

Pictured (left to right); North Farmington High School Scholar Atbletes; Kyte Goldman, Zachary Yost, Will Hathaway (Back), Christopher Doughty, Brad Stulberg (back), Steva Kahn (holding plague), Chris Cyrus (back), John Szymuslak (holding plague), Ashwin Raghu, Safet Cummuig), and NHSP Raider Coach Rich Burya.

# North Farmington High School players earn top scholastic honors

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School players exemplifying the lest in brains and brawn were saluted Tuesday evening at the bigh school and in a special presentation before the district team resentation before the district team of Education.

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# Time Warner raises rates for extended basic

y now, many of you have received your first 2003 bill from Time Warner and



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mium channels.

If you're not happy about
that, what can you do?
Unfortunately, very little. The
FCC deregulated cable rates in
1999, so cable companies can
charge whatever they like for the upper tiers of channels (anything above channel 23). Your city still regulates rates

for basic service, and we were able to require a dollar reduc-tion for that service. But, as you can see, that was more than compensated for by the

On Sept. 24, 2002, a bank

increase on the unregulated channels. The one bit of good news is that Disney, which was previously a pay channel, is now free on the Expanded Basic Service Tier.

Cable operators contend these increases are due to the increasingly high prices they pay for programs. From 2001 to 2002 program costs rose almost 12 percent with a comparable increase slated for this year. Sports program rights set the pace, For example, ESPN and ABC bid against each other for the NBA package which ended up at \$4.6 BILLION.

Since 2000, cable rates in Farmington, Farmington, Farmington Hills and Novi have increased 18 percent for Expanded Basic Service. The national average for this tier is \$33.75 for 59 channels (5.57 per channel). Our cost of 37.75 includes 77 channels (5.49 per channel).

The rate regulation process is cumbersome and costly. That's one of the reasons why Congress called for rate regulation to end in 1999, when it thought there would be effective competition that would regulate rates.

But that competition has not really occurred, In the past, we could file with the FCC on your behalf. But that's no longer an option.

Many believe that competi-tion is the answer. Yet there is very little cable competition across the country. In fact, no sery Jittle cable competition across the country. In fact, no market has two true cable companies. There are some markets providing cable. That's the case here in Metro Detroit where Wide Open West (WOW) now bolds franchises in what used to be Ameritech New Media cities. WOW just dropped rates in the cities they serve. However, they have made no indications that they will expand into other cities. We welcome competition through our non-exclusive contract with Time Warnet.

Competition is also available through satellite dishes. A few years back, then-President Bill Clitton signed a bill enabling satellite providers to supply local broadcast channels, but the service is available only in a landful of cities. Cable is still the only place you can get the Public, Education and dovernmental Access

Governmental Access channels.

Caren Collins is the Executive Director Caren Collins is the Executive Director of the Southwestern Dakshad Cable Commission. The next CAC meeting is 7 p.m., Tuesday, Feb. II at SWOCC Studios. The next SWOCC meeting is 4:30 p.m., Wednesday, Jan. 29 at Farmington City Hall.

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#### HILLS POLICE CITATIONS

robbery occurred at Comerica, Inside the Kroger, 11 Mile and

Officer Gary Lavin – citation; ficutenant Douglas Anderson, scargants Robert Burkart, Alan Soderlund and Charles Hubbard; officers Lawrence Fetherolf, Robert Tiderington, Scott Cronin, David Loe, James Knittel, Mark Mostek, Mare Haro, Paul Nicholus, Richard Wehby, sergeant Michael Turner, officers Thra Kane, Jeff Shade, Timothy Hamilton, Kurt Lawson, West Bloomfield Township Police Department officers, Randy Mince, Larry Lemerand, Novi Police Department—unit citation Inside the Kroger, 11 Mile and Middlebelt. Kroger bagger chased the robber, observed the escape venicle, and provided a descrip-tion and license plate number to officer Lavin.

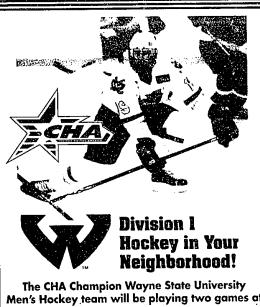
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Officer Lavin ran variations of the plate number utili found one that matched the the escape vehicle.

Acting on this information familiary in Italians and SONIC officers conducted a 28-four investigation/manhunt that resulted in the arrest of the perpetrator in Saginav.

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While on routine patrol, Oct.
11, 2002, officer Saad observed
a driver watching him as the vehicle rapidly left a gas station lot. A subsequent stop fine requipment violations and field interrogation resulted in arrest of false 1D. Search incident to arrest discovered stolen credit cards, belonging to a Detroit police officer, taken in an as yet undiscovered home invasion. His actions resulted in discovery of a home invasion that had just occurred, arrest of the perpetrator, and recovery of all stolen property.



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Saturday, February 1st

WSU vs. Niagara University

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