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Police probe infant death

By Phil Foley

Novi Police detectives are investigating the death of a nine-month-old Novi boy. According to Lt. David Molloy, police were called to a

residence on the 29000 block of Pierre in Hometown Novi (for-merly Chateau Novi) at 6:46 a.m., Friday Dec. 19. Police and rescue crews found an unresponsive nine-month-old, who was trans-ported to Novi's Providence Park where he was declared dead at 7:41 a.m. after attempts at resuscitation failed

Lt. Molloy said the infant's mother, a 27-year-old Novi woman, told investigators she had taken him and a 2-year-old sister to a girlfriend's home the night before. The woman said she fell asleep with her son.

According to Lt, Molloy, the Oakland County Medical Examiners Office ruled the death was the result of "positional com-

pression asphyxiation."
At press time, the 2-year-old, a 6-year-old sister and the ninemonth-old's twin sister were in the care of their grandmother, said Lt. Molloy. He said the Family Independence Agency is in the process of determining whether the children will stay

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Helping out for the holidays



The students at Novi Woods collected hats, gloves ple in need this holiday season. The outerwear will be donated to a children's services group and the canned goods to a local food bank. Here, fourth graders Lauren Pollard and Jessica Jarvis display a small part of the donations.

Local Color brewery, distillery expanding

■ Second locale opening soon in Green Oak Twp.

By Pam Fleming

One of the cornerstones of Novi's Main Street development, Local Color, will soon expand its brewery and distillery operations with a new location in Green Oak Township. Owner Peter Paisley said the establishment will be in a 60,000-

establishment with the first a copour-square-foot structure on Whitmore Lake Road, about halfway between Lee Road and Grand River Avenue, just east of U.S. 23.

The new brewery and distillery will be built in a structure formerly occupied by the Thermofil plastics plant. A fire at the facility six years ago left it vacant, and the company relocated the plant to Fowlerville. Unlike his Novi location, Paisley said there will be no restaurant on the

new site, only a small tast-ing room for visitors.
"We plan to stay in full production during the expansion," Paisley said, meaning that the business' beer, liquor and sodas will be available without interruption,

Local Color opened in Novi in January 1998 and has seen steady growth since then.

"Our production's been increasing every year. We have enjoyed double-digit growth each year since we opened, and our liquor sales are taking off. The vodka's literally

taking off. The vooka's interary been going through the roof. We're out of space here," Paisley said, Voda, a blueberry vodka, was introduced at the beginning of 2003 and is now the business' best-selling

product,
"We have orders for the whole



Paisley credits Novi residents' loyal patronage as a major reason for his business' success and the need to expand,

Paisley said,

West Coast and Hawaii,"

Other products include

meed to expand.

"We've been very fortunate in that we've had such strong support from the residents and the City of Novi. Their support has allowed us to grow," he said.

The new single-story, brick-andmetal building is located on 11.5 acres. The property will also allow the business to receive rail deliveries right on site. right on site.
"It will include some new jobs in

Green Oak Township, although we haven't identified how many staff members we'll need yet." Paisley

id. Work on the new site will begin in

January,
"We hope to be open for business
"The families facility by the and tours of the new facility by the end of March," Paisley said. "What's unique is that we're

going to take property that's been vacant for six years and make it an asset to the community," Paisley

Paisley said the new brewery and distillery will make an interesting place for students to learn about the beverage industry.

"People can come in and see how our beer, vodka and sodas are made and tour the facility. They'll be able to sample the products and talk to the brewers. We would love to have the schools bring kids into the business to see us make the hand-crafted sodas. It's very informative," he said.

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targeted ■ Tolerance for alcohol on the decline

By Phil Foley

Police officers from more than a dozen Metro Detroit communities came to Novi Dec. 18 to join Novi Police Chief Doug Shaeffer and Oakland County Sheriff Michael Bouchard in kicking off the local You Drink, You Drive You! Joe pongran

off the local You Drink, You Drive, You Lose program.

"We're not opposed to holiday celebrations," said Bouchard. "We just don't want you to mix alcohol with gasoline." For those who insist on drinking and driving, he noted, "There's always room in my bed and breakfast."

The sheriff said last year.

The sheriff said last year 57,782 motorists were arrested statewide, 2,736 in December alone, for alcohol-related driv-

alone, for alcohol-related driv-ing infractions. According to state Office of Highway Safety Planning statistics, all but 240 of those people were convicted. Shaeffer said being convict-ed of drunk driving is a costly experience. He observed that in addition to the \$500 fine, 360 hours of companying services. hours of community service and six points on your there is also a new \$1,000 fee

added to your drivers license

attomey's fees, towfees, treatment program fees and the

Chief Shaeffer

cost of public humiliation.

He said a first time drunk driving conviction with cost at least \$5,000 when all the costs

are added up.
For Ypsilanti Township resident Jenny Lozano, the cost of drunk driving was even higher "I'm a loser, a big-time loser," said the Wayne County MADD said the Wayne County MADD director, in a quavering voice as she recalled how a drunk driver took the life of her 18-year-old son 15 years ago. "If you think you're the one losing, believe me, you're not," said Lozano.

Frank Cardiman from the Oakland Traffic Improvement Association noted that efforts to get drunk drivers off the nation's highways have slashed the national death toll from

the national death toll from 25,000 down to 17,000 annually. Still, that's enough to depopulate Novi in three years; kill every man, woman and child in Walled Lake two and a half times over; or Wixom a ghost town.

Swinging a pair of hand-cuffs, Shaeffer promised jewel-ry for anyone found drinking and driving in Novi over the holidays. His department and ers in the state's 20 most will be sharing in a \$2 million federal grant to pay for over-time to help get drunks off the

inte to neip get aronas on an road.

"We've got to stop the slaughter on our highways," said Sheffer.

"There can't be anything worse," said Shefff Bouchard, when a place call of a horek at

than a phone call of a knock at the door from a deputy with a death message."

Last year police officers in Michigan only had to do that four times over the Christmas and New Year's holidays. Local police hope to make that number even smaller this

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Novi considers change in 52-1 District Court

Novi's 52-1 District Court could have a new name and new cash flow this time next year if city officials and member of the legal community have their

way. The 52-1, which serves 10 communities covering 190 square miles of southwest Oakland County, is currently a second class court, which means the county is the funding agency and the lion's share of the fines generated by the court go to Pontiac, Judge Dennis Powers told Novi

City Council members Dec. 16 that transforming the 52-1 into a third class court would offer local communities more control and

shift the funding stream to the local communities as well.

According to the 52-1's chief judge, Brian MacKenzie, about half of Oakland County's district courts are second class and half are third.

Novi City Manager Rick Helwig told council members that he's been involved in two other municipal courts and that "it can be a tremendous benefit." However, he cautioned, he'd like

to go over the court's finances before saying yes. Following the city council meeting, Hugh Crawford, Novi's Oakland County commissioner, said, "it's probably a win-win for everybody." He said there were some preliminary discussions on the subject several years ago, but

"...it can be a tremendous benefit, [however]...we really need to see the books."

Richard Helwig



County, are now supporting it because they think the county is subsidizing the court.

However, Powers insisted the they never went anywhere.

That might be because it's unclear if the court is a money

maker or a money loser.

Powers told Novi City Council court, which handles more than members that after years of opposing the shift from second to third class status, many Oakland 60,000 cases annually, is in the black. Powers said shifting con-trol of the court from the county County commissioners, especially those in Southeast Oakland

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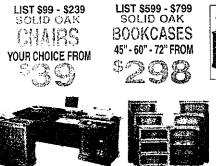
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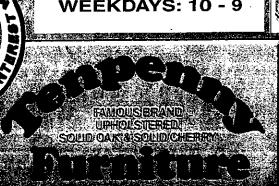
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POLICE REPORT

Three-car wreck

A 39-year-old Farmington Hills man was taken to Royal Oak's William Beaumont Hospital with incapacitating injuries at 7:34 a.m. Dec. 18 after his 1991 Chevrolet glanced off the back of a 1996 Jeep stopped on southbound Haggerty Road near 10 Mile and slammed The Jeep driver, a 26-year-old Taylor man, and the driver of the northbound Chevrolet, a 61-year old Novi man, were uninjured Officer Larry Lemerand cited the Farmington Hills with hazardous

A 22-year-old Novi man told officers Eric Lindblade and Adrianne Hincka that he'd only had two beers at TGI Friday before they stopped his 2001 Saturn L300 for running a blinking ed light on southbound Meadowbrook at Eight Mile Road at 1:16 a.m. Dec. 18. However, he failed field sobriety tests and registered a blood alcohol content o .12. He was taken into custody, but ater released pending a warrant.

Prize goes to number two

Officer Brian Woloski was head-

him she'd had two drinks before dinner at O'Tooles, a glass of wine with dinner and two drinks after. It was enough for her to register a blood alcohol content of .145 and for Officer Woloski to charge her with operating under the influence of liquor. She was later released

after posting a \$100 bond. Too much alcohol

After Officer Jonathan Zabick stopped a 1996 Infinity I-30 for driving 59 mph in a 40 mph zone on Novi Road near 10 Mile Road at 1:52 a.m. Dec. 18, the driver, a 29vear-old Walled Lake man, said the brown glass on the floor contained "alcohol." Apparently he did too, since he failed field sobriety tests and registered a blood alcohol con-tent of .19. Officer Zabick charged him with operating under the influ-ence of liquor and he was later released after posting a \$100 bond.

Pickup stolen A 22-year-old Washington man told Officer Craig Chismar that someone stole his 2002 Dodge Dakota pickup sometime before 7:07 a.m. Dec. 18 while he was visiting his girlfriend at her Cordoba

ed north on Meadowbrook Road at 1:48 a.m. Dec. 18 when he clocked a car traveling 47 mph in a 30 mph zone. However, when he turned, he spotted a 2002 Saab driving errati-cally. The driver of the Saab, a 32ear-old Royal Oak woman, told

Denied drinking

A 32-year-old Waterford woman denied drinking after Officer Andrew Hudechek stopped her 2002 Corvette on Novi Road near 10 Mile Road at 12:04 a.m. Dec. 17. However, the woman registered a blood alcohol content of .13, so under the influence of liquor.

Lead foot

Officer Leonard Lowen charged a 59-year-old Novi man with opera 59-year-old Novi than Wat oper-ating under the influence of liquor after stopping the man's 1999 Ford Mustang traveling 50 mph in a 35 mph zone on Beck Road near 10 Mile Road. The man said he had consumed three drinks in Plymouth earlier and he registered a blood alcohol content of .155. He was later released after posting \$65.

A 28-year-old Novi man told

his 2002 Oldsmobile Alero at 5:55 a.m. Dec. 15 to warm it and when he came back out of his Shorecrest Thief gets VCR A 69-year-old Novi woman told Officer Steve Patterson that some-one entered her Fireside Street residence sometime before 7:56 p.m Dec. 18, drank a can of Pepsi and Cash, car gone made off with an \$800 VCR. There

Warrant arrest

is a suspect.

Officer Steve Patterson took cus-

tody of a 53-year-old Highland Park man from Livonia Police at 9:36 p.m. Dec., 18. The man was being sought on a probation viola tion warrant from the 52-1 District

MIP arrest Car stolen

Officer Paul VanPelt that he started

his office at Suburban Infinity and

Street apartment at 6:12 a.m., the unlocked car was gone. A -38-year-old Highland man told Officer James Brandon that sometime before 9:38 a.m. Dec. 15 someone took \$2,006 in cash from

drove off in a 2002 Mazda crossed the centerline and side-

Identity theft

A 25-year-old Southfield man told Officer Timothy Farrell Dec. 15 that someone had apparently opened accounts with Verizon and Fingerhut in 1998 while he was liv-ing in Novi. An undetermined amount of merchandise was shipped to Marion, III., before the

Identity theft II

A 39-year-old Novi woman told Officer Scott Woodley Dec. 15 that after she lost a credit card in Detroit Dec. 8, someone tried to use it three times in one day to have items shipped to a Detroit address.

After he stopped a 1992 Oldsmobile for making an improp-er turn from Novi Road to Grand River Avenue at 1:45 a.m. Dec. 16, Officer Andrew Hudechek charged the driver, a 20-year-old Farmington man, with minor in possession. The man registered a Rear-ender blood alcohol content of .096. He was later released after posting a

\$100 bond. Two injured

Two White Lake Township vomen were taken to Huron Valley Sinai Hospital Dec. 11 following a three-car wreck on Beck Road just south of Pontiac Trail at 2:35 p.m. According to a report filed by Officer Diane MacGregor, a 2000 Chevrolet S-10 driven by a 17-year-old White Lake woman,

swiped a 1999 Food F-150 before hitting a 1999 Chevrolet Metro head-on. The driver of the Ford, a 42-year-old Highland woman, treated her own non-incapacitating injuries. The 40-year-old White Lake woman in the Metro and the driver of the S-10 were taken to the

Home burglary A 53-year-old Novi woman told Officer Brian Tillman that her Dunbarton Drive home was bur-glarized sometime before 4:48 p.m. Dec. 16. She said a "Lord of the Rings" DVD and a Nikon Coolpix 775 camera were taken. The bur-glar apparently entered through a kitchen window, leaving muddy

hospital with incapacitating

Home burglary il

A 46-year-old Novi woman told Officer Scott Bactens that her Whitehall Street home was burglarized sometime before 8:11 p.m. Dec. 16. She said a Playstation2 was taken from her basement and \$20 from her son's room.

A Commerce Township couple escaped apparent injury Dec. 13 when a 1997 Ford Ranger shammed into the back of a trailer the were towing with their 2003 Dodge pickup at 10:26 p.m. on north-bound Beck Road at Pontiac Trailer. The driver of the Ford, however, was taken to Novi Providence Park with incapacitat-ing injuries. The Dodge was stopped at a red light at the time of

Compiled by Phil Foley



Court appearance

Marian Bryant, 56, of West Bloomfield stood mute before Judge Dennis Powers during her arraignment on nalicious destruction of personal property charges in the 52-1 District Court Dec. 10. Bryant, who is accused of doing more than \$100,000 damage to more than 175 vehicles over Thanksgiving, is also facing charges in Farmington Hills and West Bloomfield. If con victed in the Novi case, she could face up to five years in prison. Bryant is also facing unrelated assault charges in West Westland.



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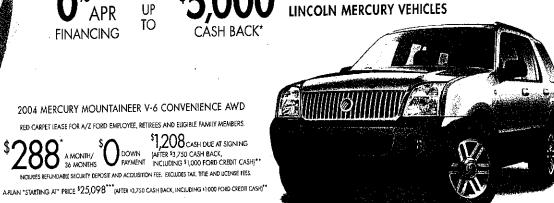
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Wreck snarls mall area traffic Novi considers change in court

Holiday shoppers found traffic snarled for more than an hour last Thursday in the wake of a four-car wreck on Novi Road at 1-96, but no one was seriously injured.

According to Novi Police Sgt.

Matthew Conquest, a 2003 Dodge driven by a 26-year-old Livonia woman was stopping for a traffic light at 4:35 p.m. when she was light at 4:35 p.m. when she was appeared uninjured.

While the three cars were sit-ting in the intersection a fourth car, a 2001 Dodge driven by a 29-

The Livonia woman and her

year-old Wixom man, slammed

light at 4:35 p.m. when she was rear-ended by a 1999 Dodge driven by a 42-year-old Milford man. The impact drove the Livonia woman into the back of 2001 William Beaumont Hospital for plotey@ht.homecomm.net. Dodge driven by a 48-year-old observation.

A Flint man on his way to work at General Motors Corp. died at 5:30 a.m. Dec. 14 when his ruck rolled on 1-96 just east lane of eastbound 1-96 when he of Wixom Road.

According to Michigan State Police Trooper Timothy Lane, Steven Dunman, 46, was crushed when his 1995 half-ton rolled, Steven Durman, 46, was crushed when his 1995 half-ion rolled, partially ejecting him from the truck.

Steven Durman, 46, was crushed when his 1995 half-ion rolled, According to Lame, at the time have reached at (248) 349-1700 ext. for the accident, road crews had only cleared snow from the plotey@ehr.homeccomm.net.

wearing a seathelt at the time of

had a doctor's note allowing him up 50 to 75 feet off the road not to wear a seatbelt while driv-

Flint man dies in rollover accident

ing.

Lane said witnesses told him lane of eastbound 196 when he lost control. He said it appears Dunman was driving too fast for conditions on the snow-covered

expressway's center lane. He said it was difficult to estimate ing a seatbelt at the time of it was difficult to estimate accident. Lane said Dunman's speed at the time of

between Wixom Road and the 12

said Conquest, were cited with

within five minutes of the acci-

Phil Foley is a staff writer fa

to the local community would failure to stop in a clear assured make that more apparent.

MacKenzie said that the 48th
District Court, a third class court
that serves a portion of Oakland Conquest noted the first Novi Police unit arrived on the scene

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> CompUSA these days for \$3,800," MacKenzie said.
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> The county also owns the court is the "next logical step." following a series of court's building on Grand River Avenue and leases it to the court.
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> They're gouging us on reat, offered city council member offered city council member is offered city council member. CompUSA these days for \$3,800," MacKenzie said. court's building on Grand River

> offered city council member David Landry.
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> MacKenzie noted that as a second class court, after the state takes its portion of fines, 60 percent of the balance goes to the count for "costs" and the remainder is split between the county

continued from front page and the local community, with the local community getting 1/3.
He said that all of the commu-

hites in the district that agree to become part of the new court's funding authority would share in funding authority would share in the two-thirds that now goes to the two-thirds that now goes to

County roughly the same popu-hation as the 52-1, spends \$50,000 a year on information technology. Oukland County charges the 52-1 \$450,000. He added desktop computers from the county cost his court \$3,800 a mill increase in income in recent ing formula.

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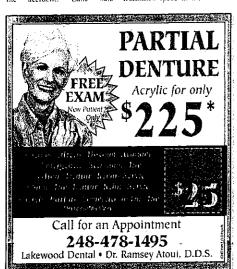
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BUSINESS

Citizens Bank to build two new branches in Novi

Other offices planned for South Lyon and Wixom

By Pam Fleming

Citizens Banking Corporation recently announced a major expansion in Oakland County, with two branches planned in Novi and one in Wixom

itizens will make a commence of \$35 million to \$40 million and will open 14 new branches and two hub offices over the next 24 months.

The Novi branches will be located at Ten Mile and Beck foads and at Twelve Mile Road and M-5 highway, according to "We've tested the design with a lot of different consumer than the Metro Detroit area are moving near highways. "We're just mirroring what the people are doing in the metropolitan area," Shafer said.

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Twelve Mile and M-5 location in Novi.

Additional and M-5 location in Novi.

Additional and M-5 location in Shafer said there are currently six Citizens Bank branches in "We expect to break ground".

Road and at Haggerty Road and Pontiac Trail in Commerce Township. Shafer said the company

rent population base, the busi-ness growth, and the number of new residents moving to the community are all significant in Novi. The locations we have chosen are both visible and conven-The second-largest Michigan-based bank holding company, Citizens will make a capital we believe will make it easier for that Citizens Bank be able

The Wixom branch will be frontstructed at Grand River Avenue and Wixom Road, Shafer said. The bank also plans to build one of its two hub offices at the

Other new locations in the area will be at Lyon's Crossing in plans to open the additional 14 South Lyon at 1-96 and Milford branches in the county in the next year.
"In addition to the retail

branches, we'll be opening an Shafer said the company office that will include commer-decided to build two branches in Novi after reviewing the demogage and retail administration at M-5 and Twelve Mile Road in Novi," Shafer said. "The building will be an addition to the branch there. The two building will be contiguous," he said.

The other hub office will be located at 900 Tower Drive in

Shafer said it was importan clitizens will make a capital we believe will make it easier for our clients to do business with million and will open 14 new us," Shafer said.

"We expect to break ground in

Citizens Bank will build two new branches in Novi and one in Wixom next year using this new design by Southfield-based K4 Architecture. The company recently announced a major expansion in Oakland County in which it will open 14 new branch es and two hub offices in the next two years.

the early spring and be in the munity is vibrant," he said. office building next to the Twelve Mile branch by March or April of 2004," he said.

In a manney is viorant, ite saud. Critizens Bank purchased its bank in Oakland County in 1993.

Pam Flemi

and started making plans then,"

Shaler said the company is looking forward to doing business in Novi. "We're very excited about coming to Novi. Your combout combout combout combout combout the noview of the Novi News. Shue can be reached at (248) 349-1700, ext. 105, or by e-mail at pfleming @ht.homecomm.net

Employers win tax break on health care

sponsored by Sen. Nancy Cassis (R-Novi) to reduce Michigan's tax penalty on employer-funded bealth care benefits was overwhelming approved by the Michigan Legislature late last

"Today we have achieved a great bipartisan, bicameral victory for workers, businesses and health eare with the passage of the Cassis Package" Cassis said. The package included Senate Bills 672 and 673.

Competitiveness Single Business Tax placed on ver-funded health care ben-

is a result of a year-long process that included

Senate hearings in Lansing, Novi, Bay City and Grand Rapids, and the support of more than 50 businesses, asso-

"This accomplishment reprecent in 2005. sents a new era of economic development in the State of Michigan.
The result will make Michigan 40 percent in 2006 and 50 percent in more competitive, more able to

That of being responsible to the fiscal integrity of the state means you have to give and take in order to be effective and get the job done," DeRoche said. "We in the House held out...for retain and create jobs, and more effective in protecting private health care for Michigan employ-ees and their families," she added. the governor to give a little more to employers that provide health care to their employees. This deal gave us a large portion of what we asked for and makes health care

Rep. Craig DeRoche (R-Novi) introduced a substitute bill that helped to facilitate a phase-in of more affordable for manufacturing workers and other families involved with a small business. the 50-percent cut in the Single Business Tax on health-care bene-fits offered to employees.

The bill was part of the budget consider this a huge victory for all

Michigan employees who need health care options," he said. ciations, organizations and indi-viduals. Across the state, residents and business owners have told me how much they need this relief,"

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Michigan employees who need health care options, "he said.

The bills will now be presented to Gov. Jennifer Granholm for her

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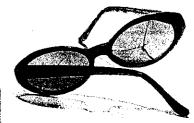
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Christmas will never be the same

Novi elementary kids offer their tips for cooking holiday meals

Mrs. Pasquerelli Village Daks first-graders

Matthew Sabo: Put the turkey in the oven at 85 degrees for 5 minutes. And then you put it on the table and you eat it. Serve it with wedding soup and pumpkir nies and mashed potatoes.

Lindsay Moruzzi: Get a turkey from the store. Cook it in a different oven, like a box oven for 10 hours. Put pumpkins in a little pan for pumpkin pie. Put cranberries in a bowl stir it up.

Ryan Moore: Add chicken to the turkey and add meat. Put it in the oven for 10 minutes. Take a big wooden fork and smash the notatoes and then add bananas. Take raspberries and put strawberry syrup on it for the cranber

Cameron Misko: First I cook the turkey in the oven for 8 hours at 300 degrees. Cook potatoes until they are soft and you mash them with a fork. Then we eat it. We sometimes have pumpkin pie and popsicles.

Steven Maccherson: Get a turkey from the store; cook it in the oven at 5 degrees for an hour. Buy the packages of the stuff for the mashed potatoes at the store and bake it in the over for two hours. Chocolate ice

Brenda Lopez: Buy eggs

Michele Bhagwager: Put the turkey in a pan and spray it. Cook it for 3 minutes and make it very hot. Put some salt on the turkey. Put some carrots and onions on the side. For chocolate cake, we out some chocolate on top and we put some water and 3 eggs. Put in the oven and

Joey Gabris: Cook the turkey outside and then you cut it and eat it. I like it with salt on it. Peel the potatoes and smash them with something and put butter on them.

Nupur Vora: I eat Indian food. Hake dough and roll it into a circook it on a stove.

Morgan Statetzney: Dad brings the turkey from work. We cook it in the oven at 500 degrees for 1 hour. We have stuffing from the box. We have notatoes I don't know if she makes it from a box or if she makes it with regular potatoes. And, we have cookies.

Kellen Knill; My grandma outs stuffing in the neck of the oven to cook for about a half hour. Then you take it out of the oven and cut it up. Then I eat it. also have cranberries and

mashed potatoes. Emity Whyte: I like to have turkey, and we have corn and sometimes I think mashed potatnes, and sometimes we have cake or pie. We bake the dessert for an hour and then we go

Megan Yarberry: Turkey: Mom puts stuffing in it then she takes it out and she cuts it, and akes the stuffing out.

Ana Cid: Cake: Lout chocolate icing on it and then I out eggs, flour and then I put it in the pan with cooking spray on it Then we make it by cooking it for

Michael Bednarski: Mom

ve put it in the living room.

Then we eat it.

Then we eat it.

hakes the turkey for 1 hour. She

an hour and a half. That's it. and then you put flour and then Clara Reichhard: Mv mom you have to put milk and butter nuts stuffing in the turkey - I and you have to put in lots of sugar and the temperature has to it. She nuts some sauce on it and red cabbage cooked. Then you are done. The end. we eat it and my friends bring ood, too, but we make the

> Mrs. Armstrong & Mrs. Hatcher Deerfleid second-graders

Haley Alexandra Parker: How to cook Angel Wings: First buy tray. Take a angel cookie cutte Natthew Heslop: Mom cooks and cut out a angel then put all the turkey in the oven for 10 minutes. She puts stuffing inside it. the extra dough aside, then you

Alison Dyke: Buy a turkey. Cook it for 30 minutes. Take it and green sprinkles on angel then you eat it. Good food out. Add cranberry sauce and

Ryan Queen: Kill the turkey. Gingerbread Boy: First out the dough on the table then roll the then you cook it. Bake it for " You mash the notatoes and dough then but the dough in the bowl, then put sprinkles in the cook them for about 1 hour and a bowl then stir it up. Then put food coloring in the bowl. Put Shunya Hattori: Add sausage only one food coloring in the to the turkey. Cook for 5 hours

David: How to cook Gingerbread Mix: First you buy turkey. It goes in the oven for 45 minutes at 300 degrees. Get reg-ular potatoes and boil them for 6 smooth and skinny. Next, take a minutes. We have pie, but I don't gingerbread cutter out it in the eat it. We have green beans, but get sick when I eat them. We Turn oven on till it's on the red eat cranberries and I like them.

> man gets big. Decorate it and eat it Mark Speers:

Chocolate Cookies: Flour and sugar white and brown sugar and butter time 12 hours! Jacob Silberg: How to cook Pizza: Cook to 500 degrees put cheese and sauce and crust, put in the oven for 5 hours then you

Jessie Erickson: How to cook Macaroni: Noodles, sugar, melted cheese, hot water. 2 hours, medi um on the stove.

Hope Goodearl: How to cook

half. No dessert.

Albert Gesierich: Get a

Mrs. Armstrong &

Mrs. Hatcher

have your pizza.

Taraz Naterwara: How to cook 3, stir it up for an then eat.

Tim Wang: How to cook Fries: . You take a fryer. 2. You cut a potato, 3. You get a fryer, 4. You put oil. 5. You put salt. 6. You fry

Alexandra Felice: How to cook fudge; You need the timer set 70 degrees. You need to melt chocolate chips and then put but r in and put a cup of marshmallows in to let it sit in the refrigerator for a couple of minutes take it out and cut it and eat it and then you have it, your fudge.

Denis Tchoouchev G: How to cook Pizza: You need cheese and pepperoni and chicken, cook for

Ethan Lu: How to cook Macaroni and Cheese: Water then

boil the cheese then put the tomato sauce. Sangita Sriram: How to cook

Pizza: oven 35 degrees, First make a triangle then make the sauce then make the cheese then make the crust then have your Nick Sweda: How to cook

Caitlyn Gordon: How to cook Pizza: Sauce and cheese, pepperoni, cook it for 1 hour the temperature is medium Fat it for Christmas.

Rachel Damrath: How to cook Pizza: First you get the dough cheese, 35 minutes.

Kelsey Miller: How to cook High 9 minutes on stove.

cook Pizza: You need dough, then dough, Second, put it in the oven. Third, put frosting on it peoperoni. The temperature is Fifth, You put gummy bears for buttons. Sixth, you eat it. Yum!

Natalea Richards: How to cook Cookies: How to cook cook ies. 1st you have to put egg in Buramiv: Some cind of dough

> Kshema Chirra: How to cook Holiday Cookies: First take flour and eggs, then mix it up, now you have dough. Put in oven for then get a knife, and cut eyes,

Helen Pamela Chen: How to cook a Gingerbread House: You get some flour, make it in to ugh, then you make a roof then you make a square, mak sure you make a rectangle in the

degrees and cook for one hour middle at the bottom, then you till dough hardens, then put red put it on the counter for it to get stiff then you put it in the oven you set the oven to 2 1/2 hours, then you take it out, then you put

frosting on and you put

sprinkles. The frosting is for the

two errors. Take some milk. Take a

two hours. Make sure it's yellow.

Cut it into a reindeer. Take some

Natalie R. Tarrant: How to

dough at 400 degrees. Put some

green, red, and white sprinkles in

any design. Then you are done.

Jessica Hamilton: How to

a bowl and keep it in for a hour,

then out food coloring in it, let it

want in it, but don't put cheese

Jordan Richardson: How to

get some milk and eggs and mix

together and throw it in the

and eat it. Yum Yum Yum.

oven for 99 hours and take it out

Fred Gharnan: How to cook a

Gingerbread House: First, you get

roof and get a jolly rancher, lick it

Jessica Liu: How to cook Mac

some skittles and plue it to the

and put in it on for a door and

& Cheese (color): Get the noo-

dies, then get cheese powder or

plain cheese. If plain cheese put

in pot with noodles. Turn oven

on. Mash cheese, add food colo

ing. If cheese powder grab non-

dles mix it up. Then but in oven

For both set in oven for 14 min-

Justin L.: How to cook Egg

Nog: First get 2,000 eggs, then

add some toothpaste, then get

milk, and 1 gallon of water and

vanilla ice cream and 2 pieces of

dough, second put it in the oven.

third out the frosting on, fourth,

fifth out the M&Ms for the

you put gummy bears for the

Jordan L.: How to cook

Gingerbread Men: Make some

degrees for 10 minutes. Let it

Liam Mitchell: How to cook a

Gingerbread House: Put a cuttino

hoard on the table. Put foil on th

cutting board. Put some frosting

on the foil. Put gingerbread walk on the frosting. Put frosting on

fence, but candy for a patio to the

degrees. Take it out and eat it.

house. Bake it in the oven for 110

the cracks. Put pretzels for a

and put it in the oven at 10

cool off and eat it.

buttons, sixth you eat it.

utes. Vuala!!!!!!!

cook Christmas Cookies: First,

and then you are done.

out for 2 hours, put anything you

cook Colored Salad: Put lettuce in

icing and put it on the cake.

cook Holiday Cookies: Cook

some dough, then bake the

Wala!! Yum Yum!!

Then shape it into a ginger and eat it. And drink milk and eat bread boy. Then bake it in the oven. Then it will be done. Bravo!

> the mix. Then you roll it until it is part. Put straight pan in oven for 10 minutes. The ginger bread

> > How do you cook a turkey?

roll the dough in to a circle. Then take söme gummy bears, put th cookies in the oven or 10 minutes then you have gumniy bears

Natasha A Medhora: How to Shaped Ball: 1. Take flower and water and mick's it up and now you have dough, 2, Roll it until it looks like a ball, 3. Keep toppings on it. 4. The extra dough is for you to make a ginger bread man and put it on the again. Do every thing again. down, It will be flat. Then put a

Daniela Vultorius: How to cook Turkey: Take the bird out of the refrigerator, cook for a million the bird out of the oven, make sure it burned and eat it for Thanksgiving dinner.

gingerbread man.

Katie Wiltwer: How to cook Mashed Potatos:Cut um up. Put in a pot, poor melted butter, put in the oven 350 degrees, one zillion 800 hours.

Gingerbread Men: 1. Get some dough 2. Put it in the oven 3.Put chocolate chips for eyes. 4. Let it

Holiday Macaroni: First you get a mackarone box. Second you put some milk. Put green and red Cook it on high for 90 degrees F.

Michael Chang: How to cook Cookies: First you get dough then out in chocolate chips. Heat the oven to 80 degrees then put the dough in the oven and wait for 10 minutes. Take the dough out

of the oven then eat it

Keazon Figurski: How to cook Fourth, you put M&Ms for eyes.

An fill it with nots. And roll it and

out sprinkles.

Mrs. Siarto Max Baer: you need milk and sugar and flour and butter. Then

it out and then you put sprinkles Sandra Bajc-Dimitrov: Make

sprinkles to stick then you eat it Elise Belden: You use sugar flour and I can't remember what Madison Marzonie: How to else. My morn was making the cook Reindeer Cake: Take cake mix. Put it in a big bowl, crack cnokies

> Melissa Carter: You get lough and we make it into a ball. Then we stir it and put eggs in and we put salt and then we put it in the oven and then we take it Then we eat it!

them with milk and a little sugar

and then you can put them in the

Nicholas Chiles: You need eggs with some batter. And put some brown sugar in and white sugar in and then we have some of the cookies ao in the oven. And we play a game will you wait for the cookies. We take the other batch and play

> Jan Doud: You need green and blue and red cream. You eat them!!!

Nicholas Fadanelli: Get dough and get a Christmas shaper that will shape cookies like Christmas things., Pat it down then put it in the oven t 70 degrees for 1 or 2 hours. Take it out of the oven and you can out frosting sprinkles and any food decorations you can

Callum Gibbs: First you got get sugar and stuff that you need. If you need it look at tha little note and it will tell you how

think of!

Sara Hammelef: You need milk, flour and butter. You mix it and then you roll the dough. You bake it for 10-12 hours at 300 legrees. Let them cool and then you eat them!

Jennifer Hepp: You need dough, flour, and water. You roll the dough and you put the flour on it and you put it in the over a 17 degrees for 30 minutes. You decorate them with frosting and you let the frosting dry and then you can eat them!!

Ariel Littlejohn: You need oread, you need a gingerbread stencil and trace it. Then like out it out. Put it in the oven at 1 degree for like 4 minutes. When t is Christmas you could put them on your tree. When it is all done and not Christmas and they are not rotten you can eat them.

Eric Marson: You need a pan.

Sophie Morris: you need flour, frosting water and M&M's. and you put it on a tray and you have to roll it. Then you cut it with cookie cutters. Then you back it for a minute at 5 decrees When you take them out you get to cool them down and you can Kevin Hosseini: How to cook eat them!

> John Potter: For this party we have chocolate Christmas tree probably need chocolate douch sprinkles on it and you put it for 25-30 minutes. When they are done you let them cool off. After they cool off you eat them!

Zoe Psiakis: You kneed milk. And they go in the oven for about 25 minutes at about 150 degrees. Then you take them out, decorate them and eat them!

Megan Summers: You need milk. You stir it and bake it for I would think 1 or 2 degrees.

Meaghan Wheat: Have dough and have decorations and out things on it. Put it in the oven and put frosting on it. You out all your decorations on it like sprinCity weighs in on subdivision dispute

A seven-year feud between neighboring developers may have come to a head last week with the city stepping in and threatening to Cheltenhant told block access to his

Nanda, the Northville resident who developed the adjacent Cheltenham development, asked the city to reconsider, saying the roads in his riect are still privately held and he didn't want construction traffic on

was caught in the middle of a dis-pute between Nanda and Lokey.

Although the roads in Nanda's

turned over to the city. Nanda's

once he does, Nanda will have to

chocolate chips on first and then City Council Member, and foryou put it in the oven. Cook it for 10 minutes at 7 degrees. You

Neet Ghandi: Put it in the oven. Then you take it out. Then you eat it.

kles and chocolate chips. And

then you could put them out for

Paul Wiedmaier: You get

dough and you roll it. You get a shape of a cookie you want it to

he and then you put it the oven

for an hour or ten minutes at 40

degrees. Then you wait for a while and then you take it out of

the oven and then you put frost-

on and then you eat it!

ing on it. Then you put sprinkles

Mrs. Grabowski & Orchard Hills first-graders

Michele Braht: The Turkey Dinner-This is how you make a turkey dinner. First you wash the turkey then you take the stuff out of the turkey, then you dry the turkey then you cook the turkey then you eat the turkey. It is good the turkey dinner is the best. Do you like the turkey dinners. You do like turkey dinner, are the

Toraki Maehata: This is how you kiss it then you put it in the shade then you put it in the sun then that is what you do. Second you do is stuff Japanese food in

Cody Renton: My Turkey

Ingredients: A turkey, spices, sage, oranges, meat balls, com. Put orange slices on turkey. Put sage in turkey. Put pan

Cooking Time: 2 to 4 hours. Oven Temp: 350 degrees

Michele Lim: My Turkey Ingredients: Stuffing, a turkey, a pot or pan, spices, salt, pepper, seasonings, temperature gauge,

orange slices. Directions: Turn on oven, Pour water in oan. Pour stuffing inside. Put spices on turkey. Put temperature quage in. Put pan in oven. Cooking Time: 2 hours Oven Temp: 350 degrees

Emily Jennings: My Turkey

Ingredients: Stuffing, spices. mushrooms, orange slices, a pot or pan, a turkey

Directions: Put the ingredients in the turkey. Cook the turkey. Eat Cooking Time: 2 hours. Oven Temp: 350 degrees

Dyalle Amrhein-Frederick: ive for Green Beans Ingredients: green beans, a

pot, salt, stove. Directions: Take a not, Use a stove. A can of green beans. Turn on stove. Add beans to not. Oven Temp: 60 degrees

Kazuki Yoshino: Recipa for Ingredients: Potatoes, butter, Direction: Peel the potatoes.

potatoes, Add the butter, salt, Cooking Time: 20 minutes

Oven Temp: 300 degrees

Rishabh Nayar: Recipe for Turkey and Gravy Ingredients: Stuffing, a turkey. a pot, spices, orange stices,

gravv mix Directions: Add milk to gravy mix. Cook until it's thick. Oven Temp: 350 degrees

members that he's afraid he would have to pay for damage done by Wilshire's construction crews.

Rossi told council members that

property. Although Wilshire was

originally platted with frontage or

Beck Road, when Lokey sold the

ed that essentially landlocked

Even through the properties were

vate, Rossi's company couldn't usa

absent, to approve Wilshire's plat provided one of three things happen—the two developers sign a memo-

random of understanding; Nanda

turns his project's roads over to the city as planned; or the city obtains a

project to Mirage, he kept an outpar

Novi City Council granted final plat approval Nov. 10 to Wilshire Abbey, a 29-lot subdivision off Beck Road on the city's southwest side. But two week's later, Ken-

Nick Woody: Get a gingerbread, get some decorations and City Attorney Gerald Fisher Council Member Laura Lorenzo you put the decorations on it. Then you could eat it! called it an "acrimonious conflict Kevin Tran: You out the between two property owners" that dates back to 1997

mer planning commission member. court order authorizing the use of Toni Nagy called it "childish." can take it out and eat it! Claudio Rossi, whose Mirage Development Company bought Wilshire Abbey from William Lokey, complained his company

The City of Novi will receive seated buts for mainting equipment according to the specifications of the City of Novi. Bid packages are available at the Office of the Purchasing Director.

Sealed bids will be received until 3:00 P.M. prevailing Eastern Time, Tuesday, January 13, 2004, at which time proposals will be opened and read. Bids shall be addressed as follows:

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Property will connect with

Following a public hearing Dec. 10 at the request of Bob Porteous, of The Novi Investment originally platted with a shared access to Beck Road, as long as the mads in Cheltenham remained pri-

southwest Novi. The land is just

the Cheltenham streets. "There should be no leniency for the Cheltenham developer," declared Council Member Lynne

Paul. Noting there was no reason for the developers not to work things out, Nagy said she was "very dis-Cheltenham project were paved last turbed." by their actions and that it June and most of the lots have been paved, the roads still haven't been ardy."

attorney explained that's because said Rossi, "we just want things to work out." He noted he bought the carry a \$250,000 maintenance bond property with "approvals in hand" and the ongoing dispute is preventing him from closing on deals to sell Last month Nanda told council lots,

NOTICE - CITY OF NOVI REQUEST FOR BIDS MAILING EQUIPMENT

The City of Novi will receive sealed bids for Mailing Equip

CITY OF NOVI
CAROL J. KALINOVIK, PURCHASING DIRECTOR
45175 W. Ten Mile Rd.
All bids must be signed by a legally authorized agent of the bidding irm. ENVELOPES MUST BE PLAINLY MARKED
"Mailing Equipment" BID
AND MUST BEAR THE NAME OF THE BIDDER.
The City reserves he right to accent any or all others.

New sub proposed at Eight Mile, Garfield

Maybury Park Estates

By Pam Fleming

Tuscany Reserve, a 58-unit proposed subdivision in Novi, recently won preliminary approval from the Novi Planning

Company, members granted pre-liminary site plan approval, plus voodland, wetland approvals and

The Novi City Counci Development in September 2002. The property, which includes north side of Eight Mile Road

plan comes together. This together both the master plan and zoning

Public Schools

Estates have initiated construc-

tion of the sewers that will serve

the area, and Donald Tilton, a

Arbor has been involved in the

wetlands and storm management

single family dwellings, which

are three less than the original

ning commission last year.

This is a big improvement

over what we saw last time," said

Commissioner David Ruyle.

gram called 'The A Team'

developer proposed 58

they used to say, 'I love it when a comes together. This meets

Commissioner Lynn Kocan

west of the Maybury Park Estates said that she would like to see a subdivision, with the property to the west owned by Northville the property paved rather than wood chips because of the lack o Two entrances are planned to recreational areas in the proposed

off Eight Mile Road and another off Garfield. A third entrance is commitment from the develope proposed to the east.

Developers of Maybury Park for them to do this, but don't

know if I can ask that," she said.

She also wants additional land scaping between the Northville Schools' property and the subdi-vision, which was not included in the plan.

The proposed subdivision will

also be connected to the Maybury

Park Estates subdivision missioner John Avdoulo said he liked the idea of the sub-Novi Planning Commission

proposal submitted to the plandivisions connecting. "I'm confident of the construe tion. I think it would be nice to Eight Mile and Garfield, however. And, I would also prefer to have the path on the east side of the subdivision asphalt instead of

wood chips," he said. "I am in support of this, I am 105 or by e-mail pleased with the changes made and think it will be a fine devel-

Holiday winner

"There was an old television program called 'The A Team' where they used

to say, 'I love it

when a plan

comes together." David Ruyle

opment when it's built," said unission chair Gwen

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NOTICE - CITY OF NOVI REQUEST FOR BIDS WINDOW WASHING CONTRACT

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Notice dated: December 17, 2003

CAROL J. KALINOVIK

Novi Homeowner Association President Ron Boron (left) and Novi Mayor Lou Csordas (right) congratulate Craig Szewc for his winning effort in the associations annual Holiday Decorating Contest. Szewc told Novi City Council members Dec. 16 that he doesn't know why he likes Christmas so much, but whatever the reason, it really lights up his Bristol Circle Court home.

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House of Representatives approves Granholm's executive order

Schools face a reduction of approximately \$96 from per pupil grant

the Novi Community School District Free that state cuts or incorpable. But they can all breath a sigh of relief knowing matthese curs won't be as much matthy SMs per pupil. The balas they originally expected. Schools now face a reduction.

Gavernor Jempter Granholm on

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Jim Koster, assistant superin-What does that mean for Jim Rober, assistant superior for the cut, the Novi tendent of business and finance Community. School. District for Novi Schools, explained that

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the new deal is better for Novi per pupil foundation grant. Now the state reduction total for Novi is \$600,000, down from the \$1.2 million figure when talks of \$196 per pupil was to be cut.

"This gets us through the 2004-05 hold our breath for the 2004-05 hold our breath for the 2004-05 which would save \$20,000.

"Reduce district-wide capital outlay which would save \$20,000.

Reduce non-instructional supplies which would save \$20,000.

talk of \$196 per pupil was to book out. The cuts have already begun, however, Because the House of Representatives didn't reach a decision before checks were supposed to be mailed out to school districts in Michigan, \$200,000 was already taken out of Nov's check, which makes the net of the structure repliction.

(transferring district records to CD format) which would save of Nove's check, which makes the rest of the state reduction for Novi is \$400,000, to be spread out over nine payments with a reduction of approximately \$96 per pupil. The balance to make up the reductions, roughly \$370,000, will come from the district's full equity. roughty \$370,000, will come budget through eight cuts of its from the district's fund equity, which are still in effect.

supplies which would save \$50,000. · Reduce custodial overtime

which would save \$30,000.

Reduce secretarial overtime which would save \$10,000. · Eliminate imaging project

for the Novi News, He can be reached at (248) 349-1700, ext. 110 or by e-mail at which is equivalent to a savings account. The district currently has 88 million in eash in its funded conferences would save \$42,405.

What has taken so long? Because of the state's nearly \$1 billion budget deficit and the state education fund's deficit of about \$350 million, Michigan's House of Representatives, Governor Jennifer Granholm's office and the Senate each compromised to reach a deal to bal-

Granholm, by law, issued a notice of proration over a month ago that would have amounted to approximately \$196 per pupil reduction, but according to Greg Bird, director of communications for the State Budget Office, she wanted to do everything possible to mitigate the impact of those cuts on K-12 education. Granholm struck a deal with

Senate Majority Leader Ken

Sikkema that included pausing

ance the fiscal year budget.

the income tax rollback (from 4 percent to 3.9 percent), which is scheduled to take place on Jan. That six-month pause would generate approximately \$77 million to the state and the deal would put \$44.5 million of the \$77 million into the school aid fund to help mitigate that prora-In the new deal, the cuts to K-

12. higher education and rev-

enue sharing were reduced from the governor's original proposal because of the Senate leadership's insistence on how money from pausing the income-tax rollback for six months be spent. Under the Senate's proposal, the roughly \$77 million raised by pausing the rollback will be divided among schools, universities and local governments.



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Author, illustrator visit Village Oaks, Orchard Hills

"Maybury Had a Little Lamb" illustrations captured images of what Maybury used to be, and her experience and passion for the farm came through.

"We know what went on there is the form the farm the captured images of what Maybury used to be, and her experience and passion for the farm." Sharek said, they had a final product that they were proud of.
"I knew we both cared deeply for the farm," Sharek said, which it was sharing the form the farm, saids it was sharing the farm to the f

Students at Village Oaks and Orchard Hills Elementary Schools were recently graced by the pres-ence of Cathy Blanck and Sarah Marino, as they showed off the book they created together -Maybury Had A Little Lamb."

Blanck, who is the daughter of Novi Community School District Assistant Superintendent of Business and Finance Jim Koster. wrote the book and Marino illus-trated it. The two worked at Maybury Farm for years before it burned down in February and they were so upset about it, they decided to create a

"I think a lot of kids have ques-

and we know what the farm looked like," Blanck said, "It was a wonderful place, but also a very sad place because so many animals had to go, but that's reality." Maybury was one of the few liv-

farming comes in. After it caught on fire and most of the animals perished, one main thought that Blanck had was that it was going to cost a lot of money to re-build it, if in fact that was the plan. That's when she came up with the idea to write a book.
"Driving back up north I was

binking, this is a piece of my child-hood that I really cared about," Blanck said, "I thought, what can we do to get some money back for the re-building? Three days later I wrote this book, sent it to Sarah and Some of the messages Blanck

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was there the night it was burning and I was there the morning after when it was still smoldering. I trusted her judgment, she trusted mine and that's why this project

ing, working farms left.
Everything was done by hand there and that, according to Blanck, is where true artwork in state of Michigan donated money to have it printed. It was dedicated to all the animals that were burned in the fire and if readers look close ly at the illustrations, they may see some hidden symbols or words that Marino included. For instance, page 33 has the words Old Village School, which looks like it was carved into the wood. That school visited Maybury quite often.

> and Marino wanted to get out to the students they visited were the importance of reading and having something in their lives that they're

Illustrator Sarah Marino, left, and author Cathy Blanck brought their book "Maybury Had A Little Lamb" to Village Oaks Elementary Monday morning and shared it with students including second graders Urara Cho and Blair Myers, center.

The two brought antiques with them from the farm to share with the students and other things they would have found on the farm. They also brought along two live chicks which were from a surviv-

farm tour to the schools because they can't come to us anymore,"

"We kind of wanted to bring a the Barn Antique. All three are located in Northville.

Ramez Khuri is a staff writer fo The book can be purchased at Genitti's Hole in the Wall, at Northville Watch and Clock and rhundri@ht.homecomm.net.



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my mother on Phil Power Christmas Eve.

milk had been drunk, the cookies eaten, and there were just a few crumbs left on the fireplace hearth

double:duty presents: -

trucked back into town and bought a pre-cut tree, probably imported from somewhere "outchase of a giant tree for the living room. We spent side," i.e. anywhere but in the arctic and had a happy Christmas, far away from home ... This year Kathy, Nathan and I will be traveling to Denver to spend Christmas with our son,

spruce-like growth that seemed a

casonable facsimile of a real

Christmas tree. Taking the axe we

had brought with us, I delivered a suitably stout blow to the base of

The extreme cold had made the wood so brittle that one axe-blow

denuded the entire tree. We

brate Christmas at home near Ann Arbor. When I The extreme cold had made the the christmas at home are Ann Arbor. When I The extreme cold had made the christmas at home are the christmass at home are a christmass at home and a christmass at home are a christmass at home and a christmass at home are a christmass at home are a christmass at home and a christmass at home are a christmass at home and a christmass at home are a christmass at home and a christmass at home are a christmass at home and a christmass at home and

Scott, and his new bride, Molly. Unlike my grandfather, I feel that we should find ways to encourage them in establishing their own Christmas traditions Visiting them on their turf seems a gentle way to get that started. However, when we pack

our bags, we'll include the old Christmas stockings for the entire family, including Scott's and one went "swish, swish" as she walked, the cats would always beat it for a safe haven. we got for Molly last year. Funny how much emotion and memory One morning, however, she walked (swish, swish) into the liv-

how much emotion and memory can accompany something as sim-ple as a stocking ... Finally, my holiday wish for everybody is best captured in an Irish blessing that came on a friend's Christmas card: May you have warm words on a cold evening.

cold evening,
A full moon on a dark night,
And the road downhill all the

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Christmas provides

According to the psychologists, important holidays like Christmas generate memories that are among the most intense and long-lasting of our lives. So it has been with me

important parts of few of mine .. rememb

years old, I'd guess -- I believed firmly in we set out milk and cookies for Santa?" I asked

she replied. And so we did, right to testered on top of a big wooden in front of the fireplace.

Certain J could star another.

see Santa arrive by willpower comfy by the warm glow of the Christmas tree bulbs. And — amazing to recount (!) — when I woke up in the early morning, the

along with Santa's presents ... Much of my father's family lived in Traverse City, so nothing would do other than to take the long drive - six hours or so in in my grandfather's big, dark Victorian house on Sixth Street. His birthday was Dec. 24, not exactly an optimal date for a cele-

bration. But he was always glad to see us arrive, loaded down with abov My grandfather was a fierce

where I worked as the sports edi-tor of the Daily News-Miner. My-parents flew up to be with me for Christmas. Of course, we followed our established family tra-

ing room and (unintentionally) cornered the cats in front of the

tree. Up to the top of the tree they went, lickety-split. Down went the tree, slowly and with great digni-ty, the falling ornaments making

glittering geometric cascades as they headed for the floor, where they shattered in geatle, brittle, high-pitched sounds ...
After I graduated from college,
I wound up in Fairbanks, Alaska,

Who said there aren't still Christmas miracles?

They were young, and restless, and one thing led to another, and

DEARBORN. Mich.-They were together for only three weeks, in the fall right after Ronald Reagan was swept into

Hanneke, 21, was a highly educated Dutch girl who spoke four languages and was still working on

she Propaganda American Elections,

took off to see going back home. Along the way,

ble.

"Seventy-two hours later she said, 'three days like a lifetime.

The was still a bit rusty with the said, the came back to Toledo, worked construction by day, and worked for a growing and enthusi-

said, 'three days like a lifetime She was still a bit rusty with the language, calling watches 'arm-clocks" and cameras 'photoma-"But I figured out pretty quick-

together all of our days," Tom Badyna remembered. Two weeks later, just before Christmas 1980, he put Hanneke

Oberman on a plane for Holland, sleet storm and a traffic jam on the Brooklyn Bridge. We walked the long concourse of the foreign ter-minal at JFK — I walked, she hobbled, having broken a quite

fully, over coffee in one of his offee shop and bookstore in

be see you later...

...but they never saw each other
and confident about this bit of

ty that my life was about to be turned upside down."

Did they immediately feel what they somehow lost touch. He they hoped to feel when she walked off the plane? "It took about a half a second upon seeing her again for all the passion and struction and live in a small shack through freezing winters. He taught himself to write at night, at length producing a series of fan-

tive knowledge to be back firmly in place, and within 10 minutes it was as if she was at my side all my life." She pauses, a litistic short stories and parables that working tle hesitant, either with shyness or over the language. "It took me maybe 10 minutes. I mean 10 secversion of Mario Vargas Llosa, or perhaps Gabriel Garcia Marquez. She worked in

They spent two weeks in Toledo, touring bars and bistros, listening to Beethoven, Johnny Cash and the Pixies, reading Chaucer and comic books. And they knew. She is back in Rotterdam now.

in alone again. But not for long.
but "We shall not do this again," Tom said last week, as he was niche as an advomaking plans to move to Holland.
meless and addicted "I promised her to be in Rotterdam by Feb. 1, and to marry her by summer. No one's invited, se. It's something between

will be able to practice stonema-sonry in Holland. If not, he will get down to writing seriously, per-haps tackling that novel at last that he knows he has somewhere

before me, and I'd see too, som site. Is this really you? he asked, how, the missing years, and it was and sent her a short story.

She didn't much like the story they were some this and what's this and what's before u

Here's hoping that for Tom and Jack Lessenberry is edito

sack Lessenberry is editorial vice president of Hometown Communications. He can be reached by phone at (248) 901-2561 or by e-mail at jlessenberry@homecomm.net.

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Quail Hollow is good with Island Lake, acceleration and deceleration

Singh Development's Quail Hollow is a win-Singh Development's Qualt Hollow is a win-win for the citizens of Novi and the developer. When proposals come before the Planning Commission and City, Council, our primary responsibility is to insture that Novi's ordinances and Master Plan are complied with. Each devel-opment is evaluated as to its own unique features and issues. We consider many factors including really invest, water and sewer requirements. traffic impact, water and sewer requirements, environmental impact, and questions related to

environmental impact, and questions retained to residential density.

Most of the Planning Commission and the City Council were initially wary of Singh's donation of 73 acres of property. Why should we accept 73 acres of densely wooded wetland and allow the developer to build more homes? We would lose the tax revenues and be stuck with property we couldn't afford to develop. Looking deeper, we saw that the 73 acres was between 2 parcels of property already owned by the City, and combination of the 3 parcels would result in

208 acres of contiguous, undeveloped natural Now that Singh Development has agreed to create a combination paved and boardwalk bike path/trail system on western edge of the 208 acres, the 2nd largest public park in the City will be created at no cost to the taxpayers of Novi. There is even included a fund to maintain the new park. Over 175 acres of the Core Reserve, one of our most important environmental areas, will be permanently preserved and protected. This is one goal of the City's Master Plan. In today's economic environment, we would not be

Novi is now eligible for a variety of government

property, has a planned density approximately 15% higher than the proposed Quail Hollow

LETTERS

Novi's Brian Hornacek swims in the 200 meter team relay in a meet hosted by Livonia Franklin.

able to provide such an amenity for Novi's citi-zens for many years to come. With Singh as our partner in the development of the trail system,

and foundation grants to expand bike trails and walking paths throughout our community. Because Singh Development agreed to create the park and trail system, they were allowed to consider the acreage of all of the open space in their density calculation. The final number of 439 homes on 536 acres results in an overall den sity very close to the Master Plan of 0.8 units per western Novi. The majority of mined that this density was reasonable. To compare, Island Lake Development, just north of this

We've lost a great one minimized through a traffic signal coordinated

lanes, and the addition of a left turn signal at Wixorn Road and 10 Mile Road. There will be an additional entrance to Quail Hollow at its The "richness" of the Novi Community does not begin and end with Parks, Schools, MEAP Scores, SEVs and shopping malls: The enriched core of the Novi community begins and ends with its people Power, evidenced by the scores – southern boundary. Future improvements relat-ed to other developments and their impacts on 10 Mile must be coordinated regionally with Oakland County, Lyon Township, and the State hundreds - of involved, committed citizens who sacrifice their time, devote their energy, and commit their lives to making our city a better place to of Michigan.
Yes, this is a large development. Many of us will miss the Links of Novi. But by allowing live. They do this without political ambition without compensation, without public acclaim, and they carry on-year after year-clothed with the commitment and faith that honoring their Singh Development to concentrate the house onto land which was cleared years ago for the golf course, we will preserve and protect valuable open space, and do our best to limit civic duty makes Novi a better place.

> Gwen Markham Chair, City of Novi Planning Commission

Same old, same old? On November 8th and 13th I watched Mayor Csordas and members of the Novi City Council interview potential candidates for open positions on the Zoning Board of Appeals and the

Planning Commission. Planning Commission.

During these televised interviews, I watched many new qualified applicants possessing new energy and ideas being interviewed along with a number of the same old candidates who are commissioned to the same of the tinually recycled and reappointed to fill vacant positions on various City of Novi Boards and

While it is very commendable to see the same old candidates continue to volunteer their time and services to the citizens of Novi, it might benclit the citizens of Novi more to appoint new individuals who possess new ideas and skills to Instead of doing that, Mayor Csordas and the members of the City Council during their Meeting on December 16th decided to keep giv-

reacting on December (our occident oxeep graphing the citizens of Novi more of the same by reappointing many of the same old group of recycled candidates to the open positions.

Let's help the City of Novi keep moving for this help the City of Novi keep moving for this sa a moment for all of the Novi community.

Elsa Waters

The traffic impact on 10 Mile Road will be Jazz shows benefit more than listeners

days allowed me plenty of time to listen to CDs last week. An artist who keeps finding his way on to my stereo is Cyrus Chestnut, a jazz

pianist second to none. I've known about him for a couple of years, but I've really been focus-ing on him lately because he's com-ing to Novi on Saturday, February 14. This Valentine's Day concert will Ing on Novi on Saturday, February

14. This Valentine's Day concert will be held at Franklin Road Christian School's March 20 as a benefit for Novi Coalition That

that school. Fox Run Village is the premiere sponsor for the event. Chestnut gained notoriety as Wynton Marsalis' pianist of choice for the Lincoln Center Jazz early a dozen really fine albums on

good music) when he sees it and Providence Hospital is the premiere sponsor for this show. Both pianists will be backed by Rodney Whitaker, bass, and Randy Gillespie, drums, from the Professors of Jazz at Michigan State

week's edition, but you can get tickets now by calling (248) 477-7711. Cal Stone is editor of the Novi News. He can be reached at (248) 349-1700, ext. 113 or at

Last week, the city of Novi suffered a devas-tating loss: Laverne H. Reinke ended his heroic

and courageous light with cancer.

At the young age of 60, "Vem" was a legend in civic action; he was a dedicated member (and many time chairman) of the Zoning Board of Appeals for 24 years; he was a founder of a

"North End" Homeowner Association; he was

the driving energy behind multiple political cam-paigns; he was responsible for countless behind the scenes accomplishments in his decades of

The gifts of Vern Reinke included x-ray vision

humor that instantly defused conflict, and a keep

intellect grounded in a sense of fairness and his

tory derived over 24 years on the ZBA ("Similar cases should produce similar results.")

Vern Reinke fought with the heart of a Wildeat! He put in a full week's work at the Ford

Motor Company just before he passed. He not only attended the December ZBA meeting, but

want to be late for the board meeting" (he wasn't late). I am pretty sure that Vern had already read his packets and inspected the properties in antic-

ipation of the January meeting. Be careful, ZBA

right". Vern's devoted wife, loving children, and tod

wish Godspeed to Laverne Reinke. We are a

James J. Harrington, II

Vern will be watching to be sure you "get it

he left a Christmas party early because, "I don

(he could see right through it), a wry

self-less devotion to the city.

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remarkable auditorium, and it is a benefit for Cares. Lou Martin knows a good thing (and cstone@ht.homecomm.net.

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dition of going out into the woods to cut a fresh Christmas tree. "Going out" consisted of getting bundled up enough to survive a temperature that I remember as being pretty close to ... 40 below!

The "woods! around Fairbanks

Occasionally

was around 12, I

induce the pur-

hours decorating

ornaments up to

it, handing the

would cele-

was kind and gentle with his grandchildren, He used to sit and, I am certain, with most fami-lies. Christmas produces remem-brances that will stay with me for the rest of my life, some of them Christmas" to me

Certain I could stay awake to That was the year my godmoth-er came to spend Christmas with alone I stationed myself on the us. She was a no-nonsense woman who lived in (gasp!) New York sofa. My mother pulled a blanket and disliked our two Siamese cats. The feeling was mutual, and when over me and turned out the living room lights, leaving me safe and

c days - to spend Christmas

man, an archetype of the old school. His oft-repeated doctrine — "There are two ways of doing

office. Tom was a 22-year-old apprentice stonemason from Toledo who was at heart, a writer.

English.
They met after research for a doctoral thesis on "Advertising and

became insepara-

astic Internet community of fans at night. "I've published a few ly that she was commenting on how we are together, instanta-neously bonded and looking through the same eyes as if

high heel exiting the taxi.

'That's kind of a good metaphor for that good-bye," he said wist-

Actually, it was just supposed to

class nternational ecoadvertising execu-

Amsterdam, but Jack Lessenberry in Rotterdam, where for a pit-

> things, but I don't much like dealyear ago. (Most writers can relate.) There were other women. There were other men. But neither ever married, or forgot those two weeks crossing the continent. They made sporadic attempts to find each other. Finally, this fall, he found her, on her office's Web

wrote for a growing and enthusi-

"But I still liked him," she says with a small smile, arm around him in the cafe, surrounded by year. coffee drinkers and holiday shoppers. "Loved him."

Who said there aren't still

Christmas miracles?
Within days after their first email, she was on a plane to Toledo. "I haven't a thought in my





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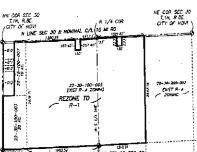


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Part I. That Ordinance No. 97-18, known as the Zoning Ordinance of the City of Novi Is hereby amended as indicated on ZONING MAP NO.

28, 2003. MADE AND PASSED by the City Council of the City of Novi, Michigan, this 13th day of December, 2003. Copies of the Ordinance Amendment may be purchased or inspected at the office of the City (Cherk; Novi), Michigan, weekdays between 8:00 AM and 5:00 PM, local



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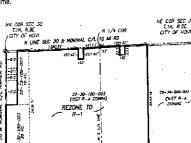
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Novi Woods Holiday Shop

the Novi Woods PTO held its annual holiday shop from 13ec. 2-3. Students were invited to shop for holiday gifts which ranged in price from a quarter to \$10. Pictured, third graders Lauren Brown and Lauren Zamplas search for the perfect gift for their loved ones.



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Orchard Hills second grader Adam Hersburgh and his sister Gina (kindergarten) shop with their mom and prother at the Orchard Hills Happy Holiday Shoppe. Here they are getting their presents wrapped and all set for holidays. This annual event allows students and their siblings to buy gifts for their families at reasonable

Novi High students collect 666 items for Toys for Tots

every year since then, going to 515 to 520 to 633 and hit-

ting an all-time high of 858 in 2001. This year the donation

"In the beginning I thought

By Ramez Khuri

Who would nave marger after seven years. Jennifer Davies' idea of giving to Toys collected 666 toys.

"We collected so many in "We collected so many in "We collected so many in "To make after the seven was a se Davies and still be going strong at Novi High School?

Davies, who graduated from Novi High in 2001. 2 School. Her class decided to way."

do community service proj
Over the years many people School. Her class decided to do community service projects for the mouth of December, and she suggested giving to Toys for Tots. Needless to say, her teachers and classmates were thrilled at the idea. When all she other classes at the school found out about it, they all wanted to participate as well.

The tradition live on

o participate as well.

The tradition lives on. department cooperated by doing a talent show and they When Davies moved on to Toys for Tots was something she wanted to continue to do. So, she joined forces with her mother, Diane Davies, who is Novi High's media center para-professional.

"When Jennifer suggested Toys for Tots, the teachers at the middle, wheel work.

the middle school were thrilled because this is chil-dren giving to children." in all seven years has reached 3.600 -- a mighty accom-plishment for a student who had an idea in the eighth Diane said, "They thought it ould really touch the kids' grade,

with it."

The dynamic duo received permission to start up a Toys for Tots donation at the high school in 1997, and in the first year they collected 303

Senior citizen fun day

The Novi Meadows fifth grade Junior Girl Scout Troop #2385 visited the residents at the Village at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital in Ypsilanti. The scouts entertained the residents with some skits that they wrote and performed a dance that they choreographed. They then sang several Christmas carols with the help of the residents. Scouts pictured from left to right are Chloe Trestler, Kayla Cummins, Samantha Macy, Ashley Krynak, Paige Trestler, Laura Subject, Julie Lupo and Allison Jones.



Candlelight Choralfest

Deerfield Kindergartners participated in the seventh annual Candlelight Choralfest hosted by the Novi Town Center on Dec. 8. The event took place in the Goodrich Quality Theater and Deerfield was among five schools

ENGAGEMENT

OBITUARY

Ronald and Joanne Oppat of fami heritage and wood working.

Novi announce the engagement of their daughter, Becky Anne Oppat, to Jeffrey Michael Zellen, son of Lawrence and Shirley

Redwanz): two children, David Oppat, to Jeffrey Michael Zellen, Leslie (John) Holmberg of Howell:

Leslie (John) Holmberg of Howell:

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uate of Novi High School and a raduate of the University of degree in Spanish. She is employed by Chippawa Valley Schools as a High School anish teacher at Dakota High

The groom-elect is a 1993 raduate of Romeo High School and a graduate of Oakland University with a bachelor of science degree in electrical engi-neering. He is employed by ACCO Systems.

An April 2004 wedding is planned.

The library will be closed Wednesday, December 31, and Thursday, January 1 for the New Year's holiday.

LaVerne H. Reinke

his parents. William and Irma: three grandchildren, Adam, Hailey and Brianna; four siblings, Ruth Hopp Trudell of Traverse City, Marge LaVerne Reinke died December 7, 2003. He was 60. Mr. Reinke graduated from the Electronics Institute of Technology n 1965, belonged to the National (Wilmar) Billmeier of Munger in 1965, belonged to the National Arlene (Robert) Horner of Guard, and was a member of St. Ellington, Pla., and William Reinke Paul's Lutheran Church, Dearborn. Famington Hills and Hope Lutheran Church, Iaw Edward (Janet) Redwarz of Lutheran Church, Farmington Hills and Hope Lutheran Church, Farmington Hills Resse, and Albert (Jackie) of Resse, Hen was past president of incee, Carol (Thomas) Hoffman; Northville/Novi Civic Association, and 14 nieces and nephews. member of the Novi Band Boosters and the Novi Zoning Board of Appeals. He was employed by Ford Motor Company for 37 years, holding the position as a cost analyst. Mr. Reinke enjoyed the Detroit Tigers, local politics, his

Kids ages 5-8 are invited to join

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Thursday 12/25

SENIOR CALENDAR

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 Thursday 12/25
 12:30 p.m.
 Rehearsal-Christmas Show

 SENIOR CENTER MANAGEMENT OFFICE
 1 p.m.-3 p.m.
 Healing Touch

 LUNCH SERVICE TRANSPORTATION CLOSED
 6:30 p.m.
 Clogging*
 Tuesday 12/30

9 a.m. 12 p.m. Massage Therapy 9 a.m. Panera bread 9 a.m. 11 a.m. Computer Class-Windows 9:30 a.m. Line Dance* No Asian Pacific I2:30 p.m.

Wednesday 12/31

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us for stories, special activities, and a snack on Tuesday, January 6, from 4:30-5 p.m. No registration is Story Time notes

Brochures describing our Winter 2004 Internet classes are now advance by calling the library.

Internet classes

available at the library. Please register for all Internet classes in

Story Time session are available in

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of Walled Lake Western High

School and is the son of Denise

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It's time to go Commando

By Sam Eggleston

ting clogged with clones of great games these days, doesn't it? Lucky for gamers, the best still stands out among the rest — even in the form of a sequel.

Last year's "Ratcher and Clank" was one of the most original and enjoyable games in recent mentory. It turned the tried-and-true platforn genic on its ear with massive worlds, a unique weapon system, and game-play that somehow felt familiar and new at the exact same time.

What you get with "Ratchet and Clark: Going Commando" is a big-ger and badder experience than the first one and this year's most outstanding platforming game.
"Going Commando" leaves off

not long after the first game ended. Ordinary life has left them a bit bored and our beroes find themand linguistic mustermind hires you

"Ratelet and Clauk" is the immense weapon selection and fans won't be disappointed by the cache of the sequel. The 20-plus new weapons are not only awe-inspiring, they're also upgradeable. The Lancer is the standard sveapon and packs quite a punch. However, the Chopper, Gravity Bomb, and their respective upgrades have room-clearing power. Dograding is done by simply using

weapon to unleash.

The upgrade system also applies to the characters themselves. Ratchet has a basic experience system that allows him to gain more energy and Clarik can be outlitted with different

tools and abilities.

The level design in "Going Commando" is extremely elever in selves sitting around watching a lot of television while waiting for their meak hig escapade. Their break omes, when the head of Megacopt territory, it never feels redundant. ieve a stolen experiment. From through a wide range of locales and some hishonecomment

there, the game just gets deeper and finner in basically every passing error to futuristic cities. "Going noment. One of the main attractions in ing numerous shooting, driving and puzzle-solving elements.

Those gamers disappointed by the first game's ease will be delighted to know that the difficulty has been cranked up a bit. "Going Commando" is noticeably harder than the first game, but it maintains that "just one more try" quality and you never really feel cheated when failing a mission. This not only increases the replay value of the the weapon, so blast to your heart's content and you'll eventually be given a present of a more powerful gamers a chance to test their wings gamer, but it also gives the younger gamers a chance to test their wings and began the nature of some platand learn the nature of some plat-form games.

"Going Commando" is not only one of the best games of its genre but one of the best games available to Playstation II owners. It's great for all age levels and skill levels - and it's as fun as they come.

News, He can be reached at (248) 349 Our heroes are lucky to travel 1700, cst. 104 or by e-mail at seggle

'Socom II' encourages you to go play with strangers

By Sam Eggleston

avorite game is, and the majority awine game to say that it's "Socom Navy Seals." Well, there's some good news — there's a new favorite on the

"Socom II" has everything the

original offered and so much more. The strength, definitely, is in the multiplayer component, but that doesn't detract from the single-player mode that is more than cool on its own. Much like the original, the gamer plays the leader of a our man team and takes on missions in places like Russia and when tooks on stealth instead of just run and gun. You have to do plenty of sneaky shooting from a more too, like when an enemy get distance, but the addition of a shot gun to the arsenal will allow above. Brazil. There are 12 missions, which focus on steath instead of just run and gun. You have to do will even use their brains a bit gun to the arsenal will allow play-

close combat. The control of the SEAL team in "Socom II" works just about the troller, or use the voice-recognition capabilities of the game with a Playstation II-compatible headset, which is sold separately. It just which is sold separately. It just takes simple commands, like "Fire at Will" and such. Commands like tter," or "Halt," won't work, familiar with the terminology the



tions similarly to extraction, though the orders are to hold fire. It makes you feel as though you're with control of the civilians with control of the civilians. gens a bit more option when it comes to protecting themselves in actually reamed up with intelligent

same as it did in the first title. You can select commands via con-player game will keep you busy player game will keep you busy for a while, but the multiplayer is where the action is at. The teambased online game supports up to 16 players. The game is broad-band-only, and is pretty lag-free even over a standard cable or DSI.

Sam Eggleston is broadband connection.

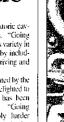
is immense, especially considering you can always get new team segeth stone it homecomm.net.

tion. The three multiplayer mis sion types from the first game return, and they're joined by two new modes. The old modes are suppression, which is a standard team deathmatch sort of scenarios demolition, which places a bomb in the center of the level and charges each team with the task of using that bomb to destroy the opposing team's base; and extraction, where the SEAL team must find a group of hostages and lead them to safety while the terrorists attempt to keep the hostages under control. The two new modes, breach and escort, fit into the mis just fine, even though they really Improvements in the game include your team's ability to say they don't understand a voice continuous that puts one

with control of the civilians instead of having to go get then soldiers instead of simple-minded before moving them to a safe extraction point. Expect this game to keep Playstation II on top of the gaming community's list of the best counsel around for some time - and keep Sony on top of the gaming world for even longer than it has

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where a simple movement of an ann or head translates into game action. What that means, quite simply, is that it doesn't take knowledge of a controller to have fun-with the game, that little hands can

The Eyetoy comes with the Evetoy camera and the software which includes a slew of games and the ability to record video mes-

sages. The camera is mounted on a societel base, has a lengthy USB cord that plugs into the front of the Playstation2 and has a manual frecise rine on the front the consume definition. focus ring on the front the camera

and so forth. When it comes down to what

will make the Fyetov a success or not, it will be the issue of if it works properly or if it doesn't. The good news is, it works like a charm. My daughter Shaylyn, who is two years old, was more than capable thumbing their way through variof playing a bunch of the games. Her favorite, Wishi, Wishi, is a with the game, that little hands can play just as well as the big hands and that the young can play just as which allows you to have spiders which allows you to have spiders. grawling all over your image or

olution.
The Eyetoy software includes 12

Upon first starting the software.

Upon first starting the software. critical mass starting the software, a video tutorial explains how to use it when it comes to having the appropriate amount of light, where to place it, where to stand and so on and so form. something. In a couple of the games, you can even feel the mussurprised if Playstation takes quich advantage of it and comes out with a "Tae Bo" for gamers who are used to lounging in the recliner and

ter Billingsley, dream ous games. Expect Evetoy to signal the nd schemes to be gifte beginning of a very bright gaming future for the genre — and a host of titles to follow in its wake. If you ing an eye out! Loving don't go out and get one now, you'll find yourself getting one soon enough as the possibilities of narrator Jean Shenherd's Ease flying all around you.

Another thing that is so positive when it comes to Eyetov is the fact that nothing like it has ever touched Others Pay Cash," are as rtinent, compelling and

'Jak II' mixes genres well

between one of those cartoony

Mario games and Grand Theft

aspects of the original, including some very complex puzzles, but

the massive cityscape, weapons

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like "lak If" is that you don't have to play the original to appreciate and enjoy – the original.

Though the sequel picks up right where the last one let off, there are still a ton of new elenents and plenty of explaining to help keep gamers engrossed in the

If gamers did play the original and are back for the obvious reasons of hoping for a game that emulates, yet expands, on that title, they shouldn't be disappoint-ed. Jak's controls are very similar, and Daxter is ever present in his goal of becoming one of the most smart-mouthed side kicks of all

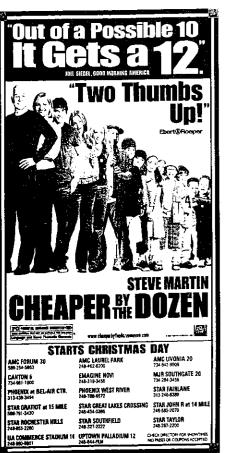
The story, however, is a hit dif-

ferent. Instead of lak being the gives it a much harder edge that quiet and good-hearted guy of old, will draw in a whole new audihe's here to kick some butt and

There are some straightforward take names later. The opening scene of the game shows Jak being tortured over a period of two scene of the game states fat being tortured over a period of two years by a villain named Baron years by a villain named Baron Praxis. Lucky for Jak, he's a slip-perty fellow and manages to uscape before joining an under-uscape before joining an underpery fellow and manages to escape before joining an under-ground rebellion. There, he is put them and some slaves that need to o work as their lackey, a role he accepts as he goes about doing various jobs and chores – all while be freed. Some other exciting additions are firing ranges, cloaked enemies and and assignment that swearing the death of the Baron even if it is the last thing he does.
"Jak If" plays like a mix Tas Jak leaving plenty of casualties

The benefit of this game is the fact that no two levels are the Auto III. It has some very similar same, the graphics are spectacular and Sony went out of their way to and the general stealing of vehicles - looking for something new

as he makes a bolt for freedom.





Celebrate holiday with these flicks



movies you just have to love. It helps that it's a well-written actors of its time in Jimm Stewart and Donna Reed. Frank Capra directed this timeless classic, which is shown on just about every tel very year, It's the kind of heart-warming tale that reminds each and every one of us just how great it is to nything else but love for



reet" (1947): Irresistible, ims to be the real deal. To iverting a skeptical 6-yearold (Natalie Wood) into a eliever. The comic fantasy on three Oscars, including est supporting actor dmund Gwenn as Kris Kringle, original story, and creenplay. Then it became a Maureen O'Hara and John Payne co-star. This movie was also remade in

f the greatest writers of the

9th century, Charles Dickens

story with "A Christmas Carol." In 1988, Bill Murray

starred in its goofiest version: "Scrooged." The hilarious actor stars as a cynical TV executive

vho doesn't care about

Christmas, As a result, he cets ghosts who take him on a

where Murray is able to con-

ront his demons, reforming

him into a nice guy in the end. Watching Bill Murray spread-

ing Christmas cheer more than makes up for the sappiness.



hristmas 989):



Everybody' avorite globe-trotting goof-sells, the Griswolds, stay nome for the traditional Christmas, Experience the ree, the outdoor lights, the linner, the uninvited rela-ives — all the recognizable nells of the season. The reaon this movie has also anked so well with audiose to being real — it rea touches on how life real y is and how things always so wrong when you really lon't want them to.

(2000): A remake of one of the

reatest children's Christmas

books and one of the best clas-sic Christmas cartoons of all time, director Ron Howard and

actor I im Carrey combine their

ilents to terrorize all the Who

larrey manage to steal th

hristmas from right out from

nder the Whos' noses, but he

has little trouble stealing each and every scene while he's at it

One of the best appearances I

his often-wacky actor, and

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s never easy to stand out a e of the best reproduction f a movie that has been nade and remade about more imes that most of us can count — yet the Muppets nanage to do it. A nice mix ms and Muppets, like very Muppet movie ever one, makes this the kind of novie that lets both the young and old sit back and enjoy as does Miss Piggy and the rest of the gang. Gonzo and Rizzo the Rat basically take

Paradise" (1994); Inept criminals (Ion Lovitz and Dana Carvey) sting their

Nicolas Cage) into becom-

Unfortunately, the icy weather delays the trio's getaway, forcing them to

experience the graciou

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ng an accomplice on Paradise, Pennsylvani

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"The Bishop's Wife" (1947): This magical, reverent medy is among the very st of all Hollywood Grant) comes to town to help erect a new church. Along the way, he might be falling love with a married woma And there's another cate He's an angel, Opposite David Grant is remarkable in his his movie was also remad s "The Preacher's Wife" in 1996 — though the original definitely rings truer than its



Halloween movie or a hristmas movie? Both – and simply genius. Filmgoors inal stories, He surpasse inself in 1993 with "The Before usical/horror/comedy about lack Skellington, the ruler of alloween Town, who stun es across Christmas Towr when he becomes bored of he same old Halloween rou ne. Skellington realizes that alloween needs a little Christmas-like injection. To achieve this goal, he even cidnaps Santa Claus and empts to take over for him. As you can see, it's not your usual holiday movie. Those who enjoy poking fun at tra-ditions and like their jokes on the dark side will be amazed by this Tim Burton effort.

16 (tie): "The Nightmar

ore Christmas" (1993):



less cat burglar Denis Leary who's abandoned by his part ner during a Christmas-tir robbery and forced to hold a affluent Connecticut family hostage. The problem is tha this couple, played by Kevin Spacey and Judy Davis, fight so much that Leary becomes more of a referee than a iostage taker. When their blackmailing son and in-law



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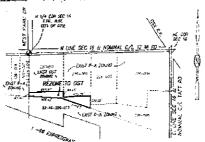
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Wildcats dominate Eagles

definitely a sport.

At the second dual meet of the season, all of the classic signs where there. There were farts, officials, cheering, clock management

and gasp! — even sconting.

The Hrighton Bulldogs cheer-leaders and coaches were just some of a rather large group that assembled in Novi High School's rield house as the Wildcats com of the Lakeland Eagles.

"We looked good tonight," Novi coach Amy Denys said of the girls and the routine they put together. I thought we made few mistake and looked a lot better than we did

from the start as they put together cround one that found them earn ing 176 points from the judges. The liagles, on the other hand, carned just 140.5 due to some

Round two brought even more separation between the two squads as Novi was rewarded 184.5 oints for their showing and akeland notched 126.

"Our girls practice very hard with their routines," Novi coach Emily Parker said. "They came out and they performed those rou-tines well. I'm happy with how well we did tonight

Round three was the back breaker for Lakeland - though there was no possible way for the Eagles to eatch the Wildcats. Novi med a whopping 264 points for

final routine found Lakeland being deducted with three drops and several technical faults, while the Wildcats had an



shot just 19 from the charity line oughout the contest.
The Wildcats, however,

Novi was led by the high-

flying Trever Hoover, who net

ted 17 points. Senior Brad Simpson, who is currently the leading scorer for the Wildcats,

added 14 in the winning effort

Novi Varsity Cheer team members, including Courtney Pistolesi, front-right, compete at a home meet last Thursday night versus Lakeland High.

impressive showing that included several gymnastic stunts and pyramids that found three girls being

hoisted into the air. "Gymnastics is such a large part of our program," Parker said, "We require the girls to have a lot of skill in that area and we use it

FARMING!

action when they visit the Brighton Bulldogs January 8 at 7 p.m. — in another dual meet. "The dual meet format is

great," Denys said, "We've want we had to incorporate things that the other sports have. Dual meets are just a part of that.

The Novi junior varsity cheerleading team defeated Howell last week after scoring 488 total points in three rounds of ction. The Wildcats scored 153.5 points (Round #1); 147 points (Round #2); and 187.5 points (Round #3). This is the first year that the Novi Wildcats have competed in dual meet competitions and thus far they are undefeated on the year

Collins returns as 'Cats topple **'Stangs**

The Novi Wildeats hockey un was well aware that the needed a big win to get their season back on track — and They seem to have finally carned

After a tough loss earlier this season to the Northville Mustangs, the Wildcats fell into slump that took them five games to get out of. Then, with Their belt, they got it back with a ember 20.

on goal against Northville jun-for Jimmy Gates and sneaked four of them by.

The Wildcats were the first team to get on the board as Jordan Collins took a pass from Zach Flavin and notched the . Collins, who has been out with an injury, looked crisp.

couch Brad O'Neill said, "We Jold the guys that he might be a little rusty, but that definitely wasn't the case." Two minutes later, Ryan Fox

made it a 2-0 game with 6:42 left on the clock, Mark Eberline and Chaz Bulbuk were credited with the assists.

Bulbuk, who has been the team's most prolific scorer thus for this year, added another tally to his statistics as he notched ar assisted goal with just under their own hands. three minutes left in the first period of play.

dead-even second period draw with neither notching a goal, but in front of the net and Lenn in front of the net and Lenn in the control of the net and Lenn ja pass from Bulbuk and put it Northville's netminder for

weren't about to be denied couple of times we thought we hough. Sophomores Max Lenn had him with two-on-one situa-and Matt Long took things into tions but he made some great showdown at 6 p.m. January 7.



Mustang co-Captain Donny McKinnon circles the ice in a game against the Novi Wildcats. Novi won the game 4-2.

■ Wildcats are looking like the hockey team of old and winning

They looked like the Novi Alex Malott, who is the grandsor

Mildeats of old.

The Novi hockey team made short work of a struggling South Lyon squad, 8-3, December 17.
Novi scored three goals in the first period on their way to the lines of the Lions. after, keeping the game within reach, but Bulbuk and Janssens

shelling of the Lions. Chaz Bulluk started the 'Cats off on the right foot as he skated in towards the goal and slapped the puck home for a 1-0 lead with od. The goals gave both Bulbuk assists going to Mark Eberline

ln the third period, with Nov leading 7-2, the Lions managed to cam their third and final goal at 5:07 before Mario DeGrazia scaled the game at 8-3 off a Zack Flavin pass to earn Novi'e research tenacious attacks on the Novi goal, they snuck one in for a 3-1 score at the end of the first period.

between the posts as he filled in for a recovering Danny Morrison, The second period was much the same for Novi. Freshman

Lenn scored off a rebound, though official statistics show it The two squads skated to a to have been unassisted, after a

quickly sent it home past Novi's Danny Morrison. "Morrison played an out-Sophomores Max Lenn had him with two-on-one situa-

saves. He's a quality goalie for

and Janssens a hat trick on the

night.
In the third period, with Novi

Just Ruccolo carned the victory

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With just about three minutes left in the game, Long scored a goal of his own. Skating into the defensive zone, Long pulled up and fired a hard shot from just inside the blue line and notched

the 4-0 lead.

Standing game against us."

The Wildcats are slated to be
O'Neill said. "There were a back in action when they visit the Hartland Eagles in a Kensington Valley Conference

Novi keeps the win streak alive

weren't at the top of their game philosophies, Novi coach Pat Schluter's is pretty simple — defense, defense, defense, defense.

In the perfect world, when it came to foul shots. The squad, collectively, hit only 57percent but still managed to pull away for the victory. Schluter would never see the scorehoard register more than

opponents - but you can't have everything.
Instead, Schluter sometimes has to sit back and take a deep breath and just tell himself that his team can win even if the 45-point rule is bypassed. That was the case December 19 when the Novi Wildcats bas-

ketball team took on a growing Walled Lake Central squad and narrowly escaped, 57-46. Novi, for the first time this year, experienced what it was like to play an extremely phys-ical contest. Walled Lake ical contest. Walled Lake Central, in every aspect of their

attempts. That's a major differ-

Simpson's season total is 58 points in four games, a 14.5 per game average. Novi climbed to 4-0 on the season, while Walled Lake Central dropped to 1-2 overall. The Wildeats will be back in action when they play host to the Northville Mustangs (3-I) January 6 at 7 p.m. Novi will

playing just about as physical as the rules would allow — and

ence in the game, especially con-

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begin the Kensington Valle

Conference portion of it's sched

ule January 9 when they visit the

Muston named as 'Cats lacrosse coach

Blis announced recently that opintent of a KVC lacrosse Brad Muston will be the new league which would include varsity lacrosse coach for the Wildcats, Muston will succeed former head coach, Stan Zajdel, Muston has also been given the who resigned in August, Zajdel had been the head coach at Novi

had been the measurement for several years.

In making the announcement, tion between the Madara to run a program our community and our school can be proud of.

To state that the measurement for the madara to the MHSAA governance.

Brad Muston is a resident of Novi, Muston was a member of the measurement for the measurement Muston was also hired to teach our student-athletes life skills that won the Division II State and how to handle success and

adversity.

In the 2004-2005 school year, lacrosse will fall under the legiate lacrosse at Virginia Michigan High School Athletic Military Institute (VMI). Muston was the varsity lacrosse at Sank Lacrosse at Virginia Military Institute (VMI). Association, but is currently governed by the Michigan State Lacrosse Association. According

Novi athletics director Curt to Ellis, this could lead to develresponsibility to establish a direction and vision for the

> that won the Division II State Championship. After leaving high school, Muston went on to coach for South Lyon prior to



Santa keeps track of all your doings

ears that fly by, hasn't it? On the positive side of things, that means that we're starting a new year with hope fully some fresh starts across the globe and in our own little communities. On the negative side, it means we didn't have much time to reflect on just how good — or bad — we were

But, as always, there's one guy who does keep track of it all. He lives up north some-where (I think even further up than the Upper Peninsulal) and he has an affection for the color red. Some know him as Santa Clause, and others, like myself,

just call him St. Nick. This jolly fellow with his big white beard must have some o the best networking on the planet to keep up with everyne. I've been hoping, especial ly this year, that his system wasn't designed by the sam folks who put together the BCS for NCAA football - because it would take me years to figure out if I've been naughty or nice. Instead, I wouldn't mind a simple points system that is things (and, ahem, bad things) I've done this year. That way, could pretty much keep a run-

Unfortunately, this year, I may end up on the cusp. You see, I've done my fair share of nice things, but when it comes to staying nice all year I just end up blowing it. I last usually until about January 2 before I do something 1 probably should know better than, yet I still do it, It's one of those urges you just can't put up on a shelf and it just keeps nagging at you until you finally give in to the

I like to think that even though I do have plenty of red marks, that old St. Nick grades on a curve and I might still slide in there. Yeah, I could around the house for my wife, or gave my daughter something she likes to eat for lunch cat. Or maybe I should have volunteered more time to organizations, or donated a few ore items. I could have ever helped out a fellow co-worker or not been so snide when it

and attitude though). Overall. I think this year is pretty balanced when it comes to the good and the bad I've done. When you break that down, it would be like saving you got half right on a test in school, which, if I remember

right, wasn't all that good. Hopefully, it get graded so that all the right answers are worth double and the negatives just count for zero points then I might stand a chance at

getting a present.
But, then again, all the presents I need are at home with me in my wife and my daughter saying I'm not getting squat. Coal, anyone?

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Rzepka does well at Sports Shorts Oakland University

Ryan Rzepku, 2000 Graduate of Novi High School, recently com-pleted his third year of eligibility of the season as a defender and led Oakland University to a record of 12-wins, 5-losses, and 5-ties. The Oakland Golden Grizzlies won the Mid-Con Conference for the fourth consecutive year and made Soccer Tournament, after it received the team's first automatic

Rzepka First Team All-Conference nors. For the third year in a row, pka was awarded All-

to the University of Tulsa, 3 to 2,

defensive leadership and aggressive play during the Conference Tournament: his game-winning Transce At left fullback Rzenka semificals game propelled the Golden Grizzlies into the Championship game with a 1-0

win.

During the course of the season, he co-captained a defense that allowed just 19 goals in 22 games and was named the Mid-Con Defensive Player of the week on October 27, 2003 where he led an Oakland defense that did not allow Odkadid disprise that do not arrow sing a single shot on goal in two control of the week of September 15th, Rzepka was individual leadership, maturity, named to the national Soccer integrity, and personal contribu-America Team of the Week for his tions to the community are also defensive style of play.

On November 6, 2003 Rzepka

was named to Academic All-District IV Soccer Team and just

son with four goals and 13 points while registering five assists

Scholar Athlete of the Year Award, the most prestigious honor given by the league. In addition to exceptional athletic and academic performance, awardees must als display an exemplary mental atti

considered.
This summer, Rzepka will one

During this past August, Rzepk

again be playing for the Michigan Michigan's Semi-Pro

Wildcats top John Glenn Rockets

slow them down. The Novi Wildcats basketball team, under the coaching guidance of Pat Schluter, has managed to remain undefeated thus

shooting from the floor.

The 'Cats took on a powerful

Their on a roll, and it's going lake one heck of a stand to withem down.

John Glenn team out of the Brad Simpson, who netted 18 Western Lakes Activities points for the second time this scason. Senior point guard Brad season. Senior point guard Brad Chandler, who is a second-year came away with a 65-53 victory.
Though the Rockets scored more points than Schluter would starter in that position, added 13 in the winning effort.

Novi is currently 4-0 one the have liked to have seen, his squad

was able to keep pace and earn the win.

year, while John Glenn fell to 0-2 following the loss to the

fell behind early, 12-2, and neve

Longo added seven points and four

rebounds. John Brown was the

Wildcats' leading rebounder with

Underclassman Scores

The Novi Junior Varsity boys basketball team wrapped up its pre-holiday schedule with a 61-53 victory over Walled Lake Central last Thursday. The Wildcats are undefeated with a perfect 4-0 record. Matt Simpson led the way with 16 points, while Steve Hart added 12. Sean White had nine points and nine rebounds, while Wiley Moss hit for nine points and eight rebounds. Two days earlier, Novi IV won a hard-fought road

43-39, Steve Hart had eight points. Adam Chandler and Wiley Moss ketball team lost its second straight non-league game, 29-23, at Canton last Friday. The Novi ninth graders chipped in with seven points each. could get back into the game. Brandon Carnegie led Novi with eight points and three assists. Mike

the win.

Leading the way in the scoring

FRESHMAN VOLLEYBALL The Novi freshman volleybal earn took second-place honors in last weekend's Saline Tournament Emily Esbrook had 20 kills, 70 digs, and 15 aces. Lauren Purdy added 16 kills and 12 aces, while

FRESHMAN BASKETBALL

CITY OF NOVI NOTICE OF ADOPTION **ORDINANCE NO. 03-97.01**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Novi City Council has adopted Ordinance No. 03-97.01, AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE CITY OF NOVI CODE OF ORDINANCES TO AMEND CHAPTER 4, ARTICLE II; BY MODIFYING CERTAIN RESTRICTIONS APPLICABLE TO THE LOCATION, USE AND AWARD OF PRIZES IN CONNECTION WITH AMUSEMENT GAMES AND PINBALL ARCADES.

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The provisions of the ordinance shall become effective fifteen (15 days after its adoption. The Ordinance was adopted by the City Council on Tuesday, December 16, 2003 and is effective December 31, 2003. complete copy of the Ordinance is available for public use and inspecti at the office of the City Clerk, 45175 W. Ten Mile Road, during the hou of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. prevailing local time.

MARYANNE CORNELIUS, CITY CLERK (12-25-03 NN 104389)

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AAU Wolfpack tryouts

2004 Western Wayne Wolfpack (Northville) AAU Girl's Basketball Tryouts will e held Tuesday, Jan. 6 and Thursday, Jan 8 for 14's, 15's and 16's from 7:30-9 p.m. at Northville High School; Sunday, Jan. 11 from 5-6:30 p.m. at Hillside Middle School (Northville Recreation Gyms) and Monday, Jan. 12 from 7:30p.m. at Northville High chool for 12's and 13's; and Tuesday Jan. 13 and Friday, Jan. 16 from 4:30-6 p.m. a Hillside Middle School Northville Recreation Gyms)

For more information contact Jeanne Holmes at (248) 347-

Hockey clinics to be held

Suburban Hockey will hold vo-day Power Skating and Puck Handling clinics for mites (ages 6-8), Power Skating & Stick Skills clinics for squirts (ages 9-10) and Checking and Scoring clinics for pee wees/bantams (ages 11-14) at the end of December at various locations. On December 22-23, Novi Ice Arena, the Onyx - Rochester Ice Arena, Kensington Valley Ice House in Brighton and St. Clair Shores Civic Arena will hold Christmas Clinics, followed by Suburban Training Center in Farmington Hills, the Ice Box Sports Center in Brownstown, Redford Arena and Ann Arbor Ice Cube on December 29-30. There will also be a holiday goaltending clinic for ages 8 & up on December 22-23 at Suburban

The Mite Power Skating and Puck Handling Clinic will focus on individual skill development with an emphasis on balance and edge control, as well as stickhanlling and puck control. The Squirt Power Skating and

each player's skating skills with a focus en control, power, acceleraion and speed, while enhancing individual puck sills by working on stickhandling, passing and shooting.
The Pee Wee-Bantam Checking

enhance the offensive and defensive skills for players, with com-prehensive instruction in areas rebounding, one-time shooting, body checking technique, angling, stick checking. These clinics fill fast, so don't

delay. For more information on classes and schedules, Suburban Hockey at (248) 478-1600 or visit www.suburbanhock-

Learn to Skate programs

Holiday Break Learn to Skate Camps at the end of December. The first session will take place December 29-30. Classes will be held from 11:00-11:40 a.m.

Holiday Learn to Skate camps are open to skaters ages 6 and up, with each group limited to just six skaters. The cost of enrollment is \$36, and skate rental is available for \$2 per day. As an added bonus, Learn to Skate camp participants are welcome to attend open ska ing immediately following class from Noon-1:50 p.m. free of

begun. Stop by or call the Novi Ice Arena at 248-347-1010 to reg-

Ski and snowboard club registration

Northville Parks and Rec is currently taking registrations for the popular ski and snow-board club, All students in mid-Fraining Center in Farmington dle school and high school are encouraged to participate and membership includes luxury membership includes luxury motor coach transportation to local ski areas on Friday evenings and some Saturday evenings as well as group lift tickets, rental equipment distickets, rental equipment dis-counts and lessons at Mt. Brighton Ski Area. The club

> participants.
> The fee is \$135 for city and township residents, \$138 for echool district residents and \$145 for non-residents. Please bring a current school photo and last year's club ID card.

needed for trips and will receive complimentary skiing. For more information, please contact Northville Parks and

Want to play some hoops?

Northville Parks and Rec will be hosting a Women's Winter Basketball League starting January 28, 2004. The cost to join is \$395 per team and the season will run through !! weeks.

Registration has already begun. If interested, please visit Parks and Rec or contact them at (248) 449-9947.

Holiday Baseball/Softball Çamp

Total baseball/Softball will host separate camps with professional instruction from Bruce Fields (Detroit Tigers' Hitting Coach), Lee Bjerke (Michigan High School Coaches Hall of Fame member) and Jessie Milosek (Bowling Green University softball standout). Hitting, pitching, fielding, base running and more will be covered in this fundamen-tal camp. Participants will be put on the radar gun for arm speed.

The camp will run December 29 and 30 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Total Sports Complex on Wixom Road. The fee is \$135 per player and a \$10 discount for a ond child. The camp is for age 7-17 and space is limited.

For more information or to reg-

ister, call (248) 668-0166 or email

S.W.A.T. Hitting Classes

James Bonnici, a scout for the Tampa Bay Devilrays, will lead this intense baseball hitting class every Tuesday and Thursday start-

sional mechanics of batting while working with athletic trainers to improve but speed and body strength. For players 13-18 with a fee of \$310 per player.

For more information, or to register, call (248) 668-0166 or email

NOTICE CITY OF NOVI REQUEST FOR **TEMPORARY USE PERMIT** TUP 03-043

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Sky Development, LLC is request ing a Temporary Use Permit to allow placement of a temporary construction trailer for property located at 31140 Beck Road (lots 5022-04-100-028 and 5022-04-100-027) from the date of the meeting until January 7

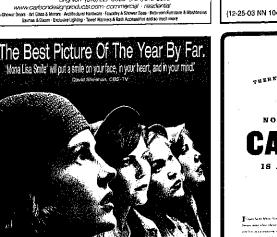
A public hearing can be requested by any property owner of a structure located within 300 feet of the boundary of the property being con ture located within 300 teet of the boundary of the property acts and sidered for temporary uses permit.

This request will be considered at 3:00 p.m. on Wednesday, Januar 7, 2004 at the Novi Civlo Center, 45:176 W. Ten Mile Road All written comments should be directed to the City of Novi Building Department are must be received prior to January 7, 2004.

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Age 6 Village Oaks Elementary



Andrew Check Age 10 Novi Meadows School Parents: Michael and Mary Anne Check

SCREEN BEAT

By Brian Renner

Opening in theaters this

Jude Law, Nicole Kidman and Renee Zellweger star in Civil War romantic drama "Cold Mountain" The film is the story of Inman (Law), a wounded confederate soldier who is on a perilous journey home to his mountain community, hoping to reunite with his pre-war sweetheart, Ada (Kidman). In his absence, Ada struggles to survive, and revive her father's farm with

Mountain" is a Miramax Films release and rated R by the MPAA for violence and sexuality . Steve Martin stars in this come-

dy remake "Cheaper by the Dozen" as the father of a family of 12 children, who range from pre-school-age twins Kyle and Nigel all the way up to 22-year-old Anne (Piper Perabo). When Tom Baker (Martin) gets a job offer to coach football at Northwestern University in Chicago, he and his wife, Mary (Bonnie Hunt), move to the big city. With the recent publication of her long-in-thethe help of intrepid young drifter Ruby (Zellweger). "Cold works book, Mary feels demands outside the home taking away as

much time as Tom's new job does, so they are forced to try to find new ways of parenting their tribe, but find their parenting, styles aren't always compatible.
"Cheaper by the Dozen" is a 20th Century Fox release and rated PG by the MPAA for language and

some thematic elements Ben Affleck stars in science fiction thriller "Paycheck" as Michael Jennings, a brilliant computer engineer hired by high-tech corpo-rations for specialized top-secret projects. Once a job is complete, Jennings routinely has his short-Jennings routinely has his short-term memory erased so as not to divulge any sensitive company

information to future clients. information to future clients. Highly paid for his work, he expects to earn \$4.4 Billion at the end of his latest, 3-year-project. Upon completion of the job, instead of a big paycheck, Jennings is handed an envelope filled with random objects and told that he has agreed to forfeit all payment. He discovers the objects are clues to the muzzle that once. a Paramount Pictures and rated PG-13 by the MPAA for intense

"Peter Pan" finally receives its long overdue live-action feature film adaptation, with Jason Isaacs are clues to the puzzle that once Peter is the young boy who won't was his past and put the pieces together with the help of Rachel (Uma Thurman), the woman he age, who lives in Neverland with other ageless kids, the Lost Boys. Tinkerbelle, gives three children: Wendy, John, and Michael has worked with and loved for the

the evil Captain Hook and his band of pirates, "Peter Pan" is a Universal Pictures and rated PG by the MPAA for adventure action sequences and peril.

In theaters next week

Teen drama "Chasing Liberty

log on to The Movie Insider at www.themovieinsider.com. ments, and/or feedback to brian@thomoriai--Please direct any questions, com-

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Toy and Hobby Expo DATE: Dec. 28-29 TIME: 11 a.m.-7 p.m.
Saturday; 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Sunday
LOCATION: Novi Expo Center 1-96 at Novi Rd.

DETAILS: Featuring model railroad displays, vendors and collectors selling vintage toys, trains, dolls and hobby items. Admission \$7, kids under 12 admitted free with an adult; pa

ing is \$5. PHONE: (734) 455-2110.

mpressions" DATE: Saturday, Jan. 10 TIME: 2 p.m.-5 p.m.
DETAILS: a community art
roject. Everyone is invited to witness and experience the unveiling of the completed project. PHONE: (248) 465-4490

Lakes Area Chamber of Commerce Mordag Connection DATE: Wednesday, Jan. 14 TIME: 8:30 a.m.-9:30 a.m.

TIME: 8:30 a.m.-9:30 a.m. LOCATION: Wren's Nest Bed and Breakfast, 7405 West Maple, DETAILS: Free, a wonderful breakfast will be waiting for you Come prepared to mix and min-

PHONE: (248) 624-2826 Lakes Area Chamber of Commerce Apage! Membership Inschool

DATE: Tuesday, Jan. 20 TIME: 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m.

LOCATION: Oakland Schools Technical CAmpus SW, 1000 Beck Rd., Wixom Officers. The speaker will be from the Oakland County

nesses For Better Road

addressing road congestion in

Oakland County.

PHONE: (248) 624-2826

ON-GOING

Free Blood pressure screening DATES: every Monday

TIME: 11 a.m.-2 p.m.
DETAILS: This Service will
be available until January 31. LOCATION: Charter House of Novi, 24500 Meadowbrook Road, Novi, MI 48375 PHONE: (248) 477-2000

Dakland County Health Blyision Child

Health Clinics DETAILS: Free wellcare cal exams, guidance/referrals on behavioral, learning, and health problems.
PHONE: Oakland County
Health Division, Mary White,

Health Clinics, (248) 858-1380.

Providence Center for the Healing

Arts "Tuesdays at Assarian"

DATE: every Tuesday night
TIME: 5 p.m.-8 p.m.
LOCATION: Assarian Cancer r. 47601 Grand River, Novi DETAILS: Variety of activities for the adult community to come and enjoy a unique mix of class-es brought to you by the Providence Center for the Healing Arts. Aug. 26 - Modern Japanese Calligraphy, Ceramics. Some activities may include a supplies fee (no more than \$10).

PHONE: (248) 465-5483.

Women's Prayer Support
DATE: every Saturday
TIME: 9-10:30 a.m. LOCATION: Harvest Fellowship Church, 49329 Poptiac Trail, Wixom (Parking is ind the church)

926-8332 or by e-mail at harvest

Adoption Playgroup DATE: first and third Fridays

of the hospital. TIME; 10-11:30 a.m. DETAILS: There is no need to tions, call (248) 937-5017.

meetings provide families with the opportunity to share play and ersation. During the sum-

PHONE: For more inform contact Michelle Pergeau (248) 887-4955 or Sandra Noonan

Business referrals

DATE: every Wed. ongoing LOCATION: Novi Civic Center, 45175 10 Mile Rd. TIME: 7 - 8:30 a.m. DETAILS: Meeting of local rofessionals and business look ing to increase word-of-mouth cations open and eager to bring you qualified business leads. PHONE: (734) 462-6460

DATE: first and third Tuesdays of the month LOCATION: Novi Civic

TIME: 7-8:45 p.m.

DETAILS: You are welcome to DETAILS: Toastmasters will come for encouragement, help, hope and prayer as you face life's help you improve your communication skills, voice your opinion, problems, issues and frustrations polish your presentations and practice leadership.

PHONE: Nancy & Susan (248)

of the month
TIME: 10 a.m.
LOCATION: Holy Family Catholic Church (on

Meadowbrook Rd. between 10 Mile Rd, and Grand River Rd.)
DETAILS: We are a not for profit, non-denomi that brings adoptive families together. Our twice-a-month

Expectant Parent Classes
DATE: ongoing series
LOCATION: Oakland County
Health Division, 1010 East West TIME: 7-9 p.m.
DETAILS: Classes will be

Breast Cancer Support Group
DATES: second and fourth
Tuesdays of the month

Sinai Hospital, Commerce

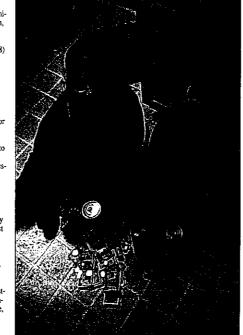
LOCATION: Huron Valley-

taught by Public Health Nurses. Topics will include childbirth preparation, labor and delivery, care of the newborn baby, breastfeeding, bottle-feeding, information about keeping children safe, and caling for them when they are ill. Cost is \$25. PHONE: (248) 858-4003, or (888) 350-0900 ext. 84003

New TOPS chapter in Novi DATES: Wednesdays LOCATION: Meadowbrook

TIME: 11 a.m. weigh in, 11:30

a.m. meeting
DETAILS: \$20/yearly membership registration, includes handbook, \$1/meeting. New



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Christmas caroling for the less fortunate

Novi residents Sarah Jylkka and Ashley Lucas, who happen to be Walled Lake Schools fourth graders and best friends, were caroling for fun over the weekend in their neighborhood and a few people gave them money, When Jylikka's morn told them they can't keep that money they thought it would be great to raise money for a needy family at their elementary school. They caroled the next day too and raised over \$70 plus a small bag of food and delivered it to their school counselor or Monday who will forward it to a family in need at their



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used it as rental. Eventually she and her ex-husband, Tom, bought the property. Tom also owns Don Pedro's located at 24366 Grand

River Avenue in Detroit and was looking to expand into a new location. She credits him for lay-

ing the foundation for truly

authentic Mexican cuisine at the establishment, And so it's fitting that they call the restaurant La Casa Del Rio Grande, which in

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Money Matters

Thanks Congress, but there's just one more thing

By Jack Faris NATIONAL FEDERATION OF INDEPENDENT BUSINESS

the calendar winds down on 2003, America's small-busi-ness owners can look back with pride on winning some hard-fought, grassroots political vic-tories. But true to their heritage of hard work and determination these steadfastly optimistic business-citizens will fix their focus on the tasks ahead, for much remains to be done in the

political vineyards.

One key challenge not yet met is convincing Congress that a permanent solution must be found for the ailing, and often failing, system that is called health care-for lack of a better

On the one hand, those who keep the nation's small businesses running like welt-oiled machines are bursting with opti-mism these days. The economy is gaining traction and their spirits are kicking into high gear. According to the latest NFIB Small Business Optimism Index, they are more upbeat now than at any time in the his-

tory of the survey.

Peering six months into 2004, more than half of these Main Street business owners view a better economy. This is the bighest tally in 20 years. Sales trends are favorable, credit appears readily available and plans to restock their shelves are

plans to restock their sneives are at historically strong levels. But on the other hand, their spirits are dampened. Rising insurance costs, the survey notes, remains No. 1 on the small-business problem More than one-fourth-28 cent-said the cost and availability of insurance was the single, most important challenge they face, even beating out taxes and poor sales.

Although the House Representatives has passed leg-islation allowing small busi-nesses to obtain much-needed help through Association Health Plans (AHPs), which would allow small firms to band together to purchase affordable medical insurance, the Senate has yet to consider it. Some cause for relief, however, is the Health Savings Account (HSA) option that was tucked into the Medicare bill signed into law recently by President Bush. While uncorking the bubbly

on New Year's Day, the nation's small-business owners can also celebrate by opening HSAs. celebrate by opening HSAs. The new law takes effect Jan. I. These tax-preferred accounts are intended for routine medical expenses and allow any taxpay-er with high-deductible insurance plans to contribute up to \$2.600 for individuals and

\$5,150 for families.

The bright spot for both those who provide jobs and those who have them is that employers will be able to contribute to employnts and won't be counted against an

employee's taxable income. This option, which allows monies not spent to remain in the account and earn interest. also gives both entrepreneurs re healthy lifestyles so their HSAs can grow.

Health-policy researchers say HSAs could have a transform-ing effect on the nation's health-care system because those who use them are likely to seek out physicians who prefer cash pay-ments instead of operating with-in costly and inefficient insur-

ance-based systems Appreciative that Congress created HSAs, small businesses will nevertheless continue their fight for true health-care reform in 2004, which means nothing short of passing AHP legisla

Jack Faris is president of NF1B, the nation's largest small-business advocacy group. NF1B represents the views of 600,000 members in Washington, D.C., and all 50 state capitals, Find more on-line at www.nfib.com.

Your home for authentic Mexican dining La Casa del Rio Grande

By Annette Jaworski

You 'don't have to travel to sunny Mexico or even to down-town Detroit for the genuine fla-vor of the Southwest. La Casa Del Rio Grande is located nearby offering authentic Mexican cui-sine, You won't find the tradition-al cookie cutter food served by chains at this New Hudson loca-

tion.
"There's nowhere else in this area to get this type of food," explains owner, Dawn Salvati, who's proud of their cuisine, "It's downtown Mexican food, not Americanized."

Inside the festive atmosphere sets the tone for fun and casual dining. Colorful sombreros and blankets are part of the cheerful décor. It's a friendly relaxed

decor. It's a friently relaxed amosphere, so go ahead use your fingers, invites the menu. "It's family dining that's fun and casual. You can dress up if you want, but you can come as you are," said Salvati.

You won't need to brush up on your high school Snanish either.

your high school Spanish, either, your night school a plantan, canar. The menu has the English translations for the entrees. Salvati or her staff will be happy to guide you through the menu. The first basket

of tortilla chips and salsa is com-plementary, she added.

Why not try a couple of their specials such as Pedro's stacked Mexican sandwich. It comes with three flour tortillas layered with rice, refried beans and your choice of tender diced lean pork, shredded beef or chicken, and then topped with melted muenster cheese, jalapenos on request. Salvati assures the food is not overly spicy or hot. Since some like it hot, they can honor that request, too.

The menu starts with appetizers

The menu starts with appenders like Pedro's Mexican pizza, Nachos, Panchitos, Even the soups are unique like Consumme de Pollo – their Mexican style chicken and rice soup, with fresh tomatoes, avocados, onions and cilantro. It's served with a side of rice, tomatoes and three flour tor-

course it features chimichanga platters, fajitas, enchiladas and burritos. All dinners include beans and rice. For a ners include beans and rice. For a blend, try the combination plates. Can't decide? Why not try a sam-pler; the Don Pedro sampler comes with a ground beef taeo, enchilada, shredded beef flauta, ground beef tostada, rice and beans. Or, the Rio Grande sam-pler, includes a chicken taeo. pler includes a chicken taco, ground beef enchilada, small pork

chimichanga, rice and beans.

Other favorites include a scafood salad. It's a fresh garden salad topped with shrimp, crab meat, avocados, tomatoes, onions, olives and muenster cheese,

A quick delicious lunch

Don't have much time for lunch? No problem, Although the chefs prepare the freshest and most authentic Mexican food in the area, you don't have to wait

"Our service is extremely quick. The staff always does their best," says Salvati.

Better yet, call ahead your Carryouts and pre-orders are wel-come and even encouraged. They understand sometimes you don't have a lot of time for lunch. If you call ahead, the order will be hot and on the table so you can enjoy the rest of your lunch time relaxing. Numerous local business people and area employees, like Wal-Mart employees, have already taken advantage of this convenience.

For an evening out, they offer a full service bar with a large selec-

"There's nowhere else in this area to get this type of food. It's downtown Mexican food, not Americanized."

> Dawn Salvati Owner, La Casa del Rio Grande



Dawn Salvati, owner of La Casa del Rio Grande, displays one of the dishes from her authentic Mexican menu. Enjoy the great Mexican food during the holidays, too. The restaurant is open on Christmas Eve 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. and on New Year's Eve and New Year's Day from 11 a.m. to 9 p.m.

tion of both American and Mexican beer and of course mul-

tiple tequilas.

La Casa del Rio Grande is happy to accommodate special requests and needs. For example,

most items are easily adaptable to a low carbohydrate diet. "Mexican food is great for low carb diets. You just have to watch the beans, rice and tortillas," she

added,
Their strategic location is another convenience, just west of Milford Road on Grand River Avenue, away from the hustle and bustle of Lyon Crossing and Lyon Towne Center. Even quicker, take the shortcut west on Lyon Center Drive off Milford Road through Lyon Crossing. La Casa del Rio Grande is right across the street.

Come in and enjoy the specials for even more reasonable prices. Daily lunch specials are offered at only \$3.99 with purchase of bevomy 55.59 with purchase of beverage. Nightly specials are offered Monday through Thursday. Join the happy hour from 3-p.m. to 7 p.m. seven days a week. Margarita days are Sunday and Wednesday with happy hour prices for Margaritas all day. Don't forget to check out the early bird specials from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m.

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Affordable prices make it a great place to bring the family.

Adult dinners average about \$7.50, and kids (little gringos) meals are \$3.50 including beverage. Saturday and Tuesday are kids' days, when meals are \$2.99 including beverage and its cream. including beverage and ice cream. They also have a clown once a month for children to enjoy. Just call ahead for dates and times.

The history

behind the home La Casa Del Rio Grande is not just a restaurant to owner, Dawn Salvati, and her two children, Samantha and Carmen. She has a huge personal investment in the business because the land is part of her individual history. The building sits on property once owned by her father over 35 years ago. A little white house once stood there while the area was still

rural. The family lived there for years before moving to Depot Street in South Lyon and later



Everyday is a flesta at La Casa Del Rio Grande, where helpful employees like Jennifer Putz can recommend tasty dishes in a festive atmosphere.



