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Bank robbers hit Novi, Wixom and Southfield all on same day

■ Suspects still sought in all three incidents

By Pam Fleming
STAFF WRITER

Novi, Wixom and Southfield were all hit by bank robbers on the same day last week, with police still searching for suspects in all three cases.

At 3:11 p.m. on Wednesday, Jan. 12, the Novi Police Department received a hold-up alarm from Comerica Bank at 27768 Novi Road in the Twelve Oaks Mall shopping district.

The suspect entered the bank, walked up to the teller and asked the teller to hand over money. A weapon was implied but not seen. The suspect then fled on foot.

The suspect is described as an approximately 5-foot 3-inch Caucasian male with a medium-dark complexion between the ages of 30 and 40. The man was also described as having a very thin build and sunken cheeks. He was also described as wearing a black, nylon ski jacket, large-framed dark sunglasses and a red knit cap.

On the same day in neighboring Wixom, the National City Bank at 49200 Pontiac Trail was robbed at 11:50 a.m. In this case, a weapon was also implied but not seen.

The robber was described as a white male, approximately 5-feet 8 inches tall, with a medium build and about 25 years old. He was also reported to have brown or darker-colored hair, a mustache and was wearing a beige jacket.

This man obtained an undisclosed amount of cash and also escaped from the bank on foot.

There is no other information available at this time in this case, according to Det. Sgt. Charles Yon of the Wixom Police Department.

Det. Sgt. Matt Conquest of the Novi Police Department said the Federal Bureau of Investigation said that Oakland County has already had seven bank robberies

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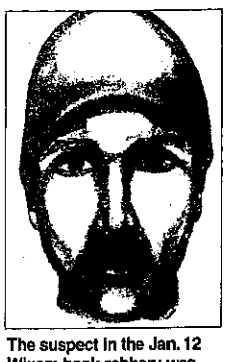

The suspect in the Jan. 12 Wixom bank robbery was described as a white male, approximately age 25, 5-foot 8 inches with a slim-to-medium build, brown or dark-colored hair and a mustache.

Courtesy photo

House Speaker Craig DeRoche, R-Novi, took the ceremonial oath of office at the Capitol Jan. 12. The oath was administered by Michigan Supreme Court Chief Justice Clifford Taylor. Joining the representative were, from left, his wife, Stacey, and daughters Zoe and Carley.

"It's Time to Be Bold Again"

■ House Speaker calls on leaders in Lansing to make tough choices to get state moving again

By Matt Resch
SPECIAL WRITER

Newly-elected Speaker of the Michigan House Craig DeRoche wasted no time last in telling colleagues assembled for the start of the 93rd Legislative session last Wednesday that it was time to make changes.

"It's time to be bold again and it's time to lead," said DeRoche. "The kind of leadership that blasted the rust off our economy, created good jobs and made Michigan the envy of other states."

According to the nonpartisan National Council of State Legislatures, 31 states started 2003 with a hole in their budget. Today, Michigan remains one of only three states facing a deficit.

"America has turned the corner," said DeRoche. "It's leaving Michigan behind and it's time for us to get to work and start living within our means."

DeRoche pointed to a willingness in the past to rely on accounting gimmicks, tax shifts and fee increases to balance the state budget as a key factor in Michigan's ongoing budget woes.

"It hasn't worked," said DeRoche. "Michigan isn't in better shape. And now it's time to make the tough decisions."

DeRoche promised to work across party lines to seek input and member priorities in the budget process, but stated firm his commitment to pass a budget that funds only those priorities that the state can afford.

The new House Speaker pledged to fund "priorities that create good jobs, teach our kids, keep our families safe and healthy and meet our responsibility to taxpayers to spend their hard-earned money with caution and care."

DeRoche reminded leaders of both parties that only two states have higher unemployment than Michigan, a sobering reminder of the difficulties facing so many families and communities throughout Michigan. He noted that little had been done in recent years to alleviate this crisis.

"While Michigan small business, job providers and workers struggle to make payroll, government keeps looking to them to bank-roll state spending," said DeRoche. "Our businesses and workers should be our priority and they deserve a better return on their investment."

DeRoche made clear his top priority would be to make the tough choices needed to fix Michigan's ailing budget and reform Michigan's tax and regulatory environment to help create good paying jobs in Michigan again.

"Today I am optimistic about Michigan's future despite the job we have ahead," concluded DeRoche. "Working together, across the aisle, it is my pledge to lead this chamber in fulfilling our responsibilities ... responsibilities not only under our constitution, but to our constituents, colleagues and families."

Wixom needed back in road plan

■ Comments sent to MDOT session

By Pam Fleming
STAFF WRITER

About 35 people, including a representative from Ford Motor Company's Wixom Assembly Plant, came to express their opinions about state road work at a Michigan Department of Transportation listening session in Waterford last week.

The session, which took place from 10 a.m. to noon Jan. 12 at the Oakland Transportation Service Center, was designed for public comments on the department's proposed five-year plan. A listening session was also scheduled from 4 to 6 p.m. at the Detroit Transportation Service Center in downtown Detroit.

Another listening session is

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DETAILS

■ Staff from the Michigan Department of Transporation in Lansing have scheduled an additional listening session for the Metro Region on the department's proposed five-year plan. It will take place from 6 to 8 p.m. tonight, at the Oakland Transportation Service Center, 2300 Dixie Highway, Suite 300, in Waterford.

■ An electronic version of the proposed plan is available online at www.michigan.gov/mdot5yearplan.

■ Written comments regarding the five-year plan can be submitted at the session or sent via e-mail to MDOT-2005-2009FiveYearProgramComment@michigan.gov.

Superintendent search: And then there were three

■ Novi school board narrows candidates pool once again

By Ramez Khuri
STAFF WRITER

Almost a month after the Novi Community School District chose seven candidates from a pool of 31 to be interviewed for the job of superintendent, that number was narrowed once again, down to three.

The board spent most of last week, from Tuesday through Friday, interviewing the candidates and finally chose Virginia Kyro, superintendent of the Oxford Area Community School District; Peter Dion, superintendent of the Grosse Ile Township School District; and Tom Hosler, superintendent of the Huron School District, to further interview.

The district is looking to replace longtime superintendent Emmett Lippe, who plans to retire at the end of the current school year. He has been with Novi 13 years, and his current salary (base plus additional compensation) is $208,171.

The next step, as of Jan. 17, was to have the three candidates visit the district and meet with administrators, PTO officers, parents and staff members on separate occasions.

John Streit

Kyro was in the district on Jan. 18. She visited all the schools from 9 a.m.-12:30 p.m., then PTO officers, members and parents from 2-2:45 p.m. and school administrators from 3-3:45 p.m. She was also available to meet with other staff members from 4-5:15 p.m.

Dion's day in the district was Jan. 19 and Hosler's day is scheduled for Monday, Jan. 24. All three have the same schedule on their respective days.

"After we have them in the district, we're going to do site visitations," Novi School Board President John Streit said. "We'll visit their districts, take a look around and of course their community. We're planning on beginning our site visitations starting Tuesday, Feb. 1 and it's my plan to have the entire board go."

"We had 31 candidates, narrowed it down to seven and all seven were outstanding," Streit added. "It was very difficult to get it down to three. They all did a nice job and I appreciate them coming. All three are good, so it will be interesting what will happen. I think having them in the district and making the visitations will give us some good, personal ideas about what they're like."

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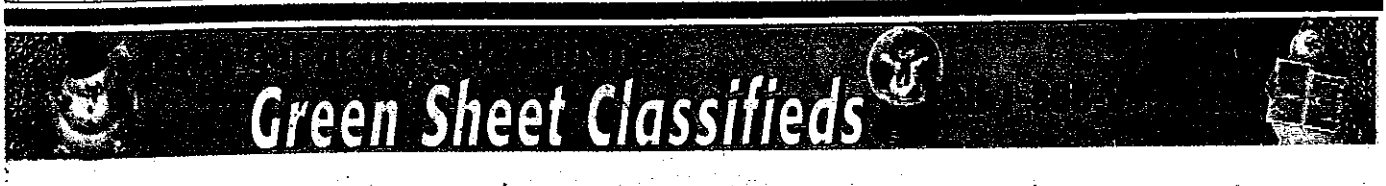

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■ Suspects still sought in all three incidents

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this year. In 2004, the first bank robbery did not occur in the county until Feb. 30.

"We are working in conjunction with the FBI and area jurisdictions, following up on investigative leads that have come in," Conquest said.

At 3:43 p.m. on Jan. 12, just minutes after the Novi bank robbery, a man hit the Citizens Bank at 22575 Telegraph in Southfield.

The suspect was described as a white male in his 40s wearing a black, knit cap, black sunglasses, a black or brown waist-length jacket, green scarf and black gloves. He approached the teller window with his hand in his pocket. He stated that it was a robbery and that he was armed, according to the Southfield Police Department. The suspect also fled on foot.

Since there have been several bank robberies in surrounding Oakland County communities, area police departments are coordinating investigations with the FBI.

FBI Special Agent Dawn Clenney noted that out of the seven bank robberies so far this year in Oakland County, that one bank — Flagstar in Madison Heights was hit twice in four days.

"It looks like the FBI is going to be very busy with bank robberies again this year, as we were last year," she said.

Citizens with information about the Novi robbery can contact Det. Kristie Gruenwald, Novi Police Department, at (248) 347-0548.

Anyone who has information concerning the Wixom robbery can contact the Wixom Police Department at (248) 624-6114.

Those with information about the Southfield case can call the Southfield Police Department at (248) 796-5555.

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NINE-DAY SPREE

Bank robberies in Oakland County as of Jan. 18, 2005, include:

- Jan. 6 — Comerica Bank, 25780 Middlebelt, Farmington Hills
- Jan. 8 — Flagstar Bank, 31049 Dequindre, Madison Heights
- Jan. 11 — Flagstar Bank, 31049 Dequindre, Madison Heights
- Jan. 12 — National City Bank, 49200 Pontiac Trail, Wixom
- Jan. 12 — Comerica Bank, 27768 Novi Rd., Novi
- Jan. 12 — Citizens Bank, 22575 Telegraph, Southfield
- Jan. 14 — Charter One, 20800 Greenfield, Oak Park

ASK THE SHERIFF

Dear Sheriff Bouchard,

I live on a lake in Oakland County, and my teenage son insists upon taking our snowmobile on the lake now that it is frozen over. I know alot of people do this but is it safe?

Marty in Waterford

Dear Marty,

First of all, no ice is 100 percent safe. As a general rule though, to judge recreational use of clear, solid blue ice: look for five inches thick minimum for general use (fishermen, ice skaters, and foot traffic), and eight inches thick minimum for travel by snowmobile or an off road vehicle.

Also, how old is your son? If he is younger than 17 years of age, he is required by Michigan law to take a snowmobile safety class if he has not already done so. My office conducts these classes, so feel free to call our Marine Division at (248) 391-0256 or check our Web site at www.oaklandsheriff.com for a schedule.

Snowmobiles, ORV's and vehicles on the ice increase your risk of falling through, especially at night. Many accidents occur when operators are driving at a high rate of speed (over driving) and are unable to slow or stop in time to avoid open water or unsafe ice.

Survey the ice, keeping in mind that ice conditions change day by day, lake by lake and location by location on the same body of water. Some signs of changing ice conditions can be, but are not limited to, moving water near a stream, river, unseen spring or inlet; slushy areas; depressions in the snow; heavy snow; and white or black colored ice. These are all signs of thin ice or unsafe ice.

While I don't personally recommend snowmobiling on ice, if you, after careful consideration, decide to do it, consider wearing a personal flotation device (PFD) as part of your overall protective clothing or a flotation snowmobile suit. Ice creepers attached to boots will help to keep you stable on the ice and can assist in self-rescue.

In addition, when anyone goes out snowmobiling, always leave a travel plan with someone who can call for help and direct a search party if you do not return. And bring safety items which may include: cell phone, whistle, rope, ice pick or awls, screwdriver, hand flares, flashlight and throwable PFD. Plan ahead for a rescue.

Too many times, ill-prepared people end up in dangerous situations that put them at risk, ending tragically. While we want everyone to have fun and enjoy the many recreational opportunities there are, we don't want what was supposed to be a fun time turn into a tragedy.

If you have a question for Sheriff Michael Bouchard, submit it to askthesheriff@hotmail.com.

■ Wixom Road needed back in road MDOT plan

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planned from 6 to 8 p.m. today at the Oakland Transportation Service Center, 2300 Dixie Highway, Suite 300, in Waterford.

Following the incorporation of public comments, the plan will be presented to the Michigan legislature for approval early next month.

Brenda Peek, an MDOT spokesperson in Southfield who was present at the Jan. 12 listening session in Waterford, said the representative from the Wixom plant wanted assurance that employees at the plant would not lose their jobs due to any major road work in the future.

There has been much discussion in the last few years of a major freeway interchange being constructed at some point at Wixom Road and I-96 near the plant.

Brent Bair, Road Commission for Oakland County, presented comments on behalf of State Sen. Nancy Cassis (R-Novi) and Speaker of the House Craig DeRoche (R-Novi).

Cassis and DeRoche were unable to attend the Jan. 12 hearing because they were required to be in Lansing for the first day of the new legislative session.

Bair read a statement expressing the legislators' desire for the Wixom Road/I-96 interchange to be included in the proposed plan because of its importance to the growth of the area as well as the safety of motorists.

"Given the significant growth taking place, coupled with the lack of an efficient and safe interchange at Wixom Road, deferral of the Wixom Road interchange construction represents a serious deterrent to economic investment so important in this area and the state of Michigan," Cassis and DeRoche said.

The statement went on to say that unfortunately, while the Wixom Road and Beck Road reconstruction was always considered one project, both by MDOT and the Federal Highway Administration, Gov. Jennifer Granholm separated the two projects, funding only the Beck Road reconstruction.

"Therefore, while the original project met all objective criteria to be placed in a previous five-year plan, only the Beck Road portion will be completed," Cassis and DeRoche said.

"There is a dire need to get the Wixom Road project back on track. The safety of current workers and the hope of future jobs are at stake," the legislators said.

Cassis and DeRoche added that because the Wixom Road reconstruction was left out of the proposed MDOT Five-Year Road and Bridge Plan that business growth and job creation will be stalled until at least 2010.

The legislators said in their statement that with Ford Motor Co. already located at the interchange and General Motors having build an engine plant, economic development and new jobs are potentially awaiting reconstruction.

"But, time is running out, and other sites may become more attractive to development. Meanwhile, the costs to rebuild the Wixom interchange continue to escalate, further dampening any hope of its completion," their letter said.

Peek noted that Oakland County is putting together a committee to try to obtain funding for road improvements in the area. Alternative funding sources are being sought since federal dollars have not been forthcoming to Oakland County.

Peek said MDOT staff members realize that to brings jobs to Oakland County and for its growth to continue that road conditions must be improved.

Comments on the proposed plan can be sent via e-mail to: MDOT-2005-2009FiveYearProgram Comment@michigan.gov.

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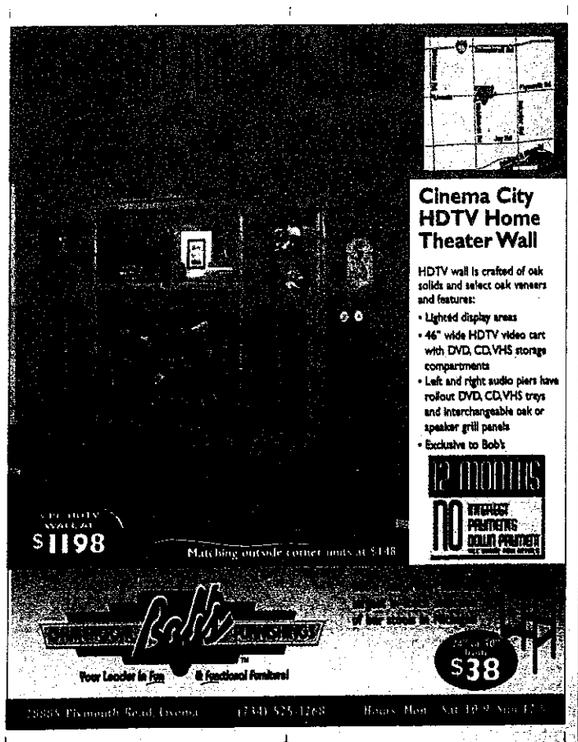

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Uptown Place turned down by planning commission

■ Mixed-use pitch for mall's out-lot is too tall, 4-3 vote decided

By Kim Kovelle
STAFF WRITER

Though many liked the design, Novi's planning commission Jan. 12 nixed a building proposal for a Twelve Oaks mall out-lot, mainly because it was too tall.

In a slim 4-3 vote, the commission denied its nod to city council on Singh Development's mixed-use plan for eight acres off Twelve Mile Road.

A primary reason was the building's height, which would include housing and retail.

According to city ordinance, the plan's four stories was one too many. Plus, it exceeded by nearly three feet a maximum permitted height of 45 feet.

Singh Vice President G. Michael Kahm argued that the downward slope of the land forced the additional floor.

"We have four fixed points around us. That is what we have to design within," Kahm said.

In a preliminary proposal, the first story, which includes parking and retail, is below ground level from its front view off Twelve Mile.

However, due to the land's pitch, the story — plus a base level for parking — are visible from the south backside of the building. That side faces Waltonwood, Singh's senior retirement community.

"By definition of your ordinance, that level is our ground floor," Kahm said. "Unless you wanted to have a mammoth retaining wall on the south side of the property… there's really no other way around it."

Purchased by Singh from Taubman Centers, owner of Twelve Oaks, the land can't house any shops in competition to the mall, Kahm said.

Suggested were a 6,000-square foot restaurant and service businesses like a car shop or drycleaner.

Under works for several years, the trapezoid-shaped land recently received a "planned development" option to complement its regional center zoning.

With restrictions, this allows developers to include buildings with both retail and housing. The idea was to create a transition to other area uses.

Singh was involved with the drafting of the option, Kahm said. Commissioner Lowell Sprague was concerned with setting a precedent.

"What's to prevent us from saying 'no' to anybody else who wants to build an extra floor on any building in the city?" Sprague said. "It seems to be clearly outside of what was written and properly intended in the ordinance."

Singh wanted variances for the floor and loading site changes. There also was commission question on whether too much residential was included.

Replacing a greenbelt buffer with a decorative wall along Twelve Mile was met with approval, but the commission ultimately turned down the request.

When commissioner Victor Cassis asked if a floor could be eliminated or commercial moved to a lower level, Kahm said no.

"We have to be realistic when we design buildings to address market forces," Kahm said. "You need to have exposure. Retail tenants want drive-by traffic."

Voting not to recommend the project were Sprague, John Avdoulos, Lynn Kocan and Mark Pehrson. Cassis, David Lipski and Wayne Wrobel dissented. Richard Gaul and Andy Gutman were absent.

The plan will next appear before city council at a yet-unscheduled date.

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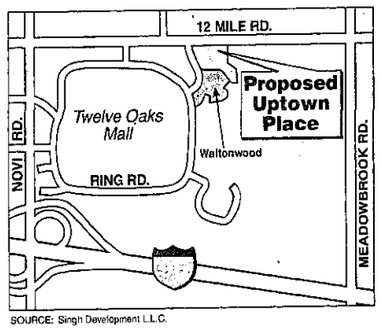

SOURCE: Singh Development L.L.C.

PLANNING UPDATES

At the city of Novi's Jan. 12 planning commission meeting, members approved the following measures 7-0 (members Andy Gutman and Richard Gaul were absent):

- Columbus Corporate Office Centre. Northern Equities proposed this preliminary plan for about nine acres of land at the northwest corner of Twelve Mile and Haggerty roads. An attempt by the city's woodland consults to mark the area as a woodland corridor was unsuccessful.
- West Park water booster station antenna. A radio communication antenna was approved for the water booster pump station on West Park Drive. The building is located at the northeast corner of West Park Drive and Twelve Mile Road. The 40-foot antenna will help the city's department of public works to control and monitor the station. The issues goes before the zoning board of appeals Feb. 1.

Novi woman gives residents reason to walk

■ Breast cancer fund-raiser in July

By Pam Fleming
STAFF WRITER

Novi resident Kim Bradley has at least three reasons to support breast cancer research.

Her mother, Margaret Raymond, died of breast cancer in November 1979 when Bradley was only 9 years old. She also has a cousin, Tina Cirelli, of New York, who is a five-year breast cancer survivor, and a close friend of her husband Rodney's family, Nancy Ann Warner of Texas, who is a three-year breast cancer survivor.

Bradley will dedicate her participation to these three women in the state's next Breast Cancer 3 Day, a 60-mile walk for women and men who want to make a personal difference in the fight against breast cancer.

Participants must commit to fund-raising, training and dedicating an entire weekend to the cause, The Michigan Breast Cancer 3 Day will take place July 15-17, in a yet-to-be-disclosed city. Proceeds from the event, scheduled at 12 locations across the country, fund breast cancer research, education, screening and treatment.

The 2003-2004 Breast Cancer 3-Day Series was projected to generate more than $20 million in net proceeds to fund breast cancer research and community outreach programs.

Bradley is encouraging area residents to join her in this year's walk in Michigan, and now is the time to start training. Staff from The Susan B. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation, who organize the annual walks, have a free booklet outlining a 24-week training program for participants to prepare for the event.

Kim Bradley

Bradley also plans to have a fund-raiser at The Elephant Bar in Walled Lake either the evening of March 5 or March 12 to support the cause.

There are no age restrictions to participate in the 3 Day Walk, but walkers must have written approval from a doctor before the event.

The Bradleys moved from Texas to Novi in May 2002. She works as a cost analyst at Yazaki in Canton, and her boss, Audrey Williams of Novi, plans to participate in the walk, too.

Each walker must pledge to donate at least $2,100 to the fund-raiser. Those who don't want to participate in the walk can sponsor Bradley's or Williams' efforts by visiting the event's Web site at www.thethreeday.org and doing a search with their names.

Bradley has lost more than 20 pounds in three months from walking and walks about eight miles, three days a week.

She's making bracelets and pins to sell in support of the cause, and her co-workers drop off bottle deposit receipts and spare change to help her reach her funding goal for the walk.

Bradley has participated in several breast cancer research fund-raising walks in the past in both Texas and Michigan.

For more information, visit www.thethreeday.org or call (800) 996-3DAY.

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BREAST CANCER FACTS

- An estimated 215,990 new invasive cases of breast cancer are expected to occur among women in the United States in 2004.
- An estimated 1,450 new cases of breast cancer will be diagnosed in men in 2004.
- An estimated 40,110 women will die from breast cancer in 2004.
- An estimated 470 men will die from breast cancer in 2004.
- The five-year relative survival rate for women with localized breast cancer is more than 95 percent.

A commentary by
Paul LaCasse, D.O., President and CEO
Botsford General Hospital

Botsford Care 40 YEARS 1965-2005 BOTSFORD GENERAL HOSPITAL

Forty years ago this week, on January 19, 1965, Botsford General Hospital opened its doors in Farmington Hills as a 200-bed, acute care hospital and soon admitted the first patient.

From those early days as a new hospital with a straightforward objective to provide state-of-the-art care to all who needed it, through the present day as a 330-bed inpatient and ambulatory care facility, we have responded to the changing needs of individuals, families and community by continually assessing our services and evolving to meet those needs.

Today we are

- An accredited teaching facility with physician training programs in 19 medical specialties.
- Home to an outstanding team of more than 600 primary care and specialty physicians whose clinical skills and personalized approach to medicine are integral to our success.
- A regional center of excellence in orthopedics and joint replacement with in-patient and out-patient rehabilitation services in multiple venues.
- One of the busiest Emergency Departments in Oakland County, at the ready 24 hours a day, seven days a week for personal emergencies or regional disasters.
- An integrated system of care aligned with Botsford Commons, our sister campus in Farmington Hills, offering an array of residential options to meet the needs of older adults.
- The recipient of the community's first Champion for Children award in recognition of our efforts on behalf of young people.
- A recipient of the Governor's Award for Excellence for Improving Care in Hospital and Emergency Department Settings and other honors that are a testament to the strength of our vision of clinical excellence and patient safety.

These examples represent only a quick snapshot of the many-faceted organization that Botsford has become.

Our vision for the future continues to place our commitment to the community at the forefront – for today and for generations to come. It calls for us to continue to touch many aspects of community life, to provide increased value and convenience for our patients, and to continue to look for new and innovative ways to improve service. All our efforts focus on assuring that Botsford will be here to serve and support the community that continues so generously to support us in many ways.

We can be very proud of the health care services Botsford provides to our community. The growth in service, facilities, and clinical capabilities that we have achieved over the last 40 years is remarkable. Our physicians and employees are among the best - committed to excellence and personalized care.

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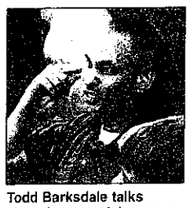
Novi Lions Club members heed the call

Local man receives free hearing aids

By Pam Fleming
STAFF WRITER



Todd Barksdale talks about how receiving a new powerful hearing aid with the help of the Novi Lions has changed his life.

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Todd and Beth Barksdale and their children Sarah, Kyle, and Matthew celebrate Todd's powerful new hearing aid purchased with the aid of the Novi Lions. With them are Ken Nielsen, left, a hearing aid dispenser, and Ron Martin and Dick Stopinski of the Novi Lions.

Todd Barksdale of Novi is hearing a lot more lately, thanks to a generous contribution by Novi Lions Club members.

The Lions Club has long been known for helping those with vision problems. Now, in a $3 million new international program just started in 2004, Lions Club members will pay for hearing aids for those unable to afford them.

Barksdale, who has suffered hearing loss since birth, received two hearing aids recently fitted by hearing-aid dispenser and Clawson Lions Club member Ken Nielsen. The aids would have cost Barksdale about $4,000.

Nielsen donates time to fit patients with hearing aids referred by a Lions Club member in Macomb or Oakland County.

Barksdale received the free hearing aids when Novi Lions Club member Dick Stopinski, who lives across the street from Barksdale's sister-in-law, Leann Link, in Novi, learned of his hearing loss.

Barksdale's wife, Beth, also has hearing loss but already wears hearing aids. Their three children — Sarah, 12, Kyle, 7, and Matthew, 4 — have normal hearing.

"He has a profound hearing loss, and the Lions provided him some high-powered hearing aids. It was a long shot, but they worked," Nielsen said.

"When I started the project, I was not convinced that they (the hearing aids) would help Todd. Sometimes hearing aids only produce noise to the patient, but they don't always help the patient's speech. The patient has to be able to interpret the sounds," Nielsen said. "In Todd's case, he can. His speech has greatly improved."

Stopinski, past president and current board member of the Novi Lions Club, said the hearing aids should greatly improve Barksdale's lifestyle, especially when communicating with his family.

"Until you start working with the hearing impaired or visually impaired, there are questions that you'd never even thought about," Stopinski said.

He noted that the local club recently received approval from Dr. Emmett Lippe, superintendent, Novi Community School District, to place containers for used eyeglasses and hearing aids in each school. Containers are also available at the Novi Public Library and city hall.

Link said this is not the first time the community has come to the aid of the Barksdales. Last summer, Marla Feldman of Marty Feldman Chevrolet in Novi donated a van to the family after learning Todd's truck had been stolen from the parking lot outside Toys R Us, where he works.

"Now, unfortunately, their other vehicle needs so many repairs that it's not safe to drive and is sitting in their driveway. So, they're back to one vehicle," Link said.

Link was thrilled to see her brother-in-law receive help from the local club.

"This is a hard-working group. They work selflessly for the benefit of others. It's nice to see that in our community," she said.

Barksdale, who had not had hearing aids for at least 10 years, said that he can communicate a lot more effectively now.

"My boss used to have to tap me on the shoulder when he wanted to talk to me. Now he just yells, 'Hey, Todd,'" Barksdale said.

The Novi Lions Club meets at 7 p.m. on the second and fourth Wednesdays of each month at Kim's Chinese Restaurant on the east side of Novi Road just north of Grand River Avenue. To contact the Novi club, call Jerry Coonce at (248) 348-0531. Nielsen can be contacted at (248) 588-0210.

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Purchasing policy changes on the way

By Pam Fleming
STAFF WRITER

After a lengthy discussion, Novi City Council members recently took the first step to change the city's purchasing policy.

Members agreed in a 4-2 vote at their Jan. 10 meeting to approve a resolution to increase the formal bid limits from $5,000 to $15,000; increase the limit for items to be included on the city council agenda from $3,000 to $15,000; and to increase the capital outlay limit from $1,000 to $5,000.

Items identified as capital outlay are those that must be depreciated in the budget over the years.

The resolution to amend the purchasing policy was only a first step. For the changes to actually take place, the council will have to formally amend the ordinance regarding the purchasing policy at a later date.

There will be a second reading on the ordinance changes presented to council in the future to make the language consistent with what the council approved on Jan. 10, according to Carol Kalinovik, purchasing director.

Finance department staff encouraged the approval of the amendment since the current limits were established in 1989.

Rick Helwig, city manager, told the council that Kathy Smith-Roy, finance director, has petitioned the city manager's office to change the purchasing policy for three years.

"The numbers presented reflect the growth of the community and inflation. This will reduce the amount of paperwork as the office is encumbered now with an archaic system," Helwig said. "The dollar amounts are unrealistically low now."

Smith-Roy said that increasing the amounts subject to scrutiny would reduce costs. She estimated that it costs between $900 and $2,500, or more if a project includes construction, to go through the bid process.

"We're trying to be cost-effective with the resources we have," Smith-Roy said. "The city would realize a cost savings if this new policy is adopted."

Members Laura Lorenzo and Lynne Paul did not support the resolution.

"I see this as taking some of the authority and accountability away from the city council. It also takes it from a public decision to a behind-closed-doors decision," Lorenzo said.

"Call me old-fashioned, call me conservative, but I think $3,000 is a lot of money when it comes to the stewardship of city funds," she added.

Lorenzo said she was also concerned that this new policy might allow for an environment of favoritism.

Paul said she saw the resolution as actually three motions, and that she could only support the increase in capital outlay amount.

"We're trying to give you the tools to get the city to grow up," Helwig said.

Cold Stone owner meeting challenges

Tom Filipczak
SPECIAL WRITER

It hasn't even been six months since Michelle Adams lost her husband to cancer. It hasn't even been one month since Adams received three awards at the national convention for Cold Stone Creamery in Las Vegas.

Adams owns and manages the Cold Stone Creamery at Fountain Walk in Novi. Adams and her late husband, Kevin, opened the store in June 2003.

"Things are going better than expected," said Adams, even in the winter months.

Things are going so well, in fact, that Adams, 34, just opened another store in New Hudson. The three awards she recently recieved were for the top volume in Michigan (18 stores), high national volume (905 stores), and for superior salesmanship.

While Adams answers phone calls and hands out free samples, her 4-year-old daughter parades around the store like a ... kid in an ice cream store. Of course, this isn't a normal day. On Martin Luther King Jr. day Adams took her daughter to work with her.

Adams and her husband had always wanted to open their own business. "We had different backgrounds and we both loved ice cream, so we found our passion here with Cold Stone," said Adams.

Her background is sports medicine and Mr. Adams' was human resources. She admits that it was hard to find a middle ground.

"At first we couldn't really find a business that worked well for both of us," she said. "I first had it (Cold Stone) in Arizona and fell in love with the product as well as the atmosphere."

Adams' story is not all that different from Cold Stone's. The first Cold Stone opened in 1988 in Arizona. Founders Donald and Susan Sutherland also loved ice cream and wanted to open a business. Now there are over 1,000 stores under development in addition to the 900-plus already operating.

Adams is devoted to her work, "I might be depressed but my work is what keeps me going."

It shows. Upbeat and smiling, Adams is the kind of person you want serving you ice cream.

"It's my job to make everyday a great day for ice cream."

Adams speaks an ice cream lover's language. It's not just what flavor a customer wants but what "creation" he might want. The flavor is only the beginning. After choosing, the ice cream is put on a flat granite stone at 16 degrees Farenheit and mixed with anything one might want, from crushed cookies to pie fillings.

Also, it's not small, medium, or large, but "like it, love it, gotta have it," respectively.

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Fountain Walk Coldstone Creamery manager and owner Michelle Adams, right, and employee Danielle Diacono, 17, work making some ice cream confections with nuts, brownies, and chocolate chips. Coldstone makes its own ice cream fresh each day.

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Dentistry returns to Holly Hill

■ Hometown Hoikka focuses on quality care and comfort

By Kim Kovelle
STAFF WRITER

When Angela Hoikka talks about her patients, whether a 80-year-old Finnish woman or a young child, the gentle-spoken dentist's blue eyes sparkle.

"I really enjoy doing things on a small scale, something where you can see the difference from beginning to end," Hoikka said in the lobby of her recently opened Complete Dental Care office. "I love to see the families."

Bringing back dental care to Novi's Holly Hill Professional Village, the 28-year-old Novi native is treating 300-500 patients — and putting them at ease.

"We try to make it as comfortable as possible for the patient. I don't want them to come in the room and see lots of dental equipment," Hoikka said. Since opening Dec. 7, she's been making steady strides.

Native Novi roots

Hoikka said she started out in Novi's Village Oaks neighborhood and attended Novi High School, where she was on the varsity track and swim teams.

"I grew up about four blocks from here," Hoikka said of her locale on Ten Mile Road west of Haggerty. "I wanted to be back here. I know the intersection. I know the people."

Her interest in dentistry also started young, when her parents added the Luria-Birnholtz Dental Group in Dearborn.

"I spent a lot of time when I was a kid in the lab," Hoikka said. After attending Eastern Michigan University, Hoikka earned her University of Detroit degree in 2002, focused on treating children and special needs patients.

She assisted at dental offices in Highland Lake and Southfield before striking out on her own. Hoikka said she considered two Novi locales: Novi Professional Center at Ten Mile and Novi roads and Holly Hill.

The latter worked, and with the help of friends and father, Jim Rimbold, Hoikka remodeled Suite 306, which she said had been empty about a year.

"There's been a number of dentist in here throughout the years," she said. "There wasn't enough room for people to sit comfortably. We had a lot to do."

Building a practice

Updating dental technology was the first step. The office offers state-of-the-art equipment for general dentistry needs from periodontal treatment and cosmetic dentistry to root canal treatment and dentures.

"Everything I'm using is something I would want personally done on me," Hoikka said. "We try to keep everything in the office."

Available or in the works are basic orthodontic work, crowns, bridges, partial tooth removal, beaching, sedation and smoking cessation.

For oral surgery, she recommends patients to nearby surgeons, including those at nearby Oakland Oral Surgery Associates.

"We have a relationship with all the dentists that are in our complex," said Edward Royal, oral surgeon. "We certainly help to develop one with her. She's a wonderfully nice person. It's a lovely office."

To enlarge the lobby, Hoikka reduced patient rooms from five to three. The entry room now comfortably holds 10 and features a wood-framed fireplace.

"I've always thought of it as relaxing. The fire is almost mesmerizing," Hoikka said. "It's really peaceful."

COMPLETE DENTAL CARE

- **What:** Angela Hoikka, a dentist and native of Novi, recently opened Complete Dental Care. The office provides general dentistry and basic orthodontics, including periodontal treatment, cosmetic dentistry, root canal treatment, crowns, bridges, partial tooth removal, complete dentures, bleaching, sedation and smoking cessation.
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Two patient rooms now are handicapped-accessible.

Currently living in Farmington Hills with husband Mark, three sons and their golden retriever, Hoikka also hopes to return to her native home — and expand the practice with Mark once he completes his dental degree.

Until then, the hometown girl will stay focused on patients.

"People that are really nervous, we offer a lot of ways of encouraging them to come in," Hoikka said. "Most of the patients that were here before are coming back. We'd definitely like to increase."

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"I wanted to be back here. I know the intersection. I know the people."

Angela Hoikka
Complete Dental Care

Photo by JOHN HEIDER

Angela M. Hoikka has recently opened Complete Dental Care office at 39555 W. Ten Mile Road.

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BUSINESS BRIEFS

dSPACE's TargetLink turns 5

TargetLink software, a production code generator created by Novi's dSPACe Inc., is celebrating its fifth anniversary with 2004 electronic control unit success stories, the company announced.

Taking models made by in MATLAB/ Simulink/ Stateflow programs, TargetLink turns the data into an efficient, processor-optimized code. This helps automotive suppliers and companies design software for vehicles.

Highlight companies aided in the last year included Jeep Grand Cherokee, DaimlerChrysler, and large Asian automotive supplier. The European aerospace industry also benefited.

dSPACE is located 28700 Cabot Drive, Ste. 1100.

Chrysler Jeep to help victims

Southeast Michigan's 40 Chrysler Jeep Superstores, including Novi's location at 24315 Haggerty Road, announced Jan. 11 they'll donate $25 per vehicle sold this month to aid tsunami relief efforts.

The money will go to the Salvation Army of Southeast Michigan to lend support to the city of Galle in Sri Lanka, one of the hardest-hit nations. The total is expected to be in the significant five-figure range, said Jim Schebil, president of the company's advertising association.

"Two Men" look to Canada

Franchised moving company "Two Men and a Truck," which has a Novi locale, announced recently that it has awarded Canadian master franchise rights to Toronto-based management company Heron Capital Corp.

Heron president and CEO John Prittie said the long-term goal is to develop and support a network of 40 franchises in Canada, including Quebec.

The Lansing-based company has 145 locations in 27 states and more than 970 trucks on the road. It's Novi post is 43000 W. Nine Mile Road, Ste. 307.

Jaguar unleashes coupe

Jaguar, the luxury sedan dealer that does Novi business from 24295 Haggerty Road, unveiled its advanced lightweight coupe Jan. 10 at the North American International Auto Show in Detroit.

Conceived by design director Ian Callum, the coupe features advanced lightweight aluminum architecture technology first introduced with the new XJ saloon. In unrestricted production, the auto could reach 60 mph in less than five seconds with a 180 mph performance potential.

The auto show lasts now until this Sunday, Jan. 23.

Mercedes-Benz pitches '05 autos

Mercedes-Benz, which makes its Novi home at 39500 Grand River Ave., presented several new luxury vehicles at the North American International Auto Show in Detroit.

The new M-Class premium SUV, Grand Sports Tourer Vision R concept car and Compact Sports Tourer Vision B were highlights.

Vision R features 302 horsepower, more than two feet of extra legroom between its three rows and a new paint resembling polished aluminum. Vision B offers a front-mounted, traverse engine-transmission unit and new head-thorax side airbags.

This year, Mercedes-Benz plans to introduce four total new models. It'll also renew its most important engine families, with diesel technology playing a role.

Flagstar finance reports

Flagstar Bancorp, which has a bank at 31110 Novi Road, recently announced a quarterly conference call and loan production update.

The company's fourth quarter earnings, to be released Jan. 24, will be discussed at 11 a.m. via an analyst/ investor conference call. Chairman Thomas Hammond and Michael Carrie, CFO, will represent the company. Call (800) 310-6649 toll free and use pass code 914132. Replays re be available for five days at (888) 203-1112.

In addition, Flagstar reported fourth quarter 2004 residential mortgage loan production totals at $8.7 billion. That's up 11.5 percent compared to this time last year. For the entire year, the total was $34 billion, down almost 38 percent this time in 2003.

Borders' sales up

Borders Group Inc., which has a store located in Novi, recently announced higher-than-expected fourth quarter sales through Jan. 9.

Consolidated sales were $1.2 billion proved, the business reported, representing 4.8 percent increase over the prior holiday season.

Sales within the Borders segment on a quarter-to-date basis were $763 million, which represents a 4 percent increase over the same period in 2003. Consolidated earnings per share hence will range from $1.60-$1.62 for the fourth quarter, reportedly at the high end of projections.

Novi's Borders is located in Novi Town Center at 43075 Crescent Blvd.

Alley, IABC host luncheon

Automation Alley, the regional technology consortium that includes Oakland County, will Jan. 26 host a luncheon with IABC.

A panel of experts will share the Alley's marketing strategies with communications and marketing professionals. The event will span 11:45 a.m.-1:30 p.m. at Automation Alley, 2675 Bellingham Drive, Troy. Visit www.iabc.com for more information.

Auto production update

U.S. automakers are expected to produce 234,506 vehicles this week, up 14.1 percent last week. According to Ward's Automotive Reports. To date, vehicle production for this year is 440,022 units, down 8.6 percent from this time last year.

Comerica economy reports

Comerica Bank last week reported state and regional economy and business stats for November, along with a state economic forecast and national recession potential for December.

Regionally, November economy was in "serious expansion," Comerica announced, with the Detroit Area Business Activity Index at 119. Year-to-date, the regional economy's up 8 percent with an auto sector comeback reportedly playing a role. The activity index for the state gained one point in November, to close at 113. It was 111 a year earlier.

The bank's national recession watch index registered at 17-percent probability last month, mirroring November. A recession is predicted when the index hits 50.

Statewide, Comerica's advance economic barometer last month was expected to dip 0.4 points from November, registering 2.8 points. The year prior, the number was 4.9.

Mall opens Rueht No. 925

Rueht No. 925 Greenwich Street New York, the latest concept from Abercrombie & Fitch, recently opened at Twelve Oaks mall.

The store is geared at college graduates and young professionals—a slightly older demographic than its parent store. Clothing is casual style, featuring denim, button-down shirts for men and blazers for women. Also included are women's lingerie, sleepwear, handbags, shoes, hats and accessories. Located on the upper level near Lord & Taylor, this is Ruehl No. 925's fourth location nationwide.

In other mall news, Taubman Centers, operating company of Twelve Oaks, announced Jan. 11 the tax allocations of the 2004 dividend distributions on its various stock shares. Participants can visit www.taubman.com or call Mellon Investor Services at (888) 877-2889 for further information.

Chicken product recalled

Ethnic Gourmet Foods, based in Farmingham, Mass., voluntarily recalled an undetermined number of chicken biryani frozen entrees due to an undeclared allergen, the Food Safety and Inspection Service announced Jan. 11.

The labels on 12-ounce packages of "Trader Joe's Chicken Biryani, Traditional Indian Style White Chicken Biryani over Steamed Rice" don't indicate the product was marinated in yogurt, which contains milk, a known allergen.

Packages, which were distributed to retail establishments in 14 states including Michigan, has the product code "0022 5250" and was produced between January 2000 and Dec. 17, 2004.

Discovered by the company, the Class I Recall reportedly hasn't affected any consumers.

With allergic reaction concerns, contact a physician; with product questions, contact consumer affairs manager Lisa Lehndorff at (303) 581-1313.

Compiled by Kim Kovelle

BUSINESS WORKSHOPS

Business owners and entrepreneurs who need assistance are invited to attend seminars in February offered by the Oakland County Business Center.

• 9 a.m.-noon, Thursday, Feb. 3: **How to Start a Business** is a seminar for anyone thinking about going into business. Participants examine their entrepreneurial skills, learn how to implement their ideas and receive a list of pitfalls to avoid when starting a business. The fee is $30. For location specifics and pre-registration, call (248) 858-0783.

• 9 a.m.-noon, Thursday, Feb. 17: **How to Write a Business Plan** is a workshop for small business owners who are developing a plan to serve as their road map to success. The fee is $40, which includes all materials. For location specifics and pre-registration, call (248) 858-0783.

• 9-11 a.m., Thursday, Feb. 24: **Certification Orientation Session for Women Business Owners** if you are seeking opportunities to work with major American corporations, your business is at least 51 percent owned, operated, and controlled by women, and you need resources to help you expand and finance your business growth. The workshop is presented by the Michigan Women's Council and Oakland County Planning & Economic Development Services. The fee is $25 per person, which includes all materials.

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PRESERVING THE PAST

25th Avenue founders share audio tips

By Kim Kovelle
RECORD STAFF WRITER

Ed Herrmann's father grew up farming the Iowa land in the Great Depression.

At the Novi Senior Center last week, the patriarch's voice emanated from over small gray speakers, recalling 16-hour workdays in 1930s Fort Madison, Iowa.

"It was fun, but that was the first time I was really away from home or away from relatives, and man, was I homesick," he said. "That's where I got the idea that I didn't want to stay on the farm."

The retired doctor's tale is an example of oral family histories Herrmann and wife Sally Eisele capture in audio form.

Calling their effort 25th Avenue Productions, the Northville couple shared their decades of interviewing and sound production experience with Novi seniors.

The concept

Veterans of broadcast journalism, Herrmann and Eisele said when preparing to record recollections, decide what you want to capture, and for whom.

"Narrow it down," Herrmann said. "Figure, what are you talking about? What time period are you going to include? How detailed?"

Knowing the audience will help determine how specific or structured the interview will be.

With Herrmann's father, for instance, tales were captured for posterity and were more historic in nature.

Eisele, a long-time political reporter for National Public Radio, played a different example: women reminiscing about summers spent in the small town of Destin, Fla.

"In some cases can just be memories," Eisele said. "It's a group of fun-loving snowbirds. This is something they will enjoy and their children will enjoy."

When the audience is a future generation that may never have met those talking, though, be specific on dates, names and other details.

Remember when...?

When it comes to the actual interview, Herrmann and Eisele had plenty of advice.

"I highly recommend making an outline," Herrmann said. "Get that much down on paper. For some people, it's helpful to have some photos, something to trigger the memory."

From names to years to addresses, check facts for chronology and accuracy.

As sound is the most critical component, make sure recording equipment is reliable and the interview area quiet.

"The crucial thing is to use a microphone," Eisele said. Avoid and prevent noises, whether a ticking clock, humming furnace or nylon winter jacket. Rooms with curtains help.

"You want to have a comfortable chair," Herrmann said. "You're going to be sitting there for an hour or so. Make sure you've got plenty of discs or tapes."

During the interview, Eisele recommended having a list of questions.

"Be flexible — things come up," she said. "Keep it simple. Be careful about talking over your subject or cutting them off before they're done.

"Don't be afraid of silence either. Just leave a little pregnant pause there that kind of indicates you don't think they're done telling the story."

When done, immediately label recordings so there's no confusion. When working at the final product, computer equipment allows for mistake chopping. Interspersing appropriate song clips is also possible.

The couple's home-based business can help with that part — or the entire process.

Some of those who attended the presentation left with ideas of their own. Janice Howell, who teaches computer courses at the senior center, has a plan.

"I'm going to create a slide show for each one of my children and highlight them using pictures," she said. "It just inspired me."

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25TH AVENUE PRODUCTIONS

- **What:** Northville Township couple Sally Eisele and Ed Herrmann run 25th Avenue Productions from their home. They help interview, record and mix oral family histories, preserving them for generations to come.
- **Contact:** (248) 347-1134; info@25thAvenue.com, www.25thAvenue.com

HOW TO PRESERVE

When you're recording your personal or family history, keep these tips in mind:

- Determine a subject and audience: Is the story an individual history? A series? A several-person endeavor?
- Determine a format: Interviews? Written memoirs recited? A conversation?
- Organize material: Outline chronology or themes? Discuss goals and stories beforehand; check dates, relevant historical events, names; use photos and mementos as visual aids.
- Recording session: Find quiet space and comfortable seating, have plenty of tapes/discs, allow plenty of time to redo segments as needed, label recordings.
- Post-production: Edit material and assemble into tracks; clean-up sound, mix tracks and balance sound levels; add music, sound effects, titles, photos, graphics; master to CD.

SENIOR CENTER CALENDAR

Friday 1/21

8:45 a.m. ..... Panera Bread
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10 a.m. ..... Body Recall
noon ..... Lunch
noon ..... clogging*/12:30 p.m. Bridge
12:30 p.m. ..... Bingo held in activities room

Monday 1/24

9 a.m. ..... Stretch & Strength
10 a.m. ..... Body Recall
11:30 a.m. ..... Goodie Lady
noon ..... Lunch
12:30 p.m. ..... Pinochle*
1-3 p.m. ..... Clogging

Tuesday 1/25

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9:30 a.m. ..... Line Dance
10 a.m. ..... Asian Pacific
11 a.m. ..... "Health Eating" L. Romanoorty, R.D.
noon ..... Lunch
12:30 p.m. ..... Bingo held in activities room
1-3 p.m. ..... Dance
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Wednesday 1/26

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10:30 a.m. ..... Quilting
11 a.m. ..... Blood Pressure
11 a.m. ..... TOPS Class
noon ..... Lunch
12:30 p.m. ..... Clogging*

Thursday 1/27

9 a.m. ..... Line Dance
noon ..... Lunch
12:15 ..... Bridge*
1-2 p.m. ..... Line dance

Activities designated with an "" will be held at the Novi Civic Center. The Senior Center is located at 25075 Meadowbrook. Call (248) 347-0414.*

Photos: shoebox storage fading?

With 36 years in the photo finishing business, Don Nicholson has seen the shift from shoebox to computer hard drive.

The dawn of digital cameras has created a convenient switch — yet poses problems.

"I think... in the next 10-20 years, we're going to find that there's a major hole in our photographing family history," said Nicholson, owner of Dearborn's Master Photo. "They're used to putting the negatives in a drawer or shoe box. They delete too many things because most of the pictures don't look good right now."

The ease of deleting an imperfect smile actually erases some of the historical record, Nicholson said. "There's a lot of things that are being forgotten."

Other flaws include new types of photo paper and storage methods. When archiving digital shots, make copies on two-three CDs, Nicholson said, and re-burn the or update image files on brand-name CD-Rs every six months.

"There have been problems with CDs oxidizing," Nicholson said.

Also, for prints, he said, request photographic paper printed with chemicals, and not photo quality paper, subject to ink or dye.

"It will still fade in 10-20 years, depending on what ink you use," he said.

For now, though, Nicholson said, although prices are coming down, there's still not anything quite as good as old-fashioned film negatives.

"This is still designed by computer people," Nicholson said. "They haven't found a way yet to make them last forever."

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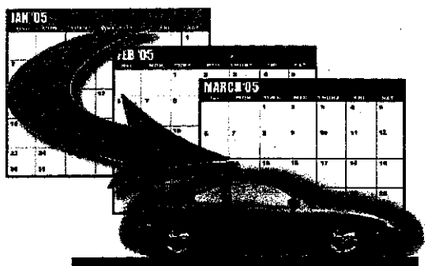

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IN THE SERVICE

Air Force Airman **Brianne N. Ford** has graduated from basic military training at Lackland Air Force Base, San Antonio, Texas.

During the six weeks of training, the airman studied the Air Force mission, organization, and military customs and courtesies; performed drill and ceremony marches, and received physical training, rifle marksmanship, field training exercises, and special training in human relations.

In addition, airmen who complete basic training earn credits toward an associate degree through the Community College of the Air Force.

She is the daughter of Cynthia Moyer of Wixom, and Christopher Ford of Westland.

Ford is a 2004 graduate of Meridian High School, Sanford.

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ELEANOR E. SMITH

Eleanor E. Smith, 86, of Northville died Jan. 12. Casterline Funeral Home, 122 W. Dunlap, Northville (248) 349-0611.

JOHN B. MACH

Of South Lyon, formerly of Northville, died Dec. 30, 2004. He was 86. Mr. Mach was born on Aug. 5, 1918 to John F. Mach and Eleanor Sohn. Mr. Mach moved to South Lyon in 1995. He was a car dealer with John Mach Ford Sales in Northville for 23 years. He was a member of Shepherd of the Lakes Lutheran Church of Brighton, formerly a member of St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Northville. He was a member of the Northville Optimist Club, and enjoyed hunting and fishing and sports in general. When attending school at Michigan State University he served in the ROTC cavalry, after graduating he became 2nd Lieutenant. Mr. Mach served in the United States Air Force during World War II at Wright Field in Dayton, Ohio. Survivors include his wife of 52 years, Arveda; five children, Nancy Lewis of South Lyon, John C. (Ginger) Mach of Westland, Bruce (Joy) Mach of Northville, Betsy (Mark) Cornellier of South Lyon, and Jane (Joe) Schimpf of South Lyon; four siblings, Robert (Annette) Mach of Belleville, Lorraine (Fred) Block of Romulus, Ruth Clark of Westland, and Arthur (Rita) Mach of Wayne; 10 grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren. Preceding him in death was his parents, two brothers, and his grandson, Richard Lewis. A funeral service was held Jan. 3, 2005 at Casterline Funeral Home, Northville. Pastore Frank Graves of Shepherd of the Lakes Lutheran Church, Brighton officiated. Interment will be in Rural Hill Cemetery, Northville. Memorials may be made to Shepherd of the Lakes Lutheran Church, Attn: Building Fund, 2101 South Hacker, Brighton, Mich., 48114 or to the Michigan Parkinson Foundation, 30161 Southfield Rd., Suite 119, Southfield, Mich., 48076. Arrangements were made by Casterline Funeral Home, Northville.

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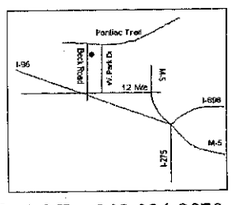

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HEALTH

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YOUR HEALTH – "BONE CARE"

It's winter and your living in Michigan, where the first step into the outdoors could lead to a slip and fall, leaving you with a broken bone and a trip to the emergency room. This can be especially dangerous if you have or are at risk for osteoporosis.

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You can always improve your bone health by increasing calcium, taking more Vitamin D and increasing the amount of weight bearing physical activity. The bad news is that the report found that most of us are not following the steps to strengthen and protect our bones.

What can you do to keep your bones strong? Consume calcium found in milk, leafy green vegetable and soybeans, if you are lactose-intolerant or a vegetarian, look for products that calcium has been added to such as orange juice or cereals. Depending on your age you'll need to get between 1000 to 1200 milligrams per day. If you have trouble meeting your needs through your diet, then a supplement will be necessary.

You need Vitamin D to absorb calcium; 400 IU of Vitamin D is needed daily. Sun exposure also promotes Vitamin D synthesis in the body. In the winter months a Vitamin D supplement would be beneficial due to decreased sun exposure. Most multi-vitamin supplements contain 400 IU of Vitamin D.

Weight bearing exercises like walking, stair climbing and weight lifting count as bone building workouts. While, bicycling and swimming are great aerobic exercise for fitness, they will not build bone health.

So the next time you're out walking on the ice and snow consider your bones and if you are at an increased risk for osteoporosis. For more information on bone health visit www.surgeongeneral.gov.

Edwina Forrest, M.S., R.D., is a clinical nutrition manager for Providence Hospital. She can be reached at (248) 849-3357.

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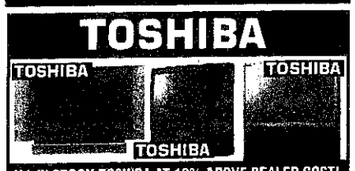

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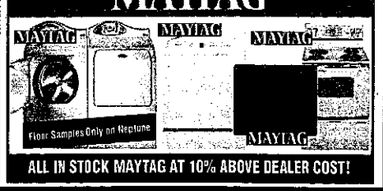

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Faith Community Preschool Open House

DATE: Saturday, Jan. 22
TIME: 9:30 a.m.-noon
LOCATION: Faith Community Preschool, located in Faith Community Church, 44400 W. Ten Mile Road., Novi
DETAILS: All families of 2-, 3-, and 4-year-olds are invited to attend this annual enrollment open house. Meet teachers and visit classrooms. The staff will present information about preschool programs. Student artwork will be on display.
CONTACT: Kim Richmond at (248) 374-0792

Single Mingle Dances

DATES: Jan. 21 and Feb. 4
LOCATIONS: Sheraton Hotel, Jan. 21; Doubletree Guest Suites, Feb. 4
TIME: 8 p.m.-1 a.m.
DETAILS: Hosted by Metropolitan Single Professionals. Admission is $5 for members; $9 for non-members. Top 40 DJ, cash bar, hors d'oeuvres and door prizes
CONTACT: (248) 544-6445 or (248) 851-9909 or www.mspsc.com

Lyon Oaks Nature Center Class, Color in Nature

DATE: Saturday, Jan. 22
TIME: 2-3:30 p.m.
LOCATION: Lyon Oaks Nature Center, located on Pontiac Trail, Lyon Oaks Township.
DETAILS: Beat the winter grays and browns and learn why colors are so important to animals and plants. Cost $1 per person.
CONTACT: Call (248) 437-7345 to register.

Michigan Association of Certified Public Accountants Conference

DATE: Wednesday, Jan. 26
TIME: 8:30 a.m.-5 p.m.
LOCATION: Doubletree Hotel, 27000 Sheraton Dr., Novi.
DETAILS:
The CPE Mega Conference for Industry addresses current topics in the areas of accounting & auditing, ethics, management issues, tax and technology.
CONTACT: To register check the Web site www.michcpa.org or call (888) 877-4273.

After Hours Mixer

DATE: Thursday, Jan. 27
TIME: 5 p.m.
LOCATION: Sheraton Detroit Novi, 21111 Haggerty Rd., Novi
DETAILS: Join fellow Novi Chamber of Commerce members, partnering with the Livonia Chamber to mix, mingle and make connections. Cost is $10.
CONTACT: (248) 349-3743

SCHOOL / GOVERNMENT

Novi School Board Meeting

DATE: Thursday, Jan. 20
TIME: 7:30 p.m.
LOCATION: Educational Services Building, 25345 Taft Rd., Novi
CONTACT: (248) 449-1200

Novi City Council Meeting

DATE: Monday, Jan. 24
TIME: 7 p.m.
LOCATION: Novi Civic Center, 45175 W. Ten Mile Rd.
CONTACT: (248) 347-0460

Novi Planning Commission Meeting

DATE: Wednesday, Jan. 26
TIME: 7:30 p.m.
LOCATION: Novi Civic Center, 45175 W. Ten Mile Rd.
CONTACT: (248) 347-0460

High School Athletic Code of Conduct Revision Public Forums

DATES: Thursday, Jan. 27, high school auditorium lecture hall A and Thursday, Feb. 24, high school auditorium lecture hall B.
TIMES: 7-8:30 p.m.
DETAILS: Forums to include discussion of random drug testing. Jan. 27: review of draft document and collection of questions. Feb. 24: answer of questions submitted at previous forum and new questions.

BUSINESS

Business Referrals

DATE: every Wednesday
LOCATION: Novi Civic Center, 45175 Ten Mile Rd.
TIME: 7-8:30 a.m.
DETAILS: Meeting of local professionals and business looking to increase word-of-mouth referral business. Various classifications open and eager to bring you qualified business leads.
CONTACT: (734) 462-6460

CLASSES

Providence Center for the Healing Arts' "Tuesdays at Assarian"

DATE: Every Tuesday night
TIME: 5-8 p.m.
LOCATION: Assarian Cancer Center, 47601 Grand River Ave., Novi.
DETAILS: Variety of activities for the adult community to come and enjoy a
unique mix of classes sponsored by the Providence Center for the Healing Arts. Some activities may include a supplies fee (no more than $10).
CONTACT: (248) 465-5483

SUPPORT GROUPS

Moms Club of Novi

DATE: meetings first Thursday of each month
TIME: 10 a.m.
LOCATION: Novi Civic Center
DETAILS: The MOMS Club® (MOMS Offering Moms Support®) is a non-profit support group, specifically aimed at meeting the needs of mothers who choose to stay at
home with their children, including those who work out of their homes, as well as those who work part-time.
CONTACT: Dina Tallman, membership VP or e-mail: Dina@twmi.rr.com

Kensington Valley Mothers of Multiples (MOMS)

DATE: second Thursday of each month.
TIME: 7 p.m.
LOCATION: Witch's Hat Depot, South Lyon.
DETAILS: Kensington Valley Mothers of Multiples provides information, support and social activities for mothers of multiple-birth children and their families.
CONTACT: Emily Sack, president, at (248) 676-2913

Women's Prayer Support

DATE: every Saturday
TIME: 9-10:30 a.m.
LOCATION: Harvest Fellowship Church, 49329 Pontiac Trail, Wixom (parking is behind the church).
DETAILS: You are welcome to come for encouragement, help, hope and prayer as you face life's problems, issues and frustrations. Drop in for five minutes or longer.
CONTACT: Nancy and Susan at (248) 926-8332 or by e-mail at harvestfellowship@comcast.net

Breast Cancer Support Group

DATES: second and fourth Tuesdays of the month.
LOCATION: Huron Valley-Sinai Hospital, Commerce, Classroom C on the ground floor of the hospital.
TIME: 10-11:30 a.m.
DETAILS: There is no need to register.
CONTACT: (248) 937-5017

Oakland County Health Division Expectant Parent Classes

DATE: ongoing series.
LOCATION: Oakland County Health Division, 1010 East West Maple Rd., Walled Lake.
TIME: 7-9 p.m.
DETAILS: Classes will be taught by public health nurses. Topics will include childbirth preparation, labor and delivery, care of the newborn baby, breast-feeding, bottle-feeding, information about keeping children safe and caring for them when they are ill. Cost is $25.
CONTACT: (248) 858-4003, or (888) 350-0900, ext. 84003

Adoption Playgroup

DATE: first and third Fridays of the month.
TIME: 10 a.m.
LOCATION: Holy Family Catholic Church on Meadowbrook Road between Ten Mile and Grand River Avenue.
DETAILS: A nonprofit, nondenominational group that brings adoptive families together. Twice-a-month meetings provide families with the opportunity to share play and conversation.
CONTACT: Michelle Pergeau (248) 887-4955 or Sandra Noonan (248) 960-3257

Novi Toastmasters

DATE: first and third Tuesdays of the month.
LOCATION: Novi Civic Center Activities Room.
TIME: 7-8:45 p.m.
DETAILS: Toastmasters will help you improve your communication skills, voice your opinion, polish your presentations and practice leadership.
CONTACT: Colleen (248) 685-9226

New Take Off Pounds Sensibly (TOPS) chapter

DATES: Wednesdays mornings
LOCATION: Meadowbrook Commons Activities Room, 25075 Meadowbrook Road, Novi.
TIME: 11 a.m. weigh-in; 11:30 a.m. meeting
DETAILS: $20 per annual membership includes handbook; $1 per meeting. New members welcome.

HEALTH

Boost Camp Day

DATE: Friday, Feb. 4
TIME: 9 a.m.-3 p.m.
LOCATION: Providence Medical Building, 47601 Grand River Ave., Novi
DETAILS: A day of enrichment and personal exploration designed to provide valuable tools, information and a new perspective on healthier living through wholeness that can be very beneficial to the participants. Event is open to the public. Cost is $50 per person; includes lunch and materials. Registration is required.
CONTACT: (248) 465-5455

Pilates at the Park

DATE/TIME: Mondays 7-8 a.m., Jan. 24-March 14 (Conference Room C); Mondays 4:15-5:15 p.m., Jan. 24-March 14 (Conference Room B); Wednesdays 4:15-5:15 p.m., Jan. 26 March 15 (Conference Room C)
LOCATION: Providence Park (southwest corner of Beck Road and Grand River Avenue), Novi
DETAILS: Rehabilitation Services will be offering Pilates mat training classes, an effective form of exercise to strengthen, stretch and streamline one's body with minimum stress on joints.
The cost for the program is $120. Due to limited class size, it's recommended to register early.
CONTACT: (248) 465-4416

Providence Alternatives to Hysterectomy Seminar

DATE: Thursday, Mar. 3
TIME: 7 p.m.
LOCATION: Providence Hospital and Medical Center, Novi.
DETAILS: There are new surgical techniques for treating a variety of problems that may help women avoid a hysterectomy. This seminar is part of the monthly Providence Hospital Women's Health Series. It will feature Alan Newman, M.D., Providence Hospital obstetrician/gynecologist. There is no charge for the event.
CONTACT: For more information or to register, call 1-800-806-2229.

Send your calendar items to Cal Stone, editor, Novi News, 104 W. Main, Northville, MI 48167; fax to (248) 349-9832; or e-mail to cstone@ht.homecomm.net.

SPOTLIGHT ON:

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WINTER WOES OF ASTHMA

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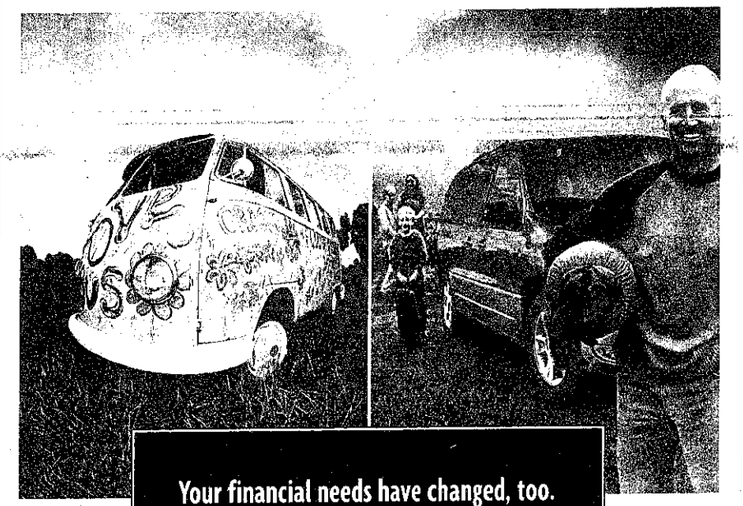

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Financial tips for the incoming college freshman

On Thursday, Jan. 6, a huge weight was lifted off my shoulders. That day, in my opinion, marked the end of my educational career.

No, it wasn't the day I graduated from Oakland University - that was back in 2001. It was, however, the day I made an Internet transaction to finish paying off my student loan.

Don't get me wrong, that's not to say it wasn't worth it to go to school and receive a degree. If I didn't, I probably wouldn't be writing this column right now. And, who knows, I may decide to go back for further education in the future. But for now, I'd like to enjoy some of that extra money I will have in my bank account every month.

Most college graduates aren't in the same boat as I am, however. It only took me about four years to finish paying my loan, but on average, it usually takes former students about 10 years to do it.

Ramez Khuri

Whether you went to a smaller college, such as Walsh in Novi, or a major university, such as Michigan State, you will, however, see that interest rates on loans have really bottomed out in recent years and are currently at 3.37 percent. That is phenomenal considering the cost of tuition these days.

For undergraduates at Walsh College, a full-time load of classes is 12 credits per semester. If a student went all four semesters in a year, which most do not, it would cost that person $14,500. According to Walsh College Financial Aid Director Howard Thomas, that's a real bargain.

"Most of our students go three semesters because four is just a little bit too intense," Thomas said. "We are structured a little differently where we have four semesters. But if you look at two semesters, a student would only pay $7,280. So students can get 24 credit hours for that amount, and you can't beat that price."

What's even better than that is, if a student gets a loan subsidized by the government, which means he or she has demonstrated financial need, the government pays all the interest that accrues on that loan through six months after graduation.

All together now

One aspect that has generated much interest recently among graduates has been their ability to consolidate loans. There are positive and negative issues that go along with that, however. Once a loan is consolidated, that graduate can lock in their loan in a lower interest rate, as opposed to having the interest rate fluctuate from one year to the next.

As Rick Shipman, director of financial aid at Michigan State University put it, a consolidation loan can be beneficial for students who are stretched financially. It lets graduates take multiple loans from multiple sources and combine them together into one larger loan. The interest rate on that larger loan is the weighted average of the loans that are comprising the consolidation.

"In essence, if you have some loans at higher interest rates and some at lower interest rates, your getting the benefit of that through the consolidation of the weighted average, but what you end up with is one monthly payment which is generally quite a bit lower than what the sum of the separate payments would have been to the individual lenders," Shipman said. "If there are any benefits that are tied to one of the unconsolidated loans, you could lose that kind of benefit when you consolidate, which would put you at a disadvantage."

For instance, many lenders have a policy where if a graduate establishes a good repayment record, repayments would be reduced by a certain amount. Those are called borrower benefits. They tend to go away if someone consolidates their loans because they no longer have the loan that offers that benefit.

A benefit for people to consolidate, however, is that all student loans have a variable interest rate, which is set by Congress every July 1. When in repayment, one doesn't know from one year to the next what that interest rate is going to be. When you consolidate, however, whatever your interest rate is, using that weighted average formula, it will be fixed for the life of the loan.

"Right now, when interest rates are very low, you might end up with a 5-percent rate or lower after consolidation," Shipman said. "Under the regular repayment program, you might end up paying 5 percent this year and you might end up paying 8 percent two years down the road, or maybe even 3 percent two years after that. You never know what it will be."

One program that Michigan State University offers is for the first three years of a 10-year plan, students repay their loans with an interest rate at 3.37 percent. After they make the first three years of payments on time, the interest rate drops to zero and stays there for the remaining seven years as long as they keep making their payments.

Start early

One other aspect that can really help students to finance their higher education, if their parents start early, is the Michigan Education Trust Fund. It is a prepaid tuition program which allows parents, grandparents, businesses and others to pre-purchase a child's future college tuition.

Both directors highly encourage parents to look into it.

"Any program that encourages parents to save is good," Thomas said. "One of the problems that I have observed over the years is that too often parents wait too long to begin saving, and they don't really have the ability to come up with the amount of money that they should."

Realistically, according to Thomas, the time to start planning for college is when the child is an infant.

"If you look at how tuition has increased in the past 17 years, and if parents have a lifestyle that enables them to save, chances are they will have the ability to help finance that student's education," he said. "It's a little like saving for a house. If you spend every penny you get your hands on, you're not probably going to be able to buy a house. You have to save some money to come up with the down payment and then borrow to pay. Parents have to plan for college the same way."

Shipman explained that Students that have MET contracts are able to have their tuition covered by the state institution. It is one expense item that can be up to $7,400 for their tuition and fees.

"It's an expense that they don't have, which makes it a lot easier to come up with the rest of the money, which is about the other half of the $15,144 out of other resources," Shipman said. "Students who have that contract have a leg up on people who don't and who don't have the financial where-with-all to pay out of their current income."

The bottom line is, unless a student is eligible for gift aid, which is based on need or merit, students are going to have to come up with some way to pay for their schooling. Obviously, the earlier parents start to save the better by opening an educational savings plan for their newborns.

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Photo by JOHN HEIDER

Gone fishin'

Magdalena Scola helps her son Antonio, 3, to try to catch a rainbow trout in a fishing pond during last week's Ultimate Fishing Show at the Novi Expo Center. Fishing enthusiasts had their pick of the latest in boats, tackle and gear from more than 150 different exhibitors.

LETTERS

It's the American way

Recently I have heard several individuals express disdain for the "whining" of Democrats and Kerry supporters. They seem to equate whining with the voicing of valid, reasoned points of view, and appear to be confused about the meaning of democracy. In some cases, they state that anyone who dares to differ with the party in power is unpatriotic and doesn't appreciate the sacrifices made by generations of American soldiers to defend our democracy. They should remember that Bush had a very slim majority and a significant portion of those votes are under a cloud of doubt and suspicion as to their validity.

A truly democratic society is one in which many voices may be heard, many ideas considered, and where legislators work together to craft laws and chart the nation's course by culling the best elements from diverse views. By contrast, a dictatorship allows for no opposing opinions to be expressed. Laws originate with the person or party in power and generally are not for the benefit of the majority of the people, but solely to consolidate and maintain power. Dissent is stifled or severely punished and children are indoctrinated with the party line of the dictator to ensure a society in which people do not think for themselves. We have seen this in many forms in the last century – fascism in Germany and communism in Russia and China, for example. It is a condition we abhor.

Our current administration is moving us steadily in this direction. Consider a few indications: our newspapers, radio, and television stations are largely owned and controlled by ultra-conservative individuals; the public school system is being undermined, with the ultimate goal of privatizing education; well-planned and largely successful attempts were made to prevent qualified, registered voters from casting their ballots in the last two presidential elections.

If Americans had always adhered to the idea that it was unpatriotic to express opposition to those in power, our history would be quite different. Colonists would not have rebelled against paying taxes to the king of England and we might still be a British colony. Or slavery would continue to flourish and our economy would be based in part on the exploitation and suffering of fellow human beings. In a democracy, diversity must be embraced and differing opinions freely expressed. Elections must provide a fair and equal opportnity to every citizen to vote without fear of intimidation or retaliation. A strong, healthy democracy requires these things.

So, to all who object to "whining," be thankful that you are free to express your point of view. And to the "whiners," continue to speak out clearly and courageously. It's the American way.

Flo Smith
Wolverine Lake

What values taught?

Why can't our children help the tsunami victims? Because our Novi Schools will not let them. What kind of values are the children learning?

In October, one of our fifth graders wanted to organize a UNICEF fund drive for Halloween but was told no by the Novi School system. Again, two weeks ago, that same student wanted to organize a fund drive within the school for the tsunami victims; again that student was refused.

Why? That student was told that there were too many fund drives within the school already.

What are these many fund drives? They are for band uniforms, class trips, athletic equipment, etc. All self-indulging reasons; nothing to help others. What kind of values are they teaching our children? The wrong values!

Our children should taught to help others in need, not discouraged.

Al Ponkey
Novi

LANSING CONNECTION

I was so pleased to see Rep. Craig DeRoche, from Novi, take the helm as speaker of the House last week. Following his official election, Speaker DeRoche spoke to his House colleagues and called for leadership to tackle the problems facing our state. He noted in his comments that Michigan has lagged the rest of the nation in recovering from the economic slump, and is one of only three states facing a budget shortfall this year.

Nancy Cassis

I believe Speaker DeRoche has the ability to lead our state to better times.

I also want to welcome the other new and returning representatives from the 15th Senate District. Rep. David Law, from Commerce Township, began his first term in the House this week. Having previously worked as a lawyer and an assistant Oakland County prosecutor, he brings a wealth of experience to the Legislature. Rep. Jim Marleau, from Lake Orion, also began his first term. Prior to his election, he served as treasurer for Orion Township. He also is a business owner and brings that important background with him to the House.

Additionally, Reps. Chris Ward, from Brighton, and John Stakoe, from Highland Township, are back for their second term in the state House. For the 93rd Legislature, Rep. Ward will serve as majority floor leader, ushering all bills through the legislative process in the House, and Rep. Stakoe will serve as assistant majority floor leader.

Oakland County residents can be proud to have Speaker DeRoche and Reps. Law, Marleau, Ward and Stakoe advocating for them in Lansing.

MDOT Meeting on Five-Year Road and Bridge Plan

The Michigan Department of Transportation held a hearing in Oakland County on the Five-Year Road and Bridge Plan last week. Unfortunately, the Legislature was constitutionally required to meet that day, so Speaker DeRoche and I were unable to attend.

In representing western Oakland County residents and businesses, Speaker DeRoche and I felt it was important to submit written testimony to MDOT to make clear where we stand on this important issue. My senior aide, Kerry Krone, attended on our behalf and delivered our comments.

In our statement, we expressed our belief that transportation is intimately and vitally connected to economic development, and called on MDOT to reconsider its plan and restore the Wixom Road interchange reconstruction project immediately to the Five-Year Road and Bridge Plan, thus bringing economic growth and jobs to the area.

I first added the Wixom Road interchange to MDOT's budget in 1997. Further delay on this important project will impede the very progress our state must make in order to be competitive.

Revenue Estimating Conference

Last week's Revenue Estimating Conference showed that the state faces a budget shortfall of $350 million for the current year and $750 million for fiscal year 2005 - 2006. This is significant in that it represents the fourth consecutive year that Michigan has been deeply mired in an economic slump. Gimmicks, band-aids, one-time fixes and tax increases are not a solution to stabilizing Michigan's budget. Our situation calls for bold leadership, and a new perspective.

This year, the Legislature is poised to take a different approach to the budget - based on the idea that first we determine the amount of revenue available, then, we fund only those priorities citizens expect and that we can afford. It's similar to the process a family or job provider would use.

We now have an estimate of how much revenue we will have for 2005 - 2006, so in the coming months, we will attempt to answer three questions as we wrestle with the budget:

1. What priorities matter most to Michigan residents and businesses?
2. What percentage of the budget should be spent to achieve each result?
3. How can government best deliver results?

This process has yielded great results, and by employing this approach, we can ensure that Michigan continues to deliver important services to residents yet also lives within its means.

State Senator Nancy Cassis, a Novi Republican, represents the 15th Senate District, which includes the townships of Commerce, Highland, Holly, Lyon, Milford, Novi, Rose, West Bloomfield and White Lake; as well as the Villages of Holly, Milford and Wolverine Lake; and the cities of Novi, Northville (the portion in Oakland County), Orchard Lake, South Lyon, Walled Lake and Wixom. She can be reached by e-mail at senncassis@senate.michigan.gov, or toll free at (888) 38-NANCY.

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OTHER OPINIONS

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Worldwide competition for autos just starting to heat up

For automotive buffs and car maniacs across Michigan, this week is what amounts to the Motor City's Mardi Gras — the North American International Auto Show For the next week, thousands will brave traffic jams and unpredictable January weather to sneak a peek at the new cars.

They hold this show in Detroit, because that is where the modern motor industry was born It is hard now to imagine how completely Detroit dominated the auto business a few decades ago But back in the late 1940s, more than half of all the cars built in the world were assembled within the borders of the city.

Jack Lessenberry

Those were the days when Ford was offered Volkswagen for nothing — and turned up its nose; who would ever want to buy a car like that? Nobody worried about imports, styling was everything, and obsolescence was planned.

Now it is a different world. Each of the "Big Three" has suffered shake-out and trauma in little more than a decade. General Motors crashed in the early 1990s, and had to be rescued by a toothpaste salesman. Chrysler is now a wholly-owned subsidiary of a German firm. Ford is losing money and market share, and many fear it will eventually cease to be a full-service automaker.

Last weekend, as crews worked overtime to set up the auto show exhibits in Cobo Hall, Detroit's convention center, a panel of experts a block away held a little-noticed conference for the nation's news media on the auto industry's future.

Their conclusions might best be summarized in the title David Cole gave to his presentation: "The Auto Future: It's the Law of the Jungle." Indeed, all agreed that for some automakers, especially those who are insufficiently smart or insufficiently flexible, the future will likely be nasty, brutish and short.

"The old business model is broken," said Dr. Cole, a former University of Michigan professor who chairs the highly regarded Center for Automotive Research (CAR) in Ann Arbor. The world industry is highly unstable, not anywhere close to its final form, he noted, and Detroit's old solution of attempting to solve its problems just by boosting sales doesn't work any more.

Sean McAlinden, CAR's chief economist and a man with a puckish wit, laid it on the line. The auto business is the world's biggest industry and likely to stay that way. But while Detroit isn't exactly going out of business, the trend lines are slowly sloping in one direction: Down.

Employment in vehicle and parts manufacturing has fallen dramatically in the last five years, especially in Michigan and Ohio, which have each lost more than 20 percent of these jobs. And for the most part, they are never coming back.

"Profit margins are low, and will stay that way in developed markets," he said. "Firms are going to compete by cutting capital spending," but this is likely to lead to a shake-out in the industry, and some casualties.

"Nobody can make money unless they utilize at least 90 percent of their manufacturing capacity," he said. American manufacturers face two big problems. Demand is likely to remain low for the next several years, in part because auto sales didn't decline that much during the last recession.

What is even more of a handicap is that most experts agree it costs domestic manufacturers as estimated $2,000-$2,500 more to make a vehicle in this country than it does in many overseas markets

There is no great mystery why: Auto production workers in the United States average $31.67 an hour. (Germans make even more.) Those in Mexico make $5.12; auto workers in China, 90 cents

Add to that the problem of "legacy costs" — there are more than twice as many General Motors retirees on pensions as active workers — and the scope of the problem becomes even greater.

Yet not all is doom and gloom. Michael Robinet, vice president of Global Forecast Services in Farmington Hills, has spent a career forecasting trends in the auto industry. He thinks better days may be coming for Detroit. For one thing, many of the "legacy costs" will greatly diminish as nature takes its course, and the new U.S work force is leaner, meaner and a whole lot younger.

And he was fairly optimistic about the long-term. "What is more important is the stability of the growth," he said. In the near-term, he sees steel and oil prices peaking or declining — good news for the car business — and world vehicle sales rising from 57 million in 2003 to nearly 70 million by decade's end.

North America's share of that market is becoming "a smaller piece of the global pie." But domestic manufacturers can take heart from one development: Thanks to what he called "Generations Y and Z" new consumers will swell the market by 104.7 million new drivers by 2020.

What nobody knows yet is whose cars they will be driving, although some of them will probably be Chinese. About all that seems certain is when it comes to worldwide competition for the car market, we've barely seen anything yet

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Tsunami relief sometimes arrives on a snow day

The world is sending billions to Asia as a humanitarian down payment toward rebuilding an area crippled recently by a catastrophic tsunami.

And all brothers Todd and Eric Goebel could think to do with their snow day recently was shovel neighborhood driveways and sidewalks, raise $200 and send it to those who survived.

Make that $400, if you count the anonymous corporate match they squeezed from a local company.

The Goebels originally got the idea from their mom, Laurel, who modestly suggested more could be achieved during a school snow day than a new Play Station high score. There were, after all, people in the world devoid such luxuries, desirous of little things far more important.

The brothers didn't need any more suggestions. The two took things from there. They started calling friends two by two and filled an ark full of goodwill.

Two friends called two more friends... and they called two friends... and so on... and so on...

It was as much a shampoo commercial as a goodwill effort.

Todd, 9, a fourth grader at Thornton Creek Elementary, and his brother Eric, 12, a seventh grader at Hillside Middle School, both said the effort was a no-brainer.

"We wanted to do something for the people in Asia," Todd said. "They need people to help them."

Along with the 10 friends they convinced to weather the cold in exchange for cash donations, the Goebels set out to do just that: help those whose world was awash.

Eric knocked on neighborhood doors and made the group's pitch. The remaining 11 stood in the driveway, holding shovels, looking silly, waiting for a thumbs-up

"Hi, we are shoveling driveways in the neighborhood... raising money to help people in Asia... who survived the tsunami... who need our help... but who have no one... anymore."

Maybe that wasn't the exact pitch. But whatever it was, it worked.

Photo by David Aguilar

Twelve Northville students gathered during the Jan. 7 snow day to do something good for tsunami victims in Asia. The group raised $400 while shoveling snow within the Royal Crown subdivision along Taft Road, near Nine Mile. Those who helped included: Aris Zervos, 12, Eric Goebel, 12, Trevor Maresh, 10, Jonathan Nelson, 12, Todd Goebel, 9, Paul Gibson, 13, Jordan Blough, 12, Conrad Mahr, 11, Jack Gibson, 13, Mas McHugh, 12, Sean Hannah, 12, and Brandon Hannah, 10.

House to house they went, fishing for goodwill like vacuum salesmen.

Hillside seventh grader Sean Hannah, 12, gladly joined the effort. "We did it because they are a bunch of human beings who need help," he said. "People are dying."

Changing the world is a choice we make. Or don't make.

We choose to remove ourselves from a comfortable chair and a warm house and shovel sidewalks on a cold day, or give blood to someone we will never meet. Or we don't.

We choose to set aside our egos and promises of praise and be content with simply knowing we did something good for someone else today. Or we don't.

Often the payoff is modest: maybe some bottled water and a cup of hot chocolate. Two hundred bucks, raised mostly in singles — and doubled by a corporate match.

The lucky get a favorite meal and a hug from Mom.

The world is sending billions to Asia, hoping to repair a part of the world floating downstream. In the Royal Crown subdivision, along Taft Road near Nine Mile, on a snow day when most kids were sliding down a hill or were camped inside watching television, 12 friends chose to make a difference.

They chose to change the world, one house at a time. They chose to stand up and see if something more could be made from a day given to them as a gift.

Billions are being sent to Asia. Make that a billion, plus $400.

In return, some local kids got a shovel full of life lessons worth far more than any school day could have mustered.

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Correction:

In the Dec. 30 Novi News front page story "A 'Village' for two businesses," the location given for the Gateway Village plaza was on Grand River Avenue between Meadowbrook and Haggerty roads. It's actually between Meadowbrook and Novi roads. Also, Blush Boutique owner Freda Ansara was stated to have worked at Todd's Room in Birmingham, but she did not.

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EDUCATION

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New high school attendance policy in the works

■ Parents and community members being sought for committee

By Ramez Khuri
STAFF WRITER

Though it's only in draft form at the moment, Novi High School may have a new attendance policy in place in the not-so-distant-future.

Randy Gawel

According to Randy Gawel, director of teaching and learning, at the end of last school year the high school staff voted to explore a new attendance policy and interested staff formed a committee, which includes students. There have been six meetings so far this year.

The committee has looked into the attendance policies of 15 different school districts that are similar to Novi in demographics. Gawel has been in touch with the Novi school district's attorney and received information regarding what is acceptable in the eyes of the court.

The committee meets every two weeks and shares information. To date, three sub-committees have been formed

• the philosophy of the attendance policy;

• the kind of terms and vocabulary associated with attendance and certain definitions; and

• the expectations for attendance and what the consequences would be if they are not met.

"This all still needs to go through revision and go to the staff and the board, but it is certainly something that we are looking into," Gawel said. "When I talk about this with community members they typically love the idea of an attendance policy that holds people accountable. When kids become adults and go into the business world, they will have timelines and deadlines and places they need to be."

Gawel explained that the school's interest, as with everything else it does, is to teach kids skills that will be beneficial to them as they go about their lives.

Any parents or community members who are interested in being on the committee, can call Gawel directly at (248) 449-1505.

"I would love to have them on the committee," Gawel said. "I would welcome anyone interested."

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Courtesy photo

Honest Abe visits Novi Woods

Students at Novi Woods Elementary recently attended an assembly titled "The Living Abe Lincoln." They learned about President Lincoln's family, life in the 1800s and the importance of studying and hard work.

ON CAMPUS

Vicki Speyer, of Novi, was named to the Dean's List at **Hope College** for fall semester 2004.

Joshua Willerton, of Novi, was among the 2004 graduates of **Kettering University.**

Joseph Champagn, of Walled Lake, was named to the Dean's List for the November session 2004 at the **University of Northwestern Ohio College of Technologies.**

NOTICE - CITY OF NOVI
REQUEST FOR BIDS
TOWING CONTRACT

The City of Novi will receive sealed bids for **TOWING CONTRACT** according to the specifications of the City of Novi. Bid packages are available at the Office of the Purchasing Director.

Sealed bids will be received until **3:00 P.M.** prevailing Eastern Time, **Thursday, February 3, 2005** at which time proposals will be opened and read. Bids shall be addressed as follows:

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This project consists of construction of 8" water main with service leads.

Principal items of work and approximate quantities will include:

8" Ductile Iron Water Main	3,724 LF
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and related items.

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Sealed Proposal, Qualification & Experience Statement and Bid Bon shall be delivered to the office of the City Clerk. If sent by mail, the sealed envelope containing the Proposal, Qualification & experience Statement and Bid Bond must be enclosed within another envelope.

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Planning Commission for the City of Novi will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, February 9, 2005 at 7:30 P.M. in the Novi Civic Center, 45175 W. Ten Mile Road, Novi, MI to consider **ZONING ORDINANCE TEXT AMENDMENT 18.193** Public Hearing for Planning Commission's recommendation to City Council to amend the City of Novi Zoning Ordinance, Ordinance 97-18 as amended, for the purpose of adding Section 2523, Unlisted Use Determination, to allow the Planning Commission to determine which, if any, zoning district a unique or unlisted use belongs.

All interested persons are invited to attend. Verbal comments may be heard at the hearing and any written comments must be received by the Planning Department, 45175 W. Ten Mile Road, Novi, MI 48375 until 4:00 P.M., Wednesday, February 9, 2005.

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Four new classes to be introduced at Novi High

■ Goal to offer students more opportunities in areas of interest

By Ramez Khuri
STAFF WRITER

DETAILS

New classes to be introduced to Novi High School students include:
- Dance
- Advanced Placement Psychology
- Math Statistics
- Advanced Placement Math Statistics

When Novi High students receive their new course catalog they might notice four new classes which were not there before. The district's board of education approved a new dance course, a new advanced placement psychology course, a math statistics course and a new advanced placement math statistics course.

The purposes of the classes, according to Randy Gawel, director of teaching and learning, are to offer students opportunities to explore areas of interest and to expand what they're able to do at the high school and to fill in gaps in the school's curriculum.

"As we look around at other competitive school districts and see how psychology fits in, how A.P. Statistics would fit in and how dance would fit in, these are things that Novi can offer our students," Gawel said. "I know that we can't meet every need to everyone, but we can certainly put in an effort to try."

Gawel said that every spring, students fill out scheduling forms and once administrators have those, they then schedule classes at the high school. He said that one of the new classes that was just added was advanced placement psychology because administrators have seen that program grow from four sections to nine and they're all full.

"There's been a great interest among students to explore further what they have learned in introduction to psychology," Gawel said. "It's based on need and a very important thing to remember is, we can propose classes as we see fit, but if students don't sign up for them, they will not run."

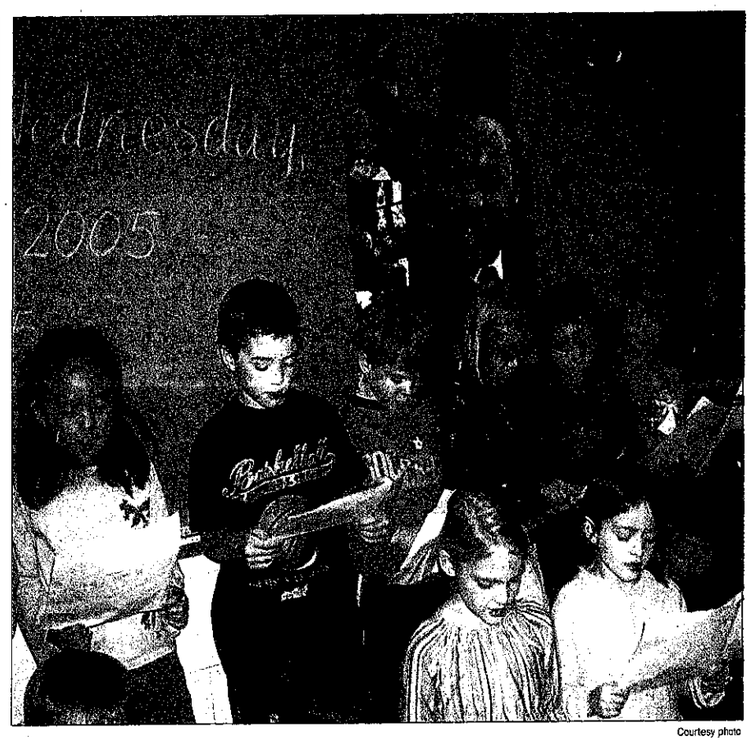
One way of expanding opportunities in the fine arts curriculum is by providing more studio space for dance. Gawel said that was decided not only this year, but in the long-range planning of the building.

"If we have dance, we're not going to hire a dance teacher until we have sufficient interest," Gawel said. "We're going to market the class to kids, but if they don't sign up for it, it won't run this year. That's the same with classes that we might have been running the last 10 years. Every class is the same way."

Gawel explained that U.S. History, however, is a class that every ninth grader is required to take, so it's a given that every one of those classes will be full.

"There are very few set requirements, however, as far as what students need to take," Gawel said. "The statistics class was one that previously was at the high school and we're bringing it back because there has been an expressed need for it. We have a huge math program and it comes down to giving kids opportunities within that."

Ramez Khuri is a staff writer for the Novi News. He can be reached at (248) 349-1700, ext. 110 or by e-mail at rkhuri@nt.homecomm.net.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Celebrating a hero

The children in Darlene Grabowski's first grade class at Orchard Hills Elementary School learned all about Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. King's message was even more touching when put to song. Here, the youngsters are singing "A Man Named King," written by Greg Scelsa.

SCHOOL BRIEFS

Catholic Central move set

Catholic Central High School will move from its current Redford location on July 15, 2005 to its new, state-of-the-art campus in Novi where school will begin in August for the 2005/2006 school year. The new address is 27225 Wixom Road, Novi, 48374. Bus transportation will be available.

All prospective students are invited to take the high school placement test (HSPT) on Saturday, Feb. 5. For more information, call (313) 534-1310 or go to Web site www.catholiccentral.net.

Code of Conduct forums

Public forums to discuss the revision of the Athletic Code of Conduct, which includes random drug testing, have been scheduled for the following:

• Thursday, Jan. 27, 7- 8:30 p.m. at Novi High School's Auditorium Lecture Hall A. The topic will be a review of the draft document and a collection of questions.

• Thursday, Feb. 24, 7- 8:30 p.m. at Novi High School's Auditorium Lecture Hall B. The topic will be to answer submitted and new questions.

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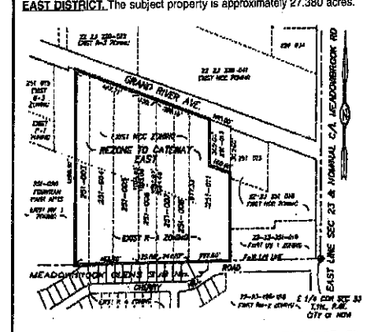

To rezone a part of the Northeast 1/4 of Section 23, T.1N., R.8E., City of Novi, Oakland County, Michigan, being parcels 22-23-151-003, -004, -005, -006, -007, -008, and -011 more particularly described as follows:

Parcel 22-23-251-003, -004 & -005

Beginning at a point on the East-West 1/4 line of Section 23 and the North line of "Meadowbrook Glens Sub. No. 3" as recorded in Liber 145 of Plats, Page 1, Oakland County Records, said point being N89°58'54"W, 1329.29 feet from the East 1/2 corner of Section 23; thence continuing N89°58'54"W, 462.50 feet; thence N00°16'54"E, 1265.91 feet to a point on the South line of Grand River Ave. (100 ft. wide); thence S70°39'16"E along said South line 487.71 feet; thence S00°12'08"W, 1104.49 feet to the point of beginning. Containing 12.63 acres.

Parcel 22-22-23-251-006

Beginning at a point on the East-West 1/4 line of Section 23 and the North line of "Meadowbrook Glens Sub. No. 3" as recorded in Liber 145 of Plats, Page 1, Oakland County Records, said point being N89°58'54"W, 1203.43 feet from the East 1/4 corner of Section 23; thence continuing N89°58'54"W, 125.86 feet; thence N00°12'08"E, 1105.04 feet to a point on the South line of Grand River Ave. (100 ft. wide); thence S70°41'57"E along said South line, 130.70 feet; thence S00°04'31"E, 1061.87 feet to the point of beginning. Containing 3.10 acres.

ZONING MAP AMENDMENT NO. 648
CITY OF NOVI, MICHIGAN

All interested persons are invited to attend. Verbal comments may be heard at the hearing and any written comments must be received by the Planning Department, 45175 W. Ten Mile Road, Novi, MI 48375 until 4:00 P.M., Wednesday, February 9, 2005.

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Tuesday, February 8, 2005, 4:00 p.m.

Petitions or required filing payment is to be made at:

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NOTICE
CITY OF NOVI
SPECIAL MEETING
SATURDAY, JANUARY 22, 2005

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the City Council for the City of Novi will hold a special meeting on **SATURDAY, JANUARY 22, 2005, AT 9:30 A.M.** in the Council Chambers, 45175 W. Ten Mile Road, for the purpose of setting City Council goals.

MARYANNE CORNELIUS
NOVI CITY CLERK

(1-20-05 NN 189027)

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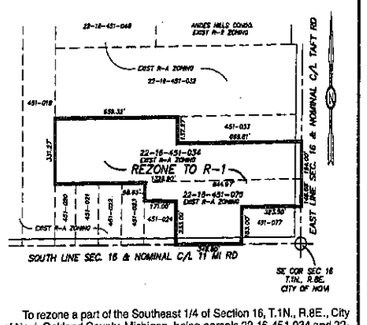

To rezone a part of the Southeast 1/4 of Section 16, T.1N., R.8E., City of Novi, Oakland County, Michigan, being parcels 22-16-451-034 and 22-16-451-076 more particularly described as follows:

Parcel 22-16-451-034

Beginning at a point on the East line of Section 16 (nominal C/L of Taft Road) said point being N00°59'30"E, 331.68 feet from the Southeast corner of Section 16; thence Due West, 1328.90 feet; thence N00°42'50"E, 331.27 feet; thence Due East, 659.32 feet; thence Due South, 137.27 feet; thence Due East, 668.81 feet to the East line of Section 16 (nominal C/L of Taft Road); thence S00°59'30"W, 194.00 feet along said East line to the point of beginning. Containing 8.0 acres more or less.

Parcel 22-16-451-076

Beginning at a point on the South line of Section 16 (nominal C/L of Eleven Mile Road) said point being Due West, 323.50 feet from the Southeast corner of Section 16; thence continuing along said South line Due West, 348.80 feet; thence N00°42'50"E, 233.00 feet; thence Due West, 171.00 feet; thence N00°42'50"E 98.65 feet; thence Due East, 844.97 feet to a point on the East line of Section 16 (nominal C/L of Taft Road); thence S01°00'12"W, 148.68 feet along said East line; thence Due West, 323.50 feet; thence S01°00'12"W, 183.00 feet to the point of beginning. Containing 4.15 acres more or less.

FROM: R-A RESIDENTIAL ACREAGE
TO: R-1 ONE-FAMILY RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT
ORDINANCE NO. 18.645
ZONING MAP AMENDMENT NO. 645
CITY OF NOVI, MICHIGAN
ADOPTED BY THE CITY COUNCIL
LOU CSORDAS, MAYOR
MARYANN CORNELIUS, CLERK

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LOWELL SPRAGUE, SECRETARY

(1-20-05 NN 189216)

Adoption and safe delivery issues in sex education need board approval

■ Additions to curriculum would start in second semester

By Ramez Khuri
STAFF WRITER

Pending school board approval on Thursday, Feb. 3, students at Novi High School may soon see some changes to their health classes.

This past year, the state legislature passed two new laws that revise the reproductive health committee structure and the sex education curriculum in the state of Michigan. That means that Novi High's new curriculum now must include information about adoption and safe delivery. If approved by the board, the issues would be added to the school's sex education classes starting in the second semester of this school year.

Nancy Davis

According to Nancy Davis, assistant superintendent of instructional services, by state law, the district has to have two public hearings at school board meetings to give any member of the public an opportunity to review the materials. The first public hearing was held on Jan. 6 and the next one will be tonight. Davis also said that anyone interested in reviewing the materials before Feb. 3, who was not able to make it to any of the two meetings, can call her office during the day and make an appointment to come in and take a look at them.

"There are four pieces of print material that come directly from the Family Independence Agency," Davis said. "These are documents that give students information about the adoption process and the other topic is something called safe delivery."

Davis explained that there have been stories in newspapers and other media outlets about how teenagers sometimes give birth and then drop their babies off in a dumpster or leave them out in the cold.

"This is information about a law that was passed in Michigan that basically assures a young mother or a father who has a baby and doesn't want it that they can take it safely to a police station, a fire station or a hospital and the baby will be taken with no questions asked and cared for with no detriment or penalty to the parents," Davis said.

Davis also said that Novi has already been complying with state laws in a superb fashion and is receiving good participation from community members and parents on its reproductive health committee, but the district did revise its structure anyway because of new requirements.

The law now requires that more than half of the committee be made up of parents within the school district and that the it be CO-chaired by a parent. Typically what happened in the past, and this was true in Novi, is a teacher who also is a parent, chaired the committee as well.

"She chaired the committee for several years here and she was very good, but she's a staff member as well as a parent," Davis said. "This new law was set in place to make sure that truly parents, not parents who happen to be employees of the district, are chairing the committee and I think that may have been to avoid any potential perception that even though it's a parent, because they're a teacher or a staff member, they may be more inclined to favor the district over what the parents want. It's really a safe guard."

The new curriculum materials will need to be reviewed by the committee before they can be introduced in the classroom.

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School district updating parental involvement policy

■ Board expected to approve new wording tonight

By Ramez Khuri
STAFF WRITER

Because of a new senate bill, it appears that the Novi Community School District's parental involvement policy will soon be updated.

Pending school board approval tonight, The Novi Community Schools administration and staff shall establish and maintain programs and practices that enhance and encourage parent/guardian involvement and reflect the needs of students and their families. These programs and practices will be implemented at both the district and school level.

According to Bob Schram, executive director of administrative services, the board approved the parent/student handbook, which was released in August. There was a section of parent involvement in the book, but it was his feeling that, after reviewing the bill, the section probably needed to be expand upon. That's why he drafted a new policy, which he presented to the board on Jan. 6.

"It all started from Public Act 107 of 2004," Schram said. "That was a bill from (State Sen.) Nancy Cassis. It says, not later than January 1, 2005, the board of the school districts shall adopt and implement a parent involvement plan designed to encourage parent participation. The board of directors should provide a copy of the plan to the parents or legal guardian of each pupil and that they also provide a copy to the department of education. That's in essence what the law says."

The new policy draft states: The Board strongly encourages and welcomes the involvement of parent(s)/guardian(s) in all of the district's educational programs. It is recognized and appreciated that parents/guardians are the "first teachers" of their children, and that their interest and involvement in the education of their children should not diminish once their child enters the schools of the district. Accordingly, the board directs, by the adoption of this policy, that the administration shall design a program/plan that will encourage parent/guardian participation that may include, but not be limited to:

- Involvement in the development and review of instructional materials
- Two-way meaningful communication between school and home and home and school
- Information and education on parenting skills
- Volunteering opportunities on mutually aid student learning and support the district's curriculum
- Community collaboration used to strengthen schools, families and student learning
- Providing information concerning current laws, regulations and instructional programs
- Involving parents as partners in school improvement committees
- Informing parents of community resources available that provide educational enrichment and both family and learning support.

"I assume they're comfortable with that and it will probably be on the consent agenda," Schram said of tonight's school board meeting. "We have always involved parents to a great extent in the education of their children, so this is nothing new for us and according to Nancy Cassis, the way we operate in Novi is not the way other school districts may operate and that's why she felt a need for this bill."

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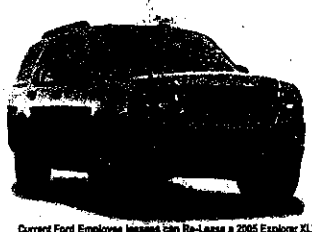
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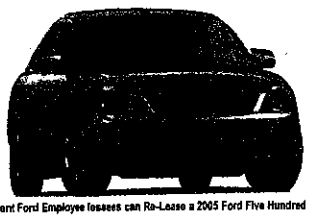
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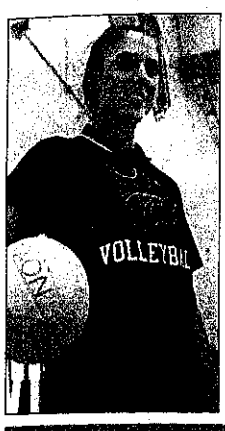

She's all about sports

Novi senior Sarah Schmitt knows her sports. She's played them all her life and grew up with three sisters who were also actively involved. She's the last of the Schmitt clan in Novi, the baby of the family, and she's hoping to make her senior year a remarkable one.

— Page 3B

Long night

The Novi Wildcats volleyball team looked ragged when they finally gathered up their belongings and headed out of the gym last week following their game against Brighton.

It was 10:15 p.m., they had just went five games against one of their biggest rivals and they had school waiting for them the next morning. Yet, there were smiles on their faces.

— Page 4B

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Quick Hits

Correction

The junior varsity cheerleading team beat Hartland two weeks ago. They were the only team out of the three squads to do so.

Quite the skaters

Novi is blessed with good skaters. Be it in the hockey rink or in figure skating, this area is just flooded with talent.

That was proven once again in Oregon recently. Novi's own Emily Samuelson and her partner, Evan Bates of Ann Arbor, took firs place and a gold medal in the novice dance competition at the 2005 State Farm U.S. Figure Skating Championships.

Samuelson and Bates were given first-place honors from all nine judges.

Taking third in the overall novice men's competition was Novi's William Brewster, who is 14. He took fourth in the free skate and second in the short program to earn the third-place overall finish.

Let the ruckus begin!

The Novi School District recently announced the dates for two public forums that will be used to discuss the revision of the Athletic Code of Conduct — more commonly referred to as "the random drug testing thing."

Those interested in going can do so Jan. 27 and Feb. 24 at 7 p.m. The first meeting will be held in the high school's lecture hall A and will review the drafted document and collect questions regarding the topic. The second meeting will be held in the school's lecture hall B with answers being handed out for the questions collected at the previous meeting and for more questions to be asked by those in attendance.

To pee or not to pee, that is the question on so many people's minds. Hopefully these meetings will quell some of the uprisings and answer many of the questions people have.

Always helpful

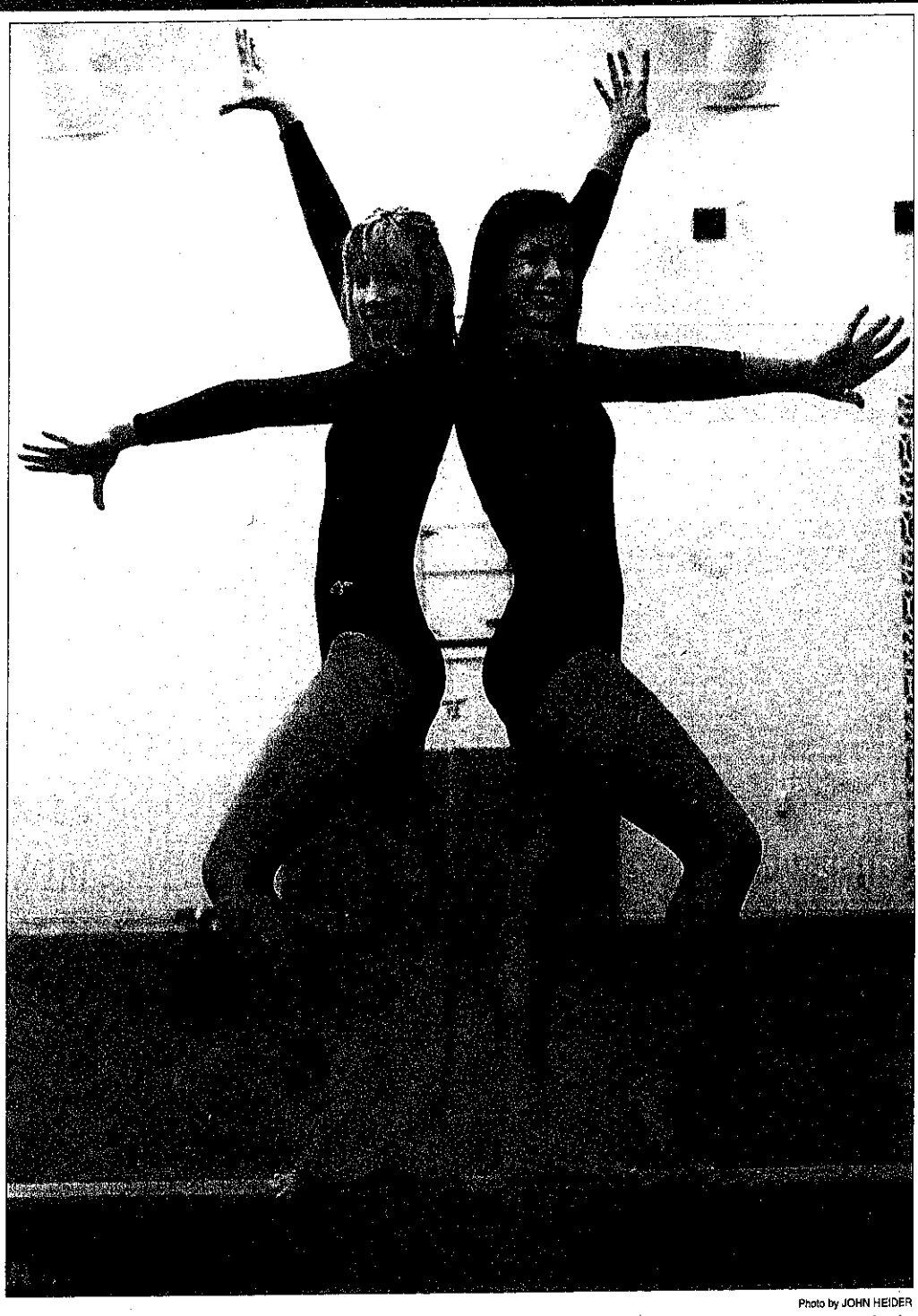
Keeping tabs on sports and athletes at a class A high school isn't easy for a newspaper to do — at least not with any amount of great success.

That's where helpful people come in.

Mike Ruccolo is the father of hockey player Justin Ruccolo. While the Novi News sports department didn't have the resources to make the trip to the Upper Peninsula with the team last week, it did have a friend who did go. Ruccolo snapped some pretty nice pictures that were used in last week's edition. It was very appreciated.

Two other names that don't get mentioned near enough are Carol Sprys and Kristy Wills. They are the athletic department secretaries at Novi High School. If we need to contact an athlete, they help us. Need a picture? More than happy to do it. What about trying to get information into the paper before our competitors? No one helps out like these two do. Plus, they gather junior varsity and freshman scores and get them to us for printing in the sports section.

Curt Ellis should be thankful for two secretaries like them. We know we are.



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Novi seniors Marcie Fink and Jessica Glancy are the captains on the Wild 'Stangs gymnastics team this year. Both hope to lead their team to a top-five finish in the state.

BALANCE & FOCUS

Wild 'Stang captains know how to succeed in gymnastics

By Sam Eggleston
SPORTS WRITER

After four years of competing for the combined Novi-Northville gymnastics team, seniors Jessica Glancy and Marcie Fink have finally gotten their due.

The two Novi High School gymnasts were named captains of the squad this year and both are looking to keep their team balanced and focused on the task at hand.

"I think we can do better than we did last year," said Fink of last year's state finish of seventh place. "I honestly think we can finish in the top five."

And why not? Both captains were eager to point out this team has plenty of potential and is more evenly balanced than last year's team.

"I think our team has so much potential," said Glancy. "It all comes down to how hard we are willing to work and how bad we want it. We have to get where we want to be and accomplish our goals."

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>
> *Jessica Glancy*
> *Wild 'Stangs gymnastics captain*

Both Glancy and Fink have been active members of the gymnastics team, which is made up of gymnasts from Novi and Northville, since they were freshmen. This year they earned the right to be the captains of the team.

"It's really an honor," said Glancy.

Fink agreed, noting she and her fellow senior are ready to fill the role.

"We have to keep the team motivated and be the go-to person just in case they need someone to talk to or need help," she said. "It's great to be a captain on this team. All the girls are great and they all want to work hard."

The Wild 'Stangs have had plenty of success over the years, making the state finals every year the two captains have been on the team. They don't intend on letting that streak stop either.

Both girls said they are looking forward to seeing just how good this team can be.

"We want it," said Glancy. "We have six seniors this year and all of us want to do everything they can to get us to the state finals. The underclassmen want it too and as long as we all work

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By the numbers

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Time in the p.m. Novi's volleyball team finished up against Brighton.	The place gymnast Julie Foucher finished at the Hartland invite overall.	Benefit events Joanne Schmitt attended in one year. She had four daughters in sports.	Kills recorded by junior Jenna Kuhn in volleyball against Brighton.	Novi volleyball's record so far this season.	Place the varsity, junior varsity and freshman cheer teams took at the Novi invite.	Novi wrestling's record so far this year, including a 1-0 start in the KVC.

Underclassman Scores

Volleyball

On Jan. 10, the freshman volleyball team suffered a defeat. They played a tough four games, taking one from Lakeland.

Veronica Salens had two kills and Jacqui Longe had a great block in the second game. Lauren Farley and Lauren Eibel kept the team alive with great passing. Lauren Shefar's and Katie Chaklos' serves were difficult for Lakeland to return.

That Thursday, the freshmen fell to the Brighton Bulldogs, 20-25, 20-25, 25-22, and 21-25. Katie Chaklos and Lauren Eibel served four aces each, while Lauren Farley kept the back line clean with numerous digs.

Jacqui Longe and Katie Morrison owned the net with three and two blocks, respectively. Alyssa Fraser made some great plays with tips over the net and Lauren Hoonaiian had two kills to wrap up the game.

Basketball

Jan. 12 found the freshman basketball team hosting Howell and putting together their best overall team effort of the year, said the team's coach.

The Wildcats earned the win, 50-20. Novi began the game with a 10-0 lead, expanding it to 23-11 by halftime. The squad continued to play well in both the third and fourth quarters to secure the win. It was also the best defensive effort of the year as Novi held the Highlanders to 20 points and earned a season-high 13 steals.

Offensively everyone chipped in, with 12-of-13 players scoring in the game. Novi was led by Phil Celeski, who had nine points, and Collin Crandell, who added eight.

Two days later, the freshman team traveled to Lakeland to take on the Eagles and came away with a 35-34 win.

The team came out quickly, taking a 10-4 lead after the first quarter before Lakeland trimmed it down to a four-point edge at halftime. During the third quarter both teams made a number of short runs, but Novi's lead was still four going into the fourth.

Midway through the final stanza, Lakeland hit two quick threes to finally take the lead back, but Novi answered back to take the lead by one. With less then two seconds left, Lakeland put up a shot that rimmed out.

Novi was led by Collin Crandell, who had a season high 16 points, and Pat Schlenke, who collected six points. Novi's overall record is 4-4 and they are 2-1 in the KVC.

The junior varsity Wildcat cagers defeated Howell, 43-37, to win their first KVC game of the year Jan. 12.

Howell jumped out to a 7-2 lead but the Wildcats went on a 17-4 run to end the half sparked by the play of Trevor Borsak, Brian Smith and Tyler Hoover.

The Highlanders went on their own 18-7 run to start the second half and took a 29-26 lead heading into the fourth quarter. The fourth belonged to the 'Cats as freshman point guard Mark Heard scored all 10 of his points to put Howell away. Caleb Dean had his second double-double of the year scoring 11 points and recording 14 rebounds.

Just two days later, the junior varsity Wildcats nipped the wings of the Eagles from Lakeland as the 'Cats executed their best defensive effort of the season, 35-27. The Eagles could only muster two third-quarter points as the Wildcats took over the game.

Freshman center Caleb Dean had his second consecutive double-double with 11 points and 14 rebounds. Sophomore forward John Brown set the tone early by scoring all eight of his points in the first half. Cortlan White stepped up the 'Cats' defensive effort with four steals. The Wildcats are now 2-6 overall and 2-1 in the KVC.

Cheerleading

Jan. 12 found the freshman competitive cheer team losing a close one against Howell, 278-279.

The junior varsity squad was a little better off as they beat Howell, 326.5-279.

On Jan. 15, the junior varsity and freshman teams each took second place at the Novi Invitational.

Submitted Photo

The Novi junior varsity cheer squad competes at a recent event held in the Novi fieldhouse.

Novi wrestling pounds out several impressive victories

The Novi Wildcats wrestling team sure isn't complaining about the week they had.

In the South Lyon Duals, the 'Cats took second place overall with four wins and a single loss.

They took on KVC rival South Lyon and came away with a 45-26 victory over the Lions before earning a 38-24 win over a tough Ann Arbor Pioneer team in the second round.

John Glenn wasn't as easy to topple in the third round and Novi found themselves taking their only loss of the day, 33-28. Winning matches for Novi were Nick Lichorobiec, Adam Ballantyne, Jason Sierra, Alex Baum, Justin Cameron, Derek McClelland and Dan Sprys.

Novi bounced back from the loss without batting an eye, earning a 34-20 win over Bedford's "B" squad in the fourth round of wrestling. Al Vellathottem, Brad Frey, Bharat Saran, Ballantyne, Sierra, Baum, Matt Perelli and Cameron all earned wins throughout the match against Bedford.

The final round of the day discovered a fired up Novi squad crushing Saline, 58-12. Vellathottem, Dan Matheney, Lichorobiec, Ballantyne, Sierra, Baum, Perelli, Jon Favorite, Cameron, McClelland and Sprys all earned win.

Novi also had a strong showing just a few days before when they visited Pinckney for the first KVC match-up of the year. Novi walked away with smiles, earning a 51-24 victory over the Pirates.

The match started at 119 pounds, and saw Nick Lichorobiec picking up six points via void. Ballantyne got the match going for the Wildcats with a dominate pin at 125.

Seniors Jason Sierra and Alex Baum stepped up and collected a pair of victories. Sierra by way of injury default and Baum with a score of 8-2. Matt Crawford overcame an early deficit to earn a pin at 152, Jon Favorite pinned at 160, and Justin Cameron pinned at 171. Al Vellathottem and Dan Matheney got their hand raised with a void, to push the score to 51-24.

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Cheer dazzles judges

The Novi Wildcats cheerleading squad put up a fine performance against rival Howell in dual meet action to earn a convincing 412.5-356 victory. Just three days later, they impressed a few more judges to earn second place at the Novi Invitational cheerleading meet.

Against Howell, Novi collected 113 points in their first round before notched a 114.5 in the second round. The third, and final round, found the Wildcats wowing the judges with a score of 185.

At the Novi Invitational, the Wildcats finished second out of six teams with a score of 617. Rochester earned the top spot with a 722 and Livonia Churchill was third with 571 points.

Novi continues strong skating

The Novi Wildcats hockey team didn't have much trouble when they played the Milford Mavericks last Thursday.

The squad, led by goalie Justin Ruccolo, shut their Kensington Valley Conference rivals down with a 3-0 showing.

Novi started things off with a first-period goal from senior Mark Eberline, who took a pass from Tom Ciaverilla and fired it into the back of the net. R.J. Makoski also earned an assist on the play.

The second period of play belonged to the Wildcats as they notched both of their final goals of the contest. Ciaverilla took an assist from Chris Zarem to put Novi up 2-0 against Milford before Brett Jaussi tallied the final score of the game. Assists went to Zarem and Greg Morisette.

Novi is currently in first place in the KVC standings.

Cagers collect two wins

It isn't easy winning at the last minute, but the Novi Wildcats basketball team has the recipe down pat.

The squad, coached by Pat Schfuler, went to the last second to beat the Lakeland Eagles, 34-33, after dominating KVC rival Howell, 47-26 earlier last week.

Against the Eagles, Novi found themselves in a true defensive contest. By the end of the first quarter, the 'Cats were in the lead, but by a slim margin, 10-4. Lakeland came back with a vengeance in the second quarter, out rebounding the Wildcats and outscoring them on their way to cutting Novi's lead to just 18-17 at halftime. The lead refused to grow for Novi through the third period and by the time the final quarter began to wind down Novi found themselves trailing 33-31 with only 10 seconds left on the clock.

The Wildcats turned to Todd Janer for the final shot of the night and the guard came through, hitting the three-point field goal with no time on the clock for the 34-33 victory. Janer scored seven points throughout the night, just shy of leader Steve Hart, who had nine. Anthony Harbin collected eight points in the winning effort.

The win pushed Novi to 7-1 overall this season. They are 3-0 in the conference.

Against Howell, the Wildcats were dominant throughout as they skipped off with a 47-26 victory. Hart and Harbin had nine points apiece for Novi while Mark Moore, a senior captain, yanked down 12 rebounds on the night.

— Compiled by Sam Eggleston

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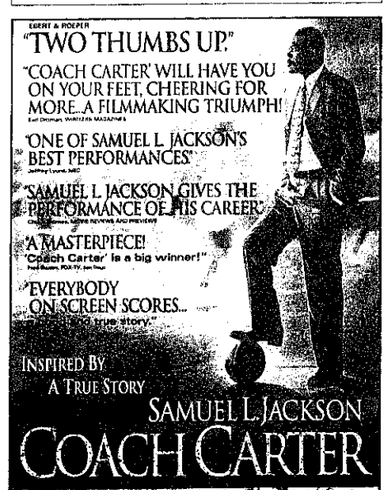

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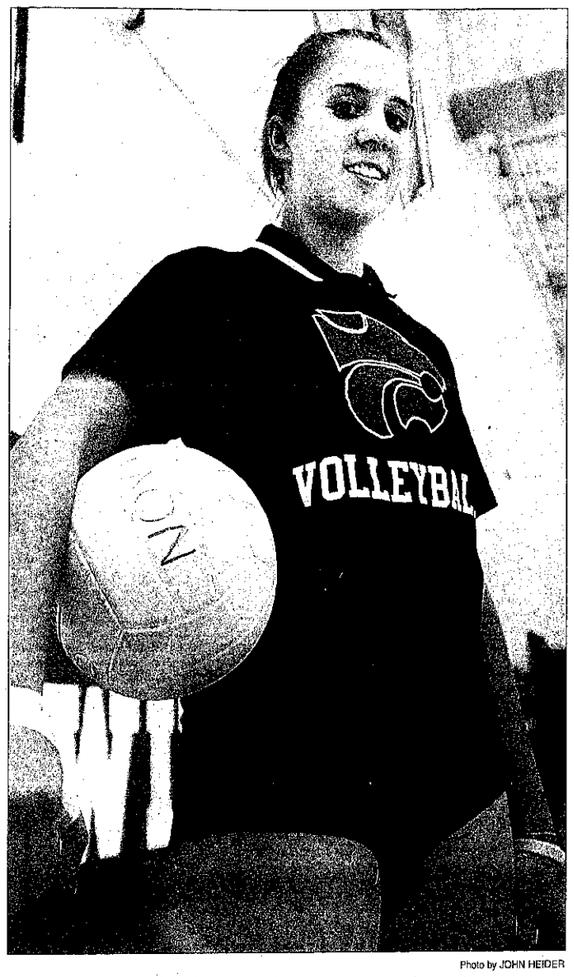

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Novi volleyball's Sarah Schmitt prepares for another battle on the court.

Schmitt knows sports

■ Wildcat senior's life intertwined with athletics

By Sam Eggleston
SPORTS WRITER

Sports, to some, are a hobby or a recreation. To Novi senior Sarah Schmitt, sports are basically her life.

The volleyball captain has played basically every sport she could try and, through the years, has narrowed it down to two of her favorites along with soccer.

"I'm not going to lie, I don't have much of a life outside of sports," she said. "I love sports. It's just a part of me."

And the faster, more hectic the sport is, the more she likes it and the better she is at it. Volleyball, especially with rally scoring, tops her list.

"It's a really fast-paced game," she said. "I like all the movement and the pace. It never stops. There's a point every five seconds."

She hates to lose too, which helps explain why Novi will contend for one of the top spots in the Kensington Valley Conference this year. Her intensity just flows to other players, motivating them to play to their best ability too.

It's a kind of intensity that runs in the family. Her older sisters, twins Angie and Nina, were competitors too. Angie still is, playing club volleyball at Michigan State University. Renee played sports too, diving and golf.

Schmitt is the baby in the family. Her parents, Martin and Joanne, have raised some of the fiercest competitors Novi has seen over the past years and now they, along with the school, will be saying good-bye.

"I kind of think so," Schmitt said of her parents looking forward to their last child moving out. "I'm sure they'll miss it though."

But will they miss all the sporting events? In one year, Schmitt said her mother participated in 11 separate benefits for 11 different sports.

Her parents know how to keep things organized and managed though — something that comes with owning their own business.

Schmitt isn't looking to follow in their footsteps though. Instead she's looking to either Michigan State or Central Michigan University to study in an undecided field.

"I'm not exactly sure (what I want to study) yet," she said. "I was leaning toward teaching, but I'm not sure that's what I want to do anymore."

Other things are on her mind. Sports, school, her boyfriend, her job and, of course, her friends. For the few hours in a week she isn't playing sports, Schmitt is studying, hanging with her friends or watching movies with her boyfriend.

But, always, sports finds a way of getting on her mind. In her thoughts? Just how competitive Novi is going to be in the conference this year.

"I don't think it's possible to predict the KVC this year," she said. "Look at the records. Everyone has a loss. There's no way of telling who's going to win it, but I feel we can come out on the top. It just matters how we play against the other top teams."

Not on her mind, though, is dealing with squabbling on her squad. As a captain, her job is to keep everyone in line while motivating them and being the person any player can talk to.

"There's no internal bickering on this team," she said. "We get along really well, even with a freshman on the team."

Schmitt said her job as a captain, along with fellow senior Nicole Barndt, is made easier by the fact that all the seniors on the team act the leadership role.

"Our group of seniors does real well with that," she said. "They work with the underclassmen and are there for them to talk to."

She said the key to motivation is to not get on the negative side.

"Instead of telling them over and over what they did wrong, you get them back in the game," she said. "When they make the next hit or have a nice pass, you make them feel good about it."

But what more motivation does a team need this year? Once again Novi isn't listed in the top teams in the conference and, as always, they intend to go out and prove once again they are a team to be reckoned with.

Of course, proving it is a lot easier with players like Schmitt on board. Not only does she motivate and captivate, she dominates too.

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Gymnastics team has pair of Novi captains

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up to our potential we should get it."

But, unlike years past, the Wild 'Stangs are looking at a tougher road to travel. This season, the squad has been put in a tougher region than they have been in the past.

"We've won the regional every year for the past 10 years," Glancy said. "This year we're in a harder region and some girls don't think we're going to win. We've got to keep thinking positive and stay positive. I think that's a message that is getting across to the underclassmen right now."

The key is to stay focused on their goals. Fink and Glancy are focused on being captains, as well as leaders in and out of the gym. The seniors are focusing on having the best year of their careers and the underclassmen are focused on helping them reach that goal.

"You have to be 100 percent focused on what you're doing," said Glancy. "If you think abut anything else you wobble and have form breaks."

Which, basically, is true out of competition as well. If focus waivers, so does the chance of meeting goals.

Fink and Glancy are committed to making sure that doesn't happen. They're ready to help in any way they can.

"We'll do whatever we can," said Fink. "We're captains and we're here for the other girls to come to for anything. If they need help with a routine or even something else we're going to help them."

Wild 'Stangs have traditionally had strong captains and great success — two traditions that will keep going strong this year.

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Novi senior Marcie Fink struts her skills on the balance beam recently.

Wild 'Stangs earn third at invite

Success is something the Northville-Novi Wild 'Stangs gymnastics team has become accustomed to over the years.

This year it appears there won't be much difference.

The squad, coached by Erin McWatt, took a loss against Brighton last week in a tightly contested meet, 144.5-140, but turned things around with a fourth-place finish at the Hartland Invitational.

The squad took fourth behind the likes of Tri-Farmington, Rochester Adams and Brighton, which finished first, second and fourth in last year's state finals.

In the Hartland Invitational, the Wild 'Stangs had plenty of success. In Division I competition, Amanda Perelli was second in vault and seventh with her floor routine. Division II competition found Maggie Mills, a senior captain, taking third on the bars and tying for second-place with her floor routine. Jana Ramsey took fifth on the bars as well as on the floor while Rachel Deneau finished fourth on the floor.

Julie Foucher has an impressive performance in the meet. She finished second overall in Division II with a second-place tie with her floor routine, a third-place finish on the beam and seventh on the vault.

The Wild 'Stangs B team finished second in their competition behind Tri-Farmington.

The combined Northville-Novi squad will compete today at home against Canton and Saturday in the Farmington Invitational.

— Compiled by Sam Eggleston

Sports Shorts

Baseball registration

The Lakes Athletic Association baseball league will be accepting registration for the 2004 season at the Walled Lake Central High School cafeteria on Wednesday, Feb. 9, from 6:30 p.m. to 9 p.m. The baseball association offers a competitive environment for boys and girls ages 5-18. Call (248) 975-8157 for more information.

Knights looking for players

The Dearborn Heights Knights (12 & under) travel baseball team will be scheduling tryouts for the 2005 baseball season. The Knights are the PeeWee Reese (11 year old) champions for the NorthWest Surburban League. On their schedule will be the Cooperstown Dreams Park tournament located near the Baseball Hall of Fame. For further information, contact Rich Grucz at 800-949-9834.

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LEFT: Senior Nicole Barndt returns a serve against the Brighton Bulldogs.
ABOVE: Novi's Becky Reichel serves against Brighton last Thursday evening.
RIGHT: Novi's Sarah Schmitt makes a set against the Bulldogs during the Wildcats' home game.

Novi makes it worthwhile with win over Brighton

By Sam Eggleston
SPORTS WRITER

The Novi Wildcats volleyball team looked ragged when they finally gathered up their belongings and headed out of the gym last week following their game against Brighton.

It was 10:15 p.m., they had just went five games against one of their biggest rivals and they had school waiting for them the next morning. Yet, there were smiles on their faces.

The reason was apparent to anyone who was at the game. The Wildcats had just went through a long night of volleyball but came away with a win. Brighton won the first game of the night, 25-23, before Novi came back in the second game, 25-22. The third game found the Bulldogs once again taking control with a 27-25 victory and the fourth contest was wrapped up by Novi with a convincing 25-18 showing.

The final game, which is played to just 15 points, went to Novi to break the tie and earn the victory, 15-12.

"It was a long game," Novi coach Julie Fisette said. "I didn't get home until around 11 p.m. and we didn't get out of the gym until around 10:20."

But, it was worth it.

"It was a long-fought battle," Fisette said. "We have a lot of things to work on, especially our consistency, but we're glad to have the win."

Senior captain Sarah Schmitt agreed.

"It's always nice to beat Brighton, no matter how long it takes," she said.

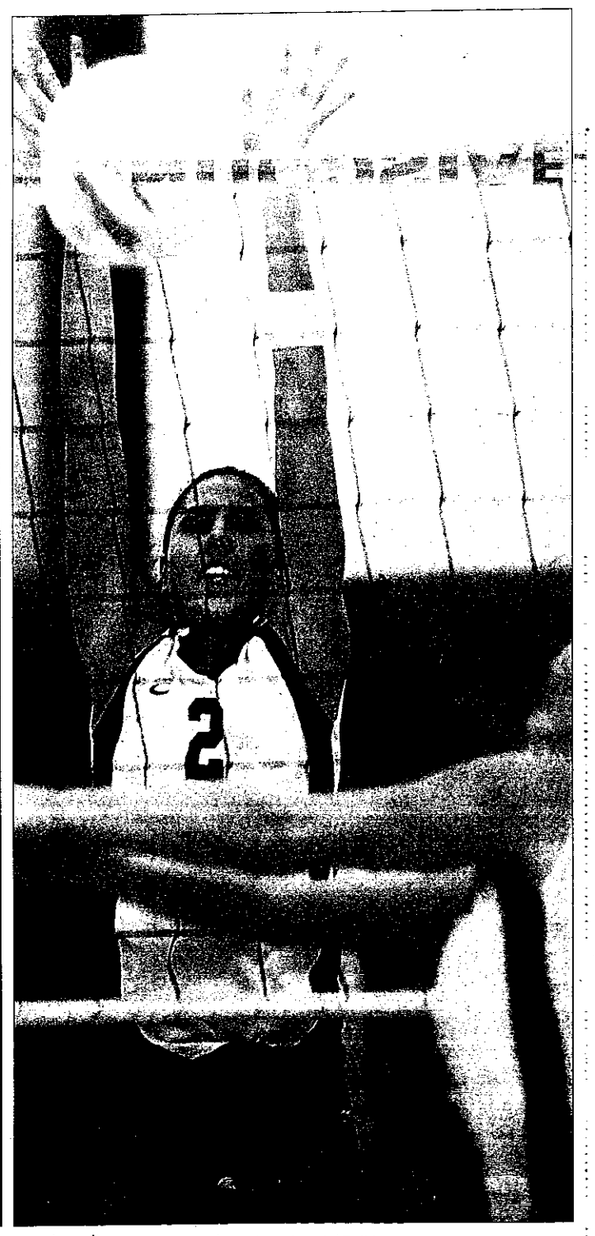
Leading the way for Novi was Jenna Kuhn, who had 19 kills and six digs in the win. Nicole Barndt, a senior captain, also had an impressive evening, collecting 11 kills and 12 digs. Stephanie Cripps had nine solo blocks and seven kills to help her squad to the victory and Megan Miller earned nine solo blocks and six kills.

Brighton's top player was Kate Malthaner with nine kills while Lauren Brady notched six kills in the losing effort.

Novi is currently 12-3 overall with a 2-1 Kensington Valley Conference record while Brighton fell to 1-2 in conference play.

Kaelyn McAboy prepares to serve to the Brighton Bulldogs.

Novi's Liz Clark returns a serve against Brighton.



Novi's Jenna Kuhn goes up for a block against the Bulldogs.

FAITH

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Special needs children now have a home at local church

■ First United Methodist Church joins Christian education with parish nursing

By Ramez Khuri
STAFF WRITER

Through the collaborating efforts of Parish Nurse Karen DeBenedet and church member Sue Craik, who is heavily involved with Christian education, the First United Methodist Church in Northville now offers a Sunday school class for children with special needs.

This includes students with a variety of backgrounds including autism, emotional and physical disabilities, Down's syndrome and other like disorders.

The class was started in the beginning of November 2004 because Craik and DeBenedet wanted to have it up and running before Christmas. Since then, it has been tweaked here and there, and so far it is working out well.

The idea for the class was actually Craik's, who was the coordinator. She and her family had just moved back to the area from Seattle, where she was the director of children's ministry at a church. When she returned to the First United Methodist Church, the one she and her family belonged to before moving, she reconnected with some old friends.

In the 10 years that Craik was away, a friend of hers had a third child, and that child had Down's syndrome.

"When I met the family again," said Craik, "I asked her how that child was doing in Sunday School. She said he was doing fine right because he was still in a preschool class. But, when he gets into kindergarten and first grade he's going to need to start doing a little more listening and it will be a lot more structured."

Having brought back knowledge from Seattle of how to create a special needs class at a church, things started to click, and the idea of a class in Northville evolved. Craik happened to be a friend of DeBenedet, who informed her that there were other children in the church who were also having difficulty in the regular classroom setting.

"It so happens that at the church I was at in Seattle, we started a program for children with special needs," Craik said. "I knew how to do it. While I was there a mother came to me, whose son was special needs and who also happened to be an educator. She was the one who got the ball rolling, and we organized the whole thing."

Craik's new class now has 14 volunteers, and some actually come in to be peer friends for special needs children. Craik explained that a specialty child in the classroom means that you have a volunteer with that child and possibly a peer friend.

"Really, one child equals three people in the classroom," Craik said. "Even though we have only four children at this time, the class can have as many as 12 people plus a teacher. For our particular kids, it's kind of reversed mainstreaming. I don't feel like the kids are missing out on being around other children as role models. The volunteers get a lot out of it as well, so it's a win-win situation."

The church only has its general population of students, but Craik also knows that a lot of times people don't come to church because they don't feel there will be a place for their child or they don't feel that people will understand that their child needs special attention. She said that the special needs community is tight and as parents start to talk about it, people who do not feel comfortable attending a church might decide differently.

"This Sunday school class is all about spiritual education for the children; it's not a place to go so their parents can go to church," Craik said. "It's really about teaching them where they're at so they know Jesus just like their typical counterparts. We're very intentional about teaching them and giving them a safe environment."

Call the First United Methodist Church at (248) 349-1144 for more information.

Ramez Khuri is a staff writer for the Novi News. He can be reached at (248) 349-1700, ext. 110 or by e-mail at rkhuri@ht.homecomm.net.

Courtesy photo

Students, volunteers and peer friends enjoy music time during a Special Needs class at the First United Methodist Church. Pictured from left to right are Stacey Becker, Judy Poole, Evan Witthar, Jodie Kinnan, Jean Nordstrom, Gabe Gulian, Faith Horbatch, Kristen Johnson, Jeff Bentley, Karen Paterson and Debbie Johnson.

CHURCH CALENDAR

• **The Episcopal Church of the Holy Cross** offers a worship service every Wednesday from 12:10-12:50 p.m. The church invites all to worship Sundays at 7:45 and 10 a.m. Nursery care is available at 10 a.m. worship service.

Episcopal Church of the Holy Cross has moved to 40700 W. Ten Mile (between Meadowbrook and Haggerty roads), Novi. Phone (248) 427-1175 or visit www.churchoftheholycross.com

• **Crosspointe Meadows Church** of Novi presents an Alpha Course, "Exploring the Christian Faith," on Sundays at 6 p.m. There are over 28,690 Alpha courses running all over the world. Check out the Alpha Course Web site at www.alpha.com. Program includes workbook and light supper. There is no fee.

CMC offices are located at 39830 Grand River Ave., Ste. B1-C (west of Haggerty). Phone (248) 427-2700; Monday-Thursday, 9 a.m.-2 p.m.

• **Faith Community Presbyterian Church** invites you to worship at either the 9 a.m. or 10:30 a.m. service. Sunday school is offered at both services for children pre-kindergarten-12th grade.

Communion will be served at Sunday's service at both the 9 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. services.

Dr. Richard Henderson will be leading three week "Quality of Life and Death" class beginning Sunday, Jan. 23 at 5:45 p.m. The Adult Sunday School class is held at 9 a.m. This session topic is "Lord, Teach Me to Pray."

The 2004 Polish Mission team invites all to attend the Polish Dinner on Sunday, Jan.16.

Faith Community Presbyterian is located at 44400 W. Ten Mile Rd. in Novi

• **First United Methodist Church of Northville** presents a communitywide healing service with prayers for healing of body, mind, relationship and spirit on the first Monday of each month at 4 p.m. The service is open to the Northville/Novi community and persons of all faiths.

The church is located at 777 W. Eight Mile Rd. (at Taft Road), Northville. Phone (248) 349-1144.

• **The Holy Family Church** presents Theology on Tap, a program designed for young adults (but all are welcome), at Gus O'Connor's, on the corner of Grand River and Market Street in Novi from 7:30 – 9:30 p.m. on the following Mondays:

Jan. 31, "Praying All Ways" – Sharing with Others How You Pray

Feb. 7, "Tsunamis, Disease, Hurricanes: Why Do innocent people suffer?" Moderator: Fr. John Budde, Pastor, Holy Family, Novi

Feb. 14, "Relationships: Pathways to Holiness" Loving God Through Loving Others

For more information, please contact the Holy Family Church at (248) 349-8847 or visit www.holyfamilynovi.org.

The church offers a Spanish-speaking Mass once a month beginning at 6:30 p.m. on Saturdays.

The church is located at 24505 Meadowbrook Rd., between Ten Mile Road and Grand River Avenue. Call (248) 349-8847 or visit www.holyfamilynovi.org.

Free credit reports on the horizon

The United States Congress has given you a tool to help ward off identity theft – the ability to monitor your credit reports for free.

The Fair and Accurate Credit Transactions Act of 2003 (FACTA) grants you one free credit report per year from each of the three nationwide consumer credit reporting companies – Equifax, TransUnion and Experian. You can request one, two, or all three reports at the same time, or stagger your requests over a 12-month period. One advantage of ordering all your reports at one time is you can compare the information each of the bureaus has collected on you. However, if you opt to order a report every four months, you'll be able to see any unauthorized activity that's occurred in the previous months.

Free credit reports became available to consumers on the West coast in December 2004. Consumers in Midwestern states including Michigan can order copies beginning in March 2005, while consumers in the southern and eastern states will become eligible for the free reports in June and September, respectively.

How to order your reports

You can order free reports online at www.annualcreditreport.com beginning March 1. You can also request your reports by phone by calling toll free (877) 322-8228, or complete the Annual Credit Report Request Form (download it at www.ftc.gov/bcp/conline/edcams/credit/docs/fact_act_request_form.pdf) and mail it to: Annual Credit Report Service, P.O. Box 105281, Atlanta, GA 30348-5281. Phone and mail requests will be processed within 15 days of receipt.

Why it's important

Your credit history is your financial resume. It's what credit grantors, landlords, employers and insurance companies use to determine your credit worthiness. The better credit you have, the better interest rates you'll secure on loans. So, it's in your best interest to make sure the information contained in your report provides an accurate picture of your financial history.

Protect your identity

Identity theft claimed some 10 million victims in 2002 alone, according to the Federal Trade Commission's (FTC) "Identity Theft Survey Report" conducted in September 2003. According to the report, the total cost of identity theft to the consumer victims was $5 billion. Approximately 52 percent of the identity theft victims (approximately 5 million people) discovered that they were victims of identity theft by monitoring their accounts.

By reviewing your credit report periodically you can stay on top of any unauthorized credit accounts that have been set up in your name. You'll also be able to see inquiries that you didn't initiate and any suspicious debts on your legitimate accounts.

Spot mistakes before they wreak havoc

A June 2004 study by the National Association of State Public Research Interest Groups (U.S. PIRG) revealed some alarming facts surrounding the accuracy – rather, the inaccuracy – of information contained in credit reports.

The consumer advocacy group's study, which looked at credit reports belonging to 200 adults in 30 states, found that almost 80 percent of the reports contained mistakes, including misspelled names, wrong social security numbers and inaccurate birth dates. Other errors included closed accounts listed as active, loans listed multiple times and loans not listed at all. Most disturbingly, the same study found that one in four credit reports contained errors grave enough to impact the consumer's ability to acquire affordable credit, and can even result in the denial of loans, housing and employment.

It's your right; it's my right. While FACTA stops short of curbing the exchange of information between credit agencies and parties interested in your credit history, it empowers you, the consumer, to make certain the information is both accurate and up to date.

We would all do well to exercise this right.

Mary Davis manages public affairs for the Michigan Credit Union League. Send your financial questions to "Your Money Matters" c/o the Michigan Credit Union League, P.O. Box 8054, Plymouth, MI 48170-8054.

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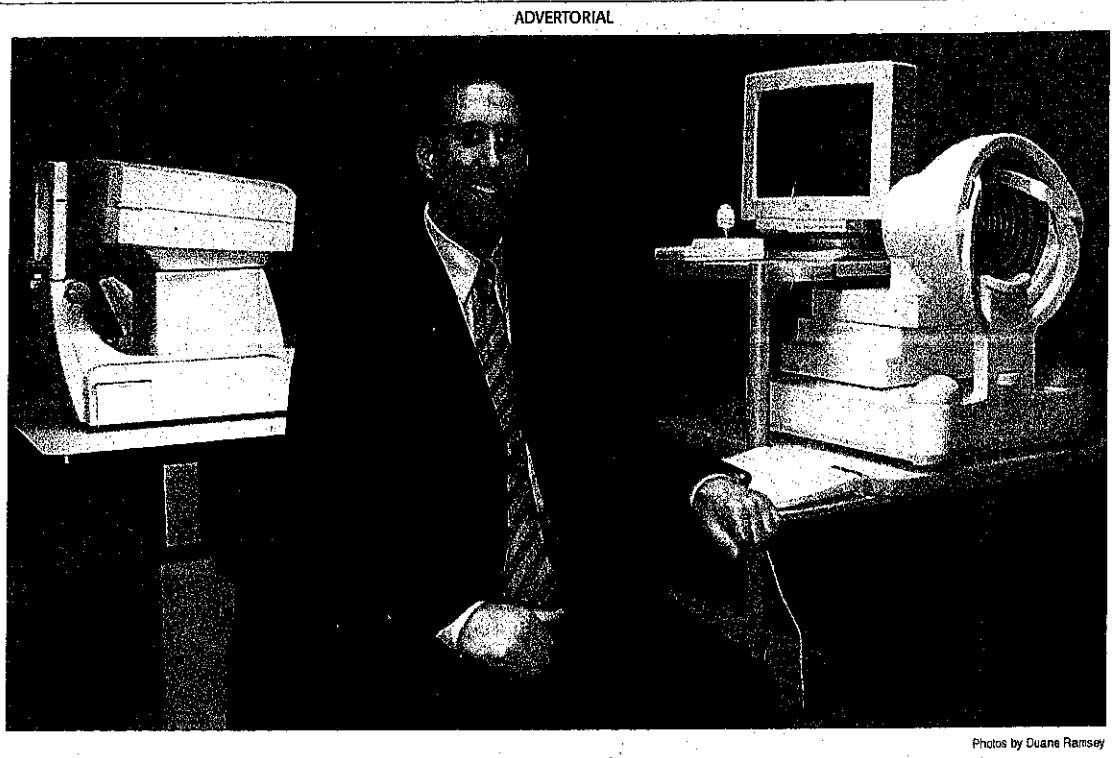

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Dr. Howard Adelson uses the most advanced, state-of-the-art equipment to determine the visual correction needs of his patients.

Adelson Eye & Laser Center

■ Celebrating six months in new downtown Northville office

By Duane Ramsey
SPECIAL WRITER

The Adelson Eye & Laser Center recently celebrated its six-month anniversary of serving patients from its new location in downtown Northville. Dr. Howard Adelson moved his practice there last year after previously practicing in Novi.

Dr. Adelson specializes in the latest techniques for cataract, glaucoma and laser eye surgery. His practice also accepts new patients for general eye exams and treatment of eye diseases as well emergency care.

"There's a lot of confusion about Lasik correction surgery," Dr. Adelson said. "We want to make sure our patients understand all the options available to them and are completely comfortable with the procedure of their choice."

In addition to working with existing cases, Dr. Adelson welcomes patients who would like a second opinion about vision correction surgery before making a decision.

"We can now reach levels of vision that were not believed possible in the past," said Dr. Adelson. "Using the latest technology, we can provide patients with better vision, many times even better than 20/20.

"Our main concern is that we get perfect results for our patients," said Dr. Adelson. "Not everyone is a candidate for vision correction surgery and a thorough screening is important to determine which patients qualify."

Dr. Adelson provides the examination and tests required to determine if a patient is a candidate and for which surgery. He spends an abundant amount of time with each patient before and after any surgery to make sure they get satisfactory results.

One procedure, Customvue LASIK, developed by VISX, is the result of unparalleled research in the field of laser vision correction technology. The relatively new procedure tailors a distinct correction treatment for each patient determined by the unique characteristics of their eyes, Dr. Adelson explained.

WaveScan, utilizing the new Fourier technology, captures unique imperfections in each person's vision that could not be measured previously. The new level of measurement provides 25 times more precision than measurements used in standard methods for glasses and contact lenses.

"This precise level of measurement and treatment enables individuals to achieve the full potential of their vision," said Dr. Adelson.

Dr. Adelson can now treat farsightedness without using a laser or scalpel. A new noninvasive technique, Conductive Keratoplasty (known as CK), can eliminate or greatly reduce the need for glasses, bifocals or contacts without invasive surgery.

Dr. Adelson said the entire CK procedure takes less than five minutes per eye and can often be performed right in his office. The procedure itself is painless with patients getting almost immediate results the very next day. Most people can resume their normal activities, including working and driving, within 24 hours after having the CK procedure, according to Dr. Adelson.

DETAILS

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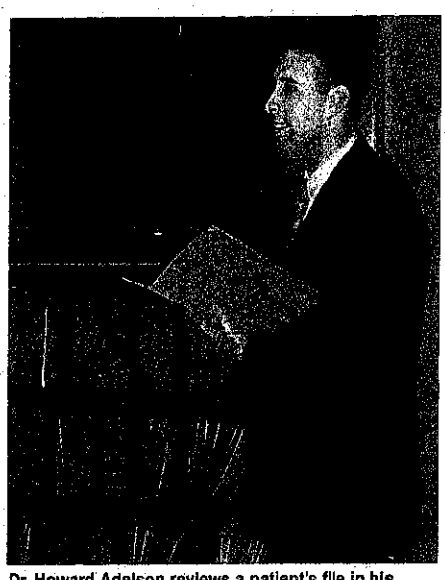
Weekends by appointment

Another revolutionary development, the Crystalens designed by eyeonics, inc., is the first and only FDA-approved intraocular lens. Implanted inside the eye, Crystalens allows patients to focus seamlessly near, far and in between the way the eye's natural lens does.

"Crystalens brings vision enhancement to a remarkable new level," said Dr. Adelson, who has completed special training courses conducted by eyeonics for the intraocular procedure.

There also are many new treatment options for people suffering from dry eyes, a condition where not enough tears or insufficient quality of tears are produced to keep the eye healthy and comfortable. As an ophthalmologist, Dr. Adelson, can diagnose dry eyes utilizing special techniques and, after examination, can then prescribe the best treatment for it.

Dr. Adelson believes that continuing his medical education in the vision field is crucial to offering his patients the best care and treatment available. He is one of a few ophthalmologists in the state to complete a prestigious one-year fellowship in cataract and laser surgery techniques through the Grand Rapids Eye Institute and Michigan State University.



Dr. Howard Adelson reviews a patient's file in his office before seeing the patient.

As a pioneer in laser vision correction surgery, Dr. Adelson was one of the first doctors in Michigan to perform the now popular Custom Lasik procedure. He has performed thousands of vision corrective procedures. Many of Dr. Adelson's patients include doctors, nurses and prominent members of the community.

After serving two years at the Grand Rapids Eye Institute & Laser Center, Dr. Adelson returned to the Detroit area to open his own practice in 2003. Last year, he moved the practice to its current location in downtown Northville.

The Adelson Eye & Laser Center is a state-of-the-art facility with the most up-to-date equipment available to assure the best treatment of its patients. The practice offers flexible scheduling and same-day emergency appointments.

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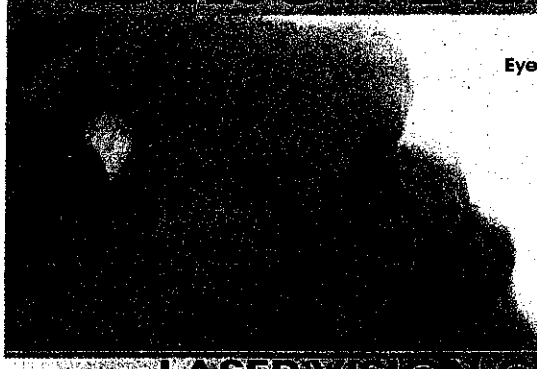

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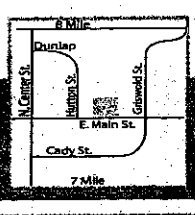

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Remodelers can expect another good year

With home prices continuing to rise in 2005 and interest rates remaining low, the growing trend to remodel will probably remain strong throughout the year.

"Year 2004 was amazing for home remodeling," said Douglas Sutton, chairman of the Remodeling Council of the National Association of Home Builders. "With a record number of home sales last year, major additions and alterations have kept many remodelers busy with continually growing backlogs."

The remodeling boom is riding on the heels of historic low interest rates and solid consumer confidence, reported the NAHB recently.

"With the ongoing favorable interest rates, rising employment and household incomes and high home price appreciation rates, we expect the remodeling market to remain on a strong growth path," said NAHB chief economist David Seiders. "Current factors signal that the market will remain healthy. All indicators point to another booming year for remodeling."

"Major remodeling projects typically come in one of three categories. First, growing families expand and improve their living space to make more room and enhance their lifestyles. This step is often made instead of buying a new home.

Second, consumers remodel to increases value and maximize profit before selling their home. Third, consumers customize their new homes by adding rooms or making alterations to meet individual needs.

The most cost-effective projects are improving bathrooms and kitchens. A new or remodeled bathroom is an excellent investment because the return can be as high as 90 percent, reported the NAHB.

Here are a few tips from professional regarding bathroom remodeling:

- The standard bath tub-shower combination is out. Today's popular master bath showers incorporate cascading rain-fall shower heads and massaging streams. Homeowners prefer showers and tubs with frame-free edges that produce a clean bathroom look.

- Furnishings for reading and relaxing, such as chaise lounges, chairs and even recliners, are making their way into the bathroom. Nontraditional vintage pieces of furniture such as armoires for linen storage are typically used as vanities or decorative accents.

- Artistic use of tile in a wide array of colors and materials is hot trend in today's bathrooms. By mixing glass and porcelain tile in a variety of colors, consumers can custom design bathroom floors and shower stalls.

- His and her spaces are becoming essential. More homeowners want separate sinks, showers and storage to complete their bathroom sanctuary.

- Built-in bathroom spas provide places consumers to relax and unwind in the privacy of their homes. They are increasingly popular.

Q: Has the Federal Housing Administration limit on home loans been raised recently?

A: Yes. Higher FHA loan limits will make it possible for more consumers to qualify to buy homes of their own. The FHA recently increased its single-family home mortgage limits by more than 7 percent.

Effective Jan. 1, FHA insures single-family home mortgages up to $172,632 in low-cost areas, and up to $312,895 in high-cost areas. Loan limits for two-, three- and four-unit structures have also gone up.

In 2004, the limits were $160,176 in low-cost areas and $290,319 in high-cost areas. Five years ago, the limits ranged from $121,296 to $219,849.

Q: How will commercial real estate fare 2005?

A: This should be a particularly good year for commercial real estate, says Grubb & Ellis Co., a commercial property broker and management firm. Economic growth in 2005 should be strong enough to propel vacancies lower, but not strong enough to push interest and mortgage rates higher, said a G&E report.

"In many respects, the slow to moderate growth forecast for this year is nearly ideal for real estate," said Robert Bach with G&E. "In many ways it will be just like the porridge for Goldilocks (in 'The Three Bears'), not too hot and not too cold."

Beyond 2005, looming budget and trade deficits and high levels of household debt are likely to restrain the growth rate of the economy, but are unlikely by themselves to trigger a recession, the G&E report concluded.

Q: Will the real estate boom continue through 2005?

A: A particularly interesting assessment of the real estate market was recently expressed by noted real estate consultant John Burns.

"As 2005 progresses, we find a housing market that is no longer a national boom, but instead a mix of regional booms, slowdowns and mostly 'status quos.' The outlook is for slowly rising mortgage rates and slowly improving job growth. If both occur, the change in housing construction levels should be minimal this year," Burns said.

"Job growth is slowly increasing in most markets, with most noticeable improvements in the markets that were hit hardest by the technology downturn in 2000. Population growth is likely to be greater in the more affordable markets where jobs are also plentiful. Your best local barometer for housing demand is probably the number of cars on the road during rush hour.

"If you're looking for the best submarkets, find out where the office and industrial building construction is occurring and seek great neighborhoods near these emerging job centers," Burn concluded.

Send inquiries to James M. Woodard, Copley News Service, P.O. Box 120190, San Diego, CA 92112-0190. Questions may be used in future columns; personal responses should not be expected.

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59926 Mulberry Lane	$313,268
57491 Hidden Timbers Dr.	$335,000
31003 Artesian Dr.	$271,500

Milford Twp.

1521 Old Plank	$195,000
1725 Gray Twig Lane	$330,000
1905 Dunhill Dr.	$341,000
1145 Old Milford Farms	$420,000
2890 Debbiwood Ct.	$463,000

Milford Village

784 Milford Road S.	$153,000
769 Manordale Ct.	$166,000
615 Main St. S.	$249,000
405 Hickory	$268,000
854 Knolls Landing Dr.	$274,357
549 Dorchester Way	$292,000

Northville City

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118 Ely Dr. S.	$212,000
758 Grace St.	$225,000
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51101 Park Place Dr.	$137,000
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25905 Glenmoor	$415,000
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41645 Tera Lane	$234,000
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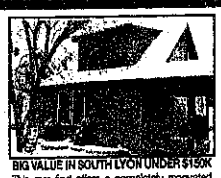

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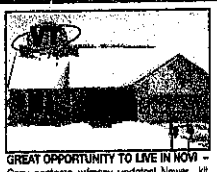

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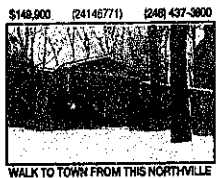

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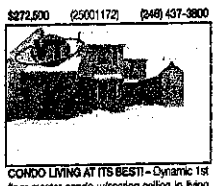

CONDO LIVING AT ITS BEST! – Dynamic 1st floor master condo w/soaring ceiling in living room, large kitchen, library, super deck overlooks pine trees. Abundant parking plus garage! Wonderful golf comm!

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$214,900 (25003464) (248) 349-6200

CHARMING AND QUAINT NORTHVILLE CAPE CODI – Short walk to downtown! 3 bdrm, 2 full baths. Updated kitchen & baths. great room w/vaulted ceiling/fireplace. Hardwood floors. Updated plumbing & electric. Andersen windows! Hurry, must see!

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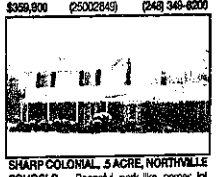
$365,900 (25003568) (248) 349-6200



SHARP COLONIAL, .5 ACRE, NORTHVILLE SCHOOLS – Peaceful park-like corner lot w/circle drive! Comfortable spacious sun/lit home w/full basement. Family room w/fireplace, 2 car attached garage and private landscaped deck.

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$299,900 (24121310) (248) 349-6200

WONDERFUL HOME ON PICTURESQUE LOT – Home w/charm, delightful kitchen, warm and inviting family room, lovely DR w/hrdwd flr, 4 bdrms, exceptional fin'd bsmt w/a great entertainment center,projection TV & surround sound, lg deck, park and lake in sub.

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ONE-OF-A-KIND – Immaculate & ready to move right in. Beautiful living room, dining room, kitchen, 2 main level bedrooms & 2 bedrooms upstairs, 4 baths, finished basement & close to the new Catholic Central High School.

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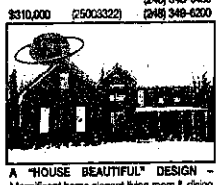

A "HOUSE BEAUTIFUL" DESIGN – Magnificant home,elegant living room & dining room, gorgeous kitchen & breakfast area w/great views of the wood, library, spacious family room, 4 large bedrooms, charming master suite. A remarkable palace!

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$399,900 (24111670) (248) 349-6200

EXCEPTIONAL ROYAL CROWN COLONIAL 2 story features 4 bedrooms, including step-up master w/2 walk-in closets, 2 vanities & soaking tub. Island kitchen, great room, dining room, family room w/volume ceilings & professionally finished lower level.

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$439,900 (24101543) (248) 349-6200

NICE CLEAN & PRIVATE CONDO – Private southern view from this great ranch condo. Living room w/cathedral ceiling, nice kitchen, formal dining room w/nice sliding door to deck, 2 car attached garage and walk to common pool.

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$238,500 (24064761) (248) 349-6200

INSPIRING COLONIAL ON NICE CUL-DE-SAC – Home w/private wooded yard, direct access to commons area, lots of upgrades, lovely Florida room, finished basement, well maintained & within walking distance to downtown Northville.

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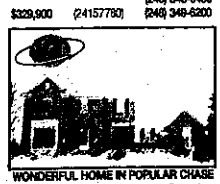

WONDERFUL HOME IN POPULAR CHASE FARMS – Home w/a great open floor plan, spacious kitchen & breakfast area, formal living room & dining room, comfortable den, family room w/cathedral ceiling, brick patio, deck & great finished basement.

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$467,500 (24125231) (248) 349-6200

GREAT BUY FOR A DETACHED CONDO IN MILFORD – 3 bedroom, master on 1st floor, 3.5 bath, hardwood fl,new carpet & paint, 2 FP, fin LL w/o to paver patio, security system, R/O. Att 2 car gar, 1st fl laundry! Move-in condition. Bring your fussiest buyer. On the Huron river with Great Views.

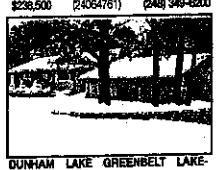
$304,900 (24154591) (248) 684-1065

HIGHLAND – 4 bedroom, 3 bath country home on over 2 acres. Gourmet country kitchen. 10x27 sun room. Lawn & snow removal included. Short term available. $1,900

$1,900 (24156238) (248) 684-1065

WEST BLOOMFIELD – This wooded 50x100 vacant lot in West Bloomfield will be ready to build upon variance approval. Middle Straits Lake privileges. Near Twin Beach Golf Club.

$39,900 (25003621) (248) 684-1065



DUNHAM LAKE GREENBELT LAKEFRONT! – Beautiful views of crystal clear Dunham Lake from this spacious 4000+ sq. ft. brick ranch on nearly 1 wooded acre lot! 4 bedrooms, 3 baths, finished walkout, 2 fireplaces, 2 furnaces plus 2.5 car gar. Extensive decking leads to gazebo & hot tub overlooking woods & lake! Lots of house & super location!

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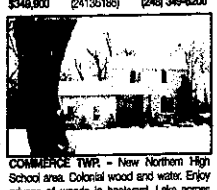

COMMERCE TWP. – New Northern High School area. Colonial wood and water. Enjoy privace of woods in backyard. Lake across street. Carroll Lake Beach at your door. 3 beds, 2.5 baths. 1st floor laundry. Stone fireplace. Ceramic kitchen floor/backsplash. 24x18 FR in day light basement finished through-out. Perfection. One year warranty.

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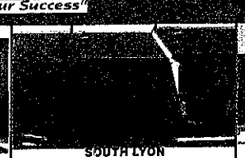

SOUTH LYON
Gorgeous 2 bedroom condo w/2 full baths. Finished walkout basement, cathedral ceilings, sky lights, wood burning stove, finished Florida room $99,700 MLS# 24123616
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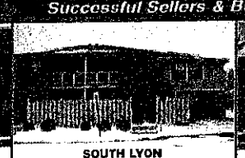

SOUTH LYON
Best value in Southridge Condos. Upper unit w/vaulted ceilings, and screened porch instalent move in condition. 2 bedrooms, full bath rooms. All kitchen appliances, and washer & dryer included. Visit my web site for virtual tour, or call me. $119,900 MLS#24136863
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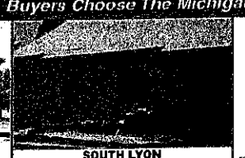

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Beautiful end unit co-op. Fabulous all new kitchen w/new appliances. Finished lower level with family room and fireplace. Lovely Florida room. Ready to move in! $124,900
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55+ community 1 year old end unit with multiple upgrades. Sunroom, patio, finished lower level and all new appliances. www.teamwenzel.com. $139,900.
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55+ Co-op. End unit with walk-out. Very bright, clean and neutral home with plenty of privacy. 1st floor master bedroom, garage, living room, family room and Florida room. www.teamwenzel.com $158,900 MLS# 24157298
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Super Ranch Home features 3 bedrooms, 1-1/2 baths, kitchen has doorwall leading to deck, finished bsmt, with rec room, office and utility room. 2 car detached garage. Reduced to $179,900. MLS# 24091432 Web site TeamPalRobbins.com
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Fantastic home on large private lot. Updated custom kitchen with cherry cabinets, tile floor & Corian sink and countertops. New roof in 2003. www.teamwenzel.com $226,900 MLS# 24140394
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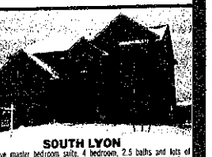

SOUTH LYON
Impressive master bedroom suite. 4 bedroom, 2.5 baths and lots of upgrades. For complete details call 24 hour information line 1-888-211-2993 Ext 3544 or visit my web site www.donnapachy.com or call me. $349,900 MLS# 24132931
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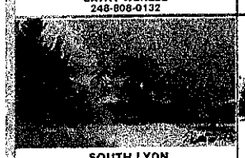

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3006 sq ft 4 bedroom home on over an acre. Incredible pole barn with heated walk-ins shop. Home has been completely renovated www.teamwenzel.com $350,000
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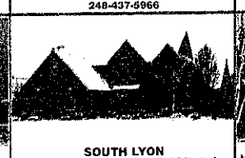

SOUTH LYON
Stunning home with almost 3000 sq ft. 4 bed, 2.5 baths, 3 car garage. For complete details, please call 24 hr. recorded information line 1-888-211-2993 Ext 3694 or visit my web site www.donnapachy.com or call me. $339,900 MLS#24121369
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SOUTH LYON
Just Listed. Outstanding colonial on 3.41 acres on private road features 4 bedrooms, 2-1/2 baths, great room w/fireplace, formal living room w/gas fireplace, 12 x 30 heated sunroom, 24 x 30 pole barn. $394,900 MLS# 24123152 For more details visit our web site: TeamPalRobbins.com
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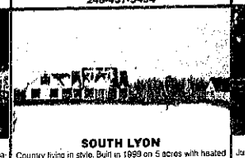

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Country living in style. Built in 1999 on 5 acres with heated pole barn. For complete details, call 24 hour recorded information line 1-888-211-2993 Ext. 4194 or visit my web site www.donnapachy.com or call me. $419,900 MLS# 24153177
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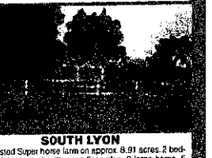

SOUTH LYON
Just Listed Super horse farm on approx. 6.91 acres. 2 bedroom, 2 bath ranch with open floor plan. 2 large barns, 5 paddocks, prime location. $550,000 MLS# 24123811 for more details visit our web site: TeamPalRobbins.com
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SOUTH LYON AREA
Motivated seller has relocated! Bring all offers! 3 bedroom, 2 bath, large open ranch with large kitchen, formal dining room, fireplace in great room overlooking large private yard. MLS# 24148384 $279,900
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SOUTH LYON AREA
Currently zoned residential township master plan for future commercial use! $250,000
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BRIGHTON
Private and unit. Great location 3 bedroom, large living room with fireplace. Finished lower level with storage. Pool & Cabana, walk to town. $144,900 MLS# 24145574
KIM CHAMPE 248-417-0737

BRIGHTON
Four bedroom Colonial 2.5 bath, 2 story foyer with hardwood floors in foyer, kitchen, & powder room. Island kitchen, large covered porch and brick paver patio & walk. $309,900. MLS# 24161790
KIM CHAMPE 248-417-0737

WESTLAND
Fantastic ranch in beautiful sub. Currently has handicap ramp in front, could be removed. Neutral decor throughout. Great starter home, walking distance to elementary school. Large fireplace in great room, home has many upgrades, MUST SEE! $149,700 MLS# 24124078
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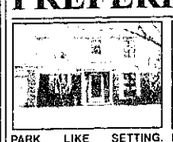


PARK LIKE SETTING. Handsome 3 bedroom colonial with an updated oak kitchen, new Pergo floor, 1st floor laundry, finished basement and French doors leading to a super nice yard with a brick patio. $245,000 (492AB)

RANCH CONDO. Tucked away at the rear of the complex is this 3 bedroom, 2.5 bath end unit. Deck off of the living rm. & patio off of the dining rm., bayed nook, with attached garage, desired floor plan & setting. Needs some sprucing. $189,900 (881LY)

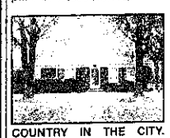
PULTE PRINCETON. Move right into this beautiful Canton Colonial with 4 bedrooms, 2.5 baths and many nice features. Hardwood floors, large master patio and a quiet cul-de-sac locale. $299,500 (115PO)

PERFECTLY LOCATED. On a private court backing to the woods. Numerous upgrades incl.: roof, windows, hdwd floors, neutral decor, doors, furnace & more. Family rm. w/ cathedral ceiling, bay & fireplace. Daylight basement & deck too! $419,000 (472ME)

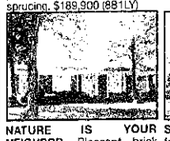
TREAT YOURSELF... To the cleanest house in Canton! Glowing hardwood floors, granite counters, fabulous finished basement, vaulted ceilings and a fenced yard with a custom deck overlooking a pond. Really nice. $279,900 (360TY)

NEAT AND CLEAN. Fantastic Bungalow in a great neighborhood with updates galore. Updated carpet, furnace, copper plumbing, electrical, windows and more. Appliances & fresh paint too. $114,900 (509EL)

IMMEDIATE OCCUPANCY!! Neat & clean condo backing to the woods w/neutral décor, soaring ceilings, skylights, appliances including the washer & dryer, large deck, Andersen windows, huge closets and low association dues. $114,900 (296SH)



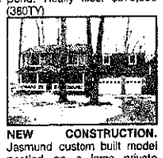
COUNTRY IN THE CITY. Enjoy a country setting with parks, shopping and expressways nearby. 5 bedrooms, 3.5 baths, an gorgeous maple kitchen w/ built ins, hardwood floors, updated baths and more. Better hurry! $199,900 (010SE)



NATURE IS YOUR NEIGHBOR. Pleasant brick colonial on a large private lot. Formal dining, hardwood floors & Berber carpet. Bright kitchen and great location with Northville schools make this an outstanding value. $269,900 (174EM)

SIMPLY SPLENDID. Looking for the comfort of a 1st floor Master Suite? Here it is. 4 bedroom, 3 bath Cape Cod in Woods of Edendarry. Grand staircase, formal living plus a family room & gourmet kitchen. Prime location in Northville. $678,500 (199ST)

SPECTACULAR VALUE. Perfectly situated estate w/ over 5000 sq. ft. of pure beauty & insightful design. Dual staircases, 3 frplcs, ext landscaping & all the luxuries you deserve. Just over an acre on a privately owned wooded park. $912,500 (640VA)



NEW CONSTRUCTION. Jasmund custom built model nestled on a large private wooded lot. Solid oak floors, recessed lights, wide country porch, egress windows and a huge bonus room. Luxury master and great South Lyon Schools! $375,000 (661WO)

FANTASTIC FIND. Over 1/2 acre wooded lot on a quiet cul-de-sac lies this 4 bedroom beauty. Newer Wallside windows, AC, large tool shed, original hardwood floors, wet plaster walls & coved ceilings. Oversized garage w/workshop. $159,900 (920BE)

BRIGHTON CONTEMPORARY. Beautiful open floor plan, 4 beds/2.5 baths, vaulted ceilings and lots of windows. Kitchen w/Pergo floor, 3-car garage and private lake access w/beach. Priced under appraisal at. $249,900 (081GR)

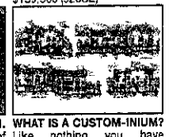
CONDO WITH CONVENIENCES! End unit with private entry & convenient parking. 1st floor laundry, eat in kitchen and separate dining room for more formal entertaining. Full basement, open floor plan and priced right! $129,900 (831AR)

55+COMMUNITY. Beautifully updated condo with 2 beds, 1.5 baths. Eat in kitchen plus formal dining, all updated big ticket items. Pool, clubhouse and many senior activities. Close to carport and parking. $134,900 (847NE)

NOVI'S OLDE ORCHARD. Desirable condo with 3 bedrooms and 1.5 baths. New laminate hardwood floors, carpeting, appliances, white kitchen cabinetry, large patio, clubhouse, pool and more. Close to freeways and malls. $141,500 (604OL)

BEST DEAL IN TOWN! Gorgeous townhouse style condo with new windows, doorwall, furnace, ac, remodeled baths, a partially finished basement, dining room, neutral décor, pool, clubhouse, and Northville schools! $99,900 (285JA)

CLOSE TO DOWNTOWN. Cute ranch less than a third of a mile from downtown Northville! Newer AC, carpet & interior paint. Newer porch, updated kitchen, windows & front door. Updated bath, full basement & the appls stay. $159,900 (334PE)



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COMMERCIAL PROPERTY. Great Canton location off of Michigan Ave. for easy access to the main roads. 2 lots with the building currently being used as a landscaping and excavating business. Zoned light industrial. $128,900 (258CO)

A WALK IN THE PARK. Carefree condo living bordering scenic Hines Park. 2 bedrooms, 2 full baths, spacious family room with a fireplace and a garage. Perfect for those looking for affordable living. $154,900 (731SY)

PLYMOUTH CAPE COD. X-large treed lot with an enormous master. Nice upgrades, central air, 1st floor laundry, 2 car garage, fenced yard & sought after schools. Updated windows & roof. Utility room & shed for extra storage. $182,500 (460BR)

JUST STARTING OUT? Affordable condo with a large floor plan with 2 beds & 2 full baths! Berber carpet, vertical blinds, new appliances, kit. w/ breakfast bar overlooks dining room. Very clean move in condition in the rear of the complex. $84,900 (662WO)

STROLL TO THE PARK. Updated ranch in downtown Plymouth with a beautifully remodeled kitchen & appliances, hardwood floors, paver patio & walk, updated furnace & ac, 2 car garage and a basement all on a treed and fenced lot. $229,900 (625SU)

BREATHE EASY. Take time to relax w/a maintenance free exterior, easy care landscaping, mature trees & family friendly neighborhood with many community activities. 3 beds, basement & garage. $244,900 (072GE)

IT'S PERFECT! Situated on 1.35 acres this 1999 built ranch offers 4 bdrms & 3ba. Brand new Cherry/Oak kitchen w/ appliances, Pergo & ceramic floors. 2 masters! Bay windows & 3 car garage. $244,900 (460KA)

AWESOME RANCH. Updates galore! New oak kitchen, new carpet, newer roof, new fixtures in 2 full baths, maintenance free exterior and fresh paint. Just move in and enjoy! $104900 (332PO)

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BRIGHTON $224,500
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GENOA $599,000
Custom Cape Cod on almost 12 acres w a pond and 24X36 pole barn! 3 fplcs, oak kitchen w/ceramic tile, walkout basement w/Florida room and hot tub. 3.5 car garage, central air and intercom. (OESLY67HAC) 248-437-4500

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Homes For Rent 4050

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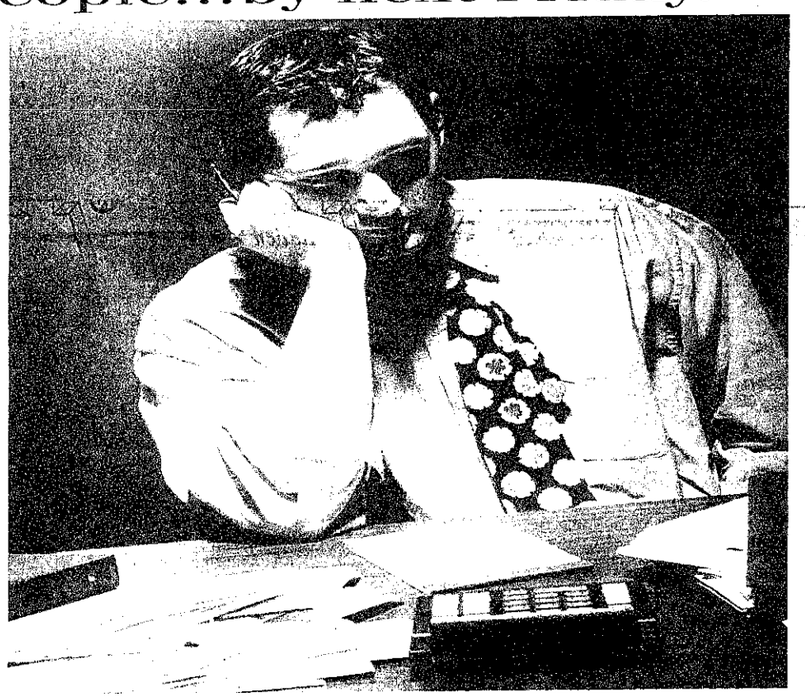

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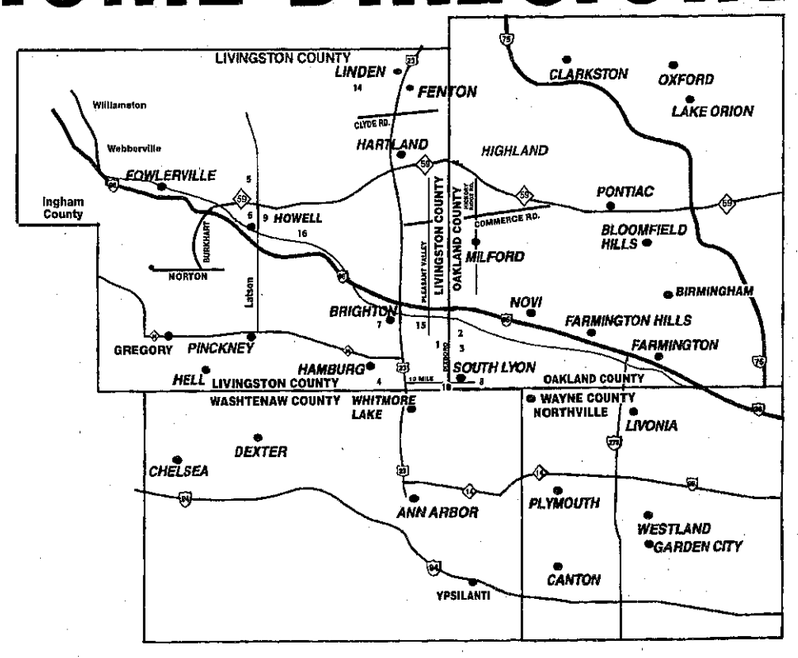

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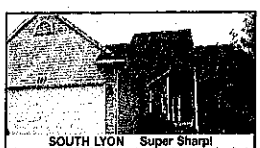

SOUTH LYON Super Sharp!
Spacious 2 BR, 3 BA condo. Great room w/vaulted ceilings. Kit w/oak cabs & ceramic floor. Third BR in Lt. w/tub jet tub. Upper loft. FFL. 2 car garage. Appliances. Close to schools and trails.
(F97VIL) 248-349-5600 $216,900

NORTHVILLE New Listing
Private yard with huge deck. Walk to downtown from this charming cape cod. This lovely home has been tastefully decorated T/O & features oak hardwood floors, a newer maple kit., updated baths & a 4 car gar.
(F50ORC) 248-349-5600 $370,000

PLYMOUTH Live Downtown
Historical 4 bdrm, 1.5 bath colonial w/all the modern updates. Hrdwd flrs t/o, lg fam rm w/brick frplc, part fin bsmt, open kit w/appls, lg fenced yard w/newer deck.
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FREEDOM TWP. Custom Built Home In 2000
20+ acres offers this wonderful 4 bdrm, 2.5 bath colonial w/3 car att gar, walk out bsmt, Gambrell barn, stone frplc in fam rm, cedar deck & panoramic views.
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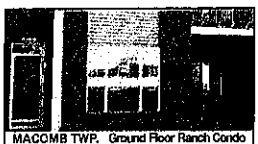
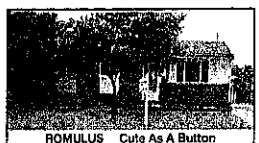
COMMERCE Lovely Home
You'll love coming home to this beauty. Elegant 3 bedrm. 2.5 bath w/1st flr MBR & 1st flr laundry. Stainless steel appliances. Lrg yard w/professional landscaping. Fireplace in LR. 2 car gar. & Full basement.
(F65COM) 248-349-5600 $300,000



MACOMB TWP. Ground Floor Ranch Condo
Newer w/2BR, 2 BA, 1 car att. gar. w/opener. Prime locale. Open flr plan w/upgrades. Neut. decor, C/A, FFL & LR w/frplc. Open kit w/maple cabs Appl. stay. Recess lighting. Low assoc. fees. Pool & fitness center.
(F20WAR) 248-349-5600 $164,900

LIVONIA You'd Better Hurry.
Super ranch home priced right-just listed. 3 BR, 1.5 BA w/full bsmt, 2 car gar w/opener. Fenced yard & close to shopping & xways. Fresh paint & carp. In LR. House roof shingles-03, much more. One year Home Warranty.
(F61OXB) 248-349-5600 $144,900



ROMULUS Cute As A Button
Come take a look at this updated ranch. 3 bdrm, 1 bath, part fin bsmt, newer windows, fenced yard. Very clean and not too far from freeways & shopping.
(F03WAL) 734-455-5600 $137,900

PLYMOUTH Private Treed Interior Lot In Ridgewood Hills!
Full front porch, hrdwd flrs in LR, DR, kit & lib. Kit new '03 w/Corian counter & sink, cherry cabs, formal DR w/newer Andersen bay window, fam rm w/frplc, 2 tiered deck, bsmt & 2.5 att gar.
(F66WOO) 734-455-5600 $381,500

NORTHVILLE Transferee Ready-Custom
Estate. Prem. cul-de-sac lot overlooks pond. Cust. upgrades T/O. Hdwd flrs, gorgeous tile backsplash, maple cabs., hearth rm w/2-way frpl. Custom landscape & deck. Full finished LL w/5th BR, bath & custom bar.
(F00WHI) 248-349-5600 $649,900

WESTLAND Quiet Neighborhood
2 BR, 2.5 BA condo. Freshly painted & carpeted. Newer appl. stay. Gas frplc in GR w/DW to deck from DR. Partially fenced backyard. Full bath in prof. fin. LL. Extra Room w/closet. 1 car garage.
(F09PHE) 248-349-5600 $149,900

LIVONIA Location! Location!
Cul-de-sac. Newer wood flrs, .5 BA, lead glass entry dr, doorwall, roof tear-off, gutters, kit. floor & counters. Huge 1st flr laundry could be library. Lrg. MBR suite, WIC & full bath. Bsmt w/glass blk. Huge deck.
(F53SHE) 248-349-5600 $339,900

CANTON New Construction Home
Elegant cape cod w/4 bdrm, 3.5 bath, 4 car att gar, 1st flr mstr w/sitting rm, lg WIC & bath w/corner garden tub, cath ceiling in open foyer & great rm. Kit w/granite tops. Time to pick cabinets + grand staircase.
(F02ROL) 734-455-5600 $768,000

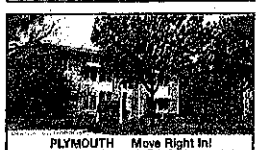
DEARBORN Desirable Dearborn Hills
3 bdrm brick broadfront bungalow w/full bath upl LR w/frplc, DR, fam rm, fin bsmt. Lovely yard w/covered deck. CA & 2 car gar.
(F46MER) 734-455-5600 $187,000

SOUTH LYON Centennial Farms 55+
Walkout ranch-Phase II 2 BR, 2 BA with ceramic foyer & kitchen. Florida room. Crown moldings, neutral decor, formal dining room and larger kitchen.
(F04LEX) 248-349-5600 $160,000

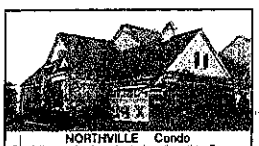
NORTHVILLE City Ranch
Sprawling ranch built into a hill to facilitate a wonderful W/O. Custom amenities include nat. stone frplc, lrge gourmet kit, hrdwd flrs. Wrap-around deck w/patio. Sunroom and much, much more.
(F45POT) 248-349-5600 $524,000

FARMINGTON Wonderful
4 BR, 2 BA home in popular Farmington Meadow Sub. Home boasts lots of updates: kit, baths, carpet, roof, furnace, C/A and HWH. Hardwoods under carpet on upper level. Fenced-in yard w/perennial garden.
(F30ROB) 248-349-5600 $224,900

DEARBORN Super Sharp Ranch
2 bdrm, 1 bath ranch, roomy liv rm, separate din rm w/Pergo flr, updated bath, newer kit flr, 2.5 c gar w/newer roof. Vinyl windows.
(F62DAR) 734-455-5600 $110,000



PLYMOUTH Move Right In!
Excellent location in Plymouth. This 2 bdrm condo has newer cpt, kit cabs, DR flooring & windows in LR. Lg private bsmt & more.
(F99SHE) 734-455-5600 $90,900



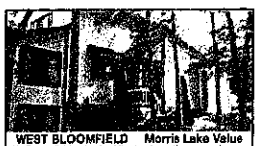
NORTHVILLE Condo
Exquisite masterpiece best describes this Tuscany inspired condo. Hickory kitchen offers Sub Zero frig Viking cook top, custom marble floor and backsplash, custom lighting. Finished lower level, Awesome.
(F44LOC) 248-349-5600 $499,900

NOVI Backs to Approx. 5 Acre Park
Rare Now offering in desirable birchwoods sub. Updates include roof-tear off-04, hrdwd in FR-99, fieldstone facade on frplc-97. Lrge Kit. w/breakfast area. 2 car side entry gar. Finished basement.
(F15BIR) 248-349-5600 $329,900

WIXOM Welcome Home.
Awesome cape cod features formal LR & DR w/bay windows. Two-story entry, GR & kit. offers hrdwd floors w/open floor plan. Spacious master suite w/master bath. Fin. walk-out w/4th BR. Two tiered deck.
(F69WAR) 248-349-5600 $369,900

LODI TWP. Country Club Living
Spacious 4 bdrm, 4.5 bath cape cod sitting on the 5th green, offers full bsmt, 3 c att gar, lg sto w/cathedral ceiling & elegant bath + 1st flr mstr ste w/Jacuzzi & double shower.
(F66HEA) 734-455-5600 $749,900

MELVINDALE Fantastic Buy
On this sharp 2 unit brick income property. Both units identical w/2 bdrms, LR, DR, kit & bath. Separate bsmts w/separate furnaces. Nice sized fenced yard.
(F81WOO) 734-455-5600 $139,900



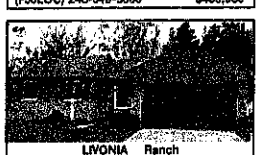
WEST BLOOMFIELD Morris Lake Value
W Bloomfield schools. Minutes from the conveniences of Orchard Lake road. 3 bedroom contemporary colonial w/att. gar. and finished bsmt. Brick paver driveway and extensions. 2 story GR w/cath. ceiling.
(F50LOC) 248-349-5600 $469,900

NOVI Fantastic 4 BR Colonial
Many updates including windows/doorwalls, carpet, kitchen & baths. Finished LL. Prof. landscaped. Newer lighting T/O, FFL, freshly painted interior & exterior. Best of all a sidewalk community. Truly a must see.
(F14BUC) 248-349-5600 $329,900

REDFORD One Hot Deal!
Great 3 bedroom brick ranch w/newer furn, HWT, roof & gar shingles, & windows. Hrdwd flrs under cpt. Lots of storage + fin bsmt., gar & att appls. Home Warranty. Needs a little TLC.
(F75DIX) 734-455-5600 $120,213

GARDEN CITY Updated Brick Ranch
This brick/vinyl home is waiting for you. Updates include: roof (tear off), furnace & CA, windows, kit cabs. Ply fin bsmt and nice sized lot offers in this 3 bdrm home. Appls Neg.
(F33BEL) 734-455-5600 $139,900

VAN BUREN Awesome Cape Cod
Elegance from the front door to the back yard, presenting 4 bdrms, 2.5 baths, 2 car att gar, bsmt ready for your custom finishing. DR, FR w/frplc & lib. Built in 2001 & ready for you.
(F32WAL) 734-455-5600 $299,999



LIVONIA Ranch
The open floor plan & finished basement make this 3 BR ranch w/2 car attached garage a great home. Updates inside & out. Appliances & home warranty included.
(F65NOR) 248-349-5600 $184,900

LIVONIA Updated Ranch
3 BR ranch features remodeled kit w/newer cab, counter tops & floor. Newer windows, air conditioning. All sitting on a large corner lot with a spacious 2 car garage. Ready to move in.
(F93INK) 248-349-5600 $114,900

GARDEN CITY Real Cute Cape Cod
3 bdrm home w/2 c gar, fam rm w/doorwall to deck, some appls. Some newer cpt & windows, formal din. rm, & a 1st flr laundry.
(F74BRO) 734-455-5600 $111,900

PLYMOUTH Woodlore South
4 bdrm home! Full brick elevation. Foyer w/curved staircase & hrdwd flr. GR w/2 story ceil, marble trim gas frplc, DR, LR w/bay window, French drs to lib, kit w/cherry cabs, mstr ste w/BA, 3 car att gar & bsmt.
(F99MAR) 734-455-5600 $539,900

PLYMOUTH Custom Build Dream House
Lovely 4 bdrm, 3.5 bath colonial w/3 car att gar, 2 frplcs, fin walk-out, fam rm, lib, mstr ste w/jetted tub, dual staircases w/2 story foyer.
(F74FOX) 734-455-5600 $575,000

PLYMOUTH TOWNSHIP Home
This newer gorgeous lrg custom 4 bdrm cape cod is perfect for your family. Privacy at the end of cul-de-sac. Great Plym-Canton schools and all of the activities that Plymouth has to offer. In-sub swimming pool.
(F83PLE) 248-349-5600 $454,900

WEST BLOOMFIELD Great Value
Beautiful 4 BR, 3.5 BA colonial. Granite, 42" maple cabinets, custom hardwood, finished basement w/bed, bath, kit & wooded cul-de-sac lot. 3 car garage. Great lot with plenty of room to play.
(F24MER) 248-349-5600 $619,900

PLYMOUTH Nestled In The Woods
Very private setting. 2 BR, 2 BA condo. Lg LR & DR w/corner frplc. FFL, 2 private store rooms in bsmt. Beautiful oak cab w/all appls to stay. Neutral decor. Deck overlooking beautiful setting.
(F49SYC) 734-455-5600 $147,900

GROSSE ILE Wonderful Colonial
Lg 4 bdrm, 2.5 bath home on wooded lot, offers mstr ste w/Jacuzzi tub & vaulted ceiling, formal liv rm, din rm, fam rm w/frplc, FFL, fin bsmt, 2 car att gar, sprinklers & brick patio.
(F82BAL) 734-455-5600 $334,900

LINCOLN PARK Great Location
4 bdrm, 2.5 bath w/eating in kit, hrdwd flrs under newer cpt, ceramic baths, newer roof & furn. Bdrms upstairs equipped w/sink & stove hookup. Fin bsmt & 2 car gar.
(F69GRE) 734-455-5600 $129,000

MILFORD Terrific Colonial
3 BR, 3.5 BA 1995 built colonial w/View of Huron River. Pergo flring in foyer, kit, hall & lav. Fin. bsmt w/full BA. Deck w/hot tub. Cathedral ceiling in FR w/gas frplc. Open kit w/spacious eating area & access to deck.
(F81RIV) 248-349-5600 $239,900

LIVONIA Most Wanted List
This hot new listing is located in the heart of Livonia and has just what you're looking for. Great floor plan with large LR. Updated kitchen, FR/DR, fin. bsmt w/fav. deck, fenced yard. Att. 2 car gar & it's move-in ready.
(F50MER) 248-349-5600 $174,900

WEST BLOOMFIELD Fabulous Colonial
Charming 4 bdrm, 2.5 bath colonial w/2 car att gar, fin bsmt, fam rm w/nat frplc & cathedral ceilings. Updated from top to bottom. Just move right in and enjoy.
(F36SIL) 734-455-5600 $329,900

CANTON Don't Miss This One!
New paint in this lovely 3 bdrm, 1.5 bath colonial condo. Kit has light cabs, pantry & breakfast bar. Spacious rms, din rm overlooking common area, lg bsmt & carport.
(F74FRA) 734-455-5600 $139,900

GARDEN CITY Cozy Ranch
3 bdrm, 2 full baths, mstr ste w/priv bath, WIC & sitting area, spacious kit w/ample storage t/o, breezeway, 2.5 car att gar, newer patio, vinyl siding, furn, elec, HWT & roof.
(F13KAT) 734-455-5600 $119,900

FARMINGTON HILLS Rare Find
1st time offering-3BR, 2 BA condo w/beautiful fin bsmt & att. gar. Hrdwd flrs, 6 panel drs & many extras. 1st flr laun. flowing floor plan. End unit w/wooded view will not last! Botsford Commons Condo a 50+ community.
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