to bump kids around in the Senior Jason Sierra capped off an outstanding weekend of wrestling for the Wildcats by line-up, and it looked at first that claiming the 135-pound weight class championship at the Livonia Franklin Invitational.

Sierra breezed through the early rounds by going undefeated in his pool of wrestlers and earning a trip to the finals. He finished the tournament in style, by winning the





coming night when he los

in the second period when a nail-biter 1-0 to Bryce Sopko of game in the second period when Tom Ciaverilla scored a goal of his Hartland. Joining Sierra in the finals were own off a Mark Eberline pass Wildcats. Al (103), Nick Rvan Fox also carned an assist on other the tying play. With a 1-1 score heading into the Vellathotiam Lichorobiec (119), Alex Baum (140), Justin Cameron (171), and Dan Sprys (189) all finished final period of play, it was apparent whichever team would earn the winneeded a break. Lakeland was

the early rounds undefeated, but lucky enough to get it. The Eagles scored 30 seconds fell short in their bids to claim the tournament title. For Vellathottam, Lichorobiec, and Sprys this was into the third period to take the 2-1 their first appearance in a champilead and then added a third tally less than a minute later to go up 3-1 over the Wildcats. Novi skated onshin match on the varsity level.

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179 points from the judges in the first round of competition before the Brighton Bulldogs to open the night. Because of a few key injuries Novi coach Brad Huss was putting up 187 points in the second ound. South Lyon earned just 151 and 124.5 points in round one and two, respectively. In the final round, the Wildcats

week. Novi looked spectacular, earning

his plan was going to back fire on him. That was until the Wildcat's simply looked fantastic. They, scored 284 points from the judges while South Lyon collected just upper weights stepped onto the 230 total points in the third round. With his team trailing 32-23 with two matches to go, senior cap-Oh, so close tain Justin Cameron bumped up to

It was a week of close meets for the Novi-Northville Wild 'Stangs wrestle at 189 pounds. He came through in a big way with a 16-0 technical fall. That match set the stage for junior captain Dan Sprys. the Novi-Norther while Stangs gymnastics squad. The team fell to Livonia last Thursday, 146:50-141.75, before taking second in the Salem Invitational behind Brighton with a Sprys, also bumping up a weight class, needed to win by eight or more points to tie the score. He did more then that and pinned his opponent in the first period to scal total of 142.625 points The Wild 'Stangs didn't have enough points to edge Brighton in the invitational. The Bulldogs took up a 34-32 victory for the Wildcats.

Also picking up victories for Novi were Dan Matheney, Jeff Raun, Adam Ballantyne, Riley first with 143.35 points. Individuals were not recognized at the Salem Invitational, but Novi-Lokar and Jon Favorite. In the night cap the Wildeats found themselves in another heated match against the host Mavericks. Northville took second in the vault with 36.05 total points and third on the bars with 34.75 points. The squad was second on the beam and with their floor routine, taking This time the grapplets were not as fortunate, With Milford leading 34-31 and one match to go Al Vellathoitam stepped onto the mat. 35.43 and 36.4 points, respectively

The Wild Stangs had an impres-sive showing from their individual He earned a hard fought victory gymnastics despite them not being and tied the team score at 34-34, but the dual meet victory was awarded to Milford following the officially recognized. Off the vault, Julie Foucher took 9.25 points while Amanda Perelli took 9.15 tie-breaker. points and Maggie Mills earned an In addition to Vellathottam, Nick Lichorobiec, Jason Sierra, Alex

leading team has been making short work of their opponents throughout most of the year. South Lyon is just one of the

wrong end of a loss against the Wildcats, falling 650-505.5 last Las Friday night the varsity

Cheerleading

Wrestling

Jabbri with four blocks and five digs, Julie Schrann with four kills and Shannon Cody

THE BEST IMAX FILM SINCE 'EVEREST'

The junior varsity and fresh-

man competitive cheer teams both beat South Lyon in their

dual meet last Wednesday, Jan. 26.

The junior varsity wrestler

traveled to Fenton High School

this past weekend to take part in

a round robin style tournament. Each kid wrestled everyone in their group of four.

Bringing home gold medals

and going undefeated on the day were Jon Lichorobiec, Henry He, Dennis McHugh, Robbie

Yusko, Ryan Ridenour, Brad

Frey, Jeff Lai, Kyle Blickenstaff

and Jeff Raun. In addition to the gold medals, Josh Freeman, Joe

Football finals moved The Michigan High School event, the most notable of which

Overall, Foucher had the most

points, scoring 35.15 points while

Athletic Association has entered will be a single \$9 admission to into a multi-year agreement with watch four title games in a single Ford Field to host its football day. day. "We always felt, our \$9 ticket finals beginning with the 2005.

"We always fell, our as the for two games, which previously included on-site parking at the Finals, was a great bargain," said playoffs. "With the future of the Pontiac . Silverdome in doubt: this is a necessary move for high school foot-ball in our state, and it will be Roberts "That same ticket will now allow a fan to watch all four

great to have our premier games games on a single day." played in one of the premier facil-Because of Ford Field's loca-

# FROM THE PRODUCERS OF THE GRUDGE

Perelli scored 35.05 and Mills

notching a 34.9.

Northville in the

Foucher's 9.25 while Perelli scored

a 9 15 and Emma Platt notched a

9.0. On the bars, Mills scored a

9.05 while Ramsey collected at

Foucher scored an 8.4. The floo

routine was controlled by Mills

and Deneau, scoring a 9.2 each, while Ilkhani-Pour collected an

Overall, Mills and Foucher led

the way, scoring 34.95 apiece while Perelli had a 34.4 on the day.

The Novi Wildcats volleyball

Hartland Eagles in a recent

Kensington Valley Conference match-up. The squad earned a victory over

their rivals in just three games, pounding out a 25-15, 27-25 and 25-15 decision.

The victory climbed the Wildcats to 4-1 in the KVC and 14-

Nicole Barndt led the way with

seven serving aces — including six that came in game three to shut the

door on the Eagles. Jenna Kuhn

helped her squad along with nine kills and three aces of her own. Megan Miller added 11 kills and

five blocks to the victory while

Becky Reichel notched 27 setting

The Wildcats also lost to Milford

- Compiled by Sam Eggleston

last week in four games, 26-24, 25-22, 21-25, 25-22.

assists. Kaelyn McAboy had tw

aces and two spikes.

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team made short work of

8.85.

3 overall.

Against Livonia, the Wild Jamie Coley was fed up with 'Stangs showed they're willing to compete against some of the tough-est squads around. Livonia was ranked third in the state last year and didn't disappoint as they escaped with a close win. at her. Leading the way for Novivault was

to da something about it. "My weight was like a yo-yo," she said. "It kept going up and down but wasn't where I wanted it to be," That was three years ago. On January 2, 2001, Coley decided 8.75 from the judges and Ikhani-Pour scored an 8.7. The Beam found Cortney Paul scoring an 8.8 while Deneau earned an 8.7 and

she'd do something about it. Her New Year's resolution was to lose weight, no matter how Coley is trying to help others find the right path to filness. She's an instructor at the Water much it cost her and no matter Wheel how much work she had to put

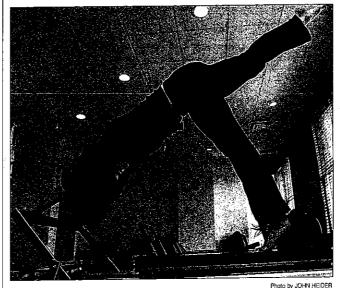
made such a decision. Previously, Coley had gone people here and all of the from one health club to another. clients. Coley is the first to admit her

oking for the right fit. She didn't like the ironresults aren't typical, but they pumping muscle gyms or the are possible. "My results were because massive corporate gyms where fitness fashion was as important was very aggressive," she said. "They key is having something as results. to drive you. Mine was the fac It wasn't until she found the Water Wheel Health Club in that my cousin was having he

"I was actually a member amazing when everyone sav here for a little while before 1 there." Another key, said Coley, is

spent the time or the money to of your favorite things," she said, "You can't feel as though something clicked,

something finally worked, you're alr Within six months of starting you start." Within six months ot statung the program — which calculates caloric intake to help maintain a site that keens a person from the recent six months of statung caloric intake to help maintain a site that keens a person from feeling too hungry - Coley had larger scale



Heidi Malzahn, co-owner of Northville's Poise Pilates, utilizes one of her studio's "reformers" to strengthen and stretch her body.

## 'Poised' to help clients reach their fitness goals

enced in pilates," said Malzahn. By Sam Eggleston RECORD SPORTS WRITER "There's something for virtually

Though Poise does offer group In the world of trying to become or trying to stay physical-ly fit, would it be ideal to have a classes, they're small and very personal for the clients who ttend. The reason? Malzahn and place where even when you work on a biceps exercise you end up the other teachers at Poise are well

packages instead, Poise operates on packages instead of memberships, allowing individual ving individuals to pay per class or per appointment Poise offers an introductory

Clients, said Malzahn, come from go home and cat all the food you want, wrestlers have to limit what Plymouth, Livonia and Novi as well as their main concentration in goes down our throats because if There are no membership fees the scale says we're too heavy, we or expected length of participa-tion. Instead, Poise operates on

don't wrestle," he said, No, it's not easy. Then again, there few grapplers say they started

you start, you never quit. "When you heat your body up for Sam Eggleston can be reached at a living, full-time, for six days a

it all again.

They love to wrestle and they love doing whatever it takes to stay

in shape and maintain their weigh

three-hour practices, or the sweating or the fact that we have to be at the

school every Saturday at 6:45 in the

morning," said Cain. "There's just some part of the sport that makes it

so you can't leave. "Wrestling draws you in and once

"It's not because of the diet, or the

week, every Sunday becomes a hol-(248) 349-1700, ext. 104 or at segiday except for the absence of food eleston@ht.homecomm.nct.

Coley finds success in weight loss

#### By Sam Equiestor cent of her body fat. RECORD SPORTS WRITER

She's gained muscle since then. Now she weighs 137 being overweight. She was 27 years old and pounds. "I'm extremely happy with "concerner" she said, "It took stod at 5-foot-3-inches. But the outcome," she said, "I took every time she stepped on the a lot of work and I had to con-scale the number 175 glared up vince myself to speed that kind of money on myself, but it was

dropped 45 pounds and 15 per-

She had enough. It was time worth it. It was the best money ever spent that wasn't mine because I had to put it all or

#### Fitness pays off

The debt is paid off, and now

wneel. where and no matter wneel. wn nuch work she had to put "It's a great place to work," she said. "It makes finding my it wasn't the first time she'd own time to work out a little more difficult, but I love the winnership was a decision.

Northville that she found her-self comfortable. wedding just seventh months down the road. It was pretty

went on the (Apex) program," she said of the club's weight loss program. "I just hadn't keeping foods she enjoyed cat-ing on her diet. "You ean't deprive yourself

ake a difference. Then you're already defeated when



Apex Fitness success story Jamie Coley teaches an aerobics class at Northville's Water Wheel Health Club.

"It has to be a lifestyle cess you've had that matters. change," she said, "It's not a sprint to the finish, but a marathon, It's what you do after is months to maintain the sueworked out in the end." Sam Eggleston can be reached at (248) 349-1700, ext. 104 or at seggleston@ht.homec

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It takes plenty of sacrifice to stay in shape for wrestling

When it comes to beating up a body for the joy of staying fit and competition, few sports match the intensity of wrestling. Yet, kids line up to participate. WAIS1 They do what it takes, even if i They do what it takes, even it is an incass going hungry now and then. "Wrestling is a very tough sport to participate in," said Dave Cain, a senior captain at Northville High School. "It is very demanding. It WATCHER They may not look big, buth these fast food forces you to become very self dis treats can pack quite a calorie punch. ciplined because you know that the harder you work and the more you Regular hamburger with vegetables and condiments . . . . 279 learn, the better performance you'l have during competition." Cain should know. A veteran Fish sandwich with cheese and tartar sauce ..... Large french irles wrestler charged with the task of 

leading a very inexperience Tossed salad with tarkey, ham & cheese (no dressing) . . . 267 Mustangs squad this season, he's been through all of the stages of self One taco with everything ...... 568 He's never denied the fact that it's a difficult endeavor to stay phys-

in the sport because they thought it would be. "It's a hard sport. A lot of people just don't realize how hard it is," Monday morning and prepare to do ically fit while maintaining a particular weight. That's just part of the just don't realize how hard it is," said Novi senior captain Justin Carneron. "You're always trying to cut weight, and you work out for sport. "The other half is dieting," said Cain. "After a long day at school followed by a grueling three-hour practice, you work up quite the

four hours every day. It's really hard, but that's all a part of it. "We don't wrestle because it's easy; we do it because it's hard." appetite." But unlike a sport like football, Cain isn't able to quell the rumbling in the pit of his stomach. A pizza might sound tasty, but a handful of That doesn't mean these brawlers don't like seeing a day off roll around now and again. Though Novi and Northville athletes don't baby carrots is often the answer. "While other sports allow you to

always see eye-to-eye on several subjects, both agreed a day of rest is just what the doctor ordered

played in one of the premier facil-ities in the country," said John E. tion, accessible by freeway from all directions, housing options will be available downtown and "Jack" Roberts, executive direc-tor of the MHSAA, "Ford Field has much to offer our game's paron the perimeter of the city, all has much to other our games par-ticipants and spectators. They will within a 30-minute drive. "Visitors to this event will be able to find the kind of lodging they want, with the amenities they before the venue will host the 2006 Super Bowl." With the move to Ford Field regardless of the direction they will come other changes in the will coming from."

Rounding out the medalist for the Wildcats were Riley Lokar who back hard, scoring off a Ciaverillashot to ent the lead to one off an was 3rd at 130, Jamie Espinoza Eberline pass. Eberline then tallied was 4th at 140. Jon Favorite was 3rd at 160, and Derek McClelland was 4th at 171. The six finalists were enough to his own goal, putting a Claverilla pass into the back of the net to knotthe game, 3-3. Lakeland got the last laugh the universe scioning the mass falling just behind Livonia

some tough teams. The 'Cats

finished second in their pool and went on to the semifinals,

beating Walled Lake Western, Walled Lake Northern, Dansville and Lake Orion.

Throughout the day, Kelsey

Laux served up 15 aces and Katie Chaklos had 13 Kills. Paige Henley had a block and a

kill to help win the game against Lake Orion, and Ali Good played great defense in

the front row. The junior varsity volleyball

team lost in the fourth game

Jan 24, 33-31, to Hardand, Top

servers were Amanda Diacono and Shannon Cody. Best on

defense were Whitney Jabbori

and Havley Miller. Top hitter

The junior varsity squad defeated Milford three days

was best all around,

Julie Schramm with four



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### Water Wheel knows fitness continued from 1B

don't want to become stronger They have a reason for doing it. We want to help you enhance every minute of every day or your life." The Water Wheel knows buy ing into a club without testing it out isn't what people are interested in. The club offers a week-

long trial membership at no cost to those who are interested in seeing if it's a good fit. It's difficult to start on the long journey that is getting in shape and staying that way. Pintar said it's not about how quickly it gets done, it's about how long it lasts. "It's a complete lifestyle

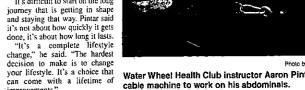


Photo by JOHN HEIDER Water Wheel Health Club instructor Aaron Pintar uses a cable machine to work on his abdominals.

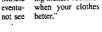
It changes certain aspects of you life and you become aware of where you're at and what you need to do to maintain your Sam Eggleston can be reached weight while building muscle, the Water Wheel makes sure the "d" word is never brought up. Sam Eggleston can be reached at (248) 349-1700, ext. 104 or at lifestyle change.

improvements." And for those looking to shed

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"It's not just about one thing, seggleston@ht.homecomm.net.

ts tost and muscle is built. Muscle weighs more than fat and eventu-ally those on a diet will not see



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Throwing foam and water in his wake, Wildcat Nick Wright powers through Novi's pool during a home meet against Brighton High last Thursday

# Come on in - the water's fine!

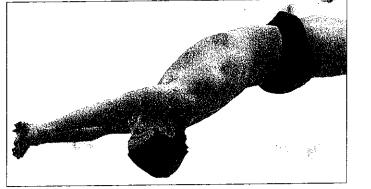
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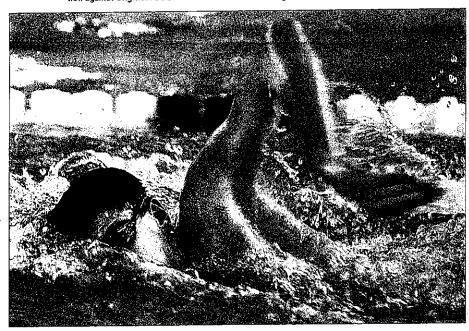


ABOVE: Novi swimmer Ryan Adams takes a breather before the re-start of last week's home meet against Brighton. BELOW; Will Deighton wims the backstroke





ABOVE: Novi diver Alex Arbour heads backward towards the water during a competition against Brighton. BELOW: Novi swimmer Sean Bugbee swims the freestyl



## Illness, injury hamper Wildcats' hopes for victories

The swimming and diving team at Novi High Matt Swift, a senior tanker, earned a first of his Bugbee, a sophomore, showed his moxy in the

# **ALENDAR**

TIME: 7-8:45 p.m. DETAILS: Toastmasters will help you improve your communi-

tice leadershi

(TOPS) chapter

HEALTH

Boost Camp Day

DATE: Friday, Feb. 4 TIME: 9 a.m.-3 p.m.

LOCATION: Providence

Medical Building, 47601 Grand River Ave., Novi

DETAILS: A day of enrichmer

and personal exploration designed

to provide valuable tools, informa-

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cation skills, voice your opinion,

polish your presentations and prac-

New Take Off Pounds Sensibly

DATES: Wednesdays mornings LOCATION: Meadowbrook

Commons Activities Room, 25075 Meadowbrook Road, Novi.

a.m. meeting DETAILS: \$20 per annual mem-bership includes handbook; \$1 per meeting. New members welcome.

TIME: 11 a.m. weigh-in; 11:30

#### EXPO CENTER EVENTS

The following events will be held at the Novi Expo Center, 43700 Expo Center Drive, Novi (southwest corner of Novi Road and 1-96).

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#### CONTACT: Colleen (248) 685-Motorama DATES: Feb. 4-6

TIMES: Fri. 4-10 p.m.; Sal. 10 a.m.-9 p.m.; Sun. 10 a.m.-5 p.m. DETAILS: Molorcycles, cars, motorsports, muscle cars, memora-pilia and more. Cost is \$7; free for ages [2 and under Parking is \$5. CONTACT: (248) 348-6942 or www.motorama-michigan.com

#### Design and Construction Expo

DATES: Feb. 9-10 TIMES: Wed. 11 a.m.-6 p.in.; Thurs. 10 a.m.-6 p.m. DETAILS: Since 1985; register online. Parking is \$5. CONTACT: (248) 972-1000 or www.cam-online.com

#### **Antique Arms Show**

DATES: Feb. 12-13 TIMES: Sat. 9 a.m.-5 p.m.: Sun. 9 a.m.-3 p.m. DETAILS: Buy, sell and trade collectibles. Parking is \$5: CONTACT: (248) 676-2750

#### **Camper & RV Show**

DATES: Feb. 16-20 TIMES: Wed.-Fri., 2-9 p.m.; Saturday, noon-9 p.m.; Sunday, oon-6 p.m. DETAILS: All the latest models of all types of campers, trailer DELATES All the fates models of all types of campers fatter and recreational vehicles. Cost is \$8-50 for ages, 13 and up; free for children 12 and under; \$5 for seniors on Wed, and Thuis. Parking is \$5 (no private campers for sale allowed on the lot). CONTACT: (800) 422-6478 or www.marvac.org

Outdoorama DATES: Feb. 23-28

DATES: red. 2-9 pm.; Thurs. and Fri. noon-9 pm.; Sat. 10 a.m. p.m.; Sun. 10 a.m.-6 p.m. DETAILS: Now in its 32nd year, Outdoorama is a family show } p.m.;

with something for everyone who enjoys the outdoors. Get the latest in hunting and fishing gear, boats, recreational vehicles and guided trips with nearly 300 exhibitors. Enjoy a new five-day format, new retail section, great casts of the world and the have trough. Cost is \$8, \$4 for children; \$20 for family pass. Parking is \$5. CONTACT: (517) 371-1041 or www.mucc.org

#### Metro Green Landscaping Association Expo DATES: March 2-3

DATES: March 2:3 TIMES: Wed. 8 a.m.-5:30 p.m.; Thurs. 9 a.m.-4 p.m. DETALLS: See the latest products and technology in landscapi Cost is \$10 for members; \$15 for non-members. Parking is free. CONTACT: (248) 646-4992 or www.landscape.org

environment. Discover how the \$6 for non-residents (fees are for Internet works, practice using a

Rd., Farmington. DETAILS: Come in for an upclose-and-personal look at the Southwest Oakland Cable Commission Studios, your local community television studio. SWOCC offers tours to many organizations, such as Cub Scouts Girl Scouts and service clubs. The Gui pedata and service entry entry in make a short promo for the public access channel, INFO TV-12. CONTACT: Melissa Cohn (248) 473-2840

will feature Alan Newman, M.D., Providence Hospital obstetrician/gynecologist. There is no charge for the event. CONTACT: For more informa-Schoolcraft College Choral Union Auditions DATE: Call for audition appt. tion or to register, call 1-800-806-LOCATION: Schoolcraft College Forum Building, Room 310, 18600 Haggerty Rd., Livonia DETAILS: All voice parts wel-

#### **Oakland County Health Division Flu Shots**

DATE: ongoing until supplies are depleted. LOCATION: Pontiac Office,

LOCATION: 45245 W. Ten Mile Road HOURS: Monday-Thursday, 10

349-8175 or dpesee@aol.com

resources you use now more effec-tive. Call the library to register. nm.-9 n.m.: Friday-Saturday, 10

web browser, and learn about using search engines to find information. The class includes interactive discussion and hands-on practice. Call the library to register. Internet Practice Lab for Seniars DATE: Thursday, Feb. 10 TIME: 10:30-11:30 a.m. DETAILS: Join us for an oppor tunity to practice any of the skills

this class; you may come and go as you please during the session. Call the library to register.

#### How and Where to Find Job

Leads DATE: Thursday, Feb. 10 TIME: 7 p.m.† DETAILS: Learn the rules of the job hunt game, how to play and stay in the game, and how to com CONTACT: Shari Clason (248) out a winner on, at Based on his 20 ars of experience in helping job seekers find their hidden job mar-ket, outplacement consultant Walt Tarrow describes methods and resources to discover, uncover and develop job leads. Both traditional and non-traditional approaches to job hunting will be presented, along with ways to make the



TIME: 7 p.m. LOCATION: UAW Local 36, fied business leads. CONTACT: (734) 462-6460 28930 Wixom Road, Wixom DETAILS: Democrats Of West Oakland County will meet with

**CLASSES** pizza and social hour preceding at

zation that will use the pro-

colors, poodle skirts and bobbie socks for this Michigan 50's Festival fund-raiser, sponsored by Novi Expo Center and Leone Imports. Don't miss Sherman Arnold's tribute to Elvis and con tests for best costume, dancing and Hula-Hoop. Full cash bar at '50's prices, sliders, hot dogs and pop. Cost is \$10 for adults; free for chil-dren 12 years and under. CONTACT: (248) 349-1950 or

ceeds from this event for cons

tion and education programs relat-

ed to the outdoors. CONTACT: Tickets can be pur-

chased by calling (248) 620-0161 or by visiting www.scinovl.com.

LOCATION: Wyndham Garden

Hotel, 42100 Crescent Blvd., Novi DETAILS: A group of business men and women affiliated with the

Novi Chamber of Commerce have

oined forces to support and assist others striving to enter the work-force. Donations of gently-used

business attire will go to several organizations through this sixth

annual event. Cost is \$15; RSVP by Friday, Feb. 18. CONTACT; (248) 349-3743

Second Annual Sock Hop

DATE: Friday, March 4

TIME: 7-11 p.m. LOCATION: Novi Expo

Center's McKenzie Room, 43700 Expo Center Drive (1-96 and Novi

DETAILS: Break out the school

Threads of Power

DATE: Friday, Feb. 25 TIME: 8-10:30 a.m.

**EVENTS** 

West Rose Society Meeting

LOCATION: Novi Communi

Center, 45175 W. Ten Mile, Nov DETAILS: Nancy Lindley of

Great Lakes Roses will present a

slide program of old garden roses CONTACT: (248) 347-0400

DATES: Feb. 3, children; Feb. 5,

adults TIMES: Feb. 3, 4-6 p.m.; Feb. 5,

2 p.m. LOCATION: Novi Civic Center, 45175 W. Ten Mile Rd., Novi DETAILS: Audition packets are

now available at the Civic Center

CONTACT: (248) 347-0400

LOCATIONS: Doubletree Guest

DETAILS: Hosted by Metropolitan Single Professionals. Admission is \$5 for members; \$9

or non-members. Top 40 DJ, cash bar, hors d'oeuvres and door prizes CONTACT: (248) 544-6445 or (248) 851-9909 or

City of Wixom Mardi Gras

Single Mingle Dance

TIME: 8 p.m.-1 a.m.

DATES: Feb. 4

www.mspsc.com

Festival

Farmhouse

more information.

Fundraiser

Novi Theatre "Oliver"

DATE: Thursday, Feb. 3 TIME: 7:30-9:30 p.m.

DATE: Feb. 4 TIME: 7-9 p.m. LOCATION: Wixom Community Center, 49015 Pontiac www.michiganfiftiesfestival.com SCHOOL/ DETAILS: The fee is \$15 per person and includes readings, crys-

**GOVERNMENT** al ball, paim, card and astrology There will be a Dixieland band. eads and mask, appetizers dessert, soda and coffee. Cash bar Novi School Board Meeting is available - beer and wine DATE: Thursday, Feb. 3 CONTACT: For more info. or to register by phone, call (248) 624-2850 or register online at TIME: 7:30 p.m. LOCATION: Educational

#### Services Building, 25345 Taft Rd., www.cityofwixom.com. CONTACT: (248) 449-1200 Friends of the Foster

Novi City Council Meeting DATE: Saturday, Feb. 5 DAI E: Saturday, 1 co. 5 TIME: 5-8 p.m. LOCATION: Stoncerest, 207 Liberty St., Walled Lake. DETAILS: Students in first-DATE: Monday, Feb. 7 TIME: 7 p.m. LOCATION: Civic Center, 45175 W. Ten Mile Road CONTACT: (248) 347-0470 eighth grades are invited to enter a oster of a black history theme. The public is invited to view the High School Athletic Code of posters and vote for best of show

Suggested donation for chili is \$5 Conduct Revision Public person or \$15 for a family of Forums DATES: Thursday, Feb. 24 LOCATION: Novi High School auditorium lecture hall B. TIMES: 7-8:30 p.m. CONTACT: Call (248) 624-5727 for reservations, poster entries and

#### DETAILS: Forum to answer Heart of the Lakes Gaia question submitted at previous forum and new questions.

DATE: Saturday, Feb. 5 TIME: 7 p.m. LOCATION: Rosebuds **BUSINESS** Ristorante, Waterford, DFTAILS: This cala benefits The Lakes Area Chamber of Commerce and Huron Valley-Sinai **Business Referrals** Hospital, Cardiac Care Program. The theme this year is Cruise Away. There will be a silent auc-tion and dinner with cash bar.

Ficket prices are \$45 per person CONTACT: (248) 624-2826 Democrats Meeting

SUPPORT . **GROUPS** Mems Club of Novi DATE: meetings first Thursday of each month TIME: 10 a.m.

seminars on the Market Outlook of 2005 and Investing Strategies fea-turing Rick Bloom, of Bloom Asset

Management. There is a \$17 fee

CONTACT: Call Joyce Robb at (248) 449-1206.

**Providence Center for the** 

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and enjoy a

than \$10).

**Healing Arts' "Tuesdays at** 

DATE: Every Tuesday night TIME: 5-8 p.m. LOCATION: Assarian Cancer

Center, 47601 Grand River Ave.,

DETAILS: Variety of activities

unique mix of classes sponsored

by the Providence Center for the Healing Arts. Some activities may include a supplies fee (no more

CONTACT; (248) 465-5483

for the adult community to come

and reservations are required.

tion and a new perspective on healthier living through wholenes that can be very beneficial to the LOCATION: Novi Civic Center participants. Event is open to the DETAILS: The MOMS Club@ (MOMS Offering Moms Support@) is a non-profit support public. Cost is \$50 per person; includes lunch and materials. Registration is required. CONTACT: (248) 465-5455 group, specifically aimed at meet-ing the needs of mothers who choose to stay at home with thei **Pilates at the Park** children, including those who work out of their homes, as well as those

DATE/TIME: Mondays 7-8 ho work part-time. CONTACT: dinatallman@sbc aim., Jan. 24-March 14 (Conference Room C); Mondays 4:15-5:15 p.m., Jan. 24-March 14 global net

#### (Conference Room B); Kensington Valley Mothers of Multiples Werinesdays 4:15-5:15 p.m., Jan. 26 March 15 (Conference Room DATES: second Thursdays

TIME: 7 pm. LOCATION: Witch's Hat Depot, 300 Dorothy St., South Lyon. DETAILS: This group provides LOCATION: Providence Park (southwest corner of Beck Road and Grand River Avenue), Novi DETAILS: Rehabilitation information, support and social activities for mothers of multiple birth children and their families. Services will be offering Pilates mat training classes, an effective form of exercise to strengthen, stretch and streamline one's body Mothers of multiples living in and around the Kensington Valley with minimum stress on joints. The cost for the program is \$120. Due to limited class size, it's

school conference are all welcome. CONTACT: For more informa-tion, call Jackie at (248) 437-5496. Women's Prayer Support

#### Providence Alternatives to DATE: every Saturday TIME: 9-10:30 a.m. Hysterectomy Seminar

DATE: Thursday, Mar. 3 LOCATION: Harvest Fellowship Church, 49329 Pontiac Trail, Wixom (parking is behind TIME: 7 p.m. LOCATION: Providence Hospital and Medical Center, Novi DETAILS: There are new surgithe church). DETAILS: You are welcome to come for encouragement, help, hope and prayer as you face life's problems, issues and frustrations. cal techniques for treating a variety of problems that may help women avoid a hysterectomy. This seminar is part of the monthly Providence Hospital Women's Health Series. It

Drop in for five minutes or longer CONTACT: Nancy and Susan al (248) 926-8332 or by e-mail at har-vestfellowship@comcast.net

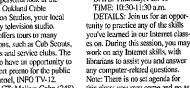
## Breast Cancer Support Group

DATES: second and fourth 2229 Tuesdays of the month. LOCATION: Huron Valley-Sinai Hospital, Commerce, Classroom C

200 N. Telegraph Rd. (north of Elizabeth Lake Rd.) in the Oakland County complex, building 36E. HOURS: Monday, noon-8 p.m.; Tuesday-Friday, 8:30 a.m.-5 p.m. DETAILS: Flu shots are avail-able only to high-risk priority groups. Cost is \$7. Medicare and Medicaid insurance can be billed to DATE: ongoing series. LOCATION: Oakland County

## LIBRARY LINES **Novi Public Library Hours**

the entire evening). CONTACT: (248) 348-9116 SWOCC Studio Tours recommended to register early, CONTACT: (248) 465-4416 DATE: ongoing, LOCATION: 33300 Nine Mile



School knows the value of having a healthy squad. Last week, against Saline and Brighton, they 53.82 seconds. were without six tankers due to illness or injury and it cost them. The Wildcats fell to their foes from Saline, 121-59, and Brighton, 120-65. Novi earned two first-place finishes in the meet spot. against Saline. The first came from Sean Bugbee as he swam to a 1:56.06 victory in the 200 freestyle.

own in the 100 freestyle, taking the top spot in just grueling 500 freestyle when he took first with a time of 5:13.01 to help the Wildcats along.

Against Brighton, the Wildcats didn't fare much Novi's other first-place finish came from the 400 better. They scored a first in the 50 freestyle when freestyle relay team of Swift, Wright, Bryan Hornacek and Bugbee. The foursome finished four Swift finished in just 23.90 seconds for the top seconds ahead of Brighton with a time of 3:36.98.

In the 100 butterfly, the Wildcats found Nick Novi's swimming and diving team is now 2-3 Wright taking first by five seconds ahead of his overall and stands at 1-1 in the Kensington Valley opponents. Wright finished the race in 1:00.79. Conference.



LEFT: Wildcat Brian Hornacek swims the freestyle portion of the 200 meter team relay race. MIDDLE: Nov! Wildcat swimmers stand at attention during the playing of the mming in an individual medley for the Wildcats hem before last week's home meet. RIGHT: Novi's Matt Swift cools off in the pool after swi

pi	Dakland County will meet with izza and social hour preceding at p.m. David Woodward, chair,	<u>CLASSES</u>	Maple Rd., Walled Lake. TIME: 7-9 p.m. DETAILS: Classes will be	Medicaid insurance can be billed to cover the cost. Bring photo identifi- cation; proof of Oakland residency	HOURS: Monday-Thursday, 10 a.m9 p.m.; Friday-Saturday, 10	Wonderful Wildlife
0. w D 20	akland County Democratic Party, ill speak on "Vision For A Democratic Majority in 2005 and 006."	CPR Classes DATE: Adult CPR on Feb. 5; Infant/Child CPR on Feb. 19	taught by public health nurses. Topics will include childbirth preparation, labor and delivery, care of the newborn baby, breast-feed- the newborn baby, breast-feed-	is required. CONTACT: Flu vaccine hotline, (800) 434-3358	a.m5 p.m. Sunday, 1-5 p.m. DETAILS: Unless noted below, all programs take place at the library.	DATE: Wednesday, Feb. 16 TIME: 7-7:45 p.m. DETAILS: Lyon Oaks Nature Center brings live reptiles, mam-
ca	CONTACT: For informatioin, all Jack Schneider (248) 685- 882.	TIME: 8 a.mnoon LOCATION: Holy Cross Episcopal Church, 40700 W. Ten Mile Road (between Meadowbrook	ing, bottle-feeding, information about keeping children safe and caring for them when they are ill. Cost is \$25.	<u>ONGOING</u>	CONTACT: (248) 349-0720.	mals and birds to the library to help us learn about our wildlife neigh- bors. No registration. For all ages.
W	lifd Game Dinner	and Haggerty Roads), Novi DETAILS: In order to take	CONTACT: (248) 858-4003, or (888) 350-0900, ext, 84003	Line Dancing Classes	DETAILS: Winter   Story Times	Library Board Meeting
	DATE: Saturday, Feb. 19 TIME: 4-11:30 p.m.	Infant/Child CPR you must have a current	Adoption Playgroup	DATE: every Monday TIME: 6:30-7:30 p.m., begin- ners; 7:30-9:30 p.m., intermediate	end Feb. 4. Winter 2 Story Times start Feb. 21. Brochures listing the days and times of each drop-in	DATE: Wednesday, Feb. 16 TIME: 7 p.m.
- 39	LOCATION: Laurel Manor. 9000 Schoolcraft Road, Livonia DETAILS: The SCI–Novi	Adult CPR card. Cost is \$20 per participant; includes materials and refreshments. Classes are limited to	DATE: first and third Fridays of the month.	LOCATION: Novi Ice Arena, 42400 Arena Dr. (activity room,	Story Time session are available in the library.	LOCATION: City Council Chambers at the Novi Civic Center
CI W	hapter will host its 14th annual fild Game Dinner. Tickets for the	16 participants per class. You must be at least 16	TIME: 10 a.m. LOCATION: Holy Family Catholic Church (on Meadowbrook	main floor) DETAILS: No partner needed for lessons in this pay-as-you-go	Technology Tour	DETAILS: Community mem- bers are welcome to attend. Meetings are also broadcast live on
in	vent are \$65 per person and clude a family style wild game inner and hors d'ocuvres. The	years old to participate. CONTACT: To register for a class, please call (248) 427-1175 or	Road between Ten Mile and Grand River Avenue.	program. Cost is \$5 for Novi resi- dents and for those ages 55 and up;	DATE: Tuesday, Feb. 8 TIME: 10:30 a.mnoon DETAILS: Learn the functions	cable channel 13.
ev au	vent will include a live and silent uction featuring hunting and fish-	send an e-mail to holycrossnovi@hotmail.com	DETAILS: A nonprofit, nonde- nominational group that brings adoptive families together. Twice-a-	\$6 for non-residents (fees are for the entire evening). CONTACT: (248) 348-9116	of the various computers in the library and how to access informa-	Ming the Magnificent DATE: Thursday, Feb. 17
sp	g trips from around the world, ort memorabilia, jewelry, furs, and related outdoor items for your	Nevi Community Education	month meetings provide families with the opportunity to share play	Line Dancing Classes	tion. This class includes a "tour" of the library's computers, as well as a	TIME: 1-1:45 p.m. DETAILS: One of our favorite
ho	ome, cabin or cottage. Raffles will available for the chance to win	Seminars	and conversation. CONTACT: Michelle Pergcau	DATE: every Friday	demonstration of various library technologies. Call the library to	magicians helps chase away the winter blahs. No registration. For
່ລາ	assortment of hunting rifles and notguns, motor sport equipment	DATES: Mondays, Feb. 7 and Feb: 28	(248) 887-4955 or Sandra Noonan (248) 960-3257	TIME: 6:30-7:30 p.m., begin- ners; 7:30-9:30 p.m., intermediate	register.	ages 4 and up.
ណ	nd cash prizes. Attendees to the /ild Game Dinner can also attend	TIME: 7:30-9:30 p.m. LOCATION: Novi Middle	Novi Toastmasters	LOCATION: Novi Civic Center, 45175 W. Ten Mile Rd. (activity room, main floor)	Introduction to the Internet for Seniors	Send your calendar items to Cal
Fe	n outfitters party at 6 p.m. on ebruary 18 at Laurel Manor to	School, Eleven Mile and Wixom Road, Feb. 7, Room 206; Feb. 28,	DATE: first and third Tuesdays of the month.	DETAILS: No partner needed for lessons in this pay-as-you-go	DATE: Wednesday, Feb. 9 TIME: 1-3 p.m.	Stone, editor, Novi News, 104 W. Main, Northville, MI 48167; fax to
ev	eet the various donors for the vent. SCI-Novi is a non profit	Room 202. DETAILS: Novi Community Education Center will sponsor two	LOCATION: Novi Civic Center Activities Room.	program. Cost is \$5 for Novi resi- dents and for those ages 55 and up;	DETAILS: Learn the basics of the Internet in a relaxed, supportive	(248) 349-9832; or e-mail to cstone@ht.homecomm.net.

Health Division, 1010 East West Maple Rd., Walled Lake.

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# **REGIONAL MARKETPLACE**

## Small business and technology

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Nowadays, it seems that any-one can develop a Web site. My 15-year-old daughter, your next door neighbor, and even the completely non-technology literate service man knows how to create a Web site. And then there are online companies that offer Web sites in 10 minutes!

Web site cost also varies from free to several thousand dollars. So how do you know who is really qualified and how much money you really should be spending on Web sites? Let's start by looking at the e-

commerce industry. For the purposes of simplification. the ecommerce industry is being divided here into five distinct categories

#### **Basement Developers**

Web site developers who offer low-cost development services are usually students or technical people who create Web sites as a side business. Rarely do these developers have much knowledge of the operations or challenges facing businesses today. They have very little knowledge regarding e-business and what it takes for companies to be prof-itable on the Internet. They may offer their services

at an economical price but the technology that they deliver is in most cases quite weak. They mostly create "HTML" Web sites that do not use the latest developments in database technology. They may use a simple HTML editing program such as Microsoft FrontPage. The sites they produce will look like millions of others on the Internet as they are using standard Page graphic templ

Web sites created by basement operators are some of the lowest traffic sites on the Internet. What that means is that although your company has a Web site, few people will stumble upon your website due to the lack of internet marketing done by your developer.

Basement developers are also unable to produce advanced multi-media applications (audio, video, shock wave, flash, ctc.) because they do not have access to the necessary hardware, softare or the experience required in these areas

As the Internet continues to evolve, these developers are limited in their ability to adapt to new technologies, as the learning curves relating to each new tech nology (e-Commerce, shock wave, database integration etc.) can be quite steep. It is impossi-ble for such a small operation to have expertise in all new technologie

In addition, most of these types of Web sites are very inflexible and difficult to maintain. Every time you need to make a change to say price or product, you may need to rely on the developer to update the Web site

These Web sites generally take months to develop and some-times even then continue to show several pages still under con-struction. That is because these developers are doing this on the side while working elsewhere or going to school.

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Let the staff at Brenda W. Smith & Company, Certified Public Accountants, PC - Debbie Farneth (office manager), Brenda Smith, CPA, Mary Nolff, CPA, Amy Haselhuhn, CPA and Patty Spees (not pictured) - solve all your accounting and tax needs.

## Brenda W. Smith & Company, PC

return preparation, and IRS

By Annette Jaworski SPECIAL WRITER

#### Attention: Smatl Business **Owners - IRS Audits Are Up**

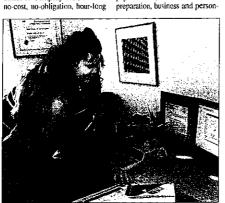
Knowing how to manage the financial aspects of your business can often ensure success. Messy bookkeeping can lead to mistakes that attract the attention of the Internal Revenue Service, increasing the chance of being audited. However, paying a visit to a certified public accountant is not always first on the list of things to do when starting a business

#### **One Hour Free Consultation** -- Time Well Spent!

"Seeing an accountant is one of "Seeing an accountant is one of the biggest fears of a small busi-ness owner," says Brenda Smith, CPA. "Many never see an accountant in the beginning because they're afraid it will cost too much. However, mistakes made in the first year could cost them more than if they had set up or initial computing arrange. an initial consulting arrange

Smith, owner of Brenda W. Smith & Company P.C., offers a

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consultation with potential busi-ness clients. This is one way she put her customers at ease. "It's a good opportunity for the client to interview us to see if there's a good personality fit," she said. "It's very important that they can communicate comfortably witheir accounting professionals." with

If the client is a new business start-up, Smith and her staff can answer questions about what type of business entity will work best in their individual situation, how to keep records, and what taxes are required. If the business is already in operation, they will look over prior returns or financial statements and answer questions about management, computerized accounting systems and planning for the future.

#### We Specialize In Small Business

Smith points out, "In fact, we're a small business ourselves. so we appreciate and understand the struggles that business owners go through." Brenda W. Smith & Company offers complete services for accounting and taxes. This includes bookkeeping, quarterly payroll taxes, financial statement

al tax return preparator, and the problem resolution. The firm's goal is to keep clients in compliance with all government regulations and obligations for tax returns along with tax filings from the different entities - state, local. sales tax, and personal property tax among others. "There are many different taxes that a small business needs to be

aware of, keep up with and pay," Smith said. "That's one area where our experience shows - we excel at keeping people in com-pliance with taxes."

#### In Today's Business World You Must Have Quick Access to Decision Making Data

"If someone is still doing their "It someone is still doing their books manually, they is spending time writing and adding, and they are not getting the benefit of instant information," said Smith. "Computer-based accounting software alleviates much of the manual work and once implemanual work, and, once implemented can save time and crease accuracy tremendously." Smith recommends that small

businesses use some kind of computer software right from the start - while the business is small. "It's easier to learn when working on a smaller scale," she said.

The selection, set-up and train-The selection, set-up and tran-ing for computerized accounting systems is another area of expert-ise for Smith & Company. Mary Nolff, CPA, and Amy Haselhuha, CPA, are both Certified Pro Advisors for QuickBooks, "We deal primatily with

"We deal primarily with OujckBooks and Peachtree and reachine iccounting software products, but work with other software as well," Smith said. "We can help nance. well,' our clients convert from manual books to a computerized system or help them improve their exist-ing computer system. This will ess owner with de the bu the right information and reports needed to better manage their Small business owners have

the greatest need, and it can

the greatest need, and it can often be cost prohibitive for them to work with a large accounting firm." Smith points out that if every dollar is spent for compliance services just to meet government. tax filing requirements, no funds are available for planning or man-agement. A smaller professional firm, like Smith's, can be more cost effective for the small business client

Smith began in the public accounting field in 1985 for a small firm in Southfield where she developed her fondness for working with small business. She branched out on her own in 1993, and her offices are currently located in New Hudson at 56711 Grand River Avenue. Being locat-ed near 1-96 and Milford Road is convenient for most of Smith's clients, who are generally located within a 30-mile radius.

In addition to Smith, two full-time CPA's, a bookkeeper and an administrative assistant round out the staff for most of the year. Two additional tax accountants and an additional administrative assistan are brought on board to assist during tax season.

#### We Help People With All Sorts of Issues

The friendly personable staff can assist clients with numerous questions. There are many times when a client needs to resolve a problem, but doesn't know where to turn. "We can usually put them in touch with the right person, even if it's not us," Smith said. "We're a touchstone for all those other services such as legal, financial services or computer mainte-

The firm has over 60 years of experience in bookkeeping, accounting and taxation. Brenda W. Smith & Company can handle a variety of accounting situations because of the depth of experi-enced staff. They provide the

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emerging businesses towards planning for future growth and the owner's retirement planning. Although small businesses make up a large portion of their practice, Smith & Company also handles non-profits, estates and trusts, and all types of personal tax issues.

"People tend to match their accounting firm with the size of their business," Smith said. "Our fit is small to medium business. We do as much or as little for a client as they need. One of our goals is to educate business owners to help them better manage

ers to help them better manage their business. "I believe that our clients – whether they're signing a tax return or giving a financial state-ment to a bank – need to under-stand where the numbers came from and what they mean. We

developers do not have the knowledge or resources neces sary to develop e-business training materials for their clients. They are also unqualified to pro-vide their clients with any form of true e-business consultation services.

Next time we will look at the second category in the e-com-merce industry, "Small Routique.

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fax: (248) 349-9832 cstone@ht.homecomm.net Brenda Smith (left) and bookkeeper Patty Spees review a client's file using the latest accounting software.

knowledge to keep businesses in compliance with all government regulations and obligations. Beyond that, they can help guide can help business owners , their hottom line improve through education."

