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Abstinence: debate rages over sex ed

By STEPHANIE FORDYCE
Staff Writer

The debate on sex education and family values is not over, as the Novi Community School Board completed one of two public hearings on Jan. 18.

Both sides of the contention surrounding the ninth grade health curriculum, which includes sex education, argued whether or not the district should adopt an "abstinence-only" curriculum or keep its cur-

rent "abstinence-based" curriculum.

An abstinence-based program, otherwise referred to as a "comprehensive approach" to sex education, promotes abstinence as well as provides information about disease prevention, birth control and safer sex. An abstinence-only curriculum is commonly defined as teaching abstinence until marriage as the only option for young people.

The differences in the curriculum of these two approaches went

hand-in-hand with the difference of opinion in Thursday's public hearing.

With nearly 60 people in attendance, both parents and students came to support their views.

"In order to provide our children with the skills they need to grow up in an increasingly sexualized society, we need to give them facts not fear," said resident Jerry Margolis, who supports the current abstinence-based program.

Margolis, mother of two children

in Novi schools, said that students need to be given accurate information, and be provided with a valuable, life saving education.

"Obviously, abstinence should be the cornerstone, but 'abstinence-only' programs are fear based and in a complex world our teens need much more information in order to survive," she said.

Michelle Santoni, who does not support an abstinence-based curriculum, said when it comes to a delicate issue such as this, it

should be the parents, not the schools, that teach.

"The problem with (this) sex ed. (curriculum) is you are overstepped your bounds," she said. "Parents are the first and best teachers of sexuality."

However Margolis said she wished the board would adopt the current abstinence-based curriculum and not give into a small number of individuals hoping to "settle

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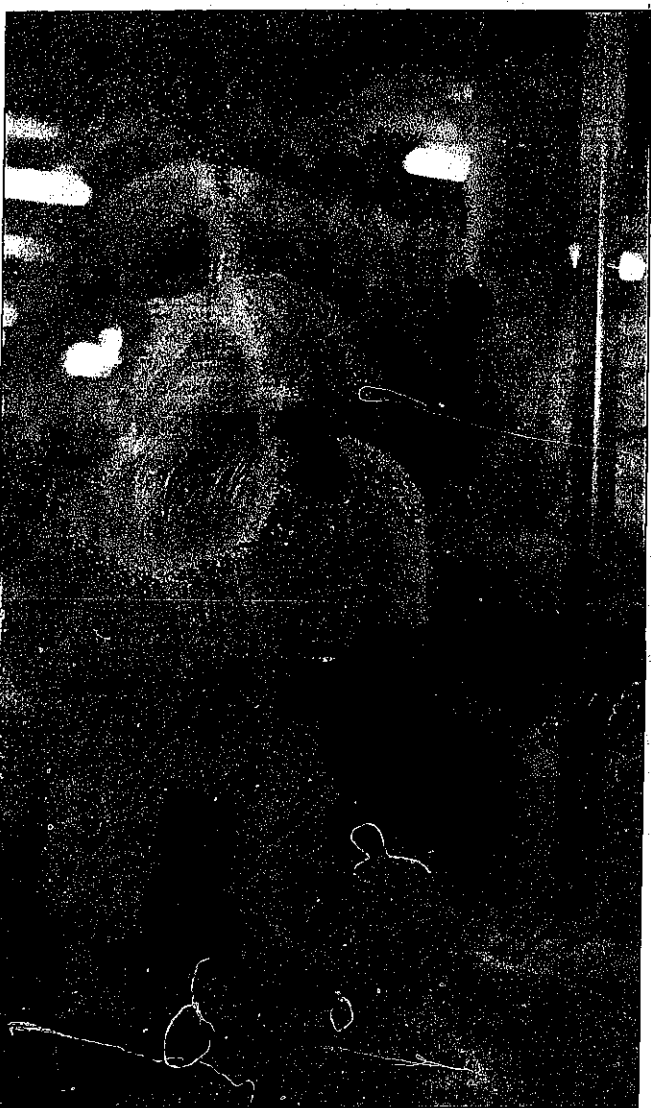


Photo by JOHN HEIDER

Todd Clyde brushes brussels griffon "PJ" Friday afternoon at the start of the Oakland-Livingston County Kennel Club Dog Show at the Novi Expo Center.

Dog show delights Novi

By STEPHANIE FORDYCE
Staff Writer

The contestants for last weekend's beauty pageant were not your typical contenders.

Some were less than a foot tall, some weighed close to 200 pounds, and some even drooled. But that's what can be expected at a dog show.

Sponsored by the Livingston and

Oakland Kennel Clubs, more than 2,000 dog breeds came to strut their stuff at the 2001 Dog Show at the Expo Center, Jan. 19-21.

The three day AKC show included a number of different competition categories such as breed, confirmation, obedience and agility.

The center was not only packed with canines, but also with a large

selection of dog food, treats, toys, T-shirts, figurines and even doggy costumes.

Tracey Simms of Northville, who came with her 6-year-old son, said this is her second year in a row attending the event and that it's now something she hopes will become a tradition.

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Capello leaves commission post

By RANDAL YAKY
Staff Writer

In a surprise move, planning commissioner Kim Capello has decided to step aside after staying on the commission seven months after his term expired.

Capello said he did not want his appointment to pull apart the planning commission or the city council.

Capello, who said he felt his re-appointment had become a political football, did admit that he should take some of the blame for the "political quagmire" that has been the source of contention on the council.

"Withdrawing my name from consideration should set aside any of the negativity focused on my re-appointment," Capello said. Capello had applied for the position left empty when Hugh Crawford went to the Oakland County Board of Commissioners.

Capello had long been at odds with Mayor Pro-Tem Laura Lorenzo over issues involving the planning commission. Capello had charged that Lorenzo had been trying to influence planning consultants JCK on issues concerning the

planning commission.

"Planning commission decisions, by state statute, cannot be influenced by city council," Capello said.

"We don't want anybody from the council trying to influence our consultants," Capello said. "They don't have the right to do that. I can't see how city council would not go along with this resolution."

Capello said that Mayor Pro-Tem Laura Lorenzo had called JCK employees and questioned them on issues before the planning commission.

"She called Linda and Rod and was whispering about an issue and how she would like to see things done," Capello said. "Bononi was calling city adminis-

tration about issues that were ours to be made."

Lorenzo said she doesn't call consultants on anything but information on projects. According to Novi city attorney, Gerald Fischer, council members have every right to contact city consultants on projects for "informational purposes."

"Do I talk to consultants? Sure," Lorenzo said. "I never call anyone

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Three vacancies filled by mayor

By RANDAL YAKY
Staff Writer

After months of debate and speculation, Mayor Richard Clark made appointments to fill vacancies on the Novi planning commission at the Monday city council meeting.

The Novi City Council appointed two new planning commission members and re-appointed one member to fill out recently appointed council member Victor Cassis' seat.

Clark appointed David Landry and Lynn Kocan to the planning commission seats and re-appointed Brent Canup to fill out Cassis' seat set to expire June 30, 2002.

Landry and Kocan terms are to run through June of 2003. Planning commissioners terms run three years.

Canup received yes votes from all council members except Michelle Bononi. Landry and Kocan received unanimous yes votes.

"I'm glad to be re-appointed," Canup said.

Capello, who was the chairman of the commission, leaves a vacancy for the commission's chair. Canup, one of the senior members of the commission, said he isn't interested in the chairmanship.

"I don't covet the chair," Canup said. "But if I were asked, I probably would accept it."

According to Canup, the chairmanship is voted on by the commission members.

Landry, a Farmington Hills based attorney, said he was looking forward to helping to plan Novi's future.

"I'm very honored to be appointed," Landry said. "It's a crucial time in planning and to determine the character of the city. A lot of entities want to be here. And we need to make sure we get the right mix."

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Chilly Willy Festival celebrates winter

By STEPHANIE FORDYCE
Staff Writer

While the cold weather lurked outside, residents kept their feet warm and their stomachs full at the annual Chilly Willy Festival, Jan. 20, inside the Novi Civic Center.

Put together by the Novi Parks & Recreation Department and Providence Hospital, the winter festivities attracted over 400 residents who were ready to engage in a snow sculpting contest, euchre and bridge tournament, games for the kids, and of course, the ever-popular Chili Cook off.

Many city officials were present, including Mayor Richard Clark, who also acted as one of the judges.

"It's wonderful to see so many of you and thanks to all the restaur-

rants who came out today. This has been a wonderful afternoon," he said.

In all, six local restaurants participated, and each one was ready to duel recipes.

BD's Mongolian Barbecue, Red, Hot & Blue, Steve & Rocky's, Maria's Italian Bakery, Local Color, and Whole Nine Yards brought their pots, hats, aprons, spices, meats, vegetables and secret ingredients to win the tasty title of Chili Champion.

Coming out on top was Red, Hot, & Blue with first place, with second place going to Maria's Italian Bakery, and third place being awarded to Local Color.

Newly appointed Oakland County Commissioner and chili



Photo by JOHN HEIDER

Ice-carver Mike Messing works on creating a fish out of a block of ice during Saturday's Chilly Willy Festival in Novi.

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Truck disappears from repair shop

A Ford Super Crew truck was stolen from the Car and Truck Boutique on Novi Road on Jan. 18, according to a surprised owner.

The owner, a West Bloomfield resident, left the truck at the business on Jan. 17. When the owner was called to tell him that the work was 'done', an employee of the business told the owner he could pick the vehicle up after 7 p.m. on Jan. 18. The owner did not show up to the business until 8 a.m. on Jan. 19 when he found the vehicle was not in the lot.

According to police, the keys were left under one of the floor mats and there was no glass in the parking lot where the vehicle was parked, according to the police report.

Police continued to investigate the incident.

FIGHT CLUB

A fight that broke out at the Fifth Avenue Billiards may have been a result of an argument

Police News

between valets and a former employee, according to Novi Police.

On Jan. 20, around 1:45 a.m., a fight broke out between two valets and another man in the parking lot of the establishment. The individual accused the two valets with starting the altercation, telling police "it was me against the two of them" and that he was merely protecting himself. The owner of the establishment reportedly saw the man strike one of the valets.

According to the report, one of the valets told police he thought he was attacked because of circumstances involving the attacker's employment.

Police contacted all individuals involved and are waiting on either of

the parties to press charges.

TEENS BUSTED

Novi police arrested an 18-year-old Walled Lake resident and a 19-year-old Wolverine Lake resident on charges of violation and possession of controlled substances.

Police originally pulled over the vehicle after the driver's license came up suspended. During a traffic stop, police discover two grams of marijuana and confiscated \$2,225 in cash.

MORE DEER ACCIDENTS

Two more drivers were involved with deer accidents this past Jan. 17, one in the morning and one at night.

At about 5:30 a.m. a Northville woman, 26, struck a deer on West

Park Drive south of South Lake Drive.

That night, a deer ran in to the side of a South Lyon man's vehicle along Novi Road and Twelve Mile Road. The 52-year-old man told police the deer ran right into the side of his car. The man was able to drive his car from the scene.

Between Oct. and Dec. of last year, there were over 22 accidents involving deer and motor vehicles in the city of Novi.

SMASH AND GRAB
During the overnight hours of Jan. 19 and 20, police reports indicate that at least two vehicles had windows smashed out and items stolen.

The thieves struck lots of the 31,000 block of Spring Lake in the Spring Lake apartment complex along Pontiac Trail. Smashing out the passenger side windows, the thieves took radar detectors and assorted car stereo items.

Novi Briefs

Tickets are on sale for the upcoming production of "Lion & Mouse Stories", presented by the Novi Theatres Little People Players.

Directed by Carrie Wickert, this unique play tells four tales which are acted out by the entire cast of actors. The young performers lay many different roles as Mouse tries to win her freedom from Lion by telling one tale after the other. The story, written by Colleen Neuman, is entertaining for all ages and teaches us many of life's most important lessons through humor.

Show dates are Feb. 2, 3, and 4. All seats reserved at \$10 at the door or \$8 in advance.

For more show info call the Novi Parks & Recreation Department at (248) 347-0400.

Make your dream home come true by learning and understanding the home building process. Novi Community Education in conjunction with Oakland Builders Institute will offer a comprehensive 16-hour seminar on "Getting the Most for Your Home Building Dollar," Tuesday/Thursday, Feb. 6, 8, 13, and 15, from 6-10 p.m. at Novi High School, 24862 Tall Road.

Whether you work with a contractor or on your own, you can save thousands of dollars by understanding the home building process. Everything needed to plan and build a home will be covered including estimating costs, buying property, financing, building codes and permits, insurance requirements as well as the basics of wood frame construction, concrete, masonry, roofing and more. The instructor will also discuss new techniques and materials now entering the home building market. The seminar costs \$199 plus \$25 for two textbooks.

Preregistration with payment is required by Friday, Feb. 2 to Novi Community Education. Please call (248) 449-1206 during regular office hours, Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. The instructor is a licensed builder who can answer questions about home building. Oakland Builders Institute offers builders' education including builders' prelicense seminar in more than 40 school districts in Michigan. Oakland Builders Institute is a member of the Building Industry Association of Southeastern Michigan and the National Association of Home Builders.

Jonathan B. Pub of Novi announces the closing of its Twelve Oaks Mall location. The Pub has been in that same location since 1978. Taubman, developer of Twelve Oaks Mall, did not renew the Pub's lease as they have decided to make that area of the mall into a food court. Since the closing of the United Artist Theaters at Twelve Oaks, Taubman has been unsuccessful in its attempt to get another movie theater.

Jonathan B's popular "Movie Goer Special" and its business suffered greatly after the closing of the movie.

The Pub has hosted proposals, weddings, engagements, blind dates, meetings, October Fests, best singles bar, plus the million people it has served through its life.

Super Bowl Sunday will be its last big party. Many tears and much happiness will be spread. This Novi icon will be missed.

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Have you ever wanted to offer suggestions to the local newspaper? Wanted to be a part of a committee working to better the newspaper? Well, now is your chance.

Novi News is proud to announce its first ever Citizens Advisory Board.

The Novi News is looking for community members age 16 and up to sit on a panel for 12 months to discuss the newspaper in a forum-type setting. The good and bad as well as sug-

gestions for improvement will be monthly topics as well as broad topics on editorial and advertising content.

Members will receive a one year subscription free and are required to stay on for the full year.

Those interested in becoming advisory board members should submit a letter of interest, including items about yourself and why you are interested in joining.

The News staff will evaluate the interest letters and contact those selected to the

group in mid-February.

Public officials or municipal employees are not eligible to participate.

The object is to get a cross-section of our readership to sit down and discuss the newspaper with us.

Applications should be mailed to: Kelli Cooley, Editor, Novi News, 104 W. Main St., Northville, MI 48167 or by e-mail to kcooley@novi.com. Applications should be submitted no later than Feb. 5.

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A greyhound is trotted around the judging ring last Friday afternoon.

Dog lovers unite at Expo Center

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"The level of excitement here is what I enjoy most about it," she said. "All these people running around with their dogs, primping and coaching them. I saw one woman blow-drying her dog's hair and another had one sitting atop a pink pillow while she put bows in her hair. It's really a sight to see. This is serious business for these people."

For Gary Bishop and his family of dog lovers, the event is a fun way to spend time with the kids and see all the different types of fur balls.

"It's amazing how many different breeds there really are. Some of these animals are just beautiful," he said.

Joan Peetes from Jacksonville, Florida who said she "tagged along" with her husband, came to show their prize-winning Doberman Pinschers.

"Belle here is a stunning gal," she said, patting the 4-year-old on her back. "She's brought us home some big titles."

Peetes said while she's only been to five shows in the past two years, this event was one of the biggest.

The Expo Center also welcomed a number of dog organizations who were there to help raise awareness for their charities such as PAWS for a Cause, Leader Dogs for the Blind, and the TLC Greyhound Adoption organization.

First time visitor Bridge Erin from Wetland, said she found the event to be both educational and entertaining.

"Oh, I'm having a great time. I adore dogs, so this is a real treat for me," she said. "Next time I'll have to bring my granddaughter."



"David" an english toy spaniel takes it easy with friend Ken Vagt at the start of this past weekend's dog show at the Novi Expo Center.

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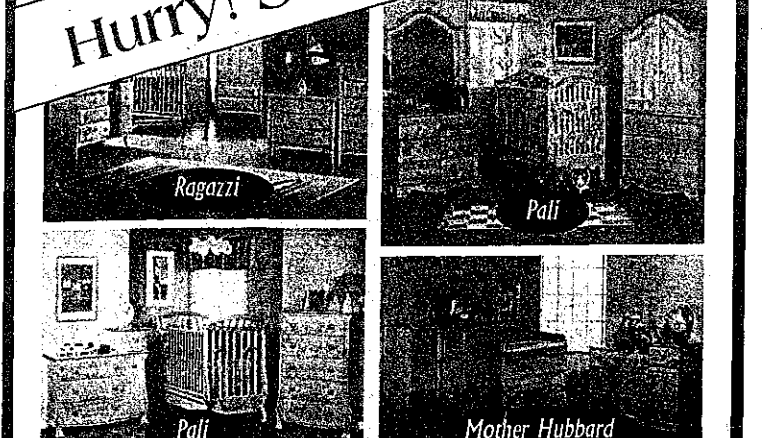
Dr. Michael P. Burk
ARCH PAIN

While heel pain is a common symptom of plantar fasciitis (inflammation of the tendon running from the heel bone to the base of the toes), the condition can also cause arch pain. When the fascia suffers repetitive, constant strain, heel and arch pain can be the result. Patients often feel a burning in the sole of the foot, with increased pain when standing on tiptoe. The area may be tender to the touch. Arch pain can be caused by a person's exercise program. Runners who increase their mileage quickly or train on steep hills may experience arch pain. Ill-fitting or inappropriate shoes for a particular activity — wearing basketball shoes to run, for example — can contribute to the condition. Pain is often the first sign of a foot problem, but pain doesn't always reveal the cause of the condition. The best way to determine the exact cause, location, and seriousness of foot pain is to have a podiatric evaluation including medical history, examination, and test. If you have any questions about today's column, or any questions about footcare, your own or a loved one's, please feel comfortable calling NOVI FOOTCARE ASSOCIATES, 248-476-1500. Our office is located at 39555 West Ten Mile Road, Suite 307.

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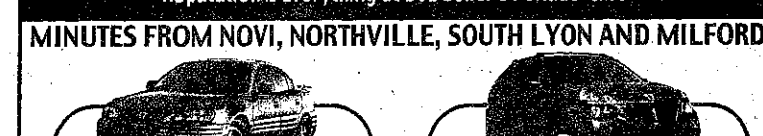
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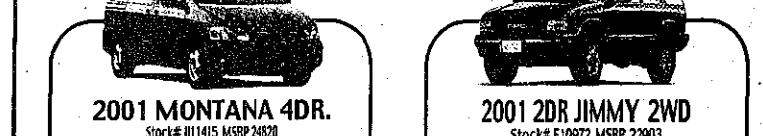
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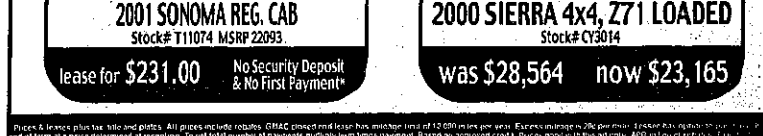


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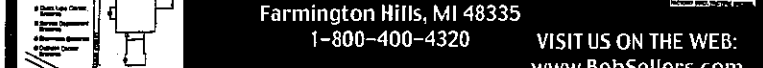


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School board will hold another public hearing for sex ed

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their fears.

Today, approximately 273 of U.S. public schools teach an abstinence-based program.

According to Michigan state law, health education shall be provided to all public schools but it is up to local school boards to choose the type of curriculum to be implemented.

High school student Jennifer Davies said by making the curriculum "abstinence-only," the district would only be holding back factual, helpful information from students in a critical time in their lives.

"This is way too important to be eliminated, whether parents want them to (hear it) or not, we talk about it, we hear about it, and many of us do it and I don't think it's fair to say these are not important facts," she said.

Davies said that students will generally lead by example and learn their values from their parents.

She added that to today's society, many parents do not have the time or resources themselves to know all the facts and she hoped students could look to the school to give them the best information available.

"Things are a lot of things different then there used to be; there's different diseases, there are different risks, different decisions being made and as a school, you are the sole provider of education to all students," she said.

The sex education portion, or the reproductive health unit, is one of seven units covered in the ninth grade health class which includes: nutrition, mental health, CPR, and drugs and alcohol.

The reproductive health unit studies: the anatomy of the male and female reproductive systems; teen pregnancy, STDs/HIV/AIDS and their signs, symptoms, and consequences; date violence, emotions and feelings (for example: difference between love and infatuation); and contraceptives, recognizing that abstinence is the only method that guarantees freedom from an unwanted pregnancy and STDs/HIV/AIDS.

School board said that while their children are allowed to "opt out" of the class, the alternative seems

more like punishment.

Opting out means a research project in the Media Center.

"If parents feel that they are unable to fill their obligation, which is to be the first and best teachers of sexuality, then they should be allowed to 'opt in' their children after school hours. It is totally counterproductive to have to sign out during school hours," she said.

Other parents added that "opting out" made children feel uncomfortable and ostracized.

Davies, deferred by stating that an after school program would not be successful because extra-curricular activities would be both an obstacle and an "excuse" not to attend.

Short Minko, who currently has one child in the Novi school system, said this issue could be a "win-win" situation if the class was to be offered as an elective.

"I do not think it's fair to discriminate against parents who do not wish to enter this program," she said. "I think the Novi schools are creative enough to come up with something to benefit all."

Pam Sass, who said she will opt her children out of the curriculum, said she would also like to see the course be offered on a voluntary basis.

"If parents want to let their kids in line, but don't make it mandatory, they can very well take CPR and the rest of this in gym class," she said.

Sass also said that while she was generally pleased with how the meeting went, she was upset concerning the amount of time allowed to speak.

The hearing was restricted to 45 minutes, in which 11 parents spoke.

"If you have all these parents who came out and they wish to speak, you should get ample time," she said.

Other issues parents had were that the public hearing portion, prior to the regularly scheduled board meeting was not aired on the city's cable access network.

Superintendent Dr. Emmet Lippe said the meeting was not aired due to lack of tech support, but that because this is such an important matter, that the next public hearing will be televised.

The next hearing will take place on Feb. 8 at 6:45 p.m. in the Educational Services Building on Taft Road.

Both sides of the issue are encouraged to speak and are asked to keep their discussion within a 5 minute time frame.

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Obituary

MARIA M. HIRT

Maria M. Hirt, 95, of Novi died Jan. 21 in Milford Township. She was born March 16, 1905, in Germany, to Julius and Bertha (Etche) Keller.

A homemaker, Mrs. Hirt moved to the area from Southfield in 1972. Before retirement, she was a cook for

the Southfield Schools. Her memberships included Our Lady of Victory Church and GBU - German Social Club.

Mrs. Hirt is survived by a son, Joseph A. (Barbara) of Novi.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Joseph in 1984. Services were held on Wednesday, Jan. 24 at Our Lady of Victory Church, with

the Rev. Ernest Porcari officiating. Interment was at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery in Southfield. Arrangements were made by Casterline Funeral Home of Northville.

Memorials directed to Masses at Sisters of the Precious Blood, Shrine of the Holy Rede, Maria Stein, Ohio 45860 would be appreciated.

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ADULT BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP

Our February selection is "Amy and Isabelle" by Elizabeth Strout. The group meets Monday, Feb. 5 at 7 p.m. in the library meeting room. Drop-ins are welcome.

SENIOR BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP

Senior booklovers are reading "The Poisonwood Bible" by Barbara Kingsolver. The senior group meets in the library meeting room on Thursday, Feb. 8 at noon.

MAKING SENSE OF SEARCH ENGINES

Internet whiz Richard Truxall discusses the difference between search engines and subject guides; the pros and cons of various tools for searching the Internet; and tips for maximizing the efficiency of these tools and reducing the number of "false hits" in your searches. The class meets Tuesday, Jan. 30, from 7-8:30 p.m. Please register in advance for all Internet classes in person or by calling the library.

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Mother's Santa pin was priceless

Each week *HomeTown* Newspapers will be delving into the pages of its own classified sections, discovering tales of promise, misfortune and opportunity, then putting a familiar face on stories otherwise left untold and un-broadcasted in the course of human events.

By David M. Aguilier

STAFF WRITER

Shirley Cautillo's mother, Adele, gave her the pin eight years ago, a keepsake that Shirley only wore during the holidays and only with outfits befitting nostalgia.

But on Thursday, Dec. 21 the redstone covered Santa Claus pin that had once meant so much to her mother before she died, disappeared. The unique three-inch holiday ornament that 72-year-old

Shirley wore only with a special sweater or a fashionable silk scarf, came up missing after she returned home from St. Joseph's Catholic Church in South Lyon that day.

She noticed the missing pin after returning home. As she hung up her coat in a closet Cautillo noticed the empty patch on her coat's lapel, the exact place where the pin had been secured when she first left the house. Somehow the wind had swept in and taken away a piece of her family legacy.

And all that remained was a hole in Cautillo's heart.

"I was broken-hearted," Cautillo said. "I am absolutely devastated. The pin itself has no financial value, but it was my mother's favorite pin, and she gave it to me before she died. The only time I ever

wore that pin was during the holidays. It was just unique, and being my mother's made in very sentimental."

Cautillo said she has since retraced every step along her path that day, from those taken at the far reaches of St. Joe's snow-piled parking lot, to the Farmer Jack trip she made immediately following mass. Even a thorough search of her Colonial Acres condominium proved fruitless.

"I have searched just about everywhere, through closets and lost and founds. The pin was so pretty," Cautillo said. "Everyone who ever saw it commented on it."

She said it featured a Santa Claus shape with individual rhinestones decorating the red cap and while tassels filling out its beard.

Now she waits for either melting snow or the tender hand of fate to set things right.

"I am praying to St. Anthony," Cautillo said. "Maybe it is under one of these snowbanks, and when they melt it will be there. I don't know, I'm just heartless. My mother didn't have a lot of money, but this was her favorite pin, so it means quite a bit to me."

Anyone with information about Cautillo's lost Santa Claus pin can contact her at (248) 486-8306.

There is much to be found in the pages of *HomeTown's* Classified section — the Green Sheet. Turn to section D of this paper to find out more. To place any ad, big or small, *HomeTown's* Classifieds can be reached at (248) 685-8705.

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or try to influence anyone's decision. We (our council) are elected officials, elected to do our job and they (planning commission) are appointed to do their jobs, that's it."

The planning commission had passed a resolution to ask council to not interfere with commission decisions and business. According to Loreusz, that resolution never made it into the council packet.

Council played a joint session of city council and the planning commission for Feb. 15.

Randal Yakey is a staff writer for the Novit News. His e-mail address is ryakey@homecomm.net

Grant for mediation board in works

By RANDAL YAKY

Staff Writer

Novit Mayor Richard Clark, whose idea it was to set up a Novit mediation board, is hopeful that a \$5,000 grant will help start up the new program this year.

The city, in conjunction with the Oakland Mediation Center, applied for the National Association for Community Mediation Grant to help with the mediation board to help negotiate problems between neighbors, in both residential and business areas.

With support of the 52nd 1st District Court in Novit, the mayor proposed a mediation board to help with the mediation board to help negotiate problems between neighbors, in both residential and business areas.

"We're waiting now on the grant application and we're hoping we'll hear something soon," Clark said. "If we get the grant, the Oakland County Mediation Center would do the actual training of the community volunteers for the program. For the first year they would provide oversight since they have been doing this for a long time in the legal arena for the county. Then after the first year, we're on our own."

Oakland Mediation Center Executive Director Janet Klein said that the mediation board set up by Novit could become a model for the state.

"This is the first time a municipality has attempted to implement this citywide," Klein said. "Our job is to get the mediation process going and turn it over to the city after a year."

To apply for the grant, a municipality must go through a registered mediation center, which are in communities all over the country, Klein said.

Clark, who has 32 years of experience as a lawyer, is well aware of the enormous docket the Novit court has. Clark said the new program can elevate neighbor or commercial disputes or even conflicts within city departments.

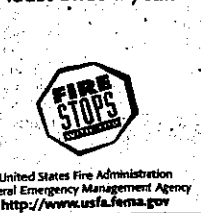
Novit District Court Judge Brian MacKenzie said the mediation board will help alleviate civil cases at 52-1.

According to the National Association for Community Mediation (NACM), 85 percent of all neighborhood mediations result in some kind of agreement between the two parties. Of those who enter into an agreement, 90 percent uphold the agreement over time. A decision on the grant is expected within thirty days.

Randal Yakey is a staff writer for the Novit News. He can be reached at (248) 345-1700.

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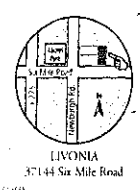
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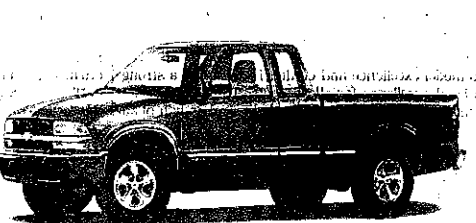
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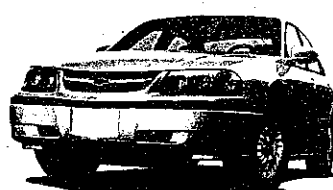
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COMMUNITY NEWS/SCHOOL BRIEFS

PARENTING FAIR

The ninth annual Wallled Lake Schools Parenting Education Fair will be held on Saturday, Feb. 9, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Walnut Creek Middle School. Everyone is invited to attend.

Dr. Nancy Buck, an author and nationally known parenting-education speaker, will deliver the keynote address. Her topic is "Peaceful Parenting." Twenty-four break-out sessions on a variety of topics of interest follow Dr. Buck's presentation. Topics include: "Healthy Childhood Self-esteem: A Gift for a Lifetime," "Managing Sibling Rivalry," "Empowering Your Preschooler," "Protecting Our Kids on the Internet," "Survival Strategies for Parents of Teens," "21st Century Parenting," "Keys to Effective Discipline," and many more.

Admission is \$8 for the entire program. An optional lunch will be available on site for \$6. Child care for children ages 2 through 12 will also be available for a nominal fee of \$2 per family for the entire day.

Additional information and registration materials for the Parenting Education Fair are available. Please contact Alice Bender at (248) 956-4232.

BABY AND KID STUFF FOR SALE

Saturday, March 24, from 9 a.m. to noon at Wallled Lake United Methodist Church, 313 Northport, Wallled Lake, behind Lynch & Sons Funeral Home on Pontiac Trail. Donations to benefit Appalachian Service Project.

For information on available table space to sell your items, call 624-2405 for details.

BLOOD DRIVE

The American Red Cross will sponsor a community blood drive at St. Mary Mercy Hospital, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., Thursday, Jan. 25 in the St. Mary Mercy Hospital auditorium. The American Red Cross encourages area residents to join St. Mary Mercy Hospital employees and volunteers to donate blood.

Snow and ice storms in more than seven states have forced the cancellation of blood drives resulting in more than 5,000 missed blood donations.

WL SCHOOL SURVEY

Wallled Lake Schools is currently preparing to establish an attendance area for the new high school opening in 2002. The school district is very interested in your thoughts on this process to determine which of our high schools each student attends. Don't miss your chance to tell us what you think. Survey begins on Friday, Jan. 26 and ends at midnight, Thursday, Feb. 1.

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GLENGARY RECEIVES MICHIGAN BLUE RIBBON SCHOOL AWARD

Glengary Elementary School is the proud recipient of the 2000-2001 Michigan Blue Ribbon Exemplary School award. Established by the Secretary of Education in 1982, the purpose of the Blue Ribbon Schools Program is to:

- Identify and give public recognition to outstanding public and private schools across the United States;
- Make available a comprehensive framework of key criteria for school effectiveness that can serve as a basis for participatory self-assessment and planning in schools;
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Blue Ribbon schools model excellence and equity. They exhibit a strong commitment to educational excellence for all students. The school's success in furthering the intellectual, social, moral, and physical growth of all its students, including those with disabilities and limited English skills, is a basic consideration underlying the recognition criteria.

PREREGISTER FOR PRESCHOOL

The Wallled Lake Consolidated School District is taking names to be included in the pre-registration list for Head Start, PREP and tuition-based preschool programs for the 2001-2002 school year. Programs serve children ages 3 to 5 and are aligned with the elementary curriculum with a focus on early literacy skills.

Please call our office at (248) 956-5080, between 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, starting Feb. 1 to have your child's name put on the pre-registration list for next school year. Parents who call for the tuition-based preschool program during February will have a registration advantage.

If you are interested in enrolling your child for the current school year, please call our office to check for immediate openings.

PRINCIPALS CHOSEN FOR TWO ELEMENTARIES

The board of education approved the appointment of Sandra Faber as principal of Oakley Park Elementary, effective Jan. 2. Mrs. Faber is currently principal of University Hills Elementary in Rochester. Prior to that, she was in the Bloomfield Hills School District as a special education teacher, counselor, supervisor and associate principal.

Mrs. Faber has a degree in counseling from Oakland University, a bachelor's in social studies and a master's in administration from Wayne State University, as well as additional endorsements. She has also received a learning disabilities endorsement from Madonna University.

The board of education approved the appointment of Dennis Graham as principal of Commerce Elementary, effective Jan. 2. Graham is currently, and has been for the last three years, assistant principal at Covington School in the Birmingham School District.

Prior to that he worked in the district as a school social worker at the preschool, elementary, middle school and high school levels. He has also been a social worker at the Eastwood Clinic in Detroit, plant manager, and a production supervisor for various industries including Ford Motor Co. Mr. Graham holds a bachelor's degree from Eastern Michigan University and a master's in social work from Wayne State University.

WIXOM PARKS AND RECREATION AND "BOYS IN BAND" PRESENTS

"Winter Blast Buster 2001" on Friday, Jan. 26 at the Wixom Community Center, 49015 Pontiac Trail. This event is for Ages 13-18. There will be a \$5 per person entrance fee at the door. Parks and Recreation and local band "Boys in Band" invite you to jam the night away with special guest band "Lifeline." Includes pizza and snacks. Call 624-2850 for more information.

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Walled Lake gets headache from area water lines

By Tran Longmoore

Staff Writer

Residents and business owners in Wallled Lake are starting to get a taste of the traffic problems that are coming with the installation of a water main.

Construction crews have finally begun digging up roads to install a 42-inch Detroit Water and Sewerage main through Wallled Lake and into the City of Wixom. Two areas of Wallled Lake have already felt the construction's pinch. West Maple Road has been closed, between Beck and Bernstein roads, and 14 Mile has been closed between Decker and East Wallled Lake Road.

"Well, it's not so bad. Traffic around here has always been a mess. It really helped when they extended Maple Road, so I guess we'll go back to hectic rush hours again," said Nadine Christopher, a city resident. "I just hope it'll be done when they say it'll be done."

Some business owners aren't quite as indifferent to the construction. Merchants, particularly those located on Wallled Lake Road, have noticed that drivers are already more reluctant to stop and shop because of the construction.

"Business is down 10 percent already," said Roy Binno, owner of Lake Plaza Liquor on Ladd Road.

Binno expects that when the construction closes down the road in front of his business, he'll lose 30 percent of business.

"I may have no choice but to close the store for a month or two," Binno said.

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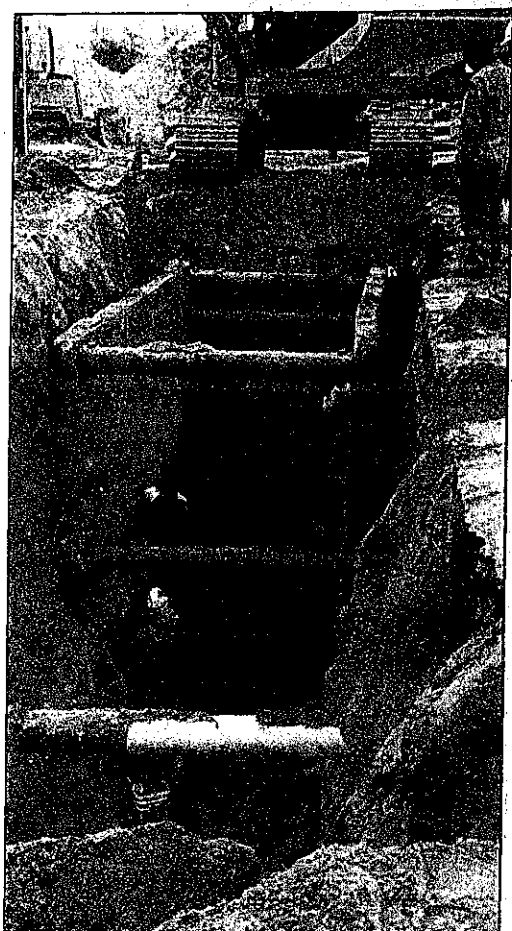
Binno said, "This is going to hurt downtown. And what's not the project isn't even to the benefit of Wallled Lake."

Detroit Water and Sewerage contracted D'Agostini and Sons for the project. Mary Mazur, a spokesperson for the department, said the project should be completed by May 30. When completed, the City of Wixom will be fully tapped into the Detroit system, and it will shut down the wells that currently provide residents with water.

The city and the Downtown Development Authority have been trying to come up with ways to soften the blow caused by the construction. Businesses had put up signs on detour routes to let passing motorists know that they were open for business, but some residents complained, and the signs were taken down.

"It's hard because this isn't a Wallled Lake project, and the crews aren't being paid by the city. So we really don't have much influence on the process," said Wallled Lake Department of Public Works Director Lloyd Cureton, who has been monitoring the construction. "While we're trying to be good neighbors to Wixom, we also have to watch closely and be sure that we're not suffering unnecessarily."

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Workers begin installing pipe for Detroit water on West Maple Road.

Ice Festival becomes Winter Carnival

By JENNIFER NORRIS and TRAN LONGMOORE

Staff Writers

Experiencing some winter blues? Well, just set your spirits a little higher.

This year, the Wallled Lake Jaycees along with Bogey's Bar and Grille will be hosting the winter carnival from Feb. 3-11.

"We're very excited about this," said Lisa West, chairman of the board for the Wallled Lake Jaycees. "We're hoping this will be a signature event for the Wallled Lake Jaycees."

The series of week-long events will include a variety of activities designed for every age group. Some of the planned festivities include an ice sculpture show, a chili cookoff, a cabin fever party and Jaycees' Kids' Winter Olympics.

Other scheduled events include a fashion show, the annual polar golf tournament and an annual snowball tournament. Bands are scheduled to perform on the weekends.

According to West, the winter carnival will feature live sculpture demonstrations and photos with the multi-block sculpture on Feb. 3.

On Feb. 4, those attending will have the opportunity to vote for their favorite sculpture.

"It seems like we've got something going every day," said Pat Soumerville, owner of Bogey's Bar and Grille. Soumerville added the establish-

"Traditionally, the ice festival has been very successful."

Tracy White
DDA director of business retention and recruitment

ishment will soon be changing their name to the Boathouse Tavern and Grille.

WDFN's sports radio personalities Stoney and Wags will broadcast the Annual Polar Golf Tournament live from frozen Wallled Lake on Feb. 4, beginning at 11 a.m.

West said the winter carnival evolved from the Wallled Lake Ice Festival. The event is expected to expand with the Wallled Lake Jaycees' Development Authority implemented during the years of the ice festival.

Tracy White, director of business retention and recruitment for the Wallled Lake DDA, said that the organization hosted the Wallled Lake Ice Festival for several years. This year, she said the board elected not to hold the festival due partly to a lack of manpower and greater involvement with the Main Street Oakland County Program.

"Traditionally, the ice festival has been very successful for the city. It was funded completely by generous businesses, and it showcased

our community in a positive way," White said. "But as the festival grew, so did the costs and volunteer requirements."

While the event is credited with bringing the community together and attracting new businesses to town, White said it was impossible to meet the commitment this year with the DDA's involvement in the Main Street project.

"Determining the best use of an organization's resources is always a key issue," said DDA Vice Chair and former Ice Festival organizer Monica Lesnau. "At this time, the DDA has decided to concentrate its focus and commit its resources to a solid beginning for Wallled Lake's Main Street Oakland County Program."

For more information on Jaycees sponsored events in the winter carnival, call 248-938-8162. For more information on Bogey's sponsored events call 248-669-1441.

Jennifer Soumerville, manager at Bogey's Bar and Grille, also said she is looking forward to the winter carnival.

"We don't have nearly enough things going on in Wallled Lake," she said. "I wish we had more events like this."

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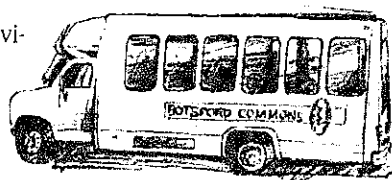
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On May 3, 1993, the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) identified Special Flood Hazard Areas in the City of Novi, Michigan, through issuance of a Flood Insurance Rate Map (FIRM).

The Associate Director for Mitigation, has determined that modification of the elevations of the flood having a one-percent chance of occurrence in any given year (base flood) for certain locations in the City of Novi, is appropriate. The modified BFEs amend the FEMA FIRM for the community.

This modification to the effective FIRM reflects channelization and fill placement associated with construction of two new culverts in the Willow Brook subdivision along Bishop Creek. As a result of the modifications, there are decreases in the BFEs and widening and narrowing of the 1% annual chance (100-year) floodplain and floodway. The revised BFEs for Bishop Creek are as follows:

Location	Base Flood Elevations (NGVD)	Revised
Approximately 1,300 feet upstream of "Ten Mile Road"	857	859
Approximately 0.5 miles downstream of "Grand River Avenue"	871	873

* Elevation in feet National Geodetic Vertical Datum. The changes are made pursuant to Section 206 of the Flood Disaster Protection Act of 1973 (PL 93-234), and are in accordance with the National Flood Insurance Act of 1968, as amended. (Title XII of the Housing and Urban Development Act of 1968, PL 90-448) 42 U.S.C. 4001-4128, and 44 CFR Part 65.

Under the above-referenced Act of 1968 and 1973, the Associate Director for Mitigation, must develop criteria for floodplain management. In order for the community to participate in the NFIP, the community will be using the new BFEs to administer the floodplain management measures of the NFIP. These modified BFEs will also be used to calculate the appropriate flood insurance premium rates for new buildings and their contents.

Upon the second publication of notice of these changes in this paper, any person has 90 days in which he can request through the Chief Executive Officer of the community that the Associate Director for Mitigation reconsider the determination. Any request for reconsideration must be based on knowledge of changed conditions or new scientific or technical data. All interested parties are on notice that until the 90-day period expires, the Associate Director's determination to modify the BFEs may itself be changed.

Any person having knowledge or wishing to comment on these changes should immediately notify:

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Karen Ostalecki of Novi's Red Hot and Blue restaurant dishes up some of its chili during Saturday's Chilly Willy Festival at the Novi Civic Center. The Red Hot and Blue's chili's secret ingredient? Hickory smoked beef brisket.

Festival serves up activities

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Judge Hugh Crawford, said Red Hot & Blue was chosen because easily enough, "It tasted the best." Best dressed booth went to the Whole Nine Yards and the People's Choice Award went to Local Color.

Sean Hagenian of Parkview said he had a blast at the event not only eating up the chili, but playing games and making a bug sculpture out of marbles.

And for Alexis Matteson, the fest wasn't only about chili and games, but also getting the chance to hang out with grandma and grandpa.

Aside from the cook-off, there were other activities keeping participants busy such as its Immigration Station for kids which offered face painting, sponge art and crafts.

Spectators could also be entertained outside by watching blocks of ice become works of art at the Ice Sculpture Display. Ice Sculpture Sponsors included Marty Feldman Chevrolet, Botsford General Hospital, and JCK Associates.

Nicky Woodruff and Sarah Wolsky of Novi, along with The Rhee Family of Howell, won in a tie for first place in the Snow Sculpture Contest and others walked away winners too.

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Students learn art of Kimonos

By STEPHANIE FORDYCE
Staff Writer

Village Oaks Elementary second graders Chloe Henderson and Savannah Green, looked down at their Japanese kimonos and marveled over their beautiful colors and unusual designs.

As part of the school's study unit entitled, "It's A Small World: Tales To Tell," in which students examine cultures and countries, second and fourth graders celebrated Japanese Day on Jan. 17.

With the help of 15 Japanese parents, the students learned all about the customs and traditions of Japan, engaging in a number of fun activities such as calligraphy and origami, eating Japanese Jell-O, watching movies and wearing Japanese costumes.

"This has been so much fun and it helps give us a better understanding about other cultures," said second grader Michelle Rich. Put together by the school's special teachers of art, music, gym, and media, every nine weeks, students learn about other cultures.

like Japan and Australia, through project activities, story telling, and thematic literature.

Rich and Green said they learned a great deal about Japan and found Japanese students changing shoes when they come to school the most fascinating.

"They have special shoes to wear in school so they don't get the floors dirty," Green explained.

With the help of volunteer and parent Kyoko Yanagi, the students discovered all sorts of interesting facts about the kimonos, which Yanagi borrowed from the Japanese Society.

"They're really expensive, and only worn now for special occasions, like weddings and festivals," Henderson explained, adding that the right flap of the kimono goes under and the left goes on top for boys, and for girls, the left goes under, right on top.

"It was actually really hard to move around in," she said. "But it was so much fun to be able to dress up."

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Village Oaks students Jessica Nemesi, left, and Kelli Smith try on their kimonos during Wednesday's Japanese study unit.



Kito Kane helps Orchard Hills student Ali Hart into a "yukata" or young girls kimono during last week's Japan Day.

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Office buildings/hotel will be built next to new Fountain Walk

By RANDAL YAKY

Staff Writer

First there was West Oaks, then Fountain Walk, and now the westward push continues with a new hotel and offices complex along Twelve Mile.

Southfield Based Elkin Equities is in the process of preparing site plans for a new hotel and office buildings next to the Fountain Walk project on Twelve Mile Road just east of Novi Road.

Vice President of Finance and Development Curtis Burstien said that a site plan is in the works and he expects the project to begin no later than October.

"We had a preliminary study session and we will be pursuing a site plan approval," Burstien said. "We like the location, right next door to the new Fountain Walk."

Burstien said that the new office structure and hotel will be close enough to the Fountain Walk project to take advantage of Fountain

Walk's theaters and restaurants.

"We like the mixed business use," Burstien said. "We typically like to see a commercial component to what we do. With Fountain Walk right next door, and a theater complex there, people can walk over just like in a downtown setting."

The project will include one hundred and one rooms for Hampton Inn and Suites Hotel. The estimated four story hotel will be situated on approximately 15 acres of land in the southwest quadrant of Twelve Mile Road.

The two office structures, one estimated at 30,000 sq. feet and the other at 60,000 sq. feet, are expected to be constructed just north of the hotel along Twelve Mile Road.

The project is expected to be called Fountains West.

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Monday, Feb. 5 at 4 p.m. in the Deerfield office. Kindergarten registration deadline.

Wednesday, Feb. 7 at 4:15 p.m. in the cafeteria. Kindergarten lottery drawing held, if needed. Parents only.

To be eligible to attend Kindergarten for the 2001/2002 school year, children must be five years old on or before December 1, 2001 (state mandated). If you have questions, please call the Deerfield office at (248) 449-1700.

PRESCHOOL REGISTRATION

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Saturday, Feb. 3 from 8-10 a.m.

is open registration for district residents. Thursday, June 1 from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. is open registration for non-residents.

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Our fundamental purposes are to enhance the lives of our readers, nurture the home towns we serve and contribute to the business success of our customers.

Debate aside; give these kids info

The recent discussion over the boundaries of sex education highlights the never ending battle of just how much information should be given and who should be the one to give it in schools.

The focus of the discussion has been about keeping children and teens safe from unwanted pregnancy and disease, especially important in light of the increasing spread of HIV and AIDS and the effectiveness of abstinence teaching. As usual, opinions range across the spectrum, from an abstinence-only curriculum to an abstinence-based curriculum.

Whatever side of the fence, the most significant piece of the debate on both sides is: The importance of educating children about healthy sexuality in order to help kids keep themselves safe. By providing students with all the information, including contraceptive alternatives, the data can only help, not hurt our teens.

We agree with high school student Jennifer Davies who said that by making the curriculum "abstinence-only," the district would only be holding back factual, helpful information from students in a critical time in their lives.

In an age where sexual information is plastered all over media, books and the like, the truth about

sex and its consequences should be stressed in an educational environment rather than an entertainment venue.

Rather than get the data through television, friends, and music videos, where a lot of misinformation can be given, allow the schools to continue their efforts of providing the best education, including sexual reproduction.

We agree parents have the right to speak freely with their children and discuss sex with them.

However, the more information, the better off these teens are. Just because the information is given, does not mean students will go out and have sex. They are more likely to do so because their friends said it was cool then because their school let them know how serious sex can be.

Let's support our school district and hope that it will continue to embrace an abstinence-based curriculum, to ensure that all our students will be able to make safe, healthy decisions on their own.

Children and teens need good information about sex, sexual relationships, reproduction, birth control, sexually-transmitted diseases, and sexual abuse. Information is power, and in this high-risk day and age, children and teens need all the information they can get.



Jon Robideau, right, and other students from Northville's Thornton Creek Elementary seem to enjoy their visit to Nov's Cummings Diesel factory last week. The students learned about safety issues and even got to keep the hard hats and safety glasses, too.

LETTERS

Michigan is prepared

The news from California is not good. The state has experienced rolling electricity blackouts and the two largest power companies talk of bankruptcy.

Last June, Michigan's Legislature passed, new laws restructuring much of our state's power industry. This begs an obvious question: Can California's power problem happen here?

The answer is no, not if we continue to prudently move toward customer choice and support new generating plants and electric transmission and distribution facilities needed to power Michigan's growing economy.

California's electric utilities cannot keep up with the public's demand for power. While the people of California are increasing their use of electricity at nearly triple the national rate, no new power plants have been built in more than a decade because of many reasons - including opposition from the public.

By contrast, demand in Michigan is growing more slowly, about 2 percent annually, and several generating units have been brought into service. Consumers Energy rebuilt and restarted three units at our plant in Muskegon and our holding company, CMS Energy, has added units in northern and southern Michigan that can generate power during times of peak demand.

Michigan's new laws removed many of the uncertainties that kept power suppliers from building new plants here. A number of new units are planned over the next several years. With their output, we could have enough electricity to exceed customer demand on peak-use days by 40 percent or more. Some already face very strong public opposition, however, so the percentage could turn out to be much smaller.

California encouraged its electric utilities to sell most of their fossil-fired power plants. Now, California's utilities are dependent on a volatile, short-term wholesale power market to buy power one day at a time. They are barred from signing long-term power contracts or using the other tools available to utilities elsewhere to ensure a reliable supply.

California's extraordinarily strict environmental rules have discouraged construction of new power plants and encouraged too much reliance on natural gas. Michigan gets a much smaller fraction of its power from gas-fired plants. Our primary fuel source is coal, which is abundant, affordable and increasingly clean. Coal-fired and nuclear-powered plants provide more than half of our electricity, at prices that are lower and historically more stable.

California also suffers from inadequate transmission capacity to import electricity from other states. By contrast, Michigan's law requires the state's utilities to expand transmission capacity by 2,000 megawatts by June 2002. We are already working to meet that requirement.

Finally, Michigan's new laws empower the Michigan Public Service Commission to establish performance standards to ensure that our electric customers continue to

enjoy quality service. Michigan's different approach is keeping us from a California-style mess. During a few hot summer days in 1998 and 1999, when electric supplies were very tight, our customers responded to our public appeals to conserve by turning off some lights and cutting back a bit on air conditioning. We didn't have to resort to a dramatic, California-style action and kept the power flowing.

Resolving the long-term problem will require cooperation. You and I vote with our light switches every day for more electricity. There's no need for a recount. We vote for more central air conditioners, computers, electronic devices and products from factories which use large amounts of power.

On the other hand, many people are very quick to vote no when it comes to new generating plants and power lines near their communities.

How shall we reconcile the two votes? We need to respond by conserving electricity when demand is unusually high, like on very hot summer days. We also need to work together to develop a long-term plan to build the plants and power lines that Michigan's families and businesses will need. That's no small task.

California has gotten everyone's attention. Now that we're thinking about the problem, let's work together on ways to make sure new power supplies can be developed in a manner that is environmentally responsible, economical and in time. That way, when you turn on the light switch several years from now, you won't wonder if the power will be there.

David W. Joos,
President and CEO, Electric Consumers Energy

Knollenberg helped honor vets

This past July, Nov had the privilege and honor of recognizing and thanking its unsung heroes, the veterans of World War II - those men and women whose sacrifices made possible the continuation and blessing of liberty we all enjoy today.

In connection with that celebration, it came to light that numerous veterans had never received the medals they had earned on the field of battle. Since last July, a number of veterans have received and continue to receive those medals. The receipt of those long overdue medals and recognition so well deserved is due to the tireless efforts of one man, Congressman Joe Knollenberg. Without the efforts of Congressman Knollenberg and his staff, none of this recognition would have been possible.

On behalf of our community, its council and especially its veterans, I thank you, Congressman Knollenberg.

Richard J. Clark, Mayor
City of Novi

Parents need more information

On January 18th at 6:45 p.m. a number of parents attended the public hearing held at Orchard Hills regarding sex edu-

cation in our local schools. A second public hearing will occur on Thursday, February 8th.

6:45 p.m. at the Educational Services Building on Taft Road.

Thank you to the Nov News and reporter Stephanie Fordyce for making the community aware of the public hearing on Sex Education in our local schools, especially because the Nov School Board/administration has done so well.

The bare legal minimum in this regard. The community ought to take note that the cameras were set up and ready to roll for the school board meeting that immediately followed the public hearing. The school board/administration chose not to record the public hearing for broadcast on our local cable.

State law does not mandate sex education to be taught. But when a school district decides to teach sex education, the state legal requirements are very specific. One such requirement is an advisory board comprised of parents, teachers, and local clergy. Another requirement is that the advisory committee periodically review the materials and methods of instruction. As a member of this advisory committee, I feel state funding of our local schools are in serious jeopardy. Each violation causes a district to lose five percent of their state funding. When we lose five, ten, or fifteen percent of state funding either you and I will see higher property taxes or we will see our schools suffer.

Northville School District as a normal course of curriculum review established an advisory committee. During the review or update of its curriculum parents learned of course material that promotes sexual activity through its "safe sex" curriculum. In one unit of course work, students would pair up and practice the proper condom use. One student would be holding an anatomically correct model while another would properly put the condom in place. Northville parents upon learning of intended course work were outraged. As a result, the advisory committee was expanded to include

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OTHER OPINIONS

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A look at three contenders

News that former governor Jim Blanchard has launched the "Jim Blanchard for Governor Committee" has jump-started the process that will eventually result in a Democratic candidate for governor in November, 2002.

That election will be a very big deal for both parties. It will be the first with no sitting governor on the ballot since 1982. Thanks to term limits and increased turnover in the legislature, the relative powers of the governor's office have increased in recent years - a process both abetted and encouraged by Gov. John Engler.

Here's a look at the three major possible contenders and what's driving them. Since his embarrassing defeat by Engler in 1990, Blanchard has hardly been idle. A close advisor to Bill Clinton in 1992, Blanchard was rewarded by an appointment as Ambassador to Canada. By all reports, he did a good job. Blanchard returned to Washington to a law-and-lobbying practice with a well-connected firm. He kept his toe in the Michigan politics, most recently as co-chair of the successful effort to defeat the school voucher proposal.

A former Congressman, Blanchard clearly would enjoy returning to Washington as a Senator, incumbent Sen. Carl Levin, however, looks like he has other ideas. Most observers figure he'll run for a fifth term, making a Blanchard challenge in a primary seem, um, impolite.

So Blanchard, who remains vigorous and active, finds the governorship a likely target. He says he's returning to Michigan "tested and improved by experience, but still with plenty of fire in my belly."

While Blanchard was moving around the state, Michigan Congressman David Bonior - currently the number two Democrat in the U.S. House and in line to be majority leader should the party win the House next year - discovered the 2000 census results will cast Michigan one congressional seat. Since Republicans will run the redistricting process - they control both the state Legislature and Supreme Court - they got a terrible device for getting Bonior out of their hair: Redistrict him out of office.

Lost in space without a notebook

I am an idiot. Either that or there is some kind of weird curse on me.

This week, I'm going to use this column for my own selfish reasons, because essentially this is a cry for help.

You see there is a notebook floating amongst the city, and for some reason it has taken on a life of its own.

The saga began last Thursday night. I left the school board meeting, I had all my notes and paperwork with me (I thought when I exited "the Orchard Hills parking lot, but when I returned to work on Friday, everything was gone.

I searched my car frantically and was about to explode, when a message on my voice mail set me at ease.

It was board member Bruce Bagdady informing me that he found papers all over the school parking lot the night before and assumed they were mine.

I mean, here I have practically the biggest story for my week lead, and I somehow manage to lose it. I had notes from the meeting, notes from an assembly I had attended earli-

er in the week, and a significant amount of quotes that I had taken over the phone from for another story.

I guess I must have put them on top of my car and drove off.

You think I'd be a little more careful. Anyway, when I got the call, I was so relieved and grateful I thanked Bruce a hundred times over for rescuing my work.

Later that afternoon I drove over to his home, where his wife Carol had all my notes waiting for me.

I put all the papers and tablets into my car and kept them there.

Friday evening, I stopped by my friends house in the Chase Farms subdivision for maybe a minute or two.

Saturday morning she calls me and starts rambling off material. I stop by to pick up the tablet and head to the Civic Center.

At this point I'm thinking the heavens above for not one, but two close-calls.

But I guess three times a charm.

I enter the Civic Center, hang out a while, take some names and quotes from the festival.

1:45 p.m. I depart city hall and head off to the Dog Show at the Expo Center.

2:45 p.m.

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Parents, be informed

Novi parents, take note that the Novi schools are on the road to approving the grades 4 through 9 Growth and Development curriculum.

In other words, this is your chance to have input regarding the sex education of your children and their friends. Please take the time to obtain an outline of the content for these classes, and I encourage you also to view the student materials, handouts, videos and teacher materials/guides. Also, voice your opinion at the one remaining public hearing, held before the next school board meeting. Note that there is no formal policy detailing "opting out" of these courses. Students and parents have had difficulties with the issue of alternative assignments when their children have opted out from the sex ed classes, in Novi as well as in Northville.

Obtain a copy of the outline or view the materials (for grades 4-8) through the office of Dr. Rita Traynor at the Ed. Svcs. Bldg. on Taft north of 10 Mile, phone (248) 449-1200. For grade 9, make arrangements to view the materials with the High School, (248) 449-1500.

The public hearing will be at 6:45pm before the next school board meeting, at the Ed. Svcs. Bldg. on Thursday, February 8th.

Parents, I encourage you to become educated yourself about the materials and approaches used by the schools, and about the risks of teenage sexuality. The

stakes are much higher than a generation or two ago, and are not fully negated by use of prophylactics. I refer not only to AIDS, but also to Herpes, HPV, and chlamydia, which can have lifelong consequences (infertility and, HPV and (and possibly chlamydia) can cause cancer.

Please check out these websites for more information: www.medisite.org, www.mikelong.com, www.love-matters.com.

www.nh.org/news/pr/jan2001/nlchd-04.htm (NIH News Release about effectiveness of a virginity pledge)

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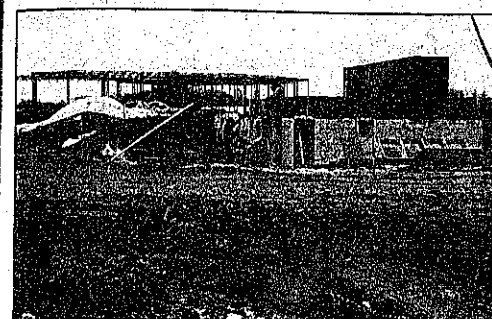
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Work continues on Novi's Fountain Walk mall Monday morning near the West Oaks complex.

Steel beams go up for Fountain Walk

By RANDAL YAKY Staff Writer

The steel is being hauled in by the truck load this week for the new Fountain Walk project, according to developers. Fountain Walk, along Twelve Mile Road just west of Novi road, is the latest in a long line of developments in Novi that will introduce two new retailers to Novi and Michigan.

As part of the project, there will be a 40,000 square foot skateboard facility and a new six screen theater expected to open this year, according to a Taubman Center Inc. press release.

"We expect the theater up by the years end," Michael Litten, President and Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of the development partner PLC, said.

Litten said that the project is in full swing and he expects some of the venues to open well before the March grand opening.

"As a matter of fact, we're having steel delivered today," Litten said. "We expect that by early next year we'll have the Great

"As a matter of fact, we're having steel delivered today."

Michael Litten
President/CEO of PLC

Indoors open and Jillian's." Great Indoors, an upscale home furnishings outlet, and Jillian's, a recreational and restaurant venue, are both expected to move into the new facility, according to information provided to the Novi administration.

Southfield based Ramco Gershenson Properties Trust and Bloomfield Hills based Taubman Center Inc. is part of the project, specializing in the construction end of the 737,000 square foot facility.

Randal Yaky is a staff writer for the Novi News. His e-mail address is ryaky@ht.homecomm.net

Cassis turns in \$17,000 in unused office money

Rep. Nancy Cassis (R-Nowi) announced today the return of more than \$17,000 in unused office expenses to the state.

Cassis managed her office resources wisely, ending 2000 with a budget surplus of \$17,663. The funds are the result of unused annual office allotment expenses.

"Advocating strong fiscal responsibility would ring hollow if I did not exercise sensible spending practices in my own office," Cassis said. "The money we use is the taxpayers' money,

and we owe it to Michigan families to be frugal with their hard-earned money."

Annual office allotments can cover such expenses as mailings, printing, publications and telephone service.

"I am pleased to have provided top-notch representation to local residents at a lesser expense than allotted," Cassis said. "As lawmakers, we talk about being fiscally responsible. Returning these funds is one way I can show that we practice what we preach."

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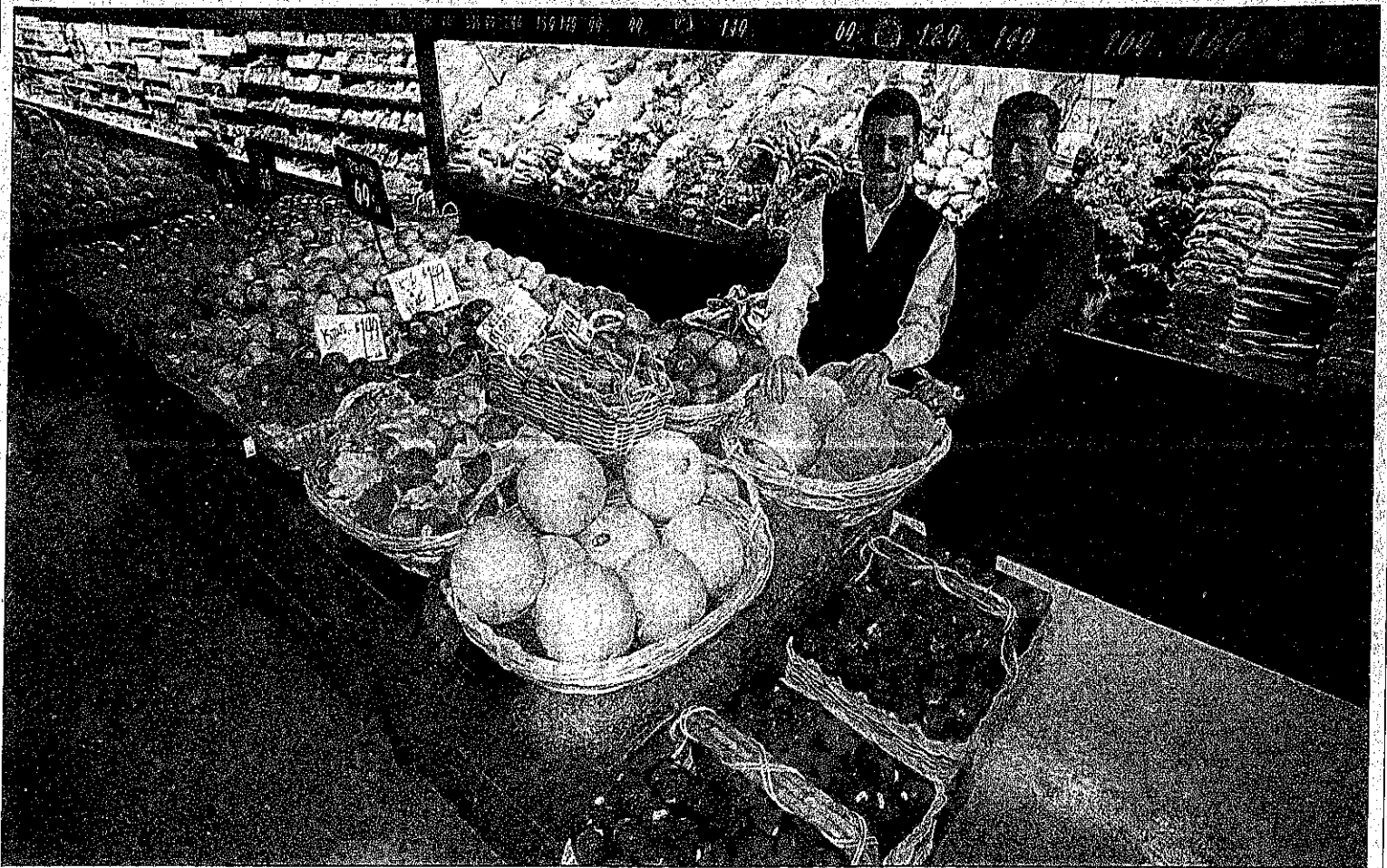
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Taorello's Marketplace co-owners John Taormina (left) and Rod Kello ensure customers receive only the freshest and highest quality fruits and vegetables by hand-selecting them every morning from the Detroit produce terminal. Taorello's Marketplace, which is celebrating its one-year anniversary, has become one of Livingston County's premiere shopping destinations.

Taorello's Marketplace

Livingston County's popular shopping destination celebrates its one-year anniversary

Taorello's Marketplace has quickly become one of Livingston County's premiere shopping destinations. Within a year's time, business partners and long-time friends John Taormina and Rod Kello have established a reputation for quality produce at competitive prices.

Taormina and Kello did more than just combine their names when they became partners. They combined years of business and specialty market experience.

Being in virgin territory they say it's been a challenge determining what customers wanted, but the two have fared well and are pleased with the way the business has come along.

They listen to their customers, and make changes they feel are necessary based on those customer needs.

"Your customers have to tell you what they want ... you can't just sell what you'd like to sell," Taormina said.

And tell them they do. Taormina said the store's customer request box is usually pretty thick with suggestions. Many of the requests

are for specialty wines even though merchandiser and wine buyer Donna Hauser keeps Taorello's stocked with nearly 2,000 different labeled wines.

"It's been an area that's really impressed us," Taormina said. "We just can't seem to get enough variety."

Taormina said that unlike some wine shops where customers are left to stare at a wall of different wines to try to make a selection on their own, Taorello's knowledgeable staff is there to help.

"We have staff here who truly know their wines," he said. "They don't just pretend to know — they know their wines."

Looking for the finest in fresh fruits and vegetables? Check out the selection available at Taorello's that often includes everything from ugly fruit to organic produce. All at competitive prices.

"Taorello's is the first place (in Livingston County) that literally brings in fresh produce, other than local farm markets in the summer," Taormina said. "We go down every morning at 1 a.m. to

the Detroit produce terminal. Our produce is hand-selected, hand-purchased, brought in every day."

That extra effort assures customers they're receiving only the freshest and highest quality items at a very competitive price — in most cases at prices that should beat the competition.

"If you buy a green pepper from Taorello's, you can put it in your refrigerator and it's going to last for a few days," Taormina said. "If you buy a green pepper from the chain store, you better use it today or tomorrow or it's going to turn into soup. And that's the difference."

The success of Taorello's meat department can be directly attributed to Taormina's experience in

the meat business, beginning at the age of 10 beside a father who was in the business for 40 years. Hand-picking their meat manager, Todd LaCoe, didn't hurt either, and based on sales it's the number-one department of the store. Taorello's carries only USDA Choice or better, cut fresh everyday.

The same goes for the seafood counter. Manager Tony Signorelli — hand-picked, knowledgeable and creative, just loves what he does and freely gives recipes and cooking suggestions.

But it's the same throughout Taorello's Marketplace. Friendly, knowledgeable staff, willing to share their experience with customers.

For many, Taorello's Marketplace located at 1007 Grand River Ave. in Brighton, has transformed shopping into an enjoyable leisurely outing rather than a regular weekly chore. And Taormina and Kello couldn't be more pleased. Response has been very positive.

"We really think we have something that everybody will enjoy," Taormina said. "Even men enjoy coming in to shop. It's educational, it's fun. ... People come in and see their neighbors, socialize, have a cup of coffee. It's really neat."

A favorite gathering spot is Taorello's bakery department with its window displays of mouth-watering sweet treats to its racks of hearty and robust specialty breads. Many of Taorello's taste-tempting sweets are made fresh in-house and its beautiful tortes are created by O'Leafy's Bakery in Howell.

A full-service floral department, managed by floral designer Diane Signorelli, can provide everything from color-coordinated

corsages and boutonnieres for homecoming to corporate gifts baskets for pick-up or delivery.

But Taorello's greatest asset? Customer service.

"When an individual comes in and asks for a particular beer from Germany ... we don't just make one phone call," Taormina said. "We find it if it takes the Internet, going through the distributor to someone higher up. Whatever it takes."

It's one of his favorite aspects of the business. One, he says, that can create a customer for life.

When Taorello's Marketplace opened in Brighton one year ago, Taormina and Kello's goal was to create a specialty market offering customers fresh, high-quality food items at competitive prices. They wanted to provide people with everything needed to put a delicious meal together from start to finish, A-to-Z. Right down to a luscious dessert and fresh flowers for the table," Taormina said.

"And I think we've pretty much achieved that," he added.



Rod Kello (clockwise from above) in Taorello's Floral Department; Donna Hauser, wine buyer and merchandiser for the store, assists in wine selection; Rod Kello and John Taormina display some taste-tempting tortes sold in their Bakery Department. John Taormina with Meat Department manager Todd LaCoe serve only USDA Choice or better meats at Taorello's. Seafood manager Tony Signorelli offers cooking preparations and recipe ideas for the fresh seafood sold at Taorello's Marketplace at 1007 Grand River Ave., in Brighton.



Thursday, January 25, 2001



Wildcat captain Brad Zarem, right, takes the puck behind the net during last Friday's game against Warren DeLaSalle at the Novi Ice Arena.

Photo by JOHN HEIDER

Wildcats suffer first loss

Third ranked squad still poised for state playoff run

BY COLBY J. CAVALIERE
HOMETOWN NEWSPAPERS

In athletics, emotions can swing heavily from game to game. No team understands that more than the Novi hockey squad. After playing terrific hockey in the season's biggest win against Brighton 3-2, on January 18, the Wildcats suffered their first loss of the season the next night against state ranked Warren De LaSalle, 3-0.

In a game that most thought would determine the Kensington Valley Conference champion, Novi rose to the challenge and held off the Brighton Bulldogs for a hard fought 3-2 win. The Bulldogs, ranked No. 9 in Division 1, looked to avenge their only loss of the season, a 5-4 contest in December, but also tie the Wildcats for the top spot in the conference. Novi, ranked No. 3 in Division 2 was hoping to turn Brighton away for the

second time, and all but wrap up the KVC championship.

"I give my kids a lot of credit. They played excellent in a huge game that had been built up for many weeks," said Novi coach Dan Phelps.

Novi fired the first shot in the battle, when Adam Haberman intercepted a pass, and beat Bulldog goalie Cory Moore at the 8:02 mark of the first period.

The scored stayed at 1-0 until early in the second period Brighton snapped in the tying goal only 1:19 in. The teams played to a stalemate for much of the period until Novi broke through on Haberman's second goal of the game. The lead was shortlived. Just a minute later, with 1:50 on the clock, Brighton tied the game, and began to swing momentum in their favor. With less than a minute remaining in the period the Bulldogs clanked one off the goal post, missing an

opportunity to take the game over, and perhaps douse the hopes of the Wildcats.

Brighton controlled play for most of the beginning stages of the third period, but was unable to take the lead. Novi looked to its star player to turn the tide. With 9:58 remaining, Novi's Brad Zarem took the puck end to end and added to his team leading goal tally, but more importantly put the 'Cats up to stay, 3-2.

"We came out ready for a war, and we got one. Brighton has a very talented and deep squad, and we had our hands full for the whole game," said Phelps. "Each team played sound, fundamental hockey, and it was a true hockey fans' kind of game."

De La Salle 3, Novi 0

Not only was it the first loss of the season for the Wildcats, but it was also the first

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Novi squad beats woeful Mustangs with tough defense

BY COLBY J. CAVALIERE
SPORTS EDITOR

Both teams have had their struggles this year, but when they tangle, throw the records out the window, and get out of the way. Because when the Mustangs and the Wildcats meet on the basketball court, anything can happen.

And happen it did as the Wildcats beat their crosstown rivals 55-44.

With "Welcome to the Jungle" blaring out of the speakers, the teams bursted from the locker rooms. In warm-ups Northville shot well, and looked unfazed by the growing enemy crowd, or the other sights and sounds of what the Wildcats faithful affectionately call the "jungle". Coming off a 20-point whipping at the hands of Milford a few days before, Novi was looking to regroup, and make a strong showing against their neighboring rival.

Familiarity plays a big part in these matchups between neighboring schools. The players and coaches know each other, its not a secret what these two teams like to do.

"We pretty much knew exactly

Wildcats 55
Mustangs 44

what Northville was going to do. They like to get the ball down into their big-men, and take advantage of their size. Our plan was to clog their middle, and on offense, spread the ball out, and get their big guys out to the perimeter to clear some space inside," said Wildcats' coach Pat Schuller.

Early on, that plan worked perfectly. Novi senior Jim Cavan started the scoring with a 3-pointer from the wing, and Novi ran off an early 9-2 lead. Pressing, and unable to hit shots down in the paint, Northville watched the Novi score rise, and rise, and rise. The 'Cats played patient, ball control offense, and hit the open shots they got. Northville became over-anxious on offense and defense, and found themselves down 16-6 at the end of the first quarter.

If the Northville first quarter was bad, then the second quarter was worse. Still unable to hit shots, or get their offensive star Aaron Redden any open looks, they

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Lady Wildcats mature in victory against Hartland

BY COLBY J. CAVALIERE
SPORTS EDITOR

Inexperience in sports is a tough thing to overcome. Young players will makes mistakes, get nervous, and often times fail to play up to their athletic potential.

Those elements made the going tough for the young Novi volleyball team in the Northwood Invitational Tournament held last Saturday. But the same young team that struggled in a tough tournament, showed maturity, and the ability to forget the losses, and dominate Hartland on Monday night.

Forced to play earlier than they expected, and without much warm-up time, the Lady Wildcats dropped their first pool play contest, in a grueling, back-and-forth battle against Lansing Catholic Central, 14-16, 13-15.

"Because of a schedule change, we didn't have much time to prepare for our first match. But we

played real tough, and fought hard both games, and came up just short both times," said Novi coach Julie Fissette.

Unlike regular season games, this tournament was held in rally play format. With rally play scoring there are no side outs, and every ball counts, meaning the games move along faster and small mistakes are magnified. Rally play scoring is the toughest thing for inexperienced squads that are prone to those minor mistakes. And for Novi, those minor mistakes cost them heavily most of the afternoon.

"We have a large number of younger players, and I expect mistakes, but in rally scoring tournaments those mistakes add up, and hurt more than usual," said Fissette.

The Lady 'Cats dropped their next three pool play matches against Mercy (4-15, 13-15).

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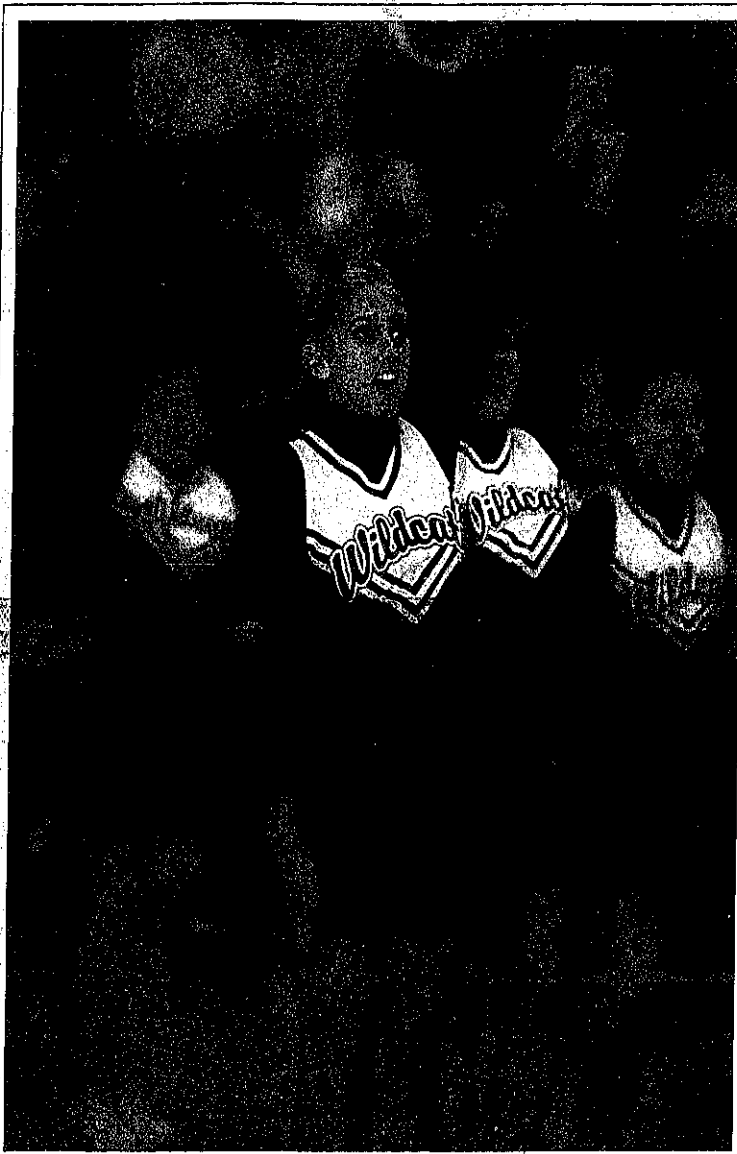


Photo by JOHN HEIDER

The Novi High School varsity cheerleaders perform at halftime of last week's Wildcat basketball game against Walled Lake Central. The squad placed first in a recent competition.

There is plenty to cheer about

Wildcat cheerleading squad grabs top honors

BY COLBY J. CAVALIERE
Sports Editor

Can a team composed of 17 underclassmen and 10 new members win their first cheer competition of the year, and then follow that up with a seventh place showing against some of the best squads in the state?

The Novi Lady Wildcats can, and they did, when they took first in a six team competition on Jan. 17, and then placed seventh in

the sixth annual Novi Cheer Invitational on Jan. 20.

Going up against teams from Bedford, Clinton, Ida, Onsted, and Hudson, the Lady 'Cats took first with a score of 403 at a competition held at Ida High School.

"It was a great ego booster for the girls, and a great way to start the cheer competition season off," said coach Amy Denys.

The competition was composed of three rounds, the Required, the

Compulsory, and the Open. Two judges preside over the events, and issue scores based on round requirements. Of a possible 140 points in the Required round, Novi scored 123.5. In the Compulsory, the Lady 'Cats scored 119.5 out of 152, and in the final round, scored a 140 out of 160.

"It was the first competition at this level for many of the girls,

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'Cats capture first in tourney

BY COLBY J. CAVALIERE
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The Northville-Novu gymnastics team continues to flip, tumble, and roll over the competition. In dual meets they have yet to be defeated, and most recently, took first place in the Hartland Invitational on Jan. 20.

Going up against teams from Tri-Farmington (140.55), Hartland (140.25), Brighton (137.5), Walled Lake (134.15), Freeland (130.8), Vassar (116.4), and Cass City (116.1) the split squad, composed of gymnasts from both Novi and Northville, nearly swept the four event tournament, totalling a score of 144.95.

Taking first in the vault was Monica Fink with a score of 9.85, followed by her teammate Jennifer Phelps who's score of 9.1 was good for third. Alison Gillette (9.75) and Jennifer Sturges (9.65) earned first and second place in the Bars event. Taking first in the Beam, was Megan Samhat (9.5). The floor event was the only one the Northville-Novu team didn't win, but Samhat's score of 9.4 was good for second. Also performing well in several events was Andrea Ledbetter and Lindsey Carlson.

Setting personal bests on the Bars (9.1) and Beam (8.6) was Sara Wilchowski. Amanda Crawford was a key performer for the team's B squad, which earned second place in their division.

The great showing in the Hartland Invite came on the heels of a dual meet win over Canton, 137.55-129.8 on Jan. 15.

Northville-Novu set the tone early with a sweep in the Vault by Monica Fink (8.65), Missy Esper (8.35), and Gillette (8.3). Gillette returned to take second on the Bars with her personal best score of 9.05, with Fink (8.85) following in second. Samhat earned astounding scores of 9.5 in both the Beam and the Floor events. And teammates Gillette (9.2), Larissa Szwasat (8.65), and Jennifer Mehl (8.25) all performed well in the Floor event as well. Gillette capped her stellar evening by earning first All-Around with a total score of 34.3.

Up next for the red hot gymnasts is the Farmington Invitational on Saturday.

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Novi swimmers stay unbeaten in impressive win over Northville

BY COLBY J. CAVALIERE
Sports Editor

Whenever two undefeated teams meet, it's a great matchup. But when those two teams belong to neighboring rivals, Novi and Northville, you can expect a war. The 12 event battle waged in the waters at the Northville pool was close early, until the Novi diving team took control and propelled the Wildcats to a 116-70 win.

"I thought it would be a close meet, against a real fired up opponent," said Novi coach Bill McCord.

After the first five events, it was as close as it could be with the teams tied at 31-31. Novi opened the contest with a win in the 200-yard Medley Relay, when the team of Jordan Moblo, Taehwan Yoo, Andrew Sawmiller, and Andy Capanyola swam in at 1:46.78. Finishing in second for Northville with a time of 1:50.01 was the team of Derek Ohlgren, Bobby Gilewich, Anthony Serge, and Dan Myers. Bouncing back, the Mustang's John Moors (1:51.98) won the 200-yard Freestyle. Runners up Mike Bliss (1:55.16), and Jack Tyler

(1:57.17) earned seven points for Novi to give them the lead 17-13. Wildcat Ian Robertson (2:11.69) took first by only .4 seconds over the Mustangs' Serge (2:11.73) in the 200 IM.

"That race was just the first of a couple of extremely close races we lost," said Northville coach Rich Bennetts.

Once again Northville returned fire, this time sweeping the 50 Freestyle. Mike Mueller (24.16), Myers (24.16), and Ben Maxim (24.36) seemed to give Northville the edge, and the momentum it needed

heading into the diving event. The Mustangs momentum took a dive as Novi divers once again dominated including Steve Alberty (235.25) and Derek Zonca (207.55) took first and second. Jason Albosta (202.10) prevented the sweep, and finished in third.

"We had our worst diving scores of the year, and not doing well really killed the momentum we had built," Bennetts said. Sawmiller (57.79) and Robertson (59.12) earned first and third in the 100 Butterfly, as Novi continued to build on their lead.

Ohlgren (58.56) swam his best time of the year in the event for the 'Stangs, but had to settle for second. Northville got back on the winning track with a win in the 100 Freestyle by Moors (50.84), but Wildcats' Bliss (51.06) and Capanyola (52.42) earned the important second and third place points. Moblo (51:03.37) earned Novi a win in the 500 Freestyle. The 'Cats sealed the win with a sweep in the 100 Breaststroke by Juhwan Yoo (1:07.42), T. Yoo (1:08.96), and David Benton (1:12.22).

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Journaling helps ease life tensions

Many of us start the new year with good intentions by making New Year's resolutions but only a few of us are good at keeping them. One reason is that change and the good things in life do not come easy. You have to work for them. You can't just resolve to do something and have it happen. You need to develop a plan of action with steps for follow through if you want to change.

Keeping a journal is an excellent way to create, maintain and complete desired goals and changes. Journaling helps you get in touch with yourself and identify what is going on in your life.

The act of putting words on paper can make resolutions become more meaningful and real. A journal serves as a chronological document of where you are day to day. Journals can turn into teaching guides and powerful quick references for growth. They are helpful because it's difficult to see growth and change from day to day. When you review a journal, you often find an amazing transformation taking place. So it is an excellent way to see and monitor your progress and success.

There are several different types of journals. The following are journals that can be used to make changes in your life. For best results, create a journal that encompasses the following as sections within it.

• **Resolutions/Goal Journal** - Enter the date, what your goal is and what you want to accomplish. This is your strategic plan. Determine what your next steps



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are to reach your goal. Refer to this section regularly to monitor your progress and continually determine the next step to reach your goal.

This type of journal is a powerful way to make progress, recognize growth and propel yourself to more success.

• **Meditation Journal** - Track ideas that occur to you in meditation and use it to monitor your hopes and wishes. You can also use meditation to help you set goals and follow through on them.

• **Gratitude Journal** - List the things you appreciate and are grateful for. Make an entry every day. The best thing about this journal is that the things you pay attention to in your life are the things that grow and develop.

• **Night Dream Journal** - Track your nighttime dreams. This is an excellent tool to get in touch with your inner self since dreams are made of the things in your subconscious. This also puts you in touch with your creative, intuitive self. Keep the journal by the bed to immediately document your dreams upon waking. This is important since dreams can be quickly forgotten.

— If you don't normally remember dreams this process may be helpful in stimulating your recall. You may also gain insight into yourself and have fun by interpreting your dreams and trying to understand why you dreamed something.

Tips to keep in mind include:

• **Partner with a friend** on this project. The act of simply sharing the information with another person can make you more committed to achieving positive results. Set a weekly meeting to review your progress with one another. The idea is similar to doing physical exercise with a friend: having someone to share the activity with makes it more fun and strengthens your commitment.

• **Purchase a special notebook** - The act of purchasing a special notebook to use as your journal is the first step of your journey. If you're creating your journal on the computer, you may want to print your pages and insert them into the journal since this will be a quick and easy reference.

• **Include meaningful items** - Your journal can contain more than just your words - you may

want to staple, tape or paste special items into your journal.

• **Positive affirmations** - Positive self-talk is very helpful. Write a positive affirmation in your journal each day. The affirmation goes right to the conscious mind and can be activated in your everyday life.

• **Confidentiality** - The information you enter in your journal is private. The contents should not be read by others without your permission. If confidentiality of very private information cannot be protected, perhaps it is best to not enter it.

Journaling is a very powerful technique that makes goals real when you write them down and work with the conscious, subconscious and the forces that motivate us. Over time you can see tremendous growth and improvement, particularly if you make journaling a part of your life and can look back on years of work.

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There is still hope for macular degeneration

If you have trouble seeing while doing everyday tasks such as driving, reading, watching television or even differentiating colors, you're not alone.

About 14 million Americans experience these difficulties as a result of low vision, most often due to a common condition called macular degeneration. Although this condition cannot be corrected with conventional eyeglasses, or restored through laser and invasive surgeries, which only work to slow the progression of certain forms of macular degeneration, there's still hope.

Low vision rehabilitation, through the use of several techniques and new high-tech devices that use the eyesight patients have left, is now the most effective way to help patients cope with macular degeneration.

Macular degeneration, which represents about 45 percent of low vision problems in the United States, is typically caused by changes in the retina due to aging and affects a person's central vision, says Susan J. Gromacki, O.D., M.S., an optometrist at the University of Michigan Kellogg Eye Center.

"As people age and they get macular degeneration, they start to lose some of their central vision," said Gromacki. "Initially it's just spots of the central vision, so they do have 20/20 vision if they use the part of the retina or the part of the macula which is good."

However, once the vision advances, people can completely lose their central vision. As the baby boomer generation has grown older, the number of low vision cases has increased, said Gromacki.

Although researchers are searching for a cure for macular degeneration and other causes of low vision, there have been many recent advances in vision technology

to help patients to retain a normal lifestyle.

"The problems created by low vision can be devastating, but devices, such as the ones we have here at the Kellogg Eye Center, can really help people cope with their vision loss and enable them to maximize the vision they do have," said Gromacki.

Gromacki says some of the most widely used aids include hand-held magnifying glasses, high-powered spectacles, colored filters, telescopes, binoculars and closed circuit television.

The closed circuit television allows patients to magnify text or other objects from three to 36 times its actual size onto a television screen. Many of the units come with a television screen built directly into them, while others can be plugged into a patient's own TV.

A new device, called a mobile electronic magnifier, goes beyond the capabilities of the closed circuit TV by allowing the patient to focus on objects at any range, says Gromacki. One of these devices, named "Jordy," is a battery-operated system that has a camera in it and can be worn like a pair of glasses or used as a Desktop CCTV when placed in its docking stand. It can help a patient, for example, watch television read a book and see people's faces clearly.

Several other kinds of low-tech vision aids also are available from special eyeglasses to hand-held magnifiers. However, it is possible for patients to cope with low vision by using other techniques and even by making some changes at home.

Good lighting, especially at home, is crucial for people suffering from low vision, says Cheryl Terpening, an occupational therapist at the Kellogg Eye Center.

"I have gone into people's homes and just by changing the lighting, it has allowed [low vision patients]

"Marking stove dials, thermostats, remote controls and telephones will help someone manage to do those tasks they couldn't do before."

Cheryl Terpening
occupational therapist

to read," says Terpening.

Since many visually impaired people have difficulty reading the labels on items around the house, Terpening suggests creating larger labels by using a 3.5 card, a black magic marker and a rubber band.

"This labeling system can be used for canned goods, frozen foods and clothing," said Terpening. "Marking stove dials, thermostats, remote controls and telephones will help someone manage to do those tasks they couldn't do before."

But whether a low vision patient chooses to use a high-tech device or a simple technique, Terpening said the patient needs to be committed to learn, despite the initial frustration.

"You've got a lot of learning taking place at one time - learning to use the best part of your vision, learning to use the device, learning to read in a different manner," said Terpening. "Any device, whether it be hand-held or high-tech, is going to have a learning period. So if someone's willing to put in the effort, I think any device can probably work for him or her."

Jack Measley has been learning to cope with low vision since 1996, when he was diagnosed with macular degeneration in his right eye. Measley underwent laser eye sur-

gery to improve his condition, but discovered last year that the disease also had affected his left eye. "It was quite disheartening because of the fact that I could not drive, which I loved to do. I also love to work with projects and hobbies such as golfing, carving decoys out of wood, doing stained glass, working on small engines, welding and home repairs," said Measley, noting that all of these hobbies were at risk because of his condition.

Measley and his wife searched for more than a year for low vision aids to help improve his eyesight. Finally, Measley made his way out to the Kellogg Eye Center where he was introduced to the "Jordy" system.

With the help of Terpening, Measley learned how to operate the portable "Jordy" and has used it to resume some of his projects and hobbies.

"It improved the quality of my life because it gets me through the areas that I like best; being able to do the things that I could not do without my good vision," says Measley. "It brings my vision back to me, I feel approximately 90 percent of what it was before."

Also by using high-tech devices like the "Jordy," Measley feels he has taken back control back of his life and worked to improve his future with low vision.

"I may have macular degeneration, but I'm going to do everything I can to live with the situation," said Measley. "I'm a fighter and I'll just keep on doing what I can do to make things of a quality nature for my life. And if that includes different equipment, if it's available, I'm going to try it."

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St. Mary Mercy Hospital in Livonia will present senior health connection lectures on **"Healthy Hearts: Nurturing Relationships in Your Life."** Wednesday, Feb. 14 and Herbal Therapy and Supplements, Wednesday, March 14 in the St. Mary Mercy Hospital auditorium from 1-3 p.m.

On Feb. 14, Elaine Koons, Livonia Public Schools, will show participants how to strengthen positive relationships with their family and friends. On March 14, Linda DeVore, registered dietitian, will teach attendees about possible health risks of some popular herbal supplements, how to locate reliable resources for herbal supplement information and their effects on the body.

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Health Briefs

Take a Breather with Botsford's Flower Power Workshop

With the commotion of the holidays coming to an end, take a moment to smell the healing power of flowers at the Botsford Center for Health Improvement's new stress management class.

The third in a series of four classes, "Flower Power: Bach Flower Remedies" will be held Monday, Jan. 29, from 7-9 p.m.

Bach Flower Remedies utilize the essences of flowers for healing, health enhancement and well-being. This workshop will give participants an overview, history and explanation of how to use these remedies to relieve common ailments. The expert instructor will also demonstrate how to use the remedies to further enhance a wellness program. Each participant will receive a customized combination of flower essences.

"Everyone appreciates the beauty of flowers, but not many people think of the healing benefits that flowers may hold,"

explains Caroline Smith, Health Programs Coordinator for Botsford's Center for Health Improvement. "The goal of the stress management classes is to teach techniques that apply to their everyday lives."

Classes are held 7-9 p.m. at Botsford's Center for Health Improvement, located at 39750 Grand River Ave. in Novi. The final class in the series is "Acupressure" on Wednesday, Feb. 21.

To register for "Flower Power: Bach Flower Remedies" or another class, or for more information, call the Center for Health Improvement at (248) 477-6100. The cost of each class is \$45 per person plus a \$10 materials fee for the Flower Power class only.

PrimeCare of Novi, a southwestern Oakland County medical practice, has joined the medical staff at Botsford General Hospital. This practice of highly experienced physicians has a motto: "Modern medicine - old fashioned

care." The physicians are committed to bringing patients quality, accessible, personalized care to the best of their ability in a timely fashion. They attempt to meet the needs of their patients in a caring, compassionate manner.

PrimeCare, located at 39555 W. Ten Mile Road, Suite 302, in Novi will make every effort to offer an appointment on the same day that a call is received. This practice offers appointments Monday - Thursday until 8 p.m., and Saturdays, 9 a.m.-noon.

PrimeCare has these on-site services: X-ray, full-service lab, casting and splinting, sigmoidoscopy, minor wound care, colposcopy, Holter monitoring, lunch capacity testing, vision and hearing screenings, a mini-pharmacy and natural supplements. To schedule an appointment, call (248) 426-7200. For more information about this practice, go to www.primecaremi.com.

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HOME TOWN LIFE

Year of the Snake

Chinese New Year celebrates family, friends



For the upcoming celebration of the Year of the Snake, Chinese will festoon homes with vibrant flying dragons.

Food and family. It is the staples of the Chinese New Year or Spring Festival which is a 15 day celebration in late January to early February.

The new year for China is determined by the lunar/solar calendar. New Year celebrations end on the 15th day of the lunar month, according to Chinatown Online. www.chinatown-online.com

These celebrations involve lots of family and friends gathering over dinner. On New Year's Day, time is spent visiting neighbors, family and friends, said Kelly Chang, co-owner of China Cafe, 24239 Novi Road, Novi.

Chang said there are different regional China traditions. In south China, foods are eaten that may not be in north China. Fish, however, is a lucky food to eat during the New Year celebration because the sound of the word, fish, is the same as lots of luck, he said. Many foods are eaten because of the similar sound to a lucky word.

Luck is important in the New Year and Chang said the Chinese are very superstitious to make sure the next year will be filled with fortune, luck and happiness.



Hanging in Novi's China Cafe, these symbols in Chinese roughly translate to "may you have good fortune in the new year."

Lunch

HomeTown Authors

By Karen Patterson
He always sat alone at lunch and was alone all day.

No one ever took a minute to just say "hey."

If he was talked to, all that he would hear was, "Go away, freak, you're not wanted here."

Finally one day, I got the courage to walk over and say, "Mind if I sit down?"

Startled, the boy looked up, his mouth no longer a frown. He slowly nodded his head.

On that first day we sat together, not that much was said. The next day I sat with him again.

He was glad, I could tell, because he was less shy, and luckily, so was I.

He told me how he felt so alone, he had no friends except for his dog, Ramon.

He told me his interests, same as mine.

How could this boy be considered any less than mine?

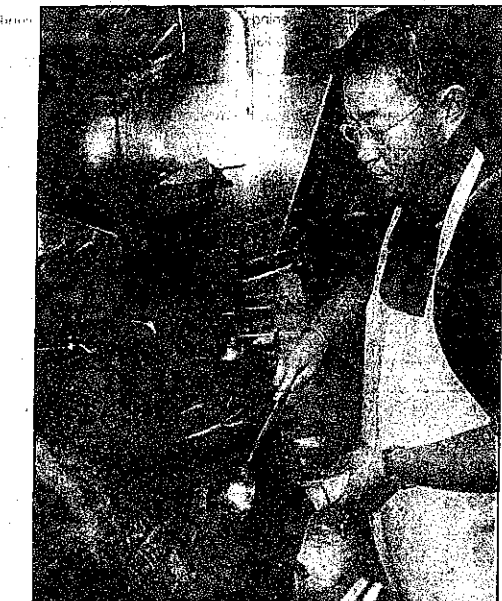
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We became good friends and ignored all the laughing and pointing because we knew those words would never end. He was never fully accepted, but was by me and my friends. And I knew for sure, his thanks for that would never end. If you don't judge a book by its cover, you will soon discover, the inside is what really counts. My advice to you? Talk to someone new, and you might be surprised. Just open your eyes and you will see, no one is that different from you and me.

Karen Patterson is an eighth grader at Meads Mill Middle School in Northville.



Susana and Kelly Chang, at Novi's China Cafe, will offer many traditional Chinese dishes in the upcoming year of the snake including (clockwise from top) yang jam pi chao, chicken, green beans, and five pepper chicken.



Kelly Chang, right, whips up some traditional dishes that will be sampled during the Chinese new year.

Want to be a HomeTown Author?

We're looking for kids ages 8-18 who want to become HomeTown Authors. Prospective authors need to follow these steps:

- 1.) Write. Your entry can be a story or an opinion or an article about what's going on in your classroom. You pick the topic; after all, it's your work.
- 2.) Stories should be typed, if possible. If the story can't be typed, then it should be neatly printed on every other line of the paper.
- 3.) Stories should be between 300 and 500 words.
- 4.) Every piece submitted must have this form stapled to the front.
- 5.) We also need your photo to accompany your story. A school photo is perfect.
- 6.) We'd also like a parent or guardian to sign your form.
- 7.) Mail your story, signed form and photo to:

HomeTown Authors
c/o Kelli Cooley
104 W. Main St.
Northville, MI 48167

Author's name: _____ Age or Grade: _____

Title of story: _____

Parent or guardian: _____

Parent or guardian signature: _____

Address (includes street, city and zip code): _____

Telephone number: _____

School: _____

Teacher: _____

CHINESE ZODIAC

The legend of how the Chinese New Year is associated with twelve animals began. Buddha was preparing to make a long journey. He invited all the animals to go with him however, only 12 showed up. These twelve were ranked in order and each year the animal rotates. Here are the twelve animals and what they correspond in terms of horoscope:

RAT
Rank: First
Corresponds to western sign of: Sagittarius
Lucky stone: Carbuncle
Fixed element: Water
Charismatic, the rat is usually welcome anywhere, however retains only a few close friends. Rats are smart, hardworking and family oriented.

OX
Rank: Second
Corresponds to western sign of: Capricorn
Lucky stone: White onyx
Fixed element: Water
Born under two signs, the ox is patient and a perfectionist. Oxes are extremely strong, stubborn and somewhat introverted.

TIGER
Rank: Third
Corresponds to western sign of: Aquarius
Lucky stone: Sapphire
Fixed element: Wood
The tiger was born under the sign of courage, making it adventurous, confident and enthusiastic. Tigers are successful, brave and have a strong sense of self.

RABBIT
Rank: Fourth
Corresponds to western sign of: Pisces
Lucky stone: Chrysolite
Fixed element: Wood
The rabbit is intelligent, lucky and creative. Rabbits are sensitive, love beauty and are bargain shoppers.

DRAGON
Rank: Fifth
Corresponds to western sign of: Aries
Lucky stone: Amethyst
Fixed element: Wood
The dragon is a strong creature. Dragons are confident, energetic, enthusiastic and inspiring.

SNAKE
Rank: Sixth
Corresponds to western sign of: Taurus
Lucky stone: Mossagite
Fixed element: Fire
The snake is a philosopher. Snakes are intuitive, penny pinchers, and have a good sense of humor.

HORSE
Rank: Seventh
Corresponds to western sign of: Gemini
Lucky stone: Beryl
Fixed element: Fire
The horse is a hardworking sign. Horses are well liked, independent and honest.

RAM
Rank: Eighth
Corresponds to western sign of: Cancer
Lucky stone: Emerald
Fixed element: Fire
The ram is a quiet sign. Rams are gentle, caring and peaceful. They make ideal performers.

MONKEY
Rank: Ninth
Corresponds to western sign of: Leo
No stone available
Fixed element: Metal
The monkey is rebellious. Monkeys are charming, intelligent and mischievous.

ROOSTER
Rank: Tenth
Corresponds to western sign of: Virgo
Lucky stone: Pink Jasper
Fixed element: Metal
The rooster is an organized sign. Roosters are faithful, family-oriented, old fashioned and somewhat insecure.

DOG
Rank: Eleventh
Corresponds to western sign of: Libra
Lucky stone: Diamond
Fixed element: Metal
The dog was born under the sign of idealism. Dogs are loyal, caring, complex and brave.

PIG
Rank: Twelfth
Corresponds to western sign of: Scorpio
Lucky stone: Topaz
Fixed element: Water
The pig is a peace-maker. Pigs are honest, carefree, proud, messy.

Novi Highlights

Novi Community Education

Several classes have been planned during mid-winter break. As an example, Techno-Science Computer Camps for grades kindergarten through second titled "Operation: Brainy-Zany!" for grades three-eight, "Mind-Masters": Activity Camp for ages 4-6; and Fantastic Activity Camp for ages 6-12 will be offered. "Painted Pottery Creations" for ages 4 and up will be held at the Ready, Set, Paint! establishment located in Novi Town Center. Parents or caregivers are requested to accompany the ages 4 and up to the "Painted Pottery Creations."

The Creative Pursuits section offers many programs, such as: "Magic Bag of Tricks," which will be held five different days at five different locations. A Valentine's Day craft for grades one through four, registration deadline is Feb. 2; Easter crafts for grades one through four, registration deadline is March 16; cartooning workshops for grades one through four will be held five different days at five different schools and one for grades five and six at Novi Meadows on March 12.

Music and Dance section offers:

Private instrumental music lessons for grades five and up; Monday-Thursday, from 2-8 p.m.; piano lessons for ages 7 and up. Due to the limited number of openings, please call the Community Education office and place your name on a waiting list. Vocal music lessons are for ages 12 and up; music and dance for ages 2-13, and Hip Hop/Hip Groovin' and Motin' for ages 7 and up.

There are classes available in personal interests, physical activities, and Saturday specials.

Special brochures are available for children and teens. For more information, please call the Novi Community Education office at (248) 449-1206. Gift certificates are also available.

Novi United Methodist Church

On Sunday, Jan. 28, the Health Ministry team will sponsor a presentation by Providence Hospital on Women's Health. Everyone is invited to join in the program, which will be held in the sanctuary from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. This will take the place of the adult Sunday School class. Those attending this program are encouraged to bring a friend.

A woman's spiritual retreat led by

Pastor Louise Ott will be held Jan. 26-28. This program is a kick-off for the formation of a Tuesday afternoon spirituality small group. There are many small groups with- ing in the church calendar.

Starting Jan. 29, the book "Life Directions: Experiencing the Gift of God's Guidance" by Jane Kise and David Stark will be studied. The authors use both biblical and real life examples and explore ways that Christians can search for direction in their lives. They will be meeting every Wednesday at 10 a.m.

Another group is doing a comparison of the major religions of the world. The course will focus on Hinduism, Buddhism, Judaism, Christianity, and Islam. Lee Davis will serve as moderator. Davis holds an undergraduate degree from Purdue University in philosophy, with major focus on theology and minors in sociology and psychology. The classes are currently in session every Sunday at 11 a.m. and will continue through February.

The church offers many opportunities for youth in grades 7 through 12. They meet on Sundays from 6 p.m. Plans for concerts, sporting events, district lock-ins and mission work trips are on the agenda

for discussion and planning. For more information on programs, family events and activities, call the church office at 349-2652.

Novi Boy Scout Troop No. 407 The scouts enjoyed their busy summer, winter water ruffing trip, summer camp, and helping at the Novi Music and Motor Festival. The group is planning an adventure trip to Florida Sea Base. To prepare for this, the scouts have participated in several events, including a high adventure campout in southern Pennsylvania. The troop also went to Camp Rotary near Clare for a week of camping and earning merit badges. They also had a campout at Grand Ledge where they went fishing and hiking to Sugar Maple forest.

The troop held a fund raiser during the holidays and sold holiday greenery to help cover the cost of the approaching Sea Base trip.

At the fall picnic and Court of Honor, nine scouts were recognized for the rank advancement earned during the summer. The following received the rank of Scout: Jarrod Church and John VanDeBelt; John Favorite and Greg Laskowski, both received Tenderfoot; Scott Hockett received Second Class; and

Dan Church received First Class. The following received a Star: Eric Adams, Dan Hellman, and Jon Krueger; and 79 merit badges were earned over the summer by 18 scouts, some of which were First Aid, Indian lore, cooking, rifle, personal fitness, communications, golf and small boat sailing, computer, swimming, lifesaving, camping, wilderness survival, pottery, leatherwork, astronomy, reptile and amphibian study, mammal study, citizenship in community, and many more.

Church of the Holy Family Golden Dimensions, a newly-formed group for those 55 and older, meets at the Holy Family Catholic Church. For more information, call Betty Winkley, director of Golden Dimensions, at 380-8340. She is assisted by a 24-member committee to help make arrangements for trips and/or programs.

During the fall season they took several trips: to Casno Windsor, an overnight trip to Mackinac Island, and to the Mackinac Crossings to see the Island; Center Stage Theater; and visited Our Lady of Consolation in Carey, Ohio.

Last month they saw the Rockettes at the Fox Theater with

lunch at Sinbad's. The group enjoyed visiting the Tour of Lights at Domino's Farms and had pizza following their tour of "winter wonderland." Hines Park Light Fest and Christmas carols accompanied by Mike Kelly on his guitar was also enjoyed by everyone.

Also held was "Celebration 2001 Luncheon" with 139 members and friends of Golden Dimensions who enjoyed lunch and conversation with old and new friends.

State Rep. Nancy Cassis will be a special guest on Saturday, Feb. 3 at 10:30 a.m. in the Family Center. Plans are being made to attend "Stars on Ice" on Saturday, Feb. 10 at the Palace. Featured will be Scott Hamilton (his farewell tour), Tara Lipinski and Kristi Yamaguchi, both former Cold Medalists, Kurt Browning, and other Olympians. Also attending with the group will be Mike Rybicki and his family.

March 24 is set to visit the IMAX Theater at Henry Ford Museum, with lunch at Kierman's Steak House in Dearborn.

Novi Highlights is written by Jeanne Clarke. Should you wish to contact her with information for this column, call 624-0173.

CHURCH DIRECTORY

For Information regarding rates call
The Northville Record or Novi News (248)349-1700

GOD SHEPHERD LUTHERAN CHURCH 9 Mile & Meadowbrook Waco, Waco, Waco Sunday School 10:00 a.m. Worship 10:30 a.m. Services on 1st, 3rd, 5th, 7th, 9th, 11th, 13th, 15th, 17th, 19th, 21st, 23rd, 25th, 27th, 29th, 31st Pastor: Thomas E. Schneider, Pastor - 349-0565	FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF NORTHVILLE 200 E. Main St. at Huron - (248) 349-0911 Worship: 10:00 a.m. & 11:00 a.m. Children's Activities of All Services Youth Group: 6:00 p.m. & 7:00 p.m. Single People Ministry: Thurs. 7:30 p.m. Rev. W. Kent Clark, Senior Pastor Rev. James R. Baker, Associate Pastor
CHURCH OF TODAY WEST (Unity) New Location Meadowbrook Elementary School - Walled Lake (South of 13 Mile on Meadowbrook Road) (248) 449-8900 Services on 1st, 3rd, 5th, 7th, 9th, 11th, 13th, 15th, 17th, 19th, 21st, 23rd, 25th, 27th, 29th, 31st Children's Church 10 AM Minister: Barbara Cleveland	OUR LADY OF VICTORY CATHOLIC CHURCH 7701 Northville Walled Lake, MI 48091 Sunday School 9:00 a.m. Worship 10:00 a.m. Sunday 11:00 a.m. & 12:30 p.m. Church School 1:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m. Religious Education 3:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.
NOVI UNITED METHODIST CHURCH 4101 W. 1st Mile - Meadowbrook 349-2652 (24 hrs.) Sunday School 9:00 a.m. & 10:00 a.m. Worship 10:30 a.m. Nursing Care Available Louise R. Ott, Pastor	ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN MISSOURI SYNOD High 8 & Eastview, Northville Church: 349-3141 Sunday School 9:00 a.m. & 10:00 a.m. Worship 10:30 a.m. Sunday School 1:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m. Worship 2:30 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.
MEADOWBROOK CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH 2135 Meadowbrook Rd. N. of 8 Mile Meadowbrook, MI 48042 Church School 10 a.m. Worship 10:30 a.m. 248-346-7177 Minister: Rev. Dr. E. Neil Hunt Minister of Music: Patrick Kuntz	FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH OF NORTHVILLE 3401 W. 1st Mile - Northville Worship Services: 8:00 a.m. & 10:00 a.m. Sunday School 9:00 a.m. & 10:00 a.m. Summer Worship: 8:30 a.m. & 10:30 a.m. (July 1st - Sept. 3rd) Rev. John Rice Rev. Gordon Hunt Rev. Jennifer Rice
WARD EVANGELICAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH Dr. James H. McGuire, Senior Pastor 40000 Sibley Road - Northville, MI 48045-3700 Services: 8:30, 10:00, 11:30 a.m. Sunday School 9:00 a.m. & 10:00 a.m. Sunday School 1:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m. (Use Service Brochure) - WU 500AM (11:00 a.m.)	FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF NORTHVILLE 4530 W. 1st Mile Donor: 10:00 a.m. & 11:00 a.m. Sun School 9:00 a.m. & 10:00 a.m. Sun School 1:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m. Dr. Gary E. Ebel, Pastor 349-3477 www.northvillefirstbaptist.org
ST. JAMES ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH 40325 10 Mile Rd. Novi, MI 48242 Sunday 9:30 a.m. & 11:30 a.m. (Reserved Seating) - Pastor, Pastor Pastor: Office 347-7778	FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF NORTHVILLE 217 N. Wing Sunday Worship: 10:00 a.m. & 11:00 a.m. Wed. Youth Meeting: 7:00 p.m. Boys Brigade: 7 p.m., Pioneer Girls 7 p.m. Sunday School: 9:30 a.m.
CHURCH OF THE HOLY FAMILY 2625 Meadowbrook Rd. N. of 8 Mile Meadowbrook, MI 48042 Masses: Sat. 5 p.m. Sun. 7:30 a.m. Holy Days: 9 a.m. & 11:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist: 11:00 a.m. & 1:00 p.m. Pastor: Andrew C. Cawford, Assoc. Pastor Pastor: Office 349-8807	FIRST CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE 2135 Meadowbrook Rd. N. of 8 Mile (between 8 & 9 Mile Rd. near Novi Hwy) Worship: 10:00 a.m. & 11:00 a.m. Morning Worship: 11:00 a.m. Discipleship: 1:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m. www.firstchurchofthenazarene.org Dr. Carl M. Lem, Pastor
WORLDWIDE HARVEST CHURCH Sunday Worship Service: 11:00 AM Led by Pastor Keith J. Maki The Corner One - Major Use Room 168 E. Main St. at 1st Mile - Farmington Hills For more info, call: (248) 959-9105 anytime	SPIRIT OF CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH E.L.C.A. 1st Mile between Huron and Meadowbrook Worship: Sat. 5:00 p.m. & 7:00 p.m. Sun. 10:00 a.m. & 11:00 a.m. "A Family Church" Pastor: Matthew M. McCarty - 248-971-0296
FAITH COMMUNITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH 43430 W. 1st Mile - Novi 12 Mile west of Novi Rd. Jennifer M. Scott, Associate Pastor 11111 W. 1st Mile - Novi Worship & Church School 9:00 a.m. & 10:30 a.m. Sunday	OAK POINTE CHURCH Northville High School on 6 Mile Sunday 9:30 a.m. & 11:00 a.m. Casual, contemporary live band (248) 615-7050
OAKLAND BAPTIST CHURCH 23801 Beck Rd. - Novi - E. of 10 Mile Adult Bible Study & Sunday School 10:00 AM Morning Worship - 11:00 AM Sunday Evening Church Service 6:30 PM Holding Service: 7:00 PM Pastor: JIMMY WHITE Call 248-374-2744 We are a caring, happy family!	CORNERSTONE COMMUNITY CHURCH 1000 a.m. Sunday Service at the Novi City Center Quality Kids Care and Learning Located on 10 Mile, 1/2 mile west of Novi Road www.cornerstonecommunitychurch.org 248-889-1188
PRINCE CHURCH OF GOD Sunday Worship: 10:00 AM Eight Mile & Haggerty Road - Novi Station Children's Church & Nursery Home Study Groups 6:00 PM Meeting Tuesday 7:00 PM 21240 Haggerty Road - Haggerty Church Youth, Pioneer, Boys, Girls, Adults (248) 244-4444 - Don Schaefer, Pastor	ST. ANNE'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH (248) 624-3817 430 N. Waco, Waco Lake 9 am Worship Service & Church School The Rev. Leslie Harding, Vicar
CHURCH OF THE HOLY CROSS EPISCOPAL 10 Mile between 1st & 2nd Mile Phone: 349-1178 Sunday 7:45 a.m. Holy Eucharist Sunday 11 a.m. Holy Eucharist 11 a.m. Sunday School & Nursery The Rev. Leslie F. Harding	HOLY ASCENSION CATHOLIC CHURCH Rev. Wayne Hutchings, pastor A new Roman Catholic parish being formed to serve Catholics in the area who are unable to attend Mass at their home parish. The parish will be located on 10 Mile, 1/2 mile west of Novi Road. 1915 Beck Rd., Northville Phone: 248-889-1188
COMMUNITY UNITARIAN UNIVERSALISTS Sunday 10:00 am (in B200 Unitarian) (25 S. Church Street, Brighton) Rev. Suzanne Fox, Minister (810) 225-2882 laurie@uua.com	UNIVERSALIST CHURCH OF FARMINGTON 25501 Highland, Farmington Hills 248-478-7272 www.universalist.org We are a caring, happy family! The parish will be located on 10 Mile, 1/2 mile west of Novi Road. 1915 Beck Rd., Northville Phone: 248-889-1188

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Wedding

Josephine Ann Caruso and Brian Douglas Ruhl were married Sept. 16, 2000, at St. Peter and Paul in Detroit. Officiating the ceremony was the Rev. Carl Bonk. The bride was given in marriage by her brother, Vito Sabatino Caruso.

The bride is the daughter of Giacomina Caruso of Northville and the late Salvatore Caruso. She received her master's degree in clinical psychology at the University of Detroit-Mercy. Josephine is employed at NYK (USA) Inc.

Attending the bride were Daniela Cosenza and Stacey Fitzpatrick-Canadonna. Bridesmaids were Renee Ruhl, Laura Dornbier, Elaine Chefan, and Andrea Caruso.

The bride wore a couture ball gown of ivory double-faced silk-satin. The bodice was accented with hand-sewn buttons, and the skirt and eight-foot train were trimmed in hand-painted antique ivory silk satin and hand-embroidered Alencon lace.

The bridal bouquet was a nosegay of four dozen Vanda roses. The groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Alan Ruhl of Fowler, Mich. Brian received his master's in finance from the University of



Caruso-Ruhl

Detroit. He is currently employed at Ford Motor Credit Co.

Scott Ruhl was the attending best man. Groomsman were Christopher Chirank, Dennis Fox, Ryan Bradley, and Vito Salvatore Caruso.

The couple went to Bar Harbor, Maine, and Italy for their honeymoon.

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FOR MORE INFORMATION CALL, 1-800-626-4636

Focus: HOPE
Food distribution is usually the fourth Friday of every month from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Senior Center. January distribution will be on Jan. 26.

Senior Services Directory
The Northville Senior Center has created a directory of services available to senior citizens. The directory includes information on support programs, health and medical services, available housing, organizations providing financial assistance and much more. Please stop by the Senior Center to pick up your free copy today. (Funding for this directory was provided by the Oakland County Community Development Block Grant Program.)

Tax Counseling Services
Free tax counseling sponsored by AARP will be available on Tuesdays, Jan. 30 through April 10. Hours are 9 a.m. to noon.

ONGOING ACTIVITIES
Card Playing
Enjoy several hours of fun for just \$1. The schedule is as follows: Bridge, Wednesdays, 12:15-3:15 p.m.; Pinochle, Mondays and Thursdays, 12:30-4:30 p.m. and beginning Pinochle on Tuesdays, from 12:30-3:30 p.m.

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Northville Seniors

The staff at the Northville Senior Center at 215 W. Cady Street coordinates the following services and activities for seniors age 50 and older. For more information or to register for an activity, call (248) 349-4140.

SERVICES

Newsletter
The senior newsletter is a monthly publication filled with information on senior citizen activities, trips and services. You can pick up a newsletter at the Senior Center or receive it monthly by mail for an annual contribution of \$7.

Telephone Reassurance (Telecare)
Homebound residents can receive a daily telephone call or an occasional call to check on their well being or to talk to someone free of charge. Please call the Senior Center to register.

Blood Pressure Screening
Come get your blood pressure checked free of charge. Held at the center on the second Monday of the month, from 1:30-3 p.m. by Westland Convalescence Center and the fourth Monday of the month, from noon to 2 p.m. by St. Mary's Hospital. An appointment is not necessary.

Wanted: Bus Drivers
With the addition of a second bus in January, we now have immediate need for additional part-time bus drivers. This position requires a CDL driver's license. Hours are flexible, events are great to attend free, and seniors are rewarded to serve. If interested, please call the Senior Center at (248) 349-4140.

Healing Touch Therapy
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and 1-4 p.m. Volunteer tax counselors will prepare your state and local tax forms. Most forms will be on hand. Appointments are scheduled at 1 1/2 hour intervals. No charge for service, however, donations to the senior program will be gratefully accepted. You must call the Senior Center ahead of time to make an appointment, (248) 349-4140.

TRANSPORTATION
Bus Service for Local Shopping Trips
Tuesdays: Meijer, Kohl's, Target and local banks. Fridays: Farmer Jack/Hill's or Shopping Center Market/Busch's (alternating Fridays).

Bus begins pickup at 9:30 a.m. from your home. Cost is \$2. Call the Senior Center for reservations 24 hours in advance.

Bus Service for Movies, Lunch and Shopping at the Mall Twice a Month
The senior bus goes to AMC 20 and Laurel Park Mall for an afternoon (noon to 4 p.m.) of movies, lunch and shopping. The days scheduled are the second and fourth Monday of each month. Pick-up will begin from your home at 12 p.m. or the MAGS parking lot shortly thereafter. Cost is \$2. Please call to make reservations.

Senior Fitness
Senior Drop-in Morning Volleyball (for co-ed adults 50 and up)
Do you want to look young, think young and feel young? Get rid of that sedentary feeling. Come out and play volleyball. All levels of play are welcome. Held on most Mondays, Thursdays and Fridays at the Parks and Recreation Gym from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Cost is \$1. For more information, call the Northville Parks and Recreation Department at (248) 349-0203.

Senior Center Trips
Jan. 26-Feb. 5, Fort Myers, Beach. Cost is \$999 per person, double occupancy.

Jan. 30, Greentown Casino. Cost is \$16 for residents.

Feb. 28, Soaring Eagle Casino. Cost is \$28 for residents.

March 28, Motorcity Casino. Cost is \$18 for residents.

April 1-9, California Coast. Cost is \$1979 per person, double occupancy.

April 10-26, Savannah, Ga. Cost is \$1,069 per person, double occupancy.

April 26-28, Chicago. Cost is \$875 per person, double occupancy.

Massage Therapy
Treat yourself to a well-deserved hour massage by a certified therapist on Wednesdays at the Senior Center. The cost is \$86 for one hour. You must call ahead for an appointment. To cancel an appointment, call 24 hours in advance or you will be charged for the appointment. For your first treatment, please arrive ten minutes early. Call the Senior Center to register.

HomeTown Newspapers
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HomeTown Newspapers wants the most important event of your life to be perfect. That's why we're giving away a free engagement party to three future bride or grooms-to-be! The engagement party package includes:

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Community Events

ZANY ACTIVITIES

Zany Brains in-store events are sure to brighten weekend days. Kids can show off their creativity and smarts during these wonderful winter weekends. All events are free and open to the public. To locate a Zany Brains store in your neighborhood, visit www.zanybrains.com.

Who Wants to be a Brain Quest Champ?
Saturday and Sunday, Feb. 3 and 4 at 2 p.m. each day. You won't win a million dollars but you'll have a zany good time when you brain quest with the mind-slumping Brain Quest. Put your brainpower to work and you'll earn a zany prize, just for participating. Ages 6 and up.

Make a Sweet Valentine

Saturday and Sunday, Feb. 10 and 11 at 2 p.m. each day. Your special Valentine will enjoy the yummy Zany Valentine you make this weekend. Ages 6 and up.

Clifford Movies 'n More
Saturday and Sunday, Feb. 24 and 25 at 2 p.m. each day.

Let's Chug Along with Thomas

Saturday and Sunday, Feb. 17 and 18 at 2 p.m. each day. Young fans of Thomas the Tank Engine will make their own engine's hats. Then they'll turn a few "surprise" ingredients into a set of train wheels that "chug, chug, chug" - just like Thomas. Ages 3 to 5.

Grief Support Group FOR WIDOWS
New Hope Center for Grief Support, a Christian-based bereavement outreach center, offers support for widows and widowers with children on the second and fourth Tuesday night of each month. The group meets at St. Kenneth's Parish in Plymouth, from 7-8:30 p.m. and is offered free of charge. Professionally led children's groups meet at the same time and place for children between

the ages of 4 and 12. New Hope also offers groups for widows and widowers of all ages and a group for bereaved teens as well as other bereavement resources. For more information, call (248) 348-0115.

WOMEN'S SELF-DEFENSE AND CRIME AWARENESS

Learn important strategies for keeping yourself safe at this two-evening seminar taught by Sgt. Tom Kellman, defensive tactics instructor of the West Bloomfield Police Department. Sgt. Kellman will teach safety tactics for driving, shopping, working, and being at home, how to travel, and use ATMs in safety as well as understanding domestic violence laws and more. The "hands-on" portion includes sim-

ple self-defense techniques, how to leave compromising situations, ways to neutralize your attacker, etc.

Seminar will take place on Monday and Tuesday, Jan. 29 and 30, from 7-9 p.m. at Ward Church in Northville. The cost is \$10 per person. \$15 for mom and daughter, \$20 for family of three or more.

For more information and to register, call (248) 374-5937.

WOMEN'S HEALTH SEMINAR
A Women's Health Seminar will be held on Sunday, Jan. 28 from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. in the sanctuary at Novi United Methodist Church, 41671 W. Ten Mile Road, just west of Meadowbrook. An open invita-

tion is extended to the public. The program will include information regarding osteoporosis, perimenopause, menopause, women and heart disease, breast cancer prevention and detection.

Northville First United Methodist Church, 777 W. Eight Mile, Northville has offered a series of sermons about family life. The next Family Kaleidoscope sermon will be held on Jan. 28 during the three worship hours of 8 a.m., 9:15 a.m., and 11 a.m. "Praise the Lord Anyway" will offer a message about Apostle Paul's adaptability and on how to handle dysfunction. For more information, call (248) 349-1144.

Walsh College is pleased to announce eight students from the Northville/Novi area who were awarded scholarships for the Fall 2000 semester. The students received tuition scholarships by maintaining at least a 3.5 grade point average or by meeting certain needs-based criteria.

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Sharon J. Beard, sales specialist; and business administration; David J. Hart, marketing; and Adelheid R. Kirchner, international business and economics.

In recognition of earning a 3.5 or higher grade point average for fall semester at Adrian College are the following students who were named to the Dean's List:

NOVI
Laura M. Pitcher, a junior studying business management. She is a 1999 graduate of Novi High School, and the daughter of Mark and Janet Pitcher.

WALLED LAKE
Aubrey E. Repicky, a senior majoring in exercise science. She is the daughter of Ronald and Julie Repicky, and a 1997 graduate of Wallied Lake Western High School.

Andrew N.G. Borda, a sophomore at Washington and Lee

University, has earned honor roll status for fall term.

Honor roll status at the university represents a term grade point average of at least 3.75.

Borda is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Walter J. Borda of Northville.

NORTHVILLE
Michael C. Young, history, senior; Gina M. Yaguito, computer science, junior; Richard C. Wise, management, senior; Julie R. Sharp, merchandising management, senior; Rosita A. Stenta, marketing, senior; Kristin R. Senne, psychology, senior; Jane F. Reilman, social work, senior; Michael F. Petri, criminal justice, senior; M. Lynn Pederson, general studies, senior; Melissa C. Pardo, marketing, freshman; Tanya L. Pado, marketing, senior; Donna L. Pace, English/journalism, senior; Marie C. Nolan, undeclared, freshman; Keith E. Morency, business administration, junior; David C. Marino, communication arts, senior; Colleen R. Hilgert, legal assistant, senior; Westley R. King, biology, junior; Kathleen A.

Hoover, business administration, senior; Kerl R. Hofmeister, marketing, sophomore; Cheryl L. Himes, international business and economics, junior; Anthony Hanks, business administration, sophomore; Melinda D. Graham, legal justice, senior; Gregory W. Grazioli, computer information systems, senior; Sharon M. Giammarco, psychology major - mental health concentration, junior; Laurie D. Chanan, legal assistant, post degree; Jennifer Jane Gerish, secondary provisional program, post degree; Julie Fritsch, legal assistant, senior; Cheryl A. Faucher, general studies, senior; Susan S. Harrison, history, senior; Matthew P. Falkiewicz, criminal justice, sophomore; Christopher P. DeWitt, English, senior; Catherine Crankowski, business administration, senior; Walter D. Jachmowicz, nursing, post degree; Erin M. Cunningham, biology, junior; Sara E. Cotton, mathematics, senior; Maryann E. Cottrell, English, senior; Melanie C. Combs, general science, senior; Eve R. Chalcom, English, sophomore; Julianne Capretta, management, sophomore; Kelly J. Calabrese, social work, junior; Edward F. Calina, management, sophomore; Karen Ann

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COMMUNITY FOCUS

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What are "stretched out IRAs"?

Recently, we have read and heard much about the "stretch-out" IRA. Many investors with IRAs have raised questions about these issues as addressed in the national press. Some wonder what exactly is a "stretch-out" IRA and does my financial firm, as an IRA custodian, offer them?

Well, the "stretch-out" IRA is not a new type of IRA, but an unfamiliar, imaginative term. In fact, it's more of a strategy for required minimum distributions (RMD) than anything else. RMD rules state that once a participant reaches the age of 70.5, funds must be withdrawn each year from their IRA. RMD calculations are based on the participant's birthdate, the beneficiary's birthdate, the previous year's ending value of the IRA account and application of the life expectancy method elected. Based on these ingredients the required minimum distribution (RMD) is determined by simply dividing the previous year ending value of the IRA by the factor from an IRS life expectancy table.

Upon the death of an IRA participant who has begun RMDs, the beneficiary is required to continue for accelerated withdrawals from the IRA. The "stretch-out" IRA concept simply addresses the availability of beneficiaries (often younger beneficiaries) to continue the life of the IRA. This allows the beneficiaries to receive the benefits, such as continued tax deferral, of the IRA over the remaining "life" of the IRA. This is possible with the proper beneficiary designation and the selection of the appropriate life expectancy method. A very important point is that in order for an investor to reap these benefits, their IRA custodian



Doug Bingham

must allow options with respect to RMD life expectancy methods. Some custodians, to simplify operations, design their IRA document to restrict participants to a simple RMD life expectancy method, such as single life recalculation. The consequences of these restrictions can be dreadful for non-spouse beneficiaries. Because single life recalculation involves calculating life expectancy based only upon the participant, when the participant dies, or she has no remaining life expectancy. Therefore, the non-spouse beneficiary must with-

draw all assets from the IRA by the end of the following year, and the "stretch-out" is lost. With this in mind, it is important for the IRA document to be designed off all available life expectancy methods. With this flexibility, beneficiaries may extend the life of the IRA through use of other available life expectancy methods, elapsed time and modified recalculation. This availability is key in many instances for younger beneficiaries to maximize the benefits of continued for "stretched-out" tax deferral and avoid the potentially large tax liability with a lump sum distribution.

While these issues are a very important part in future planning of an IRA, remember each case is different and only part of an overall financial strategy. With this in mind, solutions for these issues are best addressed with the assistance of your financial advisor and/or tax professional.

Doug Bingham, CFP, is with Raymond James & Associates.

State police post moved to Northville in 1977

The state police headquarters for the Southeastern Michigan District came to Northville in 1977, according to the "Royal Oak Daily Tribune," so its staff of 100 persons can better curb crime in rural Wayne and Oakland County.

The \$2.25 million complex was dedicated in January of that year. Before that, the state police was headquartered in Redford at Grand River and Seven Mile roads. The Redford headquarters opened in 1937, one of several state police posts throughout Michigan. The early posts, like Redford, were built by the Works Progress Administration, an organization developed during the Depression era to create more jobs. The three-year WPA construction program resulted in what "The Detroit News" considered "one of the best equipped police organizations in the country."

The Michigan State Police got its start shortly after World War I. In 1917, the Michigan State Troops were created by the War Preparedness Board to replace the National Guard who were fighting in Europe. The main focus at the time of their creation was to protect



Barbara Louie

vital areas in the United States and to combat sabotage. "In World War I, the State Troops guarded power plants, railroad terminals, mines and river tunnels," explained "The Detroit News." According to an article in "The Detroit Free Press," "...their work was so well done that two years later - after the war - the Michigan State Legislature passed the organization a permanent law enforcement body - the State Police."

The original State Troops officially became the Michigan State Police on July 1, 1919. Two years later, the title was changed to the Michigan Department of Public Safety,

but the Department of Michigan State Police was created in 1935, becoming the Department of State Police 30 years later.

In 1941, there were 41 State Police detachments throughout the state, in eight districts. New equipment was continuously added to the various posts in order to bring each facility to its most modern and efficient level possible. The 1960s brought a number of high-tech improvements to the force. "Voice print" machines recorded and scrutinized voices much like identifying fingerprints. Something called a "neutron activation analysis" provided a more

sophisticated way of examining clues. The use of "snooper dogs" to track fugitives was also employed.

The year 1969 marked both the first of State Troops patrolling freeways and computerized police cars. Known as the "Visual Average Speed Computer and Recorder" (VASCAR), they were designed to catch speeders more efficiently. Mounted beneath the seats of the police cars, the VASCAR was capable of clocking cars from all directions.

Considered more effective than radar, the new device was touted as the "Speeder's Friend" by "The Detroit News." Because getting a ticket from a VASCAR-equipped car was vastly less costly than a regular speeding ticket. The department began with a single officer in 1919. By the 1940s, over 600 people were attached to the agency. Today's Michigan State Police has been recognized as one of the leading state police forces in the nation.

Novi resident Barbara Louie has published two books about the history of Novi and writes about local history for the Novi News.

Business briefs

Three corporate travel consultants with a combined 54 years' experience in the industry have joined Passageways/Carlson Wagonlit Travel.

All three consultants joined Passageways/Novi office after long careers at the former Carlson Wagonlit Travel corporate business center in Farmington Hills. They include:

• Cecile Marmon, who was the office manager and regional manager at the Carlson office. She was employed at the Carlson office for 21 years.

• Judy Sireen, who was a lead agent at the Carlson office. She spent ten years with Carlson and has been in the travel business for 18 years.

• Lori Waitacre, who was a lead agent at the Carlson office. She was with Carlson for 15 years.

"Passageways is very pleased to have Cecile, Judy and Lori join the team," said Lisa Hoehn, Passageways' Metro Regional Manager. "All three have wide-ranging experience in working with reservation systems, and will provide a big boost to our corporate customers who need domestic and international travel assistance."

Passageways, one of the fastest-growing travel management companies in the country an average annual growth rate of 35 percent each year for the past 20 years, has eight offices in the metro Detroit area.

Passageways is headquartered in Traverse City, is the second largest agency in Michigan in terms of locations, and is the fourth largest franchise in the Carlson Wagonlit Travel network. Carlson Wagonlit Travel is the largest travel agency network in the world with 4,100 locations in 141 countries.

Cambridge Homes of Novi announced today the opening of Bellagio, a gated community in Novi that is now available for pre-sales.

"Bellagio is Italian for a beautiful place of leisure," said Mark Guidobono, CEO, who runs the company with his brother and president, Eric Guidobono. "Bellagio features estate-size homes surrounding a central park of gardens and walking paths."

A brick and iron entrance opens into the 77-acre community featuring 55 home sites that are just under one acre in size. Homes are priced starting from \$900,000 and begin at 4,000 square feet. Many standard features are included such as masonry fireplaces fitted with custom mantels and extensive use of crown molding and Victorian trim. A variety of options are available like an indoor pool, wine cellar,

solarium and many more.

The brothers were inspired by Old World European architecture in creating Bellagio. Home sites are arranged around the park and include de-sacs. The four-acre central park features a limestone gazebo. Home sites offer mature trees and rolling terrain. Many sites border protected woodlands and several overlook the park. Old fashioned ironwork light the entrance.

"Inside the homes, character is expressed in careful attention to details including the strategic placement of banks of windows to capture the morning sun, hand-carved banisters, marble columns and leaded glass windows," Guidobono said.

"Each custom home reflects the personality of the owners, creating a prestigious neighborhood rich with architectural diversity. We meet one-on-one with every Cambridge homebuyer to hammer out the details. Every home is as much a part of the homeowner's creation as it is ours," Guidobono said.

Bellagio is located on the west side of Beck Road between Eight and Nine Mile roads in Novi. For further information, call (248) 348-3800.

Henry Ford Museum and Greenfield Village President Steve

Hamp has announced several new hires and promotions for the nation's largest indoor/outdoor museum, which welcomes more than 1.5 million people annually.

Carol Zazo of Northville was promoted from marketing manager to director of marketing and sales.

Oliver/Hatch Construction, a design/build firm in Wixom, has hired 15-year industry veteran David Tremonti of Ann Arbor as pre-construction services manager.

Tremonti will be involved in project management, business development, estimating and value engineering for the rapidly-growing firm.

Formerly with R.A. DeMatia Co., Tremonti has broad experience in construction management and estimating for projects in mid-rise office, freezer storage, medical, warehouse, health fitness, educational, mass transit, roadway and electric transmission.

Tremonti has managed construction projects of more than 1.5 million square feet, valued at over \$215 million, with individual projects of up to \$31 million and 325,000 square feet.

Tremonti, who received his bachelor's degree in civil engineering from the University of Michigan in 1985, lives in Ann Arbor with his wife, Leah, and their two children.

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MOVIES

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Hanks is no Gilligan in this 'Survivor' tale

Cast Away
MPAA Rating: PG-13
Now Playing
Strongly Recommended

By Jennifer Norris
STAFF WRITER

If heading off to the movie theater is on your agenda, *Cast Away* offers a tale to remember.

Starring Tom Hanks and Helen Hunt, the plot of *Cast Away* puts a new and refreshing spin on the familiar story of human survival and endurance.

Hanks' character is determined, highly time-oriented, and somewhat of a workaholic employed by the FedEx Company. His character is also a bit of a perfectionist, attempting to ship items as fast as possible, formulating effective working strategies and pulling out the best aspects in his fellow co-workers. Throughout the film, these same qualities he tries to instill in others are the same ones he adopts for himself, especially when tragedy strikes.

Time is a key element in this film. At the beginning of the film, Hanks' character is busily working, giving orders to workers and shipping packages. Hanks seems so focused on carrying out his

assigned tasks in the most time efficient manner, that little else matters to him.

As Hanks is aboard a plane equipped with packages on their way to their final destination, the pilots somehow lose control of the plane in a storm and the aircraft plummets into the Pacific Ocean.

In the chaotic moments before the crash, Hanks manages to find a inflatable life boat. Shortly after the plane becomes submerged, Hanks manages to escape - with his boat - and later is able to drift to an unknown shoreline.

Hanks awakens from his plight as the waves crash against his yellow raft and push him further onto land. Interesting camera angles are used once he reaches the island and Hanks does an excellent job throughout the movie of conveying to the audience the sense of emptiness and isolation he experiences.

Before becoming stranded on a deserted island, Hanks' girlfriend played by Helen Hunt is working on achieving her doctorate degree. Loving and patient, Hunt accepts the fact that her boyfriend's line of employment requires him to be away at times.

The film is set a short time prior to the arrival of the New Year, and

prior to Hanks' departure he gives Hunt a small gift, with instructions to open it on New Year's Eve. Audiences are led to believe it is an engagement ring.

As time is crucial to this film, the development of Hanks' character is

also well done and excellently filmed.

Once he realizes he is truly alone, he begins gathering as much food as he can find, creates some crude, simplistic tools and builds a type of shelter.



Tom Hanks plays a workaholic stranded on a deserted island in *Cast Away*.

Cast Away does a commendable job of depicting how Hanks tries to cope with his surroundings and his attempts to get off the island. Also clever are the steps the film takes in Hanks' psyche to readapt and gain a clearer perspective of his future. Gone are his notions of quick deliveries, his beeper, and other modern technology however he still maintains the mindframe of working effectively to achieve goals like finding food. In a sense, he has cast away his predisposition toward being the fastest and develops a better understanding of what is truly important in his life.

It is interesting to see the gradual and well done change in Hanks' character as his days on the island accumulate. Viewers wonder what his future holds in store for him. Would he be found and rescued? Will his girlfriend still

love him?

Cast Away also does a satisfactory job of holding the attention of the audience. The simplistic surroundings of the island form an ironic backdrop against the transformation of Hanks' character. As he rummages around for supplies, his thought processes are well portrayed and audiences can easily follow the development and growth of his character.

The film incorporates much of the current fascination with survivorship, but skillfully delves deeper to tell the story of one's man metamorphosis.

Jennifer Norris is a reporter for the *Milford Times*. She can be reached for comment at 248-685-1507 or by e-mail at jnnorris@th.homecom.net.

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-Kenneth Turan, LOS ANGELES TIMES

"STARTLING! SCORES DECISIVELY!"
-Elvis Mitchell, THE NEW YORK TIMES

"A SUPERB FILM!"
Two thumbs up!
-Ebert & Roper and the Movies

"SUSPENSEFUL!"
-Richard Schickel, TIME MAGAZINE

"EXTRAORDINARY!"
It keeps you hanging on every breath and turn!
-David Karger, NEWSWEEK

"FASCINATING!"
-Pauline Kael, ROLLING STONE

KEVIN COSTNER

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SHOWCASE PONTIAC 6-10	SHOWCASE STERLING HEIGHTS	SHOWCASE WESTLAND
STAR FAIRLANE	STAR GRATIOT AT 15 MILE	STAR GREAT LAKES CROSSING
STAR JOHN R AT 14 MILE	STAR ROCHESTER HILLS	STAR SOUTHFIELD
STAR TAYLOR	UA COMMERCE STADIUM	UA WEST RIVER

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"HILARIOUS AND ROMANTIC!"
Lopez and McConaughey sizzle together on the big screen!
-Miguel Sosa, COM TELEVISION

Jennifer LOPEZ, Matthew McCONAUGHEY

"Simply Irresistible!"
Lopez and McConaughey make for one dream screen team.
Mike Ciolek, ACKERLEY GROUP TELEVISION

"Loaded With Laughs!"
Love has never been this much fun!
-Richard Reid, NORTHWEST CABLE NEWS, SEATTLE

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