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Instead of using film, for instance, Khaleghi used digital recording, and often paid helpers with food. "You've got to keep them fed.

Lounge will occupy 3,800 square feet of space at the west end of the

current Main Street shops in

The group of four owners have

signed a leased and obtained a

liquor license for the martini bar expected to open next spring, according to Donna Figi of CB Richard Ellis of Southfield, which

handles the leasing of commercial space in the development.

Psychologically, that really works," Khaleghi laughed. Buffalo Wild Wings at Fountain Walk was a common destination.

Assistant producer Krishna "Kris" Dave, who plays "Barley" in the film, lived in Novi for years. "I just love the area," Dave, 22, said. "It's a lot more friendly. Novi

is more a community where every-one knew each other." Dave and Khaleghi met in an act-ing class at Oakland Community College, They've previously appeared as extras in movies and on commercials.

the area - and comic books, as some characters work at Comic City some characters work at Conte City, "Lenoy," played by local stand-up comedian D.B. Dickerson, wears a shint reading "248" (Novi's area code). Khaleghi's character, Wesley Kent, wears red, yellow and blue, signature colors of Clark Kent (a ka Superman) (a.k.a. Superman).

"I'm just hoping that by showing the store and the context of this movie, that mayberthere'll be people out there that will stop thinking of comic books... as something for thi-the kide." Swatters stid tle kids," Smethers said.

Khaleghi and company also hope to expand their wings — and attract

"We're trying to sell the film more or less on the story," Khaleghi said. "We're just hoping to make a really good, funny movie. My dream actually is to premiere it at Emagine Noui nagine Novi

"Hopefully this isn't the last proj-ect. I would love for 'Approaching Midnight' to be the first of many."

the Novi News. She can be reached at (248) 349-1700, ext. e-mail 107 via at kkovelie@ht.homecomm.net.



"We think the Main Street area is an up-and-coming place."

Ron Brashaw Toll Brothers, assistant VP, Michigan operations

Toll Brothers has leased 8,200 with plans to open a regional square feet of storefront space next to Larsen Jewelry Design design center to serve homeown-ers moving into the company's

numerous residential commun ties in southeastern Michigan. "It made sense to have a cen tralized space due to our growth traized space due to our growin in southeast Michigan, "said Ron Broshaw, assistant vice president of Toll Brothers' Michigan opera-tion based in Fannington Hills. "We looked all over for retail, storefront and warehouse space foci. for it. . "We wanted to give our cus--

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Mary and Tom Brady, owner of Novi's Diamond Jim Brady's Bistro, will be celebrating their restaurant's 50th anniversary this month at their Novi Town Center



Novi location known for upscale, eclectic menu

By Pam Fleming STAFF WRITER

Diamond Jim Brady's Bistro in Novi Town Center marks a significant milestone this year. The restaurant, located in Novi since 1991, observes its 50th anniversary this fall. Owners Tom Brady and his wife, Executive Chef Mary Brady, of Milford, are part of a small

the word "Diamond" to be added to the name of the restaurant. "But then everybody, because of the history of Diamond Jim Brady, would say to him, 'You must be Diamond Jim,'' he said. Diamond Jim Brady (1856-1917) was a mil-lionaire railroad tyccon and philanthropist leg-endary for his collection of diamond jewelry and

first restaurant

Their film also pays homage to

the right attention.

Kim Kovelle is a staff writer for

'approaches' silver screen

Design center, Development. A new martini bar named Mixx

Toll

Novi independent movie

Novi

martini bar

By Duane Ramsey

plan to open

Two new tenants -

Comic City,

Comic City owner Jill Smethers said when a start-up producer asked

to film his first movie in her Novi

to film his first movie in her Novi shop, she had ground nules. "We had to make sure it wasn't going to be a movie that would, No. 1, put our store in a bad light, put comics in a bad light," Smethers said. "And, no people were going to be taking off their clothes in the middle of my store."

Her reason: In 21-year-old Sam Khaleghi's "Approaching Midnight," he gives nod to his native region by keeping the actual names.

Since last summer the deal's gone smoothly, and the Novi-based flick, which has been in production about a year, should be complete by

a suburban film," Khaleghi said. "I really want to express... how fun and really nice this area is.

January with a spring premiere.

Tapping local spots like Emagine Novi and downtown Royal Oak and Birmingham, the movie follows a group of college students who return to their suburban Detroit homes.

"It's about the miscommunication that happens between all these characters over the the span of a weekend," Khaleghi said. "We... have these love stories going on, too. The film is narrated from the lead

character to his psychiatrist." In addition to being the producer, writer, director and investor for the

film, Khaleghi plays that lead. But the Commerce/Walled Lake area resident, who works in Novi,

said he has attracted a strong cast

and kept an eye on costs while purs-

ing his passion

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Emagine in local flick

By Kim Kovelle

Brothers and Mixx Lounge - have

signed leases to open businesses in Novi's Main Street

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DID by JOHN HEIDER

Sam Khaleghi plays "Wesley Kent" a pensive, bored comic book store employee in the upcoming movie "Approaching Midnight" currently being filmed in Novi.

group of Metro Detroit restaurateurs who have nanaged to not only survive out also prosper over the years

huge appetite. He was known to cat six or seven

The HISI restaurant was transmission in term, when Tom Brady's fanter, Jin, opened the doors to Jim Brady's on Seven Mile Road in Detroit. The restaurant changed its name to Diamond Jim Brady's when it moved to the Prudential Town Center in Southfield in 1978.

Tom explained that his father never intended for

the word "Diamond" to be added to the name of

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was established in 1954.

School board hears library planning committee's idea

Novi Public Library would like a larger facility

By Ramez Khuri

Though no official proposal was made, the Novi Community School District's Board of

Education welcomed members of the Novi Public Library's plan-ning committee to its Dec. 2 meeting to listen to some ideas for

library expansion. Terry Margolis, president of the library board, said that the library has been going through a strategic planning process. One of the things that came out of that process was the idea of addressing the library's facility located next to Novi High School on the corner of Ten Mile and Taft Roads. She mid that the huiding in using and said that the building is quite small

and is not sufficient in terms of infrastructure for the kinds of services it needs to provide.

The library's facilities planning committee, which consists of a variety of community members, volunteers at the library and some staff, has been marine for the list staff, has been meeting for the last four months to address that issue four months to address that issue. The committee has come up with many different ideas for expanding the building and reviewing the options. One was to renovate the current building. She explained that in order to do so,

'We want to know if this is something we should explore together."

> Terry Margolis, Novi Public Library Board president

however, the library would have to move furniture many times either off site, or a temporary addition would have to be added

to move furniture in during rer vation.

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PUBLIC SAFETY

Drink, drive and lose

in Oakland County Circuit Court originating in 52-1 District Court for Aug. 24. Novi rolice officers are joining Andrew Joseph nearly 500 Michigan law enforce-ment agencies during a "You Drink & Drive You Lose," drunk Caschera: Third degree riminal sexual conduct (four counts) • Nita Marie Peters: driving crackdown from Dec. 20 ban 1 Possession of controlled

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· Todd Matthew Copi:

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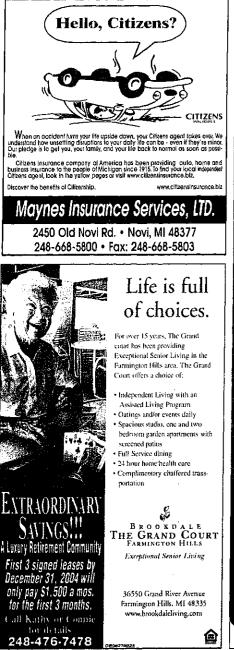
substance; driving while license suspended (second Impaired driving is one of the most often-committed crimes, randomly killing someone in the or subsequent offense) United States every 30 minute and nearly 50 people a day, according to the National Highway Traffic Safety

scheduled for sentencing in Oakland County Circi Administration. Court originating in 52-1 Novi officers palled over and District Court for Aug. 25. arrested 24 motorists for drunk driving from Nov. 19, 2003, through Jan. 4, 2004. Mark Christopher
 Lindsey: Delivery and manufacture of marijuana; Thankfully, during last years controlled substance pos-Amy Marisa drunk driving campaign, no on was killed or injured as a result u Beauchamp: Possession of drank drivers on Novi roadways, controlled substance under said Sgt. Terry Whitfield, Nov Police Department. "Can you imagine how you would feel as you realize that someone you 25 grams; driving while
license suspended
Kristen Lea Tracey; hated about was never conting 'ontrolled substance home again because of a drunk driver? Unfortunately, over the years, that is the very message delivery and manufacture meth ecstasy: controlled ubstance operating and which officers have had to delive maintaining a lab To tell the truth, it is one we would rather not have to tell at all." Michigan's definition of drual These are the case: scheduled for sentencing in Oakland County Circuit driving is .08 percent blood alco Court originating in 52-1

hol, and the costs associated with a drunk driving arrest have increased. In addition to cour costs and fines, convicted drunf drivers will also be subject to a ew. additional \$1,000 penalt included in the driver responsibil-ity program. The penalty will be imposed for two consecutive

During fast year's "You Drink & Drive, You Lose," crackdown, David Walter Richards: there were six Christmas holiday Malicious destruction of fatalities and seven traffic deaths fire or police property; during the New Year's holiday in Michigan. Of those fatalities, three involved alcohol. domestic violence

These are the cases In Michigan, 34 percent of traf-fie fatalities involved alcohol scheduled for sentencing in Oakland County Circui and/or drugs. Although alcohol District Court for Aug. 30 related fatalities have been on the decline, there were still 442 traffic Thomas Franklin Stover deaths in 2003 in which alcohol (Ted Stoffer): Armed robbery, weapons-felony ind/or drugs played a part.



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Taser Novi police go high-tech with stun guns

Novi Police officers have a new

each officer with her or her own required to carry a Taser during their shift, Taser, Uniformed officers are not Officers must undergo trainin with Officer Keith A. Wuotinen of

them to pass a practical and written test Police are authorized to use a Taser when they determine that physical force is necessary to make an arrest. The Taser's five-second blast

volts, but only .004 amps, and can arch through one inch of clothing and even some bulletproof materi-Police say the Taser is more humane than pepper spray, which effects can last for 30-45 minutes. The Taser is a high performsystem, incapacitating the susance, highly efficient, less lethal

weapon. With the slogan, "Safety Every Officer Deserves," the Taser helps avoid litigation and save lives The X26 Taser can record and

store the time, date and duration of the last 2,000 firings, and the information can be downloaded into a compute Det. Sgt. Matt Conquest said Novi officers have used the Taser

three times since August. Police are instructed to carry



By Pam Fleming

tool to use in the war against crime — the X26 Taser, known in layman's terms as a stun gun. The department currently has 25 of the X26 Tasers in use, and Novi police have been carrying them since August, The ultimate goal is to outfit

patrol division that

can drop a bull, but can be safely used on a perpetrator with a pace-maker. The Taser produces 15,000

The Taser's recommended use is seven-10 feet, but it will work ground," Conquest said. up to 21 feet. Propelled wires shoot two barbed probes, which enter the body and produce energy that affects the sensory motor functions of the central nervous

Novi Fire Department personnel are the called to remove the probes, which cause only minor bleeding and skin irritation. "When I got into law enforce- the Taser is not effective is if one

"We're one of the last states to allow officers to use them."

Some



Novi Police Officer Kevin Rhey grimaces as he's hit by the electrical stun effects of a Taser gun during a training session at the police department. Helping Rhey are Mark Boody, left, and Amanda Kulilowski. Novi Police Officer and Taser instructor Keith Wuotinen fires the charge.

the Tasers, which cost \$700 each, ment 18 years ago, basically the of the probes is left dangling or is on the opposite side of their land-gun, so they don't confuse it with their handgun. further than two inches away If a police officer doesn't have to go to hand-to-hand cornl then he or she can reduce the son and take them down to the probability of injury to themintes, however, an officer selves and the subject finds himself or herself losing in

Although Detroit police offithose situations, depending on a cers currently don't carry Tasers, most Oakland County police

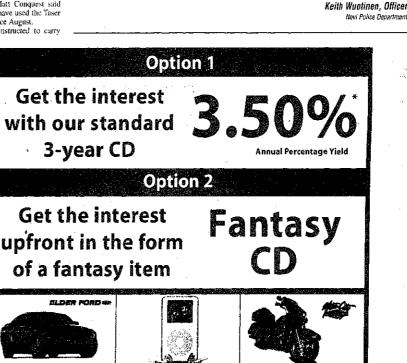
person's physical ability, strength denartments have them, and those and even the environment numbers are growing monthly, according to Conquest, "With the Taser, we can actually control behavior from up to a distance of 21 feet," Conquest Most states on the west side of the nation allow the use of Tasers. Michigan only recently changed the law to allow police officers to

use them.

"We're one of the last states to allow officers to use them, Whotinen said. Michigan is one of only seve states that do not allow citizens to carry stun guns, and it is a felony to own one

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Free drug screening kits available

Oakland County parents now have one more tool to fight the war on drugs with the help of the Oakland County Sheriff's Office. The office now offers free drug and alcohol screening kits to parents, who can anony mously pick up a kit and administer the test in the privacy of their home. Kits that can screen for mar

ijuana, cocaine, heroin, pain killers like Vicodin, Ecstasy, methamphetamine and alcohol are available on a first-come, first-served basis.

"Juvenile crimes are often associated with drug and alco hol use, which has a devastut-ing effect on families and a harmful effect on a young person's future," said Sheriff Michael Bouchard, "Even if he threat of being tested deter a youth from using drugs or alcohol, it could put a stop to a otential problem

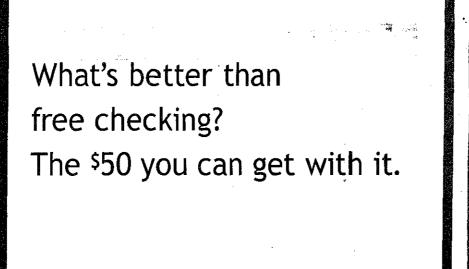
The screening kits are part of a program called LEAD, which aands for Law Enforcement Against Drugs, Purchased with drug forfeiture dollars, the kits are being provided to parents at no cost to them or to Oakland County taxpayers.

Each kit comes with an educational brochire on behav-ioral signs to look for if you suspect your child is using drugs or alcohol. Tests are pre-packaged with instructions and information on community resources that are available parents discover that their child is using drugs or alcohol. Screening kits are being dis-tributed at the Oakland County Sheriff's Office at 1201 North Telegraph Rd, in Pontiac from 9 a.m.-noon on Fridays. For more information, con-

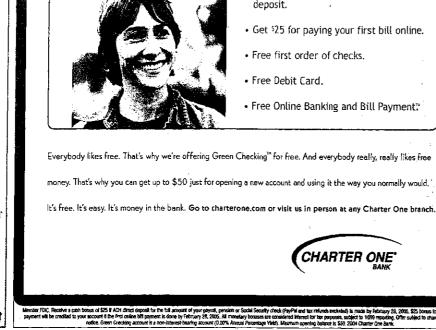
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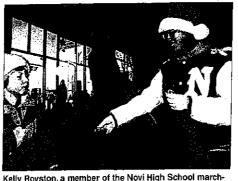
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Rich Barley, a chef with 5 Star Gourmet, works on chainsawing an ice sculpture







ing band, hands out candy to spe

Ringing in the Holidays

Approximately 3,000 people converged on downtown Novi for the city's annual Christmas cele-bration, complete with a parade, a visit from Santa Claus, activities for children and a tree-lighting. Blair Bowman, presdident, of the Novi Expo Center, received the Spirit of Giving Award "for a long-term commitment to the spir-it of giving through vocation, vol-unteerism, and philanthropy." Past recipients include Tom Marcus (2002) and Richard Clark (2003). "Your selfless and compassi

ate virtues enhance the quality of life of numerous residents and business members throughout the Novi community," said Mayor Lou Csordas in presenting the award to Bowman

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The project is currently in the planning and bidding stage, accord-

ing to Ryan Switzer, project manag-er for Toll Brothers. He reported that

Construction on the space is expect-ed to begin by Feb. 1 with an esti-

The design center will serve as a

source of information about the

homes and residential developments being built by Toll Brothers. Representatives will be available at

the center to provide tours of the center and schedule appointments with sales personnel at the company's residential developments.

The company currently has resi-

in Novi, Northville Hills Golf Club,

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ested in the library property because of its proximity to the high school.

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"We don't have a plan on the

unities at Island Lake

probably be the only entity inter- want to know if this is something

table yet, but we wanted to go to them and ask, as part of our plan-ning process, if they might be interested," Margolis said, "We

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mated opening next May.

continued from front page select from a variety of woods and Street," Brohsaw said. finishes for cabinets, choose faucets and bath fixtures, tile and shower tomers a destination place to come where there are restaurants, shop-ping and other things to do," Broshaw said. "Novi is a great place enclosures, door hardware, window treatments, ceiling fans and other features for the home at the center "We wanted to make the home-owner comfortable and improve the to be and provides that destination. We think the Main Street area is an up-and-coming place." The design center will offer a pridesign process," Broshaw said. "Homeowners will be able to meet vate area for people who are buying with our designers and conveniently plan and coordinate unique options and color selections for their new homes in Tell Brothers com to plan and design the exterior and interior features of their home. The home in one location." Toll Brothers expects the center to attract people off the street and will provide information about its center will include a "find your style station will vignets of com-plete bathrooms, kichens, master bedrooms and a home theater to illustrate design possibilities.

ins there. It also plans to have an - dential comm After selecting their home for purchase, hypers will be able to view samples of granite, marble and "We think our design center will

Board hears roads, they discussed a trade. "They have a very large plot of land there," Margolis said. "The thought was, would they like to do **library idea** continued from front page The other idea - and this is thought was, would they like to do a land swap with us, where they would take our land where our building is now and we would take a piece of that property at Eleven and Beck? We really weren't making a proposal, howwhere the school district would fit weren't making a proposal, how-in – is to move to a completely ever, which is very unusual for different location in Novi, Knowing that the district owns land at Eleven Mile and Beck that the school district would

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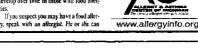
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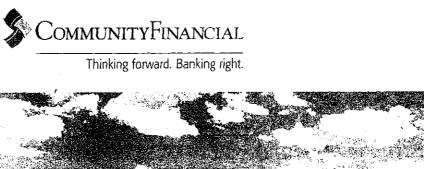
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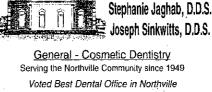
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Oaks in Oakland Township

Glennborough and Walnut Ridge in Ann Arbor, Toll Brothers is adding two new

communities, Oakland Hunt and

Wynstone in Oakland Township

which will be served by the design

Other tenant movement at the

Main Street development includes

the recent departure of the Coffee Trader and Designer's Choice. Kitchens By Design and Blue Green

vacations are planning to leave the development in the near future.

ating with a potential tenant for the

space vacated by the Coffee Trader

owned and managed by the Archor Group based in Texas, Figi said,

Duane Rainsey is a freelance writer

we should explore together. We know they've done some substan-tial additions to the high school,

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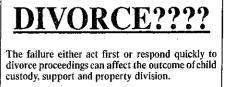
said, "It's a work in progress." Mary, who also runs a successful catering business, Mary's Custom giant lobsters, dozens of oysters, clams, crabs, two ducks, steak and catering business, Mary's Custom Catering, and teaches cooking elasses through Novi Community Education, said most of the changes she has seen have been food-related. For example, people are eating a lot more fish. "When we first came here, I was through more fish away than 1 several desserts in a single sitting. Located next door to the Novi Town Center Theater, the histro named after the famous financier is known for its burgers, a 47-year-old chili recipe and more. Other specialties include Chicken Breast with Boursin throwing more fish away than I Cheese Over Caesar and Dot's was serving, because we were known more as a burger-and-steak house," she said. After competing in many cook-

Chicken Salad, named after a for-mer employee who created it, fea-turing broiled, marinated chicken over baby greens and romaine, tossed with almonds, mandarin ing competitions, however, her ideas on food changed. "I became oranges, red peppers, red onion, pea pods, curus vinaigrette dressenlightened and decided to do a lit-ile more upscale - but casual food and go with the trend toward ing and crispy wontons Weekly-specials can be viewed fish," she said.

at www.djbistro.com. After working half a decade in The restaurant now has fish flown in from the East Coast, with the restaurant business, Tom said three deliveries a week. "I don't like to compare us to today's diners are looking for more (television's) Cheers, but every-

than just meat and potatoes. "Menus are more varied than they used to be. There are much more body knows your name when you come in. Our customer base is very regular. Some of them even folchoices," he said. He added that in the 13 years lowed us from the other restausince he and Mary opened the Novi location, about 30 restaurants have rants," she said. In fact, the Bradys still hear sto ries from people who dined at the opened within a mile and a half of original restaurant in Detroit. "I think our history has also made us successful," she said. "We all have our niche --- ours is

our eclectic menu. It's also the service and the setting, It's not pre-





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Marissa Fleeman, 10, works on a snowman craft item.



A procession of young ladies costumed as Christmas gifts walk Novi's Main Street.

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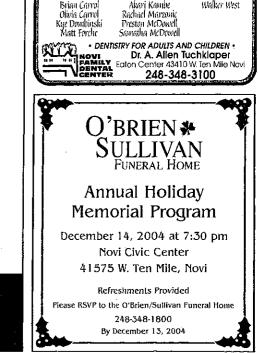
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COMMUNITY

Mixx Lounge, new Ruby Tuesday's to open

■ Council approves two liquor license transfers

By Pam Fleming STAFE WHITER

Two new liquor license transfers were approved in the city of Novi at Monday night's city coun-

ovrat Monday night's city coun-neeting. Road, This is the site of the former Roby Tuesday, a restamant Cooker's restaurant that went out of

Ruby Tuesday owns 50 percent of the franchise and John Millington of Highland, Mich., owns 50 percent of RT Detroit moving from Twelve Oaks to Twelve Mile Road. Mixx Lounge, an upscale martini bar/tounge, will open soon at Main Street Novi. unanimously Franchise, LLC. Franchise, ELC. The current Ruby Tuesday restaurant at Twelve Oaks Mall will be closing in January 2005. The Michigan Liquor Control Commission will an allow an approved the transfer request of RT Detroit Franchise, LLC, doing business as Ruby Tuesday. The franchise owners want to

more their Class C liquor license with food permit, currently held in escrow, from 28654 Telegraph Rd, in Southfield to 39581 Twelve Mile active license to be transferred to a new location. The new Ruby Tuesday location

on Twelve Mile Road will open the same month. The new restau-rant was also granted a new out-

plan to spend about \$2.5 million to acquire the land, remodel the building, and acquire forniture. fixtures and equipment. Ruby Tuesday's has been at Twelve Oaks Mall since May 1989. RT Detroit Franchise, LLC, based in Mobile, Ala., is the current owner and operator of nine active Ruby Tuesday restaurants in Michigan. A group of local entrepreneurs involved in opening Mixx Lounge at Main Street Novi requested the

Stockholders include Mitchel Angelos of Dearhorn Heights, Eric Lowery of Novi, Daniel area is also planned. Music will be a key element at the lonnge, with live jazz/blues or deejays. Helka of Dearborn and Randall Gregory of Novi. Helka owns and manages the Double Olive martini Pain Fleming is a staff writer city's last Class C liquor license, which city council denied on Sept. bar, with locations in Dearborn

dance-entertainment pennil.

transfer ownership of a 2004 Class

C liquor license in estrow from the Sign of the Beelcarver at 451 W. Foarteen Mile Rd, in Madison Heights to 43155 Main St. in Novi, The license includes a

for the Novi News, She can be reached at (248) 349-1700, ext. 105, or by e-mail at and Grosse Pointe. Mixx Lounge will feature offemine @ht.homecomm.net

tomers can enjoy lounge music and cocktails, targeting the "mature, professional crowd."

The menu will include delj sandwiches, individual gourmet pizzas, soups, salads, and appeliz-

ers. A pool room/entertainmen

Vista Hills roads may go public in future

sident. president. Homeowners

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Members

Homeowners, council to review adopt their streets. the move might set a precedent in the city, encouraging other subdi-visions to try to get the city to adopt their streets. the parameter of Public Works starf agreement

By Pam Fleming STAFF WRITER

Residents of Vista Hills condominiums in Novi will have to pay to have their roads repared before city council agrees to make the subdivision's streets public After a lengthy discussion at Monday night's city council meet-ing, members said homeowners would have to pay for all attorney fees, core samples from the roads and repairs before the city will accept ownership of the roads. The motion to go forward with he process of dedicating the as public was approved by votes. Mayor Lou Csordas, dayor Pro Tem David Landry,

30b Gatt and Kim Capello voted

res; Laura Lorenzo, Toni Nagy

me Paul voted no

adopt their streets. Vista Hills, which is about eight years old, is a relatively small subdivision located east of Novi Road between Twelve 1/2 and on Nov. 10, showed that the roads are in fair condition. Major road patching will be required in the next five years, according to the Thirteen Mile roads, Bill Osip, president, Vista Hills department's report. Vista Hills Association. Several street catch basins and manholes need either minor repair, rebuilding, and/or cleaning. The appeared at city council to request dedication of the streets in the homeowners will have to sign at subdivision by the city. The subdivision is one of the properties affiliated with agreement saying that they will pay for the cost of the repairs, cur-rently estimated at \$77,300. Sandstone developers, who won a lawsuit with the city of Novi over property located on the north side of the city in 2002. They will also have to pay fo all costs associated with evaluating the roads, and agree to a two-year road bond in case other On private roads, the Novirepairs are needed, leaving no fispolice are unable to enforce comcal responsibility with the city pliance with speed limits and stop signs, homeowners say this cre-Tom Schultz, city attorney, told council members that there was ates a dangerous situation for children. Moreover, maintenance and repair of the roads are currently the responsibility of the homeowners'

nothing in the record of approva to hinder acceptance of the roads Pam Fleming is a staff write for the Novi News. She can be reached at (248) 349-1700, ext 105. by c-muil

The subdivision, with 144 lots, s almost complete, with more

Men in Trojan horse come to Novi in support of term limits

By Pam Fleming STAFF WRITER

Members of "Don't Touch Term Limits" came to the Novi Civic Center Tuesday in a 12-foot-tall, carved wooden horse, symbolizing the information Territo horse from the their own careers.' the infamous Trojan horse from the Trojan War around 1200 B.C The horse represents the grass-roots, nonpartisan group's effort to mobilize a "Citizen Cavalry" against any attempt by state legis-lators to alter the 1992 voter-enact-ed term limits law. The Trojan War was a 10-year idea of changing term limits during the current lame duck session." Tillman, who lives in Fremont. near Muskegon in west Michigan. war between the Greeks and Trojans brought on by the abduenear Muskegon in west Mienigan, said members of the group, bail from Saginaw, Traverse City, and other Michigan communities. The group is specifically calling on incoming Speaker of the House tion of Helen of Troy by Paris and ended with the destruction of Troy. The Trojan horse was a large, hollow wooden horse filled with Greek soldiers and introduced

Craig DeRoche (R-Novi) to leave the current term limits on state legwithin the walls of Troy Michigan legislators in Lansing "Don't Touch Term Limits" supislators alone. the Michigan porters said a recent survey by In October, will vote on whether to give them elves full health. repond that DeRoche was sup-fits without serving the minimum porting efforts to weaken equirement of six years in office. Michigan's term limits law. oppose any legislative tinkering with voter-imposed term limits by better than a 3-1 margin, 67-22 "We're letting state representa-"Right now, we're a watchdog oup," Tillman said. "If legisla-Tillman at (231) 282-1167 or visit group," Tillman said. "If legisla-tors decide to tackle the term limits www.DontTouchTermLimits.org. tives know that current terms limits Pum Fleming is a staff writer for are very popular," said Scott Tillman, state coordinator of issue, they should know that Michigan voters won't stand for it. the Novi News. She can be reached "Don't Touch Term Limits," headand there's a large group waiting in at (248) 349-1700, ext. 105, or a the wings to oppose it." The "Don't Touch Tenn Limits" quartered in Saginaw. "Some legislators have indicated pfleming@ht.homecomm.net.

"They should be concerned with doing the people's business — not promoting Scott Tillman "Don't Touch Term Lumits" state coordinato term limits from Colorado, where it was made, to California. Arkaosas and now Michigan. "Legislators have shown that when they're in office for a lon time, they tend to be self-serving." Tillman said. "They should be con-corned with doing the people's business -- not promoting own careers." Tillman noted that this week,



Last-minute shopper? With three shopping bags and a purse drapped over her arm and a cup of cof-fee in her hand, Angel Tirey of Livonia cruises through Novi's Twelve Oaks Mall last Thursday afternoon. Tirey said that she'd probably spend about an hour at the mall and wasn't even doing her Christmas shopping yet.

SWOCC UPDATE

er 9, 2004-NOVI NEWS

FRIDAY DECEMBER 10^{TH} In Downtown Northville

All Aglow 6:15 p.m. at the Gazebo

Old Fashioned Christmas Caroling Begins at 7:30 p.m.

Late Night Shopping Shops Open until 11:00 p.m.

Sweet Treats

LIBRARY LINES

Novi Public Library

library's Youth and Teen Services underway. In addition to story times for preschoolers, the library now offers weekly story times for tots ages 12-24 months and "big

kids" ages 5-8. Brochures listing

the days and times of all the drop

in Story Times are available in the

just east of Taft Road. For more information, call (248) 349-0720.

Board Meeting

Battle of the Books

Registration forms for Battle of the Books, which will be held Saturday, April 9, are now available at our reception desk. The first 12 teams to return their registration forms will be eligible to participate in the Battle, A kick-off meeting earn coaches will be held Wednesday, Dec. 15, at 7 p.m. in the library meeting room. For more

15, at 7 p.m. in the City Council library. Chambers at the Novi Civic Center, Community me mbers are Bours welcome to attend all Library Board meetings, which are also The Novi Public Library is open Monday-Thursday, 10 a.m. 9 p.m.; Friday-Saturday, 10 a.m. 5 p.m.; broadcast live on cable Channel and Sunday, 1-5 p.m. The library is located at 45245 W. Ten Mile Rd.,

The Novi Library Board of

tors meets Wednesday, Dec.

Story Time Notes

Fall 2 Story Times are now mation, please contact the

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Studios looking for community participation in access programs

By Melissa Cohn

tudio to

Think you've got singing abil-

minutes or less with a micro-phone and a camera? Then SWOCC Studios wants you! then be combined to create a magazine-style show full of cur-Have you ever channel surfed and thought, "Gosh if only 1 could be on TV doing that." Well, rent events that matter to local residents. If you don't have your Acapella singers, acoustic guinow you can! Southwestern tar players, original poetry read-Oakland Cable Commission ings and even stand-up comedi-ings and even stand-up comedi-ings and even stand-up comedi-ings and even stand-up comedi-ings and even stand-up comedi-sing and even stand-up comediated and stand-up comediated and even stand-up comedi-sing and even stand-up comediated and stand-up comediated and stand-stand-up comediated and stand-s own camera or editing equip-ment, you're welcome to sign up to use SWOCC's. You'll first need to take the orientation and remote workshop, but community program called cal stuff and all we need is the VOX- The Video Soapbox. It is talent, Appearances are on a firsttalent. Appearances are on a first-come, first-served basis, so call the SWOCC Studios office for you've finished, you'll be able to check out SWOCC Studio's an opportunity to be on your local community channel free-ofremote camera. You're welcome to bring your ideas, or we can help you with story ideas. charge to showcase your talent or more information. The first show voice an opinion

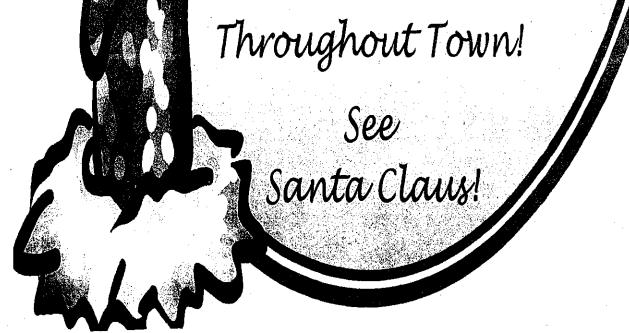
you'd like to show off in five to seven minute segment will

help you with story ideas. If you'd like to book an WOX or are interwill be Tuesday, Dec. 14 at 6:30 The purpose of VOX is to open the doors of your local television p.m. Appointments are also on a first-come, first-served basis. SWOCC Studios is also ested in submitting a piece for residents Farmington, Farmington Hills 360, please contact me at (248) 473-2840. launching another new show and Novi. This gives you a venue called "3-60." This program will to come in and get your message bring an array of community out in an easy, professional, and evenus into viewers' homes all called "3-60." This program will

Melissa Cohn is in community well-organized show. This is not a contest and there won't be a studio audience. SWOCC Studio will be opening their studio to the calls for residents of produce, "3-60" calls for residents to produce, b calls for residents to produce, a contest and there won't be a studio audience. SWOCC studio will be opening their studio to the calls for residents to produce, a studio audience studio to the calls for residents to produce, a studio audience studio to the calls for residents to produce, a studio audience studio to the studio to the studio to the calls for residents to produce studio studio to the relations at the Southwestern Oakland Cable Commission (SWOCC).

community so you can see what edit and submit yiden segments The next SWOCC meeting will

it's like to be in front of the cam-era. Thick you're got singles shill be Wednesday, January 19, at 6:30 p.m. at Farmington City ents of Novi, Farmington, Hall ity, or another unique talent and Farmington Hills. Each two





Happy retirement

Two Novi Department of Public Works foremen and childhood friends are about to celebrate retirement after working almost 70 years between the two of them for the City of Novi. Michael Deaton, 60, of Brighton, left, has worked for the DPW for 34 years and nine months. He plans to do a lot of work around the house, including building a new garage. Rick White of Wailed Lake has worked for the department for 34 years and months. The two grew up together in Novi. "Mike actually got the job for White said. His plans? "I'm going to take it easy for a couple of months, then find another job. I'm only 57 and a half, so I've got a way to go

Updated master plan approved

· Multiple other spots were

cent for office and commercial, and 5 percent for industrial. About

4,051 acres are left for develop-

Updated every five years, the

naster plan is a long-term, com-prehensive guide to future devel-opment in the city. Categories include demographics, land use,

community character, environ

nent/open space, infrastructure

and binance. By state low, city council

decides whether it wants the final

say on the master plan. On Aug. 23, council opted to leave it to the

planning commission, though

received updates throughout the

bot more information, visit

process

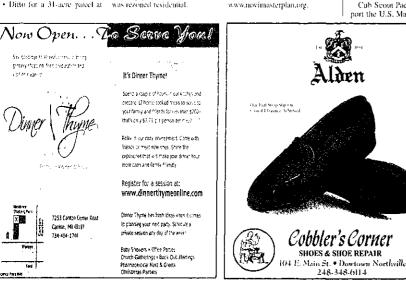
Novi's planing commission the southeast corner of Novi and Dec. 1 approved 23 zoning the fund for a possible Kroger store Master Plan for Land Use. The and strip matls was recently the southeast corner of Novi and Currently, 31 percent of Novi's Ten Mile roads. Recording the kind is used for residential, 7 perpitched. ofe was 8-D; confi Wayne Wrobel was absent. Here are some of the highlight The MSU Tollgate Educational facility at Twelve

changes: Mile and Meadowbrook roads Land including the current Novi Expo Center will now be single family residential use.
 Content "Downtown West," with Commissioners noted they don't talk of a future cultural area and - want future development on this

performing arts center. The Expo-will move to Grand River and Tatt-roady around springtime. Novi-golf • A part of the former Links of Novi golf is being record for Surrounding the future home — parkland. of Catholic Central High School,

Mile roads was zoned "Special For instance, the in-progress Planning Project Area," That Liberty Park home development nears the land's subject to further-- near Novi and Twelve Mile roads,

study. formerly part of North Novi Park, • Ditto for a 31-acre parcel at was rezoned residential.



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COMMUNITY BRIEFS

Schmitt gets certified Reserve's Toys For Tots pro-The Livonia Youth gram at Novi Woods Novi City Planner Timothy Philharmonic orchestras will Elementary School through Schmitt recently passed a certi-fication test for the American tomorrow, Dec. 10, as part of its community service commithe performing on Jan. 15, at 12:30 p.m. at Stevenson High School, on Six Mile Road, Institute of Certified Planners. ment. west of Farmington Road, Call, (734) 464-8704 or (248) 476nstitute's standards. To receive the designation, Schmitt had to be a member of the American Planning the school, 25195 Taft Rd. No Contain edu 6341 or visit www.lypm.org Home Tour raises over \$3,000 reation and experiment require-ments and pass a written exam. He's been with the city since The Nov. 30 Friends of the Novi Theatres Holiday Home Tour raised more than \$3,000 September 2002. community and the generosity of those who donate toys. toward the nurchase of a new sound system for the commu-Court denies motion in nity theater. More than 200 tickets were Half-staff: how long? Nanda case Hags are flown at half-staff sold at \$15 each, and members A Michigan Court of in Michigan when a solider from the state dies in battle Appeals judge recently denied a motion made by a Northville of the nonprolit group said the event was a rousing success. "We had a lot of good feed Township developer's attorney and, of course, to commente to slow down the appeal process in a case involving the city of Novi and Ken Nanda of rate certain national holidays back, and I think it's the begin nd dignitaries. But how long should flags ning of an excellent fund-rais ing tradition for the Novi Theatres," said Gwen Nanda Enterprises. be kept midway up the post Markham of Novi, one of the Gerald Fisher, city attorney, when, say, a former president said both parties continue to wait for a date on which oral tour organizers. Participants toured three homes in Novi at the fund-raiser, followed by dies? Braden Stradley of Holland, Mich, has launched arguments will be presented in U.S. Flag Afert, an e-mail alert the appeal. The case involves letting people know the Junch at Italian Epicure. whether roads that are part of the Cheltenhain subdivision The service costs \$10 annu State house repeals ally and is available to schools. should be owned by the city of heimet law Novi or Nanda Enterprises hospitals, churches, libraries businesses, private homes and others who display an Cheltenham subdivision is A hill designed to repeal located on the west side of Beck Road south of Ten Mile Michigan's madatory motorey cle helmet law was passed by American flag. For more information, call Road, Roads also lead into the the House of Representatives adjacent Wilshire Abby subdi-(616) 395-3750 or visit Nov, 10, The bill, approved 69www.usflagalert.com, where information on flag history and 37, would remove the manda-tory helmet requirement for all The Oakland County Circuit Court ruled in favor of the city etiquette also is available. riders and passengers 21 years of Novi, with Nanda filing a of age or older, but does not require motorcycle riders to carry Personal Injury appeal on the decision in July 2004. Livonia orchestras looking for musicians Protection insurances coverage, according to AAA Michigan. AAA said there were 3,187 motorcycle-involved crashes in The Livonia Youth Philharmonic of Michigan is inviting music students from **Extended Post Office** hours novice through advance to the state last year, killing 76 The Novi Post Office, locat riders. The Dearborn-based audition for openings in one of the LYPM orchestras: Wind ed at 24875 Novi Rd., will extend its hours for the holi organization cited the Michigan State Police Office Ensemble, Concert Strings, Symphony Strings and the days. On Satordays, Dec. 11 of Highway Safety Planning Philharmonic. Students enjoy and 18, hours will be 8 a.m.and Michigan Catastrophic 3:30 p.m., and on Sundays, Dec. 12 and 19, hours will be noon-4 p.m. small group and individual instruction along with master classes and working with con-Claims Associat Compiled by Novi News staff Scouts gathering toys NO FEE FOR Cub Scout Pack 54 will sup port the U.S. Marine Corps FIRST VISIT Ryan A. Krebs M.D., J.D. en linked to heart attacks and strokes as described in The Timothy R. Cappolino, P. Board Certified Con Dial Advacus B rive National Board of Thial Advacus; B Lancet, a respected medical journal. If you or a loved one have suffered a heart attack or stroke which may b linked to one of these drugs, call us for professional insight. 1-800-460-0600 CUNCILS CERTIFIED AS ABOVE:OF



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Sixth-grader stars in documentary

process, Dubois was chosen to

producer/director Pamela Peak came to Detroit looking for tal-

mother. Deanna, that he had to be

there. He then e-mailed his resume of performances in local productions to Peak.

audition in Detroit with his moth-

er and was a complete profes-sional," Peak said, "He showed

me from the start that he knew

his stuff, That's what a producer

and director are looking for when it comes to easting children," Dubois, who plays one of the

main characters in the film, Brian

Kincaid, as a child, got to meet Kincaid at Sunday's screening at the Wyndam Garden Hotel event.

Brandon's mother said more

"Brandon attended the film

appear in some key scenes from for a part in the documentary

ented children. Dubois told his character he plays as a child

The local, who also likes photog-raphy and basketball, said the

seems to be a funny person.

but not a lead role," he said,

mpelstilskin."" she said

He's performed at the Marquis 11 times. He did a cold reading,

sang a sone, and they offered him

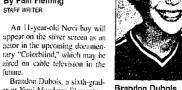
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the part, his mother said.

'Colorblind' may air on cable channel next year By Pam Fleming



er at Novi Meadows Elementary School, was recognized for his work at a screening of the Los Angeles-based film Sanday at the Wyndham Garden Hotel in Novi. Detroit school in the film was an almost all-white group of children, while their beloved teacher, "Mr. The film was picked up last Bell," was African-American These students, now in their 40s, reunited in 2003, not having seen year by ABC News and aired on "Good Morning America" on Dr. Martin Luther King's birthday each other since age 12.

last January. The making of the When they compared notes, they all found that their lives had been profoundly impacted by Bell. The documentary explores documentary soon followed. "Colorblind" is a story about how a leacher from the Detroit Public Schools, Alvin Bell, posithe reasons behind this and also shows being the second state and a second state and

Novi boy grabs lead role in 'A Christmas Carol'

Alexander Borrello

currently

Borrello's mother. Christine

said she learned about the part through a friend.

friend who has performed at the local Marquis Theater in Northville, where Alexander is

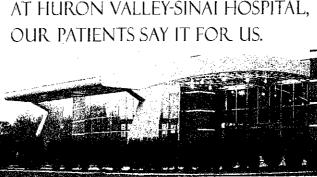
"I received a call from a theater

performing

line of the play. "He's a very sick little boy, He's almost going to die, and walks with a crutch. His family is also very poor," Borrello suid, Scrooge, a local businessman, better Christones and Mc Corplit Music Hall production features Greg from 'The Brady bates Christmas, and Mr. Crachitt works for Scrooge. But when the Ghost of Christmas Present shows him how had things are for the Bunch' By Pam Fleming Crachitt family, he changes his STAFF WRITER feelings about the holiday. Scrooge then helps the family, and Tiny Tim doesn't die. Alexander Borrello, 9, of Novi, Barry Williams, who fans will a fourth-grader at Our Lady of Sorrows in Farmington, will star in the production of "A Christmas remember as Greg from the television show "The Brady Bunch," stars as Charles Dickens, who Carol," the famous Charles Dickens story, Dec. 7-12 at Music serves as narrator during the play. Jeff Conaway, who 'starred in Hall in downtown Detroit Borrello plays the role of Tiny Tim, the lead child's part in the play. Borrello plays the role of Tiny in, the lead child's part in the play. "I've wanted to act since I was

3." Borrello said. in the performance. Tiny Tim is one of three chil-Jackee Harry, from the televi-sion show, "Sister Sister," and Malik Yoba, from the show "New dren of Mr. and Mrs. Crachitt, who live in London, England. Borrello shared the role of Tiny York Undercover," are other per-Tim and how he fits into the story formers

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Council again denies increase the novie Although the film is a documentary, child actors were east from across the Midwest to appear in re-enactment scenes key to the story line of the film. When

By Pam Fleming STAFF WRITER

Dubois added that he was on the set for three to four hours filming his part in "Colorblind." Novi retirees will have to wait for a possible increase in their "It was a lot of fun because pensions as members of city council voted again Nov. 22 to not grant them a cost-of-living adjusttwo of my friends tried out, too One of them, Max Shanker, of Novi, also has a part in the film,

Member Kim Capello made a "Colorblind" will be shown in motion that retirees receive a 2.3film festivals across the country in 2005, and negotiations are percent increase, which Mayor Pro Tem David Landry supported. But, the motion failed 2-4. Those voting under way to bring the documentary to cable television. For more information about the upcoming film starring Dubois, visit www.colorblinddocumentary.com. again the motion included Lynne Paul, Mayor Lou Csordas, Toni Nagy and Laura Lorenzo. Bob Gatt excused himself from the vote, since he is a City of Novi retiree. Screening. "The always liked acting and have performed in some commu-tive productions with the Novi Theatres," Dubois said, "So, when I heard about the method. budget by denying them a cost-of-living increase," he said.

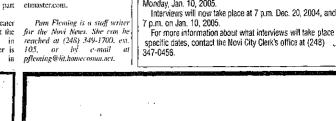
Nagy questioned why this type of discussion was coming to the council needs to come up with council in November instead of at a viable solution that will accombudget time. She suggested that it would be more appropriate to review the issue then.

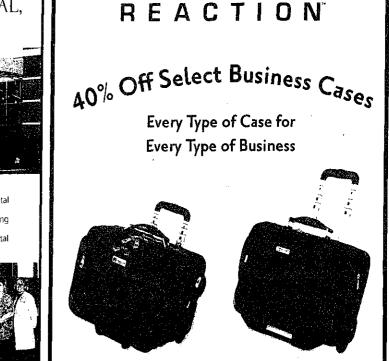
state funding is down, and we need to be fiscally responsible. Let's see how our budget is in March," Nagy said. a supervisor for the water and sewer department and then as assistant treasurer and treasurer. "City council is concerned about having to pay retirees an increase for 30 years. But some of

eussed during our budget deliber-ations," she said. Paul Flening is a staff writer She said that she appreciated for the Novi News. She can be the retirees' contributions to the reached at (248) 349-1700, ext. 105. or e-mail at by

Novi City Council interviews for residents applying for spots on various boards and commissions in the city of Novi have been resch eduled from Monday, Dec. 13, to Monday, Dec. 20, 2004, and Monday, Jan. 10, 2005.

Interviews will now take place at 7 p.m. Dec. 20, 2004, and at 7 p.m. on Jan. 10, 2005. For more information about what interviews will take place on the





for city retirees Csordas said this was a decisio

compounded annually and that it was a significant financial deci

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ion. "I can't imagine passing this (increase) on to future city councils," Csordas said, "It's not a per sonal issue. It's all economics and

policy." Dick Faulkner, president of the City of Novi Retirees Association said, "We're totally and complete disappointed. But, they did bring up a good point about i being researched during the next budget discussions." Faulkner, retired deputy police chief, said that many of the city of Novi retirees are on fixed

Capello said the 49 retres deserve an increase in order to keep up with the cost of living. " don't think we need to fix our the noted also that some or me retried employees don't receive any supplemental health care insurance other than Medicare.

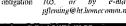
Frances Loynes, who worked for the city for 23 years, said that the council needs to come up with modate all of the retirees' useds.

"Some of us started in the township and village days," where the issue men. "I know this affects people, but Loynes said. the funding is down, and we Evelyn Natzel, a widow, the funding is down, and we Evelyn Natzel, a widow, the funding is down, and we funding the funding for the funding worked for the city for 30 years as

Lorenzo said that the issue was not about denying or penalizing

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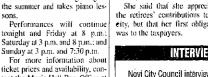
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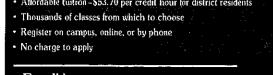




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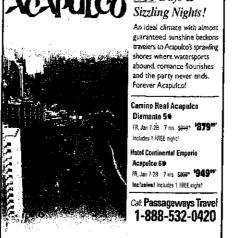
"He was really excited," she said, "He's having lots of fun." "This has been a bad year in "I have a great time with it. I terms of the national and local the retirees won't be around in 30 plan to become a full-time actor economy and would be better diswhen I get older," he said. Borrello also likes golfing eity, but that her first obligation was to the taxpayers.





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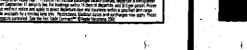
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EDUCATION

Teacher reaches kids both academically and personally

Payne on a quest make a difference each and every day

By Ramez Khuri

Whether in his own class-room or half way around the world, Jody Payne has always before he had the class, and lived by one mission in life; to touch students both academical- later, there was a significant dif

 buch is tudents both academical-ly and personally.
 biter, there was a signification dif-ference between how he did in the languinge arts portion.
 Meadows five years ago, Payne
 Treally credit that almost has become a welconed fixture and friendly face in the school.
 The fact that Payne enjoys
 working with kids is an under-statement. He couldn't du that succe adouted some of the pri-ture additional some adouted some of the pri-some adouted some of the pristatement. He couldn't do that since adopted some of the prosince adapted some of the pre-sis a tax accountant, however, so grans he did in that class and uses them in his own today. For hange in his life, use of the pre-instance, Payne's sixth grade change in his life.

"I really wanted to have a class at Meadows builds model career where I felt what I did - rockets because that's what be actually had a purpose beyond did as a student in sixth grade, making money," Payne said. Another educator who has always wanted to do, and the teacher at Novi Meadows. reason 1 got into i when 1 did "When 1 came here. David was because 1 thought that if 1 Ascher's classroom was next to was ever going to do it, it was "mine." Payne said, "1 just lispretty much then or never." retty much then or never." Tened to runt and use way as Payne went back to school at he age of 26 to become a ality basis, not only during, but also before and after school. He

teacher the day and know that you teachers," accomplished something, I did- Payne a n't really feel that when I ing to worked in corporate America." Alspaugh

Rewarding experiences

the South Lyon School District. The two even started teaching in Payne has had many memorable moments in his teaching career, but what he likes most is - the same year. finding out from former stu dents of their parents where those kids are and how they're **Difficult aspects** doing. He feels rewarded when 45 Though he loves his job, like they come back and tell him of

the first things that impacted. difficult aspects that Payne has them in his class - things that he to deal with as well. wasn't even conscious of as it — "It's pretty toigh to connect , was happening. s happening. with every single one of them "I think when you look back on a daily basis," he said. "It's to when you were a student, you difficult when the kills on home knew the things that your mem-and you think. Was so-and-so orable teachers did, but they even here today? Trying to conprobably weren't aware they were doing them because they were just doing what they nor-mally do," Payne said, "But the

important as what you're leach-"Payne believes that teachers impact that it had on you was have the ability to somewhat considerable. When you find protect the kids from the pres-tont that you touched a student, surves of the federal govern-that makes teaching worth-ment's "No Child Left Behind". mandate by focusing on what

Many teachers have impacted they know the students need to

Payne in his life, both when he was a student and now as a teacher. Though language arts JODY PAYNE wasn't one of his favorite sub-School: Novi Meadows jects, a grammar teacher in high school taught the class with a Grade: six • Subject: all subjects sense of humor and by making Years teaching: seven
 Years in Novi Communit rather dull subjects interesting Payne said that he fearned an enormous amount from that teacher, and he also believes School District: five · College: Michigan State that the class had a positive University · Interesis: sports, coaching, traveling when he took the ACT a year

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be able to do. He thinks that the stakes are raised and the standards are significantly higher when accelerated third graders are expected to do algebra. When I was in school. "Teaching was one thing that I impacted Payne's style is a advanced students did algebra

when they got to the eighth grade. I sometimes question the impact on a child, especially emotionally, how they feel trytened to him and the way he ing to do more advanced subjects," Payne said. "There is definitely more pressure to leach more, but it really is up to reality are the fact that you get to really keyed me into how the teacher to make sure that bend the whole day working important it was. Even now I'm they step back every day and try spend the whole day working important it was. Even now I'm they step back every day and try with kids is what I like most," being affected by teachers as to connect with the kids on a Payne said, "You actually end colleagues. They're still my personal level." Payne also wishes there was

Payne also credits his teachmore common sense in what he The summate is a set of the set o taught with her all seven years taught is knowledge that they of his career, which started in won't use in the real world.

"I wish that we spent more time, especially in the elementary school level, working on basics and didn't feel the need to rush past them," he said, "I wish that we had smaller classes as well so that we could

anything else, there are some spend more time connecting on an individual basis with the kids ind working with them one-of

Impacting students After his students move on to

seventh grade, Payne hopes that nect with the kids is as equally they're very successful in the remainder of their educational cateers. He also hopes the role he played for eight months of their lives had a positive impact on them both academically and personally. "I've had kids who struggled

personalities." The greatest compliment Payne said he ever had was in school and came into my classroom and really flourwhen a parent was upset with



Novi Meadows teacher Jody Payne works on a fractions guiz game with student Chihiro Cho, left, on a Thursday afternoon in December.

him because her child wouldn't ished," Payne said, "Maybe it's was pretty neat." Payne said because they made a personal stay home when he was sick because he wanted to come to connection or we had similar

Ramez Khuri is a staff writer school - no matter how ill he for the Novi News. He can be reached at (248) 349-1700, ext. 110 or by e-mail at was. "He had never been like that before, and I just thought that rkhuri@ht ho

Superintendent search heating up By Ramez Khuri candidates to consider," Wilmo said. "We have a good mix of appli-cants from southeast Michigan, across the state of Michigan and TAFF WRITER

By last Friday's deadline, over 40 people had requested applicaseveral from other states as well." tions to become the next superin-Wilmot immediately screens and tendent of the Novi Community reviews the preliminary applica-tions as they come in to make sure they are complete. He also contact-School District. That number is more than expected by Dr. Mike

HPER BACKGROUN

Emmett Lippe will have been the Novi Community School District superintendent for 13 years when he retires at the end of this school year. His salary (base plus additional compensation) is \$208,171. The district currently serves 6,204 students (including adult education.

1964 - B.S. Huntington College (Indiana), business and math 1966 - M.A. University of Northern Colorado, business education 1967 - M.A. Michigan State University, educational administration 1970 - Ed. S. Michigan State University, educational administra-

tion and curriculum 1972 - Ed. D. Ball State University, educational administration 1963-1966 - Teacher in Indiana

1966-1969 – Principal, Superintendent for Tekonsha Community



Photo by JOHN HEIDE Oakland Schools Technical Campus Agriscience Garden Center students Brett Baccilli, left, and Nicole Boido help to assemble Christmas wreaths at their Beck Road campus. The wreaths can be purchased at the 1000 Beck Rd, school and range in price from \$50-\$100. For more information call (248) 668-5634.

NOW OPEN

Top-notch students get ready for holidays By Kim Baker Students in the agriseience programs at Oakland Schools

Technical Campus Southwest in Wixom are busy this holiday season hosting their annual Holiday Plant Sale and Holiday Buffet. That means hand crafting house and landscape program, say they cannot make wreaths fast enough. "It seems like it's been a lot busier this year than it was last over 1,000 holiday wreaths and grave blankets, growing poinset-tias in the greenhouse and deck-ing the halls with hand-made year," said Duncan. She is not complaining. "This time of year is a lot of fun," she said.

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decorations. No problem. The students say they are up to the task. They are schools who signed up for these programs as electives through decorations. The hallways of the school chool.

Mike Klier, agriscience, nust be filled with plants, both greenhouse and landscape as decorations and merchandise, instructor, has overseen the plant in time for the annual buffet, hosted by the culinary program. hosted by the culinary program. It must look festive for the "This is a high-class group of kids. One of the times they get to show off is during our Holiday guests. Agriscience students from both the greenhouse and Plant Sale," he said. landscape program and the floral and small animal program team

Although all items are popular at the plant sale, wreaths are the most in-demand holiday item. up to get this accomplished. Students in the floral and "My teacher called me out of small animal program are school to teach the morning, pro-gram to make wreaths," said of Trees," decorating small pine Neole Boido, a senior at South Nicole Boido, a senior at South Lyon High School who is trees that they've grown with brightly-colored flowers and rib-bon, plastic cardinals and enrolled in the afternoon greenhouse and landscape program. ninecones.

Full

"Wreaths are the more sponta-neous pick-ups, so we have to lave them on hand," she said. Brett Buccilli, a junior at Novi High School, and Ennily Duncan, a senior at Walled Lake Northern, both in the green-burge and landersone program. THEY ALSO Students in the culinary program at Oakland Schools Technical Campus Southwest hosted buffets Dec. 7-9. ing small floral arrangements accented with pine tree branches and pinecones. The greenhouse and landscape brown dresses, they served delicious dishes like Roast Prime Rib Au Jus and Pan

students must make sure the red over 650 guests in the school's Angora Room, which was beautifully decorated for the Christmas-tree-shaped displays are filled with red and pink poin-settias so guests standing in line waiting to get in for the buffet technical director, led her stuwill see them.

dents. "People at the buffet don't always come planning on buying poinsettias, but they often do buy The students from the agriscience greenhouse and them," said Boido. The buffet is landscape program do not just work indoors. They did a huge where the majority of the poin-settias are sold, she said. Klier knows the students will work indoors. They did outdoor project that tran formed the appearance of what accept nothing less than their used to be a deck by tearing if best work for the holiday events. out, paving it with bricks and constructing water fountains. They also landscaped the sur-"They're getting ready for the real world, That's what this pro-gram is all about," he said. rounding area with wood

chips, small trees and large Oakland Schools Technical rocks and built a gazebo. "We got a lot of experience out of it. We did a lot of it by Campus Southwest is located at 1000 Beck Rd. in Wixom, The Holiday Plant Sale is going on through Wednesday, Dec. 22. For hand," said Ben Russell, a ser ior at Lakeland High School. "I was amazed that a bunch of high school students put this together." more information, call the agriscience divison at (248) 668-5634.

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Orchard Hills Turkey Trot

Second grade parent Sarah Savela walks with several second graders from Ella MacArthur's class in Orchard Hills' annual turkey trot. Pictured from left to right are Ryan Kobakof, Tyler Matel, Michael Benkarski, Danny Savela, Joshua Stotler, John Lupo, David Burke, Matthew Weber, Alexander Wolff and Alexander Sanna



Thanksgiving at Orchard Hills Ella MacArthur's second grade class put on two Thanksgiving plays for their parents. The first was a reenactment of the First Thanksgiving and the second was "Arthur's Thanksgiving," related to the popular cartoon and book character Arthur the Aardvark. Here, the cast takes a curtain call for their parents.

Wilmot, Michigan Leadership ed references and candidates to pre Institute regional president for southeast Michigan. Wilmot has been hired by Novi pare for next week. "We will meet with the board of education during the week of Dec. 13, at which time we will be bringschools to help conduct the search to replace longtime superintendent them recommendations ing s of candidates to consider fo

Epimete longtime superintendent Emmett Lippe, who plans to retire at the end of the current school year. Wilmot originally predicted an application count in the mid-30s. public interview," Wilmot said.

"Once we have that meeting, those six candidates will be identified and "I'm pleased with the folks, and eliminary stats seem to indicate to available so people have a hary stats seem to indica chance to see who those folks are in the week of Jan 10. that there is a real good pool of

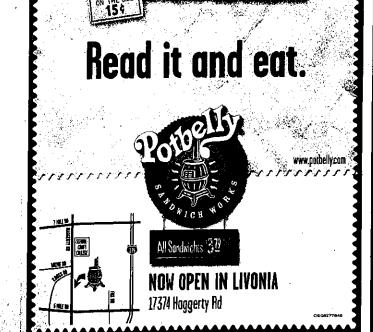
Gift Market Second grade Browni Troop 2318 sold home made baked goods at the Orchard Hills Holiday Gift Market. They were busy all night as they refueled the shoppers with lots of sweet treats Pictured from left to right are Emily Hocking Sarah Liddicoat, Megan Hrit, Leader Connie Gregory, Heather Gregory, Sabat Husaini Mary Beth Robert, ond Jennings Dia Jenna Mikkelson and Kirsten Kempisty



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advance. "There will be a three- or fourweek process in there where people will have an opportunity to know Wilmot said that once that meeting with the school board is com-pleted, he will prepare for public who these folks are ahead of time interviews that are scheduled for before the interviews have even taken place," Wilmet said.





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· Faith Community Presbyterian Church invites you to worship at either the 9 aun, or 10:30 a.m. service. Stinday school is offered at both services for children pre-kindergarten-12th grade. Faith Community Presbyterian Church houses the Novi Emergency Food Bank, which accepts all camied goods and non-perishable items as dona-tions. The food bank is available to qualified persons in Novi,

a.m. and 10:30 a.m. services. Come to the Faith Community Presbyterian Church's Christma Concert on Thursday, Dec. 9. Sue Sommer will be performing a selection of Christmas music both sacred and popular. The concert will begin at 7 p.m. with dessert following. There will be a love offering collected for the Sue Sommer Ministries during the concert. For further informa tion, contact Jaan Martin at (248) 349-2345 or jmartin@ lathcom-

munity-novilorg. A children's program, "A Backwards Christmas," will be presented at 6 p.m. Dec. 12.

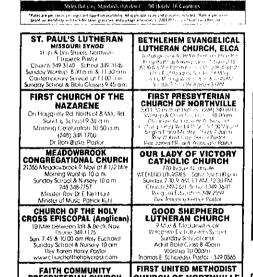
Everyone is invited. The Three Kines Cantala with the Hallelijah Chorus will be presented by the Chancel Choir of Faith Community Sunday. Dec. 12 at the 9 and 10:30 a.m. Christmus Eve services will be held at 6 p.m. (family), 8 p.m. (traditional) and 11 p.m. (with

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offers a worship service every Wednesday from 12:10-12:50 p.m. Come and share your lunchhour with God at a worship service that includes scripture and Holy Communion. The church invites all to worship Sundays at 7:45 and 10 a.m. Nursery care is

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for children ages 3-7, and Sunday School is at 10 a.m. The Rev. Karen Henry is pastor and priest in charge. The Rev. John W. Henry II is assistant priest. Worship Service of Complin is held at 8:30 p.m. Rite 13 (ages 11-14) and 12A (ages 14 and up) groups meet at 5 p.m. for their program and dinner, 7 n.m. Youth Worship Service is held the sec-ond and fourth Sunday of every month; all are welcome Church of the Holy Cross is Jocated at 46200 W. Ten Mile Rd. (between Beck and Taft roads), Novi. Call (248) 349-

4175 or visit www.churchoftheholycross.com. Hope Lutheran Church in Farmington Hills presents a special Christmas musical drama entitled, "A Thrill of Hope," on Sunday, Dec. 12 at 7p.m. A family oriented production. the musical features more than 100 musicians and performers

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According to Jennifer Miller, comprising four choirs, an orchestra, a youth band and two dance groups. The drama was written by Claire Cloninger and Camp Kirkland. the production's director, the musical also offers insights into Hope Lutheran Church, "One of the strengths of our congregation is a willingness among all age groups to get involved," she said. "This musical, which has been "This presentation goes beyond a simple re-enactment of the nativity story," said Beeky Gee, Hope's Director of Worship, Music and the Arts, "Through designed to be relevant for all age groups, incorporates all age groups into the production. From music, drama and dance, we will portray the concept of hope being more than a simple wish. I was drawn to this musical not only by the inspiring music but by its recognition that not all elements of the holidays are cuphoric." noted Gee. "Many people remember difficult times and mourn the loss of loved ones dur ing the holidays. Hope is there for them also, and the Christchild, the real reason for the sea son, is the source of that hope. Throughout the production, we will express the joy that is found through Jesus, giving us a true-reason to celebrate."

e-schoolers to teens to older adults, we have participants from practically every stage in life. As a result, the evening promises to be a meaningful and enriching part of the holiday season. part of the holiday season." The musical is free and open to the public. Donations will be accepted, with proceeds benefit-ing the ELCA World Hunger Fund. Hope Lutheran Church is located at 39200 W. Twelve Mile Rd., just east of Hangerty Road, The phone number is (248) 553-7170.

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victims Twelve Oaks Mall's Chelsea Teddy Bear Company is raising funds to help send burn-injured children treated at the U-M decided we're going to start offer-ing our products (for) residential areas," Rose said. "We wanted to have a presence on the west side of Trauma Burn Center to Kids Burn Camp. Shoppers can purchase red felt hearts for \$1. The hearts will then be "stuffed" into the World's Largest Real Teddy Bear. All proplace.

Greg Eitelman said he and Tom efforts of three young children in Chelsea, Mich. to help sick people Schoenhberger, one of BlueWater's owners, considered the concept for in hospitals, the bears can be pur-chased as a donation to children in local emergency rooms. All six of the Chelsea Teddy

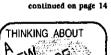
Bear Company's retail stores are participating. Go to www.chelseateddybear.com or call (800) 335-5229 to learn more.

ITC drills the system Novi's International

Transmission Company recently hosted a system restoration drill, an exercise to ensure reliability of the electrical system Held Dec. 1, the drill involved major Midwestern electrical utility companies and reliability authori-ties. They tested communication protocols designed to improve esponse when instability or out ages in the area's electricity grid occur. Such efforts were recommended

by the U.S.-Canada Power System Outage Task Force Final Report on the Blackout on Aug. 14, 2003.

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> After dimming the lights and drawing the green velvet curtains, John Rose cued up "The Mummy," starring Brendan Fraiser, on the 106-inch screen.

Though not an actual theater, the room came close. Located inside the Roche Bobois custom furniture store near Twelve Oaks Mall, it's

me technology company Digital A marriage between Roche and BlueWater Technologies, of which Rose is executive vice president,

Digital creates and installs home theaters, audio-visual networks. lighting and climate control and "About six months ago, we

the city. This just kind of all fell into eeds will be donated to the camp. Products are woven into Roche. Also available is the Helper Club Teddy Bear. Inspired by the Bobois' show floor, too. Owner

> "He (Schoenhberger) and his wife, Sue, have been really good friends of ours for years," Eitelman

speaker home theater environ said. "On a vacation together up



Digital by Design's John Rose displays some of the home entertainment theater systems his Novi company has to

accented by down-filled, Englandnorth, we were just sort of sitting around talking and we came up imported couches and a 1920s-era. Paris-inspired martini bar. "It's multi-purpose," Eitehnan said, "It's part of the home, part of with this idea. It never clicked until John Rose came along, "It happened all within four to six weeks. It was such a no-brainer for everyone." the tiving environment." The tech components of a home everyone." With BlueWater for 16 years theater system can range from \$12,000-\$65,000, Rose said. Other Rose said he was eager to expand his company's reach beyond the options include theater-style seat-

corporate realm. "It is my vision and my passion," Rose said. "I've always been a gadget guy, one of those kids that was able to hook up their morn and dad's VCR when no one else could design team figure out how to program it." Opting for one of Roche's larger rooms, Rose and Eitelman remodeled and designed a \$35,000, five-

"The most important part of any of these systems is developing and implementing an effective GUI-Graphical User Interface," Rose explained. Unless you want to have 20 remote controls on your coffee table." As business builds. Rose said be hopes to open a location on the east side of town, too. "New construction obviously is: Since opening in early October, he said, numerous patrons have scheduled the necessary appoint-ments each week with Digital's hige potential market for us," he said. "Southeast Michigan is going to be the test bed. I'd like to make this a \$3-4 million division."

Kim Kovelle is a staff writer for he Novi News, She can be Currently, 12-15 products are offered, from-sound amplifiers sys-tems to HVAC climate control. the Novi News, She can be reached at (248) 349-1700, ext. 107 or vie Controlling all components is paim-sized, digitized device kkovelle@ht.homeo nm.nct

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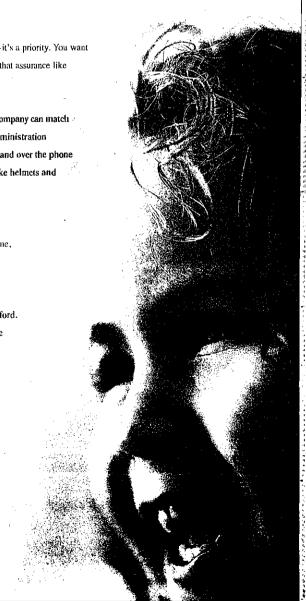
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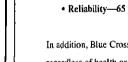
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United Steelworkers of America The agreement will dissolve a Nov. 2 injunction on the sale of four Cooper-Standard Automotive plants and dismiss an appeal to the U.S. 7th Circuit Court of Appeals. The union had filed a complain Sept. 27 asserting the right to negotiate new labor agreements with a bayer before the \$1.165 billion sale, announced Sept. 17. dividend payment on the 6.75 per cent trust convertible preferred Specific details of the agreement

were not released.

Lucky's helping library have been paid Dec. 31. Decisions on any future deferrals will be reviewed quarterly. The company is working to alle-This Sunday is the final day to This Sunday is the Infanday i help Lucky's of Novi help the Novi Public Library. Hosted by the new Fountain

Walk shopping center restaurant and areade, the week-long event will donate 20 percent of billiards games proceeds to the library. Pool can be played at one of

Lucky's 14 hilliards tables for \$10 hour before 6 p.m. and \$12 an hour after 6 p.m. General Manager Eddie

Bourque said he hopes to help local high schools in the future. He auticipates \$500-\$1,500 from the fund raiser "I think the library supports the community as a whole, from every age group." Bourque said. "We want to be able to help out the

children. Lucky's hours and the marker in daily, with a 21-and-up policy after 9 p.m. For information, call (248) 374-3422.

Crosswinds collecting clothes

Crosswinds Communities, Novi-based company that builds single family and town homes, recently kicked off its Third Annual Clothing Drive New and used winter clothing is

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ing of the restaurant. Volare can accommodate han-quets and private parties for up to 50 people. For more information, call (248) 960-7771. Pam Fleming is a staff writer for the Novi News, She can be reached at (248) 349-1700, ext, 105, or by e-mail at

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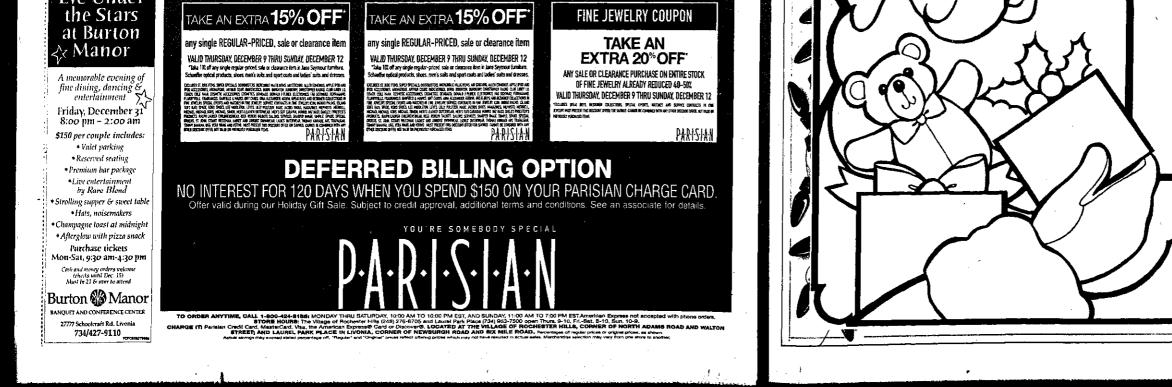
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"It's something I really like loing. You can be creative," he said. Grossi said the community had Owner and chef of Wixom's new eatery, "Volare," Dino Grossi, right, is joined at a table been anxiously awaiting the openby executive chef Joe Fiordilino on the eve of their opening night

"We're at the ground level of Wixom's downtown revitalization."

Dina Grassi Executive Chel, Volare Restaurant





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Engagement



Philip Vargo of Strongsville, Obio. The bride-elect is a 1995 graduate of Northville High School and earned her bache-lor's and master's degrees in elementary education from Michigan State University, She s employed by Novi community Schools as a indergarten teacher.

The groom-elect is a 1994 graduate of Strongsville High School and Ohio State University. He is employed by Toyota Corporation in Ann Arbor as a mechanical engi-

Mr. and Mrs. Gary Walro of

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she will then have the chance to win the 2005 Hal Jackson's Talented Teens International title. Novi High School freshman Paula Langley was selected to rep-resent Oakland County during the Wayne/Oakland County prelimi-nary of Talented Teens International sponsored by Talented Youth Development. Inc. Langley, was the first runner up and recipient of a \$150 scholarship during the 2004 Michigan Finals Talented Youth Development, Inc. and will try again for the state title The event was held Nov. 28, at the in 2005.

Crown Plaza Hotel in Romulus, Seven titles were awarded during A few of Langley's activities include being a cheerleader with Novi High School Competitive Cheer Team; flutist with the Novi the event.

NAMES IN THE NEWS

Langley cill soon rangey ther team miss with ac two will soon High School Marching Band; compete for the state title of Miss of Miss bane Callery in Dearborn; and Michigan assistant at Conrad's Gym in

Farmington Hills and Sickle's. She has volunteered in many dance performances throughout the year including Novi High Talented Teen International 2005 during Memorial Day weekend

School Talent Night, Miss Dearborn Pageant, Fairlanc Town Center, Henry Ford Community College Halloween Bash, and PBS in metro Detroit where she has the chance to win a \$500 college scholarship and an all-expense benefits She would like to become an

entertainment attorney after she finishes law school.



to receive two-year college scholes; and received physical training, rifle arship offers and attend the marksmanship, field training exercises, and special training in ROTC Advanced Course at their

of Ruth Kawada of Novi

College. The cadet is a student at Central Michigan University. Lawrence is the daughter of Pearl human relations. In addition, airmen who complete basic training end credits - Lawrence is the daughter of Pearl toward an associate degree - Lawrence is the daughter of Pearl toward an associate degree - Lawrence of Walled Lake. She is through the Community College - 2001 graduate of Walled Lake Western High School. of the Air Force. He is the son of Laurie McGuire of Livonia and nephew

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remove germs and keep you and others from picking up a bug that can lead to a cold, the flu or even more seri-

And remember, take care of your health before it's lonnggg

Ernie Harwell, 'the voice of the Detroit Tigers' for more than four decades, retired after 55 years behind a major league micro-phone. Today, at age 86, Ernie's days are filled with serving as a health and fitness advacate for Blue Cross Blue Stield of Michigan and Blue Care Network, public appearances, writing, traveling and taking long walks with 'Miss Lulu,' his wife of more than 60 years. His latest book, a collection of his basehalt columns titled 'Life After Basebull,' is available at local bookstores or by calling 1-800-245-5082.

That's right, I said it. If you want to lose weight, just sit on the couch. Turn on the television there are plenty of good sports of talk shows on. Time to catch up on your soap operas. And while the-Couch weight loss program? Add some weights to your work-



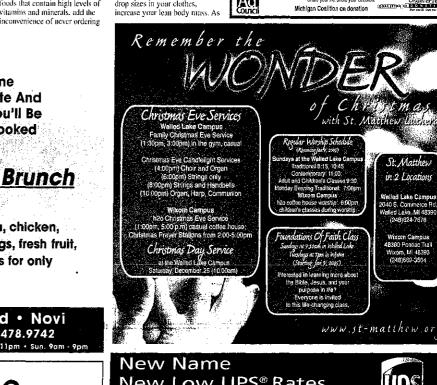
elf a promise to not feel guilty. Misconceptions exist in the health field all over the place. Some think that you must run for hours on a treadmill to lose weight. Others take the nutrition approach: remove all the foods that taste good, remove all the foods that contain high levels of vitamins and minerals, add the

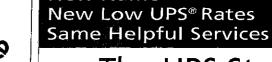
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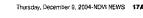


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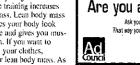
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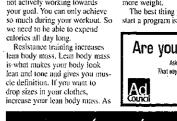


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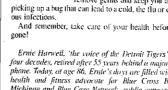
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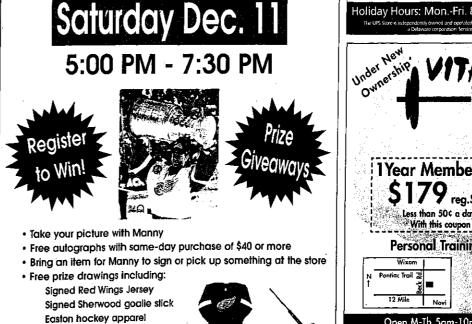
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Being thankful is not enough. Worldwide, families celebrate the holiday season by eating too much and enjoying time spent with family near and far But the holidays should also serve as a catalyst for renewed. community involvement. Many people within the Novi community still need your help. They are hungry or homeless, tired, sick or lonely, They are in despair. And needing of someone to simply remember that despite their misfortune, they are still wor-

thy of dignity and personal The holiday season has arrived. And while many of us espect. We believe to make a differhave much for which to be ence you must be the differgrateful, too many others ence. That's why we urge sorely crave a simple slice of local residents to get involved hope and a morsel of individlocally with organizations ual compassion. If not during the holidays, whose efforts are geared toward helping those in need then when? If not you, then who? Be true to the holiday this holiday season. The Novi Goodfellows season: give back to those effort is one simple way.

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OPINION

S LE T H.

Scouts say thanks

Thank you to those who supported the Nov Girl Scouts again this year at our bake sale during the Main Street holiday celebration. We had 247 girls participate in making those yummy baked goods individually or as a troop. The \$580 we raised will help to support the four families (23 people) that we are sponsoring for the holidays. We appreciate everyone who worked to make our sale a success including the scouts. their leaders, parents and, of course, those who purchased our goods.

Janice Church, Director Novi Girl Scouts

Christmas mission

On Thursday, Dec. 2, the City of Novi held is annual "Ringing in the Foliday" event in Main Street. Our heart was warmed by the generosity of the Novi community in donating anned foods and toys to the Novi-Goodfellows to assure that Novi area children will find toys and clobes under their Christmas tree and food on their holiday tables

We would like to especially recognize one young gitl who emptied her piggy bank and presented us with a sandwich bag of change. as well as two very young boys who made a eash donation to make sure a needy child receives a Christmas package. We would also like to thank Salon Agape

for styling hair and donating all proceeds to Novi Goodfellows, as well as Larson's

This week I would like to focus on three

recent events

Senate Bill 753 - Lead Poisoning Prevention This legislation would create a Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention and Coutrol

ommission. Under the bill, the commission * * would be charged with specifically studying the environmental threats of 3 ead poisoning to children's health: reviewing the state's lead poisor Nancy Cassis prevention program; eval uating the effectiveness of that program including, but not limited to,

the ability of the program to satisfy federal law requirements that 100 percent of all young children enrolled in Medicaid shall be screened with a blood lead test; and making recommendation for improvements to the at a time of grief. House Bill 4880 (S-4) - Mobile Home

It has been 45 years that mobile home owners have paid \$36 per year in total fees supporting schools, local and county govern-

service the residents and

usinesses of our wonder-

al city. City Manager lick Helwig and bis staff

ive worked hard all year,

ach resident and business

and I believe they treat

Allow me to be one of the first to wish you a

This seems like a good time to send a note

and review some of the many actions of your city council for the year 2004. I am very grate-ful to city council for helping me to make 2004

A special thought of appreciation to the employees of the city for their tireless efforts to

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

another successful year in Novi,

Legislation

2. American taxpayers have been forced to Jeweiry for auctioning a piece of jewelry with proceeds going to the Novi Goodfellows. Those who give to the Goodfellows during finance either directly or indirectly through the World Bank or IMF an losses suffered by U.S. firms moving to such hostile environ-ments as Communist China. No U.S. busiour annual paper sale each year often do not realize the impact of their generosity on the The source of their neighbors. Thanks to everyone who contributed so our goal of "No Child Without A Christmas" in nessman in his right mind would risk his own capital moving to a hostile place like Red China, unless any loss was backed by the U.S. our community will be accomplished. taxpayer. Calling these "Free Trade Agreements" is Novi Community Goodfellows in effect promoting a lie. NAFTA, CAFTA, and, above all, the FTAA have little to do with

Ringing thanks The Third Annual Ringing in the Holidays event took place on Dec. 2. The evening

included an electric light parade, Santa visits, food sampling, carriage rides, crafts, music and more, I would like to take this opportuni-

ty to sincerely thank the committee members - Ron Boron, Torn Marcus and Fil Supertisky and the event sponsors for making this com unity event possible. Have a great holiday

Event/Marketing Coordinator Novi Parks, Recreation & Forestry Say no to CAFTA

The United States has made less than good trade agreements in the past. These have resulted in: The almost total guiting of manufactur-ing in this country. There is no longer a single U.S.-owned steel company.

LANSING CONNECTION

Tracie Ringle,

ment, and the state. To address this inequit in real property taxes, legislation increasing the monthly fee was recently passed by both the House and Senate. The new fee increases are phased in over a period of several years beginning in 2007 and are based on whether the home is a single- or double-wide. By the year 2014, a single-of double-while, by the year 2014, a sin-gle-wide mobile home would be charged \$12 per month (\$144 per year) and a doublewide mobile home \$14 per month (\$168 per year) with the monies being distributed as follows: 35 percent to School Aid, 15 per-cent to local school districts, 10 percent to State General Fund, 20 percent to local govermnent and 20 percent to county govern-

Recently, in memory of all Michiganians

who have given their lives in Fraq, I request-ed that the Senate do a special memorial for 20-year-old Lance Corporal Justin Elfsworth who lost bis life in Fallujah defending the FROM THE MAYOR

also amended the Sandstone Consent Judgmen

to allow single-family homes. This was a sig-

nificant resolution because prior to this they could have built apartments. We do not need

Novi, I am delighted that they will christer comers in our house. We also awarded the con their new school in our city next year. On the tract to reconstruct the Durbarton Regional Retention Basin and worked on more orditopic of excellent school systems, you might take the time to visit our refurbished Novi High nances School. It is a world-class facility. Be sure to September brought us back to another law suit, It was a resolution for Old Dutch Farms Mobile Home Park. For the first time the resistop at the Wildcat Store. You will think you are at Twelve Oaks Mall. February was the

ame month that we began our work with dents of this community will be connected to the public sanitary saver system. We do deal with a tot of legal actions in Novi, don't we? Speaking of lawsuits, in September we Hummer of Novi to bring their state-of-the-art facility to our city. March saw the arrival of another new subdiapproved the final site plan for another consent judgment (Paragon). In October and November, many issues were vision project (The Preserve), which, in the end, donated a huge piece of property that city council added to the city parks inventory. We

discussed, but the overriding topic was the rec-ommendation by the Consultant Review Committee to award a three-year contract agreement to our current law firm, Secrest. Wardle et al. The final agreement came to

OTHER OPINIONS What fresh fiscal disaster is this? d drastic changes, Normally, in

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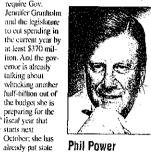
the deck chairs on

the Titanic, Budge

cuts here and there, tax and fee

Here we go again, News of fresh fiscal disaster for Revenue sharing — the money the state doles out to counties and Michigan come out of last week's "revenue estimating" meeting between the House and Senate fiscommunities --- has taken a \$429 million or 27 percent cut over the past three years. State spending on our 15 public universities has dropped from \$1.91 hillion to \$1.69 billion over the same period, cal agencies and State Treasurer Jay Rising. This year's state budg-et, which took effect on Oct. 1, is already \$370 million in the red as a a \$220 million bit. For a glimpse at the bigger picture: The state today contributes around 40 percent of result of less money coming in than was forecast. The deficit show up in both the General Fund (\$257 million) and the School Aid Fund (\$113 million.) the universities' total revenue; it was 75 percent 10 years ago

There isn't much more down to get, as they say in the south. Reality check: The Michigan Constitution requites the state budget to be bal-anced, so the new forecasts will Sorry, but it is really not the time for "here we go again." We need to



increases and accounting gim-micks might be sufficient to get Michigan through a temporary departments on notice to expect cuts from 5 to 7 found familiar? Yup. We've seen period of a down economy. But it's the same dreary show played out in now clear that our economic situa-

First the revenue estimating meet-ing projects a deficit, usually bigtion is not temporary and that we are undergoing a profound and lengthy change in our economic ger than expected because the base. Short term nips and tucks state's economic recovery is lag here and there are not going to cut ging. Next, the governor and leg islative leaders moan about how long term. 2) The underlying cause of dire the situation is, Finally (and Michigan's budget problems for the past three years is a chronic structural deficit between what the after much to and fro) our leaders cobble together a mixtu year spending cuts, tax and fee increases and miscellaneous state takes in tax revenue and what

services it provides to its citizens. accounting ginnnicks. Over the past three years, the state has undergone \$3 billion (that's "billion" with a "b") in This structural deficit is estimated by the experts at the non-partisan, non-profit Citizens' Research Council (the best in the business) budget cuts. That's serious moneyat more than \$1 biffion each year: you've gotta lose a million a thou-sand times to be out a billion. The Basically, that means we are set natically earn less than up to automatically earn less than we spend. The general fund, over autopsy shows multiple malforma-tions. State general fund revenue has fallen from \$9.75 billion in fis cal 2000-01 to an estimated \$7.85 nillion this year, a drop of nearly

Phil Power is the Chairman of which lawmakers have direct conthe Board of the company that owns this newspaper. He would be trol, is about \$8 billion. So our built-in deficit is more than 12 per-cent. No household 1 know of can pleased to get your reactions to this column either at (734) 953-\$2 billion, not even considering withstand a shortfall like that for very long without making serious



have to give up his day job; last always cautious. "I always wanted to be the first guy through the door, month, he was re-elected to a new four-year term as sheriff, winning more than 60 percent in a county that voted for John Kerry for presiyou know, and I was getting hart a His car and hand were grazed by

one bullet. Once, while chasing down criminals, his police cruiser Rouchard luid left police work and was busy building a career in the state senate when Oakland was broadsided and sent reeling into two trees, striking them so hard County's elderly longtime sheriff that the engine block cracked. "Had it moved dropped dead six years ago this

another 18 inches

either way, the investigator said it would have

date crisis that in many ways, resembles the plight of the national Democrats, Last month, they lost month. Appointed by a special panel, he resigned from the legislature and hit the ground for ning. Since then he has won wide

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fact, if they are already on a tight

bringing in more money. 3) We have yet to see the worst. It now looks as though the City of

Detroit's budget shortfall is around

\$300 million, with the red ink at

the Detroit school system adding up to mother \$200 million. Rumo

s that the accounting firm that just

finished the audit of the schools is

considering an opinion that ques-tions whether the school system

can continue as a "going concern If the finances of Detroit or its

body is going to get stuck with the tab. One of the most thoughtful and

knowledgeable observers 1 know-

Michigan is now on the cusp of the

The seariest thing about all this is

that the political class doesn't seem to get it. Legislative leaders continue

to blather on and on about cutting

Chamber of Commerce keeps bleat-ing about cutting more taxes. Gov.

Granholm keeps appointing more

seems interested in saying we've got big problems and that we've got to

take some serious steps to deal with

The axiom is that democracies

usually fail to deal seriously with big problems until a crisis becomes

so large euough that even the most

expedient politicians can't sweep it

under the rug. This is what is then called "leadership." Well, the water

a lapping at our ankles, and

Michigan's leaders need to start

leading and stop fudging. Now Psychiatrists say that a good

finical definition of insanity i

when people keep doing the same

damaging thing over and over and over again. I wonder how a compe-tent mental health professional

would diagnose our present leader-

What Lam certain about is that

treatment needs to happen, soon.

Some think that may give them

an opening. And many think that Mike Bouchard, a one-time star-guard for Brother Rice High School's baskethall team, needs to

The Michigan Republican Party,

after all, is in somewhat of a candi

the presidential race in Michigan

for the fourth straight time. Democrats control the governor's office and both U.S. Senate seats.

come off the bench for the state

GOP

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largest crisis we have faced since the Detroit riots in 1967. I think

told me last weekend that

he's right.

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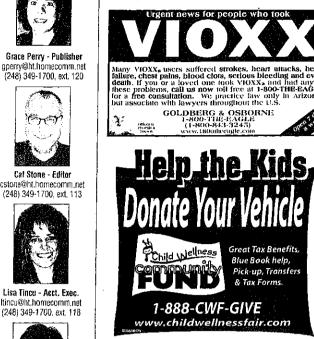
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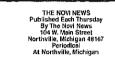
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Correction In the article "Cancer and heart care enhanced with roving scanner"

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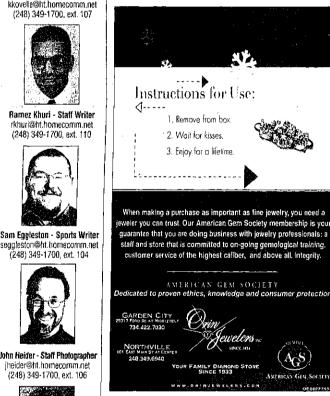




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A tribute to a fallen soldier and to especially envelop Justin's family As your state senator. I have met with with the love and condolences of all three families who have lost their sons in combat. In Michigan as a whole, over 35 sol-State Senator Nancy Cassis (R-Novi) repdiers have sacrificed their lives in the cause of freedom. As a state, we all experience a sense of loss and sadness and want to express our sincere sympathy to each family

resents the 15th Senate District which includes West Woomfield, Oakland portion of Northwile, Novi Township, Novi, Walled Lake, Wixom, Lyon Township, South Lyon, Milford, Highland, Holly, Rose, Commerce, White Lake, Orchard Lake, and Wolverine White East: Orona Take, and Workerne Lake, Constituents can contact her at sen-ncussis @senate.michigan.gov or toll free at (888) 38-NANCY.

rincipals of liberty and freedom. Attending the Senate ceremony were his father and stepmother, John and Debbie Elisworth, from Wixom, and his mother and stenfather Traci and Jim Ross, now living in Colorado. Additionally grandparents, brothers, a sister, aunts, uncles and cousins attended. It was a moving ceremony highlighting the life of this brave, courageous Marine who stands as a glowing symbol of the United States of America. Let us not forget the unwavering respect and commitment for which Justin

and, above all, the FTAA have futue to do with free trade, and much to do with loss of U.S. sovereignty. CAFTA is a stepping stone to the FTAA. The FTAA is intended to be a political

union (like the E.U.) that will in effect merge our free nation with a bunch of socialist dicta-torships throughout the Western Hemisphere.

As we've learned from NAFTA, even two

U.S. Senators and the Governor of Michigan

being opposed to dumping Canadian trash in

Constitution and Bill of Rights are gone under

Michigan was not enough to stop it. Treaty haw supersedes U.S. law. Similarly, our

There has been absolutely no need demon strated for CAFTA. We already have open

markets to all countries in Central America.

Americans oppose it can be seen by the secre

ev and deception by which this legislation is

being brought up now (during a lame duck session of Congress). Please urge your U.S.

Senators and Representatives to oppose CAFTA, which is scheduled to be voted upon

Gerald N. Wiggins

The only purpose for CAFTA is to further crode U.S. sovereignty. The fact that most

FTAA

s willing to give his life: the ability to was writing to give its inc. the ability to walk in freedom, to embrace liberty, and to enjoy the blessings of peace, prosperity and We give thanks for Justin and to all men and women defending these principles in harms way and we ask that they be protected

Livonia, MI 48152 Governor	<u>townsnips</u> Novi Raymond Schovers,	Lou Csordas How about December	nificant resolution because prior to this they could have built apartments. We do not need any more apartments. It seems like each day in April we worked and worked the product of the second	Committee to award a three-year contract agreement to our current law firm, Secrest, Wardle et al. The final agreement came to fruition with a unanimous vote to approve the mentioned become the included by 5 the	would have wrapped around a tree and killed us," remembers Bouchard, now	ning. Since then he has won wide notice for modern-	office and both U.S. Senate sents. In fact, Republicans have lost nine of the state's last 10 U.S. Senate races. Though President George W.		DECK THE H	HALLS!
Jennifer Granholm (D-Northville Twp.) PO box 30013 Lansing, MI 48909 (517) 335-7858 <u>State Senate</u> 15th District	supervisor PO Box 924 Nortkville, MI 48167 (248) 348-0365 Commerce - Charter Thomas K. Zoner, supervisor 2840 Fisher Avenue Commerce Twp., MI 48390 (248) 624-0110 FAX: (248) 624-5834	of 2003 when city council approved the purchase of nine replacement police vehicles to ensure that our police depart- ment operates with the best equipment. Council also approved the installation of emer- gency generators to install in our municipal buildings so our residents could have rest sta- tions in the event of another blackout like we experienced in 2003. We also worked with Singh Development to add parkland to the city's inventory January brought the resolution to approve	on lawsuits. Paragon, Hooters (almost), Sandstone closure blah, blah, blah, Somehow we got through it, along with lots of other city issues. May was the month of city ordinances and the city budget. After a series of detailed ses- sions, we finally passed the budget. It is my goal to ensure that our budget will continue to contain a surplus and that the city maintains a high bond credit rating. The continuing reduc- tions in state shared revenue will make this more difficult each year going forward.	renegotiated language that included all of the members concerns. No commentary of 2004 in Novi is complete without talking about roads. We sure had our inconveniences this year, but look at the end result. Novi and Grand River is fantastic, and we finally can use Grand River through the entire city. The Taft Read and Meadowbrook Road improvements are complete, and the end product is great. Half of the Ten Mile and Novi Road reconstruction is complete, and the Road Commission of Oakland County is on schedule	sheriff of the state's second- hargest county, as his screen saver presents a montage of images from various versions of Star Trek, his all- time favorite TV show. Later, when asked if he was hurt	izing a sleepy sher- iff's department that was built for a sprawling rutal area and hadn't kept up with the urban explosion that has trans- formed Oakland into one of the nation's largest and richest counties. Clearly ambidious.	Bush made a major effort to win Michigan, he failed, and his party lost scats in the legislature. L. Brooks Patterson, Oakland County's salty, longtime county executive, thinks that in large part is because middle-class voters are increasingly leery of Republicans who appear too close to the neli- gious right and appear more con- cerned with monitoring their neigh-	Marcia Cromas - Receptionist mcromas@tit.homecomm.net (248) 349-1700	with holly and roping, and greens okall kinds!	50' MICHIGAN CEDAR ROPING *29.** REC. 633.99 S5.00 OFF Ang Presh Cat Christmas
Nancy Cassis (R-Novi) PO Box 30036 Lansing, MI 48909-7536 (517) 373-1758 senncassis@ senate.michigan.gov State House 01 Reps 38th District Craig DeRoche (R-Novi) S0587 House Office Building PO Box 30014	Cities Novi 45175 West Ten Mile Road Novi, MI 48375-3024 (248) 347-0460 FAX: (248) 347-0577 Walled Lake 1499 E. West Maple Road PO Box 99	bindlay coorgin the resolution to oppartment the agreement with the Michigan Department of Transportation for the construction of the 1- 96/Beck Road interchange project. In 2005, we will celebrate the opening of that long overdue improvement. In the same month we awarded the design- engineering contract for this year's neighbor- hood repaving and rehabilitation program. As a result of this action, our subdivisions benefited from a record \$2.8 million summer construc- tion season. It was tough getting around for a while, but the results are safe and smooth roads. In February, we continued to work with Catholic Central to bring their great school to	In June, the Liberty Park sile plan was approved Mish as its year labor agreement was approved with the Police Officers Association of Michigan. In July, we approved even more neighbor- hood road improvements and were dragged into another frivolous lawsuit with a developer. The eity prevailed later in the year, but the process was difficult and not pretty. August brought the approval to purchase 30 tactical rifles for our police department and the authorization to purchase a Zamboni machine for the Novi Ice Arena. By the way, the ice rink is doing fine, and I hope you take the time to see our Novi Wildeat hockey team beat all	Low Contrast of the may of the control of the complete the project, on time, in spring 2005, I hope this mini recap of the year was informational. I can assure you that I wake up every day thinking of how we can keep our city on the right course. Please accept my invitation to the State of the City speech at the Hotel Baronette in January. The Novi Charnber of Commerce is sponsoring this event. You will not only hear a recap of 2004, you will learn about our plans for 2005. I can tell you our future is bright, and I look forward to seeing you there. Lou Csortlas is the mayor of the City of Novi. He can be reached at (248) 347-0460.	at all, he says, as an afterthought, "Well, yeah, About a year later, I had to have a piece of my spine removed." One senses that part of him would like to ditch the paperwork, jump out the door and into a police cruiser and go bust a crack house. But that was then, and now he pre- sides over a \$110 million depart- ment — and, some say, a large part of the hopes for the future of the Michigan GOP. For it is no secret that many state Republicans think that Mike	His decision, he says, won't depend on whether he thinks he can win. But the truth is, nobody likes to lose. And the polls have shown that Michigan's first woman governor is still hugely popular. In the only head-to-head matchup, a survey last	bors' morality than respecting their privacy. Bouclard is himself a fairly con- servative Roman Catholic, and a man who. like many Republicans today, says his political hero is Ronald Reagan. But he doesn't come across as doctinaire. Asked if he is more an ideologue or a pragmatist, he smiles and says "about 50-50" and then adds, "I have always believed you shouldn't sacrifice the good when you can't get the perfect." Two years from now might not	Karen Whikehart - Receptionist kwhikehart@ht.homecomm.net (248) 349-1700	MAKE IT A FAMILY OUTING Bright the state family and its out rotate act for while gue selen your tee out hest gene Saturday and Sanday 13 you: • PREE Federes with Seat • Pritiag Parm • Chetr and Donal	Tree 6' or Larger
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Christmas carols at the holiday party.

in bringing the group inside for entertainment, food and gifts.

age. When bands shot up, he added with a grin, "Don't lie to

After a repettoire of Christmas

nines by the 98-picce band and 100-person chorr. Santa greeted

old chams, handing out small eardy cares "You look familiar," he told one senior. "How are you this year?"

A lunch of turkey, mashed pola-

boxes made of Christmas cards

"I think fit's) the goodwill, that

Above, Novi

variety of

Seniors take in sights and sounds of winter

Rotarians and students provide food, music and fun

By Kim Kovelle TAFF WOLTER

toes, Jell-O salad and more came next. Sponsor Providence Hospital covered all meat expens-Perched in her wheelchair, Jovee Larsen was lowered fromhe yellow school bus last week to es. Nere 13-year-old Kyle O'Brien Sullivan Funeral feeklenburg stool. Home Standard Federal and Red The eighth grader's smile Carpet Kenn also pitched in

warmed the brisk air. "The band's gonna sing and the choir's gonna sing, "Tecklenburg said, wheeling Latsen into Nosi Middle School, "Merry Christnas!"

Clinstrust?" array for the product, such that the product, such array hours. So began the day for dozens of semors bassed Dec. 2 to and from Novi Rohary's annual Semor

Novi Rotary s attinuate issues in Holiday Party. Topped in a sparkly red cap, formances by the school's choirs visit from Santo and a Christmas visit from Santo and a Christmas (1996) is one first day on other

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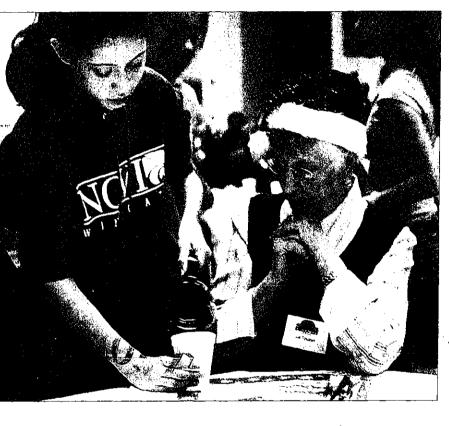
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"We know it's been a least 30 from students. Candy was inside, years, but we don't know when it - Barrons said this year's event started," Barrons said, "The was the best-attended yet. Novi Middle School counselor school was looking for a way to bring sentors and students togethand student council moderator "It reaches kids a lot. They've dents benefit.

never missed a year." After seniors arrived on five opportunity to share of them waiting, they settled in the audito-"The seriors really respond. It's a rium for an 11 a.m. show.

two-way gift." Orchestra conductor Gordon Sciler encouraged the audience to sing along with sing sheets. "How many of you have been reached at (248) 349-1700, evit, here for 30 years?" he asked. 107 or via e-muil at referring mostly to the event's klovelle@ht.homecomm.net.

Photos by John Heider & Cal Stone





Friday 12/10 10 a.m. Asian Pacific noon 8:45 a.m. Panen Stretch and Strength 10 a.m. Stretch and Strength Bingo 10 a.m. Body Recall Bingo noon Lunch Bingo 12:30 p.m. Focus Hope/TFAP distribution Wednesday 12/15 Wednesday 12/15 9 a.m. Bingo 12:30 p.m. Stretch & Strength 9 a.m. Bingo 12:30 p.m. Body Recall 0:30 a.m. Body Recall 0:30 a.m. Body Recall 10:30 a.m. Body Recall 10:30 a.m. Goodic Lady 10:30 p.m. Finach 12:30 p.m. Senior Stars Rehearsal 1p.m3 p.m. Finach 2:30 p.m. Tea-Harp performed by Cherine Oberman, and Santa will stop by Singe 6:30 p.m. Clogging* 12:15 p.m.	Senior Center Calendar		GINA
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Ruth Weber smiles broadly as she listens to her grand-daughter Claire sings Christmas carols.

Santa greets a senior at last Thursday's Novi Rotary Christmas party at Novi Middle School.

Novi Concert Band Holiday

DATE: Sunday, Dec. 12

TIME: 7:30 p.m. LOCATION: Novi Civic

American Association of

DATE: Tuesday, Dec. 14

listorical Museum, 155 Main St. Plymouth DETALLS: This will be the

Ty features "The First Ladies of

reproductions of mangural ball gowns of presidential wives. CONTACT: (248) 449-7602

DATE: Wednesday, Dec. 15

TIME: 6:30 p.m. LOCATION: UAW Local 36.

8930 Wixom Rd., Wixom DETAILS: West Bloomfield -

Lakes Area Democratic Club-

Oakland County will host a holiday party with pot luck din-

ner with beverages provided.

Please bring canned food for

donation to the Food Bank of

Oakland County, CONTACT: Sheryl (248)

788-7512 or Jack (248) 685-

and Democrats of West-

Fashion," a collection of 15

Democrats Party

LOCATION: Plymouth

TIME: 6:30 p.m

Concert

public. The cost is \$50 per per

CONTACT: (248) 465-5455

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als. Registration is rea

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TIME: 7-8:30 a.m.

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and eager to bring you quali-fied business leads. CONTACT: (734) 462-6460.

Providence Center for the

Healing Arts' "Tuesdays at

DATE: Every Tuesday night

TIME: 5-8 p.m. LOCATION: Assarian Cancer Center, 47601 Grand

DETAILS: Variety of activi-ties for the adult community to

unique mix of classes spon-

sored by the Providence Center

CONTACT: (248) 465-5483.

Kensington Valley Mothers

DATE: second Thursday of

DETAILS: Kensington Valley

Mothers of Multiples provides information, support and social activities for mothers of multi-

ple-birth children and their

CONTACT: Emily Sack,

TIME: 7 p.m. LOCATION: Witch's Hat Depot, South Lyon.

of Multiples (MOMS)

each month

families

for the Healing Arts, Some

activities may include a sup-

plies fee (no more than \$10

SUPPORT

GROUPS

Sinai Hospital, Commerce,

DATE: every Wednesday LOCATION: Novi Civic Center, 45175 Ten Mile Rd.

DETAILS: Posto adm. DETAILS: Meeting of local professionals and business looking to increase word-of-

Northville Youth Theater, for

its first production "Babes in Toyland," Rehearsals will vary by assigned part. This produc-

tion is presented by Northville

Second pity Productions. CONTACT: Northville Parks and Recreation at (248) 349-

DATE: Saturday, Dec. 18

School (Ten Mile, east of Taft

DETAILS: The Metropolitan

TIME: 3 and 6 p.m. LOCATION: Novi High

Ballet Theatre and Academy

donate ticket proceeds to Novi

Youth Assistance, a program dedicated to the prevention of jovenile delinquency, child abuse and child neglect in the

Novi community. Tickets are

onder CONTACT: The Sports Club of Novi (248) 735-8850

"Home? For The Holidays"

DATE: Saturday, Dec. 18

LOCATION: Farmington Players Barn DETAILS: See local youth

talent ages 7-18 perform in a production written by Joey

Albright (Purple Rose Theater and directed by Albright and

Heather Sandberg. Tickets are

S8 in advance or \$10 at the door. Seniors ages 55 and up pay \$6. Group rates are avail-able. Donate a new unwrapped

toy for the Sarah Fisher Home. Girl Scouts and Boy Scouts,

wear your uniform and get \$1

CONTACt: (248) 477-3830

TIME: 9 a.m.-3 p.m. LOCATION: Providence Medical Building, 47601 Grand

DETAILS: A day of enrich-ment and personal exploration designed to provide valuable

tools, information and a new

perspective on healthier living through wholeness. Open to the

Boost Camp Day

River Ave., Novi

DATE: Friday, Jan. 7

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TIME: 1, 4 and 7 p.m.

\$7, free for children 2 and

has joined with Novi Community Education to

Parks and Recreation and

0203, ext. 1411.

"The Nutcracker"

VENTS

Neet Michigan Women uthors Center (Ten Mile Road, between Taft and Novi roads) DATE: Thursday, Dec. 9 TIME: 6-8 p.m. DETAILS: Meet Michigan DETAILS: The program connen authors; signed books sists of many traditional ill be available. LOCATION: Mugs Coffee ouse, 1733 Haggerty Rd. (in Christmas and Hanukkah selections, and several portions of Handel's "Messiah" will be the Meijer shopping center). featured as well. Free admis-CONTACT: (800) 343-3034 CONTACT: (248) 347-0460

Holiday Figure Skating Exhibition

University Women Meeting DATE: Saturday, Dec. 11 TIMI: noon-2 p.m. > LOCATION: Novi Ice Arena. 400 Arena Dr., Novi DETAILS: This event is nctioned by the United States figure Skating Association; \$2 AAUW Northville/Novi AAOW Normvine Novi branch's holiday get-together. The Treble Makers, Northville High School's select group of nine female singers, will enter-tain. Beth Seward, the tion at the door CONTACT: (248) 347-1010 www.skatingetubofnovi.com Sunset Stroll Plymouth Maseum's director, will offer a tour which current

DATE: Saturday, Dec. 11 TIME: 6:30 p.m. LOCATION: Lyon Oaks ure Center, 52221 Pontiac Trail DETAILS: When the sun sets, many animals wake up

loin for a trail walk in search of nightime critters. CONTACT: Flo Smith (248) 624-4753

, Local Artists Exhibit & Öpen House

DATE, through Jan. 3 & Dec TIME: Monday-Friday, 10 nu-6 p.m.; Saturday, 10 a.m.

DOCATION Meadowbrook Art Center, 41300 Ten Mile Rd., Novi DETAILS: Presenting a local

artist exhibit featuring originals and prints by Monte Nagler. 1882 Gwen Tomkow, Edge Joppich. "Babes in Toyland" Ken Waller, Marie Benzing. ichard Seaman, Dan Stua DATE: Dec. 17-19 Fri Fellwok and Christopher Solla Also visit for a Holiday LOCATION: Senio

formunity Center, 303 W. Den House, Dec.11. CONTACT: (248) 477-6620 Main St., Northville DETAILS: Kids ages 7-18 are invited to join Northville's newest performing arts group.



MAD SCIENCE CAMP

Novi Parks & Recreation presents a three-day holiday mad science camp:

 Day One - Wild Wizard Day of Snells & Polions: Witness cauldrons of chemical reactions, command slithering slime while discovering magnetism, cast a lightning bolt and create instant invisibility. Brew magical potions while learning about the wonders of sublimation. Dissect owl pellets and construct a bird house. This event is Monday, Dec. 20, from 9 a.m -3 p.m. at the Novi Civic Center. The price is \$35; it's for ages 6-10, and registration runs to Friday, Dec. 10.

 Day Two – Crazy Chemistry: Explore what happens when chemicals interact and create a chemical reaction. Form your own crystals, create bath fizzers. Make and eat your own Tootsie Rolls. Create exothermic reactions and observe the creation of gas. Design a chromatography T-shirt that you can wear home. Check out chall and the chemistry of plaster.

This event is on Tuesday, Dec. 21, from 9 a.m.-3 p.m. at the Novi Civic Center. The price is \$35; it's for ages 6-10, and registration runs until Friday, Dec. 10.

· Day Three - Junior Engineers: It's the ultimate Mad Science use. Is a rollercoaster a structure? How is an ant an engi-Clubbo neer? Make a geodesic dome. Learn how tension rocks. Become a young architect and build a structure with pasta. What do eoos and arches have to do with it? Construct your own SOMA cube and solve the puzzles.

This event is on Wednesday, Dec. 22, 9 a.m.-3 p.m., at the Novi Civic Center. The price is \$35; it's for ages 6-10, and registration runs to Friday, Dec. 10. Call (248) 347-0400 for more information.

president, at (248) 676-2913. Women's Prayer Support DATE: every Saturday	Classroom C on the ground floor of the hospital. TIME: 10-11:30 a.m. DETAILS: There is no need to register.
TIME: 9-10:30 a.m. LOCATION: Harvest	CONTACT: (248) 937-5017
Fellowship Church, 49329 Pontiac Trail, Wixom (parking is behind the church). DETAILS: You are welcome to come for encouragement, help, hope and prayer as you	Oakland County Health Division Expectant Parent Classes DATE: ongoing series. LOCATION: Oakland
face life's problems, issues and frustrations. Drop in for live minutes or longer.	County Health Division, 1010 East West Maple Rd., Walled Lake.
CONTACT: Nancy and Susan at (248) 926-8332 or by e-mail at harvestfellowship@com- cast.net.	TIME: 7-9 p.m. DETAILS: Classes will be taught by public health nurses. Topics will include childbirth preparation, labor and delivery,
Breast Cancer Support Group DATES: second and fourth	care of the newborn baby, breast-feeding, bottle-feeding, information about keeping chil- dren safe and caring for them
Tuesdays of the month. LOCATION: Huron Valley-	drea sale and eating for them

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continued from page 22 (248) 473-2840 to schedule when they are ill. Cost is \$25. CONTACT: (248) 858-4003 All Things Tea Display r (888) 350-0900, ext. 84003 DATE: thru Dec. 31 TIME: 8 a.m.-5:30 p.m. LOCATION: Providence **Adoption Playgroup** DATE: first and third Fridays Center for the Healing Arts of the month. TIME: 10 a.m. LOCATION: Holy Family Nancy A. Fox Art Gallery Assarian Cancer Center, 47601 Grand River Ave., Novi. DETAILS: "Third Annual Catholic Church (on Meadowbrook Road betweer Mad Hatter Tea Party," a show Ten Mile Road and Grand River Avenue. DETAILS: A nonprofit, nonof original artwork by natients families and associa as wei as juried pieces by Novi High School students will be in the enominational group that rings adoptive families togethgallery until Dec. 31 CONTACT: (248) 465-5455 er. Twice-a-month meetings provide families with the

opportunity to play and talk. CONTACT: For more infor-mation, contact Michelle Pergeau (248) 887-4955 or HEALTH Sandra Noonan (248) 960-**Pilates at the Park**

DATE/TIME: Mondays 7-8 i.m., Jan. 24-March 14 Novi Toastmasters (Conference Room C); Mondays 4:15-5:15 p.m., Jan. 24-March 14 (Conference DATE: first and third Tuesdays of the month. LOCATION: Novi Civie Room B); Wednesdays 4:15-5:15 p.m., Jan. 26-March 15 (Conference Room C) LOCATION: Providence Park Center Activities Room TIME: 7-8:45 p.m. DETAILS: Toastmasters will help you improve your commu-nication skills, voice your opin-(southwest corner of Beck Road and Grand River Avenue), Nov ion, polish your presentations and practice leadership. CONTACT: Call Colleen at DETAILS: Rehabilitation ervices will be offering Pilates mat training classes, an

(248) 685-9226. effective form of exercise to strengthen, stretch and stream-line one's body with minimum New Take Off Pounds stress on joints Sensibly (TOPS) chapter The cost for the program is DATES: Wednesdays morn-\$120. Due to limited class size it's recommended to register

LOCATION: Meadowbrook early. CONTACT: (248) 465-4416 Commons Activities Room, 25075 Meadowbrook Road,

Oakland County Health TIME: II a.m. weigh-in; **Division flu shots**

11:30 a.m. meeting DETAILS: \$20 per annual DATE: ongoing until supplies e depleted. LOCATION: Pontiac Office, membership includes hand-book; \$1 per meeting. New members welcome 1200 N. Telegraph Rd. (north of Elizabeth Lake Rd.) in the Oakland County complex, **ONGOING**

building 36E. HOURS: Monday, noon-8 p.m.; Tuesday-Friday, 8:30 a.m.-5 p.m. DETAILS: Flu shots are **SWOCC Studio Tours**

DATE: ongoing. LOCATION: 33300 Nine available only to high-risk prior-ity groups. Cost is \$7. Medicare and Medicaid insurance can be billed to cover the cost. Bring others interiligating accord of Mile Rd., Farmington. DETAILS: Come in for an up-close-and-personal look at photo identification; proof of the Southwest Oakland Cable Oakland residency is required. Commission Studios, your local-community_television stu-dio. SWOCC offers tours to CONTACT: Flu vaccine hotline, (800) 434-3358

many organizations, such as Cub Scouts, Girl Scouts and Send your calendar items to service clubs. The groups also have an opportunity to make a Cal Stone, editor, Novi News, 104 W. Main, Northville, MI have an opportunity to make a short promo for the public access channet, INFO TV-12. or e-mail to

48167; fax 10 (248) 349-9832: CONTACT: Melissa Cohn at estone@ht.home nın net

it encounters several animals throughout its travels during a Michigan spring. The book was released in June 2004 to immediate success.



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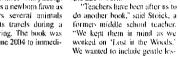
Carl. R. Sams II and his wife, Jean Stoick, of Milford, found their first children's book, "Stranger in the Woods," earning several national awards after being published in 1999. Their newest book. "Lost in the Woods." debuted at #6 on the New York Times' best-sellers list

Borders welcomes best-sellers Sunday

It's hard to follow success with The response to the book, thus far, has been agreeable with the nore of it. Glimpses throughout history have shown that to be true we wanted to be sure this with the failure of sequels to book was as good, or better (than the first)," Sams said. "Judging from the response we've had so movies, championships in sports and the popularity of inventions that have tried to ride the wave of success created by their predefar. I think we've done it. The best-selling Michigan cessors authors will be signing copies of "Lost in the Woods" Sunday from 2-4 p.m. at Borders in the Somehow, Carl, R. Sams II and Jean Stoick, of Milford, have managed to do it. The husbandand-wife team found their first Novi Town Center, Copies are

children's book, "Stranger in the Woods," earning several national awards after being published in available at the store Through "Lost in the Woods," Sams and Stoick hope people will learn that most often fawns 1999. It appeared on the New York Times best seller's fist for - found alone in the woods are no five consecutive years during the holiday season, reaching the top spot in December of 2002. There They are left alone by the mother doe because they are horn with-out a scent, which makes them are more than one million copies "It was hard to follow the suc-cess of 'Stranger in the Woods." Sams said. Their newest release, "Lost in found throughout the book an

the Woods," seems to have made and one of the reasons teacher it a little easier. The book, which have become strong supporters of is a story interlaced with photog- the duo's work. raphy, follows a newborn fawn as



difficult for predators to hun them. Their spots help them can outlage with their surroundings. Subtle lessons like those ar sons for children without preacha movie based off "Stranger in 5.ost in the Woods" debuted at the Woods" and holiday card "Teachers have been after us to

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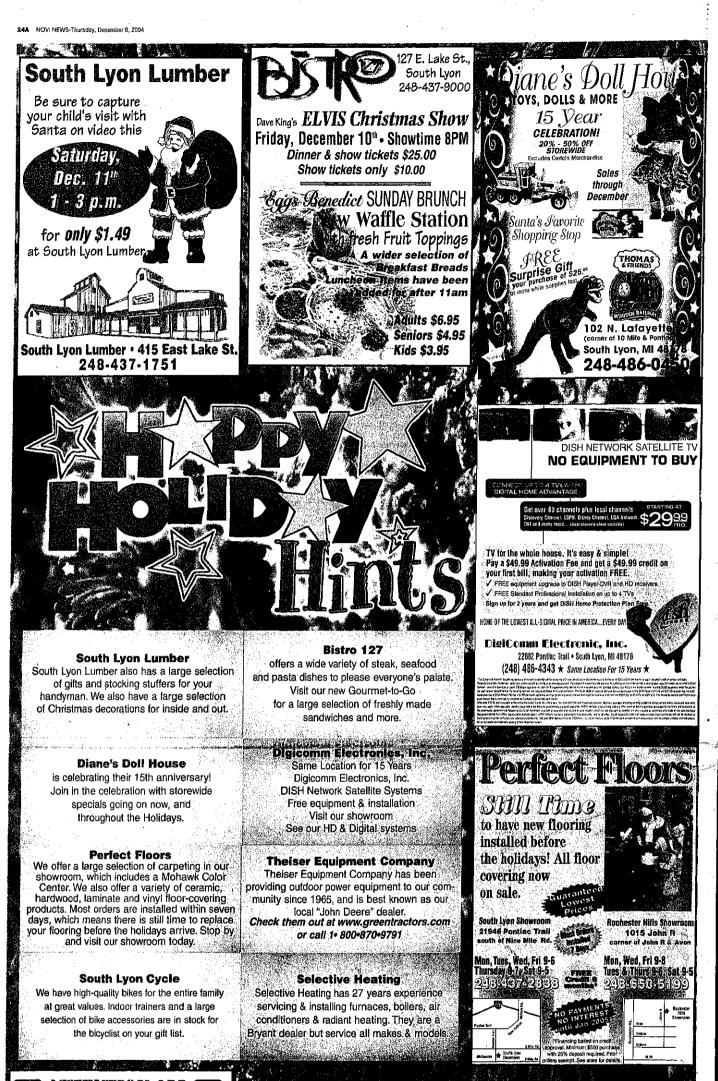
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Scoreboard The Novi Wildcats hockey team had the task of taking on the Howell Highlanders in some early-season Kensington Valley early-season Kensington van Conference action last week. against one of the tougher leams in the league. — Page B2



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Schedules Just when and where does your favorite Novi High School varsity team play next? Check out our complete listing in this week's division complet edition.

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Regional Marketplace At Hidden Spring Veterinary Clinic, Dr. Barb Scheffler administers a glaucoma screening for a feline patient held by Dr. patient heto 0, _____ Xuan Mai Vo. --- Page B4

We have a string



Ready to rumble?

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Novi's cager. Northville's

ready to roll Yet another battle of Baseline this week This time it's in wrestling and it's scheduled to take place at 5:30 p.m. at

Novi High today. Want to know who else is playing? Well, check out this week's edition for a full schedule for all the sports

Red Wing signing

Though the NHL is stopping all the bockey fans from getting their fill of games, Novi resi-dent and Detroit Red Wings goalie Many Legace is more than happy to let the fans get their fill of his autograph. The goalie will sign auto-graphs Saturday for fans at

Play It Again Sports in Novi, located on the corner of Novi Road and 10 Mile in the Pine Ridge Center. The signing will take place from 5-8 p.m. Fans can also enter to win a

free Red Wings jersey, a signed Sherwood Goalie stick, Easton hockey apparel and other prizes

According to a store advertis-ment, a purchase of \$40 or more on that day will equal a free autograph from the Red Wing. The regular autograph fee is \$5 for those looking to get Legace's signature and

bolhing else. Don't hesitate to come see the Red Wing because it's his last scheduled appearance has before heading to Russia to before heading to Russia to play some hockey at the profes-sional level. He has said he will return to Detroit if and when the NHL season comes out of its lockout

For more information on the signing, please call Play It Again Sports at (248) 449-4544.

One heck of a catch

Did anyone wonder why the



such great stats this year Well, it's from the effort of Willy Мепа, а Novi resi-

who turned the statistics team into a high tech crew at Novi this season. Mena has the experience to do it though he's one of the statiticians for the Detroit Lions.

The befroit Lions. The thing about a guy like Mena is he's always willing to share. At the Lions game Sunday he told sports writer Sam Eggleston to let the Number of Section 2015 here of the section. Northville football staff know he'd be willing to train a stat crew for them too. Maybe Novi football coach

Tab Kellepourey could share too — his play book.

Leadership

"Basically they're the only two players with any real experience on this team," Schlater said. What does it take to be the "We're going to depend on them to be leaders for us. They have to motivate the team. They have to Skill, Determination, Oh yeah, it doesn't burt to have a little attitude either. score. They have to step up and be

the seniors I know they are." The duo is well aware of their roles on the team.

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as two of the top players in the KVC

Novi seniors Anthony Harbin, left, and Mark Moore will be expected to lead their team this season into what the team hopes to be a Kensington Valley Conference title season.

Harbin, Moore expect to lead Novi

Work to be done

The Wildcats aren't shying away from the fact that they have a lot of work to do. It's early in the season and Schluter lost his top players, yet again, to gradua-tion. It's a reoccurring problem for Schluter, who seems to have some of the miors around best year after year.

athletes in basketball compared to it schools and teams like Moore said. "But, we work Detroit hard. We just keep playing the best we can."

Photo by SAM EGGLESTON

That doesn't mean Novi doesn't have a few tricks up their sleeves to incite the crowd. Harbin has been known to take the ball up with two hands and dunk it to the delight of the Wildcat fans.

can, it's called being confident."

little attitude either. Novi senior Anthony Harbin isn'i lacking in any of the listed prerequisites. Neither is senior Mark Moore. Together, they intend to lead Novi's basketball team to the top spot in the Kensington Valley Conference and beyond.

By Sam Eggleston SPORTS WRITER

best?-

"It's going to take a lot of teamwork and great defense," said Harbin. "That's what we're going to have to use when we-win the KVC this year." The team goal, laid out on the table for all to see. A

Kensington Valley Conference title. There are teams that will have a little bit to say about that like Brighton. though

Pinckney and South Lyon. But Harbin and Moore don't mind. Neither does Pat Schluter, the team's head coach. He knows he'll have to rely on his two senior returners if he hopes to get some wins fhis year.

Harbin said of motivating the team. "We'll talk with them. Wc'll get things going again Moore agreed, but addee

Moore agreed, but added that he and Harbin area't terribly worried about their squad and the motivation factor driving them. "This is a good group of bas-ketball players," said Moore, "We're confident in them."

Plus the two seniors have a pair of captains that join them this year in the leadership role. Seniors Kyle Safford and Jordan Pustover will be asked to step up

"Jordan is hurt right now, but he's coming back," Schluter said. "Kyle is an outstanding athlete that we expect to contribute to this team." that

Number one Harbin and Moore aren't lack-back it up," he said, "When you



Pat Schluter

ing in the ways of skill. Harbin was a first-team All-Conference selection last year and a member, of the HomeTown Newspaper's All-Area team. Moore was honor-able memion All-KVC.

Both players are expected to be first-team players this year. "Number one." Harbin stated

of his position among the best KVC players this year. And where does he see Moore? "Number two."

Harbin's confidence comes off as cockiness to some, but he just shakes his head when the word is

"I depend on my seniors," he said. "That's why I'm depending on all four of my seniors this year. All four of them are my captains and I expect them to lead this

It's an expectation he always has. It's also one he expects his seniors to live up to once again

"This is a good group of seniors." said. "I have no doubt they'll do he s what we need them to do.

Razzle and dazzle

Harbin and Moore bring everything to the table that is needed to be number one. They're skilled, They're determined and they've got plenty of attitude. Novi isn't about flashy basket-

ball. They go out and they work bard. "We're not the most talented

"It's only cocky if you can't back it up. When you can, it's called being confident."

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And the fans are important to the Wildcats Moore and Harbin both agreed that it helps to have strong base of support when tak

ing on the top teams around. "We love having the fans," Moore said. "They're very impor-tant to our team. We hope to get as many as we can to each game

In order to keep the fans coming. Novi will have to do two things — they'll have to be competitive and they'll have to keep the fans interand ested.

Any dunks planned for this year? "Yeah," Harbin said. "At least one a game."

That's sounds like plenty to keep the fans in the stands for the entire year. Of course, some big wins wouldn't hurt either.

Sam Eggleston can be reached at (248) 349-1700, ext. 104 or at seggleston@ht.homecomm.net.

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Novi senior basketball player

Christmas wishes

Sports writer Sam Eggleston, isn't afraid to list the things he'd like for Christmas.

First, he'd like a new car. Anyone who has seen his beater knows why. Second, he'd like world

peace. It doesn't hurt to ask,

right? Third, the well-fed sports writer would like to see a state champi-onship team from Novi this year. It doesn't neccissarily have to be in the winter, but a state championship would be nice

w don't know if Santa Claus can dunk or not, but if he can help out in the state title hunt in any way it would be a big plus.

Story ideas?

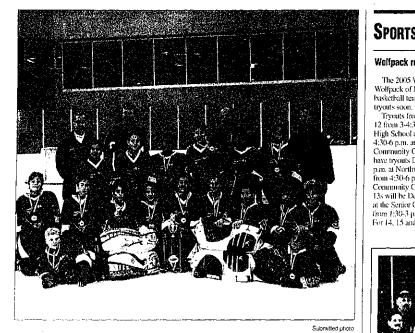
Know of someone who has beat incredible odds to keep playing sports? A heart warm-

ing story? The Novi News sports department is always open for new suggestions for story ideas.

To submit your idea, e-mail the sports department at seggie-ston@ht.homecomm.net.

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Anthony Harbin



The Novi Ice Cats are playing some impressive hockey lately. Pictured from bottom (left to right are): Johnny Damrath, Kevin Lidstrom, Ben Bloom, Brandon Ramsay, Ryan Kobylarek, Travis Trainor, Patrick Luther, Matt Evasic, Trevor Roberts, Garrett Paquette, Jacob Hole, Mitchell Ghannam, Derek Engebretson, Unsh Thakore, Justin Fishback, Nicky Pandya, Dylan Shepard, and coaches Joe Luther, Nick Lidstrom, Mark Evasic and John (JD) Damrath.

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recruiting	will be Dec, 12 at noon-1:30 p.m. at Northville HS. For more infor-	p.m. The U10-U13 teams will also have a second tryout Dec. 12 at 12:30-2:30 p.m. at Novi
i Western Wayne f Northville AAU girls eam will be holding	mation or questions regarding the tryouts, please contact Jeanne Holmes at (248) 347-6425.	Meadows on Taft Road between Grand River and 10 Mile. The U14-U17 teams will tryout from
no the 14s will be Dec. 30 p.m. at Northville	Motion looking for players	3-5 p.m. at the same location on the same day.
I and Dec. 15 from at the Senior Center. The 12s will	The Michigan Motion girls AAU basketball club will be hold- ing open tryouts soon. On Dec.	Please arrive early to check in and a parent or guardian must sign a player in. Have shoes on and
Dec, 12 from 1:30-3 hville HS and Dec, 16	H, tryouts will be held for the U10 through U13 teams from 9-	ready to go by the times listed above. Age groups are determined
p.m. at the Senior Center, Tryouts for Dec, 8 at 4:30- 6 p.m.	11 a.m. at the Novi Middle School gym located at teh corner of Wixom Road and 11 Mile, Also at	for ages as of Dec. 31, 2004. There is a \$20 fee for the tryout. For more information, call Pat or
r Center and Dec. 12 p.m. at Northville HS, nd 16s, the tryouts	Novi Middle school the same day will be tryouts for the U14 through U17 teams from noon-2	Mike Tuck at (248) 486-1515 from 9 a.m6 p.m.



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Friday	12-17-04	Home	Walled Lake Central HS	7:00 p.m.	Tuesday	01-18-05	Away	Novi Lanes
Tuesday	01-04-05	Away	Northville HS	7:00 p.m.	Monday	01-24-05	Away	Woodland Lanes
Friday	01-07-05	Away	Pinckney HS	7:00 p.m.	Thursday	01-27-05	Away	Royal Oak Lanes
Tuesday	01-11-05	Home	Howell HS	7:00 p.m.	Tuesday	02-01-05	Away	Country Lanes Farmington
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Friday	02-04-05	Home	Pinckney HS	7:00 p.m.	Friday	03-04-05	Away	State Finals
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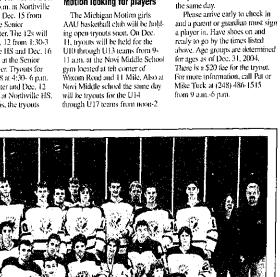
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Archamaps.com hockey tourist studies a tripping benalty. goales is Keetic Lidston, son of nent in Kalamazos this weekend "We are very proud of this Detroit Red Wings all-star Nick		Monday 01-17-05 Aw	-	00 p.m.
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City they advanced to the final total players being Novi residents, coaches for this youth bockey game against the Dearborn. It is very unusual to field a highly team.	Knights charge to victory	Friday 01-28-05 Ho Wednesday 02-02-05 Aw	· •	00 p.m. Saturday 12-11-04 Away EMU Invite 1:00 p.m. 00 p.m. Thursday 12-16 04 Haway Welled (also Cantral US 6:00 p.m.
Prowlers, one of last year's State competitive team like this from "Our kids have been very fortu- Championship semi-limitists, Wile mostly one community. The key to mate this year. Apart from him shar-	The Livonia Knights Midget "A" Hockey Team went undefeated enroute to win- ning the Spartan Invitational Hockey Tournament. It was held over Thanksgiving	Friday 02-04-05 Ho	ome University of Detroit HS 6:	00 p.m. Wednesday 01-05-05 Home Walled Lake Central HS 6:00 p.m.
47 seconds left in regulation time our success is that the kids are all ing his hockey knowledge with the	weekend in East Lansing with the games being played at the Munn Ice Arena and at Suburban Ice. The Knights defeated the Troy Sting (4-1) on Friday night,	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	2	00 p.m. Thursday 01-06-05 Home Pinckney HS 6:00 p.m.
Novi tied the game at 2-2 and went friends and they really enjoy play- to overtime. After 4 minutes of sud-ing together. Kids and the coaching staff, he is a very positive influence with the	followed by victories Saturday evening over the Marquette Iron Rangers (4-2)	Friday 02-11-05 Aw Saturday 02-12-05 Aw	•	50 p.m. Saturday 01-08-05 Away WB Invitational 9:00 a.m.
den death overtune Novi surten. This year these Novi kids have kids," said Evasie,	and the host Grosse Pointe Spartans (3-1) to advance to the finals. The Knights then again beat the Troy Sting (2-1) in the Championship Game on Sunday at the	Wednesday 02-16-05 Aw		00 m Tuesday 01-18-05 Away walled Lake western H.5 7.00 p.m.
	Munn Ice Arena, The head coach of the Knights is Chris Greco. Kevin Kent and	Saturday 02-19-05 Hot	me Churchill HS 1:	00 p.m. Thursday 01-20-05 Away Lakeland HS 6:00 p.m. 00 p.m. Tuesday 01-25-05 Home Saline HS 6:00 p.m.
'Cats top Howell	Jim Byrne assist him. The manager is Joann Fellwock. Members of the Knights are: Vince Byrne, Will Danko, Jason Fellwock, Steve Greco, Adam Haydon, Mike	Wednesday 02-23-05 Ho		00 p.m. Thursday 01-27-05 Home Brighton HS 6:00 p.m.
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The Novi Wildeus hockey Makoski were credited with the	David Wurst and Steven Yackley.	Wednesdary 05-02-05 116	and MIISAA Regional	Saturday 02-05-05 Away Oakland Co.
team knew they were going to assists on the play.		•		Tuesday 02-08-05 Home Northville HS 6:00 p.m. Thursday 02-10-05 Away Hartland Howell Dual 6:00 p.m.
took on the Howell Highlander's opportunities throughout the	"NOW MORE THAN EVER. THE COUNTRY	,	WRESTLING	Friday 02-11-05 Away MISCA Meet 7:00 p.m.
action last week. could get past the goalies until the	CONTRACTOR NEEDS SPONGEBOB SOUAREPANTS.	• Thursday 12-09-04 Hor		30 p.m. Saturday 02-12-05 Away MISCA Meet 12:00 p.m.
They were right, third, Brett Jaussi scored the go- The 'Cats, led by coach Dan ahead goal to win the game with	he answers the call, with a big-screen rendition of the	Saturday 12-11-04 Awa		00 a.m. Thursday 02 ₁ 17-05 Away Milford HS TBA
Phelps, carned a 2-1 win over 10:47 on the clock in the third for their fores from Howell, the 2-1 lead. The goal was secred	nautical nonsense that has been delighting Nickelodeon viewers - including a great	Saturday 12-11-04 Awa Friday 12-17-04 Awa		00 a.m. 30 p.m.
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notched a score just 25 seconds Justin Ruccolo earned the vie-		Wednesday 12-22-04 Awa	ay Salem HS 9:0	🛯 a.m. 🚦 "Hunter's Trophy Case"
lowing a scoreless first period. who are now 2-2-4 overall and 2-		Wednesday 12-29-04 Awa		0 a.m.
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Watch out for fee-loaded gift cards

Over 133 million consumers nationwide "shopped off" Thanksgiving dinner on Nov. 26 — "Black Friday" — the day retailers hoped to see the ink in the in Indees aboves of them stul fur their ledgers change from red to black. Shoppers spent about
 \$22.8 billion on toys, electronics and apparel, just a fraction of the \$220 billion the National Retail Federation (NRF) predicts that reactation vill sp , and this holi-



day season. A popular item that's top ping gifts lists is the gift card According to the NRF's Gift Card Survey conducted by BIGrescarch,

the average consumer will spend \$80.45 on gift cards this year, 11.5 percent of their holiday budget,

While gift eards can be the easy solution to the off-faced dilemma of shopping for some one who is difficult to buy for, they're not without their drawbacks. When selecting a gift eard, you'll want to read the terms and conditions of the gift card program, paying close attention to expiration dates and fee struc-

Specific or general purpose? There are two kinds of gift cards: retailer-specific gift cards and general purpose gift cards. A retailer-specific card, like it sounds, can only be used to purchase merchandise or services sold at the store or through the store's Web site

A general purpose gift card, such as a VISA, MasterCard or American Express gift card issued from a bank or credit union, can be used almost anywhere the card is accepted. (Exceptions can include online and phone airline ticket purchas-es.) The downside to general-pur-pose gift cards is that they can come loaded with fees account maintenance fees, bal-ance inquiry fees and replace-ment card fees.

Expiration dates

Find out if the gift end comes with an expiration date. With some cards, once the expiration date has passed, you won't be able to use it regardless of how much money is still left on the card. With other gift card programs, you'll be sent a new card with your remaining balance, but the fees associated with replace-ment cards can be as high as \$10.

Service fees

Some companies will charge a monthly service or "inactivity fee if a balance remains on the card after a certain period of time. The fcc is applied until the card is used, or there is no balance left on the card. Anyone receiving the card should imme-diately check for service fees. An unused \$25 gift card can be whittled down to next to nothing in a matter of months

Lost or stolen cards

You'll want to keep your original purchase receipt in case you recipient loses his/her gift card. Some retailers encourage gift card through the store's Web site, which enables them to check their balance and order a new



At Hidden Spring Veterinary Clinic, Dr. Barb Scheffler administers a glaucoma screening for a feline patient held by Dr. Xuan Mai Vo.

Hidden Spring helps families care for pets due to

By Duane Ramsey SPECIAL WRITER

For 30 years, the Hidden Spring Veterinary Clinic has provided the best care and medical treatment for cats, dogs, other small animals and some exotic pets from the same rural location in Northville. The veterinary clinic has a fine reputation in the community and is highly regard-ed by many local residents. Dr. Carol Geake, who founded

the veterinary practice, still owns the local business. Although she does not practice any longer, she keeps in touch with the practice located on the property where she lives

veterinary clinic has The grown from the small practice founded in 1970 by Dr. Geake to a flourishing business with a staff of more than 20 employees. The daily operation of the practice is managed by Janet Talbot who joined the business in 1991. The practice has four qualified veterinarians who provide the best care and treatment for the animal patients, including Doctors Kim Berrie, Cynthia Eichman, Barb Scheffler and Xuan Mai Vo. Dr. Berrie is currently on maternity leave but is due back in January. "Today, most people view their pets as members of their

family and are more attuned to

their pet's health needs that special bond with them," said Danielle Schreckengost, assistant manager of the Hidden Spring Veterinary Clinic. "We try to help educate people about taking care of their pels so they can find any problems sooner." To achieve those goals with pels and pet owners, Hidden

Spring has developed a Senior Pet Program and has provided some precautions for pet owners to take during the Christmas hol-

developed for cats and dogs over the age of seven, includes recom-mendations for twice yearly exams, an annual blood screenexample, dental care guidelines and a nutritional consultation. People can learn more about this pro-gram by checking it out at the practice's Web site at www.hid-

holiday festivities, according to the American Animal Hospital Association.

following potentially dangerous items that pet owners should be aware of during the holidays. • Christmas tree lights and

shocks and/or burns to pets that chew on them Loose cords can lead to

choking hazards for pets or can

late, nuts, alcohol, and sauces can be toxic and cause gastrointestinal problems. Bones and plastic food wrap

can cause choking or obstruct a pet's digestive system.
 Tinsel, ribbons and some

wrapping paper can also lead to choking or digestive obstruction. Keep pets away from can-dles, fireplaces and any other open flames that are potential

 burn and fire hazards.
 Be cantious about dressing pets in holiday-related costumes. Different seasons bring different concerns for all pets. The cold weather air, dampness and other challenges complicate life for many different species of animals.

Don't leave pets outside for long periods of time in cold weather. When animals are kept outside during all seasons, extra care needs to be taken such as making sure pets have adequate sheller to help keep them warm. Groom pets regularly and make sure they are completely dry before they go outside. Use a towel or blow dryer on low setting to dry off pets that are damp or wet. Pet birds should never be exposed to drastic drops in temperature.

The ears, feet and tail of all animals should be checked upon coming in from outside. Preventive care should be taken to prevent frostbite on pets as well as people.

Since it takes more energy in the winter to keep an animal's body temperature regulated, it is necessary to increase the calories quantity for pets. This or food practice is important for pets. This are very active or that remain HIDDEN SPRING VETERINARY CLINIC

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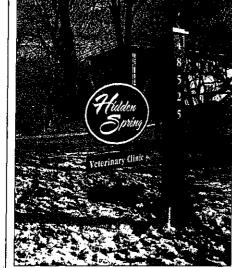
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lem for pets during winter and snow is not a substitute for fresh water.

Don't keep pets exposed in the back of a pick-up truck or even inside a car alone with the engine running. Wind chill can quickly reeze your pet and carbon tonoxide can kill a pet quicker freeze than it will affect humans.

Hidden Spring offers a variety Hidden Spring offers a variety of services on a year-round basis, including x-ray, ultrasound, sar-gery, laboratory testing, micro-chipping for identification, behavioral counseling, internal and external parasite control, dentistry, and wellness pro-granns. More information is available on the practice's web site, www.hiddenspringvet.com, from which they have received new clients. new clients.

If mable to provide the appropriate care or treatment, the vets will provide referrals to special-ists when such care is needed. Pet owners are fortunate to h



iday and winter seasons The new Senior Pet Program,

denspringvet.com. The staff at Hidden Spring wants to remind pet owners about some precautions to take during the holiday and winter seasons to keep their pets safe. More than 60 percent of pet own-ers include their cats and dogs in

Unfortunately, thousands of pets will suffer a holiday-related accident or illness this season. Hidden Spring's staff offers the

Christmas tree lights and electrical cords can cause fatal

card in the event they lose their original card. Beware of replace ment card fees. They can run anywhere from a couple of bucks to as much as \$10.

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them. Send us your ideas.

Look for this new sign for Hidden Spring Veterinary Clinic on the south side of Eight Mile Road, just west of Beck Road in Northville.

allow pets to pull over the tree or

other decorations, • Decorative plants such as holly, mistletoe and poinsettia are toxic to pets Holiday foods such as choco-

outside during the cold weather Provide plenty of fresh water for your pets and check the water

supply, especially to prevent the pet's water outside from freezpet's water outside from freez-ing. Dehydration can be a prob-

access to other services in the local area such as 24-hour emer-gency service, neurology, cardiology, orthopedics, ophtha almology, oncology and dermatology.

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