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Lake Placid or bust

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Melissa Bedell, 12, does a spin on the ice of the Novi Ice Arena. Bedell will be skating in the Junior Nationals in Lake



Paws with a Cause

Donna Hebel demonstrates to Deerfield Elementary how her PAWs dog Canon helps her around the house, allowing Hebel to use him to steady herself to her feet.

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### **SPORTS**

### Now that's an opener!

Talk about drama. The Novi Wildcats opened their home hockey schedule with a very dramatic victory in front of a very pepped up crowd.

They did so against U of D Jesuit, the fourth-ranked team in the state.

in the state.

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# **Interviews** Tues. for **DeRoche's** open seat

Members of Novi City Council hold an inquisition to find replacement

By Victoria Sadlocha STAFF WRITER

Twenty-four hours after State Rep.-Elect Craig DeRoche spends his last night as an official memher of the Novi City Council, interviews will begin to find his replacement.

Members of the Novi City

Council will hold the inquisition for DeRoche's replacement during a special city council meeting sched-uled for 7 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 19.

During the meeting, those inter-ested in representing the city's residents will have the chance to speak before

current memand answer any questions they may have.

Looking forward to being a part of DeRoche C. DeRoche



"I think this is the first time it (the departing member sitting in) has been done in Novi history, and I'm very much looking forward to it," DeRoche said.

The state representative-elect

said make no mistake, he will be asking some pretty tough questions to the group of potential replacements.

"I would like to have somebody that shares my philosophical base," he said.

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# Program will help incoming freshmen

Juniors and seniors mentor incoming ninthgraders starting 2003 school year

By Ramez Khuri STAFF WRITER

A new program, which will be implemented in fall 2003, will give more guidance to incoming freshmen at Novi High School. The program will help students transfer from the middle school to the high school and adjust more efficiently in the process.

"We think that that is a real asset to our program here and that it helps kids become acclimated and grounded at the high school," NHS Principal Jennifer Cheal "We really believe that we need to be doing more for the incoming freshmen in transitioning them. There is discussion that you could just do something in the summer or something in the spring of the eighth grade year, but I think it's really more valuable to have ongoing support for them as they are going through the transition as they come over here as freshmen early in their freshman career.

The goal, according to Cheal is to transition students again. They are transitioned from the middle school to the high school, but then the school is going to want to tran-sition them from the academic seminar into the permanent seminar when they are in grades 10, 11



# Ringing in the Holidays

■ More than 2,000 area residents rang in Christmas with a smile during city's annual holiday fest

By Victoria Sadlocha STAFF WRITER

Despite the below-freezing temperature, more than 2,000 area residents gathered in Novi's downtown to ring in the

the distribution of the shifter and a smile.

The enhanced annual holiday event held Dec. 5 titled "Ringing in the Holidays" featured new additions such as an artisans market, horse and carriage rides and an electric-light parade

The newly-added parade wowed spectators both young and old with illuminated floats and Christmas music by Novi's

high and middle school marching bands. Two of the crowd's favorite brilliantly shining floats were from the City of Novi

Forestry

Parks, Recreation and Forestry Department and Schoolcraft College, Schoolcraft College's Student Activities Department provided its brightly lit, whimsical entry featuring a snow-man encased in a holiday globe along with many Christmas treats including blaring carols and familiar faces such as the Grinch, Barney, Winnie the Pooh and Scooby Doo.

The city's float featured an impressive-ly decorated Parks, Recreation and Forestry Department aerial lift truck with stating "Happy Holidays from

Matt Wiktorowski, Novi's superintendent of parks, said more than 5,600 lights

covered the large vehicle.

The department's decorating team consisting of Steve Tillman, John Neff,
Chuck Fritz, Tim Zylka and Jeff Schefski
speat many hours of hard work preparing

Wiktorowski said the team used 12 strings of icicle lights, eight strings of multi-color lights, five cans of spray snow, 100 feet of ribbon, three power strips, seven extension cords, 12 18-foot sections of light roping, four hubcap

lights, two lighted snowmen, nine feet of garland, one lighted wreath, parking lights and strobes to pull the visual sensation off.

The Novi Police Department, Real Estate One, D.A.R.E., P.O.W. and M.I.A. of Michigan, the Novi Lions Club and The Novi Fire Department were some of the other parade participants lighting up Market and Main streets.

Representatives from area restaurants also lined the downtown streets passing out samples of their specialties to long

lines of hungry attendees.

Everything from Buffalo Wild Wings chicken to Red Lobster shrimp to Cottage Inn pizza to Guernsey Farms Dairy he fudge sauce sundaes were served with

leasure at no charge.

Keeping warm inside the Main Street atrium were revelers enjoying the arts and crafts fair, Girl Scouts bake sale and the

Kris Kringle Workshop.

The workshop offered children the opportunity to make a special gift for their loved ones and have it wrapped and tagged before they left.

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Charity

contest

Yancey, 4, puts

paper at Novi's

her crayon to

Dreams' color

ing contest last Thursday

store is open

iday season

and features

various local

educational

that we see, that kids need to be

involved in their school.
"That could take a lot of different forms." Cheal added, "We are going

to catch kids before they really star

goods from

during the hol

Sabrina

tore of

# DeRoche chooses legislative aide

■ State Rep.-Elect Craig DeRoche announces Republican and state advocate Andy Anuzis will take reins as legislative aide

District State Rep.-Elect Craig DeRoche announced long-time



e new year.

Known mostly for chairing to Livingston County epublican Party and serving as ne Livingston County lepublican Party and serving as the executive director of issue advocacy for the Michigan already hit the ground run-

ning.
"I'm happy he decided to come with me," DeRoche said. "He is already working on the district on his own time as a volunteer. We are off and running. Anuzis, 42, is excited too

"I think highly of Craig DeRoche," he said, "I think everyone views him as a rising star in Michigan politics, and I

**Police Report** 

A 39-year-old Fenton male was

last week, after a passerby alerted

a Novi officer of his existence on

the road. The officer was patrolling westbound on Interstate 96, west of Novi Road, at about 2

pulled up next to him and waived to get his attention. When the offi-cer looked over, the driver pointed

to a mini van a couple of cars

rested for drinking and driving

want to be part of the scene."

Antizis said his decision to join DeRoche's team was an easy one saying if you are a hockey player you want to play for the Red Wings right? Along with the chance of

olitics.
"It is really going to be a fas-cinating time," he said.
Among many influencing fac-tors. Anuzis included in his list is sworn into of reasons the exploding state office at the beginning of of the House and Senate.

new faces.

those leaving were either term-limited out or ran for open senate seats, What The University of Michigan-Dearborn graduate says will make the difference in

such a green environment is the

Novi Road. According to the report, the driver had slurred

speech and not only was he with-

out a drivers license, but he didn't

have any vehicle information either. The officer asked the man if

he had been drinking and the man-

poor performance on field sobri-ety tasks, the driver blew a .14 and

At the same time the above

was arrested by the officer.

a.m. on Dec. 4 when a motorist said he drank two beers. After a

As the officer approached the arrest was being made, a second vehicle, the van crossed into the Novi police officer arrested

He says it is the combination of DeRoche's local political experience plus already estab-lished reputation in Lansing and his own experience.

"I bring to the table 10 years of advocating," Anuzis said. "Really, the last 10 years I've been doing governmental affairs work in Lansing,"
The bulk of this experience

comes from serving eight years as executive vice president of the Associated Builders and Contractors before serving the past two years as the executive director of issue advocacy for the Michigan Chamber of

start date in Lansing.
Other relevant experience

tions office, chief of staff to Sen. George McManus (R-Traverse City), chair of the 8th District GOP, delegate for the Republican National

pen at the same time, but the 23-year-old Wixom female registered the same blood alcohol content

level as the above motorist. The officer was traveling eastbound on Grand River Avenue approaching Meadowbrook at about 2 a.m. on

Dec. 4 when he noticed a silver

Alero exit from a shopping plaza with a wide right torn, crossing the yellow line. The officer turned

around and caught up to the car and followed it for further obser-

think we will have a team in place that will get things going from day one."

What makes the future administrator so confident?

He says it is the combination

"You really are the chief cook and head bottle washer," he quipped. "In any given day you will handle legislative, constituent and administrative duties."

DeRoche said he asked Anuzis to join his team in November and Anuzis accepted

right away.
"I was happy we were able to strike a deal," DeRoche said.
The state representative-elect agrees the partnership is exactly what is needed to make things

happen.
"Andy's experience and reputation in Lansing is unmatched,' DeRoche said, "In a term limit-ed environment, he will be a great asset to get up and running

Others in the House agree. Commerce.

Anuzis will relinquish his chamber duties at the end of the year to prepare for his Jan. 2 start date in Lansing

The future legislative aide looks forward to his new undertaking and welcomes his new place as a member of the DeRoche team in the new year.

writer for the Novi News. She can be reached at (248) 349-1700, ext. 105 or at vsad-

and was arrested by the officer.

A Novi police officer was dis-

patched to the area of Nine Mile

Flying pumpkins

Interviews Tues. for Deroche's open seat

What that translates into is someone with a conservative view of prop-erty owner rights, low taxes and effi-

"I would be dissuppinted if the council selected somebody who does not share my views because the majority of voters elected me three years ago, and I think they should get

that continuous representation on the council bench," he said. And although the current council-man will have the opportunity to

"I would like to have a vote and I would prefer to have a vote, but I inderstand why I can't," DeRoche

be a qualified and registered elector—council meeting to focus his attention

of the city to be eligible for a seat on the Novi City Council.

She said anyone interested in inter-DeRoche beat Democrat Linda remo by more than 66 percent of the fill out an application for City Boards and Commissions form before the Oakland Commissions form before the special meeting.

The purpose of the form is to pro-

Basic questions are listed on the writer for the Novi News, She can form including criminal and educa- be reached at (248) 349-1700.

there was no damage to the mail-boxes and one plastic newspaper holder was slightly bent, but func-

tional. The officer found no other

Not the smartest

Applications are available at the section online at www.ci.novi.mi.us.
The clerk's office will accept com-

Cornelius said the clerk's depart-Michael Meyer.

Michael Meyer.

The city clerk said members of council are the sole judges of the qualifications of its members.

Novi City Councilman David screen the applicants, due to city rules he will not be able to cast a vote for a ticular person in mind, but did say he ticular person in mind, but did say he has a notion of what he is looking for in the potential interviewees.

November 2003 election.

Novi City Clerk Maryanne
Cometius said according to Section
5.1 of Novi's charter, a person must on his newly-elected position as state

Oakland County vote in November. He II take the place of State Rep.

tional background, personal qualifi-citions, work experience and com-sadiocha@ht.homecomm.net.

was issued by the Wayne County Airport Police for failure to appear on a registration violation charge. Novi Dispatchers con-

firmed the warrant as valid and

advised the officer someone from

# **Program** will help incoming freshmen

"That's part of that structure piece," Cheat said, "We are not sure how that's going to look yet. What time of the freshman year do we transition them into the new seminar and how do you transition them? You just don't have then show up one day. There has to be some kind of way that they connect with this new seminar, so we will

probably move them in groups.

Cheal said there are a lot of spinal pieces to put together, but they have the basic structure and outline; they know what they value and they know their goal. Now it's just a matter of putting the pieces together between now and the end of this school year.

The structure of this academic seminar will be the key to its success. It will group the students as all freshmen in a seminar. For example, a teacher would have 20 stu-dents assigned to him or her, and also assigned to this one seminar would be two or three junior and or enior students who will be trained in leadership training and leader-ship academies during the summer The junior and senior mentors will help design the curriculum and implement it for the freshman. The way it is now, our coun-

selors give a tour of the building to the freshmen," Cheal said, "it makes a lot more sense for the jun-iors and seniors to do it because they can give them the tour and do a nice job of that."

nd policies and procedures and

junior or senior do it kind of like a big brother or sister do it," Cheal said, "It's really a caring person who has been trained and is inter-ested in working with younger stu-dents. We get frustrated sometimes a lot of self-assessment and goalat their behavior in the lunchroom, but we never have taken the oppor-

walk through the lauch line, how to need extra help academically? How are you going to use seminar time effectively? How are you going to ask a teacher for extra help? How slide the eard, how to recycle your tray. We assume that they are going to pick that up from watching other kids. Sometimes that's positive role modeling and sometimes it's not, so this way we are guaranteeing posi-tive role modeling by upperclassdo you determine in your own mind what is the extra help that you need? When you communicate that to the teacher, do you do it effecmen they are going to see every day in the school." tively and efficiently so the teacher knows exactly how to help you?

knows exactly how to help you?
"We can do some self-assessment, some goal-setting and some According to Cheal, one of the content areas that the high school wants to cover with the students is

next year with the same procedures

because we will have this whole group of junior and senior mentors

who have been trained and the staff

with freshmen in this particular

s support their academics efficiently, check said. "Upperclassmen are doing that, but it takes a longer time to fearn how to do it on their own. We are going teach all 500 of them

There will have to be an ongoing form of training sessions where members can sit down and have one thing, but the other piece is the transition from eighth to minth grade. Cleal believes the school can do a better job in meetings think it's very important for kids to

volunteering who want to work there be next fall for those students?

cation look like? What will the

training be like in the summer? How are we going to structure that? And What kind of follow up will

struggling to the point they fall behind both academically and behaviorally, getting them involved in clubs and activities, having a net work, a teacher and having two o

"As this school gets larger, we think it's very important for kids to feel here and we think that this is an

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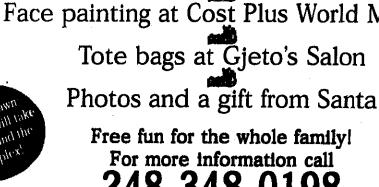
in skiers. Demonstrate proper stretching techniques for

muscles important in skiing. Demonstrate proper exercises to strengthen key muscles used for skiing.

The class will be taught by Frank Kava, P.T., Director of Oakland Physical Therapy, and Jefferey Michaelson, M.D., Director of Orthopedics and Sports Medicine for Providence Hospital. Both instructors are avid skiers.

There is no charge for this class, however, space is limited and we do require a RSVP if you plan to





includes serving as director of the senate majority communica-

He explained the majority of Republican National Convention serving George Bush in 2000 and a staffer for then Sen. Dick Posthumus, As legislative aide for DeRoche, Anuzis will balance

ability to accomplish tasks and goals.

"What I think is important, is you really need experienced people to hit the ground running from day one." Anuzis said. "I

Anuzis currently resides in Brighton with his wife, three

Victoria Sudiocha is a staf.

city elerk's office and under the forms pleted applications until the day of

Mainly, Landry said he is looking Said.

The person chosen for the vacated council.

The newly-appointed member is

vide the mayor and council members in at the beginning of the new year.

how to sign in and out a seminar.
"It kind of makes sense to have a dated September 2002. After stopping the truck, the officer learned the 36-year-old driver from

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# Ringing in the Holidays



Santa gets an ear-ful from Rebecca Konkus, 8, after Thursday evening's Novi Holiday Parade in the MainStreet area.

Continued from front

Attendee Lynn Berg stood nearby while her two daughters, S-year-old Walsh, City of Novi commander. "About 300 kids made crafts and the same amount saw Santa for free."

Attendee Lynn Berg stood nearby while her two daughters, S-year-old Walsh, City of Novi commander. "After the jolly of sole make no mistake, earlied homemate grate opportunities for fun, the artival of Santa Claus was the number one reason chill."

Attendee Lynn Berg stood nearby while her two daughters, S-year-old Kaitfyn and 7-year-old homemate grat opportunitig for the kids to meet Santa."

After the jolly of sole made his sarrival into the chilatent of the chill-was and look forward to future years.

"We were extremely happy, with the chanacements to this year's holiday event and look forward to future years.

"We were extremely happy, Walsh said. "It was a great community event."

And make no mistake, the homedad in snowsults waited wide-eyed with anticipation.

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Organizers and attendees.

We have had nothing but with the chlancements to this year's holiday event and look forward to future y



A float goes down Novi's MainStreet during last Thursday's holiday parade



Novi Middle School students sing a few Christmas caroles during last Thursday evening's Novi Holiday Parade. The group includes (second from left) Jayme Barton and Morgan Constas.

"We were extremely happy. It was a great community event. We have had nothing but positive comments."

> Sheryi Walsh City of Novi community relations manager

■ Members of the Novi Fire Department compiled a list of fire

safety tips to make sure all Novi residents have a safe and happy holiday season and beyond

In response to numerous calls made by Novi residents asking questions about a number of cold weather and holiday related fire safety topics, the city's fire Christmas Trees. department has compiled a list of tips every homeowner should

Novi Fire Chief Art Lenaghan Novi Fire United Art Lenagnan said the department has been getting many calls about everything from lights to pipes to disposing of holiday wrapping paper and before putting the tree in a second control of the property of

and a Happy New Year,". Lenaghan said.

To accomplish this task, mem-

Christmas Trees

 When purchasing a tree, buy one that has been recently cut . A family outing to cut down a Another way to avoid shock is to check all sockets for cracks and

stand, make a fresh angled cut 2 "We want everybody to have a inches from the original cut • Water the tree at least once

you are not at home

 ture level
 Keep the tree away from all Never leave lights on when

for at least 10 to 15 minutes and Extended use of lights dries watch for smoke or melting

• Use lights on natural or plas-

out trees

• When taking down your tree, • For metal trees, use a color

Novi Fire Department promotes Winter time safety

 When needles begin to fall, use this as a guide the tree is drying out and should be discarded. wheel or indirect lighting

• Follow the maker's instructions on the number of strings that may be hooked together · Use UL-listed canioment

### When hanging, make sure ples are not punched in the light Christmas Lighting Prior to putting up Christmas — cord by staples or nails lights, take a few minutes to check

cracked or bare wires

broken pieces

The prongs on a plug should remain fixed and not wobble in a fireplace or wood stove.

Place corper in a metal · Place paper in a metal con-

. To prevent a circuit box fire. the lines before hanging
• To avoid shock, replace or dis-card the cord if any plastic inserts are missing or broken

Gift Wrapping and Boxes use an appropriate extension cord

## · Always dispose of wrapping

To check prongs, push prongs

 a connector five times
 Check the entire cord for cracked or bare wires
 begas strictly away from infants Plug lights into a connector

### Candle Safety

• Never use candles on a tree or place near an evergreen tree . Make sure candles are mount ed in a secure and nonflammable base that will not tip easily

Never leave a candle mattended or burn candles where

small children may reach them

### Smake Detectors

· Frequently check smoke detectors to ensure sufficient warning of impending danger • Plan and practice a fire escape

Space Heaters

used are UL-listed

• Do not place a space heater by

couches and Christmas trees

· Holidays bring cold water which may cause frozen pipes

To avoid freezing, allow water
to drip slightly from faucets

If frozen, UL-listed electrical

heating units designed for thaw-ing should be used if possible • If a thawing unit is not available, try heating pipes with a handheld hair dryer . Live flame devices for thaw

Victoria Sadlocha is a staff Remember, guests may be unfamiliar with safety routes of a strange house in an emergency

1700, ext. 105 or at usad-table strange house in an emergency

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# Library Lines

### Novi Public Library

The Novi Public Library is open Monday-Thursday, 10 a.m. to 9 p.m.; Friday-Saturday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.; and Sunday, 1-5 p.m. We are located at 45245 W. 10 Mile Road, just cast of Taft. For more information, call (248) 349-0720.

## Story Time notes

Registration for Winter Story Times runs through December 28.

Winter Story Times start January 13. Internet training

Brochures describing our Winter 2003 Internet classes are now available at the library. Please register for all Internet classes in advance by calling the

### Christmas holiday hours

The library will be closed Tuesday, Dec. 24, and Wednesday, Dec. 25, for the



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# Is it a bird? Is it a plane? No, she's a championship skater

Skating Club of Novi member this is the first competition.

Taking the ice with Melissa will be 1-byear-old Russly Kelly from the 1-byear-old Russly Kelly from the Amn Arbor Figure Skaring Club.

Stronger pair.

Melissa said she is ready and excited for the trip.

The petite skater spends many Melissa Bedell heads to U.S. Junior Figure Skating Championship

By Victoria Sadlocha

is high as she does above the ice. Placid in search of a championship

The 12-year-old taixe-like skater akes Regionals competition, qual-Kelly, Melissa was in a death spiral, flying the duo for the trip to New

pair will compete against 36 other into Melissa's two-minute program air teams at the juvenile level in he 2003 U.S. Junior Figure Skating hampionships held Dec. 10-14 include three double jumps, a pairs spin, a side-by-side spin, footwork and two different types of lifts. "It is an honor for the club to be represented," said Tammy Hombirg Melissa said, "The throw axle is Lipiak, Novi lee Arena ligure skat-ing director. Sort of seary."

One of the duo's most attention

Ing director.

Hombing said Melissa is the first member of Novi's skating club to go on to Junior Nationals.

The trip is also a first for Melissa.

"I've gone there in the summer "Modissa's title foot of the duty is mass amonomal than the first from Kelly's arms, through the air and rotating one-and-a-half times across the ice.

"They gone there in the summer "Modissa's title foot of the duty is mass amonomal."

twice and this will be the first time. Hombirg said, "Melissa's little feet o the winter," she said. Melissa's mother Debbie Bedell

clarified the other two Lake Placid visits were for skating clinics, but Kelly are very strong singles skaters, making them an even

By Victoria Sadlocha

offering an answer to the frequently

mumbled question - Moni, I'm ored. What can I do?

During the holiday break, the

city-owned arena will be offering a number of classes and activities for

Novi skaters of all ages and ability

include Sticks and Pucks and Skate

Sticks and Pucks will take place from 3 to 4:20 p.m. on Dec. 23, 26, 27 and 30 and Jan. 2 and 3.

The program geared toward the hockey lover, will utilize open ice

ime to give players the opportunity to work on skating, puck handling,

passing and shooting skills.

Novi fee Arena General Manager
Deb Grace said there are a couple of
N

tressed requirements for the pro-

allowed and they (skaters) must wear full equipment, she said.

Grace said the program is a great

pportunity for skaters to work on

Two of the highlighted programs good time.

igo.

Melissa had made the decision to

not without the attention of coaches

skating.
Hombirg explained because of Melissa's small frame, she was a perfect target for pairs recruitment. Melissa made the plunge into the world of pair teams skating because she thought it seemed fun. "My friend from regionals did Debbie said.

pairs and said it was a lot of fun and that I should try it," she said. And fun it is.
The first day of practice with

"She seemed to have loved it Other mesmerizing tricks thrown "The lifts are a lot of fun,"

nearly clear the boards." Hombirg said both Melissa and

Holiday on ice at Novi Ice Arena

may have, Admission will be \$5 for all play-

And for those who may not have

. Neither holiday skate program

tequires pre-registration, but only the first 26 skaters arriving at the sared will be eligible for the Sticks and Pucks program.

Beginning soon is the Winter sested, 22.

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Grace said the arena has held a up fast.

answer any questions the skaters open skating and skate rental along

hockey on the brain, Skate with Santa offers a more light and selesurely opportunity for holiday fun.

Novi tee Arena Figure Skating Proportion of Tammy Hombirg Liptak suggests all participants of the session should register before attending the open house because classes fill

Skate with Santa program for the last several years and it is always a good time. Liptak said the classes are great for all ages and said the session is ideal for "anyone who just wants to

"They (the skaters) get candy skate for fun and recreation, skater

canes and all that good Santa stuff.

Grace said.

wanting to play hockey to get a head start on skatting skills or skaters Grace said.

Santa will be laced up in skates

Santa will be laced up in skates

wishing to someday figure skate

and on the ice from 3 to 4:50 p.m.
Dec. 21 and 22.

Organizers said admission is \$4for Novi residents and \$5 for nongram begins Sunday, Dec. 15.

Skate rental will be available for and classes will be available

Two holiday programs make for Christmas fun

Dec. 21 and 22.

gram, an experienced backey skater—a.m. reached at (248) 349-17 will be on the ice at all times to — The open house will offer free —or at vsadlocha@ht.hom

residents.

Remarkably, the dynamic, win-ing couple made the decision to kate together less than five months

The power same species may be used to the ice prepar-ing, including about eight hours or week on freestyle, eight hours on pairs, a couple of hours in ballet and about four hours each week on off-

focus on pairs skating about four months prior to the pairing. Before that she skated solo, but solo training at the Novi Ice Arena with her coaches Paige Petty, wanting to recruit her into pairs. Theresa McKendry and Liptak In Ann Arbor, she trains with he

> All of this means a family decimany hours in the car for Debbie "I spend a good two hours a day the car with just Melissa,"

She and her husband, Mark have two other sons, Eric and Mike, keeping them very busy. Debbie, Mark and Eric will also

make the trip to Lake Placid. have a short break until about Jan. 4

waiting for the phone call when they are finished to see how they've done. If it was closer to home, we would all be in the stands."

For results or more information

about the competition, visit www.lakeplacidskating.com.

for the Novi News. She can be reached at (248) 349-1700, ext. 105

with on-lee evaluations from instructors to place skaters in the

proper class.

Novi Ice Arena Figure Skating

Regular sessions will begin Jan.

Tuesday and Thursday mornings Friday early afternoons

Friday early afternoons, Wednesdays after school and

For additional information, call

# Fun facts about 12-year-old ■ She began skating five years ago in her hometown of Her favorite skaters are Kurt Browning and Scott Hamilton "because they are funny andfun to watch Her favorite female skater is 2002 Olympic Gold Medalist

Melissa Bedell, 12, does a spin on the ice of the Novi (ce Arena, Bedell will be skating

reopen Thursday, Dec. 26.

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payments are due without penalty on or before Feb. 14, 2003, if pay-ments are not received in the Treasury Department by the due date, a 4-percent penalty will be

Winter property taxes

Novi, "People have an inherent desire to help during these terrible situations, and Amber Alerts give

literally thousands of people the

Amber Alert is a notification system coordinated between law enforcement agencies, the Michigan State Police and broad-

casters to locate abducted chil-dren as quickly as possible. Radio and television stations vol-

unteer to broadcast license plate

numbers and descriptions of an

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Michigan Association of

City of Novi Attorney Gerald Fisher would like to remind all residents the mayor is not permitted to waive interest and penalties

> Buy <u>Your</u> Pool Table,

House Bill 6444 requires the Michigan State Police to establish a plan to disseminate information to the media upon police of a media regarding an Ambera Alexa.

"Simply getting the word out is so critical during the first 24 hours of an abduction," said Cassis, R-Novi. "People have an inherent Oakland County will receive additional state funding for accel-

opportunity to help bring a child home safely." Michigan's participation in the legislation, Michigan's current Amber Alert system system coordinated between law would be facilitated by state law. "It's a concerted effort to make sure a valuable and proven child 2013. Remonumentation is the ment safety initiative is available for generations," Cassis said.

The Michigan State Police and

House committee approves Amber Alert bills

Broadcasters support the bills. The legislation now goes to the full House for consideration.

gram would be reimbursed legislation currently in Congress.

The legislation seeks to help state programs increase coverage areas, improve communication and provide funding. To ensure

House Bill 6490, introduced by expedite the remonumentation

Wednesday by the state House.

House Bill 6490, introduced by state Rep. Naucy Cassis, will accelerate the reimbursement for the months to complete when the mandate ends in 2013.

Without the increase, the statutory "We have responsibly ensured that all countries get the funding the formulation will be complete on schedule without the fee change, according to the state. "We have responsibly ensured that all countries get the funding the funding that the formulation will be complete on schedule without the fee change, according to the state. counties that work to complete remonumentation efforts ahead of deadline could not be met. the state-mandated deadline of

residents from needless lawsuits."

Cassis introduced the amend-2013. Remonumentation is the process of setting up corners and Oakland County and other counties that are expediting the process. Under the amendment,

boundary lines.

"Oakland County has taken the can use up to 50 percent of their

initiative to complete this daunting task and deserves full and unfettered reimbursement, said burse themselves. Oakland County has used some of its gen-Cassis, R-Novi. "The county is eral fund money to accelerate the

pleting remonumentation, but only about 25 percent to 30 per-cent of the state hus been remonu-mented. It is unlikely that remon-

that all counties get the funding they need, 'Cassis said, 'The bill gives counties added incentive to finish the program on time, which ultimately will help end sometimes bitter and costly land diserty owners have become common due to unclear and disputed boundary lines.

Counties in the process of accelerating their remonunmentation programs

Counties in the process of accelerating their remonunmentation programs

HB 6490 now goes to the School of Counties in the process of accelerating their remonunmentation programs

## Novi City Briefs

■ Cassis brings

officials to testify

Abducted and endangered chil-

under important legislation approved today by the House Family and Children Services

fied before the panel to lobby for

her measure that ensures the future of the state's voluntary

Amber Alert system, Cassis also brought Deputy Police Chief Al

Rasmussin and Sgt. David Molloy, of the Novi Police Department, and Robin Trumbull,

of Amber Alert of Michigan, to

Novi police

City meetings

The following meetings will take place next week: Novi City Council, 6:30 p.m. Monday, Dec. 16

Novi Planning Commission,
7:30 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 18
Novi Parks & Recreation,

7:30 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 19 Novi Historical Commiss
7:30 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 19 Novi City Council Vacancy Interviews, 7 p.m. Thursday, Dec

### City offices closed

center and the Novi Public Library will be closed Tuesday, Dec. 24 and Wednesday, Dec. 25 in obser vance of the Christmas holiday. All city offices and buildings will

Holistic Health Services Northville

Reki Masler/Karuna III Prac Individual and Group Yego Closs

will close once again Tuesday, Dec. 31 and Thursday, Jan. 1 in observance of the New Year holiwith a 4-percent penalty, but beginning March 1 payments must be sent to the Oakland County day. All city offices and buildings will be reopen Thursday, Jan. 2. Treasurer's Office.

# City of Novi 2002 winter property tax bills have been mailed. All

Mayor can't waive penalties

deduction on their 2002 income tax returns, Winter tax payments must be received by the city no latter than the end of the business

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cannot waive your taxes," Clark

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only \$7.50 or \$6.75 for senior owners. These prices will be offered through June 1. Beginning will be \$30 with the exception of Richard J. Clark has the ability to erase amounts owed, but it is just current rabies certificate in for Postmarks are not accepted. A drop box is available behind the not true. "I can marry you, but I processing when purchasing a

> Direct from <u>Our</u> Factory and Save Big! Nolverine.

The city of Novi Homeowner

Homeowner association breakfast

license. For more information, call (248) 347-0440.

Associations' Leader's Breakfast will be held Saturday, Jan. 25 from 9 to 11 a.m. in the Novi Civic Center. Heads of homeowner associations are invited to attend

the city council and city staff will address questions and concerns in a one-on-one format. In addition attendees will enjoy breakfast and guest speakers providing plenty of information to share with neigh-borhood homeowners. Gifts will also be given and much more, For more information, call (248) 347-0437.



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all year long. "From now until Christmas is the best savings we've ever had at Jeffrey Allen

Jewelers," said Orzech. It's a perfect opportunity to select an engagement ring. They have a tremendous selection in stock in any size to fit your budget from 25 point to three carat. Having been in the family business for years, Orzech searches for the highest quality diamonds. He prides himself on offering his customers the finest certified GIA and EGL diamonds for less. They're imported direct from Antwerp, the diamond capital of the world.

He's happy to guide you along with you engagement ring, he pointed out. buying experience, by explaining the four C's. important as clarity and color," he pointed tastes and styles, from the trendy to tradition

It's important that his customers feel comfortable about their purchase. Orzech the princess cut," he observed. Other shapes believes in each customer's value, whether it's remain popular including the Marquise, Oval a major purchase or merely a watchband They're always welcome.

same," he said. "I believe when a customer is est styles and trends. treated right, they'll come back. I'm looking for repeat business, not price gouging."

to enjoy the beauty of diamonds, he assures. to Orzech. How about a gift that reminds someone just



"From now until

Christmas is the best savings we've ever had at Jeffrey Allen Jewelers."

The three stone ring can also be used as an

When it comes to diamonds, Jeffrey "How well the stone is cut is just as Allen Jewelers carries cuts of stones to suit all

"What's hot right now is the round and tom made one of a kind creations made by the "No matter what the sale, I treat them the jeweler himself, and others represent the lat-

"White gold is very hot this season, as is platinum. Two tone white and yellow gold is "excellent" And you don't have to be newly engaged also a very trendy look this year," according

> equally stunning in bracelet settings as well. Not in the market for a diamond? How

about a dependable Citizen or Tissot watch? There's also a dazzling array of gold bracelets filling one case and another display full of gold chains; Either would make a delightful present for under the tree. Birthstone earrings and rings can add a burst of color with rubies,

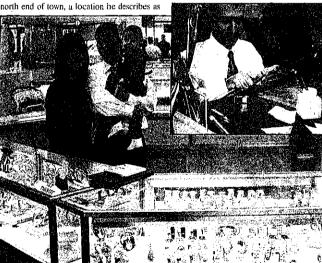
"They make a beautiful gift at an afford-

And if you don't see what your heart porary lines. Inside the glass and mirrored

Jeffrey Allen Jewelers has been serving located in the beautiful Mill Pond Area on the also available.

one's holiday, says owner, Jeffrey Allen Jewelers also carries a three diamond pendant happy to custom design any piece to your and laying out the stylish display cases. You're assured that Jeffrey Allen Jewelers

will care for your jewelry with their in store the Milford area for three years. It's a small repair facility. Repairs are made on site by town business, one that felt immediately like one of two jewelers. They handle everything home once they opened their doors. They're from A to Z, and start to finish. Appraisals are



With the new and improved downtown, Jeffrey Allen Jewelers is just a stroll away jeweler if you have any concerns." Don't forget diamond earrings in any size from restaurants and other fun community from subtle to heart stopping. Diamonds are events. You can enjoy a taste of the elegant hours to allow customers to take advantage of jewelry as you pass by the store with their holiday shopping and great pricing. They're

> designs on display are Orzech's one of a kind they're open 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Sunday originals. It's a skill that's been passed on from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. They're no better time through his family. His wife, Sara's input on to visit their elegant showroom at 525 Main style is also extremely helpful. The couple Street Suite 230 in downtown Milford. Call frequently takes purchasing trips together to (248) 684-4483. Master Card, Visa and cash

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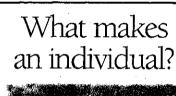
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## Calendar of Events

### Cakland Livingston Human Service Agency "Adopt-A-Family (Senior)"

DATE:December 9-December DETAILS: This project is to

provide dinner and possibly a Christmas present for lowincome seniors who would not have a lappy holiday without your support. Hems needed are: small turkeys, stewing chickens small bams, canned goods, toys, clothing or gift certificates. Nonperishable items are preferred. nowever, any contributions would

be greatly appreciated. PHONE: For more information about where to defiver food items, please contact Joyce Allen at 248-209-2644 from 8 a.m.-4 o.m., Monday thru Friday. If not there, please leave a voice mes-

### Mentors Plus Training/Grientation DATES: Saturday, December Saturday, January 18.

TIMES: 9 a.m. LOCATION: Oakland County Courthouse, 1200 N. Telegraph

DETAILS: As a Mentors Plus olunteer, only a few hours o your time each month will help a oung person in your commu . Be a positive adult role model r Someone 5 to 16 years old, PHONE: Oakland County Youth Assistance, 248-858-0041.

### Senior Book Club

DATE: December 12 TIME: 12:30 p.m.-1:30 p.m. LOCATION: Novi Public

nary DETAILS: Keep your mind active book discussion PHONE: 248-347-042 F

Plymouth Community Chorus 29th nual Christmas Concert "Sing

DATE: Friday, December 13, Saturday, December 14, and Sunday, December 15. TIMES: Friday/Saturday-8

o.m., Sunday-4 p.m. LOCATION: Northville High School, 457 Six Mile, Northville DETAILS: Tickets are \$12 and available at Sideways, 505 Forest Ave., Plymouth, Evola Music Center, 7170 Haggerty Rd., Canton, Edwards' Caterer, 116 Dunlop, Northville, or by calling 734-455-4080.

### City of Novi Holiday Happenings DATE: Saturday, December 14 TIME: 10 a.m.- 3 p.m. LOCATION: Novi Civic

Center, 10 Mile Rd., DETAILS:Ages 4-8 years, \$32/resident, \$38.40 non-resident., Santa's helpers will assis your youngsters at various age-appropriate stations where they will make crafts, play games and make vummy treats. Kids should bring a bag lunch and wear ten-

PHONE: Please call to see if there are openings, Novi Parks and Recreation-248-347-0400.

### Novi Concert Band Hollday Concert DATE: Sunday, December 15 TIME: 7:30 p.m. LOCATION: Novi Civic

Center, 10 Mile (between Novi Rd. and Taft Rd.) DETAILS: Free concert,

Revolution Christmas Tea DATE: Monday, December 16 TIME: 1 p.m. LOCATION: Greenmead, Hill House, Livonia. DETAILS: All DAR members

& potential members are wel-come. Program will be Michigan One Room Schools.

PHONE: For more information

Afternoon Tea DATE: Monday, December 16 TIME: 2:30 p.m.-3:30 p.m. LOCATION: Novì Senior

Center DETAILS: Join us for tea. cookies, polite conversation and dignified music. PHONE: 248-347-0414.

## Novi Library Bookmobile

LOCATION: Novi Senior Center, 25075 Meadowbrook, PHONE: (248) 347-0421, Mon.-Fri. 9-4 p.m.

### Women of the Northville Moose-Chapter #2226 Christmas Activity DATE: Thursday, December

TIME: 6:30 p.m DETAILS: All eighty residents of the Whitehall Nursing Home in Novi will be receiving a personalized gift donated by the

## Lakes Area Chamber of Commerce

membership luncheon DATE: Tuesday, January 21,

LOCATION: El Dorado Country Club, 2869 N. Pontiac Trail, Commerce Twp. TIME: 11:30 a.m-reception, noon-lunch.
DETAILS: This is the annual

membership luncheon, installation of officers and awards presentation.
PHONE: Chamber office, 248-624-2826.

DATE: Tuesday, Jan. 21

audition for the nuteracker through my dance studio last year, but I had already missed it," Bateman said. "This year audi-

tions were going on again at Marygrove College." Bateman will hold a trumpet

Bateman will hold a trumpet during the play. "I auditioned and I made it," she said. "I was very

excited. The auditions weren't that hard. I love to dance, so this was a good opportunity to work with professional dancers and get

some experience because I want

TIME: 7:30 p.m. LOCATION: 5th Avenue Ballroom, 25750 Novi Road,

PHONE: Call (517) 552-0673

Lakes Area Chamber of Commerce

"Heart of the Lakes Mystery Gala" DATE: Saturday, February 1,

Country Club, 2869 N. Pontiac Trail, Commerce Twp. TIME: 7 p.m. DETAILS: Tickets are \$35 per

person. Buffet dinner, cash bar,

Benefit to Cardiac Care Program at Huron Valley-Sinai Hospital and Lakes Area Chamber of

ON-GOING

DATE: thru Dec. 31 LOCATION: Motorsports Halt

Motorsports Hall of Fame "Art of

of Fame, inside Novi Expo

Commerce's community and

624-2826.

Racing" Exhibit

after Labor Day

dancing, live and silent auctions.

LOCATION: El Dorado

DETAILS: Meet 10-15 nev people for five minutes each. It's fast-paced, fun and exciting! Preregistration is required. Cost is

> taught by Public Health Nurs Topics will include childbirth preparation, labor and delivery, care of the newborn baby, breas and caring for them when they are ill. Cost is \$25.00.

# Dakland County Health Division

breastfeeding support sessions
DATE: ongoing series
LOCATION: Oakland County
Health Division, 1010 East West Maple, Walled Lake. DETAILS: Information cov ered includes pumping, solving common problems associated PHONE: Chamber office, 248-

DATE: First and third Tuesdays of the month LOCATION: Novi Civic Center, 45175 W. Ten Mile, Novi TIME: 7-8:30 p.m. Center at I-96 and Novi Road. TIME: open 10 a.m.-5 p.m., seven days a week, 10 a.m.-5 p.m., Thursday thru Sundays DETAILS: \$4/adults, \$2.00/Seniors, \$2/children Special exhibit of original paint-

ings by noted motor racing artist, D.R. Shuck, Limited edition prints of many of the paintings are available for purchase in the Hall of Fame gift shop.

PHONE: (248) 349-7223

## Oakland County Health Division

**Expectant Parent Classes** DATE: ongoing series Health Division, 1010 East West Maple, Walled Lake

TIME: 7 p.m.-9 p.m. DETAILS: Classes will be feeding, bottle-feeding, information about keeping children safe PHONE: (248) 858-4003, or (888) 350-0900 ext. 84003

with breastfeeding, taking care of mom, growth and development of the breastfeeding infant including; growth spurts, starting

### solids, and weaning. PHONE; 248-858-4003 Or toll free, 1-888-350-0900, ext. 84003

DETAILS: Toastmasters will help you improve your communi-cation skills, voice your opinion. polish your presentations and practice leadership. PHONE: For more informa-

"Novi Needlers" Quilting Group DATE: Second and fourth Wednesdays of the month LOCATION: Novi Senior Center, 25075 Meadowbrook,

TIME: 10 a.m.-12 p.m.

# welcome. PHONE: 248-347-0414

New TOPS chapter in Novi DATES: Every Wednesday (no meeting-Dec. 25, 2002 and Jan, 1.2003) LOCATION: Meadowbrook Commons Activities Room, 25075 Meadowbrook Rd., Novi TIME: 1p.m. weigh in, 1:30

### DETAILS: \$20/yearly mcmbership registration, includes handbook, \$1/meeting. New members welcome

Madenna University course "The Magic of Music for the Stage"

DATE: Thursdays, beginning leaves: 0

January 9
TIME: noon-2 p.m.
LOCATION: Madonna University, 36600 Schoolcraft, Livonia, Kresge Hall. DETAILS: Course will be taught by mezzo-soprane Barbara Wiltsie, Associate professor, voice. Opportunities for solo, duct and ensemble performances vill be semi-staged at Kresge hall on campus. Non-credit fee is

PHONE: Contact Linette Popoff-Parks, music department chair at 734-432-5709 for more information

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# Two Novi High students will be featured in the Nutcracker Ballet

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a little bit of Novi flair, as two Novi fligh School students, 1th playing at the Detroit Opera

by the Detroit Opera

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a little bit of Novi flair, as two Novi fligh School students, 1th grader Lestic Bateman and 10th grader Lestic Bateman and 10th grader Mary Beth Miles, will be perform well. "I heard about the Miles also is enjoying herself, and you're just like, whoa."

All the other dancers are fantastic, nutcracker even came up to me and personally introduced himself been in recitals before, but noth the learning from them. The dress rehearsal was a little been in recitals before, but noth the lard, but it's fun. You're up there and you're just like, whoa."

Everybody is very nice and inspiring."



Marybeth Miles and Leslie Bateman at the Opera House.

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This is an arrazing experience," she said. "A couple of my friends from my dance studio were trying out and told me to try out with out and told me to try out with them. We went there and every-body from my dance studio made it. We had to do a marching step and I got selected and I had to learn a different step, which was know. It's kind of a stepping stone. The actor who plays the

much harder then the first."

Miles has been dancing competitively for five years. She started dancing when she was two years old, but then I took a break before starting back up five years

to dance professionally some time in my life. Opening night was Dec. 5. and It went really well and ago.
"I did the nuteracker at the Livonia Civic Ballet Company last year, but that was just local," Miles said. "I have never been in I had a lot of fun. I get to work with professionals and have such A big andience. The first night was kind of overwhelming because I something as major as this before.

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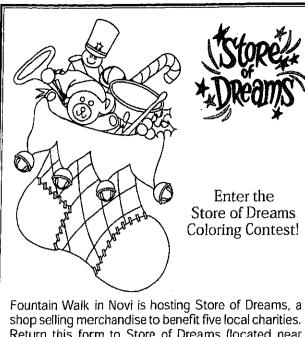
Mrs. Snow was born July 15,
1918 to Archie D. Kent and Elsie
Woodfulff of Navy.

She moved to Brighton in 1969
Irona Novi. She was a member of
Rebecca's of Novi, Novi Mothers
Club for 25 years and enjoyed
polfing and bowling.

Survivors include one daughter,
Shirley Jan Foor of Florida; three
sons, Dennis Snow of Brighton,
Lary D. Snow of Plaimwell, Mich.
and Lee Snow of Wixom; one sister, Thelma Cheeseman of
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# Novi collector's cars post record auction sales totals

No surprise there, the 70 cars from Kughn's collection on the block at the three-day event repre-sented nearly half of the \$5.63 million in sales. Two of Kughn's cars were among the top five money earners at the auction. His 1931 Chrysler CG Imperial Dual Cowl Phacton brought in \$190,000, white his 1941 Cadulfac Series 61

Packard Darrin convertible at \$255,000, a 132 Aubum boattail. wedster at \$150,000 and a '39.

A spokesman for RM Auctions ioted a record-setting 65.4 percent of the vehicles up for bid sold at his year's auction. Typically between 50 and 55 percent of the chicles brought to an auction sell.

vehicles cross the auction block, "As the numbers show," observed Rod Egan, COO of RM once pleased," was the reaction of noted car collector Richard Kughn to RM Auctions' annual auction at the Novi Expo Center last month. of the pre-war era." This year's auction nearly doubled the sales of last year's event, which saw \$3

Even post-war collector cars did well, A '57 Pontue Bonneville convertible sold for \$59,000. A '67 Corvette brought in \$69,500. And Kughn's '60 Edsel Ranger convertible, reputed to be the last of its Estate Wagon - the tast known example - sold for \$140,000. The other top five cars were a experts predicted.

Kughn's collection of Tucker parts and production drawings sold for \$29,500 to the Historic Auto Museum in Roscoe, II., which plans to display them separately rather than reassemble the vehicle.

Novi News. He can be reached at (248) 349-1700 est.108 or at plo-

# Catholic Central headed for next step in approval process

Officials for Detroit Catholic Planning Commission for the third time in just five weeks wenes at the Novi Civic Center Wednesday, Dec. 18.

This time the Basilian Fathers will be asking com-missioners to change the zon-ing on their 60-acre site along Wixom Road south of Grand River Avenue from light industrial and office to resi-

4th meeting they were finally able to convince commission members to change the mas-ter plan designation for the site, but not before two proposals falled get the two-

first meeting of the month, four small property owners who have homes along Wixom Road balked at the proposed changes, which they said

by the school and facing a shopping center, which would harm their property values. "I really want to protect these property owners very, very much, declated commis-sion member Gwen Markham. Her proposal to change the property's master plan designation to public use failed on a 5-3 vote, with Chairman Antonia Nagy, Larry Papp and

Lynne Paul dissenting.
"The number one issue." sald commission member Tim Shroyer, "is what do we need to do get DCC in Novi?" The 74-year-old private school wants to build a facili-

property to Detroit Catholic Central. While several commission members expressed concerns of what might happen to the property, if the school failed to follow through with it's the nabandoned projects for plans, the school's attorney, the site. Tom Ryan from Sylvan Lake, noted, "We filed our prelimi-nary site plan with the city today. We are going forward.

One of the four property owners who had earlier voiced objections. Richard Herbel, rushed down to the civic center after seeing the planning sion to announce, "I support Catholic Central being there." He added he thought sur-rounding his property with residential would be prefer-

date between 1,000 and 1,100

During the commission's dirist meeting of the month, our small property owners who have homes along Wixon property to Detroit Catholic City Planner Tim Schmitt noted that with the growth of local landowners Frank and Colleen Pellertto donated the Meadowbrook and Haggerty property to Detroit Catholic Corridors and the difficulties

Detroit Catholic Central didn't build a high school on the would have the least impact on the site, since it could be

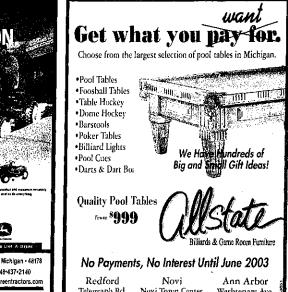
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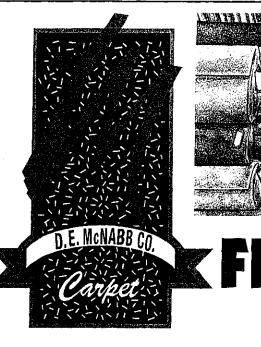
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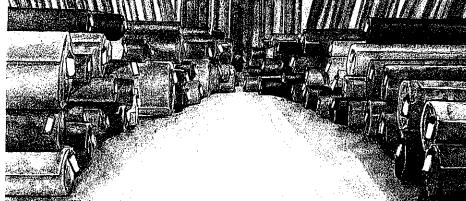




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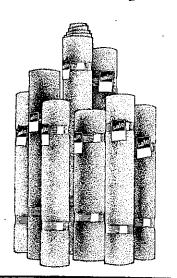
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students and what do you get? One really loud exhibition hall. Novi Expo Center's Exhibition Hall B rocked as more than 700 kids, ages 9 years to 14, from every corner of the state, including Walled Lake, squared off in the fourth annual FIRST LEGO League State Competition.

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League State Competition.

Walled Lake's team, the Eagles, staned one in 6th place, slipped to 9th in the second round and finished the day in 13th out of 64 teams. "The robot performed almost flawlessly," said Mark Rosen.

whose wife, Debbie, which are available in toy stores for around \$100. Debbie said that between the kit, entry fees and hiring a student surrence Tech to coach the concept the concept of the supportance of the coach the concept the supportance of the coach the concept of the supportance of the coach the concept of the supportance of the

petition and "I'm certainly sup-

mark noted, "They're playing \$700. "That's less than the cost with LEGOs (what's not to like there). They get to build a robot.

They get to put a motor on it. And More importantly, said Danny and More importantly, said Danny and More importantly. they get to compete. It's very McCarthy, one of the learn mem

While the team, made up from students from Oakley Park Elementary and Walnut Creek school science events lend to be Middle School, didn't take home team that didn't even exist until-

mid-September.
"We're rookies. We're just thrilled to be here" said Debbie. An optomitrist by trade, Debbie said she first became interested in robotics as an after school activity for her children three years ago through Dr. Chan-Jing Chung, who runs Robofest for Kids at Southfield's Lawrence Technological University, Chung introduced Debbie to the FIRST

LEGO League. FIRST LEGO League is a spin-off of FIRST (For Inspiration and tecognition of Science and Technology) which was created a decade ago by New Hampshire inventor and businessman Dean Kamen to promote interest in seience and technology among stu-dents. In the first competition

teams of high school students build robots and compete in completeing a complex task. Their season culminates with a national championship at Walt Disner World in Orlando, Flu.

General Motors Corpora has heavily supported the FIRST program from the beginning. It was joined by University of Detroit-Mercy as the primary sponors for the state competition They were joined by Ford Motor Company, Hewlett Packard, Novi Expo Center and Chrysler Automotive in putting on the

bers, "It's really fun. You get to

on the nerdy side, "This didn' a trophy made of bright yellow LEGOs, qualifying for the state tournament and placing 13th isn't a bad way to end the year for a trophy made of the state of the state of the was excited that her kids were "doing this instead of video games." Pointing to the poster boards the kids put togeth-er for the CitySights 2002 chal-lenge, she noted, "they'll walk away from this with a real under-

standing of problem solving."
"I'm very proud of these kids."
declared the team's coach, Andrey Shvartsman, an engineer-

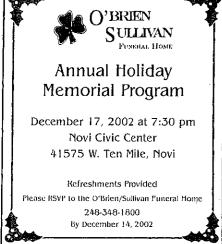
They never gave up."

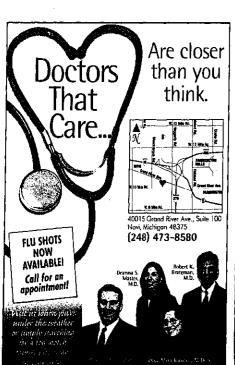
For more information on the FIRST LEGO League in Michigan visit its Web site at

the Novi News. He can be reached at (248) 349-1700, ext. 108 or at pfolev@ht.homecomm.net.



Matt Mueller (left) and Alex Rosner check in for the second round of competition at the LEGO League State







# Community senior citizens enjoy middle school holiday show

By Ramez Khuri STAFF WRITER

In the spirit of the holiday sea-son, the Rotary Club of Novi held its annual Senior Citizens son, the content band at Novi Middle School on Nov. 5. All senior citizens from the Novi community were invited to the event and those who came were treated to musical numbers by the middle concert school's advisor for the student council, has been working in the council, has been working in the council of the student council has been working in the council of the student council has been working in the council of the student council has been working in the council of the student council has been working in the council of the student council has been working in the council of the student council has been working in the council of the student council has been working in the council of the student council has been working in the council of the student council has been working in the council of the student council of t

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tion. However, there are others who are more mobile and come on their own. At the end of the

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tions they provide to us as well. It's a very well received pro-gram. The seniors really enjoy coming out and seeing the kids.

audience participation portion
and a hot turkey lunch. While
they were eating. Sonta Claus
and his helper even walked around the tables shaking hands.
"This has been going on for "Remarkably, many of the sen25 years now," said Barbara Hill,
tors have written some kind
chairperson of the Senior
Christmas Luncheon. "We usucouncil members and we shared

cil, Jenna McCarty, agreed with Cline. "This is just a nice thing for us to do for the senior citithat are able to come out."

The middle school sends for us to do for the senior citibuses to pick up the seniors who wish to take bus transportation to the seniors and greet them and to the seniors and greet them and it's just a nice thing for us to do to get in the spirit of Christmas."

Photo by John Heider nonstrates to Deerfield Elementary how her PAWs dog Canon helps her around the house, allow ing Hebel to use him to steady herself to her feet.

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# Deerfield gets lesson in leader dog education

Paws with a Cause spokeswoman visits elementary kids

To top off a week in which Deerfield Elementary taught chil-dren about different disabilities, Donna Hebel, who uses a leader dog from Paws with a Cause, made visit to the school with her dog,

helps her open doors, turn on light switches and refreee mostly any-thing that she drops on the floor. She also explained how Cannon pushes elevator buttons and picks

pushes elevation outcomes and picks up toys to be put away.

"Paws with a Cause is an organization which provides service dogs to help disabled people become independent," Hebel said. people. Those are people too, and they can be really cool, and they're human and they have a brain and they can think like them."

Hebel said that leader dogs are doing a job when they are out in the public with their masters. As such, doing a job when they are out in the hubic with their masters. As such, people should not pet them, at (248) 349-1700, ext. 110 or by ebecause it might distract the dogs

from doing that job. The dogs are also on strict diets, so they should not be fed from anyone but their

seizure dogs and leader dogs for the deaf and blind. They are all trained at the Paws with a Cause headquarters in Grand Rapids where they are matched up with the

Cannon is Hebel's second leader Cannon is Hebel's second leader dog. Her first one, Derek, who is also a chocolate lab, was retired after 11 years of serving her. Cannon is now about six years old. He was assigned to her after his first master passed away.

"With Cannon it's so hard because he's so friendly and he

because he's so friendly and he makes people want to pet him," Hebel said. "It worked out with him though, because I still have Derek at home and I used him to try ed. Derek kind of taught Cannon. It

With the help of the two dogs, "I just hope the children have a better idea, like when they see someone out in public who has a hearing
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NOTICE CITY OF NOVI CITY COUNCIL VACANCY NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN of an anticipated vacancy on the City

Council. If you are interested in appointment for the term ending November 2003, an application may be obtained from the City Clerk's (Glice, 45175 W. Ten Mile Road or at www.gl.novi.mila. or by calling (248) 347-0456 until December 19, 2002. Council interviews will be held at a Special meeting on Thursdey, December 19, 2002 beginning at 7:00 p.m. at City of Novi, Council Chambers, 45175 W. Ten Mile Road.

NOTICE CITY OF NOVI

REQUEST FOR

TEMPORARY USE PERMIT

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hould be directed to the City of Novi Building Department and must be actived prior to December 18, 2002.

CITY OF NOVI

**PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE** 

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# New program's really a winner

Most of us have already been there – that incredibly scary time when one goes from middle school to high school. It can literally make or break an adolescent's academic year at the freshman level.

The Novi district is in teed. the process of easing that Cheal also wants to con-

freshmen tours of the high the middle school level. school. That will change as juniors and seniors will already doing it, but it take over the duty. The takes a while to master, As upperclassmen will also mentors to the freshmen, take the freshmen through these upperclassmen will the student handbook, be able to train in this explaining school rules, capacity.

Principal Jennifer Cheal - early on. and we think it's a great All of this makes perfect

hoping that positive role effort to pull it off. modeling will be guaran-

transition for its ninth tinue self-assessment and goal-setting, two things Currently, counselors these incoming students help out by giving the will have already done at Juniors and seniors are

Another portion of the It's sort of a "big brother new program is getting / sister" arrangement, freshmen involved in according to NHS sports, clubs and activities

sense for Novi and for any By having juniors and other district, for that matseniors walk freshmen ter. And we congratulate through the "high school Cheal, her staff and the ways," administrators are students for making the



CitySights 2002

Matt Mueller (left) and Alex Rosner prepare their robot for the CitySights 2002 challenge at the LEGO League State Competition in Novi Saturday across from Bloomfield Hill's GirlZRule team. The girls took first place for

### GOVERNMENT

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

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### United States Congress

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48334 (248)-851-1366

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Michigan Senate

N. Marshall

Eastern Michigan Division, I sincerely hone that the kettles would remind each of us of the many com-

forts we enjoy, and challenge us with the importance of giving generously this holiday season in order to help those in

is more than a reminder that the holiday

season is in full swing:

the disadvantaged. As

commander of the

an icon of hope for

9/11 and increasing homelessness are only some examples of The Salvation Army's crucial need for public financial support this year. Everyday services are provided to people from 17 metropolitan Joseph McFee who wanted to provide a Detroit locations offering a wide variety free Christmas dinner for the area's poor. f programs. These facilities impacted lives of more than 200,000 people of all ages this past year. Disaster relief, emergency shelter, homeless prevention, dining programs, legal assistance, youth programming, financial assistance, spiritual counseling and substance abuse ehabilitation are some of the many Salvation Army services available to those in need throughout the Eastern

programs is increasing.

The Salvation Army needs your support in order to strengthen and expand critical, life-changing programs. The goal is to enable the disenfranchised to

4,000 meals and 1,000 nights lodging

were provided daily. Demand for these

For whom, and why, those bells toll The familiar Salvation Army red kettle become independent, self-respecting members of society. As the commander of The Salvation Army's Eastern Michigan Division, I remain committed to strengthening our community

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through the provision of quality services to people.

But your help is needed. To make a contribution or to volunteer your time, please call The Salvation Army at [248] 443-5500. Your support will make our efforts immeasurably more effective.

### "Need Knows No Season" A History of The Salvation Army Kettle A slowing economy, the aftermath of Campaign

• The holiday kettle collection tradition was established in 1891 in San

· Capt, McFee based the idea of the kettle collection on the "Simpson's Pot," a large pot that was displayed on the Stage Liverpool, England. Passershy would toss charitable donations into the pot.

. By 1895, 30 Salvation Army Corns throughout the west coast were using kettles to collect donations.

• William A. McIntyre and N.J. Lewis, two Salvation Army officers, were instru mental in bringing the idea of the kettle

• In 1897, Salvation Army kettle col- Michigan Division

lections resulted in 150,000 Christmas dinners for the needy nationwide.

• In 1901, kettle contributions in New York City provided the funds for the first mass sit-down dinner in Madison Souare Garden, a custom that continued

. Today, needy families are given gro cery checks so that they may prepare their own holiday dinners at home. The homeless are invited to share holiday linners and festivities at hundreds of Salvation Army community centers.

 Kettles are used for collections in countries around the world, including Korea, Japan, Chile and throughou

 Public contributions to the kettles spirit of the holidays to individuals who might otherwise be forgotten - the ag ill, poor, homeless and institutionalized.

· Kettles have changed over the years in size, shape and construction. Some of the newer kettles are enabled with selfringing bells and public address systems

 Across the country, each Thanksgiving and Christmas, The Salvation Army provides assistance and support alds more than 6 million people.

By Major Norman Marshall, Divisional Commander, The Salvation Army Eastern

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# OTHER OPINIONS

# Don't write off Gov. Granholm quite yet

Engler is preparing to leave office after 12 years as undisputed king of the political hill, but leaving a state budget barely in balance after exhausting virtually every accounting gimmick available. For

her part, Democrat Jenntler Granholm is about to become Michigan's first woman governor, but facing an enormous projected deficit for the coming least wear and a legislature controlled last week that Granholm would be a long-time Granholm would be a long-time of the opposition of t conclusion that the Granholm Administration

is in deep trouble. The general argument goes The budget deficit, now estimated at \$1.8 bil-lion, is truly horrendous. The Budget Stabilization dry, the recession continues to sap state tax revenues with no clear upturn in sight and the Phil Power

anger everybody in sight.

but she's pretty much without Speaker of the House; Mike Cox, R-, will be Attorney General and Terri Lynn Land, R-Grand Rapids, will be Secretary of State.

 The criminal investigation launched a couple of weeks ago against look like in a year or so? Consider Granholm's patron, Wayne County Dakland County, once reliably Executive Ed McNamara, had a bunch Republican. County Executive Brooks of FBI agents waving subpoenas at Patterson, astorndingly cast as a moder-everybody in sight, including a fair attended in pitching the big tent, is number of people she had considered engaged in fleree civil war with a bunch

appointing to major positions in her Administration. Despite U.S. Altorney Geoffrey Collins' reputation for integrity and fair dealing, this probe could run on and on and on, a la the Whitewater investigation that dogged President

"especially if she

has no program, no mission that's been certified by

My own reaction? It's far too early to project the demise of the Granholm Administration, especially before it has even taken office. My thinking is rooted precisely in the factors the pundits are using to Granholm: • Budget, No doubt it's

kind of cuts Gov. budget situation provides a Granholm will have to make will surely Granholm Administration with a wonderful opportunity to conduct a fundamental and sweeping review of the oper-Democratic allies in Lansing. Sen. Ken Sikkema, R-Wyoming, will lead the state est-bashing, results-oriented agenda Senate; Rick Johnson, R-LeRoy, will be could be just the thing a Democratic governor needs to disable critics and assemble a new coalition of support.

> won virtually everything in the November election, but what's the party going to

Most media pundits have already reached the conclusion that the **Granholm Administration** is in deep trouble.

of right-wing fundamentalists led by Tom McMillin of Auburn Hills and out going state Rep. Bob Gosselin of Troy And Incoming state Republican chair man Betsy DeVos is a handy symbol of a party that may be conservative but not likely particularly compassionate.

 FBI investigation. So Granholm won't have the freedom to appoint "per-sons of interest" such as her campaign manager Dave Katz and others to big jobs in Lansing. She's already said she would appoint on the basis of merit, not past connections. Maybe the investiga very bad. But a terrible budget situation provides a reach out beyond the usual Democratic suspects and bring in capable outsiders My sense is that Granholm, a self-described moderate, will wind up govations and costs of state government. A critical from the center by both personal preference and political necessity.

Don't get me wrong, I think the

Granholm Administration has a tough row to hoe. But I also think it's both unfair and premature for the pundits to Republican dominance, OK, the GOP
 won virtually everything in the November

> Phil Power is the Chairman of the Board of the company that owns this newspaper. He would be pleased to get your reactions to this column either at (734) 953-2047 or at ppower@homec

# Christmas time - it lights up my life

the next phase - hanging the strands.

As is usually the case, the temperature

is hovering well below the freezing mark.

And the wind is whipping at a nice,

Hanging lights, that's what. Even though the end result is always

worth it, this still remains an annual rit Naturally, it begins with trying to

underneath the basement stairwell. This past Saturday, 1 yanked the box out and begin the "process." Of course, after hours (literally) of pulling the individual strands away from each other, the next frustrating step is to plug them in and watch as only half the strand lights up. Or, in

most cases, none of the little bulbs glow. So the question then is do I try and find the culprit that is causing the mal-function, or do I toss the entire strand and go for a cal Sione fresh new nocho

fresh new pack? the time, and the availability of time to at this house. run up to the store and buy more sets, the answer can vary. This year, I went for the new sets.

Then, once all the strands are in work-

I start at the right side of the garage and work my way up towards the peak in five foot increments, tucking the strand underneath the siding and runhooks along the way. As I get to the peak, which is about 20 feet in

fall, Picase, God, don't let

And the chants work. tool I haven't fallen yet in our five years

I have to stand on the second to the

the air, my heartbeat increases, my palms get sweaty and I start coming up with chants like, "Please, God, don't let me

peak, and then I begin to work my way 113 down to the left side. The trick is not to estone

story peak to tackle. What's nice about the porch is there's all this shrubbery that I have to attack

with the ladder. The key here is to not let untangle the mess that was created 1-1 steady pace. And the driveway has the wife see me mangling her landscapmonths prior when 1 took them down and tossed them all into a box and threw chipped away before the ladder can get a falling off the ladder from the garage peak.)
Once everything is hung, the final

phase is the extension cords. Notice this

is plural. There are numerous cords involved, and though I don't quite rival Clark Griswold, it is a feat of electrical engineering that never ceases to amai I then set the timers to 6 p.m. and cross my fingers. This year, the garage was the only part that didn't fire up right off the bat - and that's because I didn't

plug those strands in. Voilal
I know most of our readers go through similar experiences every year just to make our houses look spectacular. If you would like our readers to see what a great job you've done, let me know where your house is located and we'll pass it on so folks can drive by and see your work.

Cal Stone is the editor of the Navi News last rung on the ladder to reach the He can be reached at (248) 349-1700, 113 or by e-mail cstone@ht.homecomm.net.

Once that perfect tree

was found, my brothers

and sisters and I would

# SCALE 1" = 2000"All interested persons are invited to attend. Verbal comments will be

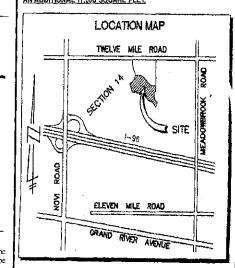
heard at the public hearing and any written comments must be received by the Planning Department, 45175 W. Ten Mile Road, Novi, Mi 48375 until 5:00 p.m. on Wednesday, December 18, 2002.

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NOVI PLANNING COMMISSION LYNN KOCAN, SECRETAR

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All interested persons are invited to attend. Verbal comments will be heard at the public hearing and any written comments must be received by the Planning Department, 45175 W. Ten Mile Road, Novi, MI 48375 NOVI PLANNING COMMISSION

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# Make it a "real" Christmas this time There are among those, who follow the tra- hacksaw blade and the thickness of the sap in

Just the thing for starting the holiday sea-

ditions of Christmas two great schools of thought — real and artificial.

a pinetree almost guarantees an afternoon of thought — real and artificial. Marriages have been known to fail in the knuckles

struggle over wheither to bring a real or artifi-cial Christmas tree into the house, My family when I was

growing up was firmly in the real Christmas tree camp. That meant that sometime shortly after Thanksgiving my sib-lings and I would bundle up ome farmer's field, My father did not believe in

getting trees from tree lots. He thought those trees had been cut and bundled sometime in late July and were nothing less

would do. Freshness mean safety. So, we would all pile into an old Chevy to head out to the countryside to find "the"

of the perfect tree in his mind's eye and we would spend the better part of a Saturday pushing through what I recall as chest-deep snow to find that perfect tree in a woodlot. Once that perfect tree was found, my brothers

know better. The fineness of the teeth on a green cloth.

and sisters and I would circle the tree, stomp-

No, for dad nothing less Phil Foley then a tree he had cut himself

than one occasion this step isfactory results on our return and pine needles found in the carpet in August may explain why my sisters, one by one, over the years converted to those who drag

artificial trees each winter from the hibernation place in garages and attics.
They are, of course, heretics. There is nothing quite like a real tree in your livingroom r the holidays. l. however, have made a slight modification

in recent years. Instead of heading to the wood, saw in hand, I now head for a nursery. For the past few years I've been buying pot ted evergreens, It's not an original idea. The friend or relative with a big yard, come spring, parents of an old girlfriead in high school donate the tree to your local school, park or bought a potted tree every fall.

the branches to cut it down with his trusty backsaw.

I never quite understood why dad used a lacksaw. He had, after all, grown up among lumbermen in northern Minnesota, so he did know better. The fineness of the teath one mid of boxes covered with a cape of red and 108 or at pfoley@ht.homecomm.net.

son.

Once the tree was severed from the earth, dad would circle the tree, stomping shake it violently - mainly to remove unwanted ice and snow, but also to check for woodland creatures. On more down the snow so dad could crawl under the with his trusty hacksaw.

> reversed and in the spring, the tree would be planted at the family cottage.
>
> Since I live in an apartment, I find the diminutive trees fit better, but more importantly. I like the idea of being able to stroll one of

my sister's yards and point to last Christmas and the Christmas before. Instead of ashes or mulch, they have a living reminder.

So, if you haven't picked up a tree yet thi year, consider a live one. If you haven't got a

church.
It's an easy way to extend the holiday spirit

Phil Foley is a staff writer for the Nov

# REGIONAL MARKETPLACE

# Only the fixtures are new at First Choice Chiropractic

First Choice Chiropractic Wednesday and Friday, 3 Thursday: 9 a.m. to noon Saturdaý or visit First Choice on the Web at

### By Elysia A. Smith

Don't let the new earpet and fresh fixtures fool you. Although First Choice Chiropractic's Northville office, located at 41620 Six Mile Road,

"We've been in business for over 20 years now in Ann Arbor," Dr. Tom Klapp said. 'We noticed that a lot of our clients drove from all over, espe-cially from the Northville area, so we decided to come to them

or three seconds which exposes people to quite a bit of radia-tion," Dr. Ford said. "The machine we use does the same

both the client and the doctor.
"We want them to know what

The staff of Northville-based First Choice Chiropractic.

The first visit usually lasts about an hour and evaluates the client's current condition doing a physical exam, gathers medical history, answers any questions and provides the doctor the opportunity to take X-rays if needed.

A decision which Dr. Ford and Dr. Klapp invite people to

"I was definitely surprised when I visited the chiropractor for the first time," Dr. Klapp said, "I had horrible headaches

been in his bones since birth.
"I've been getting adjustments
ever since I was born," he said. 'My father and brother are both

with absolutely zero need for medication, needles, surgery or painful recovery.

Our management to posture a great customer service and right medication, needles, surgery or we do from supplying the most us do everything first-class."

The Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan has named Robert A. Patzer to University.

Congratulations to Deirdre Brady,

Schools (OLAAP). OLAAP is a program to help identify and prepare classroom teachers for future principal and assistant principal positions.

Huron Valley School District is guaranteed only one applicant per year; however, five teachers were accepted for next year's program. Less than 30 people in all have been selected county wide.

OLAAP is a cooperative effort between Okland School and teacher and the program of the prog



"Our mission is to provide a up-to-date technologies, to our



If you suffer from headaches, neck pain, low back pain, and even if you suffer from sinus problems, asthma, allergies, carpal tunnel syndrome, shoulder pain. ciatica (leg pains) and many other problems, please give us a call. Chiropractic might be your answer. You have nothing to lose but your pain and symptoms because if you don't get great results, you won't have to pay\*.

At First Choice Chiropractic of Northville, you will see our highly skilled and experienced doctor of chiropractic who knows how to get results. You will love our friendly, caring, family-like atmosphere and well-trained team members. We have all new, state-of-the-art chiropractic equipment and facilities for your health, safety and convenience.

When you visit our office, you will receive a thorough spinal and chiropractic examination to determine the exact cause of your problem and you will get the sults of your exams in a clear and understandable way. If your exam leads us to believe you would not benefit from chiropractic care, or if you need to see another kind of doctor, we will tell you that, too.

If you would like be rid of your pain, or if you just want to see if chiropractic might be right for you, bring this ad to our new office and become one of our first new patients (friends) and receive your initial consultation, spinal examination, x-rays for only \$37 (a nearly \$300 value and NO hidden costs). Call First Choice Chiropractic of Northville, 41620 Six Mile Road, Northville (next to the Northville Twp. Finance Building), (248) 465-0000.



41620 Six Mile Road (one mile west of Haggerty) (248) 465-0000

is open 9 a.m. to noon and 3 p.m. to 7 p.m. Monday, p.m. to 6 p.m. Tuesday and

may be new the staff isn't.

with a new office."

Dr. Tucker Ford, who is the

office is not only "rehabilitated" in appearance but also dawn some of the newest equipment advances in the chiropractic

"Dr. Klapp is very keen on new technologies," he said. "We take great pride in doing everything we can for our clients to the best of our abilities."

temperature around each vertebrae and the high-frequency dig-ital X-ray machine make chiro-practic services that First Choice Chiropractic provide much more effective and safer than ever before.

"X-rays done on older machines could take at least two

exposure for a millisecond resulting in much less X-ray exposure."

The first visit, which is very

"In turn we also want to find out every possible detail about their health problem so that we can help them."

The first visit usually lasts "Most importantly we answer, "Most importantly we answer, "Most importantly we answer, "

What 48 tausing the problem? Can a chiropractor help in fixing this problem? How long will it take to fix?, and how much will it cost," he said, "We want neo

decision because they knowhat is best for them,"

make after they come in and ge a feel for the office.

and allergies and in one visit I no longer did, I guess that's where I got interested in chiro-For Dr. Ford, chiropractic has

"Our whole family reaps the A healing practice that many,



An X-ray is critical to knowing the correct chiropractic procedure for each patient at First Choice Chiropractic in Northville.

# Dr. Tucker Ford, the primary chiropractor at First Choice

## Northville Gourmet announces

**Business** in brief

to additions; one new, one old

The Northville Gourmet announced the naming of chef David Krysztof as execu-tive chef and vice-president of opera-tions, and Sue Poster of Crawford's Bakery has returned to the business. Northville Gournet is located at 680 W. Eight Mile in Northville, and can be reached at (248) 349-5611.

### HVS applicants accepted

been accepted into the Oakland Leadership Academy for Aspiring Principals program through Oakland Schools (OLAAP). OLAAP is a program to help identify and prepare classroom teachers for future principal and assistant principal positions.

Huron Valley Schools announces that Oakland Schools, the Oakland five applicants from the district have Association of School Personnel Oakland Schools, the Oakland

Michigan board of directors

the Coalition for Health Insurance



Lindsey Smith tries her hand at finding the same socks by texture - while blindfolded.

# Workshop teaches students of living with disabilities

By Ramez Khuri

If someone told a bunch of elementary school children that the purpose of a disability workshop program in their school was to make them a bit frustrated, that someone probably wouldn't get a favorable response. That wasn't the case, however, as Deerlield hosted the two-day workshop last week to teach children of the hardships and struggles of being dis-

According to Julia Schnaidt, who co-chained the workshop, the idea of the students being frustrat-ed is so they realize that someone with a disability has a hard time and maybe they shouldn't try to rush them or laugh at how they're reading because maybe they may have a reading disability or some kind of other learning disability.

The whole idea is to have the students get the sense of empathy towards someone who lives life this way," Schnaidt said. "This is Deerfield's second time to have the workshop come in. It's a kit that is made available through Oakland Schools and it's free of charge. It's a program for the kids to do handson activities that parallel situations that people with disabilities have. They are actually put in a position of what it would be like to have a

number of different disabilities." The workshop included two main center stations. One dealt with physical disabilities, where there was a wheelchair obstacle course. Students tried to use cains also some adaptive equipment that

they got to touch, hold and try.

There was also a learning, vision and hearing disability station, where students used some equipment as well. "They actually had to do worksheets in a way that a per-son with dyslexia would have to do

them," Schnaidt said. "Numbers were flipped and they tried to read a story like that, like how a dyslexic person would see the words on a page. The text is jumbled a little bit and they had to try to figure out what the story really is. They had to unjuggle the numbers and read

Guest speaker Monique Tyl, who uses a wheelchair herself was happy to speak with the students. "I think that the students will gain the knowledge of what the difficul-ties are of getting in and out of places, especially those who are in wheelchairs who don't have elevators or ramps," she said. "I hope that they are more aware of those types of things and I enjoy educat-ing people. Many children come up to me in shopping areas and are real inquisitive about the wheel-chair. The parents tend to shush them along, but I would rather they ask so I can tell them what hap-pened. I think it's a great idea because people really don't under-stand all the complications when they see someone in a wheelchair. Most kids think it's cool or fun, but

there's a lot more to it then that."

The message seemed to be loud and clear with the students. Third graders Michael Joez, Katie Song and Nicole Gaudino and fourth graders Zach Mohr and Paige Trester all seemed to learn a great deal from the workshop.

"We were learning about dis-abilities." Jozz said. "In the Braille section, we were taught all about the Braille system and we had a Braille typewriter and we got to type our names in Braille and we had all these activities to do with

"We learned how people with muscle disorders would walk with their crutches and then we learned how they would move," Mohr said. "They tied our knees and elbows with red ribbons and that's how it would feel to have a muscle disorder. We also learned that people who can't talk sometimes use a special device to talk. If you exaggerate your lip movements enough, then the vibrations will actually make you speak."

"We learned about deaf people,"
Trestler said. "When the phone
rings or when someone is at the
door, on the door, there is a light
and when you knock on the door, it will come on and if they are not looking up at the door, they can even have a beeper that buzzes. You can program the buzzer to do different sounds for different things too."
"People with disabilities some-

"People with disabilities some-times have leader dogs to guide them along," Song said. "A leader dog can guide them where they want to go. We also learned that deaf people use sign language." "I feel that it would be hard if I was disubled," Gaudino said. "I was disubled," Gaudino said.

would ask if I saw someone with had to be that way in my every day life, that would make me not be able to do things that are fun, like run around in the park."

Ramez Khuri is a staff writer for the Novi News, He can be reached at (248) 349-1700, ext. 110 or by

### Business Briefs

### Planning consultant earns state, national awards

Novi's planning consultant has garnered state and national awards for its planning work with a southwest Washtenaw

County Community.
Rodney Arroyo, a familiar face at Novi Planning Commission meetings, headed up the team at Southfield's Birchler Arroyo Associates, Inc., that develop the master plan for Bridgewar Township, a farming community of 1,700 people near Manchester.

The firm's work on the town The firm's work on the town-ship's master plan earned it the Michigan Society of Planning's Outstanding Planning Project Award and the American Planning Association's Small Town and Rural Planning Division's Award for Excellence. Arroyo said the state award was particularly satisfying because the state contest is judged on a blind basis by other state planning organizations.

past six years that the firm has been honored by Michigan Society of Planning, including its work on the 1998 Novi

Development Review Guidebook. Arroyo the firm's vice president, was also recog-

nized in 1998 with an award for excellence from the American Planning Association's Small Town and Rural Planning

### Novi equipment company merges and leaves town

After more than a half century of manufacturing heat treating equipment for the auto parts manufacturing industry, the Welduction Corporation name is leaving Novi and slipping into

history.
Ellen Kominars, the compa ny's marketing manager, recently announced the company will merge its operations with a larger sister company in Madison Heights as of Jan. 1. "It's all part of a consolidation move going on in the industry," she said, noting that most of Welduction's 18 employees will be moving to Inductoheat in Madison Heights. Formed in 1947, Welduction operated in a number of locations

This marks the fifth time in the on the west side of Metro Detroit before moving to Novi from Farmington Hills 3.5 years ago, Kominars said she believes Welduction's parent company will put it's 36,000-square-foot production facility up for sale. The plant is located on a seven acre site at 22750 Heslip Drive.

Kominars said inquiries about service, spare parts and machine sales for Welduction equipment should be e-mailed to weldn@welduction.com or mailed to Welduction, 32251 N. Avis Drive, Madison Heights. The company can also be reached by telephone at (800) 798-3042.

### Doinidis attends scoliosis seminar

Dr. Nicholas S. Doinidis of Novi recently attended a program
on "The Biomechanical
Progression of Scoliosis and Suggested Treatment" in Ann Arbor, The program was led by Dr. Robert Mawhiney, former chairman of the International Scoliosis Research Center, The program included information on the history of the disease, x-ray procedures, basic techniques and

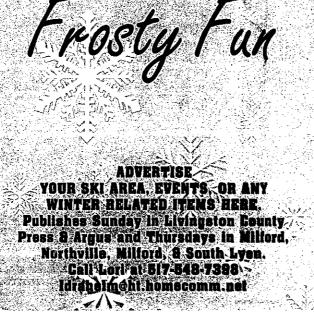
treatments, exercises and the importance of nutrition.
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# Now that's a home opener!

# Wildcats take on and beat fourth-ranked U of D in overtime

By Ryan Edwards

Talk about drama. The Novi Wildeats opened their home schedule with a very dramatic victory in front of a very pepped up crowd.
They did so against U of D

Jesuit, the fourth-ranked team in the state. It didn't come easy though as the two teams battled back and forth in a hard fought, penalty filled game. Which, included four ties and five lead changes throughout the game en route to a 5-4 overtime victory

Fortunately for the Wildcats, it just so happens that the MHSAA passed a new rule this season, which allows the teams in a nonwhich allows the teams in a non-league game to play an overtime if both coach's are in agreement. However, the excitement in the game started long before over-time, Novi got things started right out of the gate. After U of D won the opening face-off and held the puck in Novi's zone, defenseman Jordan Collins was able to gain control of the puck and make a great outlet pass to Chaz Bulbuk. Bulbuk took the puck down the ice in a one-on-one situation, made a move to the one situation, made a move to the right face-off circle and then put a pretty pass right onto the tape of teammate Mark Eberline's stick. Eberline then deked the goaltender and put the puck right through the five hole, for a 1-0 Novi lead fourty seconds into the

game.

Novi would spend the rest of the first period killing off penalties. After successfully killing off one 5-on-3 disadvantage, they were forced into another one when Jared Perras obliverated a when Jared Perras obliverated a Jesuit player with a devastating check into the boards, it also carned him two minutes in the box for cross-checking. The Wildear's penalty kill unit carne up hoge though, and killed off U of D's two-man advantage again, only to see them score though with 27 seconds left in their powerlay, to the degree at 1.1. Too erplay, to tie the game at 1-1. Just a little over a minute later, with 1:16 left in the first period, Jesuit struck again as a shot from the point got redirected past Trent Sisson, who started in goal for Novi. That goal gave U of D a 2-I lead heading into the first inter-

As exciting as the first period may have been, the second peri-od may have been the most thrilling and dramatic period so far this season. The two teams' far this season. The two teams' accounted for five goals, plenty of penalty minutes, and alot of excitement. Brett Jaussi was responsible for getting the chaotic period started as he tapped one in 2:34 into the period. The goal, which was assisted by Dan Hunter, came about as Hunter strengted to center the pack. attempted to center the puck from behind the U of D net, the puck hit the skate of an opposing player and was bouncing around in the crease, all of the U of D players were kicking at the puck as a scrum fromed in front of the net, when Brett Jaussi's stick

too was penalty filled. Both teams played hard though, and were able to kill off all of the powerplays. The game almost didn't make it to overtime though, with 51 seconds left in regulation Brian Jaussi ripped an unguarded shot from just inside

sessed.

Still tied at 4-4 after the third period, both coaches decided that they didn't play the type of game they had displayed so far for a tie. Novi's first overtime of the year didn't last long though, as Bulbuk continued his frenetic play, netting a goal 35 seconds into the extra session for the 5-4 win.

Cotten Pricips had not to say following the team's exciting overtime victory.

"This win was huge for us, we're really starting to gel into a good groove now, and that's important for us in the long haul' be said.

haul," he said.

Phelps also commented on his

team's play.

"The boys' really dug their skates in and got in a groove, harging in their and also lighting back, and our penalty kill really won the game for us."

Navi collected over thempty.

Novi collected over twenty

penalty minutes in the game.

The win improves Novi's record to 3-4 (0-2 in the KVC).

showed up to bat the wandering puck into the back of the net where it belongs, tying the game at 2-2. Less than two minutes later, the Wildeats' would take later, the Wildcats' would take the lead on a goal by Robert Vului, which was assisted by Mike Karas and John Murray, making the score 3-2. Things were just getting started though, and with all of the momentum in Novi's hands they must've fel-like giving it away, because they did. U of D entered Novi's zone offeithe, so they had to bet the offsides, so they had to let the pack go, taking away any chance of a scoring threat. Until a Novi skater took the pack and attempt-ed to clear it right onto the stick of an opposing player who would make them pay for their mistake and tie the game at 3-3 with 9:50 remaining in the second period. There wasn't even time to blink There washt even fine to think afterwards, before U of D had already scored again nine sec-onds later, to take the lead 4-3. That wasn't it though, with 29.7 seconds left in the second period, Robert Vulaj broke away from the defenders, made a courie of the defenders, made a couple of beautiful deke moves and put the puck past the goalie. The goal came while Novi was shorthand-ed and was assisted by Bulbuk, Tied at 4-4 heading into the the third period, neither team wanted to make any mistakes that could cost them the game. Not unlike any of the other periods, this one

unguarded shot from just inside the blueline, that just grazed off of the blade of the skate on the goalie's extended leg. That kick save by the U of D goale kept his team in the game, just as the play of Bulbuk on the penalty kill late in the third period kept Novi in it. Bulbuk was flying around laying body checks, and clearing the puck, playing like a man possessed.

Novi had dropped their second straight KVC game the night before in a 2-0 loss at South Lyon. The team is improving though, and it looks as if they're starting to hit stride. Phelps said this team has as much wide-open talem as he's ever had at Novi. That should bode well for the Wildcats for the rest of the season. win.
Coach Phelps had alot to say

The Wildcats will return to action when they head to Brother Rice on Saturday for a 3 p.m

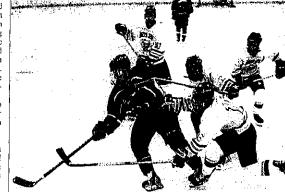
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Photos by JOHN HEIDER

John Murray pares for a face-off against South Lyon, while Robert Vulaj (left) fights off a enters the Lion December 5 at the Kensington

Ice House.



# There are plenty of sports to attend

# If you've got a hankering for some top-notch athletics, Novi's the place for you

Fans of the Novi Wildcats are

going to be falling all over themselves with opportu-nities to see their ath-letes play to the best of their abilities this

The boys basketing a trip to visit the Lakeland Eagles Monday, before hosting those tough
Walled Lake Central four Eggleston Vikings just days later in their

volleyball? Julie Fisette and the gang will be going to the South Lyon Invite Saturday at 9 ns meet it's usually a fight to

A big swimming and diving fan? Go to South Lyon today at 6 p.m. and you'll catch your 'Cats in action They'll also be swimming the
Eastern Michigan
University Invite

Saturday at 1 p.m. One of the top games in the games in the Kensington Valley Conference portion of Novi's hockey sched-

ule will be against the Milford Mavericks on their home 7:20 p.m. You can bet these two Wednesday of next week at teams will be pretty scrappy when they get going.

Wow. Talk about variety this Northville Mustangs Monday — Novi's figure skating team will best cheer coverage you've seen and in any sport when these two Cultural Center Wednesday at 4 p.m., while the gymnastics squad is hosting their intersquad serim-mage today at Northville at 7 p.m. before visiting Hartland a

week from today at 6:30 a.m. The two biggest events for the Novi Wildeats has to be the wrestling meet against the Northville Mustangs today at 5:30 p.m. at Novi and the CCAM Cheer Invite that Novi will be

hosting at 9 a.m. Salurday.

Now, if you love wrestling or just want to see some top-notch performance, Novi vs. Northville should give you the taste you are

looking for.

And cheer. Some say I'm not much of a cheer fan, but that's not true. We have writers hard at work even now to bring you the

in the tions, and I can safely say that it should be more than just a little interesting for those attending the invite this weekend. Heck, these are some of the best teams in the state and they've been gearing up for this moment since last year. It's going to be high-velocity, intense and spirited competitive cheer rattling the

halls of Novi High School.

Maybe you should make an appointment to get out to at least one of these events - I know I

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Sam Eggleston picks his two favorite events for the week, giving the Novi fans a good idea of what's the best thing to watch.

- WRESTLING: Novi vs. Northville -- this one should be a good one as the Wildcats are still as tough as nails under the coaching of Brad Huss and the Mustangs are starting to believe in themselves and what they are capable of doing with some fresh, new talent on the squad. The event starts at 5:30 p.m.
- CHEERLEADING: CAM Invite the Novi High School cheerleaders will be hosting the CCAM invitational Saturday at 9 a.m. You can bet that this is going to be some of the best comnetitive cheerleading all year 'round, and anyone who wants to see some intense, spirited competition should make a point to
- MORE EVENTS -- why pick just one. Se a Novi faithful and hit them all. See the full schedule on page 2.

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ond year in a row, Rzepka was awarded All-Tournament Team

Honors for his unselfish and

aggressive play during the Conference Tournament. In the contest against Michigan State on October 9th, Rzepka provided two

assists; his efforts not only helped the Grizzlies beat the Spartans 4 to 1, but also gave him the distinction of Defensive Player of the Week

for the Mid-Con Conference. As

Left Fullback, Rzepka finished the

season with two goals and four assists, giving him 8 points for the season. This summer, Rzepką will

be playing for the Mid- Michigan Bucks, Michigan's Semi-Pro

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are able to applaud them for their efforts and for their abilities.

Ryan Rzepka, Sophomore, Oakland University — Ryan Rzepka, 2000 Graduate of Novi

High School, recently completed his second year of eligibility for Oakland University's Division I

Men's Soccer Program. As Captain, Rzepka led Oakland University to a record of 10-wins, 8-losses, and 3-ties. The Oakland

Grizzlies won the Mid-Con Conference for the third straight

year and the Mid-Con Conference Tournament, giving them an auto-matic bid to the NCAA Division I Men's Soccer Championship.

Oakland University was the only

Division I College in the State of Michigan to obtain an invitation to this prestigious Soccer Tournament. Unfortunately, the

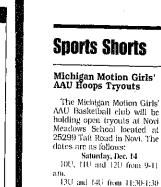
Grizzlies lost to the University of

Wisconsin-Milwaukee, 2-1, in a contest that could of went either

way. This season, the Coaches for

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Holiday Baseball/Softball camp

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Put One In The Upper Deck, Northville's indoor baseball/softball training facility, will be conducting its sixth-armual holiday camp December 26-28

sports department is looking for submissions for the new section, Next Level Athletes. Baseball camp will be held from 9 a.m.-noon with a Eligible athletes include noon-1 p.m. time for free batcollegiate, semi-pro, profes-sional and minor league playting eages to the eampers.

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and are by appointment only. The fees for the lessons start at \$35 per 1/2 hour or five private lessons for \$160. girls register for the league For more information, call gins register for the league waiting list, an additional team will be formed. All leagues will play a 10 game schedule, primarily on Saturdays beginning (248) 668-0166 or email totalbballwixom@aol.com, or check out the website at www.eteaniz.com/totalbaseball.

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practice one or two times per week beginning Jan. 6 through March 17. Total Baseball's Holiday Baseball Camp will feature professional instruction from Jason Beverlin (Cleveland Indians) and Lee Bjerke [Michigan High School The Northville Record (Michigan High School Coaches Hall of Pame Member) as well as other former profes-sional players and college coaches.

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The camp will run Dec. 26 28 from 9 a.m.-1 p.m.-at Total Baseball, located at 30990 Wixom Road in Wixom. The cost of the camp is \$130 per player with a \$10 discount for a second child and is open to players ages seven to 17. Space is limited, so register

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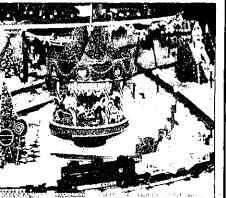
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One gymnast everyo The Northville, Novi Wild plenty of talent on the floor this Any Wild will lead a tough remember is Sara Wilchowski. - and tonight's your chance to see them

will be performing in their inter-squad scrimmage tonight at 7 p.m. at Northville High School, Yeah, there's no oppo-nents other than themselves, but that just means all of the gym- Deneau. Sarah Ilikhani-Pour,

The Northville/Novi Wild 'Stangs gymnastics team is looking to continue its high standard of competition as it

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ason - and they don't look like they're planning on slowing own any time soon. The Plymouth Whalers col-

teted three more wins on the 2002-03 campaign as they belt-Maria slamming the Saginaw dging the Windsor Spittires 3December 5.

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moxy left in them and stood toeto-toe with their opponents until they were them out enough to Against the Greyhounds, the score a goal in the final minutes bly going to get the victory in of the second period to regain the Outario Hockey League. The advantage Ramsay found for Following the lead of Ryan himself in an ideal position as Ramsay, the Plymouth squad Wisniewski took a shot with 56- nods in the stat book as they note hed a goal just 58 seconds seconds left in the second periode were credited assists on into the game to send the Sault od. The Whaler star deflected Sestito's third-period goal. Ste. Mane player recting.
From there, the powerplay went to work as Cole Jarret and the 4-3 lead.

The third period found the This game was about as close danced through the deteuse and found himself nailing the back of the net with a slap shot over Greyhound goalte. Joey Greyhounds and any bape of the victory for them December 5. of the net with a stap shot over Greyhound goalte Joey Biassocce's shoulder with 9:23 off the clock James Wisniewski and John Mitchell caroed nods with the assists on the score.

Chad LaRose finished off the first-period scoring with a goal of the game with 13:06 off first-period scoring with a goal of the clock Mike Leitzia and Karl

ed with the assists on the goal.

The Greyhounds weren't end. Plymouth's next home about to be made frods of though, and came back strong in hough, and came back strong in against the Windsor Spitfires. the second period as they scored

### three unanswered goals to tie the game. Jordan Smith put his Whalers 4, Spirit 0

December 6.

The talent that really made the difference in this contest?

Goalie Jeff Weber — his stone-walling of 32 shots in the shutout made all the difference between a victory and defeat. The Whalers were up 1-0 after the first period and 3-0 after the second as Tim Sestito squad and Wisniewski added a power-play goal while notching and assist on Sestito's first-peri-od score. Jerret also carned a power-

But the Whalers had a little mosy left in them and stood toe-to-toe with their opponents until they were them out enough to Vigilante and Mitchell added Vigilante and Mitchell added to the work of their own on the control of the contr assists of their own on Wisniewski's second-period

### Whalers 3, Spitfires 2

past Bassucci with under a substitute remaining in the period. Jarrett and Rautsay were credited with larger and Rautsay were credit. Plymouth will now hit the clock in the final regulation.

though and pulled the game to 3-2 on a power-play goal of their own, but they couldn't on the board when he a 3.58 of the second with all the spirit in the OHL, scored at 3.58 or the second with an one spirit in the original period. Matt Hernessen then followed with a goal at 9.45 and win the games as they took on Plymouth never trailed in the

5:07 of the first period, with assists from Vigilante and Jarrett, Windsor tied it at 7:35 of the first with a goal by David Lomas.
Paul Drew was in goal for

## Plymouth and got the victory, Jarret is top defenseman

Jarrett was named the Ontario after putting together an impres lected four worls and 17 assists the London Knights Nov. 7 Columbus Blue Jackets in 2001 He was on the Western Conference all-star team at the Hershey Cup game, and he was tied for second in seoring among defensemen with 28 points in the Whalers' first 27

### Whalers to be televised

The Plymouth Whalers and with FOX Sports Net Detroit to 23 bring the December 27th game in Saginaw live to nearly 3-mil-lion viewers.

FOX Sports Net Detroit will

televise the game on December 27th which takes place at the Saginaw County Event Center,

writer for the Northville Record and the Novi News. He can be reached at (248) 349 1700, ext. 104 or at seggle

### Whalers Season Scoreboard 6 - 3 at Oshawa 2 - 1 Won at Belleville at Mississauga Won 7 - 4 Lost at London Won Wondsor Won 4 - 4 at Saginaw Belleville Lost 2 - 3 Sudbury Won

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# ENTERTAINMENT

inderstand what it's trying to say

Yeah, many will look past the free-dom of opinion message, but they'll still catch the whole idea

that is passed along. The movie seems to say that it's good to feel

passion and lust and to love people as well as desire them. It's just fine to experience pleasure through great works of art and music. Yeah,

there is a scene where Preston

torches the "Mona Lisa", but by the

end of the flick he's feeling joy and desire mixed with love. That right

there says it's fine to feel that way.

with having feelings though, as his replacement partner, Cleric Brandt

(Tave Diggs) suspects his feelings

largest plot hole in the movie. It's

ard to come up with a reason why

hopes of becoming the right hand man of the head Cleric if he's tak<sup>2</sup>

ing his Prozium. The only possible reason, and it's a stretch, is that

matter how hard you try to bury

There is a part that reminds the audience of "Fahrenheit 451," where book lovers commit banned

volumes to their memory. In this

Why? Because, he's our hero.

# Equilibrium goes beyond genre

# Sci-fi/action movie sends messages in more ways than one

Whatever happened to mindles. that only requires them to droof helplessly as they munch popcorn. They're fun to watch, but most won't complain if they just up and

"Equilibrium," would be that being. Now, don't get me wrong here. This isn't going to challenge philosophy 101 or anything, but unlike many funnistic combinations of science fiction and special effects, it does make a bit of a state case, the big bad wolf just happens to be the freedom of opinion. Citizens that think too much or their systems - especially those run by dictators.

This movie does a good job of passing that thought along, by giv-ing it a story line you can sit through. Though many, and possi ments out there that would rather see a film like this burned to a crise.

fore allowing its people to see it This movie is set in our own lit the piece of history - the 21st cen - at a time after the Third World Wor that is believed to b so much and too deenly. They came angry and the such and cided that the best course of ebts out of each other. To make sure that the people of Earth man-aged to pull out of this tantrum, everyone has been put on mandatolampens the emotions we all have

Clerics that have the order to kill asked him after the incident. partnered with Partridge (Sean Bean) and is a top-level enforcer in this day and age. Out of all the aclors on the block, Bale was a perlovely fellows is Cleric John

feet nick for this role. His ability to Offender. The reason he keeps it, or Brave New World, it brines with it yourself, "yeah, right," Let's take so he says, is to better understand the enemy. Unfortunately (or per-"American Psycho") is unmatched laps fortunately) for Cleric special effects. This movie is match approaching an apartment where in Hollywood and in this movie he Preston, he drops his daily supply for match the amount of gunfire. Sense Offenders are suspected to of Prozium and is unable to get a supply for another day, which all

"I didn't feel anything," comes the reply. And you know what? We believe him, even as it gives us

and shuts down our sensual side.

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are apply for another day, which all big screen — and it's all the better supply for another day, which all big screen — and it's all the better supply for another day, which all big screen — and it's all the better supply for another day, which all big screen — and it's all the better supply for another day, which all big screen — and it's all the better supply for another day, which all big screen — and it's all the better supply for another day, which all big screen — and it's all the better supply for another day, which all big screen — and it's all the better supply for another day, which all big screen — and it's all the better supply for another day, which all big screen — and it's all the better supply for another day, which all big screen — and it's all the better supply for another day, which all big screen — and it's all the better supply for another day, which all big screen — and it's all the better supply for another day, which all big screen — and it's all the better supply for another day, which all big screen — and it's all the better supply for another day, which all big screen — and it's all the better supply for another day, which all big screen — and it's all the better supply for another day, which all big screen — and it's all the better supply for another day, which all big screen — and it's all the better supply for another day, which all big screen — and it's all the better supply for another day, which all big screen — and it's all the better supply for another day, which all big screen — and it's all the better supply for another day, which all big screen — and it's all the better supply for another day, which all big screen — and it's all the better supply for another day, which all big screen — and it's all the better supply for another day, which all big screen — and it's all the better supply for another day, which all big screen — and it's all the better supply for another day, wh (Emily Watson) and he feels. And guess what? No matter what he is surrounded by battes. Instead of lighting kung-fu elit, it's an offense punishable by deuth. To feel at all is an offense, when the battes are suffered by the bark of a gun. A factic they muzzle-blast scene. There are plenty of more battles

Though a plot that seems to be reminiscent of novels like 1984 and that make you sit back and say to

movie, a rebel group preserves ar and music for those who seek it to Christian Bale (left) plays Cleric Preston in the sci-fi/action flick "Equilibrium." In a world where feeling is outlawed, If reading a description of the movie, a viewer may have gone into this show wondering what could be better than a world with-Preston has a bit of a problem — he's an enforcer who's breaking the law and Taye Diggs (left) plans on stopping out war? But the true question is: Are we willing to shed our emoonly purpose is further the interests apartment after ordering the lights action fans, science-fiction buffs, to be terminated and proceeds to video game players and those who

This movie is a good one for action fans, science-fiction buffs, just love lightning quick action and stunning visual effects through

writer for the Northville Record reached at (248) 349-1700, ext

# Vikings take tough ice loss to state-ranked Stevenson

The Walled Lake Central

Central was fully aware of the Vikings could probably have descrived the Stevenson were unable to contain this state

Central was fully aware of the spartans do not allow off the cross bar. His words to Stevenson found the twine the team he so proudly lead

power house of the Western Lakes
Activities Association at the Lakeland Arena
Vikings who, find themselves

carly season Division | their opponents, in this trankings, are for real as they skated to a very convincing win. With four solid lines, which litterent occasions, With aver-

on to say, "Successful teams are able to capi-talize on the mistakes of

twice in the first with Brandon afterwards were, "Our team is "We made two crucial mistakes in the first period that cost us two goals", said Coach Jim Hogan

Vikings held the Spartans to one vikings held the Spartans to one this behind us and move on." of the Vikings. He went on to say, "Successful teams are able to capitalisms are able to capitalisms are able to capitalisms."

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ences.

The second installment "Rings" trilogy "The Lord of the Rings: The Two Towers" (PG-13) [Wednesday, December 18, 2002], crime-ridden "Gangs of New York" (R), comic drama "About "Drumline," set against the high-energy, high-stakes world of "Adaptation" (R), comantic commarching bands, the story tells of a talented street drummer (Nick and animated kids' adventure/comedy "The Wild Thornherrys Movie" (G).

Romantic comedy-thriller
"Cherish" (R), period-drama
"The Emperor's New Clothes"
(PG) thriller "Halloween: mated dino-stampede "The Land Before Time: Journey to Big Water" (G), basketball-themed comedy "Like Mike" (PG, French showbiz drama "My Wife Is an Actress" (PG-13) and kids'

Edition (2-DVD Set) (PG), "Tupac men's (3-DVD Set) (NR).

# Food For Thought

manner Most of these evenings nal expiditor who then re-checks

good number of appetizers. The waitstaff, after taking your order, verbally places any salads needed before the meal. Sometimes there are literally dozens of "with" sal-

instance, if a Diion salmon and whitefish are ordered I'll call "fire allows the sauté' cook to bypass reading any tickets and getting the

hot appetizers are called to the From this point each cook heats the sides that accompany the main course and coordinate with me to plate the food. I can liken the process to a kitchen "hallet" as the

Rarely do we bump or touch either of which is very dangerous considering the scorching hot pans, plates and food. Communication between sta-

tions is imperative. Each cook nceds to coordinate his food with from the time we receive the window." Verbal interaction is external expo position. Such was order we have 15 minutes to get minimal and precise. Behind the

And, "the most important per-son in the restaurant" has his spot out of the limelight here, too - the dishwasher. Everyone in our several bartenders who have each other's lives in many ways dishwasher. Everyone in our several balletines a wind have kitchen has been a disher at some point in his or her career and each orders. In turn, I relay these to the isn't a team player. They share the and included in the price of the meal) called in every few minutes. The pantry person needs to through the ranks. If they can do metal of these, plus make contree saiads, keep the rolls hot, tions and stress here, they can do

Getting back to Saturday night.

Joannal Jim Brady's E plates cold and the station so at any place in the kitchen.

sauté and broiler station. For ing skills sharp and also I enjoy proved true and was very busy. dibistro@aol.com.

TIPS FROM THE CHEF Suggestions from our kitchen to yours

for your holiday meal: · Start early: Prepare as many dishes as possible in

· Organize the help: If you have assistance, let every

· Minimize, less can be better: Enjoy the "reason

· Cook, eat, and enjoy! Bon appetite!

the shared rannort. Sometimes I Orders flew in and out. No re cooks. No returned food, Being on the "outside" also Each position in the kitchen is unique and requires certain talents. There are four main areas of the line: saute', broiler/grill/fryer,

There are four main areas of the line: saute', broiler/grill/fryer,

This person runs their tail off.

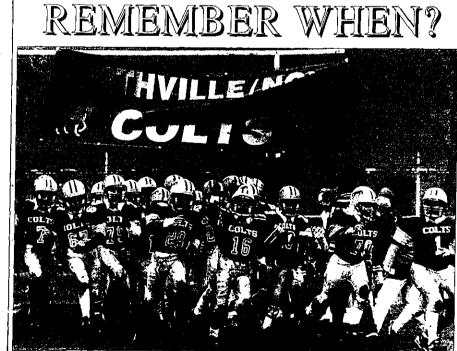
meal gets to you within moments.

In between all of this I need to coordinate eight waitstaff and cooks so they can concentrate on Mary Brady is a certified exec

I haven't been called to the front- the Novi Town Center. If you have stocked.

The expiditor calls each ticket as it comes into the kitchen to the solution to the counter on weekends. It is a solution to the kitchen to the counter on weekends. It is a solution to the kitchen to the counter on weekends. It is a solution to the counter on weekends. It is a solution to the kitchen to the counter on weekends. It is a solution to the kitchen to the counter on weekends. It is a solution to the kitchen to the counter on weekends. It is a solution to the kitchen to the counter on weekends. It is a solution to the kitchen to the counter on weekends. It is a solution to the kitchen to the counter on weekends. It is a solution to the kitchen to the counter on weekends. It is a solution to the kitchen to the counter on weekends. It is a solution to the kitchen to the counter on weekends. It is a solution to the kitchen to the counter on weekends. It is a solution to the kitchen to the counter on weekends. It is a solution to the kitchen to the counter on weekends. It is a solution to the kitchen to the counter on weekends. It is a solution to the kitchen to the counter on weekends. It is a solution to the kitchen to the counter on weekends. It is a solution to the kitchen to the counter on weekends. It is a solution to the kitchen to the counter of the co

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1995 Northville/Novi Colts football

How many of these Colts went on to become top-notch Mustangs and Wildcats? It's hard to imagine these little tykes turning into Brandon Langston or Matt Gorman or Chase Chandler, but they do -- and then they get all grown up and move away to college to continue their athletic careers. No doubt, there's more than one parent out there that can say they remember this time in their child's life

Screen Beat

By Brian Renner Coming to theaters this weekend

Jessica Spencer (Anna Farris) who wakes up one day in the body of a 30-year-old Clive (Rob Schneider). In the process of trying to figure out how to switch back, she comes to realize her shortcomings. "The Hot Chick" is a Touchstone Pictures release and rated PG-13 for crude

and sexual humor, language and mon) from Harlem who enrolls to lead its marching band's drum line to victory. He initially floun-ders in his new world before realiz-

each the top. "Drumline" is a 20th Century Fox release and rated PG-Nemesis," billed as the final film to eature the cast of the "Star Trek: The Next Generation" television series. The film follows the crew of the Enterprise-E on their most perilous mission yet. After attending Commander Riker and Counselor

Troi's wedding, Captain Jean-Luc sequel "Stuart Little 2" (PG).
Picard is dispatched to the Romulan homeworld after a series Romulan homeworth atter a output of peace proposals. However, peace is the last thing that the crew finds. "Star Trek: Nemesis" is a The Star Trek: Remediate and Video Vol. II" (NR), "Farscape" rated PG-13 for sci-fi action violence, peril and a scene of sexual

Modern-day 'Cinderella' "Maid n Manhattan" stars Jennifer Lopez as Marisa, a maid in an upper-class New York City hotel. While trying on a wealthy women's dress, a handsome rich man (Raiph dress, a handsome rich man (Raiph Fiennes) mistakes her for a society woman. Marisa goes through a transformation when she falls in love with the British man. She soon finds herself gaining insight into the life of a man she triight other.

(Scason 2, Volume 4) (NR).
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# Go ahead, break my day!

# With 989 Sports' Gamebreaker 2003, seasons never end

By Sam Eggleston ENTERTAINMENT WRITER

News flash: The Chippewas of Central Michigan University have just won the national football championships! Sound a little fishy? Not if

you're at the controls of 989 Sports' NCAA Gamebreaker 2003. You take control of your favorite team and bring it to the best squads across the county as you battle it out to see who's the

best of the best in the nation.

The best part? For those of you who love the college football season, with this game sitting in your Playstation 2 the cheers of the crowds at the Big House and in ever Division I stadium across this great country never have to die

down.

One of the big advantages that
Gamebreaker has over the competition is the speed. A lot of football
games just don't have the breakneck speeds that make life with
the pigskin such a blast. This one
does though. And another thing
this seems to really bright is the does though. And another thing this seems to really bring is the hits. There's nothing better than a big hit by the middle linebacker that sends a runningback stumbling to his left — unless, of course, it's a hit immediately afterward by the outside linebacker that sends the ball carrier flat on his back or flipping through the air. Sometimes if you get a good enough hit or a nice gang tackle, a flash of fightning and the sound of thunder in the distance reminds your opponents that there's no passing to the middle when your big dogs are on the provel.

The cheers and booing from the hometown fans work well with the nicely crufted stadiums. The refs are even more of a part of this game and not, thankfully, in the way of penalties. Breaking up the middle on a strong-I iso play, the runningback is actually capable of being saved from a tackle if the ref gets in the way. The same works if the back accidentally runs into the

the back accidentally runs into the ref and takes a digger.

All the way across the board, Gamebreaker is the perfect gift for the college football fan in your life. And if you're not buying it for someone else and just love to take control of the University of Michigan Wolverines in hopes of presties. Other Street his time. amengan worvernes in hopes of topping Ohio State this time around, pick this one up. Not only does it rival everything that other college football games have to offer, it comes out of the store right around \$10 cheaper on aver-

age.

To be honest, the game isn't perfect though. The commentary starts to drag just slightly by the end of the season with the same things being said ending up being repeated over and over again. One thing that the folks in the booth do that is more appealing at times than other games is give credit where credit is do — the front line. A game is won and lost at the line of scrimmage and they don't hesitate to let that be known. There are plenty of replay val-

There are plenty of replay values to this game as it can either be played at a fairly easy level where even some of the worst teams in the country can get victories with a human calling the shots, and goes right up to as hard of a football game that I have ever played, where the computer brings it all at you and Miami can lose to Eastern Michigan if things are done to perfection.

And for those who like to bring a program from the ashes of air to the along of a how game, there is always the career mode. This helps with the rebuild-ing process of bad teams and the continued greatness of the perennial favorites. Either way, it's up to the player to keep the recruits coming in and the game plan at

the highest level.

Gamebreaker 2003 also has another feature that grows on those wielding the controller. Instead of throwing the perfect pass on the run every single time like other games have you doing Gamebreaker brings on the reality of physics as your may overthrow your intended target if you are running forward or perhaps you lead them too much or throu

around too much in the pocket. Overall, Gamebreaker 2003 is one of the best college football games on the market, taking advantage of all of the processing power the Playstation 2 has to

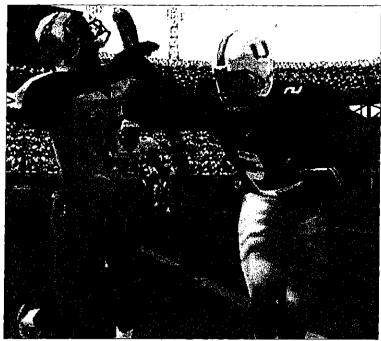
offer without slowing the game down any. A dedicated fan can find themselves playing long into the night, trying to finish up a season or bring their team to the national championship. And for those who may be wondering about the title of the game most teams have one or two players that can change the momen-tum of a contest just by being there or touching the ball. Those

there or toleuming the dair. Hose types of players are often known as "game breakers."

In this game, the college foolball season never has to end and even the Chippewa fans can live vicariously and bring their team to the glory of a national title.

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With Gamebreak 2003, you can just your way shove through opponents as you try and fight your way to a national championship. And tackling? These are the hits that make you twictch when you dream about them at night. Not only does this keep the video-game players busy, but also the college football fan in your life. Make this one a stock-ing stuffer, especially since it comes onto the market about \$10 cheaper than its competition and still packs everything that you ball game.

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# Hobby-turned-profession pays off

Milford woman creates, paints exquisite antique Santas, Belsnickles

By Annette Jaworski

Everyone knows that Santa lives at the North Pole, but you might find more than a few of Santa's helpers right here in Milford — like the ones hand made by artist Nyla Murphy.

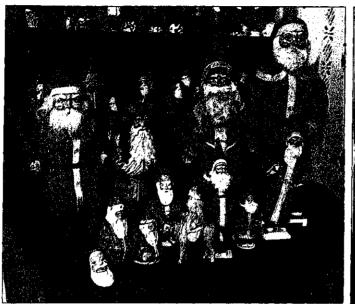
"I think everybody loves Santa, everybody loves Christmas," Murphy said, "It brings back good memories,"

It all began when she noticed collectible Santas or Belsnickles while antiquing. Originally expor-ed from Germany in the late 1800s, they are rare and expensive. The little figures with their cone-shaped hat and hands inside their sleeves caught her eye.

"I wanted them so bad, and the old ones I couldn't afford," she said. There are so many things I wanted, and we were on a limited budget, so I decided to make it myself, and do it so they looked antique." Not that many of the original

Belnsickles survived through that time, and the molds were destroyed in the war, Murphy said. That didn't stop the determined artist, who decided to make her own molds for the figurines. She eventually created a whole array of Santas or Belsnickies in all shapes and sizes, with a wide range of realis-

There's a Santa riding a pig, made in jest for a policeman's wife. For a realistic touch, she added a basket of twigs hanging on Santa's back. Another inter-esting figure has two sides — a good Santa and a mean Santa — for naughty boys and girls.



These hand-made, antique-looking Santas are but a few of Nyla Murphy's creations.

Another is sitting on a snow-cov-ered log. Some of her Santas

even have moving parts.

What started as a pastime and hobby has turned into a profession. A loft area in her home

sion. A loft area in her home serves as a perfect studio and Santa's workshop. It's filled with shelves of jolly old Saint Nick. The entire process of creating the figure is a lengthy labor of love. Murphy first makes a mold out of clay, which she uses to create a plaster cast. Plaster works well for the outside of the works well for the outside of the surface, because it's a smooth surface to paint. The inside is filled with papier mache, making the figure amazingly light as well as strong, After they dry, she

paints and decorates them.

Probably the most remarkable thing about the Belsnickles and Santas is the detail put into each figure. Formerly a portrait artist, Murphy's skills are evident in the life like expressions of these Santas, which range from serious to comical. "A lot of them are stern, but

some of them have really sweet faces, and some have what I call cartoony faces," she observed.

A perfectionist, each Santa has to look just so, and she confesses to repainting several times over if necessary to get it just right. She carefully re-creates each detail from pictures of originals.

"I look at pictures. I used to do

portraits, so I'm pretty good at duplicating facial features," Murphy said, Another detail she carefully

reproduces includes the "antiquelooking" clothing. For this she takes fabric and dyes it to look "old" or faded. Some have gold robes, or green. There's even some dressed in green and purple. For an antique-looking fur trim, she buys old linings of coats. She uses soft, silky rabbit fur for the beard. She even searches for antique tinsel for trim. Each one of them also holds a small tree made out of turkey or goose feathers, just like the original Belsnickles. She

makes each of these by hand

dying the feather green and wrapping it around a wire. "And after I get them done, I

name them," she added. And each looks real enough to come to life. In fact, her favorite is called "Human" for that very

They're so popular, they've been shipped around the United States, including Alaska and Hawaii, as well as Canada, Germany and Guam, Murphy said. What first started by word of mouth increased even more once she was featured in Country Living and Better Homes and

Gardens. Christmas has become a very heetic time of year for the Milford resident.

"It's been like a snowball thing," Murphy said. Creating the figurines now keeps her busy year round. And just like the original collectibles, she notes that her

pieces are going up in value.
"I guess that's because they one of a kind, and you don't find them in any store," she noted.

Nyla Murphy also creates other seasonal collectibles, such as witches for Halloween and bunnies for Easter. You can contact her at (248) 684-1040,

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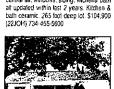
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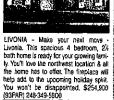








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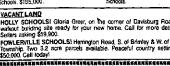


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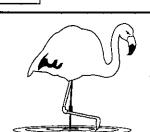




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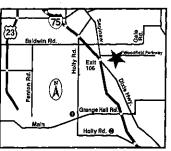
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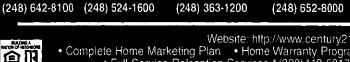
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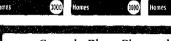
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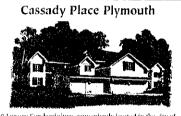
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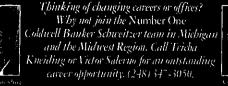
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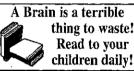
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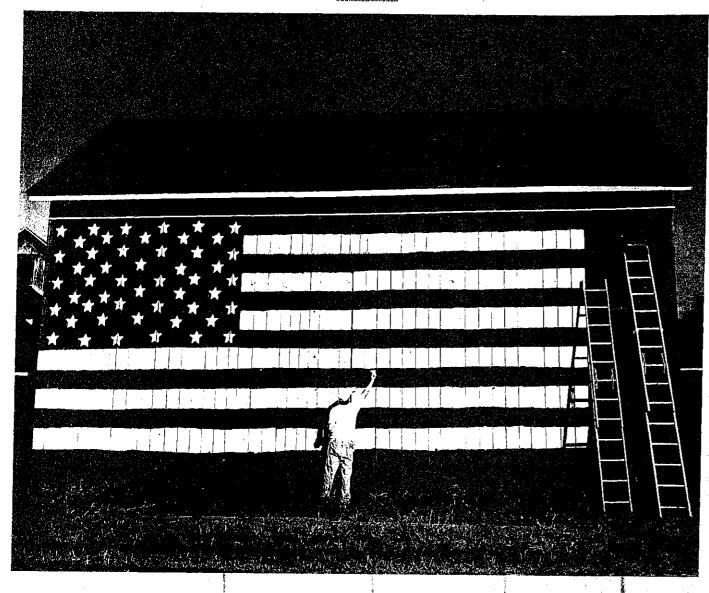
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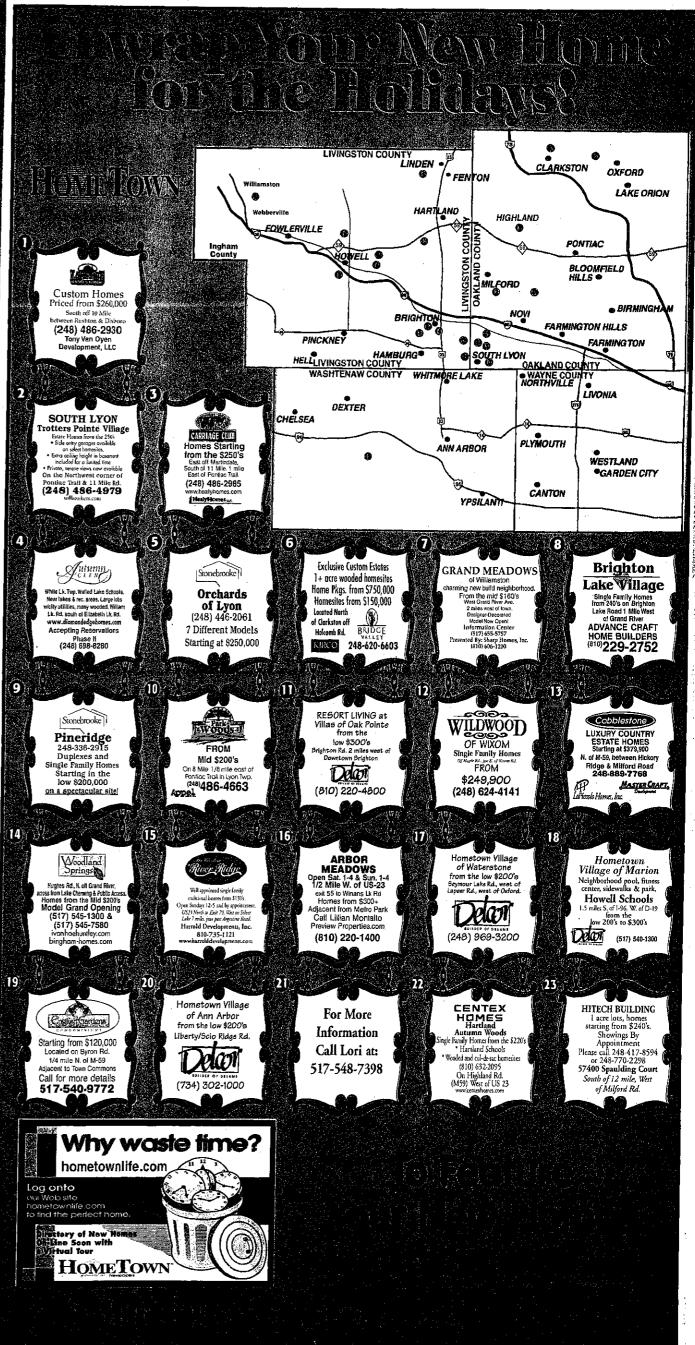


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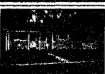
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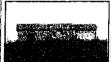




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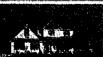












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# ere's the rub

Chairs, cushions and gadgets are designed for use at home, where relaxation comes naturally

By Olivia Clarke

All Michael Martinez needed

All Michael Martinez needed to make his life a little less stressful was the comfort of a chair. But we're not talking about just any old chair. The one Martinez got is an electric-powered massage recliner.

After a tough day at work, he spends about a half-hour sitting in a while the chair goes to work on his lower back and neck, calves and feet. Martinez's \$1,500 black vinyl recliner silently massages any of those parts of the body \_ depending on what he wants.

In an age when all most people want to do is relax and unwind from the stresses of everyday

from the stresses of everyday life, electric-powered back, foot and body massagers are becoming must-haves.

Martinez, of Tuscon, Ariz, used to get a massage once a month, but now he plans to see a massage therapist only every three to six months. In eash forms, that means be's awing terms, that means he's saving \$80 per month on the massages
— an expense that also includes

And in relaxation terms, it means he's still getting much of the care he needs but in the comfort of his own home

"It's awesome," says the 24-year-old assistant manager at The Sharper Image about his new chair, "It's easier to unwind after a day's work."

Massage gadgets can be bought for the entire body or specifically for feet, back, shoul-ders or calves. Some of the products use heat; others work muscles and tissues with circular

otions.
The Sharper Image (www.thesharperimage.com) offers robotic and vibrating chairs ranging from \$1,499 to \$2,995. Other offerings include hand-held power massage gadgets from \$19.95 to \$250, Brookstone (www.brookstone.com) sells powered massage gadgets rang-ing from \$39 to \$200 and chairs and beds ranging from \$1,300 to \$3,195.

33,195.
"They're very popular," says
Mollee Madrigal, spokeswoman
for The Sharper Image.
"Everyone is looking for ways to
make themselves comfortable at

Dana Dixon, 36, owner of a personal training company in Tuscon, tests out massage chairs and massage cushions regularly when he visits stores and plans to purchase a massage chair in the near future. He uses the massagers on his lower back. He sug-gests that people research different types of massage gadgets for the one that best suits them. Pay the extra bucks for a quality mas

the extra bucks for a quality massager, he says.

"They are very useful devices," Dixon says. "Some work well in eliminating stress. I think they're becoming very popular, with the amount of stress people are going though."

people are going though."

Some people buy these athome products because they don't feel comfortable having a stranger massage them, says Kathy Rinn, owner of The Right Touch Massage Therapy in Tuscon. She plans to give her father a massager for that very reason, she says.

For first-timers, Target or Kmart Super Stores may be the answer. They offer less expensive, hand-held, chair cushions and mobile massagers ranging from \$14.99 to \$79.99.

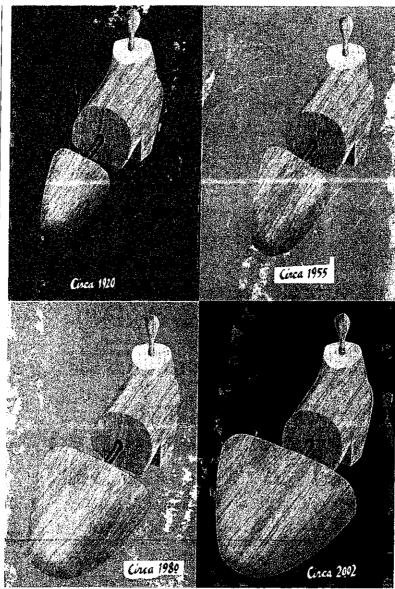
Merle Margelofsky, coowner of Relax The Back Stores in Tuscon, warns that you get what you pay for. The cheaper the massager, the less impressive the results, he says.

His stores don't sell some of

the more inexpensive massagers because, Margelofsky says don't exercise the ti

enough.

Shelene Taylor, owner of Changes Massage Centre in Tuscon, says the products are only a temporary fix between massage appointments. "Nothing reaches the problem areas like a pair of hands," Taylor says.



# The shoe tha

Improved nutrition has made feet larger, and shoes that fit harder to find

By Mackenzie Carpenter

Burkett felt like Cinderella's stepsister every time she walked into a department store looking for iocs.
"I'd see these pumps that

"I'd see these pumps that were so cute, so perfect, and then I could barely squeeze myself into them," recalled the 54-year old Monroeville, Pa., resident who wears a size 8-1/2, double wide shoe. "It happened all the time and it was so frustrating. But I guess you couldn't expect a store like that to have a double wide shoe size, could you?" Probably not.

Prohably not Walk into any department store today, or any one of the mainstream shoe outlets found in shopping malls, and unless you wear 6 to 10 medium. you can pretty much forget finding new, fashionable, up-to-date shoe

Even though the average American shoe size has increased dramatically in the past 100 years, larger, wider sizes in the trendiest styles are still extremely difficult to find.

And that means women are probably cramming themselves into shoes that don't fit them — and paying the price in the long run with poor foot health; bunions, hammer toes, joint inflamma-

tion, even nerve damage. Who's to blame? Dr. William Rossi, a Massachusetts podiatrist and historian who worked as a consultant to the shoe industry for many years, points to his old employer as the culprit. "The shoe industry gets away with

murder - foot murder - and it has been for generations," he said, "People are getting taller and heavier, as they have for generation after generation, and their feet are getting larger in proportion to their bodies.

But the shoe industry hasn't caught up with that fact, Rossi said. "They will tell you that about 75 percent of their sales are in the medium group, between size 6 and 9-1/2, when in fact, the no real data to show that the majority of people actually wear those

sizes. If you don't stock the larger or wider sizes to begin with, you don't sell more of them. And people will buy what's available."

"Big companies are interested in ass producing," said Barbara

### **MEASURING YOUR FEET**

Width designations for men's and women's shoes sold in the United States generally fall into these categories

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The familiar Brannock device is the stan-dard for measuring a foot's width and length. However, you need more than a simple width measurement to properly fit shoes:

- Trace the outline of your feet while stand ing and wearing socks you normally wear with shoes.
- Measure the distance from the tip of you
- Measure the distance at the widest part (the ball) of your foot. Many shoe manufacturers also recommend, for best fit, buying shoes at the end of the day, when you foot is slightly larger from the day's activity. It's worth remembering, too, that feet will get bigger with age and weight gain.

### **DID YOU KNOW?**

- In 1900, the average male shoe size was between 6<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> and 7, according to Dr.
   William Rossi, author of "The Professional Shoe Fitting Manual. Today it's about 9½. The average woman's size has risen from 4½ in 1900 to nearly 9 today.
- immigrants were small in stature and had correspondingly small feet. As soon as their children were born and benefited from better nutrition and health care, their t started getting larger.

Sources: Boottracks.com. Brannock.com. Dr. Witsam Ross

Thornton, a Harvard MBA who started her own online shoe company, www.designershoe.com, for women with larger feet "Thorn your to hit the with larger feet. "They want to hit the median market, where shoe turnover is going to be fastest, and they say the size 8 mediums are the ones that will turn over very quickly."

But on what data do they base that? Nothing much, said Rossi, author of numerous podiatric journal articles and seven books, including a reference book, "The Professional Shoe Fitting Manual," (which notes that men, too, have seen their shoe sizes grow). "Of course, the industry will come back to you and say. "We are a dollars and cents business just like any other business, we have to go where the center of the market is, and if the retailer is buying 70 to 80 percent medium width, who are we to argue with him?" "But it's a take-it-or-leave it situation for the consumer. If most people buy size 8 mediums, it's because that's only what's available, and so they cram their feet into the shoes even if they're not Manual," (which notes that men, too

feet into the shoes even if they're not the right size."

Indeed, other than sales figures, it's nearly impossible to get accurate statistics on how many Americans wear what size shoe, because there aren't any, industry officials concede.

Indeed, the days of stepping on a Brannock device, that flat sheet of metal with the footnrint outlined on it are gone, said Bill Boettge, president of the National Shoe Retailers' Association, which represents independent shoe stores.

"We don't measure feet anymore." he said. "There are no standards, so the sizes vary widely, from wide to long." But many women want a wider vari

ety of styles than wingtips or topsiders. For them, there are always independent retailers, or the Internet, where sites such as www.designershoes.com ("for women who leave a larger footprint")

have found a niche selling to size 11s. In fact, Thornton, the Web site's founder, said she started it after she had trouble finding shoes in her size. Now that she understands the shoe industry and how it works, "I'm on a mission

# A brittle topic

Osteoporosis has long been a focal point for women, but research shows that the bone disease is often overlooked in men.

By Susan Aschoff

The blueprint for building strong bones may be one construction project in which the women have it all over the men.

A recent study found that men and their physicians too often overlook the potential for men, like women, to suffer from a loss of bone density as they age. The risk? Debilitating fractures and even death.

"We know so much less about male osteoporosis than about (the condition) in women," asks Dr Jonno Marget an associate associate.

MEN

Early menopause

(before age 45) Hysterectomy before

age 45, particularly if ovaries removed

Multiple missed peri

ods as a result of over-exercising or over-dieting

Low levels of male

hormone testosterone

WOMEN AND MEN

Small frame or

exceptionally thin

Family history

Smoking Heavy drinking

Frequent dieting or eating disorders Certain diseases

affecting absorption,

such as Type 1 dia-betes, celiac, Crohn's and Cushing's

Medical conditions

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cancers

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Autoimmune diseases

such as rheumatoid

arthritis and asthma

requiring prednisone or other corticosteroid

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Caucasian or Asian

Long-term immobility

says Dr. Joanne Valeriano-Maret, an associate professor at the University of South Florida School of Farly menopause Medicine who has examined the effec-tiveness of treat-ments and education

for dealing with loss of bone density. Research pub-lished recently in Archives of Internal Medicine found that even men who had suffered fractures were rarely referred for a bone density test. Yet by age 65, men lose bone mass as fast as women. By 75, one-third of men have

Of the estimated million Americans afflicted with osteoporosis, 2 million are men, said the study's lead author, Gary Kiebzak of the Center for Orthopaedic Research and at St. Education Luke's Hospital Episcopal

Men's lack of awareness puts some of them at risk for the same debilitating bone breaks suffered by women, who for years have been warned about osteoporosis and advised to take pre-ventive measures, Kiebzak says.

Men fare better than women in maintaining bone density as they age because of differences in lifestyle and physiology, scientists believe. Men typically have larger frames, with more muscle and bone mass. And men do not go through the drastic hormonal changes women experience, particu-larly menopause's plunge in estrogen, which accelerates bone loss.

But neither gender escapes the body's script for aging. An individual deposits more bone mass than he or she loses through the mid 30s. Then bones begin to gradually lose density. Excessive loss is called osteoporosis.

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Osteoporosis typically doesn't announce its presence until a wrist breaks in a minor mishap or back pain leads to discovery of compression fractures in the spine. Many cases are diagnosed after a hip is fractured.

No one knows for certain why some peo-ple's bones become dangerously fragile. Thin white women are particularly susceptible. A 50-year-old white female has a 14 percent chance that she will suffer a hip fracture in her lifetime. A white male has a 5 to 6 percent chance. The odds for a black male are 3 per-

'We really don't know what to tell men We're still studying the correlation between (bone) density and breaks and at what level a man would be at risk," Valeriano-Marcet says.

The disease's consequences can be deadly Although men are less likely to fracture a hip, they're at much higher risk than women of dying if it happens, Valeriano-Marcet says. She attributes the higher incidence to poorer health overall. Among all elderly nationally, nearly one-third of those who suffer a hip fracture are discharged to nursing homes within a year, the National Institutes of Health says. One in five dies as their health deteriorates

The condition can be hereditary, a side effect of other diseases or their treatments, such as radiation for cancer, or the result of unhealthy lifestyles, from mactivity to lack of calcium What I see in men is alcohol (abuse) as a major factor." Valeriano-Marcet says

Physicians recommend screening for osteo-porosis if several risk factors are present. A test measures a natient's bone density and compares it with the normal range for his or her

Osteoporosis is treated with bone-building drugs such as Fosamax and Actonel, approved men and women by the Food and Drug



# Dressing down survives death of dot-coms

By Julie N. Lynem

When the economy slumped, there was talk of business casual fading like a pair of acid-washed jeans. The days of the flipflopping. Bernuda-short- wearing dot-commer were supposedly coming to an end. But, by and large, business easual

appears to be here to stay, say workplace experts. Not surprisingly, San Francisco retains its place as one of the more kild-back towns when it comes to office attire, according to a 15- city survey by Rowenta, the German iron and home-appliance man

The survey showed that, if anything, workplace fashions across the country have gotten, well, scarier. In Atlanta, the offending party wore leopard skin spandex pants. In Boston, the boss walked in with Speedo swim trunks and a towel — after swimming lessons. The fashion faux pas in San Francisco: an employee in orange riding

These examples may be a little extreme. But the survey found that only 12 percent of American companies stick to traditional dress code roles. That confirms what many

'San Franciscans are comfortable casual which means khakis and a T-shirt," said Ginger Burr, an image consultant and media spokeswoman for Rowenta. "It's basically anything goes. It's the most relaxed, and can go from the office to the

San Francisco slid right into the comfortable casual category, along with Pittsburgh, Boston, Seattle and Los Angeles.

Miami, Atlanta, Dallas and Minneanolis are considered classic casual, a mix of dress pants or khakis with a more formal or casu-al shirt. Workers in New York City, New Orleans, Washington, D.C., Chicago and Cleveland go for a more corporate look — dress pants, formal shirts or blouses.

An informal survey of workplace threads in San Francisco's Financial District turned up attire that was all over the map — from buttoned-down polo shirts and pressed khakis to lived-in jeans and flowing, peasant-style blouses,

Indeed, after two hours critiquing San Francisco style, it was difficult to say jus where employees stand in the workplace wardrobe department. Everyone had his own take on the situation.

Lance Buscaglia, a coffee salesman for Seattle's Caffe Umbria, a wholesale coffee retailer, said he has seen a gradual shift toward more casual dressing. Men are wearing fewer and fewer ties to work, and it

doesn't bother him one bit.

He prefers to dress in slacks and a loosefitting short-sleeved shirt, but he knows

how to step it up a noteth when he has to.
"I'm lucky," he said, "When I have to go
to a nice restaurant, I'll wear a tie. But if
I'm at cafes, I can dress down. I definitely
don't wear a tie to Berkeley. They don't trust anyone with a tie.

Consultant Chris Nicita said San

Francisco is certainly more casual than Washington, D.C., where men wear suits

and ties to work every day. There is no dress code at his San Francisco consulting firm. The latest survey by the Society for Human Resource Management also reported a similar trend toward more-casual ssing. During the past five years, more day of the week, said Frank Scanlan, spokesman for the group, which represents infloyees in human resource and personemployees in human resource and person-nel. The 2002 survey indicated that 56 per-cent of organizations have casual dress days once a week, while 53 percent of respon-

dents have casual dress every day.
"Casual dress is among those tools that ple and keeping them," Scanlan said. "You may see a few organizations revert back to a more traditional business attire, but I think by and large that casual dress in the workplace will become more common.

Charles Steiner, a word processor at a law firm, wants the firm to take a more relaxed ook as if they're wearing clothes for some-

"Just one day a week I'd like to wear jeans," he said. "I don't see clients, but I still have to wear something formal."



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Jennifer Elks, who used to work for MTV.com, works on her martini shake

# ex-dot-commers

Twenty-somethings who made money in the tech business are now picking up new trades after the dot-com fallout

was required to know the intricacies of HTML and XML coding, Java programming and Flash anima-

three days," Elks said as her lethal looking concoction met with Verrone's approval. "It's hard to remember them

Where have all the techies gone? Many have decided to abandon the digital life altogether and pursue barrend

ing as a placeholder career until some-thing better comes along. They've been joined by a variety of others seeking new opportunities amid the economic downturn - a trend that's seen enrollment boom at bar-tending schools in the Bay Area.

"This industry is pretty recession-proof," said Chris Grant, director of ABC Bartending School in San Leandro, Calif. "When times are good, people drink. When times are bad, peo-

Bartending schools say they've been deluged with former dot-commers and technology professionals seeking careers in a slightly less volatile field,

Francisco School of Bartending.
"I don't know that every single person who graduates from school becomes a bartender," he said.
"But those that want to typically get jobs."

Not always the ones they want, though.

Many aspiring bartenders, especially the younger
ones, picture themselves holding court behind the
counter of a trendy club, with lights flashing, music



in a club without prior experience," said Stefani Feist, assistant director of the National Bartenders School and the facility's placement counselor. "It's a difficult market," she said. "Sometimes we

have one job listing, sometimes we have 10, People need to be prepared to do some catering or party-planning jobs as a way to break in.

If they want to toss bottles around like Tom Cruise

in "Cocktail" or dance up a storm like "Coyote Ugly, they need to practice at home. Such talents—called "flair" in the trade — are not taught at school.

Those who do land bartending gigs "(Bartending) is pretty recessionproof. When

who walked away from the dot-com collapse with his pockets full after his good, people small San Francisco software firm was rchased by technology powerhouse

apient.

He left the company when he found that being a manager wasn't much to his liking, "I missed the code," 25-year-old Kirchstein said. So he did some traveling. He hung

Chris Grant out. "Now I just want some stability some way to fill my days," Kirchstein said.
That's why he's at National, on the

Building on Market Street, standing behind a curved, red-topped practice bar that extends the length of the classroom. Kirchstein was running through drinks as another

student timed him with a stopwatch. To pass the final exam, he'd need to churn out 12 drinks in 7 minutes, 3 at a time.

Verrone, the instructor, said this is a breeze for

eighth floor of the historic Flood

anyone who can recall all the recipes. "Only occa-sionally do we get someone who can't remember the drinks at all." he said.

Kirchstein said he isn't er pounding and scantily dressed customers calling out he shook out something the color of cherry Kool rders. Aid into a highbail glass. (Most bartending schools The reality is that the Bay Area's four leading bar- substitute colored water for booze and use plastic

ingredient in most drinks is ice.) Lisa Passarino, 21, is a little less con-

fident of her abilities She's studying filmmaking at the Academy of Art College and sees bartending as a respectable fallback in case Hollywood doesn't embrace her as the next Spielberg right off the bat,
"I'll start out as a bartender and then

end up in show business," Passarino She made this sunny prediction while

trying to put together a credible stinger. Passarino mixed brandy with Drambuie. She glanced up at Verrone, who gri-"You confused a stinger with a rusty

nail," he said. "The stinger is brandy and creme de menthe. Passarino smiled shyly and set out a until she's ready.

# Ways to shorten the search for a new home

By Neal Gendler MINNEAPOLIS-ST. PAUL STAR TRIBUNE

rates are helping compensate for rising home

For a change, buyers have choices and time to think about them — or look elsewhere — before making an offer.

With more choices available, it might take longer to decide, but interest rates aren't like-ly to stay this low for a long time. And

mean the buyer and agent want to spend days tramping through all of them, perhaps only to learn that the first was the best - and now it's

make it work smoothly. Much of the process is not physical but mental: knowing what you want in a home and where you'd like it to be knowing how much you can spend; being available and staying flexible.

With those things in mind, agents Pat Von Mosch of Counselor Realty and Todd Shipman of Grent Minneapolis Real Estate Co, provided some ways buyers can help find

look for homes that seem to be what you want where you want and at a price you can afford. A reasonably sophisticated site will have a carch function allowing you to enter your desired criteria, such as number of bedrooms and bathrooms; amenities such as a firenlace or double garage; city or geographic area, and

zied, "what they saw on the Internet was sold before they got, there," Shipman said. Now, listings are more likely to stay available, for viewing. He said he's encouraging buyers to look at listings 30 to 90 days old — houses that might be fine, but were overpriced.

On You Mosch's flow chart of what buyers

need to do, getting approved for a loan is the

It's become common for agents to insist their buyers be approved for a mortgage loan before taking them to look at houses. There's no reason to spend time looking at houses the client can't afford — or worse, searching for days or weeks, making an offer and then learning the would-be buyer can't qualify for a loan big enough to buy the house.

Buyers should shop for loans as they would

for any other purchase. Shipman suggests going to three mortgage originators: a bank, a mortgage broker and a credit union. Those not n a credit union can go to a second lender or broker. The interest rate quoted should be similar on the same day — it's a highly competitive business — but the rate can change small amounts daily or even hourly.

Beware of offers that seem too good to be

mates 'apple to apple,' "which sometimes is difficult; mortgage originators use different terms or put fees in different places. Question fees that seem peculiar or out of line. Ask for

the annual percentage rate.

Formally or informally, Realtors do what Von Mosch calls a "buyer orientation," sitting down with the buyer or buyers and trying to determine what they're looking for and what

Several decisions have to be made before

"I usually have two distinct categories of buyers," Von Mosch said.

One is first-time home buyers, "and they're usually pretty open. The second group is previous clients, and they've pretty much figured out from their first house what they want and don't want," she said. size, price and location of house desired

e not had a huge problem with that; we try to go with the things they can agree on," such as numbers of bedrooms and bathrooms, and style of home, Von Mosch said.

"Usually, if there's a disagreement, it will be about the price or the location. What I try to do then is show them both prices, both locations, and they have to come to some agreement as to what they're searching for.'

consider more than one area of town becthe desired home might not be available might be too expensive there. But that home might be available - even abundant - and less-expensive in some other part of the city that could work as well as the first choice.

# Even smallest firms, homes use cameras for security

By Larisa Brass

At the Little People's Learning Academy in tor activity in each room of the day-care center.

It was a good thing, too, when one mother demanded an explanation after her daughter complained she had been hit by one of the

compianted she had been fit by one of the workers. A review of the video that day showed the daughter's accusation had been false. Instead of firing an employee, "the mother went home and spanked the child for lying," said Dr. Jack Warner, chairman of the day-care center's board.
Like the Learning Academy, many business

owners are finding that new digital surveillance equipment brings them not only defense against traditional security concerns such as break-ins and theft, but allows them to keep better tabs on day-to-day business.

Mike Fleenor, president of Fleenor Security Systems in Knoxville, said he used to find himself pitching security systems to a company's security department, which typically had "the scullest budget in the company."

With new digital surveillance, Web-accessible technologies, businesses can monitor employees, give virtual plant tours, transmit

iars to outside locations and remotely control building entrances.

These new capabilities, along with security awareness brought on by the Sept. 11 terrorist

awareness brought on by the Sept. It constant attacks, mean companies like Fleenor "start pitching it to capital budgets." The decreasing cost of the digital technology has brought new interest from smaller compa-nies as well, said Fleenor, such as churches, nience stores, daycare centers, non-profit organizations and even private homes.

The Learning Academy is one of Fleenor's

The digital system allows a network of up to 16 cameras to be connected to a computer, which records and stores large amounts of video \_ depending on how much hard-drive space the customer buys.

The cameras can be monitored in real-time, "24 hours a day, through the business's onsite computer network, local area network or the Internet. And the video that is stored can be searched and instantly viewed by day, hour or

Some businesses are using the system to monitor employee activity, Fleenor said. The company has restaurant and manufacturing customers that have installed discreet cameras over areas where employees count money or clock in, "People work differently when the boss is there," he said. However, Fleenor said he won't violate

workers' right to privacy, such as installing cameras in corridors, common areas and out-side restroom doors. "I've had people that said, "Can we do that?"" he said. "I've said, 'You can,

have to replace it in two or three years.

At the Learning Academy, Warner said the digital system may eventually allow parents to check in on their children during the day. "Some day in the future parents will demand access to children's time," he said. "We didn't want to start with (a traditional system) and

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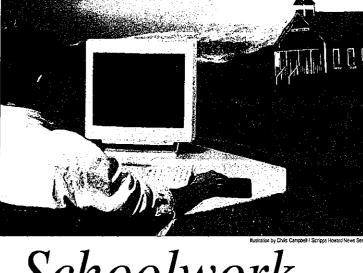
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are selling nev

ParentConnect began as a pilot program last year. This year it is being used in all of the district's junior and senior high schools. Getting Bobby to turn in his

- and to make sure they are getting lone on time. Now any claims that he has no homework and thus should be allowed to play computer games

To him, "it was just one more con-



# Schoolwork,

# Web sites give parents a look at their child's progress in class and other peeks at school info

By Kavita Kumer MINNEAPOLIS-ST. PAUL STAR TRIBUNE

emember when you could stash those not-so-stellar algebra tests in the bottom of your locker and pray that your parents would never find out? When you could play hooky and intercent the school's call to your

parents? Or when you could swear you had no homework (when, of course, you really did) and spend the night watching "must-see" TV? of the past. Now many parents have been given the tools to fight back — to the chagrin

of some students. With the click of a mouse, a username and password, par-ents in some school districts can access their children's grades, homework assign-ments, attendance records, disciplinary problems and even their lunch account bal-

ance.
Officials in Minneapolis-St. Paul-area districts hope the Web sites will help par-ents get more involved and, by extension, bolster student

issignments on time had been a constant challenge, Miller said, "My son is very bright, but lazy," she said. ParentConnect was just the tool she needs to monitor his assignments

fall on deaf ears.

Bobby wasn't happy when he learned of his mother's new tracking could help many financially strapped tool. The first words that came to his districts cut printing and paper

spiracy against kids," Miller deadfor example, the district rolled out its But once Miller began using the budget-saving initiative.

"We won't be mailing out report cards this year," said Steve Simon,

system, Bobby started getting more of his work done. She saw improvement. Now she browses the site only every other week or so to make sure he's on track in his classes.

"By the time you get the report card, it's too late," she said, "But now you can do damage control. And it's

hard for your kid to argue against (the final grade), because here it is in black and white." No more lame excuses about the quently they update the online infor-Those days are becoming a thing teacher's grading techniques, she mation, but most parents said the

achievement.

"It was really the cattle prod that he needed," said Robin Miller of the Message and Essage Robin Miller of the 15-year-old son Bobby, a 10th-grader at Robbinsdale Cooper High School in New Hope, Minn, where an online system called Parent Connect began as a part of the Message Robin Miller of the Message Robin Miller of the Message Robinsdale Cooper High School in New Hope, Minn, where an online system called Parent Connect began as a part of the Message Robinsdale 
said, because parents can view all of the assignments and scores that led to the assignments and scores that led to the online information systems the assignments and scores that led to the final grade.

The sort of information available

have not meant more work for most teachers and administrators, officials on the Web sites varies by district. said. Teachers input the grades for Most provide up-to-date attendance records, transcripts and course schedules. Some also include discionto the Web sites. plinary actions and meat-plan bal-ances, and include assignments and grades throughout a quarter. In addition to improving student For Miller's other son, Bobby's younger brother, who is a seventh-grader at Technology and Language Campus in Robbinsdale, Minn., it's

performance and communicating

# expenses. going to cramp his lifestyle as much In Eden Prairie, Minn., schools, as it has the other guy."

been a smoother transition.

# Classic Sport's gear simulates last-second thrills miniature size, actually discourages outside activity. It works best with a small

By Steve Caulk

inside the balls.

Called "At the Buzzer," the basketball counts down the final seconds of the game, to the moment in which the holder must foam-rubber basketball, because of its to \$19.99.

shoot the ball. The "Beat the Rush" foot-ball counts down in "Mississippi" incre-ments, the way pass rushers in touch foot-Westminster, Colo., thinks it has discovered a way to distract kids from their computer game consoles long enough to get some fresh air.

Classic Sport Cos. can make the best footballs and basketballs in the world, but as long as there are virtual cars to steal and planets to colonize, most 12-year-olds will sit indoors grinning as a start and start way pass rushers in touch football basketball could be a precursor to an out-door variety.

The components are small and sturdy," he said. "They're not real intricate. So they're very durable. We beat them up quite a bit in tests, and they're holding up very well."

The balls have the specific could be a precursor to an out-door variety.

"We see video games as a major competitor," said Matt Torson, marketing most six of the proposed of the p

age: Different to colonize, most 12-year-olds will sit indoors gripping a game controller.

So the folks at Classic Sport combined the two activities, putting a computer two worlds and put interactivity into two worlds and put interactivity into the balls.

Although Total workers and college students will mount workers and college students and put interactivity into ger audience for both balls is children ages 7-18.

The balls are expected to sell for \$14.99

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hoop hanging on a bedroom door.

But the smaller-than-standard football works outside, and Torson says the small

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**TECHNOLOGY** 

Virtual Resort: Spring Break Genre: Strategy Platform: PC/Windows

ESRB Rating: Teen  $\star\star$ 

Publisher: Eidos Interactivo

Unruly, drunken beachgoers, fueled by extreme sunburn, poor sanitation facilities and a nasty swimming pool are bound to get omery before long. As a result, Virtual Resort: Spring Break is born, a game in which you get to play babysiter, mainte-nance man and resort planaer all in one. Kind of like the guy on "Fantasy Island"

without Tattoo. without lattoo.

The basic premise is well, basic: Make money with your Spring Break resort.

However, all kinds of variables will keep you scrambling. First it's the lack of showers, then you lose a few swimmers in a danger ous surf and before you know it, you can't even attract the vacation world's bottom feeders.

To prevent disaster, you need vision patience and money. Predict what your cus-tomers want (aided by two million flashing hints) and you'll make gravy. However, even with a good variety of games it gets to be too much. Levels take longer and longer to com-plete, without much reward. Even the food poisoning got old after awhite.

A nice try to attract those not yet sucked into this genre, but Spring Break falls short.



Real War: Rogue States Platform: PC/Window Publisher: Simon & Schuster Interactive

ESRB Rating: Teen

the district's director of operational

technology. Paper will still be used for those parents who don't have Internet access, he said.

Parents say with such information

just a click away, they don't have to

wait until parent-teacher conferences

on phone calls to check on attendance or other ques-

tions, although more per-

sonal school-parent inter-actions certainly haven't been phased out. And no

more relying on tacitum,

forgetful teenagers for

nformation.
"The communication

(between students and par-ents) becomes less and less

er. My son had a memory

any time of day or night, a big plus for working par-ents. It also has cut down

After watching the original Real War fall flat on its face, I was hoping for redemption with the sequel. Unfortunately, the few sur-face improvements in Real War: Rogue States don't cover up some of the same prob-lems that doomed the first installment,

Fighting as either the mighty USA or the terrorist Independent Liberation Army, you have to use strategy, technology and finally firepower to establish your dominance. A classic battle game strategy, but one with major problems. The first of these is in coordinating your forces. The battle scenes are way too spacious. Inevitably, you're focus-ing on your objective in one corner of the map while the bad guys are taking out your

base of operations somewhere else Too much confusion abounds for you to get to enjoy the realistic battle effects, which is too bad. The vehicles look sweet, and the up-to-date arsenal is a solid touch. However the AI is awful, so once you give your plane instructions, you have no real idea what he's doing unless you follow him the whole time. Spy satellites are a cool addition, and they

let you disperse the "fog of war" that blocks your battlefield vision. Mission variety is so a plus, with less of the classic boards that have you build up a base, defend it and go find the enemy's base. You get to disarm go into the circuity scale. For good to usual volatile chemical weapons and rescue sensitive materials from enemy hands. However, despite these twists, the basic gameplay is still struggling too much for serious gamers to give it much time.

Loons: The Fight for Fame Genre: Action Platform: Microsoft Xbox Publisher: Infogrames

**ESRB Rating: Everyone** ★★┧

Ever wonder about the dark side of day time cartoons? The behind-the-scenes back-stabbing and pressure-packed rehearsals, where every young rabbit dreams of becom-ing the next Bugs? Well, if that existed, aybe the result would be the basic premise of Loons: The Fight for Fame, in which you get to see your favorite Looney Tunes ch acters, including Bugs Bunny and the Tasmanian Devil, try to upstage each other with the help of ACME's best weaponry.

The basic premise is that you have to out-

fight and outlast your rival cartoon stars to get the big part. The action all take place on a cartoon studio set, complete with props and Yosemite Sam flying around as the director. Besides your normal fighting, there are extra tasks you can figure out during each scene to boost your star power. If you become a full-blown star, you'll gain access to a bunch of mini-games, most of which are subtle copies of killer arcade games. The graphics start out solid, but some

annoying camera problems make depth per-ception challenging and lead to a lot of erran movements. The sounds are great, and you'll recognize scenarios from classic cartoons. This title is aimed at a younger audience, and it almost has enough grown-up humor to keep everyone playing for awhile, but

monotony came creeping in.

- BY KELLY MARTIN SCRIPPS HOWARD NEWS SERVICE



tending schools are together turning out more than 200 graduates every single month. There just aren't that many cool jobs to go around.
"I tell people straight out that they won't get a job

an expect to make about \$25 an hour. But getting there is a relatively pricey proposition, with most bartending schools charging between \$600 and \$800 for up to 40 hours of training. That's not a problem for Matt Kirchstein. He's one of the leeky few who walked away from the dot-com

drink, When times are bad,

times are

people drink."

San Leandro, Calif.

"I haven't seen very many bars and clubs and restaurants closing as a result of the reces-sion, and there's always turnover in the barrending industry." said Mark Hersey, director of the San



Matt Kirchstein, who used to do programming at a software firm, is also taking the bartending course at the National Bartending School.

Middle-class home buyers haven't had it so good in ages: More homes are listed for sale than in five years, and cellar-dwelling interest

Realtors say properly priced homes in good condition still sell fairly quickly.

Just because a buyer's criteria might seem to fit three dozen houses instead of three dozen't

Agents usually will guide the process to

the best home available in the shortest time. If you have access to the Internet, call up almost any real estate brokerage's site and

price range.

When inventory was short and buyers fren

true, and make sure you get a written list — a "good faith estimate" — of costs.

"There are the bottom feeders in every business," Shipman said. "Look at good-faith esti-

they can afford.

starting to look.

For example: older house or new? Urban or suburban? One story or two?

"I usually have two distinct categories of

Von Mosch said she tries to find several ways to reach clients, and "we love using email because we can e-mail the listings" to them. She also tries to develop a schedule of availability: "Are they available on lunch hours? Evenings? Weekends?" That helps her determine how often to search for listings. Realters say buyers should be willing to

In addition, buyers should be willing to alter their search if they're not finding the right

# Virtual sporting action ... for the outdoors

## **HOME & GARDEN**

# A WOMAN'S PLACE IS WITH A

With the right tools, anyone can do simple home repairs

By Ann Weber TOLEDOBLADE

handy-woman extraordi-naire Nancy Lee is correct, one doesn't have to be mechanically inclined to be ccessful in the arena of home

repair and maintenance.

"Probably 75 percent of it is common sense, I really believe that," said

mon sense. I really believe that," said Lee, 54, of West Toledo, Ohio, whose accomplishments include installing windows, hanging drywall and replacing faucers.

Add an assortment of basic tools to that common sense and you're ready to compute the day-to-day challenges of keeping a home running: tightening screws and hinges, replacing door pulls or knobs, hanging pictures, maybe even putting up a chair rail in the dining room or installing a new fill valve in the toilet. Home centers and hardware stores are loaded with alfordable choices, many of them especially user-friendly for women.

horribly wrong.

advays a way it can be fixed."

Ed Rodriguez, manager of the hardware department at Home Depot in Toledo, said."Most people don't know what they can do until they try.

Safety glasses. Cost: about \$8. for \$8. series of the safety glasses. Cost: about \$8. for the home what they can do until they try. Our job is to give them confidence to do it themselves. The neatest thing is when they come back and say, 'That

■ A hammer, probably a 10-ounce or 16-ounce 10-ounce or 16-ounce model if you don't have a lot of muscle to throw behind it. "Whatever feels good to you," Rodriguez suggested. "They basically all do the same thing. Some of them just last longer." Cost: starting around \$5 or \$6 for a lighter-weight ontion with ward hardle and some or the same thing. option with wood handle and stee

women.

Finally, it also helps to have the confidence to give it a go by yourself—and a directory of professionals to call in just in case something goes rechargeable cordless screwdriver. Phillips head and one flathead. Cost horribly wrong.

"I'm just an average person who tries stuff." Lee said modestly, "If I attempt it and the project doesn't turn out right. I'm no farther ahead or shehind than I was before,"

And, she added soothingly, "No matter how much you think you might have hotched the job, there's address a way it can be fixed."

A simple cross-cut saw, for minor trins indoors and out. "You don't know you need it until you might have hotched the job, there's address a way it can be fixed." can be had for about \$25; a combina

Cost: about \$11 for a 6-inch size.

■ A toolbox. Cost: about \$8 for a 19-inch, orange plastic box with metal latches and a lift-out tray; was so easy." metal latches and a lift-out tray about \$5 for a 16-inch, yellow plastic good starter toolbox should include:

A tape measure, 12 feet to 16 feet in length, Cost; around \$6.

# Husband and wife team up in workshop

By Kathy Barberich

Leo and Jeanie Bradshaw are the ultimate do-it-yourself duo. They can take a piece of cherwood and turn it into a library table. They can turn a roadside discard into a beau-tiful easy chair, breathe life into a hand-me-dowr kitchen cupboard, make their own sofa and love seat, bed and chests of drawers mirrors and lamps, plus kitchen cabinets, dining-room sets and an entertain-

ment center.
The Bradshaws can make and create, restore and refinish, design and decorate anything in

any room.

The couple, who live in Fresno, Calif., have enough ideas and material and sense of fun to star in their own home and garden show. Heck, they could write a

book on being able to share a house and a workshop.

As crazy as it may seem, this hushand and wife work well together, only they don't call it

"Most of my working life I've held jobs usually held by men. It's fun now to work alongside Leo. I love to finish the furniture after he makes it."

work. They're retirees having fun letting their creative juices flow If they have any problem, it's deciding what project to do next. This is the second marriage for Leo and Jeanie, who have been

Jonathan Boho/SHNS

together for nine years, Between them, they have nine children and 21 grandchildren. "I was thrilled that he had a

pickup truck with a toolbox and liked to work with his hands," she says of her husband, "I already had a table saw, a chip saw and a toolbox. For the first two years we were together, I sat on a stool

do anything," The Bradshaws' 1,200-squarefoot workshop also houses sur-face planers, lathes, sanders, sharpeners, various saws and a cabinetmaker's bench. The bench was given to him by a master cab-inetmaker from Germany who taught Leo cabinetmaking years

A stereo provides music to work by. On occasion, the Bradshaws have been known to pump up the volume, put down their saws and dance in the saw-

Leo has always built fumiture and toys, mostly for family and friends, in his spare time. Only occasionally and some time ago did he self his work. "I had to feed my addiction," he laughs. "People ask me all the time why I don't cell entitle him."

"People ask me all the fine why I don't sell stuff," he says. "If I did, then it wouldn't be fun anymore. It would be work, I would be trying to please others." His wife is a self-taught artist. "Most of my working life, I held jobs usually held by men," says Jeanic. "It's fun now to work

alongside of Leo. Hove to finish She does the staining and finishing coats and particularly enjoys restoring old furniture and painting yard-sale finds. Besides furniture, she likes to

Jeanie, "It's fun now to work

paint florals and various landscapes on canvas, She learned to

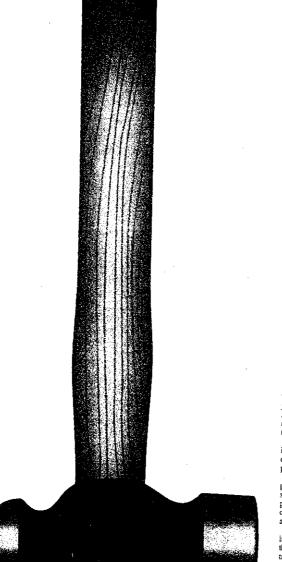
nest on the exterior of a garden shed her husband built.

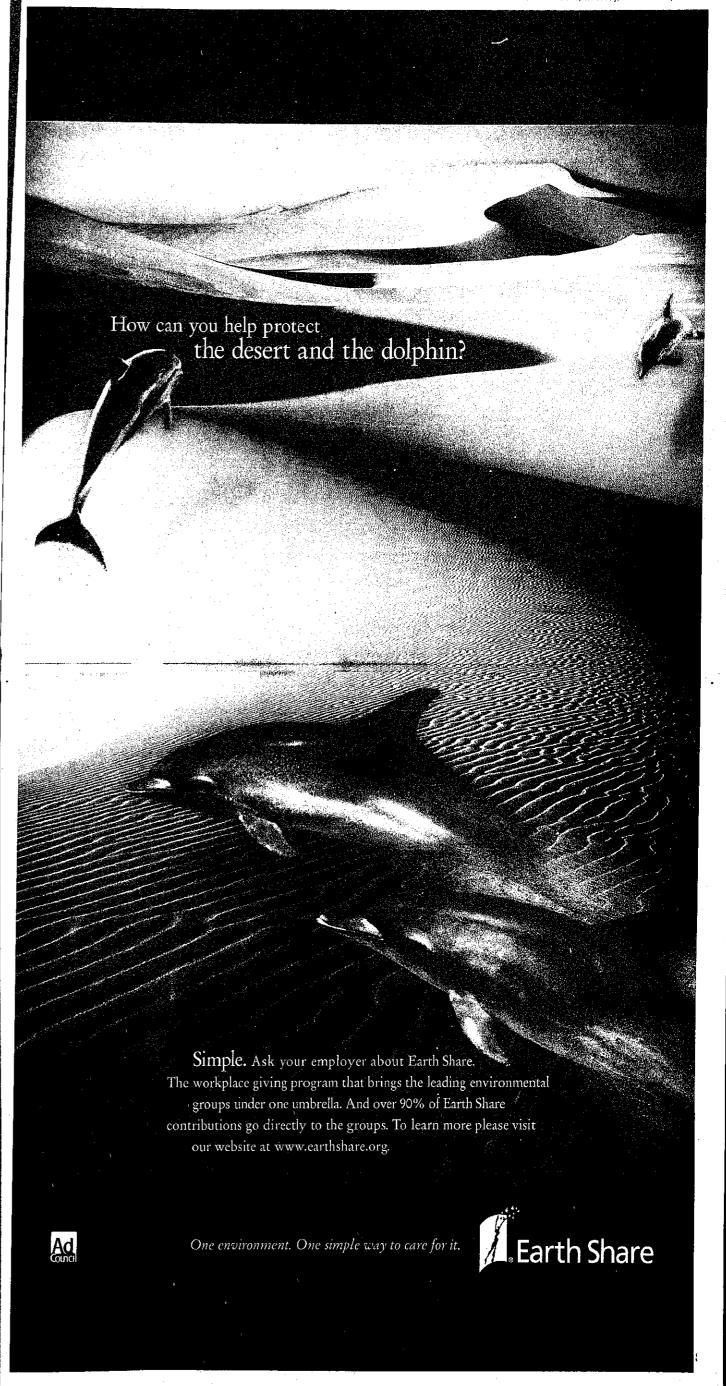
He built her a garden bench, too, complete with a stainless-steel sink. She attached an old window with multiple panes to the back.

paint using books and paints purchased at an art store and, she adds, "lots of practice."

Several of her paintings hang in her husband's studio, a garage that was converted to a self-con-tained guest cottage. She also painted faux bricks and a bird's

"Everything here is a work in progress," she says.





# The Handy Women

"I come from a

Duo learned to repair out of necessity

By Hilary Groutage Smith

Tool-belied men they are not, but Julie Sussman and Stephanie Glakas-Tenet can probably handle any home repair. Their fitys, from removing a broken light bulb with a raw potato to step-it be back together and functional by by-step instructions for installing a new

geared toward women,
"Dare to Repair"
(HarperResource,
\$14.95).

Repair despair sparked the book, they say. Glakas-Tenet has a family of very handy men. My son and is married to father, grandfa-CIA Director George Tenet, Sussman is the mother of two and wife ther, they all of a CIA employee. Their husbands were knew how to do everything, I gravitated household chores grew and grew. Nothing ever

toward manuals got crossed off the list. "My husband could do everything," Sussman said, "But the and maps more than Barbie poor guy would come home for the weekends, dolls."

and there would be this list of things to do."
Then Sussman met a woman whose husband woman whose husband
ty. Women are more
died at age 36, leaving a home in disrepair. "Everything was falling apart and
I realized that could be me," she said.

ty. Women are more
conscious of safety and security at
home than men, the pair contends, and
because they are in the business of So she learned to fix things herself.

Eleven years ago, she met GlakasTenet at a party. They hit it off immediate the state of the party of the state of the s

ed toward manuals and maps more than Barbie dolls," Glakas-Tenet said. Today she has three toolboxes and a

the time her husband had to shower and faucet, are compiled in the new book leave for a briefing at the White House geared toward women.

I did it, He made it.

she said. Sussman received her home repair intro-duction years ago when she and her husband were defrauded by a roofer. Her husband was scared to climb on the roof to finish the job.
"I told him to come

already met for the year. I finished caulking the whole thing, she said. "Every time got up on the roof, all these men from the neighborhood would gather and watch. I wouldn't do it again, but I got it done.

A large portion of the book is devoted to safe-

ately when they discovered their common interest in home repairs. Each repair mon interest in home repairs. "I come from a family of very handy
men. My father, grandfather, they all
knew how to do everything. I gravitalcan repair," she said.

# pped-down bowls taking bread back to the bare basics

By Susan Houston

By Susair nouston RALEIGH NEWS & OBSERVER What began 14 years ago as a simple request from his biscuit-making daughter-in-law has turned into a hardwood habit for Leon Neal, a Raleigh, N.C., consulting engineer and dough

"I have great ambitions to be a character," says the white-haired grandfather who insists he's only 28 years old.
All Paula S. Neal wanted was a wooden bowl so

she could make biscuits for her new husband, Stuart. But her father-in-law might have had better luck seeking the Holy Grail. No matter where he searched, Neal could-n't find the simple.

unvarnished wooden bowl Paula wanted.

Either the stores didn't stock them anymore or they sold bowls fin-

ished with chemicals

that could leach into

bowls, Neal began to

hunt for craftsmen and choice pieces of wood. He found two

of each, and in a few months Paula had an

oval bowl hand-carved

by North Carolina craftsman Ed Briggs

Pennsylvania cherry tree. But the black walnut Neal had sup-

plied to another crafts

phed to another crafts-man proved too hard for his 90-year-old hands to carve, and the man gave half the wood back,

Neal couldn't stand the thought of turning that beautiful block of

dark wood into kindling, so he decided to learn how to make dough bowls himself.

Trained by Briggs, Neal has created at least 275 bowls from a wide range of hard-woods. He sells them

from the heart of

instead

### BISCUITS 101

Leon Neal gives you the following basics to making a deliclous batch of homemade biscuits.

■ Use the right flour. While unbleached all-purpose flour will work for biscuits, low-gluten or "soft" wheat flour makes a flours milled in the South are soft wheat but look for the words "soft wheat" on the label. You may also substitute unbleached pastry (but not cake) flour.

■ Use a gentle hand. Mix fat with flour just enough to create a coarse meal texture; combine with liquid just until dough forms a ball.

Work lightly to smooth it out, but don't knead more than a dozen times or the biscuits

will be too tough. Don't twist the biscuit cutter or you will make the biscuit rise unevenly. Cut biscuits close together; don't rework the dough

in upscale stores, where they retail for \$120 to \$200. Each has handles and is hand-carved with slightly uneven thicknesses on the sides to give it a more

antique, heirloom look.

To make a bowl, Neal starts with a log slab about 6 inches deep. Then with a marker, he draws the outline of the bowl on the wood. He chips away at the soft, green wood in the center with the curved blade of an adze to get a rounded shape, anywhere from 45 to 90 minutes. The roughly shaped bowl then sits in his basement for six snaped bowl then sits in his basement for six months to dry until it's ready to be sanded. Sanding can take 10 to 12 hours for a perfectly smooth finish. Then he rubs in mineral oil to keep the wood from cracking.

And if an owner uses a dough bowl as it's intended, that's all the finish it will ever need, he says. "The oil from the lard gets into the wood" when you make biscuits in the bowl, Neal says. But all too often "someone will buy it and set in

But all too often, "someone will buy it and set it in the window and the sun shines on it and it eracks." Even his wife, Betty, uses her favorite round bowl to hold fruit on the kitchen table, not to make biscuits. "Look at the wood variation," she says of the

undulations of cream and deep brown of the black walnut bowl. "And it's just a perfect shape."



2 cups flour Heaping 1/2 teasmonn salt 3-1/4 leaspoons baking powder 1 teaspoon sugar. If desired

5 tablespoons chilled shortening, land, butter, or a combination

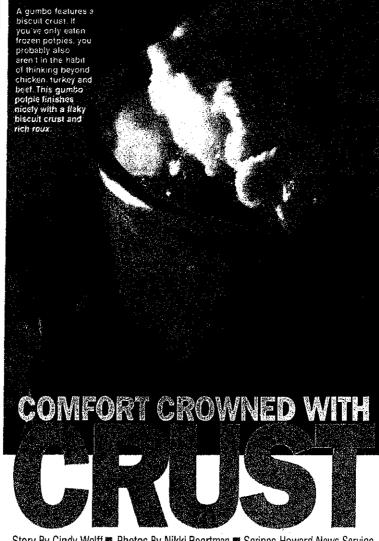
Preheat oven to 500 degrees,

Sift the dry ingredients together into a large bowl. Add the cold shortening and work all through the flour with the fingertips. Every bit of flour should be combined with a bit of the fat. Add the buttermilk and stir vigorously until the dough

Turn the dough out onto a lightly floured surface. Knead lightly for 10 strokes. Stop just as

soon as the dough begins to look smooth.

Pat the dough out to approximately an 8-by-7-by-3/4-inch rectangle. Cut into 2-inch rounds. Place biscuits on an ungreased sheet and bake for 8 minutes, until lightly browned. Serve hot with lots of butter. Makes 12 servings.
— Source: "Biscuits, Spoonbread and Sweet Potato Pie" by Bill Neal



HomeTown

Story By Cindy Wolff Photos By Nikki Boertman Scripps Howard News Service

While most people eat potpies, far fewer can actually make them

Removing a box from your freezer and heating up the little crusty pie on a cookic sheet doesn't count.

Making potpies at home can be as simple as stirring a bag of mixed vegetables with cooked, chopped chicken and a little homemade roux and topping it with a ready-to-bake crust

Or you can take a little more time and chop vegetables, mix flour into dough and make one of the world's oldest comfort

The term "potpie" first appeared in print in 1792, according to "The Dictionary of American Food and Drink" by John F. Mariani, Meat pies re common in colonial times

were common in colonial times and in Europe before that. "Potpies were originally baked in a pot over an open fire," says Diane Phillips in her cookbook, "Pot Pies." "The large pot was lincd with past and ver-crust, filled with meat and vercrust, filled with meat and veg-etables, topped with crust and then covered with a lid. A hole was made in the center of the crust so broth could be added from time to time.

"The pies cooked over the fire most of the day, perfuming the house with mouth-watering smells." That was long before Swanson's introduced its frozen beef, turkey and chicken potpies in 1951, making them the plump cousin to TV dinners in what would become a burgeoning

family of ready-to-eat, no-frills meals.

The early commercial potpies were nothing more than several chunks of meat mixed with English peas and a

few chopped carrots.

Recently, about a dozen people decided to venture beyond the frozen food section to a day when potpies weren't heated, but created from basic

ingredients.
At her Viking Culinary Institute in Memphis, Mary Jo Douglas had all the make an entrée that has long repre-

and other instructors demonstrated how to make a chicken gumbo pie with a buttermilk biscuit emst,

shepherd's pie, phyllo chicken potpie and a roasted vegetable potpie. Douglas started by mixing the biscuit crust in a food processor. She pulsed the flour, chilled shortening and buttermilk until they were crum-bly, then wrapped the dough in cello-phane and chilled it in the refrigerator for 20 minutes.

Meanwhile, instructor Wendy Burson made a cheese dough that she also chilled in the refrigerator.

Then she mixed carrots, red onion butternut squash, mushrooms and other vegetables with olive oil, salt and pepper. She spread the vegetable mix on baking sheets to roast for 30

The easiest to prepare was the phyl-lo chicken potpie. Cooked, chopped chicken breast was combined with celery, carrots, onion and frozen English

The mix was sautéed in a skillet. Milk and chicken broth were added with spices and cooked until thick and



Viking Culinary Institute's Mary Jo Douglas, left, and Wendy Burson place a rolled bis-cuit crust on a gumbo pot ple.

bubbly. Then, the whole works went into a 2-quart casserole dish.

The trick to this recipe is the phyllo dough. The fussy dough must be frozen until ready for use, which means placing it last in the grocery can and rushing it home to the freezer.

Burson usually takes a small ice chest with her to the grocery store to keep the dough frozen.

On the day you are using it, thaw

On the day you are using it, thaw the phylio sheets in the refrigerator. Dampen a towel and gently peel one sheet of phyllo away and place it on the towel.

Spray the sheet with remaining sheets, using cooking spray on each

place the over the casserole dish and shape it The phyllo tore in sev-

eral spots, and Burson pinched it back together.

worry auches. Douglas Don't minor glitches. Douglas said tears and other imper-fections add a "rustic," homemade feel.

Returning to the chicken gumbo, Douglas dredged strips of raw chicken breast flour seasoned with salt and cayenne. She pan-fried the chicken in a cup of oil until done and set the pieces out to Roasted Vegetable Potpie

CRUST 2 cups flour 6 tablespoons butter, chilled and 1/2 leaspoon sala

1/2 cup grated fonting cheese 2 tablespoons grated Parmesan 1/3 cop ice water , beaten, for brushing crust

1 egg, beaten, for brus ROASTEO VEGETABLES 4 tables noons olive oil 1 cup celery places, cut in 1 inch

1 cup peeled and sliced carrots 1 cup peeled and cubed parsnips

1 cup siliced zucchini 2 cups butternut squash, peeled and cubed cup whole button mush:

Salt and pepper PEPPER GARLIC PURÉE 4 tablespoons pliva oil 2 large red bell poppers, cut into

6 cloves garlic, peeled 1 teaspoon herbes de Provence 1 cup vegetable broth Salt and pepper

Crusi: Combine, flour, butter and salt. Cut butter into flour with pastry blender or paddle attachment on elec-tric mixer. Blend until it resembles a coarse meal. Blend in cheese and berbs. Add water slowly until mixture holds its shape. Shape dough into a disk, wrap and chill for at least 30

Vegetables: Preheat oven to 400 degrees. Mix vegetables together with oil, salt and pepper. Divide onto 2 baking sheets. Roast for 20 minutes. Turn vegetables and roast for an addi-tional 10 minutes. Set aside and allow

Pepper garlie purée: Toss peppers garlie, herbs, salt and pepper with oil.
Transfer to a foil-lined baking pan.
Roast for 10 minutes; turn, roast for another 10 minutes. Transfer to a food

another 10 minutes. Transfer to a food processor or blender and purée with vegetable broth.

Assemble: Lightly oil a 13-by-9-by-2-juch baking pan. Combine roasted vegetables with pepper purée. Pour into baking pan. Roll out crust on lightly floured surface to the size of the pan. Place the crust over the vegetable mixture. Cut slits in the crust for venting. Bussh with beaten each. for venting. Brush with beaten egg. Bake the pie for 30-35 minutes. When crust is light golden brown, remove from oven. Allow to rest for 10 to 15 minutes before serving.

She reserved about a cup of oil and

added flour to make a dark brown

roux. She added vegetables, spices and chicken stock and simmered the gumbo. The chicken was added last.

The gumbo can be ladled into indi-

vidual oven-proof bowls or into a casserole dish. The biscuit dough was

biscuit topping was golden.
Once the vegetables in the oven were roasted, they were tossed with a garlic puree and

placed in a casscrole dish. The

crust was rolled out and shaped

The shepherd's ple was the final dish. The vegetables and

spices were cooked together in a skillet. Ground lamb and dry

red wine were added. Douglas advises using table wines and

not bottled "cooking wine." A shepherd's pic crust is made of mashed potatoes mixed with spices and Parmesan cheese.

For all the dishes, cut slits in the

dough to let the steam rise. All of the

pies can be baked ahead of time and frozen.

nto the dish.

### Chicken Gumbo Ple With Buttermilk Biscuit

2 pounds chicken breasts, cut in pieces 1 cup all-purpose floor 1 leaspoon salt 1/2 leaspoon cayenne pepper

1 cup vegetable oil /2 cup flour 3/4 can chapped onion 1/2 cup chopped colory 1 small green bell papper, chopped 2 cloves gartic, minced

1 cup sliced and blanched okra 1 quart chicken stock 1/2 jalapeno, mlaced 1 teaspoon dried thyme

Transfer the vegetable, lamb mix to a easserole dish, and spread the potatoes across the 1 teaspoon oregano 2 lablespoons tomato paste BUTTERMILK BISCUIT DOUGH top.

The dish bakes about 20 1-1/2 cups self-rising flour minutes until the potatoes are

1 lablespoon sugar 3 to 4 tablespoons chilled

shartening 1/4 teaspoon baking soda 7/8 cup cold buttermilk
3 tablespoons melted butter

Biscuits: Combine flour, salt, sugar and soda in a large bowl. Cut shorten-ing with a pastry blender or 2 knives, until mixture is the size of small peas. Add buttermilk and stir until just mixed. Dough should be wet. Wrap in cellophane and place in refrigerator while you make the gumbo.

Dredge the chicken pieces in I cup flour seasoned with salt and cavenne Pan fry in 1 cup oil until done, drain. Empty pan of all but about 1/2 cup of the oil. Add 1/2 cup flour to the pan and cook to make a dark brown roux,

Add onions, celery, green pepper and garlic and saute until vegetables are almost soft. Add the okra. Add the chicken stock. Stir in the jalapeno, thyme, oregano and tomato paste. Simmer uncovered for 30 minutes.

While the gumbo is simmering, remove chicken from the bones and cut into bite-size pieces. Add the chicken pieces to the gumbo and sim-mer until heated through. Adjust sea-sonings to taste. Ladle gumbo into ovenproof bowls or a casserole dish.

Roll biscuit dough to 1/2-inch thick. Cut the dough to fit the top of the gumbo bowls. Cover bowls or dish with layer of biscuit dough. Brush with melted butter. Bake in a 400ree over until the biscuit topping is done and golden brown on top.

